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Freshmen adjust to honor code, challenges

First year students often overlook Honor Code

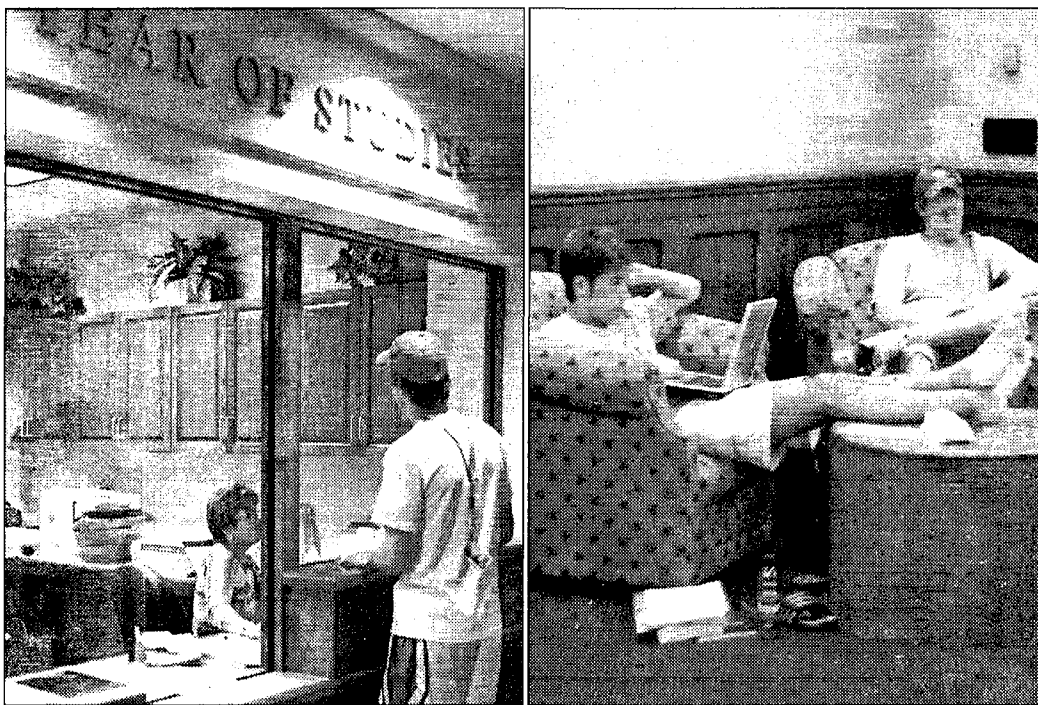
By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

Despite its often-emphasized importance and the severe consequences that can accompany its violation, the Academic Code of Honor is something many freshmen overlook during their transition to Notre Dame — a problem the University is working to address, officials said.

Vice president and associate provost Dennis Jacobs, co-chair of the University Code of Honor Committee, said freshmen especially must take the Honor Code seriously.

"The vast majority of students found responsible for Honor Code violations at Notre Dame are first-year students or sophomores," he said.

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Left, a student speaks with a secretary at the First Year of Studies office. Right, students study together in the first floor Coleman-Morse lounge.

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First Year of Studies program offers guidance

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Notre Dame's First Year of Studies (FYS) program is meant to be a guiding force for freshmen, the University's attempt to stabilize the potentially unstable. While some freshmen are taking full advantage of the resources, others are unaware of their existence or skeptical of their benefits.

The FYS Learning Resource Center (LRC) provides small-group workshops and individual appointments to help students learn better strategies for studying and adjusting to the academic life at Notre Dame. Help topics include time management, test preparation, efficient reading and getting

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Married students find University experience fulfilling

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

They seem like the typical Notre Dame couple. She's a sophomore; he's a graduate student. They go to Student Union Board movies on Friday nights, study at the library together and cheer with the best of them at Notre Dame football games.

The only difference? They do it all with wedding rings on their fingers.

Andrea, 21, and Andrew Dreyfuss, 26, are newlyweds. The couple was married in August and live as husband and wife in a house on Napoleon Street.

"It's so nice to have someone to share everything with," Andrea Dreyfuss said. "It's nice to wake up with somebody and sleep with somebody

and have breakfast together. I just like it. It's made me feel very happy."

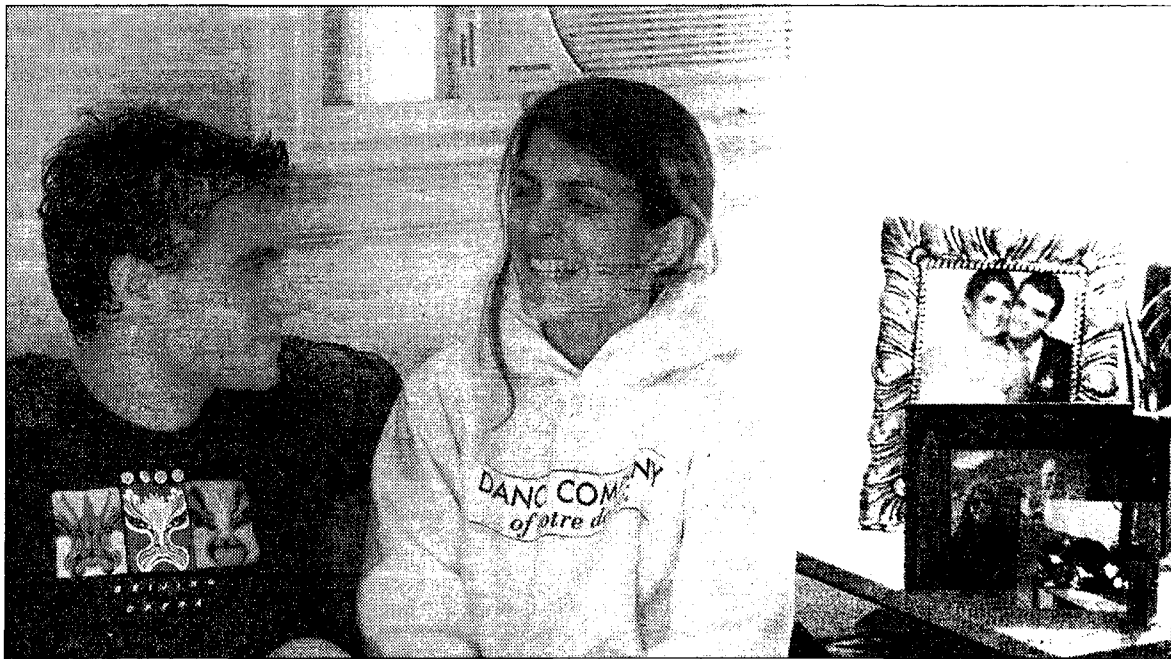
Married couples like the Dreyfusses are uncommon among Notre Dame undergraduates, but wedding engagements between seniors tend to peak as graduation nears.

Marriages are far more common among graduate students, said Elly Brenner, an assistant rector at University Village and Cripe Road Apartments.

Brenner said there are only one or two undergraduate couples living in those residences. The rest of the close to 100 couples are graduate students.

The complexes cater to specific cases. University Village is designed for students married with children, while Cripe

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Andrew Dreyfuss, left, and his wife, Andrea, were married in August. Despite the demands of schoolwork, the couple manages to make time for their marriage.

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Notre Dame junior spins to success on popular game show



Lisa Fetta won \$11,060 on Wheel of Fortune as part of the game show's College Road Trip series.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

It may have been the luck of the Irish that landed Badin Hall junior Lisa Fetta a spot on Wheel of Fortune, but her ensuing \$11,060 in winnings had more to do with skill.

The wheel itself wasn't exactly a lucky charm for the political science and engineering major. She spun five lose-a-turns or bankrupts but took second place against students from Indiana and Kansas as part of Wheel of Fortune's College Road Trip.

The show was filmed in Los

Angeles on Sept. 15 and will air Oct. 25. The day of filming started at 6 a.m. for Fetta. She and about 25 other college students went through make-up and hair sessions and hours of practice.

They also filmed several commercials, including promotions for local channels and a commercial for Ford.

Fetta's father, brother and two younger sisters met her in Los Angeles to cheer her on.

"My family all thought I would win a lot of money," Fetta said. "My brother missed school and flew from Dayton [Ohio]. They knew I

was pretty confident."

Unlike some other contestants, Fetta was not at all nervous before going on stage.

"I was just antsy. They try to touch you up every two seconds. I just wanted to play the game," she said. "Some girls were shaking, one girl threw up. I was more nervous during the audition."

Fetta said she was pleasantly surprised this past summer when she received an e-mail granting her a private audition in Chicago. She was in Philadelphia at the time for a

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INSIDE COLUMN

Greatest hits

When Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler first saw the Stanley Cup in person, he couldn't help but be amazed at its pedigree, quipping, "This is the only thing that has seen more parties than us."

The National Hockey League's glorified drinking cup, first awarded by Canada's governor-general Lord Stanley in 1892 to the country's top hockey team, has been handed out all but two years in its lifetime.

The first absence came in 1919 when the Spanish flu epidemic made it impossible for the top two NHL teams to field an entire team; the flu even killed the contending Montreal Canadiens' captain "Bad" Joe Hall. The second, regrettably, came about from less dire conditions in 2004-05 with an owner-induced lockout.

Many supposed pundits labeled the eventual season-long lockout the demise of what had been a league already in decline. They threw the NHL and its iconic trophy onto the dirty jersey pile in the corner of the national sports scene locker room.

Hockey was soon forgotten in the national consciousness; the Cup left dry of ice shavings and champagne.

The memory of national unity forged by the 1980 'Miracle on Ice' upset over the invincible Red Army was lost in a sense of apathy for the sport.

While the analysts were busy bashing the greediness of the players and the stubbornness of the owners, the images of Bobby Orr's Cup-winning goal, stretched in a Superman pose, teeth beaming, were filed away in a cabinet few bothered to check.

Wayne Gretzky's 92 goals in 1981-82, a single season record comparable only with Chamberlain's 50.4 average points per game for the 1962 season, DiMaggio's 56-game hit streak and Gretzky's own 215 point season in 1985-86, is incredible when a 50 goal scorer is labeled one of the best in the league, but is rarely mentioned in 'Best Of...' compilations anymore.

And who could forgot Super Mario Lemieux's performance in the 1995-96 season that led to his capture of the Hart Trophy, the hardware awarded to the season MVP, less than a year after he overcame the crippling effects of Hodgkin's Disease? Well, evidently the majority of the sports world could, no problem.

Now with the NHL's return, many cannot help but wonder where the League is headed and who will tune in. Baseball faced the same problem over a decade ago but found saviors in Cal Ripken's Iron Man record and the titanic McGwire-Sosa home run race.

The NHL is primed to embark on a rise back to international acclaim. It looks to rookie Sidney Crosby, the most highly touted prospect since Gretzky, and a laundry list of rules changes meant to open the game back up to the mix of offense, speed and no-holds barred fighting characteristic of the Old-Time Hockey favored by the Hanson Brothers.

But until the game can re-ice itself back into the national sports lexicon, let the puck drop, the gloves fly and the Cup ride high over a horde of playoff beards and Barry Melrose mullets.

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Kyle Cassily
Sports Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD COMPETE ON A GAME SHOW, WHICH ONE WOULD IT BE?



Matt Mattare
sophomore
O'Neill

"Most Extreme Elimination Challenge, no pain, no gain ... except at Farley!"



Jeff Hausfield
sophomore
O'Neill

"American Gladiators, so I can get in shape for O'Neill broomball."



Joe Garlock
junior
off-campus

"Legends of the Hidden Temple, because Kirk Fogg is my hero."



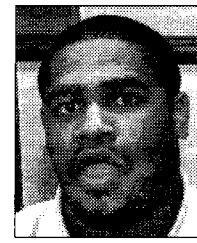
Matt Plaska
junior
Keough

"The Price is Right, because Bob Barker rocks my world."



Andrea Lee
senior
off-campus

"Blind Date ... unless I get set up with a guy like this."



Marcus Jackson
senior
Fisher

"What is Jeopardy? No, really?"



Sophomore Tom Blanchette rubs Vaseline on his torso before lighting himself on fire in Farley's "What Would You Do for Purdue Tickets?" event Monday.

IN BRIEF

Onesimo Almeida, professor of Portuguese and Brazilian Studies at Brown University, will give a lecture titled "Language — A post Colonial Tool?" today at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

There will be a Post-Graduate Service Fair Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Stepan Center. More than 50 domestic and international organizations will be represented.

Wednesday's Margaritaville event for seniors has been cancelled.

The men's soccer team will face Bradley University Wednesday at 7 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The film "La Cueca Solo," directed by Chilean director Marilu Mallet, will be shown Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. It is the second in the series "Women Make Movies: a Latin American Perspective" sponsored by the Kellogg Institute.

University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy will sign copies of his new book, "Monk's Notre Dame" from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Eck Visitors' Center.

Marc Gunther, senior Fortune magazine writer and author will give a lecture entitled "Faith and Fortune in Business" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

OFFBEAT

Reindeer injures old, Finnish couple

HELSINKI, Finland — A reindeer injured an elderly couple in the wilds of Finnish Lapland, in a rare attack that caused injuries needing hospital treatment, officials said Monday.

A male reindeer suddenly appeared from a forest and attacked a man who was hiking Sunday with his partner near Kittila, about 620 miles north of Helsinki.

The buck butted the man to the ground and kicked him before turning on the woman who was talking to

her son on a mobile phone, Kittila fire chief Jorma Ojala said. The son alerted rescue workers who arrived in helicopters and flew the couple to hospital.

The man and woman were not named, and officials declined to give further details.

Thieves rob man for jeans, shoes

BANGKOK, Thailand — Two thieves robbed a man at knifepoint to steal his jeans and shoes, but they ended up with a pair of fake Levi's, police said Monday.

Watcharaphong Khaewka, a 21-year-old office worker, filed a complaint with police saying that the two men put a knife to his neck and forced him to take off his jeans and sport shoes.

"The attackers did not touch the money, watch and other valuables on the victim. They just took his jeans and sport shoes and let the victim walk home in his underwear," said police Lt. Col. Phongsak Thongsri, of Bangkok's Thong-song-hong police station.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group approves 2005-06 budget

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Building on weeks of work, student government officers approved a final version of the student government budget for the 2005-06 school year at Monday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

The budget allotted \$4,000 to BOG, \$63,900 to the Student Activities Board (SAB), \$13,000 to the Student Diversity Board, \$12,000 to the Residence Hall Association and \$5,000 to the Student Academic Council.

This year's budget, \$204,900, is \$1,800 less than last year's total of \$206,700 due to decreased enrollment, executive treasurer Jillian Waters said. Each student pays a \$150 student government fee, and low enrollment numbers in recent years have impacted the budget, Waters said.

While larger than the Class of 2008, the Class of 2009 is still smaller than the graduated Class of 2005. This past spring, the fall enrollment was projected to be 1,379 students, Waters said, but the actual number of students was 1,366.

"The total budget went down but not by too much," Waters said. "Things are gradually getting better with enrollment, but we are still recovering [from the previous three years]."

All the student government branches, with the exception of SAB, suffered a decrease in their



CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

BOG members discuss the budget for the 2005-06 school year Monday. Student Activities Board was allotted \$63,900.

allotments for the 2005-06 year. The SAB total increased by \$3,900.

Club allotments were undetermined, Waters said, but will be known by the beginning of next week.

Board members also discussed ways to re-energize campus response toward Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Working with the Office for Civil and Social Engagement and its director Carrie Call, BOG organized blood drives and fundraisers in the days following the natural disaster in New Orleans. The difficulty now, members said, is keeping students motivated.

"I actually talked to Carrie Call and she felt we should give an

incentive to the students ... we could raise a lot of money that way," tri-campus commissioner Shannon McManus said. "She didn't just want to ask the students to give anymore because people are getting sick of just giving."

Board members suggested a variety of drives including collecting school supplies and creating T-shirts and donating the profits to hurricane victims.

Senior class president Lauren Condon suggested a shirt that would prompt a little "peer pressure" to contribute.

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Pair of Irish dancers perform at restaurant

By EMILY LAVELLE
News Writer

Saint Mary's juniors Erinn Kotelnicki and Jessi Crogan reeled and slip jigged their way to applause and cheers Thursday night at Fiddler's Hearth.

Kotelnicki and Crogan, who are both seasoned Irish step dancers, were invited to perform at the Half St. Patrick's Day Festival. The girls danced to live music provided by the Irish band, Teada, whose members said the dancing was some of the best they had ever seen. "The girls were both top class. They were light on their feet and they had great timing," said Tristan Rosenstock, who plays the bodhran for the band.

Kotelnicki and Crogan performed four different types of Irish step dances, including the reel, slip jig, tap reel and two hand reel. Kotelnicki said these dances are some of her favorites.

"It's exhilarating to be doing something so difficult and at the same time feeling like you've nailed it in the midst of your performance," she said.

Crogan agreed, saying, "It's a lot harder than it looks. Doing one set of dances is equivalent to running 400 meters. But it gives you a rush, especially when you're in front of a crowd."

The crowd included Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students as, well as patrons from the

South Bend community. Linda and Joe Kozlowski, who regularly attend events at Fiddler's Hearth, were impressed with the dancing.

"It gets the crowd more involved and is a really enjoyable experience," Linda Kozlowski said. "I would definitely come back to see the girls dance."

It is no surprise that the girls are able to impress the crowds since they have both been dancing from an early age.

"I've been dancing since I was four," Kotelnicki said. "My mom was an Irish dancer, and I'm carrying on the tradition."

Crogan, who also began at age four, fell in love with Irish dancing in a different way.

"I don't know why I started dancing," Crogan said. "I remember my dad asked me if I wanted to do it, and I thought, 'Why not?' After I started I just fell in love with it and haven't stopped."

Growing up, both girls danced in competitions that took them across the country and even to Ireland several times for the World Championships. Although neither dances competitively now, they both enjoy events like the Half St. Patrick's Day festival.

"It's such a fun thing to do, and I was so excited that we were invited to dance," Crogan said. "I would love to come back and do it again."

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A lack of academic integrity is a growing national problem to which Notre Dame is not immune, Jacobs said, noting that first-year students are perhaps the ones who need the most attention.

"National surveys show that seven out of eight college-bound students admit to cheating in high school," Jacobs said. "When students enroll at Notre Dame, they need to recognize that academic dishonesty is not tolerated here."

Faculty Honor Code Officer Thomas Flint, who has been teaching philosophy at Notre Dame for 23 years, said about 150 students over the past three years were caught for violating the Honor Code, with less than half of these students found guilty of a major violation.

"If Notre Dame were typical of American universities, we would have somewhere in the neighborhood of 25,000 cases of cheating every year," Flint said. "Fortunately, our situation is not that bad, but it's still bad enough ... Far, far too many of our students simply don't live up to the ideals for which the University stands."

Consequences for infringements of the Academic Code of Honor can be unforgiving.

"Violating the Honor Code comes with serious penalties at this University," said senior Kristin Graham, the University Code of Honor Committee's other co-chair. "Whereas a violation in high school may have resulted in a minor

penalty, Honor Code violations at Notre Dame range from zero credit on an assignment to flunking a course to suspension or dismissal from the University."

Right now, roughly half of all Honor Code violations at Notre Dame involve plagiarism.

"Copying off the Internet without proper citation is the most rapidly growing offense," Jacobs said. "We must teach first-year students the rules of citation so that there are no misunderstandings about how to avoid plagiarism."

"To put it bluntly," Flint said, "some students cheated their way into Notre Dame, and are trying to cheat their way through Notre Dame."

A number of steps are taken to ensure that incoming freshmen are made aware of the Honor Code, but Graham said students must make the guidelines work.

"The Honor Code itself is not successful or unsuccessful," she said. "Students are successful or unsuccessful insofar as they fulfill its challenge to responsible, respectful scholarship."

Before freshmen arrive on campus, they receive a copy of the Honor Code in the mail and must sign a pledge to abide by it. Although the pertinent information is also presented to them during orientation weekend, Graham said more could be done.

"The Code of Honor Committee hopes to improve its outreach to freshmen, possibly beginning with next year's class," Graham said. "We are currently in the process of developing an online tutorial about the Honor

Code."

Freshman Michael Lammie said he felt while most students are aware of and respect the Honor Code, they could stand to know more.

"I think freshmen understand the basics and the reasons that the Honor Code is there, but I doubt most of them know the details of it," he said.

Lammie said Notre Dame's Code did not require a great deal of adjusting on his part.

"There are no real big differences, other than that it seems like collaborative learning is encouraged more here than it was in high school, where it was more of an individual thing," Lammie said.

For some freshmen, understanding the Honor Code is one thing, while agreeing with it is another.

"The Honor Code is there to make sure that students aren't taking any shortcuts in their education. It is also there to protect the work of other people," Lammie said. "I'm not sure if any part of it is being unfair."

Fellow freshman Frank DiRocco did not fully agree. He learned about the Honor Code over the summer, when he signed the pledge required of incoming students stating that he would not participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty. Though he intends to follow this pledge, he said the latter part of the agreement was somewhat unfair.

"The fact that we must report violations of the Honor Code or we're subject to the consequences for breaking the Honor Code is unreasonable," he said.

DiRocco said this area of the Code is probably violated more frequently than others, because "people do not want to turn in friends."

Flint said DiRocco may be on to something.

"Students rarely turn other students in, even when they have ample evidence that cheating is taking place," he said. "Of the 150 or so cases I've read over the past three years, I believe that only one involved a student's self-reporting a violation of the Code."

Many freshmen, including DiRocco and Lammie, said they felt the administration and professors must shoulder much of the responsibility in making certain that freshmen know the Honor Code.

"Professors touched on [the Honor Code] at the beginning of the semester, but they never talked about anything in-depth," Lammie said.

Bill Jenista, a student representative on the Honor Committee for the College of Engineering, said he thought Notre Dame could improve in this area.

"At a basic level I think freshmen and professors follow the Honor Code, but I think most people forget some of the finer points and consequently slip up on those," he said. "Professors could be somewhat more explicit in the Honor Codes for their specific classes and then enforce them."

The issue of explanation is compounded by the Honor Code's ever-changing nature, as it is a document subject to revisions based on experience. Such revisions necessitate con-

sistent education and awareness with regard to the Honor Code.

"In April 2005, the Academic Council approved a set of amendments to the Honor Code," Jacobs said. "This fall we are trying to educate faculty and students about the revised Honor Code, and we are working to deepen students' commitment to academic integrity."

Every party involved must take some responsibility in maintaining academic honesty at Notre Dame, Graham said.

"Individual students and professors ... need to realize how important their role is in promoting and upholding academic standards," she said. "We have got to strive toward a united front on academic integrity because dishonesty unfairly affects other students' efforts, seriously disrespects professors, and tarnishes this University's reputation as an academic institution. We need to be firm in refusing to tolerate cheating of any kind in any of our academic endeavors."

Goals of high awareness and harsh penalties are clear, but difficult to meet, she said.

"The challenge is to create a culture where academic dishonesty is simply unacceptable. Students and faculty alike need to reinforce the University's commitment to responsible, honest scholarship," Graham said. "If we can achieve that sort of atmosphere, then we will make significant progress towards academic integrity."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

School children victims of violence

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Classes had just ended, children were milling outside, and the elementary school's five male teachers had just gotten into a van to head home when the cars pulled up, full of men wearing Iraqi police uniforms.

But they weren't police. The nine gunmen apparently Sunni insurgents pulled the teachers and their driver from the van, while the school's few women teachers fled. They dragged the men into an empty classroom, lined them against the wall and mowed them down with automatic weapons.

The dead in Monday's attack were all Shiite Muslims, the latest victims of the mounting sectarian killings in Iraq ahead of a crucial referendum on a new constitution that has sharply divided Sunnis and Shiites.

Pope meets with critical theologian

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI met this weekend with one of his fiercest critics, Hans Kueng, and the two had a "friendly" discussion, the Vatican and the dissident Swiss theologian said Monday.

The meeting occurred Saturday, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said in a statement at the time of Kueng's disciplining, he was reportedly involved in the decision in his role as archbishop of Munich and Freising.

Ratzinger has publicly criticized Kueng's writings, and Kueng called his old colleague's election "an enormous disappointment for all those who hoped for a reformist and pastoral pope," although he gave him 100 days to "learn."

In an interview with The Associated Press from his home in Tuebingen on Monday, Kueng said the audience lasted several hours and was "very constructive and even a friendly conversation."

NATIONAL NEWS

Sheehan arrested with protesters

WASHINGTON — Cindy Sheehan, the California mother who became a leader of the anti-war movement after her son died in Iraq, was arrested Monday along with hundreds of others protesting outside the White House.

Sheehan, carrying a photo of her son in his Army uniform, rallied with other protesters in a park across the street from the White House and then marched to the gate of the executive mansion to request a meeting with President Bush.

The protesters later sat down on the pedestrian walkway in front of the White House — knowing they would be arrested — and began singing and chanting "Stop the war now!"

Police warned them three times that they were breaking the law by failing to move along, then began making arrests. One man climbed over the White House fence and was arrested over four and a half hours.

Brown admits to Katrina mistakes

WASHINGTON — Former FEMA director Michael Brown said Monday he should have sought faster help from the Pentagon after Hurricane Katrina hit, and blamed state and local officials for failing to order an immediate evacuation of New Orleans, congressional aides of both parties said.

LOCAL NEWS

New clinics treat patients quickly

INDIANAPOLIS — New clinics designed to treat common ailments in 15 minutes with no appointment necessary were set to open Monday in Indianapolis.

A flu shot goes for \$30. Treating either athlete's foot or an ear infection will run \$49.

Seven clinics were to open at local CVS stores. Owned and operated by Minneapolis-based MinuteClinic, the clinics have no doctors on site but are staffed by nurse practitioners trained to diagnose and treat common ailments and provide basic services, such as vaccinations.

Judge convicts Pfc. England

Key roleplayer in Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal will go to sentencing

Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — Army Pfc. Lynndie England, whose smiling poses in photos of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison made her the face of the scandal, was convicted Monday by a military jury on six of seven counts.

England, 22, was found guilty of one count of conspiracy, four counts of maltreating detainees and one count of committing an indecent act. She was acquitted on a second conspiracy count.

The jury of five male Army officers took about two hours to reach its verdict. Her case now moves to the sentencing phase, which will be heard by the same jury beginning Tuesday.

England tried to plead guilty in May to the same counts she faced this month in exchange for an undisclosed sentencing cap, but a judge threw out the plea deal. She now faces a maximum of nine years in prison.

England, wearing her dark green dress uniform, stood at attention Monday as the verdict was read by the jury foreman. She showed no obvious emotion afterward.

Asked for comment after the verdict, defense lawyer Capt. Jonathan Crisp said, "The only reaction I can say is, 'I understand.'"

England's trial is the last for a group of nine Army reservists charged with mistreating prisoners at Abu Ghraib in Iraq, a scandal that badly damaged the United States' image in the Muslim world despite quick condemnation of the abuse by President Bush. Two other troops were convicted in trials and the remaining six made plea deals. Several of those soldiers testified at England's trial.

Prosecutors used graphic photos of England to support their contention that



U.S. Army Pfc. Lynndie England, right, walks out of the courthouse with her attorney, Capt. Jonathan Crisp, Monday in Fort Hood, Texas.

she was a key figure in the abuse conspiracy. One photo shows England holding a naked detainee on a leash. In others, she smiles and points to prisoners in humiliating poses.

The conspiracy acquittal came on a count pertaining to the leash incident; she was found guilty of a maltreatment count stemming from the same incident.

Beyond the sordid photos, prosecutors pointed to England's statement to Army investigators in January 2004 that the mistreatment was done to amuse the U.S. guards at Abu Ghraib.

"The accused knew what she was doing," said Capt. Chris Graveline, the lead

prosecutor. "She was laughing and joking. ... She is enjoying, she is participating, all for her own sick humor."

Crisp countered that England was only trying to please her soldier boyfriend, then-Cpl. Charles Graner Jr., labeled the abuse ringleader by prosecutors.

"She was a follower, she was an individual who was smitten with Graner," Crisp said. "She just did whatever he wanted her to do."

England, from Fort Ashby, W.Va., has said that Graner, now serving a 10-year sentence, fathered her young son.

The defense argued that England suffered from depression and that she

has an overly compliant personality, making her a heedless participant in the abuse.

England's earlier attempt to plead guilty under a deal with prosecutors was rejected by Col. James Pohl, the presiding judge. Pohl declared a mistrial during the sentencing phase when testimony by Graner contradicted England's guilty plea.

Graner, a defense witness at the sentencing, said pictures he took of England holding a prisoner on a leash were meant to be used as a training aid. In her guilty plea, England had said the pictures were being taken purely for the amusement of Abu Ghraib guards.

Evolution in schools before court

Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — "Intelligent design" is a religious theory that was inserted in a school district's curriculum with no concern for whether it had scientific underpinnings, a lawyer told a federal judge Monday as a landmark trial got under way.

"They did everything you would do if you wanted to incorporate a religious point of view in science class and cared nothing about its scientific validity," said Eric Rothschild, an attorney representing eight families who are challenging the decision of the Dover Area School District.

But in his opening statement, the school district's attorney defended

Dover's policy of requiring ninth-grade students to hear a brief statement about intelligent design before biology classes on evolution.

"This case is about free inquiry in education, not about a religious agenda," argued Patrick Gillen of the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, Mich. "Dover's modest curriculum change embodies the essence of liberal education." The center, which lobbies for what it sees as the religious freedom of Christians, is defending the school district.

Eighty years after the Scopes Monkey Trial, the opening of the trial in federal court marked the latest legal chapter in the debate over the

teaching of evolution in public school.

The eight families argue that the district policy violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

About 75 spectators crowded the courtroom of U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III for the start of the non-jury trial. But the scene outside the courthouse was business as usual except for a lone woman reading the Bible.

Arguing that intelligent design is a religious theory, not science, Rothschild said he would show that the language in the school district's own policy made clear its religious intent.

Married

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Road Apartments are meant for married students without children.

"Obviously the needs of students with families are very different from single students," Brenner said. "A very small percentage of Notre Dame's students are married, so on the whole, students with families are not the primary focus [for the University]. The University Village is very unique in that our entire focus is on student families. At the University Village, we make every effort to make sure that both the student and his or her family have a strong support network."

The University's policy states that no student can live in the dorm and be married. Married couples without children can find housing at the Cripe Road Complex, or, like the Dreyfusses, live together off campus.

Jessica Guo, 27, a China native and the wife of a physics graduate student, lives in University Village with her husband and their one-year-old son Theodore.

She said the University does an excellent job taking care of married students.

"I think Notre Dame is a really good place that allows

people from other countries to come here," Guo said. "For a foreigner like me, I am happy to live here and raise my child."

University Village was built in 1962 and modeled after "Vetville," an apartment complex for returning World War II soldiers and their wives. Vetville was located behind

where the Hesburgh Library now stands.

Unlike married students, students who become engaged during their last year at Notre Dame don't need to change their living arrangements. But other habits often change.

Senior Mary Elizabeth Steffan who is currently planning a summer wedding with her fiancé who lives in Maine, said her plans after college changed the way she socialized at Notre Dame.

"I have a different perspective on social life and activities," Steffan said. "I don't have the added stress of the dating scene. I feel a whole lot more laid back, but then again

a bit more lonely in that way [since my fiancé lives in Maine]."

While her friends are busy plotting their future careers, Steffan is content with the domestic life that awaits her.

"Being engaged sets me apart in a way, as far as out of the crowd of super-achievers or those that have huge ambitions for service, self-made careers or travel," Steffan

said. "There's a concrete future for me, namely a husband, and for many of my peers, they just haven't figured out anything concrete yet."

For Andrea Dreyfuss, life since her wedding day has been blissful, despite the reac-

tions from shocked peers who spot her wedding ring.

"I tell people my name and they're like 'Oh, you're the girl [who got married].'" Andrea Dreyfuss said. "It doesn't come out in class. Sometimes I prefer not to say [that I'm mar-

ried]. I'm afraid people will say that I'm immature, but hey it's my life. I should be able to make my own decisions. They don't know who I am."

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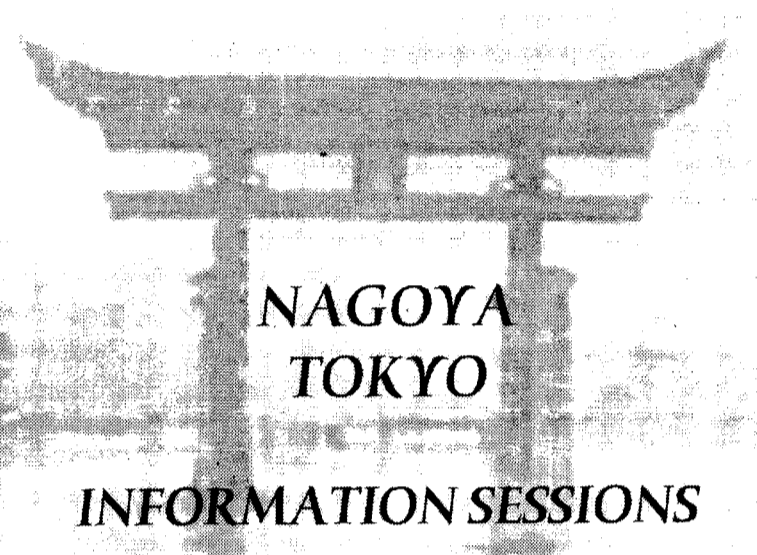
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IN BRIEF

Crude oil prices fall despite Rita

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures reversed their losing course Monday to rebound more than a dollar, settling above \$65 a barrel, as hurricane-related jitters caught up with the market.

The leap higher rode a price surge in refined-product futures, led by heating oil.

Market observers said the day's price swings were sudden and often unpredictable, as energy traders sorted through a wilderness of anecdotal, corporate and government reports on U.S. energy infrastructure following Hurricane Rita and vestigial damage from early September's Hurricane Katrina.

"There are just so many things going on, that I think it's going to take a few weeks to sort out all the issues and determine what the long-term fundamental picture is," said Tom Bentz, a broker in New York at French bank BNP Paribas. "At this point, I'm not convinced the long-term uptrend is finished."

While early market activity allowed for some profit-taking, supply concerns settled back into the market by the afternoon as 14.5 percent of the nation's refining capacity stayed off line along the U.S. Gulf Coast and the majority of oil and natural gas production in the region remained locked in.

Strategic oil reserves may be tapped

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday that the government is prepared to again tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to alleviate any new pain at the pump caused by Hurricane Rita's assault on the center of the nation's energy industry, and he asked Americans not to drive if they don't have to.

He also implied he will likely name a federal czar-like official to oversee the reconstruction of the Gulf Coast from the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. But he said that local officials must first produce a vision for how they want their rebuilt communities to look.

Sen. David Vitter, R-La., said Monday he had urged the president to place "a strong federal leader on the Katrina reconstruction effort" beyond the short-term relief effort. Such a "reconstruction czar" would also need to make sure there were no improprieties in awarding the lucrative reconstruction contracts, Vitter said.

Businesses rebuild after Katrina

Small business owners remain in New Orleans despite devastating losses

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Claire Ryan doesn't know yet if she'll be able to get her small business up and running again in New Orleans, but she's anxious to get back to the city and try.

"Absolutely New Orleans is my home," said Ryan, who owns a Drama Kids franchise in the city's Garden District. Having evacuated before Hurricane Katrina struck, she's currently in Houston, evaluating if she indeed can reopen the business, which runs drama programs for school-age children.

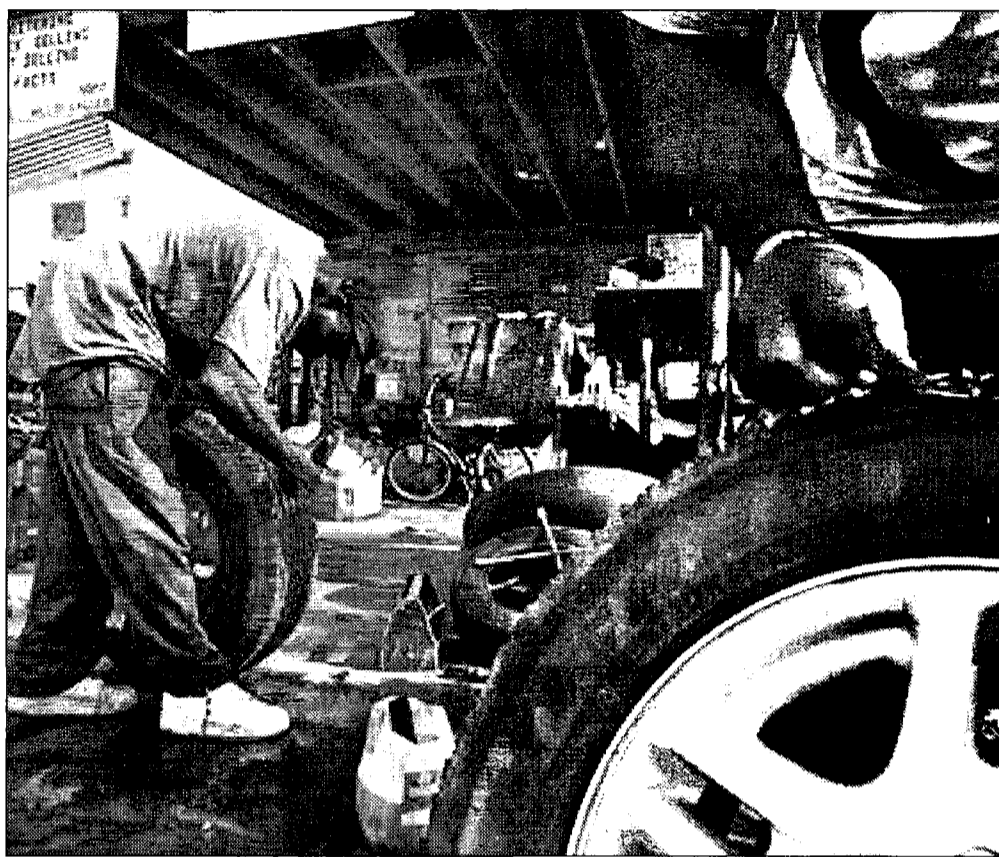
A handful of small business owners interviewed by The Associated Press all said they wanted to return to New Orleans and restart their companies. How certain they are about their chances for success depends largely on the nature of their enterprises, not on how much damage the businesses suffered.

For Ryan, the question is whether the children that her company serves will come back to the area, or whether their families will relocate elsewhere.

"All of my children have been lost or scattered," she said, and noted that her teachers have also left the city. "I don't know what I'm going back to."

Ryan's home and business are in the city's Garden District, and she believes her house was heavily damaged by a fallen oak tree. She expects to be in Houston for several months while she decides what to do.

Adam Vodanovich and his brothers suffered catastrophic losses. They are the master franchisors for 11 Wing Zone fast-food outlets in New Orleans, owning four franchises



Business has been booming at St. Claude Used Tires, where Anthony Warren, left, and owner Joe Peters work Sept. 15 in New Orleans.

themselves; all but one of the stores suffered major flood damage. Their homes near the 17th Street canal were inundated.

The family is undaunted. "We have nothing to go home to, but we are very fortunate," Vodanovich said. "We're all going to try to go back and rebuild what we can."

The brothers see starting over as an opportunity. "We feel like we have a clean slate. ... We know what mistakes we have to avoid," said Vodanovich, who was staying with friends in Tallahassee, Fla.

Another New Orleans store owner, Robert Thompson, considers himself lucky. He has seen pictures of the flood damage at his coffee house, Fair Grinds, near City Park, and

"we fared much better than a lot of my fellow shop owners... The building is reasonably intact, but flooded. I'll have to pull out sheetrock and cabinetry, but by and large I'm not facing the kind of damage that so many are."

Still, while he says, "I fully intend to rebuild and get going again," like Ryan he's worried about the customers he's lost, and very concerned about finding worker his staff was largely made up of college students, and many have temporarily enrolled in schools around the country. His home nearby appears to have escaped damage.

What helps Thompson's optimism is the fact that his store is a magnet for people they're looking for the social atmosphere of a coffeehouse

as well as a cup of joe and so a reopened Fair Grinds can help rebuild a neighborhood. In the meantime, as he stays in Houston, he's been in touch with and gotten together with some of his displaced customers.

Connie Zibilich Melancon was helping to tear down her decimated home when a reporter called for an interview, but the owner of a Children's Orchard franchise sounded upbeat about her business and looking to reopen Oct. 1. The store in Old Metairie, which sells lightly used children's clothing, furniture and toys, suffered no damage, and Zibilich Melancon expects there to be a market for her discounted merchandise when parents start replacing their children's possessions lost to Katrina.

Sony plans to cut jobs and plants

Associated Press

TOKYO — Sony Corp.'s Howard Stringer, the first foreigner to head the Japanese electronics and entertainment company, promised a decisive turnaround Thursday centered on cutting jobs, closing plants and shedding unprofitable businesses.

But many analysts said his plan lacked creativity and vision for a world in which consumer electronics companies are being forced to adapt nimbly to shifting information and entertainment consumption patterns brought on by the Internet and wireless revolutions.

Those same analysts did not, however, deny the need for cost cuts, which included slashing 10,000 jobs, or about 6 percent of Sony's global work force, by the end of March 2008.

The shakeup also calls for closing 11 of Sony's 65 manufacturing plants

and shrinking or eliminating 15 unprofitable electronics operations by the same deadline. Sony refused to say what those businesses were.

Stringer, a British-American dual citizen, acknowledged that times have changed. Unlike the old days when Sony ruled electronics with its manufacturing finesse, it now faces tough competition and cheaper prices that are turning Sony products into mere "commodities," he told reporters at a Tokyo hotel.

"Staying ahead of this curve by offering the consumer truly differentiated products where we can maintain our standing as a premium brand is a fundamental strategic imperative," Stringer said. "We need to focus selectively and aggressively on being the No. 1 consumer electronics and entertainment company on the planet."

Sony said it would focus now on so-

called "champion products" including the PlayStation3 next-generation videogame console, Bravia liquid crystal display televisions and Walkman MP3 music players whose sales are miserably far behind those of Apple Computer Inc.'s iPod.

Analysts were not impressed by Stringer's game plan.

Instead of deciding on spin-offs or outlining a clearer way of relating electronics with entertainment, Sony's proposal sounded much like other plans to streamline the corporate structure to eliminate redundancies, they said.

"If I had to give a grade to Howard Stringer, I'd give him a C-plus," said John Yang, analyst with Standard & Poor's in Tokyo. "Sony still wants to be the master of the universe. They want to conquer entertainment; they want to conquer consumer electronics; they want to conquer games."

Kutcher and Moore tie the knot in Calif.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — May and December married in autumn.

Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore, who reportedly wed Saturday, are the latest epitome of the May-December romance — a classic, gossip-loving match of young and old.

Us Weekly and People magazines reported that Kutcher, 27, and Moore, 42, tied the knot in Beverly Hills, Calif., after dating for two years.

At first, many wondered how Kutcher and Moore fit as a couple and why Bruce Willis, Moor's ex-husband and the father of her three daughters, hadn't punk'd that kid from "That '70s Show."

Although extremely private, the couple offered glimpses of their connection. Moore said in an interview in the September issue of Harper's Bazaar magazine that Kutcher was her "soul mate."

Willis, meanwhile, has been open about liking Kutcher.

Eventually, it was clear this wasn't an episode of Kutcher's MTV prank show. Instead, it was another story of love conquering age.

"The younger man is attracted to an older woman most likely because of her poise, her social graces, her contacts. She has a polish he hasn't yet acquired," Dr. Joyce Brothers says of the younger man-older woman dynamic.

"She, on the other hand, could be attracted to his promise in their mutual endeavor — in this case Hollywood. Or his exuberance, his fresh way of looking at the world," Brothers told The Associated Press on Monday.

Brothers added that a woman's sexual peak is at a later age. The May-December match is happening more, she said, because "we're remaining vigorous, active and healthy longer — men and woman. The younger person doesn't have to worry about spending long years nursing the older one."

Always a pairing ripe for fiction — the films "Harold and Maude," "The Graduate," "Something's Gotta Give" and "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" are examples — the allure of the older woman is also a Hollywood reality.

Tim Robbins, 12 years younger than his companion, Susan Sarandon, has shown for almost two decades that the power of love (and/or liberalism) is beyond numbers.

Guy Ritchie is 10 years younger than Madonna; Sheryl Crow is nine years older than

her fiance, Lance Armstrong. Justin Timberlake, 24, and 33-year-old Cameron Diaz have been an item for over a year, while Julianne Moore, 44, is married to Bart Freundlich, 35.

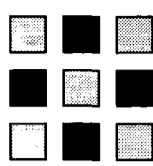
Geena Davis, television's new "Commander-in-Chief," is married to 34-year-old Dr. Reza Jarrahy, who is 15 years younger. Ralph Fiennes, 42, has dated Francesca Annis, 61, for years.

Elizabeth Taylor is 20 years older than her last ex-husband, Larry Fortensky. Cher's former boyfriend Rob Camilletti was 23 when she was 40. And Mary Tyler Moore's husband, Dr. Robert Levine, is 18 years younger.

When comedian-singer Martha Raye married her seventh husband, Mark Harris, in 1991, she was 75 and he was 42.

Older men who have married younger women include Woody Allen (35 years older than Soon-Yi), Clint Eastwood (25 years older than Dina), Michael Douglas (25 years older than Catherine Zeta-Jones) and Jerry Seinfeld (18 years older than Jessica).

For non-Hollywood couples, there are online dating services designed to bring together singles seeking an "age-gap relationship." The slogan of <http://www.maydecember.net> is "years apart, coming together."



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The LRC also provides assistance in improving English language skills of non-native speakers.

Sandra Harmatiuk, one of two LRC directors who presents workshops and provides individual instruction, predicted that this year's freshman class will use the LRC more than the previous five years' classes by the end of the fall semester.

"In the past five years, the average number of participants in Learning Strategies programs has averaged 225," Harmatiuk said. "As of the end of the fourth week of classes, the participation is already at 110 — more than double [in] the same period for 2004."

In addition to providing students with the LRC, FYS gives students access to peer advisors, upperclassmen who provide informal help in matters of adjusting to campus and dorm life as well as study habits.

Some freshmen still don't realize that they have access to peer advisors.

When asked if she had visited a peer advisor yet, Kristina Merz said, "No. Do we have one of those?"

However, most freshmen said they knew and had met with their peer advisor.

"It was helpful to meet my peer advisor because she is really knowledgeable about

the resources available to first year students," freshman Alessandra Bouchard said. "I know that if I have any problems in the future she will be a good person to go to."

Not all freshmen, however, found the experience so beneficial.

"Actually, I would have rather stayed home to do homework," freshman Matt Kernan said. "It didn't really help too much."

Through FYS, freshmen also have individual meetings with their academic advisors to discuss subjects like required classes and potential majors. Assistant FYS dean Holly Martin said each full-time first year advisor has an average of 488 individual meetings with first year students during the fall semester.

"Some students may only have one one-to-one meeting with their advisor, others have many more," Martin said. "It depends on the needs of the student."

These needs may be minimal, in the freshman's eyes.

Although the FYS keeps "pestering" him to set up an appointment, freshman Nathan Bernardi said, "I don't have time for it right now."

But freshman Devin Fee found his meeting with his academic advisor useful.

"It helped me put things in perspective," Fee said. "She organized my priorities and promised support if I needed it."

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service project and wasn't sure if she could make the trip.

"My parents flew me out for one day to do the audition," she said. "There were about 300 people and only 30 moved on ... It all happened really fast."

Fetta filled out an application online several years ago and forgot about it. But all along she felt she had a knack for games like Wheel of Fortune.

Fetta said the most difficult parts of her experience were knowing that so much was on the line in such a short amount of time, and feeling like she had no control.

But Fetta said there were plenty of upsides, including the chance to see how game shows really work.

"You're really lucky to be in that position," she said. "There are so many people that want to be on the show."

Wheel of Fortune only films twice a week for five weeks a year, Fetta said, so she had the opportunity to watch a girl from Madison in the show filmed before her win around \$66,000. Fetta noticed the people backstage were just as excited as most of the competitors.

"They hire all these people to pep up the contestants.

They get you all excited," she said. "Everyone that works on the show wants you to make money. They really want you to win."

Fetta said a few details about the show would surprise people who have only seen it on television.

"The set is really small. They have a lot of tricks to make it look bigger," she said, adding, "You have to hold the wheel a certain way. They have lawyers standing on the side to make sure you do it right."

The college contestants all had time to get to know each other, and Fetta said she still keeps in contact with some of them. She also got to meet Wheel of Fortune host Pat Sajak.

"Pat's really short," she said, laughing. "He's really personable. It's the perfect job for him."

Fetta met some even more interesting — and unexpected — characters in her hotel, which seemed more like a zoo. College mascots from all over the country were par-

ticipating in the shows and wearing very elaborate and expensive costumes around the hotel.

"They're the strangest people," she said. "They flew in people to help carry their costumes."

"Anybody can be on television, and that's exciting. It was a whirlwind experience."

Lisa Fetta
Wheel of Fortune winner

Fetta will be doing some more flying of her own, since she is spending her spring semester in London. She may even use some of her winnings, which will probably total closer to \$8,000 after taxes when she receives them in February, to throw a party while abroad. However, she said most of her money will go towards law school, if she decides to pursue that path.

Fetta said the University and her friends and family have all been very supportive. The Hammes Bookstore let her pick out any shirt she wanted, for free, to wear on the show, and on the night the show airs, she thinks that her dorm and her friends will be making a party out of it.

"It was a good experience and I feel more comfortable in front of crowds," Fetta said. "Anybody can be on television, and that's exciting."

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Liberty for all?

Notre Dame's refusal to recognize the Gay/Straight Alliance is a wretched disgrace that is based upon a gross distortion of the actual message of Jesus. The fundamentalists allege that homosexuality is a perversion, even if they try to cover it up with non-sensical rhetoric attempting to draw a false division between the state of being homosexual and the act itself.

The nature of an event is found within the occurrence of the action. It is within the homosexual act that the internal nature of the homosexual is expressed.

If one was to be born such that they loved pasta, but never ate pasta, then he or she could not be said to be a pasta eater that observes abstinence from eating pasta. It is just as ludicrous to claim that one can have a certain sexual orientation and not express it. The two are inexorably linked.

The opponents of expanding full rights to gay students often appeal to Catholic doctrine or specific Bible passages. All religions are human attempts to interpret the divine's attempt to communicate, and mistakes are always going to be made so long as we try to use human logic and languages to express the language of the divine. Desperately clasp a few phrases from the gospels and failing to acknowledge that these were written in the moral tradition of the Jews of the first century C.E., the fundamentalists fail to separate the divine from the human within the gospels.

Notre Dame is indeed a Catholic school and should not shed her roots within that faith, yet she also should not

attempt to force her morality upon the student body. A moral code propped up under compulsion is one that exists only in the minds of the enforcers. The University should promote an open, liberated intellectual environment. By failing to acknowledge the rights of a certain group, the enforcers harm everyone by deflating the spirit of academic freedom that should pervade any such place that intends to promote a flowering of the human soul and intellect.

This school's policy is one that conforms to the general ignorance and hatred that typifies America's intolerance of her significant homosexual minority. Every citizen deserves the exact equal rights as another under the laws of our land. The refusal to grant precise equality is a sickening example of a certain fundamentalist view clawing its way into the state.

The essential reason that gay marriage is illegal is that the idea terrifies the evangelical right that pours vast sums of cash and votes into the Republican party. Afraid to lose the support or gain the ire of this critical demographic, both Republicans and moderate Democrats refuse to take up the issue and hide their cowardice behind a translucent veil of deceptive phrases like "the sanctity of marriage" or the "traditional definition of marriage."

The very term "civil union" smacks of inherent discrimination. I will get to marry my wife, and a gay person will have a civil union. This logic sounds very similar to the "separate but equal" language of the civil rights struggle. The existence of marriages and civil unions is similar to having "white" and "colored" water fountains. This dichotomy of speech attempts to rationalize and euphemize the fact that the religious right has no real logical reason why gay people should not share equal rights of marriage; and there view is based upon

dogged puritanism, a fear of change, and a blinding love of tradition.

The argument that activist judges are overturning the will of the majority by granting equal rights to homosexuals is as fallacious as it is dangerous. A democracy is not a tyranny of the majority, nor was it intended to be one by our founding fathers. If one should doubt this, he or she should read the Federalist Papers of Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and James Madison. The French political thinker Alexis De Tocqueville was most apt when said "If ever the free institutions of America are destroyed, that event will arise from the unlimited tyranny of the majority." Pray we are not now planting the very seeds of the fall of the American Republic.

If anyone should be surprised that a heterosexual, former president of the College Republicans should write this column, he should not be. It is the sacred duty for every American to safeguard the freedoms of their fellow citizens. Citizenship is not a merely a legal status, it is privilege that comes with great benefits and obligations. One such obligation is to possess a fierce zeal for protecting the rights of all Americans. The body politic must prevent any minority from being trampled. Nations do not fall into the precipice of tyranny overnight, but only after the rock of liberty has been slowly chipped away one group or right at a time.

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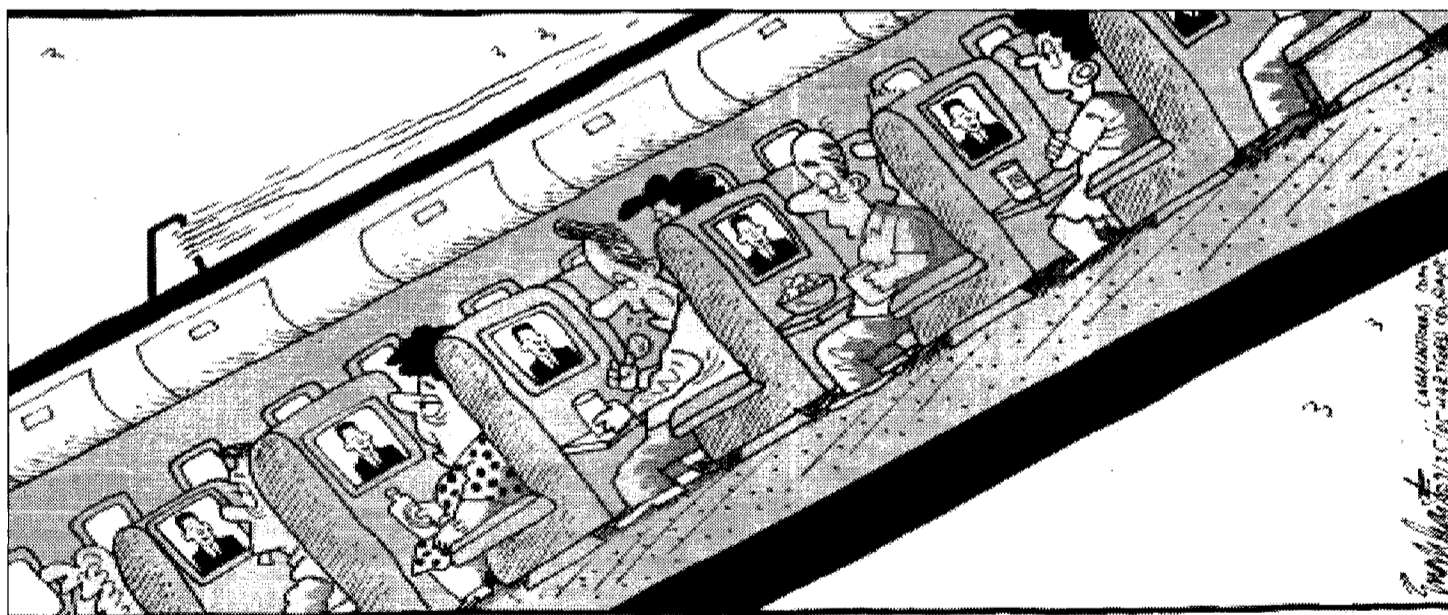
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Ian Ronderos

The Right View

EDITORIAL CARTOON



"THE INCOMPETENT BUSH ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO BLUNDER ALONG, HOMELAND SECURITY IS PURE FICTION, THE PRICE OF GASOLINE IS SKY HIGH, AND RACE RELATIONS ARE AT A NEW LOW. WE NOW RETURN YOU TO YOUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAM OF CELEBRITY GOSSIP."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We could never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world."

Helen Keller
activist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concert attendance disappoints

At the concert Thursday evening featuring legendary pianist Leon Fleisher with the University symphony and choirs, the Leighton Concert Hall was only half full. This was particularly surprising for us musicians, since we were informed that every seat was reserved for a University official or visiting inaugural guest who had committed to coming. Why was Notre Dame unable to greet this world-renowned artist with a full house (in an only moderately-sized concert hall)? Why weren't students invited to this unique event or any of the other simultaneous art events celebrating the inauguration? (This point is especially pressing, since half the seats were empty.) Why did many of the concertgoers leave the performance at intermission? These questions are fresh in the minds of the

musicians who dedicated so many extra hours of rehearsal to the concert. It was disheartening for all of us to expect a full house and find instead half of an audience straggling in ten and fifteen minutes after the performance was scheduled to commence.

The purpose of this letter is not to assign blame, but to provide an impetus for a campus discussion of the role of the arts at Notre Dame. We are truly blessed as students to have such an extraordinary performing arts center with an equally extraordinary concert schedule. We cannot thank enough those responsible for building and maintaining the program. But have we been found worthy of these blessings? DPAC Director John Haynes has inspired us with his vision of a "culture of the arts" on cam-

pus — but we are far from this goal. The Thursday concert witnesses the fact that University officials and professors need to work as hard as the students in building this culture. It is a task that must be accomplished together; holding special invitation concerts to celebrate the arts at Notre Dame simply does not make sense. With the new performing arts center, we have the material and the occasion for art to take place. Now Notre Dame needs only the will to make it happen.

Mark Thomas Joseph
 representing University choir members
 senior
 Sorin Hall
 Sept. 25

Pride in Weis' character

As a Saint Mary's graduate, I have felt honor and pride when watching Notre Dame football, especially this year. Growing up, my family was from South Bend and Notre Dame was all I knew. However, I have never felt so much pride to be a part of the Notre Dame community as I did after reading the story on Charlie Weis and the Irish this morning.

I live in Indianapolis, and although you will find Notre Dame fans, it is not like the atmosphere of South Bend where the majority live and breath Notre Dame. On a local radio station this morning, they told the story of Weis and Montana, the child with a brain tumor. I was so moved I looked the story up online and forwarded it to everyone I know.

Not much needs to be said about Weis. We all expected that he would come into this community and help improve our football team. I don't think we all counted on his improv-

ing the community as well.

This is not the first kind story I have heard about this man. But I can honestly say that I am so proud to have a coach such as himself, and think that Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and even the city of South Bend should be honored to have him as part of the community.

Once again, Weis and the Irish have proved why Notre Dame's football will continue to be as great a tradition as it has been. It doesn't always have to do with how many games you win (although they are off to a great start). It is about how much class and character a team shows. With that said, I don't think there is a team that can compare to our Irish. Thank you for proving another reason why Notre Dame and its community excels above the rest.

Libby Springer
 alumna
 Sept. 26

Gold*? Fine by me

After this weekend's thrilling victory over Washington, I would like to encourage everyone traveling to Purdue this weekend to wear gold*. Let's end the controversy over the shirt and show our opponents how much we support our team. I was impressed at the number of Irish fans I saw at Pittsburgh, filling the golden* seats of Heinz Field with so many golden* shirts. Michigan was no disappointment either, as the Irish fans stood out in their gold* once again. It seemed as if the entire Michigan student section was rooting for the Irish, as they too were clad in gold*. This Saturday is another opportunity to show our colors and cover Ross Ade stadium in a golden* shower. Go Irish, Beat Boilermakers!

* gold = yellow

John Anderson
 alumnus
 Sept. 24

EDITORIAL CARTOON



U-WIRE

Bayh votes against Roberts

Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh announced Friday he would vote against the nomination of John Roberts to be the next chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. We are disappointed.

The Democratic senator, jockeying for a presidential bid in 2008, said in a statement he would vote against Roberts not because he opposed the nominee, but because "we simply do not know enough about his views on critical issues to make a considered judgment. And that is the standard that must be met for a lifetime appointment to our nation's highest court."

We understand Bayh's concern. In many instances we believe that Roberts artfully dodged vital questions from the senators quizzing him. But what else was Roberts to do? Ruin his necessary impartiality as a judge by ranting on details of cases?

Let there be no mistake: Our support for Roberts is not unified or solid. If Roberts lives as long as his predecessor, the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, he might very well be chief justice until people in their late teens and early 20s are in their late 40s and early 50s — a sizable chunk of our lives. Not many chief justices are given such opportunities to influence and preside over the Court for so long.

We have strong concerns about women's rights, civil rights, privacy and separation of government powers all issues the Court will surely address in the future and issues we hope Roberts will examine closely.

Staff Editorial

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After his televised confirmation hearings and the way he juggled the Senate Judiciary Committee, we find Roberts to be an intelligent and sensible jurist, seemingly respectful of precedent and nowhere near an ideologue who will rock the Court sharply to the right.

If you're a liberal and upset with Roberts, it's important to realize he's probably the best option you're going to get from President Bush.

Noted liberal senators seem to understand this. Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy and Wisconsin Sens. Herb Kohl and Russell Feingold, all Democrats, voted within committee Thursday to confirm Roberts. And although all have expressed concerns, all see Roberts as a qualified choice for the bench.

The Washington partisan pressure cooker has made it more difficult to get much accomplished collectively.

Today it seems it would be difficult even to confirm the Court's great past justices, like Oliver Wendell Holmes or Earl Warren.

Roberts hasn't demonstrated a clear reason why he should not be the next chief justice of the Supreme Court. By succumbing to political interests, Bayh has demonstrated to us his real reason to vote against a qualified nominee: He'd like to win the 2008 Democratic presidential primary.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

'Geist' a spooky, albeit mediocre time

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

For further proof that the first-person shooter is starting to run out of ideas, look no further than "Geist," a truly bizarre action/adventure game exclusively for Nintendo Gamecube. The game's premise involves a disembodied scientist who has the ability to inhabit other people, animals and objects.

The player takes control of John Raimi, a spirit ripped from his body by the evil Volks corporation. Aside from taking control of Volks soldiers (during which time the game devolves into a simple first-person shooter), there are also several puzzles in which the player takes control of inanimate articles in order to complete objectives. Thankfully, there is the ghost of a little girl who helps guide the player through the tougher situations, though there is still a fair amount of wandering aimlessly confused.

If all this sounds kind of creepy and strange, it is. It really is. Few games are as downright weird as "Geist."

Hearing the disembodied voice of the little girl coo "Raïmi" in her sing-song voice is enough to cause more than just a few shudders. Yet, the game manages to work the spirit aspect into the narrative and play more efficiently than might be expected.

"Geist" breaks no new narrative or gameplay ground, though there are several nice references ("Aliens," "The Thing," "Poltergeist") throughout the game and it has its share of scary moments. The plot, which revolves around an unethical bio-corporation, is nothing new, but is compelling enough to keep players interested.

Gameplay is solid and the controls are standard, but it is the game's ghostly twist that keeps it afloat. The ability to leave the character being controlled and explore as a spirit is interesting, and the developers put enough use of the device into the game that it works well, for the most part.

The graphics and sound are quite good. The spirit aspect allows for some flashy transparency and slow-down effects. These effects seem an integral and logical part of gameplay rather than just merely for showcasing special effects.

There is also a multi-player mode, which is pretty similar to most multi-player modes in games in the first person shooter genre. All of them incorporate the spirit entity device,

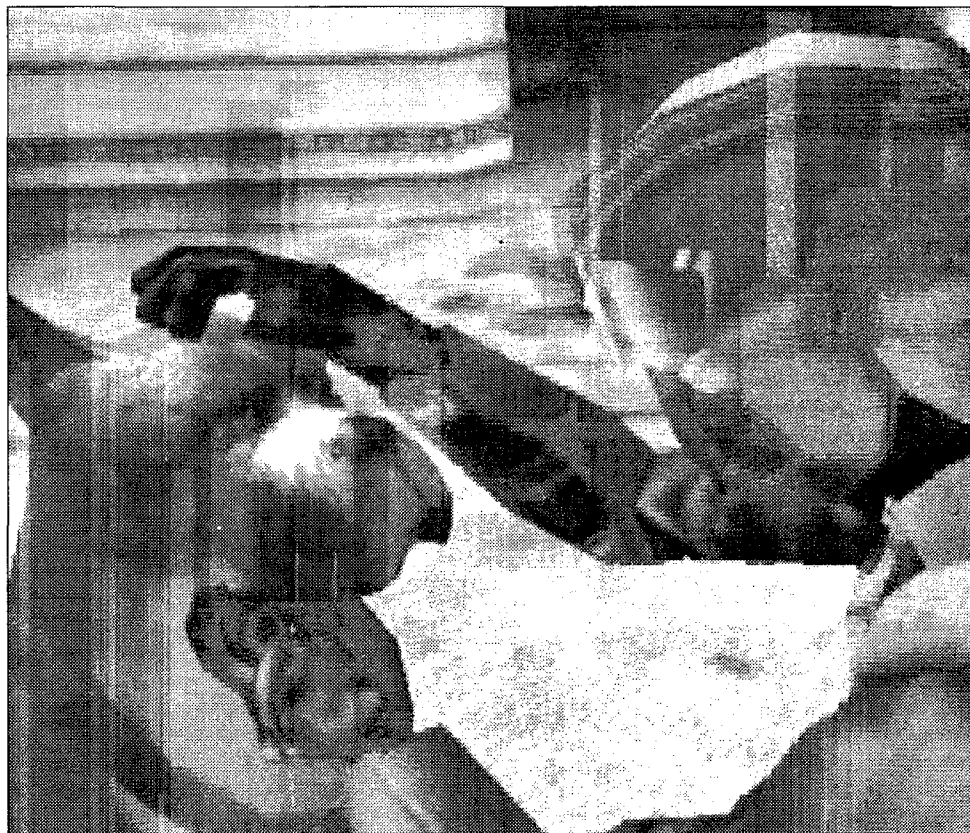


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A guard interacts with a dog in in the bizarre "Geist" for the Nintendo Gamecube. Both can be possessed to further the the players progress.

which is good since the first-person shooter aspect is really nothing special.

There are better games and better first-person shooters out there, but "Geist" has enough innovativeness to make it stand out from the crowd. Though the single-player mode runs a little short in length, the multi-

player mode is good, and then game itself is fun and suitably creepy. For those looking for a slightly more adult-oriented, Mature-rated Gamecube title, "Geist" fills the first-person niche adequately.

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Geist

Only for the Nintendo
Gamecube

'X-Men Legends II' mutant mayhem

By MARK BEMENDERFER
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Quality games have long, expensive production cycles. It is not uncommon for a game's development to span many years, and even then the time spent is no guarantee as to the quality of the game.

But there is a flip side to that coin — rushed games are almost always lacking in quality. Games that take less than a year to create are generally found lacking, the shortened time frame an obvious factor.

"X-Men Legends II: Rise of the Apocalypse" is unique in this regard. Hitting the markets barely a year after the original was released, "X-Men Legends II" is a well-crafted, fun game to play. It avoids most of the pitfalls that are associated with rushed games, and is a solid product using the Marvel license.

Fans of the comic series will know what to expect from the game due to the title. For the non-comic fan, there is still plenty to draw the gamer in. An ancient, evil mutant known as Apocalypse is threatening to conquer the world. He is so power-

ful that the world's governments can do nothing to stop him. Even the mighty X-Men find themselves short trying to measure up, forcing them to team up with the Brotherhood of Evil Mutants against their mutual enemy.

This creates an even more diverse cast than that of the first game, as four Brotherhood mutants are now playable in addition to the X-Men. Joining the roster from the first game are Magneto, Toad, Scarlet Witch and the awesome Juggernaut. With their inclusion, the initially playable characters round out at 15.

However, some characters that were in the first didn't make the jump to the second. Jubilee, Beast, Emma Frost and Psylocke were dropped, as well as X-Men newcomer Magma. This was done due to fan response, as those were the less popular characters from the first installment.

Many other changes were made in response to fans' comments. The environments are even more interactive than before, an impressive feat for those who played the original. There are also more costumes for the playable characters, giving the player the option to play as the favorite version of their favorite mutant.

The largest, greatest gameplay impacting addition is the option of online playability. PlayStation 2 and X-Box owners can now take their game online. This is a key gameplay innovation, as playing with real people is more fun than playing with the artificial intelligence.

All is not well in the X-Men's latest adventure,



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Tempers flare for Marvel characters Sabretooth and Wolverine as they are forced to work together. The game is playable by up to four gamers at once.

however. Not every graphical bug was worked out from the final product, as some graphics fail to appear at the scripted moment. This can vex the player, as the portal to his next destination may not appear on the next. The bugs that do exist are minor, however, having none that drastically hurt the gameplay.

Another setback to enjoying the game is also its greatest strength, namely the roster. The 15 initially playable characters are later joined by three unlockable ones, giving the roster a final tally of 18 playable characters. However, there are

so many mutants in the game and in the Marvel universe that 18 still feels like a miniscule number. Having only four characters playable from the Brotherhood, compared to the 11 from the X-Men, is particularly disappointing.

Overall, though, the game is a blast. The characters are more balanced than the original, and the gameplay has been more streamlined. For your mutant fix, look no further.

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**X-Men
Legends II:
Rise of Apocalypse**

VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

Retro appeal found in 'Shaolin Monks'

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For gamers, fighting games often build mythologies around their favorite characters. If asked, a gamer could probably tell you about his favorite character, such as his or her history and fighting style.

But most of that knowledge stems from written texts on the game's official Web site, or the accompanying information book that comes with the game. Storytelling details in the actual fighting games tend to run on the light side, a trait that "Mortal Kombat: Shaolin Monks" attempts to address.

Placed between and during the events of "Mortal Kombat" I and II, "Shaolin Monks" attempts to round out the history of most of the combatants in "Mortal Kombat" history. Almost all of the fighters are present in some shape or form, and play contributing roles in the story.

The main story revolves around Liu Kang and Kung Lao, fan favorites of the

"Mortal Kombat" series. Liu Kang was the victor of the first "Mortal Kombat," and now finds himself in charge of pursuing Shang Tsung into Outworld. Kung Lao follows as he attempts to return honor to his family name, and helps Liu Kang in his quest.

Fans of the series will find plenty of unlockable characters and hidden battles to keep their interest. Hidden treats for fans have been a staple of the series, and "Shaolin Monks" is no different.

Players new to the series might find less to pique their interest as they play through the game. Since many of the hidden treats and encounters were created for players who have been with the series since the original, newcomers might feel themselves lost, as if they stepped into the middle of a movie.

The treats and secrets should not be the main draw for the game, however, as they are not. The game itself is a solid action adventure of a type that has not been released for many years. This game harkens back to the days of "Final Fight" and "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." A strategic button masher in every sense of the word, "Shaolin Monks" is a nostalgic treat for any gamer who has been playing since the days of the Nintendo Entertainment System, or the days video arcades flourished.

The player is given three basic attacks: a fast attack, an attack that launches enemies into the air and a



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Mortal Kombat veterans Liu Kang and Kung Lao team up in "Shaolin Monks." The game offers a cooperative mode for those with fellow gamers.

powerful attack that sends opponents flying. Each of these can be linked effortlessly, essentially eliminating the need to memorize complex button combinations. That doesn't mean that button combinations have been eliminated, as they still exist. "Shaolin Monks" is simply geared more towards the casual gamer.

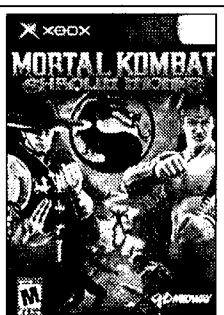
In addition to the combatants, the levels themselves are a joy to play. Taking a cue from the previous "Mortal Kombat" games, the levels are highly interactive with background fatalities and interactions being commonplace. If there is something in the environment that looks deadly, it probably is. Exploring the environment

isn't required to pass through the game, but players that breeze through the game will find themselves only 50 percent complete of the full experience on save game screen.

"Mortal Kombat: Shaolin Monks" probably isn't for everyone. Some will find it repetitive and others might find it too random and confusing. For fans of the series, however, and for those who yearn for the older, simpler days of video games, this game is perfect. Check it out for a bloody good time.

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Mortal Kombat:
Shaolin Monks



'Marvel Nemesis' fails at consistency

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Brilliant, yet essentially flawed. That trait has belonged to many talented people and exceptional things throughout history. Composers, artists, musicians have all fallen under that curse — of being gifted while exhibiting some fatal flaw or flaws that hinders them.

"Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects" falls into this category as well. Another Marvel licensed product in what is becoming a sea of such merchandise, "Marvel Nemesis" stands apart from the rest due to its nature as an arena-based fighting game. The last Marvel fighter modeled itself after more traditional fighting games, such as "Tekken" or "Mortal Kombat," so this new game is truly unique in that regard.

For those who are wondering what arena-based fighting entails, the genre is much faster-paced than the typical fighting game. Fighters move freely through arenas, picking up and throwing objects without abandon. Instead of memorizing button combinations, players focus more on the overall strategy of the playing field. The playing field is particularly important in a game like "Marvel Nemesis," where half the playing field is covered in explo-

sive objects.

Coincidentally, like "X-Men Legends II" there are 18 playable characters. Unlike "Legends," most of the characters are locked in the beginning. Typically, this would be considered a positive, as giving the player plenty of unlockable content prolongs the life of the game.

To unlock these characters, the player has to go through the story mode of the game. This is where the major flaws in the game reside. The story mode has moments of sheer adrenaline, but then balances those segments out with parts that are practically guaranteed to break the player's controller. Any game that forces you to repeatedly try a segment, especially when it's not the focus of the game, has some difficulty issues.

Difficulty is a vital component of games. Without it, there would be no truly memorable moments within games, and there would be no incentive to become competent at a game. But the story mode is not the main component of "Marvel Nemesis," and forcing players to painfully work their way through it is a disservice to the player.

It is the game's true focus where it shines, however, and that is the one-on-one based arena combat. Since the arenas are typically large, and just as interactive as "X-Men Legends," epic battles where

explosions are rampant and super heroes are smashed through walls become common fare.

There are plenty of Marvel characters to play as, with a hero that would suit almost any fan. Many of them are characters that one would not typically expect to see as playable in a game too, such as The Thing, Venom

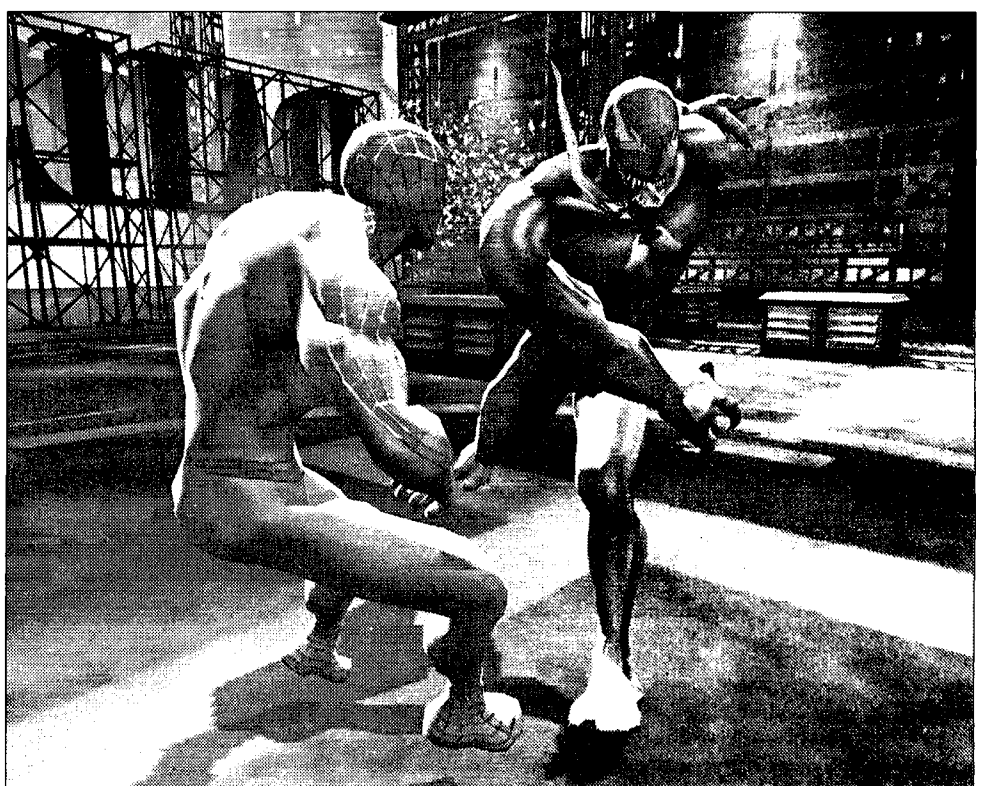


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Marvel characters SpiderMan and Venom fight on the rooftops of the city. "Marvel Nemesis" is available for PlayStation 2, Gamecube and X-Box.

and Electra. While popular in their own right, they don't have the star status as some other members of the Marvel universe. That is not to say that the game does not have its share of big names, as Spiderman, Wolverine and Magneto are present as well.

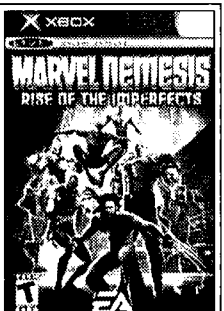
In addition to the decent Marvel roster are the Imperfects, characters created by collaboration between Marvel and Electronic Arts. They are entirely new characters that come with their own background stories, and look impressive within

the game. Due to their fledgling status, however, they will probably prove less popular than the licensed characters.

Marvel Nemesis is a mixed bag. Half a blast, half a chore, it is a hard game to recommend. Gamers looking for a Marvel arena-based fighter have their answer, but gamers looking for their favorite Marvel characters in a terrific game might be better off looking elsewhere.

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Marvel Nemesis:
Rise of the Imperfects



CLUB SPORTS

Sailors take third at Fordham meet

Water polo comes up short against Grand Valley St. in regional

Special to The Observer

This past weekend the Notre Dame sailing team traveled to New York City to race in the Jesuit Intersectional hosted by Fordham. Seven teams from three districts competed in the regatta as Notre Dame finished a strong third against a tough fleet.

Saturday's conditions started with gusts up to 21 knots, but slowly died as the day went on. Despite the demanding weather, sophomore skipper Tim Roy and junior Kerry Kilbourn consistently finished near the top of the "A" fleet.

Sophomore Chris May and junior Amy Becker started the day off in the "B" division but moved up to the "A" division on Sunday as the breeze built to a steady 12 knots. Sophomore John Dailey and his crew, senior Kathryn Hoodecheck, had an impressive performance with several firsts in their division.

Many races came down to close finishes as Notre Dame battled with Fordham and Georgetown all weekend. Georgetown, ranked No. 7 nationally, won the regatta while Fordham finished second ahead of the Irish. Teams from Loyola-Maryland, Holy Cross, John Carroll and a second team from Fordham rounded out the competition.

Men's water polo

Notre Dame was again unable to overcome its nemesis Grand Valley State at this weekend's CWSA Great Lakes Regional. The two teams rolled through all other competition at Toledo, setting up the expected showdown.

In the feature contest, the No. 18 Irish challenged defending champion and No. 3 Grand Valley State. The first half lived up to its billing, ending in a 7-7 tie. However, the Irish were stung with the loss of three of their strongest players — Jay Nunez, Greg Sczewczyk and Matt McNicholas — with controversial game penalties.

Scott Tagwerker opened the game in goal for the Irish with five block saves as Notre Dame

weathered an early onslaught. Despite losing their three stars, the Irish were competitive for most of the second half behind the play and leadership of Mike Silhasek, Colin Dunn and Zhanwei Khaw.

The Irish had no difficulty defeating Albion, 19-1, as Dan Quandt, Mike McKenna, Josh Raycroft and Michael Mashura led the squad in scoring. In their second game against the host Rockets, the Irish triumphed 16-3 behind the scoring of Joel Thielen, Ryan Downey and Brandon Frost. Ball State proved to be no more challenging, as the Irish romped to a 17-4 decision with George Heidkamp, Colin Dunn and Devin Fee playing strong.

The clubs will square off at least one more time at the second regional at Rolfs Aquatics Center Oct. 29-30.

Ultimate

Some of the top contenders in the Midwest showed up to the seventh-annual Hucktoberfest ultimate tournament this weekend in Whitewater, Wis.

For the first time this early in the season, the men's squad was able to field two teams, both consisting of seasoned veterans such as Steve Kurtz and Barrs Lang and a slew of fiery underclassmen including Daniel Reimer, Eric Shappell and Matt Ward.

Notre Dame "Y" had a solid start to the season. Led by seniors Vasili Karas, Bob Palchow and Tristan Butterfield, it went 3-3 on the weekend.

Sophomores Eric Blevins and Mike Florak played outstanding man defense and stepped up their roles as future leaders of the team.

New additions to the roster Ryan Gorman, Thomas Rivas and Sean Gaffney played with poise and tenacity throughout the weekend.

The women's squad also competed. The team had a strong showing, boasting one of its largest rosters for the first fall tournament. The young team, with 12 rookies, played well during pool play on Saturday and Sunday despite rainy weather conditions.

After dropping the first two games on Saturday to Wheaton and Winona St, 13-5 and 13-8 respectively, the team made a strong showing in the third match by beating St. Olaf, 13-4.

MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yanks, Sox head for photo finish

New York walks over Orioles to move half-game ahead of Boston

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — All thoughts about Boston can wait. For now, the New York Yankees are focused solely on beating the Baltimore Orioles.

They're doing a pretty good job of it, too.

After enduring two rain delays totaling nearly 2 hours, the Yankees regained sole possession of first place in the AL East with an 11-3 rout of the Orioles on Monday night.

The victory moved the Yankees a half-game ahead of the Red Sox, whose home game against Toronto was rained out.

"I'm not really worried about Boston right now," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said. "This is a big series. We've got to play well against Baltimore."

New York has six games remaining — three against the stumbling Orioles, who have lost a season-high nine straight, and three in Boston to finish the season.

If the Orioles keep playing as they have lately, the Yankees can expect to bring some momentum into Fenway Park this weekend.

New York has won seven straight against Baltimore, including five over an eight-day span.

"We control our destiny. If we win all our games, we win. That's the only way you can approach this," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

"We can't be looking for help from anybody else. Sure, if we get it, we appreciate it, but we can't go in expecting it."

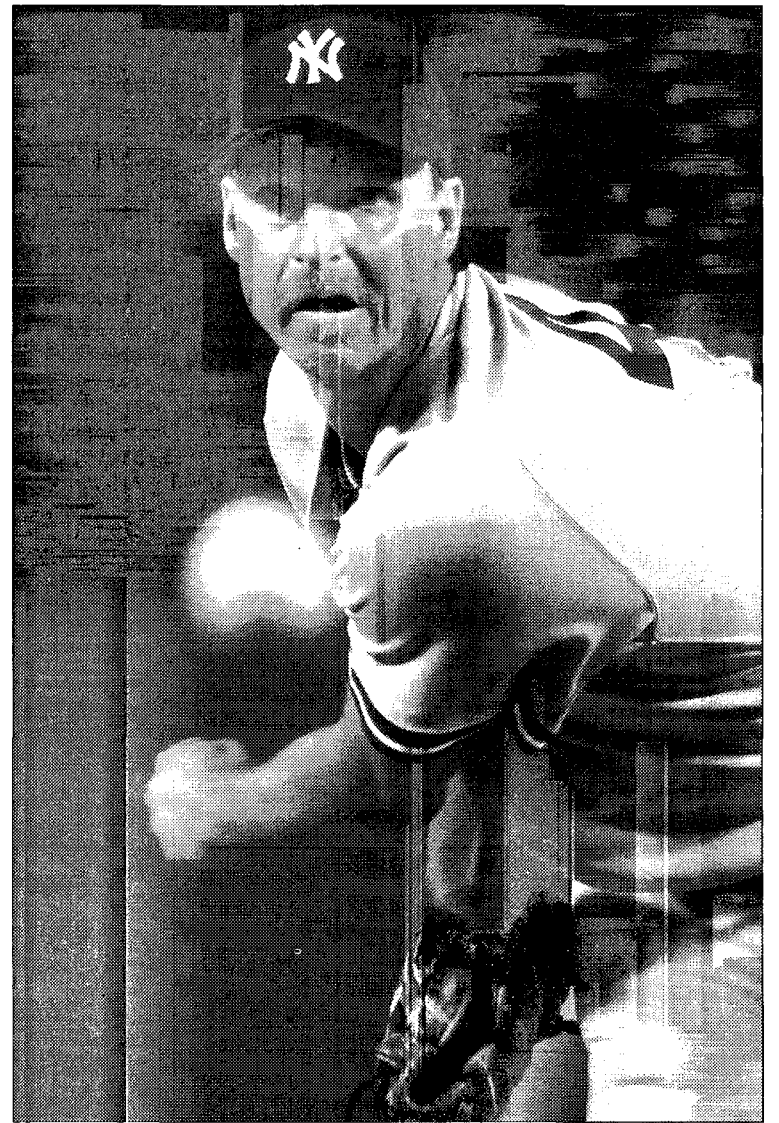
Boston must play a day-night doubleheader on Tuesday, forcing the Red Sox to shuffle their pitching rotation in the middle of a frenzied pennant race.

Tigers 4, White Sox 3

Curtis Granderson's friends back home on the South Side of Chicago asked him to take it easy on their beloved White Sox.

Detroit's rookie center fielder hopes they are still his buddies.

Granderson hit a leadoff homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Tigers



AP
Yankees pitcher Randy Johnson delivers in the first inning of New York's 11-3 win over Baltimore Monday.

over the White Sox Monday night.

Chicago's lead in the AL Central dropped to two games over idle Cleveland and its magic number remained at five to clinch the division.

"I don't know what will happen when I get home," joked Granderson, who was born in Blue Island, Ill.

The White Sox had a 15-game lead on Aug. 1.

If they fail to finish in first it would be one of the biggest collapses in baseball history.

Angels 4, Athletics 3

Steve Finley has failed his fair share this season, so producing big hits that mean so much in September is all the more sweet.

He never stopped trusting his swing, and now his Los Angeles Angels are in perfect position to wrap up the AL West before the final weekend this year.

Finley hit a two-run homer, John Lackey pitched six strong

innings, and the Angels moved within one victory of clinching their second straight division title with a win over the Oakland Athletics Monday night.

"This time of the year, you want to contribute when you get your opportunities," said Finley, who batted .143 in Aug.

"God knows I've had plenty of opportunities this year when I haven't come through, so hopefully the odds are in my favor now."

The Angels opened a five-game lead and lowered their magic number to two.

They will send 10-game winner Ervin Santana to the mound against lefty Joe Kennedy to try to finish off the A's on Tuesday night.

"The only magic number that matters is when it's zero," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

"We've got one more game we've got to get to get it done. Every game's going to be tough."

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NFL

AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	2-1	.667	70	67
Miami	2-1	.667	68	51
Buffalo	1-2	.333	41	50
N.Y. Jets	1-2	.333	44	60

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Cincinnati	3-0	1.000	88	28
Pittsburgh	2-1	.667	81	37
Cleveland	1-2	.333	45	64
Baltimore	0-2	.000	17	49

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	3-0	1.000	47	16
Jacksonville	2-1	.667	55	44
Tennessee	1-2	.333	59	75
Houston	0-2	.333	14	49

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Kansas City	2-1	1.000	53	54
Denver	2-1	.500	60	54
San Diego	1-2	.333	86	71
Oakland	0-3	.000	57	76

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Washington	2-0	1.000	23	20
Dallas	2-1	.667	75	69
N.Y. Giants	2-1	.667	92	74
Philadelphia	2-1	.667	75	37

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Detroit	1-1	.500	23	41
Chicago	1-2	.333	52	39
Minnesota	1-2	.333	54	77
Green Bay	0-3	.000	43	60

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	3-0	1.000	60	32
Atlanta	2-1	.667	56	47
Carolina	1-2	.333	71	67
New Orleans	1-2	.333	49	80

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	2-1	.667	72	56
St. Louis	2-1	.667	73	67
San Francisco	1-2	.333	62	101
Arizona	0-3	.000	43	96

MIAA Division III Women's Soccer

team	MIAA overall	GF	GA
Calvin	5-0-0 6-1-1	31	4
Hope	5-0-0 7-1-0	14	3
Olivet	3-3-0 3-5-0	13	17
SAINT MARY'S	3-2-0 4-4-0	11	11
Alma	2-4-0 3-4-1	6	10
Albion	2-2-0 2-4-0	11	13
Kalamazoo	2-3-0 3-4-1	9	17
Adrian	1-4-0 1-7-0	6	30
Tri-State	0-5-0 2-6-0	12	31

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White Sox at Tigers 6:05 p.m., Comcast

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NCAA FOOTBALL



Tennessee linebacker Kevin Simon brings down Louisiana State halfback Joseph Addai on the goal line during the second quarter of Monday night's game. No. 10 Tennessee beat No. 4 Louisiana State in overtime, 30-27.

Tennessee downs LSU in overtime comeback

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Tennessee refused to be part of LSU's feel-good story.

Gerald Riggs Jr. pushed into the end zone from a yard out in overtime to give the 10th-ranked Volunteers a 30-27 comeback win Monday night in the Tigers' long-awaited, hurricane-delayed home opener.

LSU transfer Rick Clausen led the Volunteers (2-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) back from a 21-point deficit in the second half to tie it at 24 with 2:02 left on a field goal.

"Getting done what he got done, coming back here to win this football game at a place where he had been, I don't know if there is a better story in the world than what this guy has done," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said.

The Tigers had first crack in overtime, but managed only a 31-yard field goal by Colt David.

Riggs accounted for all the Vols' yards in overtime with a 10-yard reception and four runs.

He powered through the line and into the end zone to send the hurricane-weary Louisianans home with a bitter loss.

Hurricane Katrina forced the No. 4 Tigers to postpone their first home game, and move their second to Arizona State, where LSU came away with a dramatic win.

Then Hurricane Rita forced another delay and set up the first Monday nighter in Tiger Stadium.

The crowd was a bit smaller than usual, but they were loud as ever and the Tigers (1-1, 0-1) certainly looked like a team eager to play when they jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first half.

"There was no panic," Fulmer said.

"We challenged each

other."

Clausen came off the bench to rally Tennessee with a touchdown pass and a 1-yard TD sneak that made it 24-14 with 9:35 left.

He finished 21-for-32 for 196 yards and appeared to settle the Vols' quarterback controversy.

Jonathan Hefney intercepted JaMarcus Russell and returned it 26 yards to the LSU 2 on the next possession. When Riggs scored from 2 yards out with about 7 1/2 minutes to play, the crowd went silent.

The lead was down to three.

IN BRIEF

Pennington tears rotator cuff, out for season

NEW YORK — Jets quarterback Chad Pennington will miss the rest of the season because of a torn right rotator cuff, The Associated Press learned Monday night.

Pennington's injury was confirmed by a person with knowledge of his condition, but who declined to be identified because the team had not made an official announcement.

An MRI exam showed Pennington tore his rotator cuff in Sunday's 26-20 overtime loss to Jacksonville.

The NFL Network originally reported the injury, the second time Pennington has had this tear in less than a year.

Pennington was expected to visit noted orthopedist Dr. James Andrews in Alabama on Tuesday.

Backup Jay Fiedler also damaged his shoulder Sunday and will be sidelined, leaving third-stringer Brooks Bollinger to play quarterback against

Baltimore this weekend.

Last season, Pennington missed three games with the same injury and had offseason surgery to repair it.

Rollins continues to downplay hit streak

PHILADELPHIA — Everyone is talking about Jimmy Rollins' 31-game hitting streak, except the All-Star shortstop himself.

Rollins downplayed the streak when Philadelphia went 6-3 on its last road trip and moved within one game of the Houston Astros for the NL wild-card lead, insisting he didn't allow himself to think too much about it.

With the Phillies back home Monday to open a three-game series with the New York Mets, the moody Rollins refused to speak to the print media, much as he has most of the past month.

Whether he wants to say anything about it or not doesn't matter to the

Phillies, who are only glad to get the production they expected when they moved him to the top of the order.

Cutcliffe to Arkansas fans, keep the faith

LITTLE ROCK — Former Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe has some advice for Arkansas fans disillusioned by their team's 1-3 start.

"Be supportive during the fact. Players need support, coaches need things positive," Cutcliffe said at the Little Rock Touchdown Club. "After the season's over with, people ought to express their opinions — very public situation that we have. But just remain supportive, because I think it'll pay off for you when you do that."

Cutcliffe talked for about 45 minutes at Monday's luncheon, entertaining the crowd with stories about his coaching career. Cutcliffe went 44-29 in six seasons at Ole Miss after he was an assistant at Tennessee for 17 years.

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Big plays not just a small problem for Irish against UW

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

After Chinedum Ndukwe recovered a fumble on the Notre Dame 1-yard line to halt Washington's game-opening drive, the Irish seemed to be in control of the contest.

But Irish head coach Charlie Weis was not pleased with his defense's tendency to surrender big plays Saturday against the Huskies. The Irish gave up 449 yards of total offense with 419 coming on only 18 plays.

Weis was worried this could hurt the Irish when in a game closer than the 36-17 Notre Dame win Saturday.

"We were giving up way too many big plays," Weis said at his Sunday press conference. "That's obviously an area of concern."

He also had issues with the ability of Washington to sustain long drives. The Huskies had five drives of more than 70 yards

Saturday.

"They didn't always come up with points," Weis said. "But when you change field position that drastically ... that's not a good thing."

The other main concern of Weis' dealt with penalties. All three Washington scoring drives were aided by Notre Dame infractions.

◆ Pleased it's over

With so much attention paid to the matchup between Washington coach Tyrone Willingham and Notre Dame, where he coached for three years prior to his firing last November, Weis was relieved the game was over.

"We got through that," Weis said. "We can go on our way. They can go on their way."

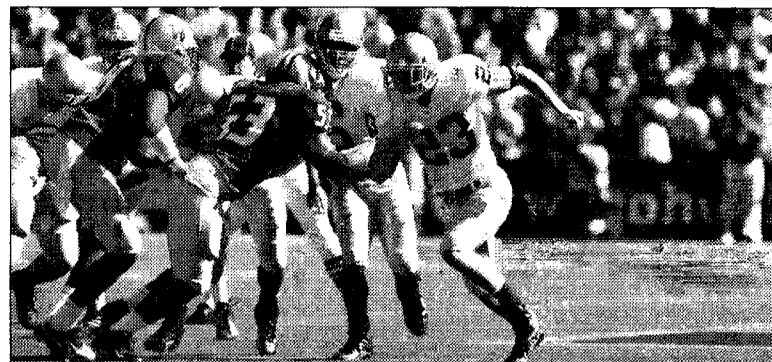
He thanked the media and his players at the beginning of his Sunday press conference for their participation and behavior in the week leading up to the

Washington game.

"I think both the way [the media] handled it and the players handled it kept it from being more of a distraction than it could have been," Weis said.

◆ Anastasio honored

With an effort Saturday that included a blocked punt and two tackles, Weis named Chase Anastasio special teams captain for this week.



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Chase Anastasio, right, sprints off the line before blocking a punt Saturday during Notre Dame's 36-17 win over Washington.

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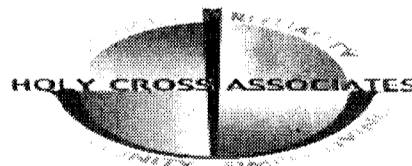
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8-6 in favor of the Whirlwinds. Follmer began the game's scoring with a touchdown run in the opening minutes for a quick 6-0 Pyro lead, while Welsh Family receiver Mogan Bushelle scored two series later on a catch-and-run from Sands.

Bushelle also caught the following two point conversion that made it 8-6 in favor of the Whirlwinds. The first half, played in a steady rain, saw the passing game for both squads affected as dropped passes and shaky throws were seen on both sides. By the second half, with the rain slowing to a light drizzle, offensives of both teams began seeing more success.

It wasn't enough success, however, for Pasquerilla East captain Megan Wysoki, who was adamant about needing the offense to perform better.

"We need to put some points on the board," Wysoki said.

Sands, the Whirlwinds' captain, was satisfied with the hard-fought victory. She also spoke admirably about the play of the Pyro defense saying

"They were extremely fast

out on the field, especially their defensive line," Sands said. "They took away the running game as well as most of our offense in the first half. They definitely forced us to make adjustments at halftime."

Sands also credited her teammates, especially the receivers.

"Bushelle was our offense in the first half, and Gargola, even though she's just a freshman, made a great play [on her touchdown catch]," Sands said.

McGlinn 6, Pangborn 0

The Shamrocks brought their best game despite the pouring rain and slick field conditions Sunday and shut out Pangborn.

With about 10 minutes remaining in the game, McGlinn's offense got a chance to shine. Senior quarterback Becky Brown lofted a 40-yard pass to freshman Jen Fedyna in the end zone. The Shamrocks failed to convert on the extra point, but the touchdown was good enough for the win.

The game started off much like the weather, messy and unpredictable. Neither offen-

sive team was able to put points up in the first half.

"It was a defensive battle," Brown said.

Both teams realized that the slick conditions would have a negative impact on their games. The rain made it nearly impossible for the quarterbacks to complete decent passes to their receivers.

Relying on their running games, the Shamrocks and Phoxes both threatened to score in the first half, but neither team was able to come through.

The second half started out much like the first. Rain fell even heavier and both teams continued to rely on their running games.

Both defensive teams looked strong, but McGlinn's looked especially so as both Jess Fedor and Sally Head snagged interceptions. From that point on, the game was a defensive struggle.

Pangborn's offense continually tried to break through the McGlinn defense, but was denied.

McGlinn had just as much trouble on its offensive end.

"[Welsh] definitely forced us to make adjustments at halftime."

**Melissa Sands
Pasquerilla East captain**



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

A Pasquerilla East player tries to avoid several Welsh Family defenders after catching a pass over the middle during the Pyro's 16-12 loss Sunday.

Both teams' experienced defenses proved they were capable of holding the other's offense where they were.

McGlinn has plenty of confidence as it heads into next week's game against Welsh Family.

Pangborn will have to reevaluate its game as the Phoxes prepare for Farley.

"We need to work really hard in practice this week," Mooney

said.

Notes:

♦ Sunday's game between Breen-Phillips and Farley was cancelled. It has been rescheduled for 10 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 4 at Stepan Fields.

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capitalized immediately with Wieland's 24 yard strike to Richardville.

A few possessions later, Sorin was forced to punt to Zahm's Ossei-Anto.

Ossei-Anto, who also finished with 38 yards rushing, fielded the punt around his own 40, found a crease, and streaked down the Bats' sideline for an apparent touchdown. The return was called back, however, because of a clipping penalty, and Zahm was forced to take over at the Otter 41.

But the penalty did not phase the Bats offense, as Wieland promptly drove his team downfield and hit Richardville once again for the score, this time from 15 yards out. The touchdown closed out a 12 point second quarter for Zahm, and essentially sealed the victory.

The second half was sloppy, with numerous fumbled snaps and incomplete passes.

Both defenses held tough as the rain began to pick up.

"Every team has to play through it," said Sorin captain Pete Laviorini, referring to his team's struggles with the wet football. "We beat ourselves today. Bad snaps. Blown plays.

"We just shot ourselves in the foot too many times."

Although Sorin's offense struggled, the Bats defense has to be credited for their stellar play.

"Our run defense was great," Zahm captain Pat Gourley said. "The defensive line picked it up and put some pressure on their quarterback. But a lot of it had to do with tight coverage."

The Bats had plenty of pressure on Mora all day, holding him to 6-of-13 passing for 84 yards, the bulk of which came on a 56-yard bomb to receiver

Chris Bailey on the Otters' first possession.

Late in the third quarter, Mora led Sorin into Zahm territory, threatening to cut the lead in half. But the Bats' defense held solid, forcing Mora into incompletions and eventually a turnover on downs.

The only other Sorin threat came on their first drive of the game following Mora's 56-yard completion to Bailey. With Sorin looking to strike first, Zahm's defense stiffened and forced a 30-yard field goal attempt, which was blocked.

This was a microcosm of the game, as Sorin seemed to squander any opportunity that it had. Yet despite the disappointing outcome, Laviorini remained positive.

"I think that we have the ability to beat Zahm any other day, but we just didn't get it done this time around," he said.

Fisher 6, Knott 0

The men of Fisher Hall had much more on their minds this week than Sunday's interhall game against Knott.

Earlier this week the life of 23-year-old Tim Solic, a former Notre Dame student and Fisher resident,

was tragically cut short. Many members of the team flew to Pennsylvania on Friday to attend the funeral services. They dedicated their 6-0 win over the Juggerknotts to the memory of Solic.

The weather played a definite role in this defensive battle. A cold, rainy day slowed the passing attacks of both teams. Both quarterbacks, Fisher's Pat Gotabeski and Knott's Matt Whittington, were held to three completions apiece. Whittington was intercepted by Tom Hessert in the fourth quarter to seal the win for the Fishermen.

The game's only touchdown was scored on the first drive of the game when Kevin Rabil

broke loose in the end zone and came down with a 19-yard score. The extra point attempt failed, but Fisher already had all the points it would need. The pass was the culmination of a 65-yard march down the field in which Gotabeski passed for 40 yards and Tom Sullivan ran for 20. However, Sullivan went down with an ankle injury at the end of the drive and was unable to play for the remainder of the game.

Without Sullivan, Fisher turned to sophomore tailback Tom Bufalino to carry the offense. The big back had 12 carries, nine of them coming in the second half.

"The plan was to split time with Sullivan because of his bad ankle, but I didn't expect to see this much action," Bufalino said.

Despite his hard running, the Knott defense was able to hold Fisher in check as both teams were forced to punt six times in the second half.

Knott once again had a tough time on the offensive side of the ball, failing to score for the second straight week. A combination of inclement weather and poor field position kept the Juggerknotts from sniffing the goal line. Three times in the second half the team was pinned inside the 20-yard line to start its drive. With the passing game struggling, the team turned to running back Matt Segobiano. Other than big plays of 11 and 23 yards Segobiano was also bottled up by the inspired Fisher defense.

It was clear from the first snap that Fisher was determined to start off the season right and honor Solic with a win. However, in a postgame meeting the team was already looking forward to another tough game against Carroll next Sunday. Knott, which fell to 0-2 with the loss, has a week off to try to work the kinks out of its offense.

Carroll 6, Siegfried 0

In a rain-soaked affair on Sunday afternoon, Carroll topped Siegfried 6-0 for its first win of the season. It wasn't pretty but Carroll took advantage of enough Siegfried

mistakes to eke out a win.

The contest saw seven turnovers, a blocked punt and a blocked extra point.

Five of the turnovers were interceptions as the sloppy conditions led to a slippery ball and sloppy play.

But Carroll managed to punch one in the end zone — no easy task in this game.

An 18-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kory Wilmot to Paul Tassinari capped the game's lone scoring drive. After a scoreless first half and several failed possessions to begin the third, the Vermin finally managed to capitalize.

Mike Johnson's interception was followed by two Carroll first downs.

In the fourth quarter, Carroll was able to force a turnover — as Mike Johnson picked off a Siegfried pass — and run much of the remaining time off the clock. Wilmot repeatedly gave the ball to running back Mark Bennett, who ran for

several first downs. When Siegfried finally got the ball back, the Vermin defense made a strong stand. It refused to give up substantial yardage and forced a turnover on downs to guarantee a Carroll victory.

"We definitely won this game in the trenches," Wilmot said. "We controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball, which is very important on a day like today."

Carroll is looking forward to next weekend's game against rival Fisher.

"We wouldn't mind some better weather either," Wilmot said.

Siegfried looks ahead to next Sunday's showdown with Sorin.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Walsh set to face off against Lyons

By CHRIS HINE, JAY FITZPATRICK and TIM KAISER
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh are taking an unblemished record into a 7 p.m. Blue League contest with Lyons tonight, while the Lions are looking to get their season back on track at Riehle West Field.

Thus far, Walsh has defeated Lewis, 13-7, and Badin, 20-0. The defending champions are led by Mary Sullivan at quarterback. Sullivan is the Michael Vick of the Walsh offense, using both her legs and arm with equal effect.

On Sunday against Badin, Sullivan threw and ran for a touchdown. Walsh's offense also features Cigi Moore and Laurie Wasikowski at wideout.

Lewis held Sullivan in check for the first half last week, but as the defense crept up to prevent her from running, Sullivan found Wasikowski over the top for big gains. Once the defense dropped back, Sullivan used her legs to drive Walsh down the field.

Lyons opened the season in impressive fashion with a 20-0 win over Howard. Since then, however, Lyons can't quite find the right groove. It has lost consecutive games to Badin and Lewis.

"We're working on the things we need to fix," co-captain Katie Mackin said.

In the Lions' only win, receiver Jenny Delaney caught three touchdown passes from quarterbacks Kim Murphy and Lynn Truitt.

But Delaney and the rest of the Lions' receiving corps will be up against a tough Walsh secondary led by Julie Campbell, who has three interceptions in two games, including one returned for a touchdown. Also featured in the Walsh secondary are Kristen Keve and Patty Rose.

Walsh captain Mary Ellen Botta, who anchors the defensive line, is excited about her team's attitude.

"We are looking to keep up the strong defense and force turnovers," Botta said. "[We] like to give our offense good starting field position and see what they

can do."

Badin vs. Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh has not allowed a point in its first two games, and the Chaos are looking to continue their streak in a 9 p.m. game with Badin (1-1) at Riehle fields tonight.

Last week, the Chaos (2-0) won big over Howard, winning 24-0, with a strong running game and an adequate passing game. Cavanaugh demonstrated its offensive versatility against the Ducks, scoring twice through the air and twice with an option running game.

If Badin hopes to win, it will have to overpower a sturdy Chaos defense. In its last game, Cavanaugh defenders forced two interceptions and held Howard quarterbacks to 6-of-19 passing.

Cavanaugh had a bye this weekend and used the time to prepare for specific situations, as the Chaos were 0-for-4 on extra points last week against the Ducks.

"We know that a close game is going to come down to extra points, and we want to be able to succeed on them to win those games," Cavanaugh assistant coach Hunter Land said.

Badin hopes to rebound this week after a 20-0 loss to Walsh, but the Bullfrogs will have a difficult game against Cavanaugh, who has not lost a regular season game in over a year.

Badin has shown promise early this season, including a two-touchdown performance by freshman quarterback Katie Rose Hackney and a shutout in week one.

Despite the odds against Badin, the team is confident it can compete with a team like Cavanaugh. Part of the reason for the loss in the Walsh game was due to injuries and sickness on the part of key Bullfrogs players.

"Our defense held strong while our offense had trouble completing passes," Badin's Allison Lang said.

Howard vs. Lewis

The Howard Ducks and Lewis Chicks will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at Stepan Fields in a matchup some are calling, "The

Poultry Bowl."

Howard enters the game still in the hunt for its first win after tough losses to Lyons and Cavanaugh.

Sophomore Catherine Krug said her team has been practicing some new offensive strategy this week.

"We're looking for the offense to make some plays and for the defense to keep playing tough," Krug said.

Sophomore offensive and defensive lineman Lauren Gulley echoed the need for improvement on offense.

"The area to work on the most for us is offense," Gulley said. "Each player has to know their individual responsibilities and execute very well."

Gulley felt Howard's younger players, including freshman receiver Liz Pike, would make a greater impact in this game.

"We have a lot of freshman," Gulley said. "But now they know what to expect: the pace of the games, the level of competition of women's interhall flag football."

Lewis has the edge over Howard in record against common opponents — they also lost to Cavanaugh but beat Lyons.

Lewis also has lost to Walsh and is looking to bring its record to .500 with a victory. The Chicks will look to a strong senior class — including Kara Bailey, wide receiver Kati Kloon and captain and defender Julia Borke — to capture a win.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Lineman gives Weis verbal commitment

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame added a second offensive lineman to its recruiting class during the weekend as Eric Olsen became the 17th verbal commitment for the Irish this year.

A 6-foot-5, 298-pound lineman from Poly Prep School in Brooklyn, New York, Olsen will play offensive guard for Notre Dame, according to Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com.

"He's a good pickup," Frank said. "He comes from a good program. He's a big kid who likes to smack people around a little bit."

Most of the schools he looked at were similar, but Notre Dame stood out for Olsen because of its tradition.

"I was looking for the complete package," Olsen said. "I felt that it was everything I was looking for from the academic standpoint, the coaches and the environment. Plus, it had that mystique and tradition there. It was just awesome."

Frank said Olsen is in the "second wave" of offensive line recruits offered by the Irish coaching staff.

"He's not one of the top five

or six guys they offered," Frank said. "He was with the next group of guys that got offered. But he's hardly a second-tier type of guy."

Boston College, North Carolina, Miami, Maryland and Virginia were among the schools that also offered Olsen a scholarship, according to Irisheyes.com.

"Growing up I pulled for Notre Dame and also Miami and Boston College," Olsen said. "When it came down to it those were all in my top five. But Boston College was probably second."

Olsen made an unofficial visit to campus this summer when he attended the Notre Dame football camp. Irish coaches, players and the campus itself made a good impression on the lineman during his visit.

"Four or five days," he said. Offensive tackle Bartley Webb of Springdale, Ark. is the other line prospect to verbal to the Irish so far. He received four stars out of a possible five from Scout.com. Olsen received three stars.

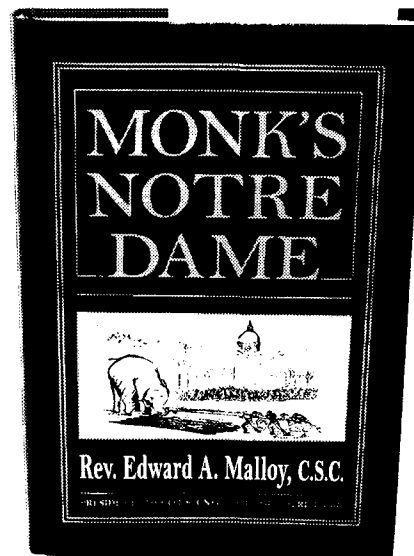
Olsen reports a 350-pound bench press and a 520-pound squat along with a 5.2 second time in the 40-yard dash.

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**Eric Olsen
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — BLUE LEAGUE

Wild Women run over Bullfrogs as Chicks tame Lions

By BECKI DORNER and JAMES FEGAN
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh were in top form despite the rain and water-logged conditions Sunday as they pulled off a 20-0 victory against the Badin Bullfrogs.

In the waning moments of the game, Laurie Wasikowski ran for her second touchdown to finish the scoring.

Taking the field after thwarting Badin's first possession, Walsh got off to a quick start with quarterback Mary Sullivan finding her receiver for a 35-yard completion that gave the Wild Women a prime opportunity to get on the board early.

On fourth down, Sullivan found Wasikowski in the end zone for the first touchdown of the evening then converted the extra point to give the Wild Women an early lead.

The momentum of that first early touchdown energized the Walsh defense.

It had been Julie Campbell's

interception against Lewis that secured their victory in last week's game, and she once again was a defensive stalwart, returning an interception from Badin quarterback Katie Rose Hackney for the second touchdown of the evening.

"You have to give credit to the Walsh defense," Hackney said.

Another returned interception would have earned an additional touchdown for the Wild Women had a holding penalty not been called.

Coming out of halftime, Badin attempted various options to combat Walsh's tight pass coverage. Several reverses run by captain Meg Charlebois caught the Walsh

defense off guard and resulted in significant gains for the Bullfrogs, yet Badin could not convert successfully.

Badin's defense also seemed reenergized after the half, with

several players earning sacks and holding Walsh to no touchdowns until about two minutes left in the game.

Despite the loss, the Bullfrogs are anxious to prove themselves in their upcoming match against Cavanaugh, a solid Blue League competitor coming off a big victory over Howard.

"We'll have to step it up for our next game," Hackney said.

The Wild Women have nothing but confidence after such a strong performance. Next they play Lyons, who Badin recently defeated 12-0.

Lewis 28, Lyons 0

After scoring just seven points in their first two games, the Lewis offense exploded behind Elisa Valdez's four touchdown passes Sunday and whipped the Lyons Lions 28-0.

"I'm very proud of the way we played on both sides of the ball,"

Chicks' coach Jay Murphy said.

The wet weather led to sloppy play by both teams. Both quarterbacks struggled to grip the ball and throw with any distance, and their receivers had just as much trouble catching their passes. The first half alone saw seven turnovers between the two teams. The difference in the game was Elisa Valdez's ability to settle down, as she threw two touchdown passes and no interceptions in the second half.

Rather than playing from behind as they did in their first two games, the Chicks took the ball the length of the field on the first possession of the game. Lewis kept up the momentum when Mia De La Rosa picked off Lynn Truitt on the next possession.

De La Rosa's interception fired up the Lewis defense, which proceeded to frustrate Lyons and force them to spend the rest of the first half cycling their two equally-ineffective quarterbacks. The Lewis offense then kicked into high gear and cruised to the victory.

The result was equally revealing for Lyons. After pummeling Howard in its opener, the Lions have looked flat.

The once-potent quarterback combination of Kim Murphy and Lynn Truitt threw four total interceptions Sunday.

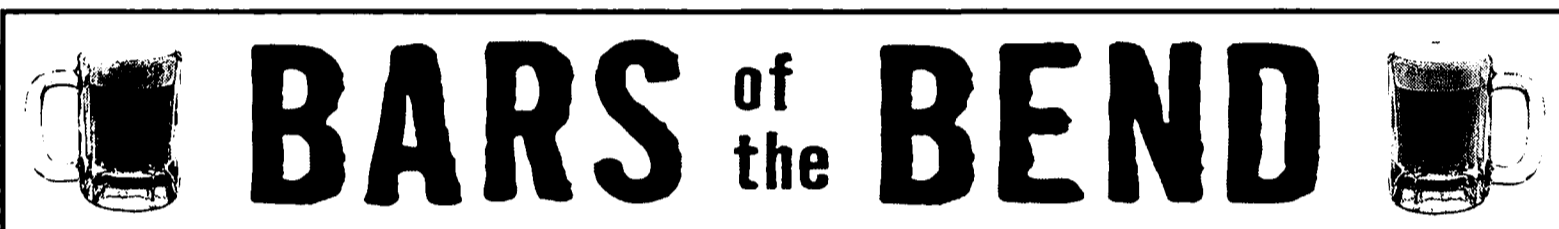
After catching three touchdowns in the opener, receiver Jenni Delaney didn't get any such opportunities, as the Lyons offense rarely entered Lewis territory.

"The execution just wasn't there today, but we look forward to seeing [Lewis] in the playoffs," Lyons coach John Harrington said.

Lyons quarterbacks were sacked five times; with two each coming from Chicks ends Alexandra Persely and Kate Erdle.

Lyons was held to five yards rushing all game, as all of their attempts on reverses and options were stifled.

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done the best they can. Notre Dame played a Sunday match and just now turned its focus towards tonight.

"Today, we scouted," Stasiuk said. "We had film. We went over their hitters and part of their offense. But basically, we practiced our offense a lot."

The Irish have not overlooked the Ramblers, but they haven't worried, either. They respect their opponent but realize as long as they play their game, they're fine.

"We have to get better at

playing average teams," Stasiuk said. "That was one of the things Coach Brown said ... we have to control our side of the net no matter what team we're playing."

The Irish came into the week as the only team in the nation to rank in the top-15 in both blocks (8) and digs (14).

Today's road trip to Chicago for a 7 p.m. match begins a grueling stretch for the Irish, but also a stretch they are willing and ready to handle.

"We're all ready to go," Stasiuk said. "We're energized."

Besides an Oct. 5 home match, the Irish won't play in the state of Indiana until Oct.

21, with seven of their next eight matches away from home.

Despite Loyola's 3-9 overall record, Notre Dame knows it's in for a dogfight, and it knows it cannot take the Horizon League team lightly.

The Irish have put together a solid week after their first loss of the season against LSU. After playing a sloppy tournament that weekend — barely beating Tulane and getting handled by the spirited LSU squad — the Irish are determined to play at their own level.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles to host Tri-State in MIAA competition

Team will face a much-improved squad in conference match

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Julie Schroeder-Biek is done judging a team by its record. The veteran Belles coach knows better than that.

This season, her team has faced teams with records of 1-7, 2-7, 2-9 and 3-12. Saint Mary's is 2-2 in those contests, and the losses were not due to poor play on the part of Belles.

The opponents have simply been much better than the records have indicated.

That's why the Belles expect a tough match tonight when they host Tri-State University, a team that went 0-16 in the MIAA last season, including two losses to Saint Mary's.

"Every team in this league is going to be competitive," Schroeder-Biek said. "You can't overlook anybody. We have to be ready."

Under new coach Sarah Steele, Tri-State is 7-5 with a 1-3 conference record.

The Thunder have shown vast improvement as their younger players have matured and gained experience. Tri-State lost only one player from last year's team.

The Thunder split two matches over the weekend, defeating Kalamazoo 3-1 and losing to Albion 3-2.

Like the Thunder, the Belles are much improved. They have shown maturity and mental toughness, especially in five-game matches — in which they are 3-1.

With solid attacking from Kristen Playko, strong blocking from Shelly Bender, tough defense from Anne Cusack and the emergence of Amanda David as setter, the Belles have already surpassed last season's win total.

Saint Mary's enters tonight's contest on a two-game losing streak after dropping conference matches to Calvin and Alma Saturday. Saint Mary's played well in spurts during the weekend, especially in the final two games of the Alma match, but it was not enough to win.

Schroeder-Biek said developing consistency will be key to the Belles' success tonight.

"[On Saturday] we didn't pass consistently, the timing on our blocks was off and we had some trouble communicating," she said. "We didn't play poorly, we just need to focus on the little things to improve our game."

This is a crucial game for the Belles, who hope to move up in the MIAA standings from their current 8th-place slot. Tri-State is 7th in the conference.

Tonight marks the Belles' second-to-last conference home match.

With a number of tough road matches ahead, Saint Mary's will need to take advantage of the limited number of games remaining at the Angela Athletic Center. The Belles are 2-4 in home matches this year.

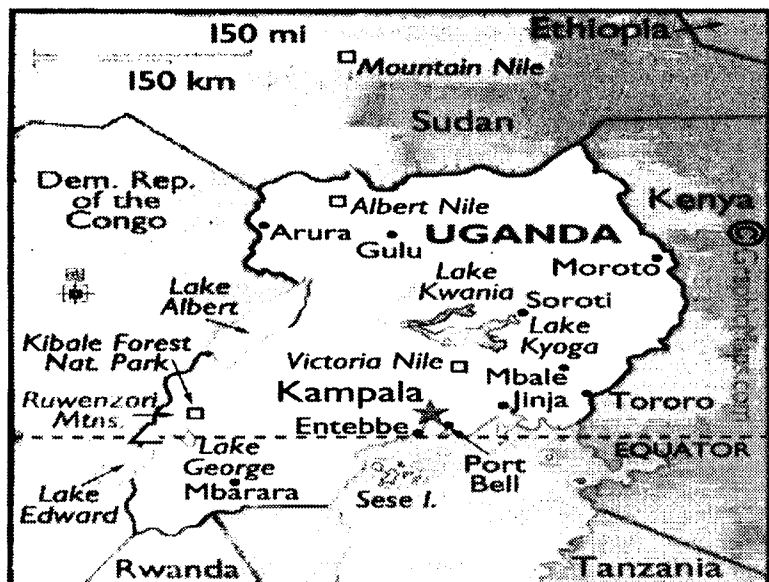
Following tonight's contest, the Belles will step out of conference to face Bethel College at home Saturday.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Solid defenses dominate three games in week two

Morrissey wins close contest with O'Neill; Dillon tops Keenan

By JAY FITZPATRICK, JASON GALVAN and GREG ARGOBAST

Sports Writers

Morrissey tailback Nick Klein ran for a 5-yard touchdown, the game's only score, at the beginning of the fourth quarter to lead Morrissey past O'Neill, 6-2, Sunday.

Near the end of the third quarter, the Morrissey defense stopped O'Neill's drive short with a fumble, giving the Manor field position deep inside O'Neill territory. A consistent Manor running game moved the ball 25 yards, culminating in the Klein touchdown.

O'Neill got the ball back at their own 35, but could not move the Manor defense.

A failed fourth and long gave Morrissey the ball at the O'Neill 36 with under 3 minutes to play. A crucial fourth-and-inches conversion by Manor quarterback Mike Spencer gave Morrissey the ability to kneel on the ball and let time — and the Mob's comeback hopes — expire.

Although Morrissey failed to make the two-point conversion, the six points were enough to win because of Morrissey's airtight defense.

"Our defense definitely excelled out there today," Manor captain Klein said. Morrissey's defense forced two turnovers, the fumble that led to the touchdown and an interception, and blocked a 30-yard field goal attempt as time ran out in the first half.

The Morrissey defense registered a shutout, as the only points O'Neill was able to put up were against the Manor's offense. With less than three

minutes remaining in the second quarter, Mob lineman Robert Ladd was able to sack Spencer in the end zone for the safety.

O'Neill's defense also performed well in the game, recording the safety, blocking a 41-yard field goal attempt and forcing a turnover — an interception by defensive back Pat Conley.

"We played good defense out there, but we need to cut down on sloppy tackles," O'Neill coach Mike Milligan said. "We were arm tackling too much out there."

O'Neill's offense also boasted a strong running game, led by tailback Braden Turner, which worked consistently well against the Manor in the first half.

O'Neill has a bye next week but plays Keough in two weeks. Morrissey will play Keough next week.

Dillon 13, Keenan 8

The Keenan Knights came up just short on their final drive and lost their first game of the season to the Dillon Big Red Sunday.

Keenan fell behind by five when Dillon quarterback Kenny Cushing connected with A.J. Cedeno for a 15-yard touchdown pass early in the fourth quarter.

After the Big Red missed the extra point, the Knights took the ball back at their own 35 but fumbled on the first play of the drive. The Big Red were then in position to put the game away after the Keenan turnover but failed to move the ball and convert on fourth down inside the red zone.

Keenan took over with less than two minutes to go in the contest at their 16-yard line. The Knights took to the air

and moved downfield to their 48 behind two completions from quarterback Rob Coly. Play was delayed, however, when a Dillon player had to be taken off the field in an ambulance. The player was down on the field for several minutes before an emergency crew arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

With only a minute to go, the Knights drove to the Dillon 25 with two more key completions and seemed to seal the victory when Coly connected with one of his receivers in the end zone. However, the Knights were called for offensive pass interference and, after being moved back to the 40-yard line, the Dillon defense held its ground and did not allow another completion.

Dillon captain Romeo Acosta was pleased with his team's performance.

"This was a completely different game from last week," Acosta said. "We just really came together out there as a team."

The Big Red offense was anchored with a strong performance by running back Alex Duffy, who had 110 yards on the ground and rushed for a touchdown.

"Last week we had a few things go wrong, but we really got it together and just played well," Duffy said.

Nearly all of the Dillon offensive production came from their rushing attack.

"We went back to the run

and just played classic Dillon football," Acosta said.

The Dillon offense set the tone for the game early on with a 12-play opening drive, resulting in a Duffy touchdown run. The Big Red were able to move the ball efficiently in two other drives to control the ball for most of the game and wear down the defending champion Knights' defense.

The Knights took the lead early in the third quarter with a Dan Zanker touchdown reception but were unable to consistently establish the run against a stingy Dillon defense. Keenan captain Vince Lyzinski noted that his team's main problem was attitude.

"We came out flat and just got outplayed," Lyzinski said. "They were ready, we weren't. We need to get that intensity back, especially with a tough team like Stanford up next on the schedule."

Alumni 9, Keough 9

Special teams hurt Alumni early, but they came through late to enable the Dawgs to gain a 9-9 tie with the Kangaroos of Keough Sunday.

Alumni kicker Andrew Breslin converted a 36-yard field goal with less than six minutes left to play to tie the game.

"I was confident in Andrew," Alumni captain Ryan McGettigan said. "He always makes long field goals for us."

Breslin's field goal proved to be the final score of the game as Alumni was unable to capitalize off a late Keough fumble which leaves the Dawgs wondering what might have been had they converted the extra point on their first touchdown

of the game.

Breslin was responsible for that touchdown, as well.

Lining up to punt in the first quarter, Breslin couldn't find the handle on a slippery ball. Undeterred, he turned the botched punt to his advantage as he scrambled making multiple Keough defenders miss on his way to a 70 yard touchdown run.

Keough's offense consisted of handing the ball to freshman running back Mike Anello early and often.

Anello accounted for nearly all of the yards gained by the Kangaroo offense, including their lone touchdown, an 80-yard scamper to put the Kangaroos up 9-6 before halftime. This play completed a huge momentum shift in Keough's favor. It came on the first play after Dorian Inzunza sacked Alumni quarterback Kerger Truesbell for a safety immediately following a goal line stand by the Dawg defense.

Sunday's result didn't help either Alumni or Keough as both teams now stand at 0-1-1. To make the playoffs, each team needs to win their last two games. Keough plays Morrissey and O'Neill while Alumni plays Dillon and Stanford.

"We're a good run-stopping team, and Dillon mainly runs the ball," said McGettigan. "We just have to take it one game at a time."

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shirts, hats and stuff," hoping to make the child feel a little better.

It worked.

"I was able to get a couple smiles out of him," Weis said. "His mom got to take a couple pictures. She said it was the first time he really smiled in about three months."

Weis informed his players of the meeting Wednesday, using Montana as an example of who they represent as Notre Dame football players.

"To watch a kid that's 10 years old only get a smile to his face because of his passion and love for Notre Dame football, that's really a good moral to tell your own players," Weis said. "It's not just the University they're representing, it's all the people who support that University."

During their encounter, Weis asked Montana if there was

anything he could do for him. The boy requested a pass to the right on the first play of the game and Weis obliged.

After being notified of Montana's death Thursday evening in Washington, Weis talked on the phone with Rockne. He promised to deliver an autographed football to the Mazurkiewicz household, which he did Sunday afternoon.

The situation inspired Weis to reflect on his own children.

"To watch a kid that's 10 years old only smile ... because of his passion and love for Notre Dame football, that's a really good moral to tell your own players."

Charlie Weis head coach

12-year old Charlie and 10-year old Hannah.

"Knowing that I would do anything in the world for my kids, to watch this 10-year old ... and the only thing that could get a smile out of him was the head coach from Notre Dame sitting there talking about Notre Dame football, it makes me feel really good that I went over there."

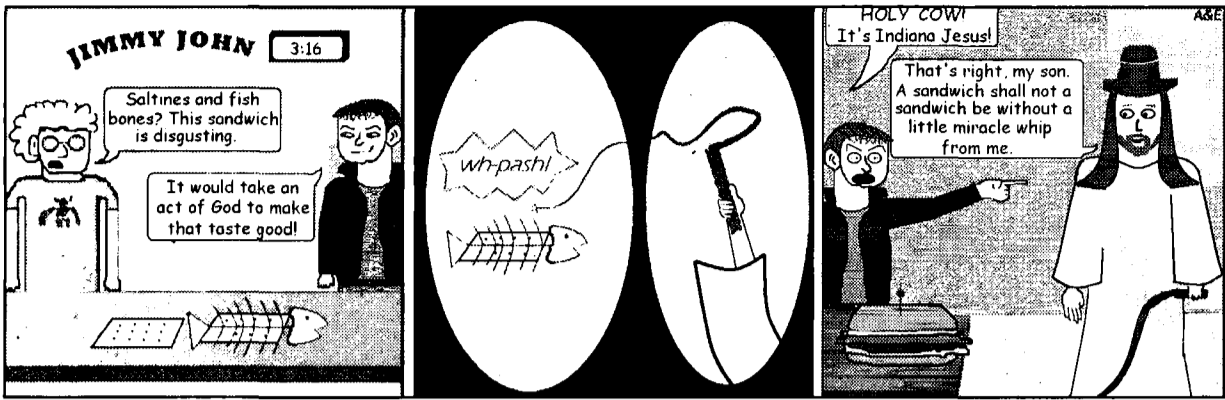
"I hope he's smiling in heaven right now."

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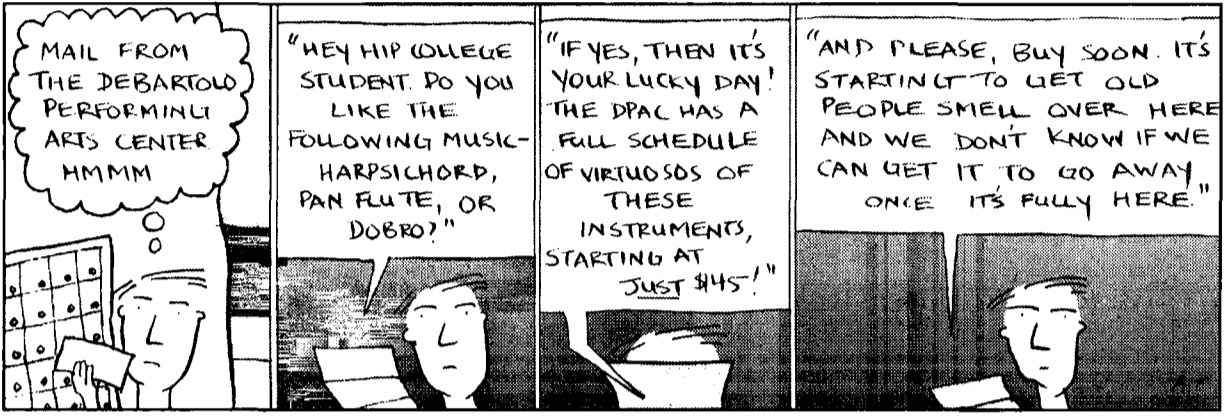
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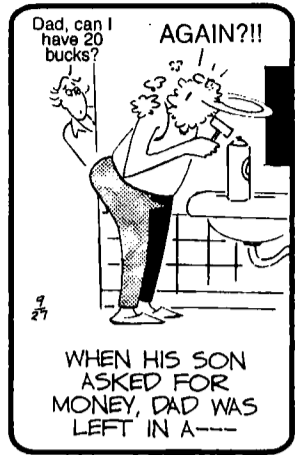
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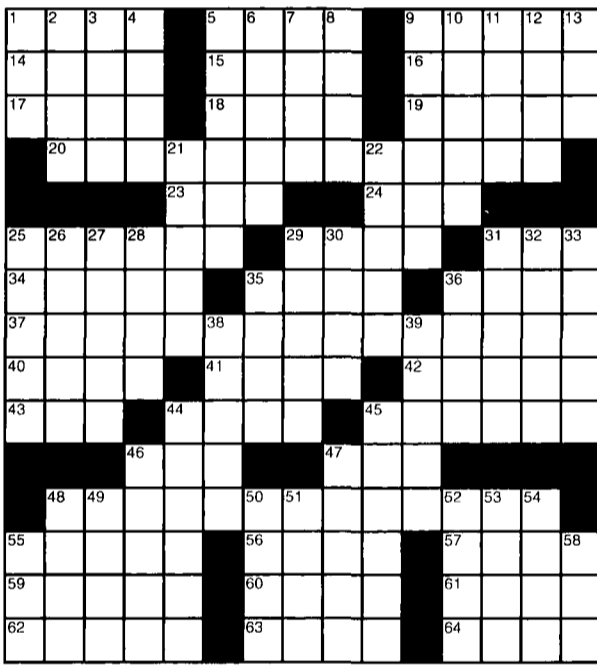
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Happy Birthday: This can be the start of a really good time for you if you are industrious and can pull together the ideas you've had over the years but haven't gotten off the ground. Make adjustments that will help you move to the next level. Your discipline will allow you more success than you've had in the past. Your numbers are 3, 8, 10, 19, 23, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Too much is happening and, although you thrive on hectic schedules, it will be a bit much even for you. Sort through what you can and can't accomplish. Don't let your emotions stand in your way. ** TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Everything will depend on how you get along with other people today. A love relationship will be a little deceptive. Keep your eyes wide open so you don't miss any underlying signals. **** GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It will be hard to control your emotions regarding money or children. The more you do to help others, the better. Don't let your past hold you hostage. It's time to move forward. *** CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't even think about discussing your personal problems today. You will have enough trouble keeping the peace without raising emotional issues. Go out of your way to be accommodating. ** LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on your home and what you can do to make it more comfortable or entertaining. Sudden changes regarding your finances look good. A problem may be more difficult to deal with than first anticipated. *** VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's what you do with your time that counts. Don't hesitate to go after a deal that has been difficult to close in the past. Get all details in writing. **** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not meddle in the personal affairs of friends or family. Someone you work with may not be very complimentary. Stand up for yourself, but don't retaliate. ** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get different points of view before you proceed with a long-term project. You'll get a chance to spend some romantic time with someone you love. Problems with authority figures may set you back. ***** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't try to impress others by being a big spender. Budget tightly so you aren't caught short at month's end. Emotional problems will flare up if you owe someone money and he or she wants to collect. *** CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Nothing will go according to plan. Be prepared to change direction midway. Problems with colleagues will confuse you. A partnership may not turn out as you had hoped. ** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have all sorts of chances to turn things around today. Your ability to take nothing and turn it into something will surprise everyone around you. *** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will see some unique developments if you make a few changes to your home or to yourself. Get out and have fun with the one you love or, if you are single, connect with someone special. *****

Birthday Baby: You have a stylish way of presenting who you are and what you can do. You are easy to approach and very persuasive. You are a team player, but you usually end up being the leader.

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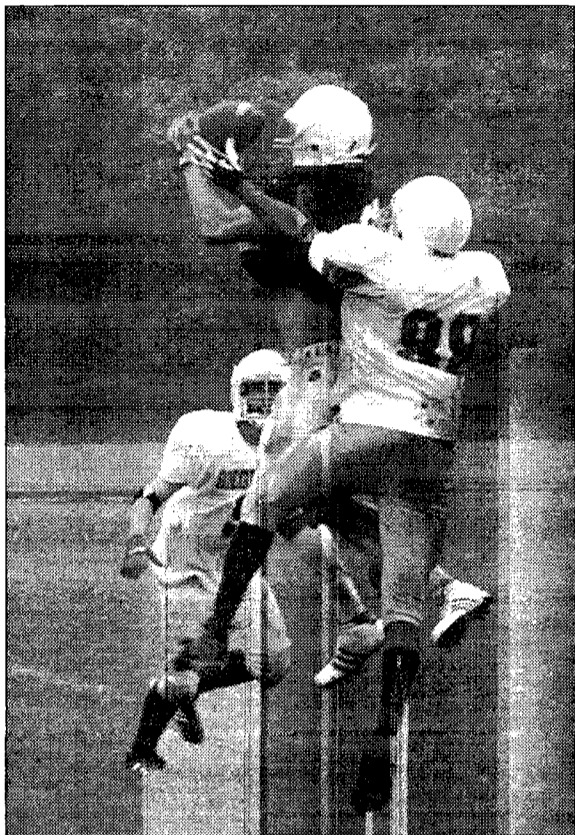
Defenses lead Zahm, Fisher and Carroll to solid Sunday wins

By COLIN REIMER, DAN MURPHY and FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

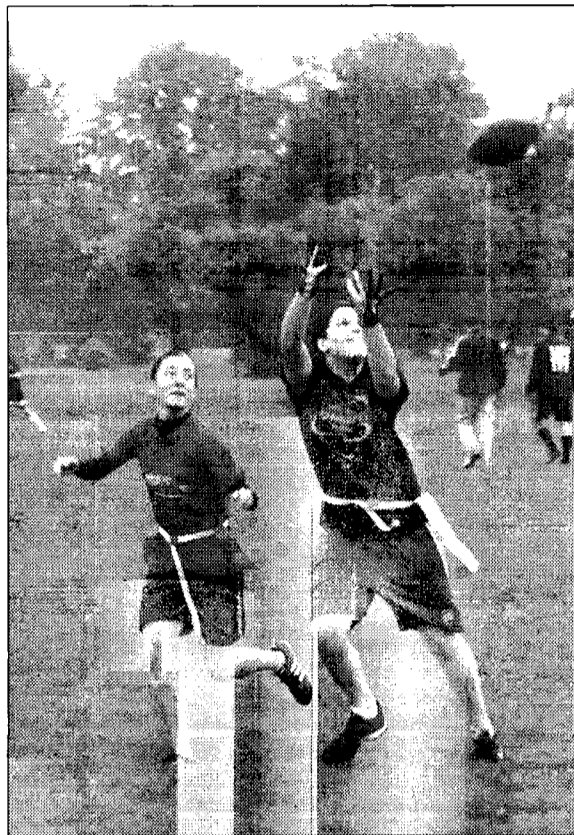
In tight, defensive battles, the winner is usually decided by special teams and turnovers, and whether or not the opponent can capitalize on them. Zahm did just that Sunday, recovering two Sorin fumbles and dominating on special teams en route to a 12-0 victory.

On a rain-soaked afternoon, Bats quarterback Sean Wieland completed 6-of-12 passes for 73 yards and two second quarter touchdowns, both to wide receiver Jake Richardville to provide the only scoring for the contest.

Meanwhile, the stellar Zahm defense contained Sorin's spread attack throughout the game and had constant pressure on Otter quarterback Stu Mora. The Bats' special teams also came through in the clutch, blocking a first quarter field goal and also springing punt returner/running back Theo Ossei-Anto for a huge return that set up Zahm's sec-



A Carroll receiver, left, elevates and catches a pass against Siegfried during Carroll's 6-0 win Sunday. Right, a Welsh player extends to catch a touchdown pass in Welsh's 16-12 victory.



SOFIA BALLON and GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

ond score.

The big story was the weather, though, as both teams struggled to adapt to the slippery ball. There were several botched snaps on both

sides, but it was Zahm that was able to capitalize.

Following a scoreless first quarter, Sorin started deep in its own territory. But, playing in a shotgun set they

seemed uncomfortable with all day, the Otters botched a snap, which Zahm recovered on Sorin's 24 yard line. Zahm

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Welsh Family stops the Pyros; McGlinn shuts out Pangborn

By DREW FONTANA and DIEDRE KRASULA
Sports Writers

Pasquerilla East quarterback Leslie Follmer's pass fell to the ground in the corner of the end zone Sunday, taking with it Pasquerilla East's hopes as the Pyros lost, 16-12, to Welsh Family at the West Quad fields.

Follmer drove her team nearly the length of the field in the final minutes. On fourth and goal, needing a touchdown to win, Follmer lofted a pass toward the corner of the end zone and the ball fell incomplete just beyond the reach of two Pyro receivers.

The Whirlwinds took the lead when freshman Jenni Gargola caught a pass from quarterback Melissa Sands in stride and sprinted the rest of the way to the end zone. This was just one play after Megan Conway, a Pyro wideout, caught a touchdown pass after a long Pasquerilla East drive to put the Pyros up 12-8.

At halftime the score stood at

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FOOTBALL

Weis grants a young Irish fan's final wish

10-year-old boy from Mishawaka called for 'pass right' before death

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Faced with first-and-10 from his own 1-yard line, Charlie Weis had a decision to make. Should he listen to his coaching instincts and run up the middle, creating room for the Irish offense to maneuver? Or should he listen to Montana?

The Notre Dame head coach chose the latter.

With a suggestion from

Montana Mazurkiewicz, the Irish ran a bootleg right in the first play of Saturday's game against Washington, resulting in a 13-yard completion from Irish quarterback Brady Quinn to tight end Anthony Fasano.

Sadly, Mazurkiewicz did not live to see the play. The 10-year old Mishawaka boy died Thursday from brain cancer.

Weis had received word from the University that the boy, named after legendary Irish quarterback Joe Montana and a passionate Notre Dame fan, was near-death, the coach said at his press conference Sunday.

So Weis stopped by the Mazurkiewicz's house last Wednesday to visit with Montana, his brother Rockne and his mother Cathy. He brought with him "a couple T-

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Team set for match with Loyola

Irish hope to improve play from weekend series with Seton Hall

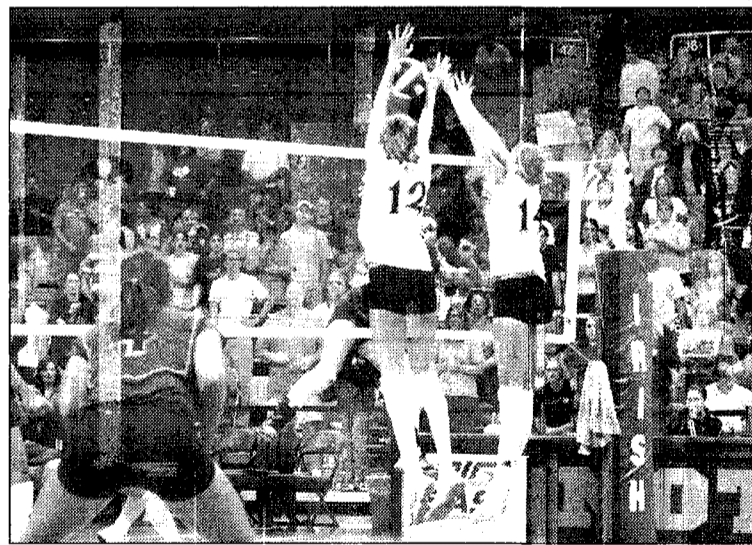
By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

It's time they step up.

Sophomore libero/outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk knows it, and her teammates know it, too.

The Irish feel they may have played down to the level of their competition so far this season. And while Notre Dame swept by Seton Hall Sunday afternoon, the Irish know they can do better.

"We really were focusing on our side of the net and not so much their side of the net [at practice today]," said Stasiuk, who has provided a major boost to her team since returning from an off-season



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Lauren Brewster, left, and Justine Stremick combine on a block during Notre Dame's victory over Seton Hall Sunday.

injury.

Notre Dame (8-1, 1-0 Big East) will face Loyola-Chicago (3-9, 2-0 Horizon League) on the road in Alumni Gym in the midweek non-conference

clash.

While the Irish have had only a day to prepare for tonight's match, they have

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Tri-State at Saint Mary's

The Belles will face a conference foe tonight at the Angela Athletic Center.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Blue League

Walsh pounds Badin, 20-0, behind Laurie Wasikowski's two-touchdown performance.

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Irish coach Charlie Weis is disappointed with the team's tendency to give up big plays.

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The Vols erased a 21-point halftime deficit to beat the No. 4 team in the country

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Irish sailors take third place at invitational in New York City.

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