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Newly-proposed increase attracts support

Rising student activities fee consistent trend over the past 10 years

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

While the Student Senate's proposed \$15 increase in Notre Dame's student activities fee to implement the College Readership Program provoked debate last week, fee increases have been fairly standard procedure during the past 10 years.

The current \$80 fee was set during 2002, according to the

2004 University Factbook. This was a \$15 increase from the previous \$65 fee. In 1998, the fee increased from \$55 to \$65.

The Academic Affairs committee presented this data alongside statistics tracking the annual tuition percentage increase and annual inflation rate at last Wednesday's Senate meeting to explain why an increase in the student activities fee is necessary.

"It is important to note that inflation has picked up in the past four years," the committee's conclusion said. "Inflation has decreased the buying power of student groups and organizations by about \$8 since 2002."

The current inflation rate, cited by the U.S. Department of Labor as 3.0 percent, has increased steadily since the 1.6 percent rate in 2002. The rate has been a factor driving past fee increases, which have always faced debate.

In 2002, Senate rejected a fee increase that proposed an initial \$10 increase accompanied by five subsequent yearly \$5 raises. After facing backlash about the need to help cash-strapped clubs, Senate approved the one-time \$15 increase, which went through the Campus Life Council and Vice President of Student

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Senate members discuss the proposed \$15 fee increase, which would cover the College Readership program for the University.

Some colleges outpace others in research

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two part series examining the presence and future of undergraduate research within different colleges at Notre Dame.

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

While undergraduate research in some of Notre Dame's colleges is widespread or growing, it is still difficult for undergraduates to be involved in faculty research in some areas of the University, administrators said.

Science

Undergraduate involvement in research is relatively common in the College of Science, according to associate dean Mitchell Wayne. Wayne said a number of students sign up for research credit and are involved in some capacity in faculty laboratories. Wayne also said

some students are funded through faculty grants.

"We strongly encourage students, especially students who think they are going on to graduate school, to do research," he said.

Assistant professor of physics Philippe Collon said about 25 percent of physics majors are "involved in one form or another in active undergraduate research."

Wayne said the college is talking about developing a new position to coordinate all of the research opportunities available to undergraduates, perhaps through a database. He also said the department does not have "a continuing means of support" to fund students who attend conferences or present their work.

Wayne said he and other members of the college are very supportive of University President Father John Jenkins' emphasis on

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DUSTIN MINELLA/The Observer

Junior Greg Naylor works on his research project. University President Father John Jenkins wants to increase undergraduate involvement in research.

He's money: Vaughn and company fill Stepan



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Comedian Vince Vaughn puts actor Keir O'Donnell in a headlock during their act in Saturday night's "Wild West" Comedy show.

Comedy show sells out, entertains students

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

The Stepan Center was wild with laughter Saturday night as actor Vince Vaughn brought four acclaimed comedians and three special guests to campus for a sold-out two-hour "Wild West" comedy show.

Vaughn emceed the event, which began with Ahmed Ahmed, a comedian originally from Egypt who joked about his difficulties as an Arab American — especially in terms of getting on an airplane.

Following Ahmed was the

first guest of the night, producer Peter Billingsley. Billingsley played Ralphie Parker in the 1983 film "A Christmas Story" and is one of Vaughn's best friends. The two acted out a scene from an ABC After School Special they acted in together, in which a young Vaughn confronted Billingsley about steroid abuse.

Sebastian Maniscalco then took the stage and generated big responses with jokes ranging from shopping at a lousy store to having a "text message war."

Vaughn's second guest was

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SMC to offer new programs

College introduces two abroad options

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students with an itch to travel have two new opportunities to do so this year — for class credit.

In addition to the 15 semester, semester-break, year and summer study abroad programs already being offered at the College, students can now choose either the Comparative Women's Studies in Europe — provided by Antioch College in Ohio — or Business Internships in the European Union.

"Saint Mary's is very gradually and thoughtfully expanding study abroad options to best meet the needs and interests of our students," said Elaine Meyer-Lee, director of International and Intercultural Learning at the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

Astrid Henry, coordinator and assistant professor for Women's Studies at the College and the director of the Women's Studies in Europe option, said students who are enrolled in the fall-based program will travel to four or five different countries, studying with feminist scholars and activists from each.

The program, which began at Antioch College in 1984, was approved for Saint Mary's in spring 2004 by the CWIL International Study Committee and the Curriculum Committee. It examines the trends and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Stan caused damage

Students at Notre Dame, particularly during midterms, rarely have enough time to watch the news — so it is not surprising the student body is not entirely aware of the catastrophic effects of Hurricane Stan in Central America the last few days.

Marcella Berrios

The footage of Guatemala and El Salvador, replayed in the news, is reminiscent of Hurricane Katrina — except the victims this time around are farmers and villagers, and the homes destroyed were not located along Bourbon Street, but on the Central American countryside.

Wire Editor

More disastrously, though, these homes were not made of concrete, but rather of mud and clay.

Hurricane Stan, though not as potent as Katrina, has had an equally devastating effect, as the infrastructure in these countries is not designed to resist a hurricane.

After a week of incessant rain, the streets of San Salvador are flooded, partly because the city's drainage system dates back to 1920, and has not received significant maintenance since.

Houses are built irresponsibly, positioned along hills and mountains that may pose the threat of mudslides. In 2001, two earthquakes caused the side of a hill to collapse, burying an entire neighborhood.

The tragic scene repeated itself in 2005, when a mudslide in Guatemala came over the Mayan village of Panabaj like an avalanche. Rescuers are likely to declare the site a mass grave, as they expect all 1,400 of the village's residents to be dead.

Mayan Indians place great importance on the proper burial rituals of their loved ones, but once again, they are powerless in the face of a natural disaster that has already claimed their homes and crops.

In El Salvador, more than 60,000 people have lost their homes and work.

Hurricane Katrina is still fresh in the memories of Notre Dame students, and though it may feel as if we just contributed to a similar cause, the truth is that the Guatemalan and Salvadoran people need as much help — and as urgently — as the residents of New Orleans did.

This is not the time to dwindle in our efforts to provide a helping hand to those who need it.

The earthquake that took the lives of 20,000 Pakistanis over the weekend is yet another painful reminder that our responsibility of solidarity to those less fortunate never ends.

There will be fundraisers for both the South Asian and Central American victims in the coming days, and if one were to come across any one of them outside the elevator in LaFortune or at the USC game, one should spare no expense.

I, too, am a college student — perpetually bankrupt — but I can spare a dollar or two, and though it may not seem much at first, it will eventually add up to a significant amount if everybody else also contributes a dollar or two.

Open up your wallets, Notre Dame. Because the wrath of Mother Nature did not end in Louisiana, and there are still thousands of people who desperately need help.

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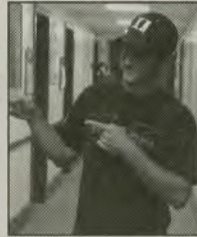
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO OVER THE FOOTBALL BYE WEEKEND?



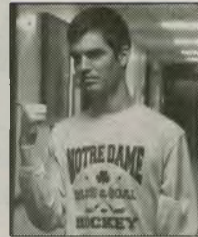
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"I just went and had fun."



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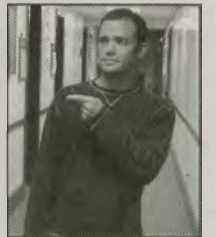
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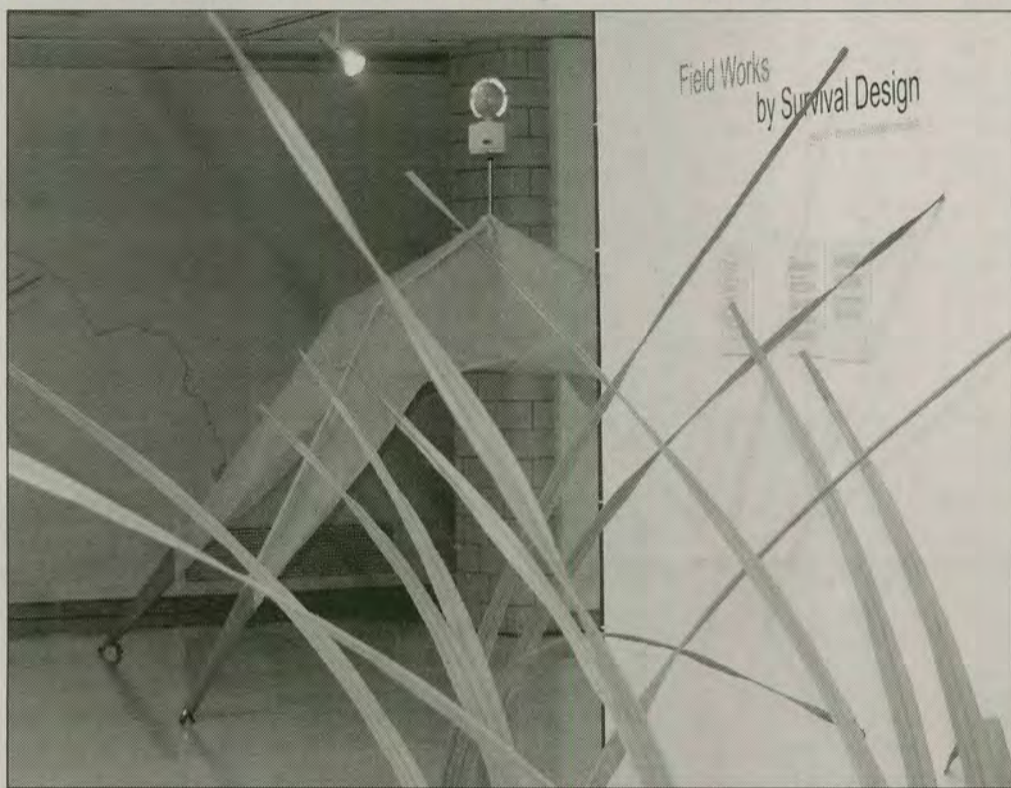
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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

A new interactive art exhibit stands in front of Little Theater in Moreau Hall at Saint Mary's. The works feature giant grass and tents for students to walk through.

IN BRIEF

An Oktoberfest Run/Walk will be held at Saint Mary's today to support breast cancer research. Registration begins at 4 p.m. in front of the Angela Athletic Facility. The race begins at 5 p.m. There is a minimum \$5 donation to register for the race and shirts are also available for \$10.

The Straight and Gay Alliance will sponsor a panel discussion focusing on "The Process of Coming Out" today at 5:30 p.m. in Dalloway's. Lesbian and bisexual alumnae and current students will discuss sexual identity and the campus environment as part of the "National Coming Out Day" festivities.

Welsh Family Hall will honor Hispanic Heritage Month today with a talk on "Immigration and Social Justice" by Associate Director of Latino Studies Allert Brown-Gort. The lecture is open to the public and will take place at 8 p.m. in Welsh Family Hall's lounge.

Dr. Richard Jackson, professor of environmental health at UCB School of Public Health and former director of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health and Health Officer for California, will give a lecture titled "Urban Sprawl and Public Well-Being: How Urban Planners and Architects are Health Leaders" today from 4:30 p.m. to 6. The event will be held in the School of Architecture Auditorium in 104 Bond Hall.

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

OFFBEAT

Police looking for missing giant cow

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — A full-size fiberglass cow was swiped from a Chick-fil-A billboard overlooking an interstate in eastern Virginia.

"It's kind of funny," said Mark Baldwin, a spokesman for Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A Inc. "But it's still a crime."

Tuesday, workers for Adams Outdoor Advertising noticed that one of two black-and-white cows had vanished from the 50-foot-high billboard along Interstate 464 in Chesapeake. It's the first time Chick-fil-A has lost a local cow, though about a dozen have been stolen in other

parts of the country.

Authorities have been notified. The cows cost \$3,200 — which makes stealing them a felony.

Keith Krause of Adams says he can't figure out how someone stole the 500-pound cow.

But Krause joked about a possible suspect, since the Chick-fil-A billboards often have cows painting a self-serving "Eat Chikin" message.

"Could this be a case of fowl play?" he asked.

Newlyweds met while fleeing hurricane

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —

Talk about a whirlwind romance.

Howard Chenevert and Julie Morgan met at a staging area for evacuees of Hurricane Katrina beside Interstate 10 after floodwaters forced them from their New Orleans homes. They got to know each other on a bus ride to a shelter in Houston.

They got married on Sept. 19 in Lake Charles, La., where a relative offered them a place to stay until Hurricane Rita closed in.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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CCC works to fairly distribute club funding

Council, led by president Beth O'Shaughnessy, regulates which clubs receive club status, controls budget, hears appeals

By ALICIA CONLEY
News Writer

With the proposed rise in student activities fees, some students may wonder where their hard-earned cash will be going each year — but the Club Coordination Council (CCC) can account for that money.

The CCC controls University funding for clubs and regulates which clubs receive club status and which do not. Council president senior Beth O'Shaughnessy said the CCC's biggest responsibility is to distribute student activities fees to clubs.

"Once a year, in the spring, clubs apply for funding for the next year's operation," O'Shaughnessy said.

Student activities fees, which make up the funding the Council gives to clubs, "come from tuition, fundraisers and donations, but the biggest portion comes from The Shirt," O'Shaughnessy said.

Of the hundreds of thousands of dollars raised through the selling of The Shirt every year, the CCC gets a percentage. The rest of the proceeds are distributed to the Rector Fund, which helps students with unexpected expenses, and to other campus organizations.

Junior Joe Molosky, the Council controller, said the Council uses funds from The Shirt to finance student clubs. Molosky handles the financial side of the CCC's activities — or

as he put it, "making sure people's budgets are correct."

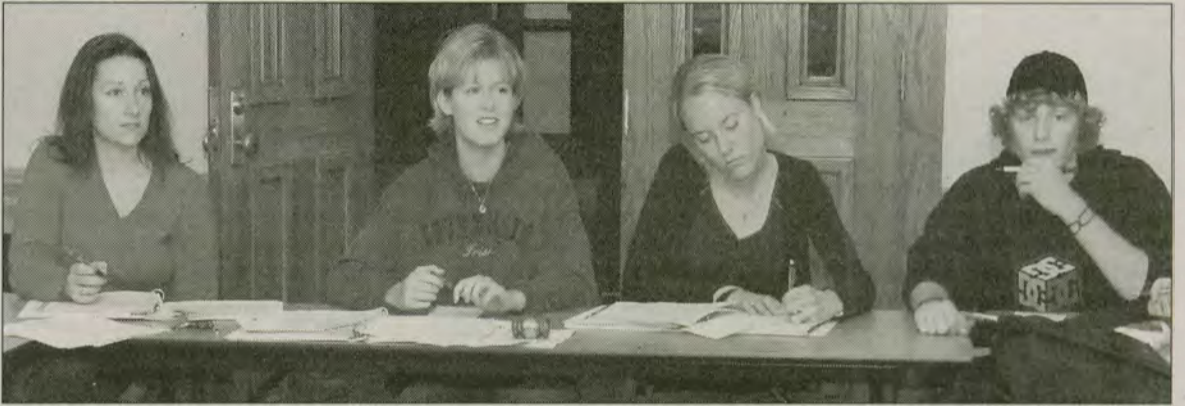
The busiest time of the year for the Council is during allocation season, during which clubs request the money they will need for their next year's activities. The allocation process is very time-consuming and demanding for Council representatives, and starts fairly early.

"In February clubs submit a budget and a list of officers so we know who to contact," O'Shaughnessy said. "They list what they spent through that academic year and what they want to spend in the next year."

Division Chairs then meet with the club and then report back to the entire Council and say how much funding they want overall.

Molosky then attends a meeting of the Financial Management Board (FMB) with the other student organizations on campus and based on what the Division Chairs have told him they need requests a certain budget for the Council. The FMB, which allocates the money, tells Molosky how much it can afford to give to the Council. Molosky takes this number back to the Council, and the money is then divided up among the divisions, which split it among their own clubs.

Last year, for example, the Council asked the FMB for \$349,000 and received \$283,000. As president, O'Shaughnessy said she feels her "biggest task is representing clubs to the Financial Management Board."



SOPHIA BALLON/The Observer

Members of the CCC meet to hear appeals by both clubs requesting a change in their budget and those who wish to achieve official club status at the University.

Clubs can also make appeals to the Council during the year for loans and money for unexpected expenses and activities they were not planning on doing during allocation season. For example, "the figure skating club appealed for funding to go to nationals," O'Shaughnessy said.

CCC representatives hold office hours so "club leaders can come with questions and the representatives can help them find answers," O'Shaughnessy said. "There's lots of paperwork involved in holding an event, and it helps to have someone there to go and ask."

In order to be a University-recognized club, a group has to meet certain requirements, Molosky said. Groups applying for club status are given a small amount of money and then put on probation for a year. After a year they are voted on by the

Council, and if they are approved they receive club status.

Some clubs get more money than others. For example, Circle K and Habitat for Humanity get a larger share of the money because they are big groups and sponsor many activities, Molosky said.

O'Shaughnessy said some clubs do not receive any money from the University, but "maintain club status for access to resources that aren't necessarily financial." For example, club status enables a group to rent out space for activities that other organizations do not have access to.

Faculty advisor to the Council Amy Geist described her job as including "anything from sitting in on meetings with student groups with negative accounts to helping oversee the allocation

process to attending weekly meetings," to planning the annual banquet.

Geist, who has a master's degree in higher education, said she wanted a job that would make use of her background. She also wanted to work with college students in their extracurricular activities.

In addition to representing clubs to the FMB, O'Shaughnessy also sits on the advisory board for the student body president, the Council of Representatives (COR). Heads of other campus organizations such as class presidents are on COR as well. If a club wants to co-sponsor an activity with another organization that is not a club, such as a dorm, COR can give them funding for it.

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Vaughn

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actor Justin Long, known for his roles in films such as "Jeepers Creepers," "Galaxy Quest" and "Dodgeball." Vaughn called up two students from the crowd to take their best dodgeball shots at Long, who managed to avoid all attempts but one. The two actors then reenacted a scene from Vaughn's breakout film, "Swingers," with Long playing Trent (Vaughn's character) and Vaughn playing Mike (Jon Favreau's character).

Ohio native John Caparulo and New Jersey Italian Bret Ernst rounded out the comedic lineup, putting unique spins everything from dogs to the bar scene to roller skating.

Vaughn's final guest was actor Keir O'Donnell. O'Donnell played Todd Cleary, a homosexual painter who takes a special interest in Vaughn's character in the 2005 box office smash "Wedding Crashers."

Vaughn coaxed O'Donnell into painting crowd-suggested images, such as "Booty Call." Vaughn signed the final painting, entitled "Celebration," and gave it to a member of the audience after acting out the scene from "Wedding Crashers" in which the "Celebration" painting plays a major role.

Vaughn brought the night to a close himself, leading the audience in a karaoke performance of "Sweet Caroline."

According to Student Union Board (SUB) Manager Jimmy Flaherty, there were about 1,900 people engaged in that sing-a-long — judging by the number of tickets sold to the event, a vast majority of which went to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

SUB and the Student Activities Office (SAO) made the show possible. According to Flaherty, the show was essentially a rental to a promoter doing a tour. The Student Activities Office negotiated the rental fee to offset

the costs of production.

"It's a great way to do events like this," Flaherty said, "because it takes the financial risk to SUB and negates it."

In other words, neither SAO nor SUB turned any profit from the event, as all ticket sales went to the promoter.

"It was structured as a break-even proposition from the University's side as to provide a service to the student body by bringing in a large-name performance," Flaherty said.

There isn't much doubt that Vince Vaughn is a big name after films like "Old School," "Dodgeball" and the year's top comedy, "Wedding Crashers." However, Vaughn has not forgotten where his film career started. The echoes of "Rudy" chants are still alive and well at Notre Dame, Flaherty said, Vaughn's connection with that film was a major reason why the show was possible at all.

"It just worked out that the promoter wanted to come here due to [Vaughn's] tie-in with Rudy," Flaherty said. Notre Dame's location also helped make the show possible, as the stop before Notre Dame was Detroit and the stop after is Milwaukee. "The promoter establishes the schedule for the tour and they obviously route the tour appropriately so that they aren't zigzagging across the country," Flaherty said. "The date became non-negotiable from our end since the availability of a venue was limited and even still the logistics were tough with Relay for Life in Stepan in the morning. SUB volunteers were able to get in there early ... and provide extra hands to make it work." While it has been quite a while since a similar show with such a big name has come to Notre Dame ("Hardball" with Chris Matthews filmed here in 2003), Flaherty says students have many more to anticipate. "SUB is always looking for

events like this," he said. "We have a few things in mind and I'm confident the campus will have more fun soon."

So far, SUB's hard work seems to have paid off, as the response from students like freshman Clarissa Negrete has been overwhelming.

"It was awesome. Some guy was laughing so hard he fell out of his chair," Negrete said.

Negrete said while the show did not feature a dull moment, there were a few highlights.

"[At some parts] I was crying because I was laughing too hard," she said. "I thought it was cool how they had actors like the guy from 'Wedding Crashers' come in — that was really unexpected."

According to Negrete, the show was well worth the steep \$30 ticket price.

"It was kind of expensive, but I don't regret it," she said.

Flaherty said Negrete is in the majority.

"We've had nothing but positive responses to the event, both before, but especially after," Flaherty said. "We sold over 900 tickets in the first three hours of sales, so that shows how popular this event was with campus."

Apparently, the event was popular with more than just students. Vaughn and company had time to tour Notre Dame's campus, and according to Flaherty, they enjoyed both the University and the crowd on Saturday night.

"Everything was very positive," Flaherty said, "The comedians thought that the crowd responded very well, they loved the ND atmosphere, and considering how smooth it went, no one had anything but positives to say."

Freshman Elise Yahner said the comedians' positive response to the Notre Dame community was a pleasant shock.

"The fact that the show came to the Notre Dame campus was surprising enough, but the three actors who came along with Vince Vaughn were surprising as well. Seeing them was great," she said. "Also, after the show, Vince Vaughn and the other performers in the show came from backstage to sign autographs and talk to the fans. That was the best surprise of all."

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Research

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undergraduate research.

"As a college we are thrilled to hear [University President] Father John Jenkins speak about this," he said. "He has been pushing this since four years ago. He is experienced enough to know that these things don't happen automatically."

Business

William Nichols, associate dean in the College of Business, said opportunities for undergraduates to become involved in faculty research are less common in business than in other colleges.

"I agree that [increasing undergraduate research] is something that we would like to think about ... [but] it is going to take a while," he said. "It is more difficult in this field than in science and engineering."

At the same time, Nichols did stress that some students have been directly involved in faculty research. For example, a former student in associate professor of management Rob Easley's Management Information Systems class used skills learned in class about genetic data to help out on a research project in the biology department.

"Business students don't [usually] get to think about things like curing malaria," Easley said. "Skills they have learned locally, they are providing to other departments."

Associate professor of marketing Elizabeth Moore funded undergraduate students this summer to assist her with a project on the connection between marketing and childhood obesity. Two undergraduates are continuing to work with her this semester. A former student and recent graduate Gail Bowman co-authored a paper with her that was presented at a national conference last weekend.

"I think they [undergraduates] are terrific," Moore said. "I think our students are a very talented

group. The students who have worked for me have been conscientious and careful in what they are doing. They have been open to learning and they have been receptive ... it has been a good experience."

Nichols said that while business students may not be as likely to engage in purely academic research — hypothesis testing — as in other colleges, they still gain experience in research that will serve them in the business world, such as researching stock investments or business plans.

"Research skills that faculty use are not necessarily skills that we provide in the classroom. People in business are trained ... to be leaders ... in business," he said.

Nichols also said students often engage in classroom discussion and analysis of real-world business situations for which there is no clear-cut answer.

"You have to go into the major and ask questions that haven't been asked before and figure out how to do that," he said. "[We have] students actively involved on doing research on [issues] that would come before them in their professional lives and for which there is no clear answer."

As a result of last year's College Council meeting, Nichols said the College of Business is committed to funding undergraduate research, although there is no formal funding agency such as in the College of Arts and Letters.

"We have made a commitment that we will fund this [undergraduate research] but we have not done anything yet to structure or promote the initiative," he said.

Nichols also said the College of Business stands behind Jenkins' priority with regards to undergraduate research.

"We will react to Father Jenkins' ... important initiative," he said. "We will do everything possible to meet that initiative ... we just have to brainstorm."

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dynamics of European social, economic and political systems as they influence contemporary gender theory, policy and women's identities.

"The Women's Studies Advisory Committee chose the Antioch Comparative Women's Studies in Europe program because of its strong national reputation in the field of Women's Studies," Henry said.

Michael Sanders, director of Student Programs and assistant

professor of Business Communications and Internships, is directing the summer-based Business Internships in the European Union program. He could not be reached for comment.

"The program opens up a brand new format of internships for [Saint Mary's], an experiential learning mode which students are increasingly seeking," Meyer-Lee said of the Business Internships opportunity.

In the past two years, Saint Mary's has added foreign study in six different countries with much success, including Australia, Ecuador and Mexico.

For many years, Saint Mary's women have been encouraged to try out the different options and opportunities available to them, and they have enrolled in the programs enthusiastically.

"While we expect new programs to start very gradually, reaction from the students looking to these kinds of experiences has been very positive," Meyer-Lee said. "We measure the success of any individual program by the quality of the experience of the student, not the quantity it enrolls."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Poultry slaughter begins in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey — The slaughter of thousands of domestic fowl in Turkey and Romania began Sunday as a precaution against the spread of bird flu after both countries confirmed their first cases of the disease over the weekend.

In western Turkey, military police set up roadblocks at the entrance to a village near Balikesir. A two-mile radius was quarantined as veterinarians and other officials began destroying poultry at two turkey farms.

It was not clear how many animals would be destroyed, but the Anatolia news agency reported that authorities had slaughtered 600 out of 2,500 turkeys on one farm by noon Sunday.

Other fowl — including pigeons — and stray dogs in the village would also be killed as a precaution, said Nihat Pakdil, under-secretary of Turkey's Agriculture Ministry.

U.S. death toll reaches 200 in war

KABUL, Afghanistan — An American soldier who stepped on a land mine became the 200th U.S. military member to be killed in and around Afghanistan since the Taliban was ousted four years ago, officials reported Saturday.

This year has been the deadliest yet for the 21,000-strong U.S.-led coalition force, with 84 soldiers killed. The toll comes amid a major increase in insurgent violence that has left more than 1,300 people dead since March.

The latest American death came Friday while U.S. troops patrolled in a part of Helmand province that has been wracked by violence by Taliban-led rebels, a military statement said.

NATIONAL NEWS

New York bomb plot fears lessen

NEW YORK — A reported plot to bomb city subways with remote-controlled explosives has not been corroborated after days of investigation, law-enforcement officials said Sunday amid an easing sense of concern.

Interrogations of suspects captured in Iraq last week after an informant's tip about bomb-laden suitcases and baby carriages have yet to yield evidence that the plot was real, officials said.

"The intelligence community has been able to determine that there are very serious doubts about the credibility of this specific threat," Homeland Security Department spokesman Russ Knocke said. "This is after ongoing review and analysis."

Heavy rains force evacuations in NH

EENE, N.H. — Hundreds of people were forced to evacuate their homes after a weekend of drenching rain washed out roads and flooded homes in states from North Carolina to New Hampshire.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm.

New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch declared a state of emergency Sunday and called in 500 National Guard members to assist in flood relief. Transportation Commissioner Carol Murray said police and highway crews blocked damaged roads before dawn, a move that likely prevented injuries.

LOCAL NEWS

Interstate-70 repairs set for 2006

INDIANAPOLIS — A crumbling stretch of I-70 will be rebuilt beginning next year in the largest highway project in the Downtown area since Hyperfix in 2003.

Work on the six-mile project on the city's Eastside is expected to cause major traffic tie-ups for tens of thousands of motorists who travel I-70 daily.

The interstate is one of Indiana's busiest roads, serving as the city's main gateway from points east and is a key commuting link between Downtown and suburbs to the north and east.

PAKISTAN

Death toll at 20,000 and rising

Pakistan's largest-ever earthquake leaves 2.5 million in need of shelter, says U.N.

Associated Press

MUZAFFARABAD — Rescuers struggled to reach remote, mountainous areas Sunday after Pakistan's worst-ever earthquake wiped out entire villages, buried roads in rubble and knocked out electricity and water supplies. The death toll stood at 20,000 and was expected to rise.

In this devastated Himalayan city, wounded covered by shawls lay in the street, and villagers used sledgehammers to break through the rubble of flattened schools and homes seeking survivors.

The quake collapsed the city's Islamabad Public School. Soldiers with white cloth tied around their mouths and noses pulled a small girl's dust-covered body from the ruins, while the body of a boy remained pinned between heavy slabs of concrete.

The United Nations said more than 2.5 million people need shelter after the magnitude-7.6 earthquake along the Pakistan-India border. The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Relief said it urgently needed 200,000 winterized tents.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf complained of a shortage of helicopters needed to ferry in relief workers, food and medical supplies, and appealed for international help.

In Washington, President Bush said eight U.S. military choppers were being moved to help in rescue efforts, and he promised financial assistance. India, which has fought three wars with Pakistan, also offered assistance, as did Israel, which has no relations with the Muslim nation.

"We are handling the worst disaster in Pakistan's history," chief army spokesman Maj. Gen.



Villagers help an injured woman walk to a hospital after a severe earthquake hit in Balakot, about 56 miles from Islamabad, Pakistan on Sunday.

Shaukat Sultan said.

The quake was felt across a wide swath of South Asia from central Afghanistan to western Bangladesh. It swayed buildings in the capitals of three nations, with the damage spanning at least 250 miles from Jalalabad in Afghanistan to Srinagar in northern Indian territory. In Islamabad, a 10-story building collapsed, killing at least 24 people.

Late Sunday, helmeted rescuers found a survivor after hearing his cries for help. The thin man in a blue shirt, looking dazed, emerged on his own with little help and stood in front of a crowd of cheer-

ing onlookers. One rescuer patted his head, and the man waved and pumped his fist in the air.

Pakistan said the death toll ranged between 20,000 and 30,000. India reported more than 600 dead, and Afghanistan said four were killed.

"We have enough manpower but we need financial support ... to cope with the tragedy," Musharraf said in Rawalpindi, according to the state-run news agency Associated Press of Pakistan.

He also appealed for medicine and tents.

Musharraf told the British Broadcasting Corp. he knew of as many as

20,000 people killed, and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz told CNN about 43,000 people were injured.

Musharraf said the only way to reach many far-flung areas was by helicopter because roads were impassable.

"Our helicopter resources are limited," he told the BBC. "We need massive cargo helicopter support."

Most of the devastation occurred in northern Pakistan. The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake was centered about 60 miles northeast of the capital, Islamabad, in the forested mountains of Pakistani Kashmir.

Police beating filmed by reporters

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Two New Orleans police officers repeatedly punched a 64-year-old man accused of public intoxication, and another city officer assaulted an Associated Press Television News producer as a cameraman taped the confrontations.

There will be a criminal investigation, and the three officers were to be suspended, arrested and charged with simple battery Sunday, Capt. Marlon Defillo said. As of Sunday evening, the officers were being questioned but had not been arrested, Defillo said.

"We have great concern with what we saw this morning," Defillo said

after he and about a dozen other high-ranking police department officials watched the APTN footage Sunday. "It's a troubling tape, no doubt about it. ... This department will take immediate action."

The assaults come as the department, long plagued by allegations of brutality and corruption, struggles with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the resignation last month of Police Superintendent Eddie Compass.

The APTN tape shows an officer hitting the man at least four times in the head Saturday night as he stood outside a bar near Bourbon Street. The suspect, Robert Davis, appeared to resist, twisting and flailing as he was

dragged to the ground by four officers. Another of the four officers then kned Davis and punched him twice. Davis was face-down on the sidewalk with blood streaming down his arm and into the gutter.

Meanwhile, a fifth officer ordered APTN producer Rich Matthews and the cameraman to stop recording. When Matthews held up his credentials and explained he was working, the officer grabbed the producer, leaned him backward over a car, jabbed him in the stomach and unleashed a profanity-laced tirade.

"I've been here for six weeks trying to keep ... alive. ... Go home!" shouted the officer, who later identified himself as S.M. Smith.

Scholarship program fails to yield graduates

Three-fourths of participants drop out each year

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A state scholarship program that helps thousands of students go to college each year is losing three-fourths of them before they can graduate.

Seventy-five percent of the students who reach college under the 21st Century Scholars program do not finish with a degree despite having all tuition and fees paid for, the Indianapolis Star reported Sunday.

Vermia Thornton, 24, of Gary was one of them. After a bright start at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis, her grades slipped after she moved off campus to save money, ended a relationship with a man she had dated through college and struggled in advanced math classes.

She dropped out of as a senior last fall and now works for an Indianapolis liquor distribution company.

"I didn't have any outlet or anybody to talk to," Thornton said.

Since 1995, 25,000 students have gone to college under the 21st Century Scholars, which offers financial assistance to lower-income students who pledge, among other things, to keep their grades up and remain drug-free. Indiana spends \$19 million a year on the effort.

The scholarships more than triple the odds that a needy student will graduate from college: Without the scholarships, researchers estimate the graduation rate would be 7 percent, the Star reported.

"Four-year schools are beginning to realize it's not enough to get people successfully in the door," said Martha Lamkin, president of the private Lumina Foundation, which focuses on education. "You also have to work with them in college to help them stay in college."

Educators are trying to find new ways to help students stay in school, including pairing incoming scholars with their older counterparts.

"No one is showing them which path to go," said Demetrees Hutchins, an IUPUI graduate student who works with scholarship students. Consequently, "you get a lot of scholars who drop out."

Former Gov. Evan Bayh proposed the 21st Century Scholars program in 1990, and state lawmakers passed it into law the same year.

Under the program, seventh- and eighth-graders who are poor enough to qualify for free or reduced price lunches are offered the opportunity to pledge good citizenship and passing grades in return for four years of college tuition at any participating Indiana public college or university, most of which participate.

Students who pick private schools receive scholarships comparable to tuition at a public college or university. Students must sign up within two years of high school graduation, and they have 10 years to earn a degree.

The first class of 5,722 scholars enrolled in the program in the 1990-91 school year. Since then, 122,000 students have enrolled. Many have yet to finish high school.

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Affairs Father Mark Poorman before being enacted by the University budgeting group.

Proposed fee increases have also led to consideration about misappropriation of club money. In 1989 one such proposal caused some senators to suggest misuse of funds, a Feb. 19, 1989 Observer article said.

But while budget crunches are certainly important to the explanation, they are not the primary focus of the committee's proposal this year. The College Readership Program, a pilot program sponsored by USA Today that elicited positive student feedback at Notre Dame last spring, would get \$10 of the extra \$15.

The College Readership Program itself has not generated controversy, but student government representatives and some students have voiced concern that demand for the papers would surpass the supply.

The \$10 collected from each student would fund about 1,600 papers a day, student body president Dave Baron said. But the potential problem stems from statistics collected by USA Today two weeks into Notre Dame's pilot program that show a daily average of 2,035 papers distributed with a mere one percent return rate, implying that 1,600 papers would not be sufficient to meet student demand.

To combat this problem, Baron said Academic Affairs committee chair Chris Harris would conduct an "aggressive campaign" with bins in the dining halls to promote paper sharing.

He said the breakdown between USA Today, New

York Times and Chicago Tribune newspapers could be shifted, explaining that the New York Times costs about two times as much as the Chicago Tribune. This means that increasing the amount of Chicago Tribunes and decreasing the amount of New York Times papers offered would allow for greater total numbers of newspapers available.

"We would be able to get that number up just by switching the distribution of the papers," said Baron, who thought the number could reach "at least 1,750."

Other measures to prevent a paper shortage would include reducing the number of paper locations to the dining halls and an off-campus location to deter University faculty and staff from taking advantage of the program, Baron said.

"If they're going to get them [the papers], they should pay for it," Baron said.

He did not think there would necessarily be a paper shortage.

"I think the numbers near the end of the pilot program were inflated," Baron said. "We do think whoever wants to get a paper early enough will be able to ... And the academic value brought by the papers will be transmitted throughout the student body."

Many students seemed to support the proposed fee increase, citing the benefits of the College Readership Program.

"I think it's a positive thing because I think it's important to be informed," sophomore Mary Sullivan said. "I miss not having access to those newspapers and I thought it was a really good program. I don't mind paying the extra \$15."

Junior Sarah Shaw also said she would support the pro-

gram's implementation, although she would like to see the Washington Post available.

"I enjoyed the readership program," Shaw said. "I'm for it, and I don't mind paying an extra \$15."

Other students, however, were skeptical.

"If everyone's paying \$15 per semester, everyone should have the opportunity to pick up a newspaper," junior Britton Kreiner said. "But if a large proportion aren't going to use the benefits, then why should they pay for it?"

Kreiner said the program's success would depend on the amount of papers available.

"Basically, if they get enough copies of the Times or USA Today then no one will complain, but if there's like a small stack that's all gone by the time people get there, then I'm going to ask why I am paying \$15 for it," he said.

Some students didn't have strong opinions one way or another — an example that may support Baron in his belief that there will not be a serious paper shortage.

"As someone who doesn't read the paper, I'm not excited about paying more, but then again my parents are paying so I don't think I would notice that much," junior Steven Kurtz said.

But he said he supported the concept and the program's goal.

"I'd say the [student activity fee] increase is important," Kurtz said. "It's good and [the readership program] will help get people to know what's going on outside of Notre Dame. It's a decent idea."

Mary Kate Malone contributed to this report.

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Down:	2,188	Composite Volume:	2,821,117,280

AMEX	1,674.90	+23.26
NASDAQ	2,090.35	+6.27
NYSE	7,435.19	+35.53
S&P 500	1,195.90	+4.41
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,227.74	-131.77
FTSE 100(London)	5,362.30	-10.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	+0.24	+0.09	38.3
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.57	-0.14	24.5
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-0.42	-0.05	11.9
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-2.73	-0.06	2.1
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.56	-0.10	17.6

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.39	-0.18	45.6'
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.11	-0.05	43.6
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.14	+0.06	42.3'
3-MONTH BILL	+0.60	+0.21	35.3'

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.48	62.00
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.70	477.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.08	97.48

Exchange Rates	
YEN	113.725
EURO	0.824
POUND	0.568
CANADIAN \$	1.175

Delphi files for bankruptcy

U.S. auto industry could face drastic changes; UAW asked to accept major pay cuts

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Delphi Corp.'s bankruptcy could change the face of the U.S. auto industry, ratcheting up the pressure to produce cheaper auto parts overseas and forcing unprecedented cuts in union wages and benefits, industry analysts and autoworkers said Sunday.

Delphi, the largest U.S. auto supplier, filed for bankruptcy Saturday and is expected to slash jobs and wages and close many of its 31 U.S. plants as part of its reorganization. General Motors Corp., Delphi's largest customer and former parent, said it might have to assume up to \$11 billion in retirement benefits for Delphi's union-represented employees.

But the ripple effects won't end there. Delphi has 500 suppliers of its own who are waiting to see what kind of labor agreement Delphi negotiates with the United Auto Workers. Once a leaner Delphi emerges from bankruptcy, expected in 2007, its suppliers could face added pressure to lower their own costs through wage cuts or increased use of overseas labor.

"There's a great deal of concern among auto suppliers about whether they can remain profitable or survive with union contracts," said Jim Gillette, a supplier analyst with CSM Worldwide. "If Delphi's willing to force renegotiation through a bankruptcy filing, I suspect other suppliers would do the same."

Delphi's bankruptcy, which is expected to result in plant closures and layoffs, is one of the largest in U.S. history. The Troy-based company has 50,000 U.S. employees.

Union members also are watching closely. Tonyia



Delphi Corp. employee Debbie Brooks, 56, reacts outside the Flint, Mich., Delphi plant Saturday to the news that Delphi has filed for bankruptcy.

Young, a UAW member from Anderson, Ind., has worked for auto supplier Guide Corp. since 2002 and worries that Guide will match changes in Delphi's contracts because Delphi has a plant nearby. Guide, like Delphi, already has a two-tier wage agreement that allows it to pay newer hires like Young around \$15 per hour, \$8 less than its older hires.

In a letter sent to UAW members last week, local union leaders in Indiana said Delphi wants to cut hourly wages from \$27 to \$10-\$12, slash vacation time and make workers contribute more for their own health care. The letter warned that cuts under a bankruptcy judge could be even worse.

Young said concessions at

supplier plants are part of a growing pattern that UAW members need to confront during Delphi's restructuring.

"I think Delphi workers probably have no choice but to strike," she said. "The corporation has filed bankruptcy and they've kind of drawn the line in the sand about what they're willing to do. It seems to me that any negotiation between our leadership and Delphi will not be very productive."

But David Cole, chairman of the Center for Automotive Research, said the UAW will have to move from a confrontational mode to one of collaboration if it's going to survive. With Delphi's bankruptcy, wages will be set by the market, not by bargaining.

"The Delphi bankruptcy is

a real watershed point for the UAW," Cole said. "The UAW is virtually powerless now."

James McTevia, a restructuring expert who is representing Delphi suppliers in the bankruptcy proceedings, said Delphi could set a new model for the entire industry by scaling back its hourly work force and its U.S. manufacturing capacity and giving lower wages and benefits to the workers that remain.

Such a change is sorely needed, McTevia said. Autos and auto parts will always be made in the United States for U.S. customers, he said, but the country needs less capacity than it currently has, and companies need to increase their presence in emerging markets such as Asia.

IN BRIEF

Third quarter profits expected

NEW YORK — Even with the economic disruption caused by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, analysts expect U.S. companies to report quite satisfactory double-digit profit growth when they start releasing third-quarter earnings in the coming week.

It's the fourth quarter that could cause consternation, as the impact of soaring energy prices and other aftereffects of the hurricanes are likely to be reflected in companies' profit forecasts. And that will probably lead investors to focus on "What will you do for me?" instead of "What have you done for me lately?" as they peruse third-quarter results.

Standard & Poor's analysts say companies within the S&P 500 index are expected to report aggregate profit gains of 14 percent for the third quarter — a record 14th consecutive quarter of double-digit gains.

"We're setting record on top of record here," said Howard Silverblatt, equity market analyst at S&P. "We're nowhere near the 20 percent growth we may have seen a few quarters ago, but earnings will certainly be decent."

Wall Street makes quiet advance

NEW YORK — Wall Street made a muted advance Friday but still finished the week lower after a better-than-expected employment report raised hopes about the economy's strength despite the recent hurricanes. The major indexes each lost more than 2 percent for the week.

The market came back Friday from three straight days of losses after the Labor Department said September payrolls, while down for the first time in two years, fell by only 35,000 jobs. Fearing an economic slump in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, economists had forecast a drop of 150,000.

But while the Dow Jones industrial average rose as much as 60 shortly after the opening bell, stocks gave up most of their gains throughout the day amid some skepticism about the report. Investors also awaited greater clarity about the economy's health from upcoming third-quarter earnings and forward-looking estimates.

"Any celebration the market was going to put on was overshadowed by the fact that (the job loss) wasn't good news," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. "I think calmer minds prevailed."

Mittal Steel picks Chicago over IN

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mittal Steel Co., the world's largest steel producer, has selected Chicago for its U.S. headquarters and will open its office here in January, officials announced Friday.

The company said 212 employees scattered across several states will move into a high rise now under construction in the downtown business district.

Louis Schorsch, CEO of Mittal's U.S. division, said the company chose the city in part for its law and audit firms and its proximity to two airports — something he said was especially important because the international headquarters is in the Netherlands and the company operates in 14 countries and throughout the United States.

"The kind of support services you need to effectively run a corporate headquarters are really appropriately

here," he said at a news conference with Mayor Richard Daley and other state and local officials.

Mittal Steel USA will receive \$7.5 million from the state in tax credits and to pay for job training and infrastructure costs and another \$2 million from the city to help pay for equipment, fixtures and furniture.

In April, the Netherlands-based company took control of three major mills in Indiana through a \$4.5 billion deal with International Steel Group of Richfield, Ohio, which had previously bought up steel mills left idled by bankruptcy, including LTV Corp. and Bethlehem Steel.

Officials from the state of Indiana and Porter and Lake counties there had lobbied the company to put its headquarters in Indiana because it employs about 10,000 people at mills in East Chicago and Burns Harbor. Mittal's executives currently operate out of var-

ious locations across the country. Schorsch said, including northwest Indiana and Ohio.

In recent years a number of Chicago-based companies such as Ameritech, Quaker Oats, and Amoco have been bought out by companies based elsewhere. Daley noted that while much has been written about those developments, Chicago has also in recent years attracted companies, most notably Boeing Co.

"Chicago is ideally located for a global company like this," said Daley, who pointed to the area's well-educated work force, nationally-ranked business schools and proximity to airports that allow travel non-stop to cities throughout the country and the world.

The city also stands to benefit from the move, said Paul O'Connor, executive director of World Business Chicago, a not-for-profit economic development corporation.

Dozens flee flood ravaged Mayan towns in Guatemala

Five days after Hurricane Stan's landfall in Central America villagers end search for survivors, hundreds still missing

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY — Dozens of foreign tourists fled devastated lakeside Mayan towns on foot and by helicopter Sunday as Guatemalan officials said they would abandon communities buried by landslides and declare them mass graveyards.

Villagers who had swarmed over the vast mudslides with shovels and axes digging for hundreds of missing gave up the effort Sunday, five days after Hurricane Stan made landfall on the Gulf of Mexico coast, bringing torrential rains before weakening to a tropical depression.

More than 640 people died and hundreds more were missing across Central America and southern Mexico after a week of rains. In hardest-hit Guatemala, 519 bodies had been recovered and reburied. Some 338 were listed as missing.

"Panabaj will no longer exist," said Mayor Diego Esquina, referring to the Mayan lakeside hamlet in Guatemala covered by a half-mile-wide mudflow as much as 15 to 20 feet deep. "We are asking that it be declared a cemetery. We are tired. We no longer know where to dig."

Many of the missing apparently will simply be declared dead, and the ground they rest in declared hallowed ground. About 160 bodies have been recovered in Panabaj and nearby towns, and most have been buried in mass graves.

Vice President Eduardo Stein said steps were being taken to give towns "legal permission to

declare the buried areas" as hallowed ground.

Attention turned to aiding thousands of hungry or injured survivors as helicopters — including U.S. Blackhawks and Chinooks — fanned out across Guatemala to evacuate the wounded and bring supplies to more than 100 communities still cut off by mudslides and flooding.

On Sunday, as aid workers reached the most remote areas, they learned that a mudslide had buried a storm shelter in the town of Tacana, about 12 miles from the Mexican border, where about 100 people had taken refuge from rains and flooding.

Thirty-seven bodies have been dug from the shelter since the mudslide hit Wednesday, and 52 people were still missing, said Jorge Hernandez of the country's civil defense agency.

Thousands of hungry and injured survivors mobbed helicopters delivering the first food aid to communities that have been cut off from the outside world for nearly a week.

Some communities along Guatemala's Pacific coast have been cut off for almost a week, and when aid helicopters finally arrived on Sunday, hungry and desperate villagers grabbed wildly at bags of flour, rice and sugar.

As some foreign tourists worked shoulder to shoulder with Mayans in traditional cotton blouses and broad sashes to dig for missing victims, others hiked around mud-choked roads or boarded government



Villagers try to get a hand on the food being distributed by the Guatemalan Army on Sunday in the flooding ravaged communities near Puerto San Jose, Escuintla.

helicopters in the second day of evacuations from the area around Lake Atitlan.

Helicopters went to the nearby town of San Andres Semetabaj to fly out an estimated 20 Scandinavians trapped since mudslides cut off the area several days ago. About 50 more tourists were hiking out of the lakeside town of Panajachel.

"We got about 400 (tourists) out last night, and were expecting more today," said Solomon Reyes of Guatemala's Tourism Ministry.

In some areas the arrival of the Guatemalan military only complicated matters. Villagers

in Panabaj refused to allow in the army because of memories of a 1990 massacre there during the country's 36-year civil war.

But U.S. military helicopters from Joint Task Force Bravo based at Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras joined the rescue efforts with a half-dozen Blackhawk helicopters and one Chinook transport helicopter, running flights through dense clouds and heavy fog.

"We're still in search-and-rescue mode," said Army Maj. Bob Schmidt. "We're in the saving life and limb thought process."

The U.S. craft delivered some

medical supplies and personnel and evacuated children needing medical care.

In El Salvador, authorities reported 71 deaths from the rains, after two people were swept away by flood waters in San Salvador on Saturday.

The rest of the dead were scattered throughout Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica and southern Mexico.

Mexican President Vicente Fox visited devastated Chiapas state Sunday as floodwaters began to recede.

"The important thing is that the worst is over," Fox said. "Now comes the reconstruction."

Pope hails anti-Nazi bishop as courageous example



Pope Benedict XVI is greeted by Reinhard Lettmann, Bishop of Munster, Germany during the beatification ceremony on Sunday.

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — A German bishop known as the "Lion of Muenster" for his courageous anti-Nazi sermons during World War II took a step on the road to sainthood when he was beatified Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope Benedict XVI hailed the "heroic courage" of Clemens August von Galen and described the churchman, who condemned anti-Semitism, as a model for those in public roles today.

Von Galen died in 1946, at age 68, a few weeks after Pope Pius XII raised him to the rank of cardinal.

Some Jews have claimed that Pius XII did not act forcefully against the Holocaust. The Vatican

has denied this.

"Von Galen feared God more than man, and this gave him the courage to say and to do things that many intelligent persons did not do in that period in Germany," Benedict said in his native German.

The pope came to the basilica at the end of the ceremony to greet churchmen, public officials and pilgrims who came from Muenster and elsewhere in Germany.

Von Galen, who joins the Church's list of the "blessed" through his beatification, dedicated himself to "defending the rights of God, of the church, of man, which the national socialist (Nazi) regime violated in a grave and systematic way, in the name of an aberrant, neo-pagan ideology,"

Benedict said.

Beatification is the last formal step before possible sainthood.

Later, addressing pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, Benedict praised the bishop for "protecting the Jews and the weakest persons, which the regime considered garbage to eliminate."

"This is precisely the ever-current message of Blessed von Galen: faith is not reduced to a private sentiment, perhaps something to hide when it becomes inconvenient, but implies coherence and witness even in the public sphere in defense of man, of justice, of truth," Benedict said.

Wanting to give his church fresh role models, Pope John Paul II liked to lead beatification ceremonies before large crowds in St. Peter's Square. But his successor, Benedict, has turned over that role to prelates, and Sunday's ceremony was presided over by Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, who heads the Vatican sainthood office.

Von Galen spoke out against the Nazi campaign to exterminate the mentally ill and handicapped, and Saraiva Martins hailed the bishop for denouncing the Nazi regime's "death machine" during what were "very difficult times for the German church and nation."

Benedict has kept up the

Vatican's crusade against abortion and euthanasia as attacks on life.

The German churchman's homilies "invite us who live in times apparently less threatening, but not less problematic for human life, to imitate his example," Saraiva Martins said.

Von Galen's homilies were secretly copied and circulated, according to German church officials.

Nazis deported to concentration camps 37 priests — of whom 10 perished — in von Galen's place as punishment for the homilies, according to a brief biography by

Muenster Bishop Reinhard Lettmann.

However, von Galen was not arrested. The Nazis were worried that if von Galen were arrested and killed, Muenster's residents would be angered and "written off as lost during the duration of the war," Lettmann wrote.

Von Galen helped a Protestant pastor to hide a Jewish boy in an institute belonging to the bishop's office and took responsibility for the youth, who after the war was reunited with his mother, according to testimony carried by Vatican Radio.

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Funeral tradition continues

Procession returns to hurricane-ravaged streets of New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — This city's historical jazz funeral procession returned to debris-lined streets Sunday to honor a famous chef who died last month in Atlanta, where he had evacuated after being rescued from Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters.

More than two dozen people carrying black and white photos of a smiling Austin Leslie marched down the streets of the devastated Seventh Ward in New Orleans, celebrating the life of the famous chef whose Chez Helene soul food restaurant inspired the television show "Frank's Place" in the 1980s.

Leslie, 71, was rescued from his home two days after Hurricane Katrina and went to Atlanta to be with relatives. He died Sept. 29 after falling ill. An autopsy report was pending.

A brass band started Sunday's procession with a spiritual hymn, "A Closer Walk With Thee," which was followed by dancing, singing and the waving and twirling of yellow umbrellas.

Stan "Pampy" Barre, the owner of Pampy's Creole Kitchen in New Orleans, the restaurant where Leslie had last worked and where the procession began, said the crowd was "going to march into New Orleans and dance him into heaven."

The group made several stops, including the former



Members of the Hot 8 jazz band play during a jazz funeral procession for Austin Leslie on Sunday in New Orleans.

location of Chez Helene, past debris and garbage that remained along the streets six weeks after Katrina flooded the city.

"It's going to get back to normal eventually," said snare drum player Dinerral Shavers, 24. "We're going to bring the life back."

As the procession made its way toward the Backstreet Cultural Museum on the outskirts of the French Quarter, the few residents who have returned home came out of their houses and joined in the jubi-

lance by dancing, clapping and singing.

Mildred Matthews, 79, was swaying on her front porch waving a fly swatter in the air as they passed.

"You all come back to New Orleans," she yelled out.

Gralen Banks, a member of a local social club leading the procession, said the scaled-back procession was a first-step toward restoring New Orleans' jazz heritage.

"This is how we do it. We ain't closed. Tell your friends," he said.

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Gralen Banks
procession leader

But Jason Berry, an author who has written a history of New Orleans music and is working on a book about

the history of jazz funerals in the city, said the city's musical establishment still has a way to go before returning to its pre-Katrina status.

"On a sentimental level, one can't help but be delighted," he said. "It certainly speaks about the endurance of the art form of jazz and the funeral traditions associated with it."

"Until all the musicians are back, and until the brass bands as a community gather and begin to play funerals on a regular basis, I don't think it's fair to say that New Orleans has regained that cultural territory that was so rich and beautiful."

A similar jazz funeral for Leslie was held Friday in Atlanta.

Holocaust Museum faces financial trouble

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The nationally acclaimed America's Black Holocaust Museum is struggling financially, due to its inability to find an executive director and lagging attendance, officials say.

The nearly 20-year-old museum has gone from having a working capital budget of \$1.1 million a few years ago to not having enough money to make full mortgage payments on its building.

"We're digging out of the hole," said Marissa Weaver, the museum's former executive director, who recently came back to the board to help stabilize the facility. "We're putting together a whole new board."

One of her key functions had been grant-writing.

Since her departure, the museum has been led by a string of interim directors working on month-to-month contracts.

"We are now working to re-establish relationships with donors," Weaver said.

One of the first of its kind in the country, the museum explores the struggles of blacks in America from slavery to the present time. It was founded in 1988 by James Cameron, who, in 1930, survived a lynch mob in his hometown of Marion, Ind.

Over the years, the museum has hosted a number of high-

profile exhibits, including the "A Slave Ship Speaks: the Wreck of the Henrietta Marie," which brought in 75,000 visitors in 1999.

"It was wonderful and things were really booming," said Marty Stein, a philanthropist who recently joined the board.

But in the past two weeks the museum has seen just 305 visitors.

Stein attributes the museum's current state to lack of

leadership from its board.

"There were people who didn't really take their responsibility seriously and consequently let the museum drift," Stein said. "Now we are out raising money."

Board member Reuben Harpole said the museum needs to raise about \$300,000 a year for its operating budget.

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, which has had nearly 300,000 visitors since opening in Cincinnati a

year ago, looked to Milwaukee's museum and others like it for tips and advice before opening, said Paul Bernish, chief communications officer for the Ohio facility.

"The significance of that museum is that it brings to the forefront issues and history related to African-Americans, who are an integral part of this society," Bernish said. "This country has the most diverse population in the world."

Funding for black museums throughout the country has always been a challenge, said Lawrence J. Pijaux Jr., executive director for the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and president and chief executive officer of the Association of African American Museums.

Often, he said, the difficulty comes with the subject matter.

"They focus on the plight of African-Americans in this country and the stories we tell are painful," Pijaux said. "A discussion on civil rights and slavery may be uncomfortable. It makes it difficult for us to receive financial support from the majority community."

Board member and Wisconsin Secretary of Revenue Michael Morgan said their fund raising drive is heading in a positive direction.

"It hasn't resulted in pulling us out of the crisis, but we have good people who are part of the museum now," he said.

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said he's confident the museum can work through its financial problems. The museum received \$75,000 as part of a project to turn the area into an entertainment district. The money is for a facelift of the building and its grounds, and for marketing.

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A laughing matter

Since when did America develop a Stalinist's sense of humor?

A few days ago, a woman was forcibly removed from a Southwest Airlines flight because she refused to take off a T-shirt that showed members of the Bush Administration alongside the phrase "Meet the Fockers" (with a vowel substitution, of course). Now, some might argue that the most significant problem with this case was Southwest's discrimination against this fashionable woman's freedom of expression. After all, if you can't call your president that then the ACLU might contend, what's next? Not being able to call Vice President Cheney a Dick?

Certainly, I want to maintain my right to publicly degrade my political leaders as much as the next guy, but I have an even bigger issue with this literal instance of the fashion police making an arrest. What has happened to this country's sense of humor if it has reached a point where annoyed airline passengers and flight attendants would put up such a fuss over a \$5 prank T-shirt?

Ever since the day a caveman first kicked his friend in the crotch, man (and occasionally even woman) has used laughter to help cope with the difficulties and absurdities of human existence. Take the ancient Greeks and Romans, for example. Those poor souls simply could not figure out why life kept handing them lemons, but instead of getting their togas in a bunch, they made lemonade and told stories and jokes about a pantheon of gods who were rapists, murderers, and all-around funny guys.

Modern-day Americans, on the other hand, perhaps still suffering from the same stick-in-the-butt that we inherited from our Puritan ancestors, have coined asinine phrases like "not a laughing matter" and "too soon" to prevent people from joking their way through life's hardships. The woman on the Southwest Airlines flight, for instance, was only coping with the hardship of living in an imaginary democracy when a few stuffy individuals had to take that coping mechanism away from her.

Simply put, America has become about as funny as a bad case of the clap. For starters, take a look at what we're watching on television. Of the 20 most popular shows this season, according to the latest Nielsen ratings, 14 are dramas that have something to do with crime, crime scenes, crime scene investigations, law, order, law and order, emergency rooms, deserted islands, or most frightening of all, female presidents. The rest consist of reality shows, Monday Night Football and only two comedies.

Americans are watching two comedies — one of which isn't even funny and only gets its laughs by catering to the latent sexual longings of repressed suburban housewives. No wonder a few airplane passengers couldn't handle a little old F-bomb! Their favorite TV shows have them so paranoid over dirty bombs, suicide bombs and car bombs that they simply could not rationalize the possibility of — God forbid — laughing at a bomb.

What happened to the classic situation comedies that Americans knew they "must see" on TV every Thursday so that their lives never became as humorless as an issue of the Irish Rover? Sure, being able to watch Seinfeld every week probably would not have helped people cope with losing their children in a war in Iraq or losing their possessions in a hurricane, but it might have at least

allowed some Americans to open their eyes to the fact that the little things in life are most definitely a "laughing matter."

In my experience, the only time it becomes socially acceptable for people to laugh at life's tragedies is when they're drinking — and that's just unacceptable. If people are going to make Hurricane Katrina jokes or tsunami jokes or Sept. 11 jokes or Jesus jokes in the middle of a game of flip cup (we've all heard them), they should make those same jokes while they're sober. Maybe that's why so much of America, especially its college campuses, has a drinking problem — the only place where one can find true laughter and humor anymore is hovering upside-down over a keg of Keystone.

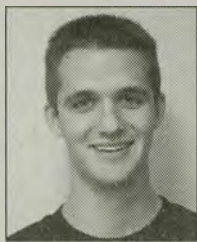
Consequently, from this day forth, I propose a lifting of the ban on laughter in America. Instead of constantly worrying about who will take offense to a joke, start wondering how many people's day you can make by cracking the joke. Instead of the conservative establishment calling upon our moral values to force us to constantly mourn over any and all tragedies, start smiling a little and being thankful that the tragedies were not even more tragic and destructive.

As the playwright George Bernard Shaw once said, "Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh."

In our short lives on this world, it can never be "too soon" to laugh.

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"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

George Bernard Shaw
playwright

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Distinguishing labels

Discussion about homosexuality is often heated. Even the language used — whether in conservative condemnations of the “gay lifestyle” or liberal celebrations of “gay rights” — is often chosen more for political effect than to enhance understanding.

I doubt I am the first to be confused by the ambiguous message of those well-intended “Gay, Fine by Me” shirts. What does it mean to identify oneself as “gay” or “lesbian”? Does the word refer to attractions to one’s own sex? To men and women who experience such attractions? To acting on these attractions in sexual activity? We need to find terms that communicate more clearly than those we currently use.

Virtually all human beings experience sexual attraction. For most people, these attractions are directed toward the opposite sex. Sometimes, they are directed towards the same sex. Does experiencing same-sex attraction mean you are gay?

No. Sexual orientation appears to be spread along a continuum. Some are predominantly or exclusively attracted to members of their own sex, others have some attractions to both sexes, while most are predominantly or exclusively attracted to the opposite sex. Moreover, especially during adolescence, many experience same-sex attractions or question their sexual orientation, only later to conclude that they are predominantly or exclusively heterosexual.

Is our sexual orientation set in stone? For some, attractions do not seem to change much. Others, however, attest to shifts in attractions over time. In fact, I personally know such people. Rather than dogmatically asserting what degree of change is or is not possible, we should be open to listening to these stories — both the stories of those whose attractions have changed, and the stories of those who have not.

Are people born gay or is it a choice? Certainly, we do know that sexual orientation is not chosen — although of course, all of us can choose how we respond to sexual attractions. At this point, however, we do not know what causes one to have same sex attractions. Identical twin studies that attempted to find the “gay gene” may have identified a genetic component or predisposition, but the researchers themselves acknowledge that environment also plays an important

role. Other researchers think that family dynamics are the most crucial factor. But at this point, we have no conclusive evidence, and perhaps different reasons will be more important for different individuals.

Here at Notre Dame, the official voice for those with same-sex attractions is the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Why are the words “gay” and “lesbian” used? For some, “gay” and “lesbian” just indicate the fact that one is attracted to the same sex. But the words also carry a lot of political baggage — baggage from which the Standing Committee does not necessarily distance itself. For example, on Oct. 11 of this year, the Standing Committee will sponsor a National Coming Out Day event. National Coming Out Day is sponsored by gay rights groups — groups openly hostile to the Catholic perspective on human sexuality.

In the summer of 2004, Notre Dame Magazine published an article by a same-sex attracted Catholic man who had chosen to live a chaste life. On a campus that supposedly values a “spirit of inclusion,” would the National Coming Out Day event or the CommUnity events for incoming freshmen include those Notre Dame students who experience same-sex attraction, but, like the author of the Notre Dame Magazine piece, embrace the Catholic vision of human sexuality? In my experience last year, this possibility wasn’t even considered on a serious level.

I am not seeking to marginalize those Notre Dame students who have trouble accepting Catholic teaching on gay issues, nor do I object to their having a place at the table in dialogue on issues regarding homosexuality. But I would like to see a more open discussion that is less polarized, in language that appreciates some of the nuances of the issue: the distinction between sexual attraction (which is not chosen) and behavior (which involves choice and should be governed by moral norms); the variety of experience when it comes to changing orientation; and the fact that not everyone with same-sex attractions wants to identify themselves with labels like “gay” and “lesbian.”

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U-WIRE

A polenta nominee

The Washington Post on Tuesday reported that after President Bush and Harriet Miers sealed the deal for her to become the 110th justice of the Supreme Court on Sunday night, the two and Laura Bush sat down for a congratulatory dinner of fried shrimp, polenta and chocolate mousse. And it got me thinking, and Italians please forgive my ignorance, “What is polenta?”

Barry Pump

The Daily Iowan
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Thanks to the wonder that is dictionary.com, I quickly learned that polenta is “a thick mush made of cornmeal boiled in water or stock.” Outside of being shocked I hadn’t immediately ordered such an appealing-sounding dish during one of my many trips to fine Italian eateries around the world, I couldn’t help thinking that it was the perfect analogy for the entire Miers nomination.

First, in northern Italy, where I have read, polenta has pride of place over pasta, the dish is considered a staple — not unlike how similar cornmeal and cornbread dishes are thought of on this side of the Atlantic. In the Bush administration, where I have read that loyalty has pride of place over qualifications, Miers is considered a staple — not unlike other search-committee heads who were selected to fill the same job they were interviewing people for, say, five years ago.

Second, it should be noted, polenta is a comfort food. It goes perfectly with hearty stews, as well as big, elaborate Sunday meals. President Bush, similarly, likes to feel comfortable around people in his inner circle. As pictures released by the White House show, Bush feels so comfortable with Miers that he’ll clear brush with her at his ranch in Texas. I can only assume that in the Lone Star State communal brush-clearing is the outward sign of a bond stronger than marriage. In other words, Miers is like a comfort food for the Bush team.

Third, and this may be hard to believe, because we’re talking about boiled corn here after all, polenta is basically bland and had been considered a food for peasants. But thanks to some crafty chefs, the dish has been transformed into something upscale enough to be eaten at the home of the world’s most

powerful leader. Miers and Bush both have tales of reinvention themselves, except in their stories, the crafty chefs are Jesus Christ and Karl Rove respectively. Like polenta, many years ago, it would be hard to imagine either of them making an appearance at a White House dinner.

From the outside, though, Miers — like polenta — gets a bad rap. For those outside “the know,” polenta is looked at as mere mush, while Miers is looked at as, well, mere mush. Supporters in both the polenta and Miers camps assure us, however, that, once we get to know their product, we’ll like it. But it’s a hard sell, nonetheless, because in both instances, we’re dealing with unknown quantities. In Miers’ case, senators, political organizations, pundits and the media are essentially being told by Bush advisers, “Here, try this! It’s good. Trust us.”

Like the awkward dinner-party guest shifting in his chair because he doesn’t know what his host is talking about, a certain degree of incredulity about the taste of — I mean judicial philosophy of — Miers is palpable among the stakeholders in the process. She’s born-again, but what does that mean? Sixteen years ago, she hedged her bets about gay rights on a questionnaire when she was running for Dallas City Council, so what? Polenta’s corn, but it’s boiled.

See, we just don’t know what we’re getting. Not yet, anyway.

The media and the Senate will have their respective chances to get a good look, smell, and taste of Miers in the coming weeks. This vetting process is a very good thing. But remember. For those polenta virgins out there, like me, let’s keep an open mind. After all, we might like what’s there. And for those who have previously dined on and enjoyed the polenta, don’t rush those of us who haven’t yet taken a taste.

President Bush has called for Miers to be confirmed by Thanksgiving, but he should really learn to be a good host and let his guests decide when they’re ready to try the new dish.

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U-WIRE

The show musn’t go on

For many years, my favorite TV show has been “The Simpsons.” I’m sure this is the case for many.

After all, it debuted in 1989 (or 1987 if you count the shorts on “The Tracey Ullman Show”) so it has been on the air for more than half my life. The things Bart Simpson said were hilarious to me, since many of the words he used were taboo when I was six years old, and it was a novelty to hear it from a cartoon character. With such fond memories of this great show, it pains me to push for its cancellation.

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The mighty has fallen. Watching the latest seasons, it makes me wonder how they ended up in the state they are today. Rather than having episodes with coherent plots, it now seems like a mish-mash of plot threads hammered into one half-hour. Homer Simpson, the cast and supporting cast of the Springfield residents were never portrayed as intelligent characters,

but these days, they act downright retarded. Gone are the clever humor and amusing anecdotes. They have long since been replaced and outclassed with the half-hearted, unsuccessful raunchiness of “Family Guy” and “South Park.”

If you think I’m wrong, try quoting a recent episode of “The Simpsons” without falling back on the familiar “D’oh” expression. The quality of the animation has increased, but not much else has improved. “The Simpsons” was the greatest show ever made up until about 10 years ago, but now it just can’t live up to the standard it set.

“The Simpsons” single-handedly brought animated series into prime time, a trend that has given birth to such great shows as “Family Guy,” “Futurama” and “South Park.” I thought I might like “King of the Hill” a little more after I moved to Texas, but I’m still not a big fan of that one.

“The Simpsons” is undoubtedly a classic show significant to the television and pop culture of our time. But with the decline of quality the show has suffered lately, it would seem to me that prolonging the

series past its 17th season would ruin its legacy. I would love to see new episodes well into the future, but not when the horrible episodes outnumber the passably funny.

Jerry Seinfeld and Dave Chappelle sadly got it right when they ended their shows while still on top. It disappointed me, and I’m sure several others, when “Seinfeld” and “Chappelle’s Show” ended while in their prime, but the integrity of those shows has been preserved.

It’s too late for “The Simpsons” to be able to go out on top, but it should still go out with some dignity. “The Simpsons” has a large, hardcore fan base, which is likely why it has stayed afloat on network TV for so long. But with more adult-oriented and quality animated programs available now, could it be enough to allow “The Simpsons” to finally exit without creating a huge void for fans of the show? Would “Simpsons” fans allow the show to go without a huge uproar of mass e-mails and online petitions, rivaling “Trekkies” in their bid to keep “Star Trek” on the air? This fan would.

Gone are the classic adventures of the Simpson family. The seasons and episodes are not likely to be recaptured again, except in DVD collections and in syndication. The characters are mere shadows of their former selves, switching from humorously incompetent to hopelessly stupid, and their once witty antics have been replaced by toilet-bowl humor they just can’t quite seem to pull off. I don’t remember when “The Simpsons” stopped drawing me to Sunday night TV, but not much compels me to watch now. Maybe it’s nostalgia, or maybe I’m waiting for “Family Guy” to come on. I just can’t watch “The Simpsons” anymore knowing what they once were, what they once meant to me and seeing none of that anymore.

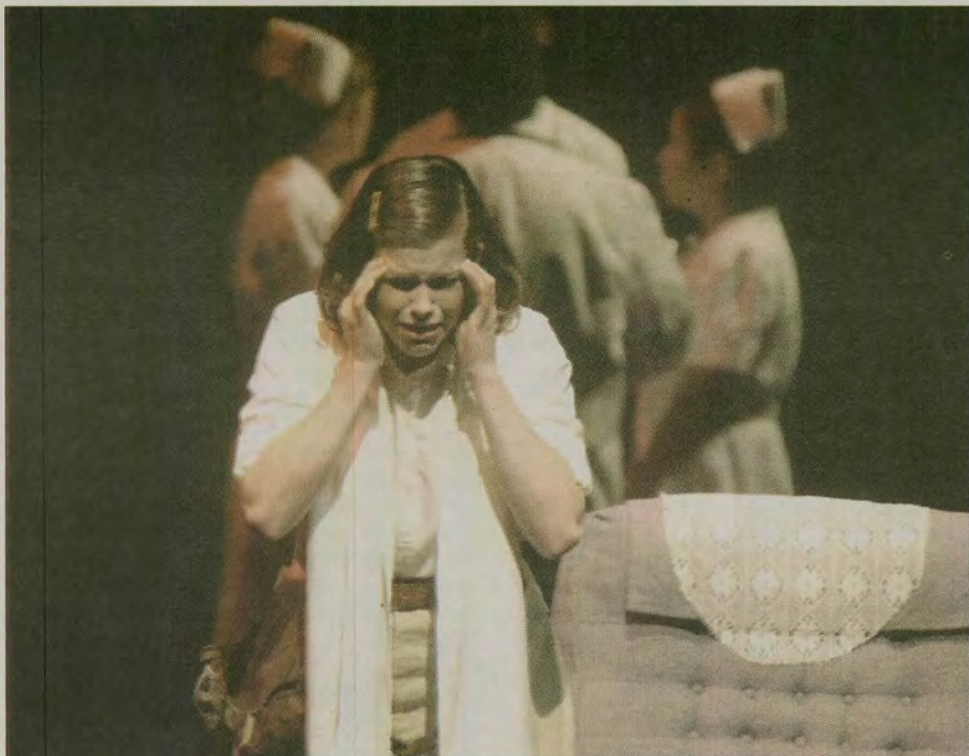
Just let this show go. Good series never die, they just end up in syndication.

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DPAC REVIEW

'Wings' descends on audiences' senses



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Stilson is bombarded with questions after she has a stroke and begins to suffer from aphasia, a condition that impairs the ability to speak or understand words.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

"Wings" was originally written as a radio drama for National Public Radio. The emphasis on language in the play reflects the fact that it has its roots in radio.

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Under the direction of Mark Pilkinton, the Notre Dame Department of Film, Television, and Theatre's presentation of Arthus Kopit's "Wings" is an assault on the visual and audible senses that, though often difficult to understand, strongly depicts the feelings and thoughts of its main character, Emily Stilson.

"Wings" allows the audience to look into the mind of someone suffering through a stroke and its aftereffects. After her stroke, the elderly Stilson suffers from aphasia, the partial or total inability to produce and understand speech as a result of brain damage. She also suffers from confusion over where she is. She is bombarded with questions from doctors ("What is your name?" "Can a stone float on water?" "Can you show me what you do with this object?")

She is left in a state of utter confu-

sion as to where she is and what is happening, forgetting even her own name. Stilson returns to half-remembered parts of her past — times with a son whose name she cannot remember, her mother's death, and most of all her life as a pilot and "wing-walker," one of the men and women who would perform tricks on the wings of their bi-planes — in a desperate attempt to reclaim control over her reeling mind.

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"Wings" opens with a very simple set consisting of no more than a recliner, table, clock and book. Throughout the play this simplicity is layered upon with light, sound and multiple sets to create a confusing storm of information that beautifully reflects Stilson's own state of mind. Live dialogue is doubled with recordings, multiple sets of actors simultaneously depict the same characters in different places on stage and the stage is layered with curtains and red and white light. The play is divided

into four parts, but it is hard to discern between them. The audience is denied an intermission, allowing the play to continue without break and envelop the watcher.

There is often so much going on that the audience has to work to understand what is happening. Though this complexity would be considered a negative aspect in most plays, it only serves to emphasize Stilson's own struggles in "Wings."

"Wings" does occasionally allow the audience a release from its depressing subject matter. There are a few humorous moments, such as when upon realizing no one understands her for the first time Stilson declares, "I've been put in with the deaf!" More importantly, sometimes Stilson does remember her past and often delights in her days of freedom in the skies. From the beginning, she claims that though "she doesn't know how," things "could be far worse." Stilson and the other patients

make slow advancements, often losing as much ground as they regain, but every once in awhile they take joy in recapturing the ability to say the words that we take for granted, from "cheap" to "congratulations."

"Wings" ends abruptly and somewhat disjointed in its sentiments, reflecting the play's flirtation with hope and courage, but ultimate groundings in reality. Mrs. Stilson flies off into the night, not safe but not scared, and the audience is left still questioning.

Though it depends on the audience constantly paying attention and trying to discern what is going on, the sensual assault of "Wings" successfully allows the watcher to glimpse into the mind of someone stuck in a state of confusion and loss, producing within the audience sympathy and understanding for the play's protagonist.

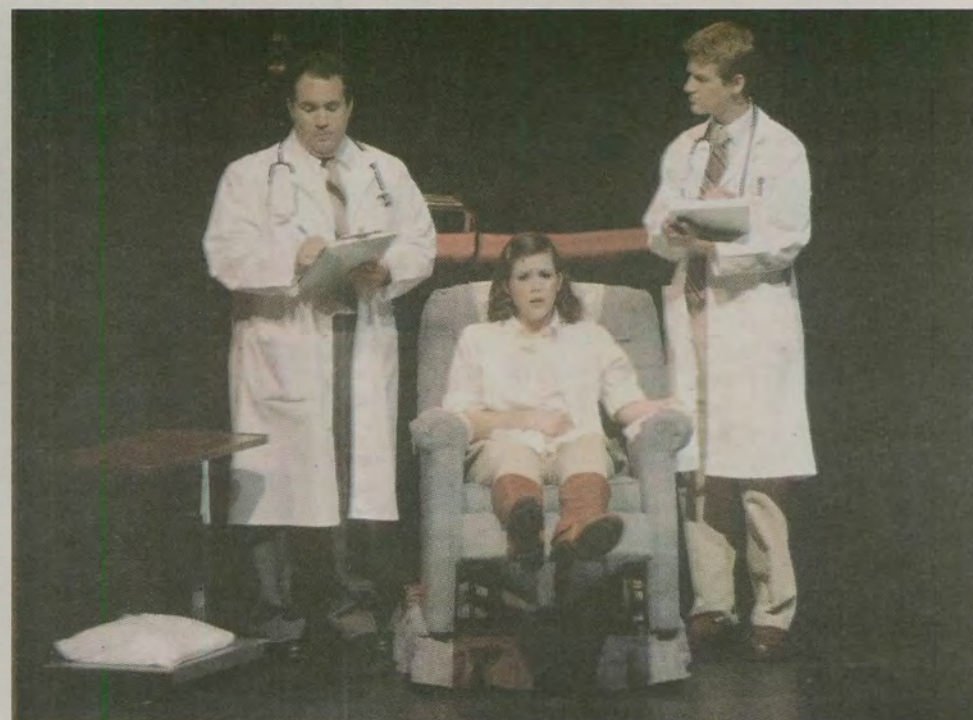
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The sets used in "Wings" are simple and uncluttered, so a variety of lighting methods are used. The light reflects the inner anguish and confusion of Stilson.



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Doctors and nurses attempt to help Stilson and other patients who suffer from the loss of language abilities. The patients achieve small but significant gains.

SHOW REVIEW

'Wild West Comedy Tour' wildly funny

Actor Vince Vaughn takes his comedy ensemble on a 30-day tour from Hollywood to the Heartland and makes a stop at Notre Dame

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

Twenty minutes after the din of thunderous applause and a standing ovation had subsided, Vince Vaughn emerged from behind the stage. The bags under his eyes, made famous in films like "Old School" and "Wedding Crashers," were as deeply etched into his face as ever. Fans swarmed around him, clamoring for autographs and photos with the star, and he obliged as many requests as he could.

It was the kind of throng that might have gathered around the set of his latest Hollywood blockbuster. Instead, the scene was Stepan Center, 20 minutes after performing in front of a packed house in the latest stop in his nationwide "Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show" tour.

Accompanied by national touring comedians Bret Ernst, Sebastian Maniscalco, Ahmed Ahmed and John Caparulo — all comics from the famed Los Angeles Comedy Store — Vaughn exceeded an impressive comedy extravaganza fueled by a night of entertaining skits, hilarious stand-up routines and, in general, playing to the whims of a crowd eager for more.

Trading off between Vaughn's pre-planned skits and the comedians' stand-up routines, the show breezed along, as Vaughn and the comedians kept the audience laughing for the entirety of the two hour performance.

"I had such a good time at the show," junior Laura Stankiewicz said. "I love to laugh and all of the people on the tour were so funny. There was no one that didn't please the crowd."

Walking out in a sharp gray suit, Vaughn broke the ice early by thanking the crowd for a warm welcome back to the campus where he got his first major film role — on the set of "Rudy"

— and commented on the Irish's successful early-season football campaign.

"Vince Vaughn is very personable," Stankiewicz said. "He was just so comfortable on stage improving, inviting students on stage and interacting with the audience."

Throughout the night, Vaughn kept bringing special guests on stage to help him act out well-rehearsed skits, all actors who he'd worked with on various projects in his career. Two of those guests were Justin Long and Keir O'Donnell, who played supporting roles in "Dodgeball" and "Wedding Crashers," respectively. For his skit with Long, Vaughn encouraged volunteers from the crowd to come up and test Long's dodgeball skills. Long played the part well, even donning a plastic, gold Notre Dame helmet for the skit.

"I really enjoyed all of the unexpected special guests," Stankiewicz said. "I didn't know before hand which celebrities were going to be there, so it was all a surprise to me."

O'Donnell came on stage and drew caricatures on a big easel, a nod toward his role as a creepy teenage painter in "Wedding Crashers," Vaughn's last film. Long and O'Donnell also joked along with Vaughn and bantered back and forth with dialogue from their

respective films, much to the delight of the fans.

"[Vaughn] seemed like a very down to earth guy," Stankiewicz said. "And because he was having an awesome time, it pumped the crowd up even more."

Vaughn even brought out Peter Billingsley, who played Ralphie Parker, a spunky grade-school kid in "A Christmas Story." Billingsley is currently producing "The Break Up," Vaughn's next film project, but the pair worked together many years ago in a low bud-



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Vince Vaughn, best known for comedies like "Old School" and "Dodgeball," proved his comedy skills on stage at Stepan Center on Saturday, Oct. 28.

et after-school special. Vaughn entertained the crowd with a few hilarious clips from the special on steroid abuse.

While the opening acts and skits were impressive, most of the laughter for the night was generated by the four comics. Putting together diverse routines, Ernst, Maniscalco, Ahmed and Caparulo had little trouble keeping the audience engaged. Each comic received a warm introduction from Vaughn before proceeding with a 15 to 20 minute routine.

"I thought the show was well done and most of the comedians had great material," sophomore Joe Runde said. "Sebastian, the second comedian, was my favorite. He seemed well rehearsed and I liked his material."

No topic was off limits, as everything from cell phones, iPods, techno music, ethnic stereotypes, airport security and world politics found their way into the comedians' routines. The comics dug into various topics, both commonplace

and bizarre, in performances that showed why they were hand-picked by Vaughn to perform in front of sold out shows around the country.

"[Vaughn] seemed pretty relaxed and it seemed like he had good relationships with the other comedians," Runde said. "They worked well together."

While wrapping up the evening's events, Vaughn thanked the crowd for his enthusiastic reception, and promised that it wouldn't be the last time in Notre Dame for the now world-famous filmstar.

And just to rile up the crowd one final time, Vaughn encouraged a win for the Irish against Southern California — words that would have fit right in to the small football film where Vaughn got his start.

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Wild West Comedy Show

Starring: Vince Vaughn, Bret Ernst, John Caparulo, Ahmed Ahmed and Sebastian Maniscalco
Venue: Stepan Center
Date: Saturday, October 8



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Comedian Ahmed Ahmed has appeared on shows like MTV's "Punk'd" and Comedy Central's "Tough Crowd," along with the "Wild West Comedy Show."



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Vaughn hugs Peter Billingsley, best known for his role as Ralphie in "The Christmas Story." He is currently producing Vaughn's project, "The Break Up."

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles play with confidence, split two conference matches

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

A 1-1 record this weekend at the Olivet triangular looked like two wins to Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek.

The Belles lost a five game classic to Albion 30-22, 28-30, 30-26, 19-30, 15-13 before rebounding to defeat Olivet in four games, 31-29, 30-24, 29-31, 30-12.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team displayed a lot of heart in both games, showing vast improvement from last Wednesday's loss at the hands of Adrian.

"We competed very well out there today," Schroeder-Biek said. "Unlike last week, we jumped out to a lead and we kept it, especially in the fourth games of those matches. We didn't dig holes for ourselves."

Kristen Playko led the offense for the Belles in the Albion match

with 19 kills, while setter Amanda David had a match-high 47 assists.

Despite the loss, Schroeder-Biek thought her team left the match feeling confident.

"We could have won that match," she said. "It was very close. We were in control in that fourth game, and it was close into the fifth. We had a couple controversial calls in there, as well, but they didn't decide the match. Overall, we played very well, and we know we can win that match."

The loss was just the second for the Belles in six five-game matches this season.

The Olivet match marked the beginning of the second half of the conference season for the Belles. Schroeder-Biek has emphasized the importance of the second half, especially her team's need to make adjustments to teams they have already faced. The Belles lost to Olivet at home three-games-to-two earlier

this season, but a determined effort by Saint Mary's, especially in the fourth game, made sure this match's outcome would not mirror the first.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team's resilience showed in the Belles' second match of the day.

"We didn't play our best [against Olivet], but the girls saw that they could pull it together and get back on track when things are not going well," she said.

The Belles showed their ability to regroup in the fourth game. The 30-12 score was the largest margin of victory by the Belles in any conference game this season.

Michelle Turley led the Belles against Olivet with 18 kills. David recorded another solid performance with 46 assists. She also hit at a 50 percent clip and recorded nine kills.

The Belles record stands at 9-12, 3-6 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's is in sixth place in the conference



KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Kristen Playko, left, and Shelley Bender attempt a block in a Oct. 1 loss to Bethel College.

standings.

The team returns to the court Tuesday for its final home match of the season against Adrian. The Bulldogs soundly defeated the Belles in three games last week.

Despite the result, Schroeder-Biek feels good about her team's chances Tuesday and for the remainder of the season.

"They played nine games Saturday and were tired because they worked so hard," she said. "That's what we have to do in the second half. We need to work harder than we did the first half of the season."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish win title, break six meet records at Relays

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

The men's swimming team dominated the competition at the 41st annual Dennis Starks Relays Friday, breaking six meet records and proving this might be one of the fastest Irish squads ever.

"We performed very well," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "The things we were looking for, we saw. We had speed, aggression, technique ... everything looked sound."

The Irish took first place, winning 10 events for 254 points, outscoring second-place Ball State by 92 points. Oakland (Michigan) took third with 140 points, followed by Wisconsin-Milwaukee (102), Valparaiso (78), Cleveland State (70) and Marquette (38).

Before the meet, Welsh insisted the Irish would be focused more on racing the clock than their opponents. In taking down

half a dozen records out of 13 events, the Irish essentially dropkicked the clock in the face.

"The number of relay records broken is important, because most of them were ours and were set very recently, so in terms of comparing ourselves to last year at this time, we're looking very good," Welsh said.

The first record fell in the 400-yard medley relay. Though the Irish finished second to Oakland's time of 3:26.76, senior Doug Bauman, senior Tyler Grenda, junior Ted Brown and junior Louis Cavadini cashed in a time of 3:27.71, still better than Notre Dame's previous meet record of 3:29.84 from 2003.

"It takes a while to get used to being the first meet of the year but it's nice to get a change of pace from practice," said Bauman, who was also part of the team that broke the 400 freestyle relay record.

The Irish then smashed the 800 freestyle relay record —

twice — an accomplishment that displays the depth of this year's team.

"The team depth is what we wanted to see," Welsh said. "Relay meets measure depth, and in some cases, we went faster than we've been in one, but also faster in two, which means that we're eight-deep. I think team depth might be the most important thing we get out of this meet."

The squad is going to need to be both fast and deep with the toughest schedule in school history. "Our first three home meets will be against top 25 teams and that's never happened before," Welsh said. "This is our toughest schedule ever, and our second-toughest was last year. But this isn't a pity party; this was done by design. We want it to be tougher and we're going to rise to the challenge."

For the meantime, though, the Irish were able to swim in the relatively low-pressure atmosphere of an exhibition relay.

"It's a good first meet. It's rather fun and a great experience for the freshmen, and the team in general to work out the kinks, get in the groove of racing," said junior Tim Kegelman, who set records in the 400 individual medley relay and the 400 breaststroke relay.

Kegelman, who last year became the first Irish swimmer ever to qualify for the NCAA Championships, is aiming to build on his success this year.

"My personal goal is to first get back to the NAAs and then to score at them," he said. "Put Notre Dame on the scoreboard there, that'll be big."

Welsh had plenty of other positives to say about his defending Big East Champion team.

"I thought the overall spirit of the team and energy with which we raced was very encouraging," Welsh said. "If this were theater, this meet is like a dress rehearsal in front of a live audience ... It's like playing in Chicago for three months and

then moving on to New York. This is a very good start compared to us at this time last year."

Senior Chris Barnes pointed to the other benefits of the meet, such as checking out the new talent.

"It's a good opportunity for everyone to swim, and it gives us a chance to gauge the freshmen, see what they've got," said Barnes, whose teams finished first in the 200 freestyle relay and the 500 crescendo relay.

The Irish also broke records in the 1,000 freestyle relay and the 400 backstroke relay, and swept both the one-meter relay format and the three-meter synchronized diving events.

"This was a nice release for all the work we've done," Kegelman said. "We've been practicing for over a month now, doing a lot of work and now we get to show it off."

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	team	record	points
1	USC	5-0	1,618
2	Texas	5-0	1,565
3	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,493
4	Florida State	5-0	1,393
5	Georgia	5-0	1,389
6	Alabama	5-0	1,244
7	Miami	4-1	1,205
8	Penn State	6-0	1,096
9	NOTRE DAME	4-1	1,058
10	LSU	3-1	1,057
11	Florida	5-1	935
12	UCLA	5-0	889
13	Texas Tech	5-0	794
14	Boston College	5-1	656
15	Ohio State	3-2	641
16	Michigan State	4-1	581
17	Tennessee	3-2	538
18	California	5-1	537
19	Louisville	4-1	461
20	Oregon	5-1	456
21	Auburn	4-1	441
22	Minnesota	5-1	321
23	Wisconsin	5-1	251
24	Colorado	4-1	222
25	TCU	5-1	181

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC	5-0	1,544
2	Texas	5-0	1,488
3	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,425
4	Georgia	5-0	1,348
5	Florida State	5-0	1,290
6	Miami	4-1	1,187
7	Alabama	5-0	1,156
8	LSU	3-1	1,049
9	NOTRE DAME	4-1	998
10	Penn State	6-0	942
11	Texas Tech	5-0	918
12	UCLA	5-0	862
13	Florida	5-1	840
14	Boston College	5-1	657
15	Ohio State	3-2	572
16	California	5-1	563
17	Michigan State	-1	540
18	Tennessee	3-2	473
19	Louisville	4-1	460
20	Auburn	4-1	444
21	Oregon	5-1	311
22	Minnesota	5-1	303
23	Wisconsin	5-1	293
24	Colorado	4-1	184
25	West Virginia	5-1	91

Big East Women's Soccer Division B

	team	record	overall
1	NOTRE DAME	5-1-0	11-2-0
2	Louisville	4-2-0	94-0
3	Villanova	3-0-3	7-3-4
4	Georgetown	3-2-1	10-3-1
5	Seton Hall	2-3-1	6-4-3
6	Cincinnati	1-4-1	3-7-3
7	Rutgers	1-5-0	4-8-1
8	DePaul	0-3-3	2-6-4

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MLB



Chris Burke hits a homerun to beat the Braves in the 18th inning, advancing the Astros to the NL Championship series. The game lasted 5 hours and 50 minutes, setting the record for the longest postseason game in history.

Astros defeat Braves in 18 innings

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Clemens and the Houston Astros gave a whole new meaning to the word "longevity."

The 43-year-old Rocket came out of the bullpen to rescue the Astros and Chris Burke ended the longest postseason game in baseball history with a home run in the 18th inning, lifting Houston over the Atlanta Braves 7-6 Sunday and into the NL championship series.

"I'm sure proud of the guys," Clemens said. "It's been a lot of work for us. How 'bout the kid?"

Standing next to Clemens, the 25-year-old Burke was beaming.

"I'm just glad I could do my part," Burke said. "It was draining, mentally draining."

The Braves took a five-run lead into the eighth, and were poised to send this first-round series back to Atlanta for a decisive Game 5 Monday night. Instead, Lance Berkman hit a grand slam in the eighth and Brad Ausmus tied Game 4 with a two-out homer in the ninth barely beyond Gold Glove center fielder Andruw Jones' outstretched glove.

Then, at 6-all, the

Braves and Astros began the real endurance test that wound up lasting 5 hours, 50 minutes. The previous longest postseason game also occurred in Houston — the New York Mets clinched the 1986 NLCS with a 16-inning win at the Astrodome.

When Burke hit the homer, Clemens was in the dugout tunnel with Craig Biggio, the 39-year-old second baseman who has spent his entire career in Houston.

"We were like two tired old men walking out of the tunnel, and then we were like two kids having a good time," Clemens said. "We

were holding each other up."

With Clemens pitching three scoreless innings in his first relief appearance since 1984 — and this time atoning for a poor start in Game 2 — the Astros advanced to play the St. Louis Cardinals in the NLCS starting Wednesday night at Busch Stadium.

"If he comes in a game like that, you know it has to be important to him," Jones said. "He was going to try not to make any mistakes, and he didn't. He pitched great."

Clemens gave up one hit and struck out four, setting up the first NLCS rematch.

IN BRIEF

Martin recovers from crash, gets win at Kansas Speedway

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Mark Martin bounced back from a costly crash with a dominating victory Sunday at Kansas Speedway, keeping the veteran racer's slim championship hopes alive.

But to get the 35th victory of his career and stay in the hunt for the Nextel Cup, Martin had to hold off his teammates. A lot of them.

Martin and teammate Greg Biffle led Roush Racing's sweep of the top three spots, and Roush cars took four of the top five. It was the 46-year-old Martin's first since Dover in June 2004.

But the last laugh might belong to Tony Stewart, who finished fourth and extended his Chase lead from four points to 75. It was Stewart's 15th top 10-finish in the last 16 races.

Biffle, another of the 10 drivers in the 10-race Chase, passed Stewart for second place 30 laps from the end.

Indiana Pacers struggle with injuries at training camp

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal sat out Sunday's practice with a right thigh bruise, but said it is not serious and expects to play against New Jersey in Tuesday's preseason opener.

O'Neal attended the Pacers' annual FanJam at Conseco Fieldhouse, although he didn't participate in the 20-minute scrimmage. Jeff Foster and David Harrison also sat out the scrimmage with nagging injuries.

"We just thought it would be a good idea to lay off of it today," he said. "It was the perfect situation for me to rest my leg and get right back at it tomorrow (Monday) at practice."

Harrison, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, has been bothered by a pain near his ribs on the right side of his body, and Foster is still recovering from arthroscopic hip surgery.

Woods beats Daly in playoff at American Express

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a phenomenal display of power between golf's two biggest sluggers, Tiger Woods outlasted John Daly in the American Express Championship because of a 3-foot putt.

Woods made up two shots over the final three holes Sunday to force a playoff, then won on the second extra hole when Daly three-putted for bogey from 15 feet on the 16th, badly pulling his short par putt.

"I just played that second putt straight, and it went left," Daly said. "It wasn't meant to be."

It was a somber end to a riveting afternoon along the shores of Lake Merced, where some 20,000 fans crammed along the fairways and cypress trees were treated to 350-yard drives and drama rarely seen this side of a major.

Woods closed with a 3-under 67 and won the American Express.

SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Saint Mary's takes fourth place at Benedictine

By KEN FOWLER
Spoers Writer

History repeated itself Friday, as the Belles turned in another impressive finish at the Eagle Invitational in Lisle, Ill.

Becky Feauto led Saint Mary's to a fourth-place finish in the 25-team race hosted by Benedictine University.

Feauto's time of 20:16 was her second best five-kilometer time this season, placing her No. 16 individually in the race, her best finish of the year.

Junior Sara Otto was second for the Belles, just two spots

and four seconds behind Feauto.

The Belles finished fifth in the tournament last year and fourth in 2003.

"Notoriously, we've done very good there," head coach Jackie Bauters said before the meet.

Otto said the course itself helps the Belles' times there.

"I just really like the course," she said. "It just seems to go by fast."

Bauters herself led the Belles in 2003 with a 17th-place finish en route to the team's best finish that year.

"It was really exciting," Otto said. "The team was really

pleased with how things went."

Junior Katie White continued her solid running in the meet for a third straight season, finishing third for the Belles in the tournament. White finished fifth for the Belles as a freshman and fourth last season. Her 20:58 five-kilometer time was her second-best time in the 5K this season, and she finished No. 32 individually.

Two freshmen rounded out the top-5 for the Belles. Kelly Biedron continued her strong running in her first season, placing No. 37 in the individual field. Her time of 21:20 was five seconds faster than Caitlin

Stevenson's 40th-place time.

"We're getting to midseason, so everyone is pushing themselves the best they can," Otto said.

The Belles entered the tournament hopeful because of their past strong performances in the race, as well as results from the beginning of this season. Reigning Eagle Invitational champion Northern Illinois finished behind the Belles last week at the Sean Earle Lakefront Invitational. What's more, Bauters reorganized the team's racing groups before the meet to maximize the performance of some of her improving

runners.

"We've been ... trying to re-pack some girls because some of them have made some improvements and need to move up," Bauters said.

Though Northern Illinois defended its meet crown, Bauters' strategy worked well, as more than half a dozen Belles posted their best place finish of the year Friday.

The Feauto-Otto tandem have been finished No. 1-2 for the Belles in each of the team's five races this year.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team wins a pair of games this weekend

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

It took the Irish 95 minutes to light up the scoreboard for the first time against Rutgers Friday, but Kerri Hanks' 17th goal of the season was enough to lead Notre Dame past Rutgers 1-0 in a thrilling Big East overtime match.

Five minutes into sudden death, senior standout Katie Thorlakson fed the ball from the left flank to freshman Brittany Bock at the top of the box. Hanks received the one-time pass from Bock and blasted the game-winning shot into the right side of the goal.

The Irish dominated the game statistically but failed to capitalize on any of their 10 shots on goal during regulation. Notre Dame attempted 14 shots but committed 10 offsides compared to Rutgers' lone penalty.

Hanks led the Irish offense with three shots (all on goal), and the Irish defense stood strong, preventing Rutgers from mounting any serious offensive onslaughts.

But the Irish defense made up for the offense. It posted its eighth shutout of the year, yielding only two corner kicks and one shot-on-goal.

Though the normally high-powered Irish offense was held scoreless in regulation, head coach Randy Waldrum was happy with the end result.

"To get the win Friday night at Rutgers in overtime was a great win," he said.

His team's offense rebounded two days later against Seton Hall on the campus of the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark

with a 7-0 drubbing of the Pirates.

Bock scored two unassisted goals in a five-minute span in the second half and Hanks marked her 18th goal of the season in Notre Dame's ninth shutout in 14 games.

The Irish defense held Seton Hall to just three shots — none on goal — and four corner kicks in the game as Lauren Karas combined with Erika Bohn for the shutout. It was Bohn's first appearance in a month, as the all-conference goalkeeper has been sidelined with an injury since Notre Dame's trip to the Santa Clara Classic in early September.

"I hope by this next weekend she'll be back completely," Waldrum said. "We didn't play her Friday but we played her the second half today."

Hanks opened the scoring and six players scored for the Irish on the afternoon. Lizzie Reed scored in the final two minutes of the first half, and Amanda Cinalli, Susan Pinnick and Maggie Manning netted goals in the second to put the game away.

Waldrum noted the dispersion of the scoring Sunday.

"It was a good overall performance from everybody," he said. "I can't think of somebody, anybody who had a bad day today."

"Two Big East wins, it was good for us," Waldrum said. "Now we [just need to] get back home to get ready for Connecticut."

The Irish host Connecticut Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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ND WOMEN'S CREW

Team controls Head of the Rock

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

On Sunday afternoon, the Notre Dame women's rowing team turned in a dominant display of team depth in the Head of the Rock Regatta in Rockford, Ill. Against opponents including Wisconsin, Minnesota, Purdue and Iowa, the Notre Dame team had three boats finish in the top 10 of the open eight event.

The team entered only three varsity boats into the event, and Notre Dame's first varsity boat took third place behind Wisconsin and Minnesota, with its second varsity boat placing sixth and its third varsity boat placing 10th.

Along with the three varsity

boats, Notre Dame also entered two novice boats in the race, which saw 28 boats in total compete. The team had been looking forward to the race since the beginning of the season.

"We have been preparing for the race at Rockford for some time now," said senior rower Sarah Palandech, who sat bow seat in the varsity eight boat that finished third. "We were very excited to get out on the course and race against some competitive crews. We rowed well, are happy with our performance, and we are looking forward to competing in a few weeks at home."

Junior Maria Romano, the coxswain on the first varsity boat, agreed that the race was an important step in getting the new

rowers an opportunity to learn and was useful for the veterans to shake off some rust.

"I thought this was a good race for us to go out and get some experience," she said. "It was a great day for a race and we were anxious to get out there and see what we could do."

Sophomore rower Lindsay McQuaid, who manned the four seat of the second varsity eight, was also happy with her team's performance, but looking forward to the season ahead.

"Overall it was a great day: sunny weather, competitive racing and we placed all three varsity boats in the top 10," she said.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Riggins leads Irish to victory in home Relays

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Christa Riggins couldn't wait to get in the pool.

The freshman swimmer was the first in the water for Notre Dame, leading off an Irish victory in the 200-yard freestyle relay on the way to a dominating team performance Friday in the Dennis Stark Relays at the Rolf's Aquatic Center.

The Irish accumulated 240 points, 40 more than second place Ball State. Notre Dame won all but three scored events.

The meet consisted entirely of relays, a format designed to ease teams into the season and make the transition to college competition easier for young athletes like Riggins.

"It was very exciting to swim for your college coaches for the first time, but it was less pressure with it being a relay meet

and with knowing we were going to do well," Riggins said.

New Irish coach Carrie Nixon wanted to instill a sense of teamwork and unity in her squad before the season began. Riggins said she felt Nixon's efforts had succeeded after the Stark Relays.

"I thought we had great team pride and Irish pride," Riggins said.

Illinois State took third in the meet with 154 points, followed by Oakland with 114, Wisconsin-Milwaukee with 94, Valparaiso with 50, Cleveland State with 46 and Marquette with 26.

Riggins and teammates Raine Paulson-Andrews, Meghan Linelli and Katie Guida won the 200 Free to begin the meet with a time of 1:38.14.

The Irish were less successful in the next scored race, the 400-yard medley. Ball State won the race in 3:57.57. The Notre Dame team of Ellen Johnson, Katie

Hopkins, Jessica Stephens and Krissy Archer finished third, almost four seconds behind.

The Irish returned to their winning ways in the 800-yard freestyle relay. Led by Katie Carroll, whose leg of 1:50.89 came one second short of the school record, Notre Dame set a meet record with a 7:32.87. Carroll, Ellen Johnson, Rebecca Grove and Ann Barton beat the old mark by almost 10 seconds.

The Notre Dame 400-yard individual medley team also won, with Jessica Stephens, Natalie Burke, Carroll and Courtney Choura finishing just .41 short of the meet record with a 4:00.68.

The next race was a 500-yard crescendo relay, with athletes swimming in 50-, 100-, 200-, 100- and 50-yard legs in order. The Irish team made up of Grove, Ellen Johnson, Caroline Johnson, Riggins and Katie Guida broke a meet record with

a 4:32.50.

In the 400-yard butterfly relay, the Irish came away with a victory as Choura, Riggins, Claire Hutchinson and Wagner combined for a time of 3:56.51.

The Irish continued their winning streak with a victory in the 400-yard backstroke relay with Brand, Barton, Gooch and Kiley Grove posting a time of 3:56.62.

In the 400-yard breaststroke relay, Quinn, Stephens, Choura and Burke led the Irish to a victory with a time of 4:30.67.

Hutchinson and Abby Strang won the two-swimmer 1000-yard freestyle relay with a time of 10:19.11.

Ball State broke the Notre Dame winning streak with a victory in the 200-yard medley relay, but the Irish won again in the 400-yard freestyle relay, as Caroline Johnson, Paulson Andrews, Kelly Battle and Guida passed the Cardinals.

On the diving side, scores from

3-meter and 1-meter synchronized contests combined for a relay score. Irish divers Tara Hyer and Lucy Hirt won the 3-meter competition, but Ball State won overall with a score of 428.15.

The Irish will now refocus for the dual meet season, which begins Oct. 28 against California. This change represents not only an altered mindset, but also different workouts in practice.

"I know right now we're kind of on an aerobic based program, and after fall break we're going to do more specific, personally related sets," Riggins said. "Sprinters will divide into sprints, middle distance and long distance the same way. I think the distance we swim will be the same, but the way we swim will be different."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 10 Notre Dame chalks up wins over Connecticut, St. John's

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Their streak has reached seven. After weekend victories over St. John's (15-6, 1-3 Big East) and Connecticut (9-8, 2-3 Big East), the No. 10 Irish improved to 14-1 overall and 5-0 in the Big East.

Notre Dame's hitting percentage skyrocketed in the Sunday Connecticut match. The Irish hit .355 as a team en route to a 30-20, 30-23, 30-23 sweep of the

Huskies.

Sophomore setter Ashley Tarutis led the offense with 42 set assists. Tarutis' counterpart, fellow sophomore outside hitter/libero Adrianna Stasiuk, netted a double-double with 10 kills and 11 digs. Senior All-American Lauren Brewster added 16 kills.

The Irish were also strong on defense, allowing only one service ace. Senior outside hitter/libero Meg Henican received 26 serves perfectly.

Eventually, the match turned into a good opportunity for coach Debbie Brown to get the youngsters some playing time. All 13 players on the roster played for only the second time this season.

Saturday, the Irish struggled at first with the Red Storm but rallied for the 28-30, 30-26, 30-28, 30-27 win. Heading into the match with the mysterious Red Storm, Brown knew little about her opponent.

"They haven't played a real strong schedule, so they have

played well against some teams, but it makes it a little bit difficult [to read]," she said last week. "We just can't get as good of a read on them just because of the schedule they've played."

Perhaps that was one reason for the tight match, which featured 27 ties and 13 total lead changes.

With 55 set assists, Tarutis orchestrated the explosive Notre Dame offense to 66 kills.

Brewster led the way again with 17, hitting at a .389 percentage. Stasiuk matched her career-high with 16 kills.

Senior Lauren Kelbley and Carolyn Cooper pounded 13 and 11, respectively.

Adding to the already high-powered offensive battle, Henican served up three aces. The Irish had eight service aces and just seven errors. This season, their ace-to-error ratio of .826 ranks as the second best ever by a Notre Dame team.

The Irish, along with No. 6 Louisville, are one of the two unbeaten in Big East play.

After playing 10 of 12 matches on the road, the Irish will be home this week for practice before traveling to DePaul this Saturday. Though the Irish have won seven consecutive matches, the Irish welcome the time this week to improve their game even more.

"We really want to work on being more consistent," Brown said.

As the Irish have played fairly consistently on the road, she is patient and, at the same time, excited to finally play at home.

"We'll get our chance to be home," Brown said, referring to her team's lack of recent home games.

"I don't think it's [being on the road] too big of a negative factor."

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HOCKEY

Jackson era begins as Blue defeats Gold 3-2

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The game may have been labeled an intra-squad scrimmage, but the physical play and offensive flair produced an atmosphere more akin to a do-or-die battle with a league rival.

In the annual Blue-Gold game for the Irish hockey team, an evenly-distributed Blue team topped the Gold squad, 3-2, in a hotly-contested affair decided by a shootout. Regulation time ended with a 2-2 tie and the split Irish squads played their way through a scoreless sudden death overtime before reaching the deciding shootout.

Each side chose five men to head one-on-one down the ice against net minders Dave Brown and Rory Walsh, playing for Blue and Gold, respectively. Sophomore Evan Rankin wasted no time putting his Blue team up after converting on his squad's first opportunity. Rankin deked left then right on Gold's Walsh and slid the puck along the ice towards the right post, past a diving Walsh.

Blue's Brown then stoned three

consecutive Gold attackers with several stellar saves to preserve the lead. That left Blue's Matt Amado to put the shootout out of reach for the Gold team, with a goal on the fourth series. Amado took the puck at center ice and picked his corner on Gold's Walsh, putting the puck low on the left side for the 2-0 shootout victory, giving Blue the 3-2 victory.

"I thought the energy was good. I thought that we did some things really well," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of the overall game. "I know it's novice stages for a team that's really going through an entire transition, as far as the style of play. I think that they picked up quite a bit."

The freshman provided the spark offensively for both teams to start the game. Gold freshman Garrett Regan got his team on the board first with a little over three minutes left in the first of two 25-minute periods. Regan buried the puck on a redirect in front of the net by sophomore Victor Oreshkovich. Senior winger Tim Wallace worked behind the scenes on the goal after digging the puck out of the left-hand corner to feed

Oreshkovich in front.

Blue struck back with its own freshman with 30 seconds remaining in the period. Eric Condra roofed a rebound coming off goalie Jordan Pierce on a shot from fellow winger Mark Van Guilder.

The pair hooked up once again in the second period, only this time the roles were reversed. Condra worked the puck along the boards off of a Gold defender and sent a quick pass to an awaiting Van Guilder high in the slot. Van Guilder ripped a beauty of a one-timer past goaltender Walsh to put Blue up 2-1.

"We had some fun out there," Condra said of playing with Van Guilder. "We read off each other, it just seemed like we clicked."

Gold tied the game halfway through the second frame on the only power play converted for a goal in the game. Senior Tony Gill one-timed a pass from Christian Hanson into the top right corner of the net, while situated just outside the crease along the right post. The two teams failed to convert for another goal in the remaining twelve minutes nor during the five-minute overtime that

ensued.

Coach Jackson viewed the game from the press box and left the coaching to assistants Paul Pooley, Blue squad, and Jim Montgomery, Gold squad.

"These guys are so new to me. The only time I've really seen them is on the ice in practice this week," he said. "You see so much more systems stuff. We practiced some this week, and I wanted to see which guys grasped it, and which guys retained it. You also see their hockey intelligence, what decisions they make with the puck. You don't always see that at ice-level."

Both squads played the body with full force; teammates or not, the Irish held nothing back. The physical play led to 15.5 minutes for both teams in the penalty box, a total of 14 individual penalties. This allowed Coach Jackson to take a close look at his team's skill on the penalty kill and power play. Jackson feels that he may consider several freshman for the crucial special teams lineups, an event he didn't consider prior to the game.

"We were told to go hard, and it was like a real game," Condra

said. "We're playing for spots still, so we're going all out, hit, show what we can do."

The Blue team out-shot Gold 31-22 in the two regulation periods and overtime. Walsh (22 saves) faced a majority of the Blue team's onslaught, while Brown stopped seven shots and made four consecutive shootout saves. Pierce suited up for both squads and made a total of 20 saves.

Van Guilder was named MVP of the game by Coach Jackson for notching his second period goal and contributing on Condra's tally.

"This coming week we are going to spend more time on the offensive side of the puck. I was pretty pleased based on working on defense," Jackson said. "I know this team needs to work on scoring goals, but on a positive note we didn't give up an odd-man rush. There was a partial breakaway early in the game, but really there was no odd man rushes other than that. For the most part, I think a lot of things were real positive."

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SMC SOCCER

Belles suffer repeat loss to tough Flying Dutch

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It was déjà vu for the Belles soccer team, but it was not the warm recollection for which they had hoped.

Saint Mary's dropped a tough loss to late-surging Hope College 2-0 at home Saturday. It was the second time this year the Belles were knocked off by the Flying Dutch with the same score, moving the Belles to 5-4 in MIAA play and 6-6 overall.

In 2004, the Belles upset Hope with the reoccurring 2-0 margin at home en route to a season split for the year's series with the Flying Dutch.

The staunch Hope defense proved too tough of a nut for the powerful Saint Mary's offense to crack as the Belles managed only four shots on Flying Dutch keeper Holly Nestle. This was Hope's eighth shutout of the year as it moved to 8-1 in the MIAA, good enough for second place behind undefeated Calvin College.

Hope has held opponents to slightly under eight shots per game on average and has only given up five goals in 12 regular season games.

"We were able to pass around them well, we came out with a lot of intensity," junior midfielder Colleen Courtney said. "We were able to break them down. We had shots, but we just couldn't get it in the back of the net."

The game remained scoreless for well over two-thirds of

regulation time, while both defenses smothered the opposition's attack. Hope struggled to sneak eight shots past the resilient Saint Mary's defense and could not convert until the 72nd minute.

Hope senior Negeen Masghati forced the ball past Belles' goalkeeper Laura Heline off a pass from Erin Dargis to put Hope up 1-0 with a little under 18 minutes left to play.

The Belles forced their hand but could not come up with the

equalizer as Hope notched the back-breaker in the 83rd minute. Sophomore Ellie Tresslar put the game at 2-0 when she found the net on a questionable goal.

Neither team knew the ball had crossed the line as they continued to play, only the referee's flag signaled that it was, indeed, a score.

With the loss, the Belles fall into a tie for third place with Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo upset the Belles, 1-0, last game, the start of the Belles' current two-game losing streak. Both teams currently have 15 points on five wins and no ties, but Kalamazoo has only three losses to date.

"I think it was an extremely well-played game," Courtney said. "We fought well, we gave them good competition. We just came up unlucky in the end."

"We were able to pass around them well, we came out with a lot of intensity."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish miss opportunities, fall to No. 9 Huskies



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Irish midfielder Joe Lapira slides toward the ball in a Sept. 11 win over Saint Louis. Notre Dame lost to Connecticut 2-1 Sunday.

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Great performances are not always recorded in the win-loss column.

Notre Dame turned in one of its best games of the season Saturday, but still fell 2-1 to the No. 9 Connecticut Huskies. The Irish dominated play for the majority of the afternoon, but failed to capitalize on numer-

ous scoring opportunities.

"Soccer can be a cruel game," head coach Bobby Clark said. "I thought the team played superbly well — possibly as well as we've played all season."

UConn's Julius James opened the scoring in the 21st minute by recording his second goal of the season. James headed a Ryan Cordeiro cross past Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill to put the Huskies up 1-0.

Following the goal, Notre

Dame took control of the game. At halftime, Notre Dame had recorded five shots, and UConn had mustered just two. The Irish took eight corner kicks in the first half, while the Huskies only took one.

Five minutes into the second half, Notre Dame almost evened the score. Sophomore midfielder Alex Yoshinaga fired a laser from 25 yards away, but the shot hit the left post.

Minutes later, UConn extended its lead. Cordeiro collected a ball that ricocheted off a UConn attacker and a Notre Dame defender and found the back of the net. The goal, coupled with his assist on James' score, brought Cordeiro's season point total to 13.

The Irish responded quickly, as senior defender Ben Crouse put Notre Dame on the board four minutes after Cordeiro scored. Crouse headed in a pass from junior defender Ryan Miller to cut the UConn lead to 2-1. The assist was Miller's third on the year, tying him with forward Joe Lapira and midfielder John Stephens for the team lead.

"I was hoping to get us back on track," Crouse said. "But it just wasn't enough."

Clark was thrilled for Crouse. The goal was the first of the defender's career.

"It was great for Benny, because Benny's been working very hard all season and playing very well all year," Clark said.

After Crouse's goal, the Irish continued to pressure the Huskies. Notre Dame consistently kept the ball on UConn's half of the field for the remainder of the game and had several chances to score.

With 23 minutes remaining, junior midfielder Nate Norman beat two defenders to get a clear shot from just inside the box. Norman's shot sailed just high, though, and the Irish still trailed.

Notre Dame's final scoring opportunity came with just 15 seconds left in the game. But midfielder Ian Etherington, who had a game-high five shots, also missed high.

"We had several that were just very close, but you know we didn't finish. We didn't execute," Clark said.

Notre Dame finished the game with a 15-7 shot advantage. The Irish also took 11 corner kicks in the game compared to just five for UConn.

"To be fair, they gave us a lesson in that," Clark said. "It's not how many shots you have. It's not how much you have the ball. It's what you do with your chances."

Notre Dame once again played without one of its three captains, as center back Dale Rellas sat the game out with an injury. Greg Dalby moved back from his usual center midfield position to take Rellas' place.

Notre Dame travels to East Lansing Tuesday for an out-of-conference matchup with Michigan State. Clark hopes the team's outstanding play from Saturday will carry over.

"It was as good a performance as I've had ever from any team," the 28-year coaching veteran said. "Now the test is to get back and get it going again."

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the day with a 345. Albion came in third on Saturday, only one stroke behind Hope and Olivet dropped to fourth place with a score of 350. After the two rounds of golf, Saint Mary's finished the tournament in first place, finishing four strokes ahead of Olivet and 13 strokes ahead of Hope, which ended the weekend in second

and third place, respectively.

The weekend's tournament reflected exactly what the conference competition has seen throughout the entire fall season.

In two of the three jamborees this fall, Saint Mary's has finished in first place, giving themselves a secure lead in the rankings.

Olivet made a run in the second conference event, beating out the Belles for the first place spot and cutting into the lead that Saint Mary's had

established, but let up and finished fourth in the final event leading to the championships.

And the victory achieved just what the team has been working toward since the beginning of the fall.

"As a team we really want to end it on a high note," senior Megan Mattia said. "We want to keep it going for the freshmen."

In addition to the final team standings, several Saint Mary's golfers were awarded individual honors from the MIAA at

the conclusion of the season. Mattia was named the Most Valuable Golfer in the MIAA for 2005, and finished the season with the lowest scoring average, 80.6, in the conference.

Mattia was also named to the All-MIAA First Team for the third year. Teammates Nicole Bellino, Kirsten Fantom and Katie O'Brien were also awarded conference honors this year, each earning a place on the All-Conference Second Team.

The conclusion of MIAA play

also marks the conclusion of the fall season for the Belles. Head coach Mark Hamilton said the team felt mixed emotions on seeing the season end. "It seemed like [the season] went quickly," Hamilton said. "The girls will be ready for a little bit of a break ... but they'll be sad to see it end."

The Belles will recommence play in the spring, although the 2006 schedule is still pending.

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MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Irish receiver Matt Shelton cuts upfield in Notre Dame's 49-28 victory over Purdue Oct. 1 at Ross-Ade Stadium.

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his knack for snagging touchdowns. His eight scoring catches lead the team and place him No. 18 nationally in scoring.

Samardzija is an example of what happens when Ianello's coaching strategy succeeds.

His 6-foot-five frame and athletic ability honed from spending his summers on the mound as a pitcher for the Irish baseball team have been utilized this season.

"You have got to use your advantages," Ianello said. "For some guys it's quickness, for some guys it's height, for some guys it's both. We just try to use whatever advantages we have for each individual."

When one of these individuals is taken away, as McKnight was with a knee injury sus-

tained against the Wolverines, Ianello believes it's important for each player to know he has a responsibility to give his best possible contribution to the team.

"You develop your depth from the bottom up ... so everybody has got to be ready to go and be plugged in and get a chance to get their opportunities and take advantage of them," he said.

The Irish have been successful this season in developing this depth. The squad has looked fluid and explosive so far — especially in scoring 49 points against Purdue on Oct. 1. But, No. 1 USC will present the Notre Dame receivers with a huge challenge.

Though Ianello knows about the talent and ability of the Trojan defense, he still stresses that the Irish need to take care of themselves each day in practice and not worry about

how USC will play.

"We're just trying to develop complete receivers," Ianello said. "Complete receivers block. Complete receivers run good routes. Complete receivers read coverages. Complete receivers make plays down the field. We're trying to develop that, and every drill has its own different aspect of that part of the game."

Ianello knows no one will ever become a perfect receiver, no matter how many drills or practices a player goes through.

But that doesn't mean Ianello and his colleagues won't strive for it. "The coaching staff is trying to get perfection," Ianello said. "There's a bunch of things when you go through the game films that need to [be improved]. And the neat thing about this group of receivers is they see it too. So they know there's plenty of room for improvement."

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"We're just trying to develop complete receivers."

Rob Ianello
Irish coach

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey excels in his Coaches vs. Cancer efforts

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Like Delaware, like Notre Dame.

Notre Dame men's basketball coach Mike Brey is maintaining his level of fundraising excellence for the Coaches vs. Cancer (CVC) Program that he did when

he coached the Blue Hens.

Behind the efforts of Brey and his wife, Tish, the University ranks fifth among universities and colleges across the country in money raised for the CVC and the American Cancer Society.

Notre Dame earned the ranking by raising \$216,010 in 2004-05, a \$47,000 jump from the previous year's sum.

"Certainly, my wife Tish has been a big driving force behind it," Brey said Saturday at the Notre Dame Basketball Coaches Clinic. "But both at Delaware and at Notre Dame, we've had two communities that have completely embraced the program. The Michiana community really has embraced it."

Brey helped make Delaware

one of the top CVC fundraising schools in the country as head coach in Newark, Del., as well.

Since 2002, Brey and his wife have raised more than \$630,000 total for the Michiana community's fight against cancer. Brey believes it is his responsibility.

"The one thing about this disease, it's touched everybody," Brey said. "If not directly, you

know somebody in the family that's close that this dreaded thing has touched ...

I think if you have a position where your profile's high and you can make a difference, you want to use it to your advantage."

Brey was the recipient of the 2003 CVC Champion Award, presented annually by the CVC National Council and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He has been a national board member of the Council since February 2003.

"I think once we kind of got it rolling, people saw it from the outside — business leaders, University people — that now we've developed another arm to it every year," Brey said.

Brey cited contacts at Martin's supermarkets and at local television station WSBT for continued support, as well as the advice and experience of University Provost Thomas Burish, who is the chairman of the American Cancer Society's national board of directors.

The Philly 6, a collection of area Philadelphia colleges and universities, leads the rankings with \$605,118 raised for 2004-05. Syracuse is second with \$414,201.00, followed by Connecticut (\$397,745) and Gonzaga (\$387,960).

After Notre Dame, the next closest university is Illinois, with \$116,774.

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Twins

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game, the Irish seemed destined to cruise to victory. A tough Bulldog squad answered, though, rallying to earn the break. A hold in the next game tied the match at six.

The Fresno State team, which defeated the No. 1 team in the nation (Caroline Basu and Shadisha Robinson of Georgia) in the semifinals, would win two of the next three games. They had a chance to serve out the match at 8-7. The Bulldogs had two match points that game, but clutch returns by the Irish thwarted Fresno State's chance at victory. Notre Dame won the game on a net-cord winner to send the match to a decisive tiebreak.

The tiebreak was a microcosm

of the entire match with momentum swings throughout. No team held a lead larger than one point until Sainz's errant return gave the Irish the victory.

The match was the closest doubles final in the ITA All-American Championship's history.

The Thompsons had high expectations this weekend as they entered the tournament ranked No. 2 in the nation in doubles. They finished runner-up in the tournament last year.

Dasso said an attitude change put the sisters over the top this year.

"In the past, they would get upset with each other when things weren't going well," she said. "This weekend they were calm. They got fired up for each other and totally supported each other. Last year, they would have let each other get down in a match like that [the title match],

but they just rolled with it this year. The attitude difference is like night and day."

The Irish advanced to the final by virtue of three victories over top-seven opponents earlier in the weekend.

The Thompsons blanked No. 7 Gabrielle Duch and Neyessa Etienne of South Florida 8-0 in the round of 16 before defeating No. 6 Stanford's Alice Barnes and Anne Yesley in the quarterfinals, 9-7. An 8-1 win over New Mexico's Iva Gersic and Maja Kovacek clinched a birth in the championship round.

Head coach Jay Louderback did not travel with the sisters to California, but was extremely proud of his star doubles team after hearing the result.

"We are excited to have the Thompsons come through in the final of a national tournament," Louderback told und.com follow-

ing the match. "They have been so close over the past year. I think this is a big step for them to play so well in such a big tournament. They played really well throughout, defeating several really good teams. This experience should be really big for them in the future."

Dasso also commented that in addition to the doubles success, she was also proud of the sisters' singles play at the All-Americans. Christian Thompson knocked off five ranked opponents in the pre-qualifying and qualifying rounds of the singles tournament, while Catrina Thompson fought off cramping to post a 2-1 record in singles.

"This week showed them that they can compete against anyone in singles and doubles," Dasso said.

Catrina and Christian Thompson will rejoin their team-

mates this week to prepare for a match at home against Southern California Friday afternoon.

Coach Dasso emphasized that the twins cannot rest on their laurels, especially with a talented Trojan squad on the horizon.

"We've got a good USC team coming in here this weekend, and we need to get back and focus on them," Dasso said. "Everyone will be after [the Thompsons] now. Everyone will play their best match against them. They need to be focused for every match."

Dasso said while the sisters need to be prepared for every opponent, they are extremely confident following this weekend's success.

"They know there's no one they can't beat," she said.

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pushed Falls further out to create separation between the sharpshooter and his teammates.

At 54 years old, Collins' coaching days are over — for now, anyway. Collins once slipped from broadcasting back into coaching in 2001, when he took over the then-woeful Washington Wizards to oversee a 40-year old Michael Jordan.

But on Notre Dame's Joyce Center floor at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Collins explained his philosophies and roots in the game of basketball, telling stories and running drills to illustrate his points to the attending area high school coaches.

Collins came at the request of Notre Dame coach Mike Brey, who pled guilty to taking full advantage of such a respected and thorough basketball mind being available to his team.

"As important as you like to have high school coaches on your campus and close to your program, I looked at [Saturday] as a day of having Doug plugged into my team and my program and using him as a consultant and eyes," Brey said.

Brey and Collins have been close friends since their first meeting, when Brey was an assistant at Duke University recruiting Collins' son, Chris.

Since then, both men have

been busy with their respective programs or, in Collins' case, broadcasting roles. But Brey said Collins has always been an accommodating friend and fellow coach.

"When I was [the head coach] at Delaware, I needed [Collins] for my banquet, and he was doing a Lakers game in L.A. on a Tuesday; the banquet was on Wednesday," Brey said. "He red-eyed all night to Philly, drove down and did my banquet on one week's notice ... He's a good friend."

Brey is not the only person in the Irish basketball program who is close friends with the esteemed coach.

The Quinn family has known Collins since they moved to the Chicago area and Collins' son was playing basketball at Glenbrook North High School, Collins said. Quinn attended Collins' basketball camp and consulted Collins when he moved to Columbus, Ohio. Collins recommended Dublin-Coffman coach Tony Bornhorst, where Quinn would eventually play.

Collins has coached the Chicago Bulls, the Detroit Pistons and the Wizards during his professional coaching career. He has worked for CBS, Turner Broadcasting and NBC, and he's now a commentator for TNT.

As for his hands-on work with Notre Dame's squad Saturday?

"They're fast learners," Collins said. "Obviously, Chris Quinn and Colin Falls can really shoot the

ball. Their big men have a chance to be good on the inside. So this could be a surprising year for Notre Dame.

"I know they had a big loss with Chris Thomas [leaving], but I think this team may be coming under the radar a little bit to surprise some people. They picked things up quickly today, they're competitive and they looked to be in great shape. I think they're ready to start practice next week."

Following his speech and on-court demonstrations, Collins spoke about issues concerning his career, the NBA and the game of basketball.

On Collins' path to remain close to the game of basketball

"I was taught how to play basketball as a young guy, so I have an awareness that when I watch the game, I have the ability to articulate what I'm seeing so that hopefully you can better understand it and enjoy watching it.

I think all the coaches who worked with me helped me in that area, and then I've worked with some great broadcasters who were play-by-play guys who taught me how to be in TV.

I've worked with the best there is — Marv Albert, Bob Costas, Gary Bender, Brent Musberger, Bob Neele, Vern Lundquist. I've been a lucky guy."

On Collins' toughest challenge entering a coaching job

"Washington, easily. Wasn't even close. Because of the dynamics, where Michael [Jordan] was president of the organization, was part owner, [came] back at the age of 40 to play; knowing he's going to play and then move back into the front office and then with all the young guys we had on the team ... that was definitely, by far, the toughest job I ever tried to do."

On coaching Jordan in Chicago

"[Michael Jordan] would wish he could play two games every day, not just one. I've never seen a more passionate, fundamentally sound, competitive, winning athlete ... and he always treated me with the ultimate respect, and that means as much to me as the games he won for me."

On the NBA's allowing zone defense

"I don't really think it's had that much effect. You don't see that much zone.

You'll see it occasionally [on] endline out-of-bounds plays, sideline out-of-bounds plays or when teams are coming out of timeouts — you'll see a team run a zone so if the other team has called a play, you're trying to run them out of the play.

But teams are shooting three-point shots so well now, and coaches don't like to give up open shots. You're seeing [the zone's influence] in little bits, but I don't think you're seeing the dramatic effect that you thought

it would have. Actually, scoring was up last year and shooting was up, so I think it's a positive."

On recent low NBA ratings

"I think the reason the ratings are down is because there are so many games on television. Other than [TNT's] Thursday night game, which is an exclusive game, with every game that's televised there's probably eight or nine games going on that particular night. And it goes in cycles. But I think the NBA is on a very positive upswing."

On NBA teams' draft habits

"It's totally different [from the past]. Now, if you stay in college three years, they think you can't play anymore. But I went to school for four years, and I still got better when I got in the NBA.

Now, [a team's philosophy] is 'Let's get them as young as we can.' And if that's the case, unless the player is unique like a LeBron James or a Carmelo Anthony, it's going to take him two or three years [to develop]. And usually the first coach who coaches him is going to get fired, developing him so somebody else can coach him.

Very seldom will you be able to develop a young player and be there long enough for when he's at his prime to even be able to coach him, because you're going to take all the losses."

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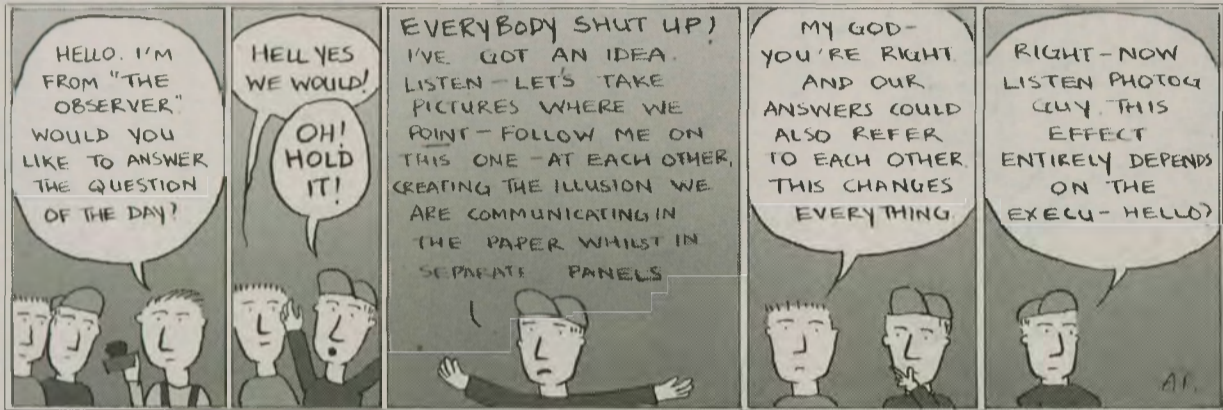
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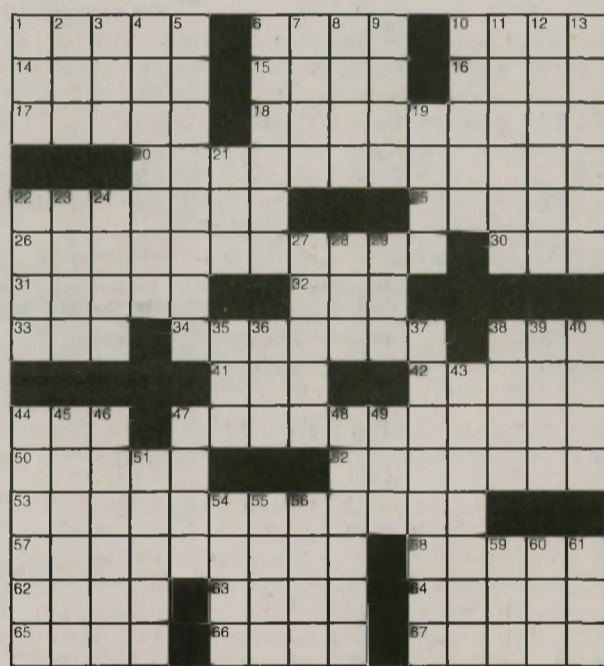
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- ACROSS: 1 The "C" of U.S.M.C., 6 Opinion tester, 10 "That's enough!", 14 France's Joan, 15 Samoa's capital, 16 Spy Mata, 17 City chief, 18 Lady's escort, 20 Bit of encouragement, 22 Bent over, 25 Frankie of the Four Seasons, 26 Stephen King novel, 30 Wide shoe width, 31 "Farewell", 32 The WB rival, 33 Old draft letters, 34 Casino supervisor, 38 Cambridge sch., 41 Stocking's end, 42 "___ hooks" (box warning), 44 CPR giver, 47 Antes, 50 "Me, too", 52 Pixies, 53 Hoodwink, 57 On the way, 58 Wrinkled citrus fruits, 62 Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie", 63 Cries of surprise, 64 Poor, 65 Georgia and Lithuania, once: Abbr., 66 Corduroy feature, 67 One with a dish towel



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): The world may be your oyster, but you are still likely to face a few small glitches along the way. Don't be overly confident or you will set yourself up for disappointment. A chance to do something nice for someone else will help you more than you realize. **
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A short trip will help you make a decision regarding your future. Check out the possibilities of making a move that will enable you to up your income. Real estate dealings will turn out better than anticipated. *****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Back up and decide what's important and reorganize your time. A chance to hook up with someone from your past could be exactly what you need in your life to make your next move. Shopping will result in good buys. ***
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may want to work around the house today and stay out of everyone's way. Don't bother complaining -- it will only lead to heartache. You will be feeling a little sorry for yourself. You may want to check your own motives. ***
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can make a very good impression on someone you have wanted to get to know better for some time. A neighborhood party or community event will lead to an interesting connection. *****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may think you are doing all the right things but, chances are when it comes to love, you are probably not doing enough. Let your heart lead the way and put your practical side on hold just for today. *****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may be a little too self-centered today. Consider someone who has done a lot for you and return the favor. If you are truly generous with your time and your knowledge, you can turn someone's world around. **
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A thought will lead to a new project. Check out what it will require to get things started immediately. The more time wasted, the less you will gain in the end. *****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you aren't happy with the direction you have been pursuing, stop whining and start making choices that will allow you to follow through. A sudden change regarding your love life may appear to be bad, but in the end, you will realize your good fortune. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be emotional about your life and your future. Don't settle for less than what you feel you are worth. Don't share your intentions with others; now is the time to be secret and mysterious about your plans. ***
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A problem with authority figures will develop if you don't abide by the rules and regulations. Stick close to home and don't even entertain the thought of being around people who tend to overindulge. ***
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be able to make some very interesting changes. An emotional matter can be resolved, but not without hashing out all the problems that have been bothering you. Take a short trip to visit old friends. *****
Birthday Baby: You are cautious, determined and quite unique. You are open-minded, intelligent and emotional. You strive to do what's right.
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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Seeing double

Thompson twins win ITA All-American Championship doubles

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Catrina and Christian Thompson won the ITA All-American Championships doubles title Sunday in Pacific Palisades, Ca., making history by becoming the first Notre Dame women's tennis players to capture a collegiate tennis grand slam tournament.

The twin sisters won the title match 9-8 (9-7) over Fresno State's Luica Sainz and Kathrina Winterhalter after fighting off two match points. Sainz's return of a Katrina Thompson serve at 8-7 in the tiebreaker sailed long to give the Irish the championship.

"There were no free points out there," assistant coach Michelle Dasso said. "The girls really earned it. Both teams had chances with match points. It was definitely nerve-racking."

The title match was a back and forth affair. The Irish jumped out to a 2-0 lead, but Fresno State was able to hold its serve and break the Irish to tie the match at two games all. The score was tied 4-4 before a hold and a crucial Irish break gave Notre Dame a 6-4 lead.

With Christian Thompson serving up 30-0 in the following



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

Catrina Thompson returns the ball against William and Mary in a 4-3 Irish victory April 9. Thompson paired with sister Christian to claim first place in doubles this weekend.

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SMC GOLF

Belles win their 4th straight title

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

A new piece of history was made for Saint Mary's this weekend when the golf team traveled to the MIAA Championship and brought home its fourth conference title in four years.

The two-day, 36-hole tournament was the last leg of the race for the 2005 MIAA title, which is determined by total team score after four conference events.

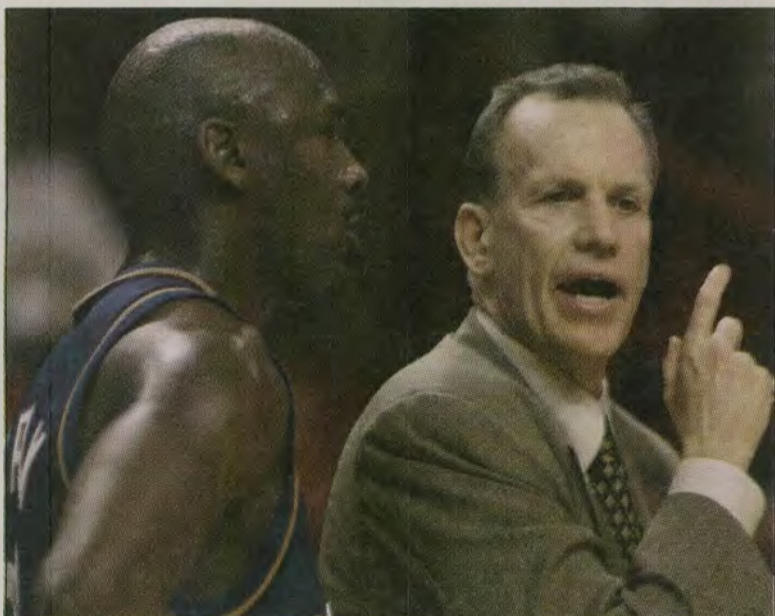
After three jamborees, the Belles went into this weekend's tournament already with a 22-stroke lead in the standings. On Friday, their lead was cut down somewhat by rival Olivet College, which finished 10 strokes under the Belles after the first round of play. Saint Mary's finished on Friday with a team score of 352. In third place was Hope College, four strokes behind the Belles.

But on Saturday, Saint Mary's was able to significantly lower its team score, and finished the second round with a 336. Hope College was the runner-up on the second day of the tournament, finishing

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Collecting Collins' wisdom



By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

One of Doug Collins' first drills at the Notre Dame Basketball Coaches Clinic on Saturday began with an entry pass to the wing.

When Notre Dame guard Colin Falls caught Chris Quinn's pass with his feet on the 3-point line, the coach in Collins showed itself — or at least proved it will never go away entirely.

"Colin, they'll guard you in the parking lot," Collins said, and he

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Former Washington Wizards head coach Doug Collins talks with former NBA superstar Michael Jordan during a game in 2003.

FOOTBALL

Ianello, Irish receivers bearing fruits of labor

Coach strives to help wideouts excel under Weis' complex offense

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame entered the season with one of its deepest receiving groups in quite some time, as Rhema McKnight, Maurice Stovall, Matt Shelton and Jeff Samardzija all had talent and experience.

But that didn't matter to Rob Ianello.

"We just started from ground zero," the first-year Irish receivers coach and

recruiting coordinator said. "I told them all when we started spring practice I was coaching them all like they were freshmen. Because in this offense and [with] their experiences with our staff, they were freshmen."

These "freshmen" have come along pretty fast.

Despite the loss of Rhema McKnight during the 17-10 Notre Dame win over Michigan Sept. 10, the Irish receivers have made huge strides this season.

Stovall, Samardzija and Shelton are each averaging more than 11 yards per reception. Samardzija has drawn national attention with

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

MEN'S SOCCER

Connecticut 2
Notre Dame 1

The Irish play their best game of the year, but still fall to the No. 9 Huskies.

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HOCKEY

Blue 3
Gold 2

The Blue squad edges the Gold team in a shootout to win the annual Blue-Gold game.

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SMC SOCCER

Flying Dutch 2
Belles 0

Hope College nets a pair of late goals to defeat Saint Mary's.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame 3
UConn 0

The Irish hit .355 as a team in routing the Huskies.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame 1
Rutgers 0

Kerri Hanks provided the game-winner in the 95th minute, downing the host Scarlet Knights.

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SMC XC

The Belles run to a fourth place finish out of 25 competing teams at host Benedictine University.

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