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Jenkins sets five goals in faculty address

By MADDIE HANNA
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A few weeks after delivering an inaugural address with sweeping, ambitious goals for the future of Notre Dame, University President Father John Jenkins fine-tuned his plans in a speech to the faculty Tuesday in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Jenkins outlined five points — undergraduate education, graduate studies and research, diversity, Notre Dame's "distinct Catholic mission" and fiscal constraints and opportunities — that he said his administration would focus on during his presidency.

As he explained these areas of attention, Jenkins placed them into the greater context of balancing faith and reason and molding Notre Dame into "a

great Catholic university for the 21st century," themes that surfaced during the inauguration.

First and foremost on Jenkins' agenda was undergraduate education, which he called "a traditional strength and defining characteristic of Notre Dame."

"As we advance the scholarly mission of the University, we must together ask how we can strengthen our teaching mission," Jenkins said. "The question will be central to the coming year."

To answer this question, Jenkins said a more comprehensive evaluation of Notre Dame's teaching methods was necessary. He said that while valuable, teacher course evaluations (TCEs) filled out by students were not adequate. He mentioned using faculty peer reviews as an additional tool in the analysis.

Not only will the administration evaluate the quality of the core

curriculum required of all Notre Dame students, but it will also "review and improve the design of curricula for undergraduate majors," Jenkins said.

The importance of increasing undergraduate research, a goal that Jenkins has emphasized since assuming the presidency July 1, was presented alongside his statements on improving undergraduate education.

"We will seek increased funding to support undergraduate research and opportunities," Jenkins said. "However, even prior to the realization of such funding, we must together seek ways to instill in our students an excitement about the challenges of inquiry and of rewards of insight and discovery, creativity and problem-solving."

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

University President Father John Jenkins described his goals, which included increased diversity and research, to the faculty Tuesday.

Campus groups set up 'coming out' closet



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Different groups organized the bright orange closet set up on South Quad Tuesday as part of Coming Out Week.

Students have mixed reactions to event intended to promote awareness, solidarity

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The clouds, cold and crowds didn't keep freshman Cece Holley from coming out of the closet Tuesday in front of South Dining Hall.

Not as a homosexual or bisexual, but as a multi-racial female at Notre Dame.

"Yay, this makes me happy," Holley said as she walked out of a giant orange closet through a rainbow curtain.

Holley was one of the first participants in this year's "Come out of your closet" event, meant to promote acceptance of alternative lifestyles on campus.

"A lot of people don't feel comfortable being multiracial or biracial, but I am and I'm proud," Holley said. "People don't understand what it's like to hide a part of yourself. But on a Catholic campus we need to understand we're together and we can't single anyone out simply because they're gay."

Holley's attitude was exactly what organizers of Notre Dame's second annual coming out celebration were hoping for. Students representing various gay and lesbian groups on campus created the event as a means to increase dialogue about homosexuality on campus. The event was sponsored by the Graduate Student Union and the Sociology Department.

"You always have something that not a lot of people know about you that you can say to the world," event organizer Alex Renfro said. "We're not pressur-

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GPAs from overseas examined

Difficulty of courses varies depending on study abroad location

By KATIE STUHLBREHER
News Writer

Senior Eileen Nutting spent last year studying at the University of Oxford in England with only five other Notre Dame students. Though there was no language barrier, Nutting said that the course load was so challenging that the Grade Point Averages (GPA) of the students dropped.

"In fact, of the six of us over there I'm pretty sure all six returned with lower GPAs," Nutting said. "Granted I don't think they dropped too badly — a few hundredths of a point — but nonetheless, they went down."

While the University is very encouraging of students wishing to study abroad, students often wonder how challenging, or unchallenging, their courses abroad will be and what effect that will have on their GPAs.

"Our campus is in South Bend, but our classroom is the world," said Julia Douthwaite, assistant provost for international studies, of the University's efforts to promote studying abroad.

Many Notre Dame students choose to venture away from the Golden Dome for a semester or year to continue their

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Gender breakdowns apparent in service

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Sophomore Service Chairman Megan O'Hara could not help but notice that on her last community service project of taking young children to the zoo that the number of female volunteers strongly outweighed the number of male volunteers.

"There were approximately 25-30 volunteers, and only one of them was a guy," said O'Hara. "The little kids really noticed, especially all the little

boys who were looking to hang out with an older college guy."

The zoo trip proved to be a small sampling of the reality that more females than males volunteer at Notre Dame. Data from Center for Social Concerns shows that the gender breakdown in community service ranges from 55 females and 45 males to approximately two females volunteering for every one male, depending on the type of project.

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame freshman Angela Carothers, right, tutors 7th-grader Ashlee Carrell at Robinson Community Learning Center Tuesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

The Rules

If Notre Dame lacks anything, it's not rules.

And except for the occasional "Whoops, we fell asleep while watching a movie!" or "Really? the Indiana drinking age isn't 18?" slip-ups,

Janice Flynn

we're pretty good at following them.

News Wire
Editor

But in an effort to strive for our collective excellence, I humbly propose a few more guidelines for campus life. I do not wish to add to the anxieties of midterm week. Like "Thou shall not kill" and "Thou shall not commit adultery," some rules are difficult to adhere to on a daily basis. Let's rise to the challenge.

The rules (and possible consequences) are as follows:

1. Couples are prohibited from same-side dining hall seating.

2. If a student has: seen another student every day in the dining hall for the past 2/3/4 years; can name at least three mutual friends; believes there may have been at least one Saturday night introduction; and is aware of the other's current relationship status, club memberships, political leaning, and favorite month of the year due to Facebook stalk-er-browsing, it is permitted, even encouraged, to give a simple nod, half-smile, or the neutral "hey" when in passing. (This column is about 80 inches too short to discuss the full implications Facebook has on this rule).

3. Should a student feel the need to train for the Tour de France on South Quad, any individual should feel entitled to clothesline the offender.

4. Any student, though well intentioned, should not hold open a non-card-swipe-required door for an approaching student who, at 50 yards away, must change their relaxed stroll to the obligatory (and awkward) run-walk shuffle, thereby defeating the purpose of conserving energy and arriving at class 10 minutes late.

5. The playing of the "Black Eyed Peas" at parties shall be strictly prohibited.

6. Classes shall limit the usage of the adjective "interesting" to 86 times per session. (This figure was attained by cutting in half the current average of all classes.) If this limit is exceeded, students will be forced to either a) bring a thesaurus to all remaining classes, or b) replace "What I thought was interesting was..." with "The only paragraph I read was..."

7. Any student who wears the "Muck Fichigan" T-shirt outside of Michigan game week shall have to explain to campus visitors under age 10 where the "University of Fichigan" is located.

8. Away messages that end with "...call the cell!!!" should not begin with "class," "shower," or "Mass." If broken, the perpetrator shall suffer the indignity of hearing their "My Hump" ring tone play 20 minutes into their Christian Sexuality midterm.

9. Anyone referring to the second floor of the library as "Club Hesburgh" will spend all remaining Friday nights at Club Fever.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HOBBY?



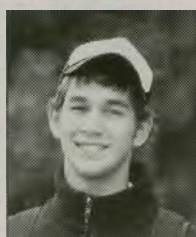
Elisa Suarez
sophomore
Cavanaugh

"Watching my roommate while she sleeps."



Michelle Byrne
freshman
Cavanaugh

"Laughing my face off at 2B techno dance parties."



Nick Chambers
sophomore
Alumni

"Watching the LeRoy Jenkins video."



Joel Liechty
freshman
Keough

"I like to play basketball because I have mad skills."



Nancy Powaga
senior
off-campus

"Riding my bicycle."



Kyle Bibby
sophomore
Alumni

"Studying, eating, sleeping, fishing, fishing and fishing."



Kris Pelton, Debbie King and Elizabeth Voss work on their projects at Saint Mary's "Knit Night" Tuesday.

IN BRIEF

Teresa Ghilarducci, professor of Economics and Policy Studies, will give the lecture "Law & ... Potential and Pitfalls of Social Security Reform" today at 4:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the Law School. The commentator will be Matthew Barrett of the Law School.

Lyndall Gordon, senior research fellow at St. Hilda's College at Oxford University, will give the lecture "Mary Wollstonecraft's America" at 7 p.m. today in room 210-214 McKenna Hall. The event is sponsored by the Political Science Department. The lecture will be followed by a book-signing.

Freshmen and sophomores seeking opportunities to intern or conduct research in Latin America during the summer are invited to attend "Experiencing Latin America Fellowships," an informational meeting at 7 p.m. today in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. Summer 2005 recipients of the fellowship will talk about their experiences and tell undergraduates how they may apply for summer 2006.

The film "I Wonder What You Will Remember of September" will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium today. The film is about the experience of a Chilean citizen living in the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. The film is the fourth in the "Women Make Movies: A Latin American Perspective" series.

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

OFFBEAT

Man in underwear faces burglary charges

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — A 31-year-old man is facing burglary charges after being caught inside the Bridge Academy charter school in his underwear. Police said they were responding to an alarm at the school at about 8:15 a.m. Sunday when they found William Hoskins apparently downloading pornography on an office computer.

A duffel bag, clothing and a wallet containing Hoskins' ID, were found on the floor nearby, along with a bucket of urine, police said.

Police said Hoskins told them he went into the school to use the bathroom.

He was held in lieu of \$500 bond for an appearance in Superior Court Tuesday.

Thieves leave trail of cigarettes behind

TERRA ALTA, W.Va. — Nellie Dixon didn't have to work very hard to recover the cigarettes that someone stole from the convenience store she manages.

Whatever the thief used to carry the smokes out of the Terra Alta Shop 'n Save apparently broke as they fled, scattering dozens of

cigarette packs throughout the Preston County town.

"You would not believe the customers who are calling me saying 'We have your cigarettes.' Sometimes it's 20 packs at a time," Dixon said Monday.

"How stupid are you? I mean, we have good bags right on the shelf."

Dixon said cigarette lighters, beef sticks and video games also were stolen, and the thief "had wine ready to go out the window," when he apparently was disturbed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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College holds 'Knit Night'

By SARAH VOSS
News Writer

Needles clicked, fingers moved and a fire roared as Saint Mary's knitters gathered together for Knit Night Tuesday in the Welcome Center. Developed this year by Catherine DeCleene, who works at the College's health and wellness services, Knit Night is open to students, faculty, staff or anyone on campus interested in taking up knitting as a hobby.

"It's so much fun for knitters to sit and knit together," DeCleene said.

Though many in the group are experienced knitters, some, like first year Danielle Franklin, are learning to knit for the first time.

"My grandma knits, so I thought it'd be something we could share, especially over the holidays," Franklin said, adding that she has just begun work on a scarf.

Senior Elizabeth Voss started knitting a month and a half ago. She is currently working on a scarf for her mother.

"I decided not to tell my mom that I'm knitting — it's going to be a surprise," said Voss.

Knitting enthusiasts at Knit Night said that knitting provides an interesting,

personal link between students, faculty and staff. With more than 20 people attending the event, the club proved to have a solid following.

"It's a very fun group," said counseling center counselor Gina Christiana. "We all love it. It's addicting."

Knitters use the time to "share ideas and show each other what we're working on," Christiana said.

Sophomore Anna Martinez, who began knitting last Christmas, recounts her time as a scarf fanatic.

"I've become addicted to the craft. I've made several scarves, including one for a baby," she said.

Martinez's newest project is "a hat for [her niece]. It's supposed to look like a pumpkin when it is finished."

Though all the knitters at Knit Night were enthusiastic about knitting, some realize the possible downsides to the craft.

"[With] a full load of classes, work and homework, it's often hard to find time to knit," Martinez said.

Knitting, though growing in popularity, is not often heard of among younger people.

"My roommates laugh at me, but I've got to finish this scarf," Voss said.

Martinez, who hopes to share knitting with her grandmother, endures the ribbing of her mother, a non-knitter.

"My mom calls me Susie Homemaker," said Martinez.

But despite possible drawbacks, the knitters are quite enthusiastic.

"I took my knitting to class this week. [My professors] looked at me funny at first, but I was still participating in class," Martinez said.

Though still getting the hang of knitting, some new knitters have high hopes.

"I love jackets, so I'm hoping to make a scarf for each jacket. Hopefully I'll accessorize my whole wardrobe," Franklin said.

Many knitters said they find Knit Night, and the hobby of knitting, to be a relaxing part of their week.

"I knit because it is relaxing and it is fun to make things," said senior Allison Nichols, who began knitting last year during finals week.

DeCleene encouraged any students, staff or faculty to attend Knit Nights.

"It's great to have a diverse group of teachers, staff and students. It's very informal and casual," she said.

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Saint Mary's art gallery features two new exhibits

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Saint Mary's Moreau Art Gallery is featuring two new art exhibits this fall in correlation with "Art 290: Installation, Video and Web," a course taught by professors Krista Hoefle and Julie Tourtillotte.

The first art exhibit, located in the Hammes Gallery, features a combination of original art pieces created by Saint Mary's students enrolled in Art 290.

"In the course, students are exploring the themes of space, time and the body through site specific installation, video used to document installation, video as an aspect of an installation, video projection and finally a virtual installation on the internet," Hoefle said. "The exhibition is entitled 'IVW Lab' because we are utilizing the space not just as a presentation space of an already completed video project, but as an art lab of sorts, where students can experiment with installation and video projection within a gallery setting."

The second exhibit, located in the Little Theatre in Sister Rosaire Galleries serves as an extension of Art 290. The exhibit was created by Survival Design, an installation team made up of husband and wife duo Jason Brown and Elizabeth Scofield. The artists, from the University of

Tennessee, use lightweight tensile architecture and nomadic sculptural forms to create interventionist art projects.

"Aesthetic Survival Devices" is the title given to their objects, which have been influenced by industrial, safety and recreational equipment.

"Survival Design works in urban and rural places to temporarily alter the landscape in order to question human relationships with the natural world," Hoefle said.

These exhibits were elected to be show at the Moreau Art Gallery through the gallery board at Saint Mary's. This board is comprised of members of the administration, faculty, Department of Art, staff from the off-campus community and student body.

An exhibition must be proposed, presented and approved by the board, Hoefle said. An approval is based on the artwork's relevance to the mission of the Moreau Art Gallery, and on its quality.

Members of the gallery board were excited about the new exhibits.

"Professor Julie Tourtillotte and I thought that the 'IVW Lab' exhibition would be an important introduction for the campus community to the three-dimensional applications of digital technologies," Hoefle said.

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Abroad

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course of study in a foreign country, Douthwaite said, but many worry that what they may gain culturally will cost them academically.

Study in a foreign school system — especially programs conducted in a foreign language — coupled with the challenges of adjusting to a new cultural setting is a daunting task for many students.

Tom Bogenschield, director of international and off-campus programs, said that while there has been no empirical study of students' ability to maintain their GPAs while abroad, foreign study will always come with inherent challenges. "I think the point is not that study abroad is necessarily 'easier' or 'harder' compared to ND, but rather that it is totally different in terms of the way knowledge is passed on, assimilated and assessed," Bogenschield said.

However, the many distractions abroad — whether host families, travel itineraries or meeting foreign students — can easily shift priorities away from study, said Cailin Shannon, who is studying in Rome.

"I think I realize, as I hope everyone abroad learns, that this year should not be focused on tests and grades and GPAs," said Shannon, a junior architecture major. "I don't fear that my GPA will suffer at all, but if I did, I still do not think that would keep me from going out and tasting a bit of Roma."

The difficulty level of the classes and general experience vary from program to program. Many students said that non-Notre Dame programs and programs conducted in non-English speaking countries are more rigorous than others due to the fact that one's course of linguistic study is constant in a foreign environment.

"It is difficult to assess the academic course load here in Moscow, or even the time I spend studying, because each and every moment seems to require that I remember a word or speak the language: when I am talking with my host mother, listening to the radio or reading signs at the metro," said Jaci Wilkening, a junior political science and Russian double major studying in Moscow.

Lance Chapman, a junior who spent the spring 2005 semester in Spain, agreed.

"Although classes in Toledo were definitely 'watered-down' relative to Notre Dame classes, the language barrier in itself was the challenging part," Chapman said.

Lionel Jensen, chair of the East Asian Languages Department, said that the challenges of language barriers are the whole point of studying abroad, and even tend to improve students' grades.

"I don't think there is a problem with GPAs abroad in non-English speaking countries," Jensen said. "This

brings about students' learning so much better and they develop a much more secure grasp of the language as they use it constantly while in China or Japan, and I think that this confidence is reflected in their grades."

Many students said that the frequent distractions as well as foreign education systems make it easy for GPAs to take some hits while abroad. However, some study abroad programs take into account these challenges when deciding the students' final grades upon return.

"Notre Dame encourages us to take a course load that is larger than the typical students at University of Western Australia (UWA), so that also

plays into how hard things appear," said Andy Blanford, a junior engineering major studying in Perth. "On the other hand, once UWA decides our grades, ND will go back and recompare our grades with students here and at ND and reassess our grade that will be factored

into our GPA, which works to our advantage."

In addition, some students reported that cultural differences pervading the classroom can work in favor of maintaining high GPAs while abroad.

"It wasn't as difficult in Egypt because the professors were more laid back. Over there, high GPAs don't really factor into getting a good job. It's more about who you know and your parents' connections, so there wasn't as much of an emphasis on grades," Anne Morrison, a senior anthropology and peace studies major who spent last semester in Cairo, said.

Some students said that the professors abroad play a role in the difficulty of each particular course.

"I would say that abroad programs aren't as academically challenging as courses on campus. I really think that the professors in the abroad programs are interested in our cultural education in a

foreign country as much as what we learn that translates into our GPA," said Tedd Hawks, an English and Film, Television, and Theatre double major studying in London.

Even with these added advantages, many students said that one still needs to maintain a good work ethic while abroad.

"If you are wondering if study abroad is a way to schedule yourself a 'gut' semester, I assure you that

students can and do fail courses in programs all around the world, on occasion," Douthwaite said. "If that is the grade they earned, we certainly back up our partner institutions. We support firm grading policies and adhere to the same strong commitment to academics in our international study programs as we do here on campus."

While students and faculty may disagree about whether or not study abroad is more

"Our campus is in South Bend, but our classroom is the world."

Julia Douthwaite
assistant provost for international studies

challenging than study at Notre Dame, most said that the experience of study abroad is worthwhile.

"If I haven't been challenged as much academically here, I still have been given an opportunity to see an entirely different side of the world and have learned a lot of things that are more practical, like learning how to set up travel arrangements and live on my own," Hawks said. "I've learned a lot about different cultures and gotten a more liberal view of how our global society works."

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Cailin Shannon
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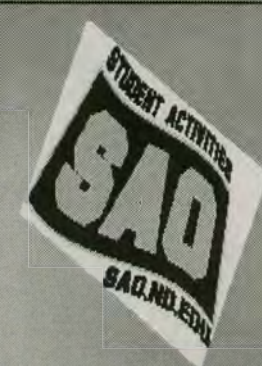
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chinese crew blasts off for space

JIAYUGUAN, China — Two years after China became only the third nation to launch a human into orbit, a pair of astronauts blasted off Wednesday on a longer, riskier mission after receiving a farewell visit from Premier Wen Jiabao.

Wen said the "glorious and sacred mission" would demonstrate China's national confidence and ability.

A rocket carrying the Shenzhou 6 capsule and the astronauts blasted off Wednesday from the remote base in China's northwest. In a break with the space agency's typical secrecy, the launch was shown live on Chinese state television.

The mission, reportedly due to last up to five days, is a key prestige project for China's communist leaders, who have justified the expense of a manned space program by saying that it will drive economic development.

Iraqis reach deal on constitution

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi negotiators reached a breakthrough deal on the constitution Tuesday, and at least one Sunni Arab party said it would now urge its followers to approve the charter in this weekend's referendum. Suicide bombings and other attacks killed more than 50 people in the insurgent campaign aimed at intimidating voters.

Under the deal, the two sides agreed on a mechanism to consider amending the constitution after it is approved in Saturday's referendum. The next parliament, to be formed in December, will set up a commission to consider amendments, which would later have to be approved by parliament and submitted to another referendum.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man beaten by police revisits scene

NEW ORLEANS — Robert Davis stood at the corner of Bourbon and Conti streets in the French Quarter and stared in disbelief at the brown stain on the sidewalk.

"Is that my blood? It must be," said the 64-year-old retired elementary schoolteacher, who was arrested and repeatedly punched by police over the weekend. "I didn't know I was bleeding that bad."

The confrontation, captured on videotape and broadcast across the country, has put another unwanted spotlight on the beleaguered, exhausted police force in this storm-struck city.

Three officers pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the incident and the U.S. Justice Department opened a civil rights investigation.

eBay blocks New York stun-gun sales

ALBANY, N.Y. — Online auctioneer eBay Inc. will block the sale and shipment of stun guns and other illegal weapons to New York residents after working with Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, it was announced Tuesday.

In an investigation that started last year, Spitzer's office found that eBay users were easily able to buy stun guns through the company's Web site. Investigators, posing as ordinary customers, bought 16 stun guns from 16 different sellers on eBay.

LOCAL NEWS

Inmate retracts murder confession

CHESTERFIELD, Ind. — An inmate who told police he murdered four women is now retracting his confession, saying he made up the whole story in exchange for a visit from his mother and pictures of his children.

Kenneth Powers Jr., 35, of Anderson, had told authorities he killed two women in Madison County in 2000 and two others near Pensacola, Fla., in 1999. He passed polygraph exams administered Friday by the Indianapolis Police Department, authorities said, and investigators were using ground sonar equipment to search Madison County for the bodies Tuesday.

PAKISTAN

Weather stalls aid for victims

Death toll unofficially at 35,000 as first support convoys reach earthquake survivors

Associated Press

MUZAFFARABAD — Heavy rain and hail grounded helicopters and stopped trucks loaded with relief supplies Tuesday, imposing more misery on hungry, shivering earthquake survivors as the United Nations warned of potentially lethal outbreaks of measles, cholera and diarrhea.

Dazed, desperate villagers fought over food packages and looted trucks as the first aid reached this devastated city in the mountains of Kashmir. The Himalayan region was hardest-hit by Saturday's magnitude-7.6 quake.

The Pakistani government said the death toll from Pakistan's worst quake was about 23,000, but a senior army official involved in the rescue operations and local officials said estimates surpassed 35,000, with many bodies still buried beneath piles of concrete, steel and wood. Millions were left homeless after whole communities were flattened in the region touching Pakistan, India and Afghanistan.

Three days after the quake, survivors still were being pulled from the rubble of pancaked schools and houses by British, German, French and Chinese rescue teams. A Red Cross official said people could survive under the rubble up to five or even seven days.

A 75-year-old woman and her 57-year-old daughter were rescued after 80 hours in the ruins of an Islamabad apartment tower, and a teenage boy was freed in the northern town of Balakot.

"He's alive!" rescuers shouted with joy as people gave the boy food and water and kissed him on the head. The air smelled of decomposing corpses.

The U.N. World Food



AP

Residents of the Pakistani town of Muzaffarabad try to collect used clothes distributed as aid by charities on Tuesday.

Program began a major airlift of emergency supplies, including high-energy bars to feed 240,000 people.

NATO agreed to coordinate an airlift of aid supplies from Europe. Eight U.S. military helicopters based in neighboring Afghanistan shuttled 16 tons of food, water, medical supplies and blankets to quake-hit zones, the military said.

Chinook and Black Hawk choppers flew 102 relief workers and others into the region and evacuated 126 people, said Lt. Col. Jerry O'Hara, spokesman for the U.S. base at Bagram, Afghanistan.

In Washington, a Pentagon spokesman said 25 to 30 more military helicopters would be in Pakistan within days. The Islamabad government also requested earthmovers, forklifts, bulldozers and trucks, spokesman Larry Di Rita said.

The United Nations appealed for \$272 million in donations, saying 2 million people were homeless. The United States pledged \$50 million, Japan \$20 million, Canada \$17 million and Britain \$3.5 million. Other nations donated more helicopters, money and supplies, including tents, blankets, medical aid and food kits.

"We as a nation are going through a challenging time," Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said. "We are overwhelmed by the support we are getting both within the country and outside the country and are thankful to those countries, friends and individuals who have made our task easier."

Tuesday's efforts were hampered by torrential rains and hail in the mountains of the Pakistani side of Kashmir, and crates of supplies sat on tarmacs waiting to be delivered. At least one U.S. supply helicopter had to turn around because of a rainstorm in the mountain passes, the military said.

4 missing in New Hampshire flood

Associated Press

ALSTEAD, N.H. — Where Sally and Tim Canfield's home once stood, there is only open land. Their home was washed away by floodwaters, and two days after the rains subsided, their family found no trace of them.

Rescue crews and police dogs searched rivers and woods Tuesday for the Canfields and two others missing in New Hampshire after a weekend of heavy downpours that left at least 10 people dead from Maine to Pennsylvania.

"We didn't find any bodies," said a brother-in-law, Rick Mason, who spent time with crews looking for the

Canfields. "First there was Katrina, then there was the earthquake, but this is pretty devastating right here."

At least one of those missing in New Hampshire, a 67-year-old kayaker, was feared dead.

Gov. John Lynch said the floods were the worst the state had experienced in a quarter-century, and he sought a federal disaster declaration. Teams from the Federal Emergency Management Agency were expected to arrive later this week.

In Greenfield, Mass., where floods wrecked 40 trailers in a mobile home park, the mayor said repairs would cost more than \$1 million. The flooding damaged a bridge and

a dam, washed out a road, cracked sewer mains and left at least 70 residents homeless, Mayor Christine Forgey said.

She declared a state of emergency and said she also would need state and federal help. "There is no way we could foot this bill," she said.

From Friday evening through Sunday, storms dumped as much as 10 inches of rain on New England and the mid-Atlantic states. In New Hampshire, Hinsdale got 10.8 inches and Keene 10.5.

Just as the region began to dry out, forecasters warned that there could be another of flooding if rainfall exceeded the 1 to 2 inches expected through Wednesday.

Service

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Brandenberger of the Center for Social for Social Concerns, more than 96 percent of the student body, male and female, reported volunteering during high school.

"Students across the nation actually believe that their volunteer opportunities will decrease when then attend college, possibly since they are unaware of available options. But over 85 percent of ND students do find a way to engage in service or service-learning during their college years," Brandenberger said.

Despite the fact that a significant percentage of the student body is active in community service work, those who partake in service opportunities at the University may notice the gender breakdown of the volunteers tends to be predominantly female.

Sophomore volunteer Katie Miller is one of several students who will volunteer in Appalachia during fall break. Miller said that there were 14 women and only four men in her Appalachian volunteer group.

"Maybe [guys] don't feel comfortable with the programs being offered. If [Notre Dame] offered more programs that guys are interested in, they would get more involved," Miller said.

Miller felt that men may not be interested in the opportunities to volunteer in nursing homes, soup kitchens and clothing stores, and instead they may be more prone to volunteer in a situation that required more manual labor.

"I would like to see more men involved, but I think it is great that girls are making such a strong stand," Miller said.

However, Circle K president Eli Mims finds that her service group has an equal number of men and women volunteers. Although she does not have specific numbers for the actual volunteers, the Circle K board is made up of four men and four women.

"I think that men and women who are devoted to service reflect a portion of the population that does service because they feel responsible to give back to their communities," Mims said. "It doesn't seem that men and women are socialized to feel more or less responsible in this respect."

Habitat for Humanity co-president Ryan Iafigliola said that, for the most part, his volunteers are equally split between genders.

Last weekend 30 men and 31 women worked on the project house. For the fall break project "Blitz Build," 37 men and 21 women will partake.

"I think generally that it can be true that we have an appeal that extends readily to men; however, as I was working at the site on Saturday that ratio would be reversed," Iafigliola said.

He also pointed out that the current construction coordinator is a female, but has been a male in the past. The Habitat board is comprised of six men and eight women, which is representative of the gender statistics in volunteer work.

The Family Liaison Committee that works directly with the family that the house is being build for is predominantly women. Iafigliola suggest this may be due to the fact that the leaders of the committee are all women.

The attempt to attract volunteers is not done by coordinators in a way that would target either gender, organizers said.

"The Center for Social Concerns consistently evaluates

and explores means to attract both genders. No one strategy is sufficient," Brandenberger said. "We do not select students for participation based on gender; in other words, for the great majority of our work, we are gender-blind in selection."

Iafigliola does not actively recruit for Habitat for Humanity; rather he lets others know what he is about by setting up tables to share information. Habitat has no prerequisites for volunteers and always welcomes new members.

O'Hara posts volunteer opportunities in the monthly Class of 2008 e-mails and sets up tables in the dining hall, methods which do not attempt to attract one gender more than the other.

"I know a lot of guys are very committed to service, it just seems girls are more committed," she said. "I think it might be that girls are more proactive and girls are more motherly."

According to the CSC, the number of female volunteers tends to outweigh male volunteers not just at Notre Dame, but also on a national level.

"I think guys will do events through their dorms, but might not go as far as going to the CSC to look for opportunities. Situations like these are not unique to Notre Dame," Iafigliola said.

Still, O'Hara said as long as the project is done to help people, the service is being accomplished.

"Gender might only be important in cases like the zoo, where little kids feel the need to hang out with someone of their same gender," O'Hara said. "[Gender breakdown] might also be more important depending on the nature of the project such house building or manual labor."

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Closet

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ing anyone in the closet sexually to come out in front of all these people if they don't want to. But it serves a great purpose to show what its like for a gay person to come out in an atmosphere like Notre Dame. It's a testament of support to the gay community."

Organizers said very few students actually used the closet to declare their sexuality.

Instead, gay and straight students alike used it as a means to express a unique or humorous aspect of themselves.

Juniors Afiya Wilkins and John Lowe came out of the closet together, announcing that they were "huge [singer] Ashlee Simpson fans."

Other 'coming out' topics included "I'm a person who loses their I.D. all the time," "I'm an Alliance ND groupie" and "I'm coming out as totally straight."

In years past, a door frame was used to represent the act of coming out of the closet. But this year, Renfro decided to make create a mammoth 6-by-4-by-8-foot real-life closet. The philosophy major managed the job with help from a friend.

"I merely imagined the form and created it. I got a blueprint from my roommate whose dad is a homebuilder," Renfro said. "I wanted to create an actual closet this year, to give people the isolating effect of being in a closet and then really immersing into a new world that is accepting."

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Alex Renfro
event organizer

The bright orange closet drew some stares, smirks and laughter from students passing by. Still, organizers said they were surprised by the amount of positive feedback they received.

"I expected more people to ignore me," said senior Jim Fobert, a member of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

Fobert was handing out flyers to students passing by and asking them to come out of their closets.

"No one has said anything negative — they've been telling me it's a great idea," he

said.

Some dissenters chose to remain silent. Second year law students Ryan Bradel and Patrick Roach chose not to pick up Fobert's pink flyers as they walked into South dining hall. They said they were dissatisfied with not only the event, but also the goal it was trying to achieve.

"The agenda is misplaced," Bradel said. "You can't ask a Catholic university in good conscience to tolerate this. If I was a parent, bringing my kid here, I would not be pleased. It looks like ND is tolerating a radical agenda."

Roach said the event was not consistent with Catholic Church teaching.

"The Church recognizes that it's a struggle and that it is not something to be proud of," Roach said. "If I had another kind of disorder I wouldn't walk around being happy and proud of it."

For freshman Dave Leach, the closet and the honesty it promoted were unexpected but pleasing.

"Coming from a high school where it [homosexuality] is kept under wraps, I think it's a good thing when people can bring out their sexuality," Leach said. "I'm fine with it. I won't participate, but I support anyone who does."

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Dow Jones	10,253.17	+14.41	
Up: 1,247	Same: 153	Down: 2,033	Composite Volume: 2,301,720,230
AMEX	1,652.97	+1.90	
NASDAQ	2,061.09	-17.83	
NYSE	7,380.81	-4.76	
S&P 500	1,184.87	-2.46	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,556.71	0.00	
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NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-0.50	-0.19	37.9
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JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	-5.61	-0.12	2.0
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-1.72	-0.30	17.1
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+0.58	+0.07	12.0

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IN BRIEF

Delphi gets \$950 million from loan

NEW YORK — A judge on Tuesday approved the use of \$950 million in financing for auto supplier Delphi Corp., which is expected to consolidate or divest a significant portion of its U.S. plants during its stay in bankruptcy court.

That sum is part of a \$2 billion debtor-in-possession loan assembled by a consortium of lenders led by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., which will help the company operate during its bankruptcy, expected to end in early 2007.

Delphi lawyers said the company would need only \$565 million until the next financing hearing on Oct. 27, but that a "cushion" was necessary.

At Tuesday's hearing, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain also said he would extend an order allowing Delphi to continue paying employees' salaries and benefits. Delphi has about 7,500 employees in Indiana, concentrated in Kokomo and Anderson.

A temporary order to do so had been granted on Saturday, when the auto supplier filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection from creditors.

Dollar still rising against Euro

BERLIN — The dollar rose against the 12-nation euro for a third day Tuesday amid uncertainty about a new German government that is seen as unlikely to push through radical reform of Europe's biggest economy.

The 12-nation currency bought \$1.1993 in late New York trading, down from \$1.2057 in New York late Monday.

Economists are skeptical about prospects for faster growth in Germany after conservative leader Angela Merkel was forced into talks with outgoing Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's center-left Social Democrats about formation of a "grand coalition." Neither side secured a majority in a Sept. 18 election.

The two parties, Germany's biggest, agreed Monday to open formal coalition talks that would put Merkel in the chancellery, but she will have eight Social Democratic ministers and likely will have to soften her plans for reform.

RealNetworks, Microsoft settle

Digital business competitors come to terms, ending Bill Gates' latest antitrust case

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A broad settlement between digital media pioneer RealNetworks Inc. and its longtime foe Microsoft Corp. goes a lot further than simply ending the last major U.S. antitrust case against the tech heavy-weight.

The deal also aims to help the two companies better compete against Apple Computer Inc. in the increasingly important business of online audio and video.

The settlement starts with a \$460 million cash payment that settles all antitrust disputes worldwide that RealNetworks had against Microsoft.

RealNetworks also gets \$301 million in cash and services — including promotion on Microsoft Web sites and the software giant's instant-messaging service — that are designed to help its products reach a wider audience.

"I'm eager to begin working together with the team at Microsoft," the company's chief executive, Rob Glaser, said during a joint appearance with his former boss and longtime nemesis, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates.

The deal is the latest in a peace offensive Microsoft has launched in recent years, following an antitrust settlement with the U.S. Justice Department. The peace-making has cost the cash-rich company several billion dollars but also led to better cooperation with some formerly bitter rivals.

In July, Microsoft reached an \$850 million deal with International Business Machines Corp. That followed a \$1.6 billion settlement with Sun Microsystems Inc. in 2004



Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, left, shakes hands with RealNetworks Chairman and CEO Rob Glaser at a news conference on Tuesday announcing a partnership.

and a \$750 million truce with America Online, part of Time Warner Inc., in 2003.

Seattle-based RealNetworks sued Microsoft in December 2003, accusing it of illegally forcing Windows users to accept Microsoft's digital media player. RealNetworks said its player suffered as a result.

RealNetworks also had participated in European Union and Korean antitrust complaints against Microsoft, but withdraws from those cases as part of the agreement.

Founded by Glaser in 1994 after he quit Microsoft, Real was among the first companies to offer an online music player.

The company has for years been one of

Microsoft's direct competitors in digital music and video but has increasingly struggled against its massive local rival.

Both companies also have found it exceptionally tough to compete against digital music's juggernaut: Apple's iPod digital music player and iTunes online music store and jukebox software.

Indeed, Glaser said he initiated talks with Gates a little more than a year ago, after his company launched a service — without Apple's permission — that aimed to allow songs purchased through Real's online music services to be played on the iPod. The move came after RealNetworks complained that Apple was rebuffing attempts to form an alliance.

Both Gates and Glaser said Tuesday that they believe consumers would prefer a service that's more flexible than Apple's closed system, which makes songs purchased from its iTunes service directly transferable only onto its iPod and some cell phones.

"Apple does great products, but at the end of the day we think consumers want choice, consumers want openness," Glaser said.

Joe Wilcox, an analyst with Jupiter Research, said the partnership will help RealNetworks and Microsoft compete against the iPod, but likely won't put them in the lead.

"Are they going to knock Apple out of the sky? No chance. Not anytime soon, anyway," Wilcox said.

ExxonMobil pollution leads to fines

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — ExxonMobil Corp. will spend an estimated \$571 million for pollution controls at seven oil refineries in a settlement with the government and three states over alleged violations of clean air laws.

The company also will pay fines totaling \$8.7 million and spend \$9.7 million to retrofit city buses, restore coastal habitat in Louisiana and sponsor other environmental projects around the refineries.

The settlement aims to reduce annual emissions of toxins that can cause respiratory problems and worsen cases of childhood asthma, the Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department said Tuesday.

The refineries covered in two consent decrees filed in federal courts in Chicago and Lafayette, La., represent 11 percent of the nation's refining

capacity. The public has 30 days to comment before the agreements can be approved by the courts.

Under the settlement, annual emissions of acid rain-causing sulfur dioxide are to be cut by 42,000 tons and those of smog-forming nitrogen oxides are to be reduced by 11,000 tons. Improvements also are required for detecting leaks, minimizing the flaring of hazardous gases, cutting pollution from sulfur recovery plants and handling benzene wastes.

ExxonMobil, based in Dallas, agreed to the settlement without the government filing suit so it could expand fuel production in compliance with the Clean Air Act. Three states that joined in the settlement — Illinois, Louisiana and Montana — will share the civil penalties.

Prem Nair, a spokeswoman for ExxonMobil, said the settlement "is in the best interest of the company and

supports the continued trend of emission reductions" at its refineries. She said ExxonMobil denies any claims that it violated any laws or regulations.

With the settlement, one in a string of such actions, almost 77 percent of the nation's domestic refining capacity now operates under a consent decree with government to enforce clean air laws.

"That will lead to reductions of more than 315,000 tons of pollutants annually from the 17 refining companies that have agreed to come into compliance," said Granta Nakayama, EPA's assistant administrator in charge of the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

The affected ExxonMobil refineries are located in Baton Rouge, La.; Baytown and Beaumont, Texas; Billings, Mont.; Chalmette, La.; Joliet, Ill.; and Torrance, Calif.

Jenkins

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Jenkins said the University would survey students this year about undergraduate research and then formulate recommendations on how to enhance the level of participation.

He also noted the existence of academic honesty problems nationwide.

"Notre Dame is not immune to this epidemic," Jenkins said. "We will explore ways to address the issue at a University-wide level ... We must not look the other way."

To build the graduate program, Jenkins said his administration would emphasize hiring "truly distinguished faculty" and building infrastructure for the science, engineering and quantitative social science departments to achieve "a goal of \$100 million in externally sponsored research funding."

Under the leadership of vice president of the graduate school Jeff Kantor — who will step down at the end of the academic year — research awards to the University have increased 15 percent annually, reaching levels higher than \$81 million, Jenkins said.

As with the issue of undergraduate education, Jenkins said his administration would research ways to better assess the progress of Notre Dame's graduate program. Provost Thomas Burish recently formed a committee to study administrative structures of the oversight of graduate research at the University.

Jenkins' third point, the importance of promoting diversity, has been a frequently-discussed topic at Notre Dame in recent years.

"Every strong university in this country is committed to enhancing the diversity of its student body, staff and faculty," Jenkins said. "But we at Notre Dame have a deeper rationale for embracing diversity and multiculturalism. We believe every human being has been made in God's image, and every culture reflects God's grandeur."

While he said efforts to promote diversity needed to increase, Jenkins stressed the importance of recognizing the progress made under University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy's administration.

He cited statistics about faculty diversity, highlighting Notre Dame's better-than-average growth in Hispanic faculty members while also noting the lower-than-average increases in African-American and Asian-American faculty members when compared to other universities ranked in the top 20.

These specific trends carry over to the student body, Jenkins said. But he said the overall situation is improving.

"The current first year class includes the largest percentage of

total ethnic minority representation in Notre Dame's history, and we are hopeful that these increases in the diversity of the student body will continue for future classes," Jenkins said.

Jenkins said his administration would seek ways to increase the diversity of students and faculty, to improve on the retention of minority and women faculty and to help the new Africana Studies department flourish.

The University Committee on Cultural Diversity has been "reconstituted and reconvened," said Jenkins, who will also meet with a student advisory group throughout the year "to seek ways in which the diversity of our student life can be enhanced."

Jenkins shifted gears to the topic of Notre Dame's Catholic character, something he believes is "a genuine academic strength."

"It identifies the tradition that gives direction and depth to our work at the University," Jenkins said. "It enables us to attract strong students and faculty."

Notre Dame's Catholic mission sets it apart from other schools, Jenkins said, and is an opportunity "to move forward."

"Notre Dame was founded with a religious character," Jenkins said. "Its statutes state it should retain this character in perpetuity. It is a priority of mine to keep this distinctive character strong."

The percentage of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame has been steadily declining, Jenkins said. In the 1970s, the percentage was near 85 percent. In 1984, it was 62 percent. The percentage is currently 53 percent, Jenkins said.

While Jenkins said he wanted to "confirm, emphatically, the contribution of non-Catholic faculty" to Notre Dame, he said Catholic faculty offered certain unique characteristics.

"A Catholic faculty member brings valuable attributes to this core enterprise," Jenkins said. "She ideally brings a faith commitment with some intellectual formation which allows her to relate issues in her discipline to beliefs, practices and unresolved questions in the Catholic tradition."

Jenkins also noted the necessity of Catholic faculty members given the global nature of the Church and their role as participants in the campus liturgical and spiritual life.

He said he would work with academic leaders to attract "highly qualified" Catholic candidates for teaching positions.

Jenkins' final point of discussion dealt with fiscal issues at the University.

"We realize our high aspirations will require shrewd management of our fiscal resources and sound allocation of those resources in accordance with our priorities," he said.

Jenkins showed a series of slides with graphs of the University's financial data from

the past decade, noting especially the increased importance of the endowment — which has shifted from 10 to 18 percent of the total revenue in the past 10 years — and the importance of the athletic department to the University's financial situation.

"Notre Dame is unique in that its athletic department revenues cover all athletic expenses," Jenkins said. "In addition, the athletic department contributes a significant amount to the academy."

In the past decade, the athletic

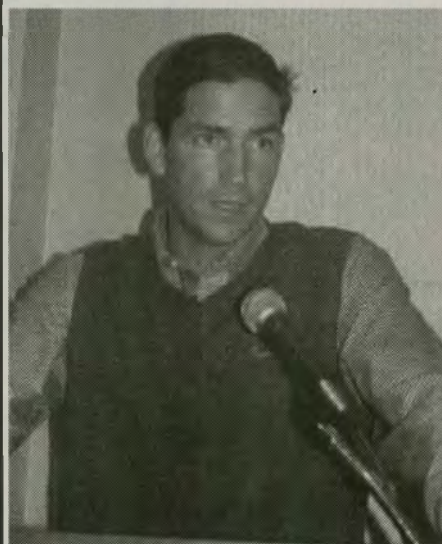
department has contributed \$107 million to the academy, Jenkins said. It was also responsible for a \$219 million growth in non-athletic financial aid endowments.

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Living Shepard's legacy

Today is the anniversary of an American tragedy that reminds us of an American problem. The problem of hate and intolerance still plagues our nation and our communities. Today — the seventh anniversary of Matthew Shepard's murder — reminds us, especially those who would consider themselves on the side of an issue — sexism, racism, ageism, classism, heterosexism, etc. — that when thoughts turn to outward hate and violence, we must examine the roots of hate and commit ourselves to uprooting them in our hearts and communities.

Matthew Shepard is no longer here to tell his story. The living, with their own intentions, emotions and reactions now shape his life and legacy. Shepard was a brilliant young man; he spoke Arabic, French and German fluently, attended two years of high school in Switzerland, and wanted to go into international politics. He came from an affluent background and conveyed it in his stylish dress. He had family and many friends who loved him. Shepard had his own problems, which are for those closest to him to expound upon. He was gay and out since high school, and in little Laramie, Wyo., everyone knew it.

Shepard's killers were his opposite in many ways. Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney lived in the low-income section of Laramie. Both young men — 21-year-olds at the time of the murder — had violence and drugs in their histories. They did not have a life

to be envied like Shepard — no direction and little money, not even to buy their beer the night of the murder. The collision of Shepard, McKinney and Henderson is painted in so many lights: hate crime, robbery and drug daze. The brutality of the murder — Matthew Shepard's skull was crushed and he was tied like an animal to a fence to die in the cold — makes my stomach turn no matter the motivation.

Hate is the only word to describe the aftermath of Shepard's death. The defendants claimed "homosexual panic" as an argument. Anti-gay activists protested Shepard's funeral and were present throughout the trial, declaring he was in hell. An active website "memorializes" Shepard by keeping a tally of the days Shepard has "been in hell." This hate that is well documented is the type we need to be concerned with. People with no personal connection to either party felt compelled by their ideas to declare a murdered young person to be in hell. People with no connection to Shepard felt the need to interrupt his funeral, a thing so sacred that something as secular as traffic stops for mourners. What does this say about their respect for the dead and their families? What does this say about our society? Nothing good.

October 1998, I probably did not pay much attention to Matthew Shepard's death. In those days, my attitude towards gay people was indifferent at best. I did not care what people did as long as I did not have to see or hear about it. Anything to do with the gay community was not my concern. In October 1998, I would not have even donned one of the infamous orange shirts.

In 2002, a young man was harassed at my high school. His classmates

wrote a homosexual slur on him in the locker room. I do not know the orientation of this young man, but that does not matter — the act was wrong and it rocked my indifference.

New sensibilities probably led to watching films about the lives and deaths of young gay people Matthew Shepard and Brandon Teena. Seeing those stories whipped me around quickly; the struggles of my sisters and brothers — even the gay ones — would be mine too. Also, my own background, coming from legacies of black men and women who faced hate openly from segregation and who cried over lynched and dragged loved ones like Emmett Till and James Byrd Jr., forced me to care and to be a straight ally.

Matthew Shepard was not perfect, a saint or a martyr. Martyrs choose to die to make a point, and saints are not around on the day-to-day. Shepard was a young kid like many of us trying to figure out this strange world. Young men cut his journey short with hate in their hearts.

What Shepard leaves us is not a "gay agenda" or simply another cry for another law to say that murder is wrong. Shepard leaves with us a call to take the hate out of our own hearts to make this nation safe for people to be themselves no matter whom they love, to take the hate out of our hearts so it is not permissible to defend murder with "homosexual panic;" to take the hate out of our hearts to give pause to those that would protest a funeral. To take the hate out of our hearts, period.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Following the light of the sun,
we left the old world."*

Christopher Columbus
explorer

Of Ray Siegfried, Mark Roche and the child we once were

This Monday's funeral Mass for Notre Dame trustee Ray Siegfried was a beautiful and inspiring celebration of his life. Life was very precious to Ray — the lives of the adults and children he encountered every day, and the lives of those children not yet born. As he was a great friend of

Anthony J. Lauinger

Guest Column

Our Lady's University, he was also a wonderful defender of the unborn child. He often said that it was his daily visits to the grotto that got him through Notre Dame, and it was no doubt that same devotion to the Blessed Mother that helped him see with such clarity that there is something terribly wrong about adults killing helpless children in the womb to solve our own problems.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, Ray Siegfried was laid to rest in the cemetery here on the campus of Notre Dame.

Oct. 11 was also, coincidentally, the first anniversary of the publication of a guest editorial by another member of the Notre Dame family, Dean Mark Roche of the College of Arts and Letters. His op-ed appeared in *The New York Times*, less than a month before the 2004 presidential election.

My purpose here is not to be personally critical of Dean Roche. What he wrote could have been written by countless other supporters of candidates who defend legal elective abortion. My purpose, rather, is to offer, in charity, a gentle illustration of why what he wrote is so damaging and so mistaken.

The sentence which was especially offensive, given our obligation to pro-

tect the weak, the defenseless, the least among us, read as follows: "Those who view abortion as the most significant issue in this campaign may well want to supplement their abstract desire for moral rectitude with a more realistic focus on how best to ensure that fewer abortions take place."

The above quote betrays a grave misunderstanding of the pro-life cause. It is a desire to save human lives that motivates those who defend the right to life. There is nothing "abstract" about the tragedy of the 45 million unborn babies who have been legally killed in our country since the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision of 1973.

Having been deeply distressed for the past year by the misguided thinking embodied in the op-ed, I resolved during Ray Siegfried's funeral Mass to respond. It's what he would have done: Say what needs to be said.

My wife Phyllis and I sent all eight of our children to Notre Dame because of the Catholic values which Our Lady's University unambiguously upholds. My confidence in that assumption was shaken, however, when I read Dean Roche's column of last Oct. 11.

A true story may help illustrate why opposition to abortion is much more than an "abstract desire for moral rectitude." I heard a woman call a radio show one day. Long ago, she said, she had had an abortion. Through the years that followed, she suffered greatly from the grief that resulted from realizing she had killed her baby. The pain she felt over her unborn child never went away.

Paradoxically, through those inter-

vening years, she continued to be "pro-choice." Every woman should have the right to get an abortion, she believed.

Years later she met someone she wanted to marry. But she felt she first needed to tell him about the awful burden she had carried all those years. When she told him about the baby she had aborted, he asked her a single question: "Would you have had the abortion had it not been legal?"

"Well, of course not," she answered.

"Those words had no sooner left my mouth," she told the radio-show host, "than it hit me like a ton of bricks how wrong I had been all those years to be 'pro-choice.'"

She went on to explain that, by espousing the view that abortion should be a legal option, available for those who want it, she had cavalierly consigned other women to the same anguish, the same misery that she had experienced as a result of her own abortion. By her "pro-choice" attitude, she had enabled, condoned, endorsed the decisions of other women to abort their children, and thus shared the responsibility for those deaths.

Many in our society today do, in fact, equate what is legal with what is right. Many superficially conclude that anything the law approves must, therefore, be ethical.

What the caller suddenly realized, as she answered her fiancée's question, is that the law is a teacher. It is the function of law to educate, to guide, to teach those in a civilized society how we should treat fellow members of our human family.

Abortion is not a matter of private

morality, but a matter of public morality, because abortion violates the most fundamental right of another human being — the inalienable right to life itself, with which we are each endowed by our Creator.

It is not enough to be "personally opposed" to abortion but "pro-choice" — because abortion is not a victimless act. Each time an abortion is performed, a child dies.

Ray Siegfried helped us appreciate that fact by championing the defense of the unborn child during his lifetime. He knew that Notre Dame, Our Mother, was first the mother of God — the mother of Him Who, when He came to us, chose to do so as an unborn Child. Why did He come that way? What was He teaching us, if not the sacredness of motherhood and the value of the life of a child waiting to be born?

Will we reject the child in the womb, the way the innkeeper at Bethlehem did? Ray Siegfried didn't. He understood clearly that everyone, from the moment of conception, is created in the image and likeness of the Christ Child.

Thank you for your wonderful example, Ray. May it continue to inspire us to do what you would have done. And may you rest in peace.

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U-WIRE

Call for equal rights — even marriage

To the honorable Roger Wicker, my mother's pastor, that girl in sociology class, Uncle Michael and the middle-aged man who approached me on a bench outside Walgreens:

I really don't know if I can talk about the "marriage issue" with you anymore.

I can't always articulate my thoughts clearly in person. As with many people, my tendency is to be almost pathologically diplomatic, so as much as possible I avoid heart-wrenching anecdotes, moral platitudes and passionate firestorms. For the most part, people only hear how I feel about issues of sexuality through their own terms and frames, in a polite conversational tone that legitimizes every position by suggesting it may actually be worthy of civil debate.

That would be appropriate if this were just another political issue. For you, it is. You discuss it the same way you do the Endangered Species Act and campaign finance reform.

But that's precisely what is so frustrating; this is not simply a political issue, and every time we talk I wish I could play *Ghost of Christmas Past*, and show you the suffering so you could begin to understand it.

I have never had any social or legal limitations placed on me because I fell in love. However, I have seen the effects of those limitations on others: facing harassment at school and at work, feeling horrible pain and self-hatred from the realization process, being forced into a subculture and out of church, not being allowed into the hospital room to see a dying spouse, experiencing sexual assault and abuse and living in fear.

I can almost hear it now: "It's just marriage that's being kept away, and there's still civil unions."

Ridiculous.

If the real basis for this denial of equal rights — the only excuse — is that some religious adherents believe homosexual sex is immoral or that homosexual relationships are "unnatural," then it isn't just about marriage, is it? That's especially true if civil unions are acceptable, or we should "leave it up to the states." If those options appear workable, then this isn't even about the supposed evils of homosexual sex.

The underlying rationale for denying equal rights to one group of people is that they are, in essence, less equal and therefore less deserving. This campaign is not focused on a "definition of marriage" or homosexual behavior — it is a campaign against homosexuals, and the social debate is because a certain segment of this country's population desperately wants them to shut up and disappear. This is about fear and disgust and the firm conviction, repeated so eloquently, that "my boy isn't going to grow up to be a faggot."

If this fear and disgust was directed at any other group, it would be called bigotry, and everyone would agree that's exactly the proper term for it.

The words and phrases may refer to marriage, but everyone knows that's not really what's being discussed. You must have imagined looking in the eye of a beloved friend or family member and saying, "I love you dearly, but you don't deserve to get married." A person would need to harden himself to say that — he'd need to shut down his empathy, because the dehumanization inherent in that statement is obvious.

Because some people are trying to get their fear and disgust codified into law by any means necessary, the value and worth of individual people are being calmly discussed in the political arena. Eighty-nine percent of Mississippians didn't vote to have

our constitution permanently ban equal marriage rights — rather, 89 percent of Mississippi voted in a constitutional amendment that says, "You are not the same type of human being we are; we wish you didn't exist." That is not what the words were, but that is the message that was sent, and it's difficult to believe there was a single vote cast that didn't recognize what the discourse was actually about. It's difficult to believe that no one affected by the legislation went through the next few days feeling a little more subdued and a little more alienated.

There's causation there, between the codified fear and the suffering. Placing this fear and disgust in the public arena as a valid political topic is how open hatred becomes legitimized. And that's why children who act "gay" are harassed at school, why GLBT teens suffer such high levels of depression, why so many people live each day in fear of being "outed" because they'll lose their jobs and why suicide rates are so high among people who aren't "straight."

I do agree that this is a religious and moral issue. But you're on the wrong side, and still there's nothing I can possibly say to change your mind or touch your heart. Not compassion, not pity, not legal analysis, not religious scholarship, not appeals to basic justice or your sense of humanity. So for now I have to give up on you.

For me, it hurts too much, and for you it matters too little.

Happy Coming Out Day, everybody.

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THE WOMEN OF WISTERIA LANE

Susan Mayer

The sweet, loveable but clumsy Susan is a 40-something divorcee with a 14 year-old daughter and an adulterous ex-husband. She is in love with her mysterious neighbor Mike, and inevitably ends up in an embarrassing situation no matter how hard she tries to avoid it.

Bree Van De Kamp

The ultimate standard of domestic perfection, Bree takes cooking, cleaning and decorating to new heights. Her intense focus and resolve cause tension within her household, both with her two children and her husband, Rex.

Gabrielle Solis

As a young, beautiful and spoiled trophy wife, Gabrielle pursues different things than the other wives on Wisteria Lane, notably the gardener. She has to balance hiding her affair with a meddling mother-in-law and a husband with less than ethical business practices.

Lynette Scavo

Lynette was a high-powered business woman before she gave up her career to raise her four children. She faces huge trials in dealing both with her hyperactive kids and the intense suburban mothers who inhabit Wisteria Lane and eventually heads back to work, only to find more troubles there.

Edie Britt

The stories of Edie's conquests of men are legendary on Wisteria Lane, but her behavior has also alienated her from the other women on the street. She and Susan have an ongoing competition for men, including their neighbor Mike and Susan's ex-husband.

Mary Alice Young

Mary Alice's suicide sets in motion the show, "Desperate Housewives," and the mysterious back story that causes her to take her own life slowly unravels as the show goes on. Prior to her death, she was a nurse and a pillar of the community, which made her decision even more shocking. She is also the narrator of the show, providing insights that the living characters are unaware of.

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MORE DESPERATE THAN EVER: SEASONS ONE AND TWO

Something is rotten in the suburb of Wisteria Lane. The suicide of seemingly happy housewife Mary Alice Young (Brenda Strong) disrupts the placid surface of the street and incites the drama that makes up ABC's hit show, "Desperate Housewives." Part soap opera, part mystery and showing echoes of both "Melrose Place" and "American Beauty," the show has made domesticity fascinating in ways that Martha Stewart never dreamed of.

Season One DVD Review

The DVD set of the first season recaps the scandal, humor and intrigue that made the show a hit while adding some fantastic extras that are just icing on the cake. The set comes out just as the second season is beginning, and the new batch of episodes is proving to be juicier and darker than the inaugural season had even hinted at.

"Desperate Housewives" packs a lot into each episode. Along with the mystery of the suicide that started the show, there are five main characters with wildly different story arcs. Add husbands, children, mysterious neighbors and a host of other individuals, and it becomes the television equivalent of a Dickens novel in terms of sheer bulk of characters. Having the entire first season will seem like a godsend to fans of the show who can now obsessively catch up before plunging into the depths of Season Two.

The show follows the adventures of a group of women who live on the same suburban street and must grapple with their lives in the wake of a friend's suicide. In spite of these dark origins, the show manages to balance humor with pathos in a masterful way.

The women of Wisteria Lane are a wildly mixed but wholly entertaining bunch. Susan (Teri Hatcher) is a bubbly, klutzy divorcee raising a precocious daughter and looking for love. Bree (Marcia Cross) is a domestic tyrant who obsessively pursues perfection and rules over her family with an iron fist, housed in a perfectly tailored, hand-sewn gloves. Lynette (Felicity Huffman), a former career woman, is forced to grapple with four boys and a suburban world far removed from the boardroom. Gabrielle (Eva Longoria) is a young, spoiled trophy wife who gets what she wants, including the gardener. Edie (Nicollette Sheridan) is a man-eater who is willing to do anything to beat another woman for a man's affection.

A host of extras are included with the episodes themselves, and the producers took great care in choosing material that would fit in with the dark-

ly humorous atmosphere of the show.

Disc one includes the feature, "A Walk Down Wisteria Lane," which features creator Marc Cherry being interviewed by "The View"'s Meredith Vieira. There is also audio commentary from Cherry on the pilot episode, as well as several deleted scenes.

Disc two features two episodes with commentary from Cherry and from director Larry Shaw. There is also a feature entitled "Desperate Housewives Around the World," that reveals how the show is translated into other languages. "Multi Language Sequence: Bree's Dinner Party" includes a sample of dubs from different languages put together in one sequence.

Disc three contains a feature about the fashion of "Desperate Housewives" called "Dressing Wisteria Lane." There are also deleted scenes and optional commentary from Cherry.

Disc four contains deleted scenes and audio commentary.

Disc five has one deleted scene and features the stars of the show sharing their favorite scenes in a features called "Audio Commentary: The Ladies' Favorite Scenes."

The sixth and final disc contains the most bonus material. "Oprah Winfrey is the New Neighbor," features the talk show host spliced in with scenes from the show to create a humorous skit. "The Secrets of Wisteria Lane" provides an inside look into how the show is written and put together, while "Bloopers from the Set" supplies the requisite DVD extra of mess-ups from the show. The feature "Behind the Scenes on Wisteria Lane" shows Meredith Vieira interviewing various members of cast and crew about working on the show. There are also deleted scenes and audio commentary from Cherry.

The DVD set provides a great background and homage to what has emerged as a humorous and innovative show.

Season Two Preview

The second season of "Desperate Housewives" picks up where the emotionally intense season finale of Season One left off. It not only continues the first season, but actually manages to up the magnitude of drama on the show as well.

The first episode, "Next," is full of intense revelations and life-changing events. The origins of Zach (Cody Kasch), Mary Alice's son, are revealed. Susan (Teri Hatcher) and Mike (James Denton)'s relationship is tested by information

Desperate Housewives

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that comes to the surface.

Bree (Marcia Cross) has the sudden death of her husband (Pyfrom) but also with the law Phyllis (Shirley Knight) her life as well.

Lynette (Felicity Huffman) must deal not only with but also with the fact that she is skilled in the domestic.

Gabrielle (Eva Longoria) Chavira) in jail, and the truth about their relationship.

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Bree and her mother-in-law square off, and Phyllis sues killed Rex. Carlos and Gabrielle's terms, and Lynette goes to make her husband know new neighbor, Betty Apple is introduced and she is unusual secret.

In the third episode of the "Get Away from Me," Bree has been exhumed due to the fact of his death. Gabrielle begins her gardening, around after the must deal with balancing the and Susan and Edie begin to Julie needs a partner for a while.

The show will more than make good on the previous season's teases, and fill the air with the inevitable twists and turns. The season indicated the show was off.

If there is one thing that "Desperate Housewives," what it initially appears to be



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The first season of "Desperate Housewives" is now available on a six-DVD set that comes loaded with extras.



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Gabrielle Solis (Eva Longoria) deals with the incarceration of her lover in the first season of "Housewives."



DOLLY GRIFFIN

NOT JUST TROPHY WIVES: THE SHOW'S LEADING LADIES

In Hollywood, it usually only takes one major event to turn someone's career from a slump into a smash. Sometimes that one thing is a movie, sometimes it is a scandal, but possibly the best way to win in Hollywood is to have a hit TV show. What better way to quickly become famous than to appear in the living rooms of the world once a week?

"Desperate Housewives" has become a huge international hit, and with its success, the stock of the actresses who portray the women of Wisteria Lane has skyrocketed. Examining the acting history of the five main actresses reveals that most of them had stalled careers or careers that had never really gotten off the ground, but a little show on ABC has changed all of that forever.

The actresses who appear on "Desperate Housewives" had successful careers before the show began, but nothing like the ones they are experiencing now that the show is an international sensation.

Teri Hatcher found fame after appearing as Lois Lane on the hit show, "Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman." In spite of a few appearances in films like "Spy Kids" and the James Bond film "Tomorrow Never Dies," Hatcher's career stalled somewhat after "Lois and Clark" ended.

The role of Susan Mayer that has jump-started Hatcher's career was actually offered to three other women before it came to her. Heather Locklear, Callista Flockhart and Mary-Louise Parker all turned down the role before it came to Hatcher.

Marcia Cross appeared on several other addictive nighttime soap operas before "Desperate Housewives." She had roles on "Knots Landing," "The Edge of the Night" and "One Life to Live." She gained some notoriety playing Dr. Kimberly Shaw on "Melrose Place," but took some time off from acting to pursue her Master's degree in Psychology.

Her return to acting included a stint on the WB's drama "Everwood." Her portrayal of the uptight perfectionist Bree Van De Kamp has not only revived her career but has won her major industry awards, spots on magazine covers and legions of fans.

Felicity Huffman was better known for being married to actor William H. Macy ("Seabiscuit," "Pleasantville") than for most of her own projects, with the possible exception of the critically praised television show, "Sports Night."

She appeared in several films prior to "Desperate Housewives," but many of the roles were small and many of the films forgettable. These included "Magnolia," "Raising Helen" and "Christmas with the Kranks."

Eva Longoria graduated from Texas A&M-Kingsville with a degree in Kinesiology and was crowned the Miss Corpus Christi USA pageant in 1998. Following her graduation, she was discovered at a talent contest in Los Angeles. She subsequently appeared on a variety of soap, including "The Bold and the Beautiful," "Beverly Hills 90210" and "The Young and the Restless."

Thanks to "Desperate Housewives," Longoria now has a huge contract with L'Oreal, took the number one spot on Maxim's Top 100 list and was one of People Magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People.

In the 1980s, Nicollette Sheridan was a hot commodity thanks to her role on the nighttime soap, "Knots Landing." Following that success, though, her career languished in the realm of made-for-TV movies like "Somebody's Daughter" and "Shadows of Desire."

Sheridan also appeared in less-than-Oscar-worthy films like "Spy Hard" and "Beverly Hills Ninja." "Desperate Housewives" not only signaled her return to television beyond made-for-TV movies, but also her return to the A-list from the bottom of the B-list.

The ultimate representation of this success is the fact that three of the main actresses on the show received Emmy nominations in a category that has only five nominees. Marcia Cross, Teri Hatcher and Felicity Huffman were all nominated in the category and Huffman actually took home the prize for her role as flustered career woman-turned-mother Lynette Scavo. The show was nominated for Best Comedy Series, but lost the prize to "Everybody Loves Raymond."

"Desperate Housewives" revived the stagnant careers of Teri Hatcher, Nicollette Sheridan and Marcia Cross and launched Felicity Huffman and Eva Longoria into television fame.

These women are now not only bigger than soap operas, made-for-TV movies and the careers of their spouses, but are actually emerging as some of the most famous and powerful people in Hollywood today.

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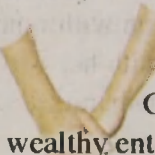
Mike Delfino

The object of both Susan and Edie's attention, Mike is a new addition to Wisteria Lane. He claims to be a plumber, but he has a mysterious past and a different reason to be on the street than to simply fix people's pipes.



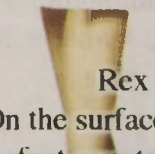
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Paul is Mary Alice's husband who, after her death, turns from a picture-perfect husband into a reclusive, violent man. He is hiding a number of secrets and is willing to do anything, even kill, in order to keep them hidden.



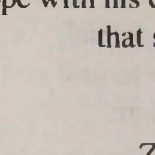
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A wealthy entrepreneur who jealously guards his wife, Carlos is also constantly on the lam from the law due to his questionable business practices. He and his wife constantly struggle for power, particularly over money, even after he goes to prison.



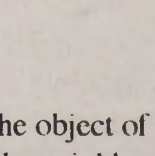
Rex Van De Kamp

On the surface, Rex appears to be the perfect counterpart to the flawless life that Bree has set up in their home, but like most characters on "Desperate Housewives," Rex has secrets. He has a heart attack while seeing a prostitute, and eventually dies, leaving Bree to cope with his death but also suspicions that she killed him.



Zach Young

The odd teenage son of Mary Alice appears to be a somewhat normal teenager at first, but her suicide sends him into a spiral of violence and bizarre behavior. His origin plays a central role in the mystery of Mary Alice's death and the secrets that his father tries so desperately to keep. His only confidante is Julie Mayer, Susan's daughter.



John

The object of Gabrielle's lust, John is the neighborhood gardener and her partner in a series of bizarre adventures that attempt to hide their affair from her husband and mother-in-law.



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The cast of ABC's "Desperate Housewives" returns for more intrigue, drama and scandal in the show's second season. The surprise hit was nominated for the Best Comedy Series Emmy in its first season. It airs at 8 p.m. on Sundays.

MOVIE REVIEW

Raunchy teen comedy worth the 'Wait'

By VINCE LABRIOLA

Scene Critic

"Waiting ..." is the latest in a long line of raunchy teen comedies that extends as far back as 1978's seminal classic "National Lampoon's Animal House," and as recently as this summer's "Wedding Crashers."

Rob McKittrick's directorial debut is one unrelenting gross-out after another, and as a result has been panned by the vast majority of critics out there.

However, if approached as nothing more than it is — a raunchy teen comedy — "Waiting ..." is very funny, albeit occasionally (nay, constantly) perverted, entertainment

that only falters when compared to some of the true classics of the genre.

The raunchy teen comedy has always been an acquired taste. From the now-revered antics of Otter, Bluto and the Deltas in "Animal House," to the now infamous Jim and his "American Pie," these films have been routinely panned by critics, and rightfully so. Each new entry into the genre sets the bar for grossness one notch higher, and Rob McKittrick's new film "Waiting ..." carries the torch unceremoniously

onward. This doesn't change the fact that the film is very funny.

"Waiting ..." is not intended for the avant-garde set watching films in art-house cinemas in Tribeca. This is a film meant for adolescent teenagers who like to indulge their inner pervert like Tim Matheson did with Dean Wormer's wife in 1978 and Jason Biggs so memorably did with his mother's baked goods in 1999.

A story about a day in the life of a group of 20-somethings working at a national restaurant chain (think

Bennigan's or T.G.I. Friday's), "Waiting ..." places every aspect of the location at its disposal. Jokes about trusting the people who make and serve your food abound, as do clever commentaries on stereotypes like the artificiality of the perky

attitudes and environments created in establishments such as the one presented in the film.

Leading the way is Monty, the lead waiter at Shenanigan's, played ably by Ryan Reynolds ("Van Wilder"). Reynolds holds his own throughout the film, and his acrid, sex-filled conversation with his mother truly does deserve a spot among some of the best scenes in teen movie history (think along the lines of the outrageousness of something like the "Nadia Web cam"



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Dean (Justin Long), left, and Monty (Ryan Reynolds) are a pair of 20-somethings working in a fictional chain restaurant in the raunchy teen comedy "Waiting ..."

sequence in "American Pie").

Dane Cook and Luis Guzman appear as well, and while Cook's particular penchant for vile humor fits the bill well here, Guzman is hilarious as the head cook obsessed with catching people looking at his, ah, equipment. It can safely be said that after watching "Waiting ..." one will never look at a goat in the same way again.

"Waiting ..." is certainly not such a sure-fire crowd pleaser like "Wedding Crashers" or "Old School," which relied on tried-and-true teen comedy tent poles, nor does it have the charisma

that defines a true classic like "Animal House."

It is uncompromisingly vulgar, perverse and downright outrageous at times, and as a result most will not even give it a chance, lest they be associated with such crude filth.

However, if you are looking for something that, if you let it, really will make you laugh, "Waiting ..." fits the bill nicely. Just make sure you're not planning on eating anytime soon.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Spain's 2002 masterpiece to be screened at DPAC

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Assistant Scene Editor

Is there such a thing as a low-key melodrama? Perhaps only the films of Pedro Almodovar fall into such a seemingly oxymoronic classification. His pictures are at once both quietly subdued and stirring emotional, which makes for a unique and engagingly affecting cinema.

2002's "Hable Con Ella" ("Talk to Her") may very well be his masterpiece — a strange, beautiful and often startling film that came off the heels of his internationally acclaimed "Todos Sobre Mi Madre" ("All About My Mother"). It will be screened this Thursday as part of the Nanovic Film Series.

The plot deals with two men, Marco (Dario Grandinetti), a journalist, and Benigno (Javier Camara), a male nurse, who meet when Marco's matador lover Lydia (Rosario Flores) is mauled in a bullfighting accident. As Marco tries to deal with his comatose lover, Benigno reveals that he is also in love with one of a patients, a dancer whom he used to see practicing in the studio across from his apartment.

As the two men deal with their respective situations, they become friends who begin to share a mutual understanding and empathy that resonates throughout the picture.

What is most unique about "Talk to Her" is the way in which it avoids a particularly stereotypical essentialist metanarrative. Like all melodramas, it

explores relationships, but here those relations are between men rather than women. Though women are a catalyst for the unfolding of the film's plot, they spend most of the film in comas, which forces the men to interactive in strikingly sensitive ways.

Almodovar once said that if he had made John Ford's "The Searchers" (1956) that John Wayne would have cried. Here, Marco cries in several key points throughout the film, bending his character archetype in surprising ways.

On some level, Marco begins to understand Benigno, who is nearly obsessed with his love for a comatose patient whom he has never spoken to.

As the depth of Benigno's neurosis is slowly revealed, Marco is appropriately shocked, but is nevertheless

sympathetic. His own lover's gruesome fate allows him to respond in ways that might not be expected but seem completely appropriate.

If "Talk to Her" were a different film, the denouement and conclusion might be problematic. Here, the movie's final act never seems anything less than logical thanks to Almodovar's attention to detail and the nuanced performances of Grandinetti and Camara. The tone and style of the film also overcome any difficulties the audience may have with the film's content.

The film is beautifully shot by Javier Aguirresarobe, who gives the film a strikingly poetic look that changes — often dramatically — based on the setting. The bullfighting scenes in particu-



Photo courtesy of hollywoodjesus.com

The DPAC's Browning Cinema will host Pedro Almodovar's 2002 film "Hable Con Ella" ("Talk to Her") on Thursday night as part of the Nanovic Film Series.

lar ripple with grace, clarity, and horror — they cut to the core of what is essentially a ferociously violent spectacular sport.

Much of the film's credit must be attributed to director Pedro Almodovar. "Talk to Her," is at times quite disturbing, and its melodramatic plot twists unfold in often-shocking ways, but Almodovar is a master of his craft, and he controls the film in a perfectly orchestrated minor key.

Under a different, brasher and less experienced director, "Talk to Her"

may have been a much lesser film than what Almodovar achieved.

Ultimately, it is his sensitivity and subtlety as both a writer and as a director — coupled with the fine acting of both Camara and Grandinetti — that keeps the film afloat.

For those unfamiliar with the works of Almodovar, "Talk to Her" is a fine starting point, as it is one of the best films of the past few years.

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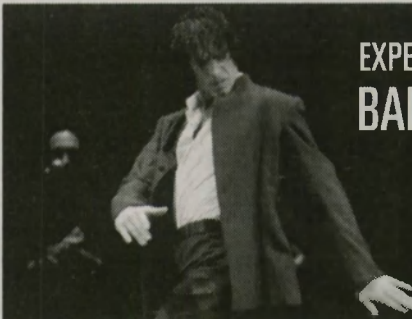
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MLB — NLCS

Astros rotation ready for Carpenter and Cards

Houston aces and St. Louis sluggers set to battle for NL pennant

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — They are members of the same division. They're perennial playoff teams. And they're meeting for the second year in a row with a trip to the World Series at stake.

All right! Let's have some fightin' words between these obviously bitter rivals.

"They run a classy organization over there," said Lance Berkman of the Houston Astros. "We have a lot of respect for them."

Hmm, maybe we'll fare better at stirring things up in the opposing clubhouse.

"They're a good bunch of guys," said David Eckstein of the St. Louis Cardinals. "It's hard to dislike them."

Thud.

Clearly, this isn't Middle

America's version of Yankees-Red Sox. In fact, it's not even close to being the best rivalry in the NL Central — that distinction belongs to the Cardinals-Cubs.

"That's at a different level because of the fans," Eckstein conceded. "I don't know that you'll find a Cardinals fan who says he hates the Astros more than the Cubs."

But when it comes to performance on the field, the Cardinals and Astros have risen to the top of the senior circuit.

They're back for the first NL championship series rematch in 13 years, which begins with Game 1 Wednesday night at soon-to-be-demolished Busch Stadium (a new stadium, set to open in 2006, is rising next door).

"It's a classic from a baseball standpoint," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Maybe you don't get as much passion from the fans during Cardinals-Astros as you do for Cardinals-Cubs. But we're building a pretty good passion base for our fans and for



Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte throws a pitch during Game 1 of the National League Division Series against Atlanta Oct. 5. Pettitte will start Game 1 of the Championship Series tonight.

each other because we play so much."

Indeed, there are many similarities between the teams.

Both have deep starting rotations. Both have dominating closers. Both have versatile offenses that can go long or manufacture runs when the situation calls for it. And both are making a habit of playing in October.

St. Louis has six playoff appearances over the past decade, reaching the NLCS four times and the World Series a year ago with a seven-game victory over the Astros — a memorable series that was overshadowed by Boston's comeback win against the Yankees in the ALCS.

The Cardinals stayed alive when Jim Edmonds hit a game-winning homer in the 12th inning of Game 6. St. Louis closed out the series by beating Roger Clemens in Game 7.

Houston is making its sixth playoff appearance in nine years and looking to reach the World Series for the first time in franchise history. The Astros made a breakthrough last year by escaping the opening round, beating perennial nemesis Atlanta. They knocked off the Braves again this year, advancing with an 18-inning win Sunday — the longest game in postseason history.

Now, even after meeting 16 times during the regular season and preparing for Astros-Cardinals II, both sides say it's impossible to drum up the sort of hatred that signifies a truly passionate rivalry.

For one, Houston still feels like a junior member instead of an equal partner.

The Cardinals followed up last year's NL pennant — the 16th in franchise history — by going 11-5 against the Astros this season on the way to 100 wins and a runaway victory in the Central Division.

Houston finished 11 games back, but managed to pull out the wild card after falling 15 games under .500 early in the year.

"It's not really going to be a rivalry until we start beating the Cardinals a couple of times," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "When they go home mad, then it will be a rivalry. Right now, it's kind of one-sided."

But he acknowledges the parallels between the teams, right down to the makeovers both underwent since their first meeting in the NLCS, changes brought on by frail health and monetary decisions.

Albert Pujols had another huge year (.330, 41 HRs, 117 RBIs), but he's the only one in

the St. Louis lineup to reach triple figures driving in runs. He had a lot more help last year, but injuries to Scott Rolen, Larry Walker and Reggie Sanders forced the Cardinals to be more creative with their offensive production.

"We do the little things," said first-year Cardinal Mark Grudzielanek, who wasn't around for last season's power display. "I've never seen so many squeezes in my life."

The pitching staff also picked up the slack. The Cardinals got a huge season from Game 1 starter Chris Carpenter (21-5), backed him up with offseason acquisition Mark Mulder (16-8) and rounded off the rotation with Jeff Suppan (16-10) and Matt Morris (14-10). Jason Isringhausen had 39 saves.

The 2004 Astros also featured a prolific offense, built around Carlos Beltran, Jeff Kent and the remaining "Killer B's" — Lance Berkman, Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell.

But Beltran and Kent were lost in free agency, Berkman had to come back from offseason knee injury and Bagwell is only a shell of the once-fearsome slugger, limited to pinch-hitting after shoulder surgery. Morgan Ensberg was the only Houston hitter to reach 100 RBIs.



Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols watches his RBI double to score Davis Eckstein during the first inning Saturday of Game 3 of the National League Division Series against the San Diego Padres.

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Men's Soccer National Poll

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1	Akron	11-0-0
2	New Mexico	9-0-1
3	Old Dominion	8-1-2
4	St. John's	7-1-3
5	North Carolina	8-2-1
6	Connecticut	9-2-1
7	Virginia	8-1-2
8	Indiana	7-1-3
9	Missouri State	8-0-2
10	Santa Clara	8-3-0
11	North Carolina State	8-3-1
12	Maryland	8-3-0
13	California	8-2-1
14	Wake Forest	8-3-0
15	Duke	7-2-1
16	Duquesne	8-2-0
17	UCLA	7-3-0
18	Vermont	9-4-0
19	Cincinnati	7-3-2
20	UC Santa Barbara	6-2-2
21	Buffalo	10-2-0
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24	Virginia Tech	5-3-3
25	San Diego State	7-1-3

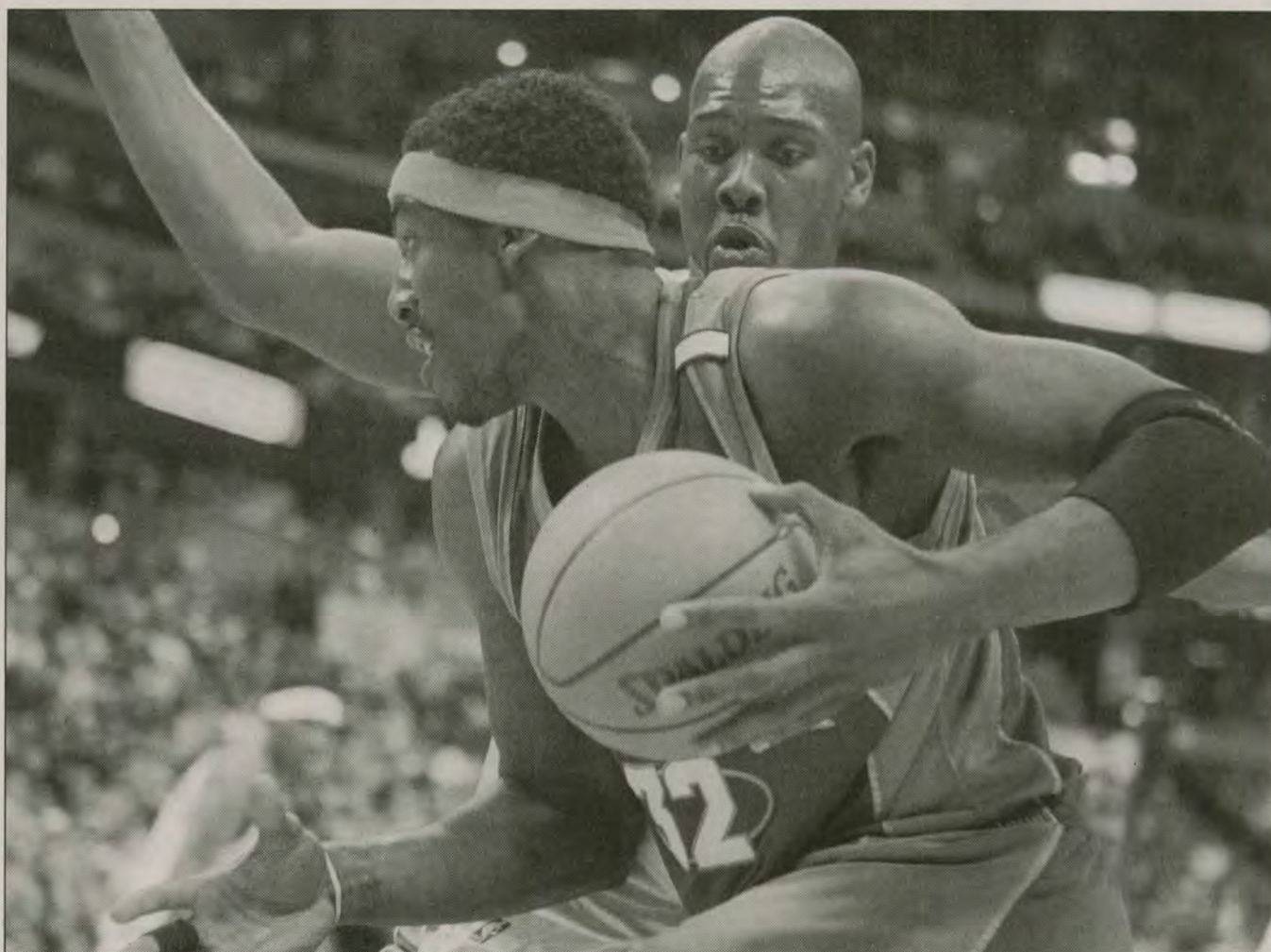
Women's Soccer National Poll

	team	record
1	Penn State	14-0-0
2	Portland	13-0-0
3	North Carolina	13-1-0
4	UCLA	11-1-0
5	Santa Clara	11-2-1
6	Duke	9-2-1
7	Virginia	10-3-1
8	NOTRE DAME	12-2-0
9	Florida State	11-2-0
10	Boston College	9-2-1
11	California	9-2-1
12	Wake Forest	8-3-1
13	Tennessee	8-4-1
14	Marquette	12-2-1
15	Pepperdine	10-1-1
16	Brigham Young	12-1-1
17	Connecticut	11-2-1
18	West Virginia	8-3-3
19	Stanford	8-3-1
20	Texas A&M	9-3-1
21	Yale	9-2-0
22	Florida	9-3-1
23	Purdue	8-5-0
24	Cal State Fullerton	10-3-0
25	Nebraska	8-4-1

MIAA Women's Soccer Poll

	team	league	overall
1	Calvin	8-0-0	9-2-1
2	Hope	8-1-0	10-2-0
3	Kalamazoo	5-3-0	6-4-1
4	SAINT MARY'S	5-4-0	6-6-0
5	Albion	4-4-0	4-6-0
6	Olivet	4-5-0	4-7-0
7	Alma	3-6-0	4-7-1
8	Adrian	2-7-0	2-10-0
9	Tri-State	0-9-0	2-10-0

NBA



Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire works the ball inside for a shot against Denver Nuggets forward Nene of Brazil in a game in Denver on Dec. 20, 2004. Stoudemire will be out for four months with a knee injury.

Stoudemire to miss season's first half

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Eight days after signing a five-year, \$73 million contract extension, Amare Stoudemire underwent surgery Tuesday to repair damage to his left knee and will be sidelined for about four months. The extent of the injury to the Phoenix Suns' dynamic young all-star was determined during "diagnostic" surgery by team doctor Thomas Carter, who then proceeded with the microfracture repair, Suns president Bryan Colangelo said.

Stoudemire, who turns

23 next month, signed for the maximum allowed under the NBA's collective bargaining agreement with the players union. The extension kicks in after this season.

Colangelo said the team knew of Stoudemire's knee problem during contract negotiations, but was not aware of the extent until Tuesday's surgery. Even had they known, it would not have had an impact on signing a player the Suns believe could develop into the best in the NBA.

"Whatever is in the best interest of Amare is in the best interest of the Suns," Colangelo said.

The team projects Stoudemire to return around the All-Star break Feb. 17-21.

Stoudemire first talked about the soreness six to eight weeks ago, Colangelo said. After it worsened during last week's training camp in Tucson, he sought the opinions of three doctors before giving Carter the go-ahead for arthroscopic surgery.

"Dr. Carter, in consultation with Amare, chose the best course of action in terms of treating it aggressively and taking care of it now rather than letting it become a lingering prob-

lem," Colangelo said.

In a news release, the Suns said Carter repaired a joint surface defect roughly one centimeter in diameter on the inside of his left knee.

"The surgery went well and other than the defect that we treated today, Amare's knee is remarkably and structurally healthy," Carter said in the statement released by the team. "Given Amare's age and the nominal size of the location of the defect, I am confident the microfracture procedure performed will allow a healthy and normal return to action."

IN BRIEF

Colon will not pitch in ALCS against Angels

CHICAGO — Injured ace Bartolo Colon was left off the Los Angeles Angels' roster for the AL championship series Tuesday and will not pitch at all against the Chicago White Sox.

A 21-game winner during the regular season, Colon left his start Monday night against the New York Yankees in Game 5 of the AL playoffs after only 23 pitches because of inflammation in his right shoulder.

He had been bothered by tightness in his back since early September, and was to be re-evaluated by team doctors on Tuesday before Game 1 of the ALCS in Chicago.

Rookie Ervin Santana came on against New York and pitched 5 1-3 innings of solid relief to earn the win in a 5-3 victory, sending the Angels into the ALCS for the second time in four seasons.

But if they're going to reach the

World Series, they'll have to do it without Colon, a leading candidate for the AL Cy Young Award.

Bloom looks to go pro in a second sport

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The Olympics are four months away and, luckily for Jeremy Bloom, the NFL scouting combine starts a week after his stint at the Winter Games are over.

Bloom plans on being at both.

The American freestyle skiing star, who was forced out of college football and is now seeking a spot on the U.S. Olympic ski team, has been busy interviewing agents to guide him through his pro football career, the future of which will start playing out next February at the combine.

"I can fly back and run the 40," Bloom said Tuesday of his post-Olympic plans. "I'll decide on an agent next week and we'll get the process rolling." Before that, though, there is that little thing called the

Olympics. Steelers welcome good news about Roethlisberger

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger not only doesn't have a serious knee injury, as the team initially feared Monday night in San Diego, he could play again as early as Sunday.

After an eventful 24 hours in which the Steelers rallied to win 24-22 after blowing a 14-point lead, lost their star quarterback to what looked to be a frightful injury, and flew all night, coach Bill Cowher was more relieved than happy.

And he was very happy.

Roethlisberger sustained a hyperextended left knee and a bone bruise after being struck by Chargers defensive end Luis Castillo's helmet with 1:05 remaining in the game — but nothing else.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look to avenge loss at Albion today

Saint Mary's hopes to rebound from 2-0 loss Saturday to Hope

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Belles look to rebound today as they travel to Albion College to face the Britons in a late-season soccer rematch.

The last time these two teams took to the pitch against each other, Saint Mary's grabbed a 2-0 victory on its home field. The aggressive play of freshman Lauren Hinton, who notched both Belle goals and was a constant threat to the Briton defense, sparked the Belles offensively.

The Britons are currently threatening the Belles' fourth-place standing in the MIAA conference with a 4-4 record. Saint Mary's has compiled a 5-4 record in league play so far this season and seeks to challenge upstart Kalamazoo for the third-place spot. Kalamazoo is fresh off of a 1-0 upset over Saint Mary's and a narrow defeat of Albion by a 1-0 margin.

Albion has recently witnessed a renaissance on defense. The Britons have allowed seven goals in their last six games, but three of those goals came in a face-off against league leader and unbeaten Calvin College. The solid play of junior midfielder Ashley Lynch backed up the

defense. She was one of last week's nominees for MIAA defensive player of the week.

But Albion does not have the only player worthy of that honor. The Belles' Shannon Culbertson was also nominated for the award, but lost to Adrian's Stephanie Music. Culbertson was honored for her valiant efforts in two tough losses last week to Kalamazoo and Hope.

"I felt like it was a great team effort," Belles head coach Karyn Mackenzie said of her team's performance in the Belles' first game against Albion. "I just thought that the energy was great, that the effort was great."

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Karyn Mackenzie
Belles coach

Saint Mary's goaltender Laura Helene played solidly in the Albion game after making seven saves. She made several consecutive saves late in the second half to secure the Belles' victory.

Lauren Hinton currently leads the Belles in goals with eight. Carrie Orr, Sarah DuBree and Ashley Hinton are all tied for first in assists with two apiece. Ashley Hinton takes the crown for shots on net with 41 blasts in nine games.

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MLB — NL

Tracy signs deal with Pittsburgh

Manager agrees to lead Pirates after five seasons with Los Angeles

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jim Tracy is moving from one of baseball's biggest markets to one of its smallest, from a team that spends big and thinks big to one with more modest expectations following 13 consecutive losing seasons.

To Tracy, who signed a three-year contract Tuesday to become the Pittsburgh Pirates' manager after five mostly successful seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers, it's not the size of the city or the payroll that matters most but the talent. And he sees the same kind of young talent in Pittsburgh that he saw in Los Angeles in 2001.

"Challenges are something that I like very, very much," Tracy said. "I like hearing people say or maybe think that this is a situation you don't have a chance to succeed in, I'm very challenged by that."

Some might view the Pirates' situation as hopeless following a 67-95 season, but Tracy sees players such as Jason Bay, pitchers Zach Duke, Paul Maholm and Oliver Perez, center fielder Chris Duffy and second baseman Jose Castillo as being ready to win.

Real soon, too, once they learn the difference between what he calls "the teams that go out and play baseball and those that go out and play winning baseball."

"I'm looking forward to spearheading this ballclub to back to some of the days when the Pittsburgh Pirates were somebody you really had to deal with," said Tracy, who watched



Pirates manager Jim Tracy wears his uniform and places his Pittsburgh cap on his head during a press conference Tuesday.

the Reds-Pirates rivalry while growing up near Cincinnati and playing college baseball at Marietta College, about 120 miles from Pittsburgh.

"I'm very anxious in making the players understand there is history here, history for them to be proud of and history for them to follow up on," he said.

It hasn't been recent history, with no winning seasons or championships since three consecutive NL East titles in 1990-92. Since then, the Pirates have floundered amid several failed rebuilding efforts, poor personnel decisions and an inability to compete against richer clubs for free agents.

But after years of promising a

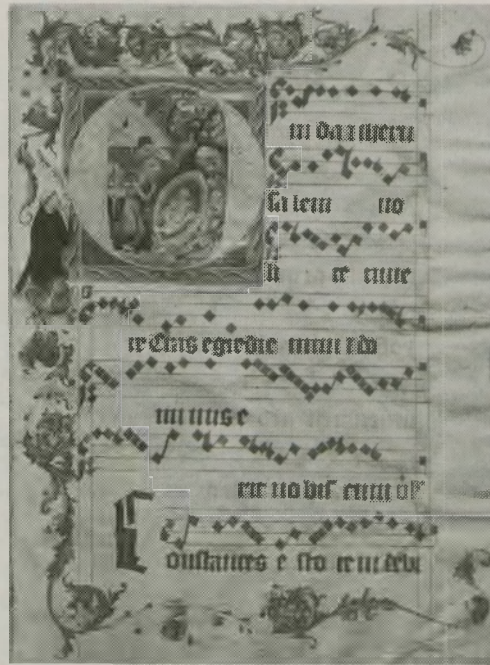
youth movement but not delivering one, the Pirates went young during the second half of this season by promoting players such as Duke (8-2, 1.81 ERA), Maholm (3-1, 2.18 ERA) and Duffy (.341 in 126 at-bats). They also have Bay, who followed up last year's NL rookie of the year season by hitting .306 with 32 homers, 101 RBIs and 44 doubles, and Castillo, one of the majors' top young infielders.

"I think the personnel's here to get it done," Tracy said. "I wouldn't have been interested in this position if I didn't feel very strongly that myself, and the coaching staff, that we can make a difference."

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Albion overcomes Belles

Saint Mary's wins first set but loses final three in MIAA match

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

For one game Tuesday it looked like the Saint Mary's volleyball team would send its seniors off with thrilling upset win. But the Belles couldn't pull it off, as Adrian College (15-4, 7-3) rebounded from losing the first game to take the match in four games 25-30, 30-24, 30-26, 30-21.

After the Belles (9-13, 3-7) came out flat in a three-game loss to the Bulldogs last week, they were determined to bring more energy and determination to this final home match of the season. They came out on an emotional high following ceremonies for seniors Shelly Bender and Talia Matury-Vacaro and took an 11-4 lead on the strength of a 10-1 run. Strong serving from Kristen Playko and determined defense put a powerful Adrian team back on its heels. The Bulldogs struggled to find rhythm in their offense and found themselves trailing the Belles 22-14.

Adrian hit its stride toward the end of game one, using a 9-1 run to cut the Saint Mary's lead to 24-23. A crucial Belles block of Adrian's Lindsay Eshelman on the next point propelled Saint Mary's to the game one win.

Belles Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek was proud of her team's performance in the first game.

"We had the mental edge," Schroeder-Biek said. "We were ready to go and determined to challenge them tonight. The girls got out early and continued to focus."

The second game was closely contested, with the Belles jumping out to the early lead behind consistent defense that included several digs of powerful Adrian kill attempts. The Bulldogs asserted themselves

with an 8-1 run that extended their lead from 16-14 to 24-16. Five quick Belles points shifted the momentum back to the Saint Mary's side, but the Bulldogs were

able to fend off the Belles' surge and tie the match at a game apiece.

With the game tied 8-8 in the third game, a long point fell the way of the Bulldogs and gave them an early lead. They held the lead until the Belles took advantage of a service error from Eshelman to go ahead 19-18. Short serves, however, victimized Saint Mary's at the end of the third game and allowed Adrian to set up easy kills. Three kills by Eshelman in five points gave the Bulldogs a 27-23 lead that they rode to victory.

Deflated from their game-three loss, the Belles struggled

to find their offense in the fourth game. Communication errors led to missed kill attempts and put the Belles behind early. The Belles clawed back to cut the Adrian lead to 20-18 following a stellar defensive point, but they could not muster the momentum to overtake a Bulldog team that never trailed in the match's final game.

Schroeder-Biek thought a lack of cohesion on the court contributed to the loss.

"We didn't stay as one unit out there," she said. "We weren't solid working together. Little things brought people down and prevented us from being consistent. We played well in waves, but it wasn't enough."

Kristen Playko led the Belles with 18 kills, while Michelle Turley added 16. Anne Cusack contributed 20 digs, while Amanda David had 41 assists.

The Belles will look to rebound from the loss when they face Alma on the road Saturday. Saint Mary's will play its final six matches on the road this season.

Schroeder-Biek hopes her team will gain confidence from tonight's match and pull together as a team for the stretch run.

"They [Adrian] have a very good team," she said. "I'm very glad to see we can challenge them. I hope my team sees what it can do if we play together all the way through. I hope we can see our potential."

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Belles coach

MEN'S INTERHALL

Fisher and St. Ed's to battle for pride today

By JASON GALVAN and
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Sports Writers

The Fisher Green Wave look to end the season at .500 as they face off against the St. Edward's Hall Stedsmen today at Rieble Fields at 7 p.m.

Fisher is coming off a tough 7-0 loss to Sorin, which put them below the .500 mark and removed them from playoff contention. Fisher captain Jeremy Moreno was displeased with the turnout of the game but was happy with the team's effort.

"We were all pretty upset with getting knocked out of playoff contention, but I'm not at all upset with how these guys performed," Moreno said.

Sophomore captain Tom Bufalino made mention of the several tough breaks his team faced throughout the season.

"We've had a lot of key injuries all season, like last week with our QB going down with a concussion and earlier on when we lost our tailback to a leg injury," Bufalino said.

"I think we're all a little disappointed about the way things turned out," he said. "There were definitely some areas where we'll be looking to improve for next year, but, all in all, I think we did pretty well."

St. Ed's is also looking to wrap up its 2005 campaign with a win after failing to achieve victory all season. Senior captain Oliver Gamez still feels his team is ready to finish the season strong.

"We're looking forward to the game and we'll play our hardest and try to get the win," Gamez said. "We just really need to focus, improve what on what we've learned, and really if we do what we've gotta do we can

really make a run for the win."

Gamez, however, was quick to point out that the focus for the Stedsmen will be on Wednesday's contest.

"Tomorrow, however, will by no means be a rebuilding game; we're going out and playing hard," he said.

Zahm vs. Knott

Zahm and Knott come into this late season matchup at opposite ends of the spectrum with 3-0 and 0-3 records respectively. For Zahm, this game is a tune-up for what the team hopes will be a successful postseason run. Zahm captain Pat Gourley stressed the importance of his team running the ball effectively, which Zahm has been able to do the last few games. Gourley also mentioned the outstanding play of the offensive and defensive lines.

"They have been great for both the run and the pass," he said.

Zahm's great play thus far this season is the product of "both talent and lots of conditioning," Gourley said.

Knott comes into this match up with a record of 0-3 and is hungry for its first win of the season. Although Knott does not have a chance to reach postseason play, captain Dan Gray wants to finish the season on a high note.

"We're still going to go out there trying to win," he said.

This game will also be about the future of Knott Hall football — more specifically two outstanding freshman, Justin Betz and Kevin Smith. The Juggernauts hope that this game will serve as a warning to both Zahm and the rest of the league that they will be back as a force to be reckoned with next season.

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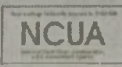


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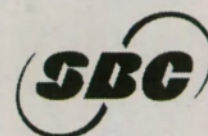
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the gold league playoffs. Welsh Family will have to win its next game against McGlinn to advance to the postseason.

What is most remarkable about Farley's win is that it caps a run at .500 that the team completed after starting its season 0-3.

"I'm really proud of us," Farley's Kim Crehan said. "This was our winningest season in long time. We started 0-3, but to come back was great."

Depending on the outcomes of remaining games, Farley could find itself in its first playoff game in years, due to the Finest offense's awakening in its last three games after a dormant start to the year. None of Farley's current residents have seen a post-season berth.

Their passing attack has been dominant as of late, and this game was no different. Receiver and defensive back Annie Parrett accounted for all of the team's points with two touchdown catches and another interception return for a score. Brittany Baron also contributed on defense with an interception.

"The girls stepped up really well [and] the offense and defense make me really proud," said

Farley coach Alex Staffieri.

"We moved the ball well, and their offense moved the ball on us, but our defense was bend not break."

The Welsh Family team was unhappy with its loss, but is still hoping to make it to the playoffs with a win in its next game.

"It was really disappointing, just poor execution," Whirlwind coach Ben McClain said. "You saw the first drive — we came out well, but we couldn't follow up."

McGlinn 0, Pasquerilla West 0

The McGlinn Shamrocks (4-0-1) marched down the field on a drive that gave them a first and goal on the four yard line.

The Pasquerilla West (2-1-2) defense stepped up on four consecutive plays and forced incompletions on all four downs to give the Weasel offense back the ball. The turnover on downs stopped either team's best chance of scoring and helped end the game in a 0-0 tie.

The Weasel defense dominated the game, forcing Shamrock quarterback Becky Brown to throw two interceptions. The first interception came in the first half and was first tipped by defensive lineman Julie Putnam, then caught one-handed by linebacker Heather Van Hoegarden. The second interception came late in the second half and stopped a strong-

looking drive by McGlinn. Van Hoegarden, who on the same drive was called for pass interference on fourth down, caught the interception over her shoulder to give the ball back to the Weasels.

"We definitely stepped up on defense tonight," said Pasquerilla West defensive coordinator Joe McCarthy. "The line, the linebackers, the defensive backs, everybody."

As well as the two picks, the Weasel defense also put Brown under pressure on almost every play with two sacks by Putnam.

The Shamrocks matched the Weasels in stingy defenses. Using a three-man rush, Weasel quarterback Cara Davies was forced to leave the pocket and hurry her passes on most passing plays. But Davies was too quick for the Shamrock rush and was able to get the pass off more often than not.

On the Weasel possession following the goal line stop, McGlinn was given new life with an interception by defensive back Raquel Ferrer.

But the offense could not capitalize, as the Shamrocks gave Pasquerilla West the ball right back with the second Van Hoegarden interception.

"We would rather have had the win," said Shamrocks offensive coordinator Daniel Gray, "but we are still undefeated and have a

guaranteed playoff spot."

Pangborn 34, Breen-Phillips 6

The Phoxes' speedy running game and efficient passing were too much for Breen-Phillips to handle Tuesday night as Pangborn finished off their regular season with a dominating 34-6 victory.

The bulk of Pangborn's scoring came late in the game when the offense was able to put up three touchdowns in only six offensive plays. The first of the three scores was the result of a well-orchestrated drive led by quarterback Katie Mooney. Mooney was 7-for-9 on passing attempts for the game. The scoring play was a pass to receiver Katie Riemersma, who had two touchdowns in the first half. The 15-yard toss to the back of the end zone built a 20-6 lead.

The very next offensive play was a 78-yard touchdown run in which Brynn Johnson left a slew of Babe defenders in the dust. Johnson had a big day running for Pangborn as she and fellow runningback Katherine Peterson rushed for a combined total of 120 yards on the day.

It was Peterson who had the final touchdown as time ran out on an option play from six yards out.

Breen-Phillips started strongly with an opening drive that went 60 yards for a touchdown and a 6-0 lead out of the gate. The score

came when Melissa Meagher found freshman Tara McCarron with a 10 yard pass. The Babes sputtered afterwards, having to punt the ball twice on their next two possessions. However, the defense was also playing well — and after an impressive stop to close out the half, which included two sacks and a tipped ball at the line of scrimmage, the team was only down 14-6 to the heavily favored Pangborn team.

Momentum for Breen-Phillips considered into the second half when the Babes started out with another long drive down the field. Unfortunately, this one ended as the team was stopped on fourth down at the two-yard line. After this point, the game quickly spiraled out of reach and the Babes ended their season at 0-6.

Despite the rough ending to an even rougher season, the team was in high spirits after the game.

"Good season," was all Breen-Phillips' Meagher said after the game, as the rest of the team declined comment.

Katie Mooney was also brief in her expectations for the team's future.

"We're going to the stadium," she said about the playoffs.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Lee, Brophy pace Irish with 220's in Shootout at Legends

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Sports Writer

Jane Lee and Katie Brophy both shot 220s for the tournament and the Irish recorded three straight rounds under 300 for the first time ever, but it wasn't enough to win the Shootout at the Legends Monday and Tuesday at the

Legends of Indiana Golf Course in Franklin, Ind.

Notre Dame finished fourth with a total score of 890, just one stroke behind third place Missouri. The Irish came into the third round in third place, but a very strong round by Illinois State gave the Redbirds a dramatic come-from-behind victory, two strokes ahead of Kent State, and

pushed Notre Dame back to fourth.

Notre Dame won last year's event with three-day score of 901, but was unable to repeat despite improving by 11 strokes this year.

Irish head coach Debby King said she was disappointed by the result.

"It was our team goal to win, even though Kent State and

Missouri are ranked ahead of us," King said. "We felt like we could win, and we proved that by being on their butts all day."

Scores were low as a whole in the tournament. Illinois State's victory came with a combined score of 886, with the Golden Flashes just behind at 888. Both teams had astonishingly low third-round scores, with the Redbirds carding a 288 and the Flashes a 287.

"We can't say we lost the tournament, it's more that we won it," King said of the competition.

The Legends course is well known for its forgiving angles and lack of trees.

"It's a very open course, so you can hit it in a lot of different places and still put it on the green," King said. "[Tournaments there are] all about putting."

Lee and Brophy led the Irish with scores of 220. Lee's 70-75-75

was a personal best for three rounds.

Lisa Maunu, Lauren Gebauer and Noriko Nagazaki also competed for the Irish.

Indiana senior Katie Carlson provided the highlight of the tournament when she became the first Hoosier women's golfer to sink a hole-in-one. The Hoosiers finished tied for 11th.

The field of 18 teams consisted of Ball State, Campbell, Cincinnati, Eastern Michigan, Georgetown, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisville, Northern Illinois, Ohio, Rutgers, St. John's, Southern Illinois and Toledo, in addition to the Irish, Redbirds, Tigers and Flashes.

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psyche themselves out mentally."

Landri is familiar with winning streaks. He played for De La Salle High School in Concord, Calif., which held a national record 125-game winning streak when he graduated.

"Mentally, you have to know that they have a lot of talent, but we're just as good," he said of the mindset he takes to the USC matchup.

Irish safety Chinedum Nduwke took note of the Trojan offense, which averages 640 yards of total offense per game.

"You can't really be intimidated in general, but you have to respect them," Nduwke said.

And so to motivate his players, Weis began with what he deemed the "magic" number — 31.

"I think the first thing you have to do is embarrass them," Weis said. "We all know the magic number 31. We all know that number. So I basically told them, 'You're already down 31, let's see where we can go from there — let's see if we can close the gap a little bit.'"

Running back Darius Walker said he doesn't think the No. 9 Irish doubt the fact they can beat the Trojans.

"We understand that if we can just go out there and play our part, we can beat these guys," Walker said Tuesday. "All the talk in our off week was that we can play with these guys. That's what has changed so much about this team is our confidence. Our confidence is so high right now that we feel like we can play with anybody."

Finding a way to beat USC has been the focus since the Oct. 1 win against Purdue, as last week

the Irish had their first bye week of the season. Weis acknowledged that this extra time has not only helped him preparation-wise, but also given his team a chance to rest physically.

And so now Notre Dame begins the first of a five-game stretch at Notre Dame Stadium.

"We're looking forward to this home game stretch," defensive end Chris Frome said. "We don't have another away game until after Thanksgiving, I think, so it'd be nice to start it off with a big win against USC."

To do so, the Irish will have to play their best football against a team with two Heisman Trophy candidates in quarterback Matt Leinart and running back Reggie Bush.

"They've got firepower, and you have to try to negate some of that firepower," Weis said. "We are going to have to play very well. We're going to have to play at the

top of our game to have a chance of winning. You've got to take care of the football, hope some things go your way. But that's why you play the game, because just because those stats, that doesn't mean it's a lock as to who wins and who loses."

Notes:

♦ A number of Irish players were recruited by the Trojans, including Landri and Walker. Landri chose Notre Dame because of its tradition.

"Notre Dame, just the overall tradition and the kind of place it is here [was the final factor]," Landri said.

For Walker, it came down to the Irish and the Trojans.

"It's an interesting game for me because I could be on the other side," he said.

But in the end it was Notre Dame's academics that lured the Georgia native away from the

West Coast.

"What made me come here was the education part," Walker said. "And being able to become an overall person, an overall man, an overall individual coming to a place like this. I mean Notre Dame is one of those schools where you can't pass this up. You'd be kinda crazy to pass this up."

♦ Walker's dad Jimmy played for USC head coach Pete Carroll during Carroll's tenure at Arkansas, where Jimmy Walker was a defensive lineman. Carroll was a graduate assistant for then-head coach Lou Holtz in 1977. Led by the former Irish coach, the Razorbacks finished 11-1 and went to the Orange Bowl.

"He had good things to say about [Carroll]," Darius said of his dad's relationship with Carroll.

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ing really hard to win it," Clark said. "We forced both the overtimes — Notre Dame was the team looking to win the game."

The Irish were off-balance at times throughout the game, but Clark felt that they controlled the pace for most of the play.

"I felt it took a little while to settle, but the second half of the first half I thought we were excellent," he said. "[But it seems like] whatever I said to them at halftime didn't work, because we opened up the first 15 minutes of the second half — we really struggled, we turned the ball over."

The Irish quickly recovered to find a number of good scoring chances.

"Then we found our feet again and once we did that, I thought we were excellent," Clark said. "Into the overtime I thought we were looking very, very solid, we maybe could have snuck out of there with a win."

The Irish outshot the Spartans 18-11 and had several good chances to score. Joe

Lapira recorded six of the shots while Nate Norman had four.

"Joe always works tremendously hard; he did a great job," Clark said. "Nate certainly got some shots away, maybe just a little more control when he got into that shooting position, we might have pulled something out."

Defensively, the Irish had their sixth shutout of the season, all attributed to goalkeeper Chris Cahill.

"Chris Cahill did well, he commanded — he's always been saving well but I thought he looked a much more commanding figure in today's

game," Clark said. "He talked loudly and just generally had good presence."

Dale Rellas was out again with an injury, putting Greg Dalby back on defense.

"Those two guys [Dalby and Ben Crouse] did very well," Clark said. "I thought Ryan Miller did well also at right back. He put a lot of energy into the game, a lot of effort."

The Irish have three more road games before returning home to finish the season against Indiana and conference foe Seton Hall.

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"Into the overtime I thought we were looking very, very solid."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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final scores point to an incontrovertible fact.

"They are the best team in the country right now," Notre Dame defensive end Chris Frome said Tuesday. "They are the most talented team in the country. But any team is beatable on any given day, and USC has shown some weaknesses on offense as well as defense."

Those weaknesses include failing to put teams away early.

In a Sept. 24 road meeting with then-No. 24 Oregon, USC fell behind 13-10 at half before rattling off a 35-0 second half for the 45-13 victory. The next week, against No. 14 Arizona State, the Trojans succumbed to a 21-3 halftime deficit and then rallied to win by 10 points.

But for every one of those slow starts, there is also a 42-10 halftime lead over Arkansas on Sept.

17 that continued to turn into an embarrassing 70-17 rout.

USC coach Pete Carroll said Tuesday he is more concerned about the end result than how his team arrives there.

"You can't win in the first quarter," Carroll said. "You can't win in the second quarter. It takes you a while to get these games won. We'd like to play perfectly, and we're working on it. But of all things I want to finish [games] well."

Though the Trojans' offense has seen stagnant stretches, Leinart, running back Reggie Bush and company average 640 yards per game — "unheard of," Leinart said. That number is higher than the NCAA record of 624.9, set by Houston in 1989.

And as Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis sarcastically described USC's firepower in his Tuesday press conference: "[LenDale White] only averages 7.6 [yards] a carry. So there is a big drop off from that 8.5 that Reggie [Bush] averages."

The Trojans bring weapons, but it is USC's defense that gives its offense the ball, the time to accumulate such statistics and the ability to turn first-half close games into second-half blowouts.

The defense has 13 takeaways on fumble recoveries (3) and interceptions (10), turnovers that immediately result in points or long drives by the USC offense.

"We're playing good football teams that know us well," Carroll said. "Nobody's rolling over and letting us just go. We play good teams in this [Pac-10] conference. They can move the ball like crazy on offense. The challenges are huge."

"We're just trying to get by. I can't do anything about the style points. It ain't easy. This is an enormous matchup with a very, very well-coached [Notre Dame] football team. I love that we have this match right now."

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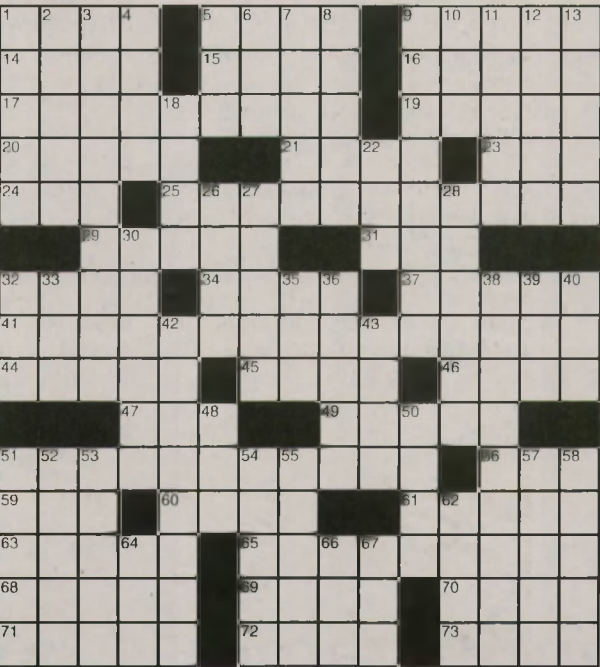
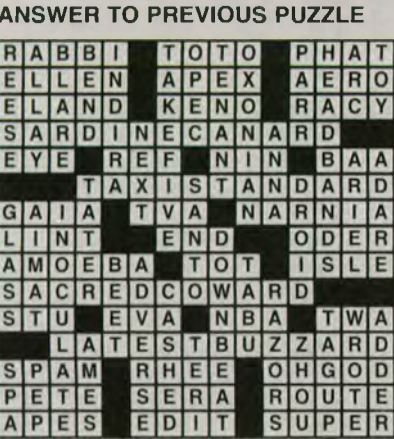
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michelle Trachtenberg, 20; Luke Perry, 40; Joan Cusack, 43; Ron Leibman, 68

Happy Birthday: You will have some unique ideas this year, and you must put some of them into motion. Taking action has been hard for you in the past. If you really want to get somewhere, stop waiting for someone else to get you started. Your numbers are 18, 26, 29, 31, 33, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Chances are you will be blind to what is actually going on in your personal life. Focus on what has to be done to continue moving forward professionally. You can't change the way things are at home, so put your energy into your work. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Business trips or meetings will turn out in your favor. You can get things started that could lead to a little extra cash. You may be feeling anxious, but if you concentrate on what it is you are trying to accomplish, you will feel satisfaction instead. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't take a chance with your money. Someone may try to talk you into spending more than you have. You can have fun without going overboard. Love and romance look very promising. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be emotionally spent today. Nothing will be going your way, so stop trying to force things to happen. Time is on your side -- the changes may not be to your liking, but they will be to your benefit in the end. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let personal issues affect your work. Not everyone who offers you advice will know what he or she is talking about. Figure things out for yourself and you will make an impressive statement. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be erratic; you may need a change, but be organized about it. Creative ideas at work could easily lead to a better position. Redecorating or renovating your home is a great idea. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may start to feel uncertain about your personal life if things haven't been going according to plan. Someone is probably keeping secrets from you. Get to the bottom of the problem before it's too late. Question your own motives. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Educational pursuits will be informative but not necessarily helpful in your present situation. Don't believe everything you hear. You probably know more than the person who is giving you information. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don't get sucked into paying for other people. You will have more fun if everyone pays his or her own way. Put your money in a safe place. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Deal with each issue as it arises. Taking on too much will cost you in the end. Someone from your past may lead you in the wrong direction. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't deny yourself the chance to try something new. A love connection can be made if you get involved in volunteer work. Do for others and you will forget about your own problems. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your thinking is right, but your actions aren't. Follow through with your plans if you want things to progress. Don't let a poor relationship stifle your plans or put you in a bad mood. ****

Birthday Baby: You are proud, quick-minded and very much in control. You have an adventurous nature but a practical way of doing things. You are willing to work hard to reach your goals.

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FOOTBALL

Fourth and long



Despite efforts like stopping Carson Palmer short of the goal line in 2002, left, and Anthony Fasano's completing a dramatic diving catch in 2003, center, Southern California players have celebrated like these two in 2004 against Notre Dame. The Irish have suffered three straight 31-point losses to the Trojans.

Weis works to prepare Irish to take on dominant Trojans

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After taking over a team that had lost to USC by 31 points three straight years in a row, Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis had some convincing to do during last week's bye week.

"My biggest job was getting the team to believe they have a chance to win the game," Weis said. "Just getting them to believe they had a chance to win the game is easier said than done."

Weis said this after he spent a good seven

minutes Tuesday rattling off facts about the No. 1 Trojans, including mentioning the Trojans' 27-game win streak that dates back to 2003 when USC lost to California 34-31 in triple overtime.

And senior defensive tackle and California native Derek Landri acknowledged that a lot of times teams beat themselves before even stepping on the field to play the Trojans.

"This game's a very mental game," Landri said. "A lot of times [USC] will beat a team before they play because they just

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After back-to-back titles, USC commands rivals' respect

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

USC quarterback Matt Leinart was a top recruit out of high school but never once considered playing for his university's rival.

"[Notre Dame] didn't recruit me out of high school," Leinart said in a Tuesday afternoon teleconference. "[Former Irish coach Bob] Davie was there, and they ran the option. That's not really my forte."

As if he had to clarify. The option-less

Trojans have created plenty of offensive options behind Leinart's Heisman Trophy-winning arm.

"He's one of the more flawless quarterbacks that I've ever seen," Notre Dame free safety Chinedum Ndukwe said.

USC has averaged just over 51 points in its first five games. Leinart is completing 65 percent of his passes and has 12 touchdown tosses to three interceptions. The Trojans have not appeared dominant in many first half showings, but their record, their statistics and their

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Farley wins third straight game

By TIM KAISER,
JAY FITZPATRICK and DAN MURPHY
Sports Writers

Farley's defense finished what its offense started, and when the game was over, the Finest came out on top by a score of 19-6.

Welsh Family quarterback Melissa Sands hit receiver Kelly Bushelle for a touchdown on their opening drive, but the Whirlwind offense was unable to muster another score for the remainder of the game. Meanwhile, the Farley offense rolled again, scoring three touchdowns for their third straight game — also their third straight win.

The game was an important contest for both teams, and Farley's final 3-3 record puts them in a good position to make

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Two Welsh Family players take off downfield in the team's 19-6 loss to Farley Tuesday night.

KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

MEN'S SOCCER

Cahill posts sixth shutout in 0-0 tie

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

After 110 minutes of play, there was nothing to show for it.

The Irish again statistically dominated an opponent but were unable to pull out a win, tying the Spartans 0-0 in East Lansing on Tuesday.

"At the end of the day, a tie was maybe the deserved score, even though statistically maybe we had the better of the game," head coach



Cahill

Bobby Clark said.

The tie puts Notre Dame's record at 7-4-2. The Spartans, defending Big Ten champions, are 4-3-5.

"It was a 0-0 tie, it was one of these games," Clark said. "We had some good moments; we had some moments where we didn't connect as well as we would have liked."

The Irish have struggled to find the net this season and have played seven games with at least one overtime period.

However, their determination and strength of character are something Clark has commented on throughout the season.

"The one thing I would be proud of the team, they kept try-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Brophy, Lee lead Irish in Shootout

The Irish finished fourth in the Shootout at the Legends Tuesday.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles fall in five to Albion

Saint Mary's couldn't pull off a win in the match honoring the team's seniors.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Fisher vs. St. Ed's

Today, 7 p.m.

Fisher hopes to end its season at .500 with a win over the Stedsmen.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Knott vs. Zahm

Today, 8 p.m.

Knott looks to make a strong showing despite being eliminated from the postseason.

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's at Albion

Today, 4 p.m.

The Belles battle for position in the MIAA today against Albion.

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MLB — NL

Houston at St. Louis

In a rematch of last year's NLCS, the wildcard Astros take on their division rivals the Cardinals.

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