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Professors question recruitment approach

While University has no quota for Catholic faculty members, ND scholars stress caution

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the third story in a three-part series examining the role of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame may be beginning a heightened push to recruit Catholic professors, but during his Sept. 26 address to the faculty, University President Father John Jenkins was quick to assure the non-Catholics in attendance of their importance.

"Faculty members who are not Catholic are indispensable to the life and success of Notre

Dame," Jenkins said during his address.

The debate generated by the different perspectives of non-Catholic scholars — who now comprise about 46 percent of the faculty — makes Notre Dame a "better Catholic university," Jenkins said.

But some of those non-Catholic scholars say the University's new recruitment efforts may have an alienating effect, and other professors warn against taking an overly numerical approach to the project.

Rabbi Michael Signer, a Jewish professor mentioned by Jenkins in his address who has

contributed to Catholic-Jewish dialogue at the University, said he found Jenkins' remarks about increasing the number of Catholic faculty members "chilling."

"I think that Father Jenkins is absolutely sincere when he indicates that non-Catholics contribute to the Catholic mission of the University of Notre Dame," Signer said. "However, when one talks about numbers, and special hiring efforts, there is always a shadow cast over those who are not Catholic."

Signer said Jenkins has set himself up to walk a delicate line — to bring in more Catholic faculty members while at the

same time not alienating Notre Dame's non-Catholic professors.

"I think that the University, under Father Jenkins' leadership, poses a challenge to itself to seek out what he considers to be a critical number of Catholic faculty and make non-Catholics feel welcome," Signer said.

Father Robert Sullivan, director of the Erasmus Institute and director of the newly created Keough office — which will strive to help the University maintain a "critical number" of Catholic professors, Jenkins said in his address — said Notre Dame's mission is primarily to

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Ben Folds to perform at Stepan

SUB announces solo artist to play Nov. 10

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Ben Folds has developed a reputation for rocking the suburbs, but after the Student Union Board (SUB) released news the musician



Folds

would be performing at Notre Dame in November, it's apparent the piano-rock artist has room for college campuses

as well.

Folds will perform on Nov. 10 at 9 p.m. in the Stepan Center.

The decision to bring Folds to campus was the result of "general student feedback," SUB manager Patrick Vassel said. Through formal polling and informal feedback, Vassel said Folds is "somebody that [SUB] knows is extremely popular on campus."

Vassel also mentioned only "half jokingly" that Folds is one of the top 10 most popular music artists that Notre Dame students list on their Facebook profiles.

"[When] over 500 people have an artist listed on their profile — you get an idea that he is widely popular," he said.

The singer has released four solo LPs and intends to

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College addresses homosexuality

SMC panel discusses being gay on campus

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

As activists across the U.S. spoke out Wednesday in honor of National Coming Out Day, members of the Saint Mary's community gathered in Dalloway's Coffeehouse to discuss the issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities both at the College and within society.

The Wednesday night panel discussion was sponsored by Saint Mary's officially recognized student club Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA).

While several of the five women on the panel — who represented a range of ages and academic disciplines —



KRISTY KING/The Observer

Junior Sara Nielsen speaks at Dalloway's Coffeehouse Wednesday in honor of National Coming Out Day.

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SAGA reflects on challenges, goals

By KELLY MEEHAN
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On March 21, 2005, Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) voted 12-3 to make Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) an official College club, a decision that ended the student struggle to obtain recognition.

The history of officially sponsored homosexual clubs on campus is a dark one.

On March 3, 1997, The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College applied for official club

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Sixth annual Blue Mass honors emergency personnel

Notre Dame, South Bend communities celebrate dedication, commitment of local firefighters, police officers post-Sept. 11



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Officers pay tribute to fallen comrades during Wednesday night's Blue Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

The Notre Dame community took time Wednesday afternoon to honor local firefighters, police officers and emergency response people at the sixth annual Blue Mass.

University President Father John Jenkins presided over the Mass and called these occupations "special expression[s] of Christian service and generosity."

During his homily, Director

of Campus Ministry Father Richard Warner emphasized how easy it is for many people to take certain things in life for granted until they are altered or removed.

"Since Sept. 11, [citizens] have a much deeper appreciation for everyday commitment and dedication from each of you," Warner told the officers and emergency personnel in attendance — a feeling, he said, that will continue to resonate in the future.

"[The] work becomes a mission and a ministry as we come together to build a

society where there is peace and justice," Warner said.

After communion, former Indiana governor and former South Bend mayor Joe Kernan expressed gratitude for the officers' and emergency personnel's crucial role in providing safety and security.

"We hold you [officers and emergency personnel] in the highest regard — we admire you to the greatest degree," Kernan said.

Kernan said the work done by those who keep the com-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Awkward? Not quite.

Dearly beloved, we gather here to mourn the loss of a friend who (according at least to the Oxford English Dictionary) had been at our sides, for better or for worse, since 1530.

A friend who, throughout the

Joe Edmonds

Photographer

years, had both insulted us and made us ache with laughter, a friend who both publicly embarrassed us and alleviated said humiliation, but above all, a friend who never deserved the cruel fate bestowed upon it in recent years.

Who is this friend, you ask? None other than the word "awkward."

Of course, awkward certainly isn't the first word to meet such a fate — time and time again, rampant overuse of a word makes it lose all but the most general meaning, like a spice left too long out of the jar and soon devoid of flavor.

We've seen many a respectable and perfectly innocent term fall from glory to definition-limbo — nice, fine, cool, awesome, interesting, sweet, actually, definitely, seriously, literally, anyways.

And don't even get me started on what that remorseless word-usage-sadist Alanis Morissette did to the word "ironic" in a three-minute song.

But awkward is a word for whose tragic demise we must all take responsibility.

Every time we tripped in public and answered the stares and stifled giggles around us with a confident cry of "Aaawkwarrrd!" we gave the word a little push down a steep slope towards linguistic ambiguity.

Every time we decided that the shortest pause in conversation elicited a declaration of just how "awkward" those silent seconds were, we kicked awkward in the shin and told it how fat it looked in those jeans.

And every time we placed one of our hands over the other, stuck out our thumbs and wiggled them to simulate the "awkward turtle," we were being really quick-witted and inventive.

Wait, sorry, my bad, we were actually just spitting in awkward's drink while it wasn't looking.

The list of offenses goes on and on, including adding insult to injury by spelling the word itself as "akward" or joining any of the 276 Facebook groups centered around that syntactic succubus dubbed "the awkward turtle." And while these all contributed to awkward's demise, autopsies reveal the true cause of death to be exhaustion after serving, on average, as the fourth word of every sentence during Frosh-O 2006.

So friends, I now entreat you, don't let this injustice happen again. Learn from the tragic story of "awkward," and let it rest in peace.

Try, instead, the word "uncomfortable" once in a while — so many syllables, you won't even want to overuse it.

I'll leave you with the eternal words of Mother Teresa: "It is a poverty that a [word] must die so that you may [speak] as you wish."

Indeed, truer words have ne'er been spoken.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE FROM A MOVIE?



Dino Pezza

sophomore
Morrissey

"You must be putting something in the water."



Joe McBrayer

sophomore
Morrissey

"He shouldn't have been standing there!"



Lauren Albergo

freshman
Pangborn

"Do me a favor and lose five pounds immediately or get out of my building, LIKE NOW!"



Mike Kaiser

sophomore
Morrissey

"Every time I'm [in the Photo Poll] it gets harder to leave."



Mike Fletcher

freshman
Morrissey

"Oh my God, you hit that guy!"



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Core Council members Cal Neblett, left, Casey Scott, middle, and Virginia Torres distribute candy and informative fliers Wednesday in LaFortune in honor of National Coming Out Day.

OFFBEAT

Police kill emu that bugged motorists

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Packing 100 pounds on its 5-foot frame, the big bird gave police in this St. Louis suburb a mighty run, confounding them all six times someone reported the ostrich-like beast bugging motorists last weekend along busy Illinois Route 3.

Police finally caught up to the claw-footed menace Monday and ended the ruckus once and for all, cornering the emu, a cousin to the ostrich, and shooting it dead out of fear it'd again wander into traffic and kill someone.

Two days later, police on Wednesday still were pecking away at the vexing question: Where did the bird come from?

"We figured someone would call and say, 'That's my bird!'" Police Chief Rich Miller said. "But we still haven't heard from anybody."

300 monkeys to be banished from New Delhi

NEW DELHI — The Supreme Court ordered wildlife authorities to catch hundreds of monkeys that roam the Indian capital, often terrorizing residents, and relocate them thousands

of miles away, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The roughly 300 Rhesus macaques will be shifted from New Delhi to the dense jungles of Madhya Pradesh state, whose government will receive \$54,000 from the federal government to cover the cost of reintroducing the monkeys to the wild, the Hindu reported.

Government buildings, temples and many residential neighborhoods of New Delhi are overrun by an army of macaques. The monkeys scare passers-by, and occasionally bite or snatch food from unsuspecting visitors.

IN BRIEF

A Columbus Day lecture "Dia de la Raza, Columbus Day: Two names for an event that changed the Americas" will be held today at noon in Vander Vennet Theatre.

Notre Dame women's basketball head coach Muffet McGraw will host "Angels Night Out," an education and awareness fair for women's health today in the Joyce Center Concourse and Monogram Room. Exhibits will be open and refreshments served at 5:30 p.m., and presentations begin at 6:30 p.m.

AcoustiCafe will be held tonight at 10 p.m. in the basement of LaFortune.

The United States Air Force Band will play at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Leighton Concert Hall in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The lecture: "What Women Bring to Peace: A Comparative Look at the Role of Women in Conflict Resolution Today" will be held today at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Notre Dame hockey will take on Minnesota State today at 7:05 p.m. at the Joyce Center Ice Rink.

The film "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price" will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday in Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Consul general explains Lebanon

Israeli representative visits campus, discusses Hezbollah conflict

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Israel has a definite plan for its role in the Middle East following this summer's short but controversial war against Hezbollah forces in Lebanon, an Israeli government representative said Wednesday.

Barukh Binah, Israel's Consul General for Chicago, gave a lecture entitled "In the Wake of a Summer of Conflict: An Israeli Perspective." The lecture was sponsored by Notre Dame's Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, along with the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley and the Department of Political Science.

"There's a lot of talk right now ... about how this war started, and what was achieved and was not achieved," Binah said, before giving an overview of the events leading up to the conflict.

Binah said Israel's advance into Hezbollah-controlled southern Lebanon occurred as a response to the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers, after numerous failed kidnapping attempts over the past sev-

eral months.

Because Hezbollah is directly connected to leadership in Iran and Syria, he said, officials in those countries would have had to endorse Hezbollah's action against Israel.

"They thought that the kidnapping of Israeli soldiers would draw attention from [Iran's nuclear program]," Binah said. "They

were surprised by the Israeli reaction."

Israel's reaction, Binah said, showed its neighbors the country "can retaliate" and would "not tolerate attacks" on its territory.

"In view of the provocation, which was quite a major one ... we have responded in a very measured way," he said.

The intent behind Israel's actions against Hezbollah, Binah said, was "to bring Hezbollah down to a certain level ... which we hope that we have achieved."

Binah applauded recent measures taken by the U.N. Security Council to establish what Israel says is a more sustainable situation in the region.

"[The Security Council] mandated an [arms] embargo for every member of the United Nations on Hezbollah," he said.

The other factor, he said, is that Hezbollah "will not be able to deploy in the south of Lebanon," and thus no longer poses a threat to Israel.

Binah also said the release of the kidnapped soldiers remains unconditional, a matter for which Israel assigns responsibility to the Lebanese government.

"Everything is hinged on the performance of the international community" in implementing the U.N.'s resolution, Binah said.

Binah addressed criticisms raised against Israel's treatment of Lebanese civilians and infrastructure during its attacks. He said the Israeli army did everything possible to ensure civilian safety while protecting Israel from Hezbollah's terrorism.

"We have given up the advantage of ... surprise to alert the [Lebanese] public of an impending attack," Binah said. "We used the radio to alert people, and we even called them every now and then on cell phones, when we knew who to call."

Although Israel won a decisive victory in this summer's war, Binah said the political situation in that troubled region remains difficult.

"We bequeath to our children a country that still has to be fought for, and we can't take anything for granted," he said.

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Israeli Consul General
for Chicago

SENATE

Committee chairs present updates

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The Student Senate breezed through a 20-minute meeting Wednesday as committee chairs briefly updated senators on the progress of their initiatives.

Several committees did not meet at all this week due to mid-term exams. Residence Life committee chair Pat Knapp told senators he met with University architect Greg Hakanen regarding the University's plans for a "College Town" just south of Notre Dame's campus.

Last April, student body president Lizzi Shappell, former student body president Dave Baron, former Residence Life committee chair Mark Seiler and then-senior Brett Hummel helped create a student survey to gauge what type of development students would like to see on the land between Angela Boulevard and Napoleon Boulevard.

Knapp said they received about 40 percent of the surveys back last spring. Now, University officials are asking Knapp to help distribute additional surveys, this time for faculty and staff as well as the residents of the South Bend community.

"We want to determine the needs and preferences of South Bend residents so we can align their interests with those of the students," Knapp said.

In other Senate news:

◆Senior Lindsay Hero spoke to senators about "Gulu Walk Day," an event to raise awareness about Gulu in northern Uganda, where Hero said about 50,000 children are forced to walk up to 10 kilometers every day to avoid being abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army.

The event is jointly coordinated by Indiana University South Bend and Notre Dame. Hero told senators they would receive e-mails with more information in the coming days. She asked them to forward that information on to their constituents.

◆University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner said the second student-alumni reception on Oct. 6 "did not go as well as the first one," which was on Sept. 29. But she plans to make improvements to ensure the third and final reception has a strong turnout.

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Library open 24 hours

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Students cramming for midterms have a new place to take their late night studies this week.

For the first time during fall midterms week, the Hesburgh Library is open 24 hours to offer students an around the clock work space.

The extended hours, which end Friday, are a result of the efforts of the Academic Affairs Committee of Student Senate.

Academic Affairs committee chair Jim Grace said the idea "had been bounced around Student Senate" for some time, and last year members of student government initiated contact with the Library to pursue the initiative.

The Senate passed a resolution last January that asks for increased hours during midterms and throughout the year, which resulted in the Library's increased hours during the unofficial spring 2006 midterms week.

While the Library has offered extended hours during finals for several years, Grace said the Senate thought midterms were also an important study time.

"Midterm week seems to be more hectic," he said, noting that students' schedules do not change at this time of the year as they do during finals to accommodate for additional study time.

Last year Grace presented the idea to Nigel Butterwick, the Hesburgh Library's associate director for user services, and he said the administration was very receptive.

"The Library was very will-

ing to work with us and was open to our ideas," he said. "[Butterwick] mentioned that it would be feasible to be open during midterms week."

Grace said the possibility of having extended hours throughout the year was discussed, but for now Library officials believe midterms would be the best time to offer such hours.

"We acknowledge that students want to study during the hours before exams," Butterwick said, while noting the increase of traffic during midterm and finals week.

"We would expect far more students to be using [the Library] during those hours."

Butterwick could not provide official data on the increase of students during this week, but both Grace and Butterwick said they feel this week's extended hours have been well-utilized by students.

"I think they should do it, all the time," said freshman Maria Cardoso, who said she "will probably be in the library until 6 a.m." Tuesday evening.

Freshman Tim Boland said "they usually have to kick us out of here at 2 a.m.," so having the extended hours is appreciated.

The Hesburgh Library plans to be open 24 hours a day during midterms week in the future. Butterwick said the Library will evaluate data on how it is used during midterms this week when planning extended hours in the spring.

"We want to tailor it to ... the study patterns of students," he said.

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release another album, "supersunnyspeedgraphic," on Oct. 24. After the release of "Songs for Silverman," Folds' most recent album, he has been touring with bassist Jared Reynolds and drummer Lindsay Jamieson, who will also be performing with Folds at Notre Dame in November.

The process for bringing Folds to Notre Dame began last April when SUB had its annual turnover.

"As soon as we heard in April that [Folds] was going to be available in the fall, we contacted the agent," Vassel said. "It was a process of months and months, but we were able to make it happen."

Folds has performed on other college campuses, including Purdue, Vassel said.

Due to legal and contractual issues, SUB could not reveal how much Folds' fee will be for performing. The total cost, however, will include security, hospitality, transportation and production, Vassel said.

The University concert budget is "just under \$55,000," Vassel said. "[SUB's] plan basically is to spend all of that concert budget and then use the ticket revenue from it to fund the concert in the spring."

SUB has made an effort, he said, to minimize the cost of attending the concert for students.

"Basically, we could charge whatever we want theoretically," Vassel said. "But we always try to keep our shows affordable for students."

The ticket price will be \$15 — a \$5 increase from ticket costs for last year's Better

Than Ezra and Pat Green concerts, Vassel said.

"The increase is 'really just reflective of the fact that it's a more expensive concert for us,'" he said. "We think it's a fair price, and we're hopeful that it sells out."

To sell out, SUB needs to sell nearly 1,800 tickets, the Stepan Center's capacity for that night. Vassel said last year's concert capacities were only 1,500.

"Being a more popular artist, we were able to work with Notre Dame Security/Police and Risk Management to getting the capacity increased to 1,800," he said.

While Vassel admits the concert's location at Stepan Center may not be perfect, he thinks it is the best option.

"We wish for something better, but it's kind of the best of what we've got," Vassel said. "I say it's the best location with the understanding that obviously it's not ideal."

Stepan Center is the best location because the Performing Arts Center is not available for SUB use and the Joyce Center requires a whole new level of production, Vassel said.

Concerts held at the Joyce Center are "significantly more expensive," Vassel said, and scheduling anything at the Joyce Center is difficult.

"Because Stepan Center is a Student Activities venue, it's much easier to book in advance [and] it's a lot easier to be flexible with the schedule," he said.

Tickets for the concert will go on sale on Oct. 26 at 9 a.m. in the LaFortune Box Office and will be open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College students with valid IDs.

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SAGA

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status. BOG researched the need for such a club and approved it on April 7 — only to have it deferred by then College President Bill Hickey.

He vowed to make an administrative decision about ALBSQ by the conclusion of the school year. Hickey failed to do so, however, and retired at the end of May, leaving the decision up to his successor, Marilou Eldred.

Almost one year after ALBSQ's original request for club status, Eldred denied the group official College sponsorship on Feb. 27, 1998. This decision caused major student protests across campus.

Student supporters covered their mouths with duct tape and camped outside of Eldred's office in Le Mans Hall for up to eight hours at a time.

Following Eldred's rejection, the group renamed itself The Feminists Collective. Members rewrote their constitution and reapplied for club status to BOG. On March 5, 1998, they unanimously received club status and held their inaugural meeting on March 19.

But just a few years later the group failed to properly file paper work with Student Activities, and The Feminist Collective dissolved.

Today, however, SAGA is as strong as ever with approximately 50 members who aim to "educate and promote respect for each other and being able to respect differences — even if that means you have to agree to disagree," SAGA President Kristi Allmandinger said.

SAGA has not faced the backlash of its predecessors — only warnings from a "couple of administrators telling to be careful what we do," Allmandinger said.

Coordinator of Women's Studies Astrid Henry said most feedback has been positive, with only "a little bit of tension" arising when BOG voted to grant SAGA club status in spring of 2005.

SAGA, led by then senior Megan Schaeffer, was not originally granted club status when it first requested it on March 15, 2005.

BOG reviewed the proposal for one week before its

March 21 vote of approval.

The acceptance of SAGA as an official club did not come without tension.

Allmandinger said some students ask to be removed from the campus-wide e-mails SAGA sends, and the group's posters have been ripped down.

She said, however, she "respects" the wishes of students who do not wish to be involved.

Junior Sara Nielsen said she hopes more students will become aware of SAGA

in the future and that "more people will come to be accepting on this campus."

"It is a life skill to accept that other people are different than you and to be able to deal with that in some way," she said.

Ultimately, SAGA welcomes people at Saint Mary's to have "somewhere to go on a good or bad day — to have a place to go where they can be accepted."

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munity safe is difficult and requires vigilance, and he assured the workers they would be in the community's prayers.

Officers and emergency response personnel served as lectors and took part in the presentation of the gifts.

The Blue Mass "started in 2001 in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks," Basilica Rector Father Peter Rocca said.

"I think our first [Blue Mass] was about a month [after the Sept. 11 attacks]," he said.

It is called the Blue Mass, Rocca said, "because of the color of the uniform frequently worn by police officers and firefighters."

People traveled great distances to attend the first Blue Mass as a way to remember those who lost their lives or served during

the Sept. 11 attacks.

"As I recall, we had a number of firefighters and police officers who came actually from New York to join us for this Mass," Rocca said.

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The first few Blue Masses usually ended with a speaker who "actually experienced the Sept. 11 attacks," Rocca said.

On Wednesday, the Blue Mass placed more of an emphasis on the local community, "not so much geared toward inviting people from New York," Rocca said.

An "open invitation" was extended to local, municipal, county and state law enforcement and fire agencies, University of Notre Dame Security/Police Director Rex J. Rakow said.

The Blue Mass is "kind of a new thing, but we think it's an important new tradition that we've started," Rocca said.

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Unplanned Pregnancy?

Don't go it alone.

If you or someone you love needs help or information, please call.

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- Sylvia Dillon, Campus Ministry, 1-7163
- John Dillon, Campus Ministry, 1-7163
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- Women's Care Center, 234-0363
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

5 killed in French train collision

ZOUFFTGEN, France — A passenger train collided Wednesday with an oncoming freight train in northeastern France, killing at least five people and injuring 16, two seriously, officials said.

The impact of the crash lifted one of the passenger train's cars on top of another, compressing it. Several cars of the freight train were either crumpled, bent skyward or tipped over on their sides. More than 300 police and rescue workers from both France and Luxembourg were at the scene.

Rescuers had retrieved five bodies by evening, police said, and did not believe any survivors were trapped inside the twisted wreckage, although rescue efforts were expected to continue through the night.

Pope eases restrictions on Latin Mass

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI has decided to loosen restrictions on use of the old Latin Mass, a Vatican official said Wednesday, a major concession to ultraconservatives who split with the Vatican to protest reforms.

The decision is part of Benedict's efforts to woo back Catholics who joined a rebel archbishop in protest over the changes.

The pope's intent is to "help overcome the schism and help bring [the ultraconservatives] back to the church," said the official, who asked that his name not be used because the papal document has not yet been released.

It was not immediately clear when the pope will make his decision public, but the official said it was expected soon. The Times of London, in a report Wednesday, said the pope has signed the order and it could be published in the next few weeks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Election fraud reported in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS — Election officials say hundreds of potentially bogus registration cards, including ones for dead and underage people, were submitted by a branch of a national group that has been criticized in the past for similar offenses.

At least 1,500 potentially fraudulent registration cards were turned in by the St. Louis branch of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN, leading up to Wednesday's registration deadline for the Nov. 7 election, said Kim Mathis, chairwoman of the St. Louis City Board of Election Commissioners.

Invalid registrations solicited by ACORN workers included duplicate or incomplete ones, a 16-year-old voter, dead people registering, and forged signatures, Mathis said.

Troops to stay in Iraq until 2010

WASHINGTON — For planning purposes, the Army is gearing up to keep current troop levels in Iraq for another four years, a new indication that conditions there are too unstable to foresee an end to the war.

Gen. Peter Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff, cautioned against reading too much into the planning, which is done far in advance to prepare the right mix of combat units for expected deployments. He noted that it is easier to scale back later if conditions allow, than to ramp up if they don't.

LOCAL NEWS

Worker sues Wal-Mart over accident

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — A worker who was critically burned in an electrical fire at the new Bloomington Wal-Mart Supercenter in August has filed a lawsuit alleging Wal-Mart and two other companies did not provide proper safety.

A lawyer said he is preparing a similar suit on behalf of another contractor who was critically injured in the Aug. 26 fire.

The men were employees of Electromation, Inc., of Muncie, and were burned when electrical panels they were working on became charged with up to 12,000 volts of electricity and shorted.

Plane hits New York building

Yankee pitcher presumed dead in crash that reminded citizens of Sept. 11

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A small plane carrying New York Yankee Cory Lidle slammed into a 50-story skyscraper Wednesday, apparently killing the pitcher and a second person in a crash that rained flaming debris onto the sidewalks and briefly raised fears of another terrorist attack.

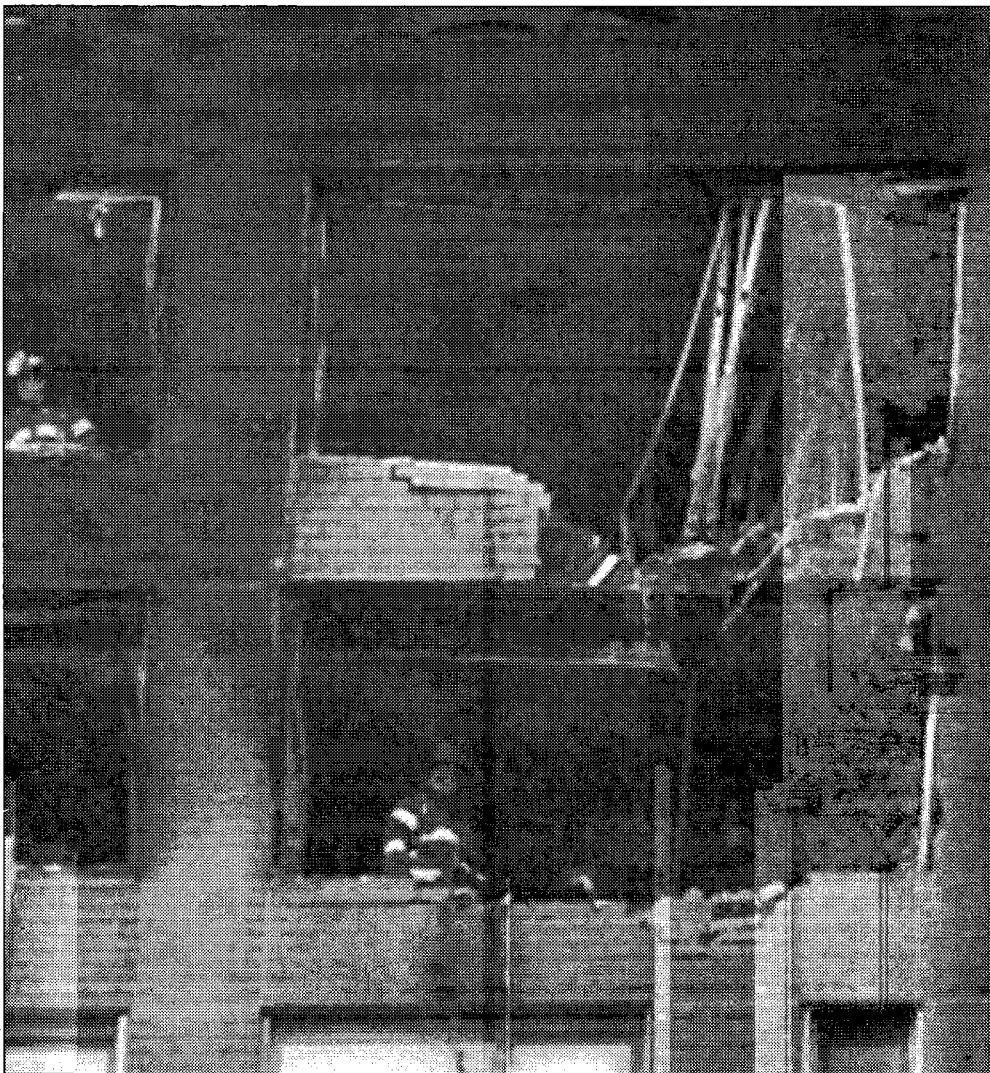
A law enforcement official in Washington said Lidle — an avid pilot who got his license during last year's offseason — was aboard the single-engine aircraft when it issued a distress signal and plowed into the 30th and 31st floors of the high-rise on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Mayor Michael Bloomberg said both people aboard were killed.

Lidle's passport was found on the street, according to a federal official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. It was not immediately clear who was at the controls and who was the second person aboard.

Federal Aviation Administration records showed the plane was registered to Lidle, who had repeatedly assured reporters in recent weeks that flying was safe and that the Yankees — who were traumatized in 1979 when catcher Thurman Munson was killed in the crash of a plane he was piloting — had no reason to worry.

"The flying?" the 34-year-old Lidle, who had a home near Los Angeles, told The Philadelphia Inquirer this summer. "I'm not worried about it. I'm safe up there. I feel very comfortable with my abilities flying an airplane."

The crash came just four days after the Yankees' embarrassingly quick elimination from the playoffs, during which Lidle had been relegated to the bullpen. In recent days, Lidle had taken abuse from fans on sports talk radio for



A New York city firefighter works in the debris of a building struck by a small airplane carrying Yankee pitcher Cory Lidle Wednesday afternoon.

saying the team was unprepared.

"This is a terrible and shocking tragedy that has stunned the entire Yankees organization," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said in a statement. He offered his condolences to Lidle's wife, Melanie, and 6-year-old son.

The federal official said the plane had issued a distress call before the crash. The craft took off from New Jersey's Teterboro Airport about 2:30 p.m. and was in the air for barely 15 minutes, authorities said. Bloomberg said Lidle and his flying companion were sightseeing and were taking a route that took them over the Statue of Liberty, the

Brooklyn Bridge and the Empire State Building.

The FAA said it was too early to determine what might have caused the crash. The National Transportation Safety Board sent investigators.

How the plane managed to penetrate airspace over one of the most densely packed sections of New York City was not clear. The plane was unusual in that it was equipped with a parachute in case of engine failure, but there was no sign the chute was used.

The crash rattled New Yorkers' nerves five years after the Sept. 11 attacks, but the FBI and the Homeland Security quickly said there was no evidence

it was anything but an accident. Nevertheless, within 10 minutes of the crash, fighter jets were sent aloft over several cities, including New York, Washington, Detroit, Los Angeles and Seattle, Pentagon officials said.

The plane, flying north over the East River, along the usual flight corridor, came through a hazy, cloudy sky and hit The Belaire — a red-brick tower overlooking the river — with a loud bang. It touched off a raging fire that cast a pillar of black smoke over the city and sent flames shooting from four windows on two adjoining floors. Firefighters put the blaze out in less than an hour.

SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea warns of more nuke tests

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea on Wednesday threatened more nuclear tests and said it would consider additional sanctions an act of war, as Japan banned all North Korean imports — such as clams and mushrooms — and barred the North's ships from its ports.

Amid the deepening unease, South Korea said it was making sure its troops were prepared for atomic warfare and said it may bolster its conventional forces as well. The top U.S. general in the South said American soldiers were poised to repel any attack.

"I would urge the North Korean

authorities not to escalate the situation any further," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said at the United Nations. "We already have an extremely difficult situation."

On the streets of North Korea's capital, it seemed like business as usual. Video by AP Television News showed people milling about Kim Il Sung square in Pyongyang and rehearsing a performance for the 80th anniversary of the "Down with Imperialism Union."

North Korea, in its first formal statement since it announced an atomic bomb test Monday, hailed the blast as a success and warned that it would counter further pressure from the international community with physical

retaliation.

"If the U.S. increases pressure upon the DPRK, persistently doing harm to it, it will continue to take physical countermeasures, considering it as a declaration of a war," said a statement by the North's Foreign Ministry and carried by the official Korean Central News Agency. It did not say what those measures could be. DPRK is shorthand for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

North Korea's No. 2 leader Kim Jong Nam threatened in an interview with a Japanese news agency that there would also be more nuclear tests if Washington continued what he called its "hostile attitude."

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maintain the level of Catholic faculty rather than increase it.

"If it gets below [50 percent], then there are real questions about the maintenance of the University," he said. Sullivan said his office has no numerical goals or quotas regarding the number of scholars to identify this year and probably will not have set figures in the future.

Quality versus quantity

Even without defined quotas, some professors said they are skeptical of how recruitment of Catholic faculty members will proceed.

Last year, philosophy professor Kenneth Sayre wrote an essay entitled "Assessing Notre Dame's Catholic Character" that he addressed to Provost Thomas Burish regarding concerns that Notre Dame was losing its Catholic identity.

In his essay, Sayre cautioned against measuring Catholic character quantitatively. He recommended each college perform self-assessments to measure its contribution to the formation of students' Catholic character.

Sayre said he was suspicious of the University's attempt to assign numbers to the breakdown of Catholic versus non-Catholic faculty.

"Father Jenkins used a couple of expressions in his address that indicated that he is a little uncertain about what to do with this himself," Sayre said. "He talked about a critical number of Catholics, without putting a particular figure on it."

Philosophy professor Alvin Plantinga said he is enthusiastic about Notre Dame's Catholic mission and its intent to maintain that mission, but questioned whether increasing numbers of Catholics is the way to strengthen its Catholicity.

"It's kind of a blunt instrument in that some non-Catholics contribute heavily to the Catholic mission, and some Catholics don't," Plantinga said.

Another reason not to measure the number of Catholics quantitatively is because not everyone who self-identifies as Catholic practices his or her

faith or will help students develop their own, Sayre said. He doubts whether the University has reliable methods for distinguishing between Catholics who live their faith and those who seldom practice it.

But the University is not simply looking for Catholics who can teach Notre Dame level classes, Sullivan said. The kind of Catholics Notre Dame is looking for are those that live out their faith and that are committed to helping students form their own faith lives.

"In some ways the burden of honest falls on the people who self-identify as Catholic, but they also have to identify how they can serve the University in this way," Sullivan said.

Non-Catholics, however, can often serve the University in developing the faith life of students just as well as Catholics, Sayre said.

Mark Roche, dean of the college of Arts and Letters, recalled an interview he conducted with a prospective faculty hire. The man, a Jewish historian, impressed Roche with his answer to how he could contribute to Notre Dame's Catholic mission. Every faculty member, whether Catholic or not, can be a model to students, he said.

"In many cases our best mission hires are non-Catholics," Roche said. "In some cases there are Catholic faculty members who simply don't integrate their faith into their scholarship or teaching."

The 'right kind of Catholic'

Finding scholars who are not only Catholic, but who are also the kind of Catholic who will contribute to Notre Dame's mission and whose faith is evident in their life and teaching is the real challenge for the University — something Roche said he realizes.

"There are Catholics out there who simply have a separation between their academic life and their personal life as Catholics and don't have a language to bridge them," Roche said.

Sayre said the University should not necessarily look to increase the number of Catholics, but rather to hire those who possess virtues valued by Catholicism.

"We ought to have more of a

certain kind of people," Sayre said. "They may be Catholic and they may not be Catholic. ... There is in my view a wrong kind of Catholic ... and a right kind of Catholic."

Echoing the concept of *paideia* that Jenkins discussed in his address, Sayre said professors should be capable professionally, but they must also help students develop moral character.

"Catholic faculty, if they are the right kind of Catholic, should provide examples of what it means to be a Catholic in practical life," Sayre said.

The wrong kind of Catholic may fall to either extreme — he is lax in his faith and Catholic only in Baptism or he practices on the other extreme and is divisive in adherence to doctrine and dogma, Sayre said.

When the College of Arts and Letters hires, Roche said, it tries to determine whether the candidate is this so-called "right kind of Catholic" by first asking him to identify his religion. Interviewers also ask the applicants to describe how they can contribute to the University's Catholic mission.

"It's not just a matter of hiring Catholics," Roche said. "It's a matter of hiring quality again and again so we become an attractive destination for Catholics and non-Catholics."

Even so, the University places too much emphasis on the importance of the faculty in forming the Catholicity of Notre Dame, Signer said. The University needs to remember there are other aspects — like the residential life system, with chapels in each dorm — that contribute to Catholic identity, he said.

Signer said Jenkins could have approached the issue more diplomatically if he had talked more about the common mission of promoting Catholic virtues, and not focused so clearly on hiring Catholic versus non-Catholic professors.

"I think that wouldn't be chilling," he said. "I think that would be exciting to a Jew, to a Muslim, to a Hindu, who would come here then and say 'I'm participating in something which is central to my religion being in

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were aware of their sexualities and "came out" before college, others struggled with their identities throughout their time at Saint Mary's. All spoke openly Wednesday and offered insight into the experience of an openly non-heterosexual woman at an all-women's Catholic college.

Kelli Harrison, a 1998 College alumna, said she came to Saint Mary's both as a "rabid Catholic" and as someone who was confused. She said she had never been attracted to men and thought she might "just end up being a nun." During her time at the College, Harrison met and fell in love with her current partner of 11 years — a College classmate who was also on Wednesday night's panel.

"For me, coming out was about figuring out: who am I? What is my voice?" Harrison said.

"Exploring your identity [in college] is pivotal at this point in your life."

Harrison allied with several students and faculty members during her time at Saint Mary's to organize a student group to give students a voice. But the administration, she said, was not supportive.

"They weren't really willing to allow students to get together to talk without dictating how it would go," Harrison said. "I always felt, or definitely at times, that I was sort of a second class citizen."

Harrison's partner, Jennifer Warner, a 1998 alumna, also spoke about the lack of support she felt from the administration during her time at Saint Mary's.

As an African-American student, she said there were many resources available to her and she was encouraged to explore this part of her identity, but when she wanted to discuss her sexuality there was no place for her to go.

Current Saint Mary's students provided perspectives on how the College atmosphere has changed since Harrison and Warner were students.

Junior Sara Nielsen said she knew she was "different" when she was six or seven years old.

Throughout school she had crushes on guys, but as she grew older she said she discovered she had also developed feelings for girls. She came out to her family as a bisexual, and while she said her parents have been accepting, they do not openly discuss her sexuality.

"There's kind of a don't ask, don't tell policy," she said. "My dad still kind of thinks that being gay is a choice."

Nielsen said she came from a very diverse town and wondered how well she would be accepted as a member of Saint Mary's fairly homogeneous population.

She said her experiences here have been positive and she has found people to be very accepting.

While she entered into college thinking she "did not want anything to do with

God," Nielsen said Saint Mary's has changed that.

Campus Ministry has been a great support, said Nielsen, who went through its confirmation program.

Nielsen also said the positive influence Saint Mary's has had on her life is mutual, for her openness about sexuality has enlightened other people — no matter how uncomfortable they may be.

"Real life is not always comfortable," she said. "I like being out at Saint Mary's because I really think it helps the community."

Freshman Aimee Sanjari was out in high school as a bisexual and experienced harassment and discrimination from classmates, but said she has found the climate at Saint Mary's to be very different.

"I really haven't experienced any bias or discrimination here and I hope it stays that way," she said.

Panelist Kristen Matha, a class of 2003 alumna, led a high profile life as a student

at Saint Mary's, serving as sophomore class president, student body vice president and student trustee on the College's Board of Trustees.

Although she first realized she was gay in middle school, she said she worried opportunities would be closed off if she came out.

Her fear of judgment and scrutiny of her sexuality made her eager to leave Saint Mary's senior year, she said.

Matha went on to law school at Michigan State where she thrived and became close friends with other gay students, one of whom she said became her "gay mentor."

When she came out to her mother over the phone during her third year at Michigan State, Matha said her mother replied, "I've known for awhile and I couldn't love you any less" — ideal words for a child coming out to his or her parents, she said.

"I do regret that I wasn't more open [at Saint Mary's]," Matha said.

To ease these campus sexuality tensions, panelists agreed that "making sexuality part of the discussion" in classes was one way to create a more open, accepting environment.

Saint Mary's will offer its first Introduction to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Studies class in the spring, SAGA advisor Mary Porter said.

SAGA President Kristi Allmandinger said she was very pleased with both the turnout for the panel discussion and the range of panelists that were able to participate Wednesday, "especially considering it is midterms week."

SAGA holds meetings every second and fourth Mondays of the month and plans to participate in the National Day of Silence in April. This event asks participants to take a vow of silence for one day to understand how many GLBT individuals feel they do not have a voice in society.

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New kiwis to sport smooth skin

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — The Golden State, known for putting its mark on fruits and vegetables of all kinds, plans to lend its golden touch to kiwifruit, best known as the New Zealand import with a fuzzy, thin-skin and a green seed-filled core.

California already leads the nation in domestic kiwi production, but farmers partnering with global growers hope to expand that niche by doubling acreage devoted to a golden-flesh variety marketed for its smooth exterior and nutrient-rich, organic qualities.

"It's just a good, all-around fruit. It's nutritious, doesn't usually need pesticides and tastes good," said Bruce Myers, a Strathmore farmer, who planted 20 acres last year after packing kiwi for fellow California growers for more than two decades.

Although California remains a minor player in the global kiwi market compared to New Zealand, Italy and China, the fruit is expected to be about a \$23 million crop in California

this year, up from about \$18 million in 2002, said Marilyn Kinoshita, deputy agriculture commissioner for Tulare County.

"It's costly for a lot of farmers, but it sells well. It's a good diversification crop," Kinoshita said.

Kiwi costs growers about \$10 dollars per vine versus about \$3 for tree fruit, said Myers, a third-generation farmer in Strathmore. Plus, there is the cost of setting up irrigation systems and other infrastructure, he said.

Despite setup expenses, kiwifruit can be a good investment. It's a fairly reliable crop, easy to grow and doesn't require many, if any, pesticides, he said.

"Very few pests get into them," he said.

The main variety sold and grown in California — and throughout the world — remains the tangy green kiwi with the fuzzy brown skin. But another variety, a smooth-skinned, less acidic, golden-fleshed kiwi, has increased in popularity.

State production of this new fruit, the Zespri Gold, has doubled since the first harvest about five years ago, according to the California Farm Bureau. The golden kiwi is sweeter, and marketers are promoting it to people who like fruits such as mangoes or peaches.

California produces about 97 percent of the kiwi grown in the United States, while 40 percent of U.S. kiwi sales are of domestic kiwis.

Most of the state's share is produced on 2,200 acres in Tulare County in the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley, where more than 250 crops have flourished to make California the nation's agriculture leader.

Before kiwis were introduced as a crop here in the early 1960s, the fruit had long been a delicacy in China before seeds were sent to New Zealand at the beginning of the 20th century. There, the fruit flourished and the country quickly became the leader in the market, developing the long-lasting Hayward green variety most people know today.

MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	11,852.13	-15.04	
Up: 1,329	Same: 140	Down: 1,929	Composite Volume: 2,615,721,890

AMEX	1,883.82	-3.63
NASDAQ	2,308.27	-7.16
NYSE	8,540.64	+22.96
S&P 500	1,349.95	-3.47
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,457.83	57.26
FTSE 100(London)	6,073.50	+0.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.19	-0.08	41.54
INTEL CP (INTC)	0.00	+0.00	20.89
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.20	+0.01	4.98
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.54	-0.15	27.54
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	+1.90	+0.04	2.15

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.76	+0.036	4.784
13-WEEK BILL	+0.62	+0.030	4.885
30-YEAR BOND	+0.70	+0.034	4.913
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.94	+0.044	4.749

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	-0.93		57.59
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.30		576.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.10		88.48

Exchange Rates			
YEN			119.6050
EURO			0.7978
POUND			0.5386
CANADIAN \$			1.1377

IN BRIEF

McAfee Inc. chief executives resign

SAN FRANCISCO — The chief executives of McAfee Inc. and CNet Networks Inc. stepped aside Wednesday to atone for stock-option chicanery that occurred on their watch, expanding the list of business leaders swept up in a messy scandal that is erasing profits and spurring government investigations.

McAfee, a leading maker of anti-virus software, parted ways with George Samenuk, who retired as its chairman and CEO after nearly six years on the job. The Santa Clara-based company also fired its president, Kevin Weiss. Wednesday's purge wasn't the first at McAfee, which fired its general counsel in May after determining he had been involved in stock-option improprieties.

CNet, which runs a stable of technology news and entertainment Web sites, accepted the resignation of co-founder Shelby Bonnie, who has been running the San Francisco-based company for the past six years.

McAfee named board member Dale Fuller as its interim CEO and president, and tabbed Charles Robel as its non-executive chairman.

Wall Street sets fourth record close

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average set its fourth record close in two weeks Tuesday, finishing less than a point above its previous closing high.

After a lackluster day of trading, broader indexes also rose slightly, putting the Standard & Poor's 500 back near its 5 1/2 year highs.

Investors nudged stocks slightly higher in gains in advance of Alcoa's after-the-bell quarterly financial report which traditionally marks the start of earnings season.

"If I'm an investor and I didn't already buy, I don't know what's going to make me buy now," said Doug Sandler, chief equity strategist, Wachovia Securities. "We'll wait for the facts to come in when earnings come out."

The Dow Jones industrials rose 9.36, or 0.08 percent, to close at 11,867.17. Its previous record, set Thursday, was 11,866.69.

Wall Street is split between those who feel stocks are at a top and those who feel the market has further to run.

Alaskan oil pipeline shut down

300,000 barrel-a-day loss has yet to rattle oil markets or raise prices

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — America's largest oil field will produce very few barrels over the next several days as operator BP scrambles to fix an electrical problem.

So far, the loss of 300,000 barrels a day of Alaskan output has not rattled oil markets.

BP PLC said electrical shorts that shut down Prudhoe Bay on Tuesday followed three days of dust storms, and then rain, coating insulators on high-voltage lines with mud.

The London-based company, which has faced intense criticism following two oil leaks in Alaska over the past seven months, said the shutdown of its power system was not a reflection of aging infrastructure.

BP spokesman Daren Beaudou pinned the problem on a "highly unusual weather event," partly attributable to the lack of snow in the region.

But at least one industry analyst questioned whether BP's latest troubles could be blamed entirely on weather.

"People who are bad carpenters hit themselves on the thumb repeatedly," said Michael Lynch, president of Strategic Energy and Economic Research Inc. of Winchester, Mass.

Lynch acknowledged that BP faces brutal weather conditions on Alaska's North Slope and that he did not know the details surrounding the recent power failure. However, he added, "things like this should be dealt with pretty quickly, generally, or not even happen."

Beaudou said the company is systematically removing the mud from the insulators and that the oil field will come on line in phases, but he could not specify when production will be fully restored.

"It's going to take some time. Don't know how long. We'll do it as quickly as we can. The emphasis is on



The Trans-Alaska pipeline was shut down Tuesday due to heavy rains and dust storms that created electrical shorts.

safety," he said.

The electrical system has been partially re-energized, Beaudou said, though that power has been devoted to the living quarters of its workers. Backup generators also are in use.

For unrelated reasons, the price of oil fell to its lowest level this year on Wednesday.

Crude oil futures have plunged by more than \$20 a barrel since mid-July amid rising global inventories, concerns about slowing economic growth and a milder-than-anticipated hurricane season. On Wednesday, doubts grew that there is a consensus within OPEC for an immediate output cut, sending oil futures to \$57.59 a barrel.

The vast Prudhoe Bay field covers 3,336 square miles. Alaska's three major oil companies, operator BP, ConocoPhillips and Exxon Mobil Corp., own 98 percent of the field. Production Monday was a 350,000 barrels per day but that fell to just 35,000 barrels Tuesday after the power outage.

Prudhoe Bay had produced more than 400,000 barrels a day — or 8 percent of total U.S. output — until leaks and the discovery of pipe corrosion led the company to begin shutting down the eastern half of the field Aug. 6.

The eastern side of the field was restarted late last month as the company began to clean out the

transit pipeline there.

Most of the electricity at Prudhoe Bay comes from a natural gas-fired turbine that produces 168 megawatts of power. The system has 13 substations and miles of power lines.

The system shorted just before 3 a.m. Tuesday. Wind gusts peaked at 66 mph midday Monday, according to the National Weather Service.

Cleanup plans call for crews in helicopters to use a hot water solution from the air to wash the ceramic insulators.

Trying to power up too quickly could cause a repeat of Tuesday's event, with the entire system shorting out again, Beaudou said.

AT&T to acquire BellSouth Corp.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department gave its unconditional approval to AT&T Inc.'s buyout of BellSouth Corp. on Wednesday, a coast-to-coast behemoth that would be the largest U.S. provider of telephone, wireless and broadband Internet services.

The decision cheered company executives, but outraged consumer advocates and two members of the Federal Communications Commission. The five members scheduled a vote Thursday on whether the \$78.5 billion deal should go forward, but that could be pushed back and one commis-

sioner may sit out because of a conflict of interest.

Despite the scale of the purchase, the Justice Department found no potentially adverse effects on competition.

The decision was immediately criticized by FCC member Jonathan S. Adelstein, a Democrat who called it "a reckless abandonment of DoJ's responsibility to protect competition and consumers."

Michael Copps, the commission's other Democrat, said the "Justice Department has packed its bags and walked out on consumers and small businesses by refusing to impose even a single condition in the largest telecom merger the

nation has ever seen."

If the deal wins final government approval, the merger would give San Antonio-based AT&T Inc. total control over the nation's largest cellular provider, Cingular Wireless, a joint venture of the two companies that serves 57.3 million customers.

"After thoroughly investigating AT&T's proposed acquisition of BellSouth, the antitrust division determined that the proposed transaction is not likely to reduce competition substantially," said Assistant Attorney General Thomas O. Barnett. He heads the section that examines proposed mergers.

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Movies, makeouts, moldable minds

Everyone knows that when a member of the opposite sex asks you to "watch a movie," you will — more likely than not — watch little more than the opening credits.

Everyone also knows that when a professor announces that you'll be watching a movie in class, you will — more likely than not — once again watch little more than the opening credits (this time, of course, because you'll fall asleep).

While in these instances, movies merely provide the background noise for a good make-out or for the make-up of a sleepless night, this is not the extent of movies' effect on society. After all, there's a critical age group out there that does watch movies from opening credits to closing credits.

Humans are visual and aural learners. That's why the Schoolhouse Rock series is an elementary school teacher's best friend. And over a decade after elementary school, can't we all still sing the jingles?

"Conjunction Junction, what's your function?" Or "Hey, there's a telephone line. You got yours, and I got mine. It's called the nervous system." Or even "I'm just a bill. Yes, I'm only a bill. And I'm sitting here on Capitol Hill." And better yet — years later, we still remember a conjunction's function.

Movies work the same way. In the wake of the highest grossing movie of all time, "Titanic," people belted out Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," whispered, "I'll never let go. I'll never let go," and papered their bedroom walls with posters of Hollywood's newest heartthrob, Leonardo DiCaprio. And better yet — years later, the lessons of "Titanic" are still afloat.

Case in point: Spring break. I



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heard about a girl who found herself on a ship in the middle of the ocean, where she met a Leonardo DiCaprio-like boy from another cabin. The girl then brought the boy to the back of the boat and made out under the stars, as she later reported, "just like in Titanic."

But in real life, college students don't typically make out under the stars on the back of a boat, do they? Not exactly. Remember, they tend to make out during movies that they don't watch. But maybe this girl's spring break experience is a sign of a changing of the tide.

Think about it. It's simple logic, really. For the most part, movies are based on real life. To attract an audience, however, they must be slightly more dramatic than real life. Young moldable minds watch these movies, soak up their "lessons" and believe that they paint an accurate picture of life. These youngsters grow up to be slightly more dramatic than those before them, and their behavior thus becomes the new norm. Then to hold an audience, movies must, in turn, become slightly more dramatic. And the cycle continues.

Remember middle school? It was when you'd announce that you were "going out" with so-and-so, and your parents would ask, "So you're going out, huh? Where are you going?" Then you'd lecture them on how that wasn't the way it worked — that you didn't actually go anywhere, or do anything, for that matter, except for perhaps slow-dance to K-Ci & JoJo's "All My Life" at the middle school dance (but even then, you had to leave so much room for the Holy Spirit that it wasn't really dancing). And you certainly didn't make out during movies (perhaps you held hands in the back of a theater, but that was risky business); instead, you actually watched them.

When we were in middle school, we watched "Titanic." But what about those who are just a few years younger — those who watched "The Notebook" during their formative, mind-molding years? Will they grow up believing that their summer fling is their one true love? Will they pine away for that person about whom members of the "Titanic" generation would simply say, "Uh, that was just a summer thing?"

Or what about those middle schoolers who watched "Love Actually"? Will they be convinced that they share a special connection with the Portuguese exchange student with whom they've never shared an intelligible word, and then learn an entirely new language, only to ask — before saying anything else in the exchange student's native tongue — if the student would like to get married?

And would that be the worst thing that ever happened? Not exactly. I mean, who doesn't like to make out under the stars? Who doesn't want summer to last forever? And the divorce rate in this country is already so high that a few impromptu marriages couldn't hurt it too much.

We just need to keep today's middle schoolers away from daytime television. After all, it's good if kids learn from Schoolhouse Rock. It's even all right if they learn from movies.

But if they start learning from soap operas, then we'll all be in trouble.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Death penalty editorial series hardly 'fair and balanced'

Great job with your fair and balanced three-part series "examining the death penalty," entirely written by the two co-presidents of an anti-death-penalty campaign. In the same vein, maybe you can get the presidents of College Democrats to write you a series "examining" the upcoming elections.

In all seriousness, as journalists you should want to give your readers something more than one side of a debate.

Or, if you do choose to publish the views of a single group alone, at least you should not pass those polemics along under the heading "examination" — as though they were investigative journalism and not mere

political argumentation.

Alan Robinson

alumnus

class of 2002

Oct. 11

Hire professors based on merit

Religion should not be a deciding factor in the hiring of new professors, even at a Catholic university. By using religious quotas and seeking to bias the faculty more heavily towards Catholicism, Notre Dame is not doing itself any favors; rather, it is shutting doors that should be opened to increasing diversity of viewpoint and enriching the quality of education on campus. Notre Dame's desire to maintain its Catholic identity is understandable and important, but this cannot be

done at the expense of its identity as a place of learning. The Catholic worldview is ubiquitous on campus, even with a "mere" 54 percent Catholic faculty, and eliminating ideas that are simply different — whether they are complementary or conflicting — is not the only way to ground education in moral character or encourage students to serve the church. Notre Dame's Catholic affiliation is an absolutely essential part of its identity and provides a valuable perspective of the world to its students, but is not the only perspective. Perhaps the other 46 percent of faculty has a valuable contribution to make, too.

Claire McGathery

sophomore

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Oct. 10

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If our elaborate and dominating bodies are given us to be denied at every turn, if our nature is always wrong and wicked, how ineffectual we are — like fishes not meant to swim."

Cyril Connolly
English man of letters

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Calls for pep rally reform

*Let the band
fire up the students*

Regarding pep rally spirit, another feature of the rallies of the 60s and 70s was that the campus was completely silent on Fridays at 6:30. When the huge doors from the old band building were kicked open loudly by the Irish Guard (in "civies") making a loud "boom" across the campus. The drums would kick in seconds later and the band poured out onto the quad at full volume.

They paraded from dorm to dorm like pied pipers bringing out everyone and lighting up the campus like a torch. Screaming students would jump out of second story dorm windows to join the pandemonium. Then the band would march over to the fieldhouse, Stepan Center or later the "Bra," with the student body in tow, to hold a fired-up rally with a student body that was already lit up for a fight. Turn the guard and the band loose again!

Terry Butz
Notre Dame fan
Oct. 10

Bring back the good ol' days

I have just read the Oct. 11 Letter to the Editor from Jeanine Sterling. She couldn't have been more correct. When I arrived on campus in September 1969 the first pep rally, other than the Dillon Rally, was an event that exploded. The band marched around the campus, and students followed like the children of Hamelin following the pied piper. Personalities like Rich "Jean Louie" Sherman and Mike "Tunes" Murphy made the rally an event not to be missed. The team was on the stage in Stepan. Sweat dripped from every body in the place. You could barely move, but you could yell and shout and cheer. Even if you couldn't understand what Ara or Yonto or Kelly or Theisman or Zikas were saying, you knew it had to be the truth and to the detriment of whomever had the misfortune to play the Irish the next afternoon.

As you left, you knew that you had been a part of an event. You were at a level of preparation for the game that you felt you could

have played. (Lucky for most of us that there was still 17 or 18 hours before the start of the game!) I know. I'm just another alum (triple domer) reminiscing about "the good ole days" when we walked five miles uphill both ways in the snow to class in September. I know things change. But do they have to change that much? A '70 Dodge Challenger is still a great car ... or a '68 Camaro. That's why Dodge is bringing back the Charger (and the Challenger). That is why there are so many covers of the songs that were new back when pep rallies were pep rallies. If it works for music and cars, why not pep rallies? Go ahead. Ask Coach Weis about the rallies. Then bring them back!

Bob Scott
alumnus
class of 1973
class of 1975
class of 1980
Oct. 10

Rethink stadium seating

I have read with great interest the call for the return of pep rallies to the Stepan Center. I, too, was an ND student of the 70s, and I agree the Stepan pep rally experience was great. But I just think the place is too small, and I thought the same thing back then. It is also difficult to get to for alumni, with limited parking in the area.

My recommendation is the same one I made before the last year. I knew at the time they were going to mess this up by having the players face the press box, which only has the effect of spreading fans out over the entire west side of the

stadium. Please do what I suggested last year.

The players should face the tunnel, and the fans will then basically surround them on the north end of the stadium. This will create a noise experience as close as possible to Stepan, but will allow everyone to attend. And I totally agree with the person who said this dorm versus dorm thing, at a pep rally, is the dumbest idea I have ever heard of.

Good luck!

Jim Blase
alumnus
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Oct. 11

Band should call students to pep rallies

One more point about pep rallies from an old timer, one who experienced the rallies in the old fieldhouse as a member of the marching band. In those days the band marched around campus past all the dorms on north and south quad, playing the school songs and gathering the students as they passed. There was a "meat squad" of big dudes who marched alongside the band to protect the bandsmen from the raucous students. Toilet paper flew everywhere, not infrequently into the horns of the bandsmen and rattling teeth.

Upon arrival at the fieldhouse the band and students simultaneously squeezed through the doors into what seemed like an already packed arena (I have no idea where all those people came from) to the sounds of the Victory March. It was a minor riot inside from the time the team arrived until they exited after the Alma Mater. Why can't the band march again and call the students out of their dorms to the rally?

Jack Freneau
alumnus
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Oct. 10

Immigration rhetoric exploits fear

We write to express our deep concerns about two recent commercials produced by Rep. Chris Chocola and his opponent Joe Donnelly, each concerning immigration. In both commercials, the candidates attack one another with accusations of being an advocate for illegal immigrants. The clear implication of the ads is that to take a humane view to immigration in the United States, and to treat those most affected by the issue with appropriate human dignity, is to commit the gravest of errors. In our view, both candidates are exploiting fear and prejudice, and in so doing, are failing to address the legitimate political, social and moral issues at stake in the current immigration debate.

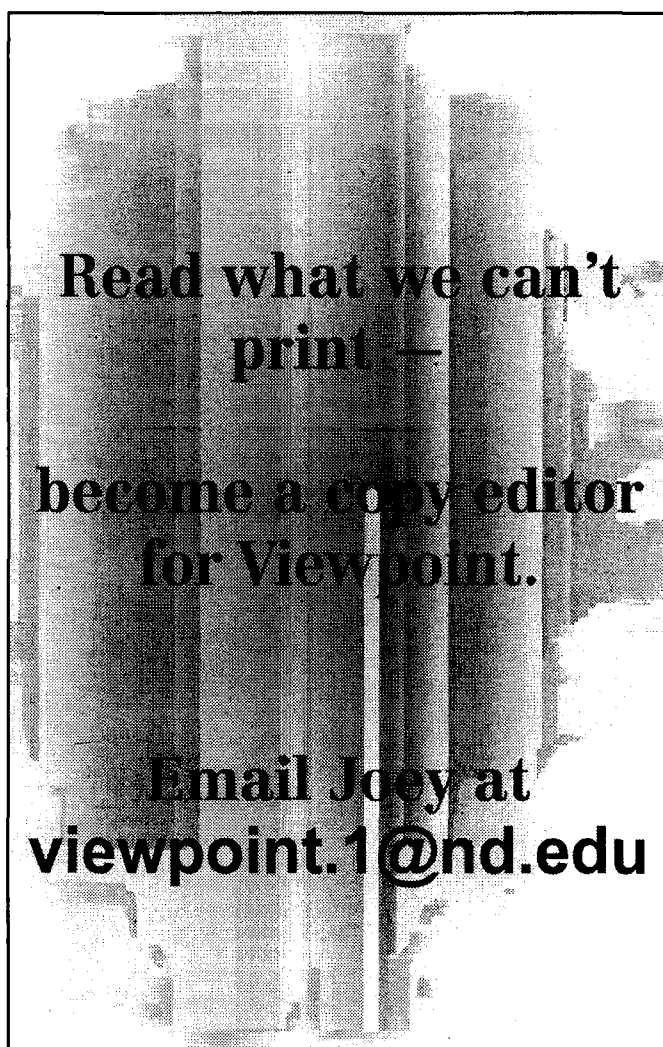
The images are clear: the commercial's written accusations sit alongside heroic-looking images of the border patrol, and a stereotypical photo of a group of Hispanic-looking people lined up against a wall. There is no mistaking the message: to be a friend to immigrants is to be an enemy to the good citizens of the United

States. Each candidate will be "tougher" than the last on illegal immigration. To both candidates, we say that the strategy here does not escape the thoughtful and careful voters of this district; even in these times when national security and pride take center stage in the political debate, we will vote with our consciences informed by fact, and we will not be swayed by appeals to our fears. Attempts to stir up certain segments of the electorate who view immigrants as both an economic threat by displacing American workers, and as a threat to national security, are nothing new; many of our ancestors were targeted by the propaganda of anti-Irish movements prior to the Civil War and the anti-Italian movement following the First World War. Most of us mourn the sad chapter in American history in which we interned both Japanese immigrants and American citizens of Japanese descent in the name of national security.

We are a country of immigrants, and we need not fear

immigration. We do need leadership that presents a thoughtful solution to the current state of immigration law in this country, but one that does so while acknowledging the dignity of immigrants and the significant positive contributions that the immigrant community makes to our nation and indeed to our own cities and towns. We need facts, not fear, and we need to know that the leaders we elect are committed to the same careful, considered approach that we are. I encourage both candidates to give the voters of this district the respect that we deserve; we deserve more than shameless rhetoric that plays on our weakest impulses.

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Jennifer Ihns
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CD REVIEWS

Killers album receives lukewarm reaction

THE KILLERS STRIKE AGAIN WITH SECOND ALBUM

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Critic

Prior to the Oct. 2 release of their second album, "Sam's Town," the Killers' lead singer Brandon Flowers pronounced the LP "one of the best albums of the past 20 years." Frontman self-promotion aside, the record is a solid second go-around, although it fails to live up to Flowers' flowery language.

Breaking onto the scene in May 2004, the Killers quickly resolved questions of what the commotion was all about with the release of their smash album, the appropriately-named "Hot Fuss."

The Killers quickly went on a spree — landing two Billboard Hot 100 singles with instant anthems "Somebody Told Me" and "Mr. Brightside." The success rolled over into 2005 with the Killers releasing two more hit singles: "All These Things I've Done" and "Smile Like You Mean It." By the time the dust cleared and the body count was tallied, the Killers had claimed millions of victims in going platinum three times over.

After gaining notoriety with "Hot Fuss," the Killers strike again in "Sam's Town," their second LP album.

The Killers
Sam's Town

However, with their run at the top, the band faced a significant challenge with their follow-up effort: would they be able to sustain their hip indie-rock revolution, or would they be victims of their own success?

Now that the album's out, the answer is a little bit of both. The band's winning combination of catchy synthesizer chords, dance-rock guitar riffs and the warbling vocals of lead singer Brandon Flowers hit home again, as evidenced with the success of the album's first single, "When You Were Young."

However, "Sam's Town" doesn't quite measure up to "Hot Fuss." To their credit, it appears the band chose a 50-50 philosophy in building "Sam's Town" — half of the tracks are in the tried-and-true formula of the first album, and half are musical forays into the unknown.

Flowers remains a poet on a mission, delivering his soulful lyrics through a megaphone to the congregation of rock and roll. With inspired lyrics and the driving guitar of Dave Keuning, the indie-rock band has the perfect blend of nostalgic feel-good and the flash and pizzazz of the bright billboards of their Las Vegas hometown.

That being said, the sophomore album has a much more introspective feel as compared to the freshman fun of the first record. To borrow lyrics made famous from their first album, they may not be soldiers, but they nonetheless have soul. The Killers definitely employ a more creative approach with songs such as "Uncle Jonny," "Bones" and two rather bizarre "Enter-" and "Exit-ludes" which welcome the listener to the



Photo courtesy of wma.com

The Killers are composed of, from left to right, Mark Stoermer, Brandon Flowers, Ronnie Vanucci and Dave Keuning. They formed in 2002 in hometown Las Vegas.

album and bid them a fond adieu, respectively.

The band takes some risks and uses more instruments, but undoubtedly some of the tracks will receive mixed reactions, with some people liking the new stuff and some responding to a few out-there concoctions with reactions like, "Whoa, easy there Killers."

It is particularly interesting to note the various influences on the record. The Internet has been ablaze with critics chirping that "When You Were Young" is an outright mimicry of Bruce Springsteen. In addition, some of the tracks have a Queen-esque feel to them. Without a doubt, this is a hybrid album, both in terms of its influences

and its half-anthem, half-explorative nature.

However, the true test of a great album is its playability — the ability to listen without wanting to skip over songs. The first album had it, but this one isn't quite up to the same standard. That being said, "Sam's Town" isn't quite an album to die for, but still has more than enough killer singles to keep campus quads rocking from now until well into 2007. For diehard Killers fans, the band is performing at the Congress Theatre in Chicago, Ill. Oct. 17.

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THE KILLERS FAIL TO STOP HEARTS WITH LATEST ALBUM

By NATHAN HOGAN
Scene Critic

What's more challenging than taking multiple tests and turning in a project during a stress-filled midterm week? Trying to create a second album that follows a very well received, three-times platinum debut offering would certainly fall into that category.

This is the task the Killers faced after the success of their 2004 release, "Hot Fuss." Hailing from Las Vegas, the Killers made their mark on the industry with a unique blend of synthesizer, guitar, drums and distinct vocals from lead singer Brandon Flowers. Their latest release, "Sam's Town," attempts to continue their suc-

cess.

The opening title track, "Sam's Town," features the expected Killers sound — a mix of synthesizer and guitar colliding to form the driving beat and high-energy rock song. Flowers does not disappoint, as he again brings his personal flair to the tune's melody.

Following the title track, the Killers decided to add a clever little piece entitled "Enterlude." Together with the closing track, "Exitlude," these tracks serve as handy bookends for the album.

Although these two tracks, especially "Enterlude," could be dismissed as filler tracks, they are amusing in their own respect and enhance the overall flow of the album.

In doing so, "Enterlude" leads right into "When You Were Young." The chorus and the main riff are noticeably repetitive, but the bridge and instrumental breakdown segments add to the value of the song. However, don't expect this single to match the extended success of their previous singles, "Somebody Told Me" or "Mr. Brightside."

With a punchy, yet melodic, instrumental line and quality verses, the track "Read My Mind" well deserves playtime. It draws from the elements that made "Hot Fuss" such a success, with an intensity that grows as the song progresses, from subtle guitar to "rock out" mode and back again.

"Uncle Jonny," with its heavy repeating guitar riff and drums, highlights the Killers' roots in 80s rock, while fusing it with lyrical components reminiscent of David Bowie. The ending features a choral segment similar to "All These Things I've Done," except abbreviated and lacking the level of crescendo.

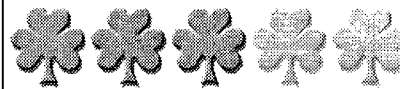
The second single to be released from the album is "Bones." The music video was directed by Tim Burton, and will feature references to his movies. The song itself is upbeat and somewhat quirky, with a blaring synthetic horn section.

It fails to stand out as single-worthy, but a music video by Tim Burton can

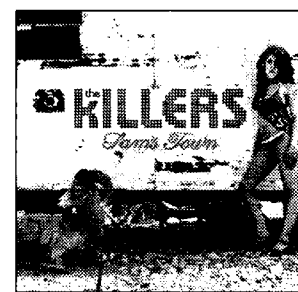
The Killers

Sam's Town

Universal



Recommended tracks: 'Read My Mind,' 'For Reasons Unknown,' and 'When You Were Young'



make any song instantly better.

Given the success of their first album, this offering is not a failure. It has enough notable tracks to make it worthy of purchasing.

The most interesting and appealing tracks are definitely not the singles in this case, as "Read My Mind" and "Uncle Jonny" offer much more musically.

The Killers' catchy and zany lyrics added to the enjoyment and success of "Hot Fuss." Their latest release fails to match the same level of lyricism, and this detracts from the overall value of the CD. The signature tracks lack the same level of punch found in the first album.

Overall, this release is relatively safe — aimed more at perpetuating the basic Killers sound of the first album.

Fans will enjoy the CD based on the Killers' brand of music alone, but newcomers would be much better off getting the original album.

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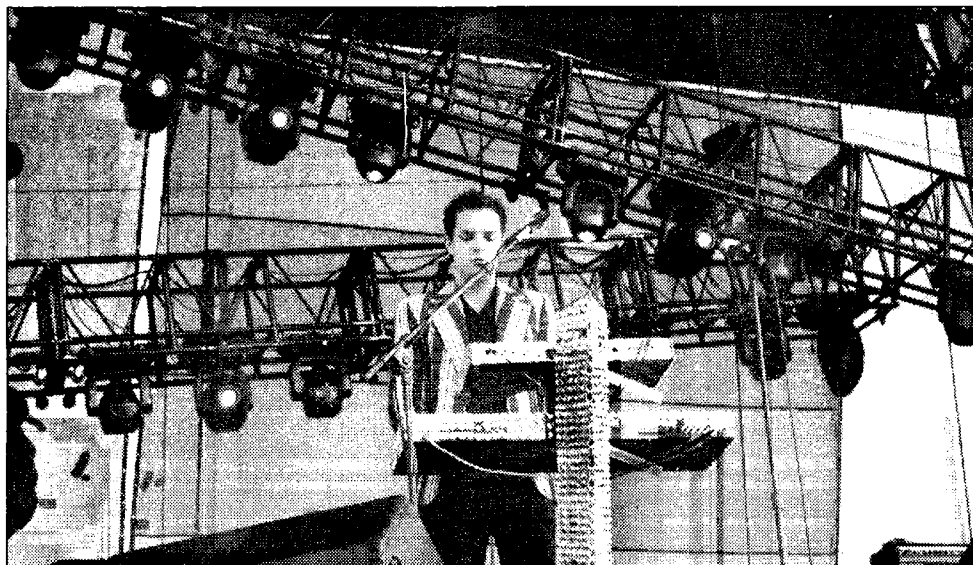


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The Killers frontman Brandon Flowers performs songs from the band's first album during the summer of 2005. The Killers are now on tour to promote their new album.

SCENE & HEARD

What happens when TV
and movies cross pathsBy ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Remakes and crossovers between television shows and movies, much like nights at The Linebacker, do not typically end well. Atrocities on the silver screen, like

"Lost in Space" (1998) and "Scooby-Doo" (2002), or on the small screen, like "Ferris Bueller"

(1990), leave a bad taste and a desire to never view another crossover again.

Where did this desire to mix media begin? Arguably, the trend gained ground with the Star Trek franchise. With six different television series and ten feature films, the franchise has been jumping media since it first began in the 1960s — and with mixed results. "The Next Generation" (1987-94) was incredibly popular during its seven-year run, whereas "Enterprise" ratings declined rapidly during its four-year tenure. Likewise, the movies have had some success, like "The Wrath of Khan" (1982), while others were deemed failures — "The Final Frontier" (1989).

As much of the Star Trek world demonstrates, the crossovers between movies and television do not always end badly — and sometimes they even improve upon the original source material. Several television shows have had movie extensions that

have met with box-office success, including "Beavis and Butt-Head Do America" and "The X-Files."

However, because of the stigma attached to crossovers, many movie-to-television gems fall through the cracks.

The short-lived "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles" was a critical win and is soon to be released on DVD. And even though it only lasted for two episodes on the air, "Clerks — The Animated Series" has had great DVD sales and is highly popular amongst Kevin Smith fans.

Fortunately, some of the excellent television shows are granted the success and recognition that they deserve. The well-received 1994 movie "Stargate" led to the creation of "Stargate SG-1," which saw a very successful 10-season run. Although differing from the film on minor counts, the series picks up where the film ended with the team exploring other worlds through the stargate. A second television series, "Stargate: Atlantis," is currently entering its third season on the Sci-Fi channel.

It's even possible for a terrific television show to develop from unsuccessful source material. In 1992, "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" hit the big screen and was moderately successful as a horror movie parody.

Creator Joss Whedon, who wasn't granted the control he desired over the feature film, came back in 1997 with "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," the television series that aired on the WB and UPN for seven highly successful and critically acclaimed seasons. Much improved from the movie version, "Buffy"

combined multiple genres in a serialized format that drew positive criticism from audiences, reviewers and even academics.

The show follows the adventures in adolescence of Buffy and her friends, with the supernatural elements adding emphasis to the teen angst and anguish, which is at the core of the series. The series followed Buffy through high school, college and the early years of adulthood. The success of "Buffy" led to the spin-off show "Angel," which aired on the WB for five seasons.

Whedon, having worked in both film and television, decided to cross back into movies after his show "Firefly" was dropped by FOX and came back with the movie "Serenity" as a continuation of the series. Although it met with great reviews, "Firefly" was cancelled — only to be resurrected in movie form due to its astonishing DVD sales.

A trend not soon to be abandoned, this past summer saw the film "Miami Vice" meeting with mixed success. Currently showing on NBC is the television series "Friday Night Lights," which is based on the 2004 movie and receiving promising reviews.

The mixed success of these crossovers is what's leaving fans of "The Simpsons" and "24" feeling skeptical, as "The Simpsons" movie opens in theatres next summer and the "24" movie enters production.

Hopefully these films will be the next "South Park" — not the next "Wild Wild West."

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Scene Editor



"Buffy the Vampire Slayer," one of the best movie-turned-series, follows Willow, Xander, Buffy, Mr. Giles and Cordelia through the perils of high school and beyond.

The Weekend at Notre Dame

By MICHELLE FORDICE

ON CAMPUS

DPAC Classic 100
"Mon Oncle"

In this acclaimed satire filled with absurdity, Monsieur Hulot finds it hard to cope with the technological world of his sister and her family. (French language with English subtitles.)

Saturday: 3pm
Browning Cinema, \$3

DPAC Movies

"Unknown White Male"

"Unknown White Male" is a documentary that relates the story of Doug Bruce who, after losing his memory, must relapse his entire past while evaluating what to do with the chance to reinvent himself.

Friday: 7pm, 10pm

"The Bridesmaid"

Phillipe falls in love with Senta, a bridesmaid at his sister's wedding, but soon the mysteries of Senta's past and the implausibility of her stories force him to decide how far he will go for love. (French language with English subtitles.)

Saturday: 7pm, 10pm

Snite Museum of Art

"Caras Vemos, Corazones No Sabemos. The Human Landscape of Mexican Migration to the United States"

The Snite's feature exhibit raises the issues of Mexican migration to the U.S. through the expression of Chicano/Mexican visual arts. Thursday-Saturday: 10am-5pm, Sunday: 1pm-5pm, Free

"Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price"

A documentary that explores the possible negative influences Wal-Mart has had on families, the economy, and American values.

Friday: 7pm
Hesburg Center Auditorium

OFF CAMPUS

Cinemark 14 (Matinee: \$5.50, Evening \$6.75,
Friday/Saturday Evening: \$7)

Opening

"Man of the Year"

Tom Dobbs (Robin Williams), a comedian and talk show host, decides on a whim to run for president, but the real surprise comes when he actually wins.

"One Night with the King"

"One Night with the King" tells the story of Hadassah (Tiffany Dupont), know to most as the Biblical Esther, as she fights to save her people by first winning the love of King Xerxes (Luke Goss) and then standing up to him.

"The Grudge 2"

The sequel to "The Grudge," it is now the turn of Karen Davis' (Sarah Michelle-Geller) sister, Aubrey (Amber Tamblyn), to fight a supernatural force that fills its victims with rage before moving on.

"The Marine"

John Triton (John Cena) is discharged against his will from the war in Iraq and returns home to find that his wife has been kidnapped and he must save her.

Also Playing
Employee of the Month

Gridiron Gang

Jackass: Number Two

Open Season

School for Scoundrels

Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning

The Departed

The Guardian

Showplace 16 (Before noon: \$5, Before 6pm: \$5.50,
After 6pm: \$6 (with ID))

The Departed

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Facing the Giants

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Cinemark Movies 6 (Friday/Saturday after 6pm: \$2,
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The Antbully

Step Up

World Trade Center

Barnyard: The Original Party Animals

Cars

Monster House

Pulse

Superman Returns

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

(All movies are as of Friday)

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MLB

Gomez homers to give Tigers 2-0 lead in ALCS

First Mets, Cardinals NLCS game postponed due to rain in New York

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jim Leyland trusted his gut and changed designated hitters, going with little-used Alexis Gomez for Game 2 of the American League championship series.

The result: a 2-0 advantage heading home to Motown.

Gomez hit a go-ahead, two-run single and later added a two-run homer to lead the Detroit Tigers to an 8-5 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday, a somber night following the death of former A's pitcher Cory Lidle in a plane crash earlier in the day.

Milton Bradley homered twice for the A's, and beat out an infield hit with two outs in the ninth inning that loaded the bases. But closer Todd Jones retired Frank Thomas on a harmless fly for his second save of this postseason.

Leyland, who turned around the Tigers in his first season as their manager, benched righty Marcus Thames and his 26 regular-season home runs in favor of a player who hadn't been on the field in nearly two weeks and spent much of the year at Triple-A Toledo. A career minor leaguer, Gomez had just one home run in the majors and contributed only six RBIs in 103 at-bats this season.

"We just took a shot that maybe, by chance, a lefty may have a shot," Leyland said beforehand.

Leyland already had to reshuffle his lineup to replace Sean Casey after the first baseman injured his calf in Tuesday's opener. The moves paid off and the Tigers won their fifth straight postseason game.

Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Friday at Detroit's Comerica Park, featuring Rich Harden for Oakland against former A's pitcher Kenny Rogers.

Harden, who returned to make three late-season starts after missing more than three months with an elbow injury,

did not pitch during the division series sweep of the Minnesota Twins. Rogers pitched shutout ball against the New York Yankees in Game 3.

A moment of silence was held before the national anthem for Lidle, who most recently pitched for the Yankees on Saturday in Detroit and spent the 2001 and '02 seasons in Oakland. His picture was shown on the main scoreboard.

Both teams did their best to focus on baseball and put their grief aside for a few hours.

The switch-hitting Bradley homered from both sides of the plate, drove in four runs and managed not to spill coffee on starter Esteban Loaiza this time.

Eric Chavez also homered for the A's, who didn't know until arriving at the ballpark that Lidle had been in the small plane. His old Oakland jersey hung near the dugout.

Hard-throwing Tigers rookie Justin Verlander struck out six and wasn't shaken by an early deficit — and he got plenty of support.

Curtis Granderson hit a solo home run off Huston Street leading off the ninth, Craig Monroe had two RBIs and Brandon Inge drove in another run at the bottom of the order with a sacrifice fly for the wild-card Tigers.

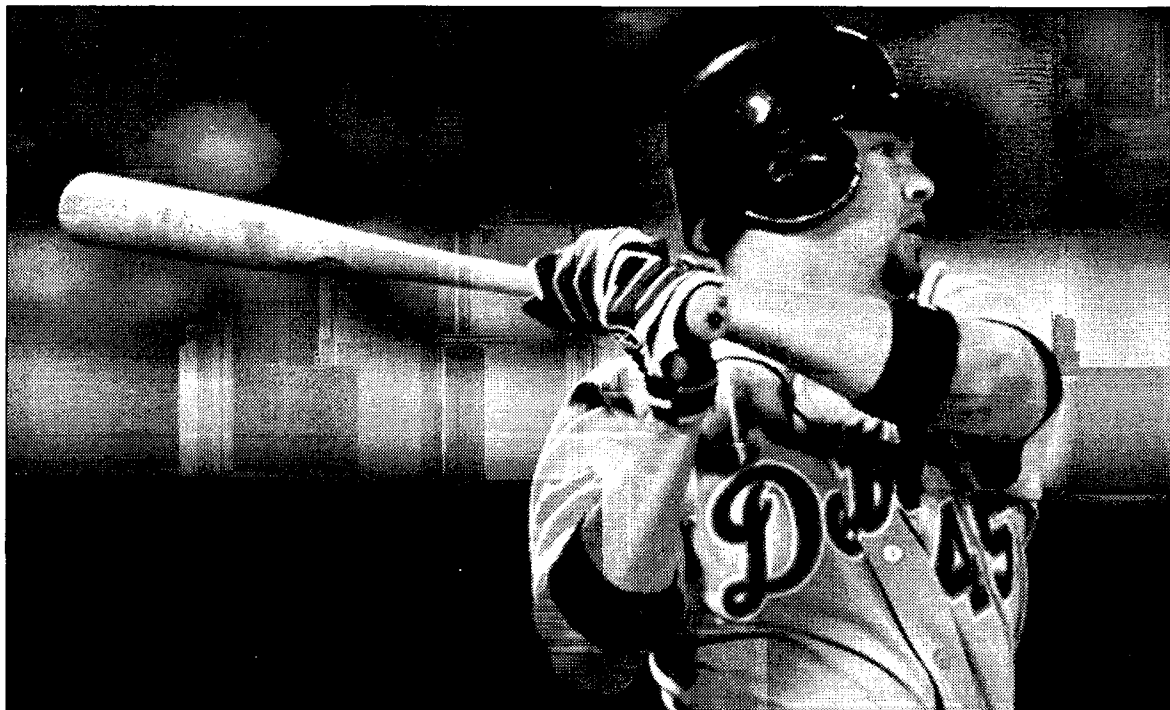
Detroit left the Bay Area with the comfort of knowing that all eight road teams to take a 2-0 lead in LCS history have gone on to reach the World Series.

The A's took an early lead by getting a hit in their first opportunity with a runner in scoring position — in Game 1, they tied a postseason record by going hitless in 13 at-bats in those situations.

But Oakland couldn't hold this edge.

Both teams brought their infielders in with a runner on third and one out in the first two innings, apparently anticipating a low-scoring pitcher's duel.

Instead, the Tigers' bats came up big in the fourth.



Tigers designated hitter Alexis Gomez hits a two-run homer during the sixth inning Wednesday night. Detroit defeated Oakland 8-5 to take the 2-0 lead in the ALCS.

As patient as Detroit has been in these playoffs, Loaiza threw more strikes early and retired six straight batters after Carlos Guillen's leadoff double in the second.

Mets vs. Cardinals, PPD

The New York Mets might have to face Chris Carpenter sooner than expected.

Game 1 of the NL championship series between New York and St. Louis was postponed Wednesday night because of a steady rain, giving the Cardinals a chance to pitch their ace on full rest in Game 2.

The best-of-seven series will now begin Thursday night, and Game 2 at Shea Stadium is to be played Friday — which was supposed to be an off day in the series.

Carpenter had been slated to start Game 3 on Saturday, when the series shifts to St. Louis. But the 2005 NL Cy Young Award winner would be working on his regular four days of rest if the Cardinals decide to bump him up to

Friday.

"That is his fifth day. You've got to seriously think about what that means. It's up for grabs in my opinion," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said. "My first 30-45 minutes of looking at it, I said I'd probably stay with it. Sitting here for 15, there's more there. There's a decision to make, no doubt about it."

The Mets will stay with Tom Glavine in the opener, and the 40-year-old left-hander said he expects to come back and pitch on only three days' rest in a potential Game 5.

"I've done it before. I know what to expect, how to prepare from tomorrow's start to my next start knowing it's going to be on short rest. But you still have to go out there and do it," Glavine said. "The most important game for me is tomorrow, and trying to win that game for us — then worry about starts I may have after that."

Jeff Weaver was to get the ball for St. Louis in Game 1, as originally planned.

Rookie right-hander John Maine is slated to pitch Game 2 for New York. Jeff Suppan had been penciled in for the Cardinals, but he could be pushed back.

"I don't know what's going to happen. They didn't really say anything yet," Suppan said before the postponement. "But as far as my preparation, it would be the same as if it wasn't getting rained out."

Minutes before the game was called, La Russa said a rainout probably wouldn't alter his rotation at all, explaining that he didn't think there was any benefit in switching pitchers and he thought Carpenter was a better choice for Game 3 — and a possible Game 7.

But after the postponement, La Russa sounded as though he might change his mind.

"There have been times an important decision was made because of coincidence, and the coincidence is we got rained out, and it's Chris' fifth day," La Russa said. "So that's why you can't dismiss it lightly."

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Notable Deaths of Sports Figures in Plane Crashes

year	victims	association
1931	Knute Rockne	Head coach, Notre Dame Football
1958	23 players, staff and coaches	Manchester United
1961	18 athletes	United States Figure Skating
1969	Rocky Marciano	Professional boxer
1970	31 players, staff and coaches	Wichita State Football
1970	35 players, staff and coaches	Marshall Football
1972	Roberto Clemente	Right fielder, Pittsburgh Pirates
1979	Thurman Munson	Catcher, New York Yankees
1980	Robert "Bo" Rein	Head coach, LSU Football
1999	Payne Stewart	PGA Tour Golfer, U.S. Open Champion
2006	Cory Lidle	Pitcher, New York Yankees

Cory Lidle's Career Statistics

year	team	IP	W-L	ERA
1997	NYM	81.2	7-2	3.53
1998	Did Not Play	—	—	—
1999	TB	5.0	1-0	7.20
2000	TB	96.2	4-6	5.03
2001	Oak	188	13-6	3.59
2002	Oak	192	8-10	3.89
2003	Tor	192.2	12-15	5.75
2004	Cin	149	7-10	5.32
2004	Phi	62.1	5-2	3.90
2005	Phi	184.2	13-11	4.53
2006	Phi	125.1	8-7	4.74
2006	NYN	45.1	4-3	5.16
Totals		1322.2	82-72	4.57

Reactions to Lidle's Death

"Spending the last few months as Cory's teammate, I came to know him as a great man. While he was known as a baseball player, he was, more importantly, a husband and father and, at a time like this, I want to share my deepest sympathies with his wife Melanie, his son Christopher and all those who know and loved him." — Yankees captain Derek Jeter

"I have no words. I just have very strong emotions. It's just sadder than sad. He was a very hard worker, very competitive. ... You want to find out that maybe it's not true." — Mets pitching coach Rick Peterson

"It just kind of gave me goose bumps. I was real good friends with him. We played golf all the time when we were on the road. ... When you lose a friend like that, it makes you realize how quick things can go." — Cardinals pitcher Mark Mulder

"When I heard the news, I was shocked. ... Cory was a true professional who gave his all every time he went to the mound. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family." — Phillies manager Charlie Manuel

MLB



Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle inspects his Cessna 172N aircraft at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport in February. Lidle was killed Wednesday when his Cirrus SR-20 crashed into a skyscraper in Manhattan.

Yanks, former teammates mourn Lidle

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Cory Lidle walked into the New York Yankees' clubhouse for the first time this summer, Jason Giambi was elated to see his old friend.

The pair were teammates at South Hills High School in West Covina, Calif., and Giambi was among the first to express sadness and condolences Wednesday after the pitcher apparently died when his plane crashed into a Manhattan high-rise condominium.

"Right now, I am really in a state of shock," Giambi said in a statement. "I have known Cory and his wife Melanie for over 18 years

and watched his son grow up. We played high school ball together and have remained close throughout our careers. We were excited to be reunited in New York this year and I am just devastated to hear this news."

Lidle also was mourned by Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, who lost Yankees captain Thurman Munson in a 1979 plane crash.

"This is a terrible and shocking tragedy that has stunned the entire Yankees organization," Steinbrenner said.

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani had watched several of

Lidle's games with the Yankees after the team acquired him from Philadelphia on July 30.

"Having seen him pitch just four days ago, it is very difficult to comprehend that I was seeing a young man in the prime of his life play his very last game," Giuliani said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said he was with pitching coach Ron Guidry and bench coach Lee Mazzilli when he heard the news, "and we were just stunned."

"Cory's time with the Yankees was short," Torre said, "but he was a good teammate and a great

competitor. My heart goes out to his family."

New York Mets coach Manny Acta said he lives in the East Side building that Lidle's plane crashed into. Unsure whether he would be able to get into the building, Acta said the Mets found him a place to stay.

"It's not just about him. It's about the pilot, the co-pilot, and everyone else in the building to think about," Acta said.

The news arrived at Shea Stadium as the New York Mets and St. Louis Cardinals prepared for the opener of the NL championship series, which was rained out.

IN BRIEF

Philadelphia finds answer for CSKA Moscow, Langdon

COLOGNE, Germany — Allen Iverson scored 28 points Wednesday to help the Philadelphia 76ers defeat CSKA Moscow 85-71 and win a four-team basketball tournament.

Samuel Dalembert added 15 points and 18 rebounds for the 76ers.

Iverson had more free throw attempts (17) than the entire Moscow team (15). He made 12 and added nine assists.

"We just want to get used to winning games," Iverson said. "Our confidence is up a lot more after losing the first game. So was our defense."

The Sixers were in command the entire game, except briefly in the second quarter when Euroleague champion CSKA Moscow took a 24-23 lead. But the 76ers went on a 15-0 run and held CSKA scoreless for more than five minutes.

Trajan Langdon led CSKA with 16 points.

U.S. Open champ tops fellow Russian in Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW — Maria Sharapova, playing her first match since winning the U.S. Open, beat fellow Russian Ekaterina Bychkova 6-4, 7-5 Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals at the Kremlin Cup.

Among the men, top-seeded Nikolay Davydenko defeated Teimuraz Gabashvili 6-4, 6-2 to advance to the quarters in another match between Russians. Davydenko, the 2004 champion, is looking for his third title this season and a spot in the eight-player Tennis Masters Cup in China in November.

In the day's big upsets, two Russians were eliminated — third-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova and second-seeded Dmitry Tursunov. Vera Zvonareva defeated Kuznetsova 6-1, 6-3, and Ukraine's Sergiy Stakhovsky downed Tursunov 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

Detroit fan in famous brawl gets bad rap in court

DETROIT — A Pistons fan involved in the infamous brawl at The Palace of Auburn Hills two years ago was painted as a disruptive drunk by a defense lawyer in the fan's lawsuit against Indiana Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal and the team.

Pacers lawyer Steven Potter, of Auburn Hills, told jurors in the first day of testimony Wednesday that Palace security had repeatedly confronted Charles Haddad, 23, of Burt, about his behavior at Pistons games and had decided the night of the brawl to revoke his season tickets.

O'Neal admitted that he punched Haddad during the Nov. 19, 2004, brawl, which was sparked when another fan threw a cup of beer that hit Pacers player Ron Artest, who now plays for the Sacramento Kings. O'Neal said he was trying to protect another teammate, former Pacer Anthony Johnson.

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HOCKEY

Condra will lead Irish in opener

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

It's time to fire up the Zamboni. Notre Dame begins the regular season tonight when it takes the ice against Minnesota State-Mankato at 7:35 in the Joyce Center.

In his second year at Notre Dame, coach Jeff Jackson leads an Irish team with eight returning seniors on the roster. Last year, the team finished with a record of 13-19-4, which earned it a CCHA play-offs berth.

Notre Dame got off to a strong start this season with a 9-0 exhibition rout of the University of Windsor. The match was the only game atmosphere the Irish have seen going into tonight's contest, since a shortened preseason prevented them from scheduling other scrimmages or even a Blue and Gold game.

"The timeline didn't really allow for [a Blue and Gold game]," Jackson said. "We only had six practices before our first game."

Despite the quick start, the team looked prepared against their Canadian opponents. Sophomore center Erik Condra — last season's rookie of the year — captured his first career hat trick to lead the Irish in scoring. Freshman center Dan Kissel also notched two goals in his collegiate debut.

"Kissel had some good goals," Condra said. "He's got some touch around the net and he is quick."

Jackson and his staff elected to give the freshmen shifts over some of the more experienced seniors in order to get a good look at them in the preseason. Accordingly, many of the top Irish players will be playing in their first complete game tonight.

The Mavericks split two games

against Notre Dame last season with both teams beating each other on the road. The Irish took the first contest 3-2 on Dec. 6, but four days later the Mavericks evened the series with a 2-1 victory in the Joyce Center.

Mankato will start sophomore Dan Tormey between the posts. Tormey started 31 games last year and ended with a 2.86 goals against average — leaving a lasting impression on Jackson.

"A year ago at this time it was [Mankato's] goaltending that I thought was really good," Jackson said.

Notre Dame's offense will try to flash the siren early and often by taking more shots than in years past. Last year the team's total of 922 shots was over 100 less than their opponents.

"We have too many guys that are not selfish and some times as a scorer you have to be a little selfish," Jackson said.

The coach hopes that a little extra pressure will allow his team to get Mankato's goalie early in the game.

Opposing Tormey in net will most likely be senior Dave Brown. The Irish goalie will be making his first start since injuring his ankle during a playoff game with Alaska-Fairbanks last March.

"Anytime you get hurt it is always there but I am putting it behind me," Brown said. "I'm just going to try to not think about it anymore."

The senior did not receive much of a test in the Windsor game, seeing only eight shots in two periods of work. Sophomore Jordan Pearce completed the shutout with four saves in the third.

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Irish center Jason Paige drives to the goal in Notre Dame's 9-0 win over Windsor Oct. 6. Paige assisted freshman Dan VeNard's goal.

LPGA

Wie returns to site of career debut

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Michelle Wie celebrated her 17th birthday Wednesday. Next up is an anniversary.

One year ago at the Samsung World Championship, the 6-foot teenager from Hawaii steadied her nerves and ripped a 3-wood down the middle of the fairway to embark on a professional career that was loaded with expectations and perhaps more hype than any player in LPGA Tour history.

Expectations remain high. The scrutiny is still severe.

And one year later, the trophy case remains bare.

"Every week I go into, I want to win," Wie said at Bighorn Golf Club, where her family has bought a second home. "I'm not going to force it to happen, because it will happen."

But with each tournament — 14 as a pro, plus a U.S. Open qualifier — the question of "when" slowly is shifting to "if."

Strangely enough, the Samsung World Championship with its 20-player field and no cut is the only LPGA Tour event where Wie failed to earn a paycheck. She finished in fourth place, 10 shots behind Annika Sorenstam, but an improper drop in the third round that was pointed out a day later led to Wie being disqualified.

Memories are mixed at Bighorn given a rocky start to her career.

And even her first full year as a pro is bound to get mixed reviews. Wie has played only seven LPGA Tour events this year because she is not a tour member, yet she has earned \$718,343, which would put her at No. 14 on the money list. Karrie Webb, Sorenstam and Wie are the only players to average more than \$100,000 per start this year.

Despite not winning, Wie came within a whisker of capturing three majors.

She had a 25-foot eagle chip to win the Kraft Nabisco, missing a playoff when she failed to get up-and-down. She was tied for the lead on the 16th hole of the LPGA Championship until her wedge found a greenside bunker leading to bogey. And she was tied at the U.S. Women's Open until making bogey on the 13th hole in the final round, closing with all pars to miss a playoff by two shots.

"I guess I'm taking it patiently," Wie said at Bighorn Golf Club, where her family



Michelle Wie tees off at the Samsung Challenge at Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert, Calif. Wednesday.

now has a second home. "But I feel like being in contention this year, really getting the feel for what it's like to be in contention on the Sunday in a major. 'I learned a lot from that. That's the way I'm learning how to win, and I feel like it's going to happen.'"

What taints her year was competing against the men.

Wie rose to international acclaim as a 14-year-old player when she shot 68 in the Sony Open and missed the cut by one shot. A year later, she shot 70-71 at the John Deere Classic and narrowly made the cut.

But as a professional on the PGA Tour, she has looked more like an amateur.

An image that captured a troublesome end to her summer came at the John Deere Classic, when she withdrew after nine holes in the second round with heat exhaustion and was shown being loaded into an ambulance on a stretcher.

She tied for 26th at the Women's British Open — her only finish outside the top 5 on the LPGA — and fired her caddie without anyone from the Wie family breaking the news. And after starting her senior year at Punahou School in Honolulu, Wie took a two-week break to take on the end and finished both times, in the European Masters and the 84 Lumber Classic.

"I have to learn how to schedule better, how much my body can take and when I should play," Wie said. "My first year, I haven't got it down yet. Obviously, I learn from my mistakes."

Perceptions of her first year as a pro depends on the size of the picture.

The most recent image is

her humbling results against the men. But it is hard to ignore her close calls in three majors, along with the Fields Open in Hawaii and the Evian Masters in France.

"She has played extremely well on the LPGA Tour, and I think it's been a very good learning year for her," Webb said. "Even though her results may have been similar to last year, she's actually been in contention in the last round, rather than having a very good last round and finishing third or second or fourth. She should be very proud of the year she has had for someone so young."

Sorenstam never played with Wie over the last 12 months, so she was hesitant to judge her first full season.

"I must say, she's been very consistent in the majors," Sorenstam said. "But that's all I know."

Sorenstam made quite the statement last year at Bighorn. Her eight-shot victory was her fifth at the Samsung World Championship, and another victory this week would make her the first LPGA Tour player to capture the same event six times.

For all her stardom, Sorenstam was virtually forgotten at Bighorn last year before the tournament started.

The attention was squarely on Wie making her professional debut, and the interest was so high that tournament officials had to build a media tent on an empty lot near the clubhouse. This year, the turnout is typical for an LPGA event, with only a dozen or so reporters stationed in a small tent on the edge of the practice range.

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Dawgs, Mob face off with playoff implications

Morrissey and Keenan, both undefeated, to play for top seed in Gold League

By JAY FITZPATRICK and
JOHN TIERNEY
Sports Writers

Although the forecast calls for a wintry blast, both O'Neill and Alumni are ready to heat things up on the field tonight in a game that will determine the fates of their respective sea-

sons.

Last week, Alumni suffered a disappointing 21-14 loss to its South Quad rivals from Dillon. Holes in the Alumni defensive line allowed Dillon to successfully execute its running game, giving it the edge it needed to come out with the victory.

"We came off a disappointing loss, but with playoffs on the

bubble, our team is focusing even more," Alumni junior Eddie Villa said.

With hope of a playoff berth, the Dawgs have been practicing especially hard this week. Villa said the team thinks it solved its problems on defense and is hoping it will be enough to stop the Angry Mob tonight.

O'Neill finds itself in a similar

situation as Alumni, having lost its last game two weeks ago to Keenan. The Knights shut down the Mob offense in the 10-0 win. Although it lost the contest, O'Neill played tough the entire game. The defense managed to stop a lot of big Keenan drives, and the offense was able to get within scoring position multiple times — but wasn't able to take

advantage.

Since the team had a bye last week, it has had two weeks of practice to make adjustments it hopes will help it overtake Alumni. With one loss, the Mob is likely to make the playoffs, so this week it is fighting for its seed.

"We've got an important game ahead of us this week," O'Neill junior captain Pat Conley said. "We want to get the momentum on our sides heading into the post-season."

With playoff positions at stake, the showdown is set for 8 p.m. at the Riehle Fields.

Morrissey vs. Keenan

Undefeated Morrissey and undefeated Keenan will play tonight to determine the top seed in the Gold League. Both teams expect to face their most formidable opponent of the year.

Each squad will look to use its running game to move the ball downfield. The Knights ran the ball well Sunday in their win over Stanford.

Sophomore running back Alex Gonzalez rushed for 101 yards on 15 carries and scored two touchdowns, including rushing for 80 yards on one drive alone against the Griffins.

According to Manorite senior captain Steve Klein, Keenan's running game will be difficult to stop.

"Keenan is the best team on the ground that we've faced all season," Klein said.

He believes that Morrissey must get a good performance out of its defense in order to contain Gonzalez and the Knight offense.

Keenan junior captain Matt Gibson agrees that winning tonight will be a challenge.

"Morrissey is a very good team," he said. "We have to play our best and try to outwork them to win."

Both the Manorites and the Knights are looking forward to playing an intense game against another top-tier team to get ready for the playoffs.

"This is a really big game for us," Gibson said. "We're really excited for the challenge."

Klein also recognizes the importance of the game to claim the top seed in the Gold League.

"We're both going to the playoffs, but this game still has big consequences," Klein said.

Gibson believes that the key to the Knights' success will be to stay focused.

"We want to prepare the same as we do every other week," he said. "It's a big game, but we're just going to take it one week at a time and play hard."

A potential distraction for both teams may be the quick turnaround between games, as the squads only have three off-days this week.

"You don't get as much accomplished with the short week, but we can't let it bother us," Gibson said.

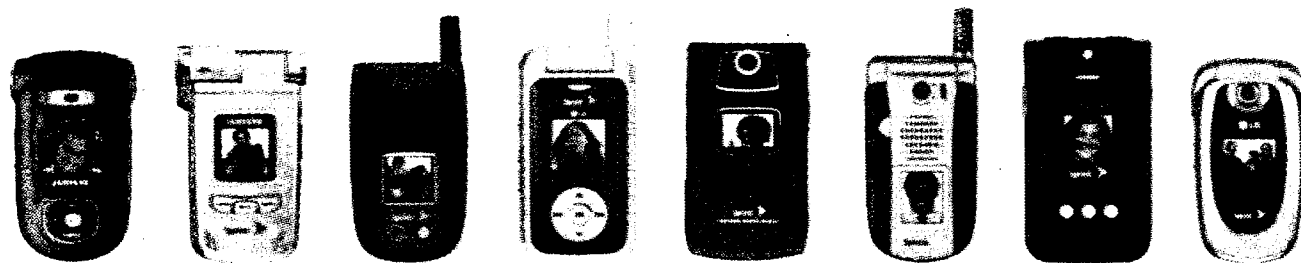
Klein does not think that distractions will be an issue tonight from what is on the line.

"We just have to play hard and play our game, and we'll be ok," he said.

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NBA

Jackson in trouble with law yet again

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Stephen Jackson's apology wasn't enough.

The Indiana Pacers' guard was charged with the felony and misdemeanor counts of battery and disorderly conduct Wednesday by the Marion County prosecutor, five days after he fought with another group of men outside a strip club.

On Tuesday, Jackson apologized for the fight, saying he was "happy to be alive." His comments came hours after police arrested another man on several charges related to the fight.

Pacers president Larry Bird said Jackson was upset by the charges.

"He knows it's a major embarrassment for the franchise," Bird said. "This is a big blow for Stephen. He didn't expect this."

Teammates Jamaal Tinsley, Marquis Daniels and Jimmie Hunter were also at the club, but were not charged.

Jackson was hit by a car, and police say he fired a gun in the air at least five times. He originally told police he was punched, but later said he was not, prosecutors said.

"Firing the shots in the air at that point is criminal recklessness," Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said. "Those bullets, once they come up, have to come down, and they come down at least 90 miles per hour, and they do absolutely have the ability to take someone's life."

Brizzi said between 30 and 35 people were in the parking lot.

Jackson was expected to turn himself in Wednesday or Thursday, prosecutors said. He was scheduled to be in court Thursday morning to face the charges. The felony count carries a prison term of six months to three years.

The charges were another setback for Jackson, who has struggled to shake off the effects of the 2004 brawl with Detroit

Pistons fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

In September 2005, a judge in Michigan ordered Jackson to serve a year's probation for his role in the brawl, but the court ordered him to serve an extra year of probation because he did not complete the terms of his sentence.

Brizzi said Jackson could be ordered to serve three months in jail if authorities there determine he has violated his probation.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank said the league was monitoring the situation and would do its own investigation.

Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh said the NBA typically lets players continue to play until such cases are resolved.

Police on Tuesday charged Deon Willford, 23, in the fight. He faces felony counts of criminal recklessness and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, and a misdemeanor count of driving without a license.

Willford drove a car that hit Jackson, sending him tumbling over the hood, police Sgt. Matthew Mount said.

Jackson returned to training camp Tuesday with stitches in his lip and scrapes and bruises. Prosecutors say the injuries were all caused by the car hitting him.

Officers said they found a small amount of marijuana in the passenger-side door of point guard Tinsley's car. But no arrests were made at the time because there were three others in Tinsley's car and police could not determine who had the marijuana.

None of the other players were charged but were listed as witnesses for the prosecution.

Tinsley and Hunter told investigators they heard gunshots, but did not see who was shooting, according to an Indianapolis police report. Daniels told police he saw Jackson struck by a car, but was not sure if he heard any gunshots.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team falls to Hope on senior day

Saint Mary's drops last game to lose 3-2 at home to Flying Dutch

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's seniors were honored before Wednesday's game. But Hope didn't care.

Despite the Belles' efforts,

the Flying Dutch spoiled Senior Night at Saint Mary's with a 3-2 comeback victory.

The Flying Dutch got out to a fast start, taking the first game 30-24. The Belles showed their resilience, however, winning six points in a row to come from behind, take the second game and tie the match.

Saint Mary's used another hot streak to take the third game, employing a 9-2 run to break open a 16-16 tie. Going for the victory in the fourth game, the Belles kept a close lead until late in the game, when the Flying Dutch pulled away for a 30-28 equalizer to knot things at two games apiece.

Hope then used its momentum to control the final game, posting a .409 hitting percentage to Saint Mary's .000 in a 15-8 win to take the match.

With the win, Hope improved to 15-6 and extended its conference winning

streak to five games. Saint Mary's dropped to 7-5 in the MIAA, 14-7 overall. Currently fourth in the conference, the Belles will look to improve their seeding for the MIAA tournament in the final stretch of the regular season.

Hope's strong performance was led by sophomore Nora Slenk, who recorded a team-high 19 kills along with her 12 digs. Senior Deena Van Assen had 25 digs to lead the team defen-

sively. last home games — Playko recording a double-double with 20 kills and 21 digs and Cusack tallying 23 digs of her own.

Schroeder-Biek was not disheartened by the results. "We played a very good team and our players responded well to the competition," she said. "The team learns from these matches and approaches the next competition with an even stronger will to win."

Another bright spot in the loss was the performance of outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski. The freshman had a match-high 23 kills and 12 digs for yet another double-double.

Saint Mary's will try to rebound from the loss in its next match at Alma on Saturday. The team will finish the regular season with three away matches before the MIAA Tournament begins Oct. 31. Schroeder-Biek said the team will not look past their final matches.

"We are in the home stretch with some tough matches ahead of us," she said. "We just need to take things one game at a time and finish strong."

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Julie Schroeder-Biek
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For Fisher head coach Ryan Bradel, the victory was significant because it showed solid play on both sides, resulted in a win against an archrival and secured the Green Wave the top spot in the postseason.

"I can't describe how good it feels, especially against our archrival," Bradel said.

Zahm 22, St. Ed's 0

The comeback story for the defending champions continues.

In a must-win game, the Rabid Bats of Zahm (2-2) decisively beat St. Ed's (0-4) to clinch third place in the Blue Division and earn themselves a playoff spot.

The Rabid Bats came out firing on all cylinders, shutting down St. Ed's first offensive

drive and responding with quite a drive of their own. Due to the wet conditions, Zahm opted to pound the ball, putting the ball in the hands of junior running back Theo Ossei-Anto eight times. The drive went 52 yards and ended, predictably, with a 12-yard touchdown run from Ossei-Anto.

St. Ed's has struggled offensively this season but did not show it in its second drive of the game. The Stedsmen took the ball 44 yards to the Rabid Bats' 1 yard-line, only to see the half end after an unsuccessful rushing attempt.

After the intermission, as Stuart Scott would say, the second half was lights out. Literally.

At the beginning of the third quarter, the Riehle West lights went out, cloaking the field in shadow. However, Zahm was determined, and no measly power outage was about to

stop it.

Two plays later, Wieland's 26-yard bomb cut through the darkness and into the arms of Ossei-Anto. Four plays later, a flea-flicker ended in a 20-yard touchdown reception by Zahm senior receiver Matt Smallbone.

Two Zahm interceptions later, the Rabid Bats found themselves deep in Stedsmen territory. Wieland hit Smallbone for his second touchdown of the game, putting the Bats up 22 and sealing the victory over the Stedsmen.

Head coach Rich Petty was proud of his team's season U-turn.

"We finished strong, peaking at the right time," Petty said. "It's all about leadership. Our captains stepped up and led this team. We just came to play as a team tonight."

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Soccer

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The Irish dominated the Spartans from the beginning of the wet and muddy first half. Notre Dame broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute, when midfielder Matt Besler headed a Nate Norman corner kick that trickled into the Spartan net. Senior midfielder Norman almost got a second assist in the 40th minute on another cross into the box, but sophomore forward Bright Dike's header went inches wide of the goalpost.

The play came just minutes after Michigan State goalkeeper Jason Tillman pulled up lame after a running start for a goal kick. Play had to be stopped while Tillman shook off his injury, and for the rest of the game, he did not take goal kicks.

One minute before halftime, Norman again barely missed an assist after sending a low cross into junior forward Kurt Martin, who sent the ball over the top of the net. At halftime, the Irish had a 12-3 shot on goal advantage.

"We played well," Clark said. "Start to finish, we played very well."

The Irish continued to dominate in the second half. They didn't score a goal, however, until the 72nd minute, when Lapira sent a corner kick into the box that bounced around in front of the net before freshman midfielder Michael Thomas put it past Tillman for his first career goal.

Lapira added a goal of his own two minutes later, breaking past two Michigan State defenders

and crossing the ball into the net from the right side of the six-yard box.

That play proved to be Lapira's last of the evening, since freshman Tamba Samba replaced him before play resumed.

"I said take [Lapira] off after the second goal, but then he goes and scores the third goal," Clark said.

Lapira's goal also proved to be the last shot Tillman would see in the game, as Spartan head coach Joe Baum put backup keeper Chris Austin in the goal. The substitution marked the first time this season that Tillman had not been on the field for Michigan State.

Against Tillman and Austin, the Irish totaled 23 total shots, compared to the six shots Michigan State fired at Notre Dame senior goalkeeper Chris

Cahill, who picked up his seventh shutout of the season.

After the game, Clark was especially pleased with the play of his substitutes, which included Samba, junior midfielder Andrew Denton and freshman midfielder Dave Donahue.

"This is their opportunity to learn another chance," Clark said. "If they come on and do well, then the next time, you get excited."

"Considering two of our top midfielders [Ian Etherington and Alex Yoshinaga] are injured, it's a very deep group. If we're going to do something [in the postseason], you need a deep group."

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Hanks nets Player of Week honor

Forward now fourth to earn award for Irish

By TIM DOUGHERTY
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Soccer America named sophomore forward Kerri Hanks National Player of the Week Wednesday after Hanks' nine-point performance last weekend in wins over Rutgers and Seton Hall.

After a three goal, one assist performance against Seton Hall and a two assist game against Rutgers, Hanks became the fourth Notre Dame player to receive national player of the week honors — the second in as many weeks. Soccer America gave the award to freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer following a three goal, one assist weekend.

"Certainly everyone likes to get individual recognition," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "I think it's great because certainly Kerri deserved it just like the other three that did it earlier in the year."

Hanks' dominant performance gave her 11 goals and 28 points for the year, which puts her tied for fourth and fifth place, respectively, in the nation. Weissenhofer's 31 points and 13 assists leads the country.

As a team, Notre Dame's 3.46 goals per game average ranks third in the country. After finishing last year as the nation's top scoring offense, Waldrum thinks awards like Hanks' only serves to help Notre Dame's reputation nationwide.



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Irish forward Kerri Hanks dribbles between two Bronco defenders in Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Santa Clara Sept. 3 at Alumni Field.

"I think the thing it really helps us in is national visibility from a recruiting standpoint — kind of being at the forefront," he said. "I'm proud of [Hanks] from that standpoint. She scored nine points over the weekend. It wasn't a surprise she got it."

After learning about the honor during practice Wednesday, Hanks downplayed its individual importance and looked upon it as a compliment to the team's success.

"I really don't pay very much attention to it," Hanks said. "Anyone on our team could have done it based on the weekend. We did really well all together. So I just think as long as we play well as a team, that's all that really matters."

Wednesday marked the second time Hanks earned Soccer

America player of the week honors, harking back to the first weekend of her soccer career, in which she scored seven goals and one assist in wins over New Hampshire and Vermont.

Junior forward Amanda Cinalli and sophomore defender Carrie Dew were named National Player of the Week earlier in the year by Soccer America.

This week marks the second consecutive week Notre Dame has swept the Soccer America honors, as Notre Dame men's forward Joseph Lapira was named National Player of the Week the past two weeks after scoring two goals in each of Notre Dame's past five games.

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open, and Irish coach Mike Brey was confident at Wednesday's media day that even without Chris Quinn and Torin Francis, his young squad can have a successful season.

And, in the process, it might even "steal" a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"There's no reason we can't dream big dreams," Brey said. "I don't want anyone on this team selling themselves short because we haven't gotten an NCAA bid the last couple years."

Notre Dame finished 16-14 overall (6-10 in the Big East) last season and fell 87-84 to Michigan in overtime in the second round of the NIT — its third appearance in the consolation tournament in as many years.

"You don't get anything for coming close [to an NCAA bid] and no one knows that better than us," Brey said.

On media day last year, Brey emphasized that reaching the Big East tournament was his team's only focus. But that's no longer the attitude. Senior guard Colin Falls said he and fellow senior guard Russell Carter are determined to get to the NCAAAs in their final season.

"The reason I came to play college basketball was to play in the Tournament and we haven't done that yet," said Falls, who is Notre Dame's leading returning scorer (13.8 points per game in 2005-06).

Ten of Notre Dame's losses last year came by less than five points. Brey made conditioning an emphasis this summer in hopes that the team will be less fatigued at the end of games.

"We have to use last year as a reference point or a teaching tool," he said. "We need to be tougher at key moments."

The Irish coaching staff took advantage of new NCAA rules allowing them to regulate summer practices by increasing the amount of daily running.

"We thought that we should have them run, get them up early, and generally make it harder. I think it paid off," Brey said. "They're all in great shape, and when you're in great shape you're more confident."

Brey also said the additional conditioning helped hone players' skills because they were

able to spend more time working on specific parts of their game.

"The best way to get better at basketball is to repeat a skill over and over again," Brey said. "When you can repeat a skill for an hour rather than just 20 minutes and not get tired, that helps."

The extra summer work should pay off during games. Brey said the Irish will play a more up-tempo style this season to use the talents of quick guards like Carter, sophomore Kyle McAlarney and freshman Tory Jackson.

"I love to run. I love to just roll the balls out and play," McAlarney said. "Going up and down the floor seems to be the best fit for our team."

McAlarney will step into the role vacated by Quinn, who led Notre Dame with 17.7 points per game last season. The point guard was also looked to as the squad's emotional leader, putting multiple games on his shoulders and taking responsibility for their outcomes.

"I feel like everyone's looking to me the way [the team] looked to Chris Quinn," McAlarney said. "I'm very comfortable with the leadership role. I love it."

Carter said he is excited to be able to use his slashing style of play in more transition opportunities this season.

"When you're in transition, it's like running through chaos, and I love chaos," he said. "It's just easier than when everyone's back in the half court."

Stepping into Francis' shoes on the low post will be sophomore Luke Zeller. Zeller averaged 13.7 minutes per game last season, and played in Taiwan over the summer — winning gold in the Athletes in Action tournament.

"Being able to play nine games in nine days, I was able to learn a lot of things," he said of his experience.

Junior forward Rob Kurz will also be called upon to help in the frontcourt, especially with his rebounding.

"[Kurz is] our hardest worker," Brey said. "Our guys really look to him. He's made himself into a legitimate Big East forward."

The Irish open their season with exhibitions against Rockhurst Nov. 1 and Bellarmine Nov. 6 at the Joyce Center. They begin the regular season against IPFW at home Nov. 10.

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Colin Falls
Irish guard

"I feel like everyone's looking to me the way [the team] looked to Chris Quinn."

Kyle McAlarney
Irish guard

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[on our schedule is] good," McGraw said. "It's really hard. We can't overlook anyone."

Notre Dame hosts 2006 NCAA Tournament No. 4-seed Purdue Dec. 6 before traveling to Knoxville to take on perennial power Tennessee.

After winter break, Notre Dame will begin a Big East schedule that includes a road game at Connecticut, which ended last season ranked No. 8, and a home game against Rutgers, which finished No. 9.

"Last year I was scared in some games, but this year I am fearless," Irish sophomore guard Lindsay Schrader said. "When Tennessee came into this building last year, sellout crowd, I was scared ... but this year it's all gone."

For returning players, that might be the mentality. But with Notre Dame's schedule and four freshmen on the team, McGraw said her ability to stay patient with the Irish will be crucial.

"I think they're so young, that's the only word that keeps coming to mind," she said. "I think they're a group you're going to have to be patient with. ... They are really going to need a lot of encouragement."

Notre Dame's freshmen are reloading a squad that featured senior point guard Megan Duffy and senior forward Courtney LaVere last season.

Ashley Barlow, a 5-foot-9 product of Indianapolis (Pike High School) and Melissa Lechlitner, a 5-foot-7 native of Mishawaka (St. Joseph's High School) join the team at guard. Barlow and Lechlitner will start the season behind Notre Dame's co-captains senior Breona Gray and junior Tulyah Gaines at guard.

"I think that our two freshman



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Irish co-captain Breona Gray plays defense against Panther guard Xenia Stewart in ND's 72-65 win Feb. 28 at the JACC.

guards, Ashley and Melissa, are going to see quality playing time," McGraw said. "Initially, we have a veteran group of guards, so they are going to have to find a role. ... I think it would be tough to break into the starting lineup, but I'm excited about both of them."

McGraw is also excited about the Irish freshmen who will be playing on the inside. Danielle Ben-Tsvulun of Fort Wayne (Harding High School) and Erica Williamson of Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg High School) enter the season with high hopes from McGraw on their shoulders.

Six-foot-five junior Melissa D'Amico likely will play a key role on the inside for the Irish this season, but Ben-Tsvulun and Williamson both bring adequate size to the position. "We're going to have a lot more depth and we'll be able to run people in and out," McGraw said. "We're probably going to play a four-guard lineup. We don't antici-

pate playing a lot of double posts, but if [Ben-Tsvulun and Williamson] are playing well, and that's what it takes for us to match up against the opponent, then that's what we're going to do."

Notes:

♦ Irish junior guard Charel Allen, who missed the beginning of last year after suffering a torn ACL and MCL in Notre Dame's 70-61 loss to Arizona State in the second round of the 2005 NCAA tournament, said she was "100 percent" healthy to start the 2006-07 campaign.

"I worked a lot going off one leg again [for layups] because I know a lot during last season I was going off two feet," Allen said. "It feels very good. Very seldom do I have pain."

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with you?"

The Hintons have had plenty of moments to enjoy together — the two sisters have combined for 30 goals since the beginning of the 2005 season.

In their first 10 games this year, the Belles have netted 15 goals — all of them scored or assisted by the Hintons. The pair has also taken more than 50 percent of the team's shots so far this season.

Most of their success can be contributed to the unselfish play of captain Ashley. The four-year starter began her career with six goals in her freshman season. In her sophomore year, Hinton broke out with 12 goals in 19 games to give her the second most in Saint Mary's history.

But at the beginning of her junior year, Hinton moved from forward to midfield and allowed her younger sister to step into the limelight. Ashley became an assist machine for the Belles, and Lauren took over the scoring role, burying 14 goals in her rookie season.

"Lauren thrives on the fact that Ashley knows how to find her," coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "The fact that they know each other so well makes for some pretty amazing combinations."

As a senior, Ashley Hinton has stepped up her leadership qualities and made a strong captain leading by example. Teammates say her generally reserved manner keeps her from becoming a vocal leader, but she more than makes up for it with her play on the field.

"Being a captain has helped me realize that I need to set an example for my teammates to

follow, and in return I have set the standards higher for myself," Hinton said.

She has gotten off to a very strong start this year with 10 points in conference play, leading the MIAA in that category as well as assists. Her consistent ability to put points on the board has allowed the Belles to start 3-1 in the conference, good enough for second place.

"As Ashley goes, we go as a team," MacKenzie said. "When she is motivated our team seems to fall in line with her quite a bit."

Saint Mary's will continue to look to Ashley Hinton for guidance and support as it enters the toughest part of their schedules. The team will take on Hope and Adrian before facing off against undefeated Calvin in the near future.

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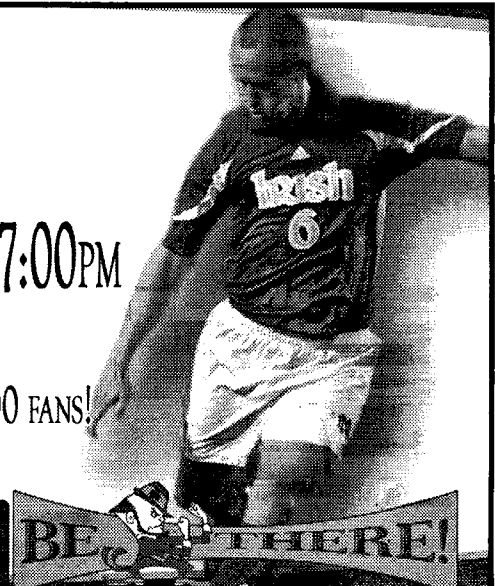
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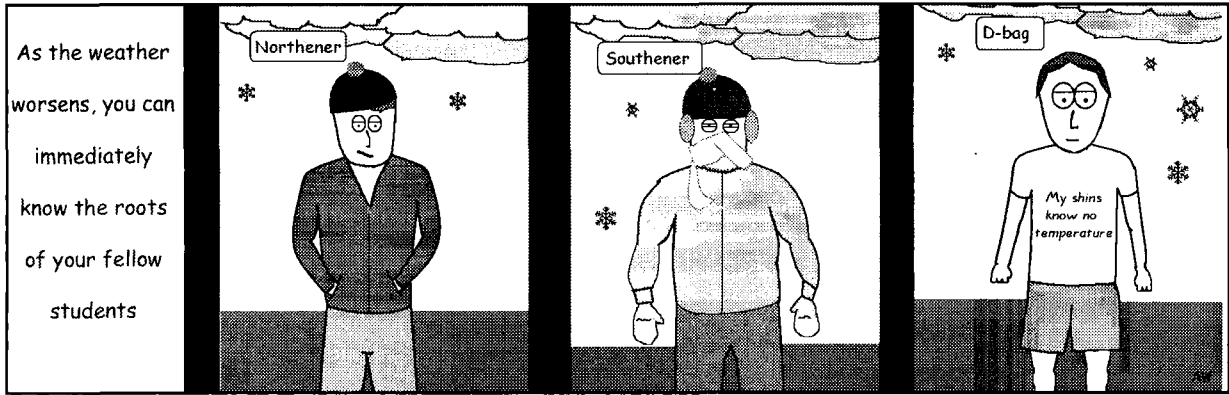
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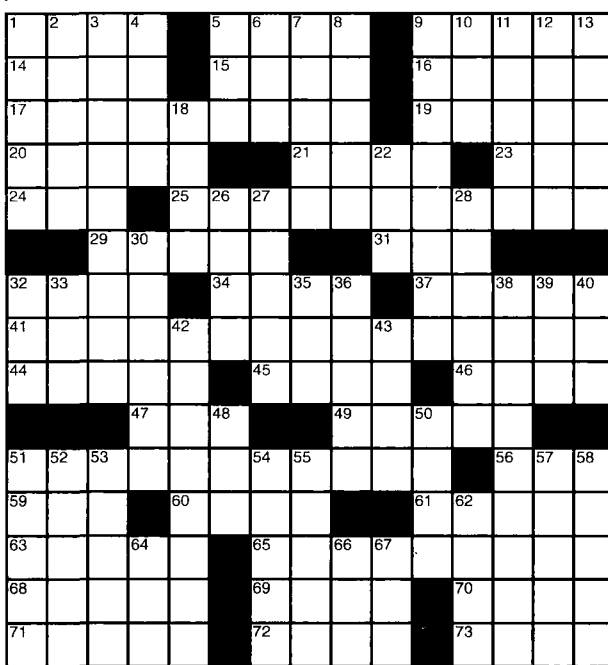
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let petty little things distract you. Concentrate on work, making money and finishing what you start. If you let someone you are close to or in partnership with cause you grief, you will miss out on an important chance. 3 stars

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MEN'S SOCCER

Record rests

Lapira's spartan one-goal performance snaps multi-goal streak, leads Irish over Mich. St.

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame forward Joseph Lapira had a slow game Wednesday night — slow, for Joseph Lapira.

The Irish junior scored one goal and added one assist as he helped No. 8 Notre Dame (10-3-2) win 3-0 over Michigan State (6-5-2), ending his record streak of five straight games with at least two goals.

Irish head coach Bobby Clark was proud of his striker after the match.

"Joe [Lapira] actually had several opportunities when he could have shot [the ball] himself and he squared to other people," Clark said. "There he

is, possibly leading scorer in the country, but he's still prepared to pass up chances. That says a lot for him."

Lapira maintained his lead atop the national scoring list and increased his NCAA-best total to 18. Lapira also increased his total points tally — which also leads the nation — to 39.

He did all of his scoring in the second half, as he left the game in the seventh minute with a hamstring injury and didn't play the remainder of the first half.

Clark doesn't expect the injury to linger.

"Hopefully, [he's fine]," Clark said. "[Taking him off] was really more precautionary than anything else."

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Irish defender Jack Traynor, right, sets up forward Nate Norman, center, on a free kick in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Michigan State Wednesday at Alumni Field.

TOM FOLEY/The Observer

SMC SOCCER

Sisters lead Belles to success

By DAN MURPHY
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For senior midfielder Ashley Hinton, soccer is a family affair.

On the field, she is constantly supported by her sister, sophomore forward Lauren Hinton. In the stands at every home game, the rest of the Hinton family is always within earshot — a short drive from Grand Rapids, Mich.

"Saint Mary's has been a great fit because we know our family could be at most of our games," Lauren Hinton said. "After all, who wants to score a goal and not have your family there to enjoy it

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INTERHALL

Fisher wins wood, stays undefeated; Zahm blanks St. Ed's

By MATT HOPKE
Sports Writer

Fisher fought through cold, rainy weather Wednesday to give archrival Carroll its first loss of the year in a battle of the best the Blue Division has to offer.

While both teams will make the postseason, the win vaults Fisher into the No. 1 seed in the playoffs and allows the Green Wave to take back the rivalry

trophy, the Crooked Stick.

Fisher (4-0) came out very strong on its opening drive, marching 63 yards down the field on 11 plays and finishing with a 9-yard touchdown run by freshman running back Jamie Ellis.

After an injury sidelined Fisher starting running back Tom Sullivan, Ellis stepped up and played like a veteran, ripping off runs of 12, 9 and 8 yards on the drive. A missed two-point conversion kept the

Green Wave lead to 6-0.

But Carroll (3-1) had seen too much success this season to let one drive get in the way. The Vermin came right back with a lengthy drive of their own.

Senior running back Mike Johnson, senior quarterback Cory Wilmont and senior wide receiver Paul Tassinari proved to be a formidable threesome, taking the Vermin 45 yards down the field on seven plays. Carroll scored on a 20-yard touchdown pass from Wilmont

to Tassinari, but a missed two-point conversion sent the game to halftime tied 6-6.

The third quarter was all defense with both the Vermin and the Green Wave making big stands. Perhaps the most important defensive play was a third down sack of Fisher junior quarterback Kevin Rabil, who left in an ambulance due to an apparent leg injury.

Rabil's backup, junior Pat Gotebeski, was clutch in the fourth quarter, helping the

Green Wave mount a six-play, 49-yard drive that ended in another Ellis touchdown. That score was the last, giving Fisher its first win over Carroll in three years.

"Tonight's performance was pretty big for our team," Fisher junior captain Tom Bufalino said. "We lost three starters but we kept it together and got the win. Plus, we took back the Crooked Stick."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coach dreams of dancing



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Irish guard Russell Carter drives on Michigan forward Lester Abrams in Notre Dame's 71-67 loss Dec. 3 at the Joyce Center.

NCAA Tournament still goal for seniors

By CHRIS KHOREY
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After losing its leading scorer and leading rebounder from last season, Notre Dame is in the process of forming a new team identity.

But the Irish aren't alone. Nineteen of the 22 players from last year's All-Big East team are no longer playing college basketball due to graduation or early entry into the NBA draft. The conference is wide

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw ready to start season as underdogs

By ERIC RETTER and KEN FOWLER
Sports Writers

The gym is open, and Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw is confident her young, new team is ready to fill it with victories.

Unlike years past, the Irish will enter those contests as underdogs, as they are set to tackle one of the toughest schedules in the country. According to McGraw, the schedule is an opportunity for the Irish to prove how good they are.

"We don't deserve to be ranked," McGraw said during Notre Dame's media day Wednesday. "I think

we've got to earn it this year. That'll be better for the team to come in as the underdog. I think the pressure will be off of them."

Six of Notre Dame's opponents finished the 2005-06 season in the top-25, and 10 finished with 20 or more wins. And the big games in which the Irish can creep up the rankings start early.

The Irish travel to University Park, Pa., to take on Penn State Nov. 16. Eight days later, they travel to Los Angeles for a showdown with Southern California.

"I think we have some major challenges, and really everybody

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Soccer America names Irish forward Kerri Hanks National Player of the Week.

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Flying Dutch spoil Belles' Senior Night with come from behind win.

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Morrissey vs. Keenan

Tonight

Manorites battle the Knights for the No. 1 playoff seed.

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HOCKEY

Minnesota State-Mankato at ND

Today, 7:35 p.m.

The Irish open their season tonight at the Joyce Center.

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MLB

Yankee teammates mourn the death of pitcher Cory Lidle.

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ALCS

Detroit 8 Oakland 5

Tigers substitute designated hitter Alexis Gomez hits a two-run homer to help Detroit take a 2-0 series lead.

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