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### **ACE provides relief for Gulf Coast**

#### By KATE ANTONACCI Associate News Editor

The fall break trip organized by the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) to a Gulf Coast area devastated by Hurricane Katrina ended in prayer under a 400-year old live oak tree that had survived the storm — unlike nearly everything around it.

"Everything around the tree had been destroyed: houses torn to bits, boats thrown up on the lands, cars overturned and a Church completely gutted," said Thomas Bambrick, an ACE assistant director who traveled to the Gulf Coast from Oct. 16 to Oct. 21 with a group of Notre Dame students. "As Father Tim Scully led the group in prayer, a powerful sense of hope pervaded, as people reflected that blessings and moments of grace often accompany tragedy."

ACE organized the trip to Biloxi, Miss. to help rebuild area ACE and neighboring Catholic schools destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, said Colleen Garvey, assistant director for Alliance for Catholic Education.

"I went because I feel it is important to help in whatever way possible," senior Mike Zintsmaster said. "One of our hosts ... had a fine quote: "There's nothing worse than the man who does nothing because he can only do a little."

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### Students stoked for Saturday's matchup

#### By LUISA CABRERA News Writer

Last weekend may have been inundated with Halloween events, but the lack of a home football game left Notre Dame students itching for Saturday's matchup against the Tennessee Volunteers.

The bye week followed home games against the University of Southern California and Brigham Young University, making up an unusual five-game home stand over six successive weekends.

Megan Spokes, a junior, said last weekend increased her anticipation and expectations for the coming game.

"I feel like a bye week just magnifies your excitement for a game, especially when we played so well against USC after our last bye week," she said. "The team has had a rest along with all the students and fans. Everyone should be ready to go for Saturday,"

After the 5-2 Irish have started strongly this season, students like sophomore Nicholas Zehrbach are confident the football team will capture a win against the Volunteers.

"I'm excited, but then again it's just another easy victory for the Irish," he said. "I think the fact that we got much better over the off season, while Tennessee obvi-

### There's never a dull moment in city cabs



A taxi driver, Steve, sits in his cab and prepares for his shift earlier this fall. Drivers say the most lucrative — and at times disrespectful — customers are Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

#### By NICOLE ZOOK Assistant News Editor

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, thousands of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students flood the streets of South Bend, leaving campus behind to forget the stress and rigors of their everyday lives and have a good time.

But what most students forget is that while they are having a blast, many South Bend residents are hard at work — and for some, like the cab drivers who cart the students around town, their work is the students.

Michigan Taxi driver Robert, whose last name has been withheld for privacy reasons, allowed The Observer to ride along with him Wednesday

### **College closely guards its seal**

#### By KELLY MEEHAN News Writer

Junior class president Heidi Goeppinger never expected to encounter resistance from the administration when she designed a fleece jacket embroi-

dered with the Saint Mary's seal for a class fundraiser. "I wanted to

"I wanted to make the fleece look classy with

the college crest on the front," Goeppinger said. "I noticed that it was on many items in the bookstore, such as shot glasses, cards and folders. So I did not think it would be a problem." Goeppinger's design was rejected by the administration because it incorporated the College's official seal, which is closely guarded by Saint Mary's

to protect its veracity. Nick Farmer, the director of marketing communications, said the seal gained popularity in the past few years due to its "design and official appeal."

"Unfortunately, using the seal as a general stamp for use on everything from flyers to clothing is not appropriate," Farmer said. "While the seal is allowed for select projects, the College works to protect the integrity of the seal as a symbol reserved for official use by the president and the Board of Trustees."

The initial rejection of the fleece was not well received by Goeppinger and the junior class

s board.

"I asked my board to go around campus and take note of all the places they saw the seal," she said.

Together, Goeppinger and the board noticed the seal was used not only on several bookstore items, but was also incorporated into the architecture of the College.

With the help of the Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm, the board was able to receive approval from the Board of Trustees and the administration to use the seal on the fleece.

"Dr. Timm was so helpful," Goeppinger said. "She helped us gather all the information and then gave a presentation to the

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# SMC dining options cater to busy students

#### By KATIE KOHLER News Writer

With busy academic, athletic and social schedules, not all Saint Mary's students can eat dinner at the dining hall during the normal hours of 4:30 to 7 p.m. — but now they have alternative option.

Board of Governance student services commissioner Kate Wallach proposed the establishment of a new choice. Along with student body president Kellye Mitros, vice president Susan McIlduff and dining hall general manager Barry Bowles, Wallach helped create a pasta bar at Dalloway's.

The pasta bar is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. when the normal dining hall hours have ended.

"Students should not be penalized for missing dinner due to a rigorous practice and study regimen," Wallach said. "The pasta bar was an attempt to meet those needs, as well as extend the late dinner option to others."

The pasta bar is self-serve and includes breadsticks and salad at the exchange of one

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### **INSIDE COLUMN** On being unique

I'm pretty much your standard Notre Dame student.

Attention is often brought to the apparent homogeneity of our student body, and after being mistaken for another person **Katie Perry** three times in one day last week, I

began to think maybe I am just another face in the crowd.

The charcoal grey and black North Face jacket, the white T-shirt, the intentionally distressed jeans with iPod clipped securely to the front pocket — all of these things clearly are not helping me "stand out" from my peers.

And lest we forget my first name is undoubtedly the most frequented on campus. In fact, I've stopped responding to it altogether. If I hear a "Hey Katie!" from across the quad, the person might as well be yelling "Hey Emily!" or "Hey Megan!" — or "Hey Chinedum!" for that matter.

My last name doesn't add much in terms of individuality either. Just think of all the Perrys in the world: Steve Perry (lead singer of Journey), Joe Perry (lead guitarist of Aerosmith), Matthew Perry (Chandler Bing of "Friends") and Luke Perry (Dylan McKay of "Beverly Hills. 90210") to name a few.

Now, I am either destined for greatness — or perhaps television obscurity — or my name is fairly common. Unfortunately, I think it's the latter.

So, is that it? Am I really just a cookie-cutter product of the society in which I live?

Nah. The way I see it, it's like my fourth grade teacher Miss Lannier used to tell us every morning after the Pledge of Allegiance.

"You are all special in your own way!"

I think we all look back at those elementary school moments, chuckle to ourselves and say, "Wow, my teacher was such a tool." And your teacher may very well have been a tool --- I know mine was --- but she may have had a point.

We might be religiously homogenous at Notre Dame, we might be racially homogenous at Notre Dame, we might be socioeconomically homogenous at Notre Dame - but I don't think we are, in a general sense, homogenous at Notre Dame.

I probably look the same as a lot of kids here, or maybe have the same name, but I'm pretty sure I'm not the exactly same as everyone else.

After all, the reason I am wearing my North Face jacket is to hide a hot chocolate stain on my white T-shirt, because I am uniquely clumsy. And I'm wearing distressed jeans because - OK you caught me. But would you believe me if I told you my current iPod playlist of choice is an 87-song tribute to Bruce Springsteen, because I uniquely believe him to be the greatest human being alive? It's true — unlike the rumors that he was going to play at our pep rally, which I believed because I am uniquely gullible. And yes, I am still uniquely bitter.

#### **QUESTION OF THE DAY:** WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR GIVE A LECTURE ON CAMPUS AND WHY?



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**Daniel Kirkconnell** 

freshman

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"Lou Cavadini,

because he

Speedo."

**Gretchen Ryan** 

*"Jesus, because* 

I have a lot of

him."

senior PW

freshman



**Matt Walters** 

"David

Hochstetler.

because he

naked."

Keough

"Jimmy Buffet; he likes to drink beer and play walks the halls music."

Max Hand

freshman

Keough



**Pat Nugent** freshman

Keough

**Timmy Falvey** junior Dillon

"White Goodman. because he is the beacon of human physical perfection."

*"Shaquille* O'Neal, because he's the Diesel and also my hero."



Senior Kathy Monticello, left, sophomore Elizabeth Wagner, center, senior Megan Sheehan and other students interested in Latin American studies meet for dinner Thursday to socialize and and receive guidance from Professor Ted Beatty regarding courses available in the upcoming semester.

#### OFFBEAT

#### Baggy pants fall, trip up suspected thief FERNDALE, Mich. - A

man suspected of stealing discs from a video store was tripped up by his baggy pants, falling twice before police captured him, authorities said.

James Green, 30, of Detroit, took a half-dozen DVDs on Sunday night, and initially made his getaway on a bicycle, police said. Officers spotted him in an alley, and he abandoned the bike and ran, but his pants fell to his ankles and he tripped. Ferndale Detective Sgt. Patrick Jones told The Daily Tribune of Royal Oak.

"Finally, he kicked off his pants and shoes" and then jumped a fence into the backyard of a house where he was captured, Jones said.

On Monday, Green pleaded guilty to resisting arrest and retail fraud and was ordered jailed for 30 days.

Man lobs bed parts from

the 42-year-old man lobbed out of his window Thursday morning, said a police spokeswoman who declined to be named.

Police had to break into the man's apartment because he was emotional at the time of the arrest, she said.

A neighbor said the man had recently moved furniture and electrical appliances from his flat to the garbage collection area in the housing estate, the South China Morning Post reported.

#### IN BRIEF

The sophomore class council is hosting Comedy Sports, an improvisational comedy act, in Washington Hall Today at 8 p.m.

"Open Doors to the Physics Labs" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Nieuwland Science Hall. **Professor Chris Kolda** will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 in room 118 on "God's Dice: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgewood Kilns to the **Uncertainty Principle.**"

Blak Images — the Black Cultural Arts Council's signature event — will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at Washington Hall. Performances from First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith and Troop ND will highlight the event.

An examination of how Catholicism is played out in collegiate sports will be the focus of a three-day conference Nov. 10 to 12 in McKenna Hall. "Catholic Identity and the Role of Sport," sponsored by Notre Dame's Program in Catholic Social Tradition, will focus on topics such as character development, gender equity and amateurism and include presentations by experts from across the country.

The Notre Dame Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will present Noel Coward's "Design for Living" Nov. 8 to 20 in the Philbin tudio T heatre of Notre Dam Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

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HONG KONG — A Hong Kong man was arrested for throwing parts of his bed out of the window of his 15th floor apartment, police and local media said Friday. No one was injured by the

falling planks of wood that

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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### SMC draws women from abroad

College hosts 2 foreign exchange students and 9 international students

**By LIZ HARTER** News Writer

A majority of Saint Mary's students hail from the American Midwest, while some come from the coastal states. But every year, a handful of international and foreign exchange students also call the College home.

This year, Saint Mary's plays host two foreign exchange students in addition to its nine four-year international students from nine different countries including Latvia, India, Guatemala and Uganda.

Minjoung Kim (Sophie), from South Korea, and Daisy Bannerman, from Australia, are the two foreign exchange students on campus this year. Both are here because their home institutions are sister schools with Saint Mary's. Saint Mary's reciprocates their universities' exchange programs, sending students on the Korean Culture Studies Program in the summer and the Australian study abroad trip, said Tracy Robison, director of International Living.

The foreign exchange students normally spend a full year at Saint Mary's, she said, and she checks in with them over the course of that year to make sure their visas are kept up to date and to plans activities during each semester to bring all of the international students together.

Kim, who studies at the Catholic University of Korea, a co-ed college in Seoul, South Korea, said she initially found Saint Mary's boring because she was not used to being in an all-woman environment. She said she now finds it very calm and peaceful.

Although she's 23 years old, Kim is studying first year subjects because she is not fluent. in English. She can read and understand spoken English, she said, but still struggles

speak. "I can't speak my opinions,' Kim said. "I can't participate in class activities."

Bannerman is from Perth, Australia, а placed she described as "the most isolated city in the world." She studies at the

Fremantle, Australia, one of the locations where Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students can choose to study abroad.

She knew what to expect coming into an all-women environment, Bannerman said, because she attended an allgirls' high school.

A junior, Bannerman is only here for one semester because the school year in Australia is different from the United

States.

'The people I've met at Saint Mary's have definitely made this experience for me, Bannerman said. "Everyone has been so hospitable and welcoming, I don't know how I will ever leave.'

Neither girl will go home at any point during their stay because of the long flights, but both call home regularly. Bannerman talks on the phone with her family and friends and hopes to be

able to meet a few friends in "The people I've Canada before met at Saint Mary's flying back to have definitely Australia. made this experience for me."

Daisy Bannerman foreign exchange student

Kim uses a Webcam to speak to her parents every Thursday so that they can see each other as well as talk and

ease the homesickness. Both were University of Notre Dame in recently introduced to the

American traditions of Halloween. Bannerman said Halloween

isn't celebrated as theatrically in Australia.

To see all the mock graves erected in the front yards around town and pumpkins for sale on every corner was definitely different," Bannerman said.

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### World-famous artist speaks to large crowd

Graphic design students listen at Snite

#### By KATIE MCANANY News Writer

World-renowned graphic designer Michael Bierut spoke to graphic design students about his life and career at the Snite Museum of Art Thursday.

Bierut emphasized the importance of design in contemporary society.

"If you think that doing graphic design doesn't make a difference, take the presidential elections of 2000," he said. "The problems with voting were based around the poor design of the ballot.'

Senior Evan DeWalt said he attended the lecture because of Bierut's fame and prestige in the world of

graphic design. "He has a great sense of humor and is really personable, so on top of being a huge name in the business, I knew he'd be interesting," he said.

Bierut described his development as a graphic artist over throughout his lifetime. The artist even shared a connection he had with the University as a child Beirut's Catholic mother had a dream for her son to attend Notre Dame.

student governm Lent eating disorders awareness week 2005

"I was excited at the opportunity to actually fulfill my mother's dream, so coming to Notre Dame seemed very logical," Bierut said.

Since 1980 Bierut has worked for Pentagram, a prestigious graphic design firm that consists of collaboration between roughly 20 graphic artists. Through Pentagram, Bierut designed for clients such as Walt Disney Company, Godiva Chocolatier, Princeton University, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Harley-Davidson and the Library of Congress.

Some of Bierut's more famous projects include graphic design for Celebration City, Fla., street downtown signs in Manhattan and the official logo for Citi bank.

Currently, Bierut is collaborating to design the interior of a new building for the New York Times.

Approximately 200 people were in attendance including not only University students, but also graphic design students from Purdue University, Indiana University and Goshen

**Monday 11/7**: Dr. Jean Kilbourne; The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women 7pm 101 DBRT Lecture followed by reception/book signing

### Wednesday 11/9:

Facing the Freshman (or Sophomore, Junior and Senior 15): Strategies to Assess the Causes and Reverse the Problem 7pm Oak Room, South Dining Hall

### **Thursday 11/10:**

360°: Perspectives of **Eating Disorders Open fishbowl** discussion featuring friends, family, survivors, and professionals. **8pm North Dining Hall** room F

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### ACE

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Bambrick said 17 students were picked to attend the service seminar out of approximately 30 who applied.

"Seeing the aftermath of the hurricane as we drove along the Gulf Coast was completely overwhelming. I've never seen such destruction," senior Barrs Lang said. "After hearing the story of the local priest and walking through his home which had at one point been submerged in 52 inches of water, we were all desperate to help in any way we could.'

The group stayed in Mobile, Ala. at one of the diocesan retreat centers, Bambrick said, and worked at area Catholic schools, including Resurrection **Elementary School, Resurrection** Catholic High School and St. Peter the Apostle Elementary school.

"At three of the schools, they were in session so we were working while they were in classes," Bambrick said. "The principals who were asking us to do certain things were trying to administrate and run the school because they had just ... reopened.'

The group was shocked with the amount of work there was, and still needs to be done, in the flood-stricken area.

'There was so much destruction and devastation that they have months and months and years even that needs to happen," Bambrick said. "I was also surprised because they told us that it was already so much better than it was after the hurricane.'

The group used tools supplied by the diocese and used money from the ACE hurricane relief fund to buy supplies for the schools.

"In a week filled with both suffering and hope, we witnessed schools at every stage of recovery, from buildings still strewn with rubble to those newly cleaned and even newly constructed," Bambrick said.

The group assisted four different schools at every stage of recovery, Bambrick said.

"The group I was in worked at a school that was rebuilt in a roller rink," Lang said. "We installed Internet ports in every classroom and office in the building. This involved crawling through ceilings, running wires and installing jacks and ports. It was hard work but the final product truly gave us a sense of accomplishment.

Students also organized books donated from all over the nation

for the school's new library, ripped tiles off of the floor at a St. Vincent de Paul center and helped clean areas covered in debris and flood water, senior Kat Moravek said.

Moravek said there was a great level of hope and determination in the schools in once beautiful communities that were "now a pile of debris.

"What struck me most when I first arrived was the amazing spirit of the people afflicted by the disaster. They were so full of hope and determination and so incredibly grateful for our presence," senior Amber Jackson said.

In addition to sending students to the Gulf Coast, ACE will be dispersing the \$62,000 collected by the University for Katrina relief.

'That contribution is composed of one quarter of the stadium collection," Garvey said, referring to the Sept. 17 collection at the Michigan State football game that raised more than \$240,000.

ACE worked for weeks on sending a shipment of supplies to the region to support the devastation of ACE schools in the afflicted areas.

A total of \$30,359 worth of products were successfully delivered to Biloxi on Oct. 24.

In an Oct. 27 letter to executive assistant to the president Frances Shavers, Timothy Gibney, assistant vice president for procurement services, described the breakdown of products delivered.

After contacting individuals in the Biloxi area, Gibney was better able to discern what products were needed most in schools.

The licensing department sent 24 boxes of shirts of various sizes, valued at \$22,260 total, and four boxes of hats and visors, valued at \$960.

NDSurplus, whose pricing is reduced significantly compared to the fair value market, sent 23 computer systems valued at \$2,771 and 98 miscellaneous furniture items valued at \$1,928.

Building Services donated 500 towels, 60 bed pads and 90 blankets, Gibney said.

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) donated one fax machine, one scanner and ten DVD/VCR players.

An additional \$80,000 has been raised by ACE graduates and friends, Garvey said.

'Returning to Notre Dame at the end of the week, we could not help buy feel a renewed sense of faith and trust, as the terrible images of devastation were overcome by the stronger images of determination and hope, Bambrick said.

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### Seal

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Board, who in turn let us use the seal on our fleece.'

The junior class board's right to use their seal on their fleece does not reflect the administration's approval to allow it to be used on other products or apparel.

"It is a one time deal [and] it may not happen again," she said. "Dr. Timm told us that in the last 14 years no one had ever asked why the seal could not be used or challenged [administra-

tion's] refusal." Farmer said Saint Mary's is also known for its French cross which logo, came from a second form of the college seal. The cross symbolizes the College's Catholic her-

itage and more specifically, its founding by the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Several years ago the French cross image was used on apparel and other products as an image separated from the entirety of the seal. The College permitted this as long as the Saint Mary's name was closely linked to it.

'Since that time, the French cross has gained popularity as an unofficial stand- alone 'logo' of the College," Farmer said. "Unfortunately, this popularity has led to inappropriate use of the cross and has trivialized it religious significance.'

French club member Brooke Sheldon also encountered administration disapproval for her creation of a club T-shirt that incorporated a chick wearing a beret. She believes the rejection was due to the potentially derogatory nickname of "SMC chick" that is sometimes associated with Saint Mary's students.

Sheldon, who was told by the administration that College apparel could not contain a person, animal or character, finds it difficult to come up with creative ideas for Tshirts.

"Some people may have been offended by the chick, but it is all in good fun which makes it OK," she said. "I think the T-shirt policy scares people away because they don't want all their work to be denied. They would rather put a quote on a shirt and be done with it."

Although Farmer encourages student organizations to create T-shirts that enhance the image of Saint Mary's, he is unable to control the creation and selling of "underground" T-shirts made by students for personal profits.

This year, several seniors created yellow T-shirts to wear to the football game that say "SMC Chicks" on the front and "Win or Loose, We Still Booze" on the back.

Senior Angela Rizzo said these T-shirts do not disgrace

the image of the College, but "I am happy to be allow students wearing my SMC to incorporate their chicks T-shirt and Mary's representing my into college. Dame football games.

"I am happy to be wearing my SMC chicks T-shirt and representing my

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college, Saint Mary's College, while cheering on the school across the street," she said.

Senior Constance Campe agreed, and noted how many positive comments she receives from students and alumnae while wearing her shirt.

"I don't think that it tarnished our school at all, in fact I think it shows how much we have grown in a way," she said. "We've had comments from alumnae saying that no one would ever be able to wear a shirt like that when they went here, and they think it's great that we can now.

Farmer and the College hope to reflect the progress the College has made through an upcoming identity initiative that will clarify the Saint Mary's identity and the best ways to distinguish and protect it. The study will include the input from students, faculty, staff and the outside community such as alumnae and prospective students.

'A specific part of the study will examine all of the Saint Mary's logos and graphics and how they are used and per-ceived," he said. "Based on the research, a new set of graphic standards will provide clarity about how we represent the College, and specific ways to use our unique symbols to build a strong, consistent image of Saint Mary's.'

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Game

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ously did not, is a huge indicator that we are going to pull a large margin victory this Saturday."

Sophomore Pat Lyons said despite last year's win against Tennessee, the biggest indicator for a win this season is the success the team has achieved thus far.

Though there were worries of being overwhelmed with so many consecutive home games, students are taking this season's unique schedule in stride.

"I don't think it's made too many problems for me," Lyons said. "I've just had to be smarter about budgeting my time."

Many students feel the season is passing them by.

"In a way I feel like the season is going fast because there have been so many games already," said junior Annie Parrett. "With only [three] home games so far, it [also] seems like the home season is still just beginning. I'm sure it will be a blur with three in a row at home.'

Students are also keyed up for Friday's pep rally and for the opportunity to see friends and family visiting for the game

Hobbs said this game will be especially memorable because many of her friends that graduated last year will be coming to South Bend.

Pep rallies for Notre Dame's final three home games against Tennessee, Navy and Syracuse will require tickets for non-student fans wishing to attend. In the past, fans could enter the pep rally by waiting in line; however, a limited number of free tickets will be made available to the public on the day of the rally due to increased demand.

Spokes said the past procedure was a better way of handling the admittance of fans.

'I think that requiring fans to get tickets may discourage the attendance to the event,' she said. "Pep rallies are meant for anyone and everyone who loves Notre Dame to get excited for the game. By limiting the event with tickets, you're leaving out some dedicated fans."

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Angela Rizzo senior

### Dining

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meal on a student meal plan. Saint Mary's students also have the option of eating at the Cyber Čafé, but the café accepts cash — or "Munch Money" — rather than a meal exchange.

Wallach said the pasta bar is not only for athletes and other busy students.

"It is also a late night dinner option to others," she said.

Wallach said opening night "went well" in terms of turnout.

"We had about 40 people come that night," she said. "Still in our first week, we are getting the same turnout as we did on the first day ... I hope [the pasta bar] will be a

small step in the process of increasing overall student satisfaction.

Freshman basketball player Meghan Conaty said she sometimes has trouble making it to the dining hall within dinner hours, but she does not want to resort to using

cash or her

"Munch Money"

when she misses a meal for a practice or game.

"I went to the pasta bar last week and it was perfect," she said. "The food

was good and I didn't have to

spend any money because it was covered by my meal plan."

Students on the student dining committee assist Wallach with the pasta bar. Mitros and McIlduff created the group this year to specifically target student services."

"The student dining committee had been the goal of current general manager, Barry Bowles, for quite some time now," Wallach said.

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pasta bar last

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**Meghan Conaty** 

freshman

meeting last Thursday.

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Wallach created subcommittees consisting budget, publicity, week and it was retail and a special events committee.

> Wallach said the budget subcommittee tracks where student

money is going and determines if the goals are reasonable to follow.

"To keep a balanced budget, they also will consider the modifications needed to meet student demands," she said.

The publicity subcommittee is in charge of creating polls and surveys to elevate student awareness and gather organized data to highlight areas of need and improvement, Wallach said.

Retail is in charge of other dining locations and will sit on the Dalloway's and Cyber Cafe boards monthly. The subcommittee will also form collaborative goals with those established by Wallach and the SMC Board of Governance.

The special events committee will work with the dining hall to plan cultural, holiday and other events. They will also reach out to the students who have different eating styles such as vegetarians or students with busy schedules such as athletes.

Wallach said she is working

with the committees to increase healthy options at the dining hall and revise the menus at Dalloway's and the Cyber Café.

The new dining options will continue to change under the leadership of Wallach and the various student-run groups.

"As this is a new committee at Saint Mary's, I am sure our direction will be influenced by the feedback and need of the students," Wallach said. "Our goals are team oriented. In order to implement change, we need to gather ideas from the student body, see if our aims can fit the budget, make modifications in the menu or organization in the dining area, and then gather more feedback to see if our means justified the end."

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#### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

#### Paris-area riots spread to 20 towns

AULNAY-SOUS-BOIS - A week of riots in poor neighborhoods outside Paris gained dangerous new momentum Thursday, with youths shooting at police and firefighters and attacking trains and symbols of the French state

Facing mounting criticism, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin vowed to restore order as the violence that erupted Oct. 27 spread to at least 20 towns, highlighting the frustration simmering in housing projects that are home to many North African immigrants.

Police deployed for a feared eighth night of clashes, after bands of youths lobbing stones and petrol bombs ignored President Jacques Chirac's appeal for calm a day earlier.

"I will not accept organized gangs making the law in some neighborhoods. I will not accept having crime networks and drug trafficking profiting from disorder," Villepin said at the Senate in between emergency meetings called over the riots.

#### Bird flu could hurt Asian economies

MANILA --- The Asian Development Bank projected Thursday that a bird flu pandemic in Asia could kill 3 million people, cause economic losses of up to nearly \$300 billion and possibly push the world into a recession

China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand would likely be hit hardest in the event of an outbreak, the report said.

The bank outlined two potential scenarios, both assuming a pandemic would last about a year, would cause 20 percent of the region's population to fall ill and would kill 0.5 percent of them — or 3 million people.

#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

Alito hearings to begin in January WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate will begin hearings Jan. 9 on Judge Samuel Alito's appointment to the Supreme Court, leaders of the Judiciary Committee announced Thursday, a bipartisan repudiation of President Bush's call for a final confirmation vote before year's end.

"It simply wasn't possible to accommodate the schedule that the White House wanted," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the committee chairman. He outlined a timetable that envisions five days of hearings, followed by a vote in committee on Jan. 17 and the full Senate on Jan. 20.

"It's far more important to do it right than fast," said Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, the senior Democrat on the committee. "In this case, I suspect we're doing both.'

#### Judge withdraws from DeLay case

AUSTIN - A new judge was selected to preside over Rep. Tom DeLay's conspiracy and money laundering trial Thursday, after another judge became the second to step away from involvement in the case because of political contributions he has made. Administrative Judge B.B. Schraub, a Republican who was to have selected the judge for the case, withdrew after Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle filed a request to have him removed. Two days earlier, District Judge Bob Perkins was removed from the case at DeLay's request because of his contributions to Democrats.

### Libby pleads not guilty at trial

Cheney's former chief of staff attempts to 'clear his good name' in felony indictment

#### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff pleaded not guilty to a five-count felony indictment Thursday in the CIA leak case, signaling a protracted court battle that is sure to prolong debate about the White House's prewar use of intelligence on Iraq.

Lewis Libby appeared at his arraignment with trial lawyers Ted Wells and William Jeffress, known for their ability to win jury acquittals for high-profile clients in white-collar criminal cases.

"With respect, your honor, I plead not guilty," Libby told U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton, a former prosecutor who has spent two decades as a judge in the nation's capital.

Cheney and other top White House officials could be called to testify if Libby goes to trial. He is charged with obstruction of justice, two counts of lying to the FBI and two counts of committing perjury before a federal grand jury.

Recovering from a foot injury, Libby leaned his crutches against a lectern from which lawyers normally question witnesses or address the court.

"He has declared to the world that he is innocent," Wells said outside the courthouse after the 10-minute session. "He wants to clear his good name, and he wants a jury trial.

Libby's indictment has enabled Democrats to raise anew questions about the Bush administration's primary justification for invading Iraq, the incorrect assertion that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction.

Libby was charged with lying to investigators and the grand jury about leaking the CIA status of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame to

Lewis Libby leaves the U.S. District Court Thursday in Washington, where he pleaded not guilty in the CIA leak scandal. husband, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, accused the administration of twisting intelliaddress. gence in the run-up to the war to exaggerate the Iraqi

threat from weapons of mass destruction. Wilson made his accusation after a CIA-sponsored trip to Africa in which he said he found no evidence to support the allegation that Iraq had an agreement to acquire uranium from Niger.

Bush told the nation on Jan. 28, 2003, that "the Amendment issues. He agents and a federal grand jury that his infor-British government has was referring to the fact learned that Saddam mation had come from that journalists are among NBC reporter Tim Russert. Hussein recently sought the case's central witness-Russert says he and significant quantities of es reporters. Plame's CIA sta- uranium from Africa." Legal experts say there Libby never discussed tus was exposed after her The Bush administration could be demands for Wilson or his wife.

later said the passage should have been taken out of the president's

In court in Washington, Libby waived his right to a speedy trial. It will take his legal team three months to get security clearances and to examine classified information that the prosecution must produce to the defense.

Jeffress said there may be disputes over the use of classified information and that there may be First

Plame's covert status.

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The indictment says

reporters' notes and Libby's lawyers could demand the government turn over an extensive amount of classified information from the CIA about



#### LOCAL NEWS

#### Geist man shoots himself and son

INDIANAPOLIS — A Northeastside church congregation is reeling today after a member killed his 4-year-old son and then shot himself after sending out an e-mail to 80 people explaining his actions.

Police found the bodies of Edward McGuffey, 37, and his son, Jason, Wednesday night in a home in the 9900 block of Beam Ridge Drive, in the Geist area on Indianapolis' Northeast side. McGuffey blamed a pending divorce and his wife's plans for moving away with their son.

#### BELGIUM

### Secret CIA prisons investigated

#### **Associated Press**

BRUSSELS — The European Union and the continent's top human rights group said Thursday they will investigate allegations the CIA set up secret jails in eastern Europe and elsewhere to interrogate terror suspects, and the Red Cross demanded access to any prisoners.

Human Rights Watch said it has evidence, based on flight logs, that indicate the CIA transported suspects captured in Afghanistan to Poland and Romania. But the two countries - and others in the former Soviet bloc — denied the allegations. U.S. officials have refused to confirm or deny the claims.

Such prisons, European officials say, would violate the continent's human rights principles. At work may be a complex web of global politics, in which eastern European countries face choices between the views of the European Union and their interest in close ties with the United States.

The International Committee of the Red Cross expressed strong interest in the claims, first reported Wednesday in the Washington Post, that the CIA has been hiding and interrogating some of its most important al-Qaida captives at Soviet-era compounds.

Red Cross chief spokeswoman Antonella Notari said the agency asked Washington about the allegations and requested access to the prisons if they exist. The Red Cross, which has exclusive rights to visit terror suspects detained at a U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, long has been concerned about reports U.S. officials were hiding detainees from ICRC delegates.

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### Cab

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night. He said that while school is in session, almost all the business cab companies do is with students.

"Thursday, Friday, Saturday regular Notre Dame traffic, you might get 150 to 200 calls a night," he said. "A home game? Two or three times that.

Robert, 35, said he moved to South Bend from Los Angeles nine years ago and has been driving cabs for various companies since then. With so much experience under his belt, he has hundreds of stories about driving through town — many of which involve students, and most of which are unprintable.

Robert said he has seen 'pretty much everything' there is to be seen inside and outside his cab, ranging from the busting of Boat Club in January 2003, to nudity, to shady characters attempting to harass women he was driving, to disgusting bodily fluids which he said he sees on a fairly regular basis.

'Don't be afraid to tap us on the shoulder, let us know you're going to puke," he said. "If someone pukes in my cab, I charge \$50. A, I have to clean it up and B, I'm done for the night.

Robert said intoxicated students vomiting or "passing out and losing bladder control" is a common occurrence for cabbies, and once such a situation has occurred, the driver has to stop driving, because no one will want to

sit in their cab — least of all the drivers, who are in their vehicles for extended lengths of time.

"I work 15 to 18 hours a day, six days a week," he said. Unfortunately for the drivers, Robert said most of that time is spent "sitting and waiting" in the cabs for calls to come in. Drivers wait at Main Circle or at the airport, and Robert said he likes to read to pass the spans of time before calls become frequent.

"They start around 11 p.m., then at 1 a.m. they die down until 2:30 a.m.," he said. "For parties, it's four, sometimes five in the morning."

Robert said one common problem cab drivers in the area experience is that students eager to be picked up will call multiple cab companies and leave with whichever one arrives first, even if the first number they call said the wait would be short.

"They don't know how annoying it is when they call four or five different cab

companies and then they're not there," Robert said. "It can really screw you up on a busy night to go [to where the student called from] and somebody's not there for a cab."

Robert said most students request to be picked up from campus and delivered to local bars, citing RumRunners, Bookmakers, The Linebacker, Club Fever, Club Landing and The Library as the most fre-

quented.

Robert said many times students returning home from bars will have spent all their money and have problems coming up with return fare, which takes money out of the drivers' pockets. He also offered suggestions for students who may face the problem.

'Sometimes, you're lucky to get the whole fare." he said. '|Students should] always make sure they have at least \$2 before you leave that bar."

Robert also said it would be helpful to drivers if students collected money before the ride was over so that "one person could

pay one bill."

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Cab

"They don't know how annoying it is when they call four or five different cab companies and then they're not there."

> Robert taxi cab driver

> > generally \$2 a head, with a \$6 minimum and charges of \$8 from campus to Mishawaka and \$9 to downtown. One student who rode with Robert, prepared to pay the fee from campus to RumRunners, leaned back into the cab and handed Robert two extra dollars.

> > 'That's a rare occurrence," Robert said. "If you get a tip from an ND student or Saint Mary's student, you're lucky.' Robert said "nine times out



A City Cab waits for students on Notre Dame's campus. Taxi drivers say their busiest days are Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

of 10" students fail to tip, either because they forget or did not bring enough money. He said tips help alleviate the costs of gas for the cab, which typically costs \$35 to \$40. Robert said he understands that college is a hard time financially, but he wishes students would remember to tip more often for the services they receive.

They're students, they're poor," he said. "Well, so am I, I drive a cab.'

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#### IN BRIEF

Stocks boost from high retail sales NEW YORK — A wide swath of good news, from better-than-expected retail sales and worker productivity figures to a major court victory for Merck & Co., drove stocks higher Thursday, although a jump in oil prices limited the gains.

Wall Street's inflation worries were mollified by the latest government report on productivity, which rose 4.1 percent in the third quarter, the biggest rise in a year. With workers more productive, they can be paid more without increasing the risk of inflation.

And while investors remain cautious about consumer spending this winter due to high heating prices, October's retail sales reports were generally stronger than expected, with Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Costco Wholesale Corp. and Nordstrom Inc. all surpassing expectations.

Stock buyers received further encouragement by a report showing growth in the service sector. The Institute for Supply Management's services index rose to 60 in October from 53.3 in September and three points better than economists had forecast.

### Merck & Co deemed not liable

Idaho Vioxx user brings lawsuit that patients were not warned of drug's risks

#### **Associated Press**

ATLANTIC CITY — The New Jersey-based drug maker won the second of thousands of lawsuits it faces over its recalled pain medication, Vioxx, on Thursday as a jury in its home state found that the company had adequately warned consumers about the pill's risks. The verdict absolved Merck of liability for a heart attack suffered by an Idaho Vioxx user.

Barely three months ago, a Texas jury ruled that Merck was liable for the death of a Vioxx user and slapped it with more than a quarter billion dollars in damages.

After deliberating for less than eight hours over three days, the jury cleared the nation's No. 5 pharmaceutical company of allegations it failed to warn consumers about the drug's risks and engaged in "unconscionable commercial practices" in marketing it to doctors and their patients.

The verdict was Merck's first win out of two Vioxx-related trials. Merck is appealing the Texas verdict, but still faces about 7,000 lawsuits over Vioxx, which it voluntarily pulled off the market last year because of links to heart attacks and strokes after 18 months' use.

Much of the New Jersey trial, eagerly watched by lawyers and plaintiffs from around the country, relied on the testimony of medical experts. Witnesses for Merck testified the company believed Vioxx was safe for the heart before the drug was pulled from the market in response to a study that showed it doubled risk of heart attacks and strokes when taken for at least 18 months.

Thursday's verdict appropriate because given its plan to fight means it might take sev- facts in each case differ. each lawsuit. The compabuster.

eral more cases, including a federal case that will start Nov. 28 in Houston, before lawyers can find any sort of precedent that might determine Merck's ultimate Vioxx liability.

enter court in Atlantic City, N.J, Thursday.

Merck was clearly elated by its victory. "We feel very much vin-

dicated," Merck general counsel Kenneth Frazier said. "The jury found in our favor, we believe, because the evidence showed that Merck acted responsibly."

Frazier said Merck will fight each lawsuit individually, adding that mass settlements aren't will face huge legal costs

"There's an awful lot at stake, not just for Merck," but for the pharmaceutical industry and patients, he said, claiming floods of lawsuits can discourage scientific research and keep needed drugs off the market.

Frederick Mike Humeston, 60, holds hands with his wife, Mary Humeston, as they

Merck's stock rose \$1.07, or 3.8 percent, to \$29.48 after the verdict. More than 32 million shares changed hands in barely two hours on the New York Stock Exchange — about four times the stock's normal daily volume.

Wall Street analysts said the company clearly ny has set aside just \$675 million for legal defense costs, but nothing for jury awards or settlements.

"It's still going to be a marathon" in the courts, said Barbara Ryan, pharmaceuticals analyst at Deutsche Bank North America.

About 20 million Americans took Vioxx after it hit the market, embracing it for its effectiveness in relieving pain while sparing them the upset stomachs, ulcers and other gastric problems associated with some other analgesics. At its peak, Vioxx was a \$2.5 billion-a-year block-



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**Budget deficits may affect economy** WASHINGTON — With just three months left before he leaves office, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan raised a warning to Congress: The country could face "serious economic disruptions" if bloated budget deficits are not curbed.

The Fed chief's strong comments, made during an appearance Thursday before Congress' Joint Economic Committee, come after the government produced a \$319 billion budget deficit this year an improvement from the record amount of red ink registered in 2004 but still the third-highest deficit on record.

In the short term, costs related to rebuilding after the trio of devastating hurricanes will make it harder to improve the nation's balance sheets, he acknowledged. In the long term, a huge wave of retiring baby boomers will put massive strains on government resources, he said.

There are no easy choices. Easy choices are long gone," said Greenspan, whose 18-plus year run at the Fed comes to an end on Jan. 31.

Congress is working on separate packages of tax cuts and spending cuts.

### FRB raises interest rate to 4 percent

Special to The Observer

This article was written by the Student International Business Council — Finance Division.

On Tuesday Nov. 1, the Federal Reserve Board raised interest rates — or rather the federal funds rate another quarter of a percentage point to 4 percent following President Bush's appointment of Benjamin Bernanke as Chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Bush's move to replace former chairman Alan Greenspan surprised very few given Bernanke's credentials.

Currently Bush's top economic advisor, Bernanke served as chair of the

Princeton University Department of Economics and governor of the Atlanta Reserve Bank for several years.

Bernanke's appointment alleviated concerns that a new chairman would bring significant changes in federal policies — something experts said could disrupt continuity in the American economy.

Markets reacted favorably to Bush's pick because Bernanke was seen as a familiar face in the economy likely maintain most of the policies of Alan Greenspan.

Bernanke is a proponent of "inflation-targeting," which is intended to help strengthen the dollar and allow favorable responses by the economy. However, a stronger dollar entails that exports will decrease and imports will increase, adding pressure to the already enormous accounts deficit.

But both Bernanke and Greenspan will to allow this to happen in order to reap the benefits of a lower inflation. Thus, it appears the recent upward trend of the Federal Funds Rate will continue after Bernanke's official confirmation.

Once the Senate confirms his appointment, Bernanke will take office immediately following Greenspan's retirement on Jan. 31.

Reports from the previous meeting in late September indicated a moderate expansion in economic activity in August and early September.

### **Public Broadcasting** ex-chairman resigns

#### Embattled Kenneth Y. Tomlinson steps down

#### **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The former chairman of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, under fire for promoting conservative programming, resigned Thursday from the corporation's board after the panel reviewed an investigative report on his activities

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, whose term as board chairman ended two months ago, left the board after the third day of closeddoor meetings by the board of directors to review the findings of the agency's inspector general about his tenure.

In a statement e-mailed to reporters and interest groups, the board said "both the board and Mr. Tomlinson believe it is in the best interests of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting that he no longer remain on the board.

The move did not quiet critics of Tomlinson's nearly two-year tenure, who called for public release of the investigative findings and for the board to repudiate his policies.

The board's statement did not detail the inspector general's findings, which are expected to be released later this month but said "Tomlinson strongly disputes the findings."

Tomlinson did not respond to a voice mail message left on his home telephone Thursday night seeking his comments.

The investigation was begun after Reps. David Obey, D-Wis., and John Dingel, D-Mich., called in May for CPB Inspector General Kenneth A. Konz to look into reports that Tomlinson used questionable tactics and corporation funds to exert political influence over public broadcasting

The board said it "does not believe that Mr. Tomlinson acted maliciously or with any intent to harm CPB or public broadcasting" but it "expresses its disappointment in the performance of former key staff whose responsibility it was to advise the board and its members." Corporation spokesman Michael Levy could not be reached Thursday night for elaboration.

Finally, the board commended Tomlinson "for his legitimate efforts to achieve balance and objectivity in public broadcasting.'

**Obey and Dingell asked the** inspector general to investigate a consulting contract that, according to The New York Times, was initiated by Tomlinson to review the "Now With Bill Moyers" public television show for political content. They also asked for an inquiry into CPB's decision to hire two ombudsmen to review public programming.

"Tomlinson's resignation should be used to bring people together, not divide them as he and the administration have done," Obey said.

Dingell called the resignation "long overdue."

"We will need to determine how to stop this kind of misbe-havior in the future," Dingell added. "We hope today's action is the first step by the board to operate in a more professional, nonpartisan manner."

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said he expected to see the inspector general report shortly. He said a conservative political consultant that Tomlinson. a Republican, hired to conduct an analysis of political bias in programming had no professional standing as a media analyst. He said there were complaints that Tomlinson had acted without board approval and outside CPB bylaws.

The Times reported that the consultant kept track of "anti-Bush," "anti-business" and "anti-Tom DeLay" guests on Moyers' show. Moyers, who served in the Johnson administration, has left the show.

Tomlinson has said public broadcasting shows were too liberal and didn't give equal treatment to conservative views.

"Tomlinson's legacy at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is a negative one," Dorgan said. "He has done far more harm to the CPB than good."

### Juanes leads Latin award winners

Colombian rocker takes home three trophies at revamped Grammys

#### Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Colombian rocker Juanes won three awards and Spanish crooner Alejandro Sanz won two at Thursday's revamped Latin Grammys, which were broadcast in Spanish for the first time and showcased an expanding range of genres.

Juanes, a Latin Grammys favorite who dominated the awards in 2003 with five trophies and had nine coming into Thursday's show, collected honors for best rock song, "Nada Valgo Sin Tu Amor," best music video for "Volverte a Ver," and best rock solo vocal for "Mi Sangre."

"This is a dream night," Juanes said after collecting the rock solo vocal trophy. "To all the fans in Colombia, I love you and thank you very much.'

Sanz, who won four trophies at last year's award show, picked up the song of the year and the record of the year awards for "Tu No Tienes Alma."

'It is embarrassing to collect this prize because I think that all those who were nominated deserve it more than I do, and many who weren't nominated," Sanz said while accepting the record of the year honor. "I dedicate it to all of them who inspired me to do music. Thank vou so much.'

Brazilian singer-keyboardist Ivan Lins won album of the year for "Cantando Historias.'

Spanish alternative singersongwriter Bebe had a leading five nominations but took home only one Grammy, for best new artist.

"I didn't expect it. That's the truth," said the native of



Colombian singer-songwriter Juanes took home three trophies at Thursday's Latin Grammy awards held in Los Angeles.

Valencia, Spain, who was also nominated for album of the year for "Pafuera Telaranas" and record of the year and song of the year for "Malo."

Italian vocalist Laura Pausini pulled off one of the night's biggest upsets when she beat out Bebe for the best female pop vocal Grammy.

'Thank you so much. I haven't prepared anything because I thought that Bebe was going to win," she said, her voice breaking. "I don't have the list of who to thank because it's at home."

The award was Pausini's first Latin Grammy.

Dominican merengue and salsa music master Juan Luis Guerra collected two trophies: best Christian album and best tropical song for "Las Avispas."

"I want to dedicate my award to wife and children ... and all the fans of (his band) 440 and of my beloved Dominican

Republic," Guerra said.

Puerto Rican singer Obie Bermudez, who earned the Latin Grammy for best male pop artist, let loose with a yell and held his award up in jubilation

'Nothing is impossible. I am happy, really happy. I swear I was not prepared for this," he said, dedicating his award to his father. "I want to give my thanks to God."

The Tex-Mex group Intocables won the award for best Norteno album for "Diez."

Mexican heartthrob Alejandro Fernandez kicked off the live Univision Network telecast from the Shrine Auditorium performing "Canta Corazon" with a virtual waterfall as a backdrop. The singer was nominated for best male pop vocal album for 'A Corazon Abierto."

The broadcast showcased an expanding range of genres, including pop, salsa, reggaeton and rock.

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### Study: Religious use of peyote not harmful

Drug poses no danger to American Indians

#### **Associated Press**

BOSTON — A study of the effects of peyote on American Indians found no evidence that the hallucinogenic cactus caused brain damage or psychological problems among people who used it frequently in religious ceremonies.

In fact, researchers from Harvard-affiliated McLean Hospital found that members of the Native American Church performed better on some psychological tests than other Navajos who did not regularly use peyote.

A 1994 federal law allows roughly 300,000 members of the Native American Church to use peyote as a religious sacrament. The five-year study set out to find scientific proof for the Navajos' belief that the substance, which contains the hallucinogen mescaline, is not hazardous to their health even when used frequently.

The study was conducted among Navajos in the Southwest by McLean psychiatrist John Halpern. It compared test results for 60 church members who have used peyote at least 100 times against those for 79 Navajos who do not regularly use peyote and 36 tribe members with a history of alcohol abuse but minimal peyote use.

Those who had abused alcohol fared worse on the tests than the church members, according to the study.

Church members believe peyote offers them spiritual and physical healing, but the researchers could not say with any certainty that peyote's pharmacological effects were responsible for their test results.

"It's hard to know how much of it is the sense of community they get [from the religion] and how much of it is the actual experience of using the medication itself," said Harrison Pope, the study's senior author and director of the biological psychology laboratory at the hospital near Boston.

The researchers argue that their findings should offer "reassurance" to the 10,000 Native American Church members serving in the military who were barred from using peyote before new guidelines were adopted in 1997.

"We find no evidence that a history of peyote use would compromise the psychological or cognitive abilities of these individuals," they wrote in their paper published in the Nov. 4 issue of Biological Psychiatry.

The researchers note that their study draws a clear distinction between illicit and religious use of peyote. They did not rule out the possibility that other hallucinogens, such as LSD, may be harmful.

"In comparison to LSD, mescaline is described as more sensual and perceptual and less altering of thought and sense of self," they wrote, adding that peyote does not seem to produce "flashbacks" the same way that LSD apparently does.

### Senate clears digital TV deadline

Congress members move technological transition one step closer

#### Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate moved the digital TV transition one step closer to reality on Thursday, setting a firm date for television broadcasters to switch to all-digital transmissions.

Lawmakers gave broadcasters until April 7, 2009, to end their traditional analog transmissions. The so-called "hard date" was included in a sweeping budget bill.

The bill also would provide \$3 billion to help millions of Americans buy digital-to-analog converter boxes for their older television sets — so those consumers will continue to receive a signal once the switch is made permanent. Legislation approved last month by the House Energy and Commerce Committee calls for a Dec. 31, 2008, deadline and provides nearly \$1 billion for the converter boxes.

Differences between the measures would need to be worked out in a House-Senate conference.

In the Senate, an amendment by Republican John Ensign of Nevada that would have reduced the converter box subsidy to \$1 billion was withdrawn. Spokesman Jack Finn said Ensign was concerned that the \$2 billion in savings would be spent on other projects instead of deficit reduction.

Digital television promises sharper pictures and better

sound than analog TV.

National Association of Broadcasters president Eddie Fritts said the 2009 deadline "represents a victory for millions of Americans who could have been left stranded by a premature end to analog television service."

The move to all-digital will free valuable radio spectrum, some of which will be allocated to improve radio communications among fire and police departments and other first responders.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., unsuccessfully offered an amendment to move up the hard date by one year, saying "first responders' ability to communicate during times of tragedy can be literally a matter of life and death."

### Animation employed in politics

#### **Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Politicians looking for a fresh way to get voters' attention have seized on something that is more "South Park" than "West Wing": cartoons.

Around the country, candidates are running cheeky animated political ads, mostly on the Internet, but also on television.

Democrat Fernando Ferrer, a candidate for mayor of New York, paired Mayor Michael Bloomberg and President Bush in a spoof that hit the airwaves this week. The two Republicans are seen riding a horse as somebody sings: "There's one thing for certain, I'll love you until I die." Then Bush plants a kiss on Bloomberg's cheek.

Phil Angelides, a Democrat running for governor of California in 2006, has run a cartoon that beseeches voters to take back their state from Arnold Schwarzenegger's right-wing friends. The skit takes place on "Schwarzenegger Street" and features a "Cheney Monster" who gobbles the Constitution.

Columnist Arianna Huffington deployed "The Hybrid Versus the Hummer" during California's 2003 recall election to poke fun at Schwarzenegger's penchant for driving gas-guzzling Hummers. The cartoon shows the former action star's Hummer wrecking the environment as Bush fills it with gas.

Animated political spots are not new. Dwight Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson both deployed primitive black-and-white cartoons during their 1952 presidential race. But the recent cartoons are far more sophisticated, and wickedly satirical as well.

"They are magnets for attention, and that's the name of the game in political advertising," said Martin Kaplan, an associate dean of the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California.

The burst of animated ads may be traceable to the wildly and unexpectedly popular "This Land" clip that was unleashed over the Internet by JibJab Media during the 2004 presidential campaign. The musical satire skewered both President Bush and John Kerry.

In it, oversized photos of the candidates' heads were computer-pasted onto animated bodies, and the men traded singing-and-dancing insults to the tune of "This Land Is Your Land," with Bush calling Kerry "a liberal wiener" and Kerry branding the president a "right-wing nut job."



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### Young girl who saved 100 lives meets Clinton

#### Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - Tilly Smith, just 10 years old at the time, put her geography lessons to good use: By quickly recognizing the warning signs of a tsunami, the English schoolgirl saved about 100 people from near-

certain death at a Thai resort.

Tilly, now 11 visited the United Nations Thursday and met former president Bill Clinton, the U.N. envoy for the tsunami recovery.

"My mum didn't realize what was happening on the beach because

she wasn't taught about tsunamis when she was younger," said Tilly, who was in New York with her mother, father and sister. The Smith family all escaped the lethal waves after Tilly's early warning during their vacation on the island of Phuket.

Two weeks before the Dec. 26, 2004, disaster that took at least 178,000 lives, Tilly had studied tsunamis in her geography class in Oxshott, a community of about 5,000 just reminder that education can

south of London. The children were shown a video from an earlier tsunami.

Tilly was armed with that knowledge when the Smith family decided to go for a morning walk on the idyllic beach near the JW Marriott Phuket Resort and Spa.

Suddenly, "I saw this bubbling on the water, right on the edge, and foam sizzling just like in a frying pan," she remembered. "The water was coming in, but it wasn't going out again. It was coming in, and then in, and then in, towards the hotel.'

She recognized it as an indication that earthquake-driven waves were only minutes away.

Tilly turned to her mother, Penny, "and I said, 'Mum, I know there's something

staff, the girl dashed back toward the beach filled with about 100 people. She told the Japanese-born hotel chef of the danger, "and he knew the word tsunami because it's Japanese. But he never saw one."

The chef and a nearby hotel security agent

both spread the

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"Tilly's story is a simple reminder that education can make a difference betweeen life and death."

#### **Bill Clinton** former President

seriously hurt. On Thursday, she was welcomed at U.N. headquarters by officials of the International for Disaster Strategy Reduction, a Geneva-based U.N. agency that is trying to educate people worldwide on proper disaster response.

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During last month's earthquake in India and Pakistan, scores of schools were destroyed and many children died under the rubble.

"Tilly's story is a simple make a difference

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Later Thursday,

the former presi-

"All children should be taught disaster reduction so they know what to do when natural hazards strike."

> **Bill Clinton** former President

> > dent sat next to Tilly on a couch at a midtown Manhattan hotel and asked her to tell him about what happened.

strike.'

In countries such as Japan, Cuba, Iran and Bangladesh, people have learned to live with frequent natural hazards such as floods and earthquakes, said Salvano Briceno, who directs the Geneva-based U.N. disaster strategy agency.

### **ERASMUS BOOKS**

#### CHINA

### **Officials ready for flu outbreak**

#### Prevention measures extended for two-mile radius from infected farm

#### Associated Press

TENGJIAYING — Chickens were dropping dead by the dozens at Qin Zhijun's farm one morning, most while feeding in their squat, brick coops.

"They died instantly," said Qin, a breeder in China's northern Inner Mongolia region, which reported the first of the country's three bird flu epidemics in poultry last month. "I've never seen a disease like this.'

Within 15 hours of the Oct. 14 outbreak, he says, up to 2,000 of his birds had died of the H5N1 virus and 7,000 others were destroyed by health officials.

The prevention measures extended for a two-mile radius from Qin's farm, with more than 93,000 birds slaughtered and tens of thousands more vaccinated.

Now authorities are eager to assure the public and the world that the government is taking its anti-bird flu work very seriously - and to show it can be open following sharp criticism that it was unwilling to share information during an outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome in China in late 2002.

No human cases of bird flu have been reported in China, but two recent outbreaks in poultry — one in Anhui province in the east, the other in central Hunan province — have sparked fears that human infections may be on the horizon.

China on Thursday report-

ed another outbreak, saying 8,940 chickens in Badaohao village in the country's northeast died, prompting authorities to destroy 369,900 other birds. The Agriculture Ministry blamed the Oct. 26 outbreak on the H5 strain, which is separate from the H5N1 strain that poses a threat to humans.

Reporters dressed in protective suits and masks were taken on a whirlwind tour Thursday of Tengjiaying, a village of about 1,000 people just outside Hohhot, the regional capital. Cows and sheep roamed the dusty streets.

Buses carrying the group were stopped at a checkpoint, where the wheels of the vehicles were sprayed with disinfectant by workers wearing white and blue protective suits. A thick registration book sat on a table filled with information on drivers and their cargo.

"From the officials at the top to ordinary citizens, everyone understands this is a problem and everyone is paying great attention to it," said Xu Yanhui, the official in charge of anti-bird flu measures in Inner Mongolia. 'Everyone is filled with confidence that we will be able to overcome this."

Qin, 44, said that on the day of the outbreak, he awoke at 6 a.m. to find a few dead birds. He said many more dropped dead while eating an hour later.

Qin said authorities, who arrived 30 minutes after he reported the deaths, detained him and his wife at the farm while they tested the chickens. He said that when the results came back positive for bird flu, they began destroying other chickens.

On Thursday, Qin's coops stood empty, their windows sealed with plastic. The ground is covered in chalky white powdered disinfectant; empty bottles for liquid disinfectant were piled up nearby.

"At the time, it was hard to bear," said Qin, whose face was browned by the sun and deeply lined. "I did not feel like eating, I did not feel like sleeping.

He said authorities filled a pond where they suspect migrating birds might have passed the virus to his flock.

Of the 62 people who have died of bird flu in Asia since 2003, most have been linked to close contact with infected birds, but experts fear the H5N1 virus devastating flocks in Asia and pockets of eastern Europe could mutate into a form easily spread from person to person, and have called for increased prevention worldwide.

In China, where animals and people often live in close proximity, authorities have destroyed tens of thousands of birds in an effort to contain the virus and banned poultry imports from 14 countries with bird flu outbreaks. The leadership has also called for tighter monitoring and more aggressive vaccine research.

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When her mother replied that it was just a day at the beach, "Tilly went hysterical," recalls her father, Colin, who decided to return to the hotel with her 8-year-old sister, Holly.

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### **Prince Charles visits Georgetown**



Prince Charles greets students as he arrives to speak to a Faith Group Seminar at Georgetown University in Washington Thursday. He was in Washington as part of a royal tour.

#### **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Prince Charles received the warmest public welcome so far of his U.S. tour Thursday, mingling with more than 1,000 cheering students at Georgetown University and even signing a softball.

Arriving for a seminar on faith and social responsibility, Charles spent 15 minutes talking to students and staff who craned over barricades to catch a glimpse of him — offering handshakes to many and a rare autograph on a proffered softball to one young man.

Many in the crowd yelled "Prince Charles!" as he approached — one woman adding, "Where's William?" The 56-year-old heir to the

The 56-year-old heir to the throne may lack the college appeal of his 23-year-old son William, but the enthusiastic reception was a welcome boost for a royal tour that has met a muted response in a Washington preoccupied with legal fights involving top White House and congressional figures, battles over a Supreme Court vacancy and the rising death toll in Iraq.

After the pomp and ceremony of Wednesday's black-tie dinner hosted by President Bush at the White House, Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall were on comfortable ground Thursday — visiting worthy projects in which they have a personal interest.

Charles, who has called in the past for a greater understanding of Islam from the West, met representatives of Christian, Muslim and Jewish groups at Georgetown's Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

Earlier, the prince accepted an award for his contribution to architecture at the National Building Museum, donating the \$30,000 prize money to hurricane recovery in Mississippi. Charles and Camilla were due to see hurricane damage firsthand on Friday, flying to New Orleans to meet residents and recovery workers.

Later, Camilla wore a gold lace cocktail dress and a diamond necklace as she and Charles mingled with 140 guests at a reception hosted by the British ambassador, Sir David Manning, and his wife, Lady Catherine.

The weeklong tour, designed to bolster trans-Atlantic ties and promote Charles' environmentalist causes, also represents a coming-out for Camilla. The 58-yearold married the prince in April after a relationship that stretched back three decades — and was interrupted by their marriages to others. For many fans of the late Princess Diana, she remains the woman who broke up the fairytale royal romance, although both Charles and Diana acknowledged having affairs during a marriage that ended in divorce in 1996.

### Radio City officials rebuff players' strike

### Orchestra returns to work after one day

#### **Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Disappointed musicians clutched their instruments outside Radio City Music Hall as thousands of ticketholders streamed past Thursday for the annual "Christmas Spectacular," where recorded holiday music replaced the usual live orchestra in a bitter labor dispute.

The musicians pulled down their picket line and returned to work Thursday morning after a one-day strike. But they wound up stranded outside Radio City as the first show of the season went on with taped tunes.

"We are ready to play unconditionally and immediately, but apparently we've been locked out," said David Lennon, president of Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians. "We took the picket signs down, and we did it for all the audience members and all of New York."

The dispute did not affect the world-famous Rockettes dance troupe, one of the major attractions in the holiday fixture of the last seven decades. But the labor dispute raised questions about this year's show, particularly after stagehands conducted a one-night walkout Wednes-day in support of the musicians.

Radio City Entertainment, which produces the show, denied that the musicians were locked out.

"We told the musicians in no uncertain terms that until there is an agreement, and there is no possibility of them walking out on future performances, they remain on strike," management said in a 'statement distributed outside the music hall.

Negotiations were ongoing, said management spokesman Barry Watkins.

The lack of a live orchestra did little to dampen the enthusiasm of many patrons leaving the first of two shows Thursday.

"It was just as great without the orchestra," said Dorothy Weed of Norwalk, Conn. "It was fantastic!"

Wednesday's strike forced cancellation of a preseason performance that night, stranding hundreds of disappointed ticketholders as several dozen musicians picketed outside the Manhattan landmark.

The show, featuring the chorus-line kicks of the Rockettes dancers, is known around the world. Tickets run as high as \$250.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg called the dispute "very unfortunate."

"New York City is about live music, nobody suggests for a second that you would have the same quality of performance if you just play a tape, and I would just urge all parties to look not at just what's in their interest but what is in the city's interest," he said.

The orchestra's contract expired in May. The union accuses Cablevision Systems Corp., which operates Radio City, of vastly underpaying musicians who put on several shows a day throughout the holiday season.

In a statement, Radio City said it had offered the musicians increases in salary and benefits "over what is already the most lucrative contract in the industry."

Because there was no picket line, all other unions at Radio City went to work as usual.

More than a dozen Broadway musicals went dark in March 2003 for four days after the musicians' union walked out, and theaters lost millions of dollars in revenue. Taped music was used during a 2000 strike at the New York City Ballet.



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WASHINGTON — Tom Donahue, 26 years old, learned two years ago he had the virus that causes AIDS.

He told government medical advisers Thursday he had learned from a family doctor in State College, Pa., that he had tested positive for HIV. But he worries that too many people are afraid of going to clinics to get tested because others may find out.

"I live in a community surrounded by students and stigma," he said.

Donahue implored a federal panel to speed approval of the first HIV test that can be taken entirely at home, saying it will lead to more people learning sooner they have the disease.

The test, called OraQuick Advance, is made by OraSure Technology, of Bethlehem, Pa. It is already widely available in health clinics and doctor's offices, and the FDA is considering permitting it to be sold over the counter.

"I am grateful that I know. I now know I have the tools I need to keep me healthy for years to come," said Donahue, who has founded an advocacy group called Who's Positive.

The government panel, the Food and Drug Administration's Blood Products Advisory Committee, heard opinions on whether the test should be available over the counter.

An FDA scientist said the privacy and convenience of the test is a potential boon in that it could lead to more people seeking treatment earlier during the course of the illness, but the agency needs more information before it can be approved for sales directly to the public.

"Anonymous testing potentially leads to more people knowing their HIV status," Elliot P. Cowan, a product review chief at the agency, told the committee.

Still, Cowan raised a number of concerns to the panel, a group of independent experts who can recommend to the FDA whether to approve the product. The panel was not asked to make such a recommendation Thursday but may in a future meeting, and the final decision ultimately rests with the FDA.

The possible availability of the test, which relies on a swab on the inside of the mouth, has raised concerns about the potential psychological impact on people who learn they have the virus with no doctors or counselors present.

A person takes the OraQuick test by taking a mouth swab and then inserting the swab in a vial of fluid that comes with the test. Twenty minutes later, the device indicates whether it detects the presence of HIV-1 or HIV-2 antibodies inside cells picked up by the swab.

The test will not detect the virus if the person only recently acquired HIV because it takes several weeks for the antibodies to appear.

Panelists raised a variety of questions about the test's packaging, instructions and ease of use. Would it include instructions in French, given many immigrants from Africa speak French? (Company officials were open to the idea.) What happens if the cat tips over the test before it has results? (Probably need another test.) Would the test be available in jurisdictions that mandate the reporting of HIV-positive cases? (Company officials said they would address the issue with those jurisdictions).

The company has not decided at what price it would sell the kits to consumers, company officials said. The company sells the kits for between \$12 and \$17 to clinics and doctors, he said.

One professor flown in by the company to speak to the panel said her studies suggested that many people would find it a burden pay more than \$15 for such a test.

The test is accurate more than 99 percent of the time, the company says. Still, a few people will get a positive result when they don't have HIV, and anyone who gets a positive result should be confirm it through an additional test by doctors or public health officials, the company said.

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### **Blogger draws race into politics**

Rascism re-emerges after writer's depiction of Lt. Gov. of Maryland

Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A blogger's depiction of Lt. Gov. Michael Steele in minstrel makeup has brought to the surface issues of race — and fidelity to one's race — as the Republican seeks to become Maryland's first black senator.

A black man in New York who runs a left-leaning news commentary site created the image and condemned Steele last week as "Simple Sambo."

The posting highlighted the perception among some black voters that black Republicans are sell-outs who do not support their race on such issues as education and affirmative action.

Steele said he understands some black voters view black Republicans with suspicion.

"When people say you can't be black and be a Republican, I look at them and tell them, 'History proves you are wrong and your family probably proves you wrong,'" he said. "I just think that when we set up this monolithic test for individuals like myself to pass, it diminishes us."

The Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee recruited Steele to run in 2006 for the Senate seat that will become open with the retirement of Democrat Paul Sarbanes.

National GOP leaders have said they want to restore the party's historic bond with black voters and have showcased Steele, most prominently when he spoke at the 2004 presidential convention.

In remarks prepared for an address Thursday night in Baltimore, Republican National Committee chairman Ken Mehlman denounced the "Sambo" blog and said the GOP is working to become more inclusive.

"The party that was founded to eliminate slavery will not be whole again until we welcome more African-Americans back home," Mehlman said.

The blog followed other similar incidents involving Steele. The head of the state Senate in 2001 called Steele, then head of the state GOP, an "Uncle Tom." During Steele's 2002 campaign for lieutenant governor, Oreos were distributed at a debate, and an editorial in The (Baltimore) Sun said he brought little to the ticket but his skin color.

Steven Gilliard, the blogger who brought the topic to the forefront during the very first week of Steele's Senate campaign, said he does not believe that "if you are a Republican you are an Uncle Tom."

But he said it is fair to criticize Steele because when it was learned that Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich had held a fundraiser at an all-white country club, Steele initially failed to speak out against the event.

On Wednesday, Steele's staff responded by organizing a news conference with a black business leader and two black pastors — all Democrats — who were upset that racially charged terms had become part of the debate.

"I don't quite understand why Michael Steele has been targeted for this kind of hatred," said Garland Williamson, president of an organization of black business leaders. "Anybody can disagree with Michael Steele or anybody else they want to disagree with, but let's talk about the issues."

Ron Walters, author of a book on conservative public policy in the black community, said black Republicans are often "perceived to be tools of the conservative white power structure."

"Terms like Uncle Tom, sellout, Stepin' Fetchit — those terms have not come from nowhere. They have a history," he said. "It is deserved, to the degree that they support antiracial policies."

Steele never ran for office before seeking the lieutenant governor's job and so has no voting record on issues such as affirmative action and education. However, as Ehrlich's second-in-command, he presided over a commission that recommended wider use of charter schools in Maryland.

Steele also presided over a task force that changed rules to increase state spending on contracts with minority-owned businesses and to bar contractors from dropping minority subcontractors after winning a bid.

Blacks cast about 20 percent of the votes in statewide elections in Maryland, and between 80 percent and 90 percent of that vote traditionally goes to Democrats. But some believe the old suspicion of Republicans that has led to automatic support for Democrats among black voters is breaking down.

Democratic state Delegate Anthony Brown, a black man from Prince George's County, a suburb of Washington, said that in Prince George's especially, "African-Americans are much more willing these days to evaluate candidates based on what they stand for."



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### Schools invest in aesthetic appeal

#### Advocates of school design say style can foster academic advantaage

#### Associated Press

MANASSAS PARK, Va. --- As a high school principal, Bruce McDade is in charge of student learning, morale and safety. So he's become adept at interior design.

Bathroom mirrors? In his school, they are in the hallways, image-conscious where teenagers can be supervised when they cluster to check their appearance.

Classroom chairs? They are 26 inches wide, two inches roomier than normal, to keep students comfortable.

And oh yes, the window shades. McDade and his team went with ones that block glare but still permit plenty of indirect light.

In schools, style is taking on substance. From the width of the corridors to the depth of classroom sinks, the smallest detail is viewed as a way to foster an academic advantage.

Advocates of fresh school design, however, have work to do. They must show elected leaders and taxpayers that such attention to detail does not drive costs out of reach.

At Manassas Park High School, scores in algebra, geometry and writing have jumped since 1999, when students moved into a building featuring light, versatility and open spaces. McDade says he has no doubt the school's physical features have contributed to those scores.

"That's exactly the message," McDade said. "The design of this building does in fact have a measurable effect on student achievement and student behavior.

Studies support what educa-

tors consider to be common sense: Students do better in school when they hear well, see well and are not packed into tight spaces. Noise, light, air quality, cold and heat have all been found to influence behavior.

Yet there is no comprehensive research that ties smart design to achievement, said Judy Marks, associate director for the National

**Clearinghouse** for Educational Facilities.

'We have examples of kids whose schools were dark and dank and crumbly, and when their new school opened, morale increased, the community came together, teachers stayed longer. Even the football

team got better," Marks said. 'There are those anecdotal stories that can give you a glimpse, but trying to look for solid research on that is a little trickier.'

Clearly, though, the conversation about school construction is changing, as shown during a recent meeting of architects, mayors, city planners and school leaders from 38 states.

School leaders are gradually asking new questions:

What do parents and teachers want?

How can the community help design the school, then have access to it once it's built?

What kind of layout would students find so engaging it would make them eager to show up?

"Let's not build warehouses

for them," said Ronald Bogle, president of the American Architectural Foundation and former president of the Oklahoma City Board of Education. "Let's create environments that are uplifting, that are exciting, that are interesting.'

That sounds great to policymakers, until the question turns to money. Leaders are under pressure to ease crowding and

"The design of this building does in fact have a

measureable effect on student acheivement and student behavior. "

> **Bruce McDade** principal

ensure safety, which means design is often seen as a luxury.

Bogle, whose foundation leads a national drive to improve school design, said success stories need not be more expensive. The nation spends roughly \$30 billion a year on school construc-

tion, he said, and "good design can be accomplished at the same price as bad design.

In St. Paul, Minn., architects designed the John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary with ideas and money from community groups. A YMCA is built right into the school. It also has medical services, adult education, family support and housing assistance.

The point is to help children overcome any barrier that could affect their academic ability.

"It's all about results," said Pat Quinn, executive director of operations at St. Paul Public Schools. "You run a great risk if you spend your time chasing fads. What you chase has to be a proven method of teaching, and that has to be incorporated into the design."



### MIT tracks wireless users inside campus

"You can even

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**Carlo Ratti** 

director

SENSEable City

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#### **Associated Press**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - In another time and place, college students wondering whether the campus cafe has any free seats, or their favorite corner of the library is occupied, would have to risk hoofing it over there.

But for today's student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, that kind of information is all just a click away.

MIT's newly upgraded wireless network — extended this month to cover the entire school --- doesn't merely get you online in study halls, stairwells or

any other spot on the 9.4 million square foot campus.

It also provides information on exactly how many people are logged on at any given location at any given time. It even reveals a user's identity if the individual has opted to make that data public.

MIT research-ers did this by developing electronic maps that track across campus, day and night, the devices people use to connect to the network, whether they're laptops, wireless PDAs or even Wi-Fi equipped cell phones.

The maps were unveiled this week at the MIT Museum, where the they are projected onto large Plexiglas rectangles that hang from the ceiling. They are also available online to network users, the data time-stamped and saved for up to 12 hours.

Red splotches on one map show the highest concentration of wireless users on campus. On another map, yellow dots with names written above them identify individual users, who pop up in different places depending where they're logged in.

"With these maps, you can

see down to the room on campus how many people are logged on," said Carlo Ratti, director of the school's SENSEable City Laboratory, which created the maps. "You can even watch someone go from room to room if they have a handheld device that's connected."

Researchers use log files from the university's Internet service provider to construct the maps. The files indicate the number of users connected to each of MIT's more than 2,800 access points. The map that can pinpoint locations in rooms is 3-D, so researchers

can even distinguish connectivity in multistoried buildings. "Laptops and

Wi-Fi are creating a revolutionary change in the way people work," Ratti said. The maps aim to "visualize these changes by monitoring the traffic on the wireless network showing and people how

move around campus.

Some of the results so far aren't terribly surprising for students at the vanguard of tech innovation.

The maps show, for example, that the bulk of wireless users late at night and very early in the morning are logged on from their dorms. During the day, the higher concentration of users shifts to classrooms.

But researchers also found that study labs that once bustled with students are now nearly empty as people, no longer tethered to a phone line or network cable, move to cafes and nearby lounges, where food and comfy chairs are more inviting.

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### Use unity to strengthen security

It's easy to feel safe at Notre Dame.

The manicured quads, lulling study routine and organized dorm life all make us feel like we're in a bubble, far removed from the outside world.

With this sense of security in our community, we don't think twice before holding the door for someone who follows us into our dorm. And we don't think twice before leaving our dorm room door unlocked while we're at class.

It's time to think again.

A rash of thefts have swept campus this fall, occurring mostly in men's dorms. Laptops, bikes, jewelry, wallets and other valuables have been stolen in what seems to be a growing trend. A suspicious man has been seen entering dorms and walking into student rooms.

And this isn't the first time that dorm security has been threatened. Last spring, sexually explicit phrases appeared on the walls, white boards and in the showers in Pasquerilla West. Gradually, residents came forward and reported seeing a strange man around the dorm, but hours elapsed after a lurker was seen in the showers before NDSP was called to the scene.

Have we become so complacent that suspicious people can walk in and out of dorms without being reported immediately by residents who see them?

I hope that the abortion crosses that are currently on South Quad were put there for the right reasons. I hope that the peo-

ple who decided to put those crosses on South Quad did so

I hope that those activists really do care about all those

who are responsible for the cross demonstration

really do hope for the forgiveness of every

woman that had and will have an abortion.

I hope that those people who put those

crosses on our public space performed

that brave act so that more abortions

in the future can be avoided. I hope

that these crosses had nothing to

I hope that those same people

who are against abortion are the

same people who are for

increased funding for sexual

education in our public schools.

who put down those crosses are

I hope that those same people

also promoting programs for

pregnant mothers in our public

I hope that those same anti-abor-

tion activists are for a broader social

child born in this country can have access

care just as much about an aborted child as they

do about a child who has to live in a neighborhood

to health care. I hope that these activists

safety net in America, so that every

unborn children that the crosses represent. I hope that those

because they feel that God is calling them to work to fix this

It is time that students realize the downside of the Notre

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

societal injustice.

do with politics.

schools.

#### Yet ultimately, this collective alertness must be combined with individual precautions. Students ditorial must get in the habit of locking their doors. Students should carefully monitor access to main

entrances of dorms with swipe access - doors should not be propped open and temptation to hold the door open for unknown others must be resisted.

Dame bubble if a false sense of security allows thieves and

potentially dangerous people to access the dormitories, the

Instead of lulling us into this trusting naiveté, our sense of

community should intensify our vigilance and protectiveness

of our roommates' and neighbors' possessions. Just as we would quickly become concerned if an unfamiliar person

walked into our living room at home, we must utilize the

existing channels of support in the residence halls if we wit-

Perhaps there is a lesson to be learned from the dorms that are currently reacting to a breakdown in security. In its characteristically idiosyncratic way, Zahm Hall has quickly pulled together to protect its dorm against further thefts with signs, catchy phrases (you loot, we shoot) and nicknames (WD40). Vulgarity aside, the signs have raised much-needed awareness.

In order to pop the bubble of false security, it's time for other dorms and students on campus to take their own precautions to think twice and act as a vigilant community.

against sex education in American public schools. I fear that these activists are the same people who are against government assistance to poor Americans. I fear that these demonstrators do not equally care about capital punishment, war and a just economic system.

I fear that these demonstrators were influenced by a corrupt American Catholic Church. I fear that the Catholic Church in America intentionally focuses on abortion more than

other equally important issues. I fear that the Catholic Church does this for corrupt rea-

sons. I fear that the reasoning behind why the Catholic Church told politicians who supported abortion in the 2004 elections that they could not participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion was not genuine. I fear that the Church excluded these Catholics for monetary reasons. I fear that the Catholic Church, facing a decline in funds due to the child abuse scandal, came up with a plan to get donations back to a normal level. I fear that the Church targeted their biggest donors, mostly conservative, Republican-voting Catholics, by promoting their political party from the pulpit. I fear that if Democrats happened to be the biggest donors to the Church, then

a politician who voted for capital punishment or the war in Iraq would not have been allowed to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

I hope, I fear, I pray

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ness strange behavior.

homes of about 6,000 students.

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where the best he can hope for is to become a gang member. I hope that these activists yearn for justice in every stage of life from conception to death. I hope that these activists care just as much about abortion as they do about capital punishment in America. I hope that these activists will have another demonstration for the 2,000 soldiers who have died in Iraq, not to mention the 110,000 deceased Iraqi civilians. I hope that these activists are champions for all of those who can't speak in America, not only those who are unborn.

I fear that this abortion demonstration was a stunt. I fear that it was done at this time so that everyone who comes the football game on Saturday will see it.

I fear that these same students who made these crosses are

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I fear that we, Catholics, are all too blind to reality to realize what is happening right before our eyes. I fear that in America the only thing more corrupt than politics is religion. I fear that things will never change unless we take our Church back. I fear that we will allow these awful acts to continue.

I pray for the courage of every Notre Dame student to fight to change this injustice.

> James Dubray freshman Dillon Hall Nov. 4

#### **OBSERVER POLL**

Will you change your behavior based on the evictions at Turtle Creek and the stricter disorderly house ordinance?

a.Yes, I will have fewer parties. d. 33% b.Yes, I am not moving off-campus. c. No, I wasn't doing anything wrong in th first place. d.No. the ordinance will not change my behavior. \*Poll appears courtesy of

www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based

on 324 responses.



#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."

> **Albert Einstein** Physicist

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### A South Side journey

Those of you who have ever been to the Linebacker Lounge know that you can walk into the bar with certain expectations. As inevitable as the free drink coupon you get at the door, you

know your night will include tunes such as "Brown Eyed Girl," "Ignition Remix," "Only the Good Die Young" and, of course, some Journey. While hits such as "Anyway You Want It" and "Open Arms" can be real crowd-pleasers, nothing gets the Friday night crowd at the Backer on the dance floor more than



Molly Acker

Nobody Likes a Dumb Blonde

"Don't Stop Believing."

More recently, this song has seen a revival on the South Side of Chicago. It has been among the top downloaded songs on iTunes over the past couple weeks. It's impossible to watch the local news in Chicago without seeing Steve Perry appear on screen. Heck, even my grandmas know the words to Journey's famous ballad. This is all thanks to the success of the Chicago White Sox.

When I was growing up in the Chicago's Western Suburbs, it was never in vogue to be a White Sox fan. While most kids donned their blue and red Cubs hats, I had to stick to the more mundane colors of black and white. Even after I grew up and my circle of friends expanded, I still found myself in the minority. On warm summer days, many of my Cubs-fan friends like to spend several hours in Wrigleyville bars, stagger into the Cubs game for a few innings, then stagger back to the bars, talking about how much they "Love their Cubbies." As a Sox fan, I also enjoy spending a summer night at the old ballgame.

However, when I go to Comiskey Park (for true Sox fans, the name-change to U.S. Cellular Field never happened), I go cheer on my team. When the game is over, I either head to my car or hop on the train to get back uptown, because going to a Sox game is about baseball; not people watching at overcrowded bars.

Part of the reason that there has been nothing trendy about being a White Sox fan is due to the fact that the Sox have gone relatively unnoticed in the baseball world. The Cubs attract fans with an archaic stadium that doubles as the world's largest outdoor beer. They have cute little curses involving goats to explain their chronic losing.

The Cubs have enjoyed a reputation as baseball's "loveable losers," whereas the Sox were its "forgotten losers." They were never good enough to win, yet never bad enough for people to realize that they hadn't won. They never had the high payrolls that are commonplace in Los Angeles. Their roster never included the names of legends like those who played in the Bronx and they never had a nationwide following like the team in Boston. Simply put, the Pale Hose have always been a blue-collar team — the second team in the Second City.

Nevertheless, week after week, year after year, arguably baseball's most loyal fans cheer on the White Sox. Though small in number, we supported our team despite the fact that our last World Series title was not even broadcast on the radio — radio broadcasts hadn't been invented yet. Even our last go at the Series was back in 1957 and so you can imagine the astonishment Sox fans when the Pale Hose jumped out to their best start in franchise history this spring.

We all watched the season with cautious optimism. The Sox started strong and had the best record in baseball by Memorial Day. Even though the team seemed to be running on all cylinders, we held our breath because, "C'mon, it's the Sox! When do we ever win?" But then again, could this be our year?

The summer passed us by, and the Sox clinched the division title in late September. Much to our surprise, they got on a roll and began winning playoff games in bunches. Can they really do it? Could our Sox get to the World Series? Well, it happened. On Sunday, Oct. 16, 2005, the Chicago White Sox beat the Angels in 5 games to advance to their first World Series in 46 years.

It was at this time a story came out about one of the players, Joe Crede. In early August, Crede and some teammates found themselves in a New York piano bar celebrating a win over the Yankees. Crede, apparently a fan of '80s music, demanded that the pianist, "Play some f\*\*\*ing Journey!" Well, once word of this spread, Sox fans, young and old alike, decided to play some Journey too. We adopted "Don't Stop Believing" as our post-season mantra. Last Wednesday the Sox found them-

Last Wednesday the Sox found themselves up three games to none in the World Series. Hoping that they would sweep the series, I took a gamble and "journeyed" to the South Side to cheer on the Pale Hose with some true fans. We won the game 1-0, swept the Astros, and celebrated our first World Championship in 88 years. It was like nothing I had ever experienced.

As "Let's Go Go-Go White Sox" (the Sox fight song) and "Don't Stop Believing" played on repeat until the wee hours of the night, I witnessed complete strangers hug each other and grown men cry. There wasn't a person there who was not thinking of a deceased parent or grandparent who had waited many years, but never got to experience this sort of moment. It was a magical night; after all those years of putting our faith behind the Sox and believing they could do it they did. And so we danced and sang — I know you all know the lyrics. "Working hard to get my fill Everybody wants a thrill Paying anything to roll the dice Just one more time Some will win, some will lose Some were born to sing the blues Oh the movie never ends It goes on and on and on and on Don't stop believing Hold on to that feeling"

And so for "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers," who stood by the Sox for so many years with nothing in return, these words really resonated. Sticking by them through the wins and the losses finally paid off, because we never stopped believing.

For those of you who are not baseball fans, or even those who are Astros fans, you may not see what this has to do with you (heck, you may have stopped reading once you saw the words "White Sox"), but this is a good message for everyone to take note of. We are all at a time in our lives where the future is uncertain. At times we get discouraged. Let's face it, there's a lot of pressure on us — will I find the perfect job? Will I get that internship? Can I get into my top medical school?

Of course, I don't have the answers to these questions, but this I can tell you — don't stop believing. Believe in yourself. Believe in God and believe that he will help you. While all of us Sox fans are still "holding on to that feeling" of a victory, follow our example of persistence and faith. Just think, if the White Sox can win the World Series, then you can do anything you set your mind to.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Humor offends some and amuses others

### Insensitivity inexcusable

In response to the letters from comedians and other students defending the jokes made during a stand-up show, we would like to express our disappointment in approval for jokes that were clearly

performed, came to the defense of Seath in his Oct. 31 Letter to the Editor, "Missing the Point." Berry had a joke in which he mentioned the taboo word "nigger." He justified it as an attempt to show the growing numbness towards an offensive word. However, this word has not become numb by any means when some still refer to blacks as "niggas" in a demeaning way. The jokes made by Berry and Seath were a display of insensitivity and a lack of consideration for minority students at Notre Dame. Parks had not yet been laid to rest when these comedians attempted to make jokes about her efforts and used a word she had more than likely been called numerously. Too often minorities on this campus are forced to remain silent about incidents involving race because they are often convinced by some of their peers as overreacting. But there is no justification for these comments and we will not be convinced otherwise.

### Humor: A paradoxical solution

You know the details — tasteless jokes were made, feelings were hurt and angry letters were written. Sensitivity? Good taste? Katrina?

The key issue is this: some people are ffended by some jokes. Are these "insensitive" jokes permissible? Fortunately for you, I have a simple solution. I am offended by jokes that aren't offensive. Bland, tasteless drivel that sounds like it was read off a Popsicle stick makes my blood run cold with disgust and hot with anger. Humor that doesn't come at someone's expense is cheap. If Mickey Mouse would be proud to say it, then I don't want to hear it. But now because of my tasteless taste in humor, there are no jokes left in the world that offend nobody — either they offend somebody, or they offend me. I am sorry, Ashley. Williams ("Understanding sensitivity and toler-ance," Oct. 31), but our goal of being perfectly inoffensive all the time is fantasy. The authors of "Jockular" never offend me. Monday's strip ("Slutty Nurses") is great. It is not the issue. The real issue is the menagerie of "sexy police officers," "sexy referees" and "sexy ....

ladies" that I saw last weekend (Unfortunately, not everyone followed the sensible advice in Pete Schroeder's Monday, Oct. 31 column, "Don't be a Halloweeny").

I'm a white male, and I've heard all the jokes about my resulting (lack of) ability to dance. The jokes sting — with the truth. Yet, to ask somebody to please be more "sensitive" is to ask to censor the truth. This is the point that Kimberly Baker ("Recognizing the value of others," Nov. 1) misses: women aren't demeaned by "Jockular" --- they are demeaned, rather, by the culture that tells them to "sexify" their outfits. Censoring "Jockular" doesn't solve the problem; it merely deprives my of my daily chuckle. As Will Seath and Elizabeth Deak ("Ignoring the context," and "Comedy a useful tool," Oct. 31, Nov. 2) explain (way much more eloquently than I'd have stated it), the sting of humor is often the sting of self-scrutiny and unabashed criticism. Good humor puts a stitch in my side ... because it really hurts.

offensive.

Will Seath's joke about black students of Notre Dame being able to sit in the front of the dining hall diminishes the significance of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus. Jim Crow laws mandated segregation on busing as a way of making blacks feel inferior to their white counterparts. Parks' actions were a means of demanding her rights as a human being and an equal citizen, something that should not be made light of by a tasteless joke. Seath also made another joke he failed to mention in his letter which asks why sitting in the back was a problem considering it is where all of the cool people sit. Perhaps for blacks during the Jim Crow era, sitting in the back lost its "cool" appeal when they were forced to sit or stand uncomfortably in the back of the bus when seats were available toward the front.

Brian Berry, another comedian who

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Vice President Notre Dame Chapter of the NAACP Nov. 3 Jeff Smith junior Sorin College Nov. 2

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oussou N'Dour is a globally revered, Grammy winning artist, known for his wide range of work and styles. The Senegalese artist, known as the "Voice of Africa," will perform here at Notre Dame's Leighton Concert Hall this Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. His performance will include selections from his newest and Grammy-winning album "Egypt."

Youssou N'Dour is one of the most celebrated African artists. Rolling Stone claims, "If any third world performer has a real shot at the sort of universal popularity last enjoyed by Bob Marley, its Youssou, a singer with a voice so extraordinary that the history of Africa seems locked inside it." His large, international fan-base is the result of his incredibly eclectic music styles. He is strongly rooted in and inspired by his homeland's rich musical culture. His music contains Senegal's many

different sounds, from the traditional and modern music and Sufi Muslim chants. He is most unique, however, because he draws inspiration from the many other sounds of the world, including different areas of Africa, Cuba, Western hip hop, jazz, soul and pop. The result is one of the most global sound one can hear, described by the Guardian as, "the finest example of the meeting of African and Western music." His music is so appealing throughout the world because of his unique voice and deeply intelligent music.

N'Dour inherited his musical skills from his mother and joined a popular music group, Super E'toile De Dakar, at nineteen. The group, led by N'Dour, forged mbalax, an upbeat style blending African, Caribbean and pop rhythms. They performed for the first time in Europe in 1984 and in North America the next year.

N'Dour gained greater recognition in the West in the late 1980s, when he collaborated with other famous musicians, such as Paul Simon, Peter Gabriel, Sting, Neneh Cherry, Wyclef Jean and many others. With the international release of "Set" and the famous single "Shaking the Tree," N'Dour was nominated for a Grammy and signed with Columbia Record's 40 Acres and Mule Label.

As well as being a prolific and unique artist, N'Dour is a powerful cultural icon and advocate of social issues. He is a Goodwill Ambassador to the UN, Ambassador to UNICEF and an elected Ambassador to the International Bureau of Work. In 1985, Youssou organized a concert for the liberation of Nelson Mandela. Three years later, he performed at Mandela's birthday concert, when he was the President of South Africa. He also toured with the Amnesty International concerts throughout the '80s and continues to give concerts for children with AIDS. In 1988, N'Dour toured with Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen, Sting and Tracy Chapman on the Amnesty International Human Rights Now! tour. In 2000, he was one of the prominent performers at the Jubilee 2000 concert, consecrated by Pope John Paul II for the relief of Third World debt.

N'Dour will perform selections from "Egypt," his newest album, which earned him his first Grammy for the "Best Contemporary World Music Album," This album is a radical change of pace and style for the artist, synthe-

sizing only northern and western African sounds. It is a highly spiritual album, focusing on the religion of Islam, specifically the Sufi practice that dominates Senegal. "Egypt" challenges Western musical preconceptions and presents a different very different worldview. N'Dour explained to the BBC and Al-Jazeera, " 'Egypt' is an album which praises the tolerance of my religion, which has been badly misused by a certain ideology ... Our religion has nothing to do with the violence, with terrorism." This album is a stunning experience and an opportunity that N'Dour has given his Western audience to appreciate the beauty and diversity of the Muslim world.

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#### **DPAC SPOTLIGHT**

### Imani Winds join forces with Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra



Photo courtesy of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts

Imani Wind will join together with the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra on Friday. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$4 for seniors and \$5 for faculty/staff.

#### By BRIAN DOXTADER Assistant Scene Editor

A unique and invigorating blend of African, European and American music will be featured on Friday, as a professional wind quintet joins the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra onstage in the Leighton Concert Hall.

The Imani Winds, a young group of touring and recording musicians, will be featured in a collaborative concert with the student musicians of the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. The two groups will play together, covering both classical pieces and Imani Winds-originals.

The Imani Winds are a quintet featuring Valerie Coleman (flute), Toyin Spellman (oboe), Mariam Adam (clarinet), Jeff Scott (French horn) and Monica Ellis (bassoon). Known for their dynamic playing and innovative programming, the quintet has already garnered attention and exposure, including performances on NPR and the festival circuit. They have toured extensively, both at the college-level and at festivals, and have already performed at several noteworthy festivals this year, including the Florida International Festival, the Vancouver Chamber Music Festival and the Oregon Bach Festival.

Musically, the quintet is far more adventurous than the average classical group. Seeking to tie together the seemingly disparate styles of European, African and American music traditions, their repertoire is more diverse than most. Featuring works by such distinctly different composers as Dvorak, Schubert and Gershwin, the Imani Winds uniquely invigorating musicality links the eclecticism together. Additionally, their concerts often feature self-penned compositions like flutist Valerie Coleman's "Afro-Cuban Concert for Wind Quintet and Orchestra."

The Imani Winds formed in 1997 and released their first recording, "Umoja," in 2002 and have recently released their major-label debut. "The Classical Underground" (available from KOCH International Classics) features both original compositions and interpretations of traditional pieces. The energetic performances and impressive musicality heard onstage is featured on both recordings, which can be obtained at the group's Web site, www.imaniwinds.com.

In addition to their touring and recording, the quintet is extremely active in the community, as they have taken time to participate in many residency and community outreach programs. Through these programs, the Imani Winds seek to educate on both African Diaspora and Western classical traditions in a classroom setting.

The Imani Winds will be featured in conjunction with the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra. The Symphony Orchestra is an organization of student musicians and is under the direction of Daniel Stowe. Tomorrow will mark the first time the two groups have played together.

Tickets are available from the DPAC Box Office and are \$3 for students, \$4 for seniors, \$5 for staff/faculty and \$6 for the general public. The concert is on Friday at 9 p.m. in the Leighton Music Hall, located in the DPAC.

## NOTRE DAME'S BEST... **T-Slint**

BY OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF



Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but we doubt there is much love lost between The Shirt committee and this pink parodist.



Some days, all you need is the shirt God gave you. But if you need a victory, there no choice but to add a logo.



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Photo courtesy of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Art

The Imani Winds are a quintet that features flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn and bassoon. The group formed in 1997 and released its first CD in 1992.

They're red, weird and unapolagetic: Zahm's tradition of outrageous dormwear leaves other halls in the dust.

For next week: What are the best windows on campus? Send your suggestions to obsphoto@nd.edu.

### NBA Shaq sprains ankle in 105-102 loss to the Pacers

Marion and Nash lead Pheonix over Los Angeles, despite 39-7-5 from Lakers' Bryant

#### Associated Press

MIAMI — Jermaine O'Neal was celebrating. Shaquille O'Neal was on crutches.

A look at either O'Neal told the story Thursday night.

Indiana's O'Neal scored 27 points, six in the final three minutes to help the Pacers recover from wasting a 14-point second-half lead and beat the Miami Heat.

"There were a lot of times we could have broken down," said Ron Artest, who

added 22 points for the Pacers who have won 13 of their last 14 regular-season meetings with the Heat. "But we didn't. We stayed together throughout this whole game."

Shaquille O'Neal sprained his right ankle midway through the fourth quarter; X-rays

were negative, but Heat coach Stan Van Gundy expects his center, who had 18 points and six rebounds, "to miss some time."

Dwyane Wade had 31 points and 10 assists for the Heat, but his 3-pointer to tie rattled out as the buzzer sounded.

"It was like the Wheaties commercial with [Michael] Jordan," Wade said of his final shot. "It went around and played with me, and came out. I got a good look, got a good shot. It went in and came out."

The Heat led for only 19 seconds — Udonis Haslem scored the game's first basket — but still had chances to win their home opener.

Miami forced Indiana into 10 straight missed shots over a nine-minute stretch of the second half, allowing the Heat to claw back from a 73-59 deficit. And a 14-6 run in the fourth drew Miami into a 93-all tie.

"We knew they were going to make runs," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "We knew Wade was going to play big down the stretch. When that happens, we had to keep our poise and composure. We did that and made the plays we had to make to win."

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whole game."

**Ron Artest** 

**Pacers guard** 

Gary Payton made a layup and was fouled by Jamaal Tinsley to get Miami within 93-92. Tinsley was whistled for a technical, and Wade made that free throw to tie it - but Payton missed the one that would have put Miami ahead.

That was a theme for the Heat: Miami was 27-for-42 from the foul line, plus committed 17 turnovers that Indiana turned into 20 points. The Heat couldn't even blame the woes on their center who

has notorious free throw problems: Shaq was 6-for-8 from the line. "It'll get better

as we go, but it's going to require a focus from a lot of people," Van Gundy said. S t e p h e n Jackson's two

Jackson's two free throws with 1:37 left gave Indiana a 103-97

lead, but the Heat answered with five points in the next 29 seconds. Wade hit a 3-pointer and Haslem put back Payton's miss with 1:08 left to draw Miami to 103-102.

Jermaine O'Neal made two free throws with 50 seconds left, and Miami didn't score again.

"We showed a lot of composure from start to finish," Jermaine O'Neal said.

Tinsley had 13 points, and Austin Croshere and Jackson each had 11 for Indiana. Haslem had 14 points, while Antoine Walker and Alonzo Mourning each scored 12 for Miami.

"We pulled for each other when things got tough," Tinsley said.

Artest, who was booed when introduced before the game, had 10 points in the opening quarter, silencing the sellout crowd with a 3-pointer shooting it 8 feet behind the arc and over Haslem's outstretched arm — at the buzzer to push Indiana's lead to 29-23.

That shot was part of an 11-0 run by the Pacers, who used five quick second-quarter points from Sarunas Jasikevicius to

Jermaine O'Neal celebrates after scoring a basket against Miami Thursday night. O'Neal led the Pacers to a 105-102 win, scoring 27 points.

build a 34-23 lead.

Miami scored seven straight points to claw within 43-40 with 5:21 left in the half, but another end-of-period heave — this time, a long jumper by Jermaine O'Neal with .8 seconds remaining — allowed Indiana to take a 59-50 halftime lead.

#### Suns 122, Lakers 112

The Phoenix Suns weren't about to blow a big fourthquarter lead a second time, although they came close.

Shawn Marion had 30 points and 11 rebounds, Steve Nash had 17 assists and 12 points, and the Suns held off the weary Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday night.

The Suns, who blew a 17point lead in the final quarter before losing 111-108 to Dallas in double overtime Tuesday night to start the season, led by 17 with 8 1/2 minutes left in this game.

But the Kobe Bryant-led Lakers got as close as three points before the Suns scored the game's final seven points.

James Jones added 17 points and Raja Bell and Kurt Thomas each scored 14 for the Suns.

Bryant led the Lakers with 39 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Lamar Odom had 23 points, 16 rebounds and eight assists, and Smush Parker matched his career high with 21 points.

The game was the Lakers' home opener, and their first regular-season game at Staples Center since Phil Jackson was rehired as coach. They opened the season with a 99-97 overtime victory in Denver on Wednesday night.

Jackson received a loud ovation before the opening tip not long after saying fans attend NBA games to watch the players, not the coaches.

"The excitement is on the floor," he said.

The Lakers won only 34 games last season and missed the playoffs for just the second time since 1976.

As they did in the second and third quarters, the Suns dominated in the first few minutes of the final period, outscoring the Lakers 11-2 for a 106-89 lead with 9:09 remaining.

It was 108-91 when the Lakers went on a 12-2 run, making it 110-103. The Suns extended the lead to nine before Los Angeles went on a 7-1 run to draw within three points with 2:11 remaining.

But the Lakers wouldn't score again.

Jones made a 3-pointer with 1:57 left, Bell added a jumper with 51 seconds to play, and Nash made two free throws with 30 seconds remaining to complete the scoring.

The Lakers had won 12 of their previous 13 home openers.

The Suns outscored Los Angeles 9-3 to start the third quarter for a 75-59 lead. With Odom scoring seven points and Parker adding five, the Lakers went on a 12-2 run to draw within six points.



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#### **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**



Louisville running back Michael Bush follows his blockers on his way to **115** yards rushing in Thursday night's 42-20 win over Pitt. Bush also scored two touchdowns before being sidelined with a sprained left foot.

### **Bush leads Pittsburgh over Louisville**

#### Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Few games have gotten off to a wilder start than Louisville-Pittsburgh on Thursday night \_ two touchdowns in the first 25 seconds, both on kickoffs. But by game's end, the result was routine: another lopsided Louisville win.

Michael Bush rushed for 115 yards and two touchdowns and Art Carmody tied a school record with four field goals as No. 24 Louisville controlled the game in the second half en route to a 42-20 win over the Panthers. Louisville (6-2, 2-2 Big East) has won two straight after losing its first two league games and temporarily falling out of the top 25. The Cardinals, wearing black jerseys for the first time since the 1984 season, became bowl eligible with the win in front of a record crowd of 42,692 at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

At the beginning it kind of felt like it was a little video game," Bush said. "After that, we got ourselves together and we made a couple of nice plays and we were able to get the win. Things just settled down in the second half."

Pitt (4-5, 3-2) had a three-game winning streak snapped. The Panthers must win their final two games, against Connecticut and No. 18 West Virginia, if they are to extend their streak of consecutive bowl appearances to six.

Louisville, known for its high-scoring offense, wore the Panthers down with long, clock-chewing drives after halftime. The Cardinals scored the game's final 23 points and held a commanding edge in time of possession, 37:10 to 22:50 for Pittsburgh, and never punted.

Bush's second score, a 3-yard run in the third quarter, was his 20th rushing touchdown of the season, tying the school record set by Lenny Lyles in 1957 and matched by Eric Shelton last season.

Bush, the NCAA Division I-A scoring leader, left the game after that with a sprained left foot. X-rays taken Thursday were negative, and Louisville spokesman Rocco Gasparro said Bush would undergo an MRI exam on Friday.

#### Men's Soccer Poll

|    | team                 | record | Prev, |
|----|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1  | Akron                | 16-0-1 | 1     |
| 2  | New Mexico           | 12-1-1 | 2     |
| 3  | Maryland             | 13-3-3 | 3     |
| 4  | North Carolina       | 10-3-2 | 9     |
| 5  | Indiana              | 10-1-6 | 5     |
| 6  | Santa Clara          | 12-3-1 | 6     |
| 7  | Connecticut          | 12-3-1 | 7     |
| 8  | Duke                 | 10-3-2 | 4     |
| 9  | Old Dominion         | 13-2-2 | 8     |
| 10 | California           | 11-3-1 | 11    |
| 11 | Hartwick College     | 10-3-1 | 13    |
| 12 | Southern Methodist   | 10-5-2 | 9     |
| 13 | Virginia Tech        | 10-3-4 | 20    |
| 14 | Duquesne             | 12-3-0 | 21    |
| 15 | UCLA                 | 10-3-2 | 17    |
| 16 | St. John's           | 8-4-5  | 15    |
| 17 | Creighton            | 9-4-3  | 16    |
| 18 | Brown                | 10-3-1 | 18    |
| 19 | NC State             | 10-5-1 | NR    |
| 20 | Virginia             | 11-3-2 | 12    |
| 21 | Seton Hall           | 12-3-2 | 14    |
| 22 | Cal State Northridge | 11-2-3 | 25    |
| 23 | UC Santa Barbara     | 10-3-3 | 22    |
| 24 | Fairfield            | 10-3-3 | 24    |
| 25 | Yale                 | 8-2-4  | NR    |

#### Women's Soccer Poll

|    | team                | record | prev. |
|----|---------------------|--------|-------|
| 1  | Penn State          | 19-0-0 | 1     |
| 2  | Portland            | 17-0-1 | 2     |
| 3  | North Carolina      | 17-1-0 | 3     |
| 4  | UCLA                | 15-1-2 | 4     |
| 5  | NOTRE DAME          | 17-2-2 | 5     |
| 6  | Florida State       | 16-2-0 | 6     |
| 7  | Santa Clara         | 14-3-2 | 7     |
| 8  | Virginia            | 13-4-1 | 10    |
| 9  | California          | 12-3-2 | 9 .   |
| 10 | Texas A&M           | 13-3-2 | 11    |
| 11 | Marquette           | 17-2-1 | 12    |
| 12 | Duke                | 12-4-1 | 13    |
| 13 | Boston College      | 11-4-2 | 8     |
| 14 | Brigham Young       | 15-1-3 | 15    |
| 15 | Connecticut         | 14-3-2 | 14    |
| 16 | Tennessee           | 12-5-1 | 16    |
| 17 | Cal State Fullerton | 15-3-0 | 18    |
| 18 | Florida             | 13-4-1 | 17    |
| 19 | West Virginia       | 11-4-3 | 19    |
| 20 | Purdue              | 11-6-1 | 24    |
| 21 | Gonzaga             | 11-3-4 | 20    |
| 22 | Utah                | 13-5-1 | NR    |
| 23 | Colorado            | 10-6-3 | NR    |
| 24 | Clemson             | 9-7-2  | 23    |
| 25 | Dartmouth           | 11-3-1 | NR    |

#### **Men's Cross Country**

|   | team          | points |
|---|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Wisconsin     | 476    |
| 2 | Arkansas      | 468    |
| 3 | Colorado      | 442    |
| 4 | Stanford      | 432    |
| 5 | NOTRE DAME    | 414    |
| 6 | Brigham Young | 402    |

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### around the dial

College FootBall Toledo at Ohio 8:00 p.m., ESPN2

#### PGA

The Tour Championship presented by Coca-Cola 11:30 a.m., ESPN

### Injured hockey player to receive workers' comp

NORFOLK, Va. — A former minorleague hockey player who injured his shoulder in a fight he claimed his coach told him to start is entitled to workers' compensation, a Virginia appeals court ruled.

The Virginia Court of Appeals upheld a Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission finding that "fighting is an integral part of the game of hockey" and that Ty A. Jones' injury arose in the course of his employment as an "enforcer."

Jones' former team, the Norfolk Admirals, had argued that the fight amounted to willful misconduct and that he was not entitled to workers' compensation.

L. Steven Emmert, a leading Virginia appellate attorney and hockey fan with no connection to the case, suggested the finding Tuesday was so obvious that it does not amount to much as a legal precedent.

"This court finds that fighting is an

integral part of hockey," Emmert said. "Thirty million Canadians could have told you that."

#### Texas track finally set for second NASCAR race

FORTH WORTH, Texas — It took nine years and a lawsuit to get it, but Texas Motor Speedway is finally ready to put on the second NASCAR Nextel Cup race it coveted for so long.

The Dickies 500, the eighth race in the 10-race Chase for the championship, is set for Sunday, and it looks like it will be worth the wait.

More than 200,000 spectators are expected for what could be a pivotal race in the championship. And, to make it even more interesting, the track on the north edge of Fort Worth has put up a purse of more than \$6.8 million, easily the biggest payoff in the Chase.

"NASCAR fans have waited nine long years for this race and there is a tremendous buzz going on about it," said track president Eddie Gossage. "The first camper showed up 17 days

#### prior to the race." Injured Owens returns to practice

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens returned to practice Thursday, a day after he was listed as doubtful for Philadelphia's game at Washington on Sunday.

Owens sprained the same ankle he had surgery on last year in last Sunday's loss to Denver. He was upgraded to questionable for the Eagles' matchup against the Redskins.

Meanwhile, quarterback Donovan McNabb missed his second straight practice with a rib injury, and was downgraded to questionable.

"He did a nice job," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We limited his reps, but he did a nice job when he was in there."

Reid said Owens has been spending most of his time in the trainer's room trying to get his ankle ready."It's a matter of getting the swelling out," Reid said. "We'll see where it's at tomorrow."

#### **PGA**

### Bryant finally starting to believe he belongs

Tour Championship successful so far for 42-year old grinder

Associated Press

ATLANTA - What was shaping up as a record round Thursday at East Lake suddenly was in peril as Bart Bryant planted his feet on the grassy mound of a bunker and chipped awkwardly to the hole.

He would have been happy to get it within 10 feet. Imagine how he felt when his shot hit the pin, rattled the cup and settled a few feet away.

"My caddie and I looked at each other and said, 'This is your day," Bryant said.

The career grinder and late bloomer must be

starting to think this is his year. Bryant was nearly flawless Thursday in the Tour Championship, making an auspicious debut by setting the course record with an 8-under 62 to take a two-shot lead over defending champion Retief Goosen.

He was the only player in the 29-man field without a bogey on his card. He missed only two greens and two fairways. Caught between clubs on the par-5 15th, he went with a hybrid and knocked it within 6 feet for an eagle

Maybe now the 42-year-old Bryant will start believing he

Woods and Sergio Garcia were at 66.

Woods was at 5 under through eight holes and was poised to shoot 29 on the front until failing to convert an easy up-and-down for birdie from the bunker. He struggled the rest of the way, but had few complaints.

Bryant had nothing to complain about, either. He wound up breaking by one shot the East Lake record set by Vijay Singh in the first round of the 1998 Tour Championship.

Goosen made eight birdies in a round of 64, the same score he shot on the last

day a year ago to win the Tour Championship. This time, it wasn't even good enough for the lead. "I had a funny

**Charles Howell III** golfer

"I saw him at 8-under and thought he was playing a scramble with Ted Purdy.'

feeling somebody would shoot low around here ... if weather the stayed the way it was," Goosen

said. Not many would have guessed it would come from a player who had never seen East Lake until this week.

"What a round of golf that is," Charles Howell III said after a 67. "I saw him at 8-under and thought he was playing a scramble with Ted Purdy."

Twelve out of the 29 players at East Lake broke par, a tribute to a gorgeous afternoon with hardly any wind, and a course that is playing firm and fast

Even so, Bryant's score got everyone's attention.

Bryant's expectations keep getting higher, although it wasn't always that way. There were times he would lie awake and wonder if his journey through the smaller tours and too many trips to Q-school were a sign that maybe he should find

### **Tourney goes Tway's way**

Golfer fires 64 to tie course record at SFB Classic in Mississippi

Associated Press

MADISON, Miss. — Bob Tway shot a tournament record-tying 8-under 64 Thursday for a onestroke lead after the first round of the Southern Farm Bureau Classic.

Tway, an eight-time PGA Tour winner whose last victory came at the 2003 Bell Canadian Open, matched the first-round scoring record shared by four players in Mississippi's only tour stop. Frank Lickliter was the last to open the event with a 64, in 2000. The SFB Classic's record for a low round is 61, set by Keith Clearwater in 1996.

Jonathan Byrd opened with a 65. Kevin Na, Tom Pernice Jr., Tom Byrum and Bo Van Pelt were two shots back after firstround 66s.

Tway, who started on the back nine, had four straight birdies, starting at No. 3, to get to 9 under at Annandale Golf Club. After a third straight par, the 46-year-old Tway had a chance to break the openinground record on his last hole, but left a 13-foot par putt 2 inches short.

'I don't think I know the golf course all that well," Tway said. "It's the type of golf course where if you hit it well, the greens are going to stay receptive. They're going to stay soft and each round you can have a chance to make some birdies. ... If you can make a few by getting close enough and and



Bob Tway chips onto the 9th green during the first round of the Southern Farm Bureau Golf Classic Thursday.

birdie the par-5s, you'll be OK."

Carl Petterson, whose first PGA Tour victory came at last week's Chrysler Championship, played in Tway's group and said the veteran's finesse was impressive.

"It all seemed very easy," Petterson said of Tway.

Byrd had a chance to tie Tway on his final hole, but hit his approach at the par-4 ninth into the bunker left of the green. He chipped to 5 feet and made the par putt.

Byrd, who finished in the top 10 here in 2002 and '04, made a 46-foot birdie putt at No. 14 and a 15-foot eagle putt at No.

18

"I seem to always play well toward the end of the year. I don't know why that is," Byrd said. "I've played well here in the past, I've got good memories

Na predicted a wide gap between the leaders and the middle of the pack because of the chilly conditions facing players with early tee times. The temperature at mid-morning Thursday was in the mid-50s.

"It's only been one day, but I don't believe it's going to be as bunched up as it was last year, just because it's so cold in the morning," Na said.





At left, junior Russel Carter drives the baseline to the hoop. Carter scored 11 points in 21 minutes of action Thursday. Torin Francis, center, towers over Lewis defenders in the paint. At right, freshman Kyle McAlarney prepares to dish out a pass in his first college game. McAlarney had three assists against the Flyers.

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became a reality.

Nine minutes into the game, Brey further departed from his starting lineup of Chris Quinn, Colin Falls, Russell Carter, Rob Kurz and Torin Francis, adding a 6-foot-1 freshman point guard into the mix.

It was a familiar look for the Irish. Kyle McAlarney was now occupying Chris

Thomas' spot in last season's small backcourt alongside Quinn. "I wanted to look at that

because I think we are going to have to play that

way, maybe to spread people out," Brey said. "You're worried about it defensively ... but [Quinn and McAlarney] are so good with the ball."

home crowd in his first game, drilling a 3-pointer minutes after stepping on the court. He had seven points on 2-for-5 shooting, three assists and three steals, and showed an ability to get to the basket to create scoring opportunities.

But with the variety of looks and the integration of new players into the lineup, Notre Dame started off slowly Thursday night, shooting 9-for-36 (25 percent) in the first half. The Irish led Lewis by only one point, 22-21,

heading into "We dug in pretty good halftime. "If Quinn and at man-to-man.'

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who we play, we

are probably

**Mike Brey** Irish coach

going to get beat," Brey said. Quinn and Falls combined to shoot 7-for-24 from the floor for the game and just 3-for-13 from three-point range.

It wasn't until the second McAlarney impressed the half, when the Irish went on a 16-2 run with 17:39 remaining, that Notre Dame pulled away from its Division II opponent.

The Irish began forcing turnovers and creating fast breaks during the stretch, which was high-

lighted by five points from Carter, who started his second career game with the Irish.

His play impressed Brey, who said the junior's playing time would depend on his defense and abili-

while you were out

"I thought he was disciplined defensively for the most part tonight," Brey said. "That's what he's got to do first, and then be good with the ball and easy to play with. I thought in the second half he was a little smoother to play with.'

Carter finished with 11

points on 4-for-9 shooting.

"If [Chris] Quinn and

[Colin] Falls shoot

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going to get beat.'

**Mike Brey** 

Carter's two-handed dunk off an outlet pass from Colin Falls with 6:58 remaining in the second half put the stamp on the Irish victory.

'We felt that we had to get

key stops, like three stops in a row ... to really break it open, Carter said. "We just pulled together and did the job."

Notre Dame's rough offensive start forced it to rely on defense to keep the game from slipping

away. The Irish played predominately man-to-man, but Brey refused to commit to a specific defensive identity for the remainder of the season.

"We're going to play a lot of zone," Brey said. "We may become mostly a zone team, I don't know. It was nice to see when we had to dig in. We dug in pretty good at man-to-man.

'It was good because in the first half we weren't flowing offensively. We had to rely on defending because nothing was going in on the other end.

Though Brey said before Wednesday's practice "everybody should be available," forward Rick Cornett did not dress for Thursday's game.

Brey used all of his available scholarship players in the game, most notably McAlarney and former-McDonald's All-American freshman Luke Zeller. Zeller looked impressive on both ends of the floor, showcasing his ability to rebound, block shots and stroke the midrange jumper.

He had four points on 2-for-5 shooting, grabbed four rebounds and blocked three shots.

"I thought Zeller got into a nice rhythm," Brey said.

Notre Dame will play its final exhibition game Nov. 11 against Quincy College at the Joyce Center.

#### Notes:

♦ On the first Lewis offensive possession after McAlarney checked into the game, the freshman ran into a screen near the opposite foul line and fell on the ground. He immediately got back up and bumped the opposing player who had welcomed him to the college level.

"I don't really let anybody push me around like that, no matter how big or how strong they are," McAlarney said. "That's just how my dad taught me and how I was brought up. It's part of the game though, to get knocked over like that. But its also part of the game to get right back up and hustle back."

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Irish coach ty to integrate into the offense.



#### NFL

### Sherman's future tied to QB Favre's

"I don't think

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them."

**Brett Favre** 

**Packers quarterback** 

Packers' signal-caller hopes head coach will remain in Green Bay

#### Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre says he would be reluctant to return to Green Bay next season if Mike Sherman isn't still coaching the Packers.

The Packers (1-6) are off to their worst start since 1991, which has led to speculation about Sherman's future.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Favre said Sherman's status would play an important role in his annual decision to keep on playing or to call it a career.

"I don't think there's one specific thing that would make me say yeah or no. It's just a culmination of a lot of different things, that being one of them," Favre said. "Maybe you're on the verge of saying yeah, and then you say, 'You know what, do I really want to sit in meetings and have to learn something all over again?'

"That could be the straw that breaks the camel's back."

General manager Ted Thompson, who has refused to comment on Sherman's future, was out of his office and didn't immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

Sherman, who signed a twoyear, \$6.4 million contract extension on Aug. 23 that would take him through 2007, declined comment on Favre's remarks.

Favre, who turned 36 last month, previously has said he wouldn't want to finish his career in another uniform because he's too set in his ways to learn a new offense.

Favre, who was traded to the Packers in 1992 after a year in Atlanta, has spent his entire time in Green Bay running various versions of the West Coast tle bit different, but I've been here through the evolution. No one else has. The downside of that is, it would be so hard for me to learn something new in a year.

"It would just be so difficult. I mean, it could be done. Anything can be done. We're talking about just the logistics of the Xs and Os and stuff. But when you've spent 14 years, all they have to do is come in and say right now ... instead of odd being to the left, now it's going to be to the right. You see where I'm coming from?

"It's no different than my first time in Tokyo, you're driving on the wrong side of the road and it was hell. And I didn't drive; I just rode."

Favre said that even small tweaks in the offense would force him to deprogram what he's perfected and would have a big impact on his play.

"What happens is your mind almost has just been engraved with certain things," he said. "I mean, it could be done. It would be a pain in the [rear end] I would think. Maybe I'm wrong." Favre said he

Favre said he won't know about next season until the offseason, but the weekly grind of preparing for games wears on him more with

each passing year. "It could come down to some of the littlest things, what I'm

of the littlest things, what I'm willing to put myself through. I mean, if it was coming down to just games, I don't think nothing could pull me away from the games. I love to play. I love to play," Favre said.

"But you know, I know, it's not baseball, it's not basketball. You only play three hours a week. You spend all this time people think at home that I just show up on Sundays and we play. I'm here taking a damn nap here at lunch, spend all day and watch film at night. For three hours. And if it doesn't go your way, it's so disappointing all the time you've put into it."

Favre pondered retirement last winter while his wife, Deanna, was undergoing treatment for breast cancer, the latest in a long list of tragedies to strike the Favre family.

### This could be the year for Colts

Indianapolis will take on New England in Monday night game

#### Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — By next week, the Indianapolis Colts will no longer have to wonder if they choke when they play the New England Patriots.

They'll have the answer, for sure.

If the Colts beat New England on Monday night, they can continue to argue that their failures against their former AFC East rival have been due more to personnel than psyche. And should the Patriots win, it will be just as obvious that they simply have the Colts' number.

"Obviously, you hear a lot of 'Patriots this. Patriots that.' Rightfully so," defensive lineman Dwight Freeney said. "They've beaten us every year since I've been here. So, you have to just handle it and go out there and do what we have to do."

Patriots this: New England has won three of the last four Super Bowls. Patriots that: the last two have come after knocking the Colts out of the playoffs. Patriots one other thing: Indy came into those playoff games thinking it was their chance to finally break through against New England.

"I don't think it's any magical or special things that we do, or else everybody would be doing it," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said. "The Colts are a very good team. All of that has been in the past, as far as us winning. That was in the past. This is a new year. They're the best football team in the game right now."

The Patriots (4-3) have undoubtedly been a good team lately, as evidenced by the three silver footballs in their crowded trophy cabinet. And no one knows that better than the Colts (7-0) as they come to Foxborough for what has remained an annual rivalry game even after their move to



Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning signals his team during the Colts' 31-10 win over Tennessee Oct. 2.

#### the AFC South.

The Patriots are 17-4 against their former AFC East rivals since 1993, including six consecutive victories and seven straight in Foxborough. Peyton Manning is 10-2 against New England; Tom Brady is 6-0 against the Colts and Bill Belichick is 7-1 when leading the Patriots against them.

"I don't think you get psyched out by that. I think a lot of times it is just dealing with a good team," Indy coach Tony Dungy said. "In the years I have played the Patriots, we haven't beaten them, but not that many other people have beaten them either. I think we have had a team that is good enough, but we just haven't done it."

But this year is supposed to be different: Indianapolis is the last unbeaten team in the NFL and 1 1/2 games better than its closest pursuer. And even though the Patriots have won the last two Super Bowls, this year they've struggled to overcome the kind of injuries they shrugged off in the past.

Safety Rodney Harrison is out for the season, cornerback Randall Gay has missed four games and defensive lineman Richard Seymour has missed three. Running backs Corey Dillon, Kevin Faulk and Patrick Pass are all ailing.

That tells a lot about why New England has already lost more games this season than in the previous two. And why the Colts have their best chance yet to stop answering questions about the hex the Patriots hold over them.

"The only way we can end that is to win some of these games," Dungy said. "The last four years, they have been the dominant team in the league and a lot of people are chasing them, including us."

Belichick also denies there is any magic to the streak, noting that New England won last year's opener 27-24 when McGinest sacked Manning for a 13-yard loss, forcing Mike Vanderjagt to try a 48-yard field goal that he missed with 19 seconds left. Manning threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns.

"Well, look," Belichick said when asked about his team's success against Manning. "He's completed plenty of passes against us. I'm sure he probably had to ice down his arm a couple extra days after the opener last year, he got tired of throwing those 60-yarders."

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#### SMC BASKETBALL

### Bender loses in first scrimmage with Belles

#### By JACK THORNTON Sports Writer

With the first regular season game just two weeks away and only two full weeks of practice behind him, first-year Belles' coach Steve Bender decided to throw his players into the fire and see what they were made of.

"I wanted to scrimmage somebody that would just kick our fannies, you know, because that's a great wake-up call and that's exactly what we need," Bender said. "It doesn't do us any good to go out and thump somebody and get a false sense of secuirty. I love to go out and just play tough people.

Bender got what he was hop-

ing for Thursday. The Belles hosted the fitter, more-seasoned Lady Pilots of Bethel in a threehalf scrimmage, falling 109-62 and dropping the first two by a combined score of 85-50.

We were a lot more conditioned than they were," Lady Pilots guard Abby Noll said. "We started off kind of slow, but we got up and down the court a lot quicker than they did. I just think we wore them out.<sup>4</sup>

The evening started out well for the Belles. Saint Mary's zone defense was solid early, forcing Bethel to take risky threes. On offense the Belles converted both in transition and in the half-court set and took an 11-9 lead with under 11 minutes left before things fell apart. Utilizing a string of costly Saint Mary's turnovers, the Lady Pilots went on a 10-0 run and never looked back.

"When Saint Mary's was fresh, they were executing very well," Bethel coach Jody Martinez said. "They had the lead, they kept it close, but as our condtioning came into effect in our transition game, then we wore them out. It's obvious that we've practiced longer."

Bethel has now had 24 practices plus Thursday night's scrimmage, while Saint Mary's is just entering its third week of practices.

"What we can get out of this is that we'd like to get transitionwise where Bethel is," Bender said. "They get up and down the court, but I think two more weeks from now, we'll get closer."

Saint Mary's couldn't provide much of a defensive challenge to Bethel, which didn't play three of its starters. The Lady Pilots shot over 50 percent (33-for-65) from the field in the first two halves, including a 9-for-16 performance from behind the arc in the second half.

"My teammates got me the ball, and just set good screeens, and we had really good ball rotation tonight," said Noll, who led the Lady Pilots with 20 points.

The night wasn't without a few bright spots for Saint Mary's. The Belles were 5-for-10 from 3-point range in the first two halves and outscored Bethel 24-12 in the third half.

"I think that we exectued

offensively very well," said Belles guard Nicole Tucker, who led Saint Mary's with nine points. "I just think that we missed a lot of blooper shots.'

Thursday was Bender's first game action as head coach, giving Saint Mary's fans a chance to see the impact he'll make with his motion-style offense.

"I saw a lot of good things," Bender said. "We just missed a lot of easy stuff and they were hotter than a firecracker. I really think we've got a lot of good parts, we just broke down mentally a little bit when things got bad, but that's just frustration and that's my fault, we'll eventually get there.'

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### MEN'S SWIMMING Familiar faces meet today

#### **By KEVIN BRENNAN** Sports Writer

Pittsburgh is not used to finishing second. For eight straight seasons, Pitt captured the Big East title. Last year, though, Notre Dame dethroned the Panthers and won its first ever conference championship.

The two teams will meet again today in a head to head matchup at Pitt's Trees Pool at 4 p.m. in Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame coach Tim Welsh doubts the Panthers have forgotten who stole its perennial crown a year ago.

"Take a guess whether we think they are going to be ready?" Welsh said.

As the top two programs in the Big East, the Irish and Panthers have developed an intense rivalry. In the dual meet held at Notre Dame last year, the Irish outlasted Pitt by 3 hundredths of a second in the final race to come out on top.

"It's a very healthy rivalry. It's very spirited," Welsh said. "It's made both teams better.'

The No. 19 Irish enter today's

meet coming off a disappointing loss at No. 15 Purdue. The **Boilermakers defeated Notre** Dame 182-118, but Welsh was encouraged by many of the times the Irish posted.

"Last week's loss was disappointing to be sure," Welsh said. "But we also had a number of events where we got faster.'

Nonetheless, Welsh knows the team must improve across the board to come away from Pittsburgh with a victory.

'There isn't a single race where we would say right now 'We are as fast as we want to the coach said. "We spent be.' a lot of our training week this week looking at specific areas that we can improve in each of our races."

Notre Dame expects to hold an advantage over Pittsburgh because of its superior depth. While the Panthers have a concentrated group of swimmers who post excellent times, the Irish rely on a larger contingent who all are capable of racing at the same speed.

Pittsburgh traditionally holds the edge over the Irish in diving, however. The Panthers return an experienced and successful group of divers and have added Alex Volovetski, one of the top freshman divers in the nation.

"Their divers have been the lead divers in the Big East for a long time," Welsh said. The Irish will counter with a

young but talented foursome of divers in freshman Michael Bulfin and sophomores Mike Maggio, Sam Stone and Chris Kane. Bulfin has already established himself as the team's top diver after just three career collegiate meets.

Notre Dame is excited to have the opportunity to take down its top Big East rival this early in the year.

"We're eager for the meet and we are looking forward to the races," Welsh said. "We know that in order for us to become the team we want to become we have to win tough meets on the road.

'We are eager for the challenge.'

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### WOMEN'S SWIMMING Big East competition looms for swimmers

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where we want to

be at this point."

The Irish will take on Pittsburgh today in conference match

By GREG ARBOGAST Sports Writer

Notre Dame will get its first taste of Big East competition this season when it travels east to take on Pittsburgh today "We've had some

at 4 p.m. The Irish enter the meet following a tough weekend that included a close loss to No. 8 California and a defeat to in-state rival No. 15 Purdue. Though Notre Dame lost both meets, the Irish remained upbeat about

the season. "We've had some really great swims so far," junior swimmer Katie Carroll said.

"We're right where we want to be at this point.

The Irish have reason to be positive despite their two losses last weekend, as there were strong performances across the board. Carroll won

six events over the weekend, and the Notre Dame freshmen showed great promise, totaling three first-place finishes and one second-place finish

Pittsburgh enters Friday's meet with confidence after a convincing victory over Big East opponent Syracuse last week.

The Panthers won 10 events

in the meet on their way to a 173-70 victory that pushed their record to 2-0 and 1-0 in the Big East.

**Despite** Notre Dame's inferior record and Pittsburgh's strong start, the Irish have high

also the season in general.

"Our goals are beyond the Big East season," junior Jessica Stephens said. "We hope to take care of the competition in the Big East, and then focus our attention to the NCAA Championships.'

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Katie Carroll Irish junior

hopes for not only this weekend's meet but

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The Bats dodged several late bullets last week to pull out a 14-0 win over O'Neill. Zahm captain Pat Gourley said he was disappointed the defense allowed so many yards, as he believed the game was closer than the score indicated. However, he feels the team has to move on.

"We're really trying to take the positives out of it," Gourley said. "Our corners really stepped it up in the fourth quarter, and our red zone defense was key to winning."

The Bats forced a turnover on downs three times inside their own 20-yard line to preserve the victory.

Gourley was quick to point out his undefeated team was not looking ahead to the championship game.

"We're not expecting it to be easy," he said. "Everyone knows it. It's going to come down to who wants it more."

The Bats' captain also mentioned that the game could very well be decided by whoever controls the line of scrimmage. That will be key in stopping the vaunted Morrissey rushing attack, he said.

Led by team captain and fullback Nick Klein, the Manorites hope to be the first team to solve Zahm's stellar defense.

"We know that they have a good defense," Klein said. "But we just have to wait and see how our guys handle it." Klein, who rushed for 86 yards last week, also commented on the importance of winning the battle in the trenches.

Last week, Morrissey pulled out a thrilling 13-7 win over Siegfried, with Klein scoring the winning touchdown with 23 seconds remaining in the game.

Despite such an emotional finish, Klein assured that his team would be mentally prepared for Sunday's game.

"We don't want to focus on fearing a letdown," Klein said. "We have to get our guys to realize how close we are to the Stadium."

Defensively, Morrissey may have its hands full in containing the trio of quarterback Sean Wieland, who threw two touchdowns last week, wide receiver Jake Richardville and tailback Theo Ossei-Anto.

"They have a balanced attack, but we think that we can give them a good game," Klein said. Defensive linemen John Bush

and defensive back Dan Kiesa hope to play pivotal roles in stopping the Zahm offense.

On the other side of the ball, Bob McQuiston, who recorded

two sacks last week, and Jake McDonald lead a unit that recorded seven sacks against O'Neill.

**Nick Klein** 

Morrissey captain

#### Keenan vs. Carroll

This Sunday, the Blue league's second-place finisher will clash with the Gold league's best in a men's interhall semifinal between Keenan and Carroll. Few teams have shown the

balance and dominance of these two squads, each standing at 4-1 after wins in their respective quarterfinal games. Last week Keenan easily handled Sorin, shutting the Otters out 14-0. Despite the win, Knights' captain

Vince Lyzinsk wasn't too impressed with his team's play. "We didn't play very well against Sorin, we actual-

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very well against Sorin, we actually had a pretty bad game," he said. "We could-

n't run last week, and if we can't run this week, we won't win."

Keenan's two touchdowns both came courtesy of quarterback Rob Colly — one on a quarterback sneak and the other on a 60-yard pass from Colly to receiver Dan Zenker. Lyzinski said the Knights have practiced hard this week for a chance to go to the championship game in Notre Dame Stadium.

"They're a really good team, so we got back to fundamentals during practice, and now we're ready to play the game," he said. "The intensity has been stepped up."

Carroll also scored two touchdowns in its first round victory over Dillon, but the outcome was much closer then Keenan's win over Sorin. The Vermin found themselves down 6-0 at the half to the Big Red, but overcame the deficit and a touchdown by Dillon to win 14-13. Mark Bennett caught a long touchdown pass, and captain Kory Wilmot scored on a 5-yard run to account for the two Vermin scores.

The narrow victory seems to have reinforced Carroll's feeling that a championship this season is meant to be.

"We have a lot of confidence," Wilmot said. "We've won our last four games, and we're riding pretty high on confidence. Our guys look pretty good. They're intense; they know the significance of this game."

Both teams feel they can win Sunday's matchup. But both have a lot of respect for their opponents and neither is expecting an easy victory. "Keenan is a really good team, they have a lot of guys who can play," Wilmot said. "The key is defense. If our defense comes to play, we can beat anybody. That whole side of the ball has a lot of responsibility. They have a good offense, and our defense has a big job to do this week."

"We're ready," Lyzinski said, "When we look at Carroll, we see a mirror image — the same weapons on offense, the same tough defense. We know how good we can be, and how good they can be too."

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A Carroll receiver dives for a pass in Carroll's game against Fisher on Oct. 2. Carroll faces Keenan Sunday in the semifinals.



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer A Morrissey running back evades the reach of a lunging Stanford defender in the teams' game on Oct. 13. Morrissey hopes to knock off Zahm in the playoffs Sunday.





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#### Women's Interhall Football — Quarterfinals

### Walsh begins title defense this weekend

Cavanaugh will try to continue undefeated season against Badin

By DREW FONTANAROSA, JAMES FEGAN and GREG ARBOGAST Sports Writers

Many teams don't get a second chance. But on Sunday, the Chicks of Lewis get just that as they take on the defending champion Wild Women of Walsh in a 3 p.m. women's interhall playoff game at the West Quad fields. The game will be a rematch of the squads' season opener.

The Wild Women used two interceptions by cornerback Julie Campbell and three team interceptions overall to beat the Chicks by a score of 12-7 on Sept. 20.

"The score wasn't indicative of the game," Lewis offensive captain Kara Bailey said, pointing out that the three turnovers led to one Walsh score and halted two promising Lewis drives.

She insisted she wasn't pointing fingers, however, as she attributed the problems to the team's offensive unfamiliarity.

Senior guarterback Elisa Valdez, a Cavanaugh transfer, was not only making her first start for Lewis but the first of her career. Her teammate says she's improved.

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"I don't even know if she's thrown an interception since," Bailey said.

Walsh captain Mary Ellen Botta would probably disagree, however, as she continuously praised the ability of her defense for the Wild Women's success.

"Not only are they tough, but they have scored points all season," Botta said.

Botta singled out starting cornerbacks Campbell and Patty Rose, a senior co-captain, for their excellent play all season.

Not to be outdone, Bailey also lauded the toughness, speed and agility of Lewis' defense. She didn't forget the offensive side of the ball, either.

"We're a very balanced team," she said.

While both teams are confident in their football abilities, they also both expect experience to play a role.

The Wild Women believe last year's title run, in which they beat the Chaos of Cavanaugh 20-7 in the Stadium on Nov. 14. 2004, will be a distinct advan-

tage. "We're definitely confident," Botta said. "But not overconfident."

Lewis, as Bailey put it, went through a "transition year" last season but believes it can fall back on Stadium experience from 2003, when the Chicks lost 7-6 to Badin in the finals, a defeat that Bailey says is still very fresh in the minds of Lewis'

upperclassmen. "We will expect to win," Bailey said.

When asked for any special preparations, Botta believed none were in order.

"We will treat this game as any other we have played," she said.

#### Cavanaugh vs. Badin

Cavanaugh has every reason to be confident.

It enters Sunday's 1 p.m. women's interhall playoff game against Badin at West Quad fields on a roll.

After falling one game short of the title last season, losing 20-7 to Walsh in the championship game, the Chaos have responded with their second consecutive undefeated regular season.

Quarterback Lisa Ruffer has teamed with a stout defense that blanked Badin 13-0 on Sept. 27.

If the Chaos win Sunday they could have a rematch against Walsh in the semifinals. The Wild Women face Lewis at 3 p.m. Sunday at West Quad fields.

Badin, which has struggled to a 1-4-1 record this season, believes the task it faces is great.

They're a very good team," Badin captain Meg Charlebois said. "We'll need our older players to step up on defense, particularly Laura Feeny and Katie Fraetz.'

The Bullfrogs believe they stand a chance if they can contain Lisa Ruffer in the pocket. While she is a more than capable passer, Badin wants to force

Cavanaugh to throw to keep Ruffer from scrambling for yards.

Cavanaugh's defense is yet problem for the another Bullfrogs.

Led by Lauren Manning, middle linebacker Karri Bergen and defensive end Kat Moravek, the Cavanaugh defense has lived up to its nickname all season. It frustrated Badin freshman quarterback Katie Rose Hackney in the teams' previous matchup.

#### McGlinn vs. Pasquerilla West

Sunday's 2 p.m. game at West Quad fields between No. 4 seeded McGlinn and No. 5-seeded Pasquerilla West will be a rematch of a closely-contested late season game.

In that matchup, which ended in a 0-0 tie on Oct. 11, both teams had trouble moving the ball as each defensive line put excessive pressure on the quarterback.

The Purple Weasels forced McGlinn quarterback Becky Brown to throw two interceptions and induced four consecutive incompletions from their own 4yard line in what proved to be the decisive defensive stand of the game.

"PW has a couple of great secondary players, and they were able to catch a couple of 50/50 passes last game," McGlinn captain Bridget Meacham said. "Other than that, I thought we played their defense very evenly." As for Sunday's game, McGlinn and Pasquerilla West enter as teams going in opposite directions. McGlinn currently has a two-game winless streak including the tie with Pasquerilla West and its last result, a 14-0 loss to No. 7 seeded Welsh Family. That makes two games in a row that the Shamrock offense has failed to score, but Meacham thinks this contest will turn out differently.

"We have some new plays for this game," she said. "We're also more relaxed and focused as we were taking ourselves too seriously at the end of the season."

Pasquerilla West, on the other hand, comes into the game off a convincing 26-6 win over Mod Quad rival Pasquerilla East.

The offense shut out by McGlinn was firing on all cylinders as quarterback Cara Davies had three touchdown passes all to wide receiver Maureen Spring.

#### Welsh Fam vs. Pangborn

Welsh Fam will take on Pangborn in a semifinal matchup 4 p.m. Sunday at West Ouad.

The winner of the game will play either Lewis or Walsh, depending on who wins that game.

Pangborn is seeded No. 2 and Welsh Fam is seeded No. 7.

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"We know we're a good team and we know we re a good team won that game," Chapman said. "Not a lot of teams get the chance to play a team you lost to.

With NCAA tournament seeding on the line, Notre Dame has an extra incentive to perform this week-

"We know we're a good

team and we know we

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**Candace Chapman** 

Irish captain

end, unlike last year when the Irish headed into the conference tournament undefeated.

"I haven't thought too much about it [in the past] because my focus has always been on the NCAAs," Waldrum

said. "I've probably thought about [it] more this time. The tournament in the Big

East has never been a big goal. For the first time ... it is."

Even if the Irish win this weekend's tournament, Waldrum is concerned that it will not be enough for Notre Dame to obtain a top seed.

'I'm not the most optimistic about it," Waldrum said. "I think some other things still would need to fall into place for us [to be in the top four]."

They will meet No. 11 Marquette tonight, with the winner moving on to play either Connecticut or West Virginia Sunday in the Big East Championship, also to be held in Milwaukee.

The Irish have not lost at home all sea-

son, compiling a 10-0 mark in South Bend. Their only two losses have come on the road - at Santa Clara and Marquette.

But the Marquette team

that upset Notre Dame in late September will face a very different Irish team tonight.

For starters, Irish defender Kim Lorenzen will play for the Irish tonight. Lorenzen was injured in the previous meet-

ing. "We've got a team full of stars with kids like Chapman and [freshman forward Kerri] Hanks and Isenior forward Katie] Thorlakson," Waldrum said. "But I think Kim has always been the one player that I've said we can't do without.

With Notre Dame's ability to pressure teams on offense and kill scoring opportunities on defense, the Irish are confident about their chances this weekend even though they are matched up against a team that beat them once already.

"I think we've got to be smart," Waldrum said. "I think I've got to be a better coach than I was the last time we came here. I really wasn't at my best, in hindsight, at making some moves.'

Öffensively, there are not many teams that can compare to Notre Dame. Hanks (22 goals, 13 assists) and Thorlakson (15 goals, 26 assists) lead the team with 57 points and 56 points, respectively.

Thorlakson, who is seeking her first Big East Tournament title in her final season, was named the conference offensive player of the year Thursday night in the Big East awards banquet. Hanks took home rookie of the year honors

When Amanda Cinalli is added to the mix, her six goals and 14 assists give the Irish an offensive unit that has 139 points on the season.

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tonight and the final scheduled for 12 p.m. EST Sunday, Waldrum said he plans to use a heavier batch of substitutions than he did in the loss, especially because of the quick turnaround if the Irish advance to the finals.

"We've got to try to ... stay fresh," Waldrum said. "I think we'll keep mixing it up.'

#### Notes:

◆Junior Jen Buczkowsi took home the Big East's top honor for midfielders in the awards banquet Thursday. With Thorlakson, Chapman and Hanks also claiming top honors in their categories, Notre Dame became the first team to win four major Big East awards in a single year.

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#### **MEN'S SOCCER**

### Irish face St. John's in Big East second round

Notre Dame fresh off win over Syracuse in tournament's opener

By KATE GALES Associate Sports Editor

In sports, there aren't always second chances.

But the Irish are getting one this weekend as they face conference foe St. John's in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Jamaica, N.Y.

"I think the guys are very excited to back to St. John's because we felt that was one of the games where we really didn't acquit ourselves too well," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "Same team, same venue — if we're lucky we'll see if we can do better."

The Irish lost to St. John's 2-1 on Oct. 16 in an early-season road match. It was the Big East opener for both teams and featured St. John's at a No. 10 ranking and the Irish at No. 16.

Playing at St. John's is difficult for any visitor, and the Irish have never won at the site.

"It's because you play on field turf and you've got to adjust your game ... there's certainly things you can do that certainly, I think we can do better," Clark said. "I don't think we did such a good job the last time and there's a few things I think we feel we can improve on."

St. John's is 9-2-3 against Notre Dame all-time. However, the Irish knocked off the Red Storm to win the Big East tournament title in 2003.

The Irish finished with a 6-4-1 record in the competitive Big East. The conference had four teams ranked in the latest Soccer America top 25 — No. 5 Connecticut, No. 20 South Florida, No. 23 St. John's and No. 24 Seton Hall.

"Every game's tight, if you look at the Big East that's the way it is," Clark said. "Let's be honest ... if you can just take one game back and you're pretty well in there."

The Irish tied Syracuse 0-0 in the first round of playoffs, but won 4-2 in penalty kicks. Last year, the Irish were eliminated from the Big East tournament by Seton Hall in penaltake place next weekend at the University of Connecticut. Past this weekend's game, the Irish are fighting for a bid to the NCAA Tournament. By winning the conference tournament the team can receive an automatic bid. They are in solid position to make the tournament now but have not clinched a spot. Another win, especially over a program like St. John's, could make their case for the selection commitThey know what's at stake, but the Irish are continuing to take it one game at a time.

"The mood's been good all season, it's been strong, it's been a strong mentality," Clark said. "This has all the makings of a very good team — I don't think there's any question in anyone's mind about that, certainly not the coaching staff."

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Irish midfielder Ian Etherington kicks the ball during Notre Dame's 4-2 penalty-kick victory over Syracuse Wednesday.



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Justin McGeeney, Ian Etherington, Kurt Martin and Matt Besler scored in the shootout for the Irish, with Besler notching his first career goal to clinch the match.

The Irish were coming off a dominating 4-0 victory over then-No. 16 Seton Hall as Notre Dame finished the regular season on a high note after a hard-fought 3-0 loss to No. 4 Indiana in a regional rivalry match.

If they win Saturday, the Irish will advance to the conference's Final Four. The semifinals and final match will



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probably most similar to Denver in the way they play.

"They have a lot of speed and they play an aggressive style. They have an aggressive penalty kill and an aggressive power play, which concerns me because that's where we broke down against Denver."

The Wolverines are 5-1-1, having tied No. 10 Michigan State and lost at Alaska-Fairbanks 4-2.

Michigan led by junior Matt Hunswick, who has racked up 10 assists already this season and sophomore Kevin Porter, who has found the back of the net six times.

Pearce's shutout Saturday left him in serious contention to replace incumbent junior Dave Brown.

Jackson said he has yet made a decision about a perm a n e n t

starter. "Right now I'm looking to maintain a rotation until I feel like one of them is ready to become 'the guy,'" he said. "If somebody plays two or three

good games in row, they'll probably get the fourth start."

As for Friday's game, Jackson said he will not pick



Senior center Matt Amado digs the puck out of the corner during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over Princeton Saturday. The Irish face No. 3 Michigan tonight at home.

a starter until after the team's morning skate. Jackson said he hoped the

student section would reach the level of

excitement found at Notre Dame's regular season home o p e n e r a g a i n s t Princeton. "The stu-

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Jeff Jackson Irish coach

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n i g h t , " Jackson said. "It wasn't quite as good on Saturday night. If we can get the students like they were last Friday night on a regular basis that helps our team immensely." Jackson, whose previous college head coaching job was at Lake Superior State, praised the Notre Dame Pep Band for its role in contributing to the Joyce Center environment.

"I can't say enough about our pep band," he said. "We've got one of the best fight songs in the world, if not the best."

Both Friday's game at the Joyce Center and Saturday's game in Ann Arbor will face off at 7:35 p.m.

The Irish return home to face Bowling Green at the same time Thursday.

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SMC Swimming

### Rose-Hulman will test winless Belles

"Our team still has a

lot of training to do."

Katie Dingeman

**Belles captain** 

Saint Mary's hopes to improve in second meet of young season

By DEIRDRE KRASULA and BECKI DORNER Sports Writers

The Belles will certainly have their hands full Saturday as they look for their first win of the season versus the Rose-Hulman Engineers at Wabash College.

Saint Mary's looks to move in a positive direction after disappointing perform-

ances in its first meet as it lost to Hope 89-11 and Olivet 98-13.

A confident Rose-Hulman should be ready for the challenge, energized after

recording several top finishes in the recent Monmouth Invitational. The invite field included national swimming power Chicago and Division I Western Illinois among the sixteam field.

Junior Erin O'Connor of the Engineers led the team's effort with two first-place finishes and part of a relay victory. O'Connor won the 100-butterfly in a time of 1:04.71 and the 100-breast-stroke in 1:11.82.

The 400-medley relay team of Chrissy Guidi, O'Connor, Elaine Kratz and sophomore Anita Isch captured top honors with a time of 4:24.46 as well.

Saint Mary's captain Katie Dingeman stresses that it is still early in the season.

"Our team still has a lot of training to do before we get to where we want to be," Dingeman said.

Yet the Belles look to Saturday as a chance to move forward.

'We want to improve our individual times and continue to have

fun," she said. Rose-Hulman is a new opponent for the Belles as a non-MIAA team. It will be Saint Mary's last opponent before

embarking on winter training. After Saturday, Saint Mary's next meet will not take place until the Jan. 14 when the Belles take on Alma at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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BCS ranking, the schedule is oddly turning against the Irish when they need it most.

#### **Uncontrollable disparity?**

Notre Dame ranks No. 69 tied with Clemson, Iowa. St, Memphis and Wyoming - in strength of schedule by cumulative opposition. This means, factoring the records of all teams on Notre Dame's 2005 schedule, past and future, the Irish have fallen behind 68 of them in the strength of their opponents' performance. Those 68 teams include Rice. Wake Forest and even Temple.

The past five seasons, Notre Dame has averaged about No. 19 in that statistical category.

Last season, the Irish finished No. 7 in the country in strength of schedule. And in 2003, Notre Dame was No. 3 behind only Alabama and Florida, respectively.

The same teams on the schedule last season are there again this season. So is the situation out of Notre Dame's control?

"It's just another example of how you really don't know how it's going to play out," Notre Dame assistant athletic director John Heisler said from his office Oct. 27. "You have these names on your schedule, and at the end of the day, no matter who it is — whether it's Michigan or USC or whether it's Pittsburgh or Purdue ---you don't know how good they are and you don't have any control over that.'

Notre Dame, and any also has no control over how the schedule strength affects BCS standings, which ultimately determine postseason aspirations and revenue gains for participating schools.

Division-I program in general,

But the schedule strength clearly is hurting the Irish at this point.

How the BCS system works BCS standings rank Divisionteams from one through 25. There are three systems, and each counts for a third of the final "BCS average," the decimal point that determines the rankings.

There is the Harris Interactive Poll, the USA Today Poll and the computer rankings. The Harris Interactive polls former players, coaches, administrators and media. USA Today polls coaches. But the computer rankings, with six different contributors, factor schedule strength along with other stats into their final decision.

Therein lies the difference between Notre Dame being No. 14 at the moment, or potentially much higher [see graphic].

While the Harris Interactive and USA Today polls each list the Irish at No. 9 by their calculations, the computer rankings push Notre Dame back to No. 22.

The Irish get an automatic bid to a BCS bowl game if they are ranked sixth or better with nine wins. Notre Dame also is eligible for BCS bowl selection if ranked No. 12 or better with nine wins.

But average all three of its rankings together, and the Irish are still eight spots out of receiving an automatic BCS

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| 3. Virginia Tech  | 3         | 0.9250     | 3    | 0.9232  | T-2           | 0.940 | 0.9294  |
| 4. Alabama        | 4         | 0.8683     | 4    | 0.8703  | 4             | 0.870 | 0.8695  |
| 5. UCLA           | 6         | 0.7781     | 7    | 0.7742  | 6             | 0.810 | 0.7874  |
| 6. Miami (Fla.)   | 5         | 0.8106     | 5    | 0.8290  | . 10 .        | 0.630 | 0.7566  |
| 7. Penn State     | 10        | 0.6435     | 11   | 0.5981  | 5             | 0.830 | 0.6905  |
| 8. LSU            | 7         | 0.7685     | 6    | 0.7839  | T-14          | 0.510 | 0.6875  |
| 9. Florida State  | 8         | 0.6892     | 8    | 0.6839  | T-14          | 0.510 | 0.6277  |
| 10. Ohio State    | 12        | 0.5565     | 12   | 0.5335  | 8             | 0.700 | 0.5967  |
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| 14. Notre Dame    | 9         | 0.6602     | 9    | 0.8374  | 22            | 0.160 | 0.4859  |
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bowl bid.

#### The schedule bowl

Heisler said the BCS bowl picture rebounds to influence the way in which programs now compile schedules. In the past, a team like Notre Dame did not have to schedule while wary of a postseason formula.

"There was really no formal mechanism in terms of the bowl games other than they were probably extending invitations historically at some point in the month of November, quite often when teams still had games to play,' Heisler said.

In 1978, for example, Notre Dame went 8-3 but still received an invitation - which it accepted — from the Cotton Bowl. The BCS, not in existence at that time, was created prior to the 1998 football season partially, Heisler said, to

avoid situations such as bowls being determined before a season's completion.

"That's probably prompted people to take a harder look at their schedule and say, 'Hey, whatever we're being handed by our conference or in our position as independent, 8-3 probably isn't going to be good enough to make the cut, even more so as an independent,' Heisler said.

You'd love to play the Michigans and the USCs every week, but that's just not reality.

#### An evolving future

New NCAA legislation has increased the Division-I football regular season to 12 games, beginning next season, so schools' scheduling tactics will be evolving yet again.

Once the 12-game season becomes the norm, for example, schools will have room for only one bye week, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday. That will eliminate any speculation on the effect of having two bye weeks so close together, as Notre Dame did this season (Oct. 8 and Oct. 29), but won't have a drastic effect on the team, according to the coach.

"If [the bye week] is early in the year, you have to use it to push your system," Weis said. 'If it's in the middle of the year, you've got to use it to rest your guys. You just have to make sure whenever those bye weeks occur, you use them to the greatest benefit.'

Notre Dame is also inching closer to securing "neutral site" games for the 2009 season and afterward. Heisler said Notre Dame is heavily considering the states of Florida and Texas as locations for its 12th game. Notre Dame plans to schedule seven home games and four away games along with the "neutral site" game in those seasons. "We've had a very good response from various

Notre Dame is ranked No. 9 in the Harris Interactive and USA Today polls, but its No. 22 standing in the computer rankings drags the Irish to No. 14 overall.



Poll percentages are calculated by dividing team poll-point totals by common numbers unique to each system.

The BCS average is calculated by averaging the percent totals of the Harris Interactive and USA Today polls and computer rankings.

MATT HUDSON/Observer Graphic

cities/bowl games/sports commissions," Heisler said about interest from possible hosts for the "neutral site" game. "We've kept folders and promised to get back to people as we get to the decision-making point. We just haven't quite pulled the trigger on any of these vet."

#### Doing what they can

Though the schedule and postseason pictures inevitably will change again in the future, all the 2005 Irish can do at the moment is fight for wins and the let the rankings take care of themselves.

Though Tennessee is No. 9 in the country in strength of schedule, none of the four remaining teams on the Irish slate are even close to BCS contention. And that is where the interesting contrast exists.

Year to year, in a sport with a constantly evolving postseason format, all programs -Notre Dame included — must adjust to a common set of rules and polls, though season to season, those same rules seem to backfire in different wavs.

However the rules of the BCS and the laws of scheduling change, all a program can do is adjust.

Things could change yearto-year relative to the NCAA and the window of these playing seasons just like they do with other sports," Heisler said. "The harder thing is that with football, your schedule is being done — more so than other sports — on more than just a year-to-year basis.

'The way we're doing our scheduling, when we've got all 12 games in our hands, there'll be much more of an ability for us to create ... It's not going to be anyone else's fault if the schedule doesn't





Darius Walker outruns Panther defenders in Notre Dame's 42-21 victory over Pittsburgh on Sept. 3.

Pittsburgh's woes have hurt Notre Dame's strength of schedule in the BCS computer rankings.

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#### **EUGENIA LAST**

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dolph Lundgren, 48; Adam Ant, 51; Kate Capshaw, 52; Dennis Miller, 52

**Happy Birthday:** Face your problems head-on this year instead of waiting for someone else to take the lead. There is nothing wrong with changing your mind along the way, but don't contribute just to complain when things don't go your way. Be a participant. Your numbers are 1, 4, 11, 14, 28, 35

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Talks will lead to resolution, so clear up whatever you can today. Be concise and don't let anyone put words in your mouth. Your strong convictions will attract someone who can make an interesting partner.\*\*\*\*\* TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your mind should be on money and contracts. The more you can do to finalize what you want, the better. Take care of any legal matters quickly before they get out of hand. A new partnership may be just what you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's time to set the record straight and terminate dead weight. Professional moves will lead to a positive future. Your ability to sell yourself will seal a deal. \*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have a much wider view of the possibilities being presented to you. Don't stop short of getting everything you want. If you hold out just a little longer, everything will fall into place. \*\*\* LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): No one will know what you want or where you are headed today. You will be up and down and will exude excitement and adventure. You'll be hard to resist and difficult to keep up with. \*\*\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Relieve the tension you are feeling by getting into

a competitive situation. Once your mind is preoccupied with winning, you will find the everyday chores a piece of cake. Make plans to do things with family.\*\*\* LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The more you move about, the better you will do and the more you will learn. You will find a new way to make money and, if you follow through, you will be able to change your life. Romance is in the picture.\*\*\*\* SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You probably won't see things too accurately, especially when dealing with personal issues. A chance to get involved in a new project may sound fantastic, but be careful about putting your own money on the line. Financial risks will not pay off. \*\*\* SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be questioning your direction, but

don't fret -- that is the only way you will discover what you really want to do. Change is inevitable, so don't fight it.\*\*\* CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't get angry because a group you belong

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# **S**PORTS

#### **Men's Interhall Semifinals**

### **Stadium awaits winners**



Keenen back looks for a hole in the O'Neill defense on Oct. 13.

Morrissey hopes to take down top-seeded Zahm in Sunday's semifinal

By COLIN REIMER and TIM KAISER Sports Writers

A trip to Notre Dame Stadium is on the line Sunday as top-seeded Zahm clashes with Morrissey at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field, the first of two men's interhall semifinal contests that day.

The game features teams that possess power running games and stingy defenses. Both squads pulled out close wins last week and are prepared for what promises to be a very physical battle.

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A Morrissey runner seeks open field in the Manorites' game against Stanford on Oct. 13.

#### HOCKEY

### Notre Dame prepares for No. 3 Wolverines

Irish turnaround is on the line tonight as team faces highly-ranked Michigan at the JACC

By CHRIS KHOREY Sports Writer

After earning its first win of the season last Saturday, Notre Dame will face a tough challenge this weekend in its Central Collegiate hockey association opener, a homeand home-series against No. 3 Michigan beginning tonight at 7:35 p.m. in the Joyce Center.



The Irish are 1-3 and are

back behind a shutout from freshman goalie Jordan Pearce to win 2-0

Pearce was named CCHA rookie of the week for his 27save performance against the Tigers.

The Wolverines will be the third top-10 team Notre Dame has played this year.

The Irish faced No. 10 Denver and No. 1 Colorado College in a western road trip

Oct. 21 and 22. "We've picked them all, haven't we?" Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said. "It seems like every team we've played has been No. 1 at some point.'

Jackson said the experience of playing the Colorado schools will be a positive against the Wolverines.

"Playing teams like Denver and Colorado College can only help us," he said. "Michigan's

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### **ND WOMEN'S SOCCER** Irish want revenge at Marquette

By BOBBY GRIFFIN and **KEN FOWLER** Sports Writers

A month ago, the Marquette Golden Eagles embarrassed Notre Dame, 4-1, in the team's worst conference loss in a decade. Tonight, the Irish hope to return the favor and further their quest for the team's first **Big East Tournament title** since 2001.

No. 5 Notre Dame travels to Milwaukee to face No. 11 Marquette in the Big East semifinals today, attempting to win its first conference postseason crown in four years against a team that knocked the Irish off on Sept. 30.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said the team's 4-1 loss earlier this season to Marquette has inspired the Irish leading up to the weekend competition.

"I probably haven't seen them this excited for a Big East Tournament in the last few years," he said. "It's something they're looking forward to.

Senior Candace Chapman, who was named Big East defensive player of the year Thursday, knows what it means to have the chance to play a team for the second time in a season, especially when the opponent won the first meeting.

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#### FOOTBALL

### Rivals slacking when ND needs it the most

#### Strength of schedule just two, non-BCS bowl games in their previous four seasons

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lewis gives Irish a quick scare

Irish struggle early, recover to cruise by Division II Flyers



is dragging down Irish BCS ranking

#### By PAT LEONARD Sports Writer

In recent years, the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) postseason picture has not been the backdrop coloring the Notre Dame football landscape. The Irish have made

in their previous four seasons - the 2002 Gator Bowl and the 2004 Insight Bowl.

Also during this time, and especially in the past few years, Notre Dame has boasted one of the strongest schedules in the country. The statistic meant nothing when the Irish were not in bowl contention. But as Notre Dame heads into its eighth game of the season with a 5-2 record and No. 14

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#### By BOBBY GRIFFIN Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey planned to experiment with a variety of on-court combinations in the team's first exhibition game Thursday night. In a 59-40 Irish win over Division II Lewis University at the Joyce Center, his plan quickly

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Freshman guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles the ball up the court during the second half of Notre Dame's 59-40 victory over Lewis Thursday. McAlarney scored seven points and had three steals.

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### **Role reversal for Irish and Vols**

Here we go again. There's another late-season game tomorrow at Notre Dame Stadium

under fire and an offensive system that can't seem to find its way out of a paper bag. Two of the

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**Mike Gilloon** 

Sports Editor

college football history will meet in one of the best fightsong matches of the season, but the play on the field looks to be a mismatch. One team is so down after last week's loss to a school they have in the past had no trouble beating, they might not be able to get up.

But, for once, that team is not Notre Dame. The Irish aren't trying to recover from another loss to Boston College or looking for a way to somehow keep Florida State from racking up 37 points.

The team is Tennessee, and that coach is Phillip Fulmer. Fulmer shook up his coaching staff this week in an attempt to get this season back on track

as Randy Sanders stepped aside as offensive coordinator Monday in one of the scariest Halloweens in Volunteer football history.

But doesn't it feel like the roles should be reversed?

The Irish have been the team to underachieve and grasp around unsuccessfully for an effective offense in the past decade. There's no question, though, that this is a new season for the Irish — with a new coach and definitely a different offense.

It's Tennessee that has the problems. It's 3-4 record is indicative of the rocky situation on Rocky Top. The Vols don't even have a solid No. 1 quarterback this late in the year, as both Erik Ainge and **Rick Clausen** The Irish have been have tried to run this ineffective offense. The situation is so bad that several fans wore paper bags over theirheads last week during

**Tennessee's** 16-15 home loss to South Carolina, led by the least popular man in Knoxville — Steve Spurrier.

But all of this could help the Volunteers tomorrow. Will the Irish underestimate Tennessee? Are the

Irish too thrilled with the fact they are about two plays away from being No. 1 in the nation? They shouldn't be. As Irish defensive coordinator **Rick Minter** said, the Volunteers are scholarship players too. Notre Dame should remind itself that the Volunteers secondary has given up just three passing

the team to underachieve and grasp around unsuccessfully for an effective offense in the past decade.

The Volunteers are 3-4, but those losses have come to Florida. Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina - four squads with a combined record of 26-6.

touchdowns all season Tennessee will need to put on its best performance of the season to have a chance at

upsetting No. 8 Notre Dame. It just might. The Volunteers are on the

road - away from their fans, many of which have seem to have forgotten that Fulmer really is a

good coach. They don't have to hear local talk radio in Knoxville bemoaning this underperforming football team. Tennessee is hurt but very dangerous. Remember one thing the SEC is by far the toughest conference in the country. The Volunteers are 3-4, but

those losses have come to Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina - four squads with a combined record of 26-6. The Volunteers don't seem to be scared of raucous environments either — they ventured into Death Valley at LSU earlier this season and came out 30-27 overtime winners.

There's an ugly, angry, orange animal on its way to South Bend. The Irish had better have their guard up.

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### game hype



"This is the scariest 3-4 team you're ever going to go against."

Charlie Weis Irish head coach

"We're just focusing on Tennessee ... thinking about the orange and the white.'



**Corey Mays** Irish linebacker



"[Their defensive linemen] can play almost any other position on the field, with as fast as they are."

**Brady Quinn** Irish quarterback

"Sometimes life doesn't go the way you wanted it to go and you have to keep

fighting.'



**Phillip Fulmer** Volunteers head coach

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## O Captain, my captain

Brandon Hoyte demonstrates the unique combination of hard-hitting intellectual





A pensive Brandon Hoyte pauses during game action at Washington on Sept. 25, left, and breaks up a pass to USC running back LenDale White in a 34-31 loss on Oct. 15.

By PAT LEONARD Sports Writer

At first glance, this is the story of two men.

One is a Division I football player with 261 career tackles and a knack for making the big play. He's in his fourth year playing linebacker, and he hits as hard as some of the pros.

The second is a college student, quiet and reserved, who does his best thinking with a pen and a pad of paper. He attends bonfires to recite poetry and does community service.

It's interesting that at second glance, the two men are the same person. It's fitting that fifthyear senior Brandon Hoyte multi-talented and respected was named Notre Dame's defensive captain when coach Charlie Weis took over for the 2005 season.

"He may seem quiet to everyone else, but once he puts the pads on, puts the helmet on, he's a different person," Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn said Wednesday.

Quietly, Hoyte (5-foot-11, 235 pounds) has become a forceful leader for the Irish defense. Having played behind and alongside departed linebackers like Courtney Watson, Mike Goolsby, Rocky Boiman, Tyreo Harrison — even living with Derek Curry — the Parlin, N.J. native has grown through experience and inexperience, in-game situations and in a red-shirt freshman season.

Going into the fall, Hoyte made the preseason Butkus Award watch list to honor the nation's top linebacker. He was named a Lott Trophy quarter-finalist last week in honor of on- and off-field performance.

But Hoyte — the player and the poet — doesn't lead a double-life. He just lives a complete one.

"Anything you would ever ask for in a model football player, student-athlete and person and captain is what he is," defensive coordinator Rick Minter said Wednesday. "He's our coach on the field, make no mistake about it."

#### Erik, remember me?

On second-and-eight, from its own 32-yard line with less than 30 seconds remaining in the second quarter, Tennessee lined up in the shotgun. Volunteers coach Phillip Fulmer would regret the play call.

Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge fumbled the snap, and as he scrambled to recover, Hoyte steamrolled into the backfield and drilled Ainge, falling to the turf hard with the orange jersey beneath him.

Ainge had a separated right shoulder. Notre Dame had the momentum and, eventually, a 17-13 road win in Knoxville, Tenn. On Nov. 6 of last season, Hoyte made his presence known with a devastating and nearly season-saving hit.

"You don't just hit people to tackle them," Hoyte said following the game. "You tackle them so they won't get back up."

The Irish would lose to Pittsburgh the following week, eliminating the possibility of a strong finish to the season. But Hoyte had set the tone of how the Irish defense should play and of how Hoyte would become their leader.

"I think [I lead] first and foremost by producing on the field," Hoyte said. "You can say what you want, but you have to produce."

Hoyte leads the team in tackles this season with 56 (33 solo). He has four sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss — five more than the next closest player, defensive end Victor Abiamiri. Hoyte is averaging eight tackles per game and is on pace to shatter his previous season-high of 74 (2003 and 2004), But he always shifts his concentration away from previous accomplishments when he discusses his football career.

Following last season's 6-6 finish, for example, Hoyte said outright he did not play his best and that he was glad he had another year to rectify it. Now, with only four regular season games and a possible bowl berth looming on the horizon of his days wearing No. 39, Hoyte refuses still to give a final evaluation.

"I'd say [I'm] not finished because the season's not finished," Hoyte said Wednesday when asked to assess his career's progress. "Game to game, I see myself getting better." On Oct. 5, Hoyte joined a group of fellow Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students for a bonfire at the soccer field behind Angela Athletic Center. Hoyte recited two original poems to the group. He has been writing poetry since junior high school.

On April 28, Hoyte was the featured speaker for the Literary Council of St. Joseph's County's eighth annual Luncheon for Literacy.

"He was wonderful to work with," said Brenda Green-O'Connell, the council's executive director. "He's such a generous person."

In a nationwide sports atmosphere of scandal and debate, athletes like Hoyte seem to bridge the gap of understanding. His tendency to mingle with any person — athlete or non-athlete — makes him a natural favorite of those he runs into, those he has class with and those he takes snaps with. The only question remains: how many people in the world can knock a quarterback out of a game and also write poetry regularly?

"I would say it's a normal person [that can], to be honest with you," Hoyte said, laughing at any hint of abnormality in the situation.

"I just like having fun, and that's my way to have fun and my way to get away. I get away from life when I get onto the football field, and I get away from life when I write poetry."

#### Closing out

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Getting on with life after Notre

Dame should not be any more difficult for Hoyte.

Whether he continues a football career or puts his 3.35 GPA to use, the man on the weak side of the Irish linebacking corps has set himself and the Irish up perfectly.

On the field, opposing players have criticized Hoyte's speed. He is not the tallest player, either. But his vocal leadership and hard hitting have helped Notre Dame's defense — with 16 turnovers in seven games earn some deserved respect.

"We don't take him off the field," Weis said Tuesday. "He's earned our trust as the most dependable guy we have in all situations."

So maybe, as the saying goes, Hoyte is not a warrior poet at all. He is, instead, a poetic warrior, writing his final verse.

The Volunteers are in town, and Notre Dame's defensive captain has three home games remaining to close out what has been — but what he won't yet admit to be — a memorable career, on and off the field.

"I don't think you can ever sell yourself short with effort," Hoyte said. "I think that's one thing I've learned over the years playing this game is that sometimes effort beats talent, sometimes effort beats smarts.

"And I hope that at the end of the day people say, 'You know, what? That kid plays really, really hard."

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Linebacker Brandon Hoyte, top, and defensive back Ambrose Wooden take down BYU's Naufahu Tahi in a 49-23 win on Oct. 22.

#### A way with words

Hoyte strives to improve in other endeavors, as well, but they present different obstacles. In football, for example, you can't run out of ink.

Hoyte writes poetry in his spare time and even recites it publicly, proving that when people or teammates label him as "quiet," they don't mean he keeps to himself. They mean he is thoughtful and both soft- and well-spoken.

"He's one of those guys who I think is obviously quiet, I wouldn't say soft spoken," Quinn said, searching for words to accurately describe his co-captain. "But at the same time when he speaks I think everyone listens because of ... his passion."

The linebacker's passion and empathy have rubbed off on the people he has worked with off the field ever since he arrived in South Bend.

### by the numbers

Number of opponents the Irish have faced from the SEC in the last seven years — Tennessee. The Irish are 20-12 all-time against the SEC.

Notre Dame's national rank in total offense. The team is averaging 492.71 yards per game.

Tennessee's national rank in defense. The Volunteers have allowed an average of only 293.6 yards per game.

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Passing touchdowns allowed by Tennessee in seven games this season.

Touchdown passes thrown by Brady Quinn this season, breaking the record of 19 set by Ron Powłus.



Number of games in which junior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija has caught a touchdown pass — a Notre Dame record.



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### Irish experts

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Pat Leonard Managing Editor

Tennessee is better than its record shows, but the Volunteers' offense can not score enough points to beat a Charlie Weis offense. As a matter of fact, they won't score any.

With issues of strength of schedule affecting Notre Dame's BCS standing, the Irish need a dominant win over a team that, despite its record, has proven talent in the nation's best conference. Critics, be quiet.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31 Tennessee 0



**Heather Van** Hoegarden AME

Notre Dame will put up 24 points, despite the Vols' tough defense. Look for the Irish to put the game in Brady Quinn's hands, much like they did two weeks ago against BYU, and for Quinn to respond. This game is by no means a blowout, as the Vols are out to prove they are better than their record might indicate. The Irish offense is too much in this one, and the team will make the statement it has talked about making all week. FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24 **Tennessee 17** 

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### Tennessee Volunteers

| TENNESSEE<br>2005 Schedule |                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sept. 3                    | ALABAMA BIR W      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept.17                    | at Florida - L     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sept.26                    | at Lousiana St W   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 1                     | MISSISSIPPI - W    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 8                     | GEORGIA - L        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 22                    | at Alabama - L     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct. 29                    | SOUTH CAROLINA - L |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 5                     | at Notre Dame      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 12                    | MEMPHIS            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 19                    | VANDERBILT         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 26                    | at Kentucky        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

INTANGIBLES



Tennessee

**Volunteers** 

Record: 3-4 AP: NR

**Coaches: NR** 



Phillip Fulmer head coach

#### Roster

|   | NI          | Nama                                 | Dec        | ы.          | 3474       | vr        |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
|   | No. 1       | Name<br>Jayson Swain                 | Pos.<br>WR | Ht.<br>6-1  | Wt.<br>218 | YR<br>JR  |
|   |             | Kevin Simon                          | LB         | 5-11        | 234        | SR        |
|   | 2<br>3<br>3 | Robert Meachem                       | WR         | 6-3         | 218        | SO        |
|   | 3           | Adam Myers-White<br>Jonathan Wade    | DB         | 6-2         | 190        | FR        |
|   | 45          | Jonathan Wade                        | DB<br>LB   | 6-0<br>6-2  | 185<br>210 | JR<br>FR  |
|   | 6           | Rico McCoy<br>Ja'Kouri Williams      | TB         | 5-10        | 189        | FR        |
|   | 7           | Jerod Mayo                           | LB         | 6-2         | 222        | FR        |
|   | 8           | Jonathan Crompton                    | QB         | 6-3         | 220        | FR        |
|   | 9<br>10     | Bret Smith<br>Erik Ainge             | WR<br>OB   | 6-3<br>6-6  | 188<br>212 | JR<br>SO  |
|   | 11          | Slick Shelley                        | ŴŔ         | 6-4         | 180        | FR        |
|   | 12          | Lucas Taylor                         | WR         | 5-10        | 168        | FR        |
|   | 13          | Chris Hannon                         | WR         | 6-4         | 200        | SR        |
|   | 14<br>15    | Bo Hardegree<br>Sinclair Cannon      | QB<br>DB   | 6-5<br>6-2  | 218<br>210 | SO<br>FR  |
|   | 16          | Rick Clausen                         | QΒ         | 6-3         | 210        | SR        |
|   | 17          | C.J. Fayton<br>Jason Allen           | WR         | 6-2         | 202        | SR        |
|   | 18          | Jason Allen                          | DB<br>DB   | 6-2         | 202<br>197 | SR        |
|   | 19<br>20    | Jarod Parrish<br>Demetrice Morley    | DB         | 6-3<br>6-0  | 180        | JR<br>FR  |
|   | 21          | Gerald Riggs Jr.                     | TB         | 6-0         | 217        | SR        |
|   | 22          | LaMarcus Coker                       | тв         | 5-11        | 190        | FR        |
|   | 23<br>24    | Ricardo Kemp                         | DB<br>DB   | 5-11<br>6-9 | 175<br>193 | FR        |
|   | 24          | Antwan Stewart<br>James Wilhoit      | PK         | 5-10        | 193        | JR<br>JR  |
|   | 26          | Corey Campbell                       | DB         | 6-3         | 190        | ĴŔ        |
|   | 27          | Corey Campbell<br>Arian Foster       | TB         | 6-1         | 211        | FR        |
|   | 28<br>29    | Chris Brown<br>Inquoris Johnson      | TE<br>DB   | 6-3<br>5-9  | 239<br>167 | SO<br>SO  |
|   | 30          | David Holbert                        | FB         | 6-1         | 259        | so        |
|   | 31          |                                      | DB         | 5-9         | 185        | FR        |
|   | 33          | Marsalous Johnson<br>Jonathan Hefney | DB         | 5-9         | 174        | so        |
|   | 34<br>35    | Montario Hardesty<br>Jason Mitchell  | TB<br>LB   | 6-0<br>6-1  | 190<br>227 | FR<br>SR  |
|   | 36          | Roshaun Fellows                      | DB         | 6-0         | 184        | so        |
|   | 37          | Antonio Gaines                       | DB         | 5-9         | 180        | SO        |
|   | 37          | Ryan Fusco                           | PK         | 5-10        | 195        | SR        |
|   | 38<br>39    | Antonio Wardlow<br>Ryan Karl         | DB<br>LB   | 6-1<br>6-0  | 185<br>210 | FR<br>SO  |
|   | 39          | Robert Williams                      | FB         | 6-3         | 261        | SR        |
|   | 40          | Marvin Mitchell                      | LB         | 6-3         | 253        | JR        |
|   | 41<br>42    | Jared Hostetter                      | DE<br>LB   | 6-5<br>6-4  | 281<br>234 | SO        |
|   | 43          | Daniel Brooks<br>David Yancey        | TB         | 5-8         | 198        | JJR<br>JR |
|   | 44          | Omar Gaither                         | LB         | 6-2         | 230        | SR        |
|   | 45          | Cory Anderson                        | FB         | 6-3         | 275        | R         |
|   | 46<br>47    | Andre Mathis<br>Britton Colquitt     | 1.B<br>P   | 6-2<br>6-3  | 237<br>198 | FR<br>FR  |
|   | 48          | Ellix Wilson                         | LB         | 5-10        | 211        | so        |
|   | 50          | Josh McNeil                          | C<br>LB    | 6-4         | 283        | FR        |
|   | 51          | Nick Wilson                          |            | 6-2         | 220<br>306 | SR        |
|   | 52<br>54    | Rob Smith<br>Eric Young              | OG<br>OT   | 6-4<br>6-4  | 310        | JR<br>SO  |
|   | 55          | Jesse Mahelona                       | DT         | 6-2         | 297        | SR        |
|   | 56          | Jon Poe                              | LB         | 5-11        | 241        | SR        |
|   | 57<br>58    | Gerald Williams<br>James Turner      | DL<br>LB   | 6-4<br>6-0  | 226<br>219 | FR<br>SO  |
|   | 59          | Adam Miles                           | DS         | 6-0         | 233        | ŝŔ        |
|   | 63          | Eil Ash                              | OT         | 6-5         | 293        | FR        |
|   | 64          | Malcom Rawis                         | Ör         | 6-4         | 303        | FR        |
|   | 66<br>67    | David Ligon<br>Cameron Mayo          | ç          | 6-5<br>6-4  | 300<br>280 | JR<br>FR  |
|   | 69          | Ryan West                            | Ďs –       | 6-3         | 250        | jŔ        |
|   | 70          | Cody Douglas                         | OG         | 6-4         | 330        | SR        |
|   | 71<br>72    | Steven Jones<br>Albert Toeaina       | OT<br>OT   | 6-4<br>6-6  | 308<br>355 | SO<br>SR  |
|   | 73          | Michael Frogg                        | öĠ         | 6-4         | 304        | ŝÔ        |
|   | 74          | Richie Gandy                         | С          | 6-5         | 312        | SR        |
|   | 75          | Anthony Parker                       | ÔG         | 6-3         | 305        | FR        |
|   | 76<br>77    | Arron Sears<br>Dan Williams          | OT<br>DT   | 6-4<br>6-3  | 338<br>310 | JR<br>FR  |
|   | 78          | Ramon Foster                         | ŐĠ         | 6-6         | 340        | FR        |
|   | 79          | Chris Scott                          | OL         | 6-5         | 300        | FR        |
|   | 80<br>81    | Jeff Cottam                          | TE<br>WR   | 6-7<br>6-3  | 260<br>174 | FR<br>FR  |
|   | 82          | Josh Briscoe<br>Bill Grimes          | WR         | 6-3         | 207        | SO        |
|   | 83          | Wes Brown                            | DE         | 6-4 2       | 56         | Fr.       |
|   | 84          | Austin Rogers                        | WR         | 6-2         | 175        | FR        |
|   | 85<br>86    | Casey Woods<br>Brad Cottam           | WR/H<br>TE | 6-5<br>6-8  | 219<br>263 | SO<br>SO  |
|   | 87          | Justin Reed                          | TE         | 6-7         | 283        | SR        |
|   | 88          | Jake Finlayson                       | TE         | 6-5         | 284        | SR        |
|   | 89          | Antonio Reynolds                     | DE         | 6-3         | 243        | SO        |
|   | 90<br>91    | Turk McBride<br>Robert Ayers         | ÐT<br>DE   | 6-4<br>6-3  | 274<br>251 | JR<br>FR  |
|   | 92          | Justin Harrell                       | DT         | 6-4         | 306        | JR        |
|   | 93          | Xavier Mitchell                      | DE         | 6-2         | 252        | SR        |
|   | 94<br>95    | Jason Hall<br>Topy McDaniol          | DE<br>DT   | 6-3<br>6-7  | 260<br>295 | SR        |
|   | 96          | Tony McDaniel<br>Vladimir Richard    | DT         | 6-4         | 255        | JR<br>FR  |
| 1 | 97.         | Raymond Henderson                    | DT         | 6-4         | 250        | FR        |
| Ì | 98          | Parys Haralson                       | DE         | 6-2         | 248        | SR        |
| 1 | 99          | Demonte Bolden                       | DT         | 6-5         | 285        | FR        |

#### VOLUNTEERS RUSHING VOLUNTEERS PASSING

| Through seven contests,<br>the Irish run defense has<br>allowed an average of<br>119.0 yards per game.<br>Solid inside line play by<br>tackles Trevor Laws and<br>Derek Landri have helped<br>the Irish to a No. 25 rank<br>in the nation against the<br>ground game. Hoyte leads<br>the unit in tackles with 56. | A major question<br>through the season, the<br>Irish secondary continues<br>to be the most vulnerable<br>piece of the defense, giving<br>up 306.6 yards per game<br>in the air. The Notre Dame<br>pass defense surrendered<br>317 yards and two passing<br>touchdowns to BYU but<br>intercepted two passes. | Zbikowski finally broke<br>free against USC three<br>weeks ago, returning a Tom<br>Malone punt for a score,<br>but he picked up only 15<br>yards on two returns<br>against BYU. Fitzpatrick<br>punted five times against<br>the Cougars, averaging 44.2<br>yards per kick and hitting<br>all seven of his PATs.      | After a last second loss<br>to Southern California, the<br>Irish started slow but<br>bounced back against an<br>inferior BYU squad for the<br>team's first home win<br>under Weis. The Irish<br>knocked off the Vols in last<br>year's meeting, an upset<br>win in Neyland Stadium<br>last season. | NOTRE DAME | 41<br>43<br>44<br>44<br>46<br>7<br>8<br>55<br>55<br>57<br>8<br>93<br>64<br>66<br>70<br>71                           |
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| After losing leading<br>rusher Gerald Riggs Jr. to<br>a season-ending injury a<br>couple weeks ago, the<br>Volunteers turned to tal-<br>ented freshman Arian<br>Foster last week against<br>the Gamecocks. Foster<br>didn't disappoint, carrying<br>the ball 25 times for 150<br>yards and a touchdown.           | Through seven games,<br>the Volunteers average<br>204.3 passing yards per<br>game. Receiver Robert<br>Meachum leads a group of<br>statitically unimpressive<br>receivers with 21 catches.<br>Jayson Swain has 252<br>receiving yards, and Bret<br>Smith leads in touchdown<br>catches with two.             | Freshman wide receiver<br>Lucas Taylor handles punt<br>and kick return duties for<br>the Volunteers, averaging<br>only 6.6 yards per punt<br>return and 20.9 yards on<br>kickoff returns. James<br>Wilhoit is 7-12 for field goals<br>this year, and punter Britton<br>Colquitt is averaging 39.4<br>yards per punt. | Tennessee enters the<br>game on the heels of a<br>disappointing 16-14 loss<br>to rival South Carolina,<br>whom they'd beaten 12<br>consecutive times.<br>Ranked No. 3 by the AP<br>in the preseason, the<br>Vols are now unranked<br>for the first time in the<br>last three years.                | TENNESSEE  | 72<br>73<br>74<br>75<br>76<br>77<br>78<br>80<br>81<br>82<br>83<br>84<br>85<br>86<br>88<br>89<br>90<br>91<br>92<br>3 |
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Tennessee is having its worst season in recent memory, making them all the more dangerous. Still, Notre Dame's passing game is just too hot right now for the Volunteers to fully contain. They will give the Irish a fight and playing at Notre Dame won't intimidate them. But Brady Quinn finds Jeff Samardzija for a couple scores and the Irish take this one going away at the end.

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Tennessee enters tomorrow's game as the best 3-4 team in the country. While the Vols feature a suffocating run defense that may pose problems for Notre Dame, the pass defense — especially with Weis calling the plays — can be exploited. If Quinn and the Irish put points on the board, Tennessee's weak offense won't be able to keep pace.

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### Thomas takes over role of 'power back'

*Junior has seen key time on the field as Walker's complement* 

#### By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Writer

Travis Thomas made a good first impression on Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis, and seven games later, it is paying off.

Thomas was elected special teams captain for the Irish's first game against Pittsburgh, something that really stuck out to Weis.

"When I first got here, the first game I coached here, Travis had already been awarded to be the team captain on

special teams right off the bat," Weis said. "So he had already won respect m v because I thought that's the type of performance that he had put in, in the offseason, getting ready to just get started when I first started coaching here."

Thomas first started playing special teams as a sophomore last season after losing his starting running back position when he fumbled twice in six carries in the opener against Brigham Young. When freshman Darius Walker emerged in the next game against Michigan, Thomas was relegated to second-string. But he found a home in special teams, and that gave him the confidence to try to work his way back into the offensive rotation.

"Special teams was something I did well last year, and I thought playing well on there would also give me an opportunity to have a key role on offense," the junior said. "So I just took advantage of every opportunity I had."

For Thomas, it took a lot of waiting to get another opportunity at running back. In the first six games of this season, he didn't get many carries outside of those when the Irish were winning by a large margin.

"It's always hard to be patient, but I just tried to keep a positive mindframe," Thomas said. "I'm going to

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#### Travis Thomas Irish running back

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blocker in certain situations. "I think that's where they started me off in situations where I had to pick up blitzes, key plays, and I capitalized on that opportunity, and I got some carries off of

that," Thomas said. And so after excelling in those opportunities, Thomas has finally made his way into the offense. Against No. 1 USC on Oct. 15, he ran for 52 yards on 18 carries, including a 16yard touchdown run. Thomas credits the fresh start he had this season in helping him regain his confidence.

"New staff, new start, new attitude," Thomas said. "[The key was] just stepping up and playing the way I know I can play, and I think I've done that so far. I think the more you play, the more confident you can be."

And so now that Walker and Thomas are sharing the carries, both believe it is only to the benefit of the team. Walker is more of a finesse back, whereas Thomas hits the line a little harder, giving opposing defenses two backs to prepare for.

for. "Travis is a bigger back, and he's able to get in there on the short yardage; he's more of a power back than I am," Walker said. "Me, I'm kind of the speedy guy who kinda moves around a little bit, slashes and cuts. It's nice for us to get out there and for both to be able to play our role because it keeps the defense off balance, they don't know what they're going to get which back is going to come in."

And both backs are willing to share carries, as they say that they see it as friendly competition.

"Obviously there's competition — running back is a competitive spot," said Thomas, who has carried 38 times in



Jeff Samardzija congratulates Travis Thomas after he scores a rushing touchdown against USC on Oct. 15.

seven games, good for 167 yards and three touchdowns. "But we're also good friends off the field, too. I think we complement each other well. I think he's a more flashy type of back, and I'm more of a hit it and get it type of guy, so I think we're a good complement to each other."

And with Thomas more confident in himself this season, Weis isn't hesitant to give him the ball on offense, as was shown in the game against the Trojans.

"Travis has now put himself in the position to continue to get more reps offensively as a running back," Weis said. "It's a definite change of pace between him and Darius. I have a lot of confidence in Travis both as a special teams player and as a runner."

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Weis prepares for vaunted Vols defense



#### By MATT PUGLISI Associate Sports Editor

Tennessee offensive coordinator Randy Sanders resigned Monday. The Volunteers have not settled on a permanent quarterback between senior Rick Clausen and sophomore Erik Ainge. And a seasoningending injury to the team's starting running back, Gerald Riggs, Jr., has left the offense in dire straits.

But for all of Tennessee's offensive problems, nobody is questioning its defense.

"I'd say this is as good a defense, if not the best defense, we've played this up just three passing touchdowns through the season's first seven games.

The success of the Tennessee defense starts with the hardnosed, gritty play of the team's four primary defensive linemen: left end Parys Haralson, left tackle Justin Harrell, right tackle Jesse Mahelona and right end Jason Hall.

"Those guys can play almost any other position on the field, with as fast as they are," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said after watching film." *I'd say this is as* 

watching film. "They can get pressure on you with only rushing four," Weis said. York Giants standout left end Michael Strahan, who set an NFL record with 22.5 sacks in 2001.

"First of all, he looks bigger than 248 to me," Weis said. "I used to say the same thing about Michael Strahan with the Giants. He's I think listed at about 260 pounds. You sit there and say, 'They play the same position, they're over at that left defensive end on our right. Why are they such good players?'

"There's really two reasons when a guy is undersized: 'A,' they're dynamic pass-rushers. 'B,' they play with leverage. I think [Haralson] does both. I think he's a very good pass-rusher and he plays

Volunteers defensive end Parys Haralson takes down Mississippi quarterback Macheal Spurlock on Oct. 1. year," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I have no problem saying that. This is as good a defense as ... I've ever seen since I've been here."

The numbers are impressive.

Entering tomorrow's showdown with Notre Dame, the Tennessee defense is allowing 16.0 points per game (ninth lowest in the nation) and 293.9 total yards per game (No. 12). The Volunteers have been particularly stingy against the running game, holding opponents to only 85.6 yards per contest (No. 5). That includes 132 total rushing yards combined by South Carolina (65 yards) and Alabama (67 yards) in their last two games.

Tennessee hasn't carried the same stifling defense to pass coverage, where the Vols are currently yielding just over 200 yards a game (208.3) though the air, only No. 44 in the nation.

But the secondary has given

"Not that they don't blitz, because they blitz plenty. Any time you can rush just four and get pressure on the quar-

terback, that already gives you an advantage. But they are physical up front, both as passrushers and in the run game.

They move around a lot." Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer echoed Weis' sentiments, also pointing to the pressure created by the front four as the key of the Tennessee defense.

"Our front is where it starts," Fulmer said. "Our defensive football team has played consistent."

Leading the team with 10.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks, Haralson has anchored a line that has provided constant pressure all season. Weis likened the undersized Haralson (248 pounds) to New

played this year.

#### Charlie Weis Irish head coach

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with leverage." An athletic linebacking unit led by leading tackler Kevin Simon (63 tackles) couples with a quick, tall secondary that has, for the most part, managed to prevent the big play.

"They have an experienced group of linebackers behind them that is there to make plays on top of it before you even get to the speed in the secondary," Weis said. "You got speed in the secondary, you got experienced, athletic linebackers and a front four that's pretty dominant. I think that's a very good combination."

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