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STUDENT SENATE

Senate to rework Lockwood proposal

Resolution requiring student body president to report on city council meetings debated

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate decided Wednesday to send back to the Oversight committee a resolution that would require the student body president to attend all Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meetings and provide the Student Senate with "any and all documentation pertaining to the CCAC."

The resolution, proposed by Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood, refers to the coalition created by the

South Bend Common Council to bring together city, resident, student and college representatives from South Bend. The CCAC's goal is to help the Council identify neighborhood concerns related to the local colleges, to propose solutions, and to develop long-term strategies regarding community relations.

The CCAC was created as a final amendment to the party permit ordinance passed by the Common Council Sept. 24.

Lockwood's amendment

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood describes his proposed amendment Wednesday at the Senate meeting in LaFortune.

FACULTY SENATE

Professors discuss hiring

Senators grapple with Catholic faculty report

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

A report from the Office of the Provost on the hiring of Catholic professors and the faculty's response to the document were at the center of the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday.

Senate chair Colin Jessop said after the meeting that the report — which was released last week by University Provost Thomas Burish — addressed the steadily decreasing percentage of Catholics teaching at Notre Dame and the University's possible actions to ensure a healthy supply of Catholic professors in the long run.

And while he said the Senate will work to develop mechanisms to gauge the faculty's in-depth opinions on the report, Jessop, a physics professor, said there is already a broad sense of disquiet surrounding the idea of hiring with religious affiliation in mind.

"The University is worried about the decline in the percentage of Catholic faculty members and the faculty members, in turn, are worried that in trying to rectify this situation, the University will move away from hiring solely

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Staph infection common on college campuses

Antibiotic-resistant strain afflicts students at Notre Dame; cases not suggestive of outbreak

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

A staph infection caused by the antibiotic-resistant "superbug," known as MRSA, is a common problem on college campuses and serves as a reminder of the importance of hand-washing and personal hygiene, Assistant Director of Clinical Services Pat Brubaker said.

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) was first found in hospitals, but a strain called community-acquired MRSA is "on the

rise," Brubaker said.

"Because this is a campus setting where we share many things — space and facilities — you're just more prone to getting staph," she said.

Staphylococcus aureus bacteria are normally found on the skin or in the nose of about 1/3 of the population, according to the Mayo Clinic's Web site.

"Not everybody gets sick from it," Brubaker said.

The problem arises when the bacteria gets under the skin, either because of a break in the skin, dry skin or an abrasion. Then, an infection

appears on the skin resembling a pimple or boil, she said.

There are students at the University with staph infections right now, Brubaker said, but they "have been instructed on what they're supposed to do."

"The students who have those kinds of infections are told how to cover the wound and given strict instructions on how to act on campus so it's not spread," she said.

The incidence of staph infections at Notre Dame is not an "outbreak," Brubaker said, because there is no traceable

common origin of the infections.

"I'm not saying we're not a little worried when we see it, but we're good at treating it," she said.

In order to treat the infections with an effective antibiotic, doctors must look for the source, Brubaker said.

"Two students last year had infections related to the fact they hadn't washed their sheets ... you could get an infection in an open area just by dirty laundry," she said.

Living in shared spaces and

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Band members plan trip abroad

Concert ensembles to visit China, Japan on tour next summer

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

A group of students in the Notre Dame marching band will have the chance to experience other cultures this summer on a two-week trip to China and Japan.

Every other year, members of the band's concert ensembles travel internationally to represent the University and play concerts in nationally acclaimed concert halls. Past destinations have included Scandinavia, Australia, Austria and the Czech Republic.

"The students will perform at several universities and have time to interact with local students,"



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame marching band will perform at concerts in China and Japan this summer.

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Welch speaks out against death penalty

Father of McVeigh victim visits campus

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Bud Welch, the father of one of the 168 people who died in the Oklahoma City bombing, spoke against the death penalty during Wednesday's Right to Life meeting in LaFortune.

"Normal human beings do not feel good out of watching another human being's last breath," Welch said. He said Americans have a limited understanding of the death penalty and need to learn more.

"Education, education, education," he said.

During his talk, Welch

focused on his struggle to forgive Timothy McVeigh, who bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. Welch's daughter, Julie, who worked at the Oklahoma City federal building, was among the people killed.

Welch was devastated when his daughter died. He wanted to see McVeigh killed.

"All of my life I opposed the death penalty. Now, I didn't even want them to have a trial," Welch said. He turned to alcohol to ease the pain.

But one day, as he stood in front of the memorial that was built up in front of the Federal

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INSIDE COLUMN

Keep the mic away

Don Shula, the famous NFL coach who led the 1972 Miami Dolphins to a perfect, undefeated season (culminating in a Super Bowl win) is the winningest head coach in the history of football. He is a tremendous coach, a font of football wisdom and, I am sure, a nice man.

Pat Stynes

Sports Wire Editor

After his coaching career, he opened a line of steakhouses and appeared on various commercials, and was successful in each endeavor.

However recently Coach Shula decided to throw opinion into the public forum of sports journalism, commenting on the Patriots' run toward an undefeated season and their camera-spying incident earlier this year.

"The Spygate thing has diminished what they've accomplished. You would hate to have that attached to your accomplishments. They've got it," Shula said. "Belichick was fined \$500,000, the team was fined \$250,000 and they lost a first-round draft choice. That tells you the seriousness or significance of what they found."

I find Shula's opinion absolutely preposterous, and it almost sounds like whining.

As a native New Yorker, I can certain tell you that I hate Boston sports as much as the next guy. However, I have always believed you have to give credit where credit is due. The Patriots are simply playing at a level beyond anyone in the NFL this year, murdering mediocre opponents and knocking off good ones.

Yet despite the fact that not only is stealing signals common in the NFL (the Patriots are just the first to get caught), but it is clear when looking at the quality of the Jets and the Patriots that the signal-filming was not needed.

"I guess you got the same thing as putting an asterisk by Barry Bonds' home run record," Shula continued. "I guess it will be noted that the Patriots were fined, and a No.1 draft choice was taken away during that year of accomplishment."

I won't even address the reference to Bonds, as it is so farfetched it is not even worth discussing.

What got me thinking though, is the fact that the 1972 Miami Dolphins themselves are not necessarily undeserving of an asterisk.

For one, they played a 14 game regular season — should we asterisk their team now? In looking at their schedule, according to NFL.com, the Dolphins did not beat a single playoff team, and the best record of a team they played was 8-6. So should we asterisk the 1972 season saying that their strength of schedule was so laughable the perfect season was too easy?

Let's get serious: stealing signals is common in every single sport, Belichick is no innovator when it comes to this. Also, the Patriots look like a varsity team playing the freshman B-squad most of the games this year. If they are able to run the table this year, the Patriots deserve the untarnished, un-asterisked record in Canton.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Pat Stynes at pstynes@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?



Bobby Arbogast

Fisher law student

"A squirrel from any of the quads. They're really friendly."



Francesca Pennino

junior Walsh Hall

"A Notre Dame squirrel because they are chubby and spirited. And a penguin. I don't think that needs an explanation."



Patrick Finnigan

senior St. Edward's

"A liger. It could take down your pets."



Paul Spadafora

senior Dillon

"A monkey. Cause haven't you always wanted a mon-key."



Peter Blava

senior off campus

"I'll keep a tiger, because they are ferocious, and that's my Chinese horoscope."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

The Shagadelic Hair Club for Men, left, and the Brutal Butyls, right, face off in the final round of Notre Dame's campus College Quiz Bowl Competition Wednesday. The winners of the campus trivia contest will go on to the regional competition at Southern Illinois University.

OFFBEAT

Shop owner finds urn in back of Buick

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The back seat of a Buick wasn't intended to be Izetta Dickerson's final resting place, but that's where a car repair shop owner found an urn containing her cremated remains.

"The owner said he doesn't know how it got there," said Demond McElveen, whose shop bought the car after it was towed there. "She's in there, it's got the number on the bag."

Dickerson was from North Charleston and the widow of Franklin Dickerson. She died March

5, 2003, according to a newspaper obituary.

McElveen called Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten, who said family members plan to have the remains buried.

Tallest man in U.S. stands at 7-foot-8

NORFOLK, Va. — To all those people who blurt out "Wow, you're tall!" as they stare up at George Bell: He knows. And now, the world will know, too. The lanky, 7-foot-8 Norfolk sheriff's deputy is being recognized Thursday by Guinness World Records as the Tallest Man in the United

States.

That makes him 2 inches taller than the NBA's current tallest player, Yao Ming, but too short to be the world's tallest living man. He stands below, according to Guinness, Ukraine's 8-foot-5.5 Leonid Stadnyk and China's Bao Xi Shun, who is 7 feet 8.95 inches.

To answer the inevitable questions:

Bell wears size-19 shoes, pants with a 43-inch inseam and shirts with 45-inch sleeves.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Ohio State University professor James Bartholomew will deliver the lecture "Is There Anything Unique About Modern Japanese Science?" today at 4:15 p.m. in 215 DeBartolo Hall.

Heather Stoll, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will deliver the lecture "Presidents, Powers and Parties: The Sources of Legislative Electoral Coordination in Presidential Regimes" today at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The 2007 MBA Diversity Conference will take place Friday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Punam Mathur, the senior vice president for corporate diversity and community affairs for MGM Mirage, will be the keynote speaker. He will speak at 6 p.m. in Room F of North Dining Hall. More information about the conference can be found at <http://www.nd.edu/~mba/diversityconference/agenda.shtml>

As part of the Boardroom Insights lecture series, Paul Orfalea, former Kinko's chief executive officer will speak in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business Friday at 10:40 a.m.

The Glee Club will perform its fall concert Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

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Infection

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not practicing good hygiene make college students more susceptible to staph infections. However, out of the 140 cases of students diagnosed with "wound infections" since January, probably six are MRSA-related, Brubaker said.

"The population of the college campus feels that they're invincible and they don't wash their hands enough," she said.

Washing hands, wiping down shared equipment, cleaning linens with bleach and drying linens in a very hot dryer can prevent staph infections, she said.

University workout facilities and locker rooms are "doing what they can," Brubaker said.

"Our facilities, like the training room at the Joyce Center, RecSports and the Rock, are all well aware of the increased incidences of MRSA. They have policies about the cleaning of equipment, the use of whirlpools, etc.," she said.

The bacteria can live on inanimate surfaces for hours, she said, but antibacterial wipes and cleaning can prevent infection.

Shaving puts people at increased risk for staph infec-

tion, especially on skin folds, since the razor breaks the skin.

One of the causes of MRSA is the overuse and misuse of antibiotics, which has caused germs to "become bolder and stronger."

Because of this, it is difficult to treat the resistant infection.

"Even if we had three cases in front of us, they might be on three different antibiotics," Brubaker said.

"The only common thing is that penicillin will not work for any of them," she said.

The best initial treatment for staph is a hot wet compress to encourage the infection to drain, Brubaker said. One should see a doctor if a pimple-like infection gets worse, or multiple areas become infected.

"You should not try to pinch it — that makes the infection go in further rather than get out," she said.

CA-MRSA can be potentially fatal, but it is "rare that anyone in this age group would die from staph," Brubaker said.

Most deaths related to the bacteria occur when people have weakened immune systems or when the infection gets internalized in the bloodstream or joints.

"Because this is a campus setting where we share many things — space and facilities — you're just more prone to getting staph."

Pat Brubaker
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Native American singer performs

By KATIE STAAK
News Writer

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Saint Mary's Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored singer-songwriter Michael Jacobs Wednesday night at Dalloway's, the café on campus.

Jacobs, a Cherokee recording artist, shared not only his music but also his Native American heritage with the audience. His performance filled Dalloway's, and few seats were left when the music began.

Jacobs explained what each of his songs meant before he performed them. Many songs had stories that he shared along with the music.

"I sing about life from an Native American perspective," he said. "But, also life in general, so it is accessible to everyone."

He used his guitar and voice for the majority of the night. For one song, however, he used a Native American flute that he taught himself to play a few years ago.

Office of Multicultural Affairs Director Larisa Olin Ortiz said Saint Mary's invited Jacobs to help celebrate the month.

"It is important to say that this month is National American Indian Heritage Month," she said.

"By organizing this type of program, educating the community, providing resources such as books, publications and documentaries and sharing information about events taking place on and off campus, we are recognizing the many contributions of American Indians and Alaskan



KATE FENLON/The Observer
Cherokee recording artist Michael Jacobs performs Wednesday at Saint Mary's in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Natives, something we should not only celebrate in November, but throughout the year."

Ortiz and her office run a year-long cultural campaign to help inform and diversify the Saint Mary's campus.

Wednesday was the second time Jacobs has performed at the College. He performed last year, again in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

"He knows how to connect with the audience by sharing his journey to discover his American Indian roots with his passion for music," Ortiz said.

Saint Mary's junior Mariam Eskander called Jacobs' performance "amazing."

"He was so fresh," she said.

Many girls applauded after each song and laughed at the jokes Jacobs told in between his music.

"I loved his voice and his style,"

junior Andrea Ortiz said.

Jacobs spoke about how he started his music career and what got him where he is today.

"I've been playing since I've been a kid and I've always wanted to do it," he said.

Jacobs was in a rock band during the 1980s. He then retired, but in 2002 decided to get back into professional music by going solo.

"I started pursuing my culture and writing songs about this," he said. These songs, which he wrote mainly for his friends, eventually became his first solo album.

Jacobs said the purpose of his music is "to humanize native people."

"I want people to view them as real people, rather than have them demonized," he said.

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1pm-3pm
Matthew Cashore
& Kerry Temple
Celebrating Notre Dame



3pm-5pm
Peter Quinn
Looking for Jimmy

1pm-3pm
Fr. Malloy, CSC
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and the Ethics of Warfare
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3pm-5pm
Sharon Bui
Future Domers
A Child's Guide to Notre Dame



3pm-5pm
Angi Jurkovic
Notre Dame Coloring
and Activity Book



3pm-5pm
George Porter-Young
Boy Amidst the Rubble

SATURDAY, NOV. 10



9:30am- 11:30am
John Heisler
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9:30am- 11:30am
Karen Heisler
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Lists and Lore



9:30am- 11:30am
Peter Quinn
Looking for Jimmy



11:30am- 1:30pm
Connie McNamara
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calls for the student body president, or "any qualified person acting on behalf thereof," to give the Senate documentation from the CCAC meetings.

"This shall include (but shall not be limited to) agendas and minutes, speeches and presentations, discussions and debates, and the introduction and passage of any measures," the proposed amendment reads. "The student body president must provide said documentation to the Student Senate at its first regular meeting after any meeting of the CCAC."

Lockwood asked the senators to support his resolution proposing the amendment.

"I just think informing the Senate of the issues that are taking place in the council meeting will allow us to go back to our dorms, like we are supposed to, and tell our constituents, what the city has — concerns a, b and c — and how we can address this, so it doesn't escalate into any rift between the University and the community," Lockwood said.

Oversight committee chair Ian Secviar said

the amendment was passed unanimously in his committee. He compared the proposed ordinance with current language present in the Constitution, stating that the student body president is required to report to the Senate about what takes place in the Council of Representatives (COR) meetings.

"I don't think that this is any way out of sync with what's been previously put into the constitution," he said.

Student body president Liz Brown disagreed with Secviar's comparison between the proposed amendment and the wording stipulating that she report back about COR meetings. She said the COR reference is "extremely general," whereas the proposed amendment details the documents the student president must bring to the Senate.

Brown said she found the proposed amendment "overbearing."

"There is nowhere else in the constitution where the student body president is required to bring documentation such as this back," she said.

In some situations, Brown said, the CCAC may discuss issues that would require the meetings to be closed.

"I would just say that, in my experience in the last couple months, in all the discussions of the [South Bend Common Council's party permit] ordinance, there are certain things that shouldn't be distributed to the wider public during certain points in discussion," she said.

Brown said there are other ways to include a provision in the constitution to require the student body president report back on the CCAC.

"I think there's a way to do it," Brown said, "and I think this is overbearing."

Secviar said the Senate should clarify the student body president's role on the CCAC to give a description of how the

president should interact with the coalition, and also with the Senate after CCAC meetings. He said language can be changed later if it is found to be too restrictive.

"The constitution is a living document," Secviar said. "It's not a big deal to repeal or change things. In fact, that's why my committee exists."

Keenan senator Gus Gari proposed an amendment to the amendment, although it was later voted down. He proposed changing the amendment to read: "The Student Body president shall attend meetings of the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) as the representative of the student body of the University of Notre Dame. The Student Body President or any qualified person acting on behalf thereof shall brief the Student Senate with regards to the CCAC."

Further debate ensued about the language of the amendment to the amendment, so the Senate decided to send the resolution back to the Oversight Committee.

Secviar invited the senators to attend the committee meeting to give their recommendations and also invited them to e-mail him with comments.

Following discussion of Lockwood's proposed amendment, the Senate voted to send a letter to University President Father John Jenkins requesting he make "minority faculty recruitment and retention" one of his administration's top priorities for the academic year.

"While the University has made tremendous efforts to attract minority students through programs such as Spring Visitation Weekend," the letter said, "we feel there has not been equal emphasis on recruiting and retaining minority faculty."

The letter, presented by Multicultural Affairs committee chair Ninny Wan, is a follow-up to a similar letter sent by the Senate to Jenkins last March. The letter said student government has yet to receive a response to the last letter from the President's Office.

The letter from the Senate to Jenkins passed with 21 senators voting for it, four against and three abstaining.

The Senate unanimously passed a resolution saying it "respectfully encourages [the Office of Information Technologies] to establish an online printing quota depository system." Academic Affairs chair Carol Hendrickson and Pasquerilla East senator Kelly Dunbar presented the resolution, which suggests creating an online system where students could use credit or debit card payment to increase their print quota.

Notre Dame students receive a \$100 print quota each academic year. Currently, to add more money to their print quota, students must do so in 115A DeBartolo Hall.

In other Senate news:

♦ Student government will host a student-faculty debate Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune. The topic is religion and politics.

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Welch

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Building, Welch realized he needed to move forward.

"Julie not only opposed the death penalty, she was active against it," Welch said. Three weeks after he stood in front of the Federal Building, Welch decided the death penalty was wrong. He started to speak out and tell Julie's story.

As a teenager, Julie Welch was very interested in foreign language. She traveled to Spain as an exchange student during her junior year of high school and later got a scholarship to Marquette for her achievement in foreign language. She attended Marquette and, during her sophomore year, went abroad again. She got her degree in Spanish and became

a translator.

When Welch saw Bill McVeigh, Timothy McVeigh's father, doing an interview on television shortly after the bombing occurred, he decided he wanted to meet him and tell him he did not blame Bill McVeigh for what his son had done. Three years later, he got his chance.

Welch visited Bill McVeigh in Buffalo, N.Y., in the house where Timothy was raised. While he was at the house, he also met Timothy's sister, Jennifer. The three of them sat at the dining room table and talked.

After a couple hours, Welch got up to leave. He shook Bill McVeigh's hand, and when he went to shake Jennifer's hand, she hugged him instead. They began to cry, and he looked her in the eye and said, "I don't want your brother to die, and

I'll do everything I can do to make sure that doesn't happen."

Despite Welch's efforts, on June 11, 2001, McVeigh was killed.

"They took Timothy McVeigh out of his cage and killed him," Welch said. "When parents die, we take them to the hilltop and bury them. When children die, we bury them in our hearts."

The Notre Dame Against State Killing campaign brought Welch to campus as the fourth speaker in its fall event series. Notre Dame Right to Life and the Law School's Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty co-sponsored Welch's visit. Welch will speak today at 12:15 in room 101 of the Law School and again at 7:30p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

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Band

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said Tina Durski, the senior administrative assistant for the marching band.

Durski estimated that 60 to 70 students will go, but said that number is not yet determined.

The tour begins in Beijing with concerts at the Beijing Concert Hall and the National Academy of Chinese Theater Arts. The band will then travel to Xi'an, Shanghai and Tokyo.

The band has also arranged for participants to tour historical sites and experience cultural activities in both coun-

tries. Band members will be able to attend an aerobatic show and tour the factory that manufactures terracotta warriors and horses in China. They will also try meals like dumpling and traditional duck banquet.

Band fundraising will finance the trip, though students will be asked to help pay, Durski said.

Prospective participants are going through an application process. They find out this month if they are accepted to the program, Durski said.

Band members said they were interested in making the trip.

"I applied because it seems like such a fun trip," said jun-

ior Katie Putz, who plays the saxophone.

Fellow saxophone player and junior Matt Meinig called the trip a "remarkable, once in a lifetime opportunity."

"Not only would I get to travel, but I would get to chance to play at some amazing venues," he said.

While the overall experience is what attracts Meinig the most, if selected for the trip, he would like to see historical sites in the countries.

"If I had to pick one site, it would probably have to be the Great Wall because it is so iconic of China," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gunmen shoot Venezuelan protesters

CARACAS — Gunmen opened fire on students returning from a march Wednesday in which 80,000 people denounced President Hugo Chavez's attempts to expand his power. At least one person was killed and six were wounded, officials said.

Photographers for The Associated Press saw at least two gunmen — one wearing a ski mask and another covering his face with a T-shirt — firing handguns at the anti-Chavez crowd. Terrified students ran through the campus as ambulances arrived.

National Guard troops gathered outside the campus, Venezuela's largest and a center for opposition to Chavez's government. Venezuelan law bars state security forces from entering the campus, but Luis Acuna, the minister of higher education, said they could be called in if the university requests them.

Seven killed in Finland school shooting

TUUSULA — An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at his high school in this placid town in southern Finland on Wednesday, killing seven other students and the principal before mortally wounding himself in a rampage that stunned a nation where gun crime is rare.

Police were analyzing YouTube postings that appeared to anticipate the massacre, including clips in which a young man calls for revolution and apparently prepares for the attack by test firing a semiautomatic handgun.

Investigators said the gunman, who was not identified, shot himself in the head after the shooting spree at Jokela High School in Tuusula, some 30 miles north of the capital, Helsinki. He died later at Tooolo Hospital in Helsinki.

NATIONAL NEWS

Space shuttle Discovery returns to Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL — Discovery and its crew returned to Earth on Wednesday and concluded a 15-day space station build and repair mission that was among the most challenging — and heroic — in shuttle history.

The space shuttle touched down on a crisp and bright fall afternoon after safely crossing the continent in the first coast-to-coast re-entry since the Columbia disaster almost five years ago.

The seven shuttle astronauts and three residents of the international space station teamed up during the docked mission to save a mangled solar wing. It was one of the most difficult and dangerous repairs ever attempted in orbit, but the future of the space station was riding on it and Scott Parazynski pulled it off in a single spacewalk.

Immigrant workers arrested at O'Hare

CHICAGO — Nearly two dozen illegal immigrants were arrested Wednesday, accused of using fake security badges to work in critical areas of O'Hare International Airport, including the tarmac, authorities said.

The 23 illegal workers were employed by Ideal Staffing Solutions Inc., whose corporate secretary and office manager also were arrested after an eight-month investigation that involved federal, state and Chicago authorities.

The company contracted work for carriers including United Airlines, KLM and Qantas, said Elissa A. Brown, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent.

"The investigation identifies a vulnerability that could compromise national security, while bringing criminal charges against individuals who built an illegal work force into their business practice," Brown said. Then, the solar panel was already extended 90 feet of its 115 feet.

LOCAL NEWS

17-year veteran lawmaker retires

INDIANAPOLIS — Longtime Democratic state Rep. Jerry Denbo of French Lick, who spent years pushing legislation to authorize a casino in his southern Indiana hometown before getting it passed in 2003, retired from the House on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Greg Simms, D-Valparaiso, was sworn in as the newest representative of House District 10 during a ceremony earlier Wednesday. He is filling a spot left vacant after the death of Rep. Jack Clem. Clem was a replacement for longtime lawmaker Duane Cheney, who resigned his position after relocating to southern Indiana.

Denbo, who has represented District 62 since he was first elected in 1990, said he enjoyed his 17 years in the House.

ISRAEL

Israel ready for deal with Palestine

Despite government's pledge to give up territory, construction continues in West Bank

Associated Press

BETAR ILLIT — The pounding chatter of jackhammers echoes over a wind-swept West Bank hilltop as workers lay bricks at a new apartment building rising in this sprawling Jewish settlement.

The Israeli government says it's ready to make a deal that would give Palestinians their own state. But realities on the ground — outlined in a report Wednesday showing vigorous Israeli construction in the West Bank — hold important implications for the latest U.S. peace push.

Israel insists on retaining some settlements to keep a foothold around Jerusalem and create a broader cushion at its narrow Tel Aviv-area waist.

Palestinians want a viable state, and the settlements — along with Israeli roads and a separation barrier jutting into the West Bank — threaten to fragment the territory and cut off east Jerusalem, where they want to establish their capital.

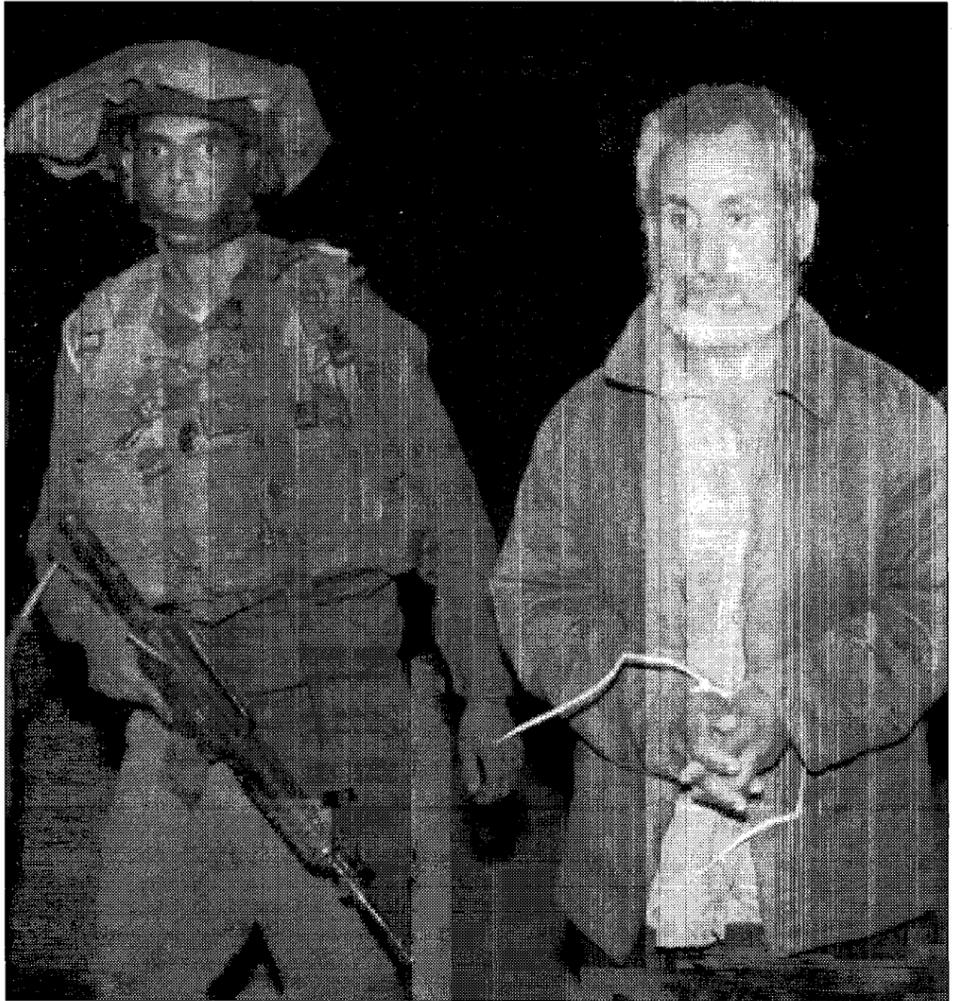
It has been a bitter issue for years, and finding a solution will tax efforts to work out a final peace accord.

"Everything that Israel is doing on the ground is, of course, an obstacle to what we are trying to achieve," said Rafiq Husseini, a top aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Nonetheless, he said, the Palestinians want to negotiate "until the last minute."

Israel continues to expand many of the 122 settlements in the West Bank, where 267,500 Israelis lived as of last month, according to government statistics.

Peace Now, an Israeli settlement-watchdog group, issued a report Wednesday saying building is going on in 88 of the settlements, though most of the work is in the areas Israel hopes to retain in a peace deal.

The Palestinians said Monday that they received assurances from Washington that Israel would meet its short-term



A handcuffed Palestinian who was arrested by Israeli soldiers in the Gaza Strip is brought to the Israeli side of the border near Kibbutz Kissufim.

obligations under the "road map," a U.S.-backed peace plan being revived in hopes of boosting confidence between the two sides ahead of a peace conference later this month.

The plan's initial stage called for Israel to freeze West Bank settlement construction and dismantle dozens of settlement outposts scattered across the territory. But the road map foundered after its introduction four years ago, with each side accusing the other of not meeting obligations.

Yet the violent takeover of the Gaza Strip last June by the Islamic militants of the Hamas movement has paradoxically led to renewed peacemaking between Israel's government and the more moderate Palestinian

leadership now in charge of the West Bank.

Israel and Abbas' administration hope the U.S.-sponsored peace conference will launch full-fledged peace negotiations that will tackle all the key issues at the heart of their 60-year-old conflict, including the status of Jewish settlements.

The settlements are a key issue for the Palestinians, who want their future state to include all of the West Bank, which Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

"Since the very beginning of the peace process, the Palestinians warned that the peace process and settlement process are incompatible and cannot move together, and one of them will kill the other," said Ghassan Khatib, a former Palestinian

Cabinet minister.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said this week that Israel is willing to meet its road map obligations. He also urged the Palestinians to fulfill their commitment under the plan to crack down on militant groups that stage attacks on Israelis.

Israeli officials have spoken about a large-scale pull-out from the West Bank, not unlike the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip two years ago.

But Israelis are firm on keeping large settlement blocs, mostly around Jerusalem. These account for about 8 percent of West Bank land, and Palestinians are demanding a state equal in size to the entire West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Simpson could face up to life in prison

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — After being acquitted more than a decade ago in one of the most sensational murder cases in U.S. history, O.J. Simpson could be looking at hard time if convicted in a seemingly half-baked scheme to grab some sports memorabilia he claimed belonged to him.

Whether prosecutors can make the charges stick remains to be seen. But if they can, the 60-year-old former football star will almost certainly go to prison.

One charge alone — robbery with the use of a deadly weapon — car-

ries a mandatory sentence of two to 15 years. Kidnapping could bring a life sentence with the possibility of parole.

The defense and the public will get a preview of the prosecution's case beginning Thursday at a preliminary hearing where a judge will be asked to decide whether there is enough evidence to take the case to trial sometime next year.

Simpson was arrested and accused along with five others of bursting into a Las Vegas hotel-casino room with guns Sept. 13 and stealing a trove of sports items from two memorabilia dealers. Prosecutors say at least one gun was drawn.

Michael Shapiro, a New York defense lawyer who provided commentary during Simpson's 1995 acquittal in the slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman, said the Las Vegas case "reminds me of the old Mad magazine cartoon 'Spy vs. Spy'" in its amateurishness — "if it weren't for the presence of a gun or guns."

"That ups the ante," Shapiro said. "When guns come into play, bad things can happen."

The case is likely to pivot on Simpson's contention that he didn't ask anyone to bring guns, that he didn't know anyone had guns, and that no guns were displayed.

Faculty

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on academic merit," Jessop said.

Burish created an ad hoc committee to explore the issue and produce the report, asking the group — which was made up of 13 professors and administrators — for "help and guidance in developing strategic thinking and in proposing actions we might take" to identify and recruit Catholic faculty.

The University's percentage of self-identified Catholic faculty has dropped from approximately 64 percent in 1986 to about 53 percent in 2006, Burish said in his charge to the ad hoc committee. The group met from January through June this year and determined that any practices adopted to recruit Catholic scholars "should not compromise the University's academic quality."

"The Catholic faculty members recruited by these initiatives cannot be perceived as — and must not be — academically inferior to other hires," the report said.

But the committee's report acknowledged that among qualified candidates and on a case-by-case basis, "mission fit may well be determinative" when hiring a new professor.

And weighing the faculty's diverse opinions on the sensi-

tive subject may be tricky. On Wednesday, senators struggled to come up with proper systems to poll current professors.

Many senators immediately proposed hosting a forum where the faculty could gather to openly discuss the report and the issue. But some senators were skeptical of a town-hall meeting, saying the topics at hand are of a sensitive nature. Many faculty members — especially the non-Catholic and untenured — might be unwilling to speak freely in such a public setting, they said.

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Dan Lapsley
senator

"I think that in order to get a full scope of what the faculty is really thinking we will also need some kind of an anonymous outlet to go with the forum," said senator Sarah McKibben, professor in the Irish language and literature department. "The Senate needs to develop a mechanism through which faculty members can voice and submit their concerns and thoughts to us, anonymously."

Many senators agreed on the need to allow anonymous opinions, but they were unsure how the Senate should collect that information.

Senator Dan Lapsley, a psychology professor, suggested all senators focus on gathering opinions in their respective departments and constituencies.

"We each need to take a leadership role in this issue that is so important to every faculty member," Lapsley said.

The report had already expressed fears of "misunderstandings and damaging rumors both within the University and outside about any distinctive policy of recruiting Catholics in all departments because of their Catholicism."

Professor Seth Brown, chair of the administrative affairs committee and a member of the ad hoc committee that produced the report, proposed the Senate's scheduled meeting with Burish next month be strictly limited to an in-depth discussion of the issue. The Senate agreed by a voice vote.

In other Faculty Senate news:

◆ Jessop told senators the seven proposed revisions to the Academic Articles, discussed during the Senate's October meeting, were forwarded to the Academic Council ad hoc committee and the executive board of the Academic Council for their consideration.

◆ Jessop said he presented Burish with the idea of a club for faculty members that could replace the University Club, which closed its doors earlier this semester to give way to the construction of a new Law School building. He said Burish told him the administration would be receptive to the idea of building a faculty club if faculty members demonstrate demand.

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Study reveals many homeless are veterans

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Veterans make up one in four homeless people in the United States, though they are only 11 percent of the general adult population, according to a report to be released Thursday.

And homelessness is not just a problem among middle-age and elderly veterans. Younger veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are trickling into shelters and soup kitchens seeking services, treatment or help with finding a job.

The Veterans Affairs Department has identified 1,500 homeless veterans from the current wars and says 400 of them have participated in its programs specifically targeting homelessness.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness, a public education nonprofit, based the findings of its report on numbers from Veterans Affairs and the Census Bureau. 2005 data estimated that 194,254 homeless people out of 744,313 on any given night were veterans.

In comparison, the VA says that 20 years ago, the estimated number of veterans who were homeless on any given night was 250,000.

Some advocates say the early presence of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan at shelters does not bode well for the future. It took roughly a decade for the lives of Vietnam

veterans to unravel to the point that they started showing up among the homeless. Advocates worry that intense and repeated deployments leave newer veterans particularly vulnerable.

"We're going to be having a tsunami of them eventually because the mental health toll from this war is enormous," said Daniel Tooth, director of veterans affairs for Lancaster County, Pa.

While services to homeless veterans have improved in the past 20 years, advocates say more financial resources still are needed. With the spotlight on the plight of Iraq veterans, they hope more will be done to prevent homelessness and provide affordable housing to the younger veterans while there's a window of opportunity.

"When the Vietnam War ended, that was part of the problem. The war was over, it was off TV, nobody wanted to hear about it," said John Keaveney, a Vietnam veteran and a founder of New Directions in Los Angeles, which provides substance abuse help, job training and shelter to veterans.

"I think they'll be forgotten," Keaveney said of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. "People get tired of it. It's not glitzy that these are young, honorable, patriotic Americans. They'll just be veterans, and that happens after every war."



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Up: 307 Same: 56 Down: 3,052 Composite Volume: 58,198,140

AMEX	2,499.99	-38.92
NASDAQ	2,748.76	-76.42
NYSE	9,830.15	-272.26
S&P 500	1,475.62	-44.65
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	16,096.68	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	6,385.10	-89.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-4.76	-1.67	33.41
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-2.74	-4.16	147.91
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-2.43	-1.33	53.35
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-5.74	-1.74	30.06

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-0.53	-0.023	4.334
13-WEEK BILL	-7.44	-0.270	3.360
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IN BRIEF

National debt hits \$9 trillion for first time

WASHINGTON — The national debt has hit \$9 trillion for the first time.

The Treasury Department, which issues a daily accounting of the debt, said Wednesday that the debt subject to limit was at \$9 trillion on Tuesday. It was \$8.996 trillion on Monday.

Last month, Congress passed and President Bush signed into law an increase in the government's borrowing ceiling to \$9.815 trillion. It was the fifth debt limit increase since Bush took office in January 2001. Those increases have totaled \$3.865 trillion.

The administration contends the rising debt reflects such factors as slow economic growth during the 2001 recession, the Sept. 11 attacks and the cost of fighting terrorism.

Date rape drug found in children's toys

WASHINGTON — Millions of Chinese-made toys for children have been pulled from shelves in North America and Australia after scientists found they contain a chemical that converts into a powerful "date rape" drug when ingested.

Two children in the U.S. and three in Australia were hospitalized after swallowing the beads.

In the United States, the toy goes by the name Aqua Dots, a highly popular holiday toy distributed by Toronto-based Spin Master Toys. They are called Bindeez in Australia, where they were named toy of the year at an industry function earlier this year.

It could not immediately be learned whether Aqua Dots beads are made in the same factories as the Bindeez product. Both are sold by Australia-based Moose Enterprises.

The toy beads are sold in general merchandise stores and over the Internet for use in arts and crafts projects. They can be arranged into designs and fused together when sprayed with water.

Scientists say a chemical coating on the beads, when ingested, metabolizes into the so-called date rape drug gamma hydroxy butyrate. When eaten, the compound — made from common and easily available ingredients — can induce unconsciousness, seizures, drowsiness, coma and death.

Oil prices reach record high

Traders worry whether supplies will meet demand for heating fuel in winter

Associated Press

VIENNA — Record oil prices edged closer to \$100 a barrel Wednesday amid expectations of declining U.S. supplies. The weak dollar and OPEC's apparent reluctance to pump more crude into the market also boosted prices.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery rose \$1.05 to \$97.75 a barrel by afternoon in Europe after earlier reaching a record \$98.62 in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract hit a high of \$97.10 Tuesday before closing at \$96.70 a barrel, a record settlement 66 percent higher than the close on the first trading day of the year.

That left crude prices within the range of inflation-adjusted highs set in early 1980. Depending on the how the adjustment is calculated, \$38 a barrel then would be worth \$96 to \$103 or more today.

In London, Brent crude rose 86 cents to \$94.12 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. A number of North Sea oil platforms were evacuated Tuesday ahead of expected severe weather, and BP PLC said it expects to shut production Thursday from its Valhall oil and gas field.

Traders remain worried about whether supplies will be adequate to meet demand for heating fuel in the approaching Northern Hemisphere winter. News of an attack Monday on an oil pipeline in Yemen added to those concerns.

"The oil market sentiment remains bullish ... there is an overall upward trend toward the \$100 level," said Victor Shum, energy analyst with Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "Meanwhile, we can expect extreme volatility where on the one hand some traders



A customer fills up at the GetGo gas station in Warrensville Heights, Ohio, where the price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline is \$3.09.

will take profit while others will buy back positions."

Global Insight energy analyst Simon Wardell was even more unequivocal.

"The run on \$100 ... (a barrel) now seems inevitable," he said in a research note. "In the short term all eyes will be fixed on the U.S. government's Energy Information Administration ... inventory data."

Those figures to be released later Wednesday are expected to show crude supplies dropped last week. Analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires predict, on

average, that crude oil inventories fell by 1.6 million barrels.

"The price rise is really driven by expectations of drawdowns in crude oil and distillate stocks inventories in the U.S. inventory report," said Shum. "Some cold weather reports out of the U.S. and Europe serve as a reminder that winter is coming and that there are still supply concerns."

On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Energy's EIA said oil stocks in the countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development are forecast to

fall this winter, ending the year at the lowest level since January 2005.

In London, International Energy Agency head Nobuo Tanaka said he shared those concerns.

"Stocks provide an important cushion between supply and demand," he told reporters. "They add supply side flexibility, reduce volatility and minimize the incentive for speculation."

"At current prices the market is signaling that stocks need to be higher — something that is in the power of producers to address.

General Motors reports \$39 billion loss

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. posted a company record \$39 billion loss Wednesday for the third quarter, as a charge involving unused tax credits brought an abrupt end to a string of three profitable quarters for the nation's largest automaker.

The loss was one of the biggest quarterly corporate deficits ever. GM's shares closed more than 6 percent lower. Standard & Poor's downgraded GM shares from hold to sell, and said GM's near-term outlook has worsened significantly in part due to reduced U.S. sales.

GM attributed most of the third-quarter loss to a \$38.6 billion non-cash charge related to accumulated deferred tax credits in the U.S., Canada and Germany. Accounting rules require companies to write down the value of such credits if they have scant prospects for a

return to profitability in the near term.

GM also reported a loss of \$757 million from its 49 percent stake in GMAC Financial Services, due largely to losses at ResCap, GMAC's mortgage arm.

It was the second-worst quarterly net loss in U.S. corporate history, exceeded only by AOL Time Warner's \$44.9 billion loss in the fourth quarter of 2002 when the value of the AOL operations was marked down, according to Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst for Standard & Poor's.

GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said the accounting shift is not easy to explain but doesn't have a substantial impact on the business.

"I would stress: No impact whatsoever on our cash position, no impact on our ability to use the tax offsets in the future, and from my perspective, really no change whatsoever in our

outlook or optimism about the future of getting the business turned around," he said.

What might be considered more troubling for GM is continuing losses in its home market, North America, where it reported a net loss of \$247 million without the charge for the latest quarter. That compares with a net loss of \$667 million in the year-ago period.

The company reported an overall loss of \$1.6 billion, or \$2.80 per share, excluding special items. Besides the accounting change, special items included a \$3.5 billion after-tax gain on the \$5.4 billion sale of Allison Transmission in August.

The net loss contrasts with rival Toyota Motor Corp.'s announcement Wednesday that its profit for the fiscal second quarter rose 11 percent to a company record \$4 billion. Toyota and GM are vying for the title of world's largest automaker by sales this year.

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An unpardonable action

Marc Rich decided to use his billions to flee to Switzerland rather than stand trial for tax evasion. Oscar Collazo attempted to assassinate President Truman, and in doing so shot and killed a White House police officer. Orlando Bosch placed an explosive device in the bathroom of a Cuban airplane, killing all 73 people on board.

Do you know what these men have in common? United States presidents, who swear to protect and defend the Constitution, thought fit to give them unconditional pardons for their offenses, circumventing this country's justice system through the use of a Constitutional relic which must be abolished.

If you think that such unquestioned power as provided in the form of the pardon is more appropriate for a monarch than for a President who is supposed to be accountable to the public, you are quite right. The pardon is a carry-over from the English monarchy, and the story of its inclusion in our system of government is a testament to its egregiousness.

At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the pardon's inclusion was one of the pet causes of Alexander Hamilton. Hamilton, though more famous for his financial wizardry as the first secretary of the treasury, and of course for being shot by Aaron Burr, was well known in his day as a supporter of a powerful federal government. Many of his proposals at the Philadelphia Convention were interpreted by his peers as supporting a sort of elected monarch, a charge which was levied against him in later years, sullyng his reputation. The pardon is one of the few of Hamilton's ideas which was adopted.

Hamilton defended placing the unchecked power of the pardon in the hands of the president in Federalist No. 74. His argument is more like a defense of kingly power in general than a specific reasoning in favor of the pardon. Hamilton states that the pardon is a necessary part of government to mitigate the occasional severity of the law. Therefore, Hamilton focuses his argument on why it is not so bad that the power should be vested in one person. According to Hamilton, the location of the power in a single person "would naturally inspire scrupulousness and caution" and that "the dread of being accused of ... connivance" would also make the president pause.

Of course, American presidents have always been known for their fear of perceived "connivance." This fear perfectly explains why Bill Clinton steadfastly refused to grant a pardon to his half-brother, Roger, and why George W. Bush resisted pressure from his own vice president to force Scooter Libby to pay off his debt to society. Oops.

President Bush can try to impress Americans by saying he deliberated at length over his choice to grant a reprieve to a man whose guilt is not even really contested, but it doesn't really matter how long you consider a question if you still get the answer wrong. Libby's sentence was not commuted in an attempt to show mercy on someone deserving of it, instead it was a political favor done to help the vice president's friend, and, unlike any other action the president may take, there is nothing anyone can do about it but complain. Congress is unable to review a pardon and the courts can not reverse it. As a second-term president, Bush no longer has to worry about the public turning him out of office, either.

Hamilton's other argument in favor

of the pardon power being in the president's hands instead of the legislature is that, in certain circumstances, it will be beneficial to act quickly, and the legislature might allow "the golden opportunity" to pass. Like his first argument, this is more of a defense of monarchical power in total than a defense of the pardon, as the same argument could be applied universally, to every issue that can be raised.

The Founders decided that the legislative and judicial branches, as checks to the power of the president and to each other, were important enough to overcome the drawbacks of delay and indecision. Hamilton's disagreement with this philosophy is evident in his writing, so it remains a mystery why the pardon power snuck through as really the only unchecked power of the president.

Whether presidents have ever been as scrupulous or cautious as Hamilton expected them to be is a matter of debate. What has become abundantly clear over the course of the last several administrations, of both parties, is that they no longer are. There are times when pardons are called for, certainly, but why not let the issue be debated, or at least, held in check by the other branches of government? At the very least, administration officials like Scooter Libby would have to think twice before committing a crime, unable to count on a favor from a friend in a high place.

John Everett is a senior English major. He is thought to be somewhere between 21 and 45 years of age. He is armed only with a sharp wit and is considered cantankerous. If you have any information regarding his whereabouts, please contact jeverett@nd.edu

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'The Dreaded Sign' shuts out study space

We came to Notre Dame to get a solid, valuable education. In order to receive that education, we must do a considerable amount of studying and work. For us Walshies, and for most South, West, and God Quad residents, the Coleman Morse Lounge is an ideal workplace. Complete with popcorn, soda, coffee, and a general aura of joy and happiness, CoMo makes the Library look like the bottom of St. Joe's Lake. Unfortunately, our happiness in in this oasis of potential knowledge is constantly threatened by the Dreaded Sign. All too often, students who frequent the Coleman Morse Lounge are faced with these words: "x group has reserved this space for the next 72 hours ... at least." Okay, so we exaggerated, but it sure feels like that to those of us who planned our entire

day's work around the notion that we would have this space available to study in.

You may argue, why not go to the library? Simple answer: No. Never. It's freezing. It was sleeting today. Didn't you see? You may argue, why not study in your room? Simple answer: Have you seen the size of our rooms? It's impossible. You may argue, why not study in LaFortune? Simple answer: If we wanted to study in a bar, we would. Unfortunately, we can't get our calculus problems done when there are three football games on TV and 67 people shouting about why Charlie Weis should or shouldn't be fired this week.

There is only one solution to this dilemma. Destroy the signs and all that they entail. Really, with all the money this institution spends on

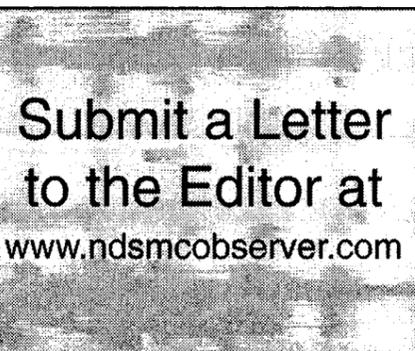
equipped facilities, it isn't necessary that one of three common study spaces on campus be occupied five times a week. We offer the following solutions: Either eliminate this problem altogether, or meet us halfway. We know for a fact that there are more available classrooms on the upper floors of CoMo than are actually opened for use after hours. These classrooms should be put to use. It all comes down to one very simple question: Does the University of Notre Dame want successful students? Or not? We think you know what to do.

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Charlie Weis' future?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A great many people think they are thinking when they are really rearranging their prejudices."

William James
American psychologist and philosopher

'Sex' in the dorms

Once on retreat, I asked my 70-year-old spiritual director, a Trappist monk, "When does your sex drive finally calm down?" After a moment's pause, he answered, "As best I can tell, about a half-hour after you die."

**Father Lou
DeFra**

FaithPoint

So much for easy solutions. Growing into sexual maturity is a life-long journey, without many shortcuts.

Many, many students on our campus — male and female — are struggling with the role of pornography in their lives. It is not surprising. Take one of your deepest, most powerful, often seemingly insatiable human drives — your sex drive — and offer it instant, stimulating, no-strings-attached, anonymous, and often free gratification, especially at a time when, biologically, you are at the peak of your sexual lives. Add to this the technological explosion of personal computer products. Throw in the general stress levels with being a student in a competitive environment. Given this set of conditions, what would really be surprising was if pornography use on campus was somehow declining, which as you know, it is not.

So, in the midst of this extraordinarily explosive set of circumstances, I want first to say thank you to the many students who have had the courage, and desire for wholeness, to bring this up, and to share their struggles, and to seek for mature ways to live out their sexual lives. Your witness — even if you have not overcome this temptation but are still struggling with it — is a light illuminating a dark, labyrinthine street. Though it is a confusing and sometimes seemingly overwhelming road, it is one on which our God, who gave us this

gift of sexuality, promises to walk closely with us — continually offering us true intimacy and ways to live out our lives with integrity and true joy.

Your struggles have illuminated for me some of the subtly harmful consequences of repeated pornography use — ones that seem barely apparent in any single moment of consumption, but begin to form corrosive patterns over time. I bring them up here in the hope that they may be helpful to others.

Pornography seems to tarnish the way its users relate to other people, including people they really want to love. Because pornography is so immediately stimulating and does not require the interpersonal, longer-term effort that friendship requires, and also because pornography generally requires solitude and anonymity, many students have noticed in themselves a dampened desire to deepen friendships with others. This includes a decreased interest in deepening friendships with other people you actually find yourself attracted to — a fact that reveals how deviously isolating the practice of viewing pornography can be. Not surprisingly, students have also expressed concern that pornography seems to increase their tendency to view other people — again, perhaps most frustratingly, especially people to whom they are attracted — primarily as sexual objects.

Pornography also, over time, leaves its users with an increased sense of loneliness and emptiness — the exact opposite of the fulfillment it promises. As intimate as the act of viewing pornography may feel in the moment — alone, another human being unveiled before you — your deepest self is not duped because no truly human relationship is ever formed. It is all virtual.

Perhaps one of the most tempting features of pornography is that no follow-up with your "partner" is needed — a feature that seems extremely convenient at the time, but which actually frustrates our deep human desire for companionship. It probably is also worth reminding ourselves — for the sake of breaking through the fantasy — that, as spontaneous as pornographic acts present themselves, in fact they are almost entirely calculated, non-spontaneous, deliberately filmed and edited products of a \$2 billion a year industry that is interested in making money, not fulfilling any human need for relationship. In fact, the industry can hardly make money if it actually succeeds in fulfilling your companionship needs. Its increasing profits — and they are increasing at an amazing rate — are dependent on repeated use.

Perhaps the most pernicious consequence that students have struggled with is that, over time, repeated pornography use threatens to turn sexuality into an enemy. Students who struggle with pornography frequently talk about their sexuality primarily as something they need to overcome. In fact, it is the use of pornography, they are so desperate to overcome, but often this slips into a general adversarial relationship with one's entire sexuality. This is squarely at odds with the life — including the sexual life — that God, who gifted us with our sexuality, intends for us. We are not created to be enemies of the gifts which God has planted deep within us. As Jesus protectively describes the presence of the gift of the Spirit within him against those who believe he is possessed of an evil spirit, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Father Ron Rolheiser, who offers a compelling, positive, and explicitly Christian understanding of sexuality in his book,

"The Holy Longing," writes, "For a Christian, sex is something sacred. Hence, it can never be simply a casual, unimportant, neutral thing. If its proper nature is respected, it builds the soul as a sacrament, and it brings God's physical touch to us. Conversely, though, if its proper nature is not respected, it . . . works at disintegrating the soul." Each of God's gifts, including our sexuality, is given for the purpose of building our souls.

Of the set of conditions that students have identified as helping to make pornography such a growing trend on college campuses — its accessibility, its anonymity, its power to stimulate — few are likely to change in the near future, and in fact will likely increase. Two, however, that remain in our control are anonymity and the messages about sexuality that permeate our community. What courageous students have revealed is that honestly sharing their struggles with pornography with another person whom they trust — a priest, minister, mentor, friend — is an incredibly powerful step towards breaking its hold. What a beautiful insight into the power of Christian community — characterized as it is by encouragement, forgiveness, healing, true freedom, true love, real relationship and, infusing it all, the compassion of Christ. He has entered totally into our humanity, in all its complexity, and promises to bring every part of us — including our sexuality — into intimate union with Him.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Burger King ignores slavery in their fields

Do you eat tomatoes in the dining halls? Do you put ketchup on your fries? Would you still eat those tomatoes if you knew they were picked by people who may as well be (and sometimes are) enslaved?

In the fields of Florida right now, workers have to pick two tons of tomatoes in order to make \$50, two and a half tons to make the minimum wage in Florida. This is something only possible during the peak seasons of picking, when competition for wages makes it possible to work only two to three days a week. Typically, workers make less than \$40 per day, and rarely have a full work week. Injuries are also common. As a result of this, farmworkers have to live with upwards of 10 people in a dingy trailer, because it rents for

\$300 - \$500 per week (that's not a typo), and work in the fields for 10-12 hours per day. Actual cases of slavery are still being uncovered, with other cases still working through the courts.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), formed in 1993 to fight these injustices, has been instrumental in achieving better wages and working conditions for farmworkers. In 2004, Taco Bell signed an agreement to pay a penny more per pound to workers, which increased wages for tomato pickers by 70 percent. That may seem like a lot, but it had been 30 years since farmworkers had received a raise. And last year, McDonalds signed on to a similar agreement. These corporations are the same ones that have asked for lower and lower costs for

years, which were passed down to the workers. Unfortunately, these agreements represent only one to two percent of the industry.

Currently, Burger King is refusing to sign the type of agreement that McDonalds and Taco Bell have. In response to this, and with the knowledge that the previous agreements only came after long, hard struggles, the CIW will be holding a protest Nov. 30 at Burger King's corporate headquarters in Miami, FL.

In support of this action, Notre Dame students have joined in this fight as well. On Oct. 31, wearing masks of the "King" that read, "Burger King Exploits Farmworkers," 16 students sat outside the Burger King in LaFortune, trying to raise awareness of these issues.

Students who have further interest in these problems or would like to join our cause should direct their questions to MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), or are welcome to e-mail me at mgotsch@nd.edu. If neither of those options appeal to you, I ask that you simply remember the people in the fields making it possible for you to have ketchup with those fries.

All statistics about the daily life of farm workers came from the CSC's Migrant Experiences Seminar 2007, held in Immokalee, FL, and from www.ciw-online.org.

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Nov. 7

Volleyball needs student support

Dear Students,
This weekend the volleyball team closes out the regular season at the Joyce Center with two very important Big East matches. Friday, before the pep rally, we play Cincinnati at 4 p.m. Please come out early to the pep rally, receive a free T-shirt, and warm up your vocal cords. Cincinnati is 8-4 in the Big East and 17-9 overall. One of our sophomores, Megan Fesl, has a sister who plays for Cincinnati so this match is an important one for our team.

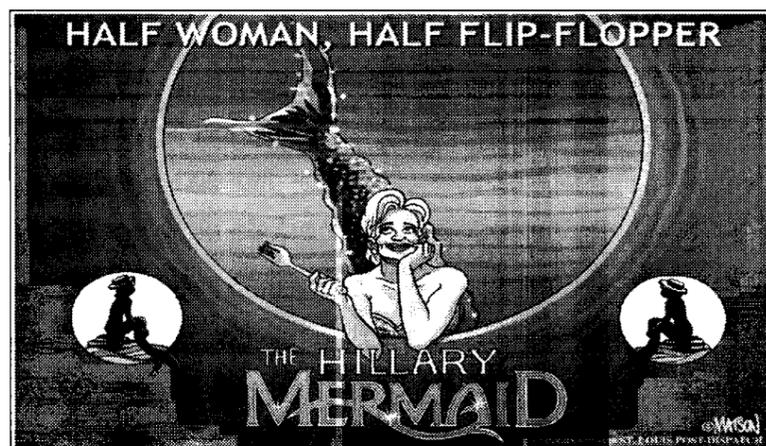
On Sunday at 2 p.m. we battle No. 17 Louisville, which is undefeated in Big East play at 12-0 and 19-4 overall. This is a huge match, as it will air live to a national audience on ESPN U, so bring your friends and be seen on TV. At

the Louisville match, one lucky student will win free books for a semester from Hammes Bookstore.

Finally, Sunday is also Senior Day. This will be your last chance to watch our outstanding pair of seniors, Ashley Tarutis and Adrianna Stasiuk, as they take the floor for the final time at the Joyce Center. With wins in the final two matches, we will earn a 13th consecutive berth in the Big East tournament. The team would love to hear our great student body make some noise and cheer us on to victory. GO IRISH!

Debbie Brown
Irish volleyball coach
Nov. 7

EDITORIAL CARTOON





MADELINE NIES | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and the Notre Dame Glee Club will perform their respective annual fall concerts tonight and tomorrow night in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Symphony Orchestra's repertoire includes all ballet music this year, including Tchaikovsky's famous "Nutcracker" Suite and Copland's "Rodeo." The program also features "Invitation to the Dance," a lesser-known ballet by Carl Maria von Weber, one of Beethoven's younger contemporaries, who was 15 years his junior.

"I wanted to do a ballet concert with the orchestra centered on the 'Nutcracker' Suite," said conductor Daniel Stowe in an email Monday, "and I thought the Copland 'Rodeo' music would be a good pairing."

The show will feature four selections from the ballet, concluding with the famous "Hoe-Down" music. Both suites run about 25 minutes.

Stowe said he chose the Nutcracker set for the quality of its music in addition to its status as a popular winter music suite.

"The 'Nutcracker' Suite, for all its familiarity, is just a joy to play because

of the tremendous quality of Tchaikovsky's craftsmanship in writing for the orchestra," Stowe said. "I think Tchaikovsky is very much underrated by many critics in this respect."

He went on to say that he selected the Copland ballet songs because they allow the orchestra to show a different aspect of its versatility that it doesn't normally get to demonstrate.

"The Copland really swings, too," Stowe said. "Orchestras don't actually get much of an opportunity to swing like a big band, but they do in this piece."

In addition to conducting the

nearly 80 members of the Symphony Orchestra, Stowe also conducts the 55 voices of the Notre Dame Glee Club. Unlike the orchestra's all-ballet lineup, Stowe says the Glee Club concert has no real theme, featuring a first half of classical music and a second half of spirituals, folk songs, barber-shop pieces and Notre Dame songs. The Undertones, the 12-member a cappella group made up of Glee Club members, will also perform during the second half.

"For the Glee Club, I always like to do some Renaissance sacred music in each

program," Stowe said. The first half of the concert includes music by Morales, La Rue and Josquin, in addition to 20th-century pieces by Poulenc, Distler and Biebl.

The Renaissance songs represent Stowe's efforts to branch out and infuse the concert with variety, particularly among the works from the latter three artists. Poulenc's four-piece set entitled "Laudes of St. Anthony" features what Stowe calls "very interesting harmony," while three Distler pieces are poems by the German poet Eduard Moerike set to music. All three contrast in tone and quality, Stowe said.

In addition to the new songs, the Glee Club will also stick with tried-and-true numbers including Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria," along with an arrangement of "Danny Boy" written for the Glee Club by 2000 Notre Dame graduate and former Glee Club member Patrick Quigley.

Stowe mentioned one type of music as a particular concert favorite.

"Barbershop is always great fun for singer and audience alike," he said. The Biebl music is also popular, Stowe said.

In arranging the performances of both the Symphony Orchestra and the Glee Club, Stowe said his greatest challenge is creating concerts that appeal to both classical music aficionados and casual audience members.

"In assembling programs, one always aims to entertain, educate, and inspire

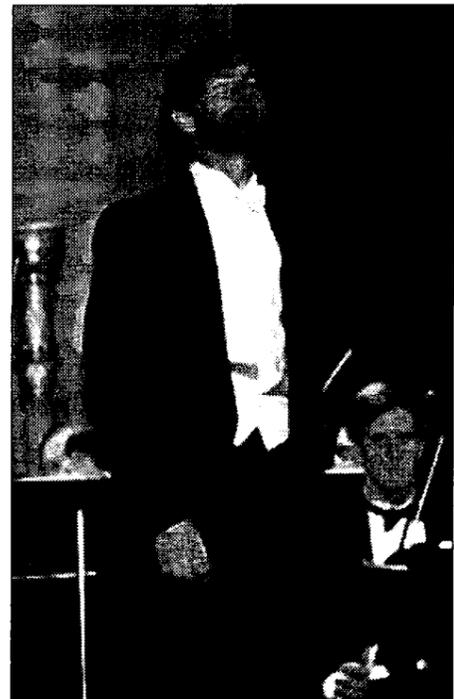


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Daniel Stowe conducts both the Symphony Orchestra and the Glee Club.

performers and audience alike," he said. "While it may be easier to appeal to a broader audience with the Glee Club, since [it] embrace[s] both popular and classical musical styles in [its] performances, I continually try to debunk the myth that classical music is by a bunch of dead guys and not relevant to us. I think it can speak to everyone, not just to the performers on stage."

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8 p.m.
Tickets \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$4
seniors and \$3 students**

**Notre Dame Glee Club
Fall Concert 2007
Leighton Concert Hall, DPAC
Friday, Nov. 9
8:30 p.m.
Tickets \$8, \$6 faculty/staff, \$5
seniors and \$3 students**

SCENE AND HEARD

Sportscasters put spotlight on themselves, not on sports

Oh, ESPN, how far you have fallen. It used to be that ESPN was my favorite channel — the perfect oasis for any rabid sports fan. But these days, ESPN is about as entertaining as a ball of lint.

The problem starts with the sportscasters. They make a joke-like remark about everything they comment on. I say joke-like because, well, it's meant to be a joke but it's missing that one key element — humor.

Listening to the sportscasters on ESPN is like listening to a group of over-hyped teenagers battle it out to see who can make the cute girl in class laugh. With ridiculous puns, analogies and broad and baseless sweeping statements, ESPN has ruined its image in my mind.

Every telecast, show and piece is so overblown that I can hardly stand it. The other night on SportsCenter, ESPN's centerpiece show, host Stuart Scott had a freelance, beat poetry intro. Did you catch that? Poetry.

Then there is Chris Berman. This guy was great. He has received three awards for best sportscaster.

Chris McGrady

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Scene Editor*

Unfortunately, the most recent was about 20 years ago. Now he is most famous for his annoying sounds. His signature noise is something he makes when an athlete (usually a football player) jukes another player. It goes something like this: WHOP! Think high-pitched, like a flamingo in heat. Do it with me — WHOP! It's mildly entertaining — WHOP! — until you have — WHOP! — heard it for the — WHOP! — 20th — WHOP! — time. Get my drift?

How lame is ESPN now? Well, they gave Keyshawn Johnson a microphone and said, "Here, tell the world what you think." Listening to Keyshawn is about as enlightening as a brain freeze. I think I will just save myself the time and pack my head in ice, thank you very much.

Then there are the blowhards who attack debates like freight trains — Michael Wilbon and Mark May. Despite being Notre Dame haters from the word go (save a seat at that table for writer Pat Forde), these guys are just annoying and as predictable as Britney Spears' next meltdown. Ugh.

There are a few sportscasters on ESPN I do like — Ron Jaworski, Mark Schlereth and Lou Holtz (of course) — but these gems are few and far



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ESPN College Football Analyst Mark May has routinely expressed his dislike of Notre Dame football on "College Football Live." Many disagree with his strong opinions.

between. The biggest problem with ESPN is that most of the people on the network feel they have become bigger than the sport themselves. It has stopped being about the game or the result, but rather who can make the most ridiculous statement and drive the ratings up the highest.

I more or less avoid ESPN now. I'll tune in if it is carrying a sporting event that I want to watch and can't see

elsewhere, but otherwise, consider me a lost customer. Besides, if I want to see two blowhards go at it in a boring debate, Election 2008 is just around the corner.

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MADELINE NIES | Observer Graphic

By CAIT LISTRO
Scene Writer

On Tuesday night, a group of students gathered in the Coleman Morse Lounge for a celebration of the written word. Ten students whose works of poetry and prose had been selected by the Student Union Board read their works aloud as a part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival Student Night.

Audience members enjoyed a wide variety of offerings highlighting the literary talents of every class, from freshmen to graduate students. Meaghan McGinley kicked off the evening with two poems about a forgotten mirror and growing older and a humorous retelling of the Rapunzel fairy tale. David Karapetyan shifted to a slightly darker mood with four poems about subjects ranging from office life to a cynic's view of French townspeople, and Tanya Barrios shared her tributes to a friend and to her personal sanctuary.

The serious mood continued with Sade Murphy's glimpses into a shattered relationship and the superficiality of Barbie, and lightened with Joe Eno's reworking of a Shakespearean sonnet, urge towards carpe diem, and a humorous ode to Keystone Light. Michael McDonald and Loren Higbee shared their stream-of-consciousness impressions of life, Michael's in the form of journal entries from his journey to Uganda and Loren's in the form of poems penned from Decio Commons.

Freshman Lillian Civantos shared her poetic thoughts about the transition from high school to college, and Mychal Stanley closed the evening with a short story recounting the awkward first meeting of a girl and boy brought together by a burning building.

Fortuitous beginnings

The student event marked the beginning of this year's Notre Dame Literary

Festival, which is celebrating its 41st year. Inspired by an event held at the University of Mississippi, the festival started in 1967 with Notre Dame student J. Richard Rossi as a series of films and lectures by literary scholars on the works and life of William Faulkner. Rossi passed the responsibility of organizing the festival to sophomore John Mroz. Mroz wanted to expand the festival into a major event featuring nationally known writers, but with only \$2.72 in the festival bank account and meager support from the University, bringing these authors to Notre Dame seemed impossible.

Salvation arrived at the hands of Father Charles Sheedy, then-dean of the College of Arts and Letters, who gave Mroz his first contact — Joseph Heller, author of "Catch 22." Sheedy began exchanging letters with him shortly after the book's publication and soon, Mroz found success — Heller agreed to attend the festival. Soon, other writers responded, and the program expanded to include Norman Mailer, Wright Morris, Ralph Ellison, Granville Hicks, William F. Buckley Jr., Kurt Vonnegut, and Isaac Bashevis Singer.

National exposure

The festival stirred up enthusiasm at a national level, and international film critics even attended to view Norman

Mailer's new film, "Beyond the Law." However, during the week of the festival, the nation was rocked by a surge of protests over the Vietnam War, Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and President Lyndon B.

Johnson's announcement to forego reelection. The authors' lectures and the final symposium were flavored with commentary on the recent events. Yet the festival managed to be both a suitable celebration of the authors' literary talents and a fitting commentary on world issues.

The festival has continued in the spirit of the original, with increasing interaction between the authors and stu-

dents. Past authors include John Knowles, Gwendolyn Brooks, Chaim Potok, Tennessee Williams, Robert Fitzgerald, Tom Clancy and Nikki Giovanni.

This year, the festival moves to November and expands into a month-long celebration of fiction, poetry, film and song. This year's featured authors are as diverse as their work.

Patricia Smith

Patricia Smith, a performance poet, playwright, biographer and children's author, will be holding a question-and-answer session at Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and a poetry slam at 8 p.m. on the same day. Smith has performed poetry at venues ranging from Carnegie Hall and the Poets Stage in Stockholm to Lollapalooza and Paris' Sorbonne. Her books of poetry include "Close to Death" and "Teahouse of the Almighty," which was chosen for the 2005 National Poetry Series. Her works of fiction include "Africans in America," "Janna and the Kings" and "Mahina, the Mad Mad Moon." Smith also performs with her band, Bop Thunderous, and sings with the jazz group Paradigm Shift.

Lydia Davis

Lydia Davis, a short story author, translator and novelist, will be holding a question-and-answer session Nov. 15 in the McNeill Room of LaFortune at 5 p.m., and a reading at 8 p.m. and a reception at 9 p.m. in the same room. Her works include the novel "The End of the Story," as well as several collections of short fiction including "Varieties of Disturbance," "Break It Down" and "Samuel Johnson Is Indignant." Davis has also translated many memoirs, novels, and literary criticisms from French into English; her translation of Marcel Proust's "Swann's Way" earned the French-American Foundation Annual Translation Prize.

Steve Almond

Steve Almond is a journalist, commentator and fiction writer. On Nov. 19, his question-and-answer session will be

at 4 p.m. in the McNeill Room in LaFortune and his reading and reception will be at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Almond has written two story collections — "My Life in Heavy Metal" and "The Evil B.B. Chow" — the memoir "Candyfreak" and the novel "Which Brings Me to You" in collaboration with Julianna Baggott. His recent work, "Not That You Asked," is a collection of essays featuring various life experiences and commentary, from his resignation from Boston College after Condoleezza Rice was chosen as the commencement speaker to his fight with Sean Hannity and his obsession with Kurt Vonnegut.

Larry Doyle

Larry Doyle is a novelist, film and television writer and a producer. On Nov. 27, he will be holding a question and answer session at the McNeill Room at 4 p.m., a reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Room, and a reception at 8:30 p.m. in the Dooley Room. He currently writes screenplays and pieces for the "New Yorker," "Esquire" and other magazines. His television writing credits include "Beavis and Butt-Head," "Looney Tunes" and "The Simpsons" and his film writing credits include "Looney Tunes: Back in Action" and "Duplex."

Michael Martone

Michael Martone, short story author, non-fiction writer and editor, will be holding a question-and-answer session at 5 p.m. in the McNeill Room and a reading and reception at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom on Nov. 28. His short story collections include "Doublewide," a recently-published collection of early stories, as well as "Fort Wayne is Seventh on Hitler's List" and "Alive and Dead in Indiana." His stories have also appeared in several magazines, including "Harper's" and "Story." He has published several works of nonfiction, including "The Blue Guide to Indiana" and "The Flatness and Other Landscapes." He currently teaches at the University of Alabama.

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Award-winning poet Patricia Smith will hold a poetry slam on Nov. 13.

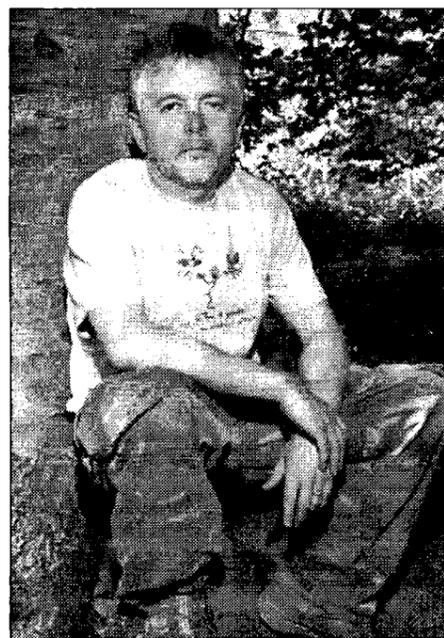


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Larry Doyle has written for "Beavis and Butt-Head" and "The Simpsons."



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Lydia Davis has won awards for her French to English translations.



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Michael Martone will hold a question-and-answer session on Nov. 28.

NBA

Hawks ruin Nash's big game with 105-96 win

Big three lead Boston to blowout win over Denver; Bobcats almost set franchise-low for points scored in 94-63 loss

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The stands were packed, and the home team made every big shot down the stretch. Could this possibly be an Atlanta Hawks game?

Josh Smith scored 22 points, rookie Al Horford led a dominant performance on the boards and the Hawks beat another 60-win team from last season, holding off Steve Nash and the Phoenix Suns 105-96 on Wednesday night.

Atlanta, which hasn't made the playoffs since 1999, got back to .500 in a brutal opening stretch of games and added to its opening-night win over Dallas. Once again, the Hawks drew a sellout crowd to watch them beat a Western Conference powerhouse.

"The atmosphere here this year is incredible," said Marvin Williams, one of three Hawks to put up a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. "It really gives us a boost of confidence."

Atlanta led throughout the second half, but the Suns were right there when Nash drove for a basket with 4:42 remaining. Williams responded by hitting back-to-back jumpers when left open at the top of the key.

"I guess it was my night," he said.

Actually, several players came up huge. Smith sealed it in the final 2 minutes, fighting hard on the offensive boards to get a

couple of chances off Joe Johnson's missed jumper. The second one rolled in, and Smith was fouled by Grant Hill.

The Atlanta forward let out a yell and slapped hands hard with Acie Law, then went to the line and finished off the three-point play that gave the Hawks a 99-89 lead with 1:47 remaining.

"We feel good about our chances this year," Smith said. "This is the team (Phoenix) that everyone has winning the NBA title this year. To play the way we played against them shows we belong in this league."

Horford grabbed 15 rebounds to lead four Atlanta players in double figures. Smith had 10 rebounds for a double-double and the Hawks finished with a 56-40 rebounding edge, leading to a 29-9 advantage in second-chance points. Josh Childress also had 10 rebounds to go along with 19 points.

Nash scored 34 points, but Shawn Marion, with 20, was the only other significant offensive contributor. The Suns played their third straight game without Amare Stoudemire, who sat out because of a sore knee.

"We ran into a team that's more athletic than we are," Nash said, a huge compliment to the Hawks.

Celtics 119, Nuggets 93

Hard to believe, but Boston's newest Big Three thinks it can play even better.

Paul Pierce scored 26 points,



Celtics forward Paul Pierce points his finger while leaving the court at the end of third quarter. Pierce had 26 points in Boston's 119-93 victory Wednesday over Denver.

Kevin Garnett added 23 points and 13 rebounds, and the Celtics shot 72 percent during an overpowering first half en route to a victory over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

"We are just scratching the surface on what we can do," Pierce said. "We enjoy seeing the next player make a great play and no one cares who gets credit."

Boston improved to 3-0 overall and has won both its home games by an average of 24 points. Ray Allen scored 22 points and is shooting 63 percent since joining the Celtics.

"They (Garnett, Pierce and Allen) like each other," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They've all decided that they don't need anything individually and it is all about what's best for the team."

The Celtics barely broke a sweat in building a 77-38 half-time lead. Boston had multiple uncontested layups, dunks and an array of dazzling passes, out-rebounded Denver 25-9 and dominated essentially every statistic on the box score.

Allen Iverson led the Nuggets with 22 points, but Carmelo Anthony was held to only 11 on 3-of-13 shooting. Denver dropped an emotional game on Tuesday in New York, 119-112, after blowing a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter and has lost three straight overall.

"It's a game we never had a shot in," Iverson said. "They jumped right on us and we were never able to take care of business."

Iverson appeared to be the only Nuggets player fazed by the huge early deficit. After Eduardo Najera picked up a technical early in the second quarter with Denver trailing 50-25, Iverson barked to referee Scott Wall, "We're down 25, isn't that enough?"

Rivers returned for Boston after missing a game due to the death of his father.

"Doc has been preaching to us about repetition," Garnett said. "We knew Denver could put up 150 points if they wanted to, but we want to be known as a defensive team."

Sixers 94, Bobcats 63

The Bobcats went from unbeaten in the first two games to beaten badly in the next two.

So much for the confidence and momentum built off their perfect start.

Andre Iguodala scored 19 points, Willie Green had 14 and the Philadelphia 76ers jumped on Charlotte early and never let up in a win Wednesday night, sending the Bobcats back to .500 after a brief undefeated streak.

"It all fell apart," Bobcats coach Sam Vincent said.

The Bobcats played without point guard Raymond Felton after he hurt his left knee a night earlier against Phoenix. Without the speedy Felton leading Charlotte's up-tempo offense, the Bobcats flopped from the start.

Charlotte's 2-0 start was the first time the fourth-year team had ever been two games above

.500 at any point. But the Bobcats were blown out by 32 points against the Suns on Tuesday night and then narrowly avoided a record-low point total, needing one last jumper against the Sixers to surpass the 62 scored against Houston on Dec. 8, 2006.

"We just have to forget about it," guard Derek Anderson said. "We've got to figure out a way to do things right."

Matt Carroll scored 16 points and Emeka Okafor had 11 points and 11 rebounds, but the Bobcats had 29 turnovers.

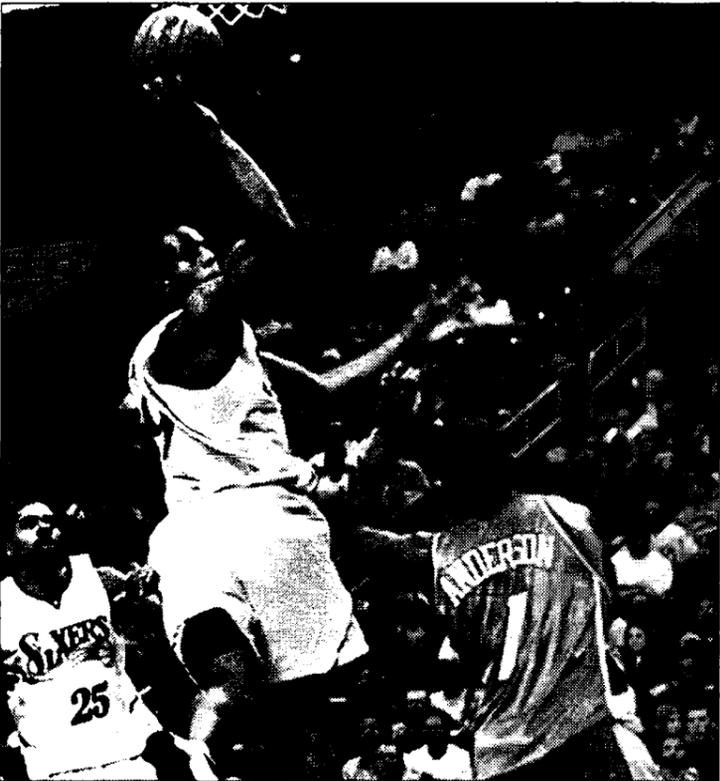
While Charlotte has the same record (2-2) as the Sixers, the attitude was much more upbeat in the home locker room. Picked to finish near the bottom of the Eastern Conference, the Sixers have been competitive in all four games and want to be over .500 by the end of their four-game homestand, which ends Sunday.

Philadelphia coach Maurice Cheeks has stressed the importance of making the most of a favorable schedule that has the Sixers playing 14 of their first 23 games at home.

"It helps when you have a chance to have a game like that," Cheeks said.

The Sixers blew open the game in the second quarter and built a 20-point lead in front of about 6,000 fans. Not that the nearly empty arena mattered much to Philly.

"When I'm playing, I'm just focused on the court," forward Rodney Carney said. "It could be 20,000 people or 5,000. I'm just concerned about winning."



Sixers guard Andre Iguodala, left, shoots over Bobcats guard Derek Anderson during Philadelphia's 94-63 win Wednesday over Charlotte.

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Boston	2-0	1.000	W2	0.0
New Jersey	3-1	.750	W2	0.0
New York	2-1	.667	W2	0.5
Toronto	2-2	.500	L2	1.0
Philadelphia	1-2	.333	L1	1.5

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Detroit	3-0	1.000	W3	0.0
Indiana	3-0	1.000	W3	0.0
Milwaukee	2-2	.500	W2	1.5
Cleveland	2-2	.500	W1	1.5
Chicago	0-4	.000	L4	3.5

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Orlando	3-1	.750	W2	0.0
Charlotte	2-1	.667	L1	0.5
Atlanta	1-2	.333	L2	1.5
Washington	0-3	.000	L3	2.5
Miami	0-3	.000	L3	2.5

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
Denver	2-2	.500	L2	0.0
Utah	2-2	.500	L1	0.0
Portland	0-3	.000	L3	1.5
Minnesota	0-3	.000	L3	1.5
Seattle	0-4	.000	L4	2.0

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
L.A. Clippers	3-0	1.000	W3	0.0
Phoenix	3-1	.750	W2	0.5
L.A. Lakers	2-2	.500	L1	1.5
Sacramento	1-3	.250	W1	2.5
Golden State	0-4	.000	L4	3.5

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	perc.	streak	GB
New Orleans	4-0	1.000	W4	0.0
Houston	4-1	.800	W1	0.5
Dallas	3-1	.750	W2	1.0
San Antonio	3-1	.750	L1	2.0
Memphis	0-2	.000	L2	3.0

NCAA Women's Basketball Preseason Coaches' Poll

	team	last yr.	previous
1	Tennessee	28-3	1
2	Connecticut	29-3	5
3	Rutgers	22-8	2
4	Maryland	27-5	14
5	LSU	26-7	4
6	Oklahoma	26-4	9
7	North Carolina	30-3	3
8	Stanford	28-4	16
9	Duke	30-1	6
10	Georgia	25-6	13
11	Texas A&M	24-6	21
12	Arizona State	28-4	8
13	George Washington	26-3	11
14	California	23-9	NR
15	Baylor	25-7	20
16	Ohio State	28-3	18
17	Vanderbilt	27-5	17
18	Michigan State	23-8	25
19	Florida State	24-10	19
20	Purdue	28-5	7
21	Pittsburgh	24-9	NR
22	West Virginia	21-11	NR
23	Louisville	26-7	24
24	Texas	18-14	NR
25	N.C. State	23-9	12

NFL



Tennessee Titan's cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, right, is interviewed prior to his pro wrestling debut on Aug. 12. Jones' one-year suspension for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy was upheld by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell on Tuesday.

Goodell upholds Jones' year-long suspension

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell told Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones in April to sit out the 2007 season. On Tuesday, the commissioner informed Jones he still hasn't changed his mind.

Jones had met with the commissioner last week in New York, pleading for some leniency and an early return. But the cornerback whose biggest community service was buying wrestling tickets for Atlanta students to watch him at a pay-per-view event last month didn't convince Goodell.

The commissioner told

Jones his suspension will last through this season, which would include the playoffs if the Titans (6-2) qualify.

"He will be eligible to begin working out at the Titans' facility following the conclusion of the team's season," the league said in a statement late Tuesday afternoon.

Attorney Worrick Robinson said Jones received a letter from the NFL notifying him of the commissioner's decision earlier Tuesday. They planned to talk further Tuesday night and a formal statement may follow Wednesday.

"He is very disappointed," Robinson said. "We're

looking at different options."

Goodell had promised Jones' case would be reviewed after Tennessee's 10th game of the season. He met with Jones last Friday — two days before the Titans' eighth game.

But the Titans, who have replaced their best defensive player, had been expecting the suspension to stand.

"As we have said all through this process, we understood the suspension was for a year and made preparations to move our team forward without Adam Jones," the team said in a statement. "We will continue to monitor his situation and will

address his future when he is reinstated by the commissioner."

Goodell originally suspended Jones in April for violating the league's personal conduct policy. At the time, Jones had been arrested five times since the Titans drafted him with the sixth overall pick in the 2005 draft.

The suspension followed a Las Vegas strip club fight Feb. 19 in which police accused Jones of inciting a fight inside that led to a triple shooting outside that left one man paralyzed. Jones was arrested on two felony counts of coercion in June after dropping an appeal of his NFL punishment.

IN BRIEF

Clemens signs with Astros as personal-services consultant

ORLANDO, Fla. — Roger Clemens is ready to join the Houston Astros — as a consultant.

In a sign that Clemens' pitching career could be over, his agent told the Astros on Wednesday that the seven-time Cy Young winner is set to start his personal-services contract with the team.

"He's moving toward retirement and leaving open the possibility of playing," agent Randy Hendricks said. "As Roger has stated several times, he's failed at retirement repeatedly."

Hendricks sent Astros owner Henry McLane an e-mail informing him of the decision. This was the first time Hendricks formally told Houston that Clemens was ready to work off the field.

It was not clear how Clemens would respond if the Yankees or Astros asked him to pitch next year.

Angels' Matthews meets with MLB over HGH allegations

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. met with baseball officials Wednesday to discuss allegations that he received human growth hormone.

Matthews was sent HGH in 2004 from a pharmacy being investigated for illegal distribution of performance-enhancing drugs, The Times Union of Albany, N.Y., reported last winter. Matthews denied using HGH, which was not banned by baseball until 2005.

Several other players implicated in receiving performance-enhancing drugs also have met with baseball officials. Baseball is trying to arrange an interview with Cleveland pitcher Paul Byrd, who said last month that he took HGH for a medical condition before it was banned.

Bengals' Henry, recently reinstated, in trouble again

CINCINNATI — Receiver Chris Henry allegedly was involved in an altercation with a parking attendant on the eve of rejoining the Cincinnati Bengals from his eight-game suspension.

Henry practiced with the Bengals on Wednesday and will be eligible to play Sunday in Baltimore. Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended him for the first half of the season for repeatedly violating the NFL's conduct policy.

The third-year receiver stayed out of trouble during the suspension and was allowed to practice with the team for the last two weeks.

On Tuesday night, police in Newport, Ky., a suburb on the other side of the Ohio River within view of Paul Brown Stadium, were called to an entertainment district following a dispute over a parking fee.

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MLB

NYY will not trade pitching for Cabrera

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hank Steinbrenner was clear on what the New York Yankees won't do to get Miguel Cabrera.

"It's pretty obvious which players we're not going to trade," the owner's son said Wednesday, before rattling off the team's most-prized young pitchers. "Chamberlain, Hughes and even Kennedy. Not for a position player."

As the Florida Marlins try to gauge what teams would give them for their All-Star third baseman, the Yankees are showing qualified interest. Yes, they'd love Cabrera to replace Alex Rodriguez, but they're prepared to wait for the asking price to go down. For now, when other teams inquire, Joga Chamberlain, Phil Hughes and Ian Kennedy aren't available.

"I've been tested on those guys this week and obviously the summer during the [trade] deadline, and I'll continue to be tested on it," general manager Brian Cashman said. "I know that all three of those guys, the 29 other clubs would have no problems pitching at least one of them if not all of them in their rotations."

Hughes, just 21, showed poise and overpowering pitches, even while slowed by hamstring and ankle injuries that sidelined him for much of the season. Chamberlain, 22, was instant electricity and on many nights unhittable as Mariano Rivera's set-up man down the stretch.

Kennedy, who turns 23 next month, was polished and resembled a young Mike Mussina in three September starts.

"It's like Cashman said: You never say untouchable, but at least least-touchable," Steinbrenner said.

In addition to Cabrera, a four-time All-Star, Chicago White Sox third baseman Joe Crede is also available on the trade market. Cashman predicted it would take time for teams to reveal their

"real asking price."

"I'm not looking to overpay. If you want to overpay, that's the only way you move fast. If you do something that someone says yes to like that," Cashman said, snapping his fingers, "that probably means you did something wrong. Or somebody did."

Cashman does not think World Series MVP Mike Lowell is going to be an option.

"I personally believe the player's preference is to stay in Boston, first and foremost," he said.

On the third day of the general managers' meetings, each GM stood up and stated what their offseason goals were. Many mentioned specific players they were making available. The idea was suggested by Boston's Theo Epstein and Florida's Larry Beinfest, co-chairs of this year's meeting.

"Usually it takes a while to be able to reach all 29 other teams and hear what they're trying to do. This increased our efficiency tremendously. It saves us all a lot of time," Epstein said. "Some teams were specific. Some were more guarded."

On the Yankees front, outfielder Johnny Damon dropped by the hotel to speak with new manager Joe Girardi. Damon was slowed by injuries this year, slumped at the plate and lost the regular starting job in center field to Melky Cabrera.

"I think Joe wanted to make sure that he had a chance to articulate to Johnny how he sees him fitting for the Yankees in '08," Cashman said. "I don't expect to move Johnny."

Cashman envisions that Damon will be his leadoff hitter and starting left fielder and that Hideki Matsui will share time at designated hitter with Jason Giambi, who will occasionally play first.

"Is he the ideal first-base situation? No. Can he play there seven days a week? We haven't had him doing that, obviously, for a while," Cashman said. "So I think that you're going to see him more DH-ing for us, but we'll see."

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Yankees owner's son

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NCAA FOOTBALL

New clock rules make games faster

Associated Press

The NCAA's rules changes have done what they were expected to do to college football this season.

More kickoffs are being returned, more plays are being run and more points are being scored. On a less positive note, more games are dragging on.

The most significant changes dealt with kickoffs and the clock.

Kickoffs now take place from the kicking team's 30 instead of the 35. The idea was to eliminate some of the boring touchbacks and create more opportunities for exciting returns.

Mission accomplished.

Last season, there were about six kickoffs returned per game. That number is up to almost nine this season. There were 42 kickoff return touchdowns last season in 1,506 major college football games, including bowl games. This season there have already been 50 in 1,099 games.

"I think it adds to the game," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said Wednesday during a conference call. "With not as many balls kicked into the end zone, that becomes a play in the ballgame that's important."

Less touchbacks have also given offenses better starting field position.

"There's a big difference in starting at the 35 and starting at the 20," Beamer said.

The move has forced teams

without strong-leg kickers to use unorthodox kickoff techniques.

"It's been interesting to see the different philosophies teams have taken in regard to the kickoff," Mississippi State coach Sylvester Croom said.

Squib kicks that bounce down the field have become more popular. Other teams

have resorted to short, high kicks that don't allow much chance of a return but rarely travel inside the receiving team's 30.

"I'm seeing more blooper kicks this year than I have ever seen," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "All those blooper kicks are not that exciting."

Teams with especially dangerous return men have been getting a steady dose of bloopers and squibs.

"With the returners that I have, they don't kick it to them anymore," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said.

Arkansas running back Felix Jones is averaging 31 yards per return with two touchdowns on 14 returns. The Razorbacks also will occasionally use All-American Darren McFadden to return kicks.

Nutt's overall opinion of the rule change seems to fall in

line with most coaches.

"I like it more receiving. I don't like it when I'm kicking off," he said.

The biggest concern coaches had with the spot of kickoffs being moved back was the potential for more injuries because of the increase in high-speed collision plays.

The NCAA planned to monitor injuries on kickoffs and adjust the rule if necessary. Ron Courson, head trainer at Georgia and a member of the National Athletic Trainers association, said the data will be studied at the end of the season.

The other major changes were to affect the length of games.

Last year, the NCAA implemented several rules to pick up the pace of games, which were creeping toward an average of 37 hours to play.

The solution was to keep the clock moving during a change of possession and to start the clock on kickoffs when the ball was kicked instead of when the receiving team touched it.

Those changes didn't go over well with coaches and ended up taking about 14 plays on average from each game, which led to a drop in scoring to about 48 points per

game.

Those rules were repealed. "I think every rule change this season was in favor of the offense," Georgia coach Mark Richt said.

"It's been interesting to see the different philosophies teams have taken in regard to the kickoff."

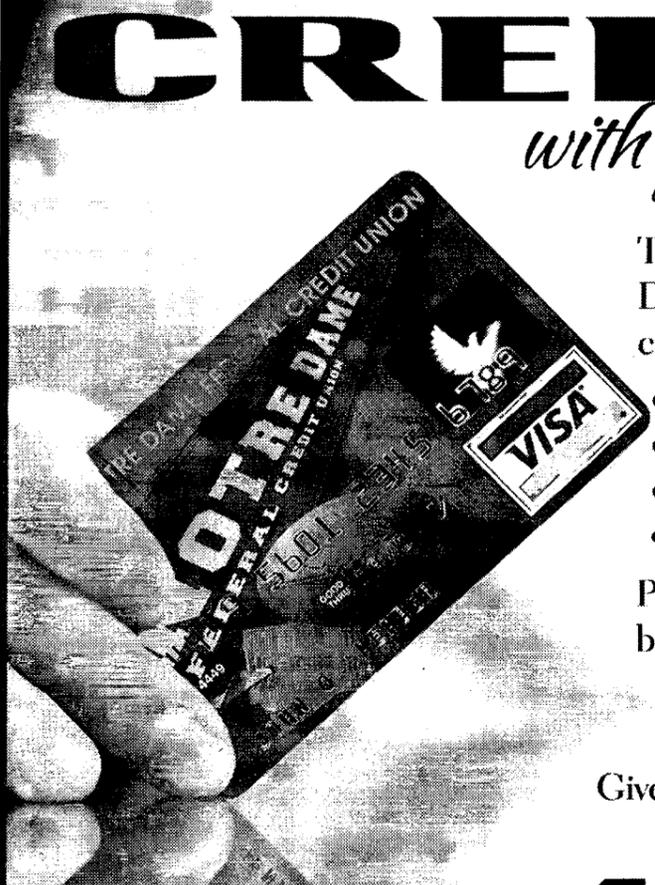
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NBA

Arenas has left knee drained again

Coach expects guard to play at New Jersey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even if Gilbert Arenas is having problems with his left knee, Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan isn't quite ready to worry.

Arenas' surgically repaired knee was drained for the second time in three weeks Wednesday, forcing him to miss practice for a third consecutive day. Still, Jordan expects Arenas to play against New Jersey on Thursday night.

"There's no red flags," Jordan said. "He just has to keep getting through his therapy, his rehab, and getting some rest when he can."

Asked how long it might be until Arenas is 100 percent healthy, the coach said: "We don't know how long it's going to take. You know, Gil's pretty darn good at whatever percent he's at, anyway."

Arenas said his knee felt stiff after Washington's last game, a 94-82 loss to Orlando on Saturday that dropped the Wizards to 0-3. He hasn't practiced since.

"It feels like a 5-pound weight is on it," Arenas said that night, adding he thought he might need to have fluid drained. His left knee also was drained of excess fluid Oct. 17.

Arenas did not speak to reporters Wednesday, but he did refer to the knee on his blog.

"I have to get my knee drained and get the fluid out so I can be ready for the next 15 days. I guess it's like a 15-day period after I drain my knee that I'm at 100 percent," the blog says. "There's no pain, it's just stiffness."

Arenas spoke Saturday about tailing off in what was his first set of back-to-back games since hurting his knee in April.

"That's where I thought he wasn't his explosive self," Jordan said. "That's the only game."

Arenas made his first three shots against Orlando, then went 2-for-12 the rest of the way. He shot 0-for-4 on 3-pointers that night, making him 1-for-17 from beyond the arc this season. Arenas is shooting 33 percent overall.

"I'm just shooting really bad right now," his blog says, "but I'll get the mojo back in a minute."

The Wizards began the season

by playing three games in four nights, and they have another such stretch now: Thursday's game is followed by one at home against Denver on Friday, then a game at Atlanta on Sunday.

Arenas went five days without playing in an exhibition game after his knee was drained last month. But Wizards captain Antawn Jamison said Arenas told him he'll be ready to play Thursday.

"From my understanding, he said he was mentally ready and physically he felt good," Jamison said. "So we'll see tomorrow."

Added teammate DeShawn Stevenson: "Gil's a gamer. He can sit out five games and come out and play the way he plays. ... He's going to be all right."

The Wizards probably could use Arenas against the Nets. New Jersey won all four of the teams' meetings last season, with Nets point guard Jason Kidd averaging a double-double in those games.

Plus, there's this: Washington is shooting an NBA-worst 35.4 percent so far — only one other team, the Chicago Bulls, is under 40 percent — and averaging only 91.7 points, a decrease of more than 12 points from last season's output.

NFL

McNabb: I'm not only one to blame

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb doesn't miss blocks or run wrong routes, and he can't be held responsible for the defense allowing points.

So the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback feels it's unfair to blame him for the Philadelphia Eagles' 3-5 start.

"I'm definitely not the whole reason why we lost these games," McNabb said Wednesday. "Can I help? Yes, I can. But I'm not fully to blame for everything that goes on around here. I can help, but I'm not that main solution. I'm a piece of the puzzle, and when the puzzle's put together, then we'll have success."

Just two days after coach Andy Reid left the door slightly open for a change at his position, McNabb seemed a bit defensive.

"We all have to play well," he said. "We all have to do our jobs individually. If we all step up and do our job, then we wouldn't be sitting here right now (at 3-5). But I'm definitely not the single reason for what's going on right now."

McNabb had a fumble and two interceptions in a 38-17 loss to Dallas on Sunday night, with two of those turnovers leading to 14 points in the first half.

Asked Monday if McNabb would remain the starter for the rest of the season, barring injury, Reid said: "That's where I'm looking at things. Again, nothing is guaranteed. That's how I'm looking at it, yes."

The fact Reid said it's not "guaranteed" was a departure from the coach's usual stance. Instead, the honest response suggests Reid would consider benching McNabb at some point, especially if Philadelphia was mathematically eliminated.

The Eagles are last in the NFC East and trail nine teams in the conference. With rookie Kevin Kolb expected to be McNabb's eventual successor, the future could come as early as next month.

McNabb, of course, wouldn't support that decision.

"No, that's my job," he said. "Why would I want to give up my job?"

Less than one year removed from knee surgery for a torn ligament, McNabb clearly isn't the same player who led the

Eagles to four consecutive NFC title games and one Super Bowl.

However, his mobility is improving and his overall numbers this season are respectable. McNabb has a 59.9 completion percentage, 2,044 yards passing, nine touchdowns, four interceptions and a passer rating of 86.3.

"I'm not happy about the way I've played," McNabb said. "I have to do my job better, and everyone else has to, as well."

Teammates rallied around McNabb, offering support and flatly dismissing any need for a switch.

"Everything that goes wrong on this team is not Donovan's fault," running back Brian Westbrook said. "Everything from fumbles to interceptions to sacks, those are not all Donovan's fault, not totally. Because it's a team sport, one man can't make a football team. ... I've seen Donovan do great things, and I know he still has that in him."

Backup QB A.J. Feeley agreed.

"He's getting better," Feeley said. "You make changes where there's problems. If you're going to make a correlation between the quarterback play and the problems, I don't see it. I don't see a need for a change."

The Eagles could use the final eight games to make a decision on McNabb for next season. McNabb is signed through 2013, but he certainly won't be around to collect the \$52.4 million he's due to earn in the last four years of his contract.

His base salary next year is \$6.3 million and \$9.2 million for 2009. If the team feels starting Kolb next year wouldn't be a significant downgrade, McNabb could be used as trade bait. Or McNabb could be let go if the organization decides to rebuild and let Kolb get on-the-job experience.

Despite the speculation, McNabb still thinks he'll end his career in Philadelphia.

"I'm sure you probably won't write that, but I do," he said. "Everyone goes through ups and downs. All quarterbacks do. Brett Favre went through it; other quarterbacks have. This is a situation, if you continue to build, do you start over? It's not my decision, but I expect to be here."

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Laperriere nets two goals in Avs' win

Associated Press

DENVER — Ian Laperriere won't win any beauty pageants. Neither will his goals.

Laperriere scored two goals and assisted on another as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 in a shootout Wednesday night.

Wojtek Wolski and Marek Svatos scored shootout goals and the Avalanche won for the sixth time in seven games.

There's nothing complicated about Laperriere's game — crash the net, find the puck, knock it in. He'll do whatever it takes to score.

That's evident by his face. His nose is bent to the right, he's got stitches over his left eye and bruises on his left cheek bone. He'll sacrifice his body for the good of the team.

"I'm not a goal scorer but I know I can help the team in that regard," Laperriere said. "I was at the right place at the right time."

That always seems to be the case when he's playing Edmonton. Laperriere's last two-goal game came last March against the Oilers.

"Laperriere scores against us all the time," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said. "Junkyard goals."

Budaj finished the game with 30 saves, but came up big in the shootout, turning back Sam Gagner, Ales Hemsky and Marty Reasoner.

"They have good shooters," Budaj said. "But the guys came through. It was a big win."

The Oilers remain winless in their last four games. Yet the Edmonton players take solace in the effort after losing 5-2 to the Minnesota Wild on Monday night.

"We came out and showed that we cared, showed that we have respect for the organization," Jarret Stoll said. "We weren't happy with our last outing. We played really hard and battled in every area. They are a good hockey team."

Dwayne Roloson feels like an unlucky goalie right now. Roloson gave up three goals on eight first-period shots against the Wild, before being yanked.

He bounced back with 35 saves against Colorado, but couldn't preserve a 3-2 lead. Laperriere scored his second goal of the game 2:20 into the third period to tie the game at 3.

"I didn't have any luck tonight," Roloson said.

The Oilers scored three times in the first period on goals from Kyle Brodziak, Tom Gilbert and Hemsky. It was a change of pace as Edmonton had been held scoreless in the opening period of its last three games.

"Way more positives than negatives," Stoll said.

Although the Oilers stopped

Colorado's red-hot second line, the Avalanche's checking line of Laperriere, Ben Guite and Tyler Arnason picked up the slack. Arnason had a goal and an assist and Guite chipped in an assist.

"I think they were very good," Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said.

Ryan Smyth played against his former team for the second time this season. His wrist shot in the shootout was stuffed by Roloson. He logged 20 minutes, 32 seconds of ice time and took three shots.

Smyth played parts of 12 seasons with Edmonton, appearing in 770 regular season games.

It's the fifth most in franchise history.

Blackhawks 5, Blue Jackets 2

The Chicago Blackhawks erased a third-period deficit with one dizzying stretch.

Jonathan Toews, Brent Seabrook and Duncan Keith scored during an impressive sequence in the final period, and the Blackhawks rallied to beat the Columbus Blue Jackets Wednesday night.

Chicago dominated for most of the game, but fell behind 2-1 after Columbus' Rostislav Klesla and Nikolai Zherdev scored 1:25 apart early in the third.

Toews, Seabrook and Keith then scored in a 3:57 span midway through the period to give Chicago a 4-2 lead. Patrick Sharp completed the scoring with 11.2 seconds left.

"We find different ways to win," Blackhawks coach Denis Savard said. "I thought we could

have put them away in the second period and had lots of chances. We stuck with the game plan and our character showed up."

Defensemen James Wisniewski, Seabrook and Keith drove to the net to score from close range.

"Three goals from defensemen: That's something Savvy is getting on us to do, jumping up into the play," Seabrook said. "We're getting more comfortable with doing that."

The Blue Jackets were 5-0-1 in their previous six games. Their last regulation loss was a 4-1 setback against Vancouver on Oct. 21.

"Except for the last 5 minutes of the second period and first 8 of the third, we didn't have any energy," Columbus coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We played a very loose game and paid for it."

"We played right into their hands and didn't follow our plan. Three of their goals were on odd-man rushes."

Patrick Lalime stopped 24 shots for Chicago and Toews, a rookie, added an assist for his first multipoint game.

Fredrik Norrena made 30 saves for Columbus.

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Denis Savard
Blackhawks coach

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gardner-Webb stuns Kentucky

Gillispie loses to mid-major in second game

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Billy Gillispie's second game as Kentucky's coach was one he'd rather forget — and Gardner-Webb will remember for a long time.

Grayson Flittner scored 22 points to help Gardner-Webb beat the No. 20 Wildcats 84-68 Wednesday night in the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.

"You can't just show up on the court and think you're going to beat somebody because you wear a certain jersey," said Gillispie, who turned 48 Wednesday. "We didn't play like a hunter tonight."

Instead, the Wildcats were the prey the entire game, falling behind 14-0 and never cutting the deficit under seven points.

"A lot of people will think this is a misprint, but I hope not," Gardner-Webb coach Rick Scruggs said. "I hope they get to see it and can enjoy it. It's going to take a few days to settle in."

Kentucky, Division I's win-nest program, hadn't lost a regular-season game to a mid-major since falling to Western Kentucky on Nov. 15, 2001, in that season's opener. It lost to Alabama-Birmingham in 2004 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Kentucky's last home loss to an unranked nonconference foe was Dec. 3, 2005, against North Carolina.

"It's embarrassing when you lose, especially when it happens at home," Kentucky forward



Wildcats guard Michael Porter fouls Runnin' Bulldogs forward Thomas Sanders during Gardner-Webb's 84-68 win Wednesday over Kentucky.

Perry Stevenson said. "We've just got to keep working hard and make sure it doesn't happen again."

The tournament, benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, had been set up to send four top programs — No. 3 Memphis, Connecticut, Oklahoma and Kentucky to New York next week to play in the semifinals.

However, instead of the Wildcats, Gardner-Webb, which finished 9-21 last season and tied for seventh in the Atlantic Sun Conference, will play the winner of Thursday night's game between Buffalo and Connecticut.

"We had confidence," Gardner-Webb forward Thomas

Sanders said. "We wanted to play four minutes at a time and go timeout to timeout and give ourselves a chance to win in the final minutes. We ended up not needing to do that, though."

As it turned out, the Wildcats never had control of this game, trailing 14-0 just 4 minutes in, missing its first four shots and turning the ball over four times during that span.

Flittner hit a critical 3 midway through the first half that opened the Bulldogs' lead to 26-10.

Kentucky cut the deficit to seven less than 3 minutes later on a long jumper by Joe Crawford but would get no closer.

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years, they have not simply been beating up on weak conference foes. Irish coach Randy Waldrum has frequently said that the Big East is much stronger than it was even five years ago. The conference boasts four top-25 teams.

In the semifinals of the Big East tournament this Friday in Morgantown, W. Va., the Irish will take on Georgetown. In their first meeting with Georgetown, who upset No. 24 Connecticut Sunday, the Irish beat the Hoyas 3-0.

If the Irish are able to dispatch Georgetown, they will play the winner of the other semifinal between No. 12 West Virginia and No. 23 Louisville. On Sept. 28, the Irish defeated Louisville 1-0 on the road, despite a hostile Cardinals crowd that Waldrum called one of the most intimidating in the country.

If host West Virginia beats Louisville, it may prove to be the most difficult conference test the Irish face. The Mountaineers (14-4-1) have won their past five matches, including a 1-0 win over Villanova in the quarterfinals.

Early in the season, the Irish defense might have had severe trouble against West Virginia. But the Notre Dame back line should be able to avoid the mental mistakes that plagued it in its first few games together. Irish defenders Elise Weber, Julie Scheidler and Lauren Fowkes, all newcomers to the squad, suffered several difficult losses



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Irish forward Kerri Hanks eludes a Villanova defender during Notre Dame's 5-0 win Oct. 14 over the Wildcats.

during the first month of play but have grown into a dominant unit. The defense, which is led by junior Carrie Dew, has registered seven shutouts in conference play.

In a possible final against West Virginia, there is also no reason to think that the Irish offense would be unable to pepper the back of the net like it has the past month. The Mountaineers recently lost 2-0 to Connecticut and surrendered three goals in a win over Georgetown.

The Irish attack is led by junior Kerri Hanks, who recently became the third player in NCAA history to notch 50 goals and 50 assists before her senior year.

And Bock should return to provide a potent threat in the air on Hanks' corner kicks and sophomore forward Michelle Weisenhofer's long throw-ins. Bock has 16 header goals in less than three seasons with the Irish. When senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli is added to the offensive mix, the Irish can control the tempo against anyone.

So unless the Hoyas or Mountaineers can figure out something as difficult as finding a proverbial needle in a haystack, the Irish should capture their 10th Big East crown during their 13 years in the league.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

West Virginia continues to move toward BCS

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez doesn't put much stock in destiny.

Rodriguez has seen the movie "Evan Almighty" twice, including during the team's most recent road trip when the comedy about a congressman recruited by God to build an ark was the in-flight movie.

"In the movie they kept saying it was all about destiny," Rodriguez said. "I'm not a believer in being destined to win a championship."

No. 6 West Virginia (7-1, 2-1) controls its own destiny in the Big East and can win the conference and a Bowl Championship Series berth by winning its final four games, starting Thursday night at home against Louisville (5-4, 2-2).

West Virginia has won three straight since a loss at South Florida.

"Our players know determination wins championships, and we have a

chance to control that play by play," Rodriguez said. "Our guys have taken that approach since that loss."

Since the USF loss, South Florida, Rutgers and Cincinnati have lost a combined eight games to leave the Mountaineers behind only Connecticut in the Big East. The Mountaineers play the Huskies in Morgantown in two weeks. West Virginia also travels to Cincinnati next week and finishes the regular season at home against Pittsburgh on Dec. 1.

Thursday's game doesn't have the build up of last season, when both teams were ranked in the top 10 and undefeated heading into a Thursday night matchup in Louisville.

Determination got West Virginia only so far against the Cardinals in that one. Six fumbles, blown pass coverages and special teams gaffes contributed to Louisville's 44-34 win and ended the Mountaineers' 14-game winning streak.

West Virginia has one of the top turnover margins in the country this season and its improved defense is coming off its best showing of the season in a 31-3 win at Rutgers.

Louisville, despite its struggles this season, could present a much tougher test for the Mountaineers. The Cardinals have scored 44 points in each of the past two games against West Virginia, with Brian Brohm averaging 315 yards passing yards.

Brohm is already at 3,229 yards this season with 26 touchdowns and seven interceptions.

"That man puts the ball on the money," West Virginia linebacker Mortty Ivy said. "He is able to audible out there and do some things other quarterbacks can't do. He puts the ball in tight spaces where most defenders can't get to the ball."

West Virginia's junior backfield duo of quarterback Pat White and Steve Slaton has made a similar impression on Louisville first-year coach

Steve Kragthorpe. Slaton is headed toward his third straight 1,000-yard season and White ran for 156 yards and threw for 144 against Rutgers.

"People talk about yards after contact," Kragthorpe said. "With these guys, they ought to talk about yards after juke."

"They've done a great job of not just breaking tackles but creating vapor tackles. There are tacklers there, and they're just swinging at air."

The Cardinals were a top 10 earlier this season, but their poor defense and sloppy play has made them one of the bigger disappointments in the country.

Still, a strong finish and lots of help could still get them back to the BCS for a second straight season.

The way things have gone this season in the Big East, anything seems possible.

"Hopefully they have a sad bus ride or plane flight home," Slaton said.

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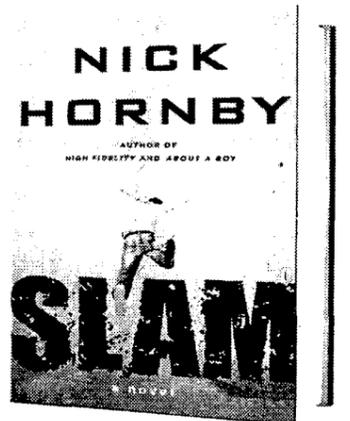
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Saturday's game was also the debut for highly-touted freshman goaltender Brad Phillips. Phillips was rarely tested but was able to keep his focus and looked comfortable between the pipes.

Junior Jordan Pearce, who has played every other game in net for the Irish, has also done well replacing Dave Brown. Neither of the goalies bring the experience nor hockey smarts that last year's CCHA MVP had, but keeping the puck out of the net has not been a problem.

The main inconsistencies on the ice have been with the man advantage. Notre Dame has shuffled through countless line-ups for the power play, but Jackson has still not settled on a No. 1 unit. They started red-hot with five power-play goals in their first three games, but hit a cold streak going 1-for-24 over the next three.

Success on special teams will be a key for the Irish as the young team gets used to playing with one another. If the power play can develop consistency and the penalty kill can continue at their strong pace (93.3 percent successfully



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer
Irish goalie Brad Phillips mans the net during Notre Dame's 4-1 victory Nov. 2 over Lake Superior State.

killed thus far), the team should be able to stay on the list as a national contender.

This weekend Jackson and his team will get a reality check as they head to Oxford, Ohio, to take on No. 1 Miami. The RedHawks have sprinted through their first eight games without so much as a

scratch on their perfect record. The match will be a measuring stick and an even better learning experience for a team that, Jackson believes, is starting to come around.

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twice about diving for loose balls or shying away from contact. Even though the Irish let St. Edward's hang around most of the game, Harangody's 14 second-half points made sure the Hilltoppers didn't beat the Irish like Findlay and Grand Valley State upset Ohio State and Michigan State, respectively, in the past week.

"At times it had the makings of [that game]," Brey said. "They made us play a little quick. I wish we could have been better with the basketball."

Notre Dame had 19 turnovers against St. Edward's but overcame its sloppy offensive play by getting the ball to Harangody in the second half. Brey said the strategy in the second half revolved around getting Harangody the ball on each possession.

"That's basically where we were," Brey said. "They had us pushed out a little bit. What we said was a low-post touch ... We were talking about six passes, reversing the ball, a low-post touch, a Harangody-touch before we do anything. And that's no mystery. That's how we're going to play."

St. Edward's trailed 38-28 at

halftime and made things interesting in the beginning of the second half.

After sophomore guard Tory Jackson, who finished with 11 points while playing with the flu, hit a three to put Notre Dame up 41-30, St. Edward's went on a 9-2 run to cut the score to 43-39. Then Harangody went to work, scoring seven points during an 11-3 Notre Dame run that made the score 54-43 with 10:45 remaining.

"I think [Harangody] did a great job," said senior forward Rob Kurz, who finished with 15 points and nine rebounds. "It's amazing to see him out there playing. He hasn't been able to move his wrist in three weeks and then to come out there, he did a great job and is only going to get better and better."

St. Edward's got as close as eight the rest of the way.

Harangody played 11 minutes in the first half but only scored one point. Kurz picked up the slack in the first half. He had 13 points in the first half, while junior guard Kyle McAlarney had 10 of his 12 points. But McAlarney and Jackson combined for 10 of Notre Dame's 19 turnovers. Jackson said that although he had the flu, he was still disappointed with how he played.

"I felt so terrible out there, but I let it get to me," Jackson said. "I should've never let that happen because it affected my team. I

got to get better at that. No matter what's wrong with me, I can't show any weakness."

Notre Dame jumped out to an 18-10 lead, but turnovers and missed shots allowed the Hilltoppers to get within four at 21-17 with 5:22 to play in the first half. The Irish regrouped and outscored St. Edward's 17-11 the rest of the half to go into the locker room ahead 38-28.

St. Edward's sophomore guard Jannick Zimmer led the Hilltoppers with 12 points while senior guard Shawn Weinstein and sophomore forward Cory Griffin each added 10.

Notes:

◆Brey said he was happy with the Big East's decision to allow all 16 conference teams to play in the Big East tournament beginning in 2009.

"I'm shocked we got it this early," Brey said. "We've been lobbying for a while ... I think it's very fitting that everybody goes to New York."

◆Brey said freshman guard Ty Proffitt sat out Wednesday with a groin injury.

"We're hoping he'll be back in practice on Saturday," Brey said. "But he pulled a groin in Sunday's practice, and we're just trying to be cautious with it."

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have similar interests and have always been involved in the same things."

The sisters were close friends, varsity starters and key elements to their team's success. The duo combined their talents to lead the Hersey team to the state championship in 2004. Annie set for Megan's powerful hits.

With each other's assistance, the Fesls achieved a lot. Annie was selected twice to the all-state team, and was named Mid-Suburban League East Player of the Year during her senior year. Megan was named the 14th best high school senior by prepvolleyball.com, an AAU All-American in 2006, and a

Junior Olympics all-tournament team selection, among other awards.

Megan and Annie finally split paths after graduation. Each chose different Big East schools.

The face-off between the sisters begins tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Joyce Center. The beginning of the match will highlight yet another Fesl when the girls' father, Rich, will sing the National Anthem.

"The match is going to be one of our most important games of the season," Fesl said. "It's the last weekend of regular season and both of our teams are vying for a spot in the Big East Tournament. This is going to be a very competitive match and it's going to be a lot of fun."

"Annie and I are really, really good friends."

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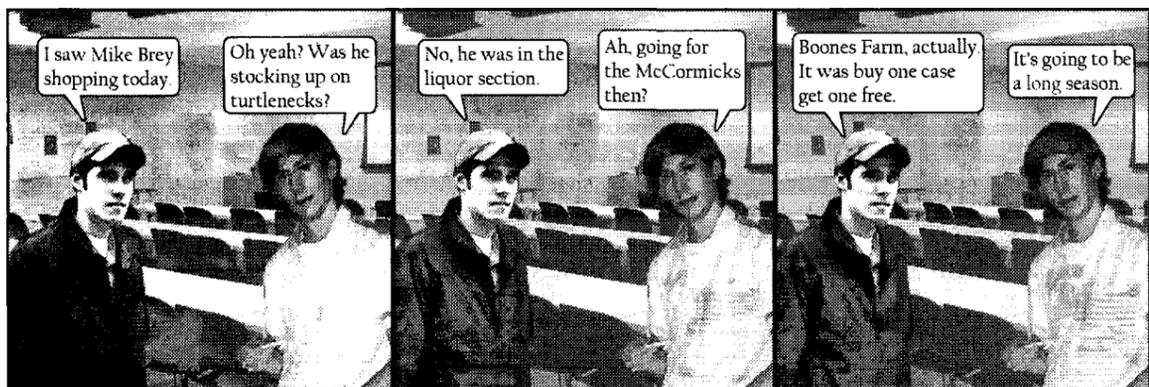
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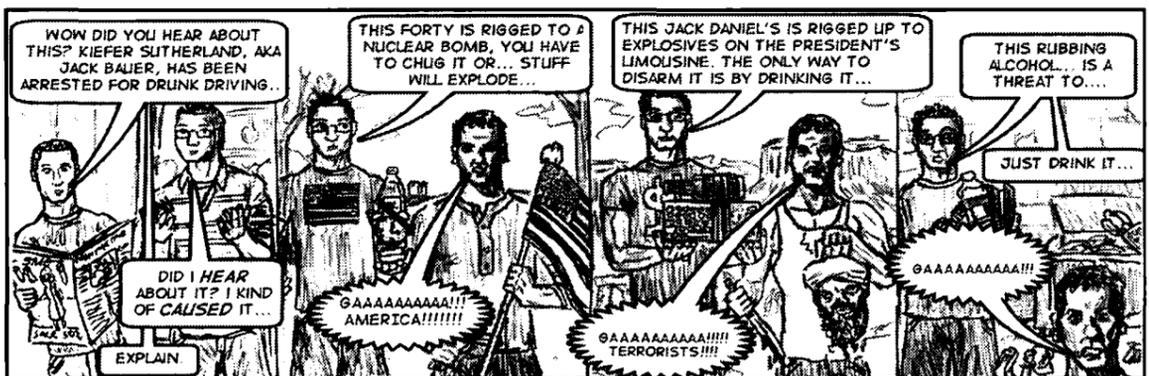
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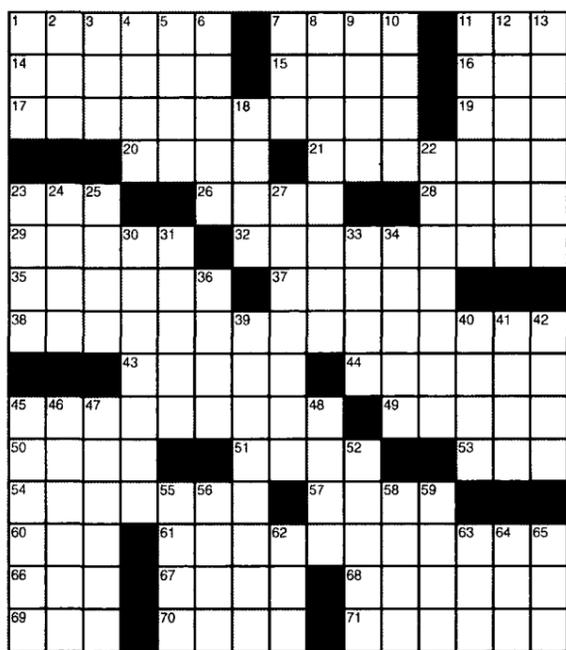
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

King of the Hill

Harangody returns from injury, leads Irish past Hilltoppers

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Luke Harangody wasn't going to let something as small as an injured thumb affect the way he played.

The sophomore forward, who is recovering from a torn ligament in his right thumb, overcame first-half "jitters" in his first game back to finish with 15 points and eight rebounds in 26 minutes in Notre Dame's 71-56 win Wednesday over St. Edward's.

"When I first went in there I was thinking about [the thumb] a little bit and finally I just said, 'If something happens it happens,'" Harangody said.

Harangody played with his usual wrecking-ball mentality in the second half, never thinking

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish forward Luke Harangody is fouled underneath the basket during Notre Dame's 71-56 win Wednesday over St. Edward's. Harangody finished with 15 points and eight rebounds.

FOOTBALL

Clausen to start this weekend

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen will start Saturday against Air Force, Notre Dame Director of Football Media Relations Brian Hardin told reporters Wednesday.

Clausen started every game from Sept. 8 at Penn State to Oct. 13 against Boston College. He has 618 yards one touchdown and five interceptions.

Junior Evan Sharpley started Notre Dame's losses to USC and Navy and played most of the second half against Boston College. He has 736 yards, five touchdowns and three interceptions in eight games this season.

This is Notre Dame's third change of starting quarterback.

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HOCKEY ANALYSIS

Young squad starting to put it all together

Leading a slew of young, inexperienced talent, Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson is in his third year behind the bench for the Irish. His team lost eight seniors to graduation including a Hobey Baker finalist who was arguably the most valuable

Dan Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

player in the country. Sound eerily familiar?

The Irish are off to an inconsistent 6-3 start, but fans shouldn't worry about this winter turning into this fall.

Last weekend, Notre Dame posted 11 goals in a two-game sweep of a weak Lake Superior State team. The Irish showed a killer instinct that had been lacking in the first few weeks and finally connected on the ice

in both games.

Prior to those games, Notre Dame had given up 10 of its 17 goals in the final period. Three of those came in a 4-1 loss to No. 14 Wisconsin to open the season and two more in a disappointing 3-0 shutout to Ferris State.

Jackson said he felt the team starting to click after Friday night's 4-1 victory over the Lakers. He said he hadn't seen

them play like that yet this season.

A lot of the change had to do with junior right wing Erik Condra moving to play with senior captain Mark Van Guilder and freshman Robin Bergman. Jackson moved freshman playmaker Ben Ryan into Condra's spot alongside sharpshooters Kevin Deeth and Ryan Thang. The move proved to be the spark the team needed. Condra

had six points on the weekend (five on the first night alone), and Van Guilder added five of his own.

The Irish offense is rounded out with a dangerously quick third line and a bruiser line featuring the Christian Mercenaries — 6-foot-4 junior Christian Hanson and 215-pound sophomore Christian

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER ANALYSIS

Bock kick starts Irish offense

Imagine nailing Jell-O to a wall. Or fitting a square peg into a round hole. Regardless of the corny metaphor you prefer, both describe what it has been like to defend Notre Dame's during its current 12-game win streak.

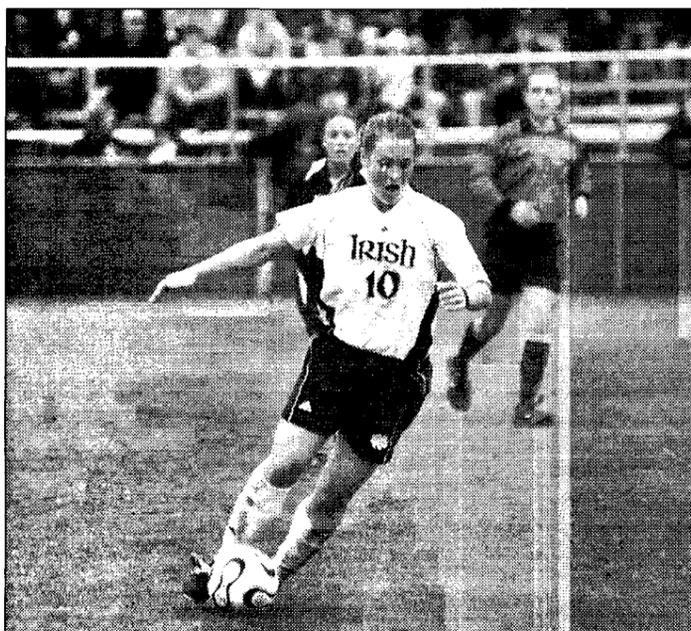
Fran Tolan
Sports Writer

On Sunday, the No. 11 Irish (14-4-1) beat Rutgers 2-0 despite the absence of three key players, including junior forward Brittany Bock, who sat out with a bruised leg.

Since moving from the midfield up to her current forward spot, Bock has sparked an Irish attack that won all 13 of their Big East games while outscoring opponents 41-5.

And, unlike in some past

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IAN GAVITCK/The Observer

Junior forward Brittany Bock dribbles the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Fest sisters go head-to-head with high stakes

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The outcome of Friday's match against Cincinnati will determine whether the Irish gain a spot in the Big East conference tournament.

But the match means much more than that to sophomore hitter Megan Fest, who will be playing against her younger sister, Annie, a starting setter for the Bearcats.

Fest calls the matchup "Fest Fest '07"

The match will mark the first time the sisters have competed in a Division 1 game.

The Fests were raised in a volleyball household in Arlington Heights, Ill. Fest's mother, Joanie, played volleyball for

Iowa and introduced Megan and Annie to the sport at a young age.

"[My mom] coordinates all of the leagues, classes and clinics for middle and high school kids for the Arlington Heights Park District, so we were always in the gym with her and we started playing [volleyball] at a relatively young age," Fest said.

When the sisters started middle school, their mother began to coach their club volleyball team, where they first became competitively involved in the sport. Megan and Annie played side-by-side throughout high school as varsity starters at Hersey High School.

"Annie and I are really, really good friends," Fest said, "We

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