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## Student wins state beauty pageant

Buhler becomes first African-American to hold Miss South Dakota USA title

By AMBER TRAVIS  
News Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Charlie Buhler became the first African-American to win the title of Miss South Dakota USA on Nov. 11.

"It was incredibly important to me," Buhler, 19, said. "I feel as if it was a step forward in pageantry, because it shows that you don't have to look a certain way and fit into a certain mold to be a title holder."

Buhler was the only minority in the pageant. She has participated in pageants for three years, starting with the Miss Teen South Dakota USA contest in 2006. She was in the contest a second time the

following year.

The Miss USA Pageant doesn't fit the stereotype of other beauty contests, Buhler said.

"I feel that it's a common misconception that you have to fit a certain stereotype, but the Miss Universe Organization looks for girls from all different backgrounds," she said.

Buhler began preparing for last week's pageant almost immediately after the 2007 event ended.

"Everything is a process," Buhler said. "Even after you pick out the dress, it still has to be fitted."

Preparation for the contest involves rehearsing walks

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Sophomore Charlie Buhler is crowned Miss South Dakota USA on Nov. 11. She has competed in pageants for three years.

Photo courtesy of CharlieBuhler.com/The Observer

## Officers arrest 21, ticket 13

Alcohol responsible for Duke game offenses

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
Assistant News Editor

Police arrested 21 people and issued 13 more arrest tickets before, during and after the Duke-Notre Dame game Saturday, said Phillip Johnson, director of the Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP).

Working with the Indiana State Excise Police, the St. Joseph County Police and the South Bend Police, NDSP made 21 custodial arrests for alcohol-related offenses, most of which were for public intoxication. Some arrests were made for minor consumption of alcohol and minor intoxication, Johnson said in an e-mail to The Observer Monday.

Those arrested were taken to the St. Joseph County Jail.

Three people were taken by ambulance to a local hospital due to high levels of intoxication, Johnson said.

Police cited four juveniles for underage consumption of alcohol, and issued 12 arrest tickets to adults and the final ticket to a juvenile; the offenses were for alcohol-related offenses such as minor consuming and minor in possession of alcohol, Johnson said.

Four of these people were taken to the St. Joseph County Jail for public intoxication,

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## Pokagon Band part of ND history, land

Relationship with Potawatomi tribe celebrated during Native American Heritage Month

By KATIE PERALTA  
News Writer

While driving around South Bend, students might notice Potawatomi Park, Potawatomi Zoo and Pokagon Street — places all named after former residents of the area, the Potawatomi American Indian tribe and its local division, the Pokagon Band.

But not all passers-by may be aware that the land upon which Notre Dame was built once belonged to the Pokagon Band.

As a part of Native American

Heritage Month, Notre Dame's Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) will host a series of events bringing members of the Potawatomi tribe to campus to relay the history between the tribe and the University. As part of this series, MSPS will host a dinner Dec. 4 featuring members of the Potawatomi tribe to share their history.

Before Notre Dame founder Father Edward Sorin claimed this plot of land on Nov. 26, 1842, the land had been inhabited by the Pokagon Band, said Kevin

Daugherty, educational resource developer for the Pokagon Band.

The Chicago Treaty of 1833, however, ordered the removal of Indians in the northern Indiana region, Daugherty said. Leopold Potawatomi, a prominent Potawatomi leader and the spokesperson after whom the Pokagon Band is named, negotiated the right to stay on the land and was given a sum of money, Daugherty said. Pokagon used this money to buy land northwest of modern-day Dowagiac, Mich., where Daugherty said many members of the band still reside

today.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, Potawatomi land stretched from what is now Chicago to Detroit, Daugherty said.

Many different villages populated this region and considered themselves Potawatomi, sharing a common language and culture. Such villages had alliances but operated independently on a local level.

The Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians resided in

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## SMC parking raises funds for athletics

By KATIE STAAK  
News Writer

As cars streamed into South Bend for football games this fall, sports teams at Saint Mary's raised money by coordinating parking on the College's campus, said Director of Athletics Lynn Kachmarik.

The teams raised an average of \$6,000 to \$12,000 each home football weekend, which goes to cover athletic expenses incurred by Saint Mary's teams.

Freshman Andrea Sasgen, a volleyball player, parked cars for the Notre Dame-Air Force game date.

"It was fun, but I don't think

we raised as much as other teams," she said.

Many of the teams spend their fundraising money on team apparel and traveling expenses during away games and tournaments. The money from football parking is divided evenly between the teams.

"It's a wonderful fundraiser for the whole athletic department," volleyball coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "It raises money for all of our athletes. It helps fund all of our programs and helps to offset all the travel expenses, which were horrible this year."

The better the football season

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## ND honors ACCION president

Otero receives prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America

By CLAIRE REISING  
News Writer

"Teresa" struggled to make a living by baking bread in a mud oven, but with a loan from ACCION International, a non-profit microfinance organization, she was able to buy more ovens, increase her customer base and earn money to send her children to high school.

"She had really become a forward-looking and inventive entrepreneur," said María Otero, president and CEO of ACCION International. "Like her, there are millions."

Otero received the 2007

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CHRIS MASSAD/The Observer

University President Father John Jenkins presents the prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America to Maria Otero.

INSIDE COLUMN

# Power trips

The definitive, wholly subjective list of Notre Dame's most powerful alumni:

1. Condoleezza Rice — For being the first female secretary of state to earn a post-graduate degree from a Catholic institution in the Midwest.

**Ken Fowler**

*Managing Editor*

2t. University President Father John Jenkins — For running one of the premier Catholic institutions in the country.

2l. University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh — For having the most awe-inspiring office view in Indiana — and access to No. 1.

4. Charlie Weis — For running an operation that brings in nearly \$70 million each year and helps produce a profit of more than \$20 million to be used for the academy.

5. Richard Notebaert — For stabilizing Qwest and directing the Notre Dame Board of Trustees.

6. Jeff Faine — This NFL center is definitely "powerful." (Just Google his image.)

7. Joe O'Neill — For having the ear of President Bush and, allegedly, introducing the president to First Lady Laura Bush.

8. Steve Bartman — For single-handedly (or, alternatively, with help from a certain shortstop) keeping the Curse of the Billy Goat alive.

9. Anne Thompson — For her environmental reporting for NBC News.

10. Rep. Peter King — For his position as a ranking member on the Homeland Security Committee.

11. Tim Roemer — For his work on the 9/11 Commission.

12. Former Panamanian President Ernesto Perez Balladares — For his influence in his home country and elsewhere in the Americas.

13. Mike Coffey — For feeding addictions.

14. Bob Golic — For his exemplary, oft-cited and critically acclaimed acting in "Saved by the Bell: The College Years."

15. Mike Golic — For being the brother of Bob Golic.

16. Chris Thomas — For being a basketball megastar.

17. Alan Page — For his work on the Minnesota State Supreme Court.

18. Nicholas Sparks — For writing "The Notebook" (which made me cry).

19. Patrick J. Borchers — For his insightful analysis and service to Creighton University.

20. Brady Quinn — For his dashing good looks — and his top-10 most popular jersey in the NFL.

21. Chuck Lennon — For his roof-raising ability.

22. Steve Curl — For being so effeminate that Pangborn was converted to a girl's dorm the year after he left.

23. Hugh Andrews — For his work as president of Andrews McMeel Publishing.

24. Hannah Storm — For her work as a host of CBS's morning show.

25. The guys who made Shrek — For their creative genius.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ken Fowler at kfowler1@nd.edu*

## CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error in the Nov. 19 article "Griffins win second Battle of Chapel," the score of the Keenan-Stanford Interhall football championship game was incorrectly reported as Stanford 12, Keenan 8. The actual score was Stanford 7, Keenan 0. The Observer regrets the error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU WERE A TURKEY, WHERE WOULD YOU HIDE?



**Alyssa Ratzlaff**  
*senior Howard*

*"In the country Turkey."*



**Bryant Welters**  
*sophomore O'Neill*

*"In the oven."*



**James Spitalere**  
*junior Knott*

*"In the secret attic of a chicken coop."*



**Steve Tortorello**  
*senior O'Neill*

*"Inside another turkey."*



**Tom Staudt**  
*sophomore O'Neill*

*"In Mario Manningham's front yard, because he can't catch anything."*



CHRIS MASSAD/The Observer

**Sophomore Daniel Kamp places a pizza in the oven of Zaland's pizzeria. Keenan Hall claims to have "the best pizza in Za-land."**

## OFFBEAT

### Panty flash earns cheerleaders suspension

RIPON, Calif. — Six cheerleaders are fighting suspensions after they flashed football fans a message on their underpants.

Vice Principal Ken Goeken ordered the girls to serve suspensions Tuesday and Wednesday for defying their coach and going ahead with a special cheer they choreographed for the last day of the football season.

At the end of the cheer, the girls bent over, lifted their skirts and showed the crowd the words "Indians No. 1" on their bloomers.

The girls — who missed reading scenes from

William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and fear their grades will suffer — are asking to make up coursework and instead be banned from cheering at an upcoming basketball game.

### 100-year-old receives high school diploma

MADISON, Ala. — A woman who led a full life on the West Coast after dropping out of school received an honorary high school diploma at her 100th birthday party.

Dozens of Elva Cook's relatives from as far away as Washington, Oregon and California came to Ivey's Restaurant to wish her a

happy birthday and attend her graduation ceremony Sunday.

Huntsville City Council President Glenn Watson read a resolution congratulating Cook, who accepted the diploma from William Winlock Miller High School in Olympia, Wash. She quit attending the one-room school in 1925 with her best friend and another classmate.

"We thought we knew more than the teachers, so we stopped going," Cook said. "We wanted to sleep in. We were having so much fun."

*Information compiled by the Associated Press.*

## IN BRIEF

Notre Dame hockey will play Bowling Green tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Multicultural Student Programs and Services will host a Thanksgiving Study Break tonight in the LaFortune Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9. All are invited to come eat.

There will be a panel discussion titled: "The Evolution of Microfinance: One Tool to Address Global Poverty" today at 12:30 p.m. in C-100 Hesburgh Center auditorium. Maria Otero, President & CEO, ACCION International and Recipient of the 2007 Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America and Tara Kenney, Managing Director, Deutsche Asset Management, Inc. will speak.

Craig Cramer will deliver a faculty organ recital today at 8 p.m. in Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$3.

Thanksgiving mass will be celebrated Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Notre Dame women's basketball team will play Boston College Saturday at noon at the Joyce Center. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ticket office at 574-631-7356.

Classes resume at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Monday.

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

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**BOARD OF GOVERNANCE**

# Group sponsors woman from war-torn region

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) will help sponsor a woman from a war-torn region through the Women for Women International organization, BOG missions commissioner Mary Frantz said.

The organization was created to help protect the rights of women in strife-laden countries, to provide job training and give small-business assistance. The sponsorship is a year-long commitment to donate \$30 each month.

"They are helping women in war-torn regions by providing emotional and physical support," Frantz said.

The sponsorship may also include direct correspondence with the woman in need.

Women for Women International was founded in 1993. Since its founding, the organization has helped more than 125,000 women in 105 countries — including Afghanistan, Rwanda, Iraq, Sudan and Nigeria.

Frantz is working to make applications for sponsorship available to students, but currently BOG is focused on a

group effort. The idea is still in the early stages, and the group is hoping to send out more information in the coming months.

**In other BOG news:**

♦ Cassie Callon, the student activities board president, announced there will be festivities during finals week. On Dec. 13, the Student Activities Board will show the movie "The Holiday."

The Student Activities Board will also sponsor a breakfast in Le Mans Hall on Dec. 14. A free spa day will take place on Dec. 16 in the lounge of the Student Center. Exact times and locations will be announced at a later date.

♦ Disabilities Week will take place after Thanksgiving break, student diversity board president Abby Hinchy said. There will be a movie showing in Vander Vennet Theatre called "Emmanuel's Gift" as part of the week.

There will also be an eyeglass drive that week. Students are encouraged to bring old eyeglasses so they can be fixed and donated to the needy.

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**CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL**

# Task forces present progress

*Second to last meeting focuses on groups' objectives, accomplishments*

By JENN METZ  
Assistant News Editor

In Monday's penultimate meeting of the Campus Life Council this semester, task force leaders informed the group of the progress made toward their objectives.

Task Force on Campus Environment chair Sheena Plamoottil announced that the second of three green summits will take place today at 4 p.m. This summit is intended for rectors, but due to scheduling conflicts with a rector meeting, "hopefully rectors will send a representative of hall staff," she said.

Knott Hall Rector Brother Jerome Meyer said the date of the summit was a "bad choice."

"This is a week when everyone is busy," he said.

The third green summit will take place Dec. 3.

Plamoottil gave a brief follow-up of Campus Architect

Doug Marsh's visit to the Council on Nov. 5. She said she asked student senators to ask members of their residences if they would be interested in seeing Marsh's presentation in small groups. The presentation outlined possible future plans for campus expansion and highlighted current construction projects on campus.

Student body president Liz Brown presented for the Task Force on Student Development in place of absent student body vice president Maris Braun.

Brown said the Task Force is continuing to plan Honor Code awareness events but will be handing off most of the responsibility to the University Code of Honor Committee.

"We will keep in talks with the University Code of Honor Committee, but it will become less a Campus Life Council issue," she said.

The Task Force will continue to work on issues of student gambling and Frosh-O activities outlined in earlier meet-

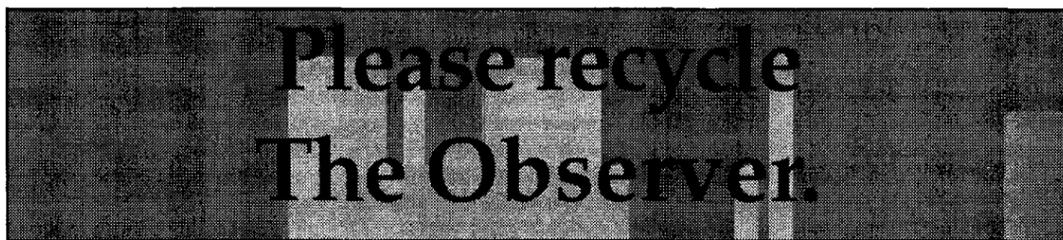
ings. Keenan senator Gus Gari presented for the Task Force on Community Relations, which has "finally finalized" the text of Notre Dame's version of "The Good Neighbor Guide," based on a University of Virginia pamphlet of the same name.

Gari said a professor in the Law School will be looking over the text from a legal point of view. The Task Force is in the process of hearing about production logistics for the pamphlet from University of Virginia officials.

The next step will be to take the text to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman's office to "see how to put it all together," Gari said.

Next week the task forces will convene to finish working on this semester's objectives and discuss goals for the rest of the year.

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# Saint Mary's students win accounting prize

College team of juniors and seniors rank third in state competition; first time SMC places in contest's finals

By KATIE KOHLER  
Saint Mary's Editor

Four Saint Mary's students placed third in the Indiana Certified Public Account (CPA) Society 2007 Case Study Competition, which began on Nov. 2. Saint Mary's has participated in the contest sporadically for years, but this is the first year the College placed in the finals.

The competition was open to every college in Indiana, said Mary Ann Merryman, chair of the Department of Business Administration and Economics and advisor to the team.

"There is a sense of pride

in competing against such large schools," she said, referencing Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University. "...

They are big players, and I'm really proud of [the Saint Mary's team] for doing so well."

The team was composed of seniors Erica Reidenbach and Noreen Sherrad and juniors Megan Clarkson and Anna Hoefler. The prize for third place was \$500 per student.

The contest consisted of a

case-study evaluation in which the teams had 10 days to research the designated topic and write a lengthy solution to the problem. This year's topic was succession planning — how small companies prepare for s e a m l e s s turnover.

"The girls had even less time than they were supposed to because of fall b r e a k , "

Merryman said. "But each student carried their share of the load and was committed

to the project."

Hoefler said she felt the pressure from the time-intensive project.

"Since we didn't know what the case would be until the first day of the competition, we couldn't really prepare," she said. "Once we received the case, we did a lot of background research on the Internet, as well as talking to CPAs."

They also gathered information by contacting CPAs Jeff McGowan of Kruggel,

Lawton & Company in South Bend and Paul Matvey of Schneider Downs & Co. in Pittsburgh.

Noreen, a double major in accounting and economics, also felt the pressure of her senior comprehension project, a requirement for graduation at Saint Mary's.

"The competition came at a

very hectic time in everyone's schedules. Erica and I were balancing our senior comprehension paper on top of the case study," she said. "The week we found out we made it to the finals was another crazy night filled with long hours and sleepless nights. We just needed to practice as much as we could."

Merryman acted as the faculty advisor, although the Indiana CPA Society discourages outside help from professors and other professionals.

"I acted as a coach for the girls and a resource," she said. "It was their work that got them to the finals."

Of the participating schools, six were chosen to advance to the finals and present their case study to a panel of practicing CPAs in Indianapolis.

Saint Mary's came in third behind the University of Southern Indiana, which has won the competition the past four years, and Valparaiso. Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Butler and Manchester College filled out the rest of the finalists.

"Southern Indiana really has it down to a science," Merryman said.

Typically, the Saint Mary's team is composed strictly of seniors.

"It is such a big time commitment for seniors, so I thought it would be a good idea to include juniors who are willing to put in the time and effort," Merryman said.

She said Southern Indiana's continuity-enhancing practice of including juniors and seniors on the team has aided in its success.

Noreen hopes for continued success with Saint Mary's participation in this event.

"This is the best showing we have ever had," she said. "It was truly a great experience that helped build my teamwork and leadership skills."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Cambodian leader formally charged

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Cambodia's U.N.-backed genocide tribunal arrested the former Khmer Rouge head of state and charged him Monday with crimes against humanity and war crimes, a spokesman said.

Khieu Samphan was the last of five senior officials of the brutal regime to be taken in custody ahead of a long-delayed genocide trial.

Police arrested Khieu Samphan, 76, at a Phnom Penh hospital where he had been undergoing treatment since Nov. 14 after a stroke. Officers held his arms to support him as they led him to a police car, which sped away in a heavily guarded convoy to the tribunal's offices.

Khieu Samphan later was "formally charged with crimes against humanity and war crimes" during his appearance before the co-investigating judges, said tribunal spokesman Reach Sambath.

### Tigers die at Chinese animal park

BEIJING — Animal rights activists called Monday for improved living conditions at China's wild animal parks after the deaths of captive tigers from disease and starvation, including a tiger killed by four other cats in a fight over meager food supplies at a zoo in northeast China.

The more than 30 tigers in the Bing Chuan park in Shenyang have been receiving less than their normal allowance of about 11 pounds of frozen chicken and beef per day because of lack of funding, said a park official, who gave only his surname, Li.

While the park relies on entrance fees for most of its income, cold weather has kept visitors away, Li said.

"The winter in northeast China is too cold, no one wants to come out and go to the zoo, so there are almost no visitors during the winter," Li told The Associated Press by telephone.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### New proposal for seat belts on buses

MORRISVILLE, N.C. — U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters proposed new rules Monday to improve the safety of school bus seats and expand the use of shoulder belts, but she declined to order that all new buses include seat belts.

Peters rode a packed school bus to Morrisville Elementary School, among the first schools in the country to equip some of its new buses with seat belts, then said she wants to increase the height of seat backs on all school buses from 20 inches to 24 inches to help protect children during accidents.

Peters also proposed a new requirement for short school buses — the style more prone to rollover accidents — to begin using shoulder straps. For longer buses, however, she instead proposed allowing states the option of using federal highway safety funds to retrofit them with seat belts.

### 3 young boys charged with rape

ACWORTH, Ga. — Three boys, ages 8 and 9, were being held Monday in a detention center on charges of kidnapping and raping an 11-year-old girl near a suburban apartment complex, officials said.

The alleged attack happened Thursday and the girl's mother reported it to authorities Sunday, Acworth police Capt. Wayne Dennard said.

"The victim said they were playing outdoors and the girl was forced into a wooded area where she was sexually assaulted, where one of the boys raped her," Dennard told The Associated Press.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Cyclist killed in collision with deer

GEORGETOWN, Ind. — A southern Indiana man died when his motorcycle collided with a deer and he was thrown from his vehicle into the path of an oncoming car, State Police said.

Charles T. Spaulding, 43, of Lanesville was westbound on Interstate 64 near Georgetown, Ind., when he struck a deer that ran into the road about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, police said in a release.

Spaulding was thrown from his motorcycle into the roadway and was then struck by a westbound car driven by James A. Murphy, 46, of Jeffersonville, Ind., the release said.

## IRAN

# Leaders vow to destroy U.S. empire

Iranian, Venezuelan presidents hope to defeat America as the value of the dollar decreases

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The presidents of Venezuela and Iran boasted Monday that they will defeat U.S. imperialism together, saying the fall of the dollar is a prelude to the end of Washington's global dominance.

Hugo Chavez's visit to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Tehran followed a failed weekend attempt by the firebrand duo to push the Organization of Petroleum Exporting States away from trading in the slumping greenback.

Their proposal at an OPEC summit was overruled by other cartel members led by Saudi Arabia, a strong U.S. ally. But the cartel agreed to have OPEC finance ministers discuss the idea, and the two allies' move showed their potential for stirring up problems for the U.S.

The alliance between Chavez and Ahmadinejad has blossomed with several exchanged visits — Monday's was Chavez's fourth time in Tehran in two years — a string of technical agreements and a torrent of rhetoric presenting their two countries as an example of how smaller nations can stand up to the superpower.

"Here are two brother countries, united like a single fist," Chavez said upon his arrival in Tehran, according to Venezuela's state-run Bolivarian News Agency.

"God willing, with the fall of the dollar, the deviant U.S. imperialism will fall as soon as possible, too," Chavez said after a two-hour closed meeting with Ahmadinejad, the Iranian state news agency IRNA reported.

As the dollar weakens, oil prices have soared toward \$100 a barrel. Chavez said over the weekend at the OPEC



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, right, accompanied by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is welcomed by an honor guard Monday in Tehran, Iran.

meeting in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, that prices would more than double to \$200 if the U.S. attacked Iran or Venezuela.

"The U.S. empire is coming down," Chavez told Venezuelan TV, calling the European Union's euro a better option and saying Latin American nations were also considering a common currency.

The leftist Venezuelan is a fierce critic of President Bush, and Iran's Islamic government is in a bitter standoff with Washington over Tehran's nuclear program. The U.S. accuses Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons, a claim Tehran denies, and Iran has been hit with two rounds of U.N. sanctions

for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment.

Ahmadinejad backed his "dear brother" Chavez in their joint fight with the Bush administration.

"We have common viewpoints and we will stand by each other until we capture the high peaks. God is with us and victory is awaiting us," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying by IRNA. He said he and Chavez would stick together to defend their "nations and ideals to the end."

During the OPEC meeting, Iran and Venezuela proposed that the cartel begins pricing its oil in a basket of currencies, rather than just the dollar, and wanted the summit to

specifically express concern over the dollar's slide in its final statement.

Saudi Arabia blocked those moves. Saudi Arabia's foreign minister cautioned that even talking publicly about the currency's decline could further hurt its value.

Chavez repeated his warnings that attacking Iran would further increase oil prices. "It's very important that they leave us in peace, the major oil-producing countries," he said.

"If it occurs to Bush to invade Iran, I'm sure the Iranians will resist, and they aren't going to allow them to take away their oil, just as we Venezuelans wouldn't allow it," he said.

# FBI reports large increase in hate crimes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hate crime incidents rose nearly 8 percent last year, the FBI reported Monday, as civil rights advocates increasingly take to the streets to protest what they call official indifference to intimidation and attacks against blacks and other minorities.

Police across the nation reported 7,722 criminal incidents in 2006 targeting victims or property as a result of bias against a race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic or national origin or physical or mental disability. That was up 7.8 percent from 7,163 incidents reported in 2005.

More than half the incidents were

motivated by racial prejudice, but the report did not even pick up all the racially motivated incidents last year.

Although the noose incidents and beatings among students at Jena, La., high school occurred in the last half of 2006, they were not included in the report. Only 12,600 of the nation's more than 17,000 local, county, state and federal police agencies participated in the hate crime reporting program in 2006 and neither Jena nor LaSalle Parish, in which the town is located, were among the agencies reporting.

Nevertheless, the Jena incidents, and a subsequent rash of noose and other racial incidents around the country, have spawned civil rights demonstrations that culminated last week at

Justice Department headquarters here. The department said it investigated the Jena incident but decided not to prosecute because the federal government does not typically bring hate crime charges against juveniles.

Organizers said 100 busloads of protesters joined Friday's march here. In September, an estimated 20,000 protesters marched through Jena. On Nov. 3, hundreds of protesters marched through downtown Charleston, W. Va., to urge prosecutors to add hate crime charges against six white people charged in the beating, torture and sexual assault of a 20-year-old black woman who was discovered Sept. 8 after several days of alleged captivity in a rural trailer.

# Arrests

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Johnson said.

In Notre Dame Stadium, five people were asked to leave for violating stadium rules regarding alcohol, Johnson said. Alcohol is prohibited within the Stadium.

"NDSP works with area police officials for the home football games to promote a family-friendly environment on campus, including parking

areas," Johnson said.

Johnson said in his e-mail that Cappy Gagnon, the coordinator of stadium personnel, reported that 82 people were removed from the stadium for violating rules that prohibit throwing objects in the stands. Many students in the senior section threw marshmallows during halftime to mark the last home game at Notre Dame Stadium for the 2007 season.

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# Parking

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Notre Dame is having, the more people come in for the games, and the more money Saint Mary's raises, Kachmarik said.

All the money goes to the teams to support events like training trips, assistant coaches' salaries and equipment, she said.

"We do have to pay some extra security expenses to help to get cars off campus after the game," Kachmari said.

The teams' game-day mornings start at about 7:30 a.m. The teams park cars on the campus for a \$20 fee until one hour prior to kickoff. Saint Mary's is approximately two miles away from Notre Dame Stadium.

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# SMC junior receives NCC award

McInerney to represent residence hall boards of Great Lakes region nationally

By KATIE KOHLER  
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's junior Katie McInerney received the National Communications Coordinator (NCC) of the Year award from the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (GLACURH) at a recent conference.

The NCC is a position that exists on Residence Hall Association (RHA) boards across the country. It is both demanding and time consuming, Saint Mary's RHA president Cassie Quaglia said.

"Her dedication to Saint Mary's and to her NCC position is unquestionable," Quaglia said. "She has been able to do both jobs great justice."

McInerney's duties involve intercollegiate communications and conference organization at the state, regional and national level.

"Winning this award was a bit of a shock," McInerney said. "I was excited just to be nominated, but winning means my work is recognized on a national level."

This is McInerney's second year as NCC at Saint Mary's, allowing her to fully come into the role this year.

"Last year, I didn't know what I was doing and I wanted to fix that this year and do the best I thought I could," she said. "I wanted Saint Mary's to be known at these conferences and for the women who are student leaders here to really take something out of the conferences they were attending. It means a lot that the work I did was well worth it and recognized."

*"I was excited just to be nominated, but winning means my work is recognized on a national level."*

**Katie McInerney**  
SMC junior

Since winning the award, McInerney will have a new set of responsibilities in addition to Saint Mary's NCC.

"Winning this award means I will represent the Great Lakes region on the national level," she said.

There will be a national conference in May where she will be nominated again for the award, but against the representatives from all seven regions of RHA boards in the nation.

"We are very proud of Katie because GLACURH is a very large and competitive region," Quaglia said. "Katie has also been so dedicated in teaching a younger RHA board about the RHA community and how we can grow and expand."

*"We are very proud of Katie because GLACURH is a very large and competitive region."*

**Cassie Quaglia**  
RHA president

NCC is equivalent to a full-time internship, Quaglia said. McInerney is also a resident advisor in McCandless Hall.

GLACURH includes Ball State, Illinois State, Loyola, Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin and the University of Windsor.

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Up: 1,478 Same: 99 Down: 1,793 Composite Volume: 4,171,045,935

AMEX	2,342.19	-63.22
NASDAQ	2,593.38	-43.86
NYSE	9,497.33	-204.05
S&P 500	1,433.27	-25.47
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	14,797.45	-245.11
FTSE 100 (London)	6,120.80	-170.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-1.39	-2.03	143.76
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-1.15	-0.58	49.70
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-2.69	-0.82	26.69
ISHARE RUS 2000 INDX (IWM)	-1.98	-1.51	74.66

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13-WEEK BILL	-0.46	-0.015	3.275
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**IN BRIEF**

**Mortgage mailing campaign beings**

WASHINGTON — An alliance created to combat a rising flood of mortgage foreclosures began a nationwide mail campaign Monday, offering help to homeowners who may be having trouble meeting their mortgage payments.

The Hope Now alliance will mail 300,000 of the one-page letters before the end of next week. The letters urge the recipients to seek information on the options available to avoid defaulting on their mortgages.

"Homeowners can easily find out about relief options that may include repayment plans, changes that can be made to the terms of a loan and other alternatives for which homeowners may be eligible," the letters state, providing a toll-free telephone number, 888-995-HOPE.

The Hope Now alliance, a partnership between mortgage companies and nonprofit housing counselors, is being backed by the Bush administration, which believes it will overcome the reluctance of many homeowners to make contact with their mortgage companies when they start to become worried about meeting their monthly payments.

**French rail workers keep strike**

PARIS — Transport workers causing havoc on French rails voted to extend their strike into a seventh day Tuesday, when they will be joined by a mass walkout of civil servants, increasing pressure on President Nicolas Sarkozy to backtrack on his reforms.

But the government stood its ground, with Prime Minister Francois Fillon saying the reforms must go through — even though the strikes are costing the government at least \$439.6 million a day.

Strikes led by train drivers angry over Sarkozy's plans to extend their retirement age have hampered rail traffic and public transport and snarled roads again Monday. Schools and postal and tax services will fall victim Tuesday to a strike by civil servants seeking higher salaries and job security. Air traffic, too, will be affected.

**Charitable donations on the decline**

*Slowing housing market may be to blame for fewer gifts to nation's needy*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The housing market bust has punished homebuilders, lenders and investors. Now the homeless and the hungry may be victimized.

Charity executives are nervously monitoring the mortgage debacle while food and energy costs continue to rise. Food banks and homeless shelters are already grappling with reduced federal aid as fears grow that more people will need help just as charity giving starts to decline.

Shelters and food banks are already reporting more need among households. One shelter in Minneapolis served as many people by the end of September as in all of last year. In New York, food banks are serving 24 percent more people, but receiving half as much federal aid as in 2004.

"There is some growing concern" about the effect of the housing slowdown on charitable donations, said Michael Nilsen, a spokesman for the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The backbone of those charities, U.S. households with \$200,000 or more in annual income or more than \$1 million in assets, are also the ones most likely hit by the recent drop in stock prices sparked by the mortgage mess, according to research. Those households make almost two-thirds of charitable donations, according to Bank of America Corp.-funded study. But research also shows stock prices have more of an effect on their giving than income changes, said Patrick Rooney, director of research at Indiana University's Center for Philanthropy, which car-



Julie Rack stocks the nearly empty shelves at St. Vincent's food pantry on Nov. 15 in Cincinnati. Charitable donations are declining.

ried out the Bank of America study in 2006.

Despite the roller-coaster ride stocks have taken in recent months, the Standard & Poor's 500 is up 2.9 percent so far this year. But as of Nov. 16, the benchmark index was 6.3 percent lower than a record high hit in October.

There are anecdotal reports the mortgage mess is forcing corporations to pull back too. Carol Schneider, media relations manager for the Food Bank for New York City, said a major U.S.

bank — she wouldn't name the company — has reduced its donation by 60 percent this year, citing the fallout from mortgage losses.

If a recession can't be avoided, look out. The inflation-adjusted level of private donations fell in 2001-2002 — amid the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks and Internet stock bubble bust.

Unfortunately, when giving falls, it's most often when demands on charitable groups are rising,

said Rick Belous, United Way's vice president of research.

Food pantries around the country are scrambling to meet rising demand from households that can't afford food because of rising housing costs.

The crisis also affects renters, who are heading for emergency shelters after landlord-owners foreclose on apartments and houses, said Steve Berg, vice president of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

**Judge rules to stop immigration scam**

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — A judge in Texas on Monday ordered a group that claims to be an American Indian tribe to stop selling memberships to immigrants with the false promise that they would become U.S. citizens.

State District Judge Noe Gonzalez ruled that Malcolm Webber and his Wichita-based Kaweah Indian Nation admitted the allegations by default by failing to respond to a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

The lawsuit, filed in August, alleges that the tribe violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act by selling memberships for up to \$400 per person to immigrants by saying that members could get a Social Security number.

The lawsuit also alleged that immigrants were told they would be entitled to receive U.S. citizenship once the tribe was federally recognized.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs ruled in 1984 that the Kaweah group had no historical link to American Indian tribes and that Webber is not an Indian.

A federal indictment charging the group, Webber and 10 other people with mail fraud and other counts was unsealed in September. A trial is set for Aug. 5, but a federal prosecutor said earlier this month that he expects to add defendants and charges in the complex case, when spans at least 10 states and involves an estimated 10,000 victims.

Monday's ruling prohibits Kaweah and Webber from selling

memberships or representing the Kaweah Indian Nation as an acknowledged tribe. It also bars them from promising that tribal membership will lead to a Social Security number, protection from deportation and U.S. citizenship.

Gonzalez also ordered them to not conceal or destroy any documents related to their business and prohibited them from claiming that the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services has approved any services for sale by them.

Kurt Kerns, the court-appointed defense attorney representing the tribe and Webber in the federal case, did not immediately return a call for comment. Kerns previously has said that Webber was a victim of renegade underlings who sold tribal memberships to immigrants and pocketed the money.

# Otero

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Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America yesterday for her leadership at ACCION, which, along with other organizations it has created, has given loans to about three million people like Teresa.

Otero was presented the award by University President Father John Jenkins at a dinner in the Main Building on Monday night.

"I admire Otero's vision and her leadership to empower those without access to anything," said Tara Kenney, a 1982 Notre Dame graduate, who nominated Otero for the prize. Kenney is on the Board of Directors of ACCION.

Notre Dame's Kellogg Institute for International Studies awarded Otero the prize, which was established in 1999 with funding from the Coca-Cola Foundation, according to the Kellogg Institute's Web site.

Interim Director of the Kellogg Institute Edward Beatty said prize recipients must be Latin American and have contributed to human welfare in Latin America. Otero was a strong candidate, he said, because she can work with influential political and business leaders, as well as the impoverished entrepreneurs ACCION assists.

"She has the ability to connect with people in the highest places in society and people who are marginalized," Beatty said.

Otero's interest in ACCION began when she was working with women in Africa and saw they needed to make money for themselves. She wanted to join an organization that helped poor people become self-employed and founded ACCION, where she has worked for the past 20 years.

"When you go to some of those really poor villages, it became clear that women need to earn some money, to be able to work, to really look after their families," she said.

ACCION began using microfinance to help the poor in 1973, Otero said. Microfinance institutions provide loans for people who normally would not be eligible for the credit they need to obtain capital for starting small businesses.

Money lenders would charge the poor unreasonable rates, sometimes loaning five dollars at the beginning of the day and expecting six dollars back at the end of the day. However, with ACCION's loans, Otero observed that about 98 percent of the entrepreneurs were able to make their payments.

"If [the poor] are given an opportunity, they will use the money in a productive way, and they will pay it back," she

said. Besides giving impoverished people a means to help themselves, Otero said microfinance institutions such as ACCION can create economically self-sufficient banks, since banks allow organizations access to larger amounts of money than donors have. She added that when ACCION first created a bank in 1992, it

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**Maria Otero**  
CEO  
ACCION International

drew attention to microfinance. "The amount of money that's out on the street in those loans [from organizations that ACCION created] is about 2.8 billion dollars," Otero said. "The only way you can get [billions of dollars] is to become a bank."

Otero said that microfinance has recently gained popularity throughout the world. The United Nations declared 2005 to be the International Year of Microcredit, and in 2006, Dr. Muhammad Yunus won the Nobel Peace Prize for beginning microfinance work in Bangladesh.

ACCION International also created a United States branch, ACCION USA, which helps small business owners in the U.S.

"We did this because it became clear to us that there were impoverished pockets of the country," Otero said.

Senior Michelle Mas interned at ACCION USA last summer as a loan officer. She said although the U.S. appears to be wealthy, it is often difficult to start a small business. However, Mas added that small businesses can help

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**Tara Kenney**  
member  
ACCION board of directors

families improve their lives. "I think this is the best way to go if you're an immigrant," she said. "You can help your family, help yourself up. Isn't this what the American Dream is all about?"

Otero next plans to expand ACCION in Africa and India and to make the loan process faster and cheaper.

"I had worked in Africa and Asia and thought, 'We have to go there,'" she said. "There's such a need."

ACCION, however, has experienced difficulties in some countries, especially when laws impede setting up banks.

"Sometimes [the countries] don't allow you to set up a bank like this, but more importantly, they take forever," Otero said. "It took us two and a half years in Nigeria to set up a bank, and the bank in the first two months had a thousand clients. The laws for the central bank are poorly developed."

Otero received \$15,000 for her prize, with a matching \$15,000 for a Latin American charity, and she will give the matching funds to the Organization of Youth Empowerment (OYE), which operates in Honduras.

Justin Eldridge-Otero, Otero's son and an OYE co-founder, said the organization concentrates on educating orphans in Honduras so they will be prepared for life when they leave the orphanage.

"This coming year, we're going to have our first two graduates, one in engineering and one in psychology," Eldridge-Otero said. "The ultimate goal is to get these young women to go to college and reverse the cycle of poverty that's been afflicting their families forever."

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# Pageant

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and turns and picking outfits. But Buhler was unable to begin intense preparation for the pageant until she went home to South Dakota for fall break, which gave her approximately one month.

Buhler had a number of supporters who encouraged her during the pageant.

"I definitely felt the support and love from my family and the Notre Dame family back here," she said. "My Notre Dame family was very supportive with text messages and phone calls."

Each contestant received scores based on an interview, swimwear and evening gown. No talent is required for the Miss USA pageant.

Even with her participation in pageants, Buhler said, school has always come first.

"School is always my number one priority," Buhler said. "In fact, I had the pageant on Sunday. Immediately after the pageant, I jumped on the plane, flew back to Notre Dame and was in class on Monday

morning" Buhler, a double major in film, television and theatre and American studies, said her pageant titles haven't changed her life.

"It really hasn't changed much," she said. "I still go to all of my classes. I'm back at Notre Dame and doing my homework."

She also promotes a more positive image of pageants, like Miss South Dakota USA.

"I feel like there are so many opportunities that pageantry provides, which include the development of communication skills and acquiring poise," Buhler said.

Buhler's future plans as Miss South Dakota include interviews and appearances throughout the state. But they will only take place on weekends during the school year.

"It will be a struggle, but it will be a matter of give and take and doing my homework well in advance," Buhler said. "It will all be worth it in the end."

She will compete in the Miss USA Pageant, which will be broadcast on NBC, in the spring of 2008.

*"I feel that its a common misconception that you have to fit a certain stereotype, but the Miss Universe Organization looks for girls from all different backgrounds."*

**Charlie Buhler**  
sophomore

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# Pokagon

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the southwest Michigan and northern Indiana region, including the grounds where campus is now.

"They of course moved around a bit," Daugherty said. "They moved along the St. Joseph River to farm, hunt and gather."

Notre Dame anthropology professor Mark Schurr led an archaeological survey along the St. Joseph River about five years ago. The survey, a joint effort of a Notre Dame field school and the Pokagon Band, lasted about three years and revealed a few village sites along the river, Schurr said.

American settlers began moving west and consequently pushed for removal of American Indians by the U.S. government, Daugherty said.

In compliance with settlers' demands for westward migration, the Indian Removal Act of 1830 dictated that all native peoples east of the Mississippi River move to present day states of Kansas and Oklahoma, said Ben Secunda, a Notre Dame history professor.

Just as the Cherokee's removal was called the "Trail of Tears," Secunda said, the Potawatomi called their removal the "Trail of Death." The Potawatomi tribe, along with sympathetic whites such as the Catholic missionaries and traders friendly to the Indians, strongly protested it.

Secunda noted that violent roundups, led by governmental officials like Indian agent John Tipton, occurred throughout the Midwest except in the area of Michigan where Leopold Pokagon had secured land for his people. Pokagon's land, Secunda said, became a safe haven for refugees evading the removal to Kansas. Baptist missionaries in the area supported such removals, he said.

To resist such removal, Leopold Pokagon, in 1830, trekked to Detroit to the Catholic headquarters to make an appeal, Secunda said. He asked for a Catholic priest to come back with him, one who would aid in removal resistance, convincing Father Stephen Badin and the Catholic missionaries to come down to the South Bend area, Secunda said.

Badin and the missionaries came and worked out of Pokagon's log chapel, the famous

historic landmark next to Saint Mary's Lake, Secunda said. This became their base of operations.

Essentially, he said, out of Leopold Pokagon's appeal came Notre Dame.

"The Pokagon band, Roman Catholic Church and Notre Dame priests supplemented each other at a key point in their history," Schurr said. "Since then the church have gone their separate ways. None would be as successful as they are now."

Badin and the other Catholic missionaries successfully replaced the other pro-removal missionaries.

"The forerunners of the University did the right thing," Secunda said. "With their help, the Potawatomi people were able to maintain a level of self-sufficiency, avoid removal, become Catholic and basically survive as a people."

When Sorin arrived in the area in fall of 1841, "the Pokagons and the Catholics were interacting readily," Daugherty said.

From the beginning, the Potawatomi in the area coexisted peacefully with the new settlers, Schurr said.

In fact, he said, Badin and the other priests shared many meals with the tribe members. They also lived in close proximity with the tribe.

The Pokagon Band today is scattered throughout Midwest. This dispersal is not totally unprecedented, Daugherty said.

"We have never had a land base or tribal ownership," he said.

Though there is dispersal, the largest Pokagon population today is located in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan.

About 3,300 members are in the Band today, and Daugherty said roughly 40 percent live within about 30 miles of Dowagiac. There is also a large concentration of people in the Kalamazoo area, with the remainder scattered across the Midwest.

Native American Heritage Month at Notre Dame includes a number of programs. In addition to the Dec. 4 dinner, the agenda includes a workshop in black ash basketry on Nov. 26. A visual display on contemporary American Indians will be displayed in the library for the remainder of the month.

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# Sex scandal rocks Atlanta church

Pastor claims uncle to be his father; paternity test confirms allegation

Associated Press

DECATUR, Ga. — The 80-year-old leader of a suburban Atlanta megachurch is at the center of a sex scandal of biblical dimensions: He slept with his brother's wife and fathered a child by her.

Members of Archbishop Earl Paulk's family stood at the pulpit of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Chapel Hill Harvester Church a few Sundays ago and revealed the secret exposed by a recent court-ordered paternity test.

In truth, this is not the first — or even the second — sex scandal to engulf Paulk and the independent, charismatic church. But this time, he could be in trouble with the law for lying under oath about the affair.

The living proof of that lie is 34-year-old D.E. Paulk, who for years was known publicly as Earl Paulk's nephew.

"I am so very sorry for the collateral damage it's caused our family and the families hurt by the removing of the veil that hid our humanity and our sinfulness," said D.E. Paulk, who received the mantle of head pastor a year and a half ago.

D.E. Paulk said he did not learn the secret of his parentage until the paternity test. "I was disappointed, and I was surprised," he said.

Earl Paulk, his brother, Don, and his sister-in-law, Clariiece, did not return calls for comment.

A judge ordered the test at the request of the Cobb County district attorney's office and the Georgia

Bureau of Investigation, which are investigating Earl Paulk for possible perjury and false-swearing charges stemming from a lawsuit.

The archbishop, his brother and the church are being sued by former church employee Mona Brewer, who says Earl Paulk manipulated her into an affair from 1989 to 2003 by telling her it was her only path to salvation. Earl Paulk admitted to the affair in front of the church last January.

In a 2006 deposition stemming from the lawsuit, the archbishop said under oath that the only woman he had ever had sex with outside of his marriage was Brewer. But the paternity test said otherwise.

So far no charges have been filed against Earl Paulk.

District Attorney Pat Head and GBI spokesman John Bankhead would not comment.

The shocking results of the paternity test are speeding up a transformation already under way in the church after more than a decade of sex scandals and lawsuits involving the Paulks, D.E. Paulk said.

"It was a necessary evil to bring us back to a God-consciousness," said the younger Paulk, explaining that the church had become too personality-driven and prone to pastor worship.

The flashy megachurch began in 1960 with just a few dozen members in the Little Five Points neighborhood of Atlanta. Now, it is in the suburbs on a 100-acre expanse, a collection of buildings surrounding a neo-Gothic cathedral.

For years the church was at the forefront of many social movements — admitting black members in the 1960s, ordaining women and opening its doors to gays.

At its peak in the early 1990s, it claimed about 10,000 members and 24 pastors and was a media powerhouse. By soliciting tithes of 10 percent from each member's income, the church was able to build a Bible college, two schools, a worldwide TV ministry and a \$12 million sanctuary the size of a fortress.

Today, though, membership is down to about 1,500, the church has 18 pastors, most of them volunteers, and the Bible college and TV ministry have shuttered — a downturn blamed largely on complaints about the alleged sexual transgressions of the elder Paulks.

In 1992, a church member claimed she was pressured into a sexual relationship with Don Paulk. Other women also claimed they had been coerced into sex with Earl Paulk and other members of the church's administration.

The church countered with a \$24 million libel suit against seven former church members. The lawsuit was later dropped.

Jan Royston, who left the church in 1992, started an online support group for former members to discuss their crushed faith and hurt feelings.

"This is a cult. And you escape from a cult," she said. "We all escaped."

These days, Earl Paulk has a much-reduced role at the cathedral, giving 10-minute lectures as part of Sunday morning worship each week.

"My uncle is 100 percent guilty, but his accusers are guilty as well," D.E. Paulk said, declining to talk further about the lawsuits.

*"It was a necessary evil to bring us back to a God-consciousness."*

**D.E. Paulk**  
head pastor

# Peterson says he's worried about missing wife

Lawyer asserts he does not expect former Chicago police officer to face charges in disappeared fourth wife

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A lawyer representing a former police officer suspected in the disappearance of his wife said Monday he does not believe his client will face charges stemming from the investigation.

Speaking on NBC's "Today" show, lawyer Joel Brodsky also criticized the media for their coverage of Drew Peterson, who resigned as a Bolingbrook police sergeant after his 23-year-old fourth wife, Stacy, vanished three weeks ago.

Police have named the 53-year-old Peterson as a suspect in her disappearance, and authorities have called the case a possible homicide. He has denied any involvement in her disappearance.

"We do not expect to be charged in these cases," Brodsky said. "This is out of control. It's a rush to judgment fueled by people, by entertain-

ment and people seem to want to be entertained by what's going on."

Brodsky, who began representing Peterson on Friday, declined to let his client respond to most questions during Monday's short interview.

Peterson, whose children with Stacy Peterson are 2 and 4, answered "yes" when asked if he was worried she may never return home. "Kids need a mom," he said.

Asked if he was worried about his wife, he said: "Of course. Your wife leaves you and I have kids at home, you're very much worried about her."

Peterson reiterated that he thinks his wife left him for another man. "I'd like to have her publicly show herself so we can clear all this up," said Peterson, who has older children from an earlier marriage.

After returning from a hotel where he appeared on the "Today" show via satellite,

Peterson stopped and talked to reporters in the driveway of his Bolingbrook home. He called the attention paid to his life "mind-boggling."

"People are looking at me under a magnifying glass. It's very upsetting. You know, I mean, what I had for breakfast is newsworthy. So it's crazy. Look at these people," he said, gesturing to the media. "This is hilarious. It's just not how I want to be spending my retirement."

Peterson later participated in a photo shoot in his backyard, but it was not immediately clear which media outlet commissioned it.

Stacy Peterson, who was studying nursing at a junior college, disappeared from the couple's suburban Chicago home Oct. 28. Volunteers have been canvassing fields, lakes and construction sites near the family's house, but have found no traces of the woman.

Still, the investigation into her disappearance caused prosecutors to reopen the investigation into the death of Peterson's third wife, Kathleen Savio, whose body was found in a bathtub in 2004.

At the time, authorities ruled her death an accidental drowning, but investigators exhumed her body last week at the request of a prosecutor, who has said after examining evidence he believes her death was a homicide staged to look like an accident.

A pathologist who conducted another autopsy on Savio's body for her family said last week he believes the woman was murdered.

Savio's remains were returned Monday to the cemetery, according to the Will County coroner's office. The state's attorney's office said it could be a couple weeks before investigators have final results from tests related to the autopsy.

Peterson also has denied any role in Savio's death. He was asked Monday for his reaction to speculation that Savio was murdered. "Yes, I'm upset to hear something like that said. Very much so," he said on the "Today" show.

Later, he denied claims made by his second wife, Vicki Connolly, that Peterson told her he could kill her and make it look like an accident. Connolly said that while she didn't believe he ever would kill her, she confided in Bolingbrook police officers she considered friends.

"I've never said anything like that, or even thought anything like that," Peterson said. "I don't know what's going through her head. I thought her and I had a good relationship. I thought we were friends. For her to say something like that, I don't know if it was driven by the media or whatever. Who knows?"

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Finding religious convergence

If you use current headlines as a barometer of Christian-Muslim relations, you may come to the conclusion that there is little convergence between Christianity and Islam. But if you suspect that it might be unfair to compare the ideals of one's own religion (e.g., that the Beatitudes call Christians to be peacemakers, but we do not always live up to this) with the realities of another (e.g., that the extremists depicted in the nightly news may in fact be condemned by many Muslims as un-Islamic), then where can you go for a brief summary comparing Christian and Muslim beliefs?

In addition to consulting Muslim sources, a handy resource for Catholics is a short but significant document from the Second Vatican Council, *Nostra Aetate* (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to non-Christians), which is the first substantive conciliar teaching about Islam (and Judaism, for that matter). In its section on Islam, *Nostra Aetate* lists areas of theological convergence and divergence. Areas of convergence include belief in one God, judgment day and the resurrection of the body (ours, not Christ's); it also mentions that both religions also honor Mary. The document singles out three practices Muslims and Christians share: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It also mentions points of disagree-

ment, such as the fact that Muslims consider Jesus a prophet but not divine. Interestingly, the document is silent about two other significant points of Christian-Muslim divergence: the status of Muhammad as a prophet and the Quran as revelation.

Christian knowledge of these areas of convergence and divergence is not new; even 12th-century theologians who knew very little about Islam (and were critical of it) recognized that Muslims were monotheists who practiced prayer, fasting and almsgiving. So what is revolutionary about *Nostra Aetate*?

*Nostra Aetate* is significant as the first positive statement about Islam issued from a church council. Its section three begins, "The Church regards with esteem the Muslims." The importance of this phrase and what follows cannot be underestimated. While there are examples from history of individual theologians whose writings included sporadic praise of Islam — e.g., medieval figures like Ramon Llull, William of Tripoli and Pope Gregory VII — *Nostra Aetate* is the first unequivocally positive statement about Islam from the highest level of church authority, the Council.

*Nostra Aetate* is important for another reason. After outlining basic doctrinal similarities and differences, it concludes by exhorting Catholics

and Muslims to "work sincerely for mutual understanding and to preserve as well as promote" social justice, peace and freedom. The document encourages — indeed, calls — Catholics to enter into dialogue and collaboration with Muslims. *Nostra Aetate* is in fact the impetus for all Catholic interreligious relations: We do it not because it's the "in" thing to do, but because it's the Catholic thing to do.

*Nostra Aetate's* call to dialogue over 40 years ago has since sparked many encounters: From formal discussions between bishops and imams in Rome and Cairo to grassroots meetings between Catholic and Muslim moms in suburban Bridgeview, Illinois. Unfortunately, these dialogues don't make the headlines. But they should, because these ordinary encounters are in fact a supremely important kind of convergence between Islam and Christianity. One that is relational, not theological. After all, there really is no such thing as a dialogue between "Catholicism" and "Islam" — there are only relationships between Catholics and Muslims.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON



THE FIRST SCALPING

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If we knew what we were doing, it would not be called 'research,' would it?"

Albert Einstein  
physicist

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"First love is a kind of vaccination which saves a man from catching the complaint a second time."

Honore de Balzac  
French novelist

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Bad call, ushers**

The halftime marshmallow fight is a tradition Notre Dame students look forward to for three years. The morning of the last football game, seniors can be found all over campus finding creative ways to elude ushers and smuggle precious marshmallows inside — whether by shoving them down their pants or duct taping bags to their armpits, for Notre Dame students, when there is a will, there is a way. Despite the University's best efforts, which included forcing students to remove clothing to gain entrance to the Stadium, Saturday's marshmallow fight attracted more attention than the half-time show, proving that our beloved ushers had failed.

Not to be outdone, however, the ushers had a plan. Rather than make any

attempt to stop the fight in action, confiscate marshmallows during the fight, or even display their displeasure, the five or six ushers in my section appeared to be enjoying the spectacle. The mood quickly changed when the students ran out of marshmallows and the fight calmed down, prompting ushers to switch gears and randomly choose at least 20 students to be kicked out of the game. When one student was asked why she was being kicked out of the stadium, an usher responded "we're making an example out of you." The usher then explained that they were plucking students off the ends of the sections since it was too hard to get the students in the middle. Clearly, law enforcement at its best. I've heard many different arguments

against marshmallow fighting: They are extremely hard to clean up, they can injure people if heavy objects are shoved inside, marshmallows landing on the field pose a safety hazard, etc. All I have to say is, graduating from Notre Dame is hard, too. Most people are smart enough not to put hard objects into marshmallows and as harsh as it may sound, I'm not terribly worried about Trevor Laws, Jimmy Clausen or anyone else being downed by a white fluffy projectile. I can understand taking away all the marshmallows you can find upon entering the stadium. I can understand kicking someone out for being hopelessly intoxicated and chucking marshmallows at the grandmas sitting in the neighboring general admission sec-

tions. What I cannot understand is sharing delight with students and then ejecting some at random, after they have spent over \$100,000 to gain the honor of throwing a few harmless marshmallows. They say tradition never graduates, but news flash — we do. Those 20 students were robbed of their last home game, when the rest of us were just as guilty as they were. Ushers, we appreciate your hard work, but let's face it: On Saturday it was you, not Charlie Weis, who made the bad call.

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**Continued discussion of moral relativism**

**Errors in terminology**

Kevin Sharron's article ("Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior," Nov. 18) is well intentioned, but it incorrectly employs terminology. We'll start from the beginning.

The idea of an "absolute moral truth" is that within human beings there are inherent standards of conduct which we can derive using logic and common experiences. The idea is not the equivalent of a political or religious structure, though structures employ the idea from time to time. For instance, the Catholic Church uses moral law to formulate doctrine and social justice teachings. Absolute moral standards are part of the Church's tradition, in line with the Church's belief that God created the human mind oriented towards himself, towards truth and love. Sharron actually confirms this by his example of a hypothetical situation. "If your code and all laws ceased existing at this very

moment, what would you do? Would you commit murder or steal from the person sitting next to you? ...I would not commit these crimes because I care about humankind and value order in society." Thus, he asserts that if all government structures were to fall, he would still feel responsibility to act justly towards his neighbor; regardless of the circumstances, he still feels the tug of justice and order. This is precisely the assertion of the person who believes in an absolute moral code; I applaud Sharron for understanding the concept even if he misuses the terminology and he himself is evidence of this inherent standard of justice.

And now, a hypothetical of my own. Fred, the moral relativist, disagrees that there is an inherent standard of conduct. That means he has no rules. He thinks that what's okay for GK might be wrong for Lewis, or that Lewis can't formulate an opinion on GK's behavior unless GK is

harming Lewis. Fred has the right to do anything, for he is the only one allowed to decide what Fred can do. GK and Lewis get nervous because if Fred is right and there is no such thing as moral absolutism, GK and Lewis might be toast. To this, Fred replies that "morality is relative, so long as it does not harm other people" or "morality is relative, and people can be harmed only for the common good," but GK and Lewis snicker to themselves because they know that Fred has just added an absolute requisite to his relativistic philosophy. Thus, Fred joins the chorus with Karl and Pete (a great singer) in a rousing hymn of "There is no such thing as absolute truth, except for this statement!"

**Cynthia Weber**  
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**Circular judgment**

This is a response to Kevin Sherrin's letter on moral relativism ("Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior," Nov. 18). Mr. Sherrin writes: "By claiming that no universal standard of morality exists, moral relativists allow themselves to judge the goodness of actions by whatever standard they choose." While that may be the case, such a judgment is circular. When relativists judge by whatever standard they choose, they are making a judgment call between competing standards. In the end, either their method of decision is reducible to an absolutely correct standard or their judgment is reduced to mere opinion.

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**Actions speak louder than words**

In his Nov. 19 letter ("Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior"), Kevin Sherrin says that he finds "it strange that [Nathan Loyd] believes that moral relativism denies us the ability to decide the morality of certain actions. ... By claiming that no universal standard of morality exists, moral relativists ... judge the goodness of actions by whatever standard they choose." I agree with Sherrin that "this stance" does not impair an individual's ability to make decisions; however, as one who believes that some moral absolutes exist, I argue that "this stance" allows that individual to make underinformed moral judgments. An uninformed moral absolutist — one who believes in the existence of moral absolutes — is also capable of making underinformed decisions.

Sherrin also offers: "I believe that Loyd meant to say that moral relativism ques-

tions our ability to reaffirm that extramarital sex is undoubtedly wrong." I suggest that instead of undoubtedly, one could try the word universally or absolutely. Surely a relativist cannot assert such a thing!

Sherrin asks about the importance of an individual's ability to independently make moral judgments. Loyd argued that "without an absolute moral code, we could have no law." If law refers to the act of effecting laws in an absolutely just manner, Loyd is probably right. However, Sherrin seems to be correct that moral relativists would not fall into anarchy, a point William Golding asserts in "Lord of the Flies." Likewise, if all common laws ceased to exist, we would not immediately start committing crimes because many of us are essentially decent people. I agree that people do have their own "sets of beliefs as to what is right or wrong without an absolute moral code to guide them" — i.e. their own morals and

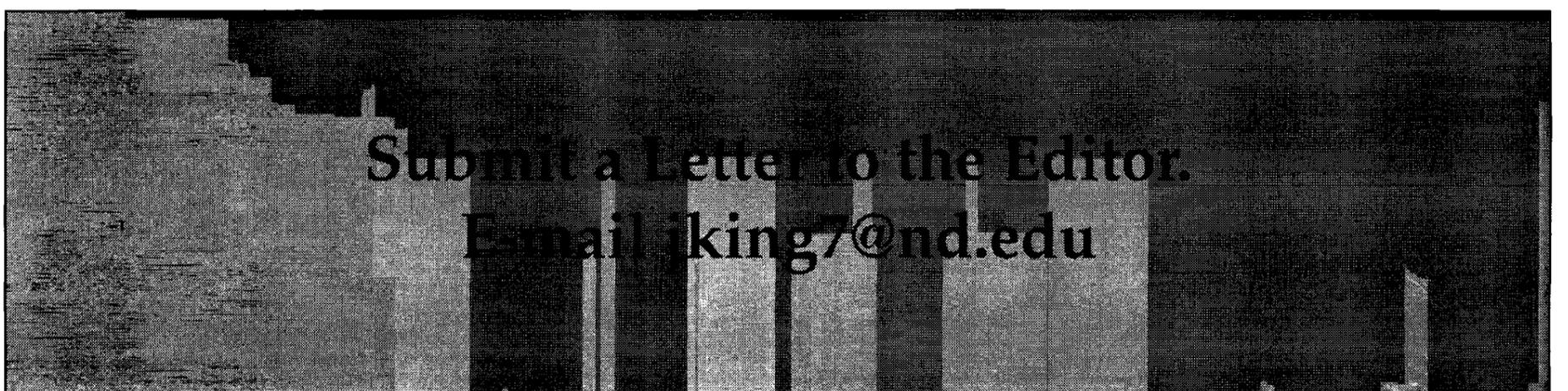
values, but moral relativists are unable to make sound moral judgments about right and wrong.

One should also remember that actions speak louder than words. Consider the scenario of doctor Delia Surridge from the movie "V for Vendetta." She had hoped her whole life to find cures for diseases and participated in horrible atrocities against other human beings. She had felt guilty for participating in this effort but hopeful about finding this cure for a good cause. In exacting his own sort of justice, the protagonist V states: "I have not come for what you had hoped to do. I have come for what you did." Delia's actions were morally wrong although she had initially hoped that they would lead to some further good; she ignored the consequences of her active participation in a project that actually committed crimes against humanity. Delia is an ethical relativist. V may be a moral absolutist. As a nominal Christian,

I turn to the parable of the good Samaritan. Jesus states: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me" (Matthew 25:40). The set of moral absolutes includes a commandment to actively love your neighbor as yourself. Love is part of a universal human conscience that all people are capable of agreeing upon.

My advice is this: Stay informed and alert, and listen to your conscience. Make decisions based on true facts. Grow in wisdom and understanding. Make a positive difference. How? In the words of Aristotle, "Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation." Actions speak louder than words. Live that vocation, and live it well.

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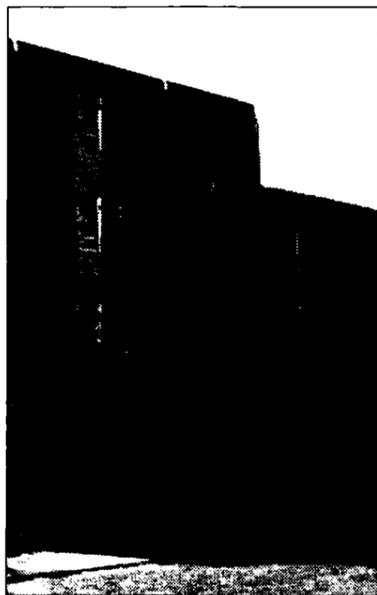


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Keenan Hall lost to Stanford in the Interhall championship game.

## Keenan responds to column

Let me preface with this: Congratulations on your victory, Stanford, in the Interhall championship game. It was a well-fought game on both sides and a truly rivalry game.

Tae Kang

My name-sake wrote an article

Scene & Heard

demeaning my beloved home and this cannot stand. He's done something that we at Notre Dame expect BC to do: gloat excessively. Yes, you won. Yes, Tregg Duerson scored a touchdown. Yes, there were birds hovering over the Stadium. Congratulations once again. I'm sure Fredo Corleone had good days too.

In Keenan Hall, we take pride in being "The Classiest Gentlemen's Dorm on Campus." It is a divine birthright being a Keenan Knight for it comes with the responsibility of volunteering at the Great Pumpkin, participating in Muddy Sunday, acting in the Keenan Revue, and flat out being one of the "Fratres in Cristo". We're proud that we're active and good at what we do. If that makes us "dastardly do-gooders, boy scouts, and boy wonders" then so be it. If you're happy being "belligerent and boisterous", then that's good too. I'm sure your parents are proud. Like the other Tae, I am a fan of the X-Men and I remember that it was Cyclops, not Wolverine, who marries Jean Grey.

Other Tae also talked about Stanford winning Hall of the Year in 2006. That's because Student Activities enjoys being egalitarian and communist in handing out these awards. If justice were served, then Keenan would get it every year without fail. No other dorm does what we do as good as we do. So when you come over to Zaland next time: remember your older brother still loves you very much.

P.S. Come watch the Keenan Revue Jan.30-Feb.1

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By TAE ANDREWS  
Scene Editor

Every kid, college or otherwise, has the same: to go to Disney World. Junior Andrew Nesi did just that this semester, but his dream trip took on a fairy tale twist different than most people making the trip to the Mecca of magic.

He did it for free.

Two of Nesi's classes this semester — U.S. Environmental History and Disney in Film and American culture — required long final papers. The first required an analysis of nature in an American source and the second called for a research paper on anything Disney-related. So naturally, Nesi, who writes a biweekly column for The Observer, did what any resourceful college kid would — he decided to kill two literary birds with one stone and combine the papers with a trip to Orlando to do research on Disney World and nature.

Nesi spent five days in Orlando from Nov. 1 through Nov. 5. A Undergraduate Research Opportunities (UROP) grant paid for his airfare, hotel, rental car, park tickets and meals during the trip. Nesi footed the bill for souvenirs and a picture of himself on Splash Mountain. He spent the first day reading local newspaper clippings from the 1970s in the Orlando Public Library, researching the beginnings of Disney World and the initial plans for the park. Nesi then spent three days in Disney World. That included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Animal Kingdom on the first day, a trip to EPCOT visit to "Future World," an obligatory trip to the Magic Kingdom for fireworks, a nighttime ride on Splash Mountain, a Jungle Cruise, quality time spent in Tomorrowland, Frontierland, and Adventureland and a stay at the high-end Animal Kingdom Lodge.

After talking with Disney experts about nature, Nesi learned that park officials have to reconcile their wish to keep the park a "natural" environment while still making it appealing to children. Originally, park officials didn't want to have Disney characters strewn about the place, but high demand forced them to accede to the wishes of their customers. Even so, they continue to try and keep animated animals away from the real ones. As Nesi put it: "The monkeys will never see Balloo." (Fun fact: the Animal Kingdom uses biodegradable paper straws, which Nesi describes as "weird to use" but are supposedly better for the environment)

"Like EPCOT, I think the Magic Kingdom focuses on nature as a tool of progress," he said. "[It's] not something to be conserved for its own sake."

Of course, Nesi had to do his homework

before going out to play. After writing a five-page grant proposal, obtaining a letter of recommendation and drafting a budget proposal, he applied for a grant through UROP.

The rest, as they say, is history — although Nesi wasn't sure his proposal would be taken seriously. "I was worried that they wouldn't believe me that it was a legitimate project," he said, "so I had to do pretty substantial research before I proposed the idea to demonstrate that I was serious about this and I wasn't just in it for the fireworks over Cinderella's Castle."

"Going to Disney alone was fun because it let me move at my own pace and ride whatever I wanted whenever I wanted," he said, noting that lines are much shorter for singles than for groups. "But you also feel sort of creepy sometimes walking around alone, standing in line behind little kids and taking extensive notes."

Like many other young people who have visited Disney, Nesi said his only regret was that he had to return home. He lamented the change in climate in particular, mentioning that on his last day in Florida it was 85 degrees. When he got home, "it was flurrying."

To answer the obligatory question: Nesi did see Mickey Mouse during his time in Orlando, three times in all, dressed once as a Park Ranger, once for a parade and once to meet kids in his house in the Animal Kingdom.

"He's a pretty versatile guy," Nesi said. "I even took a picture of him."

He went on to say that he has three favorite Disney rides from the trip, one from each park. "In the Animal Kingdom, it was definitely Kilimanjaro Safari," he said. The ride takes thrill seekers on a no-boundaries tour complete with lions, giraffes and elephants. Nesi said his EPCOT favorite was a new ride called "Soarin,'" which takes riders on a mock flyover of California complete with the smell of fresh oranges. "It was a great ride," he said. Finally, Nesi said his favorite Magic Kingdom ride was, and has always been, Splash Mountain, having ridden it seven times during his most recent visit. "The drop always gets me, even if the rest of the ride can be kind of annoying," he said.

To wit, Nesi rates "The Lion King" his



Photo courtesy of Andrew Nesi

Junior UROP grant recipient Andrew Nesi smiles for a photo in front of Disney World's Magic Kingdom.

favorite Disney film, but cites "Beauty and the Beast" as a "close second."

"The Lion King has it all," he said. "The animation is great, and the music is even better. But the best scene in any Disney movie has to be in Beauty and the Beast. When they're dancing in the ballroom, the animation takes you up to the ceiling and swoops down through the chandelier to them dancing. It's the best animation I've seen all semester in my Disney in Film and American Culture class."

Having conquered the Magic Kingdom, Nesi has since contemplated setting his sights on new research opportunities. "I loved the research experience," he said. "I'm also considering applying for other grants to work in Beijing on another paper this summer on American Media Coverage of the Olympics." He also hasn't ruled out a second trip, this time to California's Disneyland, to build on his current research.

"When you tell people you're going on a research trip to Disney World, or that you're taking a class that requires you to watch the 'Little Mermaid,' they tend to laugh," Nesi said. "But this was a serious project. Obviously, it was a lot of fun, too, but it was research first and foremost."

Nesi plans to spend time during the Thanksgiving break in the Hesburgh Library to write his paper.

"What's great about funding grants like this," he said, "is that it encourages kids to think big — and creatively — about the possibilities for what they can do with their time here."

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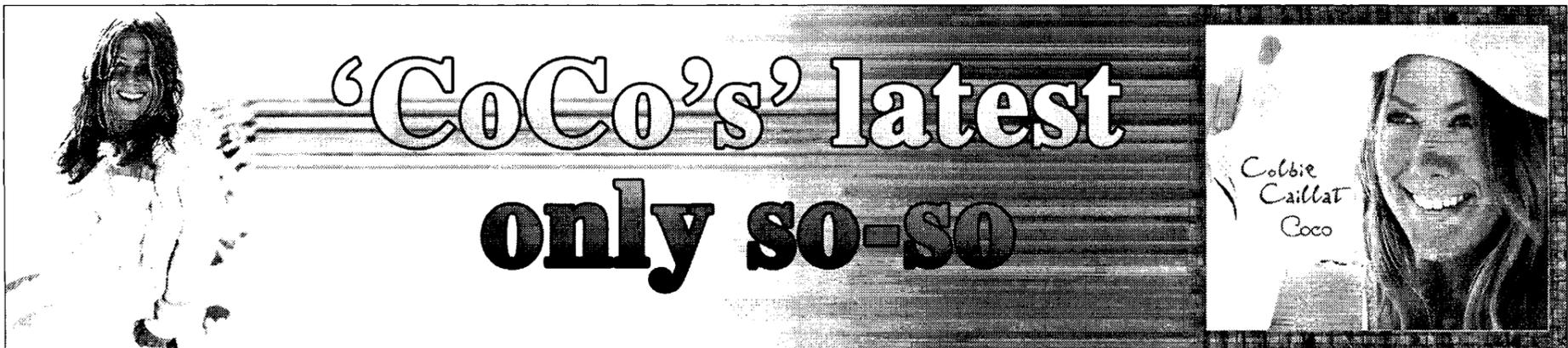
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Donald Duck entertains visitors at Disney World. Junior Andrew Nesi received a grant to do research in Orlando.



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Nesi spent his time in Florida conducting research on Disney and nature, including wildlife like this giraffe.



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By JESS SHAFFER  
Scene Writer

If you have yet to hear Ms. Colbie Caillat's pervasive hit, "Bubbly," you must be wearing some heavy-duty earmuffs.

But seriously, though, if you're oblivious to this chart topper you should probably consider rejoining the human race. This song is nearly impossible to avoid (at least if you engage in normal human activity). Whether you're a blogger, Lifetime addict, or just your average radio listener, you've no doubt

been inundated with Caillat's serenading.

You don't have to be "Top 20" addict to appreciate Caillat. And even if you don't enjoy Britney Spears, Ashlee Simpson and the typical girl solo act, be assured that your venture into pop culture will not be a waste of your time. Caillat avoids the sometimes ridiculous female musician image, and instead opts for a sweet yet stylish sound wrapped in a down to earth package. She's kind of the California girl-next-door of music: relaxed and real, if not sometimes a bit simplistic.

Her recent release, the self-titled, "Coco," debuts her clear musical potential. Caillat seems to have won the musical lottery. That or she just has executed some seriously smart strategy to achieve her success. She has the typical story of girl finds music, decides to try her hand at singing, embraces the soul exploring power of song writing, and then has the Cinderella-esque discovery. But rather than debuting on "Mickey Mouse Club" or clawing

her way to the top through ruthless commercialization, Caillat's success is actually web based.

Her discovery results from the MySpace cultural phenomenon. Caillat's decision to put her then unknown work on the site paid off. As of yesterday her MySpace site has had 14,175,936 hits. That type of popularity gave her songs the exposure it takes to break into the industry. Not to mention, having an already intact fan base, assuredly made her an intriguing prospect for what is now her label, Universal Republic. Organic talent plus bloggers apparently does yield an almost unprecedented rise to fame — a tantalizing ideal for any musician playing in relative obscurity. In fact, if you give her page a quick glance you'll find a wall overwhelmed with cries of support from hundreds of struggling artists.

If anything, "Coco" is a commendable departure from pop culture norms and redundancy. Perhaps she will pick up where artists like Jack Johnson started, but "Coco" may not be the cd to do it. Caillat still has a long way to go in terms of musical maturity. While her style of charming and cheerful melodies is extremely catchy, lacks the sophistication to make true lasting

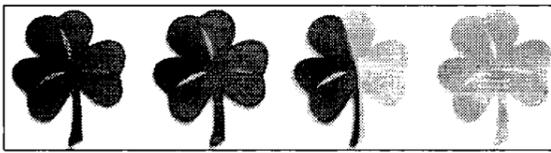
classics. "Bubbly" may be exception to the rule, and is the solid high point of the album. Caillat makes the mistake of front-loading her Coco with tunes like "Oxygen," "One Fine Wire" and "My Feelings Show." She would have done well to conclude her CD with as much power and energy as she started it with. Songs like "Capri" disappoint compared to her earlier tracks.

In a break from her inexperienced repetitiveness, "Tied Down," is Caillat's attempt at musical experimentation. In this track she tacks advantage of her cool, fun vocals, coupling them with a ukulele instrumental. This winning combination is a path that Caillat would benefit from exploring more in the future. With tracks like this, her future in the music business looks bright indeed.

Though Colbie Caillat has a long way to go artistically, Coco is a promising start. Check out her album's highlights. But unless you're totally infatuated with this up and coming artist don't rush out to purchase the entire album. And if you're looking for a relaxing exam pick me up, Caillat's better tracks are sure to satisfy the most stressed studier.

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Colbie Caillat  
Label: Universal Republic  
Recommended Tracks: "Bubbly," "Oxygen," "One Fine Wire" and "Tied Down"



## Scene and Heard:



# Listen to the Cold War Kids

MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

The Hollywood writers' strike may have yielded repeat after repeat of your favorite shows. Usually a habitué of Conan O'Brien and Jay Leno, I had almost given up on watching late-night television for the time being until I saw a repeat of an episode from this past summer on NBC last week featuring a rock band called the Cold War Kids. Sounding like angry brew of early Matchbox Twenty and Ryan Adams with hints of Maroon 5 and even Radiohead, I turned up the volume to better hear this catchy new blend of fringe pop.

Jumping around my television, albeit not live (damn TV writers), was a raucous and wild indie rock group from Long Beach, Calif., that played pop hooks with the energy of The Clash. I was sold. Usually late night appearances are a tepid event featuring shoe-gazing hipsters strumming tunes eerily similar to Elvis Costello or Beck songs. The Cold War Kids seemed to walk the tight-rope between indie-rock ingenuity and the energy and zeal of a classic rock cover band covering "Free Bird" at the end of a long night. It was so good that I drove over to Barnes and Noble on Grape Road to pick up their

latest album, "Robbers and Cowards."

After a first listen, it reminds me of Mute Math's recent work, yet different in how it uses live studio recordings with creepy and mechanical sonic effects to create an indelible sound.

Like most all current "smart" bands, the Cold War Kids have an affinity for showing off just how smart and clever they are. This is seen most in their plentiful use of references to Salinger, Garcia Marquez and Jesus. Indeed, the references are the type that would make a slightly brainy high school kid grin with glee at his ability to understand the meaning of the lyrics, however they can get a bit old.

Back to Matchbox Twenty for a second. Back with MB20 came out with its debut album, "Yourself or Someone Like You," the band was hailed as slightly off-beat, fresh and positively rocking. Then a series of follow-up

albums over the next few years came out and they could never regain the fantastic sound and enthusiasm that propelled them to superstardom in the first place. The trouble with The Cold War Kids is that they show a little too

close a resemblance to the 1996-era MB20. They seem to promise a fresh take on an oft-used and antiquated sound, and it almost works. Yet unfortunately, too many of the sounds fall into the realm of clichéd mainstream parading as underground — very much like the trouble encountered by Matchbox.

This isn't to say it's all bad though. Two songs in particular, "We Used to Vacation" and "Hospital Beds," are a real joy to listen to. In "We Used to Vacation," the listener is treated to a

sad but upbeat tale of domestic difficulties and the trouble with having an alcoholic father who is intent on changing his ways but just can't overcome the hurdles of sobriety. "Hospital Beds" details life in a hospital and the weird reality of living in a world of strangers and despair. Using a pounding piano along with rough but strong lyrics, lead singer Nathan Willet wails, "I got one friend laying across from me / I did not choose him / He did not choose me. / We've got no chance of recovering / In the hospital / The joy of misery." Just a moment later, some obvious Christian imagery is presented with the baptismal reference, "Put out the fire on us." While wading dangerously close to being too much, Willet sings it all with enough gusto and emotion to make it worth the listen.

This bad isn't going to save the world. They aren't the "Best New Band in the World" like it was proclaimed in NME. However, they're pretty good and worth the \$14 bucks or so it'll take to own the CD. And if you do buy it, get it in the store and not on iTunes because the cover art and booklet is pretty sweet.

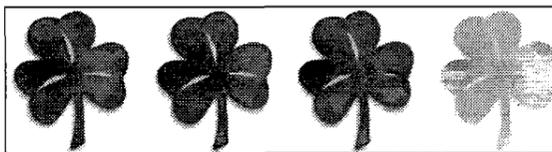
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## Robbers and Cowards

Cold War Kids

Label: Downtown  
Recommended Tracks: "We Used to Vacation" and "Hospital Beds"



## NBA

# Swift's 24 points lead Grizzlies over Sonics 125-108

*Magic continue hot start with win over injury-plagued Hornets; Wallace and Felton key Bobcats win over Blazers*

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Stromile Swift scored a season-high 24 points, Mike Miller added 19 points and seven assists and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Seattle SuperSonics 125-108 on Monday night.

Damon Stoudamire had 16 points and seven assists and Hakim Warrick added 16 for the Grizzlies, who stopped a three-game skid. Pau Gasol had 14 points, seven rebounds, five assists and seven blocks, one short of his career-high for rejections.

Delonte West led Seattle with 17 points, Chris Wilcox added 16, and Jeff Green had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Memphis built an early lead and Seattle never really threatened in the second half. The Grizzlies shot 58 percent through the first three quarters, building the lead to as many as 27 before coasting to their largest margin of victory this season.

With Memphis center Darko Milicic out with a bad left thumb, Swift started in the middle, allowing Gay to play small forward. Part of the reason for the switch was to keep Gay, who has struggled with foul problems, from guarding Wilcox, Seattle's bulky forward.

But Swift's presence also paid off on the offensive end. He scored 12 points in the first half as Memphis built a 68-53 half-time lead.

After missing five of their first seven shots, the Grizzlies con-

nected on 14 of their next 16. Memphis hit its opening five 3-pointers, but also worked the ball into the paint to build a 16-point lead in the first quarter.

Throughout much of the first half, Memphis' interior players were able to get to the rim as the SuperSonics failed to rotate on defense.

Seattle was able to chip away at the lead, and even got it under 10 in the latter stages of the second quarter, despite foul trouble that sent big men Wilcox, Johan Petro and Nick Collison to the bench with three fouls each.

Memphis continued to extend the lead in the second half as the Grizzlies continually played a high-low game with their big men. The Grizzlies had 13 assists on their 14 field goals in the third as Memphis built the lead to 27 before carrying a 102-77 advantage into the fourth.

## Magic 95, Hornets 88

Dwight Howard had 24 points and 15 rebounds and Rashard Lewis scored 19 to lift the Orlando Magic to a second straight impressive victory, 95-88 over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday night.

Coming one night after Orlando handed the Boston Celtics their first loss of the season, the Magic's fifth-straight victory snapped the Hornets' five-game winning streak.

It was a loss for New Orleans on multiple levels. Already playing without Chris Paul, who missed his second game with a sprained right ankle, the Hornets

lost Tyson Chandler in the second quarter when the starting center hyperextended his right knee. Hornets officials said Chandler was day to day pending further evaluation.

Jameer Nelson scored 16 points for Orlando, hitting on a crucial driving layup and a jumper in the final minutes. Keyon Dooling and Hedo Turkoglu each scored 15, with Turkoglu hitting two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

The Magic nearly blew a 20-point lead before holding on to beat Boston on Sunday. They showed the same resilience on the road a night later, blowing a 21-point lead and falling behind by as many as five points in the fourth quarter before rallying to tie their best-ever 12-game start at 10-2.

Peja Stojakovic scored 21 to lead New Orleans, which fell to 9-3 after its best start in franchise history. Jannero Pargo, who started for Paul, scored 18 points. David West scored 14 for New Orleans and Morris Peterson 11.

The Hornets were down 46-31 when Chandler crashed to the floor in obvious pain. He lay on his back, holding his knee, an image that seemed to inspire his teammates, who ran the floor with a renewed sense of purpose and energy thereafter.

A dunk by Melvin Ely, followed by 3-pointers from Peterson and Stojakovic, helped the Hornets pull to 53-43 by halftime.

New Orleans then opened the second half with a 14-3 run that enlivened the home crowd. Stojakovic's short jumper gave the Hornets their first lead, 57-56, with 8:25 left in the third quarter.

Orlando called timeout and settled down, battling New Orleans point-for-point until the final minutes. Lewis' second 3-pointer of the fourth quarter gave Orlando an 89-84 lead with 1:26 to go, marking the beginning of the end for New Orleans.

Howard, who threw down several thunderous dunks during the game, got the Magic off to a fast start with 10 points and eight rebounds in the first quarter alone.

His last basket of the quarter came after he twice rebounded his own misses. Dooley added a fastbreak layup soon afterward as the Magic closed out the quarter with a 33-17 lead.

## Bobcats 101, Trail Blazers 92

With a tough road schedule at the end of the season, the Charlotte Bobcats knew they had to get off to a quick start.

Through 10 games, they're in



Hornets forward Peja Stojakovic posts up on Magic forward Trevor Ariza in Orlando's 95-88 win over New Orleans on Monday night.

pretty good shape.

Behind Gerald Wallace's third straight game of 27 points and a stifling defense that shut down LaMarcus Aldridge, the Bobcats beat the Portland Trail Blazers 101-92 on Monday night.

The Bobcats' second straight win and third in a row at home left them 6-4, the best they've been in their four-year history. "All playoff teams take advantage of home games," Wallace said. "Those are easy cover-ups for tough nights when you're out on the road."

With their arena set to host three college basketball tournaments in the spring, the Bobcats will be on the road for 18 of their final 27 games. If they're going to make the playoffs for the first time, they'll have to take advantage of playing 27 of their first 42 at home.

"We know we have to have a great start," guard Raymond Felton said. "We're on the road for just about all of March."

Felton had 24 points and 10 assists and Jason Richardson scored 24 points. They teamed with Wallace, who hit 10 of 19 shots and had a key dunk, steal and layup in Charlotte's decisive run midway through the fourth quarter, to drop the Trail Blazers to 0-7 on the road.

Portland coach Nate McMillan kept the locker room closed for almost 20 minutes after the game, and he could be heard yelling at the team from the hallway.

"Nobody is going to come here and rescue us," McMillan said. "We have 15 guaranteed contracts. We can't bring in anybody to help with the situation right now. We've got to get it done."

Aldridge couldn't against the

Bobcats.

Portland's leading scorer and rebounder coming into the game, Aldridge got into early foul trouble and was held to seven points and one rebound in 20 minutes on 2-for-6 shooting. Aldridge had been averaging 19.5 points and 8.1 rebounds.

"It's toughness. We're getting pushed around," McMillan said. "Not to blame LaMarcus and Joel (Przybilla), but the two of those guys had two rebounds. We've got to have more boards than that."

Jarrett Jack scored 18 points, Brandon Roy had 17 on 4-for-13 shooting and Martell Webster scored 15 for Portland, which committed 19 turnovers.

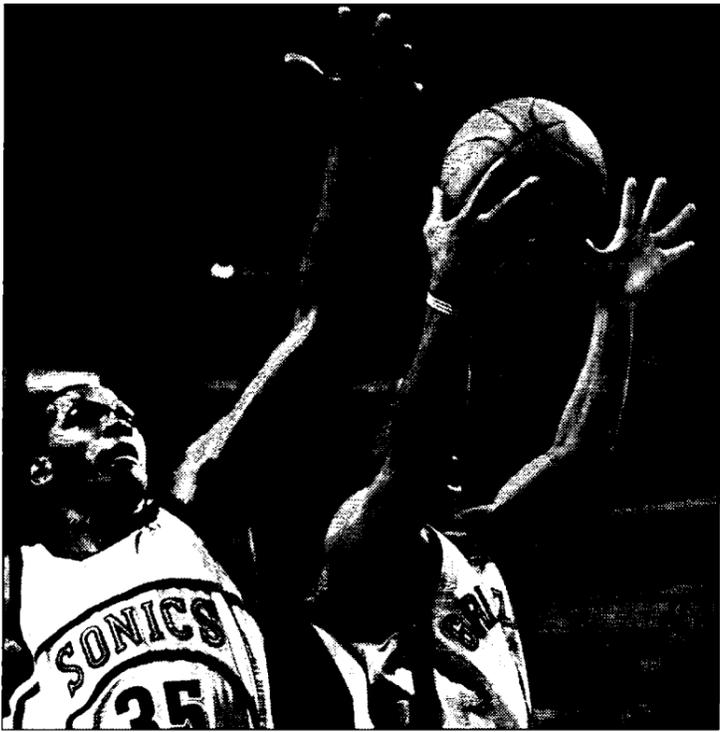
"They were really physical inside," Roy said. "Once we came back on them, they just continued to pound us."

Wallace's dunk with a little more than 9 minutes left put Charlotte ahead to stay. Following Felton's 3-pointer, Wallace stole the ball from Roy — one of his six steals — and dunked it at the other end to extend Charlotte's lead to 84-76.

Richardson's layup on the next possession made it a 10-point game.

Richardson scored 14 points in the third quarter, including consecutive 3-pointers to give the Bobcats a 50-40 lead. But Portland rallied despite Aldridge being on the bench with four fouls for the final 10 minutes of the quarter.

Webster's 3-pointer in the final seconds cut Charlotte's lead to 63-61 entering the fourth. Portland then took the lead on Roy's turnaround jumper and Jack's three-point play to start the fourth quarter.



Grizzlies guard Kyle Lowry drives past Sonics rookie Kevin Durant Monday in Memphis' 125-108 win over Seattle.

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team	record	previous
1 North Carolina (26)	2-0	1
2 UCLA (26)	3-0	2
3 Memphis (19)	4-0	3
4 Kansas	3-0	4
5 Georgetown (1)	2-0	5
6 Louisville	2-0	6
7 Tennessee	3-0	7
8 Indiana	2-0	8
9 Washington State	2-0	9
10 Michigan State	2-0	12
11 Marquette	2-0	10
12 Oregon	4-0	11
13 Duke	2-0	13
14 Gonzaga	3-0	14
15 Texas	3-0	16
16 Texas A&M	4-0	15
17 Pittsburgh	4-0	19
18 Kansas State	3-0	22
19 Southern Illinois	1-0	23
20 Villanova	2-0	24
21 Syracuse	3-0	NR
22 Butler	3-0	25
23 Virginia	3-0	NR
24 Clemson	3-0	NR
25 Florida	4-0	NR

## NCAA Men's Basketball Coaches' Top 25

team	record	previous
1 North Carolina (14)	2-0	1
2 UCLA (10)	3-0	2
3 Memphis (6)	4-0	3
4 Kansas (1)	3-0	4
5 Georgetown	2-0	5
6 Louisville	2-0	6
7 Tennessee	3-0	7
8 Indiana	2-0	8
9 Washington State	3-0	9
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16 Texas	3-0	16
17 Pittsburgh	4-0	19
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19 Villanova	2-0	23
20 Kansas State	3-0	24
21 Syracuse	3-0	25
22 Clemson	3-0	NR
23 Butler	3-0	NR
24 Florida	4-0	NR
25 Davison	1-1	NR

## MIAA Women's Volleyball Final Standings

team	conference	overall
1 Calvin	15-1	30-5
2 Hope	14-2	24-9
3 Adrian	11-5	18-13
4 Tri-State	10-6	13-15
5 SAINT MARY'S	6-10	13-18
6 Albion	6-10	11-18
7 Kalamazoo	5-11	11-20
8 Alma	3-13	8-22
9 Olivet	2-14	5-25

## NCAA FOOTBALL



Former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, right, congratulates senior quarterback Chad Henne during the Wolverines' 38-0 win over Notre Dame on Sept. 16. Carr announced his resignation Monday.

## Carr resigns after 13 seasons in Ann Arbor

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Lloyd Carr alternately choked up and chuckled for nearly 40 minutes Monday, as he announced his 13th season as Michigan football coach will be his last.

"I wanted to be able to walk out of here knowing that to the very last minute, I did my job to the best of my ability," Carr said with watery eyes. "And I know I'll be able to do that."

The best of Carr's ability brought Michigan a national title and five Big Ten championships. It also included an unsightly loss to Appalachian State to open this season and a fourth consecutive

defeat and sixth in seven years to Jim Tressel and Ohio State to close it.

Many of those memories were very close to the surface at Monday's news conference during which the public that rarely got to see his true personality also learned what had happened behind closed doors the previous day when Carr broke the news to his players and staff.

"I cried more tears than I knew I had," said Carr, who spent 28 seasons on the Michigan coaching staff. "And I've never laughed so hard in my life because there were so many memories."

Carr will coach the Wolverines in their bowl game, likely to be either

the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio or the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla. Following the bowl game he will become an associate athletic director.

The retirement announcement surprised no one.

Last winter, Carr had his contract reworked to pave the way for this to be his last season and later made sure the school gave his assistants unprecedented two-year deals.

The only unknown was when the 62-year-old Carr would choose to step away from the sideline: Monday, as he did, or after the bowl game.

"My timing is based on one thing, what is best for Michigan football," he said. "There are no

other motives.

"To do it after a bowl game would have been absolutely ridiculous."

The departure opens a job at the nation's winningest football program and the timing of it might make things uncomfortable for top-ranked LSU and coach Les Miles.

Miles seems to be at the top of the list in Ann Arbor. He played for Bo Schembechler at Michigan, where he met his wife and later became an assistant under Schembechler.

On Monday in Baton Rouge, La., though, Miles insisted he's not looking for a job and said Michigan has not called him.

"I love LSU," he said.

## IN BRIEF

### Tyson serves one day in jail for DUI

MESA, Ariz. — Mike Tyson could have received more than four years in prison. He left the courtroom having to serve all of one day in an open-air jail.

The former heavyweight champion was sentenced Monday for cocaine possession and driving under the influence.

"I take responsibility for my actions," Tyson told the judge. He left the courthouse flanked by supporters, lit a cigar and drove away in the back of a black Mercedes.

The 41-year-old boxer will serve his day in jail Tuesday for DUI. He received three years of probation for the cocaine charge and also will have to pay a fine, submit to drug testing and serve 360 hours of community service.

### Chicago's Garland shipped to Angels for Cabrera

CHICAGO — Gold Glove short-stop Orlando Cabrera was traded by the Los Angeles Angels to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Jon Garland on Monday in a surprising swap of dependable players.

The deal came 12 days after the White Sox re-signed short-stop Juan Uribe to a \$4.5 million, one-year contract. Now, he could wind up on the bench or with another team.

"We saw an opportunity to acquire one of the best short-stops in the game and one of the smartest in the game. Somebody who can fit into the No. 2 spot in our lineup for 155 games," Chicago general manager Ken Williams said, adding the trade frees up money that could help the White Sox pull off another deal.

### Vick surrenders, begins prison sentence three weeks early

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick got a head start on a possible long prison stretch Monday, surrendering three weeks before he was to be sentenced for his involvement in a bloody dogfighting ring.

The disgraced Atlanta Falcons quarterback surrendered to U.S. marshals in what his lawyer said was another step in his public repentance.

"From the beginning, Mr. Vick has accepted responsibility for his actions, and his self-surrender further demonstrates that acceptance," attorney Billy Martin said in a statement. "Michael wants to again apologize to everyone who has been hurt in this matter, and he thanks all of the people who have offered him and his family prayers and support during this time."

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## MLB

# A-Rod wins MVP award, still looking for ring

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez has millions of dollars in his investment accounts, three AL MVP awards for his trophy case — and zero World Series rings for his fingers.

"There's definitely a huge hole in the resume. And I mean, it's my third MVP and I'm here to say that I would trade all three for one world championship. I wouldn't think twice about it," Rodriguez said.

Of course, a World Series will have to wait. But for now, he has the satisfaction of his latest MVP, won Monday in a romp over Detroit's Magglio Ordonez.

While A-Rod wouldn't address why he opted out of his old Yankees contract or the reasons for his decision to reverse course and return to New York, he did slip this into a 30-minute conference call: Yankees general manager Brian Cashman asked him after the 2006 season, after he was dropped to eighth in the batting order in the playoff finale against Detroit, whether he'd prefer a trade.

"I had many, many opportunities," Rodriguez said. "There was a lot of interest from a lot of other teams and I felt I didn't want to go anywhere."

Cashman later confirmed that he approached A-Rod after the 2006 playoff elimination and asked the star third baseman whether he wanted to be traded. Despite four seasons in New York that filled more tabloid headlines than most players get in a lifetime, Rodriguez wants to stay. If and when he breaks Barry Bonds' career home run record, he wants to do it with the Yankees.

"It's something magical when you go in that field in front of 55,000 people, and then when you make championships and all-time records. I mean, the potential of it is exciting," he said.

By then, the Yankees will be in their new stadium, one Rodriguez hopes to put his stamp on. He admitted playing in the glare of the Big Apple took a long time to get used to.

"I banged my head against

New York; New York didn't bang me against the head. I felt like I made a lot of mistakes," he said. "I was trying to please everybody rather than do what made me happy."

His new attitude produced his best season and it showed in the MVP race. Rodriguez received 26 first-place votes and 382 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, while Ordonez had two firsts and 258 points.

Rodriguez won his first MVP in 2003, his last season with the Texas Rangers. He also won with the Yankees in 2005. Those yearly fluctuations bother him.

"It's something I'm aware of and something that needs to stop," he said. "I'd much rather have above average every year or great every year or good every year."

Rodriguez started this year with 14 homers in his first 18 games, hit .314 for the season and led the majors with 54 homers, 156 RBIs and 143 runs. He was the first player since New York's Roger Maris in 1961 to lead the majors in homers, RBIs and runs, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

An 11-time All-Star, Rodriguez became the ninth player to win the MVP three or more times. Barry Bonds holds the record with seven — all in the NL — and Yogi Berra, Roy Campanella, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial and Mike Schmidt won three apiece.

"I'm expected to do great things, I mean, for a lot of reasons, and I understand that," Rodriguez said.

The only two first-place votes that didn't go to Rodriguez were from Tom Gage of The Detroit News and Jim Hawkins of The Oakland Press in Pontiac, Mich.

"Magglio is a friend and had an unbelievable season," Rodriguez said. "I've been on that side of the fence many, many times."

He remembered back to his first full season in the majors with Seattle, when he finished three points behind Texas' Juan Gonzalez in MVP balloting.

"I was almost in tears in 1996 when I didn't win the award,



Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez holds his bat after a Sept. 29 at-bat against the Orioles. Rodriguez won his third AL MVP award Monday over Magglio Ordonez.

and it was very painful," Rodriguez said. "At the time, I was 20 years old and thought I would never get another chance to win it."

Still, there is the absence of a title. He's spoken with quarterback John Elway about the need for one to validate a career.

"Definitely the exclamation point in his career was the two championships at the end, and I have tremendous faith that I will be a world champion," Rodriguez said. "What better place to do it than in New York?"

Rodriguez didn't want to talk about his negotiations with the Yankees that are leading toward

a \$275 million, 10-year contract. "There is a finish line in sight," Rodriguez said, adding he would talk about the contract "when the time is right."

He also wouldn't detail the advice he was given by investor Warren Buffet.

"We usually visit every year. Warren is a friend," Rodriguez said. "He's done a great job of foreseeing things in business. Now he's doing it in baseball, too, so that's pretty good."

A-Rod struggled in the playoffs again this year as the Yankees lost to Cleveland in the first round. He went 4-for-15 (.267) with one RBI against the Indians, leaving him in an 8-for-

59 (.136) postseason funk dating to 2004 and hitless in his past 18 playoff at-bats with runners in scoring position.

He had talked about his desire to get more postseason at-bats, but that didn't happen.

"Part of the reason I'm not getting those at-bats is because I'm not performing," he said.

As soon as Rodriguez arrived at spring training this year, he took a new approach. He finally admitted he no longer was best buddies with Yankees captain Derek Jeter, ending a charade that had gone on for three seasons.

"I thought being honest was the best policy," he said.

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MLB

# Glavine returns to Atlanta with one-year deal

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tom Glavine never got used to making that unfamiliar turn in the tunnel beneath Turner Field, the one that took him to the visiting clubhouse the last five years.

Now he's back with the home team.

Glavine returned to the Braves on Monday to finish a career that likely will send him to the Hall of Fame, though this isn't just a sentimental farewell. Atlanta believes the crafty left-hander, who will turn 42 before next season, can help them get back to the playoffs after a two-year hiatus.

"Starting pitching has been our Achilles' heel. We just didn't have the depth we had in past years, and we wanted to address that," new general manager Frank Wren said. "Tommy was our No. 1 target."

This was an easy one to hit. Glavine, who is married and has four children, was eager to return to Atlanta, where he spent the first 16 years of his career and kept his home even after moving to the New York Mets. If the 303-game winner had not gotten an offer from the Braves, he planned to retire rather than subject his family to another year of splitting time between two cities.

"I'm supposed to be doing things for my kids," Glavine said. "But more and more, my kids were sacrificing for me, whether it was missing their ballgames or missing their friends' birthday parties. When they were getting on a plane two or three times a

month, they were doing it for me. I didn't feel good about asking them to do it anymore."

After turning down a \$13 million option with the Mets for 2008, taking a \$3 million buyout, he turned his attention toward the Braves. He gave Atlanta a hometown discount, agreeing to an \$8 million, one-year deal that was the lowest he was willing to play for and wasn't available to anyone else.

The Braves jumped on it quickly, wrapping up the negotiations in less than a week. No one else — not even the Mets — were ever in the mix.

"I have an opportunity at this stage of my career to combine the best of both worlds," the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner said. "I can be home, work at home and be around my wife and kids more than I have the last five years. I'm ecstatic."

So are the Braves, who were eager to add depth to a rotation that relied heavily on John Smoltz and Tim Hudson.

The team never settled on reliable options in the fourth and fifth slots, finishing third in the NL East for the second year in a row. Glavine, despite a dismal end to his season, went 13-8 with a 4.45 ERA in 200 1-3 innings for the Mets.

"Sentiment goes a long way," Braves manager Bobby Cox said, "but we all think Tommy can still win at the major league level. That's the bottom line."

Proving you can go home again, Glavine and the Braves got over the bitterness that

accompanied their negotiations after the 2002 season.

Atlanta started out with a one-year offer and a series of club options, then came back with a proposal that included millions in deferred money. After Glavine signed a four-year, \$42.5 million deal with the Mets, then-Braves general manager John Schuerholz held an extraordinary news conference to go over the negotiations step by step. Later, he wrote about the whole affair in his book, angering Glavine.

Most Atlanta fans seemed to side with Schuerholz, booing Glavine whenever he returned with the Mets, though the jeers lessened in recent years.

"For a long time, I didn't understand it. I guess I was angered by it a little bit," Glavine said. "I learned to live with it over time."

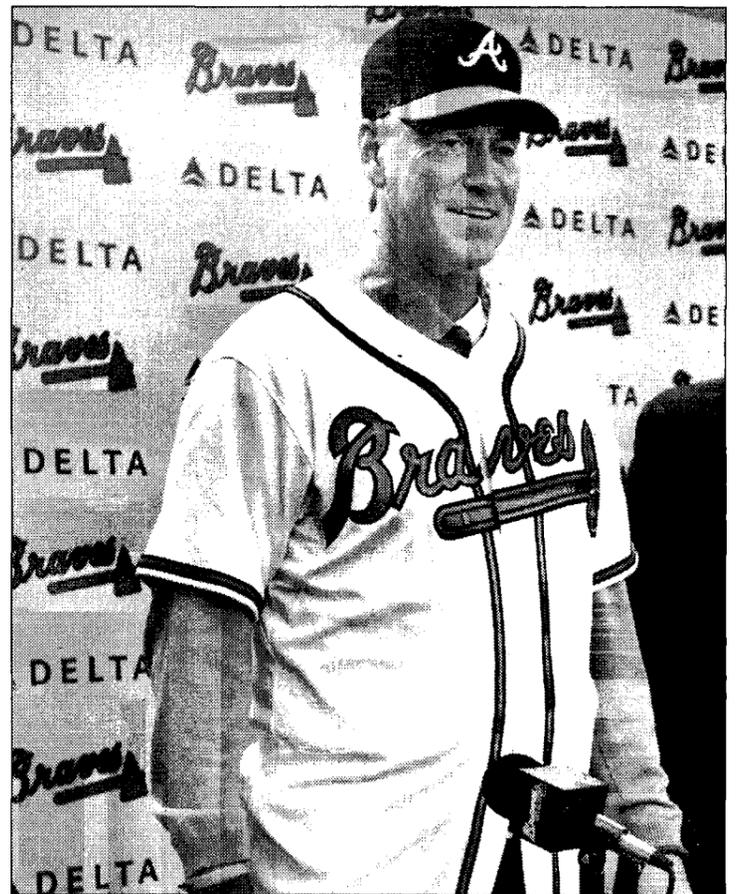
Last month, Schuerholz left the GM job after 17 seasons, moving up to become team president and handing his former post to Wren. But everyone said that move had nothing to do with Glavine returning to Atlanta.

Schuerholz met with Glavine and his wife, Christine, at a charity event over the weekend. The former GM planned to attend Monday's news conference until he got word that his elderly mother had died.

"John really wanted to be here," Wren said.

Glavine said he relied on his faith to cope with the disappointment he felt about leaving Atlanta.

"The biggest moments in all our lives, where things happen and decisions are made,



Pitcher Tom Glavine dons a Braves uniform at a press conference announcing his one-year, \$8-million deal with Atlanta on Monday.

we can look back and say, 'Well, geez, if this conversation had gone a little different or this situation had gone a little different, then the outcome would have been different,'" Glavine said. "Things happen for a reason."

While he got more and more comfortable with the Mets, he always felt a little strange coming to Turner Field.

Glavine was drafted and nurtured by the Braves. He came up with an amazing group of young pitchers that included Smoltz and Steve Avery, helping Atlanta go from worst-to-first in 1991 and all the way to Game 7 of a memorable World Series loss to Minnesota.

During his 16-year tenure, Glavine had five 20-win seasons, captured Cy Young Awards in 1991 and '98, and helped the Braves win the

first 11 of their unprecedented 14 straight division titles. He was MVP of their only World Series championship during the run, pitching eight scoreless innings in the deciding game of a 1995 victory over Cleveland.

"No place I ever went to as a visiting player was ever as remotely strange as coming here as a visiting player," Glavine said.

Which is probably why his wife teared up when he tried on his Braves cap and jersey in the training room before the news conference.

And that's probably why Wren couldn't stop smiling when Glavine buttoned up his No. 47 jersey with "Braves" written across the front and modeled the red-and-blue hat with an "A" above the bill.

"Looks good, doesn't it?" Wren said.

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## NHL

## DiPietro nets 100th win as Isles edge Rangers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rick DiPietro earned his 100th NHL victory with an 18-save effort Monday night and the New York Islanders beat the New York Rangers for the third time this season, 2-1.

DiPietro, the first goalie ever drafted No. 1 when the Islanders took the Massachusetts native in 2000, followed up a 1-0 win Friday against New Jersey with another stellar performance against Long Island's biggest rival.

The Islanders are 8-1-2 in their last 11 against the Rangers, and now have 500 road wins in franchise history. DiPietro earned his 10th victory over New York and snapped the Rangers' winning streak at five.

The Islanders' last seven games were all decided by one goal and in regulation.

The Rangers came home after a four-game road sweep and had won nine of 10, but are 0-3 against the Islanders.

Ruslan Fedotenko and Josef Vasicek staked the Islanders to a 2-0 lead in the second period.

Michal Rozsival scored for the Rangers, who got 22 saves from Henrik Lundqvist but fell to 8-3 at home.

After a sluggish first period in which the teams combined for 11 shots, and the Islanders were

whistled for icing five times in the first 3:11, the action picked up in the second.

Fedotenko broke the scoreless deadlock 8 seconds in, taking advantage of a penalty against Rozsival.

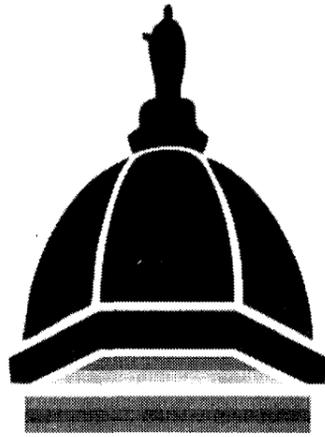
The puck squirted free following a neutral zone faceoff and slid into the Rangers zone. Fedotenko tracked it in the left circle and smacked it past Lundqvist to make it 1-0 on the Islanders' sixth shot.

Vasicek did most of the work minutes later to double the lead. Sean Bergenheim worked the puck loose along the boards and nudged it to Vasicek, who raced down left wing on a 3-on-2 break. He carried all the way to the left circle dot and snapped a shot that sailed past Lundqvist's left shoulder at 5:51.

When Blair Betts went off for tripping 2 seconds later, the Islanders seemed primed to turn this one into a rout.

Not so fast.

The Rangers' run of offense from defensemen continued when Rozsival earned his second short-handed goal in two games at 6:37 to cut the deficit in half. Counting all the goals scored in the Rangers' 4-3 overtime win at Pittsburgh on Saturday — including two by Rozsival — they had five straight tallies from defensemen.



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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Love leads UCLA to win over Terps

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The shots weren't falling, the ball seemed to sail out of bounds more often than it went in the basket.

Good thing UCLA can play defense.

Kevin Love scored 18 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, helping second-ranked UCLA overcome a sloppy first half in a 71-59 victory over Maryland on Monday night in the semifinals of the CBE Classic.

UCLA (4-0) had just eight scholarship players in uniform due to injuries to several key players and it showed early with numerous turnovers and bad shots. But the Bruins, led by Love's crisp passing against Maryland's press, settled things down by the second half.

UCLA shot just 37 percent, including 4-of-13 from 3-point range, but out-rebounded the Terrapins 44-29 to move onto the championship game Tuesday night against either No. 10 Michigan State or Missouri, which played later Monday.

"To win shooting 37 percent says a lot about our defense," UCLA coach Ben Howland said.

Maryland (3-1) struggled its past two games, barely beating Hampton and Northeastern. The Terrapins had even more problems against UCLA, falling into an early hole, thanks to poor shooting and even worse ball handling, that they never fully recovered from.

Maryland had 21 turnovers and was just 1-for-11 on 3-pointers, keeping its streak of at least one 3-pointer alive at 289 games when Eric Hayes connected with 28 seconds left. Greivis Vasquez had 18 points and Bambale Osby added 13 for the Terrapins, who had 11 fewer offensive rebounds.

"They were always getting second shots when they did miss," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "Rebounding a lot of times is effort, not technique."

Love had his way the first three games, averaging 20.7 points and 10.3 rebounds, while shooting 65 percent. But that was against the likes of Portland State, Youngstown State and Cal State-San Bernadino.

The burly 6-foot-10 forward didn't have as much luck against the bigger, stronger Terrapins early, forcing up several shots against double teams without much success. He figured it out quickly, though, using patience against the banging instead of trying to bull through it.

Love had 10 rebounds in the first half and hit a 3-pointer before flipping in a quick tip shot at the buzzer to put the Bruins up 28-18.

He then hit a couple of tip-ins to start the second half, starting a 15-5 run that put UCLA up 43-23, and later made a crisp pass to break the press, setting up a 3-pointer by Russell Westbrook to end a brief Maryland run.

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## NFL

# Big plays put Broncos in tie atop AFC West

Associated Press

DENVER — Eighty yards here, 62 there, another 48 somewhere else. Next thing they knew, the Denver Broncos found themselves in a spot they only could have dreamed of a few weeks ago — tied for first place in the AFC West.

Jay Cutler threw touchdown passes of 41 and 48 yards and little-known Glenn Martinez and Andre Hall added to Denver's slew of big scoring plays Monday night in a 34-20 victory over the Tennessee Titans.

"It's been a long season, up and down, a little panic in Denver," Cutler said. "But we pulled it together. That's two big wins the last two weeks."

Vince Young threw for a career high — 308 yards — for the second straight week, but this one also resulted in a loss for the Titans (6-4), who played catchup against Denver the same way they did in a 28-13 loss to Jacksonville last week.

Martinez, a second-year receiver signed off the practice squad in September, returned a punt 80 yards to give Denver a 14-0 lead in the first.

Hall, a first-year player with eight carries this season, turned his ninth into a 62-yard score to help the Broncos regain control

of the game after they'd watched a 17-point lead slip to seven.

Hall was in after Selvin Young, who started in place of Travis Henry, went out with a knee injury.

"He was our last tailback and Andre took advantage of his opportunity," coach Mike Shanahan said. "We needed a big play at that time and that's one thing about the running game. You keep pounding and every once in a while, you break one of those."

The Broncos improved to 5-5, good enough to tie San Diego for the league in the woeful West.

But suddenly, the Broncos, who have 44-7 and 41-3 losses on their wildly disparate scorecard this year, are playing like real contenders. They piled up 359 yards against the Titans, who were missing Albert Haynesworth on the defensive line but nonetheless came in with the second-ranked defense in the league.

Not that the Broncos are perfect, or anywhere near New England level.

Martinez also muffed a punt that led to a Tennessee touchdown late in the third.

That touchdown, a 4-yard run by Young, came after the second of two ill-advised timeouts called by Denver.

Broncos linebacker Nate Webster called a timeout just before the snap on third-and-goal from the 1, a play in which Young was held out of the end zone as he reached for the pylon.

But the timeout gave Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher a chance to review the previous play, in which Young scored on a similar play but had been ruled out of bounds at the 1.

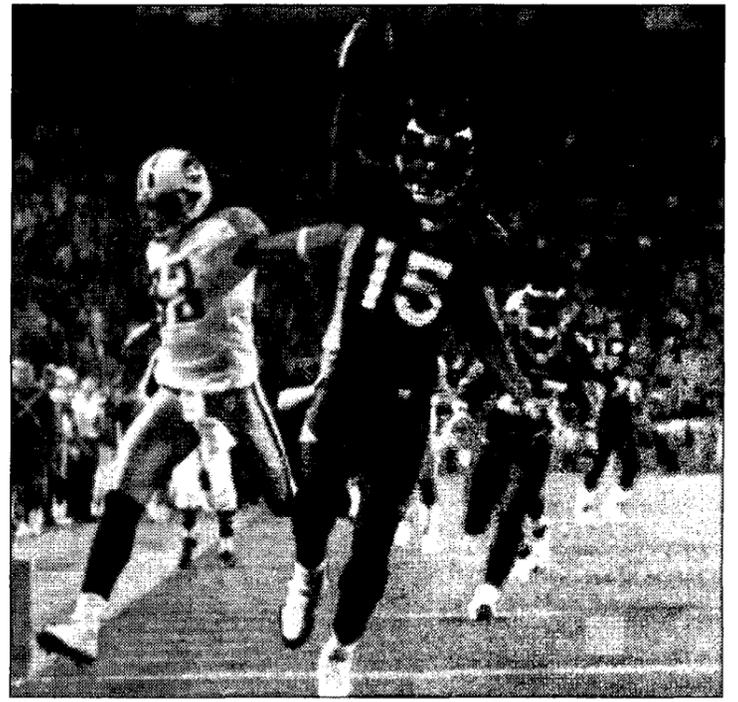
At the end of the first half, Shanahan, trying to duplicate the move that helped him foil Sebastian Janikowski's game-winning attempt against Oakland several weeks ago, called timeout a split second before Rob Bironas tried a 56-yarder before halftime.

Bironas' kick sailed about 20 yards wide of the goalpost, but given another chance, he nailed it to trim Tennessee's deficit to 20-10.

"Don't anybody every question me about those field goals and timeouts again," said Shanahan, who started a trend with that timeout against Oakland. "I told you this would happen sooner or later. You live by the sword and die by the sword."

And really, this one wasn't so much about field goals as big plays for the Broncos.

A team that had only one



Denver wide receiver Brandon Marshall scores on a 41-yard touchdown pass in the Broncos' 34-20 win over the Titans on Monday night.

touchdown of 20 yards or more all season on offense got its second early, when Cutler found Brandon Stokley in the middle of the field and Stokley outran the Titans defense for a 48-yard score.

On the first drive of the third quarter, Cutler found Brandon Marshall in single coverage on Calvin Lowrey, who went for the ball and missed, allowing Marshall to score from 41 yards for a 27-10 lead.

## NHL

# Smith picks up fourth career shutout in Dallas victory

Associated Press

DALLAS — This time, the Dallas Stars didn't just protect a third-period lead. They expanded it.

Steve Ott scored a rare goal, and Mike Smith stopped 22 shots for his fourth career shutout to send the Stars to a 3-0 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Monday night.

In their last meeting on Nov. 10, the Stars gave away a 4-0 third-period lead and lost to the Kings in overtime 6-5.

Three days later, owner Tom Hicks initiated a front-office shake-up that included the firing of general manager Doug Armstrong, and since then the Stars are 2-0-1.

Dallas hadn't forgotten the wasted opportunity against the Kings, and Niklas Hagman and Jere Lehtinen scored in the third period to extend the Stars' lead to 3-0.

"It didn't even need to be mentioned," Ott said. "It was still in the back of all of our minds. We remembered it and wanted to have a big game against them."

Ott, known more as a checker and instigator than for his goal-scoring, notched his 12th in 214 career games late in the second period to put Dallas in front, and the Stars went on to beat the Kings in Dallas for the 10th straight time.

Hagman added his team-high ninth goal on a breakaway at 13:10 of the third, and Lehtinen scored his sixth on a power play 2:14 later to give Dallas a 3-0 advantage.

"It was good to play the way we did in the third, especially remembering what happened last game against these guys," Hagman said.

The Stars got off to a slow start before picking up the pace in the second period, following up on Friday night's 6-1 win over the Colorado Avalanche, Dallas' most complete performance of the season.

Smith, Dallas' backup goalie, was making his second straight start for the Stars in place of Marty Turco. Smith's strong effort in the victory over Colorado earned him another start and he got his first shutout of the season.

Coach Dave Tippett said he

wouldn't decide on his starting goalie for Wednesday night's game against Anaheim until the pregame skate that morning.

"We need both guys to be very good to be successful," Tippett said. "(Smith) has done what he's supposed to do. That gives you stability."

Smith came up with a big stop on former Stars forward Ladislav Nagy's backhand from the slot at 11:38 of the final period to preserve the shutout.

Before these back-to-back starts, Smith had gone five

games without playing, making it difficult to stay sharp.

"I'm going to enjoy this while I have it," Smith said. "I'm just going with the flow right now. The coach wants to keep (who starts) a secret as much as he can."

Jason LaBarbera had 23 saves for the Kings, 0-3-1 in their last four games.

Behind by only one goal at the start of the third period, the Kings felt good about their chances for a comeback.

"But we can't rely on that all

the time," Los Angeles' Anze Kopitar said. "It was a one-goal game so we were back in it with one shot. But we can't give up two more goals like that and expect to win."

The Stars opened the scoring on Ott's deflection of Loui Eriksson's shot at 18:37 that went through the pads of LaBarbera. It was Ott's second goal of the season.

"I got a one-handed little deflection and put it on the net," Ott said. "It wasn't a planned play. I just redirected it."



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SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles look to find consistency against Ravens

*Kessler leads young team with 16 points per game this season*

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

After bringing in their first victory of the year against Aurora University on Saturday, Saint Mary's faces Anderson University tonight at 7 p.m.

The Belles lost 75-56 in their season opener to Wheaton College on Friday in the Lee Pfund Invitational at Wheaton, but rebounded with an 83-47 win against Aurora.

"We are excited to have the season underway. Anderson will be a good challenge for us on Tuesday," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We did

not play as well as we could have against Wheaton College. Our second-half defense was terrible. This team bounced back the next day and did a much better job with Aurora."

The Belles, with 77 rebounds in their first two games, are in a bit of a rebuilding phase. Star guard Bridget Lipke graduated in May, though all-MIAA shooting guard Alison Kessler is poised to take over some of Lipke's responsibilities.

Kessler has gracefully stepped into Lipke's shoes in terms of team leadership, on the court and with her stats. She leads the team with 16 points per game and is tied for fourth in rebounds with junior Katie Rashid. She is closely followed in points by junior Erin Newsom, who has 15 per game. Newsom leads the team in rebounds with a total of

nine. As Saint Mary's prepares to take on Anderson, Henley has a few improvements she would like to see on the court.

"We still need to establish a stronger inside game," Henley said. "We need to have more control on the boards and continue improving our free-throw percentage."

Henley expects Anderson to make the Belles work tonight. The Ravens will be looking for revenge after a three-point loss last season to the Belles. Kessler sunk a free throw and Newsom hit a lay-up to pull out the last minute victory.

"Anderson is going to be very physical and have a lot of hard denial defense," Henley said. "They are a solid team."

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KATE FENLON/The Observer  
Belles guard Alison Kessler looks to pass during a game against Hope last season. Kessler is Saint Mary's leading scorer so far this year.

## Lost

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loss in as many nights, this time 70-69 to the Ramblin' Wreck.

The Irish fell to Baylor 68-64 in the semifinals of the tournament Sunday.

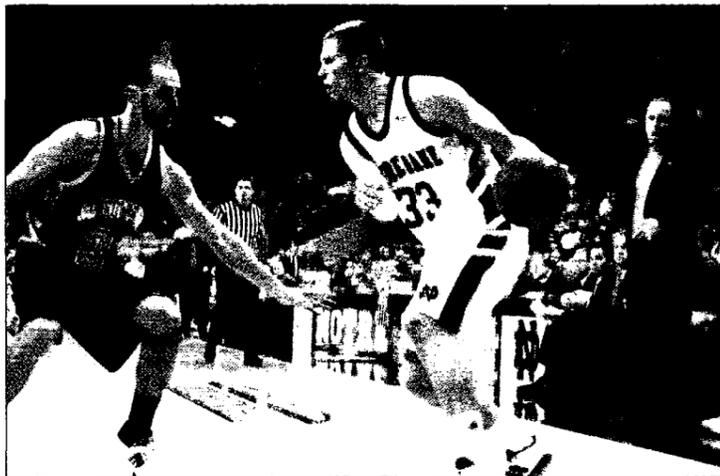
Like in their loss to the Bears, Notre Dame (2-2) led much of the game Monday night — including the entire second half until Causey's fall-away three-pointer. Georgia Tech (3-2) used a 12-3 run over the last 2:30 to erase an eight-point deficit and come away with the win.

The Yellow Jackets made four straight 3-point attempts during that span, with Causey making two and junior guard Lewis Clinch draining the other two.

For the night, Georgia Tech was 10-of-17 from behind the arc and just 17-of-42 from inside it.

Clinch, senior forward Jeremis Smith and senior guard Anthony Morrow led the Yellow Jackets with 12 points each. Causey added 11.

Harangody had his second straight 20-point game for the Irish. After pouring in 22 Sunday night, the sophomore forward



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer  
Irish junior Zach Hillesland takes on a St. Edward's defender during Notre Dame's 71-56 win on Nov. 7 at the Joyce Center.

scored that number again on Monday, while adding 12 rebounds.

Senior forward Rob Kurz had 15 against the Yellow Jackets, joining him and Harangody in double figures were junior forward Zach Hillesland (12) and sophomore point guard Tory Jackson (10).

The game was sloppy from start to finish. Each team finished with more than 20 turnovers, and the Yellow

Jackets were whistled for 26 fouls.

Georgia Tech jumped out to an early 6-2 lead, but Notre Dame went up 7-6 on a McAlarney lay-up and held the lead until Causey's shot with two seconds to go.

The Yellow Jackets finished in third place in the Paradise Jam, while the Irish took fourth.

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the 34 minutes.

"She really came in and played well. I thought that she got some really good shots," McGraw said of the freshman. "She played a little more on the perimeter than she had in the first couple of games and she looked really comfortable. I think that she got a lot of good looks."

McGraw said one of the reasons that she feels confident before playing Central Michigan is because of her team's play in the NIT — especially against Maryland, despite the 16-point loss.

"It's always good to play a ranked team and a really good team and a probable

Final Four team. I think that's how you get better," she said.

McGraw said the team's practices have focused on the 3-point line on both ends of the court. The Terrapins dominated the Irish from beyond the arch, scoring on 60 percent of their shots. On the other hand, Notre Dame was only 1-of-12 from 3-

point distance. "That whole line is a problem for us. It's a problem at both ends. It's disappointing," McGraw said.

McGraw said she expects guard Ashley

Barlow to have the best 3-point shooting percentage on the team this season because she is more selective with her shots from long distance. McGraw also expects freshman Brittany Mallory to step up and be the consistent 3-point threat the Irish need.

The coach also said that one reason her squad hasn't gotten many looks is because the teams they have played this season have played a lot of man-to-man defense against the Irish. McGraw added that she doesn't expect to change her offensive philosophy considerably, because pull-up jumpers are working best for Notre Dame this season.

The Chippewas have spread the ball around on offense this season. Their leading scorer so far is guard Angel Chan (12.0 points per game), while guards Latisha Lockett (11.3) and Shonda Long (9.7) are not far behind.

Even though Central Michigan does not have any post players as tall as Notre Dame's duo of 6-foot-3 Erica Williamson and 6-foot-5 Melissa D'Amico, it has five 6-footers on the roster, which could create matchup problems for the Irish.

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## FOOTBALL

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Special to The Observer

There's a new grass football field in the works for Notre Dame Stadium.

Workmen this morning began tearing out the current turf, which has been in use for five seasons. On Friday, they will begin installation of the new grass field, with that portion of the project expected to be com-

plete at some point next week. The sod will come from a Colorado turf farm, the same supplier as for the recently-installed new grass field at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Overseeing installation of the new field is George Toma, considered the country's leading authority on grass athletic fields. He has overseen grass installation and preparations for all the NFL Super Bowls played to date.

The new Notre Dame Stadium field will be ready for use by the Irish during spring football drills in April 2008.

## Vols

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the season to pick up the No. 4 seed in the conference tournament in Milwaukee.

The Irish started strong with a 3-1 (30-26, 30-24, 23-30, 30-24) win over fifth-seeded Cincinnati Friday night.

The Irish extended their winning streak to five games thanks to great play from Stasiuk and sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl. Stasiuk

earned 20 kills and 17 digs, while Fesl recorded 21 kills and nine digs. Senior setter Ashley Taurutis also aided the

offense with 50 assists and 14 digs.

"I think that we showed a lot of heart and fight in the Big East tournament," Stasiuk said. "We fought as hard as we could, and you can never be disappointed with that."

Notre Dame moved on to the semifinals where they played top-seeded Louisville. Despite beating the Cardinals the previous week, the Irish were unable to repeat the performance and ultimately fell 3-0 (30-25, 30-20, 30-27). Fesl and

Stasiuk, who had 11 and 15 kills, respectively, led the Irish again. Also contributing to the offense was freshman

middle blocker Kellie Sciacca who earned a career-best 14 kills.

"We played well in both matches. Louisville has some very big athletes who out matched us on Saturday," Fesl said. "We were out of system with our passing more on Saturday, and Louisville took advantage of that. We played our hardest and it was a tough loss to Louisville."

The Irish have not played the Vols (11-17) since the end of the 2005 season. The Irish hosted Tennessee at the Irish Thanksgiving Invitational and lost 3-2.

"Since Tennessee will probably be our last match of the season, and Adrianna [Stasiuk] and Ashley's [Taurutis] last match in college, we're really going to go all out and play our hardest," Fesl said.

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## Falcons

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2 CCHA) for the second of four games between the two squads this season — Jackson's third behind the Irish bench.

"I commented when we played [Bowling Green] last year that they were a much better hockey team than they were early in the year," Jackson said. "I sensed that they were starting to turn the corner, and I think that carried over into this year."

The Irish defeated Bowling Green (6-3, 5-2 CCHA) 4-2 on the road on Oct. 23, but after that game the Falcons won five out of six. They sit in fourth place in the league, only four points behind third-place Notre Dame, and were ranked No. 21 in this week's national poll.

Last season, Bowling Green finished last in the CCHA, and it was picked in this year's preseason poll to finish in the basement once again.

"They've always played hard," Irish captain Mark Van Guilder said of the Falcons. "They're a bunch of hard workers, but they have some pretty good talent over there this year. It's going to be a different Bowling Green than we've seen in a while."

The Falcons are averaging 3.3 goals per game behind the offense of senior forward Derek Whitmore (11 goals, three assists), while Notre Dame is averaging 3.1 goals per game.

The Irish offense, however, took a big step forward last weekend when it bombarded Western Michigan with 71 shots in two games.

Notre Dame had been concerned in the several weeks prior to the Western Michigan series that it was not generating enough scoring chances at even strength. But that concern seems to have disappeared, along with the team's struggles to gain superior puck control to its opponent.

"We're starting to value the puck a lot more instead of just throwing it away," Jackson said. "It's good to see because we've spent a lot of time on it."

The Irish won't be able to sit down to their Thanksgiving turkeys after the Bowling Green game. They will travel Wednesday night to Troy, N.Y., to play in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Holiday Tournament.

Notre Dame committed to the tournament in order to honor a prior commitment to play two games against RPI — a deal that was agreed upon before Jackson became coach. Jackson accepted RPI's invitation to its holiday tournament, and then he invited the Red Hawks to Notre Dame's Lightning College Hockey Classic in late December to fulfill the two-game promise.

Jackson said he prefers to play non-conference opponents in tournaments like the RPI Holiday Tournament because the team can play for a trophy.

"It's nice to play for something," he said. "It's kind of like

a practice to play at Joe Louis Arena or the NCAA Tournament. It's just two different opponents in a short period of time, so we have to be able to make quick adjustments."

The Irish will face an all-too-familiar foe in the first game of the RPI tournament — Alabama-Huntsville. The Chargers and the Irish fought each other in a double-overtime marathon in the first round of last year's NCAA Tournament that the Irish eventually won 3-2.

Alabama-Huntsville entered the NCAA matchup with a 13-19-3 season record and had only made the Tournament by winning the College Hockey America playoffs. Notre Dame then had to play the next night against Michigan State, losing 2-1 to the eventual national champions.

"We were definitely gassed after playing Alabama," Van Guilder said. "They gave us everything we could handle. I've tried to forget about that whole weekend, but we're definitely not going to look past them at all this year."

Depending upon the outcome of the first game, Notre Dame will play either RPI or American International in the weekend tournament's final game. Between the tournament, the mid-week game against Bowling Green and last weekend's series with Western Michigan, the Irish will have played five games in nine days.

"I don't think the conditioning is a problem," Van Guilder said of handling the heavy workload. "I think it's more focus with having classes and everything. Focus is more of a problem, not so much conditioning."

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injuries.

"Both teams had some players missing back then and there have been some lineup changes," Waldrum said.

The Irish know they have a challenge ahead of them, especially having to travel down the unfriendly tobacco road, but more than two-thirds of their lineup is made up of veterans of the team

that made a run to the national title game last season.

And, after going undefeated in Big East regular season play, they feel they are good enough to beat anyone in the country.

"You have to beat good teams along the way to win the national championship, so we just take them as they come," Waldrum said.

The Irish face the Tar Heels at 12 p.m. Saturday at North Carolina's Fetzer Field.

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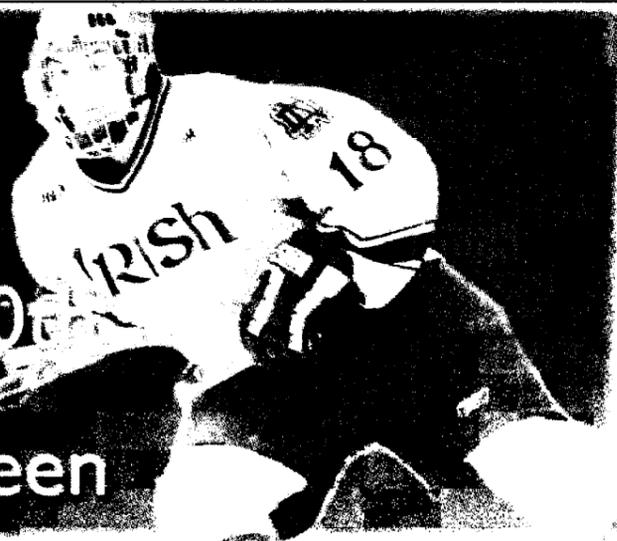
Junior midfielder Brittany Bock dribbles downfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14 at Alumni Field.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Paradise lost

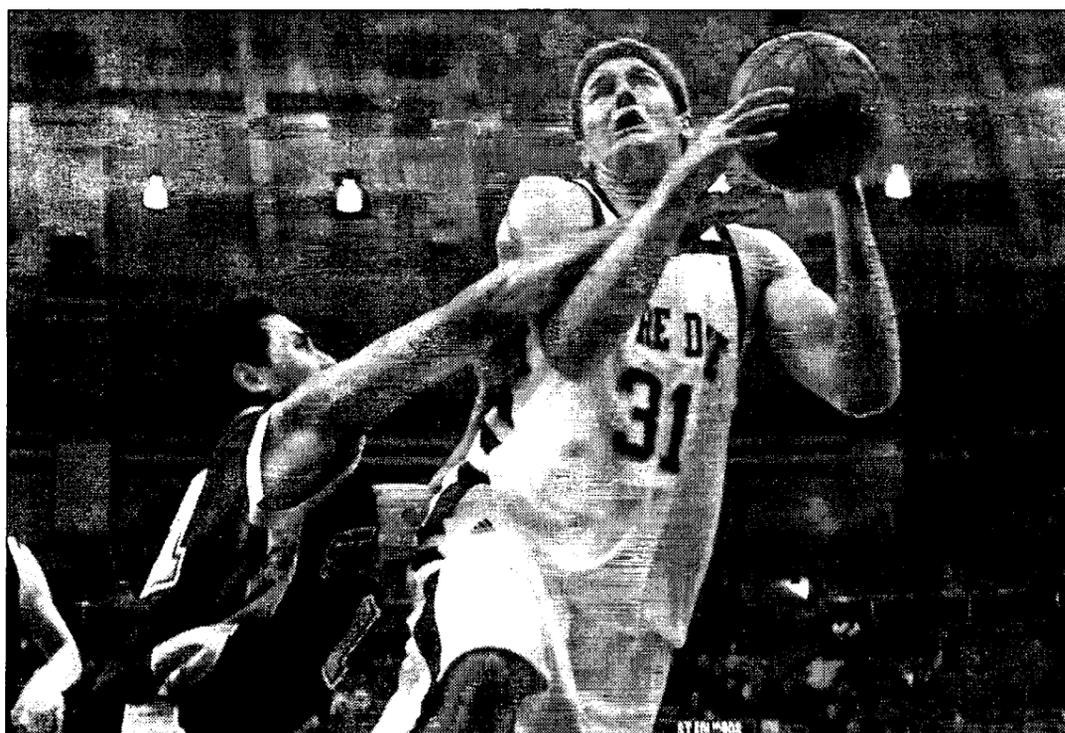
*Hoopsters drop two at Jam tournament in U.S. Virgin Islands*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
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Georgia Tech guard Matt Causey came around a screen, took the ball and found himself sandwiched between sophomore Luke Harangody and the sideline.

But the fifth-year senior was undaunted. He heaved the ball toward the basket anyway, watching it swish and give the Yellow Jackets a one-point lead over Notre Dame with two seconds left in the third-place game of the Paradise Jam Tournament in the Virgin Islands Monday.

The Irish got a chance to respond, but when junior guard Kyle McAlarney's jumper went in and out at the buzzer, Notre Dame suffered its second close



Senior forward Rob Kurz goes up for a lay-up in Notre Dame's 71-56 win over St. Edward's on Nov. 7 at home. Kurz had 15 points in the team's 70-69 loss to Georgia Tech on Monday night.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

# Irish finish season in Tennessee

By ELLYN MICHALAK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's loss to No. 22 Louisville last weekend in the semifinals of the Big East tournament most likely means that its season will end Friday with a match at Tennessee.

The Irish needed to advance farther into the league tournament to give them a legitimate shot at being selected for the NCAA Tournament.

"Against Tennessee, we all just want to have as much fun playing as possible. Playing with nothing to lose and finishing strong will be key," senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk said.

Notre Dame defeated both Cincinnati and Louisville in the team's last two home games of

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

# ND faces Tar Heels in championship rematch

*Team takes on one-seed UNC in Round of 16*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will head to Chapel Hill, N.C., to take on defending NCAA champion North Carolina in a rematch of last year's national title game — this time, in the

Round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament at noon Saturday.

The third-round match will end one of the team's chances of a repeat Final Four appearance.

Despite being a No. 4 seed and underdog against top-seeded North Carolina, the Irish are eager for the match against a team they tied 2-2 in an August exhibition match.

"Our kids will be very excit-

ed to play next week," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It's a great place to play and they are a No. 1 seed. ... It will be a difficult task trying to beat them on their field but our players will be fired up for the challenge."

The Irish have outscored opponents 44-6 in their last 15 games.

But North Carolina might be the toughest test Notre Dame has encountered. With a 3-1

win over UNC-Greensboro this Sunday, the Tar Heels moved to 19-3-1 on the season. The squad has also advanced to the third round in all 26 NCAA Tournaments and won 18 of 20 ACC tournaments.

Last week, North Carolina sophomore defender Nikki Washington was named Soccer America's national player of the week after scoring in all three of her team's conference tournament wins.

She also hit the back of the net in the victory over UNC-Greensboro this weekend.

The Irish (17-4-2), meanwhile, are deeper than the team that tied visiting North Carolina on Aug. 19 and out-shot the Tar Heels 14-7 in that game. In the preseason match, junior defender Carrie Dew and senior forward Susan Pinnick sat out with

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**HOCKEY**

# Upstart Falcons enter JACC

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson saw the Irish in the latter half of his first year begin to take the steps that eventually produced a league championship in his second season.

Yet no one recognized it, and Notre Dame was picked to finish smack in the middle of the CCHA before Jackson's sophomore campaign. Instead of meandering to the middle of the league, the Irish rocketed to No. 1 in the country.

And now Jackson has witnessed another team start to turn the corner similar to how the Irish once did. That team — Bowling Green — will travel to the Joyce Center tonight at 7:30 to face No. 9 Notre Dame (9-4, 7-



Sophomore defenseman Brett Blatchford drives to net during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Western Michigan on Friday.

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Chippewas up next for McGraw and Co.

*Squad looks to rebound from NIT loss to Terps*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
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After falling to No. 3 Maryland in the third round of the Women's Preseason NIT, No. 23 Notre Dame will start its regular season with a road game against Central Michigan tonight at 7.

McGraw said that her team made some crucial mistakes that cost the team in the 75-59 loss — things that have to be corrected before the game against the Chippewas.

"Just one person does something wrong and it affects the whole team, so we have to be

more disciplined," she said.

One of the highlights in the loss at College Park, Md., was the team's turnover margin. The Irish committed only three turnovers during the contest and Maryland had no steals — both Notre Dame records. On the other end of the court, the Irish forced Maryland to 18 turnovers, two shy of McGraw's goal of 20 for every game.

McGraw said that one reason for the stark turnover differential was Notre Dame's refusal to force the ball inside as often as Maryland did.

One bright spot after three games this season has been the play of freshman center Devereaux Peters. Peters had 12 points and six rebounds in

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