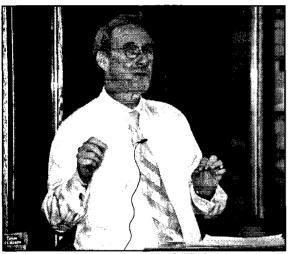
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Prof. McKenna gives first 'Last Lecture'



his "Last Lecture" Wednesday night.

Anthropology professor James McKenna gave

Scholar provides life lessons to crowd of students

By TESS CIVANTOS News Writer

Short men can wear long ties and tap dancers can be serious scholars, Professor James McKenna said in his "Last Lecture" Wednesday.

McKenna, Notre Dame's Edmund P. Joyce C.S.C. chair in anthropology, shared the most important lessons he has learned through his years as a student, husband, father and friend in the first of a series of lectures planned by student government.

McKenna spoke to a packed room for an hour and a half. Students crowded shoulder-toshoulder in the Coleman-Morse lounge, spilling out into the hallway and smaller lounge

He opened with an anecdote about the day he realized that although he is short, he can wear a long tie by giving it a long tail and tucking the tail's end into his pants.

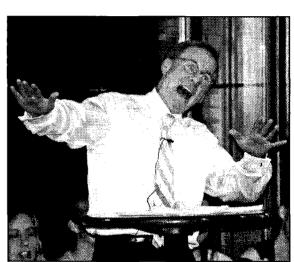
"You can break a paradigm," he said of this realization.

He described his terror when, as a graduate student, he had to teach his first class.

"If you had said, 'Your hanging is April 16,' I couldn't have been more afraid.

Despite his initial fear, he now

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McKenna spoke for an hour and a half to a crowd that overflowed the Coleman-Morse lounge.

SENATE

Members discuss Jenkins' initiatives

Cultural diversity, female faculty suggestions inspire debate, suggestions on University plans

By JOSEPH McMAHON Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate discussed the University's policies on diversity, female faculty and new ideas for multicultural programming during its meeting Wednesday.

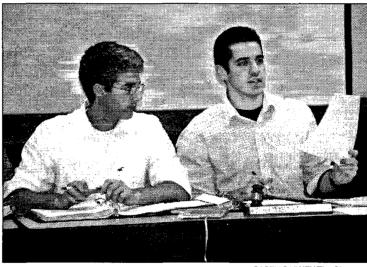
The discussion centered on the suggestions made by University President Fr. John Jenkins' Cultural Diversity committee. Jenkins had asked the Senate for student input on

'We're going to be writing a

nice summary of the discussion and be giving it to Fr. Jenkins at the end of the week," stu-dent body vice president Grant Schmidt said.

Schmidt said currently only 13 percent of Notre Dame's faculty are considered diversity faculty, and that number has not increased since 2000. Schmidt asked the senators what they thought the University could do to recruit and retain more diversity faculty and if they thought having a diverse faculty was impor-

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observe

Student body president Bob Reish, left, and vice president Grant Schmidt stimulate discussion at Student Senate Wednesday.

Woman hit by car near Rock

Observer Staff Report

A woman was struck by a vehicle on the corner of Dorr Road and Holy Cross Drive shortly after 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) and local fire trucks and ambulances arrived at the scene soon after a white sedan hit the victim while she was crossing the

Police on the scene told The Observer the victim was not a student. She sustained injuries to her left hip and was transported via ambulance to a local hospital.

Police did not tell The Observer the identity of the driver of the white sedan at the time of the acci-

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

IT officer answers tech questions

Members voice concerns about wireless Internet, campus printing

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY News Writer

Chief Information Officer Janice Thomasson discussed innovations Information Technology on Saint Mary's campus during the Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Wednesday.

Thomasson took questions from board members about students technology concerns on campus, ranging from wireless Internet to the absence of printers in various residence and academic

Thomasson referred to the Information Technology

Strategic Blueprint for Saint Mary's College, which is available on the Saint Mary's student Web site. This plan lays out upcoming advancements that will take place at the College in the next few years.

Thomasson described the plan as "the road we plan to take at Saint Mary's to help you have a better student experience through the year

One of the major concerns from board members was the availability of wireless Internet in Le Mans and Holy Cross residence halls. They are the last remaining buildings without this service.

The reason the process can-

not be sped up is due in large part to funding, Thomasson said.

"It's Holy Cross especially; very historic, very old, with very thick walls which I have to drill through, and that costs much more money. So, it's all about money, Thomasson said.

Shauna Morris, the board's athletic commissioner, said residents of Opus Hall, the senior apartments on campus, have been having trouble with their wireless connection. Thomasson said the problems are due to the newness of the wireless technolo-

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Wireless system changes

By BECKY HOGAN News Writer

The wireless Internet network at Notre Dame is changing from NOMAD to a new system called ND-secure, a switch the Office of Information Technology (OIT) said will make the network more

"The NOMAD wireless network has served us well, but we've been striving to bring Notre Dame's network in line with wireless industry's best practices and move to a secure wireless network," OIT security professional Mike Chapple said.

Notre Dame launched the NOMAD network in 2002, Chapple said. The main re for the switch is to improve security, he said.

'[ND-secure] uses a secure login process so the information you send is protected from eavesdropping by other wireless network users," he said.

The new network has encryption technology that NOMAD lacked.

'When you switch to the new network, you can rest assured that other users of the wireless network cannot eavesdrop on communications. Unencrypted networks, such as NOMAD, do not offer the same capability," Chapple said. "The encryption technology used on ND-secure is similar to that used by secure Web sites.

Under the new system, Chapple said ND-secure is available across campus in the same places as NOMAD, and WiFi coverage on campus will

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Inside Column

Change not coming yet

No one reads The Observer's sports blog (but here's a shameless plug you should! The address is observersportsblog.21cr.info), but if they did I might have some explaining to do.

Last week, I posted in defense of Notre Dame's head football coach thinking it would take at least until the inevitable thrashing at USC for the massive influx of "Fire Charlie Weis"

Matt Gamber

Associate Sports Editor

rumors, articles, letters and Web sites to really heat up. But thanks to Saturday's debacle at Boston College, Christmas comes early.

As disheartening as the last two losses have been, Weis is still my - our man. As athletic director Jack Swerbrick said yesterday, he has the program moving in the right direction.

But the Chicago Sun-Times and ESPN reports that Weis was "officially" on the hot seat were probably premature.

Unofficially though, in the court of fan opinion, he's been on it since last year's disaster. The 3-9 season wasn't entirely his fault, and neither is this year's 5-4 record that marks both improvement and disappointment.

But is the war in Iraq all George Bush's fault? I don't like him either, but there are other factors at work.

Can all the blame for the economic crisis be placed on investment banks? Fannie, Freddie and others also deserve some credit — pun intended.

Are Americans the only ones contributing to environmental decline? A few other countries have cars and trash, too.

How has the country tried to solve these problems? With a change in leadership (whether Obama can and will get it done is a topic for another column).

After the loss to Pitt, Weis altered the practice schedule. After the loss to BC, he's taken over the offensive play-calling duties (a situation complicated by a death in Mike Haywood's family - my condolences, by the way).

When Weis runs out of changes, Swarbrick and others might have to start making some. And that usually starts at the top.

It won't happen this week, probably not this year, and chances are, not even after next year unless the team takes a major dive - which no one wants to

Alumni can complain to Fr. Jenkins and withhold their ticket donations, but until one of them comes up with the xmillion dollars it would take to buy out Weis' contract, it'll all be moot.

That being said, it's clear Weis needs to step it up - at least, he needs his team to step up for him.

Notre Dame needs to find some motivation - to save their coach's job, to qualify for a bowl game, to avoid another embarrassing loss, to shut up whiney alumni - to turn things around.

Frankly, I don't think anyone cares how the team does it - we just want

Without them, the Notre Dame football program might be left looking for a leader that can instill a belief, validated or not, that "Yes, we can!"

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 11 edition of The Observer, the article etitled 'Students support hotel workers' said UNITE HERE organizer Richard Kuan was a HEI hotel worker. Kuan does not work at the Le Meridian hotel in SanFrancisco. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW THAT IT'S GETTING COLD?



Billy Shields

sophomore Keenan

"Wear more of my roommate's hats."



Christina McClain

junior Lyons

"Hibernate."



Kate Clitheroe

sophomore Lewis

"Wish I were back in Oregon."



Sean Smith

senior Keenan

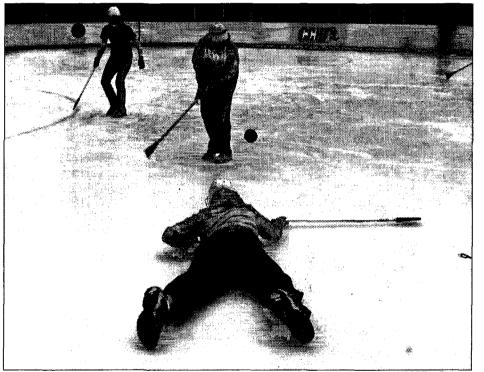
"Insulate my room with crumpled up copies of The Observer."



Ying Lui

senior Keenan

"Take my shirt off.'



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

A broomball competitor takes a spill on the ice as the broomball season kicked off Sunday.

OFFBEAT

Pastor issues 7-day sex challenge for

married couples

DALLAS — The pastor of a mega-church says he will challenge married congregants during his sermon Sunday to have sex for seven straight days and he plans to practice what he preach-

"We're going to give it a try," said the Rev. Ed Young, who has four children with his wife of 26 years.

Young, 47, said he believes society proroung, 47, said he believes society promotes promiscuity and he wants to reclaim sex for married couples. Sex should be a nurturing, spiritual act that strengthens marriages, he said.

"God says sex should be between a married man and a woman," Young

said. "I think it's one of the greatest things you can do for your kids because so goes the marriage, so goes the fami-

Young said he will deliver his seven-day

sex challenge while sitting on a bed in front of his Dallas-area church campus. He is founder of the nondenominational Fellowship Church, which draws about 20,000 people each Sunday and also has campuses in Fort Worth, Plano and

Nebraska man attacks girlfriend over macaroni dinner

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — An unemployed man faces a domestic assault charge after he allegedly attacked his girlfriend last Saturday for making him macaroni for dinner. Investigator Dale Matuszczak said the woman called for help after locking herself in a bathroom.

Matuszczak said she apparently had been hit with a cooking pot, suffering a cut on her nose and bruise on her face.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Faith, Democracy and Values: The Challenge of Moral Formation in Families, Schools and Societies" is part of the Association for Moral Education's (AME) 34th annual conference. The conference aims to examine moral education and the ways it informs and, in turn is informed by, faith and political perspectives in a diverse and complex global community. The event is to be held all day today in McKenna Hall and is sponsored by the Center for Ethical Education (CEE).

Guy Vanmeenen of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community will speak today in the Eck Visitors' Center auditorium at 4 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business and the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding an open call in the Washington Hall Lab Theater tonight from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. for models and participants for the Black Cultural Arts Council fashion show. Everyone of every race and gender is invited to try out.

Student Standup will take place tonight at 10 p.m. at Ledgends.

Flipside is holding a screening of "The Breakfast Club" in the Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune Friday at 11 p.m. Breakfast food will be served. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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

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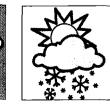
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O'Neill Hall senator Kevin Kimberly said recruiting was important to creating a diverse faculty.

"Recruiting people to come here and to apply here is a great idea to increase diversity and I don't think it's unfair either," he said.

Senate Community Relations committee chair Gus Gari said the life experiences of diversity faculty were invaluable in the classroom, particularly in the foreign language departments.

"I'm a Spanish major and if you have a professor that is from a Spanish-speaking country, that's something from their background that adds a bit to the class," he

Walsh Hall senator Julie Zorb said it is important to focus on retention rate as well because that statistic is "indicative of the happiness of diversity faculty members"

Schmidt said the University's percentage of female faculty was only 24 percent — a figure much lower than many of Notre Dame's peer institutions, Schmidt said.

"The problem is we haven't been keeping up with our peers," he said.

Faculty Senate liaison and biology professor Kristin Lewis, who attended Notre Dame both as an undergraduate and graduate student, said she has seen conditions

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for women improve since she first arrived at the University.

"I think things have gotten better for women," she said.

But Lewis said Notre Dame's retention rate for female professors was low because they had

trouble finding other female professors at the University to work with.

"I think it takes a critical mass for women to find their own colleagues, peers and support groups," she said. Schmidt said one aspect of

the committee's recommendations was to consider the call for more cultural diversity events.

Duncan Hall senator Ben Linskey said the inclusion of multiple events under one umbrella was a good idea.

"I think that the way it's set up right now, it's kind of Balkanized," Linskey said. "I think you need a more holistic approach."

Committee on Academic Affairs chair Ryan Brellenthin said it is important not to dilute the quality of the events for the sake of quantity

"I think it's important to not just have events for the sake of having events," Brellenthin said. "You need to think big."

Senate Technology committee chair Devin Fee said some multicultural events are not welcoming to the entire campus.

"I'm not really sure the target audience for these events is everyone," Fee said.

One suggestion put forward

by the Cultural Diversity committee was the inclusion of a weeklong celebration entitled "We are ND."

"This event would enable Notre Dame to celebrate the strength of our diverse community while welcoming individuals to experience cultural entertainment they may have missed during the academic year," the committee's report said.

Senate Oversight committee chair Ian Secviar said he liked the idea of one large celebration, adding that the advertising would help give exposure to lesser-known groups such as the German Club.

"I really like this idea of having one universal event in addition to everything else," Secviar said. "I feel it's great if everything is highlighted and it brings us together as a University community."

Another recommendation by the committee was the inclusion of diversity programming grants, which would be accessible to groups who need funding to hold diversity events.

"For those groups and faculty members who have a desire to provide diversity programming for our campus, this fund will allow them to increase the quality of their programs without decimating their club allocations," the committee's report said

Senate Multicultural Issues committee chair Alyssa Zamora said the fund would be useful to many clubs.

"If you want to promote diversity, these funds would be available to you," she said.

The final recommendation of the Cultural Diversity committee is the creation "Hero Days," which would honor "members from various ethnic/cultural groups by sponsoring opportunities to celebrate their contributions in the form of community

service, faculty lectures, prayers services and class-room/residence hall discussions," the committee's report said.

Secviar said the "Hero Days," which would honor one person each month beginning in the spring semester of 2009, were a good idea because they would provide exposure for a number of clubs in addition to celebrating the values of the

"I think it's great that it focuses on American Catholic values," he said. "This would be a great venue for some of the lesser-known clubs."

In other Senate news:

◆ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution calling for intramural sports registration forms to be put online. Alumni Hall Senator Zach Reuvers, who sponsored the resolution, said RecSports had wanted to move all the forms online, but needed help the Office from Information Technology (OIT). This resolution, he said, would help show OIT that students supported the

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Quran a model for Muslims

Text challenges American followers of Islam to achieve ideal community

By LIZ HARTER Saint Mary's Editor

The American Muslim population is working towards becoming the model community outlined in the Quran, Jamillah Karim, an assistant professor of religion at Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga., said at a lecture in Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

Karim began her lecture by quoting from the Quran and explaining how the text states Muslims should strive to be like the prophet Muhammad.

"The Prophet Muhammad loved most those people who were most beneficial to others and most helpful in helping others bear burdens," Karim said. "We have to become a people that benefit humanity and not harm people. Muslims are expected to live up to prophetic guidance and become model community."

Karim said it seems as though American Muslims are "severely failing" to meet the expectation to become a model community because of Muslim extremism and violence.

"This paints and ugly picture of the world and the Muslim community," she said. "We have to make it clear that we stand against this violence."

American Muslims are unique in the fact that Islam includes both Muslims who immigrated to the United States and native-born Americans who have converted to the religion, Karim said.

"The significant population of native-born American converts are African-American because of the early success of the religion in appealing to the social realities of blacks," she said. "However, Islam is also appealing to white Americans. Out of the 20,000 conversions which occur each year ... 27 percent are whites."

These conversions have continued after Sept. 11 even though many Americans report having unfavorable views of Muslims, Karim said.

"Most Americans have been tolerant and respectful in interactions," she said.

Karim said she thinks Muslims have found a place in American society and have been able to begin building towards the model community because Muslim ideals match well with American ideals.

"Ethnic diversity and racial harmony are American ideals so Islam functions as a valuable contribution to American life," she said.

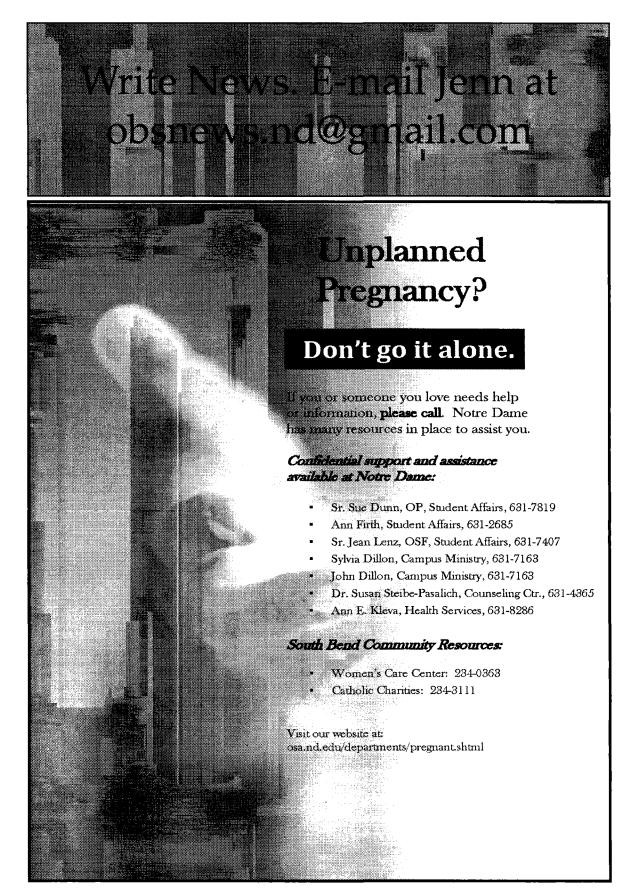
Karim has a personal vision of how the American Muslim community will emerge as the model community.

"We need to become a community that challenges racial and class inequalities and challenges people to see how they share a common background with others," she said. "It's not only a Muslim ideal, but an American ideal. We share a common commonality as those of different religions and class backgrounds."

This commonality is important because it will allow American Muslims to become the model community, she said

"There is a struggle and reflection that remains, but a bright future is possible," she said. "It depends on both Muslims and non-Muslims. We are all here together whether we are born here or emigrate here."

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not be affected by the change.

But the change is not automatic. Students and faculty must provide their NetID and password in order to join the new network.

"We encourage students, fac-

ulty and staff to switch immediately to gain the security benefits of the new network," Chapple said.

Step-by-step instructions on how to make the change for Windows, Macintosh and Linux systems, along with a variety of other devices, are available at secure.nd.edu.

Chapple said it is important for all campus Internet users to switch to ND-secure to help protect "personal information from prying eyes."

We strongly encourage everyone to convert to the NDsecure wireless network as soon as possible. Making the switch should only take about five minutes and it will substantially increase the security of your network connection," Chapple said.

Students can contact the OIT Help Desk at 574-631-8111 or can visit 128 DeBartolo Hall for assistance.

Chapple said the launch of ND-secure network required over a year's worth of planning and implementation

"Adding encryption to our wireless network required a substantial upgrade of Notre

Dame's wireless network equipment and the combined effort of a large number of network, security and system engineers, he said. "We also consulted with a wide variety of campus groups, including departmental IT support personnel and Student Government."

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loves teaching, and won Notre Dame's Charles J. Sheedy Teaching Award for 2008.

'Don't fear not knowing what your future is. Don't fear not knowing what your major is. Don't fear not knowing what you'll do with that major,' McKenna said. "Always, always follow your emotions and what you feel to be right for you at that time — not in 10 years, or two years or six months."

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McKenna said he's done things in his career could not have fathomed when he was younger.

"If you had told me as a college student, or even as a graduate student, that I would be studying mother-infant sleep patterns and breastfeeding never in my wildest imagination would I have

thought I'd be studying this." McKenna said.

Kindness and thoughtfulness are some of the most important things in life, McKenna said. A chance visit to thank an old college professor for her good advice led to McKenna's first job, teaching at Berkeley for a year.

Kindness gets misconstrued as something you do to manipulate people," McKenna said, "But the more you give away, the more you get. I promise you, this is so true."

Self-fulfilling prophecies are a reality of life, he said.

"If you think everyone is nice and generous, or you think everyone is nasty and mean, people will be what you expect of them,"

McKenna said. McKenna advised students not to worry about big decisions or events, but rather to keep things in perspective.

There is no single big decision; there are only continuously big decisions. You cannot know how you're going to feel about something six months from now, a year from now, two years from now,' McKenna said. "Make decisions based on what you know to be true about you right now, and you can never make a wrong deci-

McKenna advised students to "always be as good as you can."

"It gives you immediate gratification, and lays a foundation of people wanting to help you," he

said. He added: "Never ever give up the opportunity to make a friend.

McKenna said some of his favorite advice came from his wife of 35 years, Joanne, who once reassured him after a panel review treated rudely.

"'You can't be responsible for other people's bad behavior,' he said she told him. "'You can only be responsible for your own,

and making sure you never treat people like that.'

McKenna shared memories of his years as a Berkeley student during the tumultuous 1960s.

"I was the only person to go to U. C. Berkeley from 1966 to 1970 who never tried marijuana," he said with a laugh.

He told students that some day when their children call home to say that they have picked a "useless" major like anthropology, they should not ask, "What can you do with that major?" but should instead respond, "There is nothing you can not do with that major.'

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"Wireless, again, is still in, not babyhood, but it's a toddler. And it's not quite ready to be mainstream yet," she said.

Aside from wireless, board members also mentioned adding network printers to buildings on campus, adding a computer lab in Spes Unica and improving student identification cards. Thomasson said these problems are all

addressed in the Strategic Blueprint.

Thomasson also mentioned that internships are available in the IT office. All the students who have participated in this program have received good, high-paying jobs after graduation, she said.

The internship counts for three credit hours and can be set up with a faculty sponsor. It allows students the chance to boost their résumé, Thomasson said.

In other BOG news:

◆ The BOG members dis-

cussed an open forum for students to discuss food at the Noble Family Dining Hall. The forum will be held in the Center before Student Thanksgiving Break, Student Services commissioner Catherine Meadors said.

Barry Bowles, general manager of Sodexo at the College, will be attending the forum in order to take questions and suggestions from the students about the food in the dining

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International News

Managuan election under review

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaragua's election council has agreed to allow a review of the capital's mayoral election results after opponents of leftist President Daniel Ortega cried fraud. The race for mayor of Managua was the most closely watched of the 146 municipal elections, which were considered a referendum on Ortega's own performance in office.

Alexis Arguello, a former boxing champion and the candidate from Ortega's Sandinista party, won, according to official

Election council President Robert Rivas announced Wednesday that ballot tally sheets would be reviewed to address allegations of fraud in the race.

He said he would ask prosecutors to investigate allegations that ballots were found in a garbage bin.

Rebels reject ceasefire offers

KHARTOUM, Sudan — President Omar al-Bashir offered a ceasefire in Darfur on Wednesday and promised to disarm militias, a top rebel demand, in a new push by his government to show it is serious about ending the nearly 6-year-old conflict.

Darfur rebels dismissed the moves, saying they don't trust al-Bashir and want to see disarmament of the feared janjaweed militias before agreeing to a ceasefire.

It comes as the Sudanese president is trying to fend off possible genocide charges by the International Criminal Court over atrocities in Darfur.

NATIONAL NEWS

Same-sex couples married

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. - Same-sex couples exchanged vows Wednesday for the first time in Connecticut amid cheers and tears of joy, while gay activists planned protests across the country over the vote that took away their right to marry in California.

The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 on Oct. 10 that same-sex couples have the right to wed rather than accept a 2005 civil union law designed to give them the same rights as married couples. A lowercourt judge entered a final order permitting same-sex marriage Wednesday morning. Massachusetts is the only other state that allows gay marriages.

Lack of money leads to layoffs

AUSTIN, Texas - The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, which was damaged by Hurricane Ike, said Wednesday about 3,800 workers would be laid off because the teaching hospital is running out of money.

The University of Texas Board of Regents said in a news release that the Galveston hospital would have no money to operate in about three months, at its current spending rate.

Local News

Tribune cuts staff by 14 percent

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The South Bend Tribune is reducing its staff by nearly 14 percent this year, cutting 56 positions through retirements, voluntary and involuntary severance packages and by leaving some open positions unfilled.

David Ray, editor and publisher of the newspaper, says the Tribune decided to offer the severance packages to some employees after other cost-cutting efforts failed to keep pace with the economic downturn.

FRANCE

Obama sparks political diversity

Landmark U.S. presidential election brings hope to European nations

Associated Press

PARIS - An Obama effect is rippling across

In France, a pro-Barack Obama grassroots group created months ago is morphing into a campaign for political diversity. In Britain, a black voter group says it is inundated with calls and attendance is soaring.

In Austria, a Rwandanborn activist has fired off letters to big parties urging them to field minority candidates. And in Germany, the staff of Turkish politician Cem Ozdemir started Facebook group called "Yes we Cem" — a takeoff on Obama's slogan. "Yes we can.'

Obama's victory is inspiring hopes and even planting the seeds of action for changing the overwhelming whiteness of Europe's political elite. But it's unclear whether these efforts will pay off or merely fizzle. Although polls showed majorities in nearly every European country favored Obama over John McCain, many say Europe is far from voting for a leader from an ethnic minority itself.

Of course, the victory of the son of a black man from Kenya and a white woman from Kansas has brought hope to many parts of the developing world. But in places like Britain and France, which have long prided themselves on their democracies, it has also emphasized how far their governments are from reflecting racial diversity today.

Europe and the relatively young United States have vastly different histories when it comes to

The United States is a more diverse: Minorities now make up about a third of all Americans. By compari-



Rama Yade, right, and Rachida Dati are members of the current French government, one of the most diverse governments France has ever had.

son, the Interior Ministry in Germany says "foreigners" made up about 8.2 percent of the population in 2006. And anti-discrimination groups estimate that blacks and people of North African origin mostly from former colonies — make up at least 10 percent of France. Neither country collects official statistics on race.

Yet only 10 lawmakers in Germany's 613-seat lower house of parliament come from minority backgrounds. And in France, the lower house of parliament has just one black lawmaker among 555 elected from the French mainland.

"The vote for Obama rings as a critique of politics in France as sclerotic, old and tired — and not just here," said Faycal Douhane, a Socialist of Algerian heritage who leads an association of mayors in the Paris area. "It's embarrassing for

Obama's victory was particularly resonant in France. A group formed in a cafe months ago as the Friends of Barack Obama in the southeastern city of Lyon is renaming itself "The Movement" to lobby political parties to select minority candidates. It also plans to write up and send a report to President Nicolas Sarkozy by yearend on France's lack of political diversity.

Spokesperson Azedine Haffar said France's stance that all of its citizens are simply French holds minorities back.

'There was a before Nov. 4, and an after Nov. 4," he said. "And those who want to stay in the before, we can tell them: 'No, it's finished. This era is over.'

Malek Boutih, who oversees social issues at France's main opposition Socialist Party, said he plans to use a major party congress this week to deliver a message: "Let minorities join the political fight and gain responsibility.'

Legacy of Klan remains in town

Associated Press

OGALUSA, La. — Hattie Dillon got a first-hand taste of the racial hatred that gripped this city in the 1960s when a metal bolt flung by someone in an angry crowd gashed her head as she marched for civil rights.

On Wednesday, sitting on her front porch just off Main Street, the 61year-old who is black said Bogalusa is better now. But the bloody legacy of racial violence and brazen Ku Klux Klan activity in the area remains evidenced by the arrest of eight local people in the death of an Oklahoma woman shot when a weekend Klan

initiation went awry.

"History was made this month." Dillon said, referring to Barack Obama's election as the nation's first black president. "Then our eyes opened again.

Sunday's killing was in St. Tammany Parish, just across the Washington Parish line and all the suspects are from Washington Parish, which more than 40 years earlier was beset by anti-desegregation violence. In 1965, Oneal Moore, the parish's first black sheriff's deputy, was slain in an ambush, a crime that has not been solved.

"In 1965, the Klan ran Bogalusa, and so it's not at all surprising to see the legacy of that organization reemerge in the form of a new generation of Klan advocates," said Lance Hill, executive director of Tulane University's Southern Institute for Education and Research.

In this week's shooting, St. Tammany Sheriff Jack Strain said Cynthia C. Lynch, 43, of Tulsa, Okla., was recruited over the Internet to participate in the KKK ritual in a rural area and then was to return to her state to attract members. Strain said the group's leader, Raymond "Chuck" Foster, 44, shot and killed her after a fight broke out when she asked to be taken back to the town of

Drummer for Hendrix found dead

Mitch Mitchell, last surviving member of the group, dies at 61 in hotel room

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Mitch Mitchell, drummer for the legendary Jimi Hendrix Experience of the 1960s and the group's last surviving member, was found dead in his hotel room early Wednesday. He was 61.

Mitchell was a powerful force on the Hendrix band's 1967 debut album "Are You Experienced?" as well as the trio's albums "Electric Ladyland" and "Axis: Bold As Love." He had an explosive drumming style that can be heard in hard-charging songs such as "Fire" and "Manic Depression." The Englishman had been drumming for the Experience Hendrix Tour, which performed Friday in Portland. It was the last stop on the West Coast part of the tour.

Hendrix died in 1970. Bass player Noel Redding died in 2003.

An employee at Portland's Benson Hotel called police after discovering Mitchell's body.

Erin Patrick, a deputy medical examiner, said

Mitchell apparently died of natural causes. An autopsy was planned.

"He was a wonderful man, a brilliant musician and a true friend," said Janie Hendrix, chief executive of the

Experience Hendrix Tour and Jimi Hendrix's stepsister. "His role in shaping the sound of the Jimi Hendrix Experience cannot be underestimated."

Bob Merlis, a spokesman for the tour, said Mitchell had stayed in Portland for a four-day vacation and planned to leave Wednesday.

"It was a devastating surprise," Merlis said. "Nobody drummed like he did."

He said he saw Mitchell perform two weeks ago in Los Angeles, and the drummer appeared to be healthy and upbeat.

Merlis said the tour was designed to bring together, veteran musicians who had k n o w n

Hendrix — like Mitchell — and younger artists, such as Grammynominated winner Jonny Lang, who have been influenced by

Blues-rock guitarist

Kenny Wayne Shepherd, who is 31 and was part of the tour, said Mitchell was to the drums what Hendrix was to the guitar.

"Today many of us have lost a dear friend, and the world has lost a rock n' roll hero," he said.

Mitchell was a one-of-akind drummer whose "jazztinged" style was influenced by Max Roach and Elvin Jones, Merlis said. The work was a vital part of both the

Jimi Hendrix Experience in the 1960s and the Experience Hendrix Tour that ended last week, he said.

"If Jimi Hendrix were still alive," Merlis said, "he would have acknowledged that."

During his career Mitchell played with the best in the business — not just Hendrix, but also Eric Clapton, John Lennon, Keith Richards, Jack Bruce, Jeff Beck, Muddy Waters and others.

Mitchell was a member of a later version of the Jimi Hendrix Experience that performed the closing set of the Woodstock Festival in August 1969 — where Hendrix played a psychedelic version of "The StarSpangled Banner" before the band launched into "Purple Haze."

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Fame in 1992. According to the Hall of Fame, Mitchell was born July 9, 1947, in Ealing, England.

Terry Stewart, chief executive of

the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, said Mitchell transformed his instrument from a "strictly percussive element to a lead instrument."

"His interplay with Jimi Hendrix's guitar on songs like 'Fire' is truly amazing," Stewart said Wednesday. "Mitch Mitchell had a massive influence on rock 'n' roll drumming and took it to new heights."

Hendrix, Redding and Mitchell held their first rehearsal in October 1966, according to the Hall of Fame's Web site.

In an interview last month with the Boston Herald, Mitchell said he met Hendrix "in this sleazy little club."

"We did some Chuck Berry and took it from there," Mitchell told the newspaper. "I suppose it worked."

Ike prompts hospital to lay off workers

University of Texas Medical Branch will let go of 3,800 employees due to lack of funding

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Dr. Kenneth Shine

UT interim chancellor

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, a teaching hospital severely damaged by Hurricane Ike, will lay off about 3,800 workers — nearly a third of its work force — because it is running out of money.

The University of Texas Board of Regents said in a news release that the Galveston hospital would have

no money to operate in about three months, at its current spending rate.

Ike caused nearly \$710 million in losses to the hospital when it struck the Texas coast in September and officials have said insur-

ance covered only about \$100 million of that.

Some of UTMB's 85 buildings were inundated by up to 8 feet of water. The hospital's kitchen, blood bank and radiology department were virtually destroyed.

The University of Texas system doesn't have the money to cover the hospital's needs and Federal Emergency Management Agency funds cannot be used for operating expenses, or wages and bene-

fits of staff, officials say. Ike blasted ashore near Galveston on Sept. 13, flattening buildings and killing at least 37 people in Texas and more than 70 nationally. The monster storm was 600 miles wide when it hit land and is the most expensive in Texas history, an estimated \$11.4 billion in damages — so far.

UT officials had not yet identified which employees would be laid off but plan to pay them through January, according to The Galveston County Daily News. UTMB has

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Dr. Kenneth Shine, interim chancellor of the UT system, was optimistic that most of those laid off from the hospital would find work at other health care institutions.

"The health care industry tends to be maintained even through an economic downturn," he said in the Houston Chronicle.

A few faculty members would be laid off, but would remain on the payroll through the end of the academic year, Shine said.

The regents said the impact of the job losses could be lessened by hiring those affected in open positions at other University of Texas facilities or assisting them in job searches elsewhere.

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Dems seek help for auto industry

WASHINGTON — Congressional Democrats are pushing legislation to send \$25 billion in emergency loans to the beleaguered auto industry in exchange for a government ownership stake in the Big Three car companies.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., hope for quick passage of the auto bailout during a postelection session that begins Monday.

Legislation being drafted by Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, and Sen. Carl M. Levin, D-Mich., would dip into the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue money, approved by Congress last month, for the auto aid.

President Bush is cool to that idea. But the White House says he is open to helping the industry, which is buckling under poor sales, tight credit and a sputtering economy.

In an Oval Office meeting Monday, President-elect Obama spoke to Bush about doing more to aid the industry, aides said, and Bush said he was open to it.

Any effort to throw the companies a lifeline could run into GOP roadblocks that could derail it in the Senate. In that chamber, Republicans, including some who believe their votes for the Wall Street bailout hurt, and in some cases doomed, their re-election bids, are loath to agree to any new money.

Stock market continues to fall

NEW YORK — A disheartened Wall Street fell for the third straight session Wednesday as investors absorbed another series of dismal corporate reports and news that the government won't buy banks' soured mortgage assets after all. The Dow Jones industrials dropped more than 410 points to 8,282.66, and all the major indexes lost more than 4 percent.

The stock market has lost about \$1 trillion over the past three days, according to the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 index, which reflects the value of nearly all U.S. stocks.

Financial rescue plan to change

Bush administration focuses on bank stock instead of buying troubled assets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is embracing an old adage when it comes to its financial rescue plan: Try, try again

Urgently shifting course, the administration revamped its \$700 billion bailout package by jettisoning the idea of purchasing banks' distressed assets — the centerpiece of the original plan — and announcing Wednesday that it will search for new ways to shore up not only banks but credit-card, auto-loan and other huge nonbank businesses.

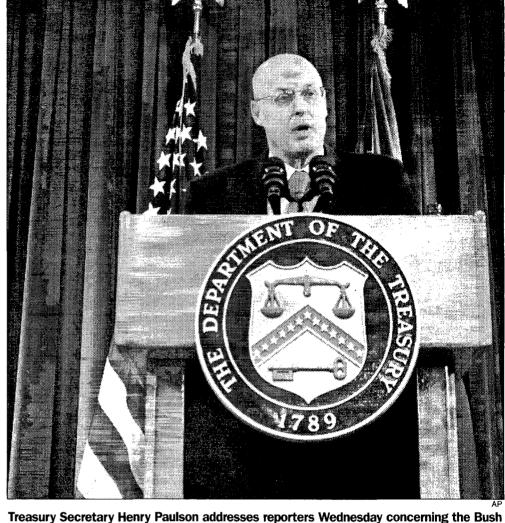
Democrats, meanwhile, are pressing hard to include billions of dollars in help for faltering automakers — over administration objections.

Unimpressed by any of the overhaul talk, Wall Street dove ever lower.

"The facts changed and the situation worsened," Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said at a news briefing, explaining the administration's switch from its plan to help financial institutions by buying up troubled assets, primarily securities backed by bad home loans, and instead continue to focus on direct purchases of bank stock.

Despite its new flexibility, the administration remained opposed to using the rescue fund to bail out the ailing auto industry or to provide guarantees for home loans, an idea that supporters contend offers the greatest hope for helping legions of Americans who are facing foreclosure.

Congressional Democrats felt otherwise on autos, and strongly. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid were pressing for quick passage of a major package for carmakers during a postelection session that begins next Tuesday, and one key



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson addresses reporters Wednesday concerning the Bush administration's decision to focus on bank stock instead of buying troubled assets.

House Democrat was putting together legislation that would send \$25 billion in emergency loans to the beleaguered industry in exchange for a government ownership stake in the Big Three car companies.

Not all the news was bad, Paulson suggested. He said the rescue program approved by Congress a month ago has already had an impact in dealing with the most severe financial crisis in decades, a credit squeeze that is threatening to push the country into a deep and prolonged recession.

"Our system is stronger and more stable than just a few weeks ago," he said. But he cautioned that much more needs to be done before the economy can turn the corner.

To accomplish those goals, Paulson said the administration would continue to use \$250 billion of the \$700 billion rescue fund to make direct purchases of bank stock as a way of supplying hundreds and potentially thousands of banks with extra capital in hopes that they will resume more normal lending.

But Paulson said the administration had decided that the original focus of the bailout program — the purchase of distressed mortgage-backed securities and other troubled assets on the books of banks — would not be employed. He said the

administration had changed the emphasis because of a need to get money into the financial system much more quickly because of a worsening credit crunch. Setting up a purchase program for the bad assets was taking too much time, officials said.

It was another rough day on Wall Street as investors received more bad news on corporate earnings and were also disappointed by Paulson's decision not to mop up bad assets of financial institutions. The Dow Jones industrial average fell for the third straight session, plunging 411.30 points to close at 8,282.66, the lowest close since it hit a 5 1/2-year low on Oct. 27.

Consumer-based economy to end

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Americans have slammed their wallets shut since the financial meltdown, and the future is looking downright scary for stores across the country and the whole U.S. economy.

On Wednesday, Best Buy Co. slashed its earnings forecast and said the changes in consumer behavior have been nothing less than "seismic," creating "the most difficult climate" the company had seen in its 42-year history.

And Macy's Inc., which turned a profit in the third quarter of last year, swung to a loss this time, warned that the upcoming holiday season would be "a nail-biter" and slashed its budget for 2009 capital expenditures by almost half.

Shoppers from the well-heeled to the low-income have cut back as they worry about shriveling retirement funds and job security. The changes could tilt the economy into a deeper, more painful recession.

"We're definitely spending less. The first thing to go was the house-keeper and clothes spending," said Melanie Coyne of Dardenne Prairie, Mo., who is dining out less, using more coupons and taking her lunch to work. She's also "wearing what I have."

The downbeat forecasts from retailers Wednesday came two days

after Circuit City Stores Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection. It's also laying off thousands of workers and closing 20 percent of its stores.

Analysts believe consumers — who usually account for about 70 percent of economic activity — will no longer be the key driver of the economy, said Scott Hoyt, senior director of consumer economics at Moody's Economy.com.

"This is the end of the consumer-based economy," said Peter Schiff, who runs the investment firm Euro Pacific Capital Inc. in Darien, Conn. "Americans have been buying too much stuff, and now the epic shopping spree is over. It is a permanent change."

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What is the mandate?

As of 11 p.m. Nov. 4, Barack Obama was elected to succeed George W. Bush as the forty-fourth president of the United States. A lot of voters across the country - more than in any other elec-

tion in history voted for him. A lot of folks donated time, money, and effort to bring Obama to this point, all for different reasons, but overwhelmingly because they felt that our country should try heading



Jason Coleman

Man at Large

in a new direction. This too was apparent in congressional races, where Democrats picked up seats in both the House and Senate.

However, Obama himself, put it best in his acceptance speech: "This victory alone is not the change we seek - it is only the chance for us to make that change.

What is the change we seek? Or better yet, what must this new majority achieve in the coming months to vindicate the voters of their doubts and insecurities? Practically speaking, there are three main issues that seem to rise above the rest.

First, of course, is the economy. Democrats were voted into office (as they were in '92) because the economy wasn't looking good. A new tax plan would probably pass quickly and is necessary to spurring growth again. It will involve cuts across various income groups, in hopes of increasing spending again. The details will be controversial and passing something quickly will be difficult, but not insurmountable.

Second, some sort of energy policy needs to be put into place. We already import far too much oil, and if there is any sort of price shock while in recession, things could get even more ugly.

Supporting a seriously alternative energy infrastructure will be expensive, but now is the time to do it. Spending is necessary to boost the economy, and infrastructure spending of this type would be killing two birds with one stone. While the debt will have to be dealt with eventually, the time is not

Finally, a definitive plan needs to be set for Iraq. Whether or not it calls for immediate troop withdrawal, or simply lays out goals that need to be met before withdrawal is possible, the increasingly dissident public deserves to have some idea of how and when it will end. We also need to be briefed on why Afghanistan is so important, and what the issues with Iran are.

Luckily, Obama has some tools at his disposal that should ease the process.

First, he has the attention of the rest of the world. The goodwill that has been generated, if harnessed, could turn into an effective alliance working over a swath of issues. Because our financial problems have become everybody's financial problems, everyone will have to plan together to find a solution. Fortunately, Bush has already called for a conference of global leaders and economic advisers to begin work. Obama's stamp will only strengthen the legitimacy and force of such a gathering. Furthermore, it will take an international force to figure out how to ease rising tensions with Iran. An Iran with nuclear weapons, again, is everybody's problem.

The second tool Obama has is his massive e-mail of supporters. Allegedly, the number of entrants tops 10 million. With the touch of a button, Obama has the ability to inform millions directly of his plans and present his arguments. He will be able to drum up an army of activists lobbying their congressman for

Finally, he has come to power in a time of big problems, and was elected on the platform of big solutions. This is a big opportunity, and his supporters, the majority, have said they want to think bigger. While public opinion is difficult to forecast, I sense that people will be okay with a misstep or two, as long as it is acknowledged and a plan is presented to stay the course. Naturally, there will be those that are ready to pounce at first blood, but I'm not sure those are the ones that drive public sentiment effectively anymore.

Unfortunately, this last tool, the enormity of the problems, is also the greatest liability. We are attempting to wage war on two fronts: our economy has fallen off of a cliff, and we can't stop buying oil drawn from countries that are not particularly friendly. It would be difficult for a government built on checks and balances to tackle one of these issues, much less all at the same

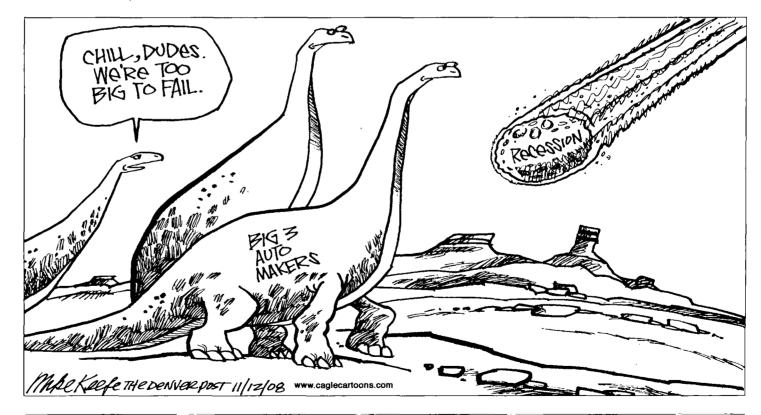
The people gave the Democrats a majority, and with it, a mandate to do better than we have been doing. This much is clear. Leaders of the world have endorsed Obama and claimed that they will support him going forward. That is

But it is of the utmost importance that the new majority remembers exactly what it was elected to do. Karl Rove infamously claimed that the Republican sweep in 2004 was a new enduring conservative majority. It lasted just two years, namely because the GOP forgot what it had been elected to do. Hopefully, the Democrats in the House and on the Hill wont' forget and seize this great opportunity with humility and

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VIEWPOINT

A worthy investment, and well worth the risks

Raise your hand if you've ever scratched your head over that somewhat mysterious parable of the master who entrusted his money to three of his servants. The first two invested theirs and doubled their

amounts; the third buried his in the backyard and had to 'fess up upon

Kate Barrett

Faithpoint

the master's return. The trickiest part for me was always when the master, furious, heatedly lectures the third servant, takes his money back, and cries, "To everyone to has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." I remember that as a kid, I considered this principle a horrible idea: What? Give even more to those who already have? Take away from those who don't?

I've been thinking about this Gospel, which comes from Matthew, chapter 25 (take a look at Matthew 25 — it's not for the faint of heart), because it's this Sunday's gospel. We're in the last two weeks of the Church year, before Advent starts, and the readings in these coming weeks will reflect this in their

close focus on the end-times. The master, in Jesus' parable, doesn't find the third servant's behavior merely disappointing, but seriously reprehensible. He takes away the money, but he really means to highlight the magnitude of the servant's mistake: The servant disregarded the gift, and then if that weren't enough, tried to pin the blame for his lousy decision on the master.

Here's a cool fact that helps make sense of the master's cryptic tirade against the third servant. The Greek term "talent" describes the weight of the sums of money the master gave the three servants. This parable is the source of the English use of "talent," meaning a gift that can be improved upon with practice. Even as far back as the origins of the English language people of faith must have understood that Jesus' parable of the three servants didn't literally refer to money, but to the manner in which a person accepts a gift. Those who are properly open to receiving a gift — that is, a freely bestowed offering from God will have the faith and trust to find ways to share and spread that gift and so to make it grow, even though it might mean taking a risk. Those who

"have not" the open hearts to receive and appreciate such an offering will find that they lose even any limited ability to act out of faithful belief in God's love.

Coincidentally — I love when this happens — I attended a meeting Tuesday night for parents of second graders who will make their first reconciliation in a few weeks, and it reminded me of this gospel yet again. We discussed the logistical aspects of our children's first confession, how we can help them articulate the sinfulness they need to address (second grade sins are relatively unimpressive, but believe me, they understand "doing something wrong on purpose"), and how we can help prepare them to understand and welcome God's forgiveness.

And there, right on the sheet entitled "Examination of Conscience," one of the questions read, "Do I use the gifts God has given me for the good of others?" Well, there's that third servant again! He didn't use his gifts, and it's a sin! The master trusted him with a valuable asset, and out of fear, or laziness, or lack of imagination, or plain old disinterest, he hid it away where he could ignore it ... until he was forced to face

the master and explain himself.

Imagine how our lives might change if we take seriously our responsibility to receive well the gifts God has given us; that is, if we look at all we have as a gift from God, and then figure out how, practically and regularly, to give it away. And it's a relatively easy task for us. For the people at the time of Matthew's gospel, attempting to spread the gift of the good news about Christianity meant risking stuff like, well, death.

When you hear this gospel on Sunday, remember that the master — God — tells us that only by accepting and using our gifts will they grow. Take some risks with your faith, your time, your skills; your attention to others. Wouldn't God rather that we at least take a chance, even if we fail, than bury our talents in the backyard?

This week's Faithpoint is written by Kate Barrett. Kate Barrett is the director of the Emmaus program in Campus Ministry. She can be reached at kbarrett@nd.edu

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The not-so elusive Mandate

First off, full disclosure: Christie Pesavento is a friend of mine. That being said, I'm glad we have never sat down together for a good, long discussion on politics. Her latest Viewpoint column, "The elusive mandate", trots out all the tired conservative talking points this side of Rush Limbaugh. I cannot take her opinion seriously when she starts out by claiming that the principles of the Democratic Party are "bigger government, spineless foreign policy and increased spending on ineffective social programs". After the past 8 years of Republican futility, in which George W. Bush's administration ran up trillions of dollars towards the national debt, it is impressive that Christie can call the Democrats the party of bigger government without a hint of irony. This trope that Democrats are weak on foreign policy is the stuff that Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich sustain their political livelihoods off of, but it has no basis in reality. Barack Obama and the Democrats are advocating a smarter foreign policy. How can the world take America seriously if we just spew vitriol to our enemies and threaten to rain bombs on those who disagree with us? Somewhere along the line we lost the notion of diplomacy from our national discourse, and hopefully the Obama administration can deal with the international community in a strategic and reasoned way, not one which drives us into unnecessary war and threatens to completely de-stabilize our economy. Ineffective social programs? One of the biggest messes right now is lame-duck President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act. While noble in intent, its level of execution and planning has rendered NCLB not only ineffective but harmful to the American educational system, with its overemphasis on standardized testing driving teachers and middle class students out of American public schools.

I agree with Pesavento's claim that "all any Democratic nominee had to do was avoid any fatal missteps and the election would be gift-wrapped and delivered directly into his or her hands." The Republican Party has proven over the past eight years that it is reactionary, small-minded, and harmful for the well-being of the American people. Why is there "widespread resentment towards the previous administration"? Because

President Bush and his policies were bad for America, and the electorate decided not to vote in another candidate who shared the previous administration's failed beliefs in government.

As for her thoughts on President-Elect Obama and his campaign, I can only say this: he was voted into office with an overwhelming majority of electoral votes. Say what you will about our "messianic leader" but in spite of your claims to the contrary, the truth remains that Americans clearly are on the same page with Obama when it comes to governing philosophy. Not only was Obama elected in by a wide margin, but the American people also voted in a largely Democratic Congress to help enact his policies and the policies of the Democratic Party. America is seeking a change in direction and by a vast margin shunning the Republican Party while embracing the principles of the Democrats. Yet it seems that Pesavento is asking us to believe her and the foundering conservative movement over our own lying ballots.

If there is one thing that Pesavento is absolutely right about, it is that history has not been kind to presidents who overstep their authority. One can only imagine how future scholars will evaluate the presidency of George W. Bush, though our tangled foreign policy engagements and collapsing economy can give us just a taste of how harshly his administration will be judged. But unlike Bush, who was only brought into office by a Supreme Court decision after an almost evenly-split election, President-Elect Obama has been given the keys to drive the American state on the road back to prosperity by a wide majority of the electorate. Pesavento, I wish you and your conservative ilk would quit telling the American people that we really did not mean what we voted for when we elected Barack Obama to the Executive Branch. It is clear that America does want Obama and the Democrats to implement their agenda, and by a large margin has granted them the authority to do so.

> Riyath Mallahi junior Dillon Hall Nov. 11

Simple and hilarious

In response to Robert Scully's "Offensive Comics Are Back" I think it is time for you to chill. David "The Firestarter" Cavadini was simply referring to the fact that everyone loves Brady Quinn. As a senior, if you are honestly offended by the word erection, too much to show your love for Brady, then I apologize to you for you lack of sense of humor. As for the artistic design of the comic, the fact that David uses simple designs, with simple mes-

sages is just down right hilarious. To treat David with such disrespect is the true shame in your ordeal. Just as Picasso was not considered a genius during his lifetime, David might not be either. But time will tell if Mr. Cavadini is still a legend after his short time here at Notre Dame.

> Patrick Augustyn sophomore Knott Hall Nov. 12

Some Women Like 'Die Hard'

Some Women Like "Die Hard" Now that I have your attention, I greatly appreciated Andrew Miller's article "Engendering conflict," not only because I'm a "diehard" musical lover, but also for his point on why it's not too far off for men to like musicals...or are

too afraid to admit it. On the flip side, there are some women, including myself, who like the so- called "guy movies." As a woman, it may sound crazy, but I would pick a really good action film over a bad chick flick any day. To illustrate my point, I went to see Kill Bill Vol. 2 with 6 guys (since no girl I knew wanted to see it), I get giddy when a new James Bond film comes out, and I find Die Hard rather fun and enjoyable! Seriously, Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Reginald Vel Johnson a.k.a. Carl Winslow... you can't go wrong! Granted, I was an FTT major at ND, but still.

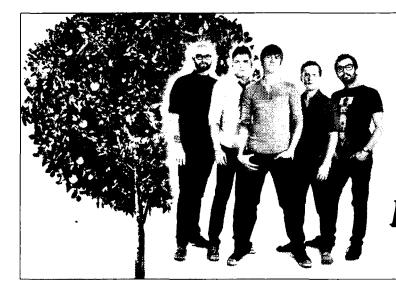
Nevertheless, musicals are my passion. If guys are still a bit hesitant to take a leap of faith and enjoy musicals, here's some info that may ease the process. First, before "300," Gerald Butler played the Phantom in the film version of "The Phantom of the Opera." Before he ever said the catch-line, "This is Sparta," he was singing

the famous "Music of the Night." Second, while we all loved Eddie Murphy in the Beverly Hills Cop films and on SNL, you can't deny that one of his best moments was his role in "Dreamgirls." Third, Hugh Jackman. Yes, we all know him as Wolverine, but did you know he also won a Tony award for his performance in "The Boy from Oz," a musical? Heck, even Marlon Brando starred in "Guys and Dolls!" And if you think football and any other sport involves athleticism, just watch the dancing numbers in "Singin' in the Rain," specifically "Make 'Em Laugh," "Moses Supposes," and that little number in which Gene Kelly sings and dances in the rain. Better vet. just watch any musical with Gene Kelly, who brought athletics to musicals. If guys can watch Stewie Griffin dance with him, maybe it won't be so difficult.

So, if I can admit to my liking of "Goldeneye," "300" and the Die Hard series over "The Notebook," "27 Dresses" and "Made of Honor," then maybe guys should "man up" and give musicals a shot.

Brittany Mazur alumn Class of 2007 Nov. 12

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CARIEL

Brings Revamped Sound to Campus

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By PATRICK GRIFFIN

Scene Writer

Many modern musicians would claim that their calling has a certain inescapable control over their life. This claim has probably never been truer than in the case of up-and-coming pop-rock group Cartel.

In the summer of 2007, the band spent nearly three weeks encased in a "bubble" — a 1600 square foot fiberglass studio, where they recorded their most recent album under constant video surveillance.

"We were trapped in there," drummer Kevin Sanders said. "You couldn't go anywhere without people seeing you. Cameras were everywhere, broadcasting our every move live online, which was kinda crazy.

The self-titled release, which hit stores in August of 2007, has reached as high as No. 20 on the Billboard Top 200 music chart. Written in only 20 days, "Cartel" is the band's most complete work to date. According to frontman Will Pugh, the album covers the band's coming of age since their debut album "Chroma": "You're not going to get whatever people probably would've expected. We're trying to do something ambitious... A lot of different things about being a young adult come to play in this record."

Fresh off the Croc's College Tour

2008, Cartel brings their revamped sound to Notre Dame on Friday for an exclusive concert. The concert promises to be an energetic affair as Cartel steams to campus with the momentum of significant airtime on popular radio as well as MTV. The national acclaim that the band has received from the likes of Rolling Stone, USA Today and Alternative Press hasn't hurt the quintet either.

The Georgia natives team their progressive pop punk style on Friday night with the unrivaled musings of folk hipster Citizen Cope. Cope arrives in the midst of a national tour featuring both acoustic and full band performances

Citizen Cope, whose real name is Clarence Greenwood, encapsulates his audiences with his masterful verbiage and indefinable sound. Known for his tendencies to traverse varying genres, Cope has achieved his success through live performances and airtime on several major television programs including the sitcom "Scrubs" and the popular dance game show, "So You Think You Can Dance?" Since the times of his hip-hop origins in Washington D.C., Cope's sound has evolved, earning him an underground cult follow-

Though it is very difficult to classify Cope into any single genre, those who are familiar with his work maintain that his sound is unique and influen-



Cartel performs live on TRL on April 23, 2007. The punk rock band's lastest album, "Cartel," was written in less than three weeks while in a bubble.

tial. "I guess it's been a blessing and a Cope told the Pittsburgh Tribune before a February performance. "It has probably kept me away from a certain radio format. Also, it's been a thing that's kind of distinguished me. I think it's kind of kept me away from mainstream popular music. But to me, I've got a verse, a chorus and melodies, and it's essentially pop music.'

Cope's most recent album "Every Waking Moment" reached as high as No. 69 on the Billboard charts. His next project, entitled "Acoustic Tapes Vol. 1," is set for release in December.

The dual headliners perform this Friday at 9 p.m. in the Stepan Center

thanks to the most recent efforts of the Student Union Board. Unlike past shows sponsored by SUB, the format for this concert provides patrons with plenty of general standing room near the stage, similar to what you would find at a typical rock concert. Seating will be available on the outer areas of the venue.

Tickets are on sale now at the LaFortune box office for \$15. Each student may purchase as many as four tickets at a time and students must provide a valid Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross I.D. at the doors.

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Katie Sullivan

director

By ANALISE LIPARI

Saint Mary's College's Moreau Center for the Arts will host a production of "Lend Me a Tenor!" this weekend in the O'Laughlin Auditorium, Katie Sullivan, an associate professor of theatre at Saint Mary's and director of "Lend Me a Tenor!" had the chance to speak to the Observer via e-mail about the produc-

Scene: Can you describe the play and a brief history?

Sullivan: This play is a rollicking comedy by Ken Ludwig and is based on the wonderful old French bedroom farces, in which characters are confronted with impossibly difficult situations, mistaken identities, romantic escapades, people kissing the wrong people, people hiding from each other, doors slamming right and left, as people come and go in a world which has become increasingly hard to tell up from down. The play was written twenty years ago, though, and

ran on Broadway for 476 consecutive performances, earning three Tony Awards in 1989 including Best Play.

Ludwig has set the play in Cleveland in 1934, in a grand hotel suite. The Cleveland Opera Company has managed

to snag the world famous tenor, Tito Morelli, to come perform Othello with them. It is opening night, the tenor is late but finally arrives in the middle of a big fight with his wife, who is tired of his womanizing ways. She mistakes a female fan hiding in his bedroom closet for another lover and leaves

him with a "Dear John" note which sends him spiraling down into despair. It looks like the show won't go on...until the manager of the company persuades his assistant, Max, to put on the Othello costume

and try to save the day. Soon enough, that action leads to more mayhem and hilarity as the plot thickens and the web tightens.

Scene: How are the actors doing in their individual performances?

Sullivan:Students cast in "I have also enjoyed working with the play include elegant 1930s period, in both room SMC students Kristina Marinelli, Elizabeth Carian, Darcy O'Neill and Anne Yurek. Holy shenanigans and physical humor Cross College Marlon Burnley is also in the show, along with SMC History Professor Bill Svelmoe, and local actors Steve Cole and Will Heckaman. SMC

student Annaliese Furman is serving as the Lighting Designer, a job normally taken be a faculty member, but Annaliese is especially interested in lighting.

Scene: Is it difficult to translate a pro-

fessional show to a college setting?

Sullivan: The play has been fun to work on since it is so funny, but it has been challenging as well because it is very fast-paced and all the actors must keep in mind what secrets their characters know, or doesn't know, what secrets they are determined to find out, where they are operating under mistaken assumptions, etc. A particular treat which takes the madcap action to new heights of silliness and dizzying speed occurs at the end of the play in the first of two curtain calls.

I have also enjoyed working with elegant 1930s period, in both room decor and costumes. There is something extra funny to me of seeing all these farfetched shenanigans and physical humor undertaken in tuxedo tails and sparkling gowns!

The play opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. Other performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon, at 2:30.

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Asian Allure? Nguyen-Vu: Asian Allure has been at Notre Dame since the mid-1990s. I believe we're in its 12th year as a production. Originally, it started out as a fashion show predominantly eventually evolving into a cultural showcase. The original people involved in the show wanted to involve the fledgling Asian groups on campus at the time. Twelve years later, we've expanded to include new members and groups. Scene: What are some acts to note in this year's show? Nguyen-Vu: Some noteworthy acts in this

how range from exciting cultural homages

happens to be my fourth Asian Allure. I was actually in the show my freshmen year and

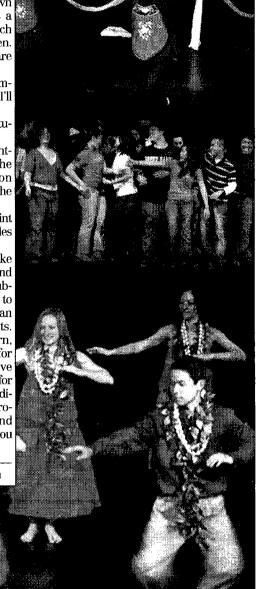
did tech work my sophomore and fourth

Scene: How long has Asian Allure gone on at Notre Dame? Can you give us a brief history of involved in the funding and production of the

Scene: Why should a Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student take time from their schedules to check out Asian Allure 2008?

Nauven-Vu: Students should definitely take their time to check out Asian Allure to expand their horizons. I mean let's face it, this is a bubble here. Asian Allure really is an attempt to represent a wide and diverse array of Asian culture made for students and by students. There is much to enjoy and much to learn, given the rich history and current trends for Asians and Asian-Americans. I also believe that it would be a symbol of appreciation for all the hard work, tenacity, and complete dedication of all the individuals involved from production to execution. We've come far and we've sacrificed much time. And I promise you this; it will be a show to remember.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE

Assistant Scene Editor

This week is about using one flavor to pull together a bunch of vegetables — the first recipe uses hummus and the second takes advantage of bleu cheese. You always know those vegetables are good for you, but after awhile forcing yourself to munch on plain vegetables make you feel like a rabbit. These recipes will hopefully give them a new zip, without compromising too much on their healthy nature.

This week's recipes:

Hummus Wrap

Hummus is the key to this wrap. It takes the vegetables you might usually toss into a wrap and gives them a unifying

flavor. As an added bonus, the heated all the way through. hummus itself is pretty healthy too, much more so than the other potential option of salad dressing.

Pick up a wrap tortilla of your

Spread a good layer of hummus over the center of the wrap.

Fill with black beans, edamame, bell peppers, mushroom, spinach, feta cheese and red onion. (Or whatever other vegetables you like! Die hard meat eater? Shred some grilled chicken and include that as well.)

Squeeze some lemon over the

Fold together and stick in the Panini press until the tortilla is crispy and browned. Don't skimp on the heat; wraps are always better when they are

Bleu Cheese and Bacon Salad

Bieu cneese is a sirong cneese that takes a bit of getting used to for most people, but it is entirely worth it. Flavorful and distinct, it makes for a great dressing. In this salad, you'll pour the dressing over the salad while it is still hot, giving it a different vibe. Combined with the bacon and egg, this salad can definitely stand as a meal unto itself.

Fill your plate with romaine lettuce, red onion and crumbled hard boiled egg (slice up whole hard boiled eggs from the sandwich bar if the crumbled version isn't available.)

Crumbled some bacon over the top.

Fill a bowl with a couple of scoops of bleu cheese. Fill the bowl until it just passes the level of the bleu cheese with half olive oil and half balsamic vine-

Heat the blue cheese mixture in the microwave until the blue cheese is just about melted. Stir 🛔 together.

Pour the dressing over the salad.

Dash on some black pepper.

Quick Tip

Have a cup of tea! Most people don't take advantage of the hot water and tea bags the dining hall provides, and as it gets colder it's nice to have an alternative to the heavier hot chocolate and coffee. Try sweetening and flavoring with honey, sugar, or orange and lemon wedges.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

MLB

Maddon, Pinella honored with MOY awards

Rays manager Joe Maddon wins AL award after storybook season; Cubs' Pinella claims NL honor with league-best record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Maddon had a good reason for interrupting his honeymoon.

About an hour after he landed in Rome, the newly married Maddon easily won the American League Manager of the Year award Wednesday for guiding Tampa Bay from baseball's basement to the World Series in one astonishing season.

Lou Piniella took the NL honor after leading the Chicago Cubs to the league's best record.

Maddon, who succeeded Piniella as Tampa Bay manager in 2006, was a runaway winner in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He received all but one of the 28 firstplace votes — the other went to Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire.

It was a nice wedding gift for Maddon and his wife, Jaye, who got married last weekend. But it meant that one of the first things he did in Italy was get on the phone for a conference call with reporters.

'Jaye is very understanding of the whole situation. We knew this was a possibility," Maddon said. "Truly a remarkable season in so many different ways."

Next stop: the Vatican on Thursday. Then the Sistine Chapel, followed by trips to Florence, Prague and London.

'I really don't think they care about the World Series over here," Maddon said. "It's kind of fun being a tour guide.'

Piniella beat out Charlie Manuel

of the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies to earn his third Manager of the Year award and first in the NL. The fiery skipper also won in 1995 and 2001 with Seattle.

This time, he got 15 of 32 firstplace votes and totaled 103 points to 67 for Manuel, listed first on eight ballots. Florida's Fredi Gonzalez finished third with five first-place votes and 48 points.

"I'm thrilled and I'm honored. I know there were a lot of managers in the National League who had good seasons," Piniella said from his home in Tampa, Fla.

The 65-year-old manager earned a \$100,000 bonus for winning, which he plans to donate to the team's charity partner, McCormick Foundation's Cubs Care.

"My good fortune can get spread around a little bit," Piniella said. "The kids in the Chicago area will benefit from this and I'm very

Two other managers garnered first-place votes: Joe Torre of the Los Ángeles Dodgers (three) and Tony La Russa of the St. Louis Cardinals (one).

Dale Sveum got a third-place vote after managing only 12 games. He took over the Brewers on an interim basis when Ned Yost was fired in September and went 7-5 down the stretch to help Milwaukee secure its first playoff berth since 1982.

After the season, the Brewers hired Ken Macha to be their new manager. Sveum will return as hitting coach.

Tampa Bay, which started play in

about trying to react quickly on

the air, Knight cut off the ques-

"I just spent 42 years figuring

1998, had never won more than 70 games in a season before Maddon engineered an incredible turnaround. With his motivational quotes and phrases, the 54-yearold skipper led a young team that finished in last place a season ago (66-96) to a 97-65 record and the AL East title.

"The toughest part is to absorb the body blows on a consistent basis. I knew what we were doing was right," Maddon said. "We knew we were better, we just didn't know how much better. During the season we found out we could do this, and people started to believe."

Maddon used his versatile bench brilliantly and juggled a muchimproved bullpen that lost veteran closer Troy Percival to injury. The stunning success continued in October, when the Rays beat the Chicago White Sox and defending champion Boston Red Sox in the playoffs to capture the AL pennant.

Tampa Bay's run ended with a five-game loss to Philadelphia in the World Series.

"It was all there for us. It was just a matter of time," Maddon said. "It happened a little sooner than I thought."

While Manuel guided the Phillies to their second championship, Piniella and his Cubs (97-64) were swept in the first round of the playoffs for the second consecutive year. Their three-game loss to the Dodgers was a major disappointment for a franchise still seeking its first World Series title since 1908.

Voting for BBWAA awards is con-

ducted before the postseason. Time heals a broken heart, I



Cubs manager Lou Pinella, left, shakes hands with Rays manager Joe Maddon before a game June 17 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

guess," Piniella said. "Looking back, these kids I think tried a little too hard."

There has never been a unanimous winner for Manager of the

La Russa and Atlanta's Bobby Cox have each won the award four times, the only managers with more than Piniella. Dusty Baker and Jim Leyland also have three.

The BBWAA began presenting Manager of the Year awards in

Piniella became the fourth manager to win in both leagues, joining Cox, La Russa and Leyland. Previous winners from the Cubs were Jim Frey (1984) and Don Zimmer (1989).

NCAA BASKETBALL

Knight to join ESPN broadcast booth for Thursday games

Associated Press

Bob Knight isn't the type to admit to stage fright. Anyway, he he's

insists spent the last four decades practicing the skills he'll need for his new job.

The Hall of Fame coach, joined who as a ESPN guest studio analyst during last season's NCAA tournament,

expanding his role to include game commentary.

Asked during a conference call Wednesday whether he's nervous

going to be exactly what I tried to do when I was coachina."

Bob Knight

ESPN commentator

"What I'm trying to do

during the course of a

broadcast of a game is

out instantly what the (heck) was going on out there," he said. "What I'm trying to do during the course of a broadcast of a game is going to be exactly what I tried to do when I was coaching: What is happening? Why is it

happening? We don't like that happening - how can we change it?"

Knight was already lobbying ESPN executives for the chance to call games during his stint in the studio last spring. He'll work a Thursday night game with Brent

Musberger each week starting Jan. 15, and will call some nonconference matchups on other days with Dan Shulman.

His first game will be a 2K Sports Classic semifinal next Thursday. Knight will also appear as an

analyst on College GameDay, SportsCenter and ESPN Radio.

Fellow ESPN analyst Jay Bilas, who has observed Knight running

practices and watched game tape with him, vouched for his ability to quickly and concisely explain a

concept. "He "He can point out things point that after he points it out, things you wonder how you missed it and why you didn't see it because when he'd explain it, it seemed so simple.'

> Jay Bilas **ESPN Analyst**

can out that after he points it out, wonder how you missed it and why you didn't see it because when he'd explain it, it seemed so simple," Bilas

said. Knight, who won three national titles at

Indiana, resigned as coach of

Texas Tech on Feb. 4. He was

already spouting opinions

Wednesday, though some of the non-basketball variety. Among them: Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell should win the Heisman.

Just don't try to tell him he's now a member of the media, a group with which he often had a contentious relationship. He's just "a coach that's talking about basketball," Knight said.

Knight mentioned Curt Gowdy as an announcer he admired, but said he wasn't trying to pattern himself after any other commentators.

"I hope I'm not particularly like anybody," he said. "I hope I'm like me. I hope what I do would be something that would be unique to the way I think about the game, the way I look at the game."

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Watch your back Justin Jones, the

Men's Basketball **Preseason AP Top 25**

	team	points
1	North Carolina	1,800
2	Connecticut	1,661
3	Louisville	1,638
4	UCLA	1,487
5	Pittsburgh	1,319
6	Michigan State	1,311
7	Texas	1,259
8	Duke	1,250
9	NOTRE DAME	1,243
10	Gonzaga	1,162
11	Purdue	1,099
12	Oklahoma	987
13	Memphis	977
14	Tennessee	920
15	Arizona State	645
16	Marquette	592
17	Miami (FL)	570
18	USC	414
19	Florida	403
20	Davidson	347
21	Wake Forest	312
22	Georgetown	311
23	Villanova	256
24	Kansas	233
25	Wisconsin	196

Women's Basketball **Preseason AP Top 25**

	team	points
1	Connecticut	1,124
2	Stanford	1,018
3	Maryland	1,005
4	Oklahoma	946
5	Rutgers	914
6	North Carolina	892
7	Tennessee	857
8	Duke	815
9	California	769
10		726
	Texas A&M	624
	Vanderbilt	546
	Texas	501
	Oklahoma State	442
	Virginia	437
16		374
17		364
	Ohio State	359
19		353
20		239
21		204
	Xavier	170
	Purdue	148
24		133
25	Old Dominion	124

NCAA Cross Country USTFCCCA Rankings

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Oklahoma State	Oregon
Stanford	Florida State
Portland	Princeton
Alabama	Villanova
Wisconsin	West Virginia
Northern Arizona	Minnesota
iona	Wisconsin
Michigan	Texas Tech
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Men

around the dial

NCAA FOOTBALL

Virginia Tech at Miami 7:30 p.m., ESPN

NFL



Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo looks on during practice Wednesday at Dallas' training facility. Romo has not played in a game since breaking his pinkie during a loss to Arizona on Oct. 12.

Romo hopes to boost Dallas in return

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo laughed at the notion his return to the Dallas lineup will be the complete cure for the struggling Cowboys.

"We will find out on Sunday," Romo said. "A lot of different people may have gotten to a point where they feel we might not have a chance to do what we hoped to do at the beginning of the year. ... I think that is something that can bring a team together."

The Cowboys (5-4) have gone from Super Bowl favorites to third place in the NFC East by losing four of their last six. They are 1-2 since Romo broke the

pinkie on his throwing hand, but had the same record in the three games before he got hurt.

Romo, who returned to practice during last week's open date, is ready to get back on the field Sunday night when the Cowboys play the Redskins in Washington. Romo doesn't expect the pinkie to be a problem.

"It's getting better," Romo said Wednesday. "Every day it gets a little better and I'm confident that I'll feel pretty good for the game.'

Asked what the pinkie might keep him from doing, Romo responded, "I don't know that there will be anything.

Romo said there is a "lit-

tle bit of pain" taking snaps from center, but described that as "no different than having a little bruise or something. You just play through it.

Terrell Owens said it's obvious Romo is feeling better the way he is throwing the ball.

"He's trying to get a feel for what he can do and what he can't do," Owens said. "We're going to assess that, the coaches will, just like any practice. I don't think they're going to hold him back by any means."

Romo got hurt on the first play of overtime in the Cowboys' 30-24 loss at Arizona on Oct. 12.

While Dallas had struggled after a 3-0 start with Romo in the lineup, including a loss to Washington on Sept. 28, the offense was horrendous with Brad Johnson and Brooks Bollinger playing quarterback.

The Cowboys didn't score more than 14 points in any of those three games, and won 13-9 over Tampa Bay despite a franchise-low 172 total yards. They then gained only 183 yards in 35-14 loss at the New York Giants before the muchneeded open date.

Romo might not be the cure, but his return certainly won't hurt.

"He has got zip on the ball. Players see that, and I think it helps our practices,' coach Wade Phillips said.

IN BRIEF

Earnhardt, Ganassi to merge NASCAR racing teams
MIAMI — Teresa Earnhardt

and Chip Ganassi will combine their sponsorship-strapped race teams next season, an effort to stabilize their organizations in a tough economic time.

The combined team will be called Earnhardt Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates and will field cars for Martin Truex, Aric Almirola, Juan Pablo Montoya and a driver yet to be named.

'In this ultra-competitive era of NASCAR, it is necessary to build and sustain the strongest team possible, and our combining with the people and equipment at Dale Earnhardt Inc. will help create a strong four-car program for years to come,' Ganassi said Wednesday in a statement. This is a win-win for both organizations as well as all of our partners."

76ers snap losing streak in victory over Raptors
TORONTO — Elton Brand scored

a season-high 25 points, Andre Miller and Andre Iguodala each had 18, and the Philadelphia 76ers snapped a three-game losing streak by beating the Toronto Raptors 106-96 on Wednesday night.

Willie Green scored 17 points and Marreese Speights had 12 for the 76ers, who won for the first time in four road games this season

Brand, who had scored just 31 total points in Philadelphia's past three games, eclipsed his previous high of 24, set in an Oct. 31 victory over New York.

Chris Bosh had 30 points and 12 rebounds, but Toronto still lost for the fourth time in five games after starting the season 3-0. Jermaine O'Neal added 19 points and 11 rebounds, and reserve Andrea Bargnani scored 15 for the Raptors.

Semin's two goals lead Capitals to blowout victory

RALEIGH, N.C. — Alexander Semin had two goals and three assists to move take the NHL scoring lead, and the Washington Capitals routed the Carolina Hurricanes 5-1 on Wednesday night to take sole possession of the Southeast Division lead.

Alex Ovechkin had a goal and two assists, and Nicklas Backstrom had a goal and three assists for the quickstarting Capitals. They led 3-1 after one period and cruised to their third straight victory.

Mike Green added a goal and an assist for Washington.

Scott Walker scored on the power play for Carolina, which was outscored 10-3 in losing two straight at home. The Hurricanes have lost three of four to fall two points behind Washington.

The Capitals dominated from start to finish, and Semin had a hand in all five goals.

NHL

Murray named to replace Burke as Ducks GM

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Brian Burke turned down a contract extension to remain general manager of the Ducks on Wednesday, citing the need to spend more time with his family and the strong state of the team he helped turn into a Stanley Cup champion as reasons for leaving.

He was replaced by Bob Murray, who has spent the past three seasons in the Ducks' front office.

"People leaving a job tend to want to leave a monument and talk about what a great team they left — and the guy coming in wants to point out all the holes in the hull. But I believe I have delivered here and that I'm leaving Bob a pretty good team," Burke said at a hastily called news conference at Honda Center.

"The way we look at it, we have as good a defense as anyone in the National Hockey League, we've got the best money goaltender, the best checking line, and two of the best young players (Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry). So that's part of my decision. If I felt a major overhaul was needed here, then it would be harder to leave."

The Ducks are 9-7-1 and in second place in the Pacific Division this season.

The 53-year-old Burke explained that he wants to spend more time with his six

children and that 11 years of commuting coast to coast was enough for him.

"This is the toughest decision I've ever had in my life, professionally, as far as what to do next," Burke said. "I've been wrestling with the decision. I've got four older children on the East Coast and two little ones (4 1/2 and 2 1/2), and I don't see any of them enough. So I felt if I can get a chance to get in the same time zone with them, I'm going to take it."

Burke and Ducks CEO Michael Schulman have been discussing this possibility for the past 11 months and Burke made his decision Nov. 1. Schulman said he was disappointed at first, but insists their relationship is "stronger than ever."

"The reason for a midseason change is simple: We wanted to give Brian all the time he needed to make a sound decision. After everything he's done for the franchise, he deserved that," Schulman said. "We accept his decision as being in the best interests of his family. We are a family first organization."

One of the factors that made the decision easier for Burke was the 2007 Stanley Cup championship.

"There wouldn't have been any decision without that," Burke said. "I would have continued to do the flying and the commute. There's no way I would have had the nerve to ask to go back somewhere if I hadn't have won a championship here. So that Stanley Cup justified my asking — because if I hadn't delivered, it would have been a real different equation."

For now, Burke will remain with the club as a special consultant to Schulman through the transition period — which he hopes with be a short one.

"I'm going to try to get off the payroll as quickly as I can once I'm told it's the appropriate time frame," Burke said. "Mike Schulman's been very generous with me, and I don't want to draw any pay here after I no longer have a useful roll. But that's their call, too." Murray has spent 33 seasons in the NHL, and was a two-time All-Star during his 15-year playing career — all of them with the Chicago Blackhawks. They named him general manager in 1997 after two seasons under Bob Pulford, then fired him in 1999

"It's kind of bittersweet," Murray said. "The day I was let go in Chicago, one of the first phone calls I got that day was from Brian Burke. He called me again the next day, telling me that he would hire me immediately. His goal was to get me back in the saddle. There's only 30 of these jobs available, and it's an honor and a privilege for me to come here and take over. I'm excited and I can't wait to get started."

Murray also will carry the title of executive vice president. He has spent the last three-plus seasons with the Ducks, who have made the playoffs every year he has been with the team.

"We all knew that Murph was the guy that should take the job," Burke said. "There are other qualified people on the staff, but Murph has been my right hand man here and has been involved in every decision. He's going to be the guy to step behind the wheel, anyhow, than the sooner the better. We've got lots of important decisions facing this hock-

ey club."
Suddenly, Burke has emerged as one of the top candidates for teams looking to snag a GM with a marquee name and an impressive track record. But he's uncomfortable talking about it, even though he has to find another job eventually.

"There's no fun for GMs who are in trouble when there's a guy out there that's available," Burke said. "I remember when I was a rookie GM in Vancouver and Glen Sather got let go (by Edmonton). It was like being on a beach and knowing there was a great white shark out there. So I hope that this situation doesn't change any other GM's situation."

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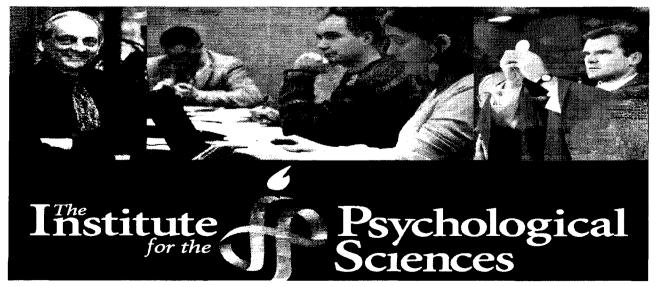
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MLB

Rockies ship Holliday to Athletics in trade

Holliday, a two-time All-Star

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. - Matt Holliday hardly could have expected to land with the lowbudget Oakland Athletics.

The A's completed their trade with the Colorado Rockies for the star outfielder Wednesday, securing the big bat Oakland sought for the middle of its

"Originally, it was a little bit of a surprise considering I've never been traded before," Holliday said. "I spent my first 11 years of professional baseball in the Rockies organization. Any time you make a change there's a bit of an unknown.'

Colorado received right-handed reliever Huston Street, lefty starter Greg Smith and promising outfielder Carlos Gonzalez from the A's. The clubs reached a tentative agreement Monday, but had to wait for the results of physicals and other details to be

'The long-term model for our

organization to be successful has always been built around the team dynamic," Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd said in a statement. "The three men we acquired from Oakland are talented major league players that are a solid fit for us.

Oakland GM Billy Beane and O'Dowd speak regularly and had discussed Holliday since just after the season ended.

"We landed one of the biggest hitters out there," A's manager Bob Geren said. "He's definitely a piece of the offense you can build around.'

This is a major move by an A's team that began rebuilding last winter and is more accustomed to losing star players than acquiring them.

We wanted a right-handed bat and we got one," Oakland outfielder Jack Cust said. "It's usually the other way around giving away a bigger-name guy for guys who aren't as established. It's definitely exciting going into the season.

and runner-up for the 2007 NL MVP award, is due to make \$13.5 million next season and then will be eligible to become a free agent. Whether he stays in Oakland past the 2009 season or even next year's All-Star break, nobody knows. "I'm not worried about that.

Oakland wanted me for a reason," Holliday said.

He has 128 homers and 483 RBIs in five big league seasons. His best year was 2007, when he won the NL batting title with a .340 average. He also had 36 homers and a league-best 137 RBIs in helping the Rockies reach the World Series. He finished second to Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins for NL MVP.

Beane said he's still focused on boosting the A's farm system from the bottom on up, and acquiring talented prospects only helps to pull off deals like this one. He's unsure whether Oakland will be able to keep Holliday long-term.

"I'm not Pollyannaish enough to believe you acquire one player and go from 75 to 95 wins,' Beane said. "We'll focus on the whole year. Matt's a premium player. I guess we'll sort of cross that bridge when we get to it."

Geren spoke to Holliday by phone just after the deal became

"He is going to help us tremendously," Geren said. "We all know the kind of talent he has with his numbers, but I talked to him and you can tell the kind of person he is. It's a great fit.'

New A's third base coach Mike Gallego came from the Rockies and has thrown batting practice to Holliday the past three seasons — so that's a positive for Holliday.

Oakland reached the AL championship series in 2006 before being swept by Detroit. This season, it finished with its worst record (75-86) since going 74-88 in 1998. The A's lost 44 of their last 68 games after being just four games out of first place on July 11.

Oakland was last in the major leagues with a .242 batting average and last in the AL with 646 runs. The A's also used eight starters in left field, so Holliday provides stability in that spot.

"First of all, we needed to upgrade our offense. That was obvious," Beane said. "Matt fills a much-needed spot in the

Holliday joins a roster featuring six-time Gold Glove third baseman Eric Chavez, who is expected to come back healthy from shoulder surgery. The team recently re-signed second baseman Mark Ellis and shortstop Bobby Crosby. Cust batted .231 with a team-leading 33 home runs and 77 RBIs while drawing 111 walks in 2008.

"It's caused a lot of attention around these parts, the fact we got a big guy the Yankees wanted and a lot of other teams wanted," Cust said, speaking by phone from New Jersey.

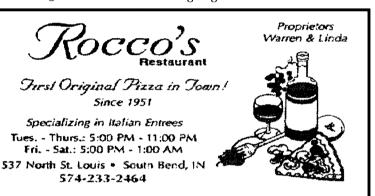
The last couple years we've had a lot of injuries and a lot of guys not doing as well as they'd like," he added. "They say hitting is contagious and I believe that. Once you get guys rolling and get the pitcher worrying about a few guys, they've got to really bear down in the middle of the lineup. I played with Matt in Colorado. We were in the minor leagues together and now we'll be in the big leagues together, so it's come full circle."

The 24-year-old Smith had elbow surgery last month. He went 7-16 with a 4.16 ERA in 32 starts and 190 2-3 innings during his first major league sea-

The 25-year-old Street was demoted from his closer role this season and finished 7-5 with a 3.73 ERA and 18 saves in 25 chances. He would join a bullpen that includes Manny Corpas but is expected to lose closer Brian Fuentes in free agency. Street can become a free agent after the 2010 season.

Like Smith, the 23-year-old Gonzalez just finished his first big league season. He hit .242 with four homers and 26 RBIs in 302 at-bats.

Smith and Gonzalez, considered a top prospect, both came to the A's last offseason in the blockbuster trade that sent ace Dan Haren to the Arizona Diamondbacks.





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"She's a guard who can shoot the three, who can handle the ball. She's a good passer, she's a good defender, she really has a complete game," McGraw said. "I think she's very versatile and can do a lot of things.

Turner's skill may allow her to play with Lechlitner in some scenarios, McGraw said.

Turner has started for three years at Marian Coaches Association named

Catholic High School in Joliet while averaging 10 points and 3.2 assists per game. She shoots 34.3 percent from 3point range. Last season, her team was 23-6 and made it to the Illinois Class 4A

sectional final. "We really like to draw from Chicago," McGraw said. "That's a great area for Notre Dame in general with [forward] Devereaux [Peters] [guard] a n d Lindsay [Schrader] being from Chicago.

In fact, in Turner's sophomore year, her team lost in the state semifinals to a Fenwick team that included Peters. Fenwick went on to win the title, and McGraw said Turner remembered the game.

"Devereaux set some screens on her," McGraw said. "They were talking

about that when she came down for a visit. It was a memorable screen, she said.'

The proximity of campus to Chicago helps keep players' parents involved, McGraw

"Kids want to play close to home," she said. "Its important for them to have their parents come to the games. And it's just a great fit academically and all the way around.'

Star Basketball Blue ranked Turner as the No. 82 prospect in the country, and the Illinois Basketball

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Muffet McGraw

Irish coach

her secondteam all-state last season.

McGraw said she was impressed with Turner's multiple gifts.

"She going to help us press, she's going to help us run, she really can do

a lot of things," McGraw said. "We're really excited.

As a freshman, Turner shot 44 percent from 3-point range and helped her team reach the state quarterfinals. Her team finished 23-10 that season. The Times of Northwest Indiana last season named her Player of the Year as well as a two-time first team all-area player. She was also an all-East Suburban Catholic Conference selection in each of the last two seasons.

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Recruits

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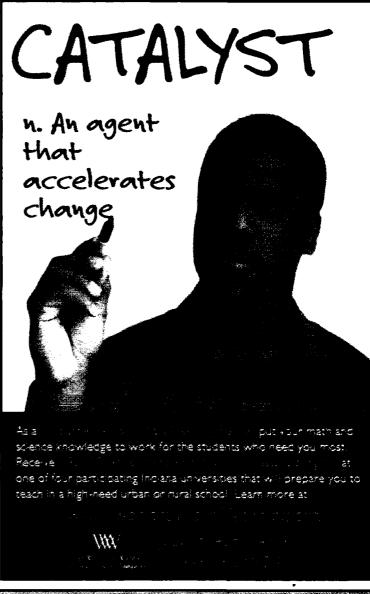
to 3.4 blocked shots and 3.1 assists. Cooley was rewarded with a second team all-state selection by the Chicago Tribune and Associated Press.

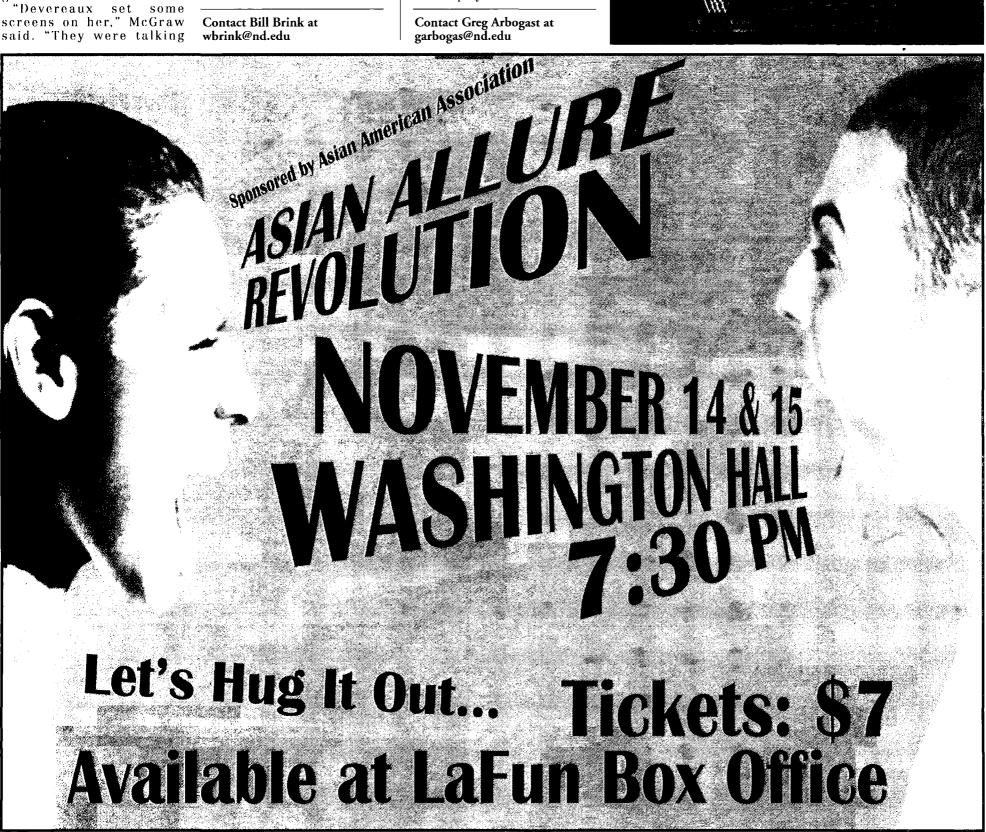
"Jack is an intense, physical player who is a throwback kind of guy," Brey said. "His style of play compliments our style of play and he will be a very effective Big East player. He is a good screener and just has a great overall feel and understanding for the

Filling out the class is Knight, who at 6-foot-9 and 260 pounds is the biggest member of the incoming class. Last season, Knight averaged 16.8 points, 8.2 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 2.3 steals and 3.1 blocked shots while guiding his prep team to the Mountain Valley Conference crown and a runner-up finish at the Class C Western Maine regional finals.

"Tom's stock rose this summer," Brey says. "He is a big, left-handed frontline guy who is particularly crafty around the basket. Tom has great footwork and one of his greatest assets is that the game comes easy to him. He has a good feel for how to play the game and plays within himself. Tom is just a very steady and consistent player."

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Zahm

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season, Zahm made it to the interhall championship game in Notre Dame Stadium. Even though it was three full seasons ago, Ossei-Anto still points to that game as the highlight of his interhall football career, as many of those who had the same experience undoubtedly would.

As a four-year starter at running back, Ossei-Anto became accustomed to the view of the game from within the game. Thus, being sidelined on the first day of practice with a broken thumb, Theo began his senior season with a new vantage point.

"It was just a real freak accident," Ossei-Anto said of the injury. "It hurt a lot to have to sit and watch the team lose and not be able to do anything about it."

This frustration led Ossei-Anto to disregard doctor's orders and resume play after only three weeks, instead of the recommended six. Once back on the field, Ossei-Anto and the four other Zahm seniors set to improving the Rabid Bats 0-1-1 record. While it did not necessarily turn out exactly as desired (Zahm finished 1-

2-1), the Rabid Bats were able to win its final game of the season and the final game of Ossei-Anto's career, 8-0 over Fisher

"We had a lot of raw talent in key positions, but just didn't gel as well as we should have," Ossei-Anto said.

A difficulty in finding team chemistry is understandable when the center, quarterback, and running back are all freshmen, as they were for Zahm the first two games in Ossei-Anto's absence.

But the team's youth hints at potential for Zahm's coming seasons, and if the Rabid Bats do find success, Ossei-Anto will know he was a piece of the foundation.

Looking back upon his four seasons and almost twenty games, Ossei-Anto fondly remembers a lot. But one repeated experience, in which he sees glimpses of himself, stands in the forefront.

"I honestly think the highlight |besides playing in the Stadium| was being able to see other people who always loved the game, who dreamed to get on the field, like me, and then succeed," said Ossei-Anto. "I just love interhall football. I love football in general."

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NCAA

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on Nov. 25.

If they keep winning this weekend, though, the Irish can put themselves in position for a few more games at home — NCAA Tournament games are played on the higher-seeded team's campus until the College Cup's final four (Dec. 12-14 in Fresco, Tex.).

And that would be an advantage the Irish would love to have. At 9-0-1, Notre Dame is unbeaten at home and settled for its only draw against No. 2 St. John's on Sept. 19.

"Ideally you want to be in the top four for a No. 1 seed, but it's hard to predict with all the conference tournaments coming up," Clark said. "If we won the two games in the [Big East] final four, we'd have a fair chance of being a top-four seed. If we win one game, I'd say we'll be in the top eight, and if we don't win one, we still have a really good chance of being a top-16.

"That's my reckoning of it, but you just don't know — it's hard to predict how the committee will ultimately decide."

If the Irish want to earn significant home-field advantage, however, they'll have to overcome South Florida's tomorrow night. Despite entering the tournament as the Red division's No. 2 seed, South Florida is hosting the semifinal and championship games based on a predetermined arrangement.

"Even though we're the number

one seed, with the way things have fallen, it's suddenly an away game, which makes it a little bit more difficult and more of a challenge," Clark said.

Like Notre Dame, the Bulls haven't lost at home all year — they boast a 7-0-1 record on their own field.

"It's a tough place to go and win," Clark said. "It's a great environment, they'll have a great crowd, it'll be on national TV — it's exciting stuff. It's a good test to go into this type of environment and see how we handle it."

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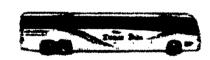
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about "making plays," but said sometimes throwing the ball away or taking a sack benefits the offense.

"Just the nature of playing football, you want to make a play on every single play," he said. "Sometimes it's not a play that can be made, and you've just got to either drop the ball down, run the ball or take underneath routes worked well for Clausen against Boston College. He completed nine passes to running back Armando Allen in the middle of the field. Clausen said continued success of the underneath routes will force the defense to come forward, opening the deep route again.

"Once you throw the ball underneath, dink and dunk teams and you can run the ball and make teams come up and guard the underneath stuff, make them stop the run," Clausen said. "Then they come up and you have shots down the field that you can throw and make plays."

In terms of helping the short passing attack, receiver David Grimes said the receivers need to take advantage of the opportunities they're given.

Grimes said the level of attention in the offensive meetings has increased now

that head coach Charlie Weis runs the meetings. Weis will call plays this week because of a death in offensive coordinator Mike Haywood's family.

"Still the same playbook, same plays, but I think, you know, guys are paying attention to it and are more aware of attention to detail," Grimes said.

It doesn't matter to Clausen who calls the plays, he said; the execution of the play remains the same.

"To be honest, when you're in the game you're not really thinking, 'Oh, he's calling plays,'" Clausen said. "You know, you're just getting the play from the sideline and going out there and executing it."

Both Clausen and Grimes said Navy challenges Notre Dame every time the teams meet.

"Whenever you play them they're going to give their all," Grimes said. "They're out there defending their country. Football is the best part of the day for them."

Although Clausen missed last year's Navy game, a triple-overtime loss in South Bend, because of injury, he remembers the impact of the

"I don't think that anyone in this building wants to feel like they did after that game," he said.

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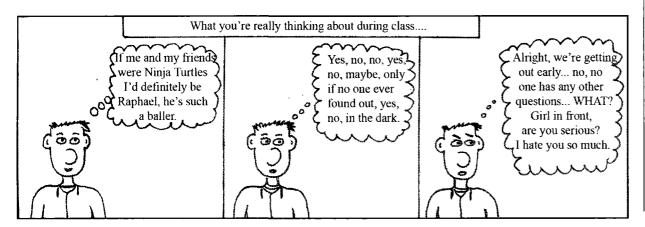
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rose McGowan, 34; Dweezil Zappa, 38; Michael Keaton, 56; Cathy Guisewite, 5

Happy Birthday: Nothing can be settled without change. Address emotional issues, make your thoughts known and put your plans in motion. Evaluate your friendships to determine if they are good for you. Your numbers are 7, 12, 17, 29, 32, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): So much can be accomplished if you refuse to let emotional issues stand in your way. Don't let other people get involved in what you are doing. Go it alone and do things your way. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Clear up any misunderstanding you have with a relative or friend. Dealing with children will be easier if you set boundaries and keep a tight rein. Don't be fooled if someone leaves out some important facts. 4 stars GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't feel bad because you want to make more altera-

tions to your life. Consider making some new friends, trying a new activity or hobby or even changing your professional direction. 3 stars CANCER (June 21-July 22): Talk to people with experience and you will pick up valuable information. Make an adjustment at home. Someone you work with or who has jurisdiction over you may cause your emotions to swell. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Networking or doing something to help your community or an organization you believe in will all pay off. Love is on the rise and now is a good time to let someone you like know how you feel. Pay close attention to detail. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may find yourself getting too serious about what's going on around you. Keep things clean, separate and in perspective if you want to avoid an argument or a falling-out that can't be rectified. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): With a little effort you can pull off some remarkable feats that will impress and challenge and put you in a leading position today. You may need to travel to get things done properly. You will be successful in the end. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've got your moves and are well on your way to having your dreams come true. This is no time to second-guess yourself. Just go for it and positive changes will take place. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't worry about moving three steps forward and four steps back. In the end, you will accomplish what you set out to do. Someone is likely to mess up or cause you a little frustration but the lesson you learn will be one

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Invest, collect old debts or close deals but don't act on a whim or because someone has upset you. You may let your love life get the better of you but that is no reason to lose money. Keep business and personal matters separate. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have a good mind when it comes to cash and closing deals. Your ability to talk your way in and out of things will be a marvel, so don't hold back. Go after what you want with confidence. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Not much can stand in your way today. Action will be required to get your way. Don't get too cocky in the process or the very person who is praising you will cut you down. 5 stars

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoops team nabs four recruits on National Signing Day

By GREG ARBOGAST Sports Writer

The time is now for No. 9 Notre Dame, but Irish coach Mike Brey hasn't stopped thinking about the future.

Brey helped shore up the next wave of Irish talent Wednesday as four seniors faxed their letters of intent to play in South Bend for the next four years. This comes on the heels of a year when Notre Dame did not sign any recruits but did net two transfers — Scott Martin from Purdue and Ben Hansbrough from

Mississippi State.

The class of 2009 will include swingman Joey Brooks (Houston, Tex.) and a trio of frontcourt talent: Mike Broghammer (Minnetonka, Minn.), Jack Cooley (Glenview, Ill.) and Tom Knight (Dixfield, Maine).

"We're excited to have Mike, Joey, Jack and Tom join our Notre Dame basketball family," Brey said in a statement. "They're a great fit for our program and our style of play. With Mike, Jack and Tom, we're getting three physical frontline players who like to play hard, while Joey gives us

an athletic presence on the perimeter."

The recruits fit in with Brey's recruiting style of signing talented but not one-and-done players; players who are likely to develop over four years. Each of the four recruits is rated a three-star player at his position by Scout.com.

Brooks, a 6-foot-5, 200-pound guard, led Strake Jesuit College Preparatory to the UIL District 18-5A title last season as a junior and averaged 22.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, and 2.0 steals per game. Those accomplishments earned him a spot on the Houston Chronicle

Greater Houston Area team and helped him garner allstate recognition.

"Joey is [an] extremely athletic perimeter player who has the ability to be a slasher to the basket," Brey said. "I was really impressed with him when I first saw him play point guard for his AAU team. He's got a high basketball IQ and has a great feel and understanding for the game."

Broghammer, a 6-foot-9, 235-pound forward, averaged 11.9 points and 10.0 rebounds as a junior while leading his team to a 27-2 record with the only two losses coming against

eventual Class AAAA state champion Minnetonka.

"Mike is a physical frontline player who continues to develop his offensive game," Brey said. "He's strong inside the post, but is comfortable stepping out and facing the basket. Mike is an excellent defender and a good rebounder at both ends of the floor and passes the ball extremely well."

Cooley checks in at an identical 6-foot-9 and 235 pounds. He filled up the stat sheet as a junior, averaging 20.7 points and 11.2 rebounds, in addition

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FOOTBALL

Air loss

Irish struggle to improve downfield passing game; team prepares to take on Navy

By BILL BRINK Sports Editor

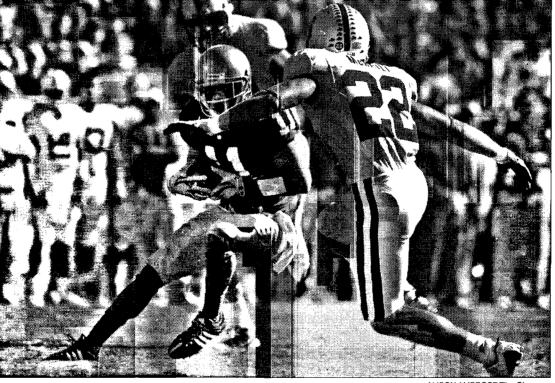
Opposing defenses learned their lesson from watching tape of Notre Dame in the early part of the season and started taking away deep routes, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen said in his weekly press conference.

"After the first half of the North Carolina game, teams have been trying to take the two outside guys away, Golden [Tate] and Mike [Floyd], and dropping more guys into coverage and making me take the underneath stuff," Clausen said.

Boston College took away the deep pass against Notre Dame. Clausen's longest pass, a 32-yard completion to Floyd, was a shorter pass over the middle that Floyd took down the sideline on his own.

Clausen talked a good deal

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ALISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish receiver David Grimes tries to avoid tacklers during Notre Dame's 28-21 win over Stanford on Oct. 4. The Irish have struggled recently to throw the ball downfield.

ND Women's Basketball

Chicago guard signs with Irish

By BILL BRINK Sports Editor

Kaila Turner, a 5-foot-8 point guard from Joliet, III., signed a letter of intent to play for Notre Dame, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a press conference.

Turner signed at the start of the early signing period, which began Wednesday. She gives Notre Dame depth at the point guard position, something it currently lacks, McGraw said.

"We need another point guard," she said. "Right now we're working with one point guard in Melissa Lechlitner. Kaila has an opportunity to learn from one of the best point guards in the Big East under Melissa."

McGraw said Turner's game is complete and that she does many things well.

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Men's Interhall

Ossei-Anto reflects on career with Zahm

By DOUGLAS FARMER Sports Writer

Even though the team in the gold helmets gets all the glory, those in the white helmets put in the work, too. Zahm's Theo Ossei-Anto is a perfect example of that.

Ossei-Anto's entire extended family is from Ghana, and at the age of five, he, his parents and his four sisters moved to the United States. But Theo did not start playing football until high school.

He soon learned why so many grown men miss their playing days.

"Junior and senior years of high school, there was always a lot of personal things," Ossei-Anto said. "But on the field it all melted away and l truly felt at home."

So Ossei-Anto was elated when he learned of Notre Dame's well-kept secret — he could play full contact football in college as well.

In Ossei-Anto's freshman

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MEN'S SOCCER ANALYSIS

ND jockeys for high seed

By MATT GAMBER Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's unbeaten women's team may have already wrapped up the Big East tournament title and the nation's top seed, but the men are still jockeying for NCAA Tournament position heading into Friday's Big East semifinal at No. 8 South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

The No. 9 Irish are all but guaranteed a top-16 national seed in the tournament that begins Nov. 21, which means a first-round bye and a second-round home game

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JESS LEE/The Observe

Irish junior midfielder Michael Thomas battles for possession during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Georgetown on Oct. 29.