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Dean's list changes succeed

Class of 2005 first affected by switch

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

This coming spring the class of 2005 will become the first to graduate under the new graduation honors system, with fewer seniors receiving degree honors than ever before.

Despite some student concerns, the University said it is pleased with the fall 2001 decision to raise its standards.

As a result of new criteria instituted in the fall of 2001 by the Academic Council, each college will bestow

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Security changes spark debate

NDSP, hall staff aim to fill void left by fired security monitors



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Two of NDSP's new roving security officers prepare to make their nightly rounds.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Questions prevailed in April when Notre Dame Security/Police decided to eliminate security monitors — who had been a visible presence in women's residence halls since the University went co-ed in 1972 — from their ranks.

Female rectors questioned the safety of their residents, asking who would enforce parietals, support hall staffs and calm their fears so they could sleep at night.

Male rectors questioned the value of the monitors' replacement, an outdoor-based community security officer system slated to patrol dorms for both sexes. From their perspective, the move meant more security, not less.

Monitors themselves questioned everything — the sever-

ance packages NDSP provided, their own slim career alternatives and the chances of the current campus dynamic surviving without them.

Now, with four weeks of the new system under its belt, the Notre Dame community has seen glimpses of the answers — and delivered its own responses, from the beneficial to the bleak.

The Officers

With the recognizable — and often beloved — monitors as their predecessors, the new officers had to be people before police, said Rex Rakow, director of NDSP.

Therefore, in addition to this summer's fire safety, medical and departmental training, officers attended training sessions with residence hall staff to personalize their preparation.

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Main Building celebrates 125th birthday this year



ERIC SALES/The Observer

The Main Building's golden dome has become a universally recognized symbol for Notre Dame.

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

Ever conspicuous, the Main Building celebrated its 125th birthday this week. But for each candle on the Golden Dome's cake, there exists a little-known detail about the landmark.

A product of perseverance and vision, the Main Building's 125 years of history are as rich as they are significant. The current Main Building was built in 1879, after its predecessor burned to the ground in the "Great Fire" that occurred during Father Sorin's tenure at Notre Dame.

Ed Cohen, Notre Dame Magazine associate editor, said the Main Building was a prod-

uct of the determination and devotion of Notre Dame's founding students and leaders.

"It was rebuilt over the summer by the students and the religious clergy," he said. The Main Building was designed by Chicago architect Willoughby Edbrooke and was constructed in just three months from May to September 1879.

Throughout its history, the building has served nearly every function at Notre Dame, said Cohen, who has worked on Notre Dame Magazine for about 10 years.

"The Main Building followed the design of most colleges in America at the time. They would build one enormous

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ERIC SALES/The Observer

The inside of the Main Building shines after a major renovation that occurred from 1997-99.

Mass brings ND, SMC community together in tragedy

Over 100 students and staff gather in prayer at Saint Mary's for O'Connor and Miltenberger families

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Over 100 students, staff, family and friends gathered at Saint Mary's Regina Hall chapel Wednesday night for a Mass for Ryan O'Connor, Jackie Miltenberger and their families.

O'Connor, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, was killed in a car accident near the Notre Dame campus Sunday morning. Miltenberger, who was also

involved in the accident, is a current Saint Mary's sophomore.

Father Michael Connors, who presided over the Mass, explained that Wednesday was the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

"People are not attracted to sorrows," Connors said. "Some might find it too depress-

ing or sad, especially in death. We try to numb the pain, try to deal with our grief and sorrows, and this usually means doing so with a stiff upper lip. What we forget is that those who are left behind still suffer."

Connors' homily focused on coping with the aftermath of a tragedy.

"Today's gospel showed Mary standing and watching her son's death," Connors said. "She did not have to be there, she could have ducked into hiding, but she

didn't."

At the end of the Mass, Connors reminded those at the mass to continue praying for everyone involved in Sunday's accident.

"We gather together today in times of heartbreak and sorrow to support the friends and loved ones of the people who have been touched by this terrible tragedy," he said. "May the O'Connor and Miltenberger families find in us willing, hopeful companions in their moments of need."

Saint Mary's students were

notified of the Mass Tuesday through an e-mail from College President Carol Mooney.

"The reason we decided to have a Mass is that this past weekend's tragic accident affected the entire Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community," Mooney said. "In times of great sorrow and pain it is our tradition as Catholics to gather together in prayer."

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O'Connor

INSIDE COLUMN

Waiting on 21

Speaking from 208 days of experience, being 20 is a very unexceptional and frustrating thing.

What is the year twenty good for anyway? There are no obvious changes in your legal status, no notable 20th birthday perks. I have never heard the expression 'sweet 20' and the excitement of being able to vote is two years old. Twenty isn't really one of those birthdays that people excitedly anticipate, except maybe for the fact that it kicks off the countdown to 21.

The troubles of my 20th year have only been exacerbated by the fact that I spent second semester last year abroad in Spain. The five months of carefree bar hopping, I now realize, were a teasing glimpse of the fun that is being legal. It took only one 12-hour flight to rob me of it.

Being a junior and 20 can curtail your social life. In all likelihood you have friends who are seniors whom you may rarely see thanks to the difference in one little digit. Major campus parties are fun, but overshadowed by the concern of hovering police. Friday night I set out for Lafayette looking forward to a little Kickoff Classic fun. The men in blue stalking the length of the parking lot put me on edge, however and I was home by 1 a.m. I longed to be one of those cavorting 21 years old with unapologetically slurred speech cruising from one apartment to the next.

The cruelty of 20 is so cutting that it even bars you from helping friends commemorate their freedom from it. Celebrating someone's 21st when you are still a few months short is punishing. First, jealousy sets in. You know from now on he will be able to take his pick of local joints on Saturday night. They will roll in at ridiculously late hours, laughing about some guy who was dancing funny or the girl who dropped her drink, leaving you completely out of the loop.

Second, you cannot join your friend at midnight for his inaugural bar run nor can you entice the other patrons to join you in a rendition of happy birthday.

When I complain about the boredom of 20 to my parents, they always respond positively with some cliché such as 'youth is fleeting' or 'these are best days of your life.' Clearly, they had fakes. But as I can't change my date of birth, I am going to buckle down and wait it out. Only 157 days to go.

Megan O'Neill

News
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Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE STUPIDEST RULE AT NOTRE DAME?



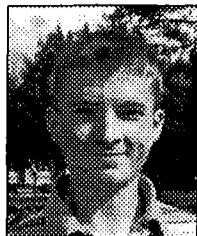
Anne Ellis
senior
Pasquerilla East

"No dating on campus."



Cameron Lang
senior
off campus

"The lack of coed dorms."



John Kozy
sophomore
Alumni

"This isn't Nam, there are no rules."



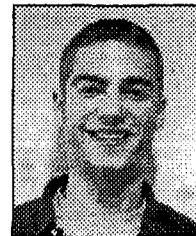
Matt Adams
junior
Alumni

"No freedom. Period."



Molly Kealy
sophomore
Lyons

"No sex on campus."



Robby Davidson
senior
Fisher

"There are so many that I couldn't choose just just one."



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Sheila Provencher, recently returned from Iraq, spoke at Saint Mary's Wednesday night about her experiences.

IN BRIEF

Head over to Saint Mary's to see the film *Chocolat* tonight at 7 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium.

Richard Axson, curator from the Grand Rapids Arts Museum, will present a talk on "Ink and Paper as Physical Facts: The Large-Scale Prints of Richard Serra," today from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Snite Museum of Art.

Come cheer on the Notre Dame men's tennis team as its plays in the Tom Fallon Invitational, taking place all day at the Courtney Courts and Eck Pavilion.

Notre Dame English professor Kevin Hart will speak tonight at 7:30 p.m. about "Poetry and Revelation" today at the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

The Italian Club will show the Italian language film *Cinema Paradiso* today at 8:30 p.m. in Welsh Family Hall.

Saint Mary's will be sponsoring a trip to Chicago Saturday, which leaves from the LeMans bus stop at 8:00 a.m. Tickets can be picked up at the Haggar front desk.

Drop your resume off and pick up some applications today at the business career fair, taking place today from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.*

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Man shows up drunk for his hearing

READING, Pa. — A motorist's bail was revoked when police said he had the daring to show up drunk to his preliminary hearing on drunken driving charges.

Emerson Moore Jr., 46, of Caernarvon Township, was awaiting his hearing before Muhlenberg Township District Justice Dean R. Patton when Moore got into an argument with state police Trooper Roberto Soto, officials said.

Soto, who had arrested Moore in the drunken-driving case June 20, smelled alcohol on Moore's breath

as the two stood in the hallway outside Patton's courtroom, officials said.

Moore, who had driven himself to court, had a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 percent, police said. The legal limit for driving in Pennsylvania is 0.08 percent.

Student collects fake parking fines

MADISON, Wis. — A fraternity member has been busted for apparently finding a unique way to supplement his college income — fake parking tickets.

Prosecutors said Anthony R. Gallagher, 23, allegedly

earned hundreds of dollars by putting fake parking tickets on cars and having duped owners send him their payments.

Investigators became aware of the scam in March 2003 after a victim tried to mail in a payment for a ticket but had it returned as non-deliverable, a criminal complaint said.

Prosecutors said the tickets were the exact copy of a parking ticket Gallagher received in February of last year, even down to the citation number.

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	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 75 LOW 48	HIGH 51 LOW 48	HIGH 74 LOW 52	HIGH 77 LOW 55	HIGH 78 LOW 60	HIGH 83 LOW 65

Atlanta 76 / 67 Boston 80 / 65 Chicago 72 / 54 Denver 79 / 51 Houston 95 / 74 Los Angeles 78 / 62 Minneapolis 70 / 54 New York 80 / 70 Philadelphia 82 / 70 Phoenix 105 / 80 Seattle 64 / 50 St. Louis 82 / 63 Tampa 85 / 77 Washington 83 / 70

STUDENT SENATE

Senate debates name change for programming board

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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In response to the debate over the restoration of the Student Union Board's former title, Student Senate discussed the issue at their Wednesday meeting.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni called for an informal meeting to determine why the constitutional mandate to use the name Campus Programming Council was not followed.

Currently, the student programming group uses the name Student Union Board.

At the previous Senate meeting, SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty defended the continued use of the name 'SUB' even though the new constitution required the group to use 'CPC', citing limited time

available to organize his staff and address the issue before school ended in May.

Student body president Adam Istvan supported Flaherty and said that he and Student Affairs told Flaherty to continue to use 'SUB', as they considered the amendment process an appeal.

Bongiovanni expressed concern about this situation at podium on Wednesday.

"Whether it was deliberately intended or influenced by a third or a fourth party, a violation of the Constitution has occurred," she said. "To ignore it is to condone improper action."

Bongiovanni acknowledged the difficulties of navigating the new constitutional framework, which she conceded was still "very foreign" to many of the student leaders, and said that she is not looking to assign blame to any of the

parties involved.

"[The informal meeting] will be a process of discovery," she said. "It's about discovering mistakes and correcting them ... about figuring out what happened so it doesn't happen again."

Morrissey senator Josh Pasquesi said he feared that rehashing an already closed topic would promote the stereotype of an apathetic student government.

Other senators, including Siegfried and Alumni senators James Leito and Vijay Ramanan, supported Bongiovanni.

Former Keenan senator Dan Zenker also came to the meeting to support the proposal.

"It's up to you guys to be leaders ... and to be aware of mistakes of the past," he said when yielded the floor. "You don't want to dwell on it, but you want to know what went wrong."

The proposed meeting would take place outside the bounds of the Student Senate, and has no specified goal of a resolution or motion to take back to the floor, Bongiovanni said. The option to take the issue to the Ethics Committee was available, but Bongiovanni said she wanted to keep the situation informal to avoid friction between student leaders.

"It's in any student's right to sit down and talk about something, there's no controversy in that," Student Affairs director Brian Coughlin said.

No date has been set for the meeting, and because of its informality, senators are not required to attend.

In other Senate news:

♦ Rock the Vote student coordinator Peter Quaranto told senators to encourage their con-

stituents to become involved in the campus-wide fight against voter apathy. He listed a number of Rock the Vote events coming up, including faculty panels on foreign and domestic affairs and the debate between the editors of the Nation and the National Review. Quaranto also said that events centered around debate, dialogue or an issue-focused seminar could be arranged in individual dorms to spark student participation.

"Student government and Rock the Vote are tied in that fighting apathy is fighting apathy," chief executive assistant Dave Baron said when introducing Quaranto. "If students are interested in national politics, then they'll be interested in local politics."

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Dome

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building, and that would be the university," Cohen said. "Even the dining hall used to be in the basement."

Currently, the Main Building primarily houses the administrative offices of the University.

In the late 1990s, the University began a major renovation of the Main Building. The building's upper floors were reopened after being closed for decades due to

structural problems, and three classrooms were added.

Father Paul Doyle, Dillon Hall rector, said the addition of these classrooms helped return the building to its roots. "[There was] lots of student interplay with the administrators, because students had their classes there." Doyle said about the building's past life. "I think it's important to have students and administrators together ... if you call it the 'administrative building', students will go there to see administrators, not to interact with the students."

But what makes the Main Building a special part of Notre Dame's history are the stories and traditions associated with its history.

"There was a time when you were not supposed to walk up the front steps of the main building until you've graduated," Doyle said. "It's not a tradition many follow anymore, but it used to be quite important."

Although the Main Building has counted numerous priests among its occupants, some of them stand out in the building's lore.

Father Bernard Lang was a

Holy Cross priest who lived in the Main Building in the 1920s — and was also a champion weightlifter.

"He was the strongest or second strongest man in the world," said Jim Lyphout, vice president for business operations.

A picture of Lang now hangs in the tunnel between the Morris Inn and McKenna Hall, Lyphout said.

In addition to the unique background of the building itself, its famous dome is just as storied.

"You can go all the way under the dome, between the [mural] ... and the huge space between that

and the Golden Dome," Cohen said. "You can stick your head into the statue and look out onto the quad."

Throughout Notre Dame's history, students have often scaled the dome as a mark of pride or draped it with a banner before a big football game.

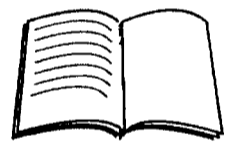
"All through [it] there are people who have carved their names," Cohen said. "It used to be a student accomplishment to climb up into the dome."

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Happenings

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Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for a great way to help children and reduce violence in the South Bend community?

Come and join Take Ten. Take Ten is a violence prevention program that provides children with positive alternatives to violence.

As a volunteer with Take Ten, a student will assigned to a team to work with a group of kids at a local school, teaching violence prevention.

Training sessions will take place Monday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 22. Student will begin working with kids the week of October 4.

Please register on line at <http://www.nd.edu/~taketen/application.html> if you would like to join us and please do not hesitate to contact us at taketen@nd.edu or at 631-9424 if you have any questions.

ISSLP Information Sessions

Learn more about the International Summer Service Learning Program at two upcoming information sessions.

When: September 20 and 28, 6:00-7:00 pm

Where: CSC Lounge

Editors of the Nation, National Review to Debate Sept. 22

The editors of The Nation and National Review will be coming to Washington Hall to debate the 2004 national presidential elections on September 22 at 7 p.m.

Representing a liberal view will be David Corn, Washington editor of The Nation and author of "The Lies of George W. Bush: Mastering the Politics of Deception."

Representing a conservative perspective will be Rich Lowry, editor of National Review and author of "Legacy: Paying the Price for the Clinton years."

As the author of The Lies of George W. Bush, Corn explores several issues that have arisen during President Bush's term, such as tax cuts, homeland security, and the misconceptions surrounding the war in Iraq. In

addition to his work with the The Nation, Corn is a Fox News Channel contributor. He writes on a host of subjects, including politics, the White House, Congress, and the national security establishment. He currently writes a web column for The Nation, called "Capital Games" and runs a Web site called www.bushlies.com.

Lowry joined National Review in 1992, after finishing second in a National Review young writers contest. He went on to become Articles Editor for the magazine before moving to Washington to cover Congress in the summer of 1994. Lowry was named editor of National Review in 1997. He currently writes a bi-weekly syndicated column for King Features and is a political analyst for Fox News.

Free food, music at RCLC picnic this Friday

The Robinson Community Learning Center invites all ND and SMC students for a neighborhood picnic this Friday, Sept. 17. In addition to food, the picnic will feature jazz by the band Open Wide. The Robinson Center is located at 921 N. Eddy Street, two blocks south of Campus. For more information on the Robinson Center, go to www.nd.edu/~rclc.

When: Friday, Sept. 17 at 5:45 pm
Where: RCLC, 921 N. Eddy St.

"Election Perspectives on Foreign Affairs": A Faculty Panel

This panel will feature Professors Daniel Lindley (Political Science), David Ruccio (Economics and Public Policy), Gerry Powers (Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies) and Jimmy Gurule (Law School)

When: September 20, 7:00 pm

Where: 155 DeBartolo Hall

"Election Perspectives on Domestic Issues": A Faculty Panel

This panel features Teresa Chilanducci (Economics and Policy Studies), Jorge Bustamante (Kellogg Institute), Walter Niegorzski (Program of Liberal Studies) and more

When: September 23, 7:00 pm

Where: 155 DeBartolo Hall

For more events and information, visit the CSC Justice Education Website

Rock the Vote Community Outreach

On Saturday, September 18, ND Rock the Vote will get outside the Bubble to do voter registration outreach in the Northeast and Near-Northeast neighborhoods of South Bend. Interested in volunteering for some part of the day, email Julia Fitzpatrick at jfitzpat@nd.edu.

ROCK THE VOTE Information

Sick of apathy, especially in an election year? Interested in being part of a mass movement to increase political participation and engagement at Notre Dame? Come to the Rock the Vote meeting to find out how you can be part of this important campaign. Questions, contact Peter Quaranto at pquarant@nd.edu

Security

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"They gained a lot of good insight during that process," Rakow said.

The team, composed of four female officers and two males, also brings a variety of backgrounds, including a security officer from Bethel College, a retired human resources officer from the Air Force, two former full-time security monitors, one former part-time monitor and a seven-year NDSP veteran as shift supervisor.

Four officers are on duty during any given night, patrolling six to seven dorms apiece. So far, the officers have worked mainly outside, Rakow said, except for a few medical emergencies involving intoxicated students on a dorm's upper floors.

"With four more eyes and ears out there on central campus, I believe it's going to pay off," he said.

Kinks remain to be worked out.

Some rectors have raised concerns about a male officer answering a call in a women's dorm or a female officer answering a call in a men's dorm, Rakow said, adding that NDSP is working to remedy those instances.

"It's a learning process on all sides," he said.

The Rectors

Among one of the most vocal

sides — the rectors — the verdict is still out.

Badin rector Ann Napoli said residents in her dorm definitely miss their monitor, but had nothing but praise for the personalized aspects of the new security force.

"They're very friendly and well-trained," she said, adding that the same two officers had consistently patrolled Badin and had already become familiar with hall staff.

"It's a learning process on all sides."

**Rex Rakow
NDSP chief**

For McGlinn rector Beth Skinner, however, familiarity isn't enough.

While she called the roving officers "qualified, responsive, caring and good at their job," she believes their job description remains incomplete.

"If this is the answer, I think it's a good answer," she said. "But I still continue to miss the presence there at night."

Skinner said she and her assistant rectors have already been woken up several times in the middle of the night to help students who are locked out of the dorm — a problem more easily solved when an awake, alert monitor was stationed at the door.

The impossibility of fully enforcing parietals also adds to the stress factor, Skinner said.

"I have to give myself permission to sleep," she said. "I can't override a decision that's been made by the University, [but] its unrealistic to make sure parietals are handled to a

T." In Cavanaugh, staff has purposely lingered at dorm entrances around the time of parietals — but cannot replace a nightlong presence, rector Sister Patricia Dearbaugh said. "My hall staff is not happy about [the changes]," she said. "They feel that the dorm isn't as safe for them."

Like Skinner, Dearbaugh stressed that she was not being critical of the new officers.

"It's good that they're outside — they're here, they check in every night," Dearbaugh said. "But whatever the monitors did, it was a matter of presence that made the difference."

Despite the dorm's more vulnerable location, missing that presence has not been a problem at Pasquerilla East, rector Sister Mary Anne Mueninghoff said.

"So far, so good," she said. "We're a hall that's on the street, [but] I'm cautiously optimistic."

Male rectors were grateful for the officers, inconspicuous flexibility.

"It's been more of a help than an intrusion," said Fisher rector Father Rob Moss, who said officers have only needed to patrol the front lobby and 24-hour space of the hall.

Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle also opted to keep the officers off the floors.

"That could be a privacy issue," he said. "The rectors are trying to create a community that's not a police state."

Doyle played a firsthand role in preparing the roving officers for the nuances of campus.

Along with Sister Susan Dunn, rector of Lyons, Doyle met with NDSP over the summer to brief the officers on Notre Dame's unique residence hall dynamic.

"Each rector has been asked what he or she wants, and [the officers] have done that," he said. "Uniformity is not a goal I aspire to around here — unity is."

The RAs

When the monitors were fired in the spring, resident assistants in women's halls feared the worst.

But the problems of staying up all night to pick up the slack never materialized, said Kati Duffey, a senior RA in Breen-Phillips.

"I anticipated a worse adjustment," she said, adding that besides football weekends, she only had to make one extra round per night of duty. "I don't feel like I'm being called upon to do anything too demanding."

In many women's dorms,

including Breen-Phillips, resident assistants have assumed the monitor's duties of flickering the lights 10 minutes before parietals and sitting at the main desk to watch visitors file out. Other dorms have asked RAs to include an outside loop in their normal rounds.

Farley RA Elizabeth Duran said the problem isn't taking on those extra responsibilities.

"It's not more work for us, it's more fear for us," she said. "You hope that nothing bad happens when you go to bed at night."

The dorm's longtime monitor Roberta Shupert still has a place at Farley's door, Duran said.

"We still call it Bert's desk," she said, adding that the new officers were, in comparison, "not very personal so far."

"The potential is there," she said. "It's probably just a matter of time."

"You hope that nothing bad happens when you go to bed at night."

**Elizabeth Duran
Farley RA**

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LEGENDS OF NOTRE DAME

Saturday

ND-MSU Game War (Pregame festivities at 6:30, kick off at 7:00)

The Clarks
 Hit band from PA featured on the Late Show. Brought to you by SUB - 10pm
 Nightclub - Midnight

Thursday
 Best of Acousticafe - 10pm
 Brew and View
 "Reservoir Dogs" - Midnight
 Senior Night

Friday
 Zyanya y su Orquesta - 10pm
 Salsa dancing and Nightclub - Midnight

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Britain lawmakers review security

LONDON — In the second major security breach in London this week, five fox hunting enthusiasts stormed onto the floor of the House of Commons Wednesday to disrupt a debate on banning the centuries-old sport.

Guards hustled the men away, but the incident showed — as did the man dressed as Batman who scaled the walls of Buckingham Palace on Monday — the vulnerability of Britain's seats of power. One lawmaker said there had not been such an intrusion in Parliament since 1642.

Security was stepped up immediately, with armed police guarding the chamber in place of the usual footmen and stewards.

The prime minister was not in the chamber at the time.

Two Chechen women arrested

MOSCOW — Two Chechen women suspected of blowing up Russian passenger jets last month were briefly detained by police before the flights but bribed at least one airline employee to get on the planes, media reports said Wednesday.

One of the alleged suicide bombers used an intermediary to pay \$34 to a Sibir airlines employee to board a jet, even though she had a ticket for a flight the next day, the Interfax news agency quoted Russia's Prosecutor General Vladimir Ustinov as saying. She got on the plane two minutes before check-in closed, he said.

The same intermediary also took a bribe from the other alleged suicide bomber to get on a Volga-Aviaexpress flight, he said.

Ustinov said both the intermediary and the Sibir airline employee have been arrested.

NATIONAL NEWS

Five fired in security scandal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Five workers have been fired for their roles in a security and safety scandal at Los Alamos National Laboratory, the lab's director said Wednesday.

The fired workers were among 23 suspended this summer after two computer disks containing classified information went missing.

The other 18 workers will retain their jobs but will be reprimanded or demoted from management, Director Pete Nanos told The Associated Press.

Senate votes down overtime rules

WASHINGTON — A Senate committee voted Wednesday to scuttle new rules that critics say would deny overtime pay to millions of workers, as Democrats won the latest round in their election-year bout with President Bush over the issue.

The 16-13 vote by the Republican-run Senate Appropriations Committee came less than a week after the GOP-led House embarrassed Bush by approving a similar measure.

Despite the twin rebukes by Congress, the provision could well disappear when House-Senate bargainers write a final version of the spending bill to which it was attached. GOP leaders and the White House will dominate that part of the legislative process.

Win or lose, Democrats hope the overtime fight will drive their supporters to vote.

LOCAL NEWS

Bishop intends to deny communion

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The Roman Catholic bishop of Evansville said he would deny Communion to politicians who vocally support abortion rights or gay marriage.

Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger said Catholic politicians who publicly defy the church's teachings on such issues should expect bishops to refuse to include them in the sacrament.

A handful of American bishops have said they would deny the sacrament outright.

Three bodies found in Iraq

Attacks against U.S. collaborators, car bomb kills two at military checkpoint

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Villagers found three decapitated bodies north of Baghdad on Wednesday and a car bomb killed two people at an Iraqi military checkpoint south of the capital in attacks that appear to be increasingly targeting Iraqis rather than the United States and its multinational force allies.

The bodies were found in nylon bags, the heads in bags alongside them, near Dijel, about 25 miles north of Baghdad, said Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman of the Interior Ministry. They were all men with tattoos, including one with the letter 'H' on his arm, but no documents were found on them, he said.

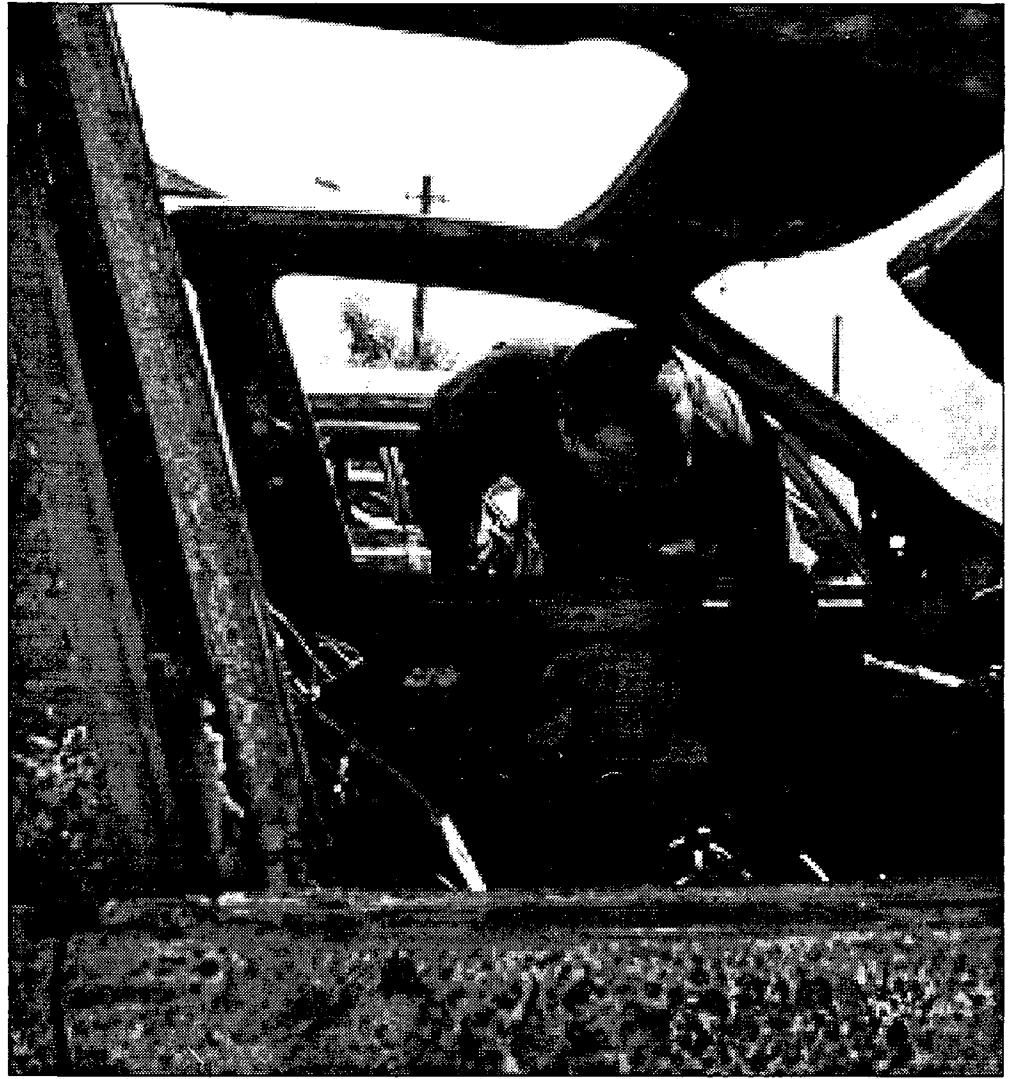
A U.S. military official said the bodies appeared to be Iraqis and had their hands tied behind their backs.

While insurgents have often beheaded foreign hostages in their fight against the government and coalition forces, it is not a tactic usually used against Iraqis, who are more often abducted for money.

Residents from a nearby village found the bodies shortly after dawn and notified the Iraqi national guard, said Iraqi Lt. Ahmad Farouk.

An Associated Press photographer saw the three corpses lined up with their heads by their sides on the floor at the guard compound before U.S. troops collected them and handed them over to police. Two wore jeans and shirts and the third wore sweat pants and a T-shirt. All appeared young.

Meanwhile, militants released a Turkish man identified as Aytulla Gezmen, an Arabic language translator who was taken hostage in late July, according to a videotape obtained by Associated Press Television News. The



Qusai Majid checks his burnt out car next to the police station in Halfa Street, Baghdad, Iraq on Wednesday, a day after a car bomb killed 47 and injured 114.

Turkish Foreign Ministry confirmed he had been freed.

A group calling itself The Shura Council of the Mujahedeen said in a separate video Tuesday that it was freeing Gezmen after he converted to Islam and repented working for the Americans.

Huseyin Gezmen, Aytullah Gezmen's brother, told Turkey's Anatolia news agency that Gezmen called the family and was expected return home in two days. "We heard his voice for the first time in 52 days," Huseyin Gezmen was quoted as saying. "My brother is back from the dead."

A Jordanian transport

company said Wednesday it had ceased to operate in Iraq in the hope of winning the release of one of its drivers, Turki Simer Khalifeh al-Breizat, kidnapped by a separate militant group. The kidnapers gave the company 48 hours Tuesday to pull out.

The developments follow a surge in violence that has killed more than 200 people in the past four days in a brazen and coordinated campaign focused increasingly on the capital — the center of authority for Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and his American allies.

Guerrillas bombed a Baghdad shopping street full of police recruits and

fired on a police van north of the capital Tuesday, killing at least 59 people.

The latest car bomb targeted a national guard checkpoint in Suwayrah, about 40 miles south of Baghdad, Abdul-Rahman said. One guardsman was among the two dead; 10 civilians were wounded.

A police patrol in Baqouba, northeast of the capital, was also hit Wednesday by an explosive device that wounded four policemen and a civilian, said police Lt. Feras Ali.

Insurgents are becoming more indiscriminate in their attacks, with a growing number of Iraqis killed as "collaborators," analysts said.

New Orleans prepares for Ivan

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — With 135-mph Hurricane Ivan closing in with frightening intensity, this flood-prone city scrambled Wednesday to get people out of harm's way, putting the frail and elderly in the cavernous Louisiana Superdome and urging others to move to higher floors in tall buildings.

Along some 300 miles of threatened coastline from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle, the churning surf, ominous clouds, swaying traffic lights and escalating winds were all the reminders some people needed to take cover from a storm that made

a slight turn north on a path that could bring it ashore early Thursday at the Alabama-Mississippi line, near Mobile, Ala.

"If we turn up dead tomorrow, it's my fault," said Jane Allinder, who stayed stubbornly behind at her daughter's French Quarter doll shop to keep an eye on her cat.

Ivan's eleventh-hour turn may have spared this bowl-shaped a direct hit, but forecasters said everyone from New Orleans to the Panhandle should be worried because even the tiniest adjustment in the storm track could change where Ivan comes ashore by hundreds of miles.

Hurricane-force winds extended out 105 miles from the Category 4 storm, meaning a large swath of the Gulf Coast could get slammed with a storm surge of 10 to 16 feet and up to 15 inches of rain. After reaching land, Ivan threatened to stall over the Southeast and southern Appalachians, with a potential for as much as 20 inches of rain.

Ivan's monster waves — some up to 25 feet — were already destroying homes along the Florida coast Wednesday. Twelve-foot waves boomed ashore at Gulf Shores, Ala., eroding the beach. A buoy about 300 miles south of Panama City registered waves over 34 feet high.

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Up: 1,325 Same: 165 Down: 1,929 Composite Volume: 1,252,684,928

AMEX	1,239.24	-9.30
NASDAQ	1,896.52	-18.88
NYSE	6,546.32	+47.89
S&P 500	1,120.37	-7.96
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,158.58	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,548.40	+2.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+7.39	+0.78	11.33
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INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.69	-0.35	20.42
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TASER INTL (TASR)	+21.90	+7.74	43.09

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.61	+0.30	49.63
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5-YEAR NOTE	+1.17	+0.39	33.82
3-MONTH BILL	+0.55	+0.09	16.32

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.83		43.51
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IN BRIEF

Stewart to reclaim life in prison

NEW YORK — Even at a wrenching moment of surrender, Martha Stewart was — as always — under impeccable control.

Her announcement Wednesday that she would report to prison as soon as possible came in a light-bathed studio, before a brilliant backdrop of color swatches, perfectly choreographed for television. She lamented that she would miss her beloved pets — cats, dogs, horses, canaries and chickens — and hoped to be free in time for her cherished spring gardening.

"I must reclaim my good life," the 63-year-old millionaire businesswoman declared.

Oil prices fall as hurricane fears end

WASHINGTON — The loss of more than three-quarters of daily oil production in the Gulf of Mexico, and a significant amount of refining capacity, as a result of Hurricane Ivan should not cause U.S. motorists much long-term pain at the pump — so long as Ivan does not cause the industry any lasting infrastructure damage.

The expectation of only short-term turbulence within the petroleum sector helped push oil prices lower Wednesday, even as Ivan roared toward the Gulf Coast with 135 mph winds and after the government reported that tanker delays had caused a sharp drop in the nation's oil supply.

Light sweet crude for October delivery fell 81 cents to \$43.58 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Chipmaker admits to price fixing

WASHINGTON — German computer chipmaker Infineon Technologies AG has agreed to plead guilty to price fixing and will pay a \$160 million fine, the Justice Department announced Wednesday.

In a plea agreement filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, Infineon acknowledged conspiring with other companies to fix prices of computer memory products between July 1999 and June 2002.

Economic outlook in question

Stocks slump on lower forecast from Coca-Cola, declining monetary figures

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks sagged Wednesday after beverage giant Coca-Cola Co. issued a gloomy forecast, and a lower-than-expected reading on industrial production for August threw the nation's broader economic outlook into question.

Investors are watching as companies start to issue outlooks ahead of the third-quarter earnings season. With some corporate forecasts falling short of expectations, worries about a slower second half are intensifying, but analysts said it's really too soon to know what lies ahead. And after four weeks of gains, it makes sense for stocks to take a pause on some less-than-encouraging news.

"We've been saying for a while that investors need to be much more selective ... this is a stock-picking kind of market," said John Caldwell, chief investment strategist for McDonald Financial Group, part of Cleveland-based KeyCorp. "It may be that Coke's problems are just Coke's problems. On the flip side of that, there are a number of companies out there that are saying relatively good things."

In early afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average slid 75.66, or 0.7 percent, to 10,242.50.

The broader gauges were also lower. The Nasdaq composite index slumped 21.07, or 1.1 percent, to 1,894.33. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 7.45, or 0.7 percent, to 1,120.88.

The Federal Reserve reported only a 0.1 percent rise in industrial production in August, surprising economists who had forecast a 0.5 percent gain. The feeble rise, which follows a robust 0.6 percent advance in July, suggests the economy may



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange after Coca-Cola announced a lower than expected industrial reading for August.

still be working through the "soft patch" Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan referred to in remarks before Congress last week.

Some of the decline was due to slower production at mines and utilities during the month of August. But for investors, persistently high energy prices remain the chief worry.

In an effort to quell anxiety about global crude supplies, the 11-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries announced it would raise its target oil production by 1 million barrels a day later this year. Many analysts dismissed this as a largely symbolic gesture,

however, since the cartel is already pumping beyond the new quota. Oil futures gained 41 cents to \$44.80.

Pressuring the Dow, Coca-Cola fell 4.3 percent, or \$1.86, to \$41.01, after warning results for the second half of the year were likely to fall short of expectations due to weaker sales and challenging conditions in key markets.

Celestica Inc. sank 13 percent, or \$1.88, to \$12.69, after lowering its third-quarter forecast, citing a drop in orders from several top customers, which the manufacturer of electronics components declined to identify. The Toronto-based company's

largest customers include such tech concerns as Cisco Systems Inc., Lucent Technologies Inc. and International Business Machines Corp., so the announcement put the entire sector under pressure.

Cisco fell 64 cents to \$19.71, Lucent shed 8 cents to \$3.33 and IBM was down 53 cents at \$86.19.

There was some bright news; consumer electronics retailer Best Buy Co. gained 4.7 percent, or \$2.36, to \$52.65, after reporting a nearly 8 percent increase in second-quarter earnings, helped by improved cost controls and margins.

Job market may determine majors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's a well-worn pickup line at college keg parties: What's your major?

And in today's uncertain job market, it's a lot more. Positions once filled by graduates with yesterday's hot majors are disappearing or being shipped overseas, so a student's answer to the question is one of the most important financial decisions they will ever make.

Research by professors at Northeastern University in Boston shows that a college student's major is more important than what college they attend in determining their starting salary upon graduation.

tion.

Yet with employment patterns shifting much faster than in the past, choosing a major based on what jobs will be in demand a few years down the road is a tricky endeavor.

"In the last three years, because of the economic recession, the labor market hasn't really signaled what I ought to be studying in college," said economist Paul Harrington, the lead author of the Northeastern study. With neither wages nor the job market really growing much, "it's hard to figure out in the short run what's going to work for me, what my major should be."

The most obvious recent trend is

a retreat from computer science studies, which was a hot area in the 1990s before the tech bubble burst and companies began offshoring programmers' jobs.

What emerged as one substitute is actually one of the older — and decidedly unexciting — standbys: accounting.

Last year the number of students graduating with accounting degrees rose 11 percent, according to a survey by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Colleges are crediting the bean-counter boom on the recent corporate scandals and the Sarbanes-Oxley legislation, both of which put a spotlight on proper bookkeeping.

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graduation honors — cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude — only on those with GPAs in the top 30, 10 and 5 percent of their class, respectively. Prior to this year, any student with GPAs of 3.4, 3.6 and 3.8, received those hon-

ors.

However, this should come as no surprise to students, said officials.

"They've known since they were freshmen that this was coming," said Dottie Pratt, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

In the spring of 2001, the Academic Council decided that the previous criteria for the dean's list were too lax. The

University replaced the old criteria of a 3.4 GPA to those students with a GPA in the top 30 percent in their college. The graduation honors requirements also changed at this time.

In the semester before the policy changed, each college had more than 30 percent of its students on the dean's list, and some, like the School of Architecture and the College of Arts and Letters, had over 50 percent of students on the list.

"This is done to make the honors more meaningful," University Registrar Harold Pace said. "If half of the class is winning honors, is that a meaningful award?"

Other factors also influenced the council's decision, among them alleged grade inflation and, according to Pratt, insurance companies.

"Insurance companies give breaks for dean's list [students]," she said.

If a company sees that more than half of the student body at a particular school is placed on the dean's list, it may stop giving breaks to students from that school, according to Pratt.

As for grade inflation, University administrators still debate the subject.

"Grade inflation vs. smarter students, which one is right at Notre Dame?" Pace said. "I'm not sure."

According to the 2001 Notre Dame Fact Book, in the spring of 2000, when the Academic

Council voted to change the dean's honor list requirements, in 65.4 percent of Arts and Letters courses, half or more students received an A or A-minus. In the College of

Engineering, half or more of students got an A-minus or higher in 45.2 percent of courses.

These numbers are up from 50 percent and 19 percent, respectively, in fall 1996.

Whether grade inflation or smarter students, or a combination of both, many students find the new dean's list requirements appropriate.

"I don't think it's a bad system, because it reflects the top tier of the current students," said David

McCormick, a junior business major. "If Notre Dame is admitting smarter and smarter students each year, the standard for the dean's list should be raised as well."

Anne Ryckbost, a senior in the College of Arts and Letters, disagreed.

"I don't like it," she said, "It's frustrating when you're shooting for something, each semester you don't know what it will be."

Though dean's list requirements generally change each semester, registrar does publish the upcoming semester's GPA requirements at the start of

each semester.

Each year, the dean of every college must choose to post either one required GPA for the entire year, an average of the previous two semesters' GPAs or two GPAs, each based on the previous year's corresponding semester.

This fall, for instance, the GPA requirement for the College of Arts and Letters is 3.765, and the spring requirement is 3.778. The GPA requirement for the College of Science is 3.745 for the entire year.

"We elected to move to separate ones for fall and spring because we are a large college and because we noticed a real difference in GPA between the two semesters," said Pratt of the College of Arts and Letters. "We felt it was more equitable to recognize the difference."

The other two colleges that use two distinct GPAs are the First Year of Studies and the College of Engineering.

Requirements for graduation honors for the senior class will be made available this January, Pace said.

"The Latin Honors for May 2005 graduation will be determined in January based upon seven semester totals (after the Fall 2004 semester) for each college," said Pace. "At that time we will determine and publicize the required GPAs for Latin Honors in each college."

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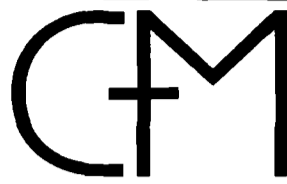
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Friday-Saturday
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Friday-Sunday

saturday 09.18

Mass
9:00am
Alumni Hall Chapel

Mass
5:00pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

sunday 09.19

Mass
10:00am & 11:45am
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA - Inquiry Session
10:00 - 11:30am
330 Coleman-Morse

wednesday 09.22

Catechist Formation Class
5:00-7:00pm
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Emmaus Kick-off
6:00-8:00pm
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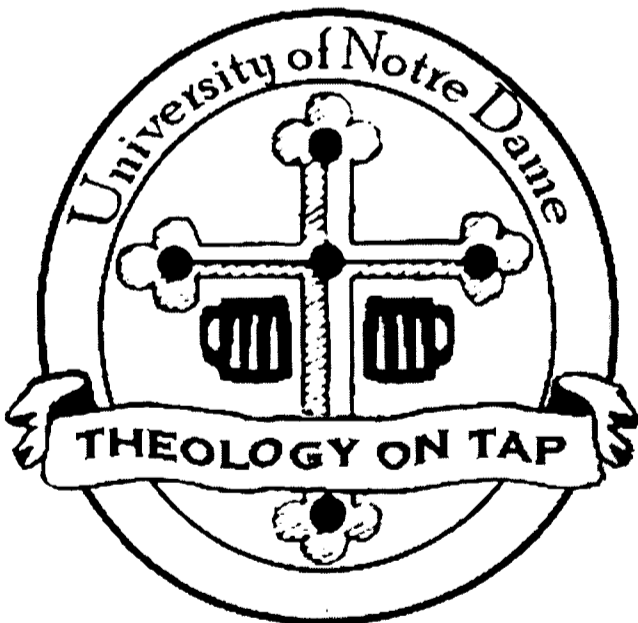
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10:00pm
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Wednesday, September 22nd
10:00pm - Legends
Must NOT be 21 to attend!



mass schedule

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Around Campus (every Sunday)

Saturday

Vigil Mass
5:00p.m.
Rev. Michael E. Connors, csc

Sunday

10:00 a.m.
The Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy
Bishop, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

11:45 a.m.
Rev. Paul Doyle, csc

1:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's
Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Amos 8:4-7

2nd: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

considerations...

Faith-It Isn't Just for Sundays Any More!!
by Tami Schmitz, Director of Emmaus & RCIA

Hey, it's a new year and whether you're a "seasoned" senior, a brand new freshmen or fall somewhere in between, this is a great opportunity to set new goals for yourself. Studying harder, being a better roommate, attending Mass more often, being more patient with your girl/boyfriend, BEATING MICHIGAN (oops, been there, done that!!) or going abroad are all great goals.

One of the most important goals we can set for ourselves is to expand and deepen the friendships in our lives. Beyond the grades, the great career opportunities and the millions of t-shirts you will accumulate over your four years, the most important part of your college experience that you will take from this sacred place is your FRIENDS: the friends you make in the dorms, on retreats, in your classes and the friends everywhere in between. The people who have shaped us and helped us become who we are is by far the most important gift Notre Dame will give us.

One opportunity for you to form great friendships is through **EMMAUS**. Over 200 students participate in this program each semester. These are students from all over campus -- different years in school, different ethnic backgrounds, different religious affiliations, different experiences of family and friends. But these students want to put their faith into action beyond a Sunday liturgy and they want to form friendships that matter. Emmaus gives participants opportunities to share what's most important in their lives in light of the Gospel message.

Emmaus is made up of groups of 6-8 students who come together for 1-1 1/2 hours each week to pray, read Scripture or other spiritual writings, and discuss what is going on in their lives based on the readings. Each Emmaus faith sharing group is student led and all materials are provided by Campus Ministry. There are many types of Emmaus groups: some groups are dorm-based, while others include men and women from across campus. Some students form their own groups, and others decide to let the Holy Spirit (and Campus Ministry) decide who their group members will be. Last year Emmaus even went international. When 4 out of 6 members of one group were all going abroad, they decided to keep connected and e-mailed each other every week with their thoughts on the Sunday Scriptures and their personal experiences. They continued to pray with and for each other even though they were literally oceans and continents apart.

Yes, Emmaus is about prayer, about faith, about our spiritual journeys. It is also about FRIENDSHIP with Christ and with one another. It's about integrating faith into EVERY aspect of our daily lives and having companions to support and challenge us when we need it most. Some Emmaus groups stick together for all four years and some change every year. All the while, we in Campus Ministry will stick beside you to help meet your needs on your spiritual journey in any way we can.

It's not too late to set ANY goal for this year, and if "faith & friendship" are something you are looking, give us a try...the road to Emmaus may be the best goal you have ever set and perhaps the best road you've ever taken!



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Examining anti-Americanism

When I was growing up, it was an article of faith amongst my friends that Americans were incapable of appreciating irony. This dogma was, as far as I can recall, based on nothing that deserves to be dignified with the term evidence, nothing beyond the fact that it was widely believed to be so. Other common knowledge

was that Americans were ignorant of the little history they had, and were consequently culturally-deprived and prone to simplistic moral absolutism. It is hard to faithfully recall my boyhood outlook, but I think I shared with my peers a vague intuition that you Yanks might have had a shot at sophistication if only you had been able to grow up in close proximity to castles.

Having long since accorded Jerry Lewis semi-divine status, the French were in no position to assume the high ground when it came to humor, but the resentment of America's cultural dominance plays a far more central role in French self-understanding. The denunciation of American 'cultural imperialism' is France's true national sport. The pernicious influence of Hollywood and McDonald's are regarded with particular horror.

I have always been suspicious of the phrase 'cultural imperialism,' the rhetorical force of which relies on the suggestion that the export of American culture is a new variety of the imperialism of the Spanish, French and British empires. To hear some people talk you would think that U.S. Marines were currently stationed in Paris, busily frogmarching Frenchmen into the nearest McDonald's.

I haven't seen "Super Size Me," the documentary in which Morgan Spurlock proves beyond all doubt that it is unhealthy to subsist on a diet that consists entirely of fast food. But I am not surprised that it is proving popular

in Britain and Europe. The last time I was in an English bookstore I saw so many books about the epidemic of obesity in America that it can only be a matter of time before they are considered a literary genre.

I am not opposed to the suggestion that obesity can be a sign of cultural sickness, but surely so too is the insatiable appetite for voyeuristic accounts of American obesity.

It seems to me that these are all manifestations of a deep cultural insecurity. We want the inhabitants of the world's richest and most powerful country to be fat simpletons who couldn't possibly understand Monty Python because these are our consolations. We want America to be that way for the same reason we want the model to be dumb, the star quarterback to have a drug problem and the successful businessman to have bad dreams.

I think this helps to explain why the English place so much importance on irony when defending their cultural superiority; it's where we have the most ego invested. It has been said that the distinguishing feature of English men is that they would rather be told that they are bad in bed than that they have no sense of humor. Intrigued by this claim, some years ago I put this to a group of friends back in England and they agreed unanimously — in order to make my survey scientific, I made sure that they were drunk first.

All of these petty prejudices can be called anti-American, but it would be mistaken to regard any of them as expressing hatred of America. I never hated America and I don't think any my friends did either. But I think the hatred of America does share something in common with my adolescent snobbery; its appeal is the consolation it provides.

Hatred of America is, I think, far more about America's status as the world's only superpower than it is about what America does with that

power. What angered many Europeans about the invasion of Iraq was the sense that America would invade Iraq and there was nothing that they could do to change that. They were angry because at some level they understood that their anger did not matter. Similarly, in the British press, Tony Blair was widely denounced as Bush's 'poodle' because it was assumed that the Prime Minister's support for Bush must inevitably be motivated by the need to curry favour with the leader of the world's most powerful nation.

I find that when the topic of French anti-Americanism comes up in political discussions here, particularly in political discussions involving beer, it is usually only a matter of time before someone observes that were it not for America the French would be speaking German. The none too subtle suggestion is that considering all that America has done for France, the French could stand to be a little more grateful. But if I am right, French anti-Americanism survives not in spite of, but in large part because of this; it is humiliating for a once great power to be helped of unsophisticated cowboys. America saved France from the barbarism of National Socialism and the French will not forgive you for it.

Lord Acton said, "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." I think it is not without significance that the first half of Acton's formula is now usually misquoted as the less nuanced "power corrupts." If there is a lesson to be learnt from anti-Americanism it is that powerlessness too has its corruptions.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Getting the wrong parking permit

I don't know if this has happened to any other off-campus students, but I got the wrong student parking permit.

I'm sure it was my mistake. It must have happened when I paid for my permit at the beginning of the year. I think I just picked up the wrong sticker. I am always doing stupid things like that. But I didn't notice it until this morning when I got to school.

Like every morning, I pulled into the student lot about 10 minutes before class and started looking for an empty space. I usually park in the southern quadrant of the student lot, but today when I tried to park there, a security guard stopped me.

"You can't park here," he said.

"Oh, I'm sorry," I said, "I must be mistaken."

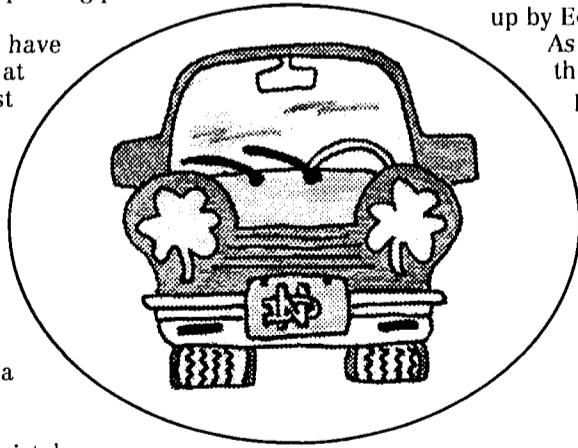
Can you tell me how to get to the student lot?"

"You're in it," he said, "but you'll have to park up by Eck field."

As I was driving away, I looked over at the lot and saw that none of the cars parked there had my permit. Instead, they had Gurley Leep price stickers.

I know, I am such an idiot. So if someone in the administration could just send me a Gurley Leep price sticker so that I can start parking in the student lot, I would appreciate it. Again, I am sorry because this was clearly my mistake.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Expecting a carjacker or rapist or drug pusher to care that his possession or use of a gun is unlawful is like expecting a terrorist to care that his car bomb is taking up two parking spaces."

Joseph T. Chew
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Supporting the Gender Resource Center

Realistic considerations



I agree that all people should be treated equally whether they are black or white, gay or straight, and like Anna Nussbaum, men or women, but many of the points in her letter yesterday were not thought through.

I agree with her that Notre Dame should have more resources available in Health Services for women such as the ability to fill medication that is typically used for birth control — but also for many other things — and assistance in the event they are assaulted, but my agreement ends there.

Yes, it is annoying that most women's halls have more strict security than men's, but let's be honest, in many cases women need more protection than men. Personally, I even enjoyed having the dorm monitors around when I lived on campus and thought that all dorms should have had them. I know I can take care of myself, but added protection can never hurt. But putting my opinion aside, this security measure is in place in some male dorms too.

I had to sign in and out of a male dorm this weekend. So there you go, equality. As far as adding more graduate pro-

grams to Notre Dame, I think that would be great. I would love to come back to Notre Dame to pursue my graduate degree, but saying that stereotypical women's programs like education and nursing should be added sets the women's program back almost 100 years. Don't get me wrong, they are great careers, but insinuating that they are female oriented not only insults males in these professions, but also insinuates that women cannot hack it in your so-called male oriented professions.

Finally, change the victory march, the most historied victory march of all time? Knute Rockne is rolling over in his grave.

While change can be positive, it must be done keeping in mind tradition. If this isn't done, Notre Dame as we know it will cease to exist. Hopefully the Gender Relations Center will keep this in mind and look for important changes rather than getting bogged down in minor details such as a word in a song and thus allow Notre Dame to be lost in political correctness.

Ellen Fitzgerald
 alumni
 Class of 2003
 Sept. 15

Making progress

I never thought I'd see the day that I was defending Notre Dame. I am in a state of perpetual frustration about the rules, in loco parentis, and the differences in the treatment of men and women.

However, it comes down to the fact that we all chose this school. There are certain things, such as single-sex dorms, meatless Fridays, lack of birth control and the possibility of being expelled for having sex, that have long been a part of Notre Dame. The University has made no attempt to hide these facts. We all knew coming in that this was a strict Catholic University. If you didn't, then I doubt you looked very hard.

I will admit, I was raised with stories from my parents about Notre Dame glory days when Rectors helped roll kegs down the hall, and parietals were more of a suggestion. But as the daughter of a member of the first class of women, I also heard stories of men rating the bodies of women as they went through the lines in the dining halls and a professor telling students that over his dead body would a woman graduate.

Notre Dame was a culture shock for me in more ways than those previously listed. But although I did not fully understand the scope of du Lac before arriving on campus, I knew that I was not going to be having the same experiences as my friends heading off to Florida and Florida State. And even though I can commiserate with many of Anna Nussbaum's gripes, I think some of her demands are unreasonable.

She wants males in the student section to stop yelling slurs offensive to women? I do not know where she was sitting, but some of the more abrasive members of the section near me were women who also continually commented on the promiscuity of Ann Arbor. And what constitutes offensive language because I surely wasn't offended, although those affiliated with the University of Michigan may have been.

I also hate the argument that "women's programs" are not equally represented in our graduate school. What is a "woman's program?" So what if the business school has been "traditionally male." Is that stopping you from pursuing that career? My mother was a graduate of the business school in '76.

Yes, there are certain aspects of Notre Dame that are extremely frustrating and more conservative than what are peers are experiencing, but I have decided to focus on the positives. It has taken me two years to come to grips with the fact that the rules based on Catholic belief will never change. So instead of continuing to seethe in anger, I think the best approach to make a difference is to focus on the attitudes and comments of my fellow students. I'm pretty sure that when I come back for the Michigan game years from now, single sex dorms will still be in existence. But perhaps, more importantly, the student body will have continued to evolve as it has since the '70s when the first women stepped on campus.

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U-WIRE

Rethinking the expiration of the assault weapons ban

As the federal assault-weapons ban is set to expire this week, the debate on gun control has surged to the forefront of current issues. Leaders in Congress have been locking horns with the gun industry, the NRA has been battling gun control advocacy groups and President Bush has taken a lot of heat for supporting the ban but doing little to renew it.

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Recent discussion and deliberation has proved the assault weapon ban to be virtually nothing more than a Second Amendment issue of extreme proportions; it is difficult to decipher the legitimacy of assault-weapon use in our Bill of Rights. Nevertheless, whether you're a flannel-wearing, camouflage-painted, red-necked, gun-toting, conservative card-carrying member of the NRA or a tie-dye wearing, hash-smoking, peace-waving, pacifist liberal, you should be able to agree that the assault weapons ban deserves to expire.

The problem with the revitalization of the ban does not lie in its intentions. There should be little doubt that restricting public access to elaborate assault weapons is in the best interest of our country. There is no reason why hunters or competitive shooters need to use AK-47s — which are designed to kill mass amounts of people in combat — as opposed to regular rifles and shotguns — which are designed for hunting and recreational activities.

The problem with the assault-weapons ban lies in its effectiveness; it is nothing more than a legislative piece of propaganda filled with exceptions and loopholes. The ban does little to stop the circulation of all kinds of dan-

gerous assault weapons.

It is difficult to determine statistically how successful the ban has been since its implementation in 1994. People's definitions of an assault weapons differ, and it is hard to keep track of crimes committed by specific types of guns. A study done by the Justice Department, as reported by the New York Times, found that crimes committed by assault weapons have declined only slightly since the ban took effect. Because of the ban's vagueness and ambiguity, most gun manufacturers have simply changed the names of their weapons or altered their features and accessories to comply with the law.

This obvious weakness was mocked in one case when a gun maker produced a modified version of an assault weapon and called it AB 10, with the "AB" standing for "after ban." An estimate from the Violence Policy Center claims that, since 1994, more than one million assault weapons have been made in the United States despite the ban. How can a law meant to restrict the buying and selling of specific guns fail to prohibit so many of these weapons from going on the market and into people's homes? And if we know there are ways around the ban, shouldn't its expiration be necessary in order to find a more effective alternative?

Rather than pushing so hard for the extension of an inadequate law, we should be exploring alternative pieces of legislation that could implement a more effective ban on assault weapons. A prime example is the Consumer Safety Protection Act, which is currently being debated in Congress. The CSPA allows the Justice Department to regulate the manufacture and distribu-

tion of weapons, as well as restrict the availability of guns determined to be a risk to public safety (such as assault weapons).

Such proposed legislation attempts to do what the assault weapons ban was supposed to do: prohibit such unnecessary and dangerous weapons from being produced and distributed to the general public. Through revisions and the closing of loopholes, a new bill could be passed that would be strong where the present ban is weak.

The assault weapons ban has not done an adequate job of preventing gun enthusiasts from acquiring morphed forms of multiple kinds of assault weapons. It did nothing to help prevent such high-profile shootings as the 1999 killings at Columbine High School or the 2002 sniper attacks in Washington, D.C., both cases in which assault weapons were used. Such guns are made for combat, not hunting; they are unnecessary in the lives of the average citizen. How do we implement laws that recognize the needlessness of assault weapons and the dangers they pose?

We don't spend valuable time and energy attempting to extend a severely flawed piece of legislation. Through its 10-year life span, the assault-weapons ban proved it was not the answer to gun control, but merely an inconvenience for the gun industry and its consumers.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Simpson sister finds success

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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What is the secret to a successful first album? Apparently an MTV reality show, a famous older sister and some hair dye — Ashlee Simpson's recipe for greatness. Add a solid, heavily promoted debut album hitting platinum after only weeks and shooting to number one, and the story of Ashlee Simpson's summer is complete. One of the most-hyped albums of the summer, "Autobiography," Ashlee's debut, has taken the focus off older sister Jessica and blazed a path for the younger Simpson in the music industry.

Just months ago, Ashlee Simpson was nothing more than a guest star making appearances on "Newlyweds," her sister Jessica Simpson's reality show. She also had a role on WB's "Seventh Heaven," but

was not known for much more than her last name. A lot has changed. Following the success of "The Ashlee Simpson Show" on MTV, "Autobiography" became destined for number one.

More than hair color differentiates Ashlee from Jessica, and "Autobiography" shows that fact explicitly. One would find it difficult to draw comparisons between Jessica and Ashlee's albums as they are so different from one another.

"Autobiography" is meant to be a rock album. While it does not quite reach that standard, it definitely falls in between rock and pop. Similar to Avril Lavigne's sound, but not quite as dark in the subject matter, the album showcases a girl with talent and terrific songwriters. While Ashlee doesn't have the strong ballad voice of her sister, her scratchy voice generally works in the pop-rock scene and fits with the songs she performs. The songs are generally upbeat —



Photo courtesy of MTV.com
Ashlee Simpson distinguishes herself from her famous sister, Jessica, with her debut album, "Autobiography."

— although there are a couple slower tracks — and all are composed of catchy melodies that any teenage girl would have in her head and on her lips for days.

"Pieces of Me" was the first single off "Autobiography," and at a tempo between fast and slow, with hints of both throughout the song. It was a perfect choice. The second single that is currently being pushed is "Shadow," which is a slow song about Ashlee living in Jessica's shadow throughout their childhood. Ashlee sings of the angst of growing up as the younger sister: "Living in the shadow of someone else's dream / Trying to find a hand to hold, but every touch felt cold to me / Living in a nightmare, a never ending sleep / But now that I am wide awake my chains are finally free / Don't feel sorry for me."

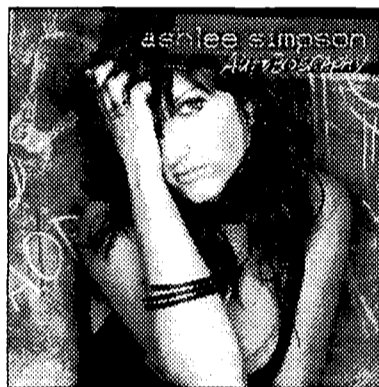
Fame has come to Ashlee Simpson and her album "Autobiography," and the main question one cannot help asking is whether or not the album would have been strong enough to stand and rise on its own, independent of all the support it found. It is a good debut album, but number one is probably something that would have escaped the exact same album done by a girl without the last name Simpson. Overall, "Autobiography" is a fun, catchy album that is very likeable. While she does not quite hit her goal for Courtney Love rock, Ashlee stays far away from her sister's sound and in doing so made a great debut album that has made her a name for her.

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Autobiography

Ashlee Simpson

Geffen



Gift of Gab is solid, but lacks beats

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There is no arguing that Gift of Gab is one of the best underground rappers of today. He and Chief Xcel, who form Blackalicious, have made two of the most creative and unique hip-hop albums in recent memory: "Nia" and "Blazing Arrow." Much like other premier underground acts like Jurassic 5, Common and Talib Kweli, Blackalicious produces an alternative brand of hip hop that strays far from the path of popular rappers like 50 Cent and Snoop Dogg. No guns, no money, no violence here — t-his is intellectual hip-hop at its best.

But Blackalicious is not only creative, but quite talented as well. Gift of Gab has an unbelievable flow, being able to rap as quickly as Twista while using the vocabulary of a Webster's

dictionary and expressing as much spirituality as a Notre Dame Rector. Chief Xcel is no slouch either, sporting some of the most unpredictable and sophisticated beats around, making him and Gift of Gab a perfect pairing.

"4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up" is Gift of Gab's first solo release, and although it is a solid effort, Chief Xcel is sorely missed. Production duties are instead split between Vitamin D and Jake One, and the two fail to fill even one of Chief Xcel's shoes. Aside from some bright spots like the opening track, "The Ride of Your Life," which has a surreal harp sample intertwined with a smooth bass line, many of the tracks have generic and static beats. Not only this, but the overall production lacks variety, making some of the songs blend together after a while. This is not to say that the production does not have its moments for some of the beats

grow on you over time, but overall it lacks the punch and creativity of Chief Xcel's work.

On the other hand, Gift of Gab is as good as ever, once again showing why he is one of the best lyricists out there. Sometimes he is insightful, like on "Way of the Light" where he spouts, "Money just like everything else, it all dies / The self is lost, and it's still can I get a dime sack? / To help me focus on wealth, not material wealth / Cause true wealth resides deep inside." And like previous Blackalicious works, Gift of Gab shows he can still be quite imaginative too, like on "Stardust" where he flows, "Headed out to Mars with souls and minds that are more connected / build with elders how to conquer ignorance, the mighty predator."

Due to the mediocrity of the album's production, in order to truly enjoy the album one must listen carefully to Gift of Gab's lyrics. His rhymes are full of clever allusions and thought-provoking topics that often take several listens to catch because of his lightening quick flow. Unlike catchy radio-friendly songs like Usher's "Yeah!" or 50 Cent's "In Da Club" that are suited well for background music at parties and the like, "4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up" is a poor choice for a casual listen. It is like the difference between putting on "Kill Bill" or "The Matrix" in the background, versus "2001: Space Odyssey" or "Citizen Kane."

"4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up" is a very good hip-hop album, but when compared to Blackalicious, it



Photo courtesy of van46.com
Gift of Gab shows off his skills in his solo debut, but his work with Blackalicious is still better.

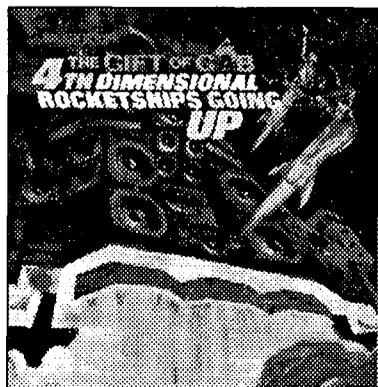
almost sounds pedestrian. It lacks the wonderful chemistry between Gift of Gab and Chief Xcel that makes Blackalicious so unique. With the right producers, Gift of Gab is probably capable of creating a classic by himself, but it is hard to imagine a better producer for him than Chief Xcel. For the time being, Gift of Gab should stick with what works and make another classic Blackalicious album. Then the rocket ships will really fly.

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4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up

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ALBUM REVIEW

The Arcade Fire unleash electrifying debut

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Jack Kerouac famously wrote, "The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved ... the ones that never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars ..." Were Jack around today, he would probably have the words "The Arcade Fire" tattooed across his chest inside a big, red heart.

In the live setting, The Arcade Fire celebrate their madness by painting blood on their faces, shouting in unison and turning anything in the vicinity of the stage into a percussion instrument. Now, with the release of their debut "Funeral," the Montreal-based group have ossified their already-considerable

status as one of the most compelling groups making and performing music today.

The band behind "Funeral," ironically centers on a wedding — that of husband and wife co-vocalists Win Butler and Regine Chassagne. Each also plays a slew of instruments including, but not limited to, guitar, piano, accordion, drums, recorder, synthesizer, xylophone and bass. Joining them are Win's brother Will, Richard Reed Parry, and Timothy Kingsbury, who together play just about everything and seldom settle for a single instrument for more than two consecutive songs. Rounding out the ever-expanding collective, Montreal studio guru Howard Bilerman rocks the drum kit, looking very much like a librarian, while pixie Sarah Neufeld adds a pinch of gravitas to the songs with her pensive violin.

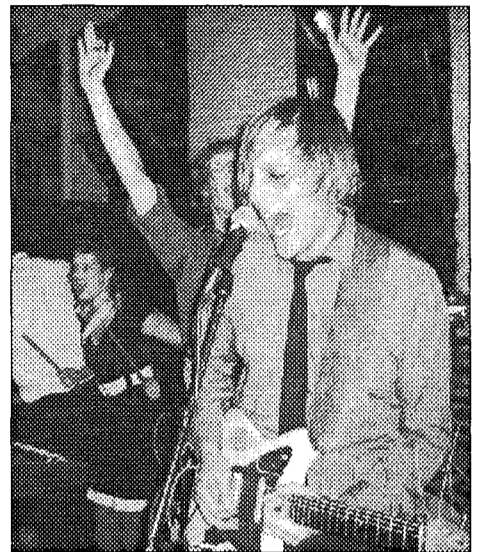
A solemn affair this funeral is not:

basslines thunder beneath pulsating, jangling guitars, organs and harps gallivant about dizzying chimes, strings rise and cascade while a maudlin accordion sobs. Win steps in and lends his sincere, engaging vocals to the mix, at times recalling Frank Black, at times Modest Mouse's Isaac Brock and most often sounding very much like himself.

The record opens with "Neighborhood #1 (Tunnels)." The first of four "Neighborhood" movements, it tingles with a refreshing magic realism, as Win describes a surreal nocturnal journey with his neighbor and beloved. The second "Neighborhood," "Laika," also examines escape, as Win and Regine recount the exploits of a brother who "tore our images out of his pictures ... scratched our names out of all his letters." The accordion figures most sublimely into this number, which culminates in a line worthy of our man Jack, "When daddy comes home / you always start a fight / so the neighbors can dance / in the police disco lights."

As its centerpiece, "Funeral" boasts the exceedingly gorgeous "Wake Up," an anthem to the despairing and disheartened. A rich, six-note guitar riff with grace note explodes into a chanted chorus featuring all band members, adorned in dashing harps and lush strings. The ebullient, supremely cathartic song finds Win and company at its end proclaiming, "With my lightning bolts a glowin' / I can see where I am goin' / You better look out below!"

Having resolved to dive headlong into whatever sabotages life puts before them, the Arcade Fire prance through



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The Arcade Fire's debut album is one of the year's best releases.

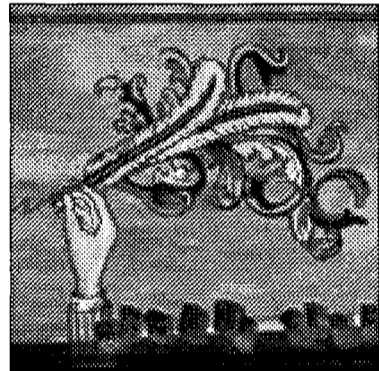
two more stellar tracks before at last arriving at the eulogy-like closer "In the Backseat." "I've been learning to drive all my life," declares Regine. Fading as it does into a few scattered string plucks, the album ends just as it arrived: a most vivid and entrancing dream that one will never quite forget.

In summation, marvelous lyrics, mesmerizing instrumentation, and a vitality and emotional immediacy found in precious few acts today make "Funeral" one of the year's most outstanding releases.

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Nelly goes all out with new releases

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As he tried to slip in a side door before a recent performance, Nelly got accosted by a fan waiting for his arrival.

Nothing unusual — except the fan just happened to be uber-hip singer-songwriter John Mayer.

"Hey Nelly, can I come in with you?" Mayer asked the rap superstar after an embrace. Nelly gave security the O.K., and his posse — which already included Murphy Lee, the rest of his St. Lunatics crew and Jermaine Dupri — grew by one. Later on, P. Diddy joined Nelly onstage for the Webster Hall performance, broadcast live for America Online in front of hundreds of screaming fans.

Everyone wants to be part of Nelly's clique these days — and who can blame them? The man who put St. Louis on the map has sold an astonishing 15 million copies of his first two albums, and on Tuesday released not one, but two separate albums — "Sweat" and "Suit" — on the same day. One is more of a party disc reminiscent of hits like "Hot in Herre," while the other has smoother songs that recall the smash success of "Dilemma."

Not only does he have musical success, his Pimp Juice energy drink is a hot commodity, he's got his own clothing lines and is filming his second film — a remake of "The Longest Yard" with Chris Rock and Adam Sandler.

Q: These albums have so many collaborations, but the most unusual is country singer Tim McGraw. How did that come about?

NELLY: I used to see Tim a lot as far as like going around for awards shows, when "Country Grammar" first came out, him and his wife Faith. They would just tell me how they enjoyed my album, and everything I was doing. And you know how that old saying goes — "Yo, we should do something."

Q: Could you ever do a country song?

NELLY: Nah, nah. It wasn't like that. It was just me being me, pushing the limits.

Q: What was your reaction when Spelman College students protested your appearance there to promote bone marrow donation because of your explicit "Tip Drill" video, in which you swiped a credit card through a woman's backside?

NELLY: To me, it was a personal attack. It couldn't have been about what they said it was, because if it truly was, and this is truly your view, you're basically cutting the grass at the top instead of diggin' up for the roots, because Spelman is 10 blocks from a strip club. You're not out in front of the strip club picketing. You wait until somebody comes in there and does something very dear to his heart, such as saving a life, and doing something that should be educating the community, to come in and talk about a video?

Q: Would you ever do another "uncut" video?

NELLY: If I wanted to, yes, because I

don't see anything wrong with it. Like I said before, it was made for adults. I do stuff for the adults but I also do stuff that appeals to kids. So, I try to keep a fine line. Hopefully, parents raise their kids and don't let music raise their kids and entertainers raise their kids. How is it that I can keep my child from seeing a video that I did, but you can't keep your child (from seeing it) and you're there a lot more than I am? So you can't be serious.

Q: What everyone really wants to know is ... was that really your credit card?

NELLY: Yeah, that was my credit card! That's the thing. I think everybody is most upset about the credit card issue, but she said do it! This is a grown woman that told me, "Go ahead, do it." I never forced any of these girls to do anything. This is a job, they agreed to do it, they knew everything that was into it and these girls would be doing it whether Nelly was shooting a video or not.

Q: You recently joined BET founder Bob Johnson as part owner of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats. Will you have clout to say, "Hey, you need to trade this guy?"

NELLY: [Laughs] Yeah, yeah — I think in a minute he's going to be second guessing his decision, because you know, I'm a sports nut. I'm always in it. I'm aware, and I have many friends who are athletes. I think sports and entertainment go hand in hand. I defi-

nately want to voice my opinion. But I'm just appreciative that I'm in this position.

Q: You got some criticism for naming your energy drink Pimp Juice.

NELLY: I don't think they understand. They hear the word, and they think, "Oh, my goodness," but you're not protesting Coke and Pepsi, and they have caffeine and stuff that is addictive and stuff that can harm you if you drink that. Pimp Juice has none of that. It's good for them. Sometimes you have to wrap it up in bad so they can get the good out of it. If you understand me, it's not even my angle. My son might come in and get two As and a B, and be like, "Man, I pimped that test!" ... It's just different these days, it's just lingo, it's just slang.

Q: How do you respond when people say you're not a role model?

NELLY: I don't see myself as a role model. I see myself as an inspiration. I can be an inspiration for someone who's been in the situation that I've been in and making good out of it. A role model should be someone who's close to you, someone who you can pick up and call when you're about to do something stupid or you have a question about life ... A role model should be some person who you can actually see the role of their life. You can't do that with athletes and entertainers, so I don't know why people just insist on making us role models. We're success stories.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mets lose 2-0 to Braves, hours after Howe firing

Team drops its 21st of last 25 games played

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Their manager was out of a job, and the New York Mets were out of the sorts.

Lame-duck Art Howe and his listless Mets lost for the 21st time in 25 games, with John Thomson pitching the Atlanta Braves to a victory.

The Mets fired Howe hours earlier, making the move effective at the end of the season. He was given his choice of whether to stay for the final 17 games — general manager Jim Duquette asked him to remain and Howe agreed, saying, "I'm not a quitter."

"There were obviously a lot of things happening before the game," Howe said. "Once you get into a game, it's a game."

"I'm just glad it's behind us."

There wasn't much energy at Shea Stadium, and the Mets didn't do a lot to cause any excitement.

"Contrary to how it looked, we care," losing pitcher Al Leiter said.

St. Louis 4, Houston 2

More big offense from Jim Edmonds and a bounce-back game from Matt Morris helped the St. Louis Cardinals surface from their worst stretch of the season.

Edmonds' sacrifice fly snapped an eighth-inning tie and Morris rebounded from one of his worst starts of the season, bringing the Cardinals one step closer to the NL Central championship with a victory over the Houston Astros.

Edmonds also hit his 42nd homer, matching his career best set in 2000. The Cardinals have won only three of eight, but reduced their magic number for clinching the division to four.

"We knocked one off the number the hard way," manager Tony La Russa said. "That was a tough win."

Jeff Kent hit a two-run homer and Lance Berkman had two hits, giving him six in the last two games.

Houston has lost only four of its last 19 games, but fell two games behind the San Francisco Giants in the wild-card race.

"A two-run homer, and that was it," manager Phil Garner said. "We didn't get anybody to third, and that was the story

tonight."

San Francisco 8, Milwaukee 1

Barry Bonds barely missed his 700th homer. Bonds sent the first pitch he saw to the right-field warning track, then didn't come close again in San Francisco's rout of the Milwaukee Brewers.

"He missed his one shot today," Giants manager Felipe Alou said.

Brett Tomko pitched a four-hitter for the Giants, who remained a half-game ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race.

Bonds went 0-for-4 and is now 0-for-6 with three walks since hitting his 699th homer Sunday in Arizona. He is expected to start Thursday afternoon in the series finale at Miller Park before the Giants return to SBC Park for a nine-game homestand beginning Friday night, Alou said.

Arizona 3, Colorado 2

Randy Johnson broke Steve Carlton's major league record for strikeouts by a left-hander, finishing 11 to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks past the Colorado Rockies.

Johnson pitched eight strong innings and finished the night with 4,139 strikeouts, passing Carlton (4,136) for third overall on the career list behind only Nolan Ryan (5,714) and Roger Clemens (4,287).

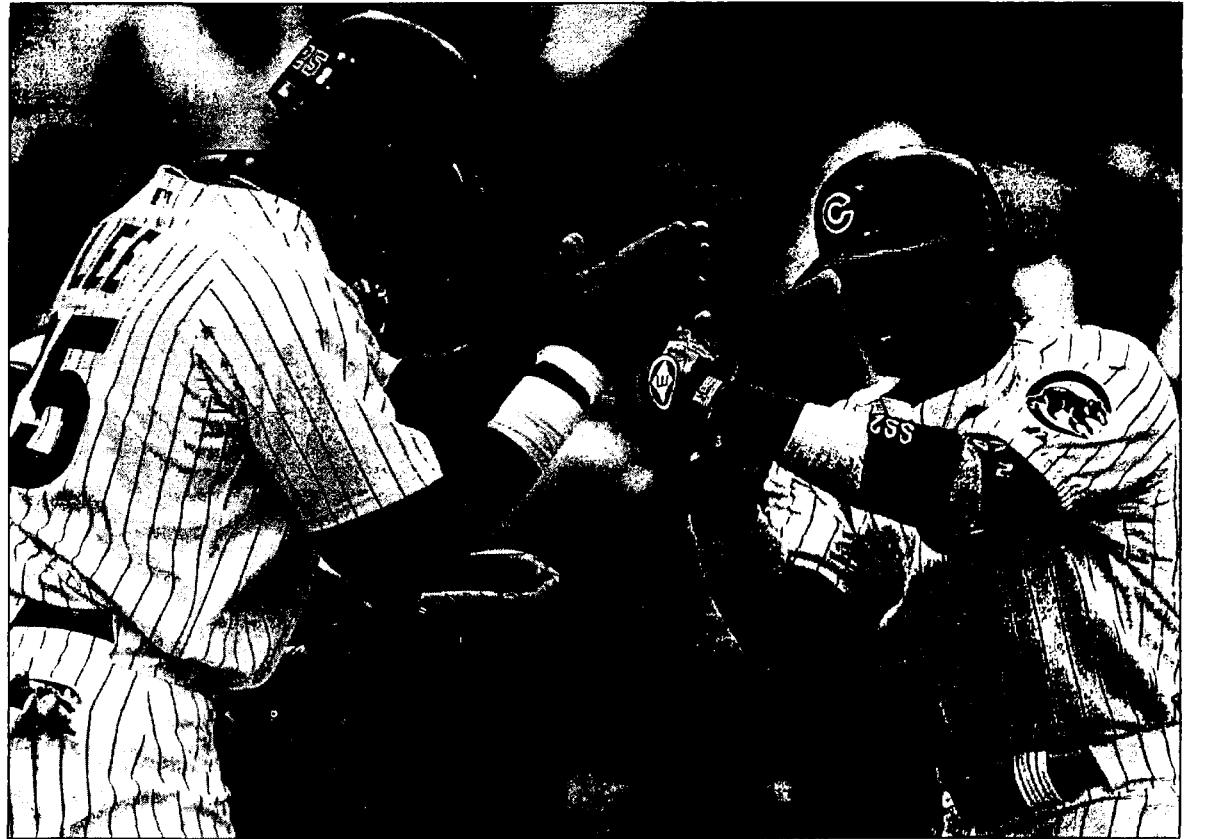
The Big Unit struck out Vinny Castilla in the seventh for No. 4,137. Play was interrupted momentarily while the scoreboard flashed the statistics and the crowd cheered the workhorse of their struggling team. Despite Johnson's big night, the paid attendance was announced as 22,598 — the second-lowest ever at Bank One Ballpark.

Johnson had his 12th double-digit strikeout game this year and 203rd overall — moving within 12 of Ryan's big league record. Johnson has a major league-high 268 strikeouts this season. He is 244-127 in his career.

San Diego 7, L.A. Dodgers 3

Brian Lawrence settled down after a shaky start to pitch six solid innings, and Brian Giles had three hits including a tiebreaking homer to lead the San Diego Padres over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The NL West-leading Dodgers' lead was cut to 3 1/2 games over San Francisco, an 8-1 winner at Milwaukee. San Diego moved within 6 1/2 games of Los Angeles in the division race and remained three back of the



Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa, right, celebrates with Derrek Lee after hitting a grand slam in the eighth inning against Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday. Chicago won 13-5 over Pittsburgh.

Giants in the wild-card race.

The first five Los Angeles batters hit safely, good for three runs, but Lawrence (15-12) allowed only two hits and no runs after that before being lifted for a pinch-hitter. Lawrence retired 18 of the final 21 batters he faced, and the Dodgers had only three hits after the first inning.

Giles hit Wilson Alvarez's first pitch of the sixth inning just inside the right-field pole for his 22nd homer to snap a 3-3 tie. Philadelphia 9, Cincinnati 1.

Brett Myers beat the Cincinnati Reds with his arm and his bat.

Myers pitched six solid innings and drove in the go-ahead run, helping the Philadelphia Phillies salvage the finale of a three-game series with a win.

"Pitching is repetitious," Philadelphia manager Larry Bowa said. "He's only 24. When he does it right, he's a very good big league pitcher."

Pat Burrell hit his 23rd homer in the sixth, his second of the series, then added an RBI single in the eighth to help the Phillies avoid being swept in a three-game series in Cincinnati for the first time since Aug. 4-6, 1995. Jason Michaels added four hits.

Myers (9-9) matched his season high with five walks, but

he gave up only one run and four hits. He struck out four, improving to 4-1 in his last nine starts. He gave up a lead-off triple to Ryan Freel in the first but escaped with no damage.

"You never like to get in those situations because it takes a lot of pitches to get out of them," Myers said. "I could've gone longer if I hadn't gotten into that situation, but I definitely didn't want them to score in the first. I worked out of it, but it took a lot out of me."

Chicago Cubs 13, Pittsburgh 5

Sammy Sosa appears to have found his swing, and the timing couldn't be better for the Chicago Cubs.

Sosa hit his first grand slam in more than two years, and also had a solo homer as the Cubs hit three straight in the first inning on their way to a rout of the Pittsburgh Pirates that kept them on pace in the chase for the NL wild card.

"He's swinging the bat great," teammate Derrek Lee said. "When he's swinging the bat like he is now, he can carry a team on his back."

The rest of the Cubs aren't too bad, either. Lee, Sosa and Michael Barrett connected in succession in the first inning, and Neifi Perez added a two-run shot in the sixth as the

Cubs took advantage of a shaky outing by Oliver Perez (10-9).

The left-hander, who had allowed three earned runs or fewer in all but two of his previous 17 starts, gave up 10 hits — four homers — and six runs in 5 2-3 innings. He also walked four and struck out five.

Montreal 6, Florida 2

The Montreal Expos did their best to sweep away the Florida Marlins' playoff hopes.

"We've battled through a lot of adversity these past two or three weeks, this is just a little bump in the road," manager Jack McKeon said after Florida was swept by the Expos and 10-4 to fall 3 1/2 games behind San Francisco in the NL wild-card race.

"We just have to get this engine fired up again and click on all cylinders again," McKeon added.

Tony Batista and Val Pascucci hit three-run homers for the Expos in the second game.

Brad Wilkerson hit his ninth leadoff homer in the opener, which featured Montreal's Brian Schneider getting picked off by Mike Lowell's hidden ball trick.

The teams resumed their five-game series in Florida after the Marlins won the first two games at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yankees blank Royals 3-0, look ahead to Sox

Second consecutive shutout for New York

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The New York Yankees' struggling starters are beginning to put it together — just in time for a big series against Boston.

After struggling with his mechanics the last few weeks, Javier Vazquez found his groove and pitched New York to its sec-

ond straight shutout.

"I got my confidence back a little bit," Vazquez said after throwing seven impressive innings in a victory over the Kansas City Royals. "Hopefully, I'll get on a roll now."

Derek Jeter homered and doubled twice, and Tony Clark also connected for the Yankees. They lead the AL East by four games over Boston and have a day off before beginning a three-game series against the Red Sox on Friday night at

Yankee Stadium.

Boston 8, Tampa Bay 6

The Boston Red Sox just want to keep winning.

Manny Ramirez hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly, and Kevin Millar and Mark Bellhorn had two-run homers to lift the Red Sox to a hard-earned victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The Red Sox, who remained four games behind the New York Yankees, avoided losing three straight for the first time

since July 2. They began Wednesday with a 4 1/2-game lead over Anaheim in the wild-card race.

Coming off a 5-2 defeat against Tampa Bay on Tuesday, with Pedro Martinez taking the loss, the Red Sox weren't about to let up.

"Sometimes you hear so much about the teams that are in first place that you lose focus like we did last night," Bellhorn said.

The Red Sox blew three leads before Ramirez put them ahead

to stay in the sixth inning.

"It wasn't pretty, but (it was) a good win for the team," Millar said.

Cleveland 5, Detroit 3

Ben Broussard cleared his head, then cleared the bases.

Broussard's two-out, two-run double sparked a three-run eighth inning, sending the Cleveland Indians to a win over the Detroit Tigers.

"I just tried to clear my mind and go up there with a purpose," said Broussard, who was mired in a 3-for-34 slump in September. "Thoughts shoot through your head, so the best thing to do is take a deep breath."

Broussard pulled the first pitch he saw from Esteban Yan (2-4) just inside the first-base bag to put Cleveland ahead 4-3. Ryan Ludwick followed with an RBI double that was inches fair down the left-field line to make it 5-3.

Broussard came on as a defensive replacement in the seventh for the Indians, who snapped a three-game losing streak and won for just the fourth time in 12 games.

Toronto 3, Baltimore 0

Matt Riley pitched well after taking a ball off his face — just not well enough to win.

Riley took a one-hopper off his jaw and collapsed after his second pitch of the game in Baltimore's loss to the Toronto Blue Jays.

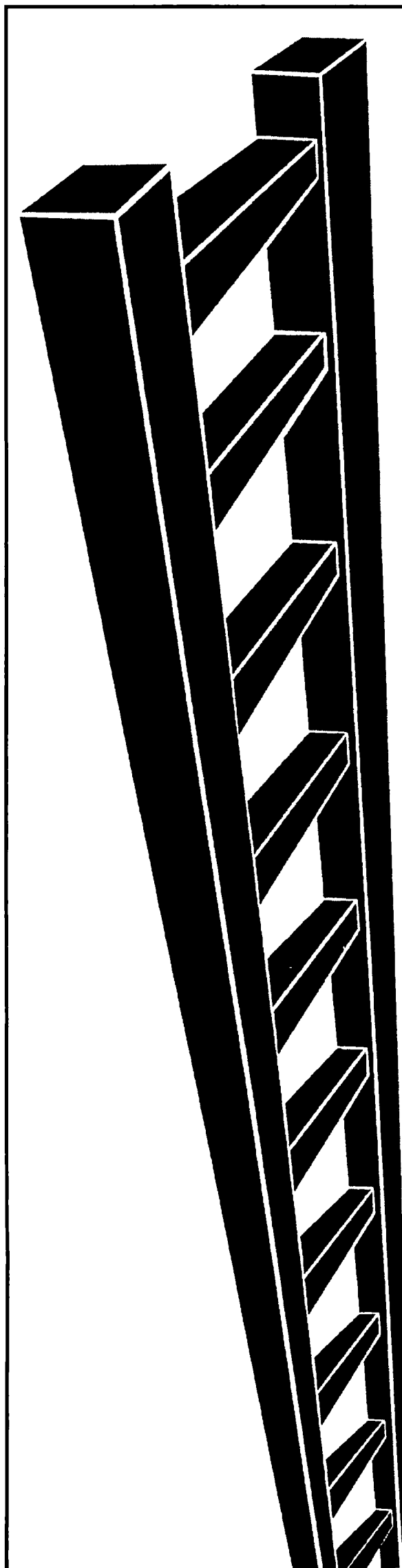
Riley laid on the mound for a few minutes, but stayed in the game, allowing two hits and seven walks in seven innings.

"It kind of shocked me when it hit me. It jarred my brain," Riley said. "It just took me a couple of pitches afterward to gather everything together and get back on track."

Toronto's Reed Johnson led off the first with a sharp grounder that bounced off the jaw of Riley, who went down in a heap. Johnson reached on the single.

Riley recovered, but issued two walks and threw a wild pitch before the inning was over. After play resumed, Chris Woodward walked and Vernon Wells grounded into a double play. Riley (1-4) then walked Carlos Delgado before a wild pitch allowed Johnson to score from third.

"You have to shake something like that off," Riley said. "We're out there playing a game and my teams needs me."



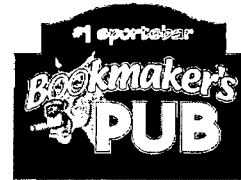
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Sutton expects U.S. team to prepare like individuals

Partners for Ryder Cup will be revealed in final practice

Associated Press

LOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Hal Sutton doesn't want anyone to read anything into his pairings during the practice rounds at the Ryder Cup, and that's a good thing.

Otherwise, one could only guess that Phil Mickelson will be riding the bench until Sunday.

Mickelson caused the biggest stir Wednesday at Oakland Hills by taking the day off from practice, an unusual decision that left everyone to wonder if American unity already was on life support.

Then again, the show of individualism fits in with everything Sutton has been preaching.

"Worry about yourself," Sutton said. "If I get you to worry about you, and I get the best out of you, then it will come together as a team effort that could be brilliant."

The best illustration is the rare tack Sutton is taking this week.

Captains usually have a good idea about teams midway through the week and start putting those players together during practice so they can get comfortable with each other.

Sutton is keeping his guys in the dark. From the time his 12-man team was finalized on Aug. 16 until sometime before opening ceremonies Thursday, the American players will not get the slightest hint whom their partners will be.

And Sutton's pairings during the practice rounds don't offer much of a clue.

Tiger Woods played Tuesday with Jim Furyk, Chris Riley and Chad Campbell, all of whom have been linked as possible partners. The next day, Woods went off in a twosome with Ryder Cup rookie Chris DiMarco. Bringing up the rear was a fivesome — another Ryder Cup rarity — of Davis Love III, Jay Haas, Fred Funk, Campbell and Furyk.

"I told them I wasn't going to set the pairings for the practice rounds," Sutton said. "Be prepared to beat the other two guys by yourself, and if I give you a little help, that's a bonus. So they have no clue who they're going to play with. If they know who it is, they start worrying about their partner's game instead of worrying about their own game."

Sutton said his lineup for the opening round is set. He will let the players know during the final day of practice, and some

teams — Woods and Mickelson, perhaps? — could play together for the first time Friday morning.

"There's been a lot of people talking about who they are comfortable with, and who they are not comfortable with," Sutton said. "I'm going to tell them tomorrow who they're going to be comfortable with playing."

It was just another example of how Sutton has made it clear this is his team, he will do things his way and he is prepared to take the criticism if it goes awry.

Then again, he has nothing to lose, because the Americans don't have the Ryder Cup.

Previous captains have tried to match up games and personalities, friends and rivals, even the

best two players on the team. No matter. The results have been the same.

The United States has won the team portion of the Ryder Cup — two rounds of alternate-shot and better-

ball each of the first two days — just once in the last nine matches.

"This is certainly a different strategy, something I've never experienced," Woods said. "I think it's refreshing. We go out there and prepare like we always do for each and every tournament, and they when your name is called, you go out there and try to get a point."

Woods was given that freedom to stick to his routine at The Belfry in 2002, when he angered the British media and public for playing his practice round before the gates were opened, just like he does at the majors.

And that's why none of Mickelson's teammates were disturbed when he took the day off.

"Three practice rounds ... you hardly ever see the top players do that at a Masters or a U.S. Open or an Open championship," Davis Love III said. "Phil, that's a normal routine for

him to skip Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday completely. I think captains are learning we need to prepare as individuals and do our own thing."

Mickelson was the first player at Oakland Hills on Monday, and he took nearly seven hours to play 18 holes by himself. He filled his yardage book with notes on every hole, and had a caddie place six tiny flags around the green, chipping to each spot from bunkers and rough.

"Phil Mickelson taking the day off was the best thing for him to do, and I admire that," Stewart Cink said.

European captain Bernhard Langer took the more traditional route.

"As a player, I know that sooner or later you would like to have some idea who you might be playing [with], or if you're playing at all," Langer said. "And I will let them know as time gets closer to making a decision."

One look at his pairings during Wednesday's practice round made it clear what he was thinking.

Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia (3-1 as a team at The Belfry), and Luke Donald and Paul Casey (Walker Cup teammates) played as better-ball teams for nine holes. Then, the Europeans switched to the alternate-shot format on the back nine, with Westwood teamed with Darren Clarke and Garcia playing with Donald.



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BOXING

De La Hoya grim but confident about chances with Hopkins

Winner will claim \$30 million payday

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The smile was gone, and Oscar De La Hoya was in no mood to play any games. To those who think he has no chance against middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins, though, De La Hoya had something to say.

No, he's not scared to be fighting a bigger, stronger

fighter. No, he didn't take the fight just for a \$30 million payday.

And, yes, he does have a plan to win.

"The reason I took this fight is I know I can win," De La Hoya said Wednesday. "I'm not thinking of anything else because all I want is those belts. Believe me when I tell you, those belts are mine."

For the first time in his career, De La Hoya will be an underdog when he goes into the ring Saturday night to

challenge Hopkins in a fight that could end up the richest non-heavyweight bout ever.

It's only the second fight at middleweight for De La Hoya, and he's taking on a champion who has defended his titles 18 times and hasn't lost in 11 years.

Perhaps that's why the usual smile was missing at Wednesday's final pre-fight press conference, replaced by a grimly determined boxer who knows what part this fight will play when it's time to eval-

uate his extraordinarily lucrative career.

"This is the fight where I just suck it up and let everything loose," De La Hoya said. "This is for all the marbles. This is the fight that will define my career."

For Hopkins, it's a fight that means even more than that.

"I'm willing to leave my soul, body and life in there if it takes that," Hopkins said. "You give me a rich fighter and a hungry fighter and I'm going with the hungry fighter every time."

Hopkins is a 2-1 favorite in the scheduled 12-round fight, which will be televised on pay-per-view (HBO, \$54.95) from the MGM Grand Garden arena. Already a sellout with a \$14 million gate, promoters are hoping the matchup is so intriguing that it will surpass the previous non-heavyweight record of 1.4 million pay-per-view buys set in De La Hoya's 1999 fight with Felix Trinidad.

If the fight sells as well as expected, the 39-year-old Hopkins could pocket up to \$15 million. For a fighter who has never made more than \$3 million before and whose career has been marked by battles with various promoters and managers, the money is vindication for doing things his own way.

"We've got two different agendas, come from two different places and have walked two different roads," said Hopkins (44-2-1, 31 knockouts). "He's the golden boy, but after Saturday night I'll be the new golden boy."

De La Hoya, who has won

titles in five weight divisions from 130 pounds up, will have to show not only that he can be quicker than Hopkins but also that he has the stamina to stay on his toes all 12 rounds.

That's been a problem in previous fights, including his loss to Trinidad, where he was ahead after nine rounds but then ran the last three rounds.

De La Hoya (37-3, 29 knockouts) said he sparred 130 rounds in camp for the fight, compared to his usual 80, and went 12 rounds four different times.

"Stamina is not going to be an issue," he said. "Stamina is covered, speed is covered, legs are covered. Power? It will come, too."

Hopkins said De La Hoya had better be prepared to fight from the first round on. Though some have tried to compare the fight to the 1987 middleweight title bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Hopkins said the better analogy would be Hagler's third-round knockout of Thomas Hearns in 1985.

"I'm going to set a fierce pace. It's going to be a Marvin Hagler-Tommy Hearns kind of fight," Hopkins said. "If he takes a deep breath, I'm telling you, it's over."

The huge payouts to both fighters is a testament to the continued ability of De La Hoya to draw paying fans despite losing two fights to Shane Mosley and his fight to Trinidad. In his last fight in June against Felix Sturm, he looked out of shape and struggled to get a narrow win.

De La Hoya remains the biggest draw in boxing, with his fights on pay-per-view taking in \$390 million exclusive of live gates. Because he is the prime attraction, he refused a third fight with Mosley because Mosley wanted a dollar more than what De La Hoya would make and turned instead to a much riskier fight with a champion many rate among the best middleweights ever.

Hopkins said he doesn't begrudge De La Hoya his place in boxing.

"Oscar is good for boxing. Unfortunately we don't have five or six of him," Hopkins said. "Oscar brings a crowd, movie stars, celebrities. I have nothing to say bad about Oscar, period."

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Oscar De La Hoya
boxer

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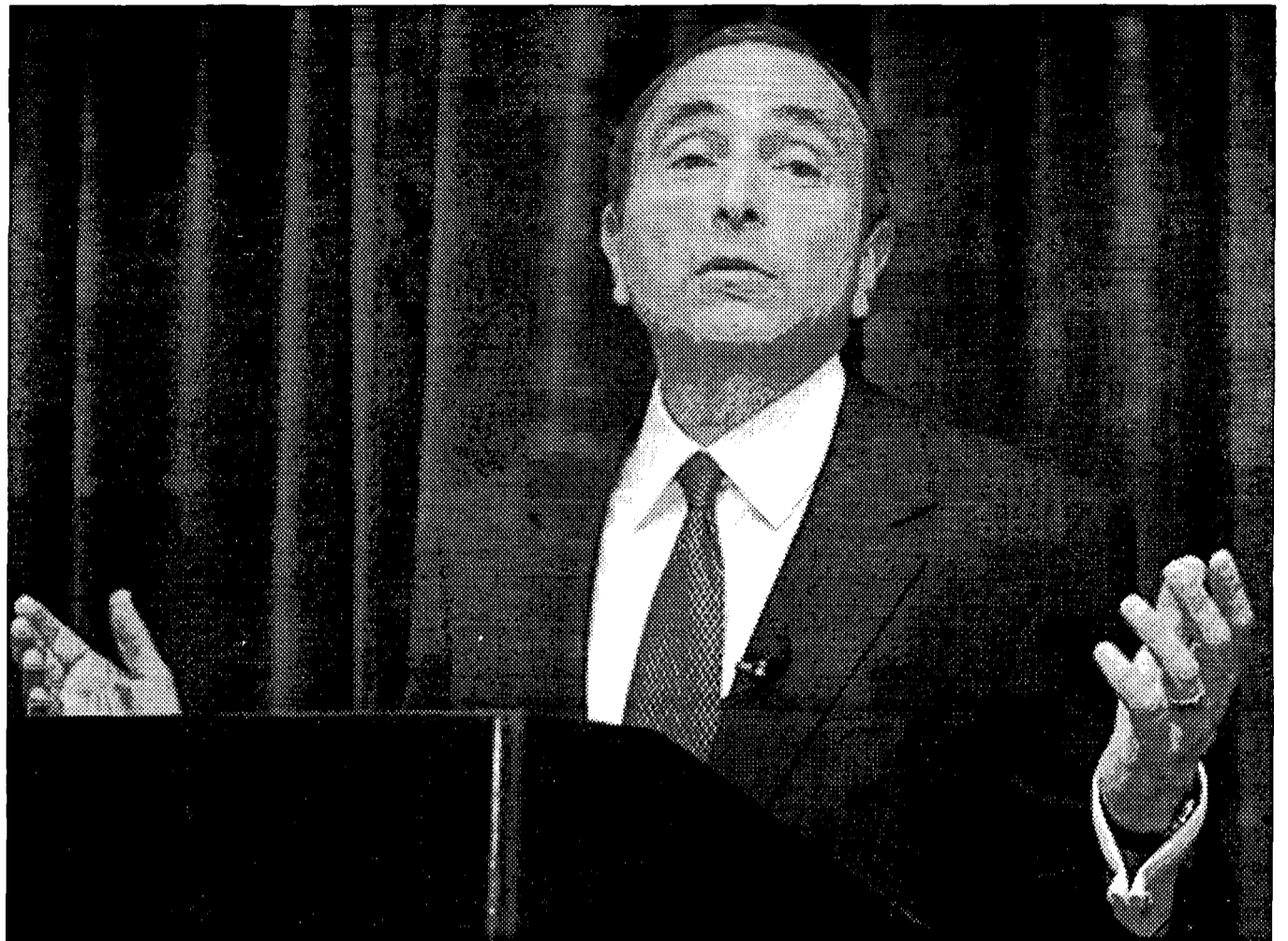
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NHL



NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman makes his case to the public at a press conference Wednesday, blaming the NHL Players' Association for the first NHL work stoppage since the 1994-95, 103-day lockout.

Bettman tells players the puck stops here

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The National Hockey League is locking out its players starting Thursday, threatening to keep the sport off the ice for the entire 2004-05 season and perhaps beyond in an effort by management to gain massive change in the sport's economic structure.

After the long-expected decision was approved unanimously Wednesday by NHL owners, commissioner Gary Bettman repeatedly belittled the union's bargaining position, talked about the possibility the confrontation could extend into the 2005-06 season and said

the conflict has jeopardized the NHL's participation in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

"If there's enough time to play some games, we'll do it," he said of this season, "and if there's not, we won't."

Bettman called it a "bleak day," claimed teams had combined to lose more than \$1.8 billion over 10 years and cited bankruptcy filings by teams in Buffalo, Los Angeles, Ottawa and Pittsburgh. He said management will not agree to a labor deal that doesn't include a defined relationship between revenue and salaries.

"Until he gets off the salary-cap issue, there's

not a chance for us to get an agreement," union head Bob Goodenow said in Toronto, adding that players "are not prepared to entertain a salary cap in any way, shape, measure or form."

Far apart on both philosophy and finances, the side haven't bargained since last Thursday and say they are entrenched for the long run, echoing words of baseball players and owners at the start of their disastrous 7 1/2-month labor war of 1994-95.

There is almost no chance the season will start as scheduled on Oct. 13, and Bettman told teams to release their ar-

nas for other events for the next 30 days. Bettman said the season can't extend past June, and the lockout threatens to wipe out the Stanley Cup final for the first time since 1919, when the series between Montreal and Seattle was stopped after five games due a Spanish influenza epidemic.

"The union is trying to win a fight, hoping that the owners will give up. That will turn out to be a terrible error in judgment," Bettman said. "They are apparently convinced that come some point in the season, the owners' resolve will waver, and I'm telling you that is wrong, wrong, wrong."

IN BRIEF

Battered A's fan defends heckling, plans to sue

OAKLAND, Calif. — The woman whose nose was broken when Texas reliever Frank Francisco threw a chair into the stands said Wednesday she will not decide whether to sue the Rangers until after prosecutors and baseball officials complete their investigation.

Jennifer Bueno, 41, with a large white bandage covering her nose and purple rings under her eyes, and her husband, Craig, appeared at a news conference with their attorney, who said they plan to seek compensation for her injuries.

Craig Bueno acknowledged that, before the fracas, he was part of some "verbal bantering" with the Rangers.

"It's part of going to the baseball game," Jennifer Bueno said. "I don't think he did anything wrong."

"It's an American tradition," the 42-year-old fire battalion chief said of his

heckling, adding that he said he and his wife bought season tickets near the visitors' bullpen just "so we can get on them on a little bit."

Johnson blows Carlton's lefty record away

PHOENIX — Randy Johnson got his 4,137th strikeout Wednesday night, breaking Steve Carlton's major league record for left-handers and moving into third place overall on the career list.

Johnson struck out Colorado's Vinny Castilla in the seventh inning, giving the Arizona ace nine in the game and a major league-best 266 this season.

Play was interrupted momentarily while the scoreboard flashed the statistics and the crowd cheered the workhorse of their struggling team. Despite Johnson's big night, the paid attendance was announced as 22,598 — the second-lowest ever at Bank One Ballpark.

The only pitchers still ahead of the Big Unit are right-handers Nolan

Ryan (5,714) and Roger Clemens (4,287), who is still pitching for the Houston Astros.

Howe fired, to remain for remainder of season

NEW YORK — Art Howe was fired as manager of the struggling New York Mets on Wednesday, but decided to honor general manager Jim Duquette's request to stay in the dugout for the rest of the year.

"The fact is, I'm not fired now. I'm leaving after the season," Howe said. "I'm not a quitter."

"You see it happen to other people," he said. "You always hope it doesn't happen to you."

Howe's contract runs through the 2006 season and he's still owed \$4.7 million. But with the Mets at 63-82 — following a 66-95 finish last year in his first season, Duquette decided it was time for a change.

"I don't want to get into an evaluation of Art," Duquette said. "It wasn't working."

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MLB

Braves at Mets 6:10 p.m., TBS
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PGA

Leonard headlines Texas Open

Defending champion Armour III will also be returning to Open

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Unheralded Tommy Armour III came into the Texas Open a season ago and broke a PGA scoring record for his first victory in 13 years.

He hasn't done much since, posting only two top-25 finishes this year and missing the cut in four of his last six events.

But there's something about the La Cantera Golf Club course in the hills north of San Antonio that suits him.

"I've always played it fairly decent," said Armour, who shot a 26-under 254 last year to win by seven strokes over Loren Roberts and Bob Tway. "Why, I don't know."

The 72-hole score was the lowest in a PGA tournament, surpassing

Calcavecchia's 256 in the 2001 Phoenix Open.

Also part of this year's field when the tournament starts Thursday will be Roberts, the winner in 2002, and two-time champion Justin Leonard, a runner-up in the 2004 PGA Championship.

In addition to his two Texas Open victories, Leonard has two second-place finishes and is the tournament's leading money winner with \$1.3 million.

"Some tournaments just have that feel to it, and this is one of them."

Justin Leonard
two-time champion

"I'm kind of relaxed when I get here," said Leonard, a Dallas native and University of Texas alumnus.

"Some tournaments just have that feel to it, and this is one of them."

The tournament is noticeably short on big names, with many taking part this weekend in Ryder Cup play at Oakland Hills in Michigan

and others taking the weekend off.

Only three players in the \$3.5 million event have four victories this season and just a handful are among the leading money winners.

Jerry Kelly, ranked 28th with nearly \$1.7 million in prize money, tops the list.

Players with four victories this year include Rod Pamplung, winner of The International; Vaughn Taylor, who won a four-man playoff in the Reno-Tahoe Open; and Heath Slocum, who triumphed at the Chrysler Classic of Tucson.

Also in the field is England's Justin Rose, who had been in contention for a spot on Europe's Ryder Cup team.

On Sunday he shot a final-round 63 to climb into a tie for fourth in the Canadian Open.

"That's huge going into a week like this, which I believe is a pretty low-scoring week," said Rose, who has won \$1.1 million this year.

"I've just got to do my best to stay patient and get out of my own way."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Tar Heels face early defensive struggles

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina's defense is getting pretty good at being bad.

After two games, the Tar Heels rank last in the Atlantic Coast Conference in every defensive category, and they very well might break the school record for yards allowed. That mark goes all the way back to 2003.

"We know that we need to improve significantly defensively," coach John Bunting said Tuesday.

No kidding. North Carolina gave up 549 yards in a 56-24 loss to Virginia, a week after Division I-AA William & Mary piled up 442 yards. At least the Tar Heels beat the Tribe, rallying for a 10-point deficit in the third quarter to give Bunting his first victory in an opener.

The Tar Heels haven't discriminated very much, either. They've allowed opponents to run and to throw virtually at will while giving up 495.5 yards, about 10 yards less than they did last season.

They haven't had an interception in nearly a year, dating back to Sept. 20, 2003, against Wisconsin.

"Absolutely, I can't imagine that. I really can't," Bunting said. "We're not going to get a

lot of interceptions until we stop the running game.

In order to get interceptions, you have to get the other team to throw more than they want."

This from a program that produced a bevy of NFL defenders in the late 1990s and early 2000s — Dre' Bly, Greg Ellis, Brian Simmons, Julius Peppers and Ryan Sims, just to name a few.

North Carolina simplified its defensive schemes in the off-season and hired two new coordinators, John Gutekunst from South Carolina and Marvin Sanders from Nebraska. So far, it's only been simple to the opponent.

Four different running backs totaled seven touchdowns for the Cavaliers, who didn't punt until the fourth quarter.

Particularly frustrating for Bunting was a play late in the second quarter, when Virginia decided to go for it on fourth-and-1 from their own 30. Sure, the Cavaliers led 28-10 at the time, but it still was a risky call.

Alvin Pearman made it pay off, running for 7 yards.

"Schematically, we played that absolutely perfect," Bunting said. "But the cornerback doesn't come up and support. If he does, it's a 2-yard loss."



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NFL

Rivalry growing between Colts and Titans in AFC South

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts measured themselves against the Super Bowl champions last week.

This week's game at Tennessee is much more significant to the Colts (0-1).

"This one is a lot bigger," tight end Marcus Pollard said Wednesday. "It's really worth two points because you can win on the road and you can win in the division."

The Colts want to make an early-season impression this week in what has become their biggest rivalry.

After losing 27-24 at New England on national television last Thursday, Indianapolis wants to prove to the football world that it hasn't taken a step back this year.

It's also about necessity. Another Colts loss would give Tennessee a two-game lead in what many consider a two-team division race and would assure

the Titans (1-0) of no worse than a split in the season series — the first determinant in breaking a tie.

Perhaps that's why playoff talk has already seeped into the locker room comments less than two weeks into the regular season.

"They have something to prove, we have something to prove and the winner of this division has to go through one of these teams," safety Cory Bird said. "So it will be a fierce competition."

During the past two years, the Titans-Colts matchup has developed into one of the league's most underrated rivalries. No, it's not Giants-Eagles, Packers-Vikings or even Steelers-Browns.

But it is almost no-holds-barred, and this week, the NFL's standard talking points — respect the foe, focus on the next game and say nothing to rile an opponent — has taken a

back seat to championship aspirations and pride.

"You pretty much have to go out, hit them in the mouth and come out on top," cornerback Nick Harper said. "It's pretty much like a college rivalry but on a different level because there's so much at stake."

For the two teams that have clearly been the class of the South, much is already at stake.

When Tennessee swept the series two years ago, it won the division title. When the Colts returned the favor last year, they claimed the division crown.

Round 3 starts Sunday with a fervor usually reserved for late-season games.

"You need several components to have a rivalry," Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said. "Typically one is based on proximity and then, of course, the other is based on the competition and everything associated with that."

The difference in this budding



Colts running back Edgerrin James is tackled by the Patriots last week. The Colts next face conference rival Tennessee.

rivalry is that the teams respect each another.

Peyton Manning said he developed a friendship with

Steve McNair during February's Pro Bowl, a bond between the two quarterbacks who shared last year's MVP honors.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Replacing Manning isn't easy for Ole Miss



Michael Spurlock, who replaced Eli Manning at quarterback for Ole Miss, has yet to post a win for the Rebels.

Cutcliffe now has worst passing team in SEC

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The last time Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe replaced a quarterback named Manning, he won a national championship as Tennessee's offensive coordinator. This time, he'd probably settle for a victory.

Accustomed to being the best passing team in the Southeastern Conference with Eli Manning running the offense, the Rebels are the league's worst this season — a major reason why Ole Miss (0-2) is one loss from its worst start in 21 years.

"It's pretty obvious that we

are disappointed with our production in that area," Cutcliffe said. "It's frustrating because we haven't accomplished much in the passing game. ... We haven't given up on the situation and don't think we are going to stop throwing the football."

Cutcliffe praised Micheal Spurlock's mobility and exuberance all preseason, then benched him midway through his second start last week against Alabama. Gangly sophomore Ethan Flatt came off the bench and sparked a quarterback controversy when he threw the Rebels' only touchdown pass of the season, then earned the probable start Saturday against Vanderbilt.

The Rebels' questions at quarterback sharply contrast

Cutcliffe's situation in 1998, when as offensive coordinator at Tennessee he won the national title after Tee Martin replaced Peyton Manning.

Two games into the post-Eli era at Ole Miss, finding an effective replacement for the Heisman Trophy finalist has been a much tougher challenge.

Eli Manning broke or tied 45 school records during his four years in Oxford, and directed a passing game which averaged 286 yards per game last year.

"He left some big shoes to fill, and I think a lot of people placed so much pressure on Micheal early," Flatt said. "As far as our offense, it's been little things — a bad decision or a dropped ball or a penalty."

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fielder Ashley Hinton evened the game later in the first half off an assist from Carrie Orr. Thanks to an assist from Orr, Hinton scored on a corner kick to tie it 1-1 at the end of the first period.

Luckily for the Belles, the rest of the game was a much different story.

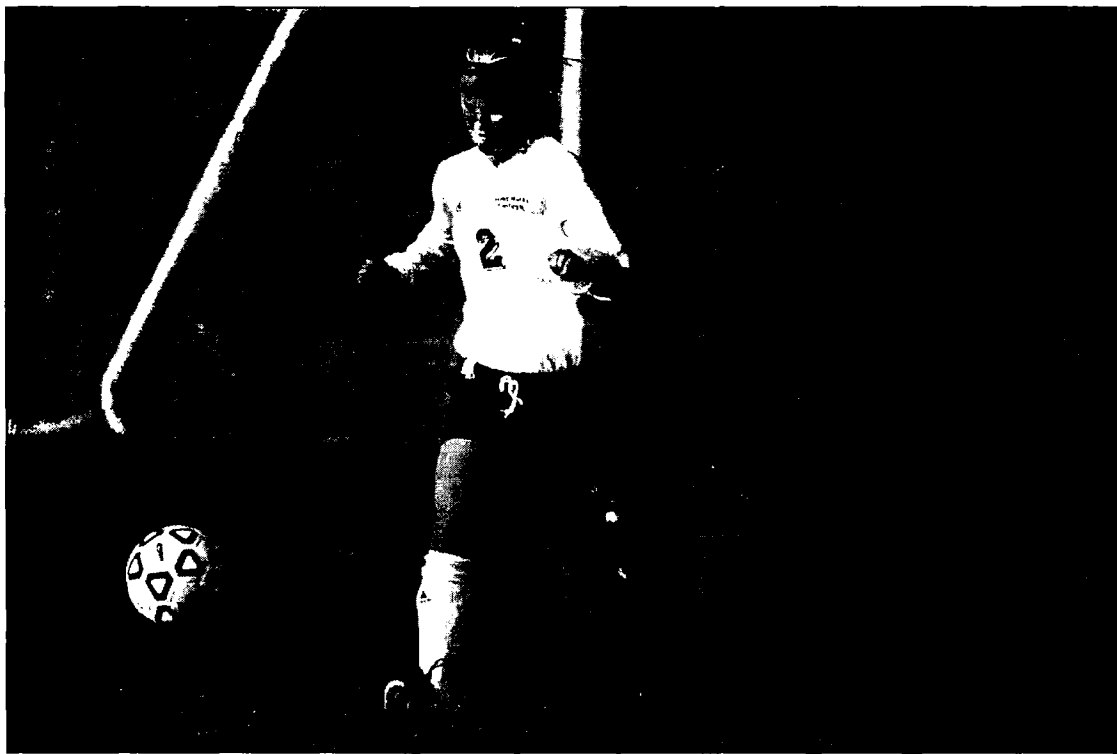
"We were a little shaky in the first half, especially after they scored their first goal," Orr said. "But we came back out in the second half and settled down. Everyone did a really good job of getting their heads back into the game and just playing good soccer."

In the final period, the score remained tied until Jen Concannon buried a cross from Carolyn Logan for her third goal this season. Logan would also assist Katie Noble for an insurance goal late in the game.

Logan helped add to the lead again soon after with an assist to Katie Noble for a goal that put the Belles up 3-1, completing a second-half turnaround which saw Saint Mary's play with much more team chemistry.

"We played really well together. Kalamazoo challenged us, but we knew we just had to get back into our own game," goalie Laura Heline said. "They were very physical, but we came back in the second half and played them hard."

Heline credited much of the team's success to their defensive effort.



Observer file photo

Katie Noble, shown here in a game last season, scored one goal in a 3-1 victory for the Belles against Kalamazoo on Wednesday. Saint Mary's improved to 3-0 on the season.

"Our defense is stellar," she said. "I'm so glad to have who I have in front of me. I never have to worry about whether they will play well, because they always do."

Strong games from Katie Taylor and Shannon Culbertson allowed the defense to keep the ball in Kalamazoo's zone for nearly the entire second half. Shutting down their opponent's scoring opened up plenty of opportunities for the Belles' offense.

"Our defense does a great job of feeding the long ball to our forwards, which creates scoring opportunities," Heline

said. "This team works well together, we have a lot of team unity."

Team chemistry has been one of the many things this year that has kept Saint Mary's a step ahead of their opponents.

"We played well as a team, especially in terms of playing off each other, knowing where every one is going to be, and playing as a unit," Orr said. "Everyone stepped it up when they needed to."

The improvements in the team's all-around play have allowed them to be much more competitive in the MIAA than in the past.

"Kalamazoo has always been a big game for us," Orr said. "In years past, they've beaten us badly. This was a great way to start off. It prepares us for when we travel to Kalamazoo to play them, and it sets the tone for the season."

Like all the players, Heline has her sights set on MIAA glory.

"It was awesome to start 2-0 in the MIAA," she said. "We set our goal high; our goal is to win a MIAA championship, and we're on our way."

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Barbour

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Barbour began her career in collegiate athletics as the head field hockey and assistant lacrosse coach at the University of Massachusetts in 1981. Since then, she has been the assistant athletic director at Northwestern University and the associate athletic director Tulane University.

At Tulane, Barbour also worked for White, who was Tulane's athletic director at the time. When White left, she was named the athletic director at Tulane.

During her three years there, she Tulane won 12 conference championships. White had nothing but good things to say about Barbour.

"As a consummate communicator, Sandy will engage the multiple constituencies, by way of creating a 'tomorrow' for Cal that is consistent with both the institutional mission and the highest intercollegiate athletics expectations," White said.

At Notre Dame, Barbour oversees facilities and event operations for the 26 sports of the Irish. She also is responsible for football game management and the University's two golf courses. Barbour also had the task of facilitating the plans of Notre Dame's \$22 million, 100,000-square foot Guglielmino Center, which is set to be complete by June 2005.

White thinks that Barbour will be a perfect fit at the University of California.

"Simply said, Sandy Barbour is a great fit at Cal — and Berkeley is the perfect place for Sandy," White said.

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Football

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Braylon Edwards caught 12 passes but no touchdowns. Freshman quarterback Chad Henne often had to throw underneath to receivers much like Quinn had done the week before.

"We held them without a touchdown until that last drive," strong safety Tom Zbikowski said. "So if all you can do is kick field goals ..."

The sentence finishes itself. Zbikowski [four tackles] and free safety Quentin Burrell [six], along with Jackson [five] and cornerback Dwight Ellick [six], combined Saturday to support the efforts of their front seven.

"I think we played more sound football against Michigan," Jackson said. "We were a lot more disciplined, [and] we attacked the ball more when it was in the air. We actually played more like the wide receivers when the ball was in the air, and I don't think we did that in the first game."

Zbikowski got the start against BYU and Michigan after pre-game releases showed senior Lionel Bolen as the starter with Freddie Parish as his back-up. Zbikowski is perhaps the most pleasant surprise in the defensive backfield.

"Tommy has performed well for us," defensive backs coach Steven Wilks said. "He has things to learn, but I am truly pleased with the way he has played."

Seniors Carlos Campbell and Mike Richardson enter the game in nickel and dime situations to aid the pass coverage, but the leadership for the secondary exists in the starting rotation.

"[Preston Jackson] is a true leader, not only with the secondary but the defense as a whole," Wilks said. "He's a smart football player. He puts himself in position to see him continue being the type of football player I know he can be."

Jackson scored on an interception return against BYU late in the game to give the Irish a

chance, and he continued to step in front of passes last weekend to end plays and drives.

"I worked hard this spring ... and summer to get myself faster and stronger and get in better position to make plays," Jackson said.

Though the secondary receives due recognition for its performance against Michigan, the freshman Henne did not test Burrell and the corners downfield like BYU was able to do. Michigan State could try to exploit the most likely weakness in an otherwise improved defensive backfield.

"That's one of the things we emphasize and we work on each day in practice is playing the deep ball, putting ourselves in position to make a play on the deep ball," Wilks said. "It's a concern, but it's something that's not a worry. We put ourselves in good positions at times ... we just have to make a play on the ball when we're in the air."

The win against Michigan somewhat redeems the week one letdown for the players, but that does not change preparation for a Michigan State team that always is ready for Notre Dame.

"Our guys understand this is one win," Wilks said. "Nothing that we did last week is going to help us win this week. We have to play to the level of our competition and do the things we know how to do to win this football game."

Notes

♦ Senior linebacker Derek Curry was named to the 2004 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team Wednesday. Curry is one of 11 Division-I athletes to be named to the annual team that represents community involvement and leadership.

Curry has been a three-year volunteer for the Student-Athlete Advisory Council Pediatric Oncology Christmas Party. He has volunteered at the Boy's and Girl's Club of South Bend and the Robinson Community Learning Center, among other activities.

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Soccer

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utes remaining in the contest.

Hoosier forward Brian Plotkin slotted home the insurance goal on a fast break to bump the Hoosier lead to 2-0 and effectively ice the match for Indiana.

"We were pushing to win the game," Clark said. "We didn't come here just to make up the numbers. We got caught in transition, but they're a very good team."

The Irish nearly knotted the game at 1-1 with 15 minutes remaining when forward Justin McGeeney got his head on a free kick, yet was denied by Indiana goalkeeper Jay Nolly on a spectacular save.

Nolly stopped four shots on the night while Sawyer blocked three for the Irish.

"Their goalkeeper came up big a couple times," Clark said. "We did enough in many ways to get more than we did from tonight's game, but that's the way it works."

McGeeney paced the Irish attack, recording three shots, while fellow forward Tony Megna took a pair of his own.

Overall, the shots were nearly even, with Indiana registering ten



Alex Youshinaga, right, battles a Cal State-Fullerton defender in Sunday's match, which ended in a 0-0 tie.

— five of which were on net — to Notre Dame's nine — four on net, and Irish took six corner kicks to the Hoosiers' one.

The contest marked the first time the Irish have battled the No.1 ranked team in the country since they suffered a 2-0 loss to Connecticut in 1998.

Last year, Indiana fell 1-0 to the Irish at Alumni Field. Despite the early-season loss, they returned to Bloomington at the end of the season with the national champi-

onship. During Clark's four years as head coach, the Irish are 2-2 against their traditionally powerful state rival.

The Irish come back home to kick off the Big East portion of their schedule, hosting Georgetown Saturday night at Alumni Field before traveling east to challenge West Virginia next Thursday.

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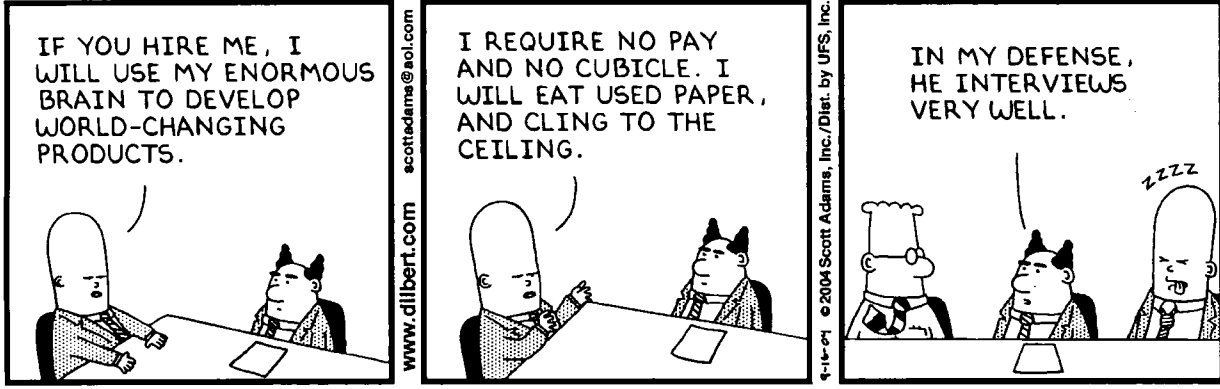
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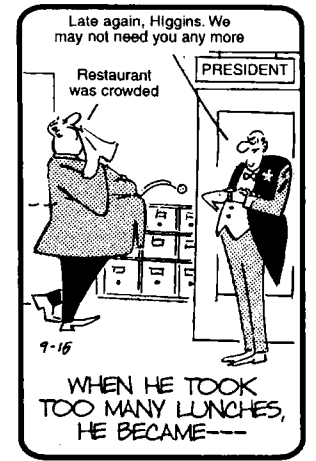
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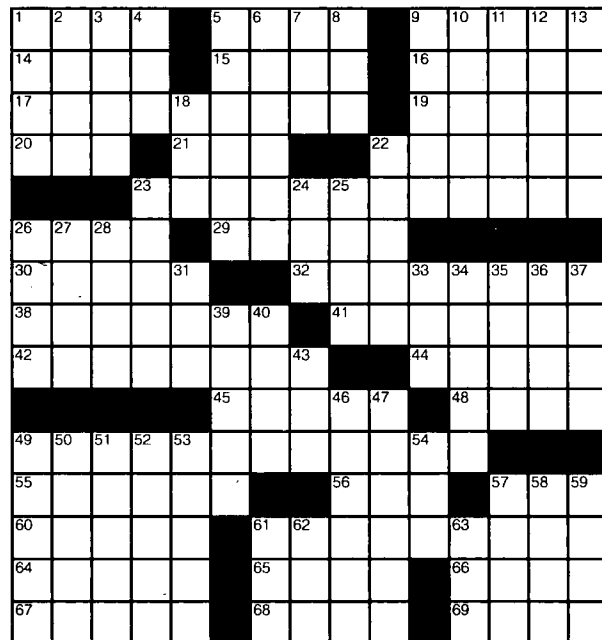
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 - 16 Musical featuring "Little Girls"
 - 17 Author of this puzzle's quote
 - 19 "There you go!"
 - 20 Text enhancer
 - 21 Clown's prop
 - 22 Golf cousins
 - 23 Start of the quote
 - 26 Miss Mexico, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 29 Pinch
 - 30 Move through a crowd, say
 - 32 Quote, part 2
 - 38 Oil-rich province
 - 41 Northerly locale
 - 42 Quote, part 3
 - 44 Became rampant
 - 45 1970 World's Fair site
 - 48 Impertinence
 - 49 Quote, part 4
 - 55 Slips by
 - 56 Big A.T.M. manufacturer
 - 57 "Eureka!"
 - 60 Polytheist
 - 61 End of the quote
 - 64 Handling badly
 - 65 Left-handers can't play it
 - 66 Karate skill category
 - 67 Game with a board
 - 68 At any time
 - 69 Combines
- DOWN**
- 1 Alta's opposite
 - 2 In preference to
 - 3 Good feeling
 - 4 Bonehead
 - 5 Box sets?
 - 6 Say yes
 - 7 Prefix with graphic or metric
 - 8 Form W-9 info: Abbr.
 - 9 Pack rat
 - 10 U.S. security
 - 11 Baker of renown
 - 12 Pastel shade
 - 13 Get a line on?
 - 18 Book after Galatians: Abbr.
 - 22 Syrupy drink
 - 23 Have second thoughts
 - 24 Even so
 - 25 "From Here to Eternity" island
 - 26 Influence
 - 27 Realtor's specialty, for short
 - 28 Off-limits: Var.
 - 31 Stumble
 - 33 Two turns, maybe
 - 34 Modern treaty violation
 - 35 Disk contents
 - 36 Songwriter Blackwell



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- 37 Wetlands
- 39 Pixar creations
- 40 Lhasa ____ (dog)
- 43 Corrode
- 46 Ignite
- 47 Object intentionally dropped on the floor
- 49 Halfhearted
- 50 One of Donald's exes
- 51 Gung-ho
- 52 Rework
- 53 Smallville family
- 54 Grp. involved in "the Troubles"
- 57 Like fine wines
- 58 Set aside
- 59 Kitchen pests
- 61 "The Naked ____" (1960's best seller)
- 62 All Souls' Day mo.
- 63 Org. whose members use the press?

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EUGENIA LAST

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Happy Birthday: An opportunity should arise this year that will allow you a little more freedom to follow your own path. If you don't do what suits you best, you will have regrets. Your intuition will not lead you astray. Your numbers are 4, 8, 16, 26, 34, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take advantage of the opportunities that are available to you. Stop holding yourself back -- if you believe in yourself you will find success. Be bold in your relationships. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is the perfect day to go after a better position or find a way to make some extra cash. You will have a much better idea what you need to do in order to feel, look and do better. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have more going for you than you realize, so start moving in a direction that will benefit you. You have been doing too much for others and forgetting about doing for yourself. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be too quick to make a decision; chances are someone is feeding you false information. Emotional matters will surface, so stay composed. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get involved so you can meet new people or develop a relationship you are already in. Talks will lead to beneficial results. Your persuasive personality will also charm someone. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Question your earning ability and you will discover that there are other ways to make money. You have the talent and the skills that will bring in more cash. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't bring about change today. Deal with matters as they arise and refrain from letting things get blown out of proportion. Emotions will be running high. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take care of any matters that have to do with institutions such as banks, hospitals or the judicial system. You should be able to clear up any questions that you have. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Love and romance may be on your mind. If you want to impress someone, you should do something selfless and offer your help to a worthy cause. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a good look at anything you have to sign or that could be binding before you move forward. Someone is trying to get you to do something that may not be what's best for you. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are being recognized for your talent, so don't be shy -- lay everything you've got to offer on the table and reap the rewards. Love is evident. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refrain from letting anyone talk you into spending money. You can make some changes to your living arrangements, but be careful if it involves someone else. Consider making a change of career. ***

Birthday Baby: You are creative, intelligent and very aware of your abilities. You will work hard to reach your goals and you will have a practical outlook.

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ND ATHLETICS

UC Berkeley names Barbour athletic director

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After serving Notre Dame since 2000, Anne "Sandy" Barbour, deputy director of athletics has been named the athletic director at the University of California, Berkeley, Robert J. Birgeneau, Chancellor Designate of the University of California announced Wednesday.

Barbour assumes the position after serving as Notre Dame's

senior athletic administrator under Athletic Director Kevin White since July 2003.

"Unequivocally, Sandy Barbour is truly one of the brightest professionals within the intercollegiate athletics subsector," White said in a release Wednesday. "Sandy is also instinctively empathetic, inordinately task-oriented, adaptable beyond her peers, and most importantly, extremely passionate about facilitating student-athlete aspirations."

At the University of California,

Barbour will oversee 27 sports with an annual budget of approximately \$40 million.

"Cal represents everything that's right with higher education and intercollegiate athletics," Barbour said at a media conference Wednesday. "I am thrilled and flattered to be given this opportunity. This is what I have been working toward my entire life. It's a dream come true, both personally and professionally."

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Sandy Barbour will leave the Notre Dame athletic department to take over at the University of California, Berkeley.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish fall in second half to No. 1 Indiana



Christopher High, right, fires the ball past the Evansville goalkeeper in Friday's 2-1 win in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. The Irish lost 2-0 to the Hoosiers in Wednesday's game.

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Looks can be deceiving, and such was the case for Indiana's 2-0 victory over Notre Dame on Wednesday night.

The score did not reflect the tenacity of the No. 5 Irish, who dropped to 3-1-1 as No. 1 Indiana rode a pair of second half tallies to improve to 5-0-0.

After the game, coach Bobby Clark remained optimistic.

"There were more positives in a funny way than negatives," Clark said. "It's nice to come in against the No. 1 team in the country and play an even game. We didn't win, but we certainly played a very good game."

Despite having trouble stringing together passing plays, the Irish had their chances to establish a lead in the first half. In the ninth minute of play, defender Jack Stewart wove through the Indiana

defense until the Hoosiers were able to clear the ball out of their danger zone.

After a scoreless first half, the Hoosiers drew first blood at the 53:15 mark when a shot from Indiana forward Jacob Peterson ricocheted off Stewart's foot, past goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and into the back of the net for a 1-0 Indiana advantage.

"The lad came in from the right, and [the Indiana forwards] played a nice little combination," Clark said. "It was very well taken — a good shot taken just inside the box."

The Irish remained fierce on the field, refusing to bow to the defending national champions. In particular, Joe Lampira continued to put pressure on the Hoosier defense after the halftime break.

Despite delivering the equalizer, the Irish pushed up, only to get burned with just under 10 min-

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SMC SOCCER

Belles remain undefeated, improve to 2-0 in MIAA

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Facing their first real conference challenge, the Belles continued to show that they'll give everything they have to reach their goal — an MIAA championship.

Saint Mary's took another step toward its final destination Wednesday, posting a 3-1 win

over Kalamazoo in its home conference opener. The win kept the Belles undefeated in MIAA play and extended their overall record to 3-0.

The Belles fell behind early in the first half, with Kalamazoo scoring to make it 1-0 and playing a physical game that seemed to give Saint Mary's trouble. But sophomore mid-

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FOOTBALL

Secondary improving every game

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has given up 78 rushing yards in two games, and the Irish are only 1-1. But no cause for despair exists on the defense after handing defeat to No. 8 Michigan.

After surrendering big passing plays to Brigham Young, the secondary has fed off a hungry line and linebacking core to already make evident

improvements.

"I'd give us a B-minus," cornerback Preston Jackson said. "We struggled a few times the first game, but we bounced back and made some plays. In the second game, we were getting better and better. And as long as we correct our mistakes and gain some confidence, I expect we'll be an A-plus by the end of the season."

Michigan star receiver

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Preston Jackson watches Notre Dame defeat Michigan.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

The AFC South rivalry will renew in Week 2 of NFL play.

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North Carolina's defense is ranked last in the ACC in every defensive category.

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Boston 8 Tampa Bay 6

Red Sox remain four games behind New York in AL East.

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Philadelphia 9 Cincinnati 1

Brett Myers pitched six innings and had the go-ahead RBI.

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