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## Experts debate universal health concerns



### Large audience greets academic forum panel

By EILEEN DUFFY  
Assistant News Editor

The overwhelming global health crisis might not be as complicated as most Americans — Notre Dame students included — think, said three distinguished panelists at the University's academic forum in the Joyce Center Thursday.

Gwen Ifill of "Washington Week" and "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" moderated as humanitarian Dr. Paul Farmer, economist Dr. Jeffrey Sachs and Ugandan Dr. Miriam Opwonya educated the audience, then prodded it to take action.

A thunderous round of applause greeted Farmer, the first to take the stage. Focusing on the results made possible by the United Nations Millennium Project, Farmer laid a fine foundation for Sachs, the director of that initiative.

Farmer said "vertical funding" — that is, money designated for a specific area, like AIDS — can and must be used to treat other diseases like malaria and tuberculosis, since the diseases often coincide.

Farmer, the director of nonprofit international healthcare organization Partners in Health, and his colleagues recently applied that very thinking to an HIV-positive, tuberculosis-afflicted Rwandan man who, in the photograph Farmer flashed, looked like a skeleton.

"He was hungry, as he put it. [Other] physicians might have said he had a consumptive disease, but we knew better; we listened to him... In the corporal works of mercy, there is a radical notion that we ought to treat hunger with food," Farmer said. "We fed him and gave him antiretrovirals and [tuberculosis] medicine.

"Now look at him."

A gasp was audible as a Rwandan man with an almost Santa Claus-like belly appeared on the projector, grinning at the audience.

Sachs bowed to Farmer when he stepped onstage, then steered the discussion in a more serious direction. Pummeling the audience with statistics — a result of his self-professed "economist's

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer  
University President Father John Jenkins speaks in front of panelists and students Thursday as part of the annual Notre Dame Forum.

## Jordan Hall officially dedicated

Jenkins blesses new \$70 million science building during ceremony

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER  
News Writer

An official dedication of the Jordan Hall of Science drew members of the University community Thursday in a celebration of Notre Dame's commitment to scientific inquiry.

"May it become a center where our students discover the truth," University President Father John Jenkins said as he blessed the building with holy water before a crowd of benefactors and officials.

He prayed that students would use their scientific knowledge to strengthen their

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CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer  
University President Father John Jenkins, right, speaks at the Jordan Hall dedication alongside Senior Executive Assistant Father Jim McDonald Thursday.

## Suspicious package found to be harmless

### Bomb squad probes in response to concern

By MADDIE HANNA  
News Writer

A package delivered to the Galvin Life Science Center Thursday afternoon initially generated suspicion of a bomb threat, but a several-hour police investigation determined the box was harmless, a University official said.

The box — a package delivered to Director of the Freimann Life Science Center Mark Suckow — actually contained "promotional materials for a scientific company,"

University spokesman Don Wycliff said Thursday night.

"In this case, it was a false alarm, but better safe than sorry," he said.

Police taped off a large area around Galvin as dedication ceremonies to honor the new Jordan Hall of Science progressed just across now-closed Juniper Road.

Suckow received the "small package" at his office in Galvin "around 2:30 or 3" Thursday afternoon, Wycliff said. He said he had "no idea who actually delivered" the package — a box with no return address, "excessive postage" with no cancelled stamps and, accord-

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## ND graduate reflects on Carroll mission

By STEVE KERINS  
News Writer

Many students at Notre Dame hope to earn a place in the public eye after they graduate. For Jake Cusack, a 2004 graduate, high-profile attention came in the form of an international news story — the Jill Carroll kidnapping.

After Carroll, a freelance reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, was kidnapped in Baghdad on Jan. 7, Cusack helped bring those responsible to justice and took part in other significant operations for the military.

Cusack, who has been home on leave since August, served as a

Marine Corps sniper platoon commander during an eight-month tour of duty in Iraq.

"I was on a ROTC scholarship while I was at Notre Dame from the Marines, so right after I graduated I [went] into my training," Cusack said, noting that three of his housemates during his senior year are also currently in the military. He was deployed to Iraq at the beginning of this year.

"[I was] in charge of 18 snipers," he said, "and so we did recon and surveillance and then target acquisition, actual sniper missions."

Cusack also played a role in the investigation following Carroll's release. She was freed on March

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## Roemer tackles U.S. security issues



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer  
President of the Center for National Policy Tim Roemer discusses U.S. security Thursday in DeBartolo Hall.

### Much progress needed, member of the 9/11 Commission warns

By MEGHAN WONS  
News Writer

The U.S. isn't as safe as it needs to be — and lawmakers aren't doing enough, a former U.S. Representative and member of the 9/11 Commission said Thursday.

Tim Roemer, current president of the Center for National Policy, spoke on "Safeguarding America: National Security in the 21st Century" to a packed auditorium in DeBartolo Hall Thursday night.

Roemer focused on three main

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Gallivanting abroad

I was originally going to share these thoughts via email with family and friends shortly after arriving home from my semester abroad in Dublin, but lack of a deadline has kept them confidential until now.

**Tim Sullivan**

Things I'm thankful for after my semester abroad: Mass in the vernacular.

*Photographer*

Being lucky enough to attend Mass five consecutive Sundays in five different languages — German, Irish, French, Italian, and English — is something I will never forget. Though it was initially confusing, I was surprised at how (relatively) easy it was to follow along with the Mass by picking up on cognates and other cues. The standardization of the Catholic Mass is quite wonderful.

Secondly, the European train system, especially those of Switzerland and Germany. Think efficiency and precision. It would be difficult to imagine an easier way to travel.

Like the Union Station in many U.S. cities that saw their prime decades ago, the train stations of Europe are located smack in the city center, and one step outside puts you within walking distance of anything (contrast this with Ryan Air flights that put you a two hour bus ride, price not included with flight, outside of town). The convenience is multiplied with overnight trains that get you to your destination well rested with the whole day ahead of you, and the scenery is second to none.

Moving on, something I never thought I would be thankful for — Notre Dame finals week. Not knowing my finals schedule until less than a month beforehand and having exams drag on for more than three weeks made me appreciate Notre Dame's whirlwind schedule.

Next, Dublin's 1998 smoking ban which prohibits smoking in pubs. How great it was to be able to spend a night out and come back not smelling like you'd been in a chimney all night.

MLB.tv: Don't get me wrong, I'm a huge soccer fan. I've played it my entire life and even traveled to Germany to see a pre-World Cup match between the U.S. and Poland. Rugby is also intriguing, especially when watching games in a pub with people who actually understand what is going on.

But there is a point when enough is enough. British announcers for the Super Bowl don't cut it and you just need to watch some baseball. Baseball, even when your team is the Kansas City Royals, whose winning percentage was a poor batting average and whose best moment I witnessed on MLB.tv — Reggie Sanders' grand slam against the A's — was forever erased in history by a rainout.

I'll close with the recommendation to capture any opportunity to travel. For in the words of John Locke, "The last part usually in education is travel, which is commonly thought to finish the work, and complete the gentleman."

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Tim Sullivan at tsullivan4@nd.edu*

## CORRECTIONS

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE MASCOT OTHER THAN THE LEPRECHAUN?



**Andrew Winslow**  
senior  
Stanford

"Washington Husky ... Ty not?"



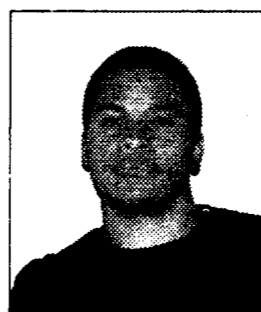
**Candace Montgomery**  
freshman  
McGlinn

"Berkeley Bears because I'm from California and the bear is on our state flag."



**Brian Lasky**  
senior  
O'Neill

"Yellow Jackets because they have no sting."



**Cedric Joint**  
freshman  
Keough

"Wake Forest Demon Deacon because he has a fitted hat."



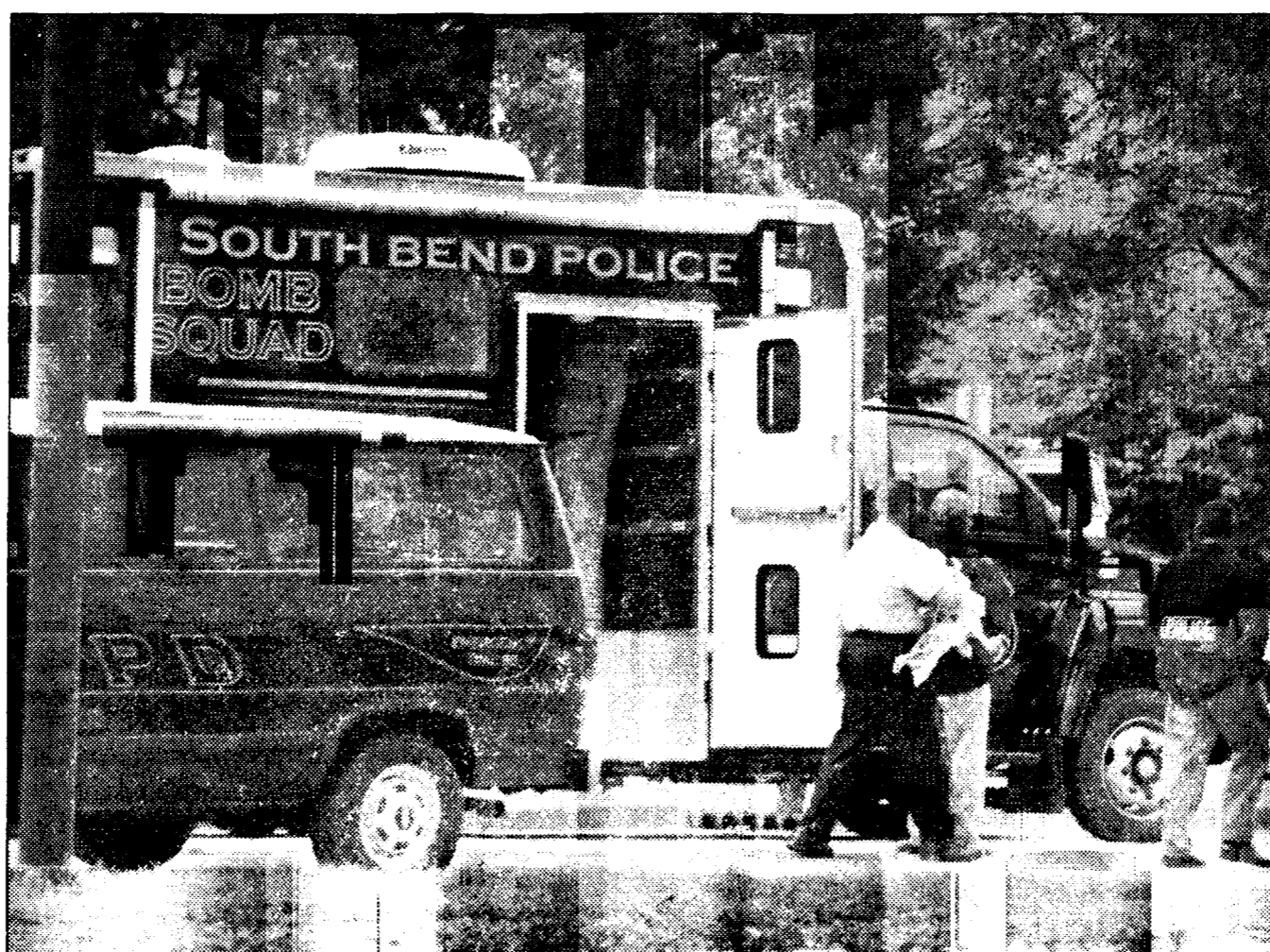
**Ben Mertz**  
grad student  
off campus

"Rose-Hulman Fightin' Engineers because, come on, who doesn't like engineers?"



**Dan McGowen**  
senior  
O'Neill

"Nittany Lions because they're tame."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

**Notre Dame Security/Police and a South Bend police bomb squad respond to concerns regarding a suspicious package delivered to Galvin Hall Thursday.**

## IN BRIEF

Tonight's pep rally will be held in Notre Dame Stadium and will begin at 6 p.m.

Actors from the London Stage will perform "Hamlet" in Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Tickets are \$18 for the general public, \$16 for seniors/Notre Dame faculty and staff and \$12 for students.

The traditional marching band step-off will be at 4:30 p.m. today in front of the Main Building, heading through campus to its practice in the Joyce Center parking lot.

Student Union Board will present the film "United 93" tonight at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo Hall. Admission is \$3 and is open to all Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff.

Director Patrick Creadon ('89) will be present for screenings of his film "Wordplay," which will be shown at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be \$3 for students, \$5 for faculty and staff and \$6 for the general public.

Campus Ministry will hold the Daily Rosary, open to the public, at 6:45 p.m. tonight at the Grotto.

Legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian will be signing copies of the book, "Notre Dame's Greatest Coaches," by Edward Moose Krause and Stephen Singular from 9 a.m. to 11. Saturday at the Hammes Bookstore.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Man accused of biting U.S. border guard

BLAINE, Wash. — A man driving into the United States from Canada is being held on charges that he bit a U.S. border guard's finger. Magistrate Judge Monica Benton on Monday ordered Michel Labadie held pending a detention hearing later this week in U.S. District Court.

Labadie was driving into the U.S. on Saturday morning when he was told he had been selected for secondary inspection, according to a complaint filed by Immigration and

### Customs Enforcement.

While he was being questioned, a computer check found he had been involved in a previous incident at the border, involving an assault on officers during an inspection, said Senior Special Agent Eric Lehmann of ICE.

### Pig withstands tasers, cops on major highway

GREEN BAY, Wis. — A pig withstood taser shots from police officers and eluded authorities for more than an hour after wandering onto Green Bay's major highway. The

150-pound pig was spotted by a passing driver on U.S. 41 at 6 p.m. Wednesday night, Green Bay Police Lt. Todd LePine said.

The animal reportedly went into traffic several times, creating a hazard, he said.

Officers located the pig about 7 p.m. and made two attempts to subdue it with a stun gun, he said, but it fled both times after pulling out the Taser probes.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

|               | TODAY             | TONIGHT           | SATURDAY          | SUNDAY            | MONDAY            | TUESDAY           |
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# Alumnae to publish Hesburgh birthday letters

*Thousands of female graduates write about coeducation at ND*

By MEGHAN WONS  
News Writer

What started out as a birthday present for University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh from the "women of Notre Dame" is being turned into a book by a few ambitious and extremely grateful Notre Dame alumnae.

After the first ever Notre Dame alumnae-only event, a luncheon, was held in Chicago in May, Ann Therese Darin Palmer, Esq. '73 BA and '75 MBA joined with four other Notre Dame alumna to form the Thanking Father Ted Foundation. Palmer is president of the foundation.

The foundation is currently working on a book celebrating and documenting the history of coeducation at Notre Dame, highlighting "Father Ted's" role in bringing women to Notre Dame.

Palmer said she was pulled onto the steering committee for the luncheon event last March by Illinois Appellate Court Justice and Notre Dame graduate Shelia O'Brien.

The Alumni Association decided to bring alumnae together at the luncheon at the Chicago Club on May 11 to discuss how wishes

that were expressed in a survey that had been issued to Notre Dame Business College alumnae could be best fulfilled.

The steering committee for this event asked Hesburgh to give the keynote address because "if it hadn't been for Father Ted, we wouldn't have had our degrees," Palmer said, in reference to Hesburgh's leadership in making Notre Dame coeducational.

"When Father Ted agreed to come speak to us, I suggested that we do something that, to my knowledge, hadn't been done before — thank Father Ted," Palmer said.

As Father Hesburgh's 89th birthday fell just a couple of weeks after the luncheon, Palmer thought a collection of thank you letters from Notre Dame alumnae would be a perfect birthday present, she said.

She requested the Alumni Association e-mail all of Notre Dame's undergraduate alumnae, about 17,000 women, and ask them to send her letters thanking Hesburgh for the gift of co-education and telling him the difference that a Notre Dame education has made in their lives.

At the luncheon, the women in attendance surprised Hesburgh with a birthday cake to celebrate his 89th birthday and four three-ring binders filled with letters of thanks from alumnae, Palmer said.

"Your strong leadership and ethics have served as an unflinching example for all of us. And we,

the loyal sons and daughters, are especially glad of every opportunity to see you and hear your words of wisdom. You are a beacon of love for the Notre Dame family," one anonymous Notre Dame alumna wrote.

Another wrote to Hesburgh, "Thank you for having the vision and the courage so many years ago to break the mold and allow women to attend Notre Dame ... we are a powerful, spiritual, and responsible group who cherish life and seek justice and truth."

In her May 16th column in the Daily Herald, Notre Dame alumna Eileen O'Daday wrote that Hesburgh, upon receiving the gift of thank you letters, said, "You have made this old guy proud — of what you are doing and what you have done."

"Two weeks before the luncheon, I suddenly realized that we had the makings for a great book. I realized the letters had a lot of significant things that other members of the Notre Dame family might enjoy reading," Palmer said.

Palmer joined with four other Notre Dame alumnae: O'Brien, Esq. '77 and '80 LW; Anne Giffels, '81 BBA; Julie Webb, Esq. '73 BA; and Paulita Pike '93 BA and '96LW, to incorporate the Thanking Father Ted Foundation. They are currently applying to the IRS for tax-exempt status and establishing an Advisory Board of ND women alumnae who have achieved significantly in their careers, Darin

Palmer said.

Two of Hesburgh's nieces are on the Advisory Board, she said.

"We intend to publish a book with the letters next year in conjunction with Father Ted's 90th birthday, which coincidentally is also the 35th anniversary of co-education," Palmer said.

"With the proceeds from the book's sales and other cash contributions from alumnae, our goal is to raise \$100,000 to endow a scholarship in Father Ted's name as his 90th birthday present from the alumnae."

Palmer is currently working in the archives to get photos and other memorabilia for the book.

"The support we've received for our project both from past ND administrators and the current administration is phenomenal ... they've agreed to submit their reminiscences on what it was like to take ND co-ed for the book," Palmer said.

Palmer described herself and other early Notre Dame alumnae as "co-ed pioneers."

"If we don't record our experiences, they'll be lost to history," she said.

As the first woman to earn her Notre Dame undergraduate degree, Mary Davey Bliley received her diploma from Notre Dame in 1972 by a twist of fate.

Bliley said she began her college career at Saint Mary's in 1968 as a math and history major. In 1970, when there were serious talks of a Notre Dame-Saint Mary's merger,

Bliley transferred to Notre Dame and began taking classes in the business school.

When the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's merger was called off on Dec. 1, 1971, Bliley was in a tough spot. She had been working toward her Bachelor's of Business Administration at Notre Dame, a major not offered at Saint Mary's at the time.

"I went to the head of the business school, Dean Raymond — I didn't know what to do. I had no school to graduate from," Bliley said. "Dean Raymond told me they'd take care of me. He did, and he called me into his office in April of '71 and told me that I would graduate from Notre Dame."

Bliley said she will be writing the foreword for the book and will focus on "the vision of Father Hesburgh."

She said she hopes the book will enable current and future Notre Dame women "to see the vision of the person that made it all happen — that they understand the history and vision behind co-education at Notre Dame."

*Palmer is accepting letters for the book through Oct. 15. Alumnae who would like to participate can contact her at ATpalmer42@aol.com or call (847) 234-9223 for further details.*

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### JOSH BLUE

Sunday, September 24th

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Josh Blue has been a fast-rising star since first appearing on Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia" before gaining the attention and endearment of the country as a favorite on NBC's "Last Comic Standing." Josh is a diverse and triumphant individual - hilarious stand-up comedian, stand-out guest star on television, talented artist, and stellar U.S. Paralympic Soccer player - refusing to bow to any of the challenges that come from living with Cerebral Palsy.



### PAULY SHORE

Thursday, September 28th

He gained national attention in 1990 when his MTV precedent-setting show, Totally Pauly, became an immediate hit and continued to run for four years, opening the floodgates for television and film roles. He made his feature film debut in the wildly popular, Encino Man, the first in a three-picture deal with Walt Disney Studios, which was followed by Son-In-Law, and In The Army Now. Starring roles in Jury Duty, Bio Dome, and The Curse of Inferno continued to ensure Pauly's popularity with audiences worldwide. Pauly recently wrapped his directional feature debut, Pauly Shore is Dead, which he also wrote, produced, and starred in. Pauly is also a regular on Howard Stern, David Letterman and The Craig Kilborn Show. Now catch him "LIVE" @ The Bone!!!

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# *Why Irish?*

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Iran revives uranium plan in secret

NEW YORK — Iran has secretly revived a program to enrich uranium using laser technology, reportedly with favorable results, an Iranian opposition figure said Thursday citing information from members of the resistance inside the country.

Alireza Jafarzadeh said information about the laser enrichment program at Lashkar Ab'ad, about 15 miles northwest of Tehran, came from the same sources that led to his revelation in May 2003 that Iran had a clandestine nuclear program.

There was no independent confirmation of the latest information and Iran's U.N. Mission called the allegation "baseless and unfounded."

Jafarzadeh, who heads the Washington-based Strategic Policy Consulting think tank, is credited with having aired Iranian military secrets in the past. But U.S. officials considered some of his past assertions inaccurate.

### Tropical Storm Lane batters Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Tropical Storm Lane lashed Mexico's Pacific coast with winds and rain on Thursday, flooding streets in Acapulco before setting on a course to hit the hurricane-battered tip of the Baja California Peninsula.

The storm was centered about 95 miles southwest of Manzanillo and was moving northwest at 14 mph. It had maximum sustained winds grew during the afternoon to 60 mph.

A tropical storm warning and hurricane watch were issued for a stretch of coast southeast of the resort of Puerto Vallarta. The storm was expected to strengthen to a hurricane on Friday, then hit land near Cabo San Lucas late Saturday.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Missing woman found after 10 years

PITTSBURGH — A woman who ran away as a teenager and lived for a decade with a school security guard sued the city and school district Thursday, claiming they failed to fully investigate her disappearance.

Tanya Nicole Kach, 24, came forward March 21 and told police that she had been living in Thomas Hose's house for 10 years. Kach told police that Hose, 48, kept her in a bedroom in the small, two-story home where he lived with his parents.

Kach also claims in the lawsuit that Hose assaulted her and threatened to kill her and dump her body in a river.

### E. coli outbreak leaves one dead

WASHINGTON — An outbreak of E. coli in eight states has left at least one person dead and 50 others sick, federal health officials said Thursday in warning consumers not to eat bagged fresh spinach.

The death occurred in Wisconsin, where 20 others were also sickened, said Dr. David Acheson of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. The outbreak has sickened others — eight of them seriously — in Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon and Utah.

FDA officials do not know the source of the outbreak, other than it appears to be linked to bagged spinach. "We're advising people not to eat it," Acheson said.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Little Calumet River floods after rain

EAST CHICAGO, Ind. — At least 1,000 homes in northern Lake County, including more than 800 in East Chicago alone, were swamped in the aftermath of heavy rains and rapidly rising floodwaters from the Little Calumet River and several small streams, a county official said Thursday.

State homeland security officials toured the area to assess damages, and Gov. Mitch Daniels declared a state of emergency for the county.

"We found a lot of flooding, a lot of flooding," said Jeff Miller, a spokesman for the Lake County Emergency Management Agency.

## IRAQ

# Violence continues in Baghdad

Car bombs and drive-by shootings kill two U.S. soldiers and at least 18 others

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Car bombs and drive-by shootings on Thursday killed at least 18 people — including two U.S. soldiers — in a series of attacks around central Iraq, officials said.

The tortured bodies of 20 men were also discovered across Baghdad, a day after more than 60 bodies were found dumped on the streets.

The attacks came after a day that was especially bloody even by Baghdad's standards, when car bombs, mortars and other attacks killed at least 39 people and wounded dozens.

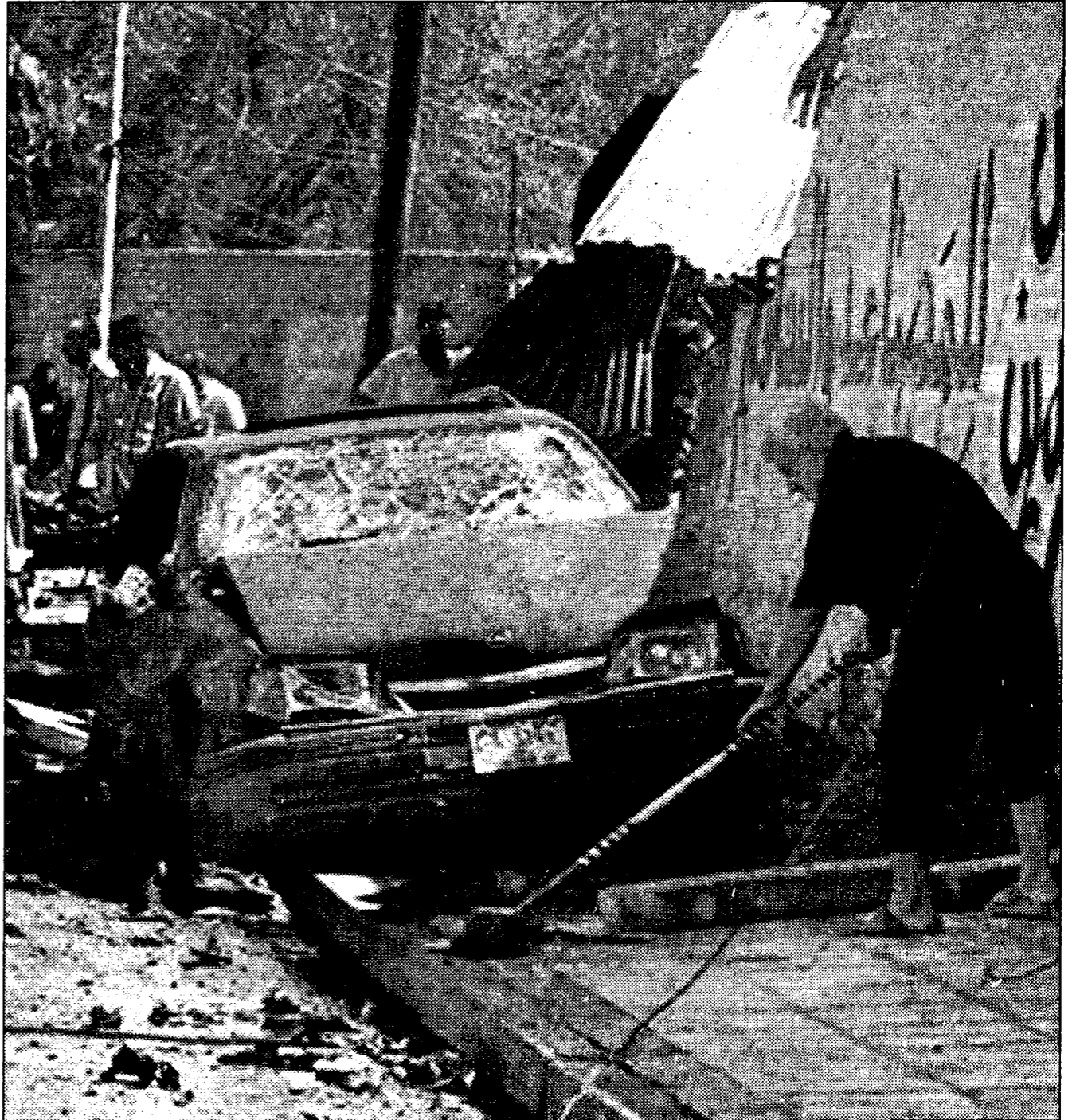
The top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell, said the surge in violence was the result of sectarian "murder-executions" across the capital. Violence persists in Baghdad despite a monthlong security operation by thousands of U.S. and Iraqi troops aimed mostly at stopping the killings carried out by Sunni and Shiite death squads.

One of the U.S. soldiers died from wounds after his unit came under attack in Baghdad, while the second was killed after his vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb south of the capital, the U.S. military said. At least 2,673 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

A car bomb exploded near a police patrol in a Shiite neighborhood of northern Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding 13 others, police said.

Another car bomb then blew up near the government's passport office in central Baghdad, killing nine people and wounding 17. The injured included four police officers, said police Lt. Bilal Ali.

In the southern city of



An Iraqi man cleans the wreckage of a car bomb in front of his house in Baghdad Thursday. Car bombs and drive-by shootings killed at least 18 and wounded dozens.

Diwaniyah, U.S. troops raided the offices of an organization loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, setting off a gunbattle between al-Sadr supporters and security forces. One person was killed and 10 were injured, officials said.

Authorities later imposed a curfew on the city, 80 miles south of Baghdad.

Gunmen in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, killed two police officers in a drive-by shooting. Another group of gunmen shot and killed three people in Ghazaniya, just north of Baqouba.

Police also found the body of a brigadier in the former Iraqi army two days after he was kidnapped

Mahmoudiya, 20 miles south of Baghdad, said Cap. Udai Abdel-Rihda.

In northern Tal Afar, a suicide bomber blew himself up at a police checkpoint, killing one policeman, said Mosul police Col. Abdel-Karim al-Jubouri.

Also Thursday, the U.S. military said its forces have arrested a senior al-Qaida figure and personal associate of the group's new leader.

The man, who was not identified, was arrested Tuesday and led assassination, kidnapping and bomb-making cells in Baghdad, Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell said.

He also played a key role in al-Qaida's activities in

Fallujah before it was attacked by U.S. troops in November 2004, Caldwell added.

According to Caldwell, he was a "personal associate" of Abu Ayyoub al-Masri, who took over al-Qaida in Iraq from Jordanian-born terrorist mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi after he was killed in a U.S. airstrike north of Baghdad on June 7.

In a separate announcement, Iraqi authorities said police killed Abu Jaafar al-Liby, a senior member of al-Qaida in Iraq, during an operation in Baghdad three days ago, Interior Ministry director of operations Brigadier Abdul-Karim Khalaf told the AP.

# House approves Mexican border fence

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House voted for the second time in a year to erect a fence along a third of the U.S.-Mexican border, part of a Republican effort to keep illegal immigration an issue before voters.

A new 700 miles of double-layered fencing won approval on a 283-138 vote, a bigger margin than last December when the House passed it as part of a broader bill that also would have made being an illegal immigrant a felony. The nearly 2,000-mile border now has about 75 miles of fencing.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said the separate fence bill was needed to show Americans "we can take meaningful action to secure the border."

The House's bill last December and one passed by the Senate last May are so far apart on issues that Republican leaders haven't even tried to negotiate a compromise.

The main difference is that the Senate bill would provide legal status to millions of illegal immigrants already in the U.S., a concept supported by President Bush but opposed by most House Republicans. The Senate bill calls

for 370 miles of fencing along the Mexican border.

Supporters of the new House bill said the new fencing would let Border Patrol agents focus more on apprehending illegal immigrants crossing from Mexico rather than having to man the entire border.

"We have to come to grips with the fact that our Border Patrol agents need a border fence on our southern border ... where we're now facing infiltration by members of terrorist organizations like Hezbollah," said Rep. Ed Royce, R-Calif.

# Professor confronts slavery

NYU's Morgan speaks about historical prejudice against women

By MANDI STIRONE  
News Writer

While the slave trade dehumanized a race of people, women were especially objectified, a visiting professor said Thursday.

Jennifer L. Morgan, an associate professor of Social and Cultural Analysis at New York University, presented a lecture entitled "Accounting for Women in Slavery: Demography and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade" in crowded McKenna Hall rooms 210-214 Thursday afternoon.

Morgan discussed the dehumanization of slaves and, more specifically, female slaves, whom she described as being "invisible" to their masters.

The slave trade "reduced humans into mercantile units," Morgan said. She gave the example of the Dutch Colonial New York City. The original Dutch settlers brought only male slaves, bringing just three women a little later.

This demonstrates, Morgan said, the prejudice that women slaves were only sexual outlets for the males. While female slaves were originally outnumbered 4-to-1, they eventually outnumbered the population of Dutch settlers in New York City.

In the aftermath of her first book, Morgan said she began to think about the process of dehumanization, which went on

in the colonies and their parent countries during the slave trade. One idea she focused on was that Englishmen of the time viewed being counted — taking a census — as an objectifying action. They had done this to the Irish and did the same to the Africans they were enslaving.

"Wrath, I think, is intimately connected in the transformation of a human being into a commodity," she said, citing the cause for dehumanization of Africans.

At the time, taking a census gave those being counted a specific value, Morgan said. Along with the idea of being counted, the ideas of difference were in the process of being articulated. Science played a key part in this, introducing the idea of race being in a person's blood. English colonists were — for this reason and others — reluctant to consider intermarrying with natives.

This was the first in a series of three lectures, according to American Studies professor Heidi Ardizzone. As the organizer of this lecture, Ardizzone explained that the series would concern different aspects of

race and gender in African-American and American culture.

The reason for the lecture series, as well as the choice of Morgan as lecturer, was primarily a feeling of growing momentum building in the departments, Ardizzone said. That momentum began when the Gender History Reading Group read Morgan's book. The departments of American Studies and History along with the Gender Studies and African Studies Programs are involved, Ardizzone said.

Morgan earned her Ph.D. in History in 1995 at Duke University and her B.A. in 1986 at Oberlin College. She is the author of the book "Laboring Women: Gender and Reproduction in New World Slavery" in addition to several other publications. She is currently in the beginning stages of a new project.

The lecture will not be Morgan's only event on campus. She will meet with graduate students at an informal dinner and will attend an African-American literature course.

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*"Wrath, I think, is intimately connected in the transformation of a human being into a commodity."*

Jennifer Morgan  
NYU professor

# Swedish scholar named chair of peace research

Wallensteen will head Kroc Institute projects

Special to The Observer

Peter Wallensteen, the Dag Hammarsköld Professor in the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in Sweden, has been appointed the inaugural holder of the Richard G. Starmann Sr. Research Chair in Peace Studies in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame.

The endowed chair is named after Richard G. Starmann Sr., a member of the Kroc Institute Advisory Council and a trusted friend and colleague of the late Joan B. Kroc. The institute is named in honor of Kroc, its principal benefactor, who was one of the world's leading philanthropists, a passionate advocate for the poor and underprivileged, and an ardent supporter of nuclear disarmament and nonviolent conflict transformation.

The Starmann professorship is a named chair held for a three-year renewable term by a senior peace studies scholar who has built a distinguished research and publication record in one or more of the sub-fields of peace research. Wallensteen will consult and collaborate with Kroc faculty on institute research projects, supervise graduate students in peace studies, make a major presentation on research in progress,

teach a graduate seminar in peace studies research, and offer a series of lectures to undergraduate students on the core concepts and methods of peace research.

One of the world's leading peace researchers, Wallensteen is director of the Uppsala Conflict Data Program and leader of the Special Program on International Targeted Sanctions.

The Conflict Data Program, established at Uppsala in the mid-1980s, continuously collects information on armed conflicts. The definitions and categories used by the project have gradually been refined to fit scholarly requirements of global comparability, so that the data is useful for systematic studies of the origins of conflict, conflict dynamics and conflict resolution. With the creation of the global conflict database, this information is now available to anyone in the world.

The Special Program on International Targeted Sanctions was initiated as the "Stockholm Process" by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University in November 2001. The Stockholm Report was delivered to the United Nations Security Council on Feb. 25 2003. The program deepens academic research on targeted sanctions with systematic studies and policy-related reports, and it keeps a Website continuously updated on developments on sanctions issues in the U.N.



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## IN BRIEF

### Gold and silver prices fall sharply

NEW YORK — Gold and silver prices fell sharply late Thursday, pulled down by plummeting energy prices.

December gold fell \$10.30 to settle at \$586 a troy ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. December silver tumbled 25 cents, to finish at \$10.95 an ounce.

"The story earlier in the day was the ongoing weakness in the oil price," said Bernard Hunter, director of precious metals at Scotia Mocatta. "That has come under pressure again below \$64 a barrel."

"It seems that the new one (focus) is that natural-gas prices have fallen," Hunter added. "They're below \$5. It's a significant drop in the natural gas price and that has put gold under some pressure."

Meanwhile, October platinum fell \$6.30 to settle at \$1,179.50 an ounce.

However, palladium was the strongest of the precious metals, with some help from fund buying. The December contract settled \$8.85 stronger at \$327.20 an ounce.

December copper fell 1.05 cents to finish at \$3.3745 per pound.

In energy trading on the Nymex, crude oil futures fell and hit \$63 a barrel for the first time since March. Crude was weighed down by a slump in natural gas prices and the continued easing of supply concerns. But Paulson let it be known that the Bush administration would firmly oppose any efforts by Congress to erect trade barriers in response to America's large and growing trade deficit with China, which last year hit a record \$202 billion.

### Inflation concerns market investors

NEW YORK — Wall Street closed mixed Thursday, with blue chips falling and technology stocks managing a slight gain while investors tussled with their concerns about inflation and the overall health of the economy.

Lower oil prices that have helped drive stock rallies in recent days remained a bright spot, but another drop in crude Thursday wasn't enough to offset investor concerns about inflation ahead of next week's Federal Reserve meeting. Investors grew uneasy Thursday after the Labor Department reported import prices rose a larger than expected 0.8 percent in August.

## SINGAPORE

# IMF's global growth forecast

Projected values depend on U.S. economy, inflationary pressures, oil prices

Associated Press

SINGAPORE — A cooling housing market is likely to trigger a slowdown in the U.S. economy next year and could weigh on the global economy as well, the International Monetary Fund said Thursday.

Growth in the United States, which was particularly strong in the first half of this year, is expected to slow from 3.4 percent this year to 2.9 percent in 2007, the IMF said in its semiannual World Economic Outlook. In April, it had projected U.S. growth next year would reach 3.3 percent.

"The concern remains that a sharp adjustment in the housing sector would generate strong headwinds for the U.S. economy," it said.

Citing strong growth in China, the IMF raised its global growth forecast a quarter percentage point to 5.1 percent this year and 4.9 percent in 2007. But it warned that inflationary pressures, high oil prices and a possible abrupt slowdown in the U.S. could undermine global growth.

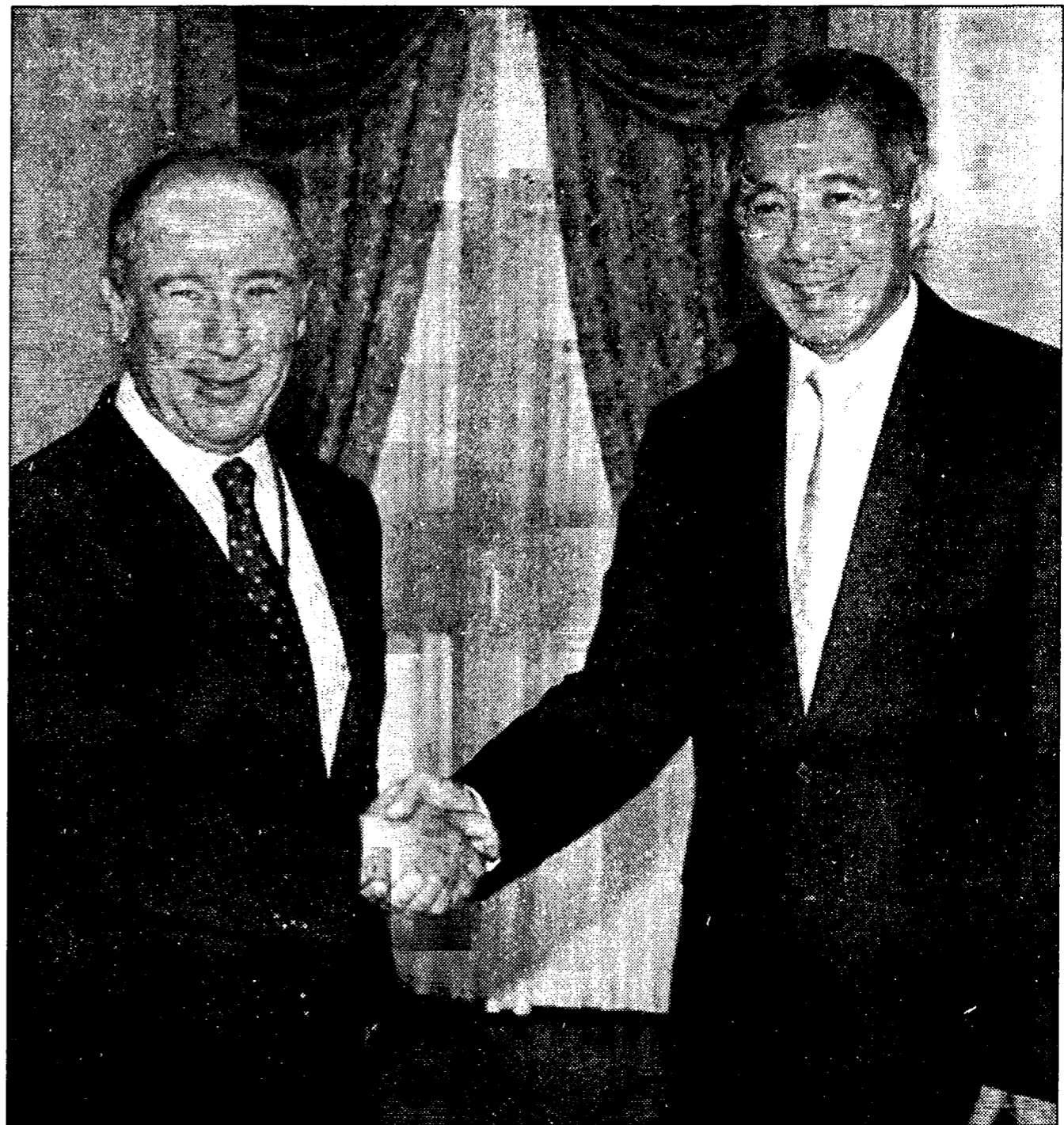
"The balance of risks to the global outlook is slanted to the downside," said the report, released in Singapore, where the IMF and World Bank will be holding their annual meetings next week.

The Washington-based fund also suggested that further U.S. interest rate hikes might be necessary.

The Federal Reserve "faces a difficult situation of rising inflation in a slowing economy, but given the importance of keeping inflation expectations in check, some further policy tightening may still be needed," it said.

In August, the Fed decided to keep its key short-term lending rate at 5.25 percent after 17 straight hikes dating back to June 2004.

The IMF also said "there



International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Rodrigo de Rato, left, shakes hands with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong Thursday.

will be a premium on the Federal Reserve clearly communicating its policy intentions" and suggested that it state more explicitly its medium-term inflation targets.

It also said the U.S. could help reduce global imbalances by setting a more ambitious deficit reduction path and put the budget in a stronger position to respond to future economic downturns.

It projected the U.S. current account deficit would rise further to 6.9 percent of its GDP in 2007 — with large surpluses continuing in Japan, parts of emerging Asia, and oil-exporting countries in the Middle East, the report said,

adding the potential for "a disorderly unwinding" of global imbalances remained a concern.

"Boosting national saving in the United States — through fiscal consolidation and increased private saving — is a key component of the multilateral strategy to reduce global imbalances," the report said.

Japan, the world's second-largest economy, will likely grow 2.7 percent this year on the back of solid domestic demand, but should ease next year to 2.1 percent, the IMF said.

It also said Japan should be careful to raise interest rates gradually to avoid a "costly" reemergence of

deflation, or falling prices.

In the euro area, stronger corporate balance sheets have helped bring about increased investment, rising employment and a more balanced expansion to the 12 nations that use the common currency, the report said.

Growth would rise to 2.4 percent in 2006 before moderating to 2 percent in 2007 largely due to scheduled tax increases in Germany, the report said.

China's sizzling economy will probably steam ahead with 10 percent growth this year and next, propelled by surging exports. But the region could be hurt if China's investment boom sours, it warned.

# Ford offers buyouts; tries to cut costs

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. will offer buyout and early retirement plans to all of its hourly U.S. employees — more than 75,000 of them — as part of a broad restructuring plan aimed at cutting its costs in light of slumping sales.

Ford confirmed the plans Thursday after union officials disclosed the company would make the buyout offers of up to \$140,000 each to workers.

The automaker had about 82,000 workers represented by the United Auto Workers at the end of last year, but about 6,500 have taken previous buyout and early retirement offers made mainly at

plants slated for closure, company spokeswoman Marcey Evans said. The new offer would cover the remaining unionized workers.

The news came a day before the nation's second biggest automaker was to reveal details of a restructuring plan that likely will include massive job cuts and additional plant closures.

The buybacks are aimed at helping Ford cut costs as its sales shrink under fierce competition from more fuel-efficient models from Asian automakers.

The UAW announced the proposal in a statement to its members Thursday, saying that the offers are available to all active Ford workers represented by the union.

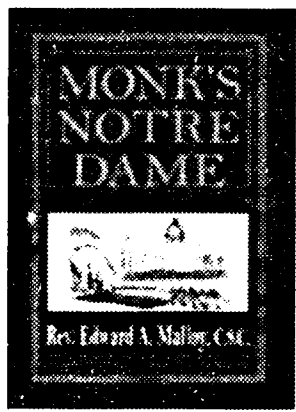
"Once again, our members are stepping up to make hard choices under difficult circumstances," UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said in a statement. "Now, it's Ford Motor Co.'s responsibility to lead this company in a positive direction — which means using the skills, experience and dedication to quality that UAW members demonstrate every day in order to deliver quality vehicles to customers."

The buyouts are part of a larger restructuring plan approved by the Ford board of directors during a two-day meeting that ended Thursday. Ford said Thursday that it would announce details of the new plan Friday morning.

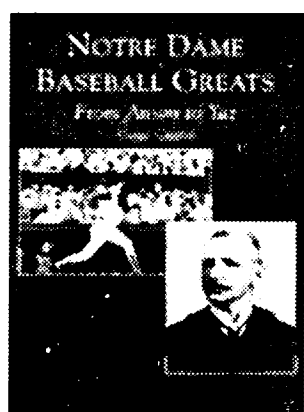
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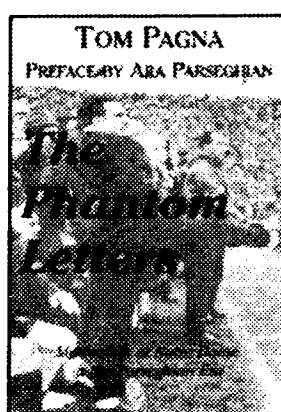
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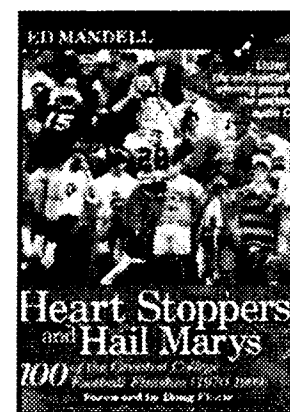


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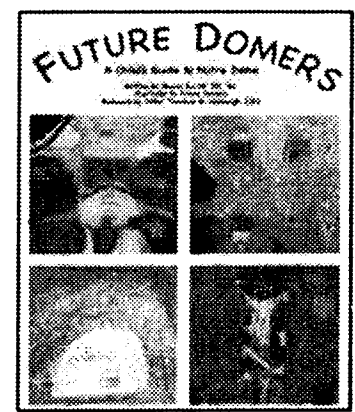


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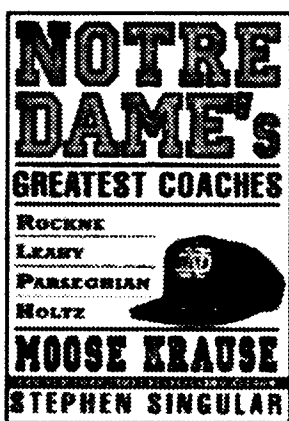
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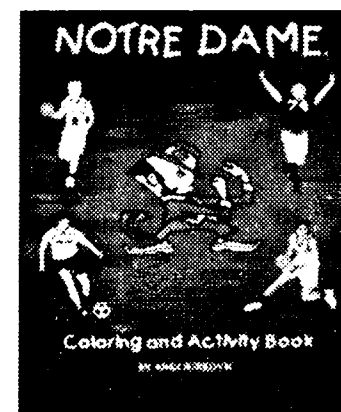
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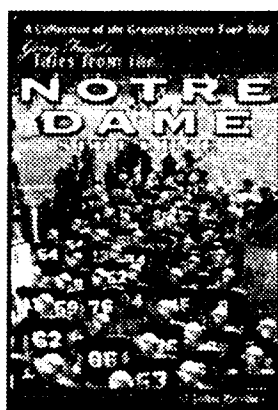


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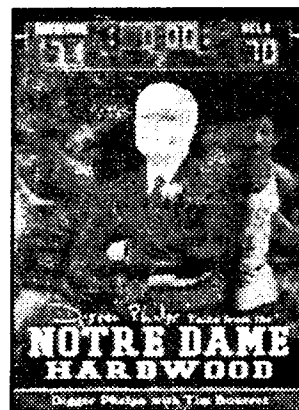
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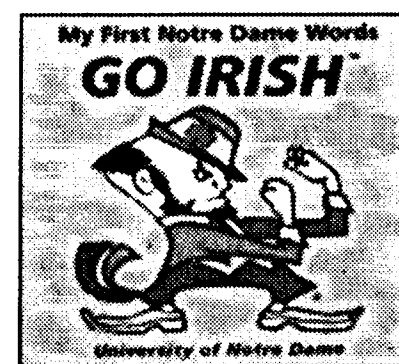
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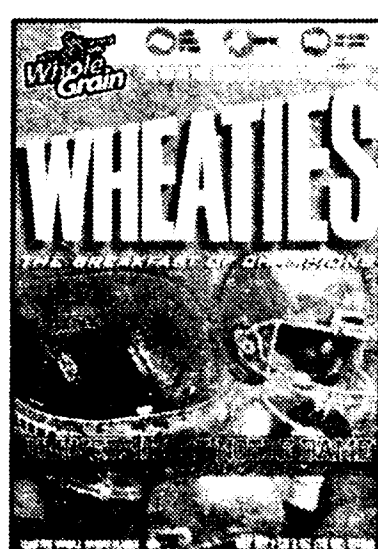
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Friday, Sept. 15

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Guest Speaker: Charles Lennon Jr.  
- Executive Director of the  
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# Forum

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love of long division" — Sachs showed just how feasible it is to make the world healthy.

As an economist, Sachs said, he understands market theory. But when countries are so poor and people are so poor that they are struggling just to feed themselves, market theory and globalization concepts are just not applicable.

"People are dying because they lack a dollar [required for clinical treatment]," he said. "Are we trying to prove a textbook theory, or are we trying to make a better world?"

From malaria-stricken children lying comatose in Malawi hospitals — "What conceivable justification could there be for this?" — to African farmers who lack basic fertilizer for their crops, Sachs has seen the problem firsthand.

He's also seen how ready the African people themselves are to

solve it. He spoke at a conference in the mountains of Kenya with thousands of villagers who had walked 20 or 30 miles to attend "a canyon filled with love, in the absolute real sense," he said. He's been to town conferences and listened to the locals' ideas.

"Boy, are they helpful; boy, are they excited; boy, are they pragmatic; but boy, are they poor," he said. "They are ready to work, but they need help."

He offered five practical solutions for the year 2006: help Africans grow more food, control malaria, ensure clinical health services — "Starbucks clinics in Africa: there should be one in every village," he joked — provide safe water points and provide schooling for all children.

"We have to understand the problem and we have to solve it. It's urgent," Sachs said. "Our own survival will depend on it as well."

Speaking carefully through her thick Ugandan accent, Opwonya engaged in discussion with Ifill on the problem of HIV/AIDS in her country, advocating an equal focus on antiretroviral treatment and behavior education.

The Ugandan government implemented prevention programs in 1989, when the country was at its peak of HIV/AIDS prevalence, with 23 percent infected, she said. Through a combination of television and radio jingles, posters and other methods, the percentage dropped from 23 to six percent.

While antiretrovirals have now become important, Opwonya emphasized the ongoing power of behavioral education.

"Some teens go to high school and their peers have no idea how HIV is transmitted," she said.

But Americans are unaware in their own right, too.

"A lot of people do not know exactly what is happening in Africa. Knowledge is power ... We've all been given enough — we should be able to distribute it. I look around..." Opwonya said, gazing at the rafters of the JACC. "I look around and there is nothing in Uganda like this. You people have been given a lot, and you should give back."

Responding to various questions posed by Ifill, the panelists then explored the issue of corruption in poverty-stricken countries.

"What's called 'corruption' is often simply [the] face of extreme poverty. When you bring in practical solutions, you find, lo and behold, results can happen," Sachs said, citing the eradication of smallpox — which took the combined efforts of African governments — as proof that corruption in Africa is a myth.

A journalist from a radio station — which Farmer refused to identify, saying only that "it's national, and it's public" — asked him about corruption, as well. Farmer echoed Sachs' idea that corruption is simply "extreme poverty" and said he and his colleagues had succeeded in the middle of rural Haiti, a country with a history of coup d'états.

Asked about what the world should look like in their "wildest dreams" in 2025 (the final year of the Global Millennium Project), Farmer and Opwonya said they hoped to put an end to patients dying because of a lack of treatment or physicians. Sachs simply noted that "they weren't his wildest dreams — they were his practical calculations."

Finally, the three panelists fielded questions from two Notre Dame seniors, Michael Dewan and Ailis Tweed Kent; and two alumni, Dr. David Gaus, Class of

1984, and Keri Oxley, Class of 2004.

Responding to Gaus, a former business major, Sachs and Farmer delved into the issue of privatization of health care. Sachs warned against thinking that because the current public health care system is problematic, that private systems would work better — the public system isn't working because the governments are broke.

Once guaranteed access to health care is secured, he said, then it is possible to apply business logistics and work on depoliticizing health care.

"Business is good at scale, logistics and management," he said. "Politics is not."

After Opwonya brought up the issue of mother-to-child transmission of HIV through breast-feeding — a "major problem, but we're working on it" — Farmer was quick to point out that treating babies who contract HIV through breast milk is not a good goal.

"We will never eradicate HIV among children if our main option is HIV-positive breast milk," he said. "The goal is that HIV-positive things do not get inside children."

The four students and alumni closed out the forum. Dewan, who worked in Uganda, said he felt optimistic after the discussion.

"[Studying in Uganda] I was frustrated that there was so much needless suffering and death, from diseases we've known the cures for, for over 300 years," he said. "But it's exciting for our generation. We know these solutions — they're right in front of us. Now it's just a matter of us taking charge."

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## "The Impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on Our Bible"

**Eugene Ulrich**  
*Rev. John A. O'Brien*  
*Professor of Theology*

12:00 Noon  
Saturday, September 16  
101 DeBartolo Hall

Discovered between 1947 and 1956, the Dead Sea Scrolls include approximately 240 Hebrew and Greek biblical manuscripts that illuminate a previously undocumented period in the history of the books of the Bible. This lecture will examine how these manuscripts illustrate the development of the biblical books and raise questions about revelation, inspiration, and the canon.

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# Sniper

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30, but her kidnapers remained at large.

"Over the next couple weeks [following Carroll's release], I started getting some different intelligence that she might have been held in our area," Cusack said. "Then in May I got another piece of [intelligence] that made me pretty confident that she had been held in our area in a specific place."

Once Cusack and his team located the house where they believed Carroll had been held, they planned a mission to confront the kidnapers at a time when intelligence indicated they would be there.

"We hit a couple of ... roadside bombs and took a little bit of small arms fire," Cusack said of the trip.

When they arrived, they found and questioned the house's owner while Cusack searched the premises.

"[There was] a trap door in the shower room," he said. "[During the search] I found Jill Carroll's e-mail address and a lot of money — crisp hundred dollar bills."

After uncovering the evidence, Cusack said they "were confident that they were the right guys."

Although the takedown occurred in May, "the whole thing was kept classified for awhile," Cusack said. "It wasn't even made public until I got home."

"[The story] was a pretty big deal when it first broke," he said. "There's been kind of a lot of attention. Obviously I was not the only person involved — there were a lot of other people who were important to it."

Cusack also recalled an incident in June in which he and others were able to subdue a group of hostile insurgents and reclaim weapons taken from a Marine sniper unit that was overrun in 2004.

"The rifle [the insurgents] were using [against us] was that same Marine Corps rifle ... taken back in 2004, and it was used to kill several Marines since then," Cusack said. "So it was a good win to get that back."

Cusack will return to his job as a sniper platoon commander once his leave is over.

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# Jordan

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faith.

The private dedication ceremonies began with a Mass in the Basilica at 3:45, followed by Jenkins' blessing of Jordan Hall. For the remainder of the evening, benefactors, University Trustees and officers and the Advisory Councils for the colleges of Science, Engineering and Architecture had the opportunity to meet with one another and explore the facilities.

The event was held to coincide with the Notre Dame Forum in the Joyce Center, where scholars and students met to discuss the world health crisis.

"This is where we're going to train students to be the scientific leaders of tomor-

row," said Bill O'Hayer, business manager for the College of Science. "The dedication was planned with the forum because this is a scientific facility."

Jordan Hall cost approximately \$70 million to build, but construction was funded by private gifts and a large donation from Notre Dame alum John W. Jordan, who attended the dedication with his family.

Those who enter Jordan Hall come face-to-face with a breathtaking view. The hall's atrium extends four stories to the ceiling, surrounded by hallways lined with 200,000 square feet of research space, 40 classroom laboratories and a state-of-the-art planetarium. Jordan Hall impressed students, faculty and administrators when it opened for class this fall.

*"This is where we're going to train students to be the scientific leaders of tomorrow."*

**Bill O'Hayer**  
business manager  
College of Science

"I love the building," sophomore Chantalle Saucier said. "The lab materials, the classrooms — everything is so nice."

The building was under construction for about two years, and the dedication marked an arrival at a long-anticipated destination. O'Hayer said workers had to scramble to complete the building over the summer.

"It took some extraordinary work to finish, but everything went smoothly," he said.

Sophomore Rob Plasschaert worked for the Chemistry Department over the summer and spent many hours moving material from the old chemistry labs in Nieuwland into the new labs in Jordan.

"There's considerably more space in here than there was in Nieuwland or Galvin," he said. "It's much more open."

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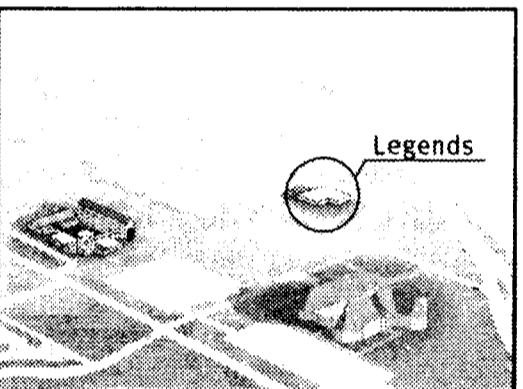
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# Scare

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ing to police officers, information missing from the address.

Those details raised flags, Wycliff said, but Suckow's concern was heightened given his position as the current president of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science.

"That's the reason he

called the police," Wycliff said. "There's so much controversy that surrounds that issue these days — he's particularly alert to these things."

Suckow called the Notre Dame Security/Police, who, upon arrival, "considered it important enough to call the South Bend police bomb squad," Wycliff said.

The bomb squad X-rayed the package and found it contained four compartments, but officers couldn't determine its density.

"No detonator, no wires," Wycliff said around 5 p.m. Thursday. "It's a matter now of determining exactly what this is."

When asked if the threat could be connected to the Jordan Hall dedication, Wycliff said, "You know, who knows. It may be a prank, it may be anything."

Around 5:25 p.m., police took down the tape perimeter. The two fire trucks, ambulance, South Bend bomb squad van and many of the police cars left. Wycliff said the bomb squad removed the package from Galvin and took it "somewhere off site" in order to safely determine its contents.

"They're still not sure what, if anything" is inside, he said at 5:30 pm.


An hour later, Wycliff said the squad had opened the box and found the promotional materials.

While no other packages delivered to Galvin were investigated Thursday, Wycliff said he was "told some of the back offices" on the Juniper Road-side of Galvin were evacuated.

He did not know of any past similar threats or investigations.

In September 2004, The Observer reported that police evacuated 200 students and staff from the LaFortune Student Center after an employee discovered two suspicious packages, both of which turned out to be false alarms.

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# Roemer

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topics — the current state of our national security, the restructuring of the intelligence community and the role of foreign policy in achieving national security.

"With the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11 just behind us, there couldn't be a more appropriate time to talk about this," Roemer said.

Both Republicans and Democrats have been talking about progress, Roemer said, and questioning how the U.S. is doing.

He said the Commission has suggested 41 reforms, and the White House has passed about 20.

"We're halfway there, but it's not good enough," Roemer said. "Our lawmakers

are not acting on our ideas." In December 2005, the Commission, a bipartisan organization, issued a report card to the government to assess the progress the government had made on their recommendations.

The government received twelve Ds, five Fs, and two incompletes, Roemer said.

"Does that make you feel safer?" he asked the audience.

Roemer cited the growth of al Qaeda, the 60 percent growth in the Afghani opium trade and the continued loss of U.S. troops as indicators of a disappointing lack of progress since Sept. 11.

"The metrics don't look good," he said.

Roemer said the 9/11 Report suggested the need for a more direct line of communication between the intelligence com-

munity and politicians.

"The restructuring of our intelligence community needs to occur with strong congressional oversight and balance," he said.

He questioned whether Homeland Security was truly fit for going after such a "nimble threat."

"Maybe we need to revisit Homeland Security. Was it created to fight the Cold War? Can it take on the threats of the 21st century?" Roemer said. "... We need to elevate this debate. If the candidates don't do it ... we need to. Your vote really matters."

The U.S. needs to reexamine its foreign policy and let allies know "we care about their ideas."

"We need to let the Middle East know we care about them as people," he said.

Ultimately, the U.S. must focus on

building military and intelligence, protecting the homeland and rising to conquer the jihadists.

"We need to convey to the rest of the world that America's priorities and ideas are so much better than bin Laden's," Roemer said.

Roemer spoke of the importance of moving forward and taking action. He promoted micro enterprise loans for the poor and education and cultural exchanges. He spoke of the inspiration he drew, and hoped all Americans would draw, from the "Sept. 11 families."

"They didn't stop — if a congressman wouldn't meet with them, they'd go to the local district ... they wouldn't let it go because they love this country so much," he said. "What a great example to us,

Republicans and Democrats, of how we can get involved."

Roemer's talk was followed by a question and answer session that expanded the discussion from national security to other issues such as U.S. involvement in Egypt, the U.S. detainee policy and the Israel-Palestine debate.

"We've got a lot to do, a lot of problems to take on. And we can do it because we are Americans," Roemer said.

Roemer served the 3rd District of Indiana from 1991 to 2003 in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was appointed in 2002 to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, more commonly known as the 9/11 Commission.

But before that, he was a member of the Notre Dame family — literally.

Roemer earned masters and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame, his mother worked at Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and his father served as Dean of Students, professor R. Scott Appleby, director of the Kroc Institute, said in his introduction Thursday evening.

"If you cut him, he very well may bleed blue and gold," Appleby said.

Roemer said he was "privileged to be back home at Notre Dame with people who do such fine research and academic work and endeavor to support peace and justice."

"There are so many good memories here and I'm so proud of the teaching here — the teaching of values," Roemer said.

Roemer's appearance was sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Department of Political Science and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

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## VATICAN CITY

# Spokesman defends Pope's jihad remarks

Associated Press

Pope Benedict XVI did not intend to offend Muslims with remarks about holy war, the Vatican said Thursday, scrambling to defend the pontiff as anger built in the Islamic world over his comments during a trip to Germany.

"It certainly wasn't the intention of the pope to carry out a deep examination of jihad (holy war) and on Muslim thought on it, much less to offend the sensibility of Muslim believers," said Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi.

Turkey's top Islamic cleric asked Benedict to apologize, raising tensions before the pontiff's planned visit to Turkey in November on what would be his first papal pilgrimage in a Muslim country.

Religious Affairs Directorate head Ali Bardakoglu, a cleric who sets the religious agenda for Turkey, said he was deeply offended by remarks about Islamic holy war made Tuesday during the pilgrimage to the pontiff's homeland, calling them "extraordinarily worrying, saddening and unfortunate."

Bardakoglu said that "if the pope was reflecting the spite, hatred and enmity" of others in the Christian world, then the situation was even worse.

The pope, at Regensburg University, made a reference to jihad during an address about faith and reason, and how they cannot be separated and are essential for "that genuine dialogue of cultures and religions so urgently needed today."

Citing historic Christian commentary on holy war and forced conversion, the pontiff quoted from a 14th-century Byzantine emperor, Manuel II Paleologos.

"The emperor comes to speak about the issue of jihad, holy war," the pope said. "He said, I quote, 'Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he

preached."

Clearly aware of the sensitivity of the issue, Benedict added, "I quote," twice before pronouncing the phrases on Islam and described them as "brusque," while neither explicitly agreeing with nor repudiating them.

"The emperor goes on to explain in detail the reasons why spreading the faith through violence is something unreasonable," Benedict said.

"Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the nature of the soul," the pope said, issuing an open invitation to dialogue among cultures.

Lombardi, who traveled with the pope, said he was not giving an interpretation of Islam as "something violent."

In Egypt, Mohammed Mahdi Akef, the leader of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, also called for an apology.

"The remarks do not express correct understanding of Islam and are merely wrong and distorted beliefs being repeated in the West," Akef said.

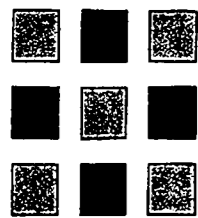
The 57-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, based in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia said it regretted "the pope's quote and for the other falsifications." It expressed hopes that "this sudden campaign does not reflect a new trend for the Vatican policy toward the Islamic religion."

Militant Islamic Web sites also unleashed a scathing campaign against the pope.

Lombardi insisted that the pontiff respects Islam.

Benedict wants to "cultivate an attitude of respect and dialogue toward the other religions and cultures, obviously also toward Islam," Lombardi said in a statement released by the Vatican.

Benedict, who has made the fight against growing secularism in Western society a theme of his pontificate, is expected to visit Turkey in late November. He was invited by the staunchly secularist Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer, who said the invitation was part of an effort to strengthen dialogue between religions.



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# Student tickets deserve respect

Need a little pocket change? \$500, say? That's about what Notre Dame tickets were going for in the minutes before kickoff last weekend.

In one quick transaction, that money could belong to any student.

As Irish fortunes improve on the field and ticket prices rise on the street corner, the temptation for Notre Dame students, faculty and staff to scalp their tickets increases.

It's not everyone. Just look at the student section, swaying to the Alma Mater every Saturday afternoon. Notre Dame supports its football.

But nothing is perfect. Lately, a handful of students have sold their tickets to the highest bidder. That's fine in most places in America, where capitalism rules.

But here, a different set of rules should apply.

Attending this University offers many privileges, one of those being discounted tickets. Notre Dame charged students \$207 for admission to all seven home games this season.

When face value for the average one-game ticket is about \$60, that's kind.

So don't try to profit off the University's generosity. Scalping tickets does not just break a University rule. It breaks a bond of trust created when Notre Dame sold the tickets in the first place.

The University doesn't have to allow every student the chance to buy tickets. Don't make Notre Dame rethink this policy.

To those considering selling their ticket for the next Irish home game — stop. Think about returning some of the respect the school showed when it sold a ticket booklet for significantly less money than the rest of the crowd paid.

Think about your life 20 years from now. Are you going to remember the extra few hundred bucks you earned selling your ticket? Or will you look back on the time you spent with your friends in the stands?

To those attending this home game weekend and looking forward to the next one — enjoy. Wearing the green is worth more than attaining the green.

## Editorial

# Reviving the culture wars

In the months after Sept. 11, 2001, Lynne Cheney joined a host of conservative pundits in calling for the renewed study of American History. She argued that, if Americans had a proper knowledge of the facts of their history, they would fall in love with the unparalleled greatness of our nation and become more confident, patriotic citizens than they are in our present milieu of "political correctness," "white guilt," and liberal relativism.

**James Matthew Wilson**

*The Treasonous Clerk*

Cheney must hold a more optimistic opinion of the self-evident conclusions that follow from facts than do I. The leftist professors against whose unpatriotic programs she aimed her proposal draw on much the same facts available to her, but reach irreconcilable conclusions. Or rather, such academics insert the same facts into an opposed system of thought to explain their meaning.

This column will try to explore the vast field, which now looks like a waste land, where the facts of our experience are disputed in the name of any number of systems of thought. I have no hope of setting out "plain and honest facts" only to presume they necessitate one conclusion or another about the various questions many of us face as students and professors

*These things hurt the communal quest of the intellect for which end universities were founded in the first place.*

committed to the life of learning, as citizens of the most powerful country on earth, or as Catholics in a world torn by religious (and anti-religious) strife. I wish, first, to draw attention not to idle facts taught in classrooms, but to the complex but debasing theories that increasingly make university teaching seem a crude oppositional activity. Often, university curricula seem committed to platitudes of "transgression," "liberation" and "diversity," which boil down to little more than the

politicization of knowledge for a relativistic or hedonistic end.

The sad witness of universities, such as that bolus located in Ann Arbor, which have adopted hiring practices to guarantee job candidates with conservative (or, in one instance, pro-Israeli) sympathies will not find their way to the faculty, requires firm response. It seems appropriate to revive in more intelligent form the "culture wars" of two decades ago that sought to expose the absurdities of an academy that has become the patron of a narrow regime of "post-humanist" ideology hunting and token political gestures. These things hurt the communal quest of the intellect for which end universities were founded in the first place. When a fair portion of our professoriate believes that knowledge is a mere tool of power that must be excised if we are to liberate "subjects" from oppressive "discipline," the purpose and identity of the university must either be accepted as dead — or defended and reconstituted.

Second, however, we shall confront those anti-intellectuals who capitalize upon the foibles of the academy simply to silence all criticism of the United States' role in the world

as a sometimes violent, frequently concupiscent, empire whose professed commitment to private ownership and equal justice is only skin deep. If too many academics believe knowledge but a tool, too many of these tub-thumpers try to con us that the "facts will set us free." What a hard claim to tolerate in an age

where left and the right alike distort supposed facts to justify the slaughter of innocents both at home and abroad.

Most of us appreciate that what I have called the "system of thought" by

which we interpret our experience is not merely a delusion projected onto that experience. And most of us understand that the truths we discover in this life will be determined, in part, by whether we enter into the tradition of a better or worse system, and how we develop it.

That said, many balk at the notion of a right system, against which none other can stand. And yet, this is the necessary consequence of the above premises, in the same way that truth follows from the discovery of what is false.

The caricatures I have drawn of certain conservatives suggests that they are more than willing to proclaim the reality of truth and falsehood; but they evidently refuse the labor to reason them out. This has led to horrible arguments for good causes, and, finally to

the support of evil causes. A small error of method in the beginning leads to grave one in the end. Likewise, my caricatured academics delude themselves and us alike by clearly condemning certain acts and policies as unjust, when their systems of thought agree only that "justice" is one lie among others.

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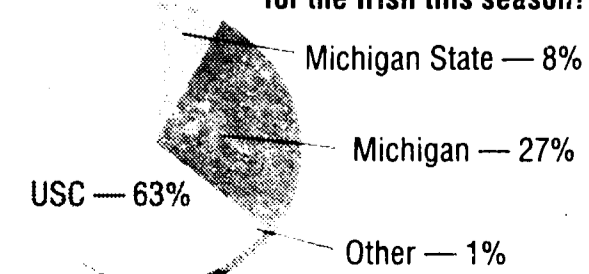
In this space, we cannot puzzle out every problem. But, by relying on the reasoning and love of truth manifest in the Thomistic tradition and the long experience of the Catholic Church, I hope to set forth my own humble reasons for suspecting ideologues on both the left and right without losing certain belief that truth has been discovered, can be discovered, and can be shared by all.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"The release of atomic energy has not created a new problem. It has merely made more urgent the necessity of solving an existing one."*

**Albert Einstein**  
physicist

## The incredible shrinking university press

One of the traditional functions of a university is to promote and disseminate worthwhile ideas that, either due to high costs or limited interest, would never have survived the demands of commercial publishing. The market for philology, for instance, is vanishingly small, but its impact on our culture is nonetheless significant (ask, for instance, if Spanish will ever overtake English as the dominant language of the U.S. and now you are dealing with very controversial and important philology). Recognizing the value of these unpopular works, universities have long subsidized literary and academic books by running their own publishing houses: the university presses.



Lance Gallop

*Tidewater Blues*

It is apparent on the face that the goal of a university press is not financial — very few presses do better than break even — but rather historical and social. One function of a press is to preserve the ideas of those who would not otherwise be remembered by archiving their words in print, a task that they perform

in close conjunction with libraries, and which they carry out effectively. Another far more significant task is to ensure that ideas that are of enduring merit are made available to everyone who might benefit from them. This later mission is, in fact, a subset of the broader purpose of a university itself.

In reality, though, practice nearly always falls short of the ideal. At the vast majority of universities large enough to house a press, the institutions tend to be viewed predominantly as a step in the tenure process, and a rather minor step at that. Having books published by an academic press can be a mark of status for a professor, but any sign of honestly considering a work's impact on the larger educational picture is first misunderstood, then ignored, and finally taken as insult. At its worst, a university press becomes so mired in politics that it cannot afford to reject the works of certain professors. It is forced to prostitute itself as a junk mill for books of dubious value, or worse, made to ignore works of true merit because of political infighting.

At the same time, university presses do nothing to remind their parent universities of the invalidity of the narrow understanding that many authors have of their role, while simultaneously cater-

ing to those same egos. This has been going on for such a long time that the universities, having forgotten why they founded the presses, are themselves starting to wonder why they bother wasting the money.

Consequently, the presses are to blame for their own increasing cultural and economic irrelevance. A combination of the fear of scrutiny from their parent universities and the fear of offending the professors that they have become enslaved to has caused the presses to close their minds to any new or innovative ideas.

As they do this, their profits grow thinner with each passing day. Part of the problem is the increasing cost of production combined with the high expectations of authors and booksellers as to the quality of materials to be used, combined with increased competition for dwindling self space at the major booksellers. But part of the cause is also the presses' lack of vision in tapping into the pulse of the modern intellectual spirit and in seeing emerging trends that could have slowed the long slide. Unless something changes soon, the result will be the collapse of the national university press market with local presses consolidated into regional conglomerations under Chicago, Harvard and other

major publishers. In short, the presses will have become just like the commercial publishers they were originally created to supplement.

Who will be the ones harmed when this takes place? Not the universities and not the professors; it will be the consumers who will be hurt, and the overarching mission of the presses which will die. And because I believe in university presses, in the wide dissemination of information, in the educational mission of a university and the close relationship of all three, I do not wish this to happen. University presses need to expand and rethink their visions and their marketing, and recommit themselves to their mission. They need to do so now, while they still have a chance to succeed.

Full disclosure: the author was employed by the University of Notre Dame Press between 2000 and 2006.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Honoring student tickets

As a recent graduate in May, I didn't expect to get all the tickets I wanted in the lottery this year. Especially being from the Philadelphia area, and with all the hype, I knew I would travel back to the Bend for the big game against Penn State. So I put all my eggs in one basket, threw everything on red 6 ... and lost. Strange how one goes from being guaranteed tickets (well, a spot on the field, I was in the band) to the bottom of the totem pole all in one turn of the tassel.

Disappointed, to say the least, but not broken, I was determined to get into ND stadium for my first home game as an alum. I asked my girlfriend to ask everyone she knew and put up signs everywhere. She got a phone call about a week before the game from a transfer student who was living off campus. This girl was interested in selling her ticket but wanted to know how much I would pay.

So not only did this girl sell her ticket (way) above face value, she also treated it like a silent auction to get the best profit! She never inquired whether I would be cheering for the Irish or not. She went to the ticket office and had my name printed on the ticket, just as the new rule states.

When I entered the stadium, I passed several ushers, not one of which asked for my ID. The new rule does not work and it is a pity that a better one needs to exist. It does happen. Many students do sell their tickets for profit, and it is a shame that they would risk hurting their team's home advantage.

Maybe Admissions should have given this student's transcript a second thought.

Dan Williamson  
 alumnus  
 Class of 2006  
 Sept. 14

## True 'revitalization'

Revitalization through the building and renovating of a neighborhood is a great idea. By increasing the appearance of the neighborhood, poverty rates and crime rates are likely to decrease. It also creates a friendlier environment to surround the campus.

But does Notre Dame's attempts at revitalization mean anything else than changing the demographics of the neighborhood? The lots that are being purchased and renovated are not going to the people who lived there before, but rather to a different group of people who are more affluent, more educated. Can we really say that changing the people who live there is revitalizing? I would think it is more like creating something new rather than changing something old.

Not only does the practice of buying lots to build monstrous abodes for the more affluent create a nicer approach to our campus, but it also destroys the community that is already there. The predominantly black neighborhood south of campus is not going through revitalization. The term that would be more appropriate is ethnic cleansing.

The residents are being displaced to move somewhere else that they can afford, thanks to the increasing taxes and pressure to vacate the neighborhood. They move to other locations in South Bend that have the same problems. Notre Dame is not solving anything by building new houses south of campus. It only helps to isolate the university more and push the problem areas further away from campus. Hey, at least Notre Dame doesn't have to deal with them if they are in another part of town. That always seems to work.

Gary Nijak  
 sophomore  
 Knott Hall  
 Sept. 13

## Exchange limit fails aims

Unfortunately, I will be out of town for an interview this weekend, but I have found a friend whose sister (a 2004 ND alumna) is going to be visiting and needs a ticket. Upon having my ticket exchange request denied, I was provided with two reasons as to why there was a 300 person limit: 1) the Ticket Office is trying to crack down on scalping, and 2) they are trying to maintain "the sanctity of the student section." This alumna is coming into town to see the Michigan game and if I cannot give her my ticket she will be forced to purchase one from a scalper, only further promoting the very activity the ticket office is attempting to stop.

Additionally, Coach Weis has now spent two weeks begging for the student body to be as loud as possible. He sincerely feels that we are an integral part of this team's success and constantly emphasizes that point. If the ticket office is at all concerned with the sanctity of the student section, they would exchange this ticket so that an empty, silent seat may be filled with a screaming alumna.

Finally, I am also an employee of the uni-

versity and I am frequently reminded that as such I am a representative of the University of Notre Dame. Likewise, being on the staff of the Ticket Office would make them representatives of the University of Notre Dame. This university was built on a foundation of Catholic beliefs, a few of which include helping others and doing the right thing. Whether it is in providing service to the South Bend community or holding the door for someone at LaFortune, we are constantly encouraged to go out of our way to help others.

The way I see it, they have a chance to take 30 seconds out of their day and help a fellow member of the Notre Dame community by doing the right thing. Whether you are trying to maintain the sanctity of the student section, prevent scalping or offer a helping hand, one person can make a difference.

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## Reasoned discourse

I find myself agreeing with the sentiments of the final paragraph of Ryan Davidson's recent letter ("Stop printing toxic letters," Sept. 14), exhorting you to refrain from publishing race-baiting and ad hominem attacks that do "nothing but unnecessarily inflame discussion with unrelated issues and [that have] no place in serious academic discourse." I must wonder, then, why you chose to publish his letter, as every other paragraph contains at least one instance of precisely this sort of undesirable, inflammatory rhetoric.

Davidson seems to have listened to those who criticized his earlier letters — a sadly uncommon achievement, even in academia — and echoes our point that the usage of the racial label "Arab" is often quite sloppy. Yet we have generally refrained from making this point using hyperbolic hand-wringing about "the moral fabric of the student body" and "intractably paranoid anti-Semitism." I would suggest Davidson pay more attention to his own principles of reasonable discourse in his future letters.

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WASHINGTON HALL SPOTLIGHT

# AFTLS brings singular 'Hamlet' to campus



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Peter Linford, right, instructs a student in the Washington Hall rehearsal room. Linford was part of the Spring 2004 AFTLS production of "Romeo and Juliet."



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Francesca Ryan performs in the AFTLS Spring 2004 production of "Romeo and Juliet." The AFTLS will bring their version of "Hamlet" to campus this weekend.

By LAURA MILLER  
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Ghosts have long haunted the realm of the theater, but none so famously as the Ghost in "Hamlet."

"Hamlet," performed by the Actors from the London Stage (AFTLS), draws the audience into theater in its purest form. Now in its 13th year, the AFTLS represents one of the oldest and most well organized Shakespeare troupes in the world. Not only do their actors have a diverse, experience-laden background — sporting such accolades as degrees from Oxford, The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, roles in Royal Shakespeare Company's productions and even a semi-professional rugby player — but they also embody the essence of a traveling troupe.

While the company tours in America each semester, the actors are in constant flux — some are returning, some are new, all are very qualified. Each production brings together a unique combination of people through a common love for William Shakespeare's work.

While in the United States, the AFTLS visits colleges and universities that include Notre Dame, Wellesley, the University of Texas and the University of North Carolina. Not only do the Actors put on a show, but they visit classrooms, attend lectures and give workshops as well. These lectures typically aim to help students better connect with and gain a depth of understanding of Shakespeare's work. They prove knowledgeable in their

domains and have a good rapport with students. These actors are not just playing the roles — they are living the art.

AFTLS has performed in two different venues at Notre Dame — both the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Leighton Concert Hall and Washington Hall. Although still organized through the DPAC, the AFTLS performs in Washington Hall this week. Students might not be as dazzled by Washington as they are by Leighton's new-fangled technology, but it is really a far better stage for AFTLS. Because Washington's seating is so much more compact, it is easier for the actors to interact with their audience — it is this interaction that allows Shakespeare's plays to come into their truest form. The fourth wall that typically exists in other plays is supposed to be frequently interrupted by the actors — they jest with the audience, play off the audience's emotions and many of the characters' monologues are meant to provoke the audience to intense thought.

The thrust stage is one of the reasons this fourth wall is so easily broken, both in Washington Hall and historically. Though far from a mirror image of a theater like the renowned Globe, Washington Hall's stage is more than sufficient. It would be a more accurate picture if the seats on the floor level were taken out and crowded in were a mosh-pit of plebeians. But perhaps a room packed with scruffy, tired college students is close enough.

Actors from the London Stage is a small troupe. Despite the fact that

"Hamlet" sports 26 separate roles, AFTLS uses only five actors. Geoffery Beevers (Polonius), Anna Northam (Gertrude, Ophelia), Robert Mountford (Horatio, Laertes, Rosencrantz, Guildenstern), Richard Stacy (Hamlet) and Terence Wilton (Claudius, Ghost) shift from role to role with ease. One of the primary goals of the AFTLS is to reflect Shakespeare's original company, The Lord Chamberlain's and then The King's Men, which is a very worthy cause in the present day.

So much of Shakespeare's work has been remolded to quell a stubbornly close-minded audience. Baz Luhrmann's "Romeo + Juliet," starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes, is just one example of this unfortunate trend. Watered-down versions of Shakespeare's works rarely do justice to the works of the arguably best playwright to have ever lived. As a result, his witticisms and poignant commentary on the human condition are frequently overlooked and under appreciated.

The AFTLS further emphasizes Shakespeare's text by minimizing the presence of distractions. The stage in Washington Hall is completely without backdrops and costumes. The actors and actresses wear simple, versatile clothing and have only a few props to indicate a change in character (e.g. Ophelia always carries a white scarf while Gertrude — played by the same actress — carries nothing).

This is an extremely unusual experience for the typical American audience. Most have never seen a Shakespearean

play without elaborate costumes. Most companies imitate a Franco Zeffereilli style of costuming, with a montage of colors accompanied by expensive sets and props.

Like the loss of Shakespeare's original text, the overstimulation of the audience through ornate period costuming is also unfortunate. In avoiding this, the AFTLS accent their ability to differentiate characters by their acting skills rather than a change of costume, and this makes the audience more aware of the differences in how Shakespeare tailored speaking styles uniquely to each character.

The AFTLS visits campus each semester, always to sell-out crowds. Recent performances include: "Romeo and Juliet" (Spring 2004), "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Fall 2004), "Othello" (Spring 2005), "Twelfth Night" (Fall 2005) and "The Merchant of Venice" (Spring 2006). Notre Dame can look forward to the performance of "Macbeth" in Fall 2007.

"Hamlet" is funny, tragic and entertaining. The text is so engaging that the lack of set is practically unnoticed and even allows the viewer to laugh at the text for the sake of itself. In another brilliant move, AFTLS does not have a director for any of their productions. Each production is self-directed by the actors and so there is no possibility of the play being "owned" by any one person. It remains, as it was in Shakespeare's day, a product of a community of actors.

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Gregory Cox, left, and Christopher Staines perform in the Spring 2006 "Merchant of Venice." This production displayed the multi-faceted nature of this troupe.



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Richard Howard, right, and Claudia Elmhirst share a moment in the AFTLS Fall 2005 production of one of Shakespeare's most loved comedies, "Twelfth Night."

SCENE *in perspective*

## Reissues and controlling cinematic creations

*Should directors seize control after initial release of their film?*By MARTY SCHROEDER  
Assistant Scene Editor

The "Star Wars" cash cow just never seems to run dry and George Lucas has been milking the franchise since "A New Hope" was released in 1977. Not that anyone blames him — the series has been wildly popular and if you can make the money, go for it.

However, with the reissue of the original theatrical editions of "Star Wars" on individually retailed discs after Lucas supposedly released his definitive versions in a box set two years ago, a major question arises that can be applied all over Hollywood and the American film industry — where does the artist's role end and when does the audience become the determiner of what a film should be and continue to be?

The question does not stop with Lucas. In 2001, Francis Ford Coppola released "Apocalypse Now: Redux," which added many scenes to the well-known 1979 "Apocalypse Now." Certain scenes that were deemed too politically charged were added in "Redux." All in all, 49 minutes of extra footage were added in this re-release, not only on home formats but also in cinemas, which was very similar to what Lucas did with his special editions of the original "Star Wars" trilogy in the late 1990s. This allowed the director to give the audience what he thought was the definitive edition of his opus — some audiences liked because it tackled issues better, others hated it and felt cheated out of the "Return of the Jedi" experience they cherished. This is the crux of the matter.

While Coppola was filming "Apocalypse Now," his marriage almost fell apart, he suffered a nervous breakdown and almost bankrupted his production company and himself in the process. Typhoons destroyed the sets and they had to be rebuilt, the helicopters he leased from the Philippino government were constantly being recalled for actual fighting and his lead actor, Martin Sheen, suffered a near-fatal heart attack during principal shooting. Marlon Brando was also notoriously difficult to work with as he showed up on the set overweight when his character was supposed to be emaciated and he refused to learn his lines.

Can a director make what he wants to



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Francis Ford Coppola, right, gives direction to Marlon Brando on the set of "Apocalypse Now." The filming process for this movie took 3 long years to finish.

make when he's faced with difficulties like these? What gives directors the power to go back and change films from their initial theatrical offerings? How would we as an audience react if we found out that Michael Curtiz was going to go back to the end of his famed "Casablanca" and change the ending? Some people would be rightfully angered.

The notion that a director can return to a film with their name on it at any time and change things however they see fit is a mindset that grew out of the 1970s. Beginning in the early '70s, a group of American filmmakers graduated from this new-fangled education called "film school."

They were familiar with the French New Wave — a group of French filmmakers and film critics whose ultimate goal was to make films that were driven by the personal vision of the director. Based at the Cinematheque Francaise in Paris, they claimed that art in the cinema sprang out of the artistic drive of the director

and only he could drive his piece of art forward into greatness. Men like Welles, Hawks, Lang and Hitchcock made the films they wanted to make and their personal styles emerged as a stamp on their films. According to the French New Wave, the film was the sole brainchild of the director and through his screening of it to a cinephile audience, a recognition of the influences and methods of the cinema would occur — there was art.

Men like Lucas, Scorsese, Spielberg and Coppola, all household names in this day, brought this idea to America and changed the face of American cinema. When Spielberg directs a film, you know it's from Spielberg. If the guy who brought you "Jaws" and "E.T." had been around in

the '30s or '40s, we would have never heard of him.

But because we now know who directors are and these "auteurs" are noted for their achievements, we have a slew of DVDs that are released under the headline "Director's Cut." It is impossible to get the original theatrical version of

Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner." The only available DVD is the director's cut. If we had seen this movie in theaters when first released and wanted to have that experience again, it would be impossible because Scott says that's not the version we should be seeing, but instead, we should see this version. Where do directors get the gall to do this?

Part of it could be the studios trying to make more money. The strategy of releasing a barebones DVD right away and then releasing a super-deluxe DVD with all the whistles and bells afterwards is going to bring in much more money than just one DVD release. Again, going back to "Star Wars," Lucas released the original trilogy in its original form on VHS tapes. Then came along the Special Editions in the late '90s on VHS. Then we had the box set a few years ago and now we have the 2004 versions plus the original theatrical cuts on three separate releases — and no box set.

Which one is the definitive version and who says so? It all depends on what you grew up with. The generation that saw "Star Wars," "Jaws" and the "Indiana Jones" trilogy in theaters would probably gobble up the chance to get these versions again. However, for a younger generation it may be another version their parents got for them because they could not get the original versions. "The new "Jaws" DVD has a different sound mix than the original — which mix is better is left up to the audience.

For the cynical mind, all it comes down to is money. A brand spanning new version of the "Apocalypse Now" DVD was released not a few weeks ago by Paramount Home Video. They are calling it "The Dossier" and it includes both the 1979 and 2001 version of the film, much the same way as the "Star Wars" DVDs that were released this week.

Maybe the studios are finally heeding the voices of audiences saying they are sick of all the changes and just want one version that they can enjoy and remember. The studios, hearing this plea seem to be going through a phase where they are releasing all the versions in one package. Here is everything — watch the disc you want.

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Steven Spielberg, left, talks with Haley Joel Osment. This director was a part of the influx of directors of the 1970s who brought the New Wave to America.



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Orson Welles was known for being a director with a personal vision. He often butted heads with studio execs during the prime years of his filmmaking career.

MLB

# Reds playoff hopes end in another loss to Padres

### Ramirez's 100th RBI gives Chicago a one-run victory at home

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With another pursuer bumped to the roadside, the San Diego Padres packed up their wild-card lead and headed for a first-place showdown on the West Coast. This is going to be some weekend in Los Angeles. "It's a great way to get on an airplane," manager Bruce Bochy said Thursday, after a 4-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds turned the Padres' next series into exactly what they wanted.

With the NL West-leading Dodgers losing to the Cubs 6-5, the Padres left town only a half-game out — their smallest deficit since Aug. 10.

Up next: Four games with first place up for grabs.

"Oh, man, it's about as big as it can get around here," said Mike Cameron, whose bases-loaded single broke open a scoreless game in the seventh inning. "We've got a little bit of energy and momentum going into LA. I'm sure they're going to be ready to go and everything. And it's going to be a big Friday night matinee in LA."

Before they could think about moving up, the Padres had to take care of a team that's all but out of it. Cameron's two-run single off Aaron Harang (13-11) could go down as the hit that finally toppled the Reds, who lost two of three in a pivotal series.

Since they moved within a percentage point of first place in the NL Central on Aug. 24, the Reds have lost 13 of 18. Cincinnati stands fifth in the wild-card race, trailing the

Padres by 4 1/2 with 16 games left.

"We've battled all year and showed a lot of heart and character, but we're not in a good spot," manager Jerry Narron said.

The Reds have no more games with the Padres or the Central-leading St. Louis Cardinals, making it difficult to make up ground. The three games against San Diego amounted to a last chance.

And they blew it. "Before, it was in our hands," first baseman Scott Hatteberg said. "It would have been nice to take two out of three or sweep these guys. That's what we wanted to do, and we didn't do it. It makes it hard to play in October."

The Padres' pitching staff, among the NL's best, had a lot to do with it.

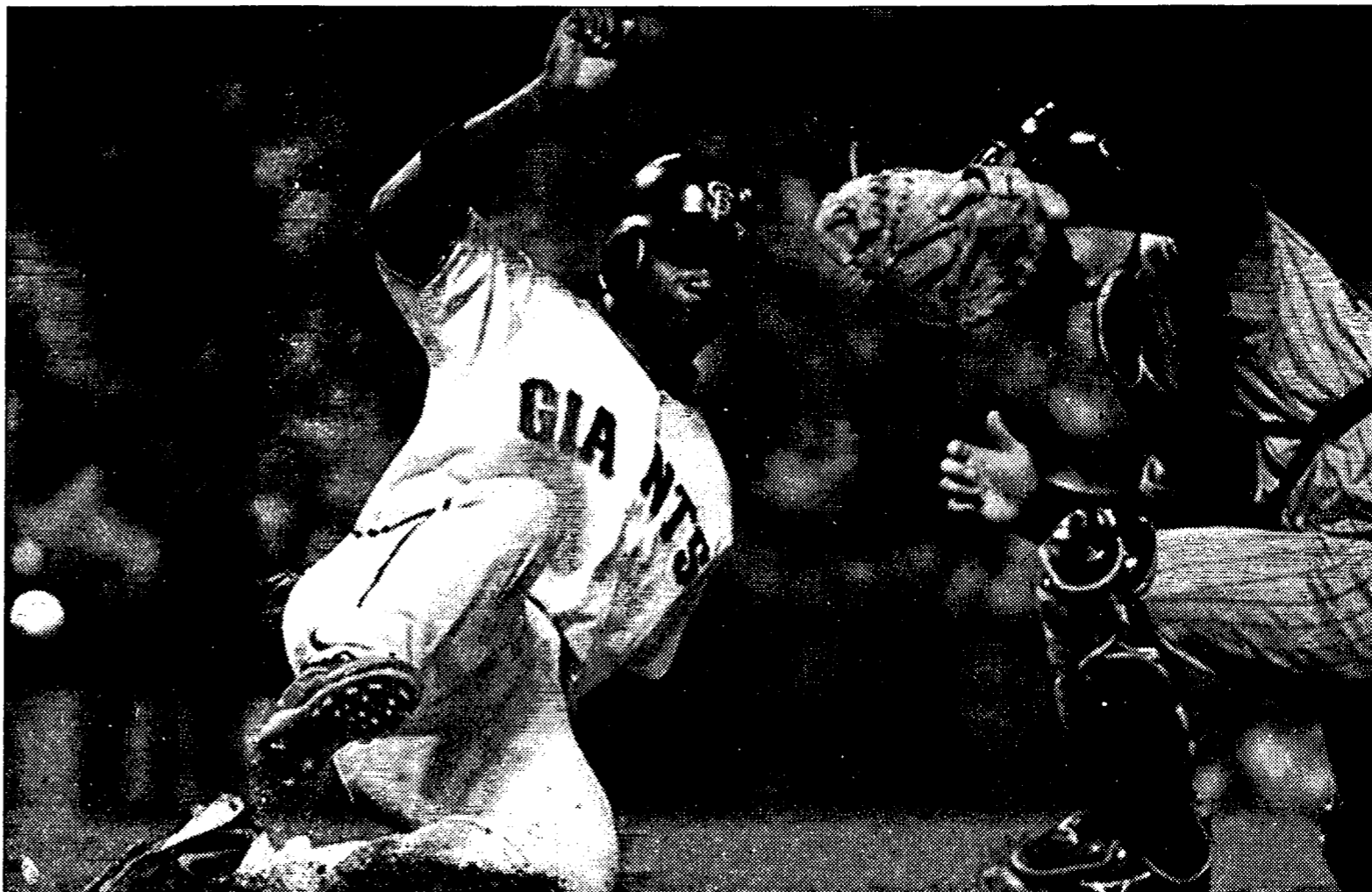
**Chicago 6, Los Angeles 5**

Aramis Ramirez's three-run homer gave him 100 RBIs. More importantly, he said, it gave the struggling Chicago Cubs a victory and a series win over the Los Angeles Dodgers, a team eyeing the playoffs.

"Right now we are playing spoilers. We took two out of three from a first-place team and that's something we play for right now," Ramirez said after his 33rd homer rallied the Cubs to a win Thursday, knocking the Dodgers' lead to one-half game in the NL West.

The Dodgers headed home after a series in which they lost twice by blowing leads at Wrigley Field. Los Angeles begins a key four-game series Friday with second-place San Diego, which beat the Reds 4-2 Thursday.

"We've been through this before. We've had some awfully tough losses," Dodgers manager Grady Little said. "This was



Centerfielder Ray Durham scores on a Moises Alou sacrifice fly in the second inning of Thursday's game. The Giants beat the Rockies 5-0 to pull within 3 games of the division lead.

another one today. We just have to put it behind us, come back tomorrow and start a big series with San Diego and see what happens."

**San Francisco 5, Colorado 0**

Matt Cain has dominated every opponent and inspired comparisons to baseball's greats during an incredible one-month stretch for the San Francisco Giants.

The precocious right-hander is more interested in keeping his club in the playoff race until his 22nd birthday — which happens to be the last day of the regular season.

Cain allowed two hits in eight superb innings to win his fourth straight start, and the Giants gained ground in the NL West

race with a victory over the Colorado Rockies on Thursday.

Omar Vizquel scored the game's first run in the sixth inning on Moises Alou's double-play grounder, and the Giants rallied for four more in the seventh to win for the eighth time in 11 games.

Cain (13-9) made it easy with another standout performance. The baby-faced rookie retired 10 of Colorado's first 11 hitters, then set down 13 straight after escaping a bases-loaded jam in the fourth.

"Some kind of pitcher, huh?" Giants manager Felipe Alou said, later likening Cain to a young Tom Seaver. "That's what you call controlling the game. That curveball, he's throwing it where they have to swing at it.

In my mind, he's as good as anybody."

Cain had seven strikeouts and never tired in a 118-pitch outing. Vinnie Chulk completed the two-hitter, pitching a perfect ninth.

"I'm just getting ahead of guys and trying to get to them early," Cain said. "I feel a little calmer in the second half. ... We had a good battle going on early, and we finally got to Aaron (Cook)."

Cain, whose 13 wins lead all NL rookies, has been nearly unhittable for a month now. He's 5-0 in six starts since Aug. 12 with a 0.21 ERA, allowing just one earned run in 42 innings — and he hasn't allowed an earned run in his last 30 2-3 innings.

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NFL

# Texans still looking for first win over Manning

*Houston defenders confident they can handle Indianapolis*

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Peyton Manning's pointing, waving and gesturing at the line were so confusing to Houston Texans cornerback Dunta Robinson the first time he faced the Indianapolis Colts quarterback as a rookie that he thought about calling a timeout.

Three years later, Robinson is used to the theatrics, though the Texans are still looking for their first win over the Colts. Houston is 0-8 against Indianapolis, the only AFC South foe the Texans haven't beaten.

If they want any chance to do it this week, Robinson and the rest of the secondary will have to bounce back from a subpar Week 1 performance.

Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb threw for 314 yards and three touchdowns in a 24-10 win that left the Texans ranked last in the league in pass defense. The secondary gave up completions of 31, 37 and 42 yards.

"It was shocking because we expect a lot more from ourselves than what we put out as a secondary," Robinson said. "We're going to move on. We still feel comfortable and think very highly of the ability we have on the back end."

Joining Robinson in the secondary are second-year pro C.C. Brown at free safety, strong safety Glenn Earl and corner-

back Lewis Sanders. Earl and Sanders have both struggled with injuries and have played sporadically before this year.

Though only 24, the hard-hitting Robinson feels a responsibility to be a leader of the young group. The runner-up for defensive rookie of the year in 2004, Robinson started every game for Houston in his first two seasons, totaling 142 tackles, seven interceptions and four sacks.

"That's one of the things I've thought about for a long time," he said. "How can I get my team to follow me? Working hard and going out there and performing is the way to do that."

He said discussing what happened against Philadelphia wasn't necessary because they simply wanted to move on and focus on Manning and the Colts.

"Everybody knows they have to be accountable for their own

actions, and so it wasn't much to be said," Robinson said. "Any mistake that was made, the guy knew he made a mistake so there was no need to go jump all over him. We can play better and we will play better so we're not worried."

While acknowledging that there is room for improvement in the secondary, coach Gary Kubiak believes some of the problems could be fixed with help from the rest of the

defense.

"We've got to get more pressure up front to help those guys on the back end so they don't have to hold up so long," he said. "I think if we do that we'll play well in the back end."

Manning has averaged 268 yards passing against the Texans in the eight meetings and has been held to fewer than 200 yards just once — throwing for 190 in a 19-3 win in 2002.



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## CSTV/AVCA Volleyball

### Top 25

| team              | record | previous |
|-------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 Nebraska (47)   | 7-0    | 1        |
| 2 Penn State (12) | 8-0    | 2        |
| 3 UCLA (1)        | 9-0    | 3        |
| 4 Washington      | 8-1    | 5        |
| 5 Texas           | 5-2    | 7        |
| 6 Florida         | 6-1    | 6        |
| 7 Stanford        | 6-1    | 8        |
| 8 Santa Clara     | 6-1    | 4        |
| 9 USC             | 9-0    | 10       |
| 10 California     | 9-0    | 13       |
| 11 Wisconsin      | 6-1    | 11       |
| 12 Hawaii         | 5-3    | 9        |
| 13 Tennessee      | 8-1    | 12       |
| 14 Purdue         | 9-0    | 14       |
| 15 Ohio State     | 8-0    | 19       |
| 16 Ohio           | 6-2    | 17       |
| 17 Missouri       | 6-3    | 15       |
| 18 LSU            | 8-1    | 22       |
| 19 BYU            | 7-1    | 16       |
| 20 Pepperdine     | 4-4    | 18       |
| 21 Utah           | 6-2    | 24       |
| 22 Michigan       | 10-0   | NR       |
| 23 Cal Poly       | 6-3    | 25       |
| 24 Arizona        | 7-2    | 21       |
| 24 Kansas State   | 8-2    | NR       |

## NCAA Men's Soccer

### Adidas Top 25

| team                   | record | previous |
|------------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 SMU                  | 6-0-0  | 3        |
| 2 Clemson              | 5-0-0  | 4        |
| 3 Virginia             | 5-0-0  | 2        |
| 4 Washington           | 5-0-0  | 6        |
| 5 Duke                 | 5-0-0  | 9        |
| 6 Maryland             | 4-1-0  | 1        |
| 7 Santa Clara          | 4-0-1  | 14       |
| 8 West Virginia        | 5-0-1  | 10       |
| 9 Indiana              | 3-2-1  | 10       |
| 10 South Carolina      | 5-1-0  | 21       |
| 11 San Francisco       | 4-0-1  | 13       |
| 12 NOTRE DAME          | 3-2-1  | 8        |
| 13 Wake Forest         | 4-1-0  | 5        |
| 14 Kentucky            | 5-0-1  | 20       |
| 15 Fordham             | 4-0-1  | 12       |
| 16 North Carolina      | 5-1-0  | 7        |
| 17 Fairleigh Dickinson | 2-1-1  | 15       |
| 18 Illinois-Chicago    | 4-0-2  | 22       |
| 19 Boston University   | 4-0-2  | 23       |
| 20 Old Dominion        | 3-1-0  | NR       |
| 21 South Florida       | 4-2-0  | NR       |
| 22 Massachusetts       | 5-0-1  | NR       |
| 23 UC Santa Barbara    | 3-2-0  | 19       |
| 24 Virginia Tech       | 4-1-0  | 16       |
| 25t Elon               | 6-1-0  | NR       |
| 25t Memphis            | 4-0-1  | 23       |

## MIAA Women's Volleyball Standings

| Team           | League | Overall |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| 1 Calvin       | 3-0    | 7-0     |
| 2 Hope         | 2-0    | 4-2     |
| 3 Adrian       | 2-1    | 5-3     |
| 4 SAINT MARY'S | 2-1    | 9-2     |
| 5 Tri-State    | 2-2    | 3-7     |
| 6 Alma         | 1-2    | 3-4     |
| 7 Albion       | 1-4    | 2-6     |
| 8 Kalamazoo    | 0-1    | 3-6     |
| 9 Olivet       | 0-2    | 0-10    |

## NCAA FOOTBALL



West Virginia running back Steve Slaton, center, celebrates his first touchdown versus Maryland with fullback Owen Schmitt, right, and teammates in the first quarter of the Mountaineers' 45-24 win over Maryland Thursday.

## Mountaineers cruise past Terrapins

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Steve Slaton's speed and Maryland's sloppiness turned No. 5 West Virginia's first anticipated test of the season into a laugh.

Slaton rushed for 195 yards and the Mountaineers forced two turnovers in a 28-0 first-quarter blitz on the way to a 45-24 victory over the Terrapins on Thursday night.

Slaton, a sophomore, scored twice in the opening quarter of his first career action against Maryland, the school that offered him a scholarship, then withdrew it.

"He's a great player. What more can I say?" Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen said. "He's got great speed. He's a fine young man and I hope he wins the Heisman."

Pat White threw for a TD and ran for another while Darius Reynaud scored twice, including a 96-yard kickoff return, for the Mountaineers (3-0), who extended their winning streak to 10 games, second in the nation to TCU's 12 in a row.

With scouts from the Orange and Fiesta bowls and 15 NFL teams in attendance, West Virginia took a 38-10 halftime lead in beating Maryland (2-1) for the

third straight year, the first time that has happened since 1996-98. The teams have met every year since 1980.

Maryland, which had wins over Division I-AA William & Mary and unheralded Middle Tennessee State, watched the Mountaineers compile more than 300 yards rushing for the third straight game.

West Virginia's young defense, pressed to force more turnovers, also delivered, finishing with five takeaways. Maryland's Sam Hollenbach was intercepted twice and the Terrapins fumbled the ball away three times, twice by Josh

Wilson on kickoffs.

West Virginia has outscored opponents 139-37 in three home games and heads on the road for four of its next five games.

Slaton has 503 yards this season, exceeding 100 yards in the first half in all three games. The Mountaineers opened with wins over Marshall and Eastern Washington.

"Steve looked like a human joy stick out there, like he was playing a video game," West Virginia center Dan Mozes said.

Slaton had 149 yards in the first quarter against Maryland when West Virginia scored on all four possessions.

## IN BRIEF

### Liriano's MRI reveals same light strain from before start

CLEVELAND — Francisco Liriano and the Minnesota Twins are somewhat relieved, yet mostly mystified over the rookie left-hander's latest test results.

"The MRI came back exactly the same as the previous one," Twins general manager Gerry Ryan said Thursday. "He has a ligament strain, but there is no structural damage. That's the good news."

"Now we have to find out why he's having pain. We're not going to mess around with his future."

Ryan said the Twins will take an ultra-conservative approach with Liriano, who made only 28 pitches Wednesday against Oakland in his first start in more than a month — then walked off the mound, saying he heard a pop in his elbow.

Liriano, 12-3 with a 2.19 ERA, is done for the season, even if the Twins make the playoffs.

### Man convicted of bribing 8-year-old to bean autistic kid

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — A youth baseball coach accused of offering an 8-year-old money to bean an autistic teammate so he couldn't play was convicted Thursday of two lesser charges against him, and evaded more serious charges.

A jury convicted 29-year-old Mark R. Downs Jr. of corruption of minors and criminal solicitation to commit simple assault, Fayette County authorities said.

Downs was acquitted of criminal solicitation to commit aggravated assault, and jurors said they were deadlocked on a charge of reckless endangerment. The judge declared a mistrial on the endangerment charge.

Authorities said Downs offered to pay one of his players \$25 to hit a 9-year-old autistic teammate with a ball while warming up before a June 2005 playoff game.

### Michelle Wie gets cut like wood in the 84 Lumber

FARMINGTON, Pa. — The course was too long, the competition too good. Michelle Wie has an exceptional golf game for a 16-year-old, except when she's playing against the men.

Heavy overnight rain softened up the third-longest course on the PGA Tour and created ideal scoring conditions Thursday at the 84 Lumber Classic, but not for Wie.

Her sixth attempt to try to do what no woman has done in 61 years by making the cut in a tour event looks to be unsuccessful, much like the other five.

Wie, playing in her third and last U.S. men's tournament this year, shot a 5-over 77 on a day when there were numerous scores in the 60s on the expansive Mystic Rock course, and has almost no chance to make a cut that was at even par a year ago.

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NFL

# Cowboys, T.O. open up at home against rival Redskins

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Terrell Owens has had six months to come up with a memorable way to celebrate his first touchdown at Texas Stadium as a member of the Dallas Cowboys.

Of course, it's got to involve the midfield star logo he stomped on six years ago.

Pulling a marker out of his sock and signing the logo would be quite a spectacle. As would borrowing pompoms from one of the famous Cowboys cheerleaders and shimmying on the 50-yard line. Or he could just plow down and do some midfield sit-ups.

But Owens prefers to be an innovator, not a copycat, even if those would merely be digging into his own repertoire.

So, T.O., what's it going to be?

"I don't really know what I am going to do," he said. "I'm just going to go out there and try to wing it, try to have fun with it."

Owens will get his chance Sunday night against the Washington Redskins, providing he reaches the end zone.

The game itself should be a good one. The Cowboys and Redskins are division rivals that came into this season with playoff hopes, but made too many mistakes and lost their openers. The loser will be 0-2,

adding urgency to this battle of wits between coaching greats Bill Parcells and Joe Gibbs, and providing taunt-worthy material for team owners Jerry Jones and Daniel Snyder.

Yet those aren't the reasons

NBC got this game for its second prime-time showcase.

It's all about the guy wearing No. 81 on his shirt and a star on his helmet — and what he might do after a touchdown.

Owens is well aware a

national television audience will be watching. And he knows they'll be waiting for something outlandish, ideally one that invokes his look-at-me antics on the logo in 2000, the move that launched him from quality

receiver to A-list personality.

"I'm going to have to figure it out. I just haven't figured it out yet," he insisted this week. "I've about run out of touchdown dances and celebrations, as far as something creative."

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**SMC SOCCER**

# Sal Vaccaro Invite will kick off this weekend

*Belles look to return to winning ways in two big matches*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will play two games this weekend at the annual Sal Vaccaro Tournament hosted by North Central College in Naperville, Ill. The Belles will play Saturday against Mount Mercy College and again on Sunday against the hosting Cardinals.

Saint Mary's enters the tournament still in search of the season's first win. The team dropped their first two games to Albion and Manchester in very similar fashion. Both games were close 2-1 losses as Lauren Hinton provided the lone goal in both contests.

Against Manchester, she scored with two minutes remaining in the first half to take the lead, but the young defense could not hold the lead and the Spartans were able to score on two of nine second-half shots.

"We are still trying to get used to each other and I feel that we don't have the right connection yet. Once we figure that out, we will be able to score," senior forward Colleen Courtney said.

Courtney, one of three captains, finished last year with two goals and two assists.

The Belles first opponent, the Mount Mercy Mustangs, have had an offensive explosion since ending their first game of the season in a 0-0 tie. The Mustangs have put up 16 goals while going 2-2 in the past four games. Last Saturday, the potent scorers struck eight

times in a dominant win over Alverno College.

Senior forward Keri Ludwig had a hat trick in the game while sophomore Kateri Bose led the team in points with assists on all three of Ludwig's goals as well as two of her own. Bose is only one goal and one assist away from matching her production for her freshman season. The experienced Mustang offense could cause problems for the Saint Mary's young defenders.

"We will have to play with a lot of intensity and win as many 50/50 balls as possible," Courtney said.

The Mustangs will start off the tournament facing North Central College (1-3) Friday at 5:00 p.m. North Central comes into the tournament with a full head of steam, having won their first game in overtime last Saturday.

Junior Michelle Daly scored on a penalty kick in the 94th minute to beat Marantha Baptist College 2-1. Daly, who also scored earlier in the game, was named College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin Player of the Week for her effort. Daly had eleven goals for the Cardinals last year.

"I think [a win] would be extremely helpful to get us out of a losing mode especially with a big game coming up on Tuesday," Courtney said.

The Belles will take on defending MIAA champion Calvin next week. The game will not count towards the team's conference record, but a victory over a conference foe would be a huge step in building the young team's confidence.

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*"We will have to play with a lot of intensity and win as many 50/50 balls as possible."*

**Colleen Courtney  
Belles forward**

**PGA**

# Tiger loses in match play

*Woods will need to rebound quickly for next week's Ryder Cup*

Associated Press

Some of Tiger Woods' countrymen awoke to the news Thursday that he lost for the first time in two months and chased their morning coffee with a few aspirin.

Relax. No one needs reminding how painful a Ryder Cup hangover can be, least of all Woods. But getting hammered 4 and 3 by Shaun Micheel at the World Match Play Championships — matching Woods' worst loss in match play — will shake El Tigre's confidence for about as long as it takes to read this sentence.

The Ryder Cup is still a week off and nobody on the other side is suddenly licking their chops at the thought of playing Woods head-to-head. Or Jim Furyk, for that matter — despite how vulnerable they looked on yet another damp, cloudy afternoon in the British Isles.

Then again, for U.S. captain Tom Lehman and all those already keeping score at home, those first-round results weren't the only thing that augurs poorly for the Americans.

On European captain Ian Woosnam's side of the ledger, four of the five Europeans who will turn up at The K Club outside Dublin next week won their opening matches. And the sole loser, Englishman David Howell, was beaten by teammate Colin Montgomerie, a Scot whose brave heart will be


front and center once the matches begin in earnest.

Coincidence? Maybe. Momentum is everything at the Ryder Cup. Anyone who's watched the scoreboard change colors like the temperature gauge in an overheating car knows how quickly a cushion can become a hot seat. Think of how fast the Europeans slid down the drain just ahead of American Justin

Leonard's putt on the final day of singles at Brookline in 1999. Or, conversely, how the knees of one American after another buckled at Oak Hill in 1995, when four pivotal matches went to the 18th green and the Euros won them all by choking less.

So what to make of Thursday's little dress rehearsal? Nothing. Yet.

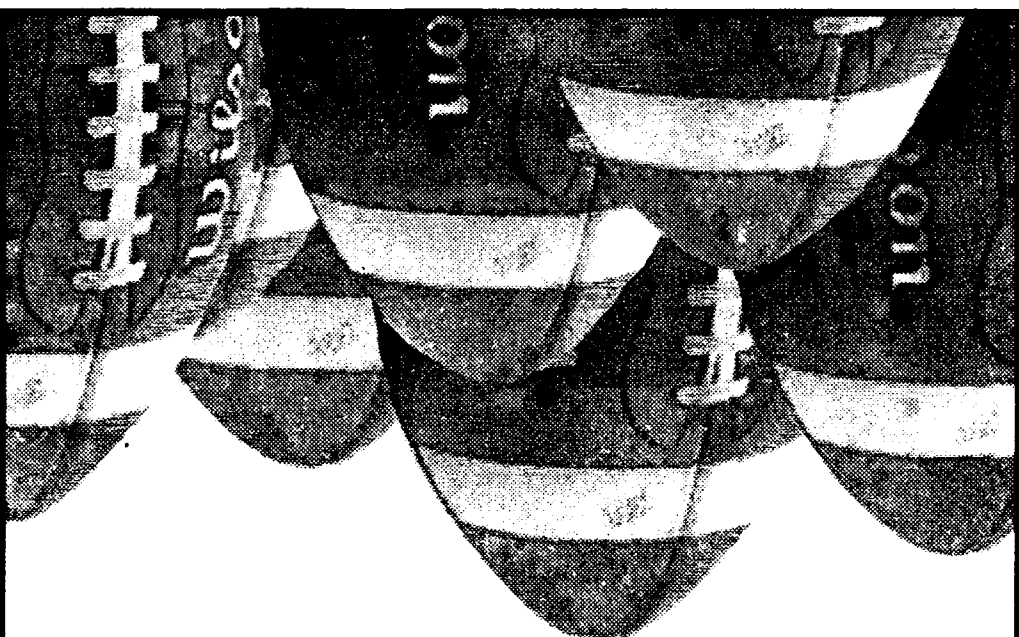
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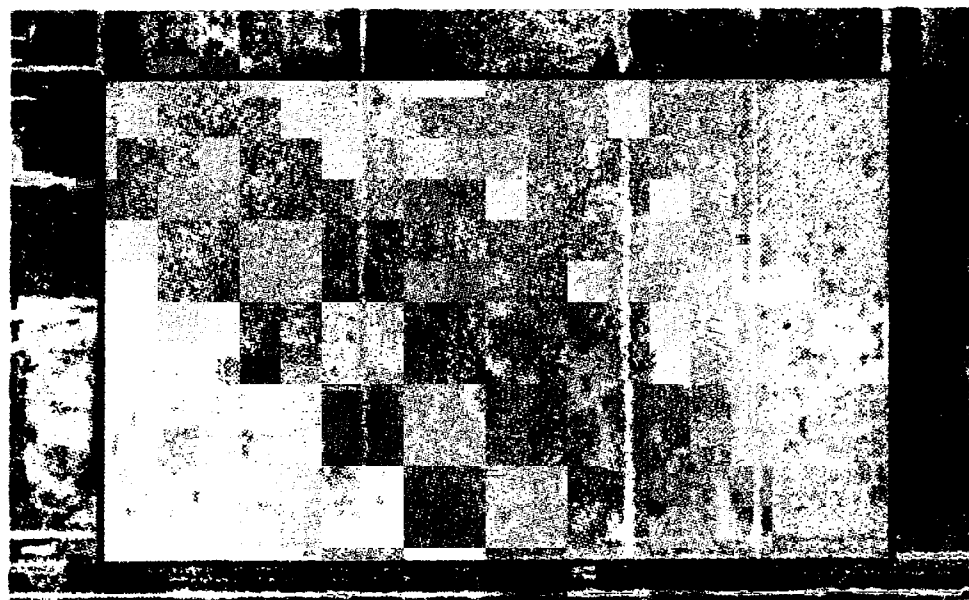
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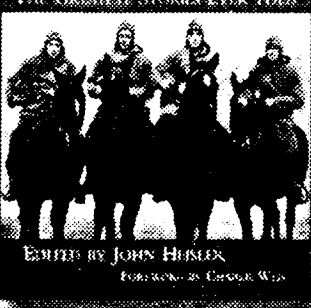
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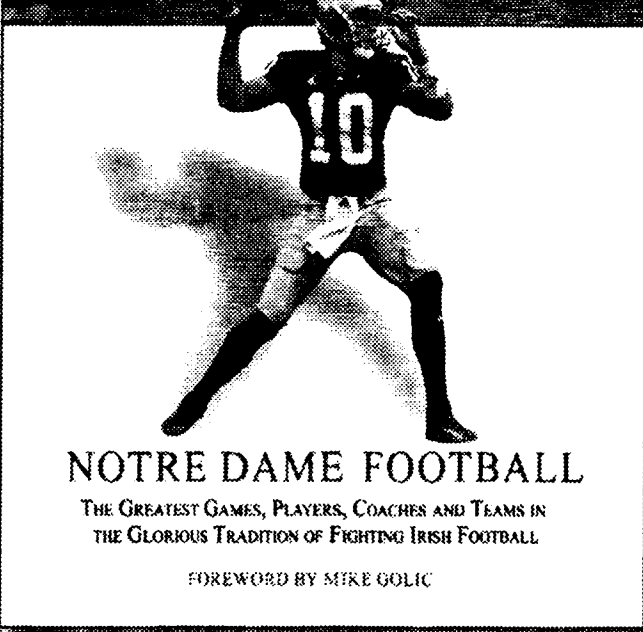
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### SMC GOLF

## IWU Fall Classic tees off in Illinois Saturday

*Saint Mary's to join 24 other colleges this weekend at tourney*

By BECKY SLINGER  
Sports Writer

After a rainout Wednesday, the Belles will compete against 23 teams this weekend when they attend the IWU Fall Classic hosted by Illinois-Wesleyan in Normal, Ill.

Forming the lineup will be junior captain Katie O'Brien, sophomores Alex Sei, Meredith Fantom, Perri Hamma and Katie McInerney, and freshman Kate Doornbos.

The entire squad — save for freshman Doornbos — has played the "fair" 5,400-yard Ironwood Golf Course before, Sei said.

And Doornbos, she said, will be very capable to handle the par-72 layout.

The 18-hole course is surrounded by homes, but McInerney said that wouldn't be a distraction.

"Our team is very focused on improving and playing our best," she said. "Nothing will distract us."

A deep lineup ensures that distractions won't trouble the rest of the team, either.

"Our lineup reflects our capabilities of raising the team's ranking," Sei said. "We're very focused on our ultimate goal of winning another MIAA Championship."

Head coach Mark Hamilton was also confident the team would shoot a low round this weekend.

The only obstacles the course poses to the team are several swamps, which Sei said would not be problematic if the team stays on the fairways and hits accurate shots.

"The key to shooting a low round is to focus and to take one shot at a time," Sei said. "We have a good chance of being the best in this tournament."

After the Fall Classic, the Belles will attend the rescheduled MIAA Jamboree hosted by Albion on Sept. 22-23.

*"Our team is very focused on improving and playing our best."*

**Katie McInerney**  
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**WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

# Pass-happy Badin opens season against Pyros

*Pangborn hopes to start title run against Farley; Welsh and Walsh square off; Ducks take on Chicks; BP faces PW*

By VINCE KENEALLY AND ROB GALLIC  
Sports Writers

As the smallest women's dorm, Badin often finds itself the underdog, and this Sunday's contest with Pasquerilla East is no exception.

"I know they are a bigger dorm," Bullfrogs captain Meaghan Charlebois said. "Of course, every dorm is bigger than Badin, so that's always tough for us."

In order to counteract the Pyros' depth, Charlebois said Bullfrog quarterback Katie-Rose Hackney will go to the air early and often.

"[Hackney's] been doing a lot of work and definitely has been improving," Charlebois said.

PE captain Molly Fox said her team is ready for Badin's pass-happy attack.

"We've seen them with their receiving gloves," Fox said. "We're ready."

Fox said the Pyros will use the running game to try to keep Hackney and the Badin offense off the field.

"We have some good running backs," Fox said. "We have a very strong football team. Plus we're going to surprise them with some trick plays."

**Pangborn vs. Farley**

The Pangborn Phoxes and Farley's Finest will open their respective Interhall football seasons this Sunday at 3 p.m. on West Quad in a game that should prove to feature two of this year's top teams.

After losing last year's championship game in the stadium, Pangborn is highly motivated to return.

"Our goal last year was to get to the stadium, but our goal this year is to get to the stadium and win," senior captain Katie Riemorsma said.

Riemorsma, a starting safety and wide receiver, is one of a number of athletic Phoxes who will be starting on both sides of the ball. Offensively, Pangborn will present a balanced attack and will rely on its athleticism as well as its experience.

Defensively, the squad did lose several important players — but Riemorsma isn't worried.

"We did lose some of our defensive starters, but we don't expect to lose a step," she said.

For Farley, coming off a .500 season in which it barely missed the postseason, the goals are clear.

"Our goal this year is to make it to the playoffs, and then go from there," junior captain and running back Kim Crehan said.

Despite a new coaching staff, the Finest will have a lot of the same plays and strategies as last year, especially on offense where they return all but one starter.

On the defensive end, Farley will be missing some defensive standouts from last year's squad who are currently studying abroad, but Crehan said she still expects to see a very strong defensive effort from this upperclassman-heavy team.

"We have great leadership and team chemistry," she said. "We know we have a tough first game, but we feel confident."

**Welsh Family vs. Walsh**

In a game that features two of last year's playoff teams, Welsh Family and Walsh will kick off

their Interhall seasons this Sunday at 1 p.m. on the West Quad.

After a solid regular season earned them a bid to the playoffs last year, the Whirlwinds ended their season on a sour note with a first round playoff defeat.

Having put that behind them, the team has high expectations for this year — even thoughts of making a run all the way to the championship game.

The Wild Women are entertaining similar thoughts, however, looking to rekindle the magic that helped them win the championship two years ago.

The Whirlwinds, led by dedicated and experienced coaches, have been known in prior years for a stingy and intense defense and will look to that defense to uphold their reputation over the course of the season.

On offense, they are led by a

strong receiving core, which features several girls who missed their junior seasons studying abroad.

The Wild Women, on the other hand, will look to some of their younger players — most of their squad is made up of sophomores and juniors — and a particularly strong freshman class. Offensively, quarterback Mary Sullivan and receiver Cigi Low return and present a good matchup for the Welsh Family defense.

**Howard vs. Lewis**

Howard and Lewis both hope to start off the season on the right foot with a first game victory at they square off on West Quad at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Lewis will attempt to continue its excellent play from last year when it entered the playoffs as a three-seed, while Howard hopes to rebound from a disappointing

2005 season where it missed the playoffs.

**Breen-Phillips vs. Pasquerilla West**

Pasquerilla West will begin its title defense Sunday at 5 p.m. on West Quad against Breen-Phillips. The Purple Weasels want to

continue their winning ways this season. The Babes hope to reverse their fortunes from last season and perhaps even make a run at the championship.

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## MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

## Defending champs Zahm open against Knott

Sorin captain talks tough about game with Carroll; Siegfried begins with St. Ed's; Knights face 'Roos

By ANDREW KOVACH,  
KATE DONLIN and  
JOHN TIERNEY  
Sports Writers

The reigning Interhall champions begin their title defense Sunday against the Knott Juggerknotts at 3 p.m.

Zahm beat Keenan in the teams' last regular-season game in 2005 in a game closer than their final records would indicate.

Keenan, which finished 0-5, lost a hard-fought battle to the undefeated soon-to-be champions, 8-0.

"It was probably our toughest game of the season," Zahm captain Sean Wieland said.

For Keenan, the early-season rematch means the chance at revenge.

"We're real excited about the game," Keenan captain Matt Crosson said. "We felt like we played our best football against Zahm. Hopefully we'll have a good shot to knock them off."

To do that, the Knights will have to slow down Zahm's explosive running backs and receivers. The Rabid Bats feature fullback Cameron Muhlenkamp and tailbacks Corey Brisee and Otheo Ossei-Anto.

Wieland, who returns for his third year as Zahm's starting quarterback, said the offense should be strong and ready to go.

To counteract the returning Rabid Bat skill players, Crosson said Carroll has a comprehensive defensive strategy.

"We know they have great skill players and we know they have a lot of speed," he said. "We're going to try and keep everything in the middle of the field."

Part of that strategy will be

Carroll's 4-4 defensive alignment. With four linebackers — two on the outside to collapse on running plays — Carroll hopes to keep Zahm's feared running game in check.

When asked if he considered growing the grass on Riehle Field extra long to neutralize Zahm's speed, Crosson had a straightforward response.

"If we were in control of that, we would like to," he said.

**Sorin vs. Carroll**

Sorin is confident heading into its game against Carroll Sunday.

Actually, make that very confident.

"I feel like we could skip a game and put our friends from Saint Mary's out there and they'd still win," Otters captain Pete Lavorini said. "We have a new quarterback, a new running back, new wide receivers and a new offensive line."

Lavorini said Sorin's "true excellence" didn't reveal its full potential last year in the team's second-round playoff loss to Keenan. Now, he said, that will change.

"It's just a whole new mentality — that is to just beat the crap out of anyone possible," Lavorini said. "We're basically going to score as many points as possible in the short time we have."

Meanwhile, Carroll is hoping for a balancing act Sunday.

Vermin captain Mike Versagli said the team will look to exploit Sorin early to implement an even attack the rest of the way.

"We're going to balance the game, try to balance it out," he said.

Versagli said the team's experience offense would be able to

handle the playbook well.

"I feel that we're used to [the offense]," he said. "We're not a team where a lot of our players are in for more than just one year. ... [But] we're just looking to see how we play in our first game."

They will need to play well against a Sorin team that shut out a dangerous Fisher squad in the first round of the playoffs in 2005.

And Lavorini was confident that the 2006 version of the Otters is far superior to the team that showed up a year ago.

"I think this is the best team we've ever had," he said. "Really, I don't think there's any way we'll lose a game."

**Siegfried vs. St. Ed's**

Siegfried and St. Ed's, two dorms with playoff aspirations, will kick off their respective 2006 Interhall Football campaigns at Riehle Field this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Led by junior captain Ge Wang, the Stedsmen will look to improve after a 0-4 season in 2005 while the Ramblers, 3-1 in the regular season last year, seek a return to the postseason.

Starting at fullback and middle linebacker for St. Eds, Wang said his team will be ready to go this time around.

"We have the talent this year, and anything short of [the playoffs] would be a disappointment," he said.

Wang said the Stedsmen will run a balanced offensive attack, supplementing their passing game equally with their running game to move the ball downfield.

Just like St. Eds, Siegfried has set very high goals for themselves this season. Tri-captains junior Tom Martin and seniors Matt Wopperer and Pat Manning came

close to their goal of a championship last year but ultimately fell short, losing to Morrissey Manor in the first round of the postseason.

"Our obvious goal is the stadium this year, to win the whole thing. We're just going to take it one game at a time," said Martin, who starts at offensive guard and defensive end.

Much like Wang, Martin said the Ramblers' offense is balanced.

"We lost four starters from our offensive line last year but we have good freshmen and new sophomores, and we're comfortable throwing and running," he said.

But Martin knows that Sunday's game will be a big one.

"We have lots of new players," he said. "It's real big to see how everyone works together and comes together this Sunday."

Siegfried has extra motivation this season, however. If the Ramblers take home the championship, assistant rector Mike Hoefling has pledged to wear a dress and high heels to all of his classes for a full week following the championship game.

**Keenan vs. Keough**

The Keenan Knights will take on the Keough Kangaroos at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Riehle Fields.

The Knights are led by junior captain Matt Gibson, who said his team's past several weeks of practice have been encouraging.

Adding to Gibson's leadership is senior Alex Staffieri, the team's starting running back. He will take the field Sunday with a strong offensive line, which is returning four players from last year's team. Gibson said Keenan's success will depend on a complete team effort in order to defeat the talented Keough team.

Kangaroos captain Steve Humphrey said he realizes this Sunday's game will be a tough battle, but he is confident his team will be able to finish on top.

Despite losing sophomore running back Mike Anello to the Irish varsity team, Keough has several returning contributors, including Tom Chesnick, Chaz Arnold, Rob Hallman and Tom O'Donnell.

Keough's defense is shaping up well, but Humphrey is a little less confident about the team's offense because of practice schedule conflicts by several starters. Still, he's excited to get his fourth season for the Kangaroos underway.

"This is the most talented team we've had," he said.

**Dillon vs. O'Neill**

Hopes are high for both the Dillon and O'Neill football teams as they face off to start the new season Sunday at 3 p.m. on the Riehle Field. Both teams enter the new campaign after finishing with a 2-3 record and a first-round playoff loss last fall.

"This year's, like every other year's, goal is to win it all," Angry Mob captain Pat Conley said.

Dillon sees itself as a defensively oriented team whose strength offensively lies in the running game. The offense will be led by running back Alex Duffy and wide receiver Chad Krause. Last season, Duffy, then a rookie to interhall football, developed into the team's key player on offense. Justin Figueredo, the team's co-captain alongside Duffy, said the running game will benefit from an offensive line that adds speed, but returns only one starter.

Defensively, Dillon will be anchored by five returning starters including senior cornerback Francis Leyhane, senior defensive tackle Tom "Schooly" Bradley, junior linebacker Paul Carlson, junior defensive end Dan Avants and sophomore safety Figueredo.

Dillon will start a relatively inexperienced lineup, with only nine total returning starters and just four on offense. Figueredo said the incoming freshmen replacing the lost upperclassmen are talented and eager to start playing.

Since narrowing its squad to the maximum 24 players from the 45 who originally tried out, Dillon has had five practices in full pads. The first week, the team concentrated mostly on physical conditioning and getting players into football shape. The following week, the practices' focus switched to the mental aspect of the game and installing the new playbook on both offense and defense.

O'Neill will also come to this season-opening matchup with the desire to win a championship off of a 2-3 season. Conley described his team as one whose success will be dictated by all 24 players on the roster. The team has no star players, he said, and "won't win unless everyone is on their game that day."

O'Neill looks to be equally balanced on both sides of the ball this season and will rely on team speed on both offense and defense. The squad plans to be aggressive on offense, but is unsure if it will develop as a running-dominated or passing-dominated team.

**Stanford vs. Alumni**

A major showdown is set this Sunday at 2 p.m. between two of the teams in the Gold League of the men's Interhall Football League.

Alumni hopes to take down Stanford after a disappointing loss last year. Both teams expected an all-out battle, and that's what it came down to in the Griffins' 14-6 victory over the Dawgs. Stanford came out strong right from the start with a 40-yard touchdown pass on the first play of the game, and despite a valiant fight late in the game, Alumni was unable to stop Stanford's impressive offense.

This year, Alumni captain Richard Damey hopes the team's practice and talented roster will pay off. The Alumni defense will have its hands full again this year with the Stanford team, who has always been a dominant offensive force.

Stanford captain senior Brandon McLeod will lead the Griffins. Both teams have their eyes set on the playoffs after a disappointing end to last season. Last year Alumni failed to make the playoffs despite an exciting, hard-fought win over rival Dillon in its final game.

The Dawgs finished their season with a final record of 1-2-1 and hope to build on that this year.

Stanford lost their final game of the year, an 8-6 nail-biter to Morrissey that ended their hopes of a playoff berth.

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

## Brown returns home for tourney

ND looks to bounce back in Tempe at three game tournament

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Debbie Brown will travel to Tempe, Ariz., this weekend not only to the Sun Devil Invitational but also back to where she began her head coaching career.

The Notre Dame coach landed her first head coach job at Arizona State in 1983 — she was the team's assistant coach from 1980-82 — after being a co-captain for the U.S. National Team. She led the Sun Devils until 1988 when she left to become an assistant coach for the U.S. team, eventually joining the Irish in 1992.

In 1986, Brown coached the Sun Devils to a 27-7 record and was named Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year.

But Tempe will not be as welcoming a place this time around for Brown when Notre Dame enters the desert for a three-game tournament. The Irish (4-4) will open Friday against Butler, play Saturday against Duke and conclude with a Sunday matinee against the Sun Devils. This will be the fifth time overall and the second consecutive year that the Irish have faced Arizona State.

Brown and the team were unavailable for comment Thursday because they were traveling.

The two teams met in the Shamrock Invitational Sept. 4, 2005 and played a close-fought five-game match. The Irish prevailed in the fifth game, taking the match 30-20, 28-30, 21-30, 30-23, 15-10.

Notre Dame is looking to rebound after a two-loss weekend in the three-match University of Northern Iowa Invitational, where the Irish earned a 3-1 win against Alabama.

Arizona State (6-2) lost to No. 14 Purdue and No. 15 Ohio State and is undefeated in three home matches this season. The team is led by outside hitter Margo Giordano — the sophomore has 107 kills on the season for an average of 3.96 kills per game.

Butler (5-5) has a strong start to open the season — the Bulldogs won five of their first six games. But the team has struggled as of late, losing four straight matches, including one to Notre Dame's Big East rival DePaul.

The Irish and Bulldogs were formerly adversaries in the North Star Conference prior to

Notre Dame's inception into the Big East, Butler now plays in the Horizon League. The teams last met in 1994 — an Irish win — and Notre Dame holds a 13-6 all-time advantage.

The Blue Devils have parlayed a strong finish in the 2005 season — a NCAA Tournament berth and second-round loss to No. 1 Nebraska — into a 5-1 record to open this season.

Duke's only loss was a 3-0 loss Sept. 2 to No. 2 Penn State. The Blue Devils have defeated Marquette and West Virginia by 3-1 and 3-0 margins respectively, both 2006 Irish opponents and conference rivals.

Junior Carrie DeMange is averaging 4.33 kills per game for the Blue Devils with 78 kills total. The Irish have won the last four meetings between the two teams and hold a 5-1 edge all-time.

The Irish fell out of the newest American Volleyball Coaches Association top-25 poll — they were ranked No. 23 last week. The team is now receiving 10 votes, while Duke is one spot ahead with 13 votes.

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## MEN'S GOLF

## Irish shoot for top five in Minnesota

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

Last season, after starting slowly in the Gopher Invitational in Wayzata, Minn., the Irish stormed back to finish fifth in the tournament. This year, the Irish will look for a similar — or better — result.

"To finish in the top five or six would be nice," head coach Jim Kubinski said. "It would give us some good wins and move us up a bit in the rankings."

The Irish will have to come out firing if they hope to finish high in a 12-team field that includes host No. 15 Minnesota and strong competition in Michigan State, Stanford, Indiana, Ohio State, SMU and Northwestern teams. Saturday's opening round at the Spring Hill Golf Club in Wayzata will mark Notre Dame's first competitive play of the season, so the Irish are not certain what to anticipate.

"We aren't that experienced [as a team] so we can't have really high expectations," senior co-captain Cole Isban said. "At the same time, we realize that we're a good team."

Kubinski echoed these sentiments.

"I know we're going to be competitive," he said. "It's just hard to tell at what level our play will be."

The Irish will quickly find out where they stand relative to

their opponents, which include Finland's national team. Two of the tournament's three rounds are to be held on Saturday, so there is a premium on getting a strong start.

"Last year, we had a bad first round then played really well to get back into the pack," Kubinski said. "Hopefully, we can start off [Saturday] with the same kind of momentum we finished with last year."

The Irish are also hoping to use this tournament as a stepping stone for improvement.

"I definitely feel like we're going to keep getting better as the year goes on," Kubinski said. "Some of the guys have been playing a lot better lately."


Freshman Doug Fortner played well enough over the past several weeks to earn a spot in Notre Dame's top-five, allowing him to travel with the team to Minnesota. He and Isban will be joined by senior Adam Gifford, junior Mike King and sophomore Josh Sandman in representing the Irish this weekend.

As Notre Dame's top golfer, Isban said he is hoping to win this event, but he would be happy with a top-10 result.

"You can never complain about finishing in the top-10," the senior said. "A bunch of top-10 [scores] can make you an All-American."

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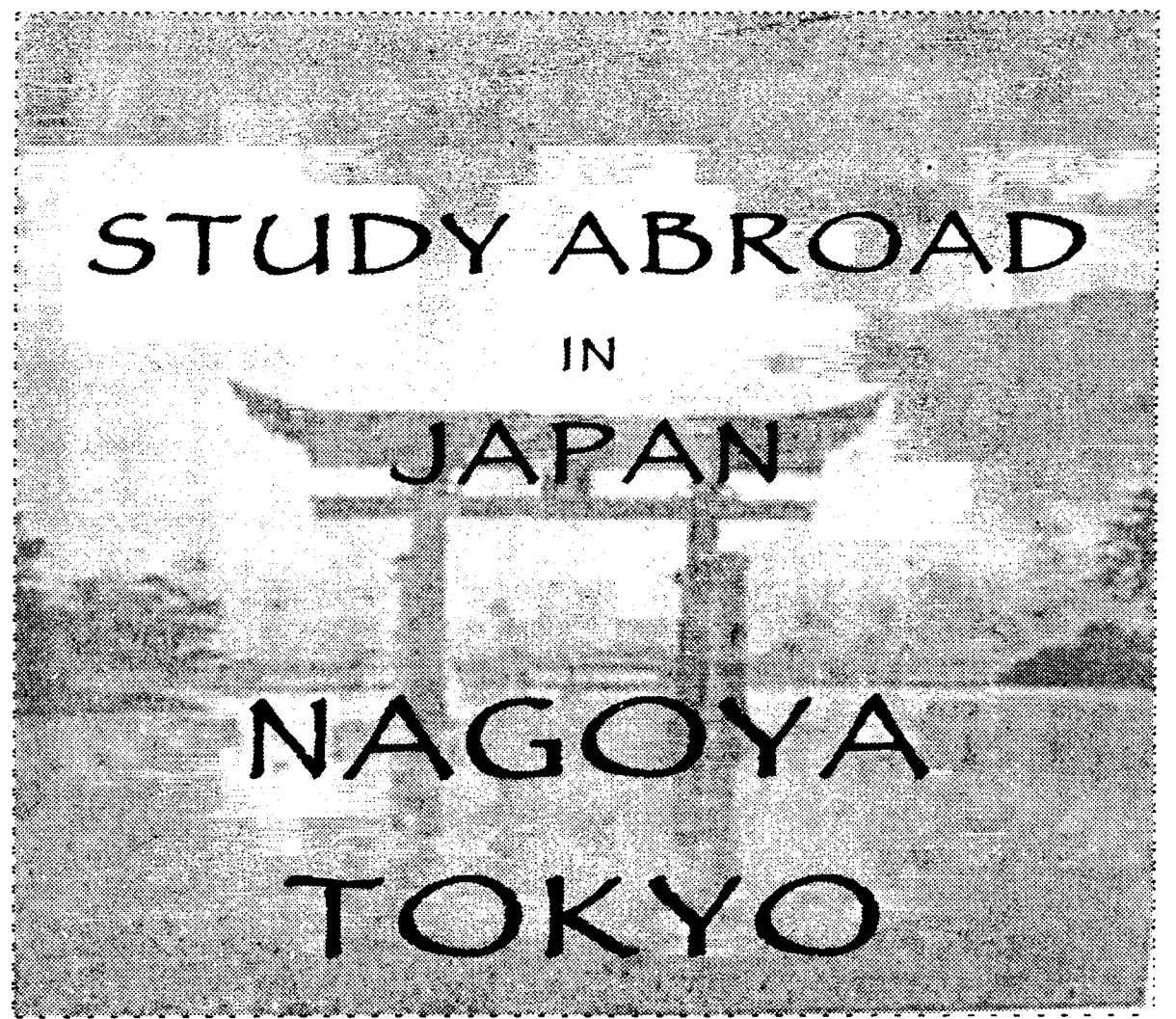


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improve our play. There are things we need to do differently."

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said he's happy allowing just .33 goals per game, but said the Irish won't be able to sustain that statistic unless they communicate better on defense.

"We've been good in terms of the end result — we've kept the ball out of the net," Waldrum said. "If, at the end of the year, the stats still look good I'll be fine with it, but we're giving the ball away out of the back too often. Sometime, we might turn the ball over and some team might punish us for it."

One player who might help Notre Dame improve defensive communication is sophomore defender Carrie Dew, who, along with fellow sophomore midfielder Brittany Bock, will return to full-time action this weekend after missing the first few weeks of the season to compete in the U-20 World Championships in Russia.

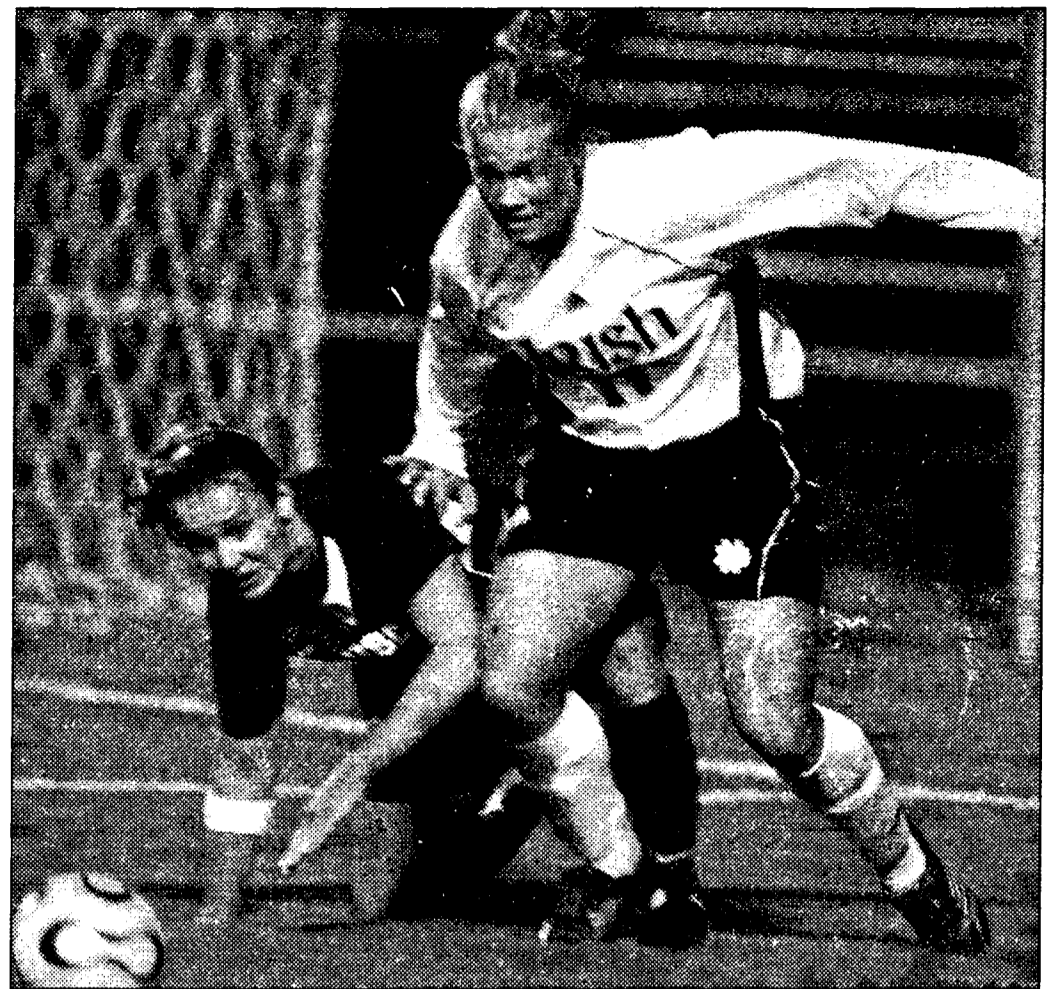
"[Dew's] got kind of a calming effect," Waldrum said. "She's very calm and composed on the ball and very skillful."

Bock and Dew arrived on campus Sept. 5, but Waldrum eased them back into the lineup so they could catch up academically.

The sophomores got significant minutes off the bench last weekend against TCU and SMU, but neither started either game. Bock scored her first goal of the season against the Horned Frogs.

"Over the weekend they weren't supposed to play that much, but we needed them to come in and help us out," sophomore forward Kerri Hanks said.

Hanks scored two goals against the Mustangs, pushing



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Irish forward Michele Weissenhofer chases the ball in Notre Dame's 2-0 win over USC Sept. 1.

her season total to five and passing junior Amanda Cinalli, who has scored four, for the team lead. The sophomore said teamwork is the reason the Irish have hit the back of the net an average of 3.5 times per game this season.

"It's not just one of us individually — it's all of us combined," she said.

### Notes:

◆ Freshman Michele Weissenhofer leads the NCAA in assists this season, picking up her seventh and eighth of the season against the Horned Frogs Saturday, employing both skill on crosses and her patented flip throw-in technique to set up Irish goal scorers.

"The flip throw-ins work because not every team does them," said Hanks, who scored a goal Aug. 27 against Ole Miss on one of Weissenhofer's

throws.

◆ DePaul's home field features brand-new FieldTurf, so the Irish practiced inside the Loftus Center Wednesday to prepare for the artificial surface.

"The ball's got a little bit truer bounce to it and the passes are a little faster," Waldrum said. "The turf gives an advantage to the team that plays on it a lot."

The field does not, however, feature flood lights, meaning kickoff on Friday will be at 4 p.m.

The Blue Demons are 2-1 at home this season.


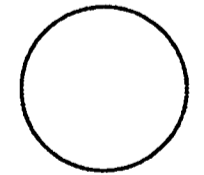
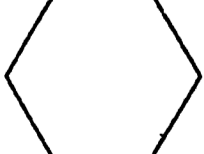

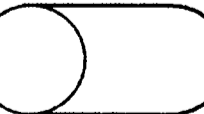
◆ Notre Dame will return to campus after Friday afternoon's game, then head out on the road again Sunday to face the Wolverines in a 1 p.m. game in Ann Arbor.

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# Streak

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Justin McGeeney, who have five goals and three goals this season, respectively.

The Cardinals will be led by midfielder David Guzman, who has tallied four goals and two assists in five games played for Louisville this season. Guzman scored Louisville's lone goal when the two teams met last year, a 2-1 Notre Dame victory.

Throughout the week, the Irish have not tailored their approach to either of their specific opponents.

"We focus on our system, [and] we practice on it," Clark said. "We don't change our system from week to week. It's not rocket science — soccer — it's

pretty simple stuff. It's getting the execution right and working."

Cincinnati enters the weekend with only one goal in its last five games, and it broke a

four-game scoreless streak Sunday in a 2-1 to Pittsburgh. Playing at Cincinnati will represent a new challenge for the Irish, as the Bearcats will host them on an artificial turf field.

Notre Dame, however, is totally focused on its match with Louisville until it concludes Friday night.

"We'll have all Friday night and all Saturday to

start dissecting and looking into Cincinnati," Clark said.

Even when the Irish do begin preparing for Cincinnati, Clark said too much opponent-specific training can serve as a distraction.

"You can look at a game tape, so that's all you need," he said. "We don't over worry about the opposition. We respect the opposition, but at the end of the day we are much more concerned with what we do in the game."

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**Bobby Clark**  
Irish head coach

# Belles

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Senior captain Katie White said the Belles will continue to focus on pacing and teamwork in both races this week.

"For next week, we want to get the top pack tighter," she said. "Our one to five runners were really spaced out. We all finished about 10 to 12 seconds behind the [Saint Mary's] runner in front of us. I think Coach Bauters would really like to see us maintain contact during the race use our teammate to attack runners and as motivation."

The closest top finishers at last week's Aquinas Invitational for the Belles were Kelly Biedron and Katie White, with times of 21:09 and 21:17, respectively, that earned them the fourth and fifth best times for the team. Megan Gray was

the top Belles finisher, placing 20th overall with a time of 20:03, followed by Sara Otto with 20:32 and Megan McClowry, who clocked in at 20:44.

Bauters said she wants to see improvement this weekend against the tough competition.

"I'm hoping for improvements at Notre Dame and hopefully for the first years [in Terre Haute], more experimenting with racing strategy, so they become more comfortable and confident," Bauters said.

After this weekend, the Belles will head to the MIAA Cross Country Jamboree Sept. 23.

Albion College was originally slated to play host to the meet, but due to recent heavy rains in the area, the team will now travel to Hope College in Holland, Mich.

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front of some Irish fans would probably help. Those are the two main advantages."

Head men's coach Joe Piane decided to have his team run the race in a pack again this week, a strategy that led the Irish to a win last week in the Crusader Invitational.

"I want to go out there and

run with the big pack of guys we're going to have out there. I don't know if we're going to have a standout runner," Hagerman said. "But we're definitely [going to] have a pack of five to nine team members running the whole race together ... and try to get as many Irish jerseys across the finish line as close to the front as we can."

Joining Hagerman in that pack will be experienced runners like juniors Jake Watson and Mike Popejoy as well as freshmen like Matt

Tieuli, who already ran with the team in Valparaiso last weekend. Not running this week will be the team's overall top two runners, Kurt Benninger and Patrick Smyth, who are being saved for tougher races down the stretch.

The team's goal for this event is to win the overall race, a feat Notre Dame could not accomplish last season when Duquesne upset the Irish by a single point.

"So our goal for the main part is to win tomorrow,"

Hagerman said. "We've had a pretty rich tradition of winning this championship. Coach [and] the whole team [were] real upset about losing the National Catholic Championship because we should win this thing every year. So we're going to go after it and dominate the field."

"We want to show everyone at the meet what we've got and go out there and really make a statement that's going to carry us through the rest of the season."

The women's squad, which is coming off a second place finish last weekend at the Valparaiso Invitational, will be led by junior Sunni Olding. Olding, who won the event last year, is looking to become the second multiple-time champion.

Notre Dame's Joanna Deeter, who won four in a row from 1996-99, is the only runner to achieve that feat so far.

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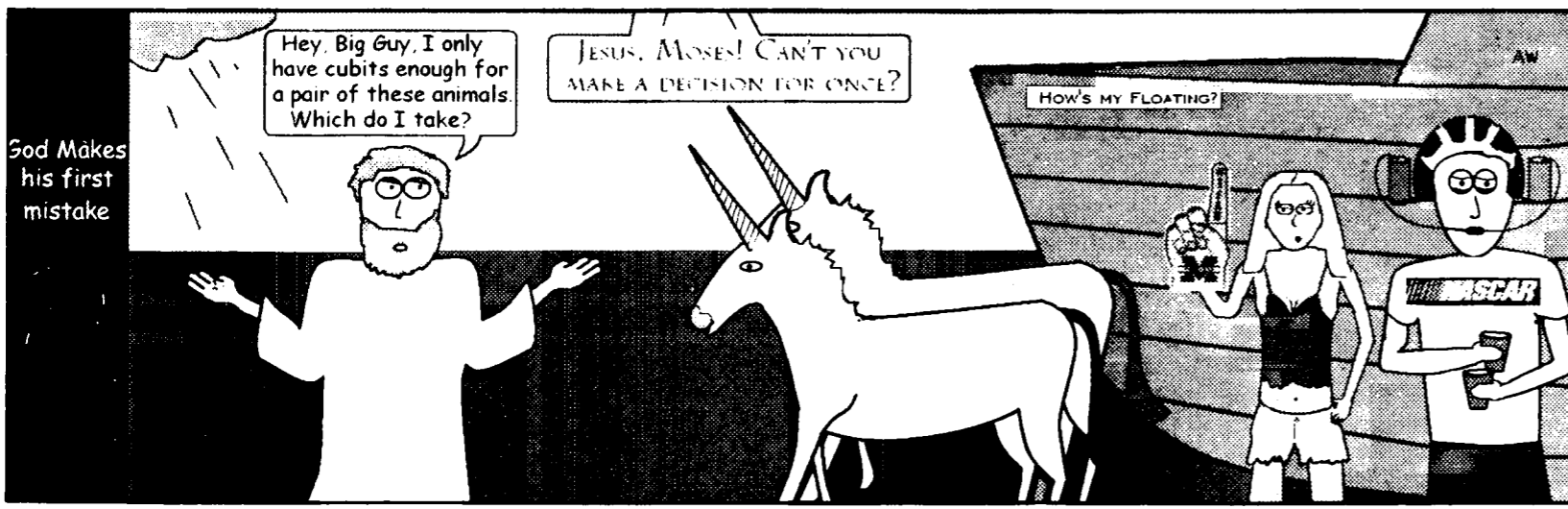
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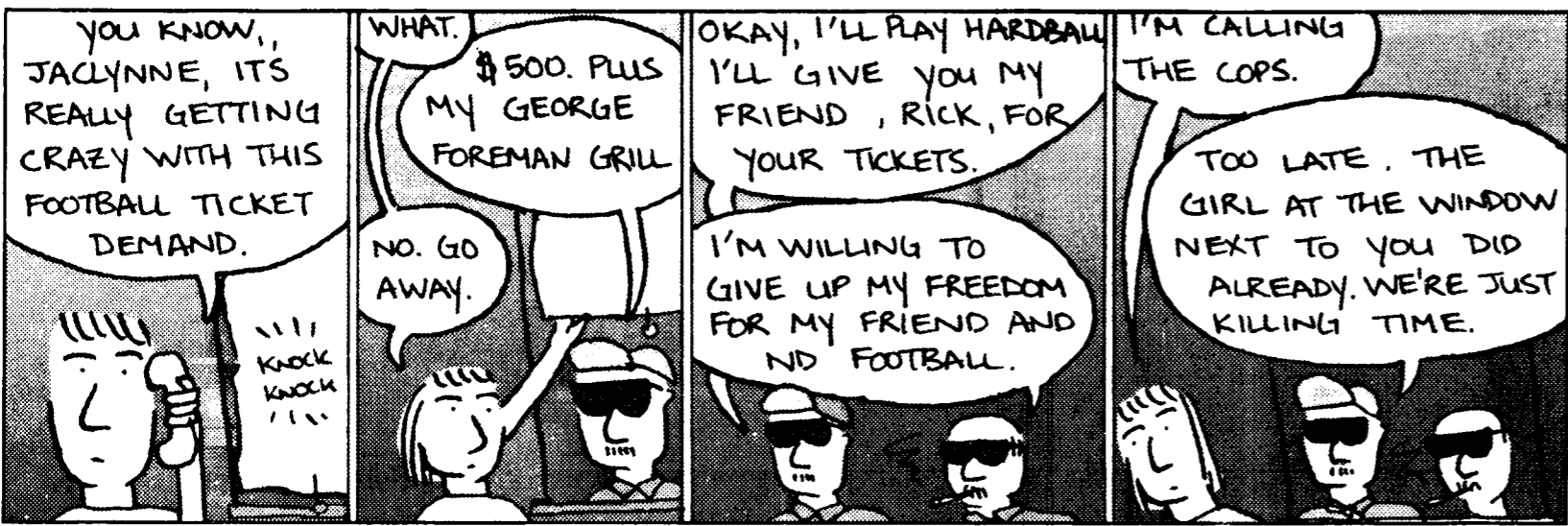
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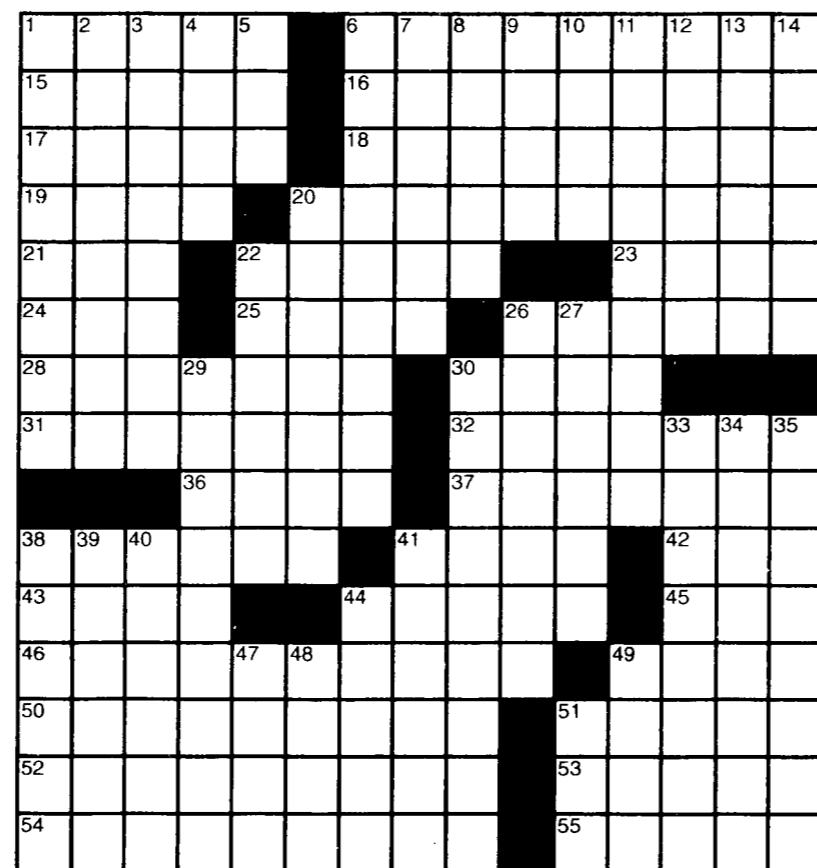
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**Happy Birthday:** You'll be torn between two plans this year. Don't allow yourself to be a martyr. No one should expect you to give up an opportunity to fulfill your life dream. Question anyone who is selfish enough to stand in your way. Your numbers are 7, 20, 21, 22, 38, 41

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You are headed upward and are definitely more in control of your life. Support will be available. A business partnership will allow you greater creative freedom. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll have conflict over what you should be doing vs. what you want to do. If you organize well, you can take care of both needs. Put career objectives first so you can enjoy more pleasurable events without worry. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Popularity won't be an issue today. An opportunity may be too good to pass up even if it does infringe on time spent with someone who depends on you. \*\*\*\*

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**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** The smallest personal concern will set you off today. Try not to get involved in a disruptive discussion. Spend time nurturing what means most to you. \*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** A chance to do something different will result in some fabulous ideas regarding future prospects. A chance to connect with others with similar interests will guide you to new professional levels. \*\*\*

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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Torn between the emotional and the practical, you aren't likely to move in either direction fast. Look at your options and choose the route that will lead to publishing, travel, art or music. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Today is all about working alongside others. It's about cooperation, longevity and forming alliances that will stand the test of time. A team player is what is required. \*\*\*\*

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Question your motives and those of anyone with whom you are intimately involved. Let go of the past and focus on the future. A change in lifestyle will be necessary if you want to head in a new direction. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Problems with colleagues or authority figures will arise if you confide in them. Keep your thoughts to yourself for now. Changes to your home or personal life may be necessary. \*\*\*

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**ND/SMC CROSS COUNTRY**

# Home runners

*Irish to host National Catholic meet at Burke Memorial Course*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will feel right at home this weekend.

Hosting the National Catholic Championships, the Irish will compete on the familiar grounds of the team's practices — the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

This year's race, which will begin at 4:15 p.m., will include 27 teams from across the country, from schools representing every NCAA division and the NAIA.

The Irish have the clear advantage going into the race, since they've been able to practice on the course all week.

"We definitely know the course, we know the footing, know how to run the course and make the times a little better," freshman Brock Hagerman said. "Running in

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MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer

Irish runners, from left, sophomore Mark Moore, sophomore Patrick Smyth, junior James Millar and junior Brett Adams close in on a Duquesne runner in last year's National Catholic Championships.

*Belles split squad, send half to NCCs, half to Terre Haute*

By BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writer

The long hours and long runs will pay off for the Belles this week.

The team will split in half to compete in two meets today — the National Catholic Championships at Notre Dame and the Indiana Intercollegiate Championships in Terre Haute.

While the National Catholics — a yearly event on the Saint Mary's schedule — will feature teams from the Catholic schools across the country, the Indiana Intercollegiates, new to the Belles' slate, feature strong regional competition like Indiana, Michigan, Butler and Purdue.

"[The Indiana Intercollegiates] should be a great opportunity to race against some wonderful Indiana competition," Saint Mary's coach Jackie Bauters said.

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**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

## Squad looks to stay perfect

*Top-ranked, 6-0 ND has two non-conference contests this weekend*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

Non-conference play has treated Notre Dame well.

The No. 1 Irish are 6-0 this season with games Friday and Saturday at DePaul and Michigan before they begin their Big East slate next weekend.

Top-ranked Notre Dame has dominated its competition so far, outscoring its first six opponents 21-2 and posting four shutouts.

Although the Irish back wall has been statistically good, senior captain Kim Lorenzen said there is still work to be done.

"Part of [not allowing goals] is luck, and part of it is excellent goalkeeping," Lorenzen said. "Our defense as a team and our back line, we're looking to

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Irish forward Amanda Cinalli moves upfield in Notre Dame's 3-1 win over then-No. 1 Santa Clara Sept. 3.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

## Conference contests provide opportunity

*Irish have struggled in Friday night games so far this season*

By ERIC RETTER  
Associate Sports Editor

More than one.

That's how many consecutive wins No. 12/18 Notre Dame is hoping it will have at the end of its two-game weekend road trip.

The Irish (3-2-1, 1-1-0 Big East) are looking for their first winning streak of the season this weekend when they face off against the Cardinals (2-3-1, 1-1-0 Big East) in Louisville Friday night before heading north to face Cincinnati (1-4-1, 1-1-0 Big East) Sunday.

Notre Dame is coming off a 1-1 showing last weekend at Alumni Field, falling to South Florida 2-0 Friday night before topping DePaul

3-0 Sunday. The Irish have struggled in their Friday night games, going 0-2-1 with no goals, while they are undefeated on Sundays with 12 goals in three games.

While both opponents have had rough starts, Irish head coach Bobby Clark is not concerned with his team overlooking an opponent.

"In our schedule, you can't overlook one team," he said. "St. Francis [who the Irish beat 1-0 in an exhibition game] was 26 seconds away from beating [No. 3] Virginia, and they're 1-5. If you start reading into results, then you're in trouble."

The Irish will be led by All-American midfielder Greg Dalby, who scored his first goal of the season in Sunday's win over DePaul. He will share the load with forwards Joseph Lapira and

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish coach Debbie Brown will return to the scene of her first head coaching job as she takes her team to the Arizona State Invite.

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**MEN'S GOLF**

Notre Dame will look to improve on last year's fifth place finish at the Gopher Invitational.

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**INTERHALL**

Men's and women's interhall teams begin their quests for the Stadium this weekend.

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**SMC GOLF**

The Belles travel to Normal, Ill., for the Illinois Wesleyan Invitational this weekend.

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**SMC SOCCER**

Saint Mary's looks for its first win of the season at the Sal Vaccaro Invitational.

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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**West Virginia 45 Maryland 24**

The Mountaineers blow out the Terrepins in their first test of the season.

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THE OBSERVER

Notre Dame middle  
linebacker Maurice  
Crum Jr. has  
succeeded in his  
first year leading  
the defense — but  
not without a  
little help from  
his father.

# HIS OWN HISTORY

Photo Illustration by JEFF ALBERT/The Observer

# Role reversal sets stage for upset

A national championship contender.

A fully loaded arsenal of players.

A team that's ripe for an upset from a regional rival.

In what recent history would consider a role reversal, this is Notre Dame's part to play in storied and emotional-

ly charged showdown with Michigan. In past years, Notre Dame has played the spoiler — 2002, 2004 and 2005.

In 2002, the Irish validated (at least temporarily) the "Return to Glory" theme.

In 2004, students rushed the field during one of the season's few bright spots.

In 2005, Charlie Weis' second win, a 17-10 victory — which wasn't as close as the scoreboard flashed — showed Notre Dame's promise with Weis at the helm.

This year, it's different. The seniors — including Brady Quinn, Ryan Harris, Jeff Samardzija, Chinedum Ndukwe and Rhema McKnight — remember the 38-0 pasting at Ann Arbor in 2003.



**Kate Gales**

*Associate Sports Editor*

They're coming off two emotional and difficult games. In hindsight, Georgia Tech will be one of the best wins of the season. A methodic demolition of Penn State last weekend sent the Irish back to No. 2 in the AP poll.

Michigan, on the other hand, has been focused on this game since January.

Although Vanderbilt's been known to hand out an upset or two, the balanced Wolverines didn't give it a chance last weekend, handing the Commodores a 41-17 loss.

The next week, Central Michigan was an appetizer to the regular season.

Now, it's the main course. Michigan needs this win to prove that it belongs in the polls with the big boys again.

And nothing would be sweeter than knocking off Notre Dame, summertime's media darling, with its cover boy quarterback Quinn and the respected Weis.

Michigan has played what Notre Dame's defensive captain Tom Zbikowski calls "smash-mouth football." The professional boxer would recognize a 1-2 punch of Mike Hart and Kevin Grady as a potential knockout.

This is a game where emotions run high. Geographic proximity and a history of hatred from past Michigan coaches mean that a lot of pride rides on the outcome.

The face of college football

could be different today had Michigan not opposed Notre Dame's entry into the Big 10 so long ago. No NBC contract? Less national exposure? No storied history that many consider premier among sports? Perhaps the Big 10 did

Notre Dame a favor. But the anti-Notre Dame bent of past Michigan leaders has left a sour taste for decades.

This year, the winner of the game will go home leading college football in all-time win percentage. It will also be a legitimate national title contender.

Notre Dame faces USC to end the season. Michigan's finale is current No. 1 Ohio State. Those are their true rivals.

But now that this matchup is annual, it's sure that no love is lost.

This is Notre Dame's last chance to post a resounding win over a ranked team, assuming Michigan State doesn't jump into the polls in the upcoming week. This isn't a team that plays on tilt. The players are modest given the hype they generate. They want to prove themselves on

the field — and win every one.

But can they win this one? Michigan is the most balanced team the Irish have faced so far — certainly the most balanced team they face until USC in November. The

offensive line is trimmed down, although it only returns two starters. Their receivers don't get the attention that the McKnight-Samardzija duo generates, but Steve Breaston is

dangerous every time he touches the ball

Hart could be the best running back Notre Dame sees this year, and it's hard to tell if the Irish are ready for him. Add Grady into the mix and Michigan could run the ball every down.

Milk the clock, keep the offense off the field and tire the defense — that's what Michigan wants to do.

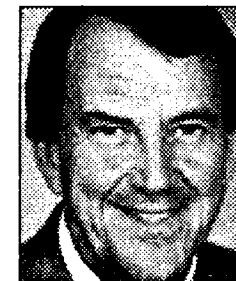
It's a recipe for a Notre Dame disaster.

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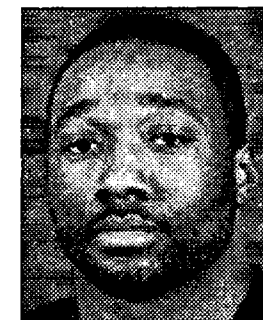
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**Lloyd Carr**  
Wolverines head coach

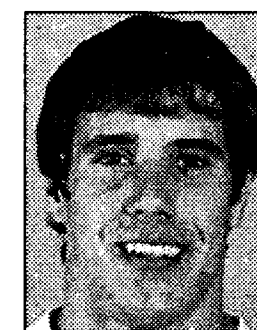
*"We have a shot at one of the top teams in the nation. That excites anybody."*

*"In a game like this, one of the fun things about it is all the hype, all the tension ... It'll be nonstop."*



**Shawn Crable**  
Wolverines linebacker

*"We've got to win. That's what it comes down to; all you really care about is the win."*



**Brady Quinn**  
Irish quarterback

*"We have a great respect for Michigan and we're expecting a great effort from them."*



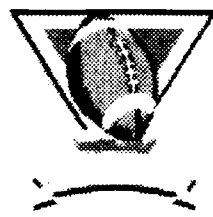
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# His father's son

The kid of a Miami All-American, Maurice Crum Jr. has matured into the quiet leader of the Notre Dame defense

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

For Maurice Crum, Jr., it didn't matter that he had 10 solo tackles, four assists and a forced fumble that was returned for a touchdown in Notre Dame's win over Penn State last Saturday. The Irish middle linebacker already knew exactly what his dad would say when the two talked later that day.

"Every game, I never hear anything good from him," Crum Jr. said. "He said I did okay. He said I was around the ball. But he pointed out everything I did wrong."

The younger Crum wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think it can only help me and make my game better," he said. "I've got my teammates, my coaches, my father, and I'm hard on myself, so I think that's the only way I can continue to elevate my game."

Maurice Crum, Sr. has the credentials to back his words. The elder Crum was an All-American linebacker for Miami in 1990 and led the Hurricanes in tackles from 1988-90.

"He's comfortable telling me things because he played linebacker," the junior said. "So he tells me every little thing that could make me better."

For Notre Dame, Crum, Jr.'s acceptance of his father's criticism is a blessing.

The 6-foot, 225-pound junior started at the "Apache" linebacker position (one of the two outside linebackers) as a sophomore after red-shirting as a freshman. After back surgery in the offseason, Irish coach Charlie Weis had Crum study all three linebacker positions while the surgery kept him out of spring workouts.

"Even though he wasn't physically repping, it gave him an opportunity to mentally rep all three positions," Weis said. "He really studied all three positions. He was going to be ready to put in wherever we needed."

#### "Whatever the team needs"

Before fall camp began, Weis

told Crum he would be moving to middle linebacker to replace the void left after fifth-year senior and middle linebacker Corey Mays graduated — a challenge Crum embraced.

"I'm a guy who prides myself on whatever the team needs me to do, I do for the team," he said.

Crum's willingness to help the Irish hasn't been lost on Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

"It's fortunate for us we're around guys like that who are playmakers and producers and take their jobs seriously and their roles very seriously," Minter said. "[Crum has] really stepped up and accepted the challenge and we issued to him back in the spring and into the summer about really ... asserting yourself and taking control of the huddle."

That was one of the biggest hills for Crum to climb in his transition to middle linebacker. The once-quiet Crum now has the responsibility of relaying every defensive play from the sideline to his 10 teammates in the huddle.

"Your middle linebacker has got to be the guy that runs your defense," Weis said.

Once again, Crum's steadfast desire to do what is best for the team pushed him to succeed.

"My biggest thing is doing whatever the team needs me to do to win," he said. "If that's what it takes — me being vocal — that's what I'll be doing."

Irish safety and defensive captain Tom Zbikowski gave Crum high praise.

"[Crum is] making all the calls in the huddle, and he has yet to mess any calls up," he said. "It sounds like a small part, but in the fourth quarter to make sure everyone is getting the call every single play, it's a lot harder than it sounds."

It wasn't easy for Crum. "From day one, I had to grow up quick," he said. "From the start of [fall] camp, I had to make the calls. The first day, I'd say, was pretty tough."

But Crum said having experi-



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**Maurice Crum, Jr., front, and Chinedum Ndukwe wait for the snap in a 41-21 Irish win over Tennessee Nov. 5, 2005. Crum had five tackles — three for loss — against the Volunteers.**

enced leaders like Zbikowski and converted weak Zbikowski and special teams captain Travis Thomas on the field eased the move.

"It's not all the weight on my shoulders," Crum said. "We have a veteran defense, and everyone knows their job. My job is to just get it out there, and from there, everyone knows where to go."

#### "Our best player"

While Crum downplays the importance of his role in the defense, Weis only speaks higher of him — of both his physical and his mental awareness.

"To be honest with you, of all three of the starters last year — with Brandon [Hoyte] and Corey and Maurice — the guy who was the most fundamentally sound was Maurice," Weis said. "And I think that we have had minimal communication errors in our first two games, so obviously he's doing something right."

Crum said he puts a premium on leading the unit like fifth-year seniors Hoyte and Mays did in 2005.

"I watched them every day in practice get everybody started; when everybody was down get everybody up," Crum said. "That's the biggest thing I've learned from them and applied it to my game this year."

But Crum brings a better physical aspect to linebacker for Notre Dame than either Hoyte or Mays did.

"Just watching him last year for his first season, you know there's a great deal of talent that he has," Zbikowski said. "Week in and week out, he makes my job a lot easier, just coming in and making some clean-up tackles and [trying] to get some position while he's making most of the plays."

Weis said there were some initial questions about Crum's physique when taking on full-backs in a game when stopping

the run is so important.

"You go ahead and put him in the middle, and everybody says, 'Well, he's only 225 pounds.' But 124 tackles later ... he's still 225 pounds. The thing is, he's got a knack for making plays."

Crum said he knew going into the transition that offensive linemen are always looking to get a solid hit on the middle linebacker and that would be part of the challenge of converting positions.

"Being in the middle, everybody knows where you are," Crum said. "So you've got to step up."

After Crum's performance against Penn State, Weis said Crum proved he had the ability to play his new position — and play it well.

"Could he be suited well at [outside linebacker]? Absolutely," Weis said. "But we like the fact that our best player is running the defense. So, therefore, for us at this time, that's the best place for him."

Crum said much of the credit for his strong fundamentals and technique trace back to his childhood, growing up with a father who instilled in him a football knowledge in a library.

"That's just something that comes from playing football for a long time, again coming from my father, teaching me fundamentals and techniques from day one," he said. "Since I started playing, I've always been a linebacker."

While the elder Crum never coached his teams, his son said, he sometimes "helped out" with the squads.

That gave the younger Crum a great advantage in football but was also difficult for a kid growing up in south-central Florida.

"Growing up was kind of tough because I was always in the shadows [of my father]," Crum Jr. said. "But now I'm growing into my own."

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## by the numbers

All-time matchups between Notre Dame and Michigan. Michigan holds an 18-14-1 lead in the series.

34

0 Times Lloyd Carr has won a game at Notre Dame Stadium as Michigan's head coach.

Road wins Lloyd Carr has when playing the No. 2 team in the nation, which has happened seven times.

5

2 Kickoffs returned for touchdowns (by Raghieb Ismail) in then-No. 1 Notre Dame's 24-19 win at then-No. 2 Michigan on Sept. 16, 1989.

Total return yards Steve Breaston has recorded in his career — a Michigan record.

2,874

68:16

Duration the Irish defense held opponents scoreless, from the second quarter Sept. 2 against Georgia Tech through the third quarter Sept. 9 against Penn State.



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**Maurice Crum, Jr. leaps over a blocker to tackle Michigan running back Mike Hart in the 17-10 Irish win Sept. 10, 2005.**

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## Notre Dame Fighting Irish



Charlie Weis head coach

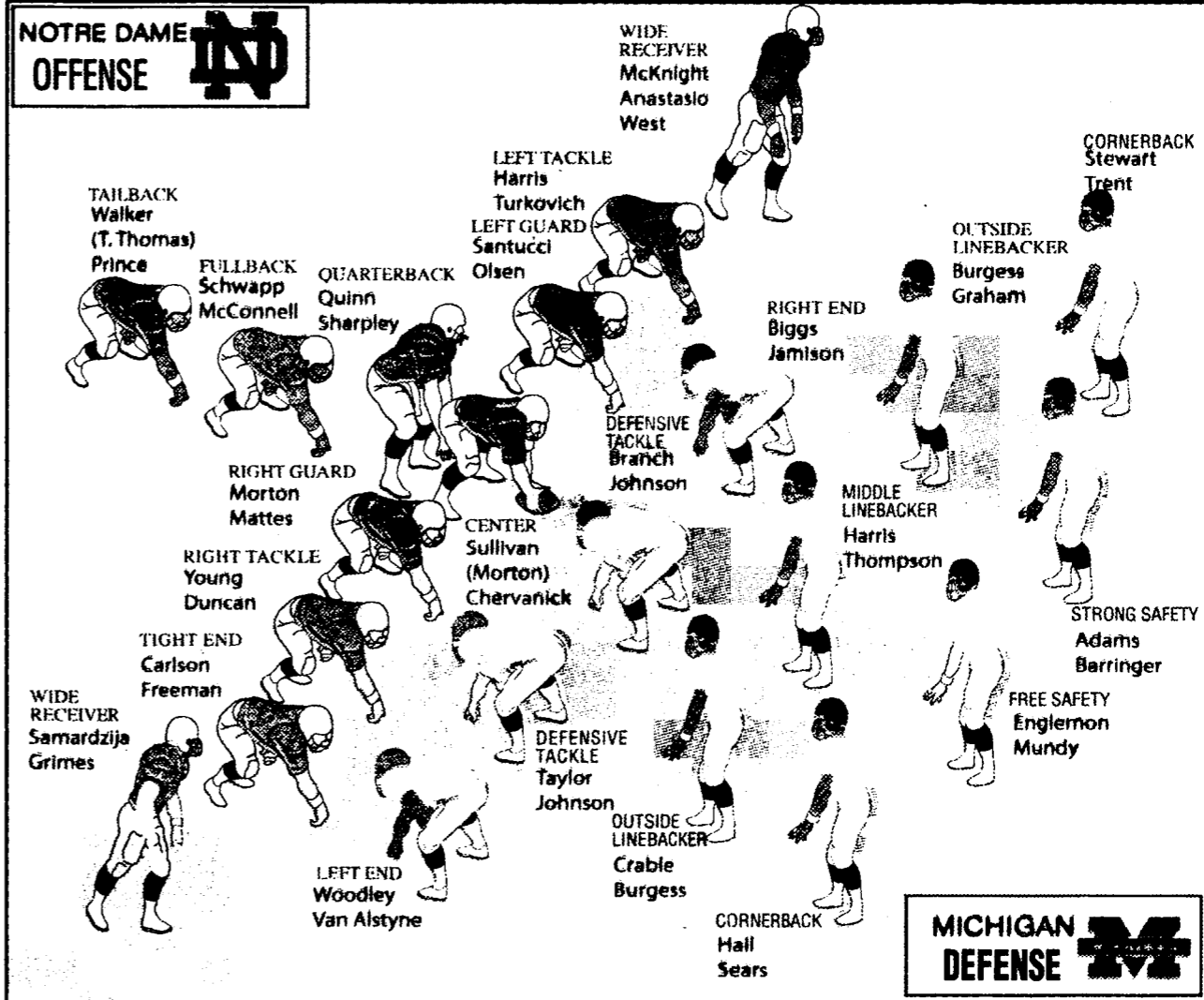
Charlie Weis  
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### Roster

| No. | Name               | Pos.  | Ht.  | Wt. | YR | SO |
|-----|--------------------|-------|------|-----|----|----|
| 1   | D.J. Hord          | WR    | 6-1  | 192 | FR | JR |
| 2   | Darrin Walls       | DB    | 6-1  | 175 | FR | JR |
| 3   | Darius Walker      | RB    | 5-11 | 208 | FR | JR |
| 4   | Demetrius Jones    | QB    | 6-4  | 202 | FR | JR |
| 5   | Rhema McKnight     | WR    | 6-1  | 212 | SR | JR |
| 6   | Ray Herring        | DB    | 6-0  | 189 | SO | JR |
| 7   | Craig Cardillo     | K     | 6-0  | 170 | SR | JR |
| 8   | Raeshon McNeil     | DB    | 6-0  | 175 | FR | JR |
| 9   | Tom Zbikowski      | DB    | 5-11 | 203 | SR | JR |
| 10  | Brady Quinn        | QB    | 6-4  | 227 | SR | JR |
| 11  | David Grimes       | WR    | 6-0  | 170 | SO | JR |
| 12  | Zach Frazer        | QB    | 6-4  | 215 | FR | JR |
| 13  | Evan Sharpley      | QB    | 6-2  | 207 | SO | JR |
| 14  | Bobby Renkes       | K     | 6-0  | 195 | SR | JR |
| 15  | Leo Ferrine        | DB    | 6-0  | 186 | JR | JR |
| 17  | Geoffrey Price     | P     | 6-3  | 186 | SR | JR |
| 18  | Dan Gorski         | QB    | 6-3  | 196 | SO | JR |
| 19  | Chinedum Ndukwe    | DB    | 6-2  | 219 | SR | JR |
| 20  | George West        | WR    | 5-8  | 179 | FR | JR |
| 21  | Terrail Lambert    | DB    | 5-11 | 188 | JR | JR |
| 22  | Barry Gallup Jr.   | WR    | 5-11 | 175 | FR | JR |
| 23  | Ambrose Wooden     | CB    | 5-11 | 197 | SR | JR |
| 24  | Chase Anastasio    | WR    | 6-2  | 203 | SR | JR |
| 25  | W. David Williams  | DB    | 5-10 | 170 | JR | JR |
| 26  | Brandon Erickson   | WR    | 6-0  | 178 | JR | JR |
| 25  | Munir Prince       | RB    | 5-10 | 175 | FR | JR |
| 26  | Wade Iams          | DB    | 5-9  | 188 | JR | JR |
| 26  | Travis Thomas      | RB/LB | 6-0  | 215 | SR | JR |
| 27  | David Bruton       | DB    | 6-2  | 187 | SO | JR |
| 27  | John Lyons         | DB    | 6-1  | 205 | SO | JR |
| 28  | Kyle McCarthy      | DB    | 6-0  | 189 | SO | JR |
| 29  | Jashaad Gaines     | DB    | 6-0  | 195 | FR | JR |
| 30  | Jake Richardsville | WR    | 6-0  | 180 | SO | JR |
| 31  | Mike Richardson    | DB    | 5-11 | 193 | SR | JR |
| 31  | Sergio Brown       | DB    | 6-1  | 184 | FR | JR |
| 32  | Luke Schmidt       | RB    | 6-3  | 230 | FR | JR |
| 33  | Nate Whitaker      | K     | 5-9  | 165 | FR | JR |
| 34  | James Aldridge     | RB    | 6-0  | 209 | FR | JR |
| 35  | Ashley McConnell   | RB    | 6-0  | 247 | SR | JR |
| 35  | Tim Kenney         | DB    | 6-0  | 180 | SR | JR |
| 36  | Dex Cure           | RB    | 6-1  | 215 | FR | JR |
| 37  | Junior Jabbe       | RB    | 5-11 | 190 | JR | JR |
| 38  | Nick Possley       | WR    | 6-1  | 183 | JR | JR |
| 39  | Ryan Burkhart      | K     | 5-11 | 185 | FR | JR |
| 39  | Kevin Brooks       | TE    | 6-2  | 230 | FR | JR |
| 40  | Maurice Crum, Jr.  | LB    | 6-0  | 220 | JR | JR |
| 41  | Scott Smith        | LB    | 6-3  | 234 | SO | JR |
| 42  | Kevin Washington   | LB    | 6-1  | 231 | SO | JR |
| 42  | David Costanzo     | WR    | 5-9  | 170 | SO | JR |
| 43  | Eric Maust         | P     | 6-1  | 180 | FR | JR |
| 43  | Mike Anello        | DB    | 5-10 | 180 | SO | JR |
| 44  | Asaph Schwapp      | RB    | 6-0  | 250 | SO | JR |
| 45  | Kris Patterson     | WR    | 5-11 | 174 | SO | JR |
| 45  | Carl Gioia         | K     | 5-10 | 183 | SR | JR |
| 46  | Michael Planalp    | TE    | 6-4  | 230 | SO | JR |
| 46  | Kyle Charters      | LB    | 5-11 | 195 | JR | JR |
| 47  | Mitchell Thomas    | LB    | 6-3  | 240 | SR | JR |
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| 50  | Dan Santucci       | OL    | 6-4  | 290 | SR | JR |
| 51  | Dan Wenger         | OL    | 6-4  | 285 | FR | JR |
| 52  | Joe Brockington    | LB    | 6-1  | 212 | SR | JR |
| 53  | Morrice Richardson | LB    | 6-2  | 228 | FR | JR |
| 54  | Anthony Vernaglia  | DB    | 6-3  | 221 | JR | JR |
| 55  | Eric Olsen         | OL    | 6-4  | 290 | FR | JR |
| 56  | Nick Borsetti      | LB    | 6-4  | 238 | SR | JR |
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| 61  | J.J. Jansen        | LS    | 6-3  | 242 | JR | JR |
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| 69  | Neil Kennedy       | DL    | 5-11 | 260 | JR | JR |
| 71  | Bartley Webb       | OL    | 6-7  | 290 | FR | JR |
| 72  | Paul Duncan        | OL    | 6-7  | 292 | SO | JR |
| 73  | Matt Carufel       | OL    | 6-5  | 288 | FR | JR |
| 74  | Sam Young          | OL    | 6-7  | 292 | FR | JR |
| 75  | Chris Frome        | DL    | 6-5  | 268 | SR | JR |
| 76  | Bob Morton         | OL    | 6-4  | 292 | SR | JR |
| 77  | Michael Turkovich  | OL    | 6-6  | 290 | SO | JR |
| 78  | John Sullivan      | OL    | 6-4  | 298 | SR | JR |
| 79  | Brian Mattes       | OL    | 6-6  | 285 | SR | JR |
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| 81  | Darrin Bragg       | WR    | 6-1  | 192 | JR | JR |
| 82  | Robby Parris       | WR    | 6-4  | 185 | FR | JR |
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| 84  | Will Yeatman       | TE    | 6-6  | 250 | FR | JR |
| 86  | Mike Talerico      | TE    | 6-5  | 245 | JR | JR |
| 87  | Marcus Freeman     | TE    | 6-3  | 245 | SR | JR |
| 88  | Konrad Reuland     | TE    | 6-6  | 239 | FR | JR |
| 89  | John Carlson       | TE    | 6-5  | 255 | SR | JR |
| 90  | John Ryan          | DL    | 6-5  | 240 | FR | JR |
| 91  | Travis Leitko      | DL    | 6-7  | 270 | SR | JR |
| 92  | Derrell Hand       | DL    | 6-3  | 301 | SO | JR |
| 93  | Paddy Mullen       | DL    | 6-5  | 265 | FR | JR |
| 94  | Justin Brown       | DL    | 6-3  | 247 | JR | JR |
| 95  | Victor Abiamiri    | DL    | 6-4  | 260 | SR | JR |
| 96  | Pat Kuntz          | DL    | 6-2  | 267 | SO | JR |
| 97  | Kallen Wade        | DL    | 6-5  | 220 | FR | JR |
| 98  | Trevor Laws        | DL    | 6-1  | 293 | SR | JR |
| 99  | Ronald Talley      | DL    | 6-4  | 261 | JR | JR |

### NOTRE DAME 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Ga. Tech — W  
 Sept. 9 PENN STATE — W  
 Sept. 16 MICHIGAN  
 Sept. 23 at MSU  
 Sept. 30 PURDUE  
 Oct. 7 STANFORD  
 Oct. 21 UCLA  
 Oct. 28 at Navy  
 Nov. 4 UNC  
 Nov. 11 at Air Force  
 Nov. 18 ARMY  
 Nov. 25 at USC



### COACHING

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### IRISH RUSHING

### IRISH PASSING

### NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis attacked the Nittany Lions with precision last week. But he has a challenge getting the team up for its third big game in a row. He's shown the ability to make sharp in-game decisions and adjustments and the Irish look to be in good condition.

Brady Quinn — a four years starter, a Heisman front-runner and a top name in the Notre Dame record books. After a slow start against Georgia Tech's aggressive front seven, Quinn went 25-for-36 for 287 yards and three touchdowns last week. He has yet to throw a pick.

Darius Walker's breakout game was against Michigan in 2002. After hitting the century mark in his first game, he's been a crucial part of the high-octane Irish offense. Travis Thomas, Asaph Schwapp and Munir Prince are solid backups, and all have seen time in games this season.

Brady Quinn's two favorite targets, Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight, have caught a touchdown apiece, and Walker picked up a receiving TD to go with one on the ground. Tight end John Carlson is averaging more than 13 yards per catch.

### MICHIGAN

Lloyd Carr has never won at Notre Dame Stadium — and that's not news to him or to football fans. After going 7-5 last year, he's in the hot seat, and a win over the Irish would keep the wolves at bay. New playcallers mean that he can throw new schemes at Weis.

Chad Henne's first road start was at Notre Dame in the 28-20 upset in 2004. Last year, the Irish dominated in their first Big House win since the Holtz era. Henne has a great deal of experience, and he'll be hungry for the win as an underdog on the road.

Michigan returns six defensive starters. The team allowed only 162 yards of rushing in two games. It hasn't allowed a rushing touchdown and gave up just four rushing first downs. As a team, Michigan's recorded 19 tackles for loss. But this is to Central Michigan and

Michigan has a deep and talented secondary anchored by cornerback Leon Hall and strong safety Branden Englemont. It's given up three passing touchdowns and 317 yards passing, but opponents have completed under 50 percent of passes. Jamar Adams has six solo tackles.

### ANALYSIS

Carr's teams have underachieved since 1997's national title. He's had two fairly vanilla games, while Weis has had to show a bit more of the Irish playbook. But Weis' cool confidence will pick apart Carr's more conservative tendencies.

Henne is solid but Quinn is spectacular. Both are experienced, and looking at Henne, one can recall how Quinn went from being a decent sophomore to a phenomenal junior. But the experience of "Quarterback U" is hardly on par with Weis' tutelage of Quinn.

The Irish have faced one of the country's strongest front sevens in Georgia Tech and two of the nation's best linebackers in Penn State's defense. Darius Walker has proven he can put up yards on anyone, including Michigan. The question is how many.

How do you prepare for one of the country's top passers? Michigan is well acquainted with Brady Quinn and has never lost when he's started the game. He's finding a stride after looking mediocre against Georgia Tech, and the Irish aerial attack will be potent.

## Irish experts



Mike Gilloon  
Editor in Chief

Brady Quinn has struggled through the air every time he's played against Michigan. Tomorrow is no different. The Wolverines give the Irish offense trouble, despite a typically intelligent Charlie Weis gameplan. The difference will be Notre Dame's defense, which feeds off the loud home crowd and stuffs Mike Hart. Lloyd Carr is 0-3 in Notre Dame Stadium. He's soon to be 0-4.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 20  
Michigan 13**



Bob Griffin  
Asst. Managing Editor

Michigan has showcased its ability to control the clock and run the football in its first two wins over Vanderbilt and Central Michigan. Unfortunately for the Wolverines, Charlie Weis has only lost a time-of-possession battle three times since he left Foxboro — and it won't happen again Saturday. Notre Dame keeps the ball on offense with long, sustained drives in order to keep Mike Hart off the field. Next stop, East Lansing.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24  
Michigan 14**

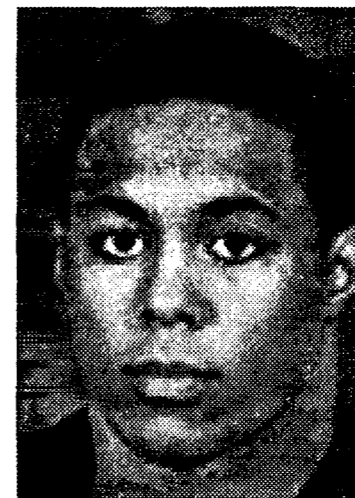




# Sizing up the Irish and the Wolverines

|                       | Notre Dame | Michigan |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|
| Points Scored         | 27.5       | 34       |
| Points Allowed        | 13.5       | 12       |
| Total Yards Gained    | 781        | 767      |
| Total Yards Allowed   | 642        | 375      |
| Rushing Yards Gained  | 124        | 248      |
| Rushing Yards Allowed | 138.5      | 29       |
| Passing Yards Gained  | 266.5      | 134.5    |
| Passing Yards Allowed | 182.5      | 158.5    |
| Turnovers Lost        | 0          | 1        |
| Turnovers Recovered   | 3          | 3        |

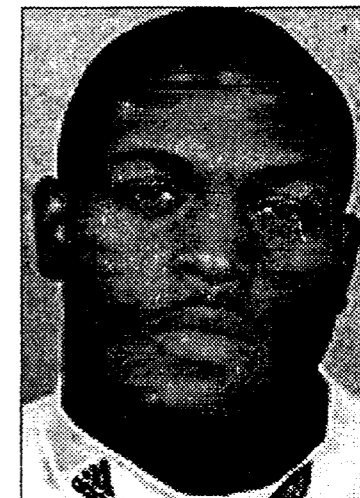
## KEY MATCHUP



**MICHIGAN RUSHING OFFENSE**

Mike Hart reagravated a hamstring injury in last season's loss to the Irish. He's been a workhorse for the Wolverines, averaging 25 carries per game. Backup Kevin Grady has only carried 17 times in two games but is averaging a respectable 4.5 yards per carry with two scores.

The possibility of a strong passing game makes the Wolverines that much more dangerous on the ground, because the Irish can't pick one side to focus on. Running the ball effectively is Michigan's best shot at controlling the clock and winning the game.



**NOTRE DAME LINEBACKERS**

Notre Dame surrendered nearly five yards per carry against Penn State. The Irish can't allow that to happen against an explosive Michigan backfield if they hope to have success Saturday. The Irish rush defense must stop Mike Hart and force Michigan into passing downs so the Notre Dame defense can be prepared.

This will be especially important in containing versatile wide receivers Steve Breaston and Mario Manningham, both speedy weapons who are dangerous every time they touch the ball.

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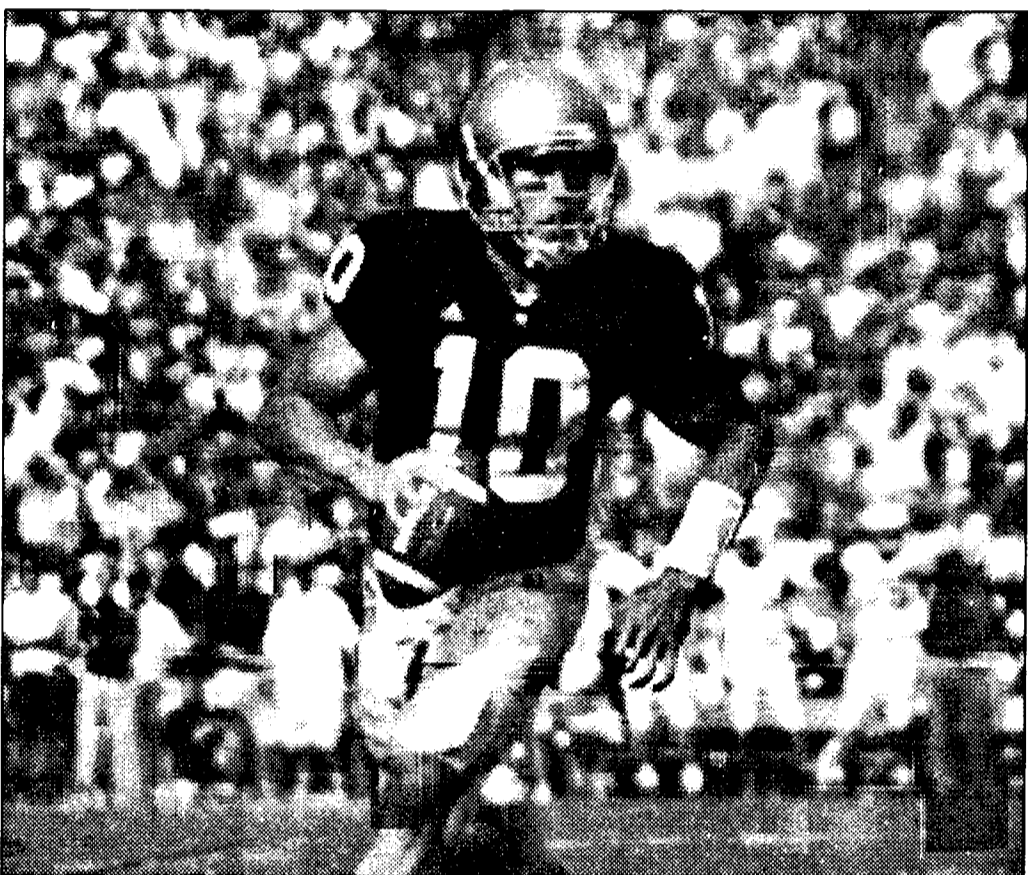
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# Hold the history, Quinn anticipates progress



Above, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn is surrounded by fans rushing the field after a 28-20 win over Michigan Sept. 11, 2004. Below, Quinn runs in a 41-17 win over Penn State last Saturday.



## Finding rhythm is main goal for Notre Dame's quarterback

By BOB GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Michigan will renew their annual rivalry Saturday — and Irish quarterback Brady Quinn couldn't care less.

That's not to say Quinn isn't focused on beating the Wolverines. He's just focused on winning — regardless of the opponent.

"Every game right now is just the same to us," Quinn said. "We look at this game like we did all the others."

Notre Dame and Michigan share one of the biggest non-conference rivalries in the country. The two schools are top-two in overall winning percentage, and this year they have the best combined ranking — No. 2 and No. 11, respectively — in Quinn's four years.

But as far as hype is concerned, Quinn is looking elsewhere. While he's prepared for important games against Michigan in the past — a four-year starter, the senior quarterback has three starts against the Wolverines and saw time during his freshman year — Saturday is just another game on the schedule.

And another chance for the Irish to improve upon mistakes made earlier this year.

"Right now our biggest focus is just individually trying to make ourselves better," Quinn said during his press conference Wednesday. "Sticking with working on your fundamentals and techniques but also just really focusing on how to get better as a unit, whether offensively, defensively, or special teams, as well."

That's tough to imagine given what's at stake. With a win, Notre Dame would be 3-0 and have two victories over ranked Division I opponents. A loss, and the Irish are, at best, in the one-loss club heading into December.

And in order to avoid this reality, and concentrate on execution Saturday, Quinn is looking at how much the Irish have grown offensively heading into this season — and what they are capable of once they find their groove.

"I think we've improved a lot," Quinn said. "We've got a different group of players this year, so I think we're still trying to figure out what type of offense we have, and I think the team faces that every year obviously with different personnel changes, people graduating."

Part of Quinn's preparation this week has been watching film to anticipate how the Notre Dame offense will attack Michigan's new defensive scheme of first-year coordinator Ron English. The quarterback is not so caught up in what the Wolverines might do, but rather, how the Irish will handle the pressure.

"Obviously it's going to be tough, but at [some] point in time we're not focusing on [what Michigan will do]," he said.

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis agreed that the Irish have not played their best game. He said it usually takes a few games for an offense to find its rhythm — something Notre Dame did against Purdue last season.

"You might have spurts where everything seems to go well, but ... tying all that stuff together with cohesion takes a little time," Weis said Wednesday during his press conference. "The learning curve has been greatly pushed along, so it shouldn't take as long to get into that groove [as it did last year]."

"I wouldn't say we're there yet, but it shouldn't take as long."

Part of finding a rhythm will be the continued effort for Quinn and senior wide receiver Rhema McKnight to find a cohesive connection. McKnight leads the Irish in catches (13) and receiving yards (167) this season — but Quinn is still working on being on the same page more consistently.

"Rhema is one of those guys that sometimes he's shifty and hard to read, and it's really tough to just grasp that consistently," Quinn said. "Again, that's another thing that obviously week in and week out we're putting in different schemes, different types of things we're trying to do."

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# Irish focus on fundamentals, technique

## Defense keeps quiet on tactics to tame Wolverines' offense

By MIKE GILLOON  
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Notre Dame defensive end Victor Abiamiri strode into a typical interview session Wednesday without a worry.

There was no need to give answers to any tough questions about Notre Dame's upcoming game against No. 11 Michigan — he would barely speak.

"Fire away, you know what I'm gonna say," said Abiamiri as he stood in the corner of the room of about 25 reporters.

Repeating that all he was worried about this week was "fundamentals and technique," Abiamiri showed that Charlie Weis is trying to curb the annual hype that leads up to every Michigan game.

Everyone interviewed seemed to do their best to avoid giving Michigan any bulletin-board material. The Irish weren't as quiet as Penn State last week, when coach Joe Paterno wouldn't let any Nittany Lions even speak to the press.

But they might as well have been silent.

Defensive coordinator Rick Minter — normally a media favorite with his native-Texan

demeanor — gave short, abbreviated answers and spent no more than five minutes in the interview room. Despite several questions about the Wolverine offense, he never mentioned Michigan.

The players were the same. "Do you have any thoughts on Michigan?" a reporter asked Abiamiri.

"Working on fundamentals and techniques, trying to get better," he responded.

"If you guys could speak your mind, you'd probably say something different, wouldn't you?" another reporter asked defensive tackle Trevor Laws.

"I dunno," Laws laughed. "All I know is that we've been working a lot on fundamentals and techniques, that's pretty much it."

It was even hard to get Ronald Talley to talk about tomorrow's game.

The thick-voiced Irish defensive end and Detroit native was reminded Wednesday about comments — attributed to him a few months after he signed a letter of intent with Notre Dame — that he "wanted to knock off the head of the Michigan quarterback."

Asked if he still felt that way, Talley toed the company line.

"Right now?" he smirked. "I'm just trying to work on fundamentals."

*"All I know is that we've been working a lot on fundamentals and techniques."*

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Irish center Bob Morton, left, and defensive tackle Trevor Laws, right, lead the team to raise their helmets before the student section in a 17-10 win at Michigan on Sept. 10, 2005.

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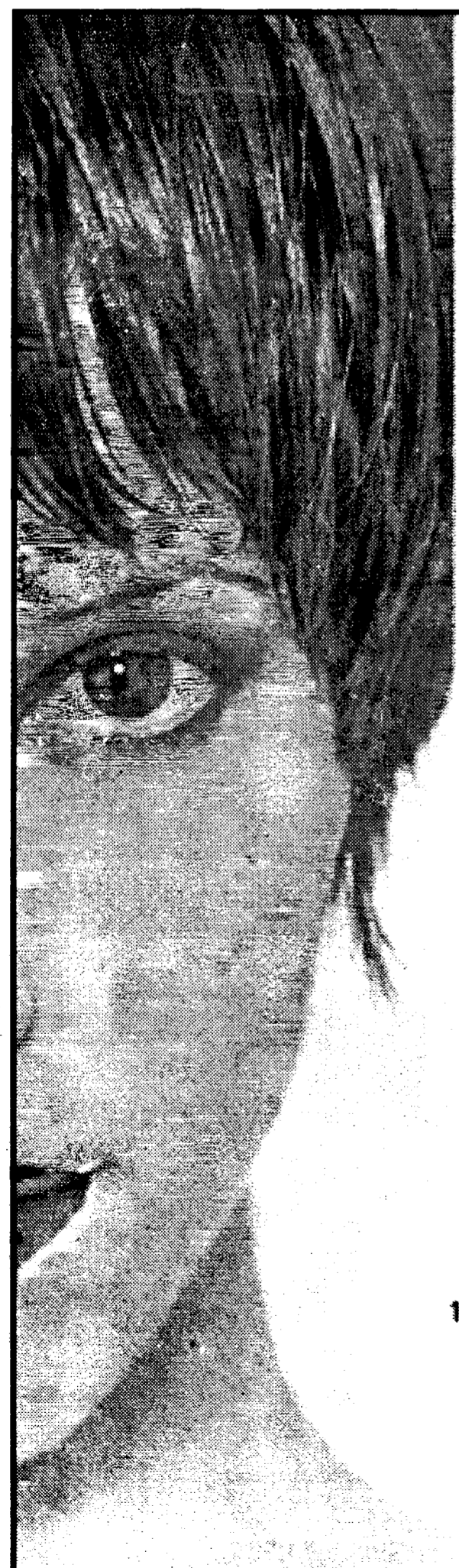
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