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Moreau celebration continues on campus

Basilica mass marks beatification of founder of Holy Cross order

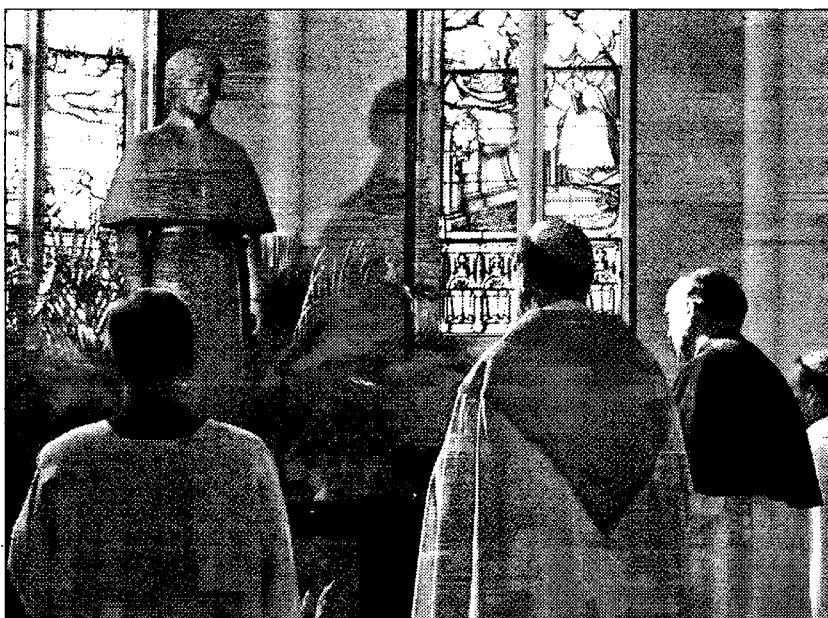
By GENE NOONE
News Writer

The beatification of Father Basil Moreau was celebrated Thursday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart with a mass of thanksgiving and the installment of a statue of Moreau in the Basilica's northwest chapel.

The mass marked the first campus celebration of Moreau's beatification since the official ceremony last Saturday in Le Mans, France.

University President Father John Jenkins presided over the mass. Also in attendance were Cardinal Roger Mahony, the archbishop of Los Angeles, Bishop Ponon Paul Kubi, the bishop of Mymensingh, Bangladesh, and members of the Holy Cross community.

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A new statue of Father Basil Moreau was installed in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Thursday in honor of his beatification.

WU YUE/The Observer

Saint Mary's representatives recall Le Mans, France ceremony

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Traveling to France for the beatification of Father Basil Moreau was a "once in a lifetime experience," said Saint Mary's senior Haley Nickell.

Nickell was one of several Saint Mary's representatives who traveled to Le Mans, France for the beatification of Father Basil Moreau last Saturday.

"I learned a great deal about where the Sisters of the Holy Cross come from and a lot about their history," Nickell said. "I now have a much greater appreciation for them and what they do for us."

Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney, professor Joanne Snow, Adaline Cashore,

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Students attend class at ND, SMC in exchange program

By EMILY KEEBLER
News Writer

For Saint Mary's senior Kristina Ramos, commuting to her "International Migration and Human Rights" class requires a 20-minute bike ride twice a week. Ramos is one of more than one hundred Saint Mary's students and more than 60 Notre Dame students who commute across State Road 31 to take classes away from their home campus.

Ramos said the Notre Dame sociology course appealed to her, and she enrolled in it because Saint Mary's had no

similar course offerings. Ramos also has completed several Center for Social Concerns seminars through the co-exchange program.

"I like new experiences so I'm glad that I am taking a course over there," Ramos said.

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students are able to take classes at both campuses through a co-exchange program. Lora Spaulding, the assistant registrar at Notre Dame, said 63 Notre Dame students and more than 100 Saint Mary's students currently participate in the program.

"The benefit for the student

is to try classes not available on the home campus," Saint Mary's registrar Lorraine Kitchner said.

Through the exchange program, Kitchner said, students can also observe how each campus operates.

Ramos agreed that the campus cultures of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are distinct. "[Notre Dame] is a lot bigger," Ramos said. "I'd say it's an environment that cultivates more stress ... it's more of a serene feeling at Saint Mary's."

Notre Dame students who participate in the co-exchange

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Notre Dame senior Andrew Bain talks with Saint Mary's graduate Sarah Ball in class at Saint Mary's last year.

Yom Kippur observed by Jewish community

Day of Atonement calls for abstinence from work, 25 hours of fasting, continuous prayer

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

At sundown tonight, several Jewish members of the Notre Dame community will celebrate Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement — one of the holiest and most solemn days of the year for followers of the Jewish faith.

Those who celebrate the annual holiday must abstain from work, fast for 25 hours and pray continually until sunset the following day.

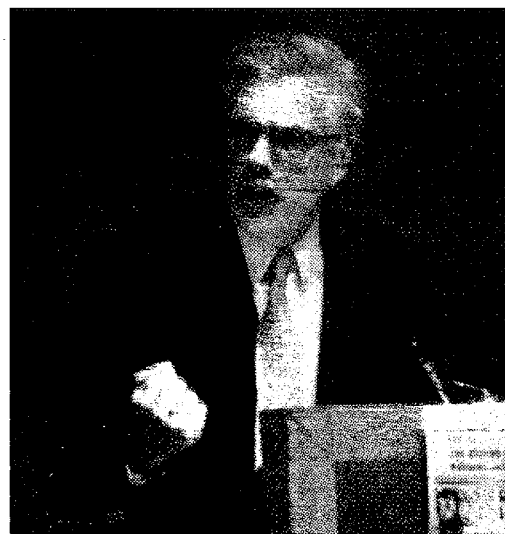
Freshman Patrick Abrams is Jewish and a member of the marching band, but he will not be playing at the Michigan State game so that he can observe the Sabbath and attend services.

"Hank Greenberg, the first basemen for the Detroit Tigers, skipped playing in a World Series game because of Yom Kippur," Abrams said. "It's a Holy Day and an obligation that I feel is right to do, and the University has been

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Dieter: Death penalty political issue

Activist cites moral, economic reasons to stop use of corporal punishment



WU YUE/The Observer

Death Penalty Information Center Executive Director Richard Dieter speaks Thursday.

By NICK BOCK
News Writer

The fight to end use of the death penalty is an "issue that identifies and epitomizes what Notre Dame stands for," said Richard Dieter, the executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Speaking to an audience of approximately 25 people Thursday evening in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium, Dieter described his assertion that the death penalty has become "a part of the political sys-

tem, not of the criminal justice system."

Recent studies indicate that the success of an appeal of a death sentence depends almost entirely on the political stance of the president that appointed the judge, Dieter said. Appeals that were heard by judges appointed by George H. W. Bush were upheld 91 percent of the time, while appeals that were heard by judges appointed by Bill Clinton were overturned 88 percent of the time.

"Issues do not matter [now], what matters is

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INSIDE COLUMN

Reinstate Taco Bell on campus

This Sunday, stop by your local Taco Bell and grab some free nachos between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Why, you ask, is the benevolent Bell offering free, delicious nachos?

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In light of the football team's recent struggles, many have turned their backs on the Irish. We have been ridiculed in the media world, deserted by fair weather fans and laughed at by our enemies.

However, one benevolent corporation is there for us in our darkest hour, at a time of greatest need, when the only seeming solution and way out of football misfortune is a delicious helping of free nachos. That company is Taco Bell, the burrito-making business with a heart of gold.

Or perhaps guacamole.

And our message to you is this: Reinstate Taco Bell on campus.

Where did we go astray, you ask? Why would we ever let such a fine and distinguished maker of succulent Mexican food products out of the reach of our Flex Point swipe cards? In August 2004, the University decided not to renew the athletic department's yearly sponsorship agreement with Taco Bell, citing ethical concerns.

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Putting T-Bell back in LaFortune would create jobs for Americans. It would help to battle the late-night monopoly Sbarro currently enjoys and break its hegemonic stranglehold on the 2 a.m. to 5 a.m. consumer demographic. It would also foster further free trade and free enterprise, two economic principles this great nation was built upon. And most important, it would put Taco Bell products in our stomachs and smiles on our faces.

Enough is enough. In the words of last year's The Shirt — Taco Bell, this is the day and you are the team. Or at least you should be.

Taco Bell has stood by us when no one else would. It is time we stood by them.

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

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Tae Andrews

Scene Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL CONTINUE ITS LOSING STREAK SATURDAY?



Huong Ngo

sophomore
Pasquerilla East

"I hate to say this, but yes. It seems hard to recover from three straight losses."



Crystal Truong

senior
Farley

"No, of course not. We'll win at least one."



Albert Lee

junior
Carroll

"Yes, because we freaking got killed by Michigan."



Christina Marzo

senior
Walsh

"I hope not. Let's have fun anyway."



Andrew Knutson

junior
Fisher

"I just want to score."



Marleina Maafala

senior
off campus

"???"



ERIC SALES/The Observer

Notre Dame senior Julian Lagoy wears The Shirt during a class in Jordan Hall of Science Thursday. Student government sent out an e-mail this week requesting that students wear green Friday to show their support for the football team.

OFFBEAT

Man pleads guilty to foot harassment

MARTINSBURG, W. Va. — A man who made more than 600 telephone calls to a shoe store and other businesses to ask women about their shoes and feet must pay a \$200 fine.

James Lee Fink, 31, placed 119 calls from his cell phone to the Chambersburg (Pa.) Mall, 513 calls to a Holiday Inn in Havelock, N.C., and 17 calls to a Comfort Inn in Chambersburg between Jan. 1 and May 8, 2006, Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Jeff Bopp said Thursday.

The caller would ask the women what kind of shoes they were wearing and whether they would show him their feet if he came into their store.

The man identified himself as Brian Thompson, but State Police used phone records to link the telephone number to Fink, whose last known address was in Martinsburg.

Officer crashes squad car in joy ride

MUNCIE, Ind. — Prosecutors have filed two misdemeanor charges against a former police officer who authorities say

crashed a squad car while showing off for three female college students riding with him.

Jason Lyons, 38, was charged in Muncie City Court with reckless driving and interference with reporting a crime. A preliminary arraignment was pending.

Lyons, a six-year veteran of the police force, resigned this month after being suspended over the Aug. 28 crash along a street outside a Ball State University residence hall complex.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Whirlpool's chief financial officer, Ted Dosch will speak today at 10 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium as part of the Mendoza College of Business Boardroom Insight lecture series.

The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir will give a concert at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will take on DePaul today at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The FTT Talks lecture series will present "Screenwriters Showcase" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema. Featured speakers are Larry Karaszewski, Jim Jennewein and Stephen Susco.

The comedic improv group Comedy Sportz will perform at Washington Hall at 10 p.m. tonight.

The Notre Dame marching band will present its Drummer's Circle outside the Main Building tonight at 11:59 p.m.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer a Vigil Mass 30 minutes after the Michigan State game Saturday.

The Creative Writing Program has invited Angela Hur, a 2005-2006 Sparks Prize winner, to read from her recently published first work "The Queens of K-Town." Hur will speak in the Hospitality Room next to Reckers at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

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

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Two math scholarships awarded

Pair of Saint Mary's students given \$220,000 grants from Luce Program

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

The Clare Boothe Luce Program, which encourages women to pursue higher education in science, mathematics and engineering, recently awarded two Saint Mary's students scholarships for their achievements and interest in mathematics.

The Luce Program, part of the Henry Luce Foundation, bestowed grants totaling \$220,000 to juniors Courtney Parry and Theresa Klinkhammer.

The award will cover all tuition and fees for the remaining two years of the students' undergraduate career.

Parry plans to attend graduate school and teach mathematics at the collegiate level. She encouraged other women to consider entering the field of mathematics.

"Mathematics is a unique, interesting, and multi-faceted field with many different career options," Parry said.

"Approach the field of mathematics as you would approach a problem — be open to trying different strategies, don't be intimidated by the possibilities and always believe in yourself and your mathematical abilities."

Parry said her professors at Saint Mary's have encouraged her interest in math.

"Mathematics is a unique, interesting, and multi-faceted field with many different career options."

Courtney Parry
Saint Mary's senior

"The professors enable the student to see the connection between the math courses and other fields of study," she said.

The scholarship enabled Parry to perform research over the summer, and she will deliver a presentation as part of the Pi Mu Epsilon student lecture series in November. Her focus will involve her general research on how mathematics is present in nature.

Klinkhammer, a mathematics and philosophy major, said she has studied math because of its ability to challenge her mind. Klinkhammer also studied abroad in Rome.

Klinkhammer said she appreciates the "unique one-on-one attention with the professors" at Saint Mary's.

"Every professor is willing to spend any time with you," she said.

The Luce Program invites colleges and universities to submit grant proposals to the fellowship program. The scholarships supported by the grant assist Saint Mary's College chemistry, computational mathematics or mathematics majors.

With additional funds supplied by Saint Mary's, the scholarships will cover tuition and fees, a book allowance and opportunities to engage in summer research projects, professional development activities and community outreach.

Luce, the founder of the scholarship program and the first woman elected to Congress from Connecticut, was a long-time friend of Sister Madeleva Wolff, the third president of Saint Mary's College.

Luce is the late widow of Henry Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time, Inc.

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Gates Foundation gives grant to ND

\$20 million to be used for malaria research

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame has received a \$20 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support research aimed at evaluating existing malaria control programs and designing improved methods for malaria control.

The five-year program will be directed by Frank Collins, George and Winifred Clark Professor of Biological Sciences and director of Notre Dame's Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases. The research effort will include partners in Indonesia, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia, as well as researchers from the Swiss Tropical Institute, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and Durham University.

The College of Engineering also will play a significant role in the project.

"This study represents multiple institutions in multiple countries, carrying out multiple

field studies, gathering huge amounts of data, developing appropriate data bases, data analysis and management methods, geographical information systems, maps, data quality assessment, modeling and simulation — all activities that will involve, to a very large extent, contributions from the College of Engineering," Collins said.

More than one million people die of malaria each year, the vast majority being infants and very young children.

Collins indicated that the consortium will develop and standardize methods for effectively measuring the rates of malaria parasite transmission by mosquitoes.

"We'll have a whole series of end points, from direct measures of the mosquito carrying the parasite to indirect measures of the rate at which people become infected," Collins said. "There's a huge amount of standardization to be done."

A second research effort will focus on evaluating some of the more standard approaches to malaria control in different settings where the transmission rates are different.

"The two most widely used malaria control interventions today are insecticide-impregnated bed nets or houses whose walls have been sprayed with insecticides, more commonly referred to as 'indoor residual spray,'" Collins said. "We're going to evaluate these interventions in a number of different transmission environments, from really low transmission to really high transmission. And, these interventions themselves will be implemented in multiple different ways."



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Mass

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The campus celebration gave those who could not make the trip across the Atlantic the opportunity to honor Moreau and his achievement for the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

A highlight of the mass was the blessing by Cardinal Mahony of a new statue of Moreau.

The statue, a full body bronze sculpture about six feet tall, was designed and carved by world famous Los Angeles sculptor Robert Graham.

Graham, known for his bas-relief pieces, sculpted the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Duke Ellington Monument in Central Park in New York City and the Olympic Gateway at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum for the 1984 Olympic Games.

The statue of Moreau was installed in the northwest apsidal chapel across from the statue of Holy Cross' other beatified member, Blessed Brother Andre Bessette.

The installment of the statue in the Basilica was part of the larger beatification celebration, which took place mostly in France.

Those who went to Le Mans as part of the University delegation returned earlier this week.

Father Edwin Obermiller spent eight days in France and served as a chaplain and guide for the 55 Notre Dame students who were part of the beatification events.

"The beatification honors our past and allows us to look to the future with great excitement and hope," Obermiller said. "It was an amazing experience, and I was thrilled to be with so many of our Notre Dame students at the beatification."

The 55 Notre Dame students were part of more than 4,000 people who attended the nearly two-hour beatification mass, Obermiller said.

Also at the mass were 30 bishops and archbishops, two cardinals, 260 priests who co-celebrated the mass, and the prime minister of France and his wife.

"Many of the students expressed that by being at the beatification and meeting so many of the Holy Cross religious from around the world that it allowed them to realize how much bigger Holy Cross is beyond the campus of Notre Dame," Obermiller said.

Other beatification events included a mass at the Church of the Visitation in Le Mans where Moreau was ordained in 1821 and a multilingual prayer vigil at Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix, the parish where Moreau's tomb is located.

Obermiller said the beatification has allowed the community to pause at the start of the school year and reflect on Moreau's spirit, wisdom and grace as the founder of Holy Cross.

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Exchange

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often take education and dance classes. Saint Mary's students tend to take engineering, foreign language, ROTC and music courses like marching band.

Notre Dame junior James DuBray is fulfilling his Arts and Letters literature requirement at Saint Mary's.

"It seemed like a course that offered a little more substance," DuBray said of the course on 19th-century novels. "I just thought the Notre Dame courses for the literature

requirement were lacking." DuBray enjoys his course and professor but said that, as a male Notre Dame student on an all-girls campus, the first class days were difficult.

"You're trying not to stand out more than you already do ... you're not taking the course for some inappropriate reason," he said. "You're taking it because you're interested in it."

Both Ramos and DuBray said knowing people on the

opposite campus has made their experience better. DuBray said he enjoys taking a class with his cousin at Saint Mary's.

The registration process for co-exchange includes filling out an online form and demonstrating that prerequisites have been met. The schedule book and registrar's home page at each institution provide information and course lists.

"I'd say [co-exchange] is being used to the fullest poten-

"I'd say [co-exchange] is being used to the fullest potential by the Saint Mary's students."

Lora Spaulding
Saint Mary's registrar

tial by the Saint Mary's students," Spaulding said. "I think they're more aware of it."

Ramos agreed that Saint Mary's students know about it, even though not everyone takes advantage of the program.

"The underclassmen are interested in what it is and how it compares to Saint Mary's," Ramos said. "They're very curious because they might want to try it."

Co-exchange is available in the fall and spring semesters, and grades earned are calculated into GPA.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Corp. to shutter prostitution windows

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A non-profit corporation has purchased a large number of the buildings where prostitutes pose in windows in Amsterdam's Red Light district, the city said Thursday, in a deal that may lead to a third of the windows being shuttered.

The move is intended to break a logjam in an multi-year effort by the city to cut back on the windows, which it says are a magnet for crime and money laundering.

Mayor Job Cohen said the move was not intended to get rid of prostitution entirely, since it is part of the area's history and a major tourist draw for the city.

Monks march to protest military rule

YANGON, Myanmar — Nearly 1,000 Buddhist monks, joined by thousands of their countrymen, marched in Myanmar's largest city Thursday in the biggest challenge in at least a decade to the iron-fisted junta, a show of strength rare under military rule.

Authorities normally quick to crack down hard on dissent left the marchers alone, apparently wary of stirring up further problems. The monks said they would march again next week.

Processions of monks converged from various monasteries around Yangon in the early afternoon at the golden hilltop Shwedagon pagoda, the country's most revered shrine. They prayed there before embarking on a more than three-hour march through Yangon in steady rain, gathering supporters as they went.

Monks at the head of the procession carried religious flags and an upside-down alms bowl, a symbol of protest.

NATIONAL NEWS

Dole lettuce recalled for E. coli

SALINAS, Calif. — Much of the lettuce in a salad mix Dole Food Co. recalled from stores in Canada and the U.S. this week was grown in the same Central California region that produced the spinach involved in a deadly E. coli outbreak last year.

Romaine and green leaf lettuce from the fertile Salinas Valley, known as the nation's "Salad Bowl," made up part of Dole's Hearts Delight mix, company officials said Wednesday. The salad bags were recalled in Indiana and eight other states after a sample taken from a store in Canada tested positive for E. coli.

Bush challenges Dems on insurance

WASHINGTON — President Bush challenged Democrats on Thursday to quickly renew a popular children's health insurance program and accused them of "putting poor children at risk" for political purposes.

The State Children's Health Insurance Program is set to expire Sept. 30. Democrats are pushing for a \$35 billion spending increase. But Bush has threatened to veto it and has proposed a \$5 billion increase.

Some Democrats, he said, believe they can score political points by sending him a bill they know he will veto.

The president urged lawmakers to send him a simple, temporary extension that would give lawmakers more time to work out their differences over a long-term renewal.

LOCAL NEWS

Mental hospital becomes development

INDIANAPOLIS — Residential and commercial development of a 150-acre site once occupied by the former Central State Hospital is expected to begin in the spring.

Developers presented a 34-page plan to city officials Wednesday, calling for about 330 homes, restaurants, shops and offices to be built on the grounds of the former Indianapolis westside mental hospital that closed in 1994.

"It was a blank sheet. Nobody really knew what to do with it," developer Mike Higbee told members of the Metropolitan Development Commission, which still must approve the plan.

Protesters gather to support Jena Six

College students demonstrate, listen to Sharpton, Jackson speak in Louisiana

Associated Press

JENA, La. — Drawn by a case tinged with one of the most hated symbols of Old South racism — a hangman's noose tied in an oak tree — tens of thousands of protesters rallied Thursday against what they see as double standard of prosecution for blacks and whites.

The plight of the so-called Jena Six, a group of black teens initially charged with attempted murder in the beating of a white classmate, became a flashpoint for one the biggest civil-rights demonstrations in years.

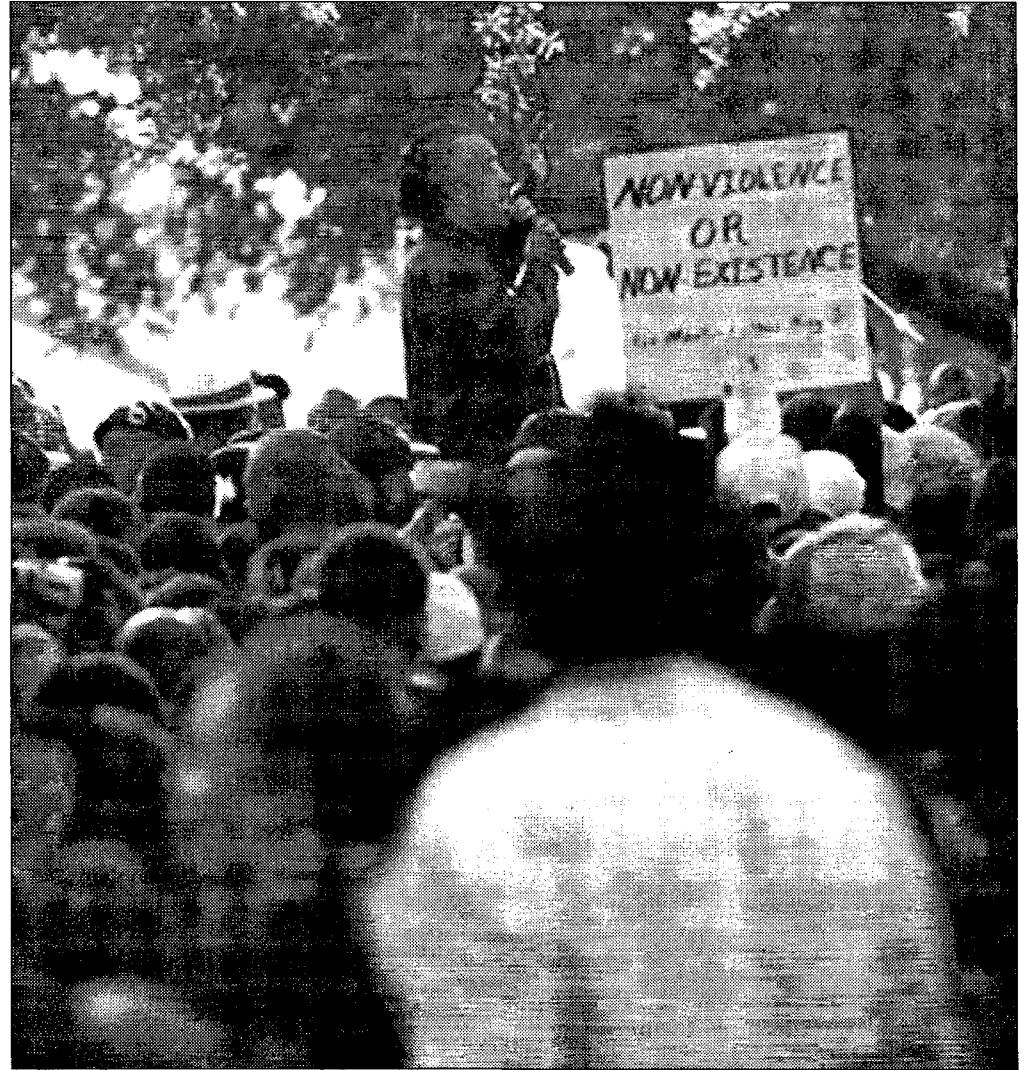
Old-guard lions like the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton joined scores of college students bused in from across the nation who said they wanted to make a stand for racial equality just as their parents did in the 1950s and '60s.

"It's not just about Jena, but about inequalities and disparities around the country," said Stephanie Brown, 26, national youth director for the NAACP, who estimated about 2,000 college students were among the throngs of mostly black protesters who overwhelmed this tiny central Louisiana town.

But the teens' case galvanized demonstrators as few legal cases in recent years.

The cause of Thursday's demonstrations dates to August 2006, when a black Jena High School student asked at a student assembly whether blacks could sit under a shade tree that was a frequent gathering place for whites. He was told yes. But nooses appeared in the tree the next day. Three white students were suspended but not criminally prosecuted. LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters said this week he could find no state law covering the act.

Brown said the Jena case resonates with the college-aged crowd because



The Rev. Al Sharpton speaks to a crowd gathered outside LaSalle Parish Courthouse in Jena, La., before a march Thursday to protest racial injustice against six black students

they aren't much older than the six youths charged. Many of the student protesters had been sharing information about the case through Facebook, MySpace and other social-networking Web sites.

Jackson, who led a throng of people three blocks long to the courthouse with an American flag resting on his shoulder, likened the demonstration to the marches on Selma and the Montgomery bus boycott. But even he was not entirely sure why Jena became the focal point.

"You can never quite tell," he said. "Rosa Parks was not the first to sit in the front of the bus. But

the sparks hit a dry field."

The noose incident was followed by fights between blacks and whites, culminating in December's attack on white student Justin Barker, who was knocked unconscious. According to court testimony, his face was swollen and bloodied, but he was able to attend a school function that same night.

Six black teens were arrested. Five were originally charged with attempted second-degree murder — charges that have since been reduced for four of them. The sixth was booked as a juvenile on sealed charges.

Martin Luther King III, son of the slain civil rights

leader, said punishment of some sort may be in order for the six defendants, but "the justice system isn't applied the same to all crimes and all people."

People began massing for the demonstrations before dawn Thursday, jamming the two-lane highway leading into town and parking wherever they could. By midmorning, state police estimated the crowd at 12,000 and growing. Organizers said it eventually swelled to as many as 50,000.

Demonstrators gathered at the local courthouse, a park, and the yard at Jena High where the tree once stood (it was cut down in July).

EGYPT

Bin Laden calls Pakistanis to resist Musharraf

Associated Press

CAIRO — Al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden called on Pakistanis to wage a holy war against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf in a new recording released Thursday, saying his military's siege of a militant mosque stronghold makes him an infidel.

The storming of the Red Mosque in Islamabad in July "demonstrated Musharraf's insistence on continuing his loyalty, submissiveness and aid to America against the Muslims ... and makes armed rebellion against him and removing him obligatory," bin Laden said in the message.

"So when the capability is there, it is obligatory to rebel against the apostate ruler, as is the case now," he said.

Bin Laden's voice was heard over video showing previously released footage of the terror leader. The video was released Thursday on Islamic militant Web sites and first reported by Laura Mansfield, an American terrorism expert who monitors militant message traffic.

The message, titled "Come to Jihad," was the third from bin Laden this month in a flurry of videos and audiotapes marking the sixth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in

the United States.

Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad, a Pakistani army spokesman, said the army will continue its fight against terrorism, regardless of any threats.

"We have the aim and objective, as our national duty, to eliminate terrorists and eradicate extremism. The Pakistan army will continue to carry out its role against terrorists wherever they are found, whether in the tribal areas (of northwest Pakistan) or elsewhere."

"Such threats issued through videos or in any other way cannot deter us from fulfilling our national duty," he said.

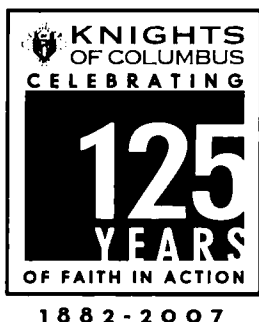


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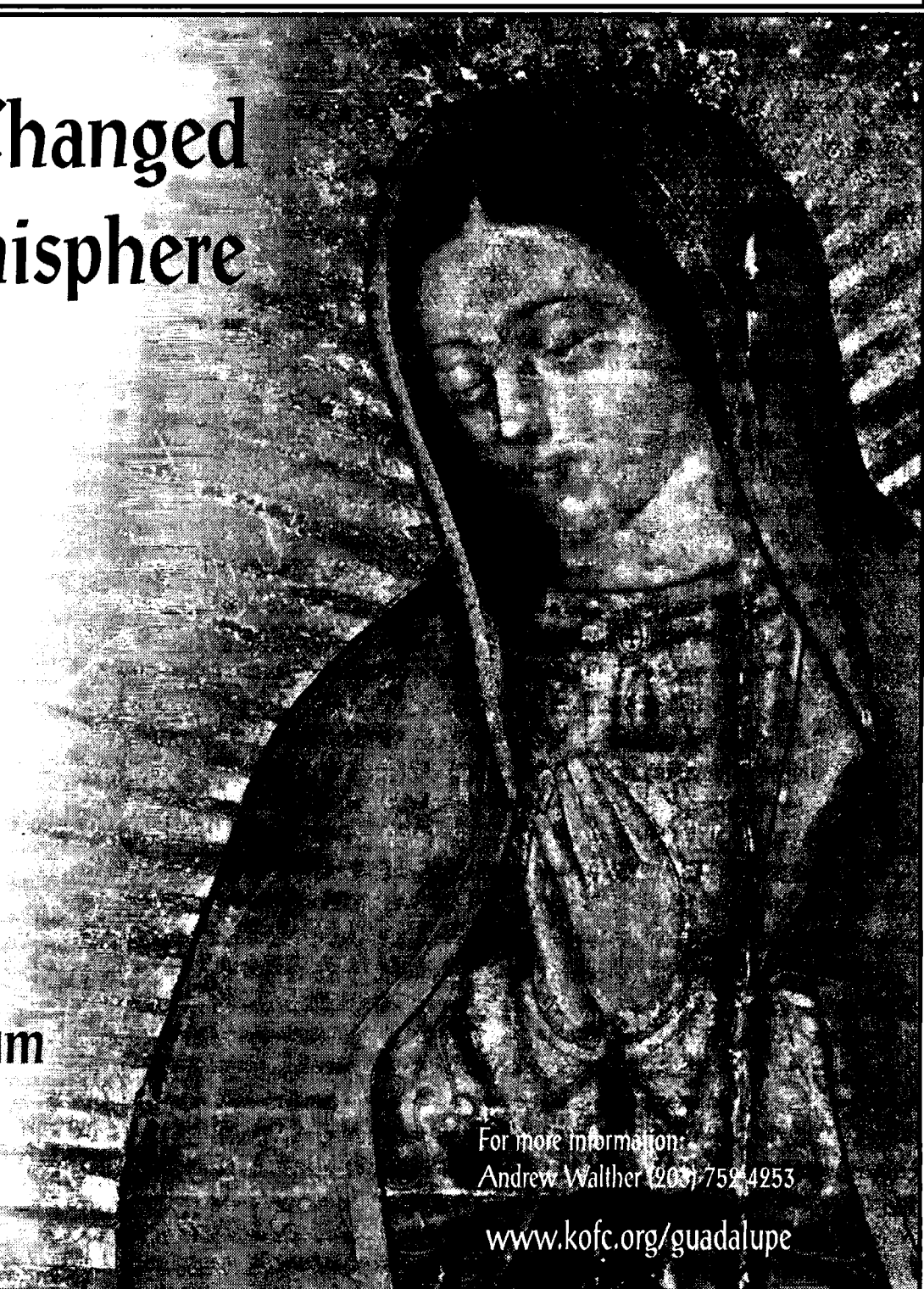
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IN BRIEF

Wall Street falls after high streak

NEW YORK — Stocks retreated Thursday as Wall Street took a breather from this week's recent rally, sobered a bit by mixed earnings reports, a tumbling dollar and surging oil prices.

Wall Street had driven the Dow Jones industrials up more than 400 points in the two days following the Fed's half-point rate reduction, so it was to be expected that investors would eventually stop to cash in gains.

So when a few major companies, particularly Bear Stearns & Cos. and Circuit City, posted wider-than-expected drops in third-quarter profit Thursday, Wall Street's giddiness following the Fed's rate cut waned, and nervousness resurfaced about how long it might take for the economy and corporate America to rebound from the recent market turmoil.

"Historically, after the Fed eases, the market takes about a month to figure out whether the easing was a good thing or a bad thing," said Brian Gendreau, investment strategist for ING Investment Management.

Loonie value the same as dollar

NEW YORK — For the first time since Gerald Ford was president, the loonie can buy as much as the greenback.

The U.S. dollar's recent decline against the Canadian dollar, the euro, and even the Indian rupee, means Americans will pay more for imports and trips to Paris, Rome, Bangalore and Toronto. It also may drive overseas demand for U.S. goods and help raise profits at U.S. multinational corporations.

The U.S. dollar reached 1-to-1 parity against the Canadian dollar Thursday for the first time since November 1976. That means one Canadian dollar now buys one U.S. dollar, so a bottle of maple syrup could cost an American as much in Toronto as it does in New York.

A lower dollar makes U.S. exports more competitive, which is good news for American manufacturers but spells rising prices for imports to the U.S.

Congress investigates home loans

Bush calls market 'unsettling,' plans to modify FHA loans to refinance homes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The American dream of owning a home has turned into a nightmare — not only for homeowners, but also for politicians and regulators under pressure to ease the credit crunch.

President Bush, at a news conference Thursday, was confronted by questions about whether the country was headed toward recession. Bush acknowledged "some unsettling times" in the troubled housing and credit markets, but said he believed the economy was still on solid ground.

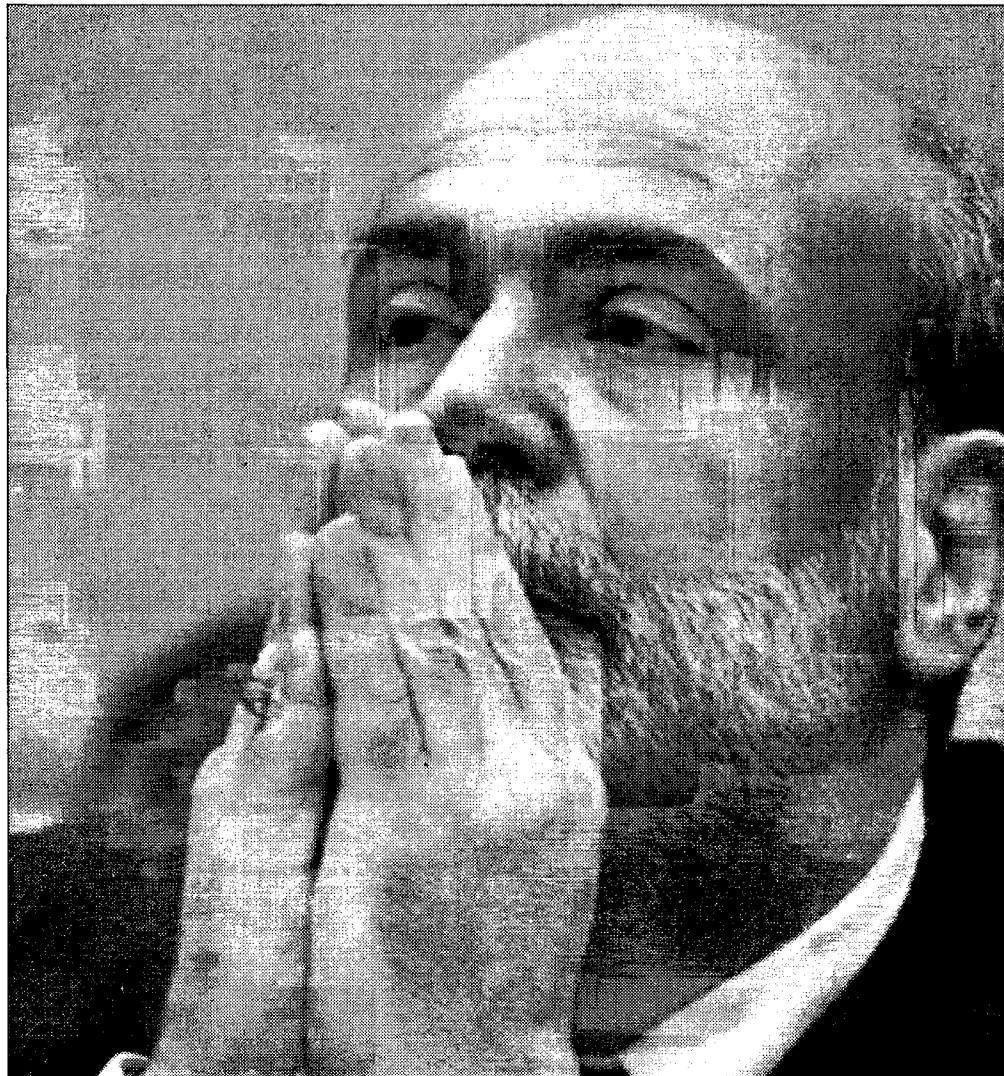
Also on the hot seat, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke was pumped for answers at a congressional hearing about what regulators could do to help struggling homeowners.

The housing slump, the worst in 16 years, is likely to drag on well into 2008, when the nation will be voting for a new president and Congress. Home foreclosures — now at record highs — and delinquencies are likely to get worse, Bernanke told the House Financial Services Committee.

Against this backdrop, the Fed and other banking regulators, the Bush administration and Capitol Hill are scrambling to provide relief.

Proposals in Congress would expand federal backing of mortgages. The House on Tuesday passed legislation that would give more leeway to the Depression-era Federal Housing Administration, which insures mortgages for low- and middle-income borrowers. The Senate has its own bill. The administration, meanwhile, is working with the FHA to help squeezed homeowners.

Bush said at a White House news conference Thursday "there is no question" these are "some unset-



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke pauses Thursday as he testifies at the House Financial Services Committee on Capitol Hill.

ling times" in the housing and credit markets. "That's why I look forward to working with Congress to modernize the FHA loans so that people can refinance their homes."

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who also appeared at the House hearing, signaled that the administration would consider letting the mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac temporarily buy, bundle and sell as securities any loans exceeding \$417,000, known as "jumbo" loans.

The idea, which represents a policy change for the administration, is portrayed

as an important way to pump cash into the jumbo loan market, which has been hard hit by the credit crunch.

Paulson stressed such a change could occur only in tandem with tighter oversight of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. A few years ago, the two mortgage giants suffered multibillion-dollar accounting scandals. Bernanke also said any leeway given to buy jumbo loans should only be provided on a temporary basis.

The top executives at Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae testified that they stood ready to help cushion the

shocks from a rising flood of mortgage foreclosures.

Daniel Mudd, head of Fannie Mae, said his company continued to support an increase in its mortgage portfolio of 10 percent, much bigger than the 2 percent bump-up the mortgage giants' regulatory agency approved Wednesday.

"I am confident we could provide more liquidity help to the home finance market today without taking risks we are not capable of managing," Mudd said. "We are not the only answer to the liquidity crunch, but we can play a part in a measured, safe and sound way."

New \$5 bill to be unveiled in spring

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Honest Abe will become Colorful Abe with splashes of purple and gray livening up the \$5 bill.

The government showed off the new bill Thursday in an Internet news conference — a high-tech unveiling that officials say is entirely appropriate for a 21st century redesign of the bill featuring the Civil War president, Abraham Lincoln.

The changes are similar to those already made, starting in 2003, to the \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills. In those redesigns, pastel colors were added as part of an effort to stay ahead of counterfeiters and their ever-more-sophisticated copying machines.

Originally, the five wasn't going to

be redesigned. But that decision was reversed once counterfeiters began bleaching \$5 notes and printing fake \$100 bills with the bleached paper to take advantage of the fact that some of the security features were in the same locations on both notes.

To thwart this particular scam, the government is changing the \$5 watermark from one of Lincoln to two separate watermarks featuring the numeral 5. The \$100 bill has a watermark with the image of Benjamin Franklin.

The security thread embedded in the \$5 bill also has been moved to a different location than the one embedded in the \$100 bill.

"We wanted this redesigned bill to scream, 'I am a five. I am a five,'" Larry Felix, director of the Bureau

of Engraving and Printing said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We wanted to eliminate any similarity or confusion on the part of the public between the \$5 bill and the \$100 bill."

Circulation is planned for the spring so operators of millions of vending machines have plenty of time to make the changes necessary so their devices will accept the new \$5 — a denomination used heavily in the machines.

The bureau will start printing the new notes next week at its facility in Fort Worth, Texas. The goal is to have 1.5 billion \$5 bills ready to be put into circulation, at a date still to be determined.

The new \$5 design also incorporates a number of other state-of-the-art security features.

Kippur

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very understanding about it. I look forward to reflecting about what's going on in my life and wondering what the next year is going to be like for me."

Although there will be no formal celebration of Yom Kippur on campus, Campus Ministry is working to help coordinate events in the future, said Rabbi Michael

Signer, a faculty member in the theology department.

"For Yom Kippur, Jewish students at Notre Dame will attend one of the synagogues in South Bend — either Temple Beth El, Sinai Synagogue or [the] Hebrew Orthodox Congregation," he said. "Additionally, the ND

Holocaust Project, celebrated during the spring, coordinates educational events for the entire campus to celebrate Jewish ideas and history."

Abrams, who is a fourth-generation student, said he has felt comfortable being a member of the Jewish faith at Notre Dame.

"Though I'm Jewish, it's such a great atmosphere and I've had no problems adjusting to being one of the few Jews on a Catholic campus — I feel welcomed."

Patrick Abrams
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Abrams said he is happy the University offers resources such as an official club and a Jewish Studies program.

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Moreau

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the director of donor relations, Richard Baxter of special events, John O'Connor, director of the board of trustees and Debby Kelly, who works in human resources, all joined Nickell at the beatification ceremony.

Snow shared Nickell's excitement about attending the ceremony.

"I have come to know the Holy Cross tradition through my service on the mission council, and I knew it would be a great spiritual experience," Snow said.

The ceremony was held at Antares, an arena in the area.

"The beatification was mostly a big mass," Nickell said. "They did have a formal rite of beatification in which we learned a little about Father Moreau's life and a formal petition, but other than that it was a normal mass. There was also an opening ceremony, a prayer vigil, and a mass of thanksgiving."

Nickell said she was surprised by the excitement surrounding the ceremony.

"I knew that this was a huge deal, but I don't think I could have known how excited everyone there was going to be," she said. "This is such a big deal for all of the brothers, sisters and priests of the Holy Cross order and everyone associated with it."

Snow said for the Saint

Mary's community, the beatification should be a "renewal of our commitment to the Holy Cross charismas."

"I think it will mean a greater understanding of what it means to be a Holy Cross college," she said.

It would also add "an awareness of the Holy Cross tradition" to the campus, Snow said.

Snow, Nickell and Cashore were the representatives of the Saint Mary's community at the ceremony.

Cashore said the Congregation of the Holy Cross is deeply ingrained in her life. She has had three generations of her family, including herself, attend Saint Mary's and has been working at the College for 18 years.

"Everything I do personally, professionally and spiritually is tied into Saint Mary's and the Sisters of the Holy Cross," she said.

The ceremony in France was emotionally moving, Cashore said.

"At the beatification I was witnessing hundreds of priests and brothers and sisters from all over the world ... truly the family ... I think I really understood who the family of the Holy Cross is," she said.

But for her, the most significant part of her trip to Le Mans was the ceremony that took place outside of the town where Moreau was baptized.

"That was very touching because it was a more personal event kind of between the town and this whole group of

people that were there to celebrate," she said.

Judy Fean, the director of Campus Ministry, didn't attend the beatification but said Saint Mary's honored Moreau in South Bend with a mass last Sunday.

Fean sits on the College's Beatification committee. The committee is made up of people from different departments of Saint Mary's, all planning various events in honor of the beatification, she said.

The committee has planned a liturgy for Moreau's feast day on Jan. 20. A retreat will also be held during the spring semester, with the theme of praying with Moreau. There will also be a lecture series in October entitled, "For all the Saints: The Journey of Father Moreau," Fean said.

Sister Betty Smoyer, said she believed that the beatification will be a gift to the campus.

"[The beatification is] an opportunity for us to learn anew the great gift of Father Moreau's vision and the great gift of his spirit," she said.

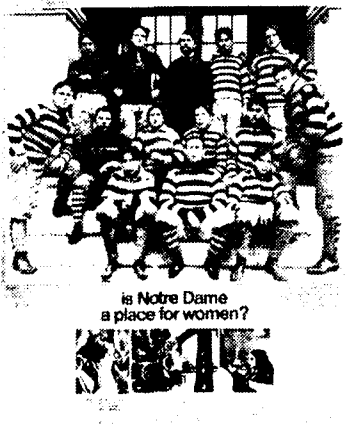
Smoyer added that the beatification could benefit the campus in a spiritual sense as well.

"A person being raised to this level calls the whole church to a new sense of community," she said. "We have a new intercessor ... we can pray for him to intercede for us."

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Dieter

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who appointed the judge," Dieter said.

Dieter expanded this theory to illustrate what he called the "strange and absurd" nature of the death penalty. He provided economic and moral arguments to support his assertion.

California currently has 660 inmates on death row, Dieter said, and the state executes one person every two years. It costs substantially more to hold death row inmates than inmates with life sentences due to extra court and appeals costs, Dieter said, and that cost is usually paid by the taxpayers. Dieter said this money could be "redistributed into law enforcement and other ways to make society safer."

An audience member asked what Dieter would say to

those who do not believe the death penalty is morally wrong. He responded that the death penalty is economically inefficient and said "the burden lies with those who say that the state has a right to take life."

Dieter said 3,300 people are on death row, yet some of the worst people in American society — Eric Rudolph, Ted Kazynski, and Charles Cullen — received life sentences. He also gave examples of innocent people who were condemned to death, such as Anthony Porter, whose conviction was later overturned.

Senior Shannon Reabe attended the lecture and said it "stressed the need to look at a more comprehensive picture."

Notre Dame Against State Killing cosponsored this lecture with Campus Ministry.

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Rather sues CBS in name of journalism

Former news anchor files \$70 million suit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dan Rather said Thursday that the undue influence of the government and large corporations over newsrooms spurred his decision to file a \$70 million lawsuit against CBS and its former parent company.

"Somebody, sometime has got to take a stand and say democracy cannot survive, much less thrive with the level of big corporate and big government interference and intimidation in news," he said on CNN's "Larry King Live."

In the suit, filed a day earlier in state Supreme Court in Manhattan, Rather claimed CBS and Viacom Inc. used him as a "scapegoat" and intentionally botched the aftermath of a discredited story about President Bush's military service to curry favor with the White House. He was removed from his "CBS Evening News" post in March 2005.

"They sacrificed support for independent journalism for corporate financial gain, and in so doing, I think they undermined a lot at CBS News," he told King.

Rather didn't mention other instances in which he believed news organizations bowed to corporate and government pressure.

CBS spokesman Dana McClintock did not return an after-hours call seeking comment Thursday. He has called Rather's complaints "old news" and said the lawsuit was "without merit." A spokesman for Viacom declined to comment.

Journalism ethics scholar Bob Steele said Rather would have a difficult time proving that the White House or other political operatives exerted undue influence on CBS.

"It would be naive for us to

believe that there was no influence from powerful institutions and individuals on journalism," said Steele, a scholar at the Poynter Institute, a journalism foundation in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Still, he said: "For the most part, the journalists who run news organizations and who report the news fight hard to protect the independence of the journalism, and most of the time succeed."

Rather narrated the September 2004 report that said Bush disobeyed orders and shirked some of his duties during his National Guard service. It also said a commander felt pressured to sugarcoat Bush's record.

The story relied on four documents, supposedly written by Bush's commander in the Texas Air National Guard, the late Lt. Col. Jerry Killian. Critics questioned the documents' authenticity and suggested they were forged.

A panel selected by the network to investigate the story determined that it was neither fair nor accurate. CBS fired the story's producer and asked for the resignations of three executives because it could not authenticate documents used in the story. Rather was forced out of the anchor chair he had occupied for 24 years.

On CNN, Rather dismissed the panel's review, claiming it was not impartial.

"This was in many ways a fraud. It was a setup," he told King.

Louis D. Boccardi, the retired chief executive of The Associated Press who made up the two-man investigative panel with Richard Thornburgh, the former U.S. attorney general, defended the panel's work Thursday night.

"Our report was independent, and it speaks for itself," he said, echoing comments made by Thornburgh on Wednesday. Both declined to comment further.

New casinos threaten bingo

Allure of gaming prizes diminishes popularity of classic game

Associated Press

WATERTOWN, Mass. — Pauline LaCava can rattle off locations of bingo games that closed in her hometown as fast as she can scan her bingo sheet, dabbing pink ink marks on numbers as they're called at Saint Patrick Church in Watertown.

"There used to be one every night of the week," said LaCava, 80, seated at the rear of the Catholic church basement, where the night's top prize will be \$330. "I definitely feel the casinos hurt bingos. Foxwoods has the bingo every day and every night."

Bingo had been a reliable source of revenue for churches, schools, youth sports leagues and veterans' organizations since the early 1970s. The games have been on the decline for several years, in part because of aging players, smoking bans and the lure of Keno and casinos.

Now, bingo players and the organizations that benefit from the games in this area worry that proposed casinos would be the final blow.

Gov. Deval Patrick on Monday announced he wants to license three resort casinos in Massachusetts in a bid to generate \$450 million in annual tax revenue. The licenses would be put up for bid in a competitive process open to Indian tribes and casino companies.

"It will close us down," said the Rev. Francis Daley, pastor of Saints Martha and Mary Church in Lakeville, which borders Middleborough, the town in which the Mashpee

Wampanoag tribe wants to build a \$1 billion casino. "We cannot compete with their prizes."

The Thursday night game attracts 120 players, raising \$40,000 per year for the church, helping pay bills at a time when overall contributions to Catholic churches are down.

Bingo revenue in Massachusetts is at a 32-year low, according to the charitable gaming division of the Massachusetts Lottery. Gross revenue last year was \$102 million, the lowest since 1974, the third year of legalized bingo in Massachusetts. It was \$252 million in 1993, but has slid every year since.

Organizations get less than 20 percent of the gross revenue after paying out prizes, expenses, and 5 percent state tax.

Bingo organizers who see the effects elsewhere say they have reason to worry.

In Connecticut, Foxwoods Resort Casino opened a bingo hall in 1986, and its full casino in 1992. Mohegan Sun opened four years later. From about that point, charitable bingo revenues have fallen. Gross revenue from charitable bingo fell from \$34.6 million in 1995 to \$23.7 million last year, according to Connecticut's Division of Special Revenue.

In the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., bingo receipts fell by 36 percent from 2000 to 2006, including a 9.6 percent drop last year, said spokesman Kevin Keenan, who blamed Canadian casinos and a workplace smoking ban.

In Ohio, the Aquinas Central Catholic School in Steubenville, located near two West Virginia

casinos, eliminated bingo two years ago after a drop in attendance.

"Slot machines, craps and blackjack — on a relative scale — are very exciting and are going to draw people away from bingo," said Dartmouth College economics professor Bruce Sacerdote, who co-wrote a 2005 report examining the economic impact of legalized gambling in Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts casino debate reignited this year after the Mashpee Wampanoags won federal recognition as a tribe, bought land in Middleborough and unveiled plans for a resort casino to compete with Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun. The Aquinnah Wampanoag Indians have declared that they'll open a casino if their Mashpee counterparts do the same.

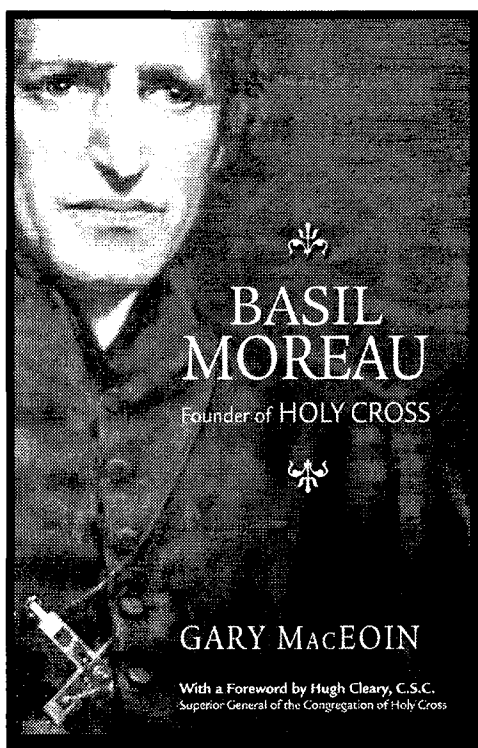
Several other commercial casino proposals have been floated, but the Legislature still needs to approve expanded gambling before a full-scale casino can be built.

But even without legislative approval, recognition gives tribes the right to operate bingo parlors, and the Mashpee Wampanoags have said they'll do that in Middleborough if they can't build a casino.

The Massachusetts Catholic Conference, which represents the state's four bishops, urged the Legislature to reject the plan. In a statement Monday, it said casinos will create addicted gamblers and that "the harm will reach far beyond individual gamblers by affecting their spouses, children, dependents, employers and the community in which they live."

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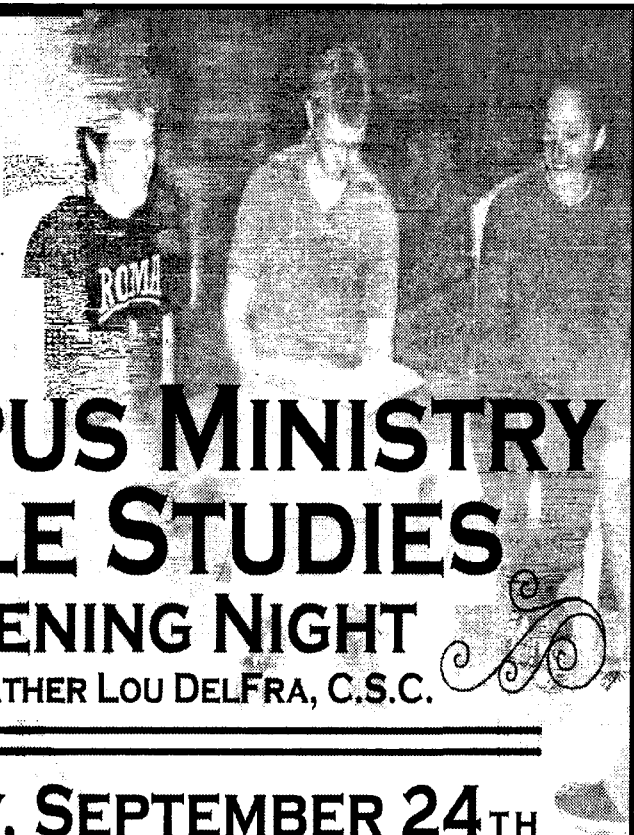
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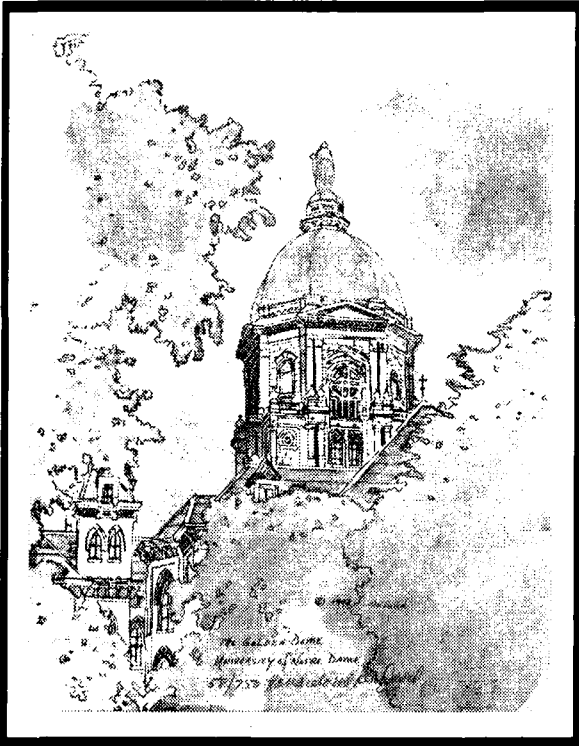
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Lawsuit against God gets response

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — A legislator who filed a lawsuit against God has gotten something he might not have expected: a response.

One of two court filings from "God" came Wednesday under otherworldly circumstances, according to John Friend, clerk of the Douglas County District Court in Omaha.

"This one miraculously appeared on the counter. It just all of a sudden was here — poof!" Friend said.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers of Omaha sued God last week, seeking a permanent injunction against the Almighty for making terroristic threats, inspiring fear and causing "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's

inhabitants."

Chambers, a self-proclaimed agnostic who often criticizes Christians, said his filing was triggered by a federal lawsuit he considers frivolous. He said he's trying to make the point that anybody can sue anybody.

Not so, says "God." His response argues that the defendant is immune from some earthly laws and the court lacks jurisdiction.

It adds that blaming God for human oppression and suffering misses an important point.

"I created man and woman with free will and next to the promise of immortal life, free will is my greatest gift to you," according to the response, as read by Friend.

There was no contact information on the filing, although St. Michael the Archangel is listed as a witness, Friend said.

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IRAQ

Cholera outbreak prompts health concerns

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The World Health Organization confirmed on Thursday the first cholera case in Baghdad since 2003, raising fears the disease is spreading from the north of the country where it has struck more than 1,000 people.

A 25-year-old woman from eastern Baghdad was found to have cholera after she turned up at a hospital with severe diarrhea, said Dr. Naeema al-Gasseer, the WHO's representative in Iraq.

Cholera is a gastrointestinal disease that is typically spread by drinking contaminated water and can cause severe diarrhea that, in extreme cases, can lead to fatal dehydration.

The disease broke out in Iraq in mid-August, but had been confined to northern

Iraq, affecting the provinces of Sulaimaniyah, Irbil and Tamim, which is home to the oil-rich city of Kirkuk. At least 10 people have died, according to WHO.

Several suspected cholera cases also have been reported in Diyala province, north of Baghdad, but al-Gasseer said none had been confirmed.

Cholera is endemic to Iraq, with about 30 cases registered each year. But the last time there was an epidemic in the country was in 1999 when 20 cases were discovered in one day, said Adel Muhsin, the Health Ministry's inspector-general.

Al-Gasseer said health authorities were concerned the disease could spread because of the movement of people within Iraq's borders. Hundreds of thousands of displaced people have been forced to flee their homes

because of violence.

A disease that would otherwise be easily treatable has been made all the more dangerous because of Iraq's precarious security situation following the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003.

"We need to look at safe water, safe import of food, hygiene, the network of water and the network of sewage disposal," al-Gasseer said in a telephone interview.

The latest WHO report dated Sept. 14 reported a total of 24,532 cases of people with

symptoms of cholera such as diarrhea and vomiting in the northern provinces. Out of those, laboratory tests have confirmed 1,055 cases of cholera.

It said 10 people have died — nine in Sulaimaniyah and one in Tamim.

Al-Gasseer also said some 100,000 tons of chlorine were being held up at Iraq's border with Jordan,

apparently because of fears the chemical could be used in explosives. She urged authorities to release it for use in decontaminating water supplies.

Insurgents in the country

staged several chlorine truck bombings this year, killing scores of Iraqis.

Muhsin confirmed such concerns were holding up the border shipment but said he was told the problem was solved and that the chlorine would arrive soon. Chlorine will be added in higher doses to Baghdad's water supply as a precaution against cholera, Muhsin said.

His teams recently tested drinking water across the capital and discovered chlorine levels on 20 locations were inadequate to prevent cholera. Also, several ice factories were closed in Iraq because of cholera concerns, he said.

The Health Ministry would continue checking drinking water in all Iraqi cities, Muhsin told The Associated Press, and teams would inspect ice factories and ice cream makers.

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Naeema al-Gasseer
WHO representative

FRANCE

Neptune has warm South Pole

Associated Press

PARIS — Scientists say that Neptune, one of the coldest planets in the solar system, has a surprising warm spot — relatively speaking.

An international team of astronomers has found that Neptune's south pole is warmer than other parts of the planet.

Temperatures at its south pole are about 18 degrees warmer than elsewhere on the planet — not much for a planet with an average temperature colder than 320 degrees below zero.

The apparent reason is that the south pole has been in the summer sunlight for about 40 years.

Neptune is nearly 2.8 billion miles away from the sun. A Neptunian year — the time it

takes to orbit the sun — is equivalent to about 165 Earth years.

One result of that has been to expose Neptune's southern pole to the sun for nearly 40 years, warming it up. Because it is so far away, Neptune gets only 1/900th of the sunlight that Earth receives, but it still appears to have had a significant impact.

An array of scientific organizations announced the findings Tuesday, including the government-funded CNRS research body in France and ESO, the European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere, whose telescope in Chile was used.

"Neptune's south pole is currently tilted toward the sun, just like the Earth's south pole is tilted toward the sun during summer in the southern hemisphere," astronomer Glenn

Orton, lead author of the findings, said in an ESO news release.

"On Neptune, the Antarctic summer lasts 40 years instead of a few months, and a lot of solar energy input during that time can make big temperature differences between the regions in continual sunlight and those with day-night variations," he said.

The heat has, in turn, defrosted methane normally trapped as ice in the planet's atmosphere, releasing it as gas, the CNRS said. It said there is eight times more methane over the south pole than in the rest of the planet's atmosphere.

The abundance of gaseous methane in Neptune's stratosphere had gone unexplained until now, it added.

Episcopal bishops seek to keep Anglican role

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Episcopal bishops met privately for seven hours Thursday with the archbishop of Canterbury, trying to preserve the church's role in the Anglican family despite Episcopal support for gays.

The denomination is the Anglican body in the U.S. and has a more liberal view of Scripture than most Anglicans overseas. Tensions over Bible interpretation erupted in 2003, when Episcopalians consecrated the first openly gay bishop, V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire.

Archbishop Rowan Williams, the Anglican spiritual leader, has been struggling to keep the 77 million-member Anglican Communion from breaking apart — an effort he has called "exhausting." Unlike a pope,

Williams doesn't have direct authority to force a resolution.

Colorado Bishop Robert O'Neill, who briefed reporters after the meeting, called the conversation "open and forthright," but provided few specifics.

But Canon Jim Naughton, a spokesman for the Diocese of Washington, said Williams had suggested that Episcopalians "needed to exercise greater concern" for unity.

The archbishop also asked Episcopal leaders "how far they were willing to go" to fulfill demands from Anglican leaders that they roll back their support for gays and lesbians.

Williams "made it clear that he believed the Episcopal Church had acted preemptively in consecrating Bishop Robinson," Naughton said.

Wright house adds to 'architectural experience'

Associated Press

ACME, Pa. — Western Pennsylvania has long been home to two of renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright's best known works, Kentuck Knob and Fallingwater.

Now, a third Wright creation, the Duncan House, has been moved here from Lisle, Ill., offering visitors a broad architectural experience — tours of two impressive homes and an overnight stay in a 1950s-era house.

Each of the homes is a different style, providing an overview of the artists' work in a 30-mile radius, making it one of just about a dozen places nationwide where several Wright buildings are on display in a concise area. Duncan House is one of only six in the United States that are open to overnight guests.

"This is the trinity for us," said Patricia Coyle, director of mar-

keting at Kentuck Knob. "We sell fantasy here because people come through here and they are transcended from their everyday life into Frank Lloyd Wright's vision."

Fallingwater, designed for the Kaufmann family of the department store fortune, is an upscale home that cost \$155,000 in 1937, or \$2.1 million today. The house's concrete terraces flow over and alongside the Bear Run waterfall, giving the appearance that it is one with nature.

Currently maintained and run by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Fallingwater gets more than 120,000 visitors annually. Last December, actress Angelina Jolie surprised boyfriend Brad Pitt with a visit to the home for his birthday.

At a time when Wright had become known as the "old man of modern architecture," Fallingwater broke a 10-year lull in his work, tour guide Louise

Dean shouts over the roar of the nearby waterfall.

Fallingwater made Wright popular again, and he went on to design another 200 buildings, including Kentuck Knob and Duncan House.

Located just seven miles from Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob was built in 1956 for the Hagans, who owned the largest dairy farm west of the Alleghenies. The home is considered a higher-end Usonian, a name coined by the architect for works aimed at the middle class.

The stone house with its copper roof has a hexagonal theme.

The six-sided shape aligns the overhangs and fills the skylights as the house stands in grand style over the Youghiogheny River gorge.

Wright, who was working on 12 other projects at the time,

including the Guggenheim Museum in New York, visited the property only once for three hours while it was being built. He designed the entire structure by looking at topographic maps and interviewing the Hagans.

The home opened to visitors 11 years ago, when Lord Peter Palumbo, the current owner, sought a way to maintain the house he bought for \$600,000 in

"We sell fantasy here because people come through here and they are transcended from their everyday life into Frank Lloyd Wright's vision."

Patricia Coyle
Kentuck Knob director of marketing

PERU

Meteorite crashes near Lake Titicaca

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Peruvian astronomers said Thursday that evidence shows a meteorite crashed near Lake Titicaca over the weekend, leaving an elliptical crater and magnetic rock fragments in an impact powerful enough to register on seismic charts.

As other astronomers learned more details, they too said it appears likely that a legitimate meteorite hit Earth on Saturday — an rare occurrence.

The Earth is constantly bombarded with objects from outer space, but most burn up in the atmosphere and never reach the planet's surface. Only one in a thousand rocks that people claim are meteorites turn out to be real, according to Jay Melosh, an expert on impact craters and professor of planetary science at the University of Arizona.

Melosh was skeptical at first, initially calling it a "non-meteorite" and suggesting that the crater might have possibly come from below as a volcanic eruption. Then scientists learned of more details about the crater, as well as witness descriptions of a thunderous roar and a rain of smaller rocks coming down.

"It begins to sound more likely to me that this object could indeed be a meteorite," Melosh said Thursday.

Such impacts are rare, and astronomers still want to do other tests to confirm the strike.

Other details don't add up, they said — such as witness accounts of water in the muddy crater boiling for 10 minutes from the heat. Meteorites are actually cold when they hit Earth, astronomers say, since their outer layers burn up and fall away before impact.

Experts also puzzled over claims that 200 local residents were sickened by fumes from

the crater. Doctors who examined them found no evidence of illness related to the meteorite, and one suggested a psychosomatic reaction to the sight and sound of the plunging meteor.

More details emerged when astrophysicist Jose Ishitsuka of Peru's Geophysics Institute reached the site about 6 miles from Lake Titicaca. He confirmed that a meteorite caused a crater 42 feet wide and 15 feet deep, the institute's president, Ronald Woodman, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Ishitsuka recovered a 3-inch magnetic fragment and said it contained iron, a mineral found in all rocks from space. The impact also registered a magnitude-1.5 tremor on the institute's seismic equipment — that's as much as an explosion of 4.9 tons of dynamite, Woodman said.

Local residents described a fiery ball falling from the sky and smashing into the desolate Andean plain.

Doctors told an Associated Press Television News cameraman at the site that they had found no sign of radioactive contamination among families living nearby. But they said they had taken samples of blood, urine and hair to analyze.

Peasants living near the crater said they had smelled a sulfurous odor for at least an hour after the meteorite struck and that it had provoked upset stomachs and headaches. But Ishitsuka said he doubts reports of a sulfurous smell.

Meteor expert Ursula Marvin said that if people were sickened, "it wouldn't be the meteorite itself, but the dust it raises."

A meteorite "wouldn't get much gas out of the earth," said Marvin, who has studied the objects since 1961 at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Massachusetts. "It's a very superficial thing."

Teacher pleads guilty to sex charges

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A man honored as among the best teachers in Utah pleaded guilty Thursday to felony sex charges involving 11 students at his suburban classroom.

Frank Laine Hall, 37, who taught first grade in the Salt Lake City suburb of Riverton until his arrest last March, could get up to 30 years to life in prison, prosecutor Rodwicke Ybarra said.

Hall pleaded guilty to 10 counts of attempted aggravated sex abuse of a child and

one count of sex abuse of a child in a plea agreement that dismissed five other counts of aggravated sex abuse of a child, Ybarra said.

The agreement will ensure that he must register as a sex offender for life, Ybarra said.

In court Thursday, Hall admitted he touched the students inappropriately, Ybarra said.

The former teacher didn't respond to an e-mail Thursday sent through his animated class Web site, which is still up but appears dated. His lawyer, David

Finlayson, refused to take any calls from The Associated Press.

Hall remains free on \$500,000 bail until his sentencing Nov. 14.

Hall was accused of putting his hand inside the pants of three girls at Rosamond Elementary School in Riverton. Then eight other students came forward with similar accounts, Ybarra said.

Authorities were tipped by the parents of one student, and school officials said they immediately barred Hall from the classroom.



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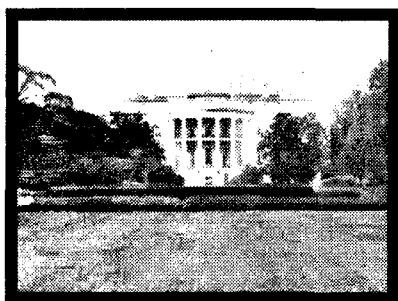
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CAMBODIA

Suspect charged with war crimes

Detention center will have amenities

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH — The top Khmer Rouge suspect awaiting trial before a U.N.-backed genocide tribunal will get cable TV and regular visits from doctors while in detention — amenities out of reach for most impoverished Cambodians.

Former Khmer Rouge ideologist Nuon Chea — who is 82 and in declining health from a stroke — was arrested Wednesday and flown to Phnom Penh, where he was charged with crimes against humanity and war crimes.

Nuon Chea spent his first night in a detention cell at the tribunal headquarters on the outskirts of the capital, tribunal spokesman Reach Sambath said Thursday.

We have been informed by medical doctors and detention guards that he is in good spirits. He is in "good health for an elderly person," the spokesman said, adding that it was important to "provide the best services we can" so he stays healthy enough to face trial.

The tribunal is investigating abuses committed when the communist Khmer Rouge held power from 1975-1979. The Khmer Rouge's radical policies have been blamed for the deaths of 1.7 million of their countrymen from starvation, overwork and execution.

Nuon Chea has denied any responsibility for the regime's mass brutality, though he has said he was ready to face the tribunal. He made no comments upon his arrest Wednesday, but his son indicated Nuon Chea would cooperate with the panel.

"My father is happy to shed light on the Khmer Rouge regime for the world and people to understand," Nuon Say said.

Nuon Chea joined the Khmer Rouge in the 1950s in its formative stages as the country's underground communist party, later becoming its chief political ideologue and right-hand man to Pol Pot.

Nuon Chea is the second, and highest-ranking, Khmer Rouge leader detained to appear before the panel.

Kaing Guek Eav, also known as Duch, who headed the former Khmer Rouge S-21 torture center, was charged on July 31 with crimes against humanity. Prosecutors have recommended three other suspects for trial, but have not named them publicly.

Duch has told investigators that Nuon Chea had "direct command" over S-21, where many purged communist cadre were detained, tortured and executed.

Reach Sambath said both suspects' cells were equipped with cable television and a radio. Nuon Chea has previously told journalists he spends most of his time listening to radio news or watching English soccer, including his favorite team Liverpool.

Nuon Chea will be given three high-calorie meals a day to ensure he stays healthy, and four Cambodian doctors, five nurses and an ambulance will be available around-the-clock for both men, the spokesman said.

"Cambodian people in general do not get the kind of services they are getting," Reach Sambath said. "But we want them to live as long as possible so that they can defend themselves and confront the law."

Chum Mey, 77, one of the few survivors of S-21 prison, recalled his brutal incarceration.

He was tortured, shackled in a tiny cell with a small ammunition box to use as a toilet and given a twice-daily ration of porridge consisting largely of water and a few grains of rice, he said.

"But I do not envy them," he said of the defendants. "If we do not give them good services, they could fall ill. If something worse than that happens to them, it will be very frustrating."

Tension high after shooting

Commission investigates why security company opened fire

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday refused to criticize a U.S. security company in Iraq accused in a shooting that left 11 civilians dead, saying investigators need to determine if the guards violated rules governing their operations.

Bush said he expected Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki would raise the shooting by agents of Blackwater USA when they meet next week at the U.N. General Assembly.

Al-Maliki has urged the U.S. Embassy to find another security firm to protect its diplomats, saying he cannot tolerate "the killing of our citizens in cold blood." He called the shootings a "crime" and said they had generated "widespread anger and hatred."

"Obviously, to the extent innocent life was lost, you know, I'm saddened," the president said at a wide-ranging news conference. "Our objective is to protect innocent life. And we've got a lot of brave souls in the theater working hard to protect innocent life."

Officials of Blackwater, the Moyock, N.C.-based company, say its employees acted appropriately in response to an armed attack Sunday against a State Department convoy. Blackwater is the main provider of bodyguards and armed escorts for U.S. government civilian employees in Iraq.

In a telephone conversation on Monday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice asked al-Maliki to delay any initial action to the shooting and that any permanent measures be held up until all the facts were known, a senior State Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity to provide details of the private discussion.

Maliki, however, insisted on taking a stronger line and warned that continued use of the contractors would further inflame tensions, the official said. Blackwater's operations in Iraq were suspended, prompting the U.S. embassy in Baghdad to ban all road convoys by diplomats and other civilian personnel outside the heavily fortified Green Zone.

A U.S.-Iraqi commission is looking into the shooting.



An Iraqi traffic policeman inspects a car destroyed by a Blackwater security detail in al-Nisoor Square in Baghdad Thursday.

The shooting is the latest source of tension between Baghdad and Washington as Bush presses ahead with the Iraq war despite strong opposition across the United States and in the Democratic-led Congress. A week ago, Bush announced gradual cutbacks in U.S. forces from the current peak of 168,000 soldiers. Even so, the plan would leave 130,000 U.S. troops or more in Iraq next summer.

Bush acknowledged Baghdad would not meet the goal he set last January for Iraq to take over security in all of its 18 provinces by November.

"Achieving those goals have been slower than we thought," Bush said. But he said the goals were still worth pursuing.

"Part of the reason why there's not this instant democracy in Iraq is because people are still recovering from Saddam Hussein's brutal rule," Bush said. "Sort of an interesting comment, I heard somebody say, 'Where's Mandela?' Well, Mandela's dead because Saddam Hussein killed all the Mandelas."

It was a reference to the charismatic former leader of South Africa who helped reconcile his country after decades of racial division. Mandela is still

alive.

On another foreign policy issue, Bush said he took seriously threats by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. "This is a person that consistently talks about the use of force on Israel, for example, and Israel is our very firm and strong ally," Bush said.

He was asked about a recent statement by France's foreign minister that the international community should prepare for the possibility of war in the event Iran obtains atomic weapons — although the official later stressed the focus remains on diplomatic pressures.

"I have consistently stated that I am hopeful that we can convince the Iranian regime to give up any ambitions it has in developing a weapons program, and do so peacefully," Bush said. "That ought to be the objective of any diplomacy."

He also defended the decision of New York officials to deny Ahmadinejad permission to lay a wreath next week at ground zero — site of the destroyed World Trade Center. "I can understand why they would not want somebody that's running a country that's a state sponsor of terror down there at the site," the president said.

FRANCE

French President accuses Iran of nuclear activity

Associated Press

PARIS — French President Nicolas Sarkozy accused Iran directly of seeking nuclear weapons Thursday and suggested tougher sanctions against the Mideast nation.

Sarkozy, who has toughened the French position on Iran since taking office in May, called the possibility of an Iranian bomb "unacceptable."

Sarkozy was expected to discuss sanctions with other world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly next week.

If current sanctions are not sufficient, Sarkozy said, "I want stronger sanctions," he said in a televised interview. But he insisted that France does not want to see tensions lead to war.

The United States and other world powers suspect Tehran of seeking nuclear weapons, while Tehran insists it only wants nuclear technology to produce electricity. Two rounds of U.N. sanctions have failed to end the deadlock.

"It's a very difficult matter, but France does not want war," Sarkozy said. He said negotiations with Iran were still possible. Sarkozy, known for his frank manner, dispensed with diplomatic niceties when referring to Iran's nuclear activities.

"Iran is trying to acquire a nuclear bomb. I say to the French, 'It's unacceptable,'" Sarkozy said.

"How can we convince (the Iranians) to renounce this project as the international community

has convinced North Korea and Libya? Through discussion, dialogue, sanctions," he said.

Sarkozy stepped back slightly from comments by Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner on Sunday that the world should "prepare for the worst" in Iran, specifically "war." Amid criticism, Kouchner later softened that, insisting he just wanted to underline the gravity of the Iranian nuclear problem.

"I would not have used the word 'war,'" Sarkozy said Thursday.

Kouchner, in a speech in

Washington Thursday, expanded on the recommendation by Sarkozy for tightening sanctions.

"An Iran with a military nuclear capability is, for us, an unacceptable prospect," he said, speaking in English. "If sanctions without dialogue can only lead to confrontation, dialogue without sanctions is unfortunately tantamount to weakness."

Meanwhile, U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said that the U.S. expects agreement in the

next few weeks on a resolution for new sanctions.

He said the U.S. hopes to prepare the groundwork for the new resolution at a meeting in Washington on Friday of political directors from six key nations that have been trying to negotiate with Iran — the U.S., Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany — and at a follow-up ministerial meeting in New York next Friday.

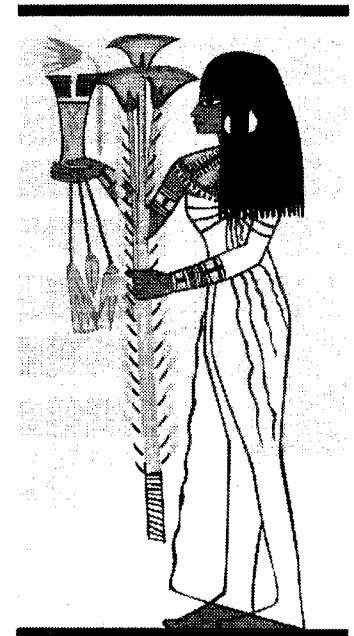
"I expect the issue to be transferred to New York, to the Security Council, in the next several weeks," Khalilzad said in an interview with three reporters. "We expect that we would ... get an agreement in the next few weeks. That's our expectation. That's what we're working towards."

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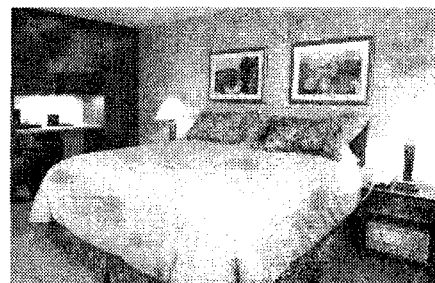
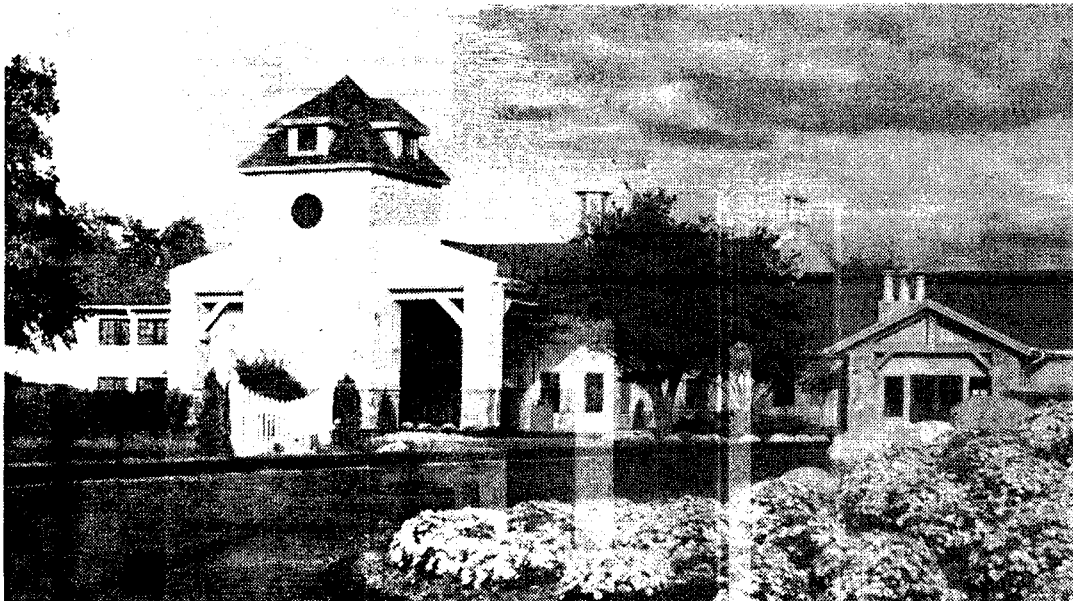
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Health Dept. recalls lunch boxes

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — About 56,000 lunch boxes distributed by California in an effort to promote healthful eating may contain lead, and state officials Thursday urged consumers not to use them.

Tests found elevated levels of lead in three of the boxes, which were made in China and given out at health fairs and other events, said officials of the state Department of Public Health. They carried a logo saying, "Eat fruits and vegetables and be active."

"Certainly it's unfortunate that an item we're using to hopefully promote healthy behavior is then discovered to be a potential health hazard," the department's director, Mark Horton, told reporters in a conference call.

A test by the Sacramento County Health Department in July indicated the boxes contained lead, he said. Several weeks of more sophisticated testing confirmed the presence

of lead "in multiple parts of the box," including the logo, he said.

Asked why it took so long to issue a warning to the public, Horton said: "I think we took the appropriate steps based on the information available to us at the time."

Lead can cause brain damage when ingested by young children. Horton urged parents whose children may have used the boxes to consult

with a physician to see whether they should be tested. The green canvas boxes were imported from China by T-A Creations Inc. of Los Angeles.

The only request for testing

was for the linings, which were found to be lead-free, said company vice president Andrew Halim.

But Horton said the lining of the tested boxes also contained some lead.

An Associated Press investigation published in February revealed that government testing has shown high levels of lead in the vinyl lining of many children's lunch boxes. Almost every lunch box found to contain lead was made in

China, which has been under increasing international pressure to improve the quality of its exports after dangerous toxins were found in goods ranging from toys to toothpaste.

"Certainly it's unfortunate that an item we're using to hopefully promote healthy behavior is then discovered to be a potential health hazard."

Mark Horton
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Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — As a government publicity photographer, Joe O'Donnell took pictures of U.S. presidents from Truman to Johnson, but he never got much credit for the work during his lifetime.

After his death at 85 last month in Nashville, O'Donnell was falsely credited in newspaper obituaries with taking the famous photo of little John F. Kennedy Jr. saluting his father's casket at the 1963 funeral procession.

After that error was discovered, it soon became apparent that O'Donnell had been selling photographs he never took through a Nashville art gallery — a fraud that outraged other photographers.

The source for the obituaries was a publicist for The Arts Company, which sold copyrighted prints of the salute photo as well as others that O'Donnell falsely claimed as his own.

Gallery owner Anne Brown said she never tried to verify that O'Donnell had taken the photos because she accepted his word.

But the Kennedy photo was actually taken by United Press International photographer Stan Stearns — the most famous picture he ever snapped.

O'Donnell's son, Tyge O'Donnell, blamed his father's dementia for the error, suggesting he mistakenly claimed to have taken Stearns' photo and several others because he had trouble remembering which pictures were his.

When Stearns saw his photo on O'Donnell's obituary, he said he was shocked. Stearns and his former UPI colleagues immediately began calling other retired photographers and news organizations to correct the error.

O'Donnell took publicity photos of presidents and historical events for the U.S. Information Agency, which offered the images to foreign media.

He was never an official White House photographer, a position that did not exist until the Johnson administration. But he did work in the White House, under several administrations, and the National Archives has presidential photos that are listed as being taken by him.

Heather Graulich, who researched O'Donnell's photographs for an article for the National Press Photographers Association, said there is no evidence that he falsely made any claims about photographs before 1994, about the time his family has said he began having trouble with his memory.

Because the government owned all the negatives to his

pictures, O'Donnell had to go to the National Archives in 1998 to find some of his photographs and make prints. It is possible he also made prints of other photographers' work.

"I had the sense that his mind was beginning to go a bit," staff archivist Nick Natanson recalled.

Since at least 1999, O'Donnell claimed to have taken a version of the salute photo.

The Associated Press, in its obituary, said that "O'Donnell was one of several photographers to capture a picture of John F. Kennedy Jr. saluting his father's casket," but even that claim is now suspect.

There are a number of different photos of the salute, although Stearns' is the most famous. As a photographer

for the U.S. Information Agency, any photo O'Donnell may have taken would have been distributed outside the United States. No evidence has surfaced that

proves he was not at Kennedy's funeral.

"The problem with famous events is there may have been any number of photographers clicking away," Natanson said. "And there may be a considerable number of images that are very close to each other of virtually the same moment."

In the case of the salute photo, it is clear that the one distributed with O'Donnell's obituary was actually taken by Stearns, said Ken Johnston, director of historical content for the Corbis photo archive, which includes all the UPI photos.

But a number of historical photos either lack credits or have incorrect credits, he said.

Hal Buell, a retired head of photography for The Associated Press, said that in the days before photos regularly carried credits, images sometimes got mixed up, and occasionally even the photographers disagreed about who took a particular shot.

On a big story like the Kennedy funeral "the film would all get dumped into one basket," he said. "The need for speed was critical and people would move very quickly."

Family and friends have said O'Donnell would want to be remembered as a peace activist who also took noted photos of Hiroshima and Nagasaki as a young Marine photographer at the end of World War II.

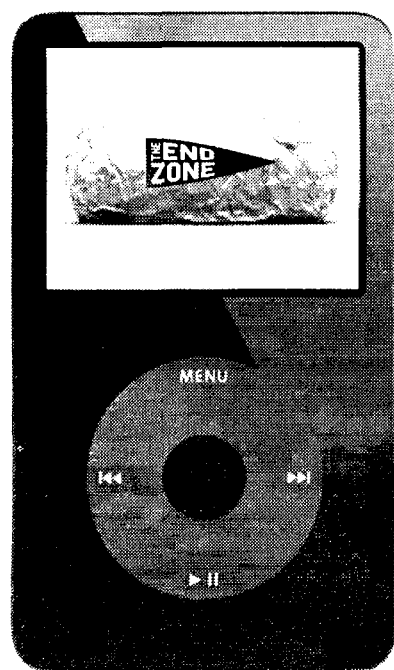
O'Donnell falsely claimed one panoramic photo from Japan as his own, his son said, but the family has the negatives to the other photos, which appeared in a 2005 book published by Vanderbilt University Press.

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Nick Natanson
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Endowment growth follows Notre Dame's mission

Notre Dame is \$1.4 billion richer than last year — certainly a feat. Couple that with the University's decision not to invest in 350 companies that bishops say violate Catholic social teaching, and the accomplishment becomes even more impressive.

In the area of endowment growth, where it's easy to think only of the margins and ratios, Notre Dame imposes its own limits — and still ranks in the top three in endowment growth.

Catholic social teaching "is ingrained in everything we do," Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said Wednesday. "As a Catholic university, it's very much consistent with our mission."

Malpass wants Notre Dame's endowment to break into the top 10. University President Father John Jenkins wants Notre Dame to rank with the best in both research and Ph.D.s. Both say they won't compromise what makes Notre Dame different — its Catholic identity, its tradition

of service, its emphasis on morality.

Clearly, the University didn't need to invest in the 350 banned companies — it's made billions without them. Still, it's a testament to Notre Dame's values that the man charged with managing its endowment appears exactly in line with its larger mission.

That's not to say everything is perfect; it's a select few that know exactly how the University handles its money. Notre Dame needs to reevaluate constantly the companies in which it invests to further what seems to be a successful practice of making economic decisions with social justice in mind.

Closing the gap on the schools with the largest endowments is an unrealistic goal. Harvard has \$34.9 billion; Notre Dame won't be there anytime soon. But Malpass expects the University's endowment to rank 14th or 15th this year.

By all accounts, his steady hand and Notre Dame's values make that a feasible — and ethical — goal.

THE OBSERVER Editorial

Global warming: The upside

They've done it. After years of coming up short, Looten Plunder, Hoggish Greedy, and Verminous Skumm have done what they set out to do. They've defeated Captain Planet. For years they had one goal and one goal only ... pollution. These eco-pollutants never had any monetary goal, no method to their madness They just wanted to pollute — plain and simple. They poured toxic sludge on baby seals, released poisonous gasses into nurseries and stuffed landfills full of non-biodegradable materials. Finally, they've achieved their goal: Global warming. And we couldn't be happier.

Global warming is the hottest (pun intended) thing to land in the U.S. — no, the world, since the old Heartland closed up and gave way to Michiana's number one bar/nightclub. Unfortunately, many are failing to appreciate said hotness. People everywhere are complaining about this "warming trend". Notre Dame has even pledged to fight global warming in its new commercial. Such a commotion hasn't been raised over an issue like this since Ricki Lake hung up her mic. But unlike that tragic moment, global warming has tremendous upside.

The best thing about global warming is that it, like the inability to understand

the appeal of Drew Barrymore, is global.

Global warming doesn't discriminate, it affects everyone. Having something awesome in common will help unite people of all nations. No longer will Eskimos and Jamaicans clash over climatic differences. Instead they'll come together to construct killer sand igloos and stuff like that. Russians and Americans will be able to look past that "Cold" War nonsense and set aside their differences ... it'd be like the end of Rocky IV except without the crappy sequel(s). But perhaps most important of all, Africans and Asians will finally have something to talk about at barbecues. (It's about time!)

Global warming not only heats up the party, but also it cools down the grievances that could potentially stand in the way of a global mega bash (GMB). The kick butt-ness of this party is almost inconceivable to the human mind. Picture the resulting love child of a three-some involving World War II, Woodstock and Mardi Gras, multiply it by infinity and you've got roughly 1/3 of the GMB.

Not only does global warming facilitate gargantuan galas, it will also help squash the lamest thing on campus outside of Jimmy Clausen's haircut ... the career fair. The career fair sucks. To get any sort of job you've either got to be faker than Lieutenant Dan's legs or be a complete Douchebag. No one likes to stand in line hearing the same joke about how dressed up everyone is, wearing an uncomfortable suit and holding a leather folder that will serve no other purpose in life except to talk to some recruiter who looks like he's trying to sell ice to

Eskimos. Those dudes rattle off more awful jokes than Carlos Mencia in a three hour special. The days of the career fair making students feel like crap about their preparedness for the future are nearing their end. Global warming will solve this problem by making careers out of what used to be strictly summer jobs.

Year-round warm weather will create year-round demand for life-guards, ice cream shop cashiers, dog-walkers, landscapers and countless others. The transition from college employment to permanent career would be seamless. Instead of slumping over your cubicle's desk, filling out pointless spread sheets and getting Lumberg's coffee, students will be able to lounge in their guard tower, tell little kids what to do and scope out fly honeyz.

This proves beyond a reasonable doubt that global warming is both a reality and a blessing. Global warming has been scientifically verified by the Kessler and research team in Bellevue, Wash. Now people everywhere will be able to save money on firewood, birds will save on their yearly travel bills, bears will be hangin' out all year round and penguins suck anyway. Take that Al Gore!

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Live forever or die in the attempt."

Joseph Heller
U.S. novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CIA, Raytheon's place at ND debated

Country does not surpass God

Country, God, Notre Dame. Perhaps this should be the new sequence of our University's age-old maxim. Because, as Nic Ponzio wrote in his letter ("Keep the career fair unrestricted," Sept. 19), refusing organizations with policies at odds with our University's mission statement "would infringe upon our duty to pay service to our country." We must, therefore, place our obligations to the state above any sort of pursuit of justice and the common good.

Unfortunately for Ponzio's argument, our mission statement makes no mention of any requirement for our University to lay down its principles at the hands of the state. In fact, it seems to say the opposite.

It says we, as a University, should try to become more aware of the injustices that are a crushing burden for so many in the world. It does not say to ignore these injustices when they are committed by our own government or the corporations which support our military-industrial complex. It does not say to work for justice until such a quest finds you questioning your own government and those connected to it. It does not say that the common good means the good of the state.

I am also concerned that Ponzio, and perhaps others, do not understand the depth to which both the CIA and Raytheon contradict our University's mission. Ponzio would have us think that the manufacturing of deadly weapons only constitutes a "small aspect" of Raytheon's work. Unfortunately, this assumption could not be further from the truth. The Army Times Publishing Company, a leading military and government news publisher, found that 96.1 percent of Raytheon's revenues came from military contracts with the Department of Defense. Last year the company's revenues came to \$20.2 billion. Consequently, Raytheon received over \$19 billion in one year alone in arms production — hardly a small aspect by any stretch of the imagination.

The résumé of the CIA is scarred with torture, forced disappearance and the operation of secret prisons. Just today, The Economist raised concerns about the "black sites" where detainees are held by the CIA, the existence of which President Bush admitted last year. Oddly enough, Ponzio accepted such evidence as valid yet still believes that our mission to support the government supercedes such scandalous injustice.

If Ponzio delved deeper into Notre Dame's history, he would find a story of another student protest against the CIA. In 1968, pressure from students forced the University to reevaluate its position on campus recruitment. But while students during the height of the Vietnam era questioned the morality of involvement with such an organization, Ponzio might refer to such actions as "asinine and ignorant." I would say these actions are worthy of a more serious, mature reflection.

While Ponzio hopes to keep the Job Fair "unrestricted," regrettably, the only restriction at yesterday's event was imposed against student free speech. A total of six Notre Dame students, including myself, were kicked out of the event by NDSP officers for handing out information on the CIA and Raytheon. As individual students, we are apparently not allowed to express our concern for issues that form the cornerstone of our University. It seems as though Nic Ponzio is not alone in his view.

Country, God, Notre Dame indeed.

Michael Angulo
junior
Stanford Hall
Sept. 20

Women's Soccer: Thanks for support

Dear Students,

On behalf of my staff and the entire women's soccer team, I wanted to thank you for your attendance and support so far this season. We would like to especially thank the "mob" from O'Neill Hall who came out in full force for our game against Princeton Friday night. Know that your support and encouragement does not go unnoticed by our team.

With that said, we could use even more of you in the stands this weekend. We open up Big East play on Friday at 7:30 p.m. against DePaul, and then take on nationally-ranked Penn State on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The Penn State game, televised live on ESPNU, is a rematch of last year's NCAA quarterfinals, and we need a huge crowd there to create an imposing atmosphere for the Nittany Lions. Don't underestimate the impact you can make for us, as we take on a team looking to avenge their loss to us.

I appreciate your continued support throughout the season and look forward to seeing you on Friday and Sunday.

Go Irish!

Randy Waldrum
women's soccer coach
Sept. 20

Organizations not to blame

The ostensible target of the Sept. 19 article entitled "Recruiters incompatible with Notre Dame mission" is the CIA and Raytheon. However, many of the criticisms go disturbingly deeper than just a preemptive attack on these organizations. The overarching criticism is that "these organizations are founded on the propagation of a society that creates and consumes violence." Which of the companies visiting for the Career Expo is not supported by our society? Regardless of our society's alleged addiction to violence, you cannot blame organizations for being supported by that society.

The specific criticism of Raytheon is that their "profit increases only as American actions take the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians." This is not an argument against Raytheon as a specific organization, but an argument against capitalism. As long as wars are fought and armies armed, there will be a need for weapons and armaments. Let me be the first to be thankful that companies are willing and able to provide our armed forces with the highest technologically advanced weaponry available.

As for the CIA, they are condemned for "their morally questionable involvement in the War on Terror." Last time I checked, the CIA was not a lone rebel government agency single-handedly fending off those who would slaughter us in the name of Allah. It seems to me that the authors have a broader beef with our foreign policy than the CIA finds itself a part of.

Basically, the authors of this piece have used the presence of the CIA and Raytheon on campus as a whipping boy for our society, economic system and foreign policy. At the best, this is misleading, and at the worst, it is dishonest. Putting their blatant disdain for our way of life aside, let's take the authors' arguments at face value for a minute. Unfortunately, we will eventually have to venture out beyond Our Lady's University, and when we do, we will not have Father Jenkins to tell us which jobs we should and should not consider. Consider, though, that in his inaugural address Father Jenkins asked, "If we are afraid to be different from the world, how can we make a difference in the world?" If we truly do want to make a difference in this world, wouldn't it make much more sense to send out Notre Dame graduates to every possible place in order to make a positive impact by bringing our unique combination of morals and education to bear in a range of settings and situations?

Our goal should not be to shelter Domers from the big bad world but rather to send out graduates to these "morally troubling" institutions so that we may make a positive impact in the world against the Trinity Evils: Society, Economy and Foreign Policy.

Drew Clary
junior
abroad
Sept. 20

Show school spirit

Dear fellow students,

I would like to encourage everyone to be as pumped up for this weekend's game as you could ever be. It's been over a year since we've had a truly electric atmosphere on this campus and our team needs us more than ever. So here's how it goes: Go nuts. Be crazy. Pop some blood vessels if you have to. Just cheer your butt off, as it's really not too hard. Same goes for you, alums. As important as it is we're all wearing The Shirt today to show solidarity, it's slightly more important we go crazy when the game is actually happening.

I would also like to encourage the Notre Dame Stadium ushers to stop throwing out innocent, legal students from the stadium, especially when their only infraction is trying to get others excited. I know plucking students out of their seats for public intoxication is akin to shooting fish in a barrel, but I'm sure one of the thousands of older alumni coming in for the senior alumni game could use your assistance in finding their seats.

Thank you.

Rob Arseniadis
Chris Wilson
seniors
off campus
Sept. 20

Jones' departure leads to embarrassment

As everyone knows, Demetrius Jones has departed for Northern Illinois University. Now it is being reported that Notre Dame is refusing to release him from his scholarship, which will require that he pay tuition when he enrolls at NIU. Athletic Director Kevin White explains this by saying, "We don't believe his departure was handled appropriately." Granted, Jones may have acted immaturely, as 19-year-olds do sometimes. But would it be too unreasonable to expect a Christian university to forgive the rash, emotional actions of a kid who has just suffered serious disappointment? I am not asking the University to sacrifice anything; I am just making the relatively undemanding suggestion that Notre Dame not take actions motivated primarily by spite. The football team's performance on the field has been embarrassing. It might be wise for the athletic department to not embarrass the University off the field as well, especially when it would cost them virtually nothing.

Paul Schofield
alumnus
Class of 2002
Sept. 20

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ND alums return to South Bend for concert

By KEN FOWLER and CHRIS MCGRADY
Staff Writers

Bryan Bond

What do Clark Kent, Peter Parker and Bryan Bond have in common? Besides a strong case of moniker alliteration, they all masquerade as a normal working stiff during the day, only to have a much livelier (and, frankly, much cooler) night job.

Bond, the lesser known of our crusaders, is an account manager by day and a rock musician by night. But Bond is quick to note, that rock music can be loosely defined.

"You say rock, and some people think System of a Down," Bond said in an interview Wednesday. "That makes me cringe. I'd say my music sounds like a Texan doing Brit-rock."

However you define rock and roll, Bond is worth a listen. He is reminiscent of bands like Travis, The Verve and U2 — this rocker's sound is refined, but edgy. In his track "Mutually Exclusive," it's almost impossible to not be reminded of Oasis, with the same alt-rock sound and lyrics. Bonds approach to writing music has served him well.

"It's really interesting how this whole inspiration things works," Bond said, "It's always important not to force a song. It will come when it's ready. If I don't feel the emotion, what's the point?"

This "wait-and-see" approach has worked wonders for his music. Unlike so many bands in today's pop-scene, Bond's music sounds inspired, transcending the power chord progressions wreaking havoc in modern rock. But this talent can't be attributed solely to luck — Bond has spent years getting it right, and music has long been a part of his life.

He started out writing songs before he had even picked up an instrument.

"My mom actually caught me watching the symphony when I was three or four years old," Bond said. "She went to the change the channel, and I started crying."

Not a typical response from most toddlers. Then again, Bond is anything but typical.

His first guitar came as a gift from his uncle at the age of seven, and immediately Bond was in love.

"He probably just gave it to me to shut me up," Bond recalls. "That's all I would ever talk about as a kid, how I needed a guitar so I could play all of the songs I had rolling around in my head."

He played his first club-gig at age fourteen, and has never looked back.

Now as an adult, Bond keeps his skills sharp with a show at least every few weeks, while trying to balance the rest of his interests. One of these interests? Notre Dame.

"I never really paid much attention to Notre Dame until I met two of my best friends in college," Bond said. "They were both die-hard Notre Dame fans. I started following the team a little and eventually made my first trip to campus. I was in awe. I just totally identified with everything about the school. The way they treated their athletes, their standards, their mission, everything."

But beyond this passion for the university, Bond's love for music is paramount. He puts his whole heart and soul into his sound, and for good reason.

"I don't understand the power of music, but I'm in awe of it, and I'm constantly humbled by it," Bond said. "Joy, pain, remorse, sorrow — music transcends them all. Maybe I'm being a little dramatic ... but at any rate, it blows my mind."

Dramatic? Perhaps. But mostly, it's the truth, and a musician with Bond's dedication and scope is a breath

of fresh air in today's relatively stale and commercialized pop-music scene. As Bond said, "Truly inspired music sounds inspired." Yes, yes it does.

The Surreal McCoys

Bond will open for the Surreal McCoys, a high-octane combination of The Clash-meets-Johnny Cash.

"It's kind of the twang of country music with the thrash and intensity of punk rock," said Shawn Ryan, one of the McCoys. "And it's a whole lot of fun to play."

The combination is evident in "The Velvet Rope of Your Heart," one of the McCoys' original tunes: "Can't substitute love for addiction / Can't feed you truth when you're starving for fiction / That's just not part of my program anymore."

The McCoys debuted three new original songs Thursday night in a show in Michigan and will have a slew of new covers in their repertoire for the gig at Simeri's tonight. Still, they're all about the audience involvement. Ryan said he encourages full participation, even a little stage-hogging from the women in attendance.

It was back in 1991, while Ryan was a Notre Dame Law School student, that the band first coalesced. The group includes five NDLS alumni — among them, three double domers.

In 1992, after Ryan's graduation, the band split up. A decade later, with members living near each other again, they revived the group and even made an appearance on National Public Radio in December 2005.

They attracted a following on the message boards of NDNation.com, where Ryan posts, and where he first listened to Bond's demo tape before asking the musician to open tonight.

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Photo courtesy of surrealmccoy.com

The Surreal McCoys' part-country, part-punk rock music will return to South Bend tonight.



Photo courtesy of bryanbondmusic.com

Notre Dame alum Bryan Bond will open for the Surreal McCoys.



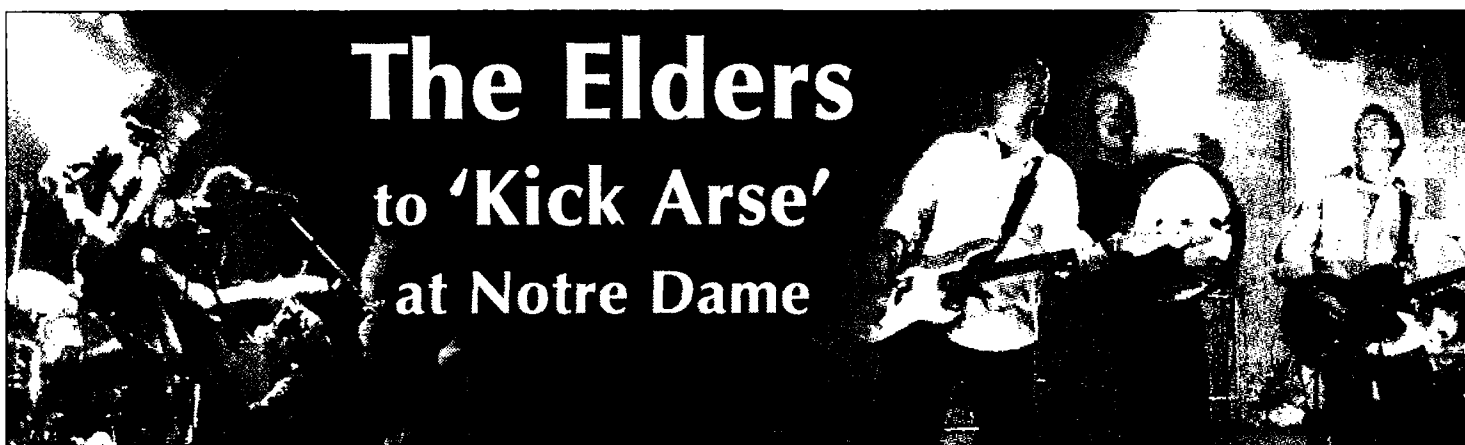
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Bryan Bond's refined and edgy music is reminiscent of bands like Travis, The Verve, and U2.



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The Surreal McCoys won the Notre Dame Law School talent show while they were studying at Notre Dame.



The Elders to 'Kick Arse' at Notre Dame

OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Madeline Nies

By STEPHANIE DEPREZ
Staff Writer

What do you get when you mix Irish roots, passion for America and expert musicians?

The Elders, that's what.

Their sound is infectious. With lilting melodies and a jamming bass, The Elders manage to fuse Irish musical style with American folk-rock. Put simply, these rockers kick arse.

The Elders are most often found playing Irish festivals and pubs around the heartland of America, but tonight they will bring their innovative sound to Notre Dame, playing in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 8:30 p.m.

With the release of their new CD, "Racing the Tide," the Elders are blasting into the main stream. Each musi-

cian is notable in his own right. The band includes former members of many well known folk-oriented groups like Asleep at the Wheel, Tommy Shaw Band and The Rainmakers.

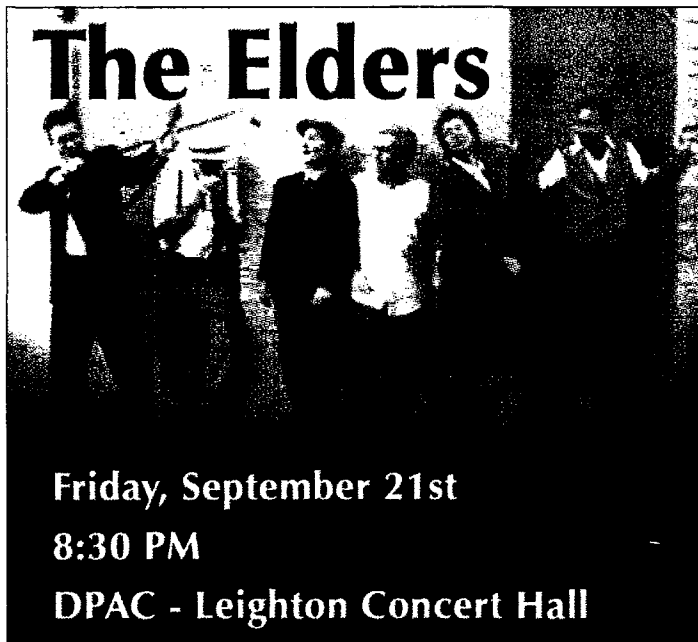
Formed in Kansas City, Kan., the band has toured all over the U.S., including Denver, Chicago, and New York. They even took their act to Ireland in 2003 and got in touch with their roots. The band includes five Kansas musicians, guitarist Steve Phillips, bassist Norm

Dahlor, violinist Brent Hoard, drummer Tommy Sutherland, and keyboardist

Joe Miquelon, but are fronted by Irishman Ian Byrne.

Their music has become more and more popular. Their PBS special "Live at the Gem" has aired on over 100 stations. "Send a Prayer" is currently working its way up the radio station

The Elders manage to fuse Irish musical style with American folk rock.



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The Elders

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Recommended Tracks: "Send a Prayer," "Banshee Cry"



circuit.

Their sound is familiar, yet exciting. Refreshing in a world that has become obsessed with quick punk-pop hits and one-punch indie tunes, the Elders manage to sing about hope and irony in life, while playing distinctly Irish tunes. They easily dance between Irish folk, modern pop and Americana.

The result is addicting. It is impossible to listen to their music and not feel just a little more joyful. They are free spirited and rooted in authenticity.

"Racing the Tide," their sixth CD-release, is a breath of fresh air for anyone who lives within the confines of generic college-campus music. It opens with "Send a Prayer," the clear hit of the album.

Folk influences are immediately noticeable, and as the song picks up, the lyrics take

hold. The chorus arrives and takes the song to a new pop height that will be stuck in your head for days.

Songs such as "Bad Irish Boy" are in the vein of true Irish rock. Genuine Irish jigs are also to be found, like "Story of a Fish."

"Right with the World" is a sentimental song of hope, and "Dear God" sounds like the Irish pop band The Corrs. Funky tunes like "Australia" pop up without warning. The Elders weave back and forth between joy and pain with effortless strength.

Tickets for the show are available at the DPAC box office. Tickets cost \$28 for regular admission, \$24 for faculty, staff, and seniors and \$15 for students.

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Assistant Scene Editor

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre and the Notre Dame iNdustry Alliance continue their annual tradition of bringing film industry leaders to Notre Dame tonight, with a panel of three screenwriters to speak at the DPAC.

Larry Karaszewski, Jim Jennewein, and Stephen Susco will share their knowledge of filmwriting.

Speakers will present clips they chose from their films and speak about their experiences with writing and developing ideas, but will concentrate on interacting with the audience and taking questions. FTT faculty member Ted Mandell, who helped to organize the event, remarked that students will "learn a lot."

The event is aimed at all Notre Dame students, not just FTT majors. The iNdustry Alliance is made up of Notre Dame alumni with careers in the film industry, including a wide range of majors. With these events (last year they brought director Tony Bill), they hope to expose Notre Dame students to career possibilities.

Acclaimed screenwriter Larry Karaszewski is a South Bend native (he graduated from Riley High School) who worked as an on-air film critic for WNDU and a comedy writer for the Peabody Award-winning local television show "Beyond Our Control."

Along with his writing partner Scott Alexander, he has built a successful career in screenwriting. Together they have won a Golden Globe and a Golden Satellite Award for "The People vs. Larry Flynt" as well as a special Writers Guild award for their work with civil rights and liberties.

Jim Jennewein, a 1977 Notre Dame graduate, has worked as both an advertising and film writer. Working on movies such as "Richie Rich," "The Flintstones" and "Major League II," Jennewein has over 17 years of film writing experience. Jennewein, about to publish his first book, a comedy adventure for young adults, can also offer advice to aspiring authors.

Stephen Susco, a 1995 Notre Dame graduate, launched himself into success with his first produced script for the "The Grudge," which ultimately grossed over \$300 million worldwide. He has also written scripts for "The Grudge II," "The Forge of God" and "Crawlspac." He is currently producing three films, which he helped to write, "The Dibbuk Box," "Zero. Dark. Thirty" and "RED."

The talk at 7:30 p.m. is a free, but ticketed event in the Browning Cinema at the DPAC. Tickets can be requested from the DPAC ticket office.

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The Elders fuse Irish folk music with other influences, ranging from modern pop to Americana.



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The Elders are breaking into the music scene with their CD "Racing the Tide."

MLB

Phillies erase four-run deficit to down Nationals

Philadelphia pulls within 1.5 games of New York in National League East as Mets lose in extra innings to Florida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jimmy Rollins and the Philadelphia Phillies put together yet another comeback victory in a season full of them, then ducked into a cramped clubhouse Thursday night and got to celebrate something they found equally exciting.

A half-hour after rallying from a four-run deficit to beat the Washington Nationals 7-6 on Rollins' tiebreaking RBI double, the Phillies watched on TV as the team they're chasing in the NL East — the New York Mets — lost in extra innings.

Put the results together, and Philadelphia moved within 1 1/2 games of the division lead. Remember: This is a team that has not spent a day in first place all season, and trailed the Mets by seven games on Sept. 12.

When the winning run crossed in the 10th to give the Florida Marlins an 8-7 victory over New York, more than a dozen Phillies players and coaches thrust their arms in the air — many holding cups of beer aloft — and screamed. Very loudly.

They clapped, they hugged, they high-fived.

Oh, the race is on.

"We're here now. How? I don't know," said Rollins, who also scored the tying run in the seventh after doubling. "But it's sweet now, and that's all that matters."

The Phillies trailed 6-2 entering the seventh, but Jayson Werth delivered a pinch-hit, three-run homer and Chase Utley's grounder tied it.

It all added up to the Phillies' seventh victory in eight games

— and the team's 47th come-from-behind victory, the most in the majors.

"I just sit there and watch and concentrate on pitchers getting people out," manager Charlie Manuel said.

"It's fun, and it's about time for everything to even out," he added, referring to how his team fell just short of qualifying for the playoffs in 2005 and 2006.

He had sounded an optimistic note before the opener of a four-game series at Washington that will mark the end of baseball at RFK Stadium. The Nationals, who took two of three from the Mets this week, move to a new park in 2008.

"We're still looking at the division. Things can happen. We could win three in a row, they could lose three in a row," Manuel said before the game. "We're still in it, and we've still got a chance."

Philadelphia looked on its way to blowing an opportunity against the lowly Nationals, though, thanks in part to a poor outing by starter Kyle Lohse. When he left after only 37 pitches, the Phillies trailed 6-2. His line: two innings, six runs, six hits, two walks, no strikeouts, one hit batter.

But that big seventh tied it for Philadelphia. And in the eighth, Jonathan Albaladejo (1-1), Washington's fourth pitcher, walked Carlos Ruiz, who stole second.

With two outs, Rollins lined a shot just inside the first-base bag to drive in the tiebreaking run and draw chants of "M-V-P!" from a loud group of Phillies fans in the crowd of 19,966 — probably the same folks who



Phillies outfielder Jason Werth, right, celebrates with shortstop Jimmy Rollins after hitting a three-run homerun in Philadelphia's 7-6 win over Washington Thursday.

chanted "Let's go, Marlins!" while walking out of the ballpark.

"Everything he does sets the table for us," Manuel said about Rollins. "He plays shortstop like Ozzie Smith, so why can't he be the MVP?"

J.C. Romero (1-2) earned the win by escaping a two-on, one-out jam in the seventh, getting pinch-hitter Tony Batista to ground into a 5-4-3 double play. Romero hopped off the mound, and first baseman Ryan Howard pumped a fist.

Tom Gordon came in to get two outs with a man on second in the eighth, and closer Brett

Myers worked around a one-out single in the ninth for his 18th save.

"Their bullpen deserves the credit," Nationals manager Manny Acta said. "They just shut us down for seven innings."

This game ended as well as it began for the Phillies: Utley's two-out triple was followed by Howard's 41st homer to make it 2-0 in the first inning. Howard stopped to admire his shot to right.

Nationals starter Jason Bergmann settled into a nice groove after that, and didn't allow another run. The right-

hander went six innings, and it was when he left that the problems began for Washington.

Luis Ayala came on to begin the seventh and allowed the only two batters he faced to reach base. He was replaced by lefty Arnie Munoz, brought in to face lefty pinch-hitter Pete Laforest — but Manuel countered with another pinch-hitter, Werth. And he put Munoz's fourth pitch into the upper deck in left.

It was a reminder that Philadelphia does, after all, own the NL's highest-scoring offense.

"It's a tremendous lineup," Acta said.

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Love, Chris

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NSCAA Men's Soccer National Rankings

	team	points	previous
1	Wake Forest	575	1
2	UConn	549	4
3	Virginia	512	6
4	NOTRE DAME	475	9
5	West Virginia	464	13
6	Northwestern	425	10
7	Creighton	397	16
8	Santa Clara	391	8
9	Harvard	345	15
10	Indiana	320	2
11	Southern Methodist	287	3
12	Duke	286	5
13	UCLA	282	17
14	Michigan	276	18
15	Virginia Tech	248	19
16	Maryland	241	7
17	South Florida	223	24
18	Saint Louis	211	24
19	Ohio State	175	12
20	UC Santa Barbara	172	14
21	Brown	158	21
22	Washington	115	RV
23	Furman	89.5	22
24	California	68.5	11
25	UC Irvine	54.5	RV

NSCAA National Women's Soccer Rankings

	team	points	previous
1	Stanford	822	1
2	Santa Clara	792	3
3	Portland	758	4
4	Texas A&M	692	5
5	Texas	651	7
6	UCLA	637	6
7	Virginia	618	10
8	North Carolina	599	2
9	Boston College	546	8
10	South Carolina	510	16
11	Florida State	448	13
12	Florida	447	9
13	Tennessee	415	15
14	Rutgers	312	12
15	Purdue	282	22
16	Oklahoma State	271	21
17	Penn State	263	20
18	West Virginia	252	18
19	California	248	14
20	Clemson	180	17
21	NOTRE DAME	179	11
22	Southern California	175	24
23	UConn	157.5	23
24	Marquette	153.5	25
25	Brigham Young	54	RV

Men's CrossCountry Rankings

	team	points	previous
1	Wisconsin	379	1
2	Colorado	369	2
3	Iona	363	4
4	Oregon	362	5
5	Arkansas	329	3
6	Stanford	320	6
7	UTEP	292	20
8	Oklahoma State	277	12
9	Texas	258	16
10	North Carolina St.	249	7
11	Providence	240	11
12	William & Mary	231	21
13	NOTRE DAME	215	14
14	Portland	205	9

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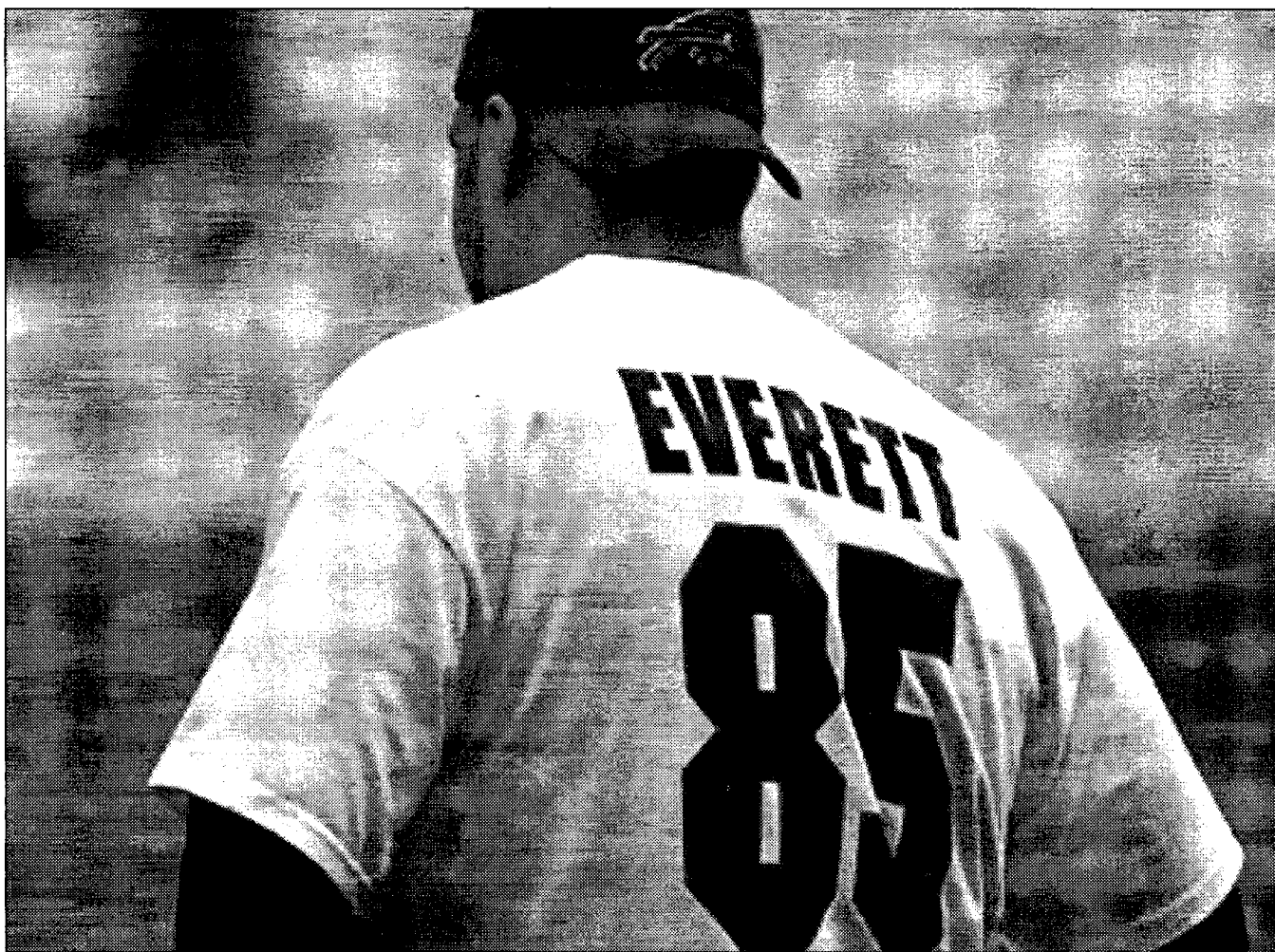
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NFL



An unidentified Buffalo player wears a t-shirt honoring teammate Kevin Everett during the Bills' morning walk-through in Pittsburgh on Sunday. Everett received a life-threatening spinal cord injury two weeks ago.

Everett to walk again within weeks

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Kevin Everett will be transferred Friday morning to a Houston hospital to begin the next phase of his rehabilitation, less than two weeks after the Buffalo Bills tight end sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury.

And doctors said Thursday they believe he will be walking within weeks perhaps sooner.

"Soon ... they're going to stand him up," Dr. Barth Green told The Associated Press, shortly after discussing Everett's condition with Bills orthopedic surgeon Dr. Andrew Cappuccino. "They're very

confident he'll be walking very soon ... in the next days or weeks, not months."

Eric Armstead, a partner of Everett's agent Brian Overstreet, said Everett was going to Houston's Memorial Hermann Hospital and would be traveling by private plane.

"I talked to him today, and he's very excited," Armstead said.

The prognosis is remarkable after Everett arrived at Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital paralyzed from the neck down after being hurt while making a tackle in Buffalo's season opener against Denver on Sept. 9. Doctors initially expressed fears Everett would never

walk again.

Green is chairman of the neurological surgery department at the University of Miami school of medicine and has received regular updates from Everett's doctors on the player's progress.

"Now that doesn't mean he'll be walking normally, but standing up and holding his own weight," Green said. "I think the future for him is very bright."

"He's strong, you all, I'm telling you he's strong," Everett's mother, Patricia Dugas said. "Kevin's going to get up walking and take care of his business like he always has. I don't think life is going to change that much."

Bills spokesman Scott Berchtold said the team had no update on Everett's status.

Everett makes his offseason home in Houston, where many of his family members and friends live.

Green suggested Houston would be the best place to move Everett because it's important for the player to have his family and friends nearby.

"I love the Buffalo people, and I'll hate to leave them," Dugas said. "But it'll be good that we can be closer to home for all our family to come over and see him because they're worried about him. ... He wants to see his family, too."

IN BRIEF

Landis found guilty, forfeits Tour title and gets two-year ban

PARIS — The verdict said "guilty." Like so much else in the confusing, contentious Floyd Landis doping case, though, none of the answers are really that simple.

Landis lost his expensive and explosive case Thursday when two of three arbitrators upheld the results of a test that showed the 2006 Tour de France champion used synthetic testosterone to fuel his spectacular comeback victory.

The decision means Landis, who repeatedly has denied using performance-enhancing drugs, must forfeit his Tour title and is subject to a two-year ban, retroactive to Jan. 30, 2007.

Not that it changes his opinion of who the rightful winner was.

"I am innocent," he said, "and we proved I am innocent."

The majority of the panel disagreed.

NFL confiscates and destroys Patriots videotapes

NEW YORK — The NFL has received and destroyed all materials it requested from the New England Patriots concerning videotaping of opponents' sidelines.

A league statement Thursday said the team was in compliance with a request for tapes and other documents.

"The Patriots have fully cooperated and complied with the requirements of the commissioner's decision," the statement said. "All tapes, documents and other records relating to this matter were turned over to the league office and destroyed, and the Patriots have certified in writing that no copies or other records exist."

"League policies on in-game videotaping and audio communication will continue to be closely monitored and strictly enforced with all 32 teams."

Feds bust house filled with steroids in New Jersey

NEWARK, N.J. — Federal agents on Thursday seized more than 40,000 doses of illegal anabolic steroids from a central New Jersey home they said was being used as a factory.

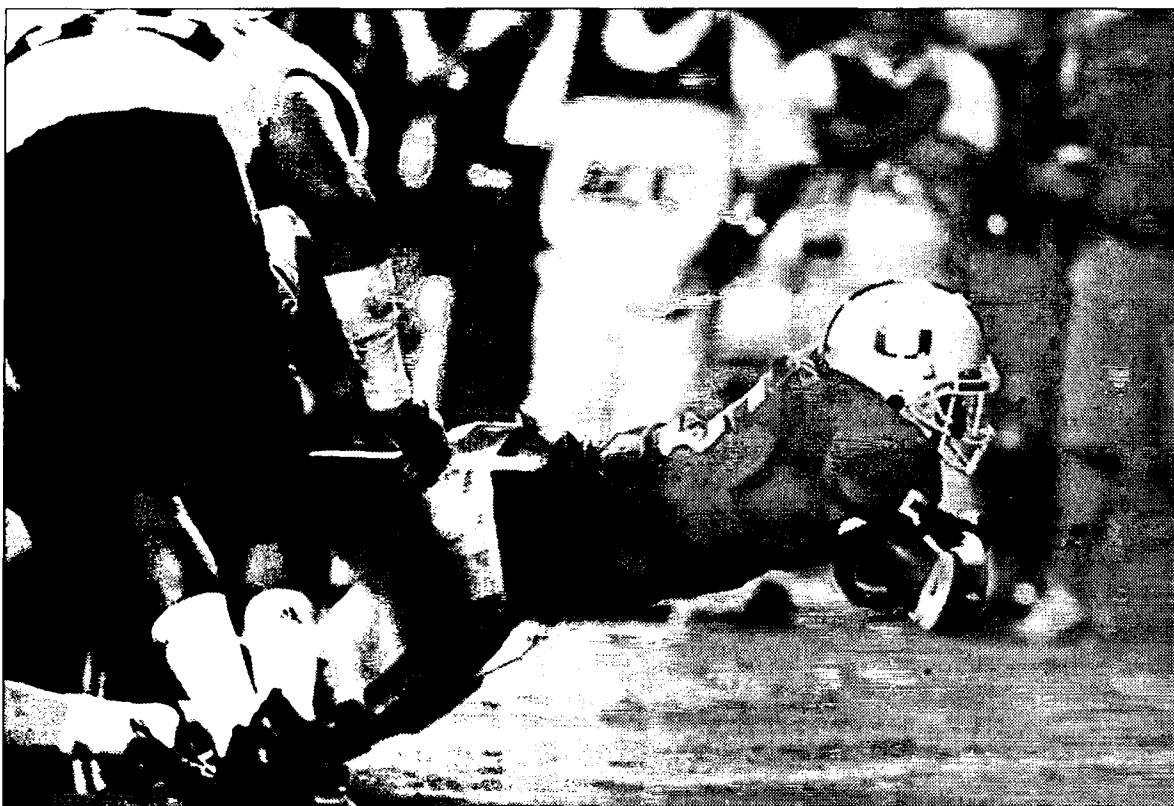
The manufacturing was done in the basement of the Sayreville home of Alfred Scarpa, an electrician who was arrested by the Drug Enforcement Agency, authorities said.

Scarpa, 34, admitted he was involved with buying, making and selling steroids, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court. He was ordered held without bail.

A message seeking comment from Scarpa's lawyer was not immediately returned.

DEA agents also seized \$56,000 and two semiautomatic handguns at the home, where the basement was filled with "tubs, bottles, vials."

Hurricanes get much-needed win over Aggies



Hurricanes running back Javarri James dives for a touchdown during Miami's 34-17 win over No. 20 Texas A&M Thursday. It was Miami's second win in its last nine games against ranked opponents.

Wright throws for 275 yards and two TDs, Miami holds A&M to 38 yards in first half

Associated Press

MIAMI — For one night, everything worked for the Miami Hurricanes, who finally got that signature win the program has craved for a couple of years.

Kyle Wright threw for 275 yards and two touchdowns, Graig Cooper scored twice and the Hurricanes stymied No. 20 Texas A&M's high-powered offense in a 34-17 victory Thursday night.

The win was only Miami's second in its last nine games against a ranked opponent dating to the end of the 2005 season.

And it was never in doubt.

The Hurricanes (3-1) held the Aggies (3-1) to 38 yards in the first half yards in taking a 24-0 lead, ensuring their final Thursday night game at the venerable Orange Bowl would be a memorable one.

"It was a Thursday night game, prime time, so the nation got to come out and see what we really have as a University of Miami football team," Hurricanes coach Randy Shannon said. "I'm pleased with the victory, but I just said in the locker room ... we'll come back Sunday and get ready for our next opponent, which is Duke."

Wright completed 21 of 26 passes, finding Cooper with one scoring throw and Chris Zellner with another late in the third quarter to push the lead to 31-0. Sam Shields had six catches for 117 yards for Miami, which had three scoring drives take a combined 1 minute, 9 seconds.

Stephen McGee had a 1-yard touchdown run with 8:03 left for Texas A&M, and backup quarterback Jerrod Johnson threw a 33-yard scoring pass to tight end Martellus Bennett with 5 seconds left.

The Aggies entered averaging 46.3 points, scoring at least 38 in every game. Those numbers plummeted against the Hurricanes, who said a spotlight national TV game like this represented the perfect chance to make a statement.

It came through loud and clear.

Texas A&M's three leading rushers — McGee, Mike Goodson and Jorvorskie Lane — came into the game averaging a combined 235 yards, a big reason why the Aggies' were ranked fifth nationally in rushing offense with nearly 300 yards per outing as a team.

That trio rushed for 21 first-half yards and 69 for the game. Lane had no carries in the first half, and the Aggies didn't get on the board until

Matt Szymanski's 32-yard field goal with 11:40 left.

By then, the outcome was decided, and the Miami mood was so joyous that university president Donna Shalala was posing for photos with smiling guests on the sideline as the clock ticked down.

"We just got beat, got beat by a better team," Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione said.

Miami scored 10 points off three Texas A&M turnovers in the final 3:40 of the half — more midweek magic for the Hurricanes, who won their final 10 Thursday games in the Orange Bowl.

And Wright may have played the best game of his Miami career, too.

On their first possession,

Wright and the Hurricanes quickly set the tone. They had an 18-play, 80-yard drive, highlighted by Wright going 5-for-5 on third downs and took a 7-0 lead when Cooper took a direct snap and rumbled 7 yards for a score.

The direct snap, a new Miami wrinkle for this game, had a big role in the Hurricanes' second score.

"It's something we've had in our arsenal," Shannon said, noting Miami installed it during spring practice.

Miami got inside the Texas A&M 10 on a fortunate bounce; Wright's pass hit off Darnell Jenkins' hands, caromed off Aggies' linebacker Mark Dodge, and landed on Jenkins — who was on the ground and made the catch.

Indeed, it was that kind of night for Miami, which finished with a 402-240 edge in total yards.

Wright was spread right like a wide receiver on third-and-2 and fourth-and-1 plays inside the Aggies' 5.

Javarri James took both snaps, eventually got the first down, then scored from 1 yard out for a 14-0 lead.

Miami missed a chance later in the half after Colin McCarthy intercepted McGee's pass and returned it to the Aggies 22, coming up empty when Francesco Zampogna missed a 36-yard field goal.

But Goodson fumbled the ball away on the next possession. Calais Campbell recovered for Miami and the Hurricanes needed one play to go up 21-0. Wright hit Cooper with a screen pass and the freshman did the rest, barreling in from 12 yards out with 33 seconds left in the half.

It got worse for Texas A&M. After a short kickoff, Cody Wallace — an offensive lineman — fumbled the ensuing return, the Hurricanes recovered again and Zampogna hit a 45-yarder as time expired in the half.

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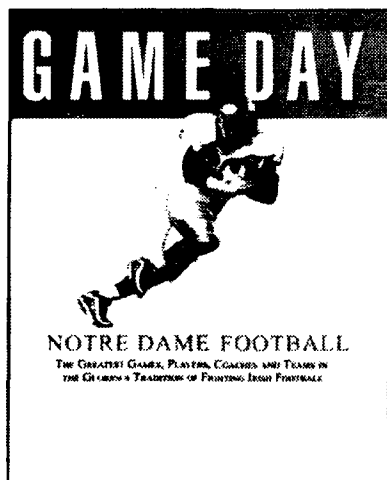
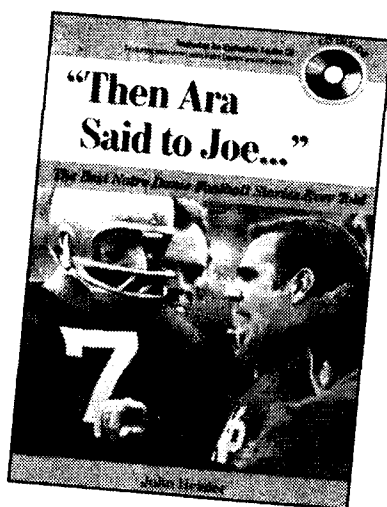
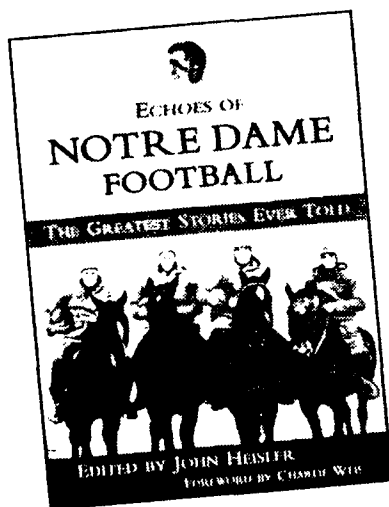
Randy Shannon
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MLB

Angels poised to take AL West division title

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — After the Los Angeles Angels moved to the brink of their third AL West title in four years, their clubhouse wasn't exactly giddy.

They were steamed over star Vladimir Guerrero's having to duck two fastballs thrown near his head by Seattle reliever Jorge Campillo, the second one causing a huge scrum at the mound during Thursday night's 9-5 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

Los Angeles built its lead over the second-place Mariners to 9 1/2 games and clinched at least a tie for the division crown. The Angels will try to become the first team this season to lock up a postseason berth when Joe Saunders takes the mound against former Angel Jarrod Washburn on Friday night in the second of the four-game series.

Guerrero hit the deck on a Campillo pitch in the fourth inning, then dug in and hit a two-run homer off the right-hander, standing at home plate and watching as the ball cleared

the fence.

Campillo already had thrown a pitch high and tight to Jeff Mathis earlier in the inning. In the top half, Angels starter Jered Weaver had hit Kenji Johjima in the back as he twisted away from a pitch.

After Campillo's fastball whizzed pitch Guerrero's head in the sixth, the slugger got up off the deck, pointed and started toward the mound before he was restrained.

Although both benches — and bullpens — emptied and massed around the mound, there apparently were no punches thrown. Campillo and Seattle manager John McLaren were ejected.

Mike Scioscia, who notched his 700th victory since becoming the Angels' manager in 2000, had harsh words for Campillo.

"I don't know where that guy came off throwing at Mathis and Guerrero. If it came from the bench, it's more disturbing," Scioscia said. "We haven't had any issues with any clubs, and I don't know where that came from."

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MLB

Towles has career night in Cards win

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — J.R. Towles justified his jump from Class A to the major leagues in one brilliant game.

Towles went 4-for-4 with a franchise-record eight RBIs and the Houston Astros reached season highs in runs and hits in an 18-1 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night.

"I can't even describe it," Towles said. "This is the last thing I thought would happen. Coming up to the big leagues was pretty impressive and this is beyond words."

It also was the most lopsided victory ever for Houston, one more than the previous mark.

Towles hit a two-run double off Braden Loeper (12-11) in the second to open the scoring. He added a two-run single in the fourth, an RBI double in the sixth and a bases-loaded walk in the eighth before hitting his first career homer in the ninth off Aaron Miles.

Miles, an infielder, was on the mound because the Cardinals were short on pitchers after allowing 10 or more runs for the second time in four games. They also went 10

innings to beat the Phillies 2-1 on Wednesday night.

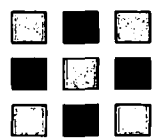
"We've been beaten bad before," Miles said. "Every team has. You come in the next day and have a short memory and come in positive and try to win a ballgame."

Towles, a 23-year-old catcher, began the year at Single-A Salem and was among the September callups, going 3-for-13 with one RBI in five games before Thursday. Interim manager Cecil Cooper wasn't planning on having Towles in the lineup on Friday, but that's out the window.

"It takes some guys two weeks to get that," Cooper said. "I was going to sit him tomorrow but I don't think I can do that now."

His record-setting night came in the opener of a four-game series matching out-of-the-running teams that combined for the last three National League pennants and 10 of the last 13 NL Central titles.

The Astros finished with 23 hits and won for the fifth time in 15 games. They surpassed their previous bests for runs (15) and hits (22) established Sunday against the Pirates.



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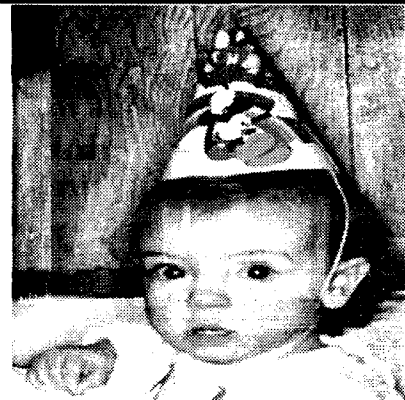
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Conference play opens for Belles

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's lost its leading scorer, junior Lauren Hinton, to a leg injury. But despite the loss, the Belles still claimed the Sal Vaccaro tournament last weekend.

"We've been doing a lot of nice things as a team," Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "We've done a better job of moving the ball around quicker, changing our point of attack, and moving the ball forward."

Saint Mary's (4-1-2) will try to keep the momentum going (4-1-2) against conference rival Kalamazoo (4-2-1) Saturday in the Belles first conference match. MacKenzie said the Belles have been working to improve before facing the Hornets.

"We've got some things to sort out up front,"

MacKenzie said. "Hopefully after a week off they'll be fired up and ready to be back on the field."

So far this season, Saint Mary's has put up an average of 12 shots on goal per game. But MacKenzie said changes will have to be made if Saint Mary's wants to beat

Kalamazoo.

"We're not converting in front of the goal," Mackenzie said. "The key is to try to make a statement early. We're doing good things to get in front of the goal, but not following through. We have to get on the board early, find ways to finish the job and put it in the back of the net."

Getting a goal early was what helped the Belles beat out the Hornets 2-1 last September. They also had a double overtime tie last

October. Saint Mary's ended the season in fourth place, while Kalamazoo finished fifth.

"We've had significant playing time for all players in our non-conference games so far this year," MacKenzie said.

"The coaching staff feels good and confident about putting anyone on the field we need to."

The Belles strength lies in its backfield — led by goalkeeper Amy Mahoney. Mahoney has made 34 of Saint Mary's 39 saves

this season.

With a well-rested team, MacKenzie said her squad will be ready for the Hornets.

"We are extremely excited to start conference play," she said.

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NFL

New Steelers coach keeps old scheme

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Troy Polamalu believes new coach Mike Tomlin's best move with the Pittsburgh Steelers' defense was doing nothing.

Tomlin, brought up in the 4-3 defense while coaching Tampa Bay's defensive backs and a strong proponent of it while running Minnesota's defense last season, probably wanted to do some overhauling when Pittsburgh hired him in January.

Don't all new coaches want to make an impact immediately with their style and their scheme?

But with the personnel in place to run the 3-4 defense the Steelers have played since the early 1980s, and one of the NFL's best defensive coordinators in Dick LeBeau agreeing to remain from former coach Bill Cowher's staff, Tomlin stayed with the 3-4.

There are some variations, for sure — at times, the Steelers have played four big down linemen with only one linebacker and six defensive backs, a different look than they've shown in the past.

Mostly, it's been what Pittsburgh's defense has been in the past, one designed to stop the run and perplex the quarterback with pass rushers coming from varying angles on every play.

That's what Polamalu, a safety, has liked as the Steelers (2-0) have given up only one touchdown in two games against Cleveland and Buffalo, permitting the third-fewest yards in the league.

Not only are the Steelers playing LeBeau's defense, they're playing it the way he likes it.

"I think he has more control (over the defense)," Polamalu said Wednesday. "We are a lot more active — we're not as conserva-

tive, we're kind of initiating what the offense needs to do, not just reacting to what they do."

Polamalu wouldn't say so, but the read-between-the-lines analogy is that Tomlin is making fewer suggestions and taking less of a role in dictating the game plan than Cowher did.

Like Tomlin, Cowher also was a defensive coordinator before becoming a head coach.

"I think he (Tomlin) has so much respect for Coach LeBeau, rightly so, that he just said, 'Hey, do what you do best,'" Polamalu said.

Tomlin confirmed that.

"We have players here that have been acquired to fit that scheme and what they do, they do

well," Tomlin said. "That's coaching to me, putting your players in a position to do well. It's no question that we have people that have continuity with the scheme. ... I have a lot of respect for Coach LeBeau."

Among LeBeau's other new looks this season is moving defensive end Brett Keisel around, giving him more freedom to make plays in a defense in which the outside linebackers get much of the pass rush responsibility.

The cornerbacks have been more active as pass rushers, too, as evidenced by the fact that the Steelers' 10 sacks are divided among nine players. Last year, the Steelers had only 39 sacks all season.



Steelers coach Mike Tomlin patrols the sideline during Pittsburgh's 26-3 win over Buffalo Sunday.

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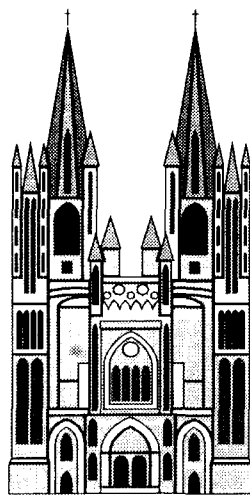
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Big East play begins on road

By PAT O'BRIEN and
ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

After going 1-2 this past weekend in Santa Clara's Bronco Invitational, the Irish will take the road again — but this time they hope to bring home more than one win.

The Irish upset No. 22 Santa Clara after losing to California and UC Santa Barbara last weekend and are ready to start conference play at Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

"We were disappointed to come back with only one win, but we felt good about the win against Santa Clara," coach Debbie Brown said. "Coming

back and winning a game against a tough team after being down 0-2 for the weekend really showed the team's character. We are looking forward to this weekend because I feel we have prepared well to face our Big East opponents."

Notre Dame is led by sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl and senior captain outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk. Fesl has recorded 141 kills and 103 digs this year, while Stasiuk has notched 129 kills and a team-high 137 digs.

Sophomore outside hitter Serinity Phillips has also played well — compiling 130 kills and 63 digs of her own. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis has helped with a team-high 407 assists.

Freshman libero Angela Puente has added 125 digs, while classmate Kellie Sciacca has 101 kills.

Last season the Irish fell 3-1 to the Panthers. The Panthers currently hold a season record of 6-7 and are coming off a 0-3 loss to No. 5 UCLA and a 3-0 victory over Cal State Northridge. This season the Panthers have dropped 0-3 decisions to both No. 10 Michigan and No. 15 San Diego.

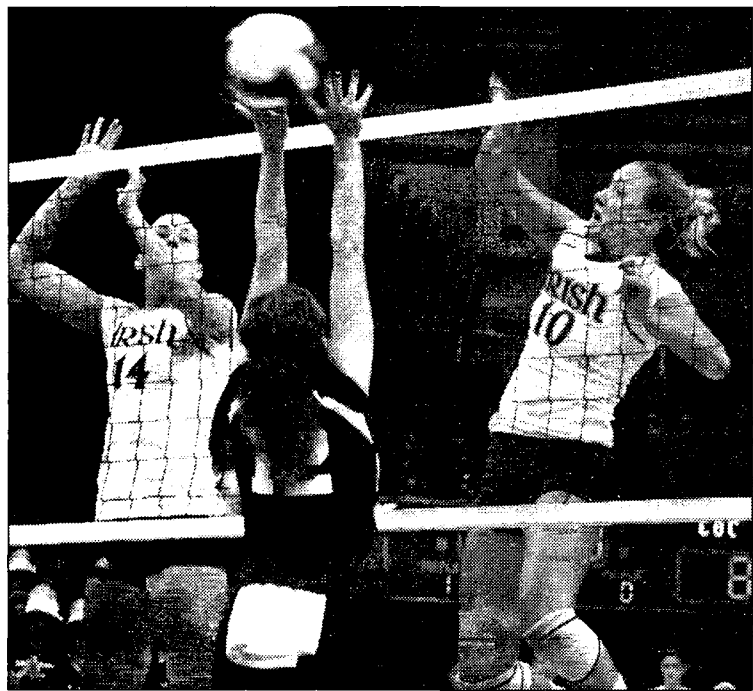
"Pittsburgh is a very strong team that has always played very well," Brown said. "They have beaten us the past couple of years, but our motivation is strong, and we are hoping to win against them this weekend."

The Panthers are led by junior outside hitter Kelly Campbell and senior outside hitter Diana Andreyko with 187 and 177 kills, respectively. Sophomore libero Michelle Rossi paces Pitt with 216 digs and freshman setter Emily Burke has 512 assists this season.

The match against West Virginia features a Mountaineer team with an 8-3 record that lost to Notre Dame 3-0 last year. They have beaten Buffalo, Canisius and Akron this year, but were on the losing end against Butler, Marshall and Pepperdine. The Mountaineers have not faced a current top-25 team this year.

"West Virginia has a team with a few very good seniors, so they have good experience," Brown said. "Playing on the road is always tough, but we are looking to go 2-0 on the weekend."

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Irish outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk (10), and middle blocker Justine Stremick (14) try to score in Notre Dame's 3-1 win over the College of Charleston Sept. 7.

NFL

47-year old kicker returns to Falcons

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Morten Andersen has got this down pat. Sit out training camp. Watch the first two games on television while sipping on some nice, cold brews. Then report to the Atlanta Falcons armed with plenty of old-man jokes.

"It's Yogi Berra," Andersen quipped. "It's deja vu all over again."

For the second year in a row, the Falcons sent out a belated call to Andersen to rescue their sorry kicking game. He was more than happy to help out, because this puts the 47-year-old freak of nature another season closer to his ultimate goal: playing until he's 50 and passing George Blanda as the oldest player in NFL history.

"This is what I was meant to be doing," Andersen said. "This is my calling."

He's already the leading scorer in NFL history, an ambition fulfilled last season after he was called in by the Falcons to replace Michael Koenen, who missed six of eight field goal attempts in the first two games.

This time, it was another untested kicker who flopped.

Looking for someone with a stronger leg who might be around a few years, the Falcons decided to go with 23-year-old Matt Prater, even though he had never kicked in the NFL and only joined the team before its final preseason game.

The lack of experience showed when Prater made one of four attempts in the first two games, his fate sealed when he shanked a 26-yarder against the Jacksonville Jaguars last Sunday. It didn't take long for the Falcons (0-2) to dig up

Andersen's number.

"I was just sitting on the couch with some of my neighbors Sunday evening, having a couple of cold ones," he said. "The next thing I know, my phone rang. It was personnel asking, 'Can you come in tomorrow?' I told them, 'Not too early, I hope.'"

Andersen ran through a quick tryout at the Falcons' complex on Monday afternoon and agreed to a contract by that evening. He joins a team rocked by the Michael Vick dogfighting saga and that has scored only 10 points heading into Sunday's home opener against Carolina (1-1).

"I was excited to hear about Mort," Falcons center Todd McClure said. "We all know what he's done for us in the past with the kicking game. We need to score points when we can get them."

This is Andersen's third stint with Atlanta. He is best remembered for making the kick that sent the Falcons to their lone Super Bowl during the 1998 season, but his career appeared over — just 77 points shy of career scoring leader Gary Anderson — when no one called heading into 2005.

Andersen sat out an entire season but keeping himself in shape, he also kept pestering the Falcons, having settled in Atlanta during his first go-round with the team.

When Koenen, who still handles the Falcons' punting, struggled as a kicker at the start of last season, Mr. Reliable came to the rescue. Andersen made 20 of 23 attempts (one was blocked) and all 27 extra points, replacing his near-namesake at the top of the scoring list with 2,445 points.

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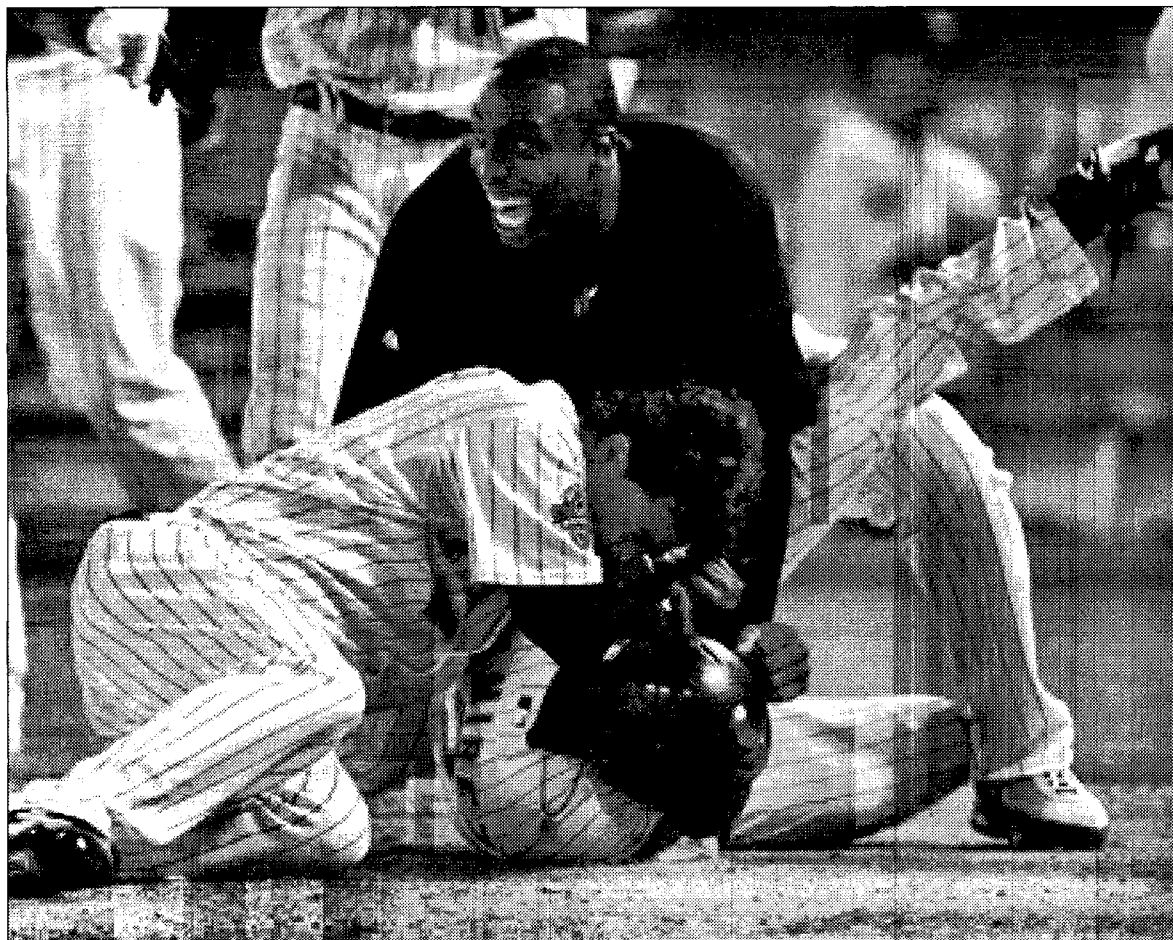
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Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis, top, and outfielder Alfredo Amezaga, left, jump on teammate Hanley Ramirez in Florida's 8-7 win over the New York Mets Thursday.

MLB

Mets give up leads, lose in 10 innings

Associated Press

MIAMI — The New York Mets twice blew a three-run lead, and they might be about to blow the NL East.

With closer Billy Wagner out because of back spasms, the Florida Marlins took advantage to rally in the ninth inning, then scored in the 10th on Dan Uggla's RBI double to beat New York 8-7 Thursday night.

The Mets' lead was cut to 1 1/2 games by second-place Philadelphia, which rallied past Washington 7-6. New York led by seven games on Sept. 12 but has lost six of their past seven.

"Things are not going our way," center fielder Carlos Beltran said. "It seems like every team comes back on us real easy."

The latest loss was filled with bad vibes for the Mets.

Minus Wagner, New York gave up three runs in the ninth that forced extra innings. Starter Tom Glavine, unbeaten since July 2, failed to hold a 3-0 lead. Right fielder Lastings Milledge was ejected after he flied out in the seventh. Reliever Aaron Heilman was hit by a ball thrown from the stands in the eighth.

"We're in a rut right now," Glavine said. "There are a lot of crazy things happening. We seemed to have a little bit of everything go wrong."

Even so, the Mets scored four times in the ninth to take a 7-4 lead, keyed by pinch-hitter Marlon Anderson's three-run double.

"After we scored four in the ninth, I was saying, 'We've got this one,'" Beltran said. "But we didn't."

Florida outlit the Mets 21-9, and five hits and three runs came off Jorge Sosa (9-8), who failed in a bid for his first save of the season.

Wagner said his upper back bothered him before the game. He received treatment, but when he tried to warm up for the ninth, he was able to throw only one pitch.

"It locked up again, and I just couldn't do anything," Wagner said. "It stinks. It's my job. I should be the one out there either getting it done or not getting it done."

Wagner said his status is day to day.

Jeremy Hermida led off the bottom of the ninth with a single and Miguel Cabrera doubled. Alfredo Amezaga's grounder scored a run, and another run came home on Mike Jacobs' infield hit.

Cody Ross' fly ball landed a foot fair for a double, and the tying run scored on Matt Treanor's groundout.

Hanley Ramirez led off the Florida 10th with an infield single, his 200th hit of the year. Uggla then doubled off the scoreboard and was mobbed by teammates as the dazed Mets walked off the field.

Taylor Tankersley (6-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for the Marlins, who broke a four-game losing streak. They improved to 1-5 in Miami against the Mets this year.

"For us to affect their season is huge," Jacobs said. "The way we won today, and the team we beat, make it doubly special."

Moises Alou hit a two-run double in the Mets first to extend his hitting streak to 24 games, the longest of his career and the longest in the NL this year.

But the Mets lost Milledge in the seventh, when the excitable outfielder was ejected by plate umpire Jim Joyce for arguing about balls and strikes after a flyout. Milledge went into the dugout, then came back onto the field to yell at Joyce and had to be restrained by coach Rickey Henderson.

Milledge declined to talk to reporters after the game.

The visitors had plenty of support from the crowd of 15,132. Fans chanted "Let's go Mets!" beginning in the first inning, and when David Wright doubled home a run in the third, there were chants of "M-V-P! M-V-P!"

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Ranking

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more is how his team plays this weekend against Rutgers and Villanova — two teams that will pose a challenge to Notre Dame's current ranking.

The Irish begin the weekend in New Jersey tonight against a Rutgers team that has stumbled to a 1-3-1 record. Despite their early season struggles, Clark expects a tough test from the Scarlet Knights.

"Early season games mean very little," Clark said. "If you're playing a hard schedule, [early season results] mean very little. Once we get into late October, you'll have a better idea of where everybody is."

Of more importance is the fact that Rutgers returns 12 starters and 13 letter winners from a team that went 10-6-3 (6-4-1) last season en route to an appearance in the Big East tournament semifinals and the NCAA Tournament.

Clark is also aware of the troubles his teams have had with the Scarlet Knights. In his seven years at Notre Dame, Clark has managed only a 1-3-1 record against Rutgers — including a 2-1 overtime loss in last year's Big East tournament.

After Friday's tilt with Rutgers, Notre Dame will travel to Philadelphia to take on No. 23 Villanova. The Wildcats have won five consecutive games after a 2-1 loss at Richmond to open the season.

Two of those wins came in the prestigious Duke/Adidas Classic, where Villanova defeated North Carolina State and then No. 2 Duke — performances that left an impression on Clark.

"If you go down to that tournament and win two games, you're a good team," Clark said. "It's as simple as that."

A major reason for the Wildcats' impressive start has been their defense, which hasn't allowed a goal in the team's past four games. Senior goalkeeper Jason Friel — one of the team's 11 returning starters — has been especially impressive, compiling a 0.60 goals-against

average and a .875 save percentage in the team's six games.

Before meeting the Irish on Sunday, Villanova will open its Big East schedule against Marquette Friday evening.

Notes:

◆ Notre Dame has been picked to finish second in the Big East Blue Division by the league's head coaches. The Irish garnered 102 points and four first place votes, second only to Connecticut, which accumulated 105 points and 10 first place votes.

◆ The last time the Irish were ranked third nationally was in 2003

after they captured the Big East title.

◆ Friday's game against Rutgers will be nationally televised on Fox Soccer Channel. The game begins at 8 p.m.

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like clichés," Waldrum said. "It's more like just having that focus all the way through."

Senior midfielder and captain Amanda Cinalli echoed Waldrum's feelings.

"Collectively, we just need to stay more composed around the goal," she said. "We are creating those opportunities, and we had plenty of them. It's good that we're getting in our offensive end and getting those chances, but we just need to be more composed around the goal and finish those, whether it's with power or finesse."

The Irish converted plenty of scoring chances in their last two games against the Blue Demons, whom they beat twice, 6-0 and 5-0, in 2005. DePaul is 2-5-1 and tied Northern Illinois 1-1 at home in their last game. Going into Friday's game, Notre Dame has not lost to a Big East opponent at home in 72 games.

Notre Dame defeated Penn State 4-1 last season in the NCAA quarterfinals. The Nittany Lions are 4-2-1 entering Sunday's game and recently beat Bucknell 5-1 on the

road.

Although he is aware of the weapons both teams possess, Waldrum said he will not create a team-specific game plan.

"I think right now we've got to get ourselves playing our way first before we can really try to game plan for anybody else," he said. "As a coaching staff we'll have some reminders for how we want to deal with certain players on the team, but right now I think the focus has been on us."

Waldrum said that failure to pay close attention has cost the team so far.

"Seeing the ball, you get relaxed, and you think, 'Well this is coming to me,' and for a moment you don't really concentrate on the flight of the ball," he said.

Waldrum also said scoring opportunities were squandered when the offense hurried.

"We had a couple chances where players in and around the box could have settled and controlled the ball and then taken the shot," Waldrum said. "Instead of doing that, they rushed it and tried to hit it first time."

The Irish face the same affliction on defense. Bad passes in the defensive third and lack of concentration by the keepers have cost

the team goals. Of the 13 goals scored against the Irish, Waldrum said the coaching staff counted eight that could be attributed to a miscue by Notre Dame. Despite the mistakes, Waldrum said the talent is in place to succeed.

"All the players have the ability to do it," Waldrum said. "It's just being engaged and focused and the little things."

The Irish are still plagued by inconsistency at keeper. Senior Lauren Karas and freshman Nikki Weiss split time against Princeton last Friday, but Weiss played the entire Oklahoma State game Sunday.

"We've thrown it back up in the air again, and we're going to see at the end of the week," Waldrum said. "That part still unfortunately has not got solved for us completely."

Karas has allowed four goals and 2.24 goals per game, while Weiss has let in five goals and 1.42 goals per game.

Regardless of the team's question marks, Waldrum remains confident.

"I'm still convinced we're going to be a good team," he said. "I believe in it."

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adjustment. "Obviously what we did worked against Pangborn, but if Lewis gives us something different, we'll adjust," Bushelle said. "For now, what we're doing seems to be working."

The Chicks, similarly, wish to go into the game with a positive frame of mind.

"We have a really positive outlook for this season," Lewis senior captain Alexandra Persley said. "Things didn't go too well for us last year, but we have some key players back from abroad and an impressive freshman class."

While she refused to comment specifically on their match-up with Welsh Family, Persley remarked on the Chicks' overall preparations.

"We've brought in some great new coaches and we've been practicing hard for three weeks now," Persley said.

As both teams prepare for their game on Sunday at Riehle Field, Bushelle keeps the big picture in mind.

"The goal is always a championship," she said.

Farley vs. Cavanaugh

Farley's Finest square off against Cavanaugh Sunday at 1 p.m. in a matchup between two teams coming off disappointing results last week. Farley was unable to finish the chances that their defense gave them and ended up in a scoreless tie with McGlinn Tuesday. Meanwhile, Walsh beat Cavanaugh 14-13.

Despite completing all but four of her passes on Tuesday, Farley

junior captain Jenny Rolfs was not satisfied.

"We need to finish our chances and create some bigger plays," Rolfs said.

She recognized the importance of her defense, led by senior safety Anna Pursley, but hopes her offense will help the team win this week. Farley hopes the insertion of regular quarterback Brittany Baron into the lineup will help cure some of the offensive woes the Finest experienced against McGlinn.

"We did a pretty good job on offense for a lot of our girls' first time," Rolfs said.

On the other side of the ball, Cavanaugh hopes to come back after a devastating defeat, in which senior quarterback Katie Dunn was unable to convert on an extra point that would have tied the score. Despite a defense that held the Walsh offense to only 14 points, and picked off a pass that gave Cavanaugh one last chance to score, the Chaos were unable to pull it out.

The Chaos know they are going to be in for a tough bout this week against a quality defense in Farley but they are hopeful that they have enough offensive firepower to move the ball against The Finest.

Walsh vs. McGlinn

Sunday Walsh takes on McGlinn in a battle of two stout defenses. Both teams have shown strong

defense in their opening games.

The deciding factor of the game, however, should be how well the McGlinn team can respond to their 0-1-1 start, and if they can contain the Wild Women early in the game.

In the first two games of Walsh's season (victories over Pasquerilla East and Cavanaugh), the offense, lead by their captain, senior quarterback Marie Brenner, and flashy sophomore receivers Sierra Smith and Meghan Hadley, has struck first with early touchdowns. And once the lead has been secured, the Wild Women defense has been able to settle down and control the pace of the game.

"The defense and offense have been working really well together as a unit. There really aren't any weaknesses on our team" Brenner said. "That doesn't mean that we aren't expecting a tough game this Sunday though."

The Shamrocks' season, however, has not had as great a start. Their season opened with a heartbreaking come-from-behind loss to Howard, and then a tie against Farley in a 0-0 defensive battle. The McGlinn offense has had some trouble coming together — they are scoreless in their last three halves.

It could be a difficult game for the struggling McGlinn offense, going up against the rough defense of Walsh, coming off a two game win streak. Junior quarterback Sarah de Groot will

have to rekindle some of the chemistry with junior receiver Lulu Meraz if the Shamrocks hope to beat the Wild Women on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Pangborn vs. Lyons

After an impressive 20-6 win over Badin last Sunday, Lyons captains Katie Mackin and Judith Kaczmarek feel confident going into its game this Sunday against a struggling Pangborn team.

"Not only did the first win give us a lot of confidence as a team," Mackin said. "But our intense practices have also given our team a huge boost."

The Lyons captain said their practices helped out the freshmen. They learned to work hard and toughen up, she said. Mackin feels the ladies are playing well as a team, rather than having one or two girls carry all the weight. Lyons is anxious and ready to take on a Pangborn team that had some troubles with their first game against a tough team from Welsh.

In their loss, Pangborn, led by sophomore captain Meghan Bescher, scored only 12 points. That total could go down against a stout Lyons defense, which only allowed six points in its win over Badin.

"We are very confident," Mackin said.

Badin vs. Breen-Phillips

Both Badin and Breen-Phillips are relatively young, with both

sporting a large number of freshmen, and both will try to overcome their youth and claim a victory Sunday. The teams field relatively weak defenses as well, meaning that the Badin-BP match up could be an offensive battle.

Badin struggled against Lyons potent rushing attack, losing to Lyons 20-6. The highlight of Badin's performance was a touchdown pass from senior co-captain Katy Rose Hackney to freshman Courtney Rains. In their second week showdown, Badin faced Pangborn and played the Phoxes to a 6-6 tie.

BP is another team plagued by inexperience on defense. In BP's first game against Pasquerilla West, the Babes lost 33-18. They continued to a 0-2 start after losing to Welsh's powerhouse offense 26-0 on Thursday, with senior captain Melissa Meagher unable

to drive to the endzone. The Bullfrogs face the Babes Sunday. The game will depend most on which offense is more prepared, as both teams will probably look to their captain quarterbacks to win the game for them. Expect an intense, high scoring, offensive showdown on Sunday, with two defenses struggling to find their feet.

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Orians leads Purple Weasels to shutout victory

Badin and Pangborn battle to a draw in defense-dominated game; Gargula and the Whirlwinds shut out Babes

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Pasquerilla West utilized its defense to claim a 12-0 victory against Lewis at Riehle field Thursday night.

Once again, quarterback Grace Orians led the Purple Weasels offense. The freshman completed four of four passing attempts, one for a touchdown, to give the Weasels an early 6-0 lead.

PW looked as if it was going to cruise to an easy victory when they intercepted Lewis on the ensuing Chick possession. However, the Lewis defense stepped up and held PW scoreless for the rest of the half.

"We had their quarterback in trouble," Lewis defensive coordinator Michael Scholl said. "We were able to get to their quarterback before she could get to the outside. We have a lot of senior leadership and we did a great job in coverage."

However, the Lewis offense was also held in check by the swarming Weasel defense. PW forced the Chicks to throw four interceptions and kept Lewis on their own half of the field for most of the game.

"When you're behind early, you have to go deep," Lewis coach Perry Shoemaker said. "We had lots of spots open, we just couldn't hit anyone. It's easy to play defense with a lead."

PW utilized their defense effectively and was able to earn a shutout.

"When you get a shutout it

speaks volumes," PW coach Paul Wallenberg said. "Our girls are in great shape. We can only get better on defense."

While the Weasel defense was rolling, the offense was sputtering. The Weasel offense was hindered by penalties that kept it from building up momentum. A superb run by Orians at the opening of the second half was negated by a holding penalty.

"They didn't keep us out of the end zone; we kept ourselves out of the end zone," PW senior captain Tina Martinek said.

The Weasels were able to score one more time, however. Once again, Grace Orians was able to bounce outside and take the ball to the house, giving PW a 12-0 lead that would last the rest of the game.

Lewis will try to rebound against Welsh Family on Sunday, while PW looks to continue their journey towards Notre Dame Stadium against Welsh Family next Thursday.

Badin 6, Pangborn 6

It was a hard-fought game full of momentum swings, but in the end, neither Badin nor Pangborn could capture their first win of the season. Despite the outcome, Badin coach Tim Flannery was still pleased with his team's performance.

"The defense was a lot better today," Flannery said. "We got some turnovers, and that was the biggest thing."

The Bullfrog defense was up to the task, intercepting Pangborn freshman quarterback Gabby Tate twice. Both came at key moments in the game.

With Pangborn driving early in the first half and poised to take the lead, the Bullfrog defense stood tall and got an interception in the end zone, stealing a potential touchdown. The second interception came with less than two minutes to play in a tie game, halting a potential

go-ahead drive.

Though the Badin defense made some key plays, the Pangborn offense was able to strike first. With the game scoreless in the second half, Tate connected with receiver Meghan Bescher for a 30-yard gain. The very next play, she found Bescher again in the end zone, giving the Phoxes a 6-0 lead. Tate ended the day 14-of-21 passing.

Not to be outdone, Bescher led the Pangborn defense with three interceptions on the day, including two in the final two minutes, thwarting any Badin hopes of a last-minute drive.

"She is a heck of a player," Flannery said. "She made some nice plays."

Offensively for Badin, junior quarterback Katie Rose Hackney finished 13-of-21 passing on the day, including a 40-yard strike to sophomore receiver Kelley Daniels.

"When you get a shutout it speaks volumes."

Paul Wallenberg
Pasquerilla West coach

but Welsh Family struck first with a long run by junior quarterback Jenni Gargula, followed immediately by a touchdown pass to receiver and senior captain Kelly Bushelle.

"I'm really happy with how we played," Gargula said. "On both sides of the ball, everyone played to their potential."

After the first touchdown, both the offense and defense for Welsh Family were too much for the Babes. While Gargula had four touchdown passes and the offense churned out long passes and runs, the Whirlwind's defense was just as good.

Welsh Family stifled the Babes. With no first downs and no drive reaching Welsh Family territory, BP couldn't get into an offensive rhythm. Though disappointed, the Babes remain optimistic about some areas of their game.

"Our defense was a lot stronger tonight than our last game," said Babes sophomore Emily Styrmoie. "We really improved there."

Both teams look forward to their next game in hopes of keeping momentum and improving.

"Although we had minimal struggles," said BP freshman Jasmine Williams, "we'll be back on Sunday."

For Welsh Family, it's business as usual.

"We're really looking forward to the next game," Bushelle said.

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are senior defensive end/offensive lineman Jason Nagle, senior linebacker/fullback Jono Penn and linebacker/light end Nick Fanslau.

However, they will have to replace impact players Nick Chambers, Pat Sullivan and Alex Leough who led a strong defensive unit last season.

"Morrissey is the defending champion. If we want to win we have to come to them," Shapot said.

"The road to the playoffs starts Sunday," Shapot said.

Sorin vs. St. Edward's

Sorin will host St. Ed's Sunday at 2 p.m. on the north side of Riehle fields in an opening bout between two teams that failed to make the playoffs last year.

Fans who love hard-nosed football will enjoy this matchup that includes two teams that pride themselves on running the football and playing defense.

The Sorin Otters plan to improve this year and put last year behind them.

"We've always been strong on defense, but now we've got some young freshman linemen that will help to turn things around on offense," senior captain Ryan Bove said.

Making the turnaround on offense will be more difficult — Sorin has two potential starters at quarterback. Sophomore Casey McGushin and junior Connor Douglas are battling to be the signal caller and neither has a clear advantage.

This uncertainty in Sorin's passing game means a lot of opportunities for sophomore running back Robert Gallic.

"We are looking to establish the run more than in years past," Bove said.

Senior outside linebacker Chris Schwarber and senior safety Mark Dummett lead the tough defense. They hope to help the Otters maintain their proud tradition of strong defense.

"I feel confident that our team is better than it has been," Bove said.

St. Ed's was winless last season and is looking to take some steps in the right direction this season.

The offense, and the offensive line in particular, is a big focus for St. Ed's this year, according to coach Cameron Hogue.

"Our offensive line is huge this year. We are going to score a lot of points," Hogue said.

With inexperienced freshman Matt Abeling at quarterback, St. Ed's intends to rely on its running game.

"We'll probably be running all the time. We intend to run right over people," Hogue said.

Carrying the ball for St. Ed's will be Sean Reed. He will be running behind a very large and significantly improved offensive line, Hogue said.

"There shouldn't be anyone stopping us," Hogue said.

Leading the defense is senior captain and middle linebacker Ge Wang. The defense will try to complement St. Ed's ball control and time of possession strategy on offense with its own physical style of play.

Keough vs. Keenan

Sunday morning will be anything but easy when the Keough Kangaroos face the Keenan Knights at 3 p.m. It's been a rough couple of seasons for Keough Hall, junior captain Tom O'Donnell said.

"[We were] awful last season and we haven't won a game since I've been here," O'Donnell said.

After assembling a mostly new lineup, the Kangaroos anticipate a better record this season with some help from their intimidating offensive line, which O'Donnell said is "huge." Another key player, senior John Kadous, was a former member of the Notre Dame football team and will play as a defensive end and tackle.

A different mindset emanates from Keenan. The Knights appear to have more confidence this season, harkening back to their successful 2006 campaign in which they went 4-0 in the regular season but

fell in the first round of the playoffs to Siegfried.

As for returning players, the Knights have a lot of experience in their secondary and linebacker positions to provide the team with a "Keenan defense [that] wrecks people," junior captain Pat Burns said.

However, the class of 2011 puts in their two cents towards the team too.

"We have good freshmen on our offensive line," Burns said. "They should surprise a lot of people."

A powerful force, Keenan hopes to use this to their advantage in Sunday's game. Keough, however, feels they should not be underestimated.

Carroll vs. Zahm

Sunday's 3 p.m. matchup between Carroll and Zahm pits a pair of teams looking to build on a season that saw both teams make the playoffs — only to lose in the opening round.

Zahm is especially anxious to get back on the field after its season ended with an agonizing loss to Morrissey, the eventual champion. The Zahmbies, said senior captain Sean Wieland, came up six inches short on a two-point conversion attempt that would have won them the game. Instead, they came up empty and fell 7-6.

Picking up where they left off will be the backfield tandem of Wieland, in his fourth year at quarterback, and junior running back Theo Ossei-Anto. Junior Liam Larkin will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines.

"We've had a couple good practices, but we won't be able to tell what we have until we get into game situations," Wieland said. "The old cliché, 'take one game at a time', is what we're trying to do. We'll see what kind of

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Senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli steals the ball away from an Oklahoma State defender during Notre Dame's 2-1 overtime loss to the Cowgirls Sept. 16.

strengths and weaknesses we have after the first game."

Carroll should present a formidable challenge, particularly for the Zahm defense. Sophomore Jon Sarna will guide an offense that isn't afraid to stray from the inter-hall norm of smash mouth, run-first football.

"We'll move the ball around, spread out our offense and pass the ball," senior captain wide receiver Kyle Kownacki said. "We aren't afraid to run it, either. We have a very versatile offense."

For the spread offense to be successful, senior offensive linemen James Geyer, Jesse Greenwood and Mike O'Connor will have to protect Serna. Geyer and fellow senior defensive linemen Ben Gern and Milo Dodson will look to spend some quality time in the Zahmbies' backfield blowing up plays.

While the potential outcome is in doubt, one thing is certain: Carroll has earned the respect of the Zahm captain.

"Every year I've been here, they have been pretty solid. Traditionally they hadn't been, but this senior class is really good," Wieland said. "It should be a pretty good battle."

Knott vs. Siegfried

This week's season opener between Mod Quad rivals Knott and Siegfried has more on the line than a 1-0 start to the season.

The game, which is usually scheduled as each dorm's opener, is one of the events in the Flanner Cup, in which the two dorms compete for the naming rights of the slope behind Grace and Flanner halls. Siegfried looks to repeat as winners this year and ensure that the slope retains its title as the "Siegfried Slope."

Siegfried is very confident heading into the season after a strong performance last year. In addition to their 16-6 victory over Knott, the Ramblers made the playoffs, but lost in the semifinals. The Ramblers return many starters on offense. They return junior quarterback Max Young, junior running back Marcus Young, and junior wide receiver Gary

Burke. The majority of the offensive line returns as well.

Siegfried captain Tom Martin also mentioned that he is excited about the Ramblers star defensive player, Roldex McMaster.

"Our star defensive player is Roldex McMaster," Martin said. "Although lately he has had some trouble remembering the names of our plays and has resorted to using nicknames like 'Yellowshirt' and 'Martha' instead of the actual play calls."

In addition to Siegfried's many experienced players, Martin is very excited about the new players this year, and he expects them to contribute to the team.

After coming off a season in which they missed the playoffs by just one point, Knott is looking forward to making a playoff run this year.

"It was a tough year last year," Knott sophomore captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. "We're just excited to get back on the field and play."

Fitzgerald said that he thinks the Juggerknotts should be strong on offense this year, led by Fitzgerald at quarterback and senior wide receiver Nate Prochaska. In addition, he expects big things from the Knott Hall freshmen. He specifically mentioned that freshman running back Cameron Smith should emerge as one of the team's strongest offensive players.

Stanford vs. O'Neill

Stanford hopes to seek revenge Sunday at 2 p.m. on the Riehle Fields when they meet defending Gold Division champions, the O'Neill Mob.

Last season, No. 8 seed Stanford snuck into the playoffs and went on to upset the No. 1 seed Fisher. Their come-from-behind playoff run came to a crashing halt in the semifinal game, however, when the Mob defeated them in what Stanford captain Rob Huth said was

"not really a close game." O'Neill finished 3-1 in the post-season and lost to Morrissey in the championship game.

Huth says this year's offense is very talented and hard working, but their greatest strength is on defense. The leadership of the defensive line and experience of the linebackers and secondary will be key to defeating the Mob. O'Neill must also be aware of the pick-six potential of senior Dave Costanzo, Stanford's star player and former safety for the Notre Dame's football team.

Unlike Stanford's individual talent, the O'Neill Mob relies on teamwork. "Both offense and defense's success depends on the cooperation of every single player on the field," senior captain Pat Conley said.

The O'Neill team is slightly undersized this year, but their strong defensive and offensive lines will be key to their success.

"We will win on Sunday if we control the line of scrimmage,"

Conley said.

They plan to strike early and utilize the momentum to set the tone for the game.

Despite losing some of his team's best players, Conley has set the bar high for his team. The Mob hopes to repeat last year's success, but this time, they want to return from the stadium with the championship cup.

They're not the only ones with a championship appearance on their mind — Stanford, too, seeks redemption from last year's game.

"I wouldn't be playing if we didn't have a chance to win," Huth said. "I think we can win, we just have to put it all together."

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Alumni captain

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Knott captain

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compile a list of prospective schools that are not on our immediate future football schedules," the statement said. "We will grant him a release to those schools, and we will assist him in settling at another institution as best we can. It's our hope that Demetrius can enroll at an institution at which he might be able to receive a scholarship, possibly be eligible for the 2008 football season and, importantly, continue to make progress toward his degree without interruption."

Due to the abrupt nature of his departure, Jones has not been released from his scholarship by the athletic department. But White's statement said that his department has contacted Jones and that "the University and he are now working together in our customary fashion."

"We have initiated our normal protocol by identifying a list of institutions to which he has an interest in transferring," the statement said. "Our hope is that this process assists him in finding an institution that will enable him to meet his goals both as a student and as an athlete."

If Jones decides to stay at Northern Illinois, he would not be on a football scholarship during the 2007-08 academic

year because the Huskies' football team is already at the 85 scholarship maximum. He would also have to sit out the remainder of this season, per NCAA rules, but he would eligible to play in the fall of 2008.

Parseghian statue to be dedicated

A statue of legendary Irish coach Ara Parseghian will be dedicated Saturday morning at Notre Dame Stadium.

The statue will be located inside Gate D, which is the gate closest to Mendoza College of Business.

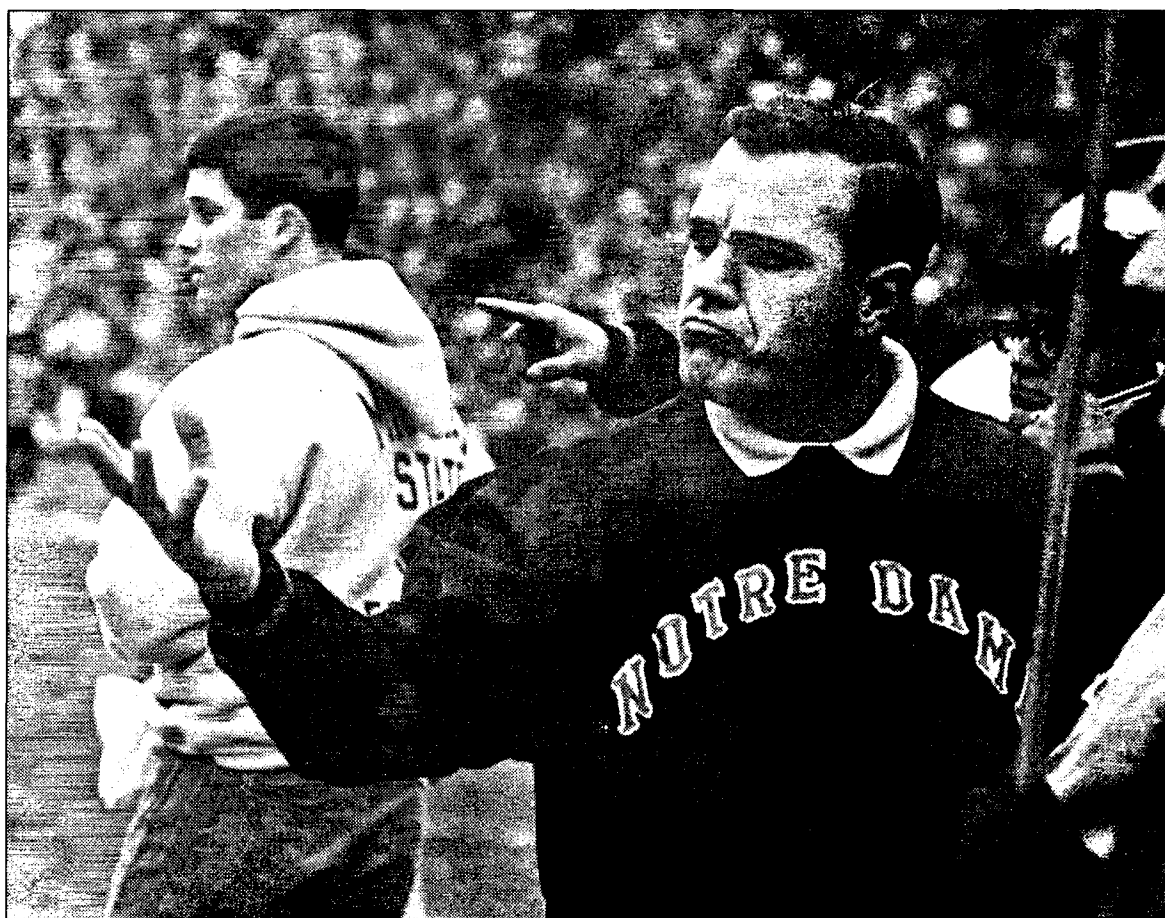
Seating inside the gate is by invitation-only, but the general public is invited to view the dedication from just outside the stadium.

The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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Former Notre Dame coach Ara Parseghian gestures after a Michigan State touchdown in Notre Dame's 10-10 tie against the Spartans on Nov. 19, 1966. AP

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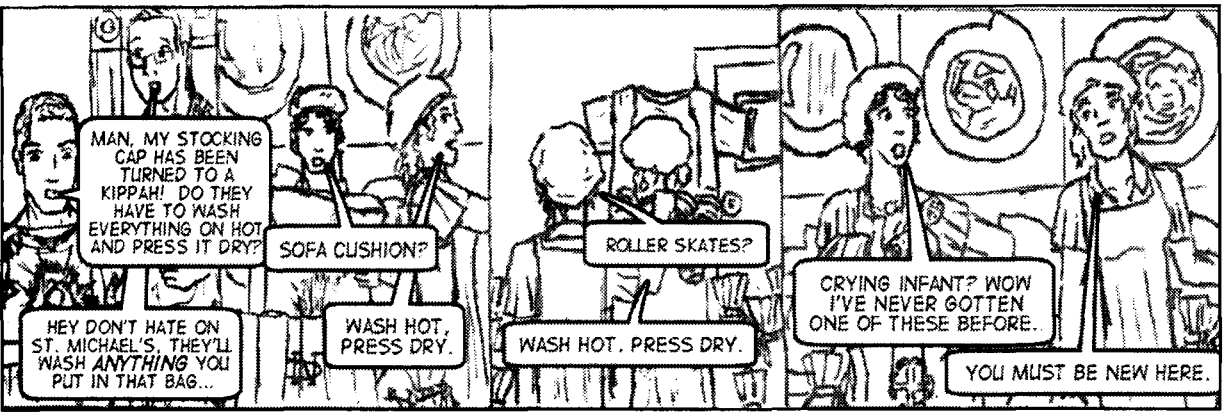
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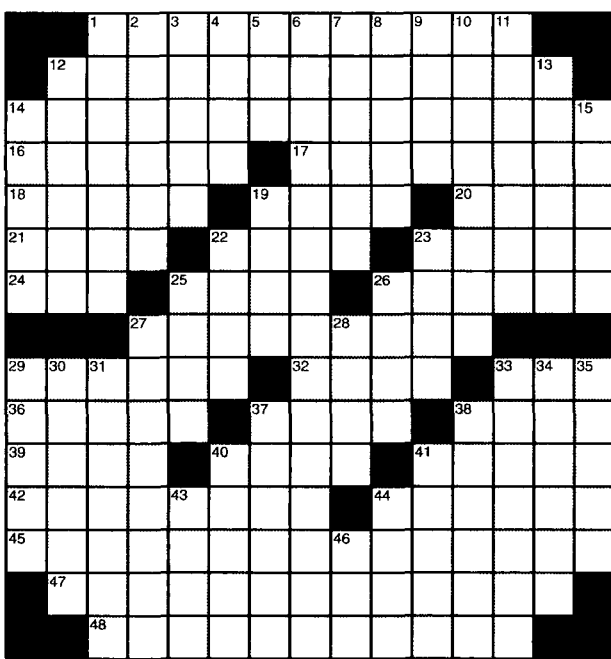
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JUMBLE

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(Answers tomorrow)

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- 1) Tommy or 2) John?
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- 1) Circum or 2) stance?
- 1) Rabid or 2) leprous?
- 1) Lion or 2) tiger..... or bear?
- 1) 13 or 2) 7?
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FOOTBALL

University to help Jones with transfer

Parseghian statue to be dedicated Saturday

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

The athletic department is committed to helping departed quarterback Demetrius Jones find a new school, athletic director Kevin White said in a statement Thursday.

"Today, without formal confirmation of Demetrius' status, we reached out to him to assist him and his family in ascertaining his athletic and academic future plans," White said in the statement.

Jones, a sophomore who started Notre Dame's opening game against Georgia Tech on Sept. 3, abruptly left South Bend Sept. 14, just one day before Notre Dame's 38-0 loss to Michigan. He has enrolled at Northern Illinois University.

White's statement implied, however, that Jones may not be at Northern Illinois permanently.

"We are helping Demetrius

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Former Irish quarterback Demetrius Jones throws a pass during Notre Dame's 33-3 loss to Georgia Tech Sept. 1. The sophomore is now enrolled at Northern Illinois.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish face PSU and DePaul

Coach says team must sharpen focus

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Based on preseason expectations and its play so far this season, Notre Dame has underperformed.

Heading into Friday's Big East opener at home against DePaul and Sunday's game against No. 17 Penn State, the Irish are 2-3-1 and have allowed 13 goals. Last season, the team allowed just 11 goals in 27 games.

Head coach Randy Waldrum said the team lost focus on both ends of the field.

"When we go back, and we watch the video this week, it's more of the little things that coaches talk about that sound

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Hunt for title begins with game against Alumni

By MIKE GOTIMER, JARED JEDICK, MATT GAMBER, ALEX BARKER, MEGHAN MCMAHON and GENIE ALFONZO
Sports Writers

When their season begins Sunday, defending interhall champion Morrissey will have one thing on their mind: Repeat.

The game will pit the Manorites against an Alumni

squad that will try to avenge last year's loss to the Manor.

"I think it will be a very competitive game," Morrissey senior captain Nick Bencomo said. "If we focus on taking care of our own business and coming together as a team, everything else will fall in place."

Morrissey returns a majority of their starters, but will miss the presence of playmakers Steve Klein, Tony Cunningham and Joe Gemino. Returning once again to take the reins of

their potent offense will be junior quarterback Joe McBrayer. He will depend on junior receiver Carl Anderson and fullback Alvin Reynolds to help the Manorites return to the stadium.

"Even though we had a few key losses from last season, I think we will be more than ready to be competitive again and make another deep run into the playoffs," Bencomo said. Some new additions to the team will be counted on to

make an immediate impact. Junior Warren Scott and senior tight end Bryan Stanistreet will help the offense and cornerbacks. Sophomore Ryan Lash and freshman Ryan McSweeney will add some depth on defense. Morrissey will rely on their speed and quickness for success.

As for Alumni, it will have to forget the disaster that was last season and focus on improving. After last year's second week thrashing at the hands of the

Manorites, they were unable to right the ship, finished with a meager 1-3 record and failed to make the playoffs.

"We are a determined group and we're ready to kick some [expletive] and take some names," senior captain Bret Shapot said. "We will make the playoffs this year."

Key returning players that Shapot will look for to carry the team on both sides of the ball

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish ranked No. 3 in nation

Team travels to face Rutgers and Villanova

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After a 1-0 win over Marquette in its Big East opener, No. 3 Notre Dame has ascended to tie the highest ranking in program history, but that doesn't mean much to Irish coach Bobby Clark.

"The only ranking I have interest in is the final ranking," Clark said. "[The rankings] are just opinions. At the end of the year, you find out where you really are."

What interests Clark a lot

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Senior forward Joseph Lapira battles a defender during Notre Dame's 1-1 overtime draw with Northern Illinois Sept. 9.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Whirlwinds take on Lewis after blowout

By PETER REISENAUR, PATRICK STYNES, KEVIN HENRY, ERIC PRISTER and ANTHONY CONKLIN
Sports Writers

Welsh Family's veteran squad wants continued improvement for their offense, which scored 27 points in the Whirlwinds opening game, as they take on the Chicks from Lewis Hall Sunday.

"We can always keep improving," senior captain Kelly Bushelle said. "That might not mean we will keep scoring, but we definitely can continue to work."

The Chicks offense is led by

junior quarterback Jenni Gargula, who threw four touchdown passes in their victory over Pangborn last Sunday.

"I don't want to single out any key players, but a solid quarterback is always important," Bushelle said.

The Whirlwinds, though, won't be afraid to change things up if the situation calls for an

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"Orians leads Purple Weasels to shutout victory."

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IRISH INSIDER

Friday, September 21, 2007

THE
OBSERVER

Notre Dame's biggest problems stem from its offensive line. But the group has a dozen players who were top recruits.

So the question is,



WHAT'S WRONG?

COMMENTARY

Now is not the time for quitters

While making the long drive back from Ann Arbor last week, I was listening to the Boston College-Georgia Tech game on the radio. As the game wound down and the Eagles claimed victory, the announcer started reading through their next few games.



Chris Khorey

Sports Editor

"They've got Army, UMass and Bowling Green.

Then they go to Notre Dame. "I don't think they'll be challenged in any of those games."

Army, UMass, Bowling Green — and Notre Dame

That's what three embarrassing losses have done to the Irish. Suddenly they are lumped in with the worst of the service academy teams, a MAC school, and a team from Division I-AA.

The rest of America has given up on this team and this school. ESPN is laughing. Taco Bell feels so bad that they're giving away free nachos to make Irish fans feel better.

But here at Notre Dame, people don't give up so easily.

There are nine games left in the season, and some of them may be ugly.

But this campus cannot quit on this team.

Pep rallies may have a different atmosphere than they have in the past. Instead of being about getting pumped up for victory, they will be more about getting through adversity together. More like "Notre Dame, Our Mother" than "Notre Dame Victory March," if you will.

Rallies cannot become morgues. The team will be there regardless, so which will motivate them more — students cheering their entrance or a bunch of empty seats?

The same thing needs to happen in the stadium on Saturdays. The Stadium needs to be full and enthusiastic at every positive play.

At the very least, there's not much else to do on a home game Saturday. But more importantly, the Irish family has to be there for the students that work every day to represent this University on that field.

Of course, that brings up the other side of the coin — the team.

The only reason this campus

would ever quit on this team is if the team quit on the season. Losing can be tolerated if the players are giving their all on every play of every game.

But being resigned to defeat, giving up on a play, or watching the quarterback get sacked when you could have prevented it is not acceptable. Nor is laughing on the sidelines while your team is getting killed.

There were disturbing signs of quitting during the Michigan game. Hopefully, Charlie Weis' "back to training camp" approach will adjust the attitude a little, but really, this team's attitude is its own responsibility.

There are nine fifth-year seniors and ten true seniors on scholarship on this team. For all but a couple of them, this is their last season of college football — and it might be their last season of football, period.

They need to step up. In their play on the field, of course, but much more importantly, in their leadership in the locker room. The young players that make up so much of this team need someone to turn to, and "leading by example" isn't going to cut it.

And for the younger players that have been thrust into action this season, there's no longer any reason to be nervous. They've already lived through the worst, now they need to make things better. It's time to play like a champion.

This season may live in infamy in Notre Dame history, but that's no reason to quit.

It's time to circle the wagons. No one cares what ESPN says. No one cares about the ugly stats. Even the win-loss record doesn't really matter anymore.

The only thing that will make the rest of this season worth playing is for this entire campus to stand up and say, "We won't quit. We're going to get better."

Because at Notre Dame, people are loyal "what tho' the odds be great or small." The odds may be great right now, but this team has talent and the coaches have very good track records. Through hard work and perseverance the Irish will be champions again — and soon.

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

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2007 Irish opponents

		Last week	Next week
	(2-1)	L, 10-24, BC	at Virginia
	(3-0)	W, 45-24, Bufalo	at Michigan
	(1-2)	W, 38-0, ND	vs. Penn State
	(3-0)	W, 17-13, Pitt	at Notre Dame
	(3-0)	W, 45-22, CMU	at Minnesota
	(2-1)	L, 6-44, Utah	vs Washington
	(3-0)	W, 24-10, GT	vs Army
	(2-0)	W, 49-31, Neb.	vs Wash. State
	(1-2)	L, 31-34, Ball St.	vs Duke
	(3-0)	W, 20-17, TCU	at BYU
	(1-2)	W, 20-14, N'Western	at Navy
	(1-1)	W, 37-0, SJSU	at Oregon

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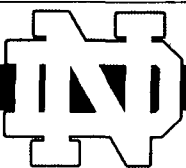
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Fixing the holes

Former Irish great Taylor says experience, leadership key to long-term turnaround of offensive line

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Jimmy Clausen took a five-step drop and was swarmed by three defensive linemen and an extra blitz. It was one second-quarter play on which the Irish offensive line collapsed and Michigan's defense took advantage, but it was one of many.

Michigan had sent an extra man to rattle the freshman quarterback, but the added pressure was unnecessary. The Wolverines literally stood Clausen up, about 10 yards behind the line of scrimmage. It was one of eight sacks on the day, not counting the two bad snaps that went over the quarterback's head and counted as runs, or the few times Clausen threw the ball away to avoid losing yardage.

Such has been life for Clausen in his first two collegiate starts.

Notre Dame's offensive line, a compilation of highly touted high school stars, is last in the nation in quarterback protection. Its problems have kept Notre Dame at the bottom of the rushing yardage total and are part of the reason the Irish have not established the kind of "niche" on offense Charlie Weis has looked for.

"Sometimes you don't really have an identity," Weis said. "And ... the identity that I've always dealt with, at least on the offensive side of the ball, was multiple formations and multiple personnel groups to run the same plays. That's my stereotype. ... And I think that's really what we haven't gotten to."

Somehow, things will eventually turn better for Notre Dame. But they haven't yet, a quarter of the way through Weis' third — and most difficult — year in South Bend.

After losing three starters from the offensive line — along with quarterback Brady Quinn, running back Darius Walker and receivers Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight — the Irish replaced their big men in the trenches with players who came to Notre Dame with confidence and hopes of playing early.

They got their wish, but the early results have been unpromising: negative net rushing yardage, 23 sacks, a pair of bad snaps, an injury and three losses.

For Notre Dame, even a collection of talented, though raw, linemen hasn't added up to any ease in the transition.

John Sullivan was a four-star recruit as Scout.com's No. 9 offensive lineman in the country coming out of high school in 2003. Of the line's two true juniors, Paul Duncan was rated 22nd nationally, and Michael Turkovich 35th.

In 2006, Sam Young came in as a five-star recruit and the nation's No. 2 high-school offensive lineman. He was joined by four-star linemen Matt Carufel (rated No. 10 in the country), Dan Wenger (No. 20), Chris Stewart (No. 43), Eric Olsen (No. 49) and Bartley Webb (No. 52).

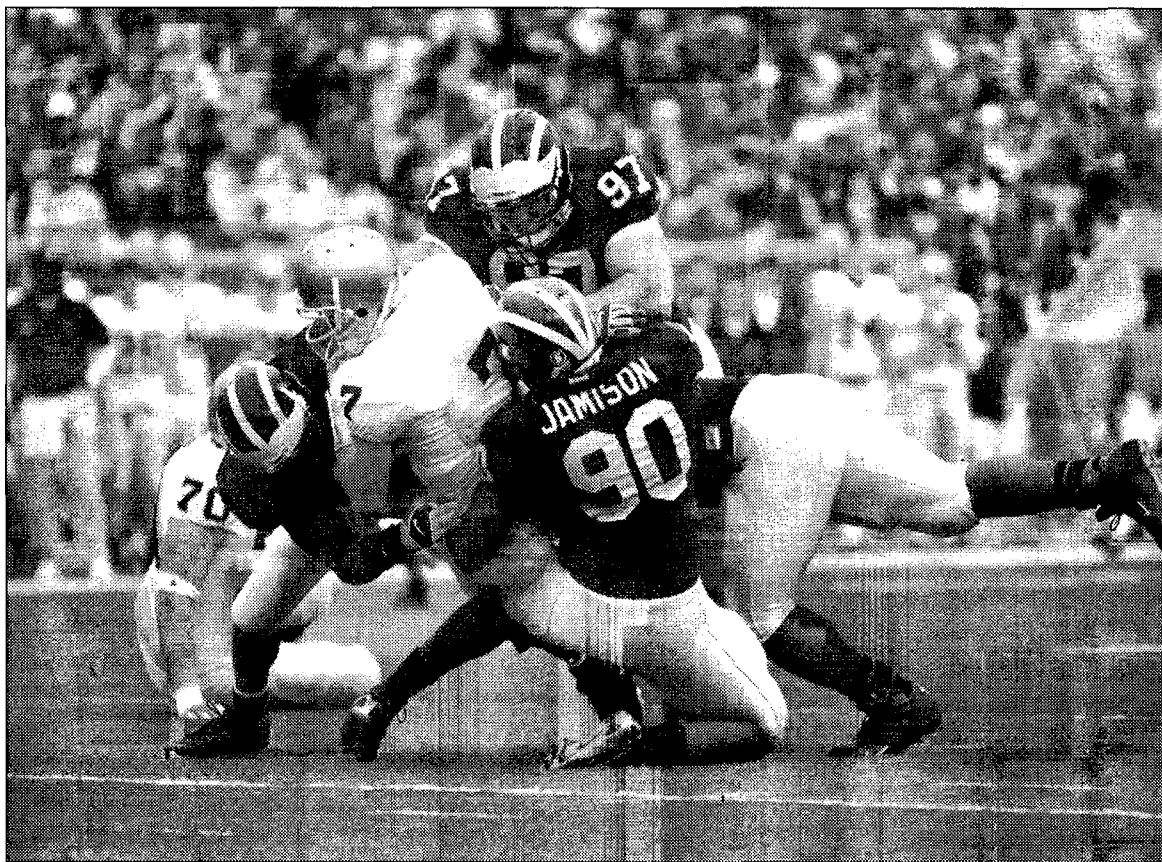
"I think that right now, it's almost kind of the perfect storm. You have essentially one fifth year senior O-Line guy, nobody in the true senior class, and only two in the junior class," said Mike Frank, who runs IrishEyes, the Notre Dame recruiting Web site in the Scout.com network. "When you only have three guys in [the upper classes], that's really the problem."

Of the group, only Sullivan and Young are returning starters. Duncan began the season at left tackle but has since switched to right, and Turkovich has held off Olsen for the starting spot at left guard.

Where the Irish will have to make a change, though, is at right guard. Wenger, who has struggled as much as the rest of the line, is likely unavailable for several games with an unspecified leg injury.

Against Michigan, Weis used his heaviest rotation of linemen in his three years at Notre Dame.

Olsen, who looked good in practice last week, saw significant time at left guard, as did true freshman Matt Romine at left tackle. Scout.com graded Romine a four-star, top-15 guard out of high school, but he has stayed on the outside of the line.



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Michigan defenders sack Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen in Notre Dame's 38-0 loss to the Wolverines last Saturday.

But, Frank said, many of Notre Dame's young players on the offensive line "probably aren't quite ready to play both mentally and physically to play at this point."

Among the problems evident in Notre Dame's 0-3 start have been defenders simply overpowering Irish offensive linemen, a lack of any sustained push on running plays, and communication failures allowing blitzers to approach the quarterback untouched while linemen look for someone to block.

The team is also dealing with other personnel issues.

Duncan and Young began the season at left and right tackle, respectively, but switched positions before the Michigan game. After the game, Weis insinuated that he was trying to shield a weakness.

"I think it's kind of a situation where Notre Dame doesn't have what you could classify as a true left tackle," Frank said.

Former Notre Dame offensive lineman and two-time All-

American Aaron Taylor said even the most talented players need guidance and help from the veterans when they first see significant playing time.

With only three upperclassmen, and only one with significant playing time entering the season, Taylor said, Notre Dame was in a near-impossible situation.

Frank said Southern California freshman center Kris O'Dowd, who is replacing second-round NFL Draft pick Ryan Kalil, has succeeded where Notre Dame's new starters have failed because he is playing with four other starters who have all seen significant playing time, either as starters or as backups in past years.

Taylor — who is now running the Notre Dame blog www.LegendsofSouthBend.com, which is in the process of establishing a scholarship fund with the University — played under Lou Holtz from 1990-93 and said freshmen and sophomores gained experience easily during those years by gradually increasing their roles next to experienced juniors and seniors.

But Notre Dame failed to blow out enough opponents over the last two years to give its second-string linemen the kind of game experience Taylor says separates experience from leadership.

"If there's anything that I wish I could do, if I could wave a magic wand, [I would] bring in some seasoned, experienced veterans who have been there and done that to provide the sort of leadership they could get out of the class that just left," Taylor said. "When you lose the types of players that you lost so rapidly and instantaneously, especially on offense, the effects are devastating."

The biggest effect of inadequate leadership, Taylor said, can be the attitude of the team.

"A glaring difference I saw, for example, between Michigan's O-line and our offensive line last week was, I watched [Michigan] hit to the whistle. They would fire out, they would make contact and

they would sustain their blocks until the whistle — and sometimes drive guys past the pile," Taylor said. "...What I watched with Notre Dame at times was hitting the contact and then stopping. They weren't bringing their feet, they weren't bringing their knees. They were hitting to the defender, they weren't hitting through the defender."

But in Taylor's view, that also means the problems are only temporary — if the Irish have anything close to the talent the recruiting services indicate they do.

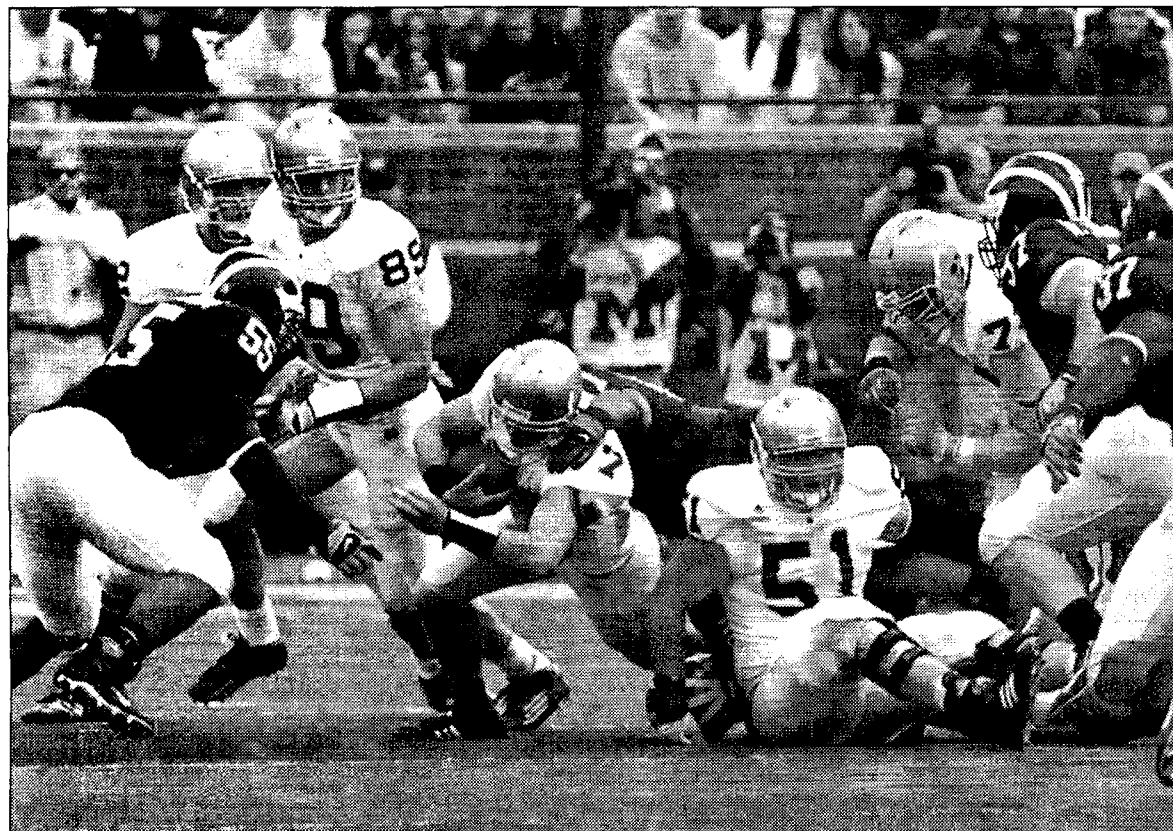
Taylor said the best way for the line to gain the sort of confidence it needs is to stick to simple running plays that minimize the players' thinking and maximize brute, one-on-one physical matchups.

"What I would like to see is weekly improvement. Stripping it all the way down and taking away wins and losses and having goals about bowl games and all those things, go out and represent our University the way that she deserves," Taylor said. "Go out and represent the student body the way that they deserve. Go out and represent the players that came before them and the players that will come after them the way that that program deserves. That's what I would want to see, and that's not about scoring eight touchdowns a game. ...

"That's about playing with integrity, playing with passion, playing with heart and pride. And that's something I think has been lacking a little bit, and a lot of that has to do with youth. ...

"I didn't walk away definitively knowing whether or not it bothered them as much as I remember it bothered me when I was there," Taylor continued. "And that oftentimes is the case when you don't have the guys that have been there and done that for them to be able to relate to. They'll figure it out pretty quick, and I think Charlie has taken a step in the right direction by taking it back to fundamentals."

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

A Michigan defender takes down Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen in Michigan's 38-0 win over Notre Dame last Saturday. Notre Dame's offensive line has allowed 23 sacks this season.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-3
AP: NR
Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis
head coach

Charlie Weis
Third season at
Notre Dame
career record:
19-9
at Notre Dame:
19-9
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MSU: 1-1

Roster

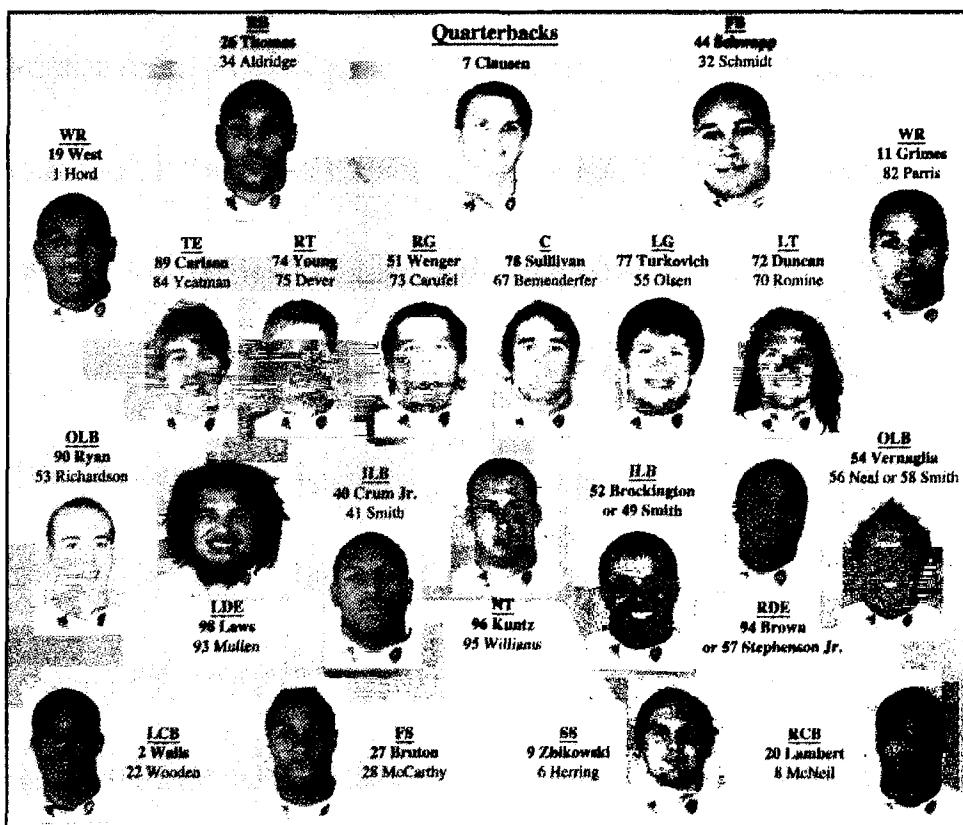
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	196	JR
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	180	SO
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	180	FR
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	190	FR
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	197	SO
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	207	FR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	187	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	207	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	JR
12	Darrin Bragg	QB	6-1	188	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	216	JR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	197	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	189	SR
16	Justin Gillett	QB	5-11	180	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	208	SR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	222	FR
19	George West	WR	5-10	197	SO
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	191	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	185	SO
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	196	SR
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	188	FR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-9	173	SR
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	194	SO
25	Munir Prince	DB	5-10	184	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	216	SR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	207	JR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	207	SO
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	203	SO
29	Jake Richardsville	WR	6-1	180	SO
30	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	205	FR
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	196	SO
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	248	SO
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	238	FR
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	222	JR
35	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
35	Kevin Smith	DB	6-0	180	SR
36	Dex Cure	DB	6-1	220	SO
37	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-9	183	SR
38	Wade Jams	WR	5-11	196	SO
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	6-2	241	SO
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	230	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-4	235	JR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	241	JR
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	JR
43	Eric Maust	P	5-10	177	SO
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	261	JR
45	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	JR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
47	Aaron Nagel	LB	6-1	229	FR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	245	SO
50	Steve Paskorz	LB	6-2	235	FR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	287	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-2	240	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	244	SO
54	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	234	SR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	303	SO
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	245	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	272	SR
59	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	339	SO
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-5	306	JR
67	Tom Bemenderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
70	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	279	FR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-6	305	SO
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	308	JR
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
74	Sam Young	OL	6-8	310	FSO
75	Taylor Dever	OL	6-5	289	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	DL	6-5	292	FR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	301	JR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	303	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	209	SO
83	Mike Ragone	TE	6-5	230	FR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	264	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	SO
88	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	255	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	255	SR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	253	SO
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	6-4	283	FR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	287	JR
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	290	SO
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	261	SR
95	Ian Williams	DL	6-2	300	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-3	285	JR
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	257	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	296	SR

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 GA. TECH — L
Sept. 8 at Penn State — L
Sept. 15 at Michigan — L
Sept. 22 MICHIGAN ST.
Sept. 29 at Purdue
Oct. 6 at UCLA
Oct. 13 BC
Oct. 20 USC
Nov. 3 NAVY
Nov. 11 AIR FORCE
Nov. 18 DUKE
Nov. 25 at Stanford

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish



*Depth chart as of Wednesday.

COACHING

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NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis's success in his first 23 games as Notre Dame head coach suddenly seems like a distant memory. Five straight ugly losses, including three to open this season, raise disturbing questions. Has he lost this team?

Jimmy Clausen has been doing his best in a very bad situation. He's completed over fifty percent of his passes when he's not getting sacked — but he's been on his back far too often. He needs to make reads more quickly, and get the ball out of his hands.

Notre Dame's awful rushing stats are misleading — the Irish are averaging around 80 positive rushing per game, but their stats have been killed by sacks. Even so, Notre Dame has been unable to achieve a consistent running attack this year.

When Notre Dame has dropped back to pass this season, something bad has happened more often than not. Between receivers not getting open, an offensive line that can't block and a freshman quarterback learning as he goes, the passing game has been ugly.

MICHIGAN STATE

Mark Dantonio was barely over .500 at Cincinnati, a tough place to recruit and win. But he has the Spartans playing more disciplined football than they ever did under John L. Smith — and he's much less likely to suffer a nervous breakdown.

Brian Hoyer has replaced Irish-killer Drew Stanton under center for the Spartans this season. He's played well so far, completing 61 percent of his passes for 634 yards, with three touchdowns and two interceptions.

The Spartans shut down the rushing attacks of UAB and Bowling Green, but gave up 207 yards on the ground to Pittsburgh, including a 64-yard run. Michigan State's top two tacklers this year are defensive backs.

Michigan State's secondary is giving up about 200 passing yards per game, but what is more relevant is that the Spartans lead the nation in sacks, while the Irish have allowed the most in the nation this season.

ANALYSIS

More and more, Notre Dame's problems this year appear to be based in a lack of fundamentals and effort. The Irish went back to basics this week, but it remains to be seen if Weis and his coaching staff can motivate these players to live up to their potential.

Clausen has a ton of upside, but he's still a freshman playing behind the nation's worst offensive line. Hoyer has had success this year and is playing with confidence. He also wants to live up to Stanton's success against Notre Dame.

The Irish are recommending themselves to fundamentals this week, which should lead to better blocking and a better running game. But Notre Dame has a long way to go to establish a decent ground attack against the Spartans.

Notre Dame's offensive line will probably rotate heavily and, hopefully, have a new attitude, but it might not be enough to stop one of the best pass rushes in the nation. Clausen will have to get rid of the ball quickly.

Irish experts



Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

The notion that it's going to get worse before it gets better is ill-founded. It simply can't get any worse. Notre Dame's training wheels start to stabilize, but Michigan State is far too much for the Irish to handle. With significant changes to the team's attitude, Jimmy Clausen throws his first touchdown. But Notre Dame won't get any more points than that.

FINAL SCORE: Michigan State 27
Notre Dame 7



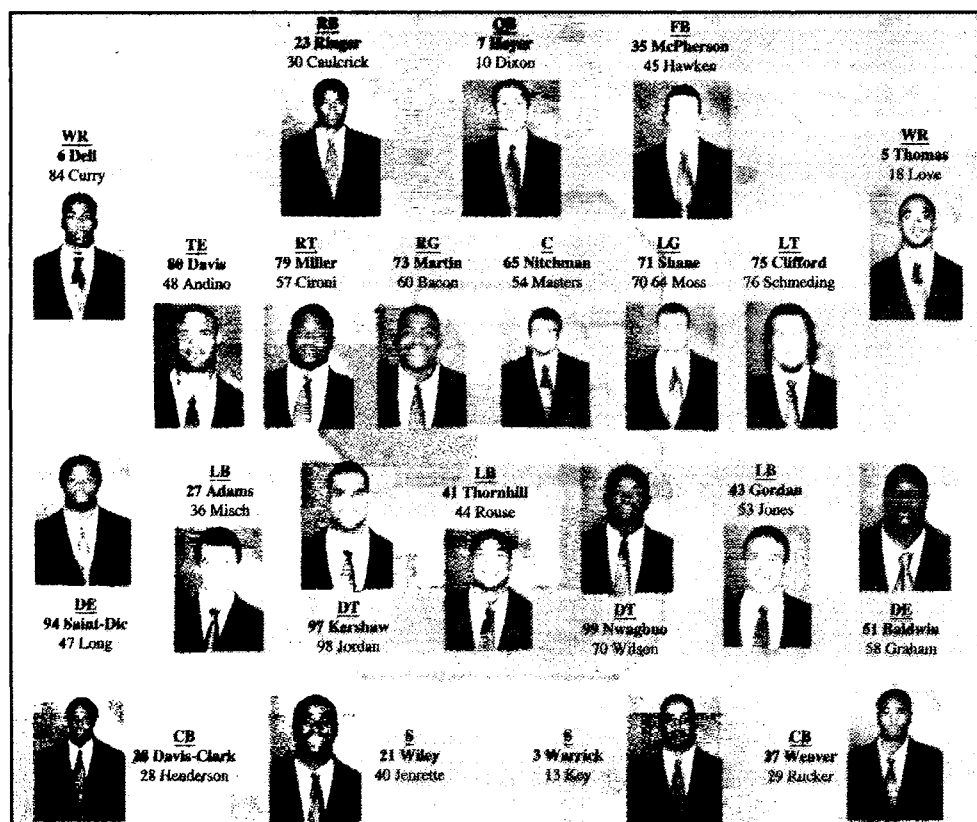
Chris Khorey
Sports Editor

Notre Dame went back to fundamentals this week looking to improve blocking and tackling. Those areas will be better this week, allowing for the first offensive touchdown of the year for the Irish and an improved rush defense. It won't add up to a win, but at this point, anything other than a total embarrassment to the school would be a step in the right direction.

FINAL SCORE: Michigan State 28
Notre Dame 14

HEAD

Michigan State Spartans



Michigan State 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1	UAB — W
Sept. 8	BGU — W
Sept. 15	PITT — W
Sept. 22	at Notre Dame
Sept. 29	at Wisconsin
Oct. 6	N'WESTERN
Oct. 13	INDIANA
Oct. 20	at Ohio State
Oct. 27	at Iowa
Nov. 3	MICHIGAN
Nov. 10	at Purdue
Nov. 17	PENN STATE

Michigan State

Spartans

Record: 3-0

AP: NR

Coaches: NR

Mark Dantonio
First season at
Michigan State
career record:

21-17

at MSU:

3-0

against Notre

Dame: 0-0



Mark Dantonio
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
2	Diego Oquend	DB	5-9	175	JR
2	Matt Haughey	K	5-9	176	JR
3	Nehemiah Warrick	DB	6-1	208	SR
4	Cark Grimes	WR	5-9	175	JR
4	Ed Wagner	P	6-5	225	SO
5	Devin Thomas	WR	6-2	218	JR
6	Mark Dell	WR	6-2	185	FR
7	Brian Hoyer	QB	6-2	212	JR
8	Kirk Cousins	QB	6-3	181	FR
9	Jeremy Ware	DB	5-10	191	SO
10	Connor Dixon	QB	6-4	199	SO
11	Marcus Hyde	DB	6-0	200	SO
12	Clay Charles	QB	6-1	202	SO
13	Brad Sibbtog	WR	5-8	170	FR
14	Cole Malatinsky	DB	5-10	185	SR
14	Bret Swenson	K	5-8	160	SO
15	Todd Boleski	K	6-6	212	JR
16	Chris Rucker	WR	5-10	172	FR
17	Nick Foles	QB	6-5	235	FR
18	Aaron Bates	P	6-0	190	FR
19	David Williams	WR	5-9	180	SO
20	A.J. Jimmerson	RB	5-10	202	SO
21	Otis Wiley	DB	6-2	214	JR
22	Mike Parrelly	RB	5-7	196	SO
22	Enrique Shaw	DB	6-1	187	SO
23	Javon Ringer	RB	5-9	200	JR
24	Kevin Hall	P	6-4	218	SO
25	Blair White	WR	6-2	198	SO
27	Sir Darean Adams	LB	6-0	230	SR
28	Mike Bell	DB	5-11	175	JR
29	Chris Rucker	DB	6-2	185	FR
30	Jehuu Caulcrick	RB	6-0	255	SR
31	Ashton Henderson	DB	6-2	185	FR
32	Mike Cordell	DB	5-9	185	JR
33	Dan Fortener	DB	6-1	197	SO
34	Jelani Nantambu	DB	5-9	189	JR
35	Jeff McPherson	FB	6-1	245	JR
36	Jon Misch	LB	6-2	200	SO
37	Ross Weaver	DB	6-1	202	JR
38	Kendall Davis-Clark	DB	5-11	199	JR
39	Devin Pritchett	FB	6-2	245	SR
40	Roderick Jenrette	DB	6-1	192	SO
41	Kaleb Thornhill	LB	6-1	242	SR
42	Rob Tabtnick	LB	5-11	215	SR
43	Eric Gordon	LB	6-0	220	SO
44	Josh Rouse	LB	6-3	232	SO
45	Andrew Hawken	FB	6-2	240	SO
47	Adam Setterbo	FB	6-3	241	FR
48	Eric Andino	TE	6-4	242	SR
49	Dwayne Holmes	FB	6-0	279	JR
50	Michael Linger	LS	6-2	220	FR
51	Ervin Baldwin	DL	6-2	270	SR
52	Andrew Pandy	LB	6-1	227	SO
53	Greg Jones	LB	6-2	220	FR
54	John Masters	OL	6-4	288	SR
55	Adam Decker	LB	6-2	234	SO
56	Alex Shackleton	LS	6-2	250	SO
57	Rocco Cironi	OL	6-6	306	SO
58	Reggie Graham	OL	6-4	215	SO
59	Ryan Wheat	DL	6-5	308	FR
60	Mike Bacon	OL	6-4	298	JR
61	Tramonte ointer	DL	5-10	292	SR
62	Abre Leggins	OL	6-3	301	SO
64	Brendon Moss	OL	6-6	287	SO
64	Chris Smith	DL	6-3	288	SR
65	Joel Nychman	OL	6-3	295	OL
66	Mike Gyetval	OL	6-7	310	SR
67	Joel Foreman	OL	6-3	295	FR
68	Brian Johnson	DL	6-1	255	FR
70	Oren Wilson	DL	6-3	290	FR
71	Kenny Shane	OL	6-5	325	SR
73	Roland Martin	OL	6-5	328	JR
74	Jared McGaha	OL	6-6	293	FR
75	Pete Clifford	OL	6-7	312	SR
76	Mike Schmeding	OL	6-8	315	SO
77	J'Michael Deane	OL	6-5	286	SO
79	Jesse Miller	OL	6-6	312	JR
80	Kellen Davis	TE	6-6	246	SR
81	David Duran	TE	6-5	226	FR
82	Ryan Allison	WR	6-3	210	JR
83	Charlie Gantt	TE	6-5	245	SO
84	Deon Curry	WR	6-1	208	JR
85	Garrett Celek	TE	6-5	233	FR
86	B.J. Cunningham	WR	6-2	200	JR
87	Kevin Pickelman	DL	6-3	250	FR
88	John Stipek	DL	6-5	270	SO
89	Colin Neely	DL	6-1	244	SO
93	Antonio Jeremiah	DL	6-5	322	FR
94	Jonal Saint-Dic	DE	6-1	255	SR
96	Patrick Rigan	DL	6-5	254	SO
97	Justin Kershaw	DL	6-5	258	JR
98	Michael Jordon	DL	6-5	295	SO
99	Ogemdi Nwagbuo	DL	6-5	290	SR

SPARTANS RUSHING

The Irish rush defense looked improved against Penn State but took a major step backwards against Michigan, allowing Mike Hart to run over, around and through it. Defensive linemen were blown so far off the ball that they were making tackles nine yards downfield.

Jehuu Caulcrick and Javon Ringer are a thunder-and-lightning combination for the Spartans. Together they are averaging over 150 yards per game. Caulcrick has scored six touchdowns already this year.

The Spartans, especially Caulcrick, gashed the Irish line last season and will probably do so again Saturday. It may not be as ugly as last week, but Michigan State's running game is almost guaranteed to be effective against the undersized Irish front seven.

SPARTANS PASSING

Notre Dame's secondary has been one of the lone bright spots on the team, allowing only 114 yards per game through the air — although part of that success has been due to the fact that opponents rarely need to pass. The Irish will need a big play out of this group.

Hoyer has been solid this season, but he is still inexperienced and has only started one road game in his career. The wide receivers are led by Devin Thomas, who has 12 catches for 315 yards this season.

The Irish pass defense has been effective this year, and the Spartans are the least experienced group of wide receivers Notre Dame has faced. This area of the game may not be very important if the Irish can't stop the run.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame special teams have been a mixed bag this year. Zbikowski and Tate are dangerous return men, and Price, Walker and Whitaker have all looked good kicking the ball. But the Irish are susceptible to long returns by opponents.

Bret Swenson is 3-for-5 on field goals, but one of his misses came from within 30 yards. The Spartans have been solid on kick and punt returns and on coverage, but their kickers have landed two touchbacks on 19 kickoffs.

Both groups have their strong points and their weak points. Since neither team has had success reaching the end zone on kickoffs, a big return one way or the other could have a major impact on this game. Price's punting will be key for Notre Dame.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame is in complete disarray, and Weis is trying to get the fire back with his "training camp" mentality. Several Irish players appeared to mail in the Michigan game when they got behind in the second quarter. That can't happen again.

The Spartans are 3-0 in Dantonio's first season. They are getting back a lot of the confidence they lost during last year's late season meltdown — and they want to make amends for blowing the 2006 edition of this game.

Notre Dame needs a major attitude adjustment this week, and it remains to be seen if Weis' new approach will bring it. Meanwhile, the Spartans are riding high, looking for their sixth straight win in South Bend.

NOTRE DAME

MICHIGAN STATE

ANALYSIS



Chris Hine
Sports Editor

The Irish finally make it into the end zone on offense, but that's where the celebration ends. Clausen has his best game yet, and Allen is able to break out of the backfield for some big plays. Michigan State wears down the Notre Dame defense and runs all over the Irish late in the game like everybody else has done this season. Notre Dame keeps it close, but the Spartans are too much to handle for the struggling Irish.

**FINAL SCORE: Michigan State 24
Notre Dame 13**



Jay Fitzpatrick
Associate
Sports Editor

"Things can't possibly be any worse than they were last week."

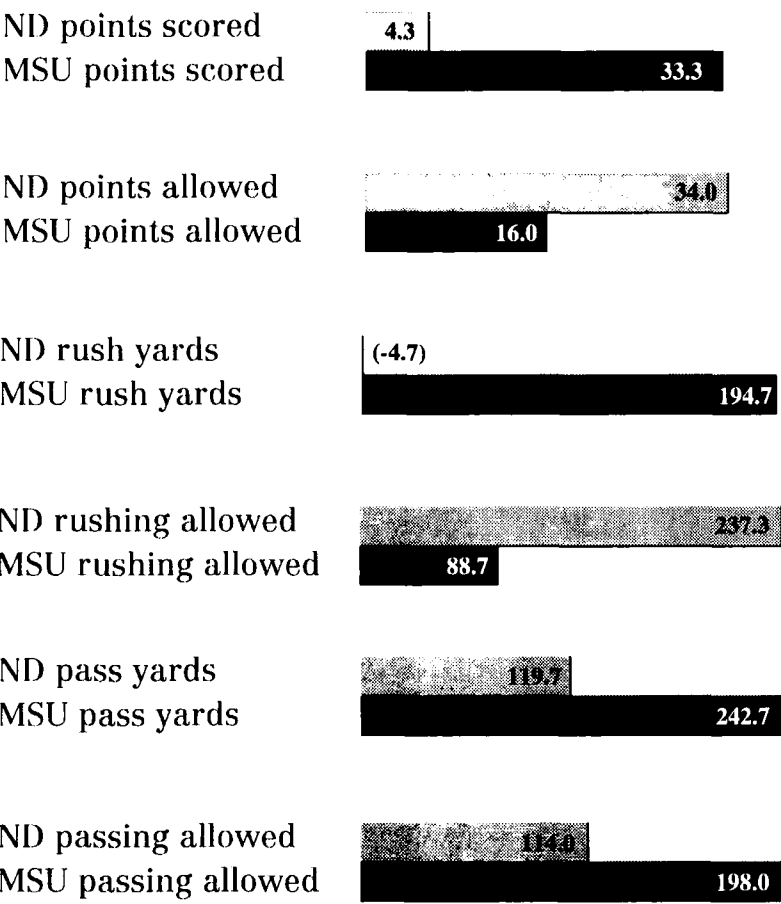
I've thought that two straight weeks now and I've been burned both times. Until the team shows any semblance of improvement, we can only assume the worst. Michigan State easily becomes the first visitor to win six straight at Notre Dame Stadium.

**FINAL SCORE: Michigan State 41
Notre Dame 6**

Irish experts

Crunching the numbers

AVERAGE PER GAME



Saturday Pick ‘em

	<u>Khorey</u>	<u>Hine</u>	<u>Fowler</u>	<u>Fitzpatrick</u>
Season Record:	(43-15)	(46-12)	(51-7)	(50-8)
Washington State at No. 1 USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
No. 12 South Carolina at No. 2 LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Ole Miss at No. 3 Florida	FL	FL	FL	FL
East Carolina at No. 5 West Virginia	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU
Arizona at No. 6 California	CA	CA	CA	CA
Rice at No. 7 Texas	TX	TX	TX	TX
Northwestern at No. 8 Ohio State	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
Iowa at No. 9 Wisconsin	WI	WI	UI	WI
No. 10 Penn State at Michigan	PSU	UM	PSU	PSU
No. 13 Oregon at Stanford	OR	OR	OR	OR
Army at No. 14 Boston College	BC	BC	BC	BC
No. 15 Clemson at NC State	CU	CU	CU	CU
No. 22 Georgia at No. 16 Alabama	AL	AL	AL	AL
William and Mary at No. 17 V. Tech	VT	VT	VT	VT
Syracuse at No. 18 Louisville	UL	UL	UL	UL
Charleston Southern at No. 19 Hawaii	UH	UH	UH	UH
No. 21 Kentucky at Arkansas	AR	AR	AR	AR
North Carolina at No. 23 South Florida	UNC	USF	USF	USF
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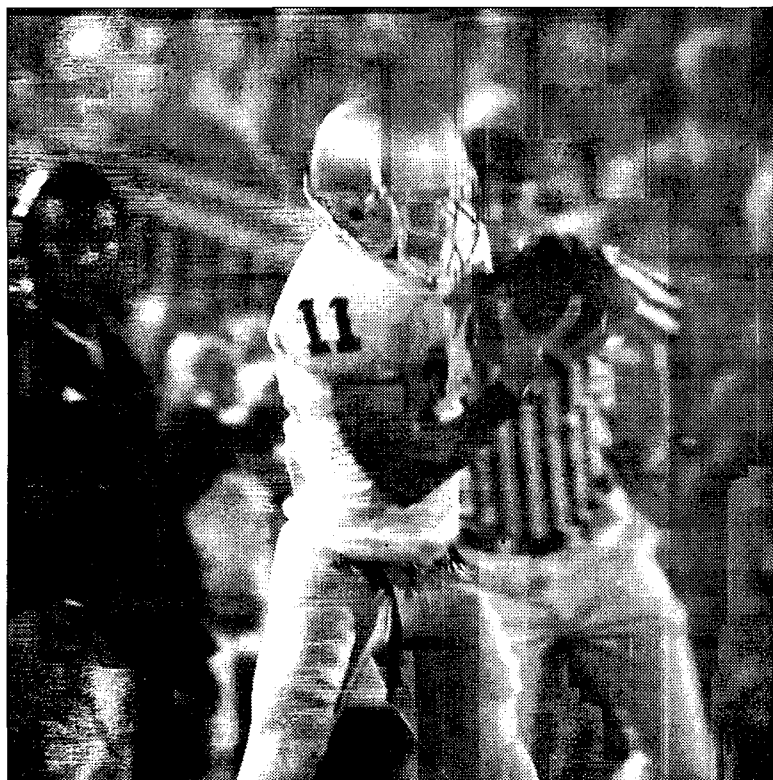
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Grimes brothers renew family, school rivalry



Irish wide receiver David Grimes catches a pass in Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State on Sept. 8.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

In 2003, St. Martin De Porres High School had two standout wide receivers. Both were two-sport athletes. Both caught touchdown passes in the Michigan Division-8 Championship game.

And both were named Grimes.

For three seasons, Notre

Dame wide receiver David Grimes and his older brother — Spartans red-shirt junior wide receiver Carl Grimes — played together at De Porres.

"It was pretty cool to look over [to the other side of the field] and your big brother's right there," David Grimes said. "We already spend all hours of our lives together, why not do it on the field?"

Now in college, the Grimes brothers will stand on opposite

sidelines for the third time as their teams face off.

The Grimes brothers were dominant as wideouts for De Porres. In his senior season, Carl Grimes was De Porres' top offensive threat, accumulating 1,200 yards of total offense — including 614 rushing yards on 69 carries — while missing five games with a bruised foot.

Carl Grimes also amassed 514 receiving yards on only 28 catches in De Porres' 12-2 championship season in 2003.

His younger brother was no slouch either that season, hauling in an 80-yard touchdown pass in De Porres' 20-9 win over Beal City in the title game.

David Grimes was named an honorable mention all-conference his junior season, while Carl Grimes was named to the all-state, all-Detroit and the all-Metro teams in his senior season.

But despite the lengthy list of accolades, David Grimes said his big brother was more important to him as a brother than as a teammate.

"[Carl helped me grow] not just as a wide receiver but as a person," David said. "At a young age, he was the male figure in my life and I give him all the compliments and thanks in the world for that."

Before signing with Michigan State as a senior, Carl Grimes was listed as a SuperPrep All-American and a top-10 recruit by the Lansing Journal (No. 5), Detroit News (No. 6) and Detroit Free Press (No. 9). Carl

Grimes redshirted in 2004 with foot problems and has seven catches for 45 in his two full seasons at Michigan State.

David Grimes said even though his older brother went to Michigan State, he is not a Spartans fan.

"I wanted for him to do good, but when I made my decision to come to Notre Dame, I knew that we would be in a rivalry pretty soon so I didn't want them to be that successful," David Grimes said.

Notre Dame's Grimes came into his own during his senior season as starting wide receiver and defensive back for De Porres. He was first team on the Detroit Free Press all-state dream team as a wide receiver in 2004, catching 48 passes for 800 yards and eight touchdowns. He also made 41 tackles and five interceptions.

David Grimes led De Porres back to the championship game, but the team fell 14-7 to Unionville-Sebewaing — this time in Division 7. David played well in the title game and returned a fumble 36 yards for De Porres' only score.

Even though David Grimes has great respect for his brother, he knew that after high school he wanted to branch out and make a name for himself.

"I didn't want to go to Michigan State to be 'Carl's little brother,'" David Grimes said. "I wanted to develop my own identity."

And Carl Grimes was willing to help.

David Grimes said his big brother left the decision entirely up to him and did not try to convince him to go to Michigan State.

The younger Grimes was recruited beginning in 2004 by Notre Dame under then-head coach Tyrone Willingham. After Willingham's firing, Charlie Weiss continued the recruiting process.

David Grimes said Weiss was the most important factor in his decision to join the Irish.

"He called me one day. He gave it to me real," David said. "He said, '[You're] gonna work and I plan on winning. And if you're on board, you're on board.' And that's all I needed to hear."

Despite the rivalry, David Grimes said his family still roots for both brothers to do well.

"My mother and my family seem not to show any side," he said. "They would prefer it just to be a good game. My mother predicted that the first time we played it would go to overtime and it did."

With nail-biting finishes in 2005 and 2006, David Grimes said, emotions run even higher knowing that his brother is standing on the other sideline.

"It was pretty exciting to look over and see your brother," he said. "Obviously the first year, they won and it wasn't too exciting. But the second year it was pretty damn awesome."

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Dantonio prepares to face Irish for first time

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Mark Dantonio may be in his first year as Michigan State's coach, but he is well acquainted with the rivalry between Notre Dame and the Spartans.

Dantonio spent six years as an assistant for Michigan State from 1995-2000, and knows anything can happen when the two teams battle, regardless of their records entering the game.

"[Notre Dame has] excellent coaching, they have tradition," Dantonio said. "They're backed into a corner a little bit. They have a rivalry with us, they played us last year here and you guys know the score on that one. And so it's a traditional rival. Any time you have a rival game, we need to be prepared."

Dantonio, who coached Cincinnati for the past three seasons, replaced John Smith, who led the Spartans during their 44-41 win at Notre Dame in 2005 and their 40-37 loss to Notre Dame in 2006 at Spartan Stadium.

Last season's loss devastated the Spartans faithful. Michigan State led by 17 at halftime but could not hold off the surging Irish in a driving rainstorm. The loss spelled the end for Smith, who was let go at the end of the season, and left the Michigan State program in disarray.

Dantonio said Saturday is a big step in bringing the program back to national prominence.

"But a lot of that I think

rests with, as I said before, we need to continue to win the respect back of our fan base and the people," Dantonio said. "And that is an ongoing thing. ... Our reputation is not built as of yet. We need to continue to do that. So we need to constantly remind ourselves of that. Stay grounded and understand what we have to accomplish. It's long term, though."

Last Saturday, the Spartans defeated Pittsburgh 17-13 to improve to 3-0 this season, but, Dantonio said, his team must improve if it wants to stay undefeated.

"From my perspective, ... we could have played better on Saturday. And we played a pretty good Pitt team. They played very square," Dantonio said. "You have to give Pitt a lot of credit. They had been working on that formation and those play scenarios since last spring from what I understand. They had not shown any in the prior two [games]. You know, they played very well defensively. Pitt's a much improved football team. But if you look at the game, we were our worst enemy at times. And my message to our team will always be about us, how we play. So we'll be prepared."

After leaving Michigan State in 2000, Dantonio became the defensive coordinator at Ohio State and won a national title in 2002. Dantonio's defenses at Ohio State performed well — the Buckeyes ranked second in the nation in scoring defense in 2002 and were tenth overall in 2003.

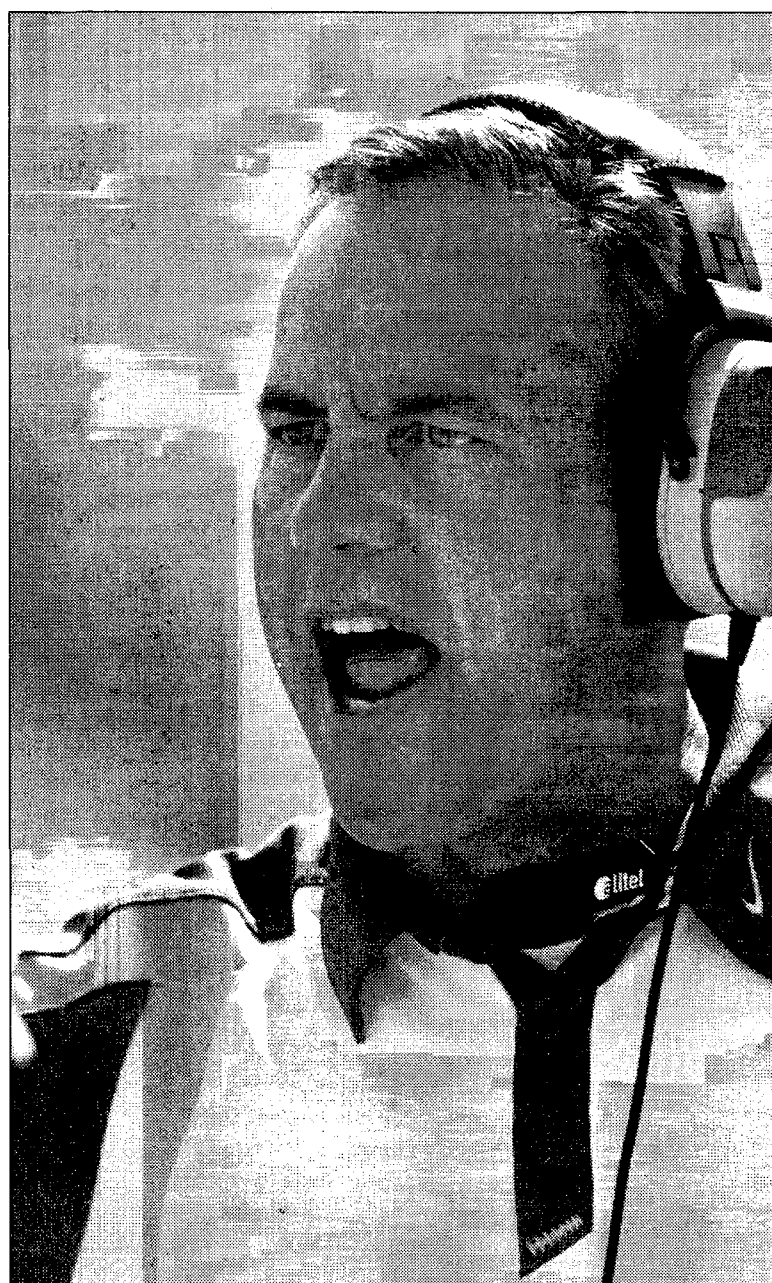
In 2004, Dantonio took over Cincinnati's program. He led the Bearcats to a 30-11 upset victory over then-No. 7 Rutgers last season. Cincinnati's defense ranked 27th in the nation in rushing last season, and the Bearcats finished 7-5.

Dantonio's reputation as a solid defensive coach will be on the line against a sputtering Irish offense. The Spartans have allowed 88.7 rushing yards per game and 198 through the air. Notre Dame has averaged negative -4.7 yards rushing and 119.7 passing. But unlike Smith, Dantonio is reserved when he talks about Notre Dame.

He is preparing his team for the Notre Dame of old, even though Notre Dame lost to Georgia Tech 33-3 at home to open the season and has dropped its last five home games against Michigan State. Despite Notre Dame's struggles, Dantonio said his team can't underestimate the Irish — especially since the game is at Notre Dame Stadium.

"I think without question [Notre Dame] plays a home game where they were not successful, go away and play in two difficult environments. Now they get an opportunity to come back home," Dantonio said. "And it's always more special when you're playing at home. It's very difficult to win away games. ... But I expect Notre Dame to be emotional. I expect them to be ... well prepared and eager to play."

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Spartans coach Mark Dantonio yells at his players during Michigan State's 55-18 win over UAB on Sept. 1.



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