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## Early action applications up 11.5 percent

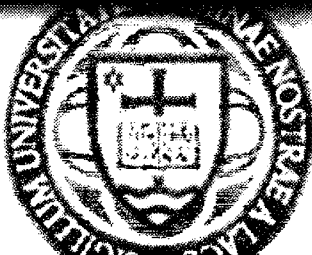
University recruits more minority, international students; Peer college policy changes affect ND

### Early Action applications

	2006	2007
Number of applications submitted	3,809	4,247
Number of applicants from ethnic minorities	551	799
Number of international applicants	61	126

Information from  
the Admissions Office

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By ROHAN ANAND  
News Writer

Early action applications to the University rose to 4,247 this year, up 11.5 percent from last year, Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Admissions Dan Saracino said.

This year's applicant pool includes a 45 percent increase in the number of ethnic minorities seeking early admittance to Notre Dame, as well as a 106 percent increase in international students. A total of 799 minorities and 126 international students submitted early action applications this fall, Saracino said.

He called those figures "healthy increases."

"My projection is that we will come out of early action with an admitted group of students with higher academic

records and extracurricular activities than ever before," Saracino said. "However, even more notable will be the amount of diversity — ethnically, internationally, and socio-economically — that will be reflected in next year's freshman class."

Visitations to the admissions office have also been up 16 percent this year, Saracino said, and admissions officers are receiving more inquiries from students and high school counselors via e-mail, phone calls and application requests.

Saracino attributed the increases in international student applications to his office's outreach efforts, which include increased traveling to other countries to market Notre Dame, mobilizing the alumni abroad to contact high

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## NBC exec: Bold pitches get backing

Network vice president encourages fearlessness

By JENN METZ  
Assistant News Editor

Fearlessness is necessary when entering the television industry, an NBC official said Tuesday at Notre Dame.

In a discussion titled "Developing Prime-Time Television,"

a part of the Film, Television and Theatre Talks series, Katie O'Connell, senior vice president of drama



O'Connell

development at NBC Entertainment, outlined careers in television and how a show grows from a pitch to pilot.

In order to succeed, one must be able to articulate an opinion and "be fearless about that," said O'Connell, who spoke to an audience of mainly FTT majors in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's Browning Center.

"It's really easy not to like something," O'Connell said. "Having a fearlessness, standing up for something ... those are the strongest assets in this business."

At her current position, O'Connell guided the pilot development and launch of freshmen series like "Chuck," "Life," "Bionic Woman" and "Journeyman." She also is working on a mid-season addition, "Lipstick Jungle," based

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## COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## 'Shirt' president wants to go national

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
News Writer

The Council of Representatives unanimously approved Tuesday a new president to head The Shirt committee next year and discussed the possibility of selling The Shirt nationwide.

The outgoing president of The Shirt committee, senior Brad LeNoir, presented junior Jason Gott, vice president of the 2007 committee, to the council.

"Jason is the best candidate because of the experience and ideas he brings to the table," LeNoir said.

Gott said he has several new ideas for the 2008 Shirt. Although the design is still in the

early phases of production, Gott said, plans are already underway to sell The Shirt in nationwide retail stores like J.C. Penney, Sears and Dick's Sporting Goods.

"J.C. Penney has actually already approached us," Gott said. "We want to turn it into a nationwide program while maintaining The Shirt's identity."

Gott stressed this last point. While he hopes The Shirt will be sold nationally, Gott said it will always remain a student-run project and a symbol of unity for Notre Dame supporters.

"I would take very great care to make sure it stays relevant to Notre Dame football," he said.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

From left to right, Sheena Plamoottill, Liz Brown and Maris Braun sit at Tuesday's COR meeting.

## Role of religion in politics debated

Panelists use JFK example to explore separation of Church, state

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

Two student-professor teams faced off at LaFortune Student Center Tuesday night as they debated the role of religion in politics.

Political science professor David Campbell and senior Kathleen Sullivan, a political science major, argued that religion doesn't have a place in the political spectrum. Their opponents, Law School professor Richard Garnett and senior Corey Mehlos, co-president of College Democrats, said there are times when religion can be appropriate in political settings.

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LINDSAY POULIN/The Observer

Law professor Richard Garnett, left, and senior Corey Mehlos speak at a debate on religion in politics in the LaFortune Center Tuesday.

## University remembers soldiers, sends packages

By ANN-MARIE WOODS  
News Writer

As Notre Dame students count the days to go home for Thanksgiving, one group wants to remember fellow Americans that don't have the privilege of spending the holiday with their families.

Bearing in mind men and women in the armed forces abroad, the Notre Dame Accounting Association (NDAA) organized its annual care-package drive, inviting students to send gifts to deployed soldiers, primarily those in the Middle East.

The drive ends this weekend. Senior Elizabeth Byrum, NDAA co-director of communi-

ty service, said the care packages are a way to show the troops support and let them know "there are students at Notre Dame and other places that have them in their thoughts and prayers."

She said the packages will include items the soldiers might enjoy, but do not necessarily have access to while they're abroad, like candy and beef jerky. But the care packages will also have more practical supplies, like sunscreen and chapstick.

Byrum said the NDAA has also received donations from different stores in the community to help pay for the things in the packages.

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## INSIDE COLUMN

## What almost came to be

On Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007, I traveled to Chicago see one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in concert.

This was an adventure fraught with near-disaster, creepy cabbies and what will become one of my biggest regrets. But it was still one of the most amazing times of my life.

Anthony Conklin

Sports Wire  
Editor

However, since I cannot fit the entire story in this column, I will focus on one thing — the story of my huge regret.

In the immortal words of this influential man, I am going to tell you the end of the story first and then we'll Tarantino it.

The story ends with the lights suddenly re-illuminating the 20,000 some faces in the crowd, while a thunderous alarm sounded.

Let the adventure begin.

The show did not begin at 7. The show did not begin at 7:30. Nay, the show began at 8 — one hour late.

However, the audience's grumblings were lost among gasps when the lights went out and we heard the announcement.

"This summer Dane Cook brings you 'Rough Around the Edges.'"

Then a familiar voice, that of Dane Cook, interrupted with, "Hey, that's not this summer, that's tonight!"

The crowd went wild and Dane Cook took the stage. As can be expected, the act was hilarious. He had a lot of new material, and the old material he used was spiced up with new bits.

I couldn't sit up straight at times and was clinging to my chair for support. My diaphragm hurt from laughing so hard. In summary, I am glad I went to the bathroom before the show (yes, I thought ahead).

Now I will tell you about a moment that will haunt me for the rest of my life.

It may well become the biggest regret in my life. After Cook returned for his encore, he mentioned how much he loves Kool-Aid. Anyone who has heard his bit about the Kool-Aid Man (Oh Yeah!) knows what was to come next.

However, he did not continue.

Instead he said, "I know many of you enjoy this bit and some of you can even say it better than I can by now, so I'm giving you the chance."

Was he serious? I know that bit inside and out, and I am not one to be shy in front of a crowd, but I still had reservations.

There were thousands of people in the audience. Still, I was about one second away from standing up, when a guy two rows in front of me did.

I was in the fifth row. The guy was two rows in front of me in the same seat. He was drunk, and had less to think about. He was chosen, and he butchered the bit.

I was one second away from having one of those only-in-Hollywood dream-come-true moments. I was so close... so close.

Anyway, after the drunk guy, Dan, finished ruining Dane Cook's material, Dane told one more story and said, "I am going to leave you with a song I love. I am sure most of you know the words."

At that, the lights flashed on and a thunderous alarm sounded, with about 20,000 people singing along.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO SHOULD NEW YORK PICK IF SHE WANTS TO FIND TRUE LOVE?



Concerta Holley

junior  
Howard

"Buddha. He's sexy."



Derek Ingle

junior  
Keough

"The Entertainer because he believes in the spiritual realm."



James Toner

junior  
Keenan

"Flavor Flav. Again."



Kyle Peters

junior  
O'Neill

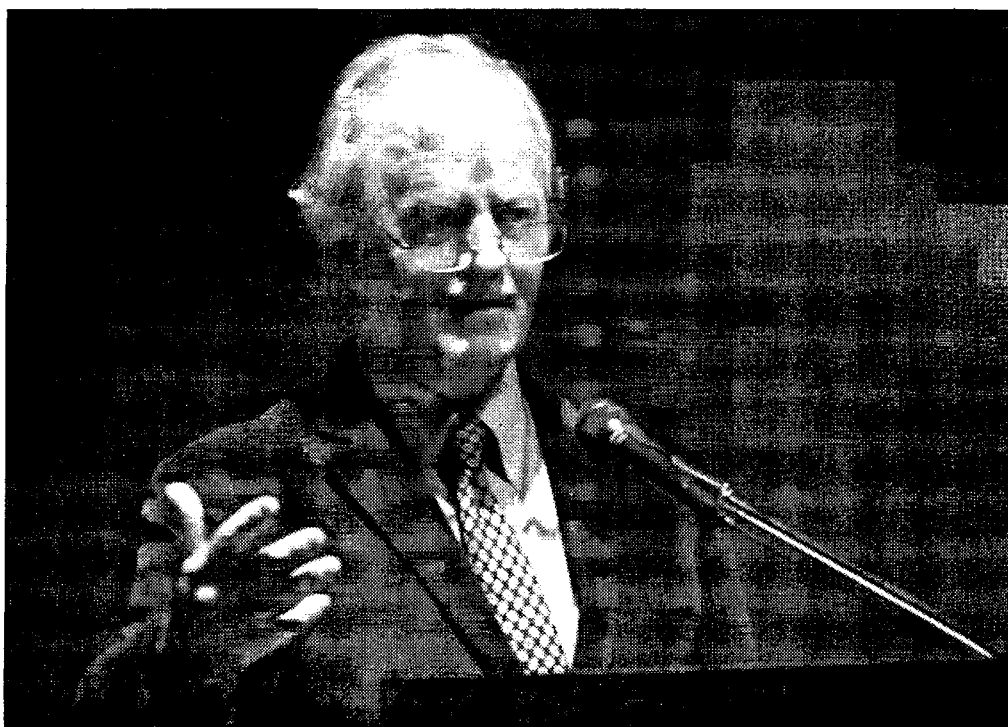
"Midget Mac because he's just the right height."



Jude Ann Jasso

senior  
off campus

"She should've kept Midget Mac. Great things come in small packages."



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Best-selling author and nuclear abolitionist Jonathan Schell delivers the lecture "Nuclear Abolition in 1986 — And Now" in the Hesburgh Center auditorium Tuesday night.

## OFFBEAT

## Parents, school resolve hugging dispute

MASCOUTAH, Ill. — Maybe they hugged it out: school officials resolved their dispute with the parents of a 13-year-old girl given detention for hugging her friends.

Melissa and Dean Coulter met with officials of the Mascoutah School District 19 to discuss the two detentions given their daughter, Megan, for hugging friends goodbye for the weekend. School officials said the eighth grader violated a policy banning public displays of affection.

"Our whole purpose of the

meeting was to get them to talk to us and discuss what changes needed to be made and if (the policy) could be improved," Dean Coulter said. "We scheduled it because we figured it was the right thing to do."

## Man in India marries dog for atonement

NEW DELHI — A man in southern India married a female dog in a traditional Hindu ceremony as an attempt to atone for stoning two other dogs to death — an act he believes cursed him — a newspaper reported Tuesday.

P. Selvakumar married

the sari-draped former stray named Selvi, chosen by family members and then bathed and clothed for the ceremony Sunday at a Hindu temple in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, the Hindustan Times newspaper said.

Selvakumar, 33, told the paper he had been suffering since he stoned two dogs to death and hung their bodies from a tree 15 years ago.

"After that my legs and hands got paralyzed and I lost hearing in one ear," he said in the report.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The film "Working Women of the World" will be shown tonight at 7 in C100 Hesburgh Center Auditorium as part of the film series, "International Labor/1st World — 3rd World Global Economy."

"Loyal Daughters and Sons: Sexuality and Sexual Assault As Told by Notre Dame Students" will be performed at 8 p.m. tonight through Friday at Washington Hall. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

There will be a presentation on Careers in the State Department Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune.

Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations will deliver the lecture "Catholicism and Islam: Points of Convergence and Divergence, Encounter and Cooperation" Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will play against Loyola-Chicago Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding modeling tryouts for its annual fashion show Sunday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30. for any women interested. The men's tryouts will take place next Tuesday from 8 p.m. to 10. Both tryouts will be held in Washington Hall.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Atlanta 72 / 56 Boston 59 / 40 Chicago 57 / 44 Denver 49 / 32 Houston 88 / 69 Los Angeles 79 / 56 Minneapolis 47 / 34 New York 62 / 44 Philadelphia 64 / 42 Phoenix 86 / 60 Seattle 48 / 36 St. Louis 63 / 51 Tampa 82 / 62 Washington 67 / 48

# Author examines nuclear abolition

By LIZ MILLER  
News Writer

Near the end of the Cold War, the heads of state of the U.S. and the Soviet Union came close to doing away with nuclear warfare, bestselling author and nuclear abolitionist Jonathan Schell told an audience in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Tuesday.

The author of "The Fate of the Earth" focused his lecture, titled "Nuclear Abolition in 1986 — And Now," on a 1986 summit in Reykjavik, Iceland, where President Ronald Reagan met with Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

During this summit, the leaders of the superpower nations came extremely close to abolishing nuclear weapons altogether, he said — a fact many people may find difficult to believe.

Opting not to simply reemphasize the potential danger of nuclear weapons, Schell aimed to explore this historical episode and use it to illuminate the present nuclear armament situation.

Schell said he finds a surprising ally in Reagan, whom he referred to as "the most right-wing president of the Cold War period."

The content of the 1986 summit reveals Reagan was vehemently opposed to nuclear weapons, Schell said. The negotiations centered on a potential significant reduction

of nuclear arms, which both leaders desired.

Reagan, to the surprise of his advisors, announced "it would be fine with me if we eliminated all nuclear weapons," Schell said.

Dissuaded by Richard Perle, his assistant secretary of defense, Reagan eventually declined any such agreement, Schell said. But despite this, he said the two leaders jointly stated "a nuclear war can never be won and must never be fought."

And their ability to see eye-to-eye on this matter, he said, proves the issue of nuclear warfare poses serious threats to mankind, and these should outweigh political and military motivations.

"We have a common humanity that extends beneath the partisan quarrels," Schell said.

While many argued a heavy nuclear arsenal acts as a "deterrent" from nuclear war, Schell considers the weapons to be a "proliferant." By keeping a nuclear arsenal, world leaders have created a "two-tier world," dividing those nations who have nuclear power from those who do not, Schell said.

And this only creates more incentive for countries to implement nuclear weapon programs in order to join the first tier.

Moreover, recent events, Schell said, are forcing the question of nuclear weapons back into the public sphere.

Schell pointed to the Pentagon's new offensive initia-

tive, called the "Global Strike." Its mission includes developing the ability to launch a missile strike on any place on the globe in a timeframe of 30 minutes to one hour.

He also said that in the past year alone, a dozen countries ranging from North Korea to Brazil have expressed interest in possessing nuclear weapons.

But public opinion is decidedly against nuclear weapons, he said. Schell cited a recent poll taken by the University of Maryland, which found that 73 percent of Americans are in favor of abolition of nuclear weapons. That led Schell to believe the public would back nuclear disarmament if politicians moved in that direction.

"But," he asked, "where is the political will?"

Schell ended his lecture with a story he said Reagan originally imagined about a future meeting with Gorbachev.

"[Reagan] and Gorbachev would come to Iceland, and each of them would bring the last nuclear missile from each country with them," Schell said. "Then they would give a tremendous party for the whole world. ... The president would be very old by then and Gorbachev would not recognize him."

"The president would say 'Hello, Mikhail.' And Gorbachev would say, 'Ron, is it you?' And then they would destroy the last missile."

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# Religion

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Sullivan kicked off the debate — which was hosted by ND Votes '08 — by quoting President John F. Kennedy, who would often reassure voters during his campaign that his Catholicism didn't influence his political identity.

"I am not the Catholic candidate for president. I am the Democratic Party's candidate for president who happens also to be a Catholic," Sullivan said.

She said Kennedy made this statement in a speech to allay fears that the Pope would run the country if a Catholic president were elected.

"Kennedy had it right," she said. "Religion really has no place in politics."

In response to Sullivan, Garnett said Kennedy's speech is often taken out of context and used to support a new trend of "radically privatizing our religions."

"Separation of church and state should be absolute, but it has nothing to do with how we, as citizens, respond to the common good," Garnett said.

This brought up the question of morality in the context of federal laws and policies. One member of the audience asked the panelists to distinguish between morality and religion.

"The government ought not impose religious requirements, but it does not do to tell a candidate your view is no good because it is rooted in religion," Garnett said.

He said religion is so entrenched in humanity that "any idea that you can push religion out of politics is an anti-human idea."

But rather than an inherent, universal part of human beings, Campbell and Sullivan said religion can be divisive and can polarize a political discussion rather than humanize it.

"Of course you should take all your beliefs and values into account when voting," Campbell said. "However, religion should only be used to the extent that it allows you to evaluate the policies, not to use it as a wedge for prejudice."

And though the panelists didn't reach a consensus, the Campbell-Sullivan team said that, at least at Notre Dame, the role and influence of religion in life seems to be better outlined.

"I think the advantage of an education from Notre Dame is that you can — through courses, readings and conversations with friends — figure out how your faith will inform in your politics and public lives," Campbell said.

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*"Kennedy had it right. Religion really has no place in politics."*

Kathleen Sullivan  
senior

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# Soldiers

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With gift card contributions from Wal-Mart, Meijer, and Sam's Club, the NDAA was able to purchase food and supplies for the drive.

The Hammes Bookstore also donated Notre Dame T-shirts for each care package, Byrum said.

Collections and donations began after fall break, and will continue from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this afternoon, in the atrium of the Mendoza College of Business. The NDAA also will have a concession stand on South Quad this weekend before the Duke game, with all proceeds contributing to the care packages. At the concession stand, Byrum and other NDAA members will collect items and cash donations to help pay for shipping costs.

One of the most important aspects of this project is col-

lecting a list of soldiers to receive packages, Byrum said.

"Anyone who knows someone serving overseas should e-mail me directly with the soldier's name and address," Byrum said.

The NDAA will take names of military men and women through Saturday, trying to collect as many names as in previous years — a goal the association has not yet met, Byrum said.

*"There are students at Notre Dame and other places that have them [soldiers] in their thoughts and prayers."*

**Elizabeth Byrum**  
co-director of community service  
NDAA

Created five years ago by the NDAA's former faculty advisor, accounting professor Margaret O'Brien, the drive began as a small project and has grown each year, Byrum said. With the onset of the war in the Middle East, O'Brien was interested in sending something to American soldiers to show support.

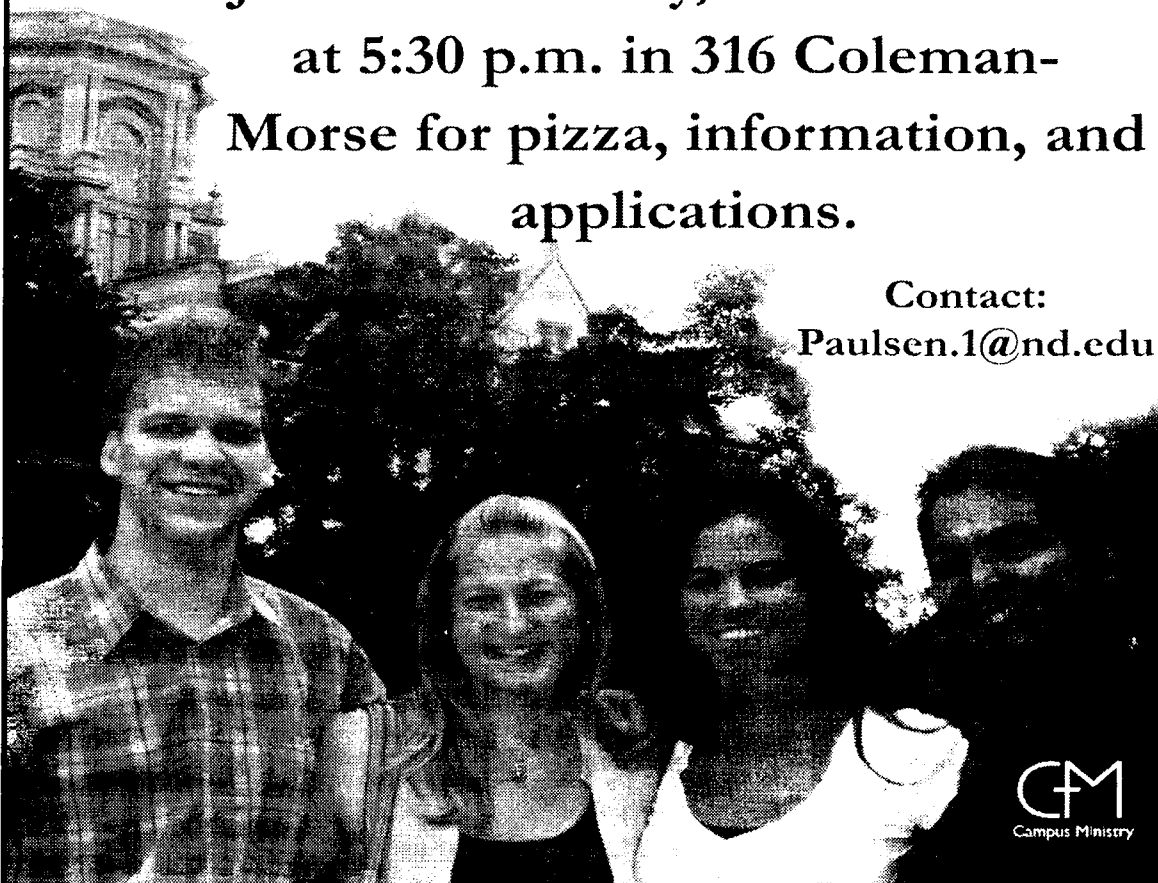
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## Seniors, what in God's name are you doing next year?

### How about the Campus Ministry Internship?

Join us Thursday, November 15th  
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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

## Responding to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Sub-Saharan Africa:

### The Power of Academic Partnerships



A slide presentation by

### Dr. Robert Einterz

Professor of Clinical Medicine and  
Associate Dean for International Affairs,  
Indiana University School of Medicine

7 pm, Thursday  
November 15, 2007  
Jordan Hall of Science  
Room 105

Hosted by— the Office of International Studies, the Center for Health Sciences Advising, the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, the Department of Africana Studies, the Center for Social Concerns, and the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Reception will follow

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Bhutto demands Musharraf step down

LAHORE, Pakistan — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto demanded the resignation of U.S.-backed President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday, dashing Western hopes that the two moderate leaders would form an alliance to confront strengthening Islamic extremists.

Bhutto, just placed under house arrest for the second time since her return from exile, said she was working to forge a partnership with Nawaz Sharif, the man overthrown as prime minister in a 1999 coup by Musharraf.

Her call, which could see Pakistan's two main opposition parties joining, raised a new threat for Musharraf, a key U.S. ally who faces growing pressure at home and abroad to end emergency rule and restore democracy.

### Iran takes step toward compliance

VIENNA, Austria — Iran has met a key demand of the U.N. nuclear agency, handing over long-sought blueprints showing how to mold uranium metal into the shape of warheads, diplomats said Tuesday.

Iran's decision to release the documents, which were seen by U.N. inspectors two years ago, was seen as a concession designed to head off the threat of new U.N. sanctions.

But the diplomats said Tehran has failed to meet other requests made by the International Atomic Energy Agency in its attempts to end nearly two decades of nuclear secrecy on the part of Iran.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Boy admits to setting California blaze

LOS ANGELES — A 10-year-old boy who admitted starting a 38,000-acre fire last month that destroyed 21 homes in northern Los Angeles County will not be charged, prosecutors said Tuesday.

There was no evidence of intent by the boy who accidentally ignited brush outside his home by playing with matches, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said in a statement.

Authorities are referring the case to the Department of Children and Family Services to determine if further steps are necessary. No other information about the investigation was released because the case involves a minor.

### Flaming backpack evacuates airport

PHOENIX — A backpack caught fire Tuesday in the cargo area at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, leading to an evacuation, but authorities said the flames were likely caused by heat from a conveyor belt. The bag contained no explosives or other banned items, just leaking toiletries.

The impact probably caused toiletries containing alcohol to leak, and a combination of heat from the conveyor belt and its track rubbing against the backpack caused it to catch fire, Gehlbach said.

The fire was extinguished quickly, Gehlbach said.

About 10 a.m., a baggage handler loading bags on the US Airways plane noticed that the backpack was hot and set it aside. The fire department was called when the bag began to smoke, and they in turn called in a hazardous materials team as a precaution.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Bush addresses taxes in Indiana visit

NEW ALBANY, Ind. — President Bush found a friendly audience in southern Indiana Tuesday to lambast Congress for what he said was the Democratic majority's penchant to seek tax increases. He also tied voter unrest in the state to growing tax bills.

Inside and outside a converted movie house where the president spoke, people supported his anti-tax message. But the public's divided opinion on his presidency was evident in the Ohio River city.

Bush played to that sentiment, saying congressional Democrats had tried to raise taxes on oil and natural gas, capital gains and stock and bond transactions. Bush also mentioned the cigarette tax hike included in the children's health bill he recently vetoed.

## FRANCE

# Strikes to cripple Paris mass transit

*Public transportation workers, students join to protest recent government decisions*

Associated Press

PARIS — Strikers shut down much of France's national rail service after rush hour, Tuesday night, and millions of Paris commuters prepared to go without subways when the city's train crews join the walkout.

People planned to use the capital's new bicycle rental service, share cars or stay home during the Wednesday subway strike. Others said they would walk.

Xavier Basset, an accountant, faced a nearly four-mile walk across Paris to his office. "I'll work on my calves," he said.

Unlike recent limited transportation strikes, rail unions set no time limit for the shutdown called to protest the conservative government's move to eliminate special rules that allow train drivers and certain other public workers to retire early.

President Nicolas Sarkozy's government insists the pension rules are outdated, unfair and too costly. Several opinion surveys suggest Sarkozy has public support. He vowed Tuesday not to give in to trade unions, which have defeated previous government attempts to loosen work rules.

Sarkozy stresses "his determination to carry out this reform" and hopes to implement them quickly, presidential spokesman David Martinon said.

Rail traffic shut down across France late Tuesday, and the SNCF rail network said only 15 percent to 20 percent of trains on major lines would run during the strike. It said traffic would likely be disrupted through the weekend and urged travelers to postpone trips.

With Paris subway workers set to join in, the city's public transit authority, RATP, predicted almost no trains would run on most routes starting Wednesday. Only one line was expected



French commuters wait for a train on Oct. 19. Rail workers are expected to strike today, bringing the Parisian mass transit system to a halt.

to run normally, as it is automated.

High demand was expected for the more than 10,000 bikes recently installed by city officials at 750 spots across Paris to encourage a reduction in car use. The bikes, which can be left at any of the stations, proved extremely popular during a short transit strike last month, when the number of daily users doubled to 180,000.

Officials said they would deploy 260 workers armed with metal cutters to retrieve bikes from anyone who tried to hog them all day. The bicycles are intended to be used for short trips, and rental prices skyrocketed as the clock ticks — usually enough to deter riders

from hoarding bikes, but not on strike days.

Parisians with a spare bicycle or motor scooter were renting them out on a Web site that promised they could "earn money thanks to the strike."

Motorcycle taxis, able to weave through snarled traffic, looked like a good solution. Managers for two motorcycle taxi services said they were completely booked through early Friday. Car shares were another option.

While the transit walkout would have the biggest impact, employees of state-run electricity, gas and other services were expected to join the strike.

Electricity workers said they would cut power to local offices of Sarkozy's

conservative UMP party, and they threatened "Robin Hood" operations — restoring power to households that cannot afford their electricity bills.

The Comedie Francaise theater and Paris' National Opera, whose employees also would be affected by the pension change, canceled Wednesday performances.

Young people also joined the fray, angry over a new law to give public universities the power to raise tuition and accept private donations. Student leaders say that will keep the poor out of college.

As of Tuesday, students at 26 of France's 85 universities had voted to strike, said UNEF, the leading student union.

# Chicago cardinal elected head of USCCB

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The cardinal elected Tuesday to lead the U.S. Roman Catholic bishops' conference was already one of the most influential men in the American church.

Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of Chicago for a decade, earned two doctorates in philosophy and theology, knows six languages and has deep ties within the Vatican.

As the new president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, he will host Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Washington and New York in April and guide church leaders through a presidential election season in which

religion will once again figure prominently.

George received 85 percent of the vote out of a field of 10 candidates at the bishops' fall meeting. He had served the last three years as the conference vice president. The prelate holding that job customarily is elected to the top post.

George succeeds Bishop William Skylstad, of Spokane, Wash., who is ending his term. Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., was elected as the new vice president on the third ballot.

Public policy issues, from war to politics, are part of the agenda of this week's event.

Skylstad released a statement

Tuesday calling conditions in Iraq "unacceptable." He stressed the need for a bipartisan "responsible transition" out of the country.

Pope John Paul II, who died in 2005, vehemently opposed the military strike, and his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, has condemned the "continual slaughter" in the country. Benedict expressed his concerns directly to President Bush in their first meeting in June at the Vatican.

Skylstad said some policy makers have failed to recognize American failures in the invasion and occupation, while other U.S. lawmakers haven't acknowledged "the potential human consequences of very rapid withdrawal."

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school students and the University's financial aid options for international students.

Historically, the University has seen a high level of interest from students in Latin America, he said, but more recently his office has been targeting Asian countries heavily. This year, for example, South Korea boasts the highest number of international students enrolled in the current freshman class.

"The economy is doing extremely well in Asia, so we're putting our money where our mouth is," Saracino said.

While admissions would like to see more applicants from areas like the Middle East, Africa and Australia, limited time and resources prevents the office from establishing the markets they are developing in areas like Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan and mainland China, for example, Saracino said.

Another big change this year is the lack of early admission programs at several peer institutions. Saracino said the admissions committee thinks the decisions of Harvard, Princeton and the University of Virginia to eliminate their early admissions programs last fall have already had a bearing on Notre Dame's admissions process this year — and will continue to do so.

Because there are usually overlapping candidates that apply to those schools and to Notre Dame, many students admitted early will not accept or decline their offer until the spring, when those other schools have released their decisions.

"That could cause some confusion within our application pool, and it will be different to predict a yield on early action and regular action students," Saracino said.

The University has also teamed this year with companies such as QuestBridge and the outside vendor Royall & Company to attract more domestic students. QuestBridge, an online Web site, helps the admissions committee identify talented students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and matches them with the good financial aid packages the University can offer, Saracino said.

Royall & Company, based in Richmond, Va., targets high-achieving minority students and includes them in a database of potential applicants. It means applicants are identified earlier than ever before.

"For us, undergraduate admissions has evolved into an 18-month cycle instead of 12-

month cycle," Saracino said.

In order to be considered for early action admission, candidates had to submit applications to the admissions office either electronically or through regular the postal system no later than Nov. 1. Decision letters that admit, defer or deny the applicant admission to the University are usually mailed out on Dec. 15, and admitted students have until May 1 to accept or decline the offer, Saracino said.

Other universities also offer specific early admission programs, including early decision or single-choice early action. Under a binding early decision agreement, the candidate — as well as their parents and high school guidance counselor — must sign a note pledging the applicant will

attend that university if admitted. Therefore, they may only apply early to only one institution, Saracino said.

Single-choice early action, on the other hand, is non-binding but mandates the student does not apply early to other schools. Admitted students have until May 1 to accept or decline their admissions offer.

Notre Dame, however, has always offered a very basic early action program that allows students to apply early to as many schools as they wish.

"We personally do not offer early decision or single-choice early action because

we don't believe it is in the best interest of the applicants," Saracino said. "Seniors are still going through the evaluation process and we want to give them plenty of time to review other colleges [and] receive financial aid packages so that they can make an informed decision by the May 1 deadline."

Some universities that offer the early decision option, like Cornell, state on their admissions Web page that applying early offers an advantage for a student in the application pool because "enthusiasm for Cornell is considered a plus."

Saracino mentioned, however, that this doesn't necessarily apply to Notre Dame's early program, and that there is no general advantage to applying early.

"The advantages really depend on the student," he said.

For some students, he said, last-minute information like mid-semester grades or December standardized test scores could tip the admis-

sions committee either way — and if it's toward an acceptance letter, perhaps it's in the student's best interest his application is not reviewed until this information is in.

"So, in some cases a student's application may become stronger after the [acceptance] decision is made," he said. "Generally, we suggest that if a student feels that their application is 'good' but not 'outstanding' by the Nov. 1 deadline that they should wait until the regular decision deadline on Dec. 31."

Students who are deferred under the early action program are told that their credentials will be reviewed again in the spring and that

they will be notified at the same time as other regular decision applicants, around March 29. Some applicants, however, are denied under early action — and they may not re-submit applications for the same academic year, Saracino said.

"For those candidates, we usually feel that even if we waited for more information, the candidate would not be admissible," he said. "Therefore, we're giving them more time to look at alternative choices, and high schools appreciate this."

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## IN BRIEF

### Sirius shareholders allow XM purchase

NEW YORK — Shareholders approved a deal Tuesday to allow Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. to acquire its rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. for about \$5 billion, but the largest hurdle has yet to come — regulatory approval in Washington.

Shareholders of Sirius and XM had been widely expected to approve the deal, which would allow the companies to save costs on programming, acquiring subscribers and broadcasting. Shareholder advisory firms had already endorsed the deal.

More difficult will be getting the deal approved in Washington, where the Department of Justice and the Federal Communications Commission must both give their blessing. Several consumer groups have opposed the combination, saying it would create a monopoly that could hurt consumers.

### U.S. begins fiscal year with high deficit

WASHINGTON — The government started the new budget year with an October deficit of \$55.6 billion, up sharply from last year even though government revenues hit an all-time high for the month.

The Treasury Department reported Tuesday that the deficit for the first month in the new budget year was up 12.6 percent from the imbalance in October 2006.

The Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the imbalance for the entire year will show an improvement from last year, when the deficit fell to \$162.8 billion, a five-year low.

The CBO is projecting that the deficit for the current 2008 budget year will decline to \$155 billion. But CBO is forecasting that deficits will begin to rise again in 2009 and some private economists are calling for the imbalance to start rising this budget year.

The 2007 deficit for the budget year that ended on Sept. 30 was 34.4 percent lower than the \$248.2 billion deficit recorded in 2006, reflecting faster growth in government revenues than spending.

## Bay Area economy hurt by oil spill

Seafood, tourism industries suffer from closed beaches, delayed fishing seasons

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The oil spill that has already fouled San Francisco Bay and delayed the Dungeness crab season is raising fears that visitors will be reluctant to dine in the city's famed seafood restaurants.

"It's not going to be a pretty picture. It's definitely going to hurt," said Anthony Gerald, co-owner of Fisherman's Grotto, adding that seafood sales are the one bright spot during the normally slow fall tourism season.

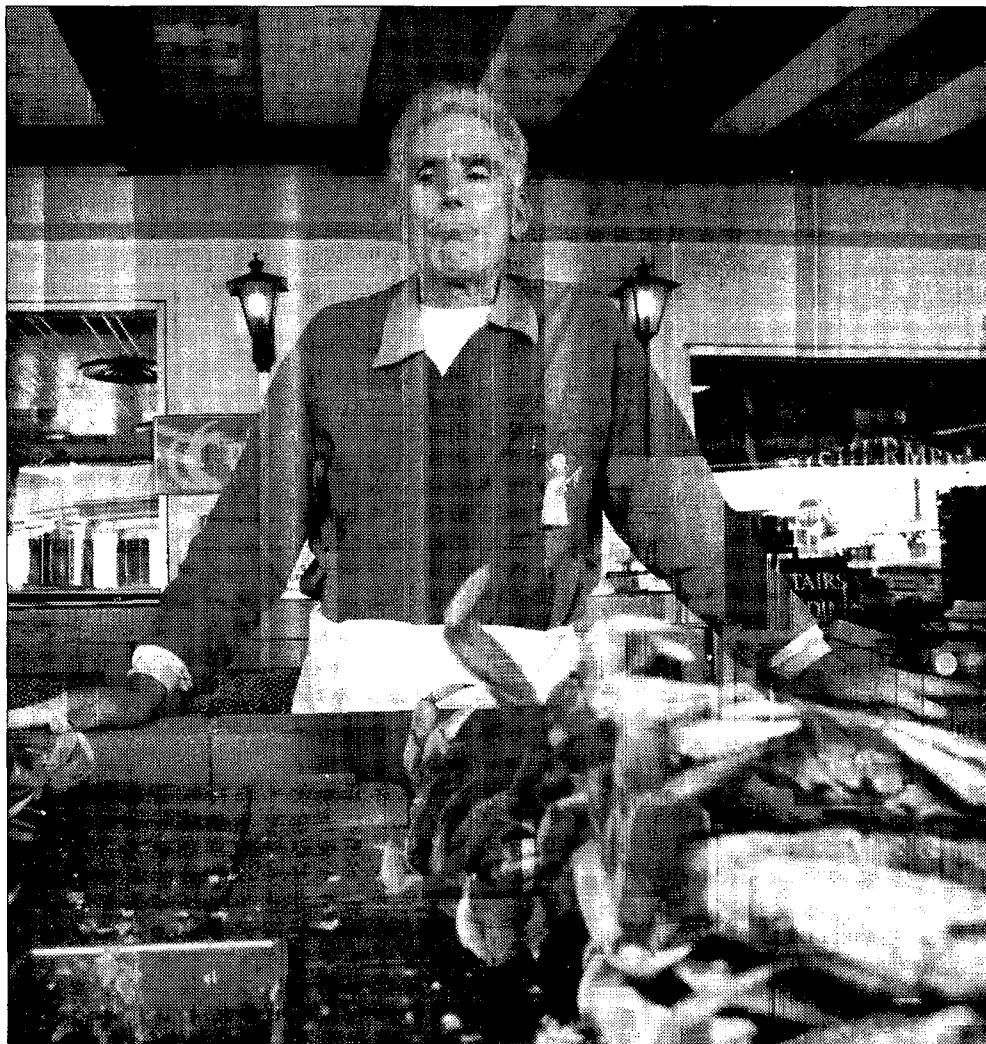
Several beaches remained closed Tuesday, nearly a week after a cargo ship struck the Bay Bridge, releasing 58,000 gallons of bunker fuel in the bay's biggest oil spill in nearly two decades.

The sea lions and other marine mammals at the city's world-famous Fisherman's Wharf have largely avoided exposure to the oil, and the stench of fuel that had hung over the bay dissipated by Tuesday. But dark, patchy slicks continue to float in some areas, and several beaches remained closed as teams in yellow hazardous-materials suits shoved sticky globs of oil and sand into plastic bags.

Sue Kelvington's visit to Ocean Beach turned messy when some of the children in her group went swimming and emerged with oil stains on their skin.

"They'd never seen the ocean," said Kelvington, who was visiting from Salt Lake City with her daughter and some cousins. Explaining why they ignored warnings to stay out of the ocean, she said her relatives "were going to have fun anyway."

Over the weekend, the spill forced organizers of the San Francisco



Crab salesman Anthony Gerald looks over his crabs Tuesday after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger suspended fishing in the Bay Area due to an extensive oil spill.

Triathlon to cancel the swimming portion of the competition. Dozens of the 900 athletes were hoping to gain points to qualify for the Olympic Games.

Dungeness crab is popular with tourists and is a Thanksgiving tradition for many residents. The crab season had been scheduled to begin Thursday, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order delaying opening day until Dec. 1, or until fish and game officials decide the waters are safe.

Most seafood sold at Fisherman's Wharf is

caught far offshore, or elsewhere on the Pacific Coast. Even the crabs on ice in front of wharf eateries were likely shipped in from the Pacific Northwest, but some tourists were not taking any chances.

"We haven't had it," said Eileen Klinkatsis, visiting from North Carolina for the Oracle World software conference. As she spoke, she looked out over the barking sea lions at Pier 39. "I really don't think we're going to have it at all."

The California State Park Service also temporarily

closed Angel Island and canceled all public ferry service to that popular hiking and biking destination.

Angela Jackson, spokeswoman for the San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau, said ferries to Alcatraz were still doing a brisk business.

Ballard said it's too soon to know whether the spill cost the city tourism dollars — hotels were mostly booked this week because of the Oracle conference. But city officials were considering a promotional campaign to reassure the public.

## Wal-Mart in position for holiday success

Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — A year after its worst holiday sales season ever, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. may rebound to have a good season after finding the right mix of merchandise and marketing to complement its return to a focus on low prices.

A whiff of this already showed up when the nation's largest retailer posted third-quarter earnings Tuesday of \$2.86 billion, an 8 percent rise that beat Wall Street expectations.

The company earned 70 cents per share, up from 62 cents per share in the same period a year ago. The 70 cents includes an after-tax gain equal to 1 cent per share. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had forecast earnings of 67 cents per share on revenue of \$91.67 billion.

Wal-Mart had revenue of \$91.95 billion in the period ending Oct. 31, up 8.8 percent from \$84.47 billion a year

ago.

Wal-Mart shares spiked \$2.65, or 6.1 percent, to close at \$45.97 Tuesday.

Retail experts say Wal-Mart's flagship U.S. stores may be in the midst of a turnaround after two years of a zigzag course between upscale and discount goods that has slowed sales growth.

Third-quarter sales at stores open at least a year, not counting fuel, were up 1.5 percent in the company's U.S. stores, same as a year ago. The company expects same-store sales for the fourth quarter to rise no more than 2 percent.

Michael P. Niemira, chief economist and director of research for the International Council of Shopping Centers, said an uncertain economy will send more shoppers to discounters for holiday purchases. Even if Wal-Mart's core lower income shoppers spend less, consumers with more money are likely to switch to discounters including Wal-Mart, he said.

At the same time, Niemira said Wal-Mart is working to address past problems.

"I actually think they may perform remarkably well this holiday season," Niemira said.

Last November, Wal-Mart reported its first negative monthly same-store sales in a decade as a push into higher-end fashion and home decor sold poorly and muddled its low-price image. For the period November through January, which includes most sales from gift cards redeemed after the holidays, same-store sales growth slowed to 1.3 percent last year from 7.2 percent in 2001-02.

Wal-Mart's early start in this year's holiday came under a cloud when it reported October same-store sales were flat for the namesake stores, minus Sam's Clubs, on the back of unseasonably warm weather that hit sales of clothes and other seasonal goods.

# NBC

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the novel of the same name by Sex and the City author Candace Bushnell.

"I literally stalked Candace Bushnell. ... I happened to be at a wedding that she was at and ... managed to convince her that NBC was the place for 'Lipstick Jungle,'" she said.

O'Connell showed a clip reel, or "sizzle reel," of 13 current NBC shows, like "Friday Night Lights" and "The Office," and a preview of "Lipstick Jungle."

The development process behind these shows begins right after the Fourth of July, O'Connell said, when her office receives about 300 pitches. Each year, they purchase around 60.

"A writer will come in and explain the characters, the world, the story engine," she said.

Last year, out of the roughly 60 story ideas, eight pilots were shot in the spring. After pilots are evaluated, NBC puts together its fall schedule. Four of the pilots that were shot made it to this year's fall schedule and one, "Lipstick Jungle," will be added mid-season.

"The business side of television is something that's important," she said. "When Josh Schwartz pitched 'Chuck,' he said, 'It's The 40-Year-Old Virgin meets Bourne Identity.' I said, 'I have no idea what that means, but I want it.'"

In the pitch, what is most important is the world the writers create, but it also matters how they sell it to the studio.

O'Connell said many shows fit into one of three franchises — "medical, law or cops" — and that can help define the story engine, or what is going to drive the story each week.

"In 'House,' the story is going to walk in through the doors ... in 'Chuck,' it's different," she said.

In the case of "Chuck," its originality attracted O'Connell, along with its relation to what she called an "interesting pattern in television now."

"The geek is becoming the hero ... the disenfranchised, the underdog," she said.

The show deals with an average computer nerd who accidentally receives top-secret information from a rogue CIA spy.

The target audience for "Chuck" is young men, O'Connell said, but finding an audience for some shows — like "Friday Night Lights," which tells the story of a high school football team — pose prob-

lems for executives. The drama, now in its second season, is "one of the best shows we have," she said.

"My theory [about 'Friday Night Lights'] is I feel like if I talk to a person who's seen it, they love it. The trouble is getting an audience," she said.

Students planning on pursuing a career in television should be an audience, she said.

"It's OK to watch TV. It is really important to read a script and then watch it on TV. Watching as many pilots as possible is the most instructive thing you can do ... how did these shows get started," she said.

Before working at NBC, O'Connell worked at Imagine Television, where she developed projects, including the Emmy-award winning cult hit "Arrested Development."

That project, which was cancelled after its third season on FOX, is an example of how "television is heartbreaking," she said. "We have to deal with a lot of emotion in the creative process."

Also, the fate of "Arrested Development" is illustrative of "how many factors go into why certain television shows are successful," O'Connell said.

"It is quite possible if 'Arrested Development' was on NBC after 'The Office' that it would have had a different trajectory," she said.

A Notre Dame graduate, O'Connell encouraged students interested in careers in entertainment to take classes in the Department of Film, Television and Theatre.

"Having a knowledge of storytelling and writing is very important in this very subjective industry," she said.

After she was asked her opinion on the Writers Guild of America strike, which reached its eighth day Tuesday, O'Connell said, "I want it to be over very soon."

"I completely understand what they are looking for, but this could create so much collateral damage. People are losing their jobs ... it could have an enormous, irreparable effect on the business," she said.

O'Connell also showed "dailies," or raw, unedited footage, from "Blue Blood," a show currently being filmed and directed by Brett Ratner of Rush Hour fame.

"You have to learn how to watch dailies," she said. "It is interesting to see the raw material and then what it has the potential to turn into."

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# The Shirt

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Nearly 100,000 Shirts have been sold each of the past five years, LeNoir said. The success has spawned several spin-off items, including a "The Shirt" sweatshirt last year and "The Shirt" hat this year. However, sales of these items have not been as good as the original product.

"The hat wasn't as successful as we had hoped," LeNoir said. "Part of that was because it didn't come out until the Boston College weekend, and we should have pushed it sooner before the season tanked."

Nonetheless, he said both items have been effective as litmus tests for future "The Shirt" products.

"It's good to see what products we should market for our 20th anniversary in two years," LeNoir said.

Beyond plans to expand sales of The Shirt beyond the Notre Dame Bookstore and to possibly explore new products, Gott said he doesn't plan to change the design process,

which is currently done by a committee.

"I'm comfortable with the process as a whole," Gott said.

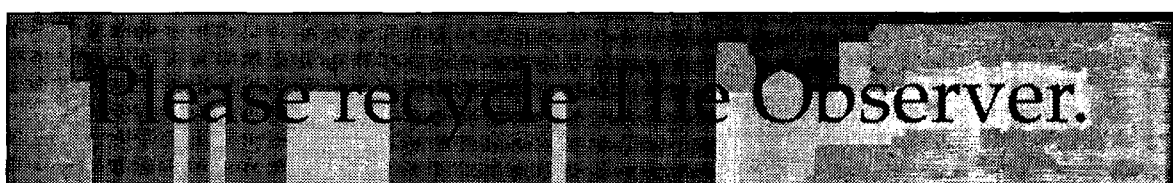
## In other COR news:

♦ The council discussed how to include student input in the selection of a commencement speaker. After corresponding with the office of University President Father John Jenkins, senior class vice president Chris Doughty said he was able to gain a better understanding of how the selection process works.

"It is the decision of Father Jenkins, and sometimes that decision is not made until late spring," Doughty said.

Jenkins will accept letters of recommendation from students in addition to hearing the opinions of several student and faculty groups, Doughty said. However, Doughty said he hopes to have a sit-down meeting with Jenkins to discuss the available options and share student opinions with him.

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# Chlamydia cases set record for U.S. STDs

**Associated Press**

ATLANTA — More than 1 million cases of Chlamydia were reported in the United States last year — the most ever reported for a sexually transmitted disease, federal health officials said Tuesday.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said they think better and more intensive screening accounts for much of the increase, but added that chlamydia was not the only sexually transmitted disease on the rise.

Gonorrhea rates are jumping again after hitting a record low, and an increasing number of cases are caused by a "super-bug" version resistant to common antibiotics.

Syphilis is rising, too. The rate of congenital syphilis — which

can deform or kill babies — rose for the first time in 15 years.

"Hopefully we will not see this turn into a trend," said Dr. Khalil Ghanem, an infectious diseases specialist at Johns Hopkins University's School of medicine.

The CDC releases a report each year on chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, three diseases caused by sexually transmitted bacteria.

Chlamydia is the most common. Nearly 1,031,000 cases were reported last year, up from 976,000 the year before.

The count broke the single-year record for reported cases of a sexually transmitted disease, which was 1,013,436 cases of gonorrhea, set in 1978.

Putting those numbers into rates, there were about 348 cases of chlamydia per 100,000

people in 2006, up 5.6 percent from the 329 per 100,000 rate in 2005.

Since 1993, the CDC has recommended annual screening in sexually active women ages 15 to 25. Meanwhile, urine and swab tests for the bacteria are getting better and are used more often, for men as well as women, said Dr. John M. Douglas Jr., director of the CDC's Division of Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention.

About three-quarters of women infected with chlamydia have no symptoms. Left untreated, the infection can spread and ultimately can lead to infertility. It's easily treated if caught early.

Health officials believe as many as 2.8 million new cases may actually be occurring each year, he added.

Chlamydia infection rates are

more than seven times higher in black women than whites, and more than twice as high in black women than Hispanics. But it's a risk women of all races should consider, CDC officials said.

"If [health care] providers think young women in their practice don't have chlamydia, they should think again," said Dr. Stuart Berman, a CDC epidemiologist.

The gonorrhea story is somewhat different.

In 2004, the nation's gonorrhea rate fell to 112.4 cases per 100,000 people in 2004, the lowest level since the government started tracking cases in 1941.

But since then, health officials have seen two consecutive years of increases. The 2006 rate — about 121 per 100,000 — represents a 5.5 percent increase from 2005.

Health officials don't know exactly how many superbug cases there were among the more than 358,000 gonorrhea cases reported in 2006. But a surveillance project of 28 cities found that 14 percent were resistant to ciprofloxacin and other medicines in the fluoroquinolones class of antibiotics.

Similar samples found that 9 percent were resistant to those antibiotics in 2005, and 7 percent were resistant in 2004. The appearance of the superbug has been previously reported, and the CDC in April advised doctors to stop using those drugs against gonorrhea.

Douglas said it doesn't look like the superbugs are the reason for gonorrhea's escalating numbers overall, but they're not sure what is driving the increase.

# ND prof: Polls not accurate

### Special to The Observer

Current polls tell us that Sen. Hillary Clinton clearly is the frontrunner for the Democratic nomination, and Rudy Giuliani has taken the lead among Republican candidates. But with a year to go before elections, can we be sure that these will be the two names on the ballot for president?

Not necessarily, according to University of Notre Dame political scientist Darren Davis, a nationally recognized expert in public opinion, elections and voting behavior and author of "Negative Liberty: Public Opinion and the Terrorist Attacks on America."

"Public opinion polls are an indispensable resource in elections and governance, and if done correctly, provide a reliable snapshot of how the public perceives candidates and issues," says Davis.

"However, without a complete understanding of how voters reach their decisions, the factors that impinge upon those decisions, and equally important, the underlying methodology of opinion surveys, polling results can be — and often are — misleading. It is true that one can get public opinion polls to say what people want them to say."

Consider the record of some previous Democratic year-ahead polls:

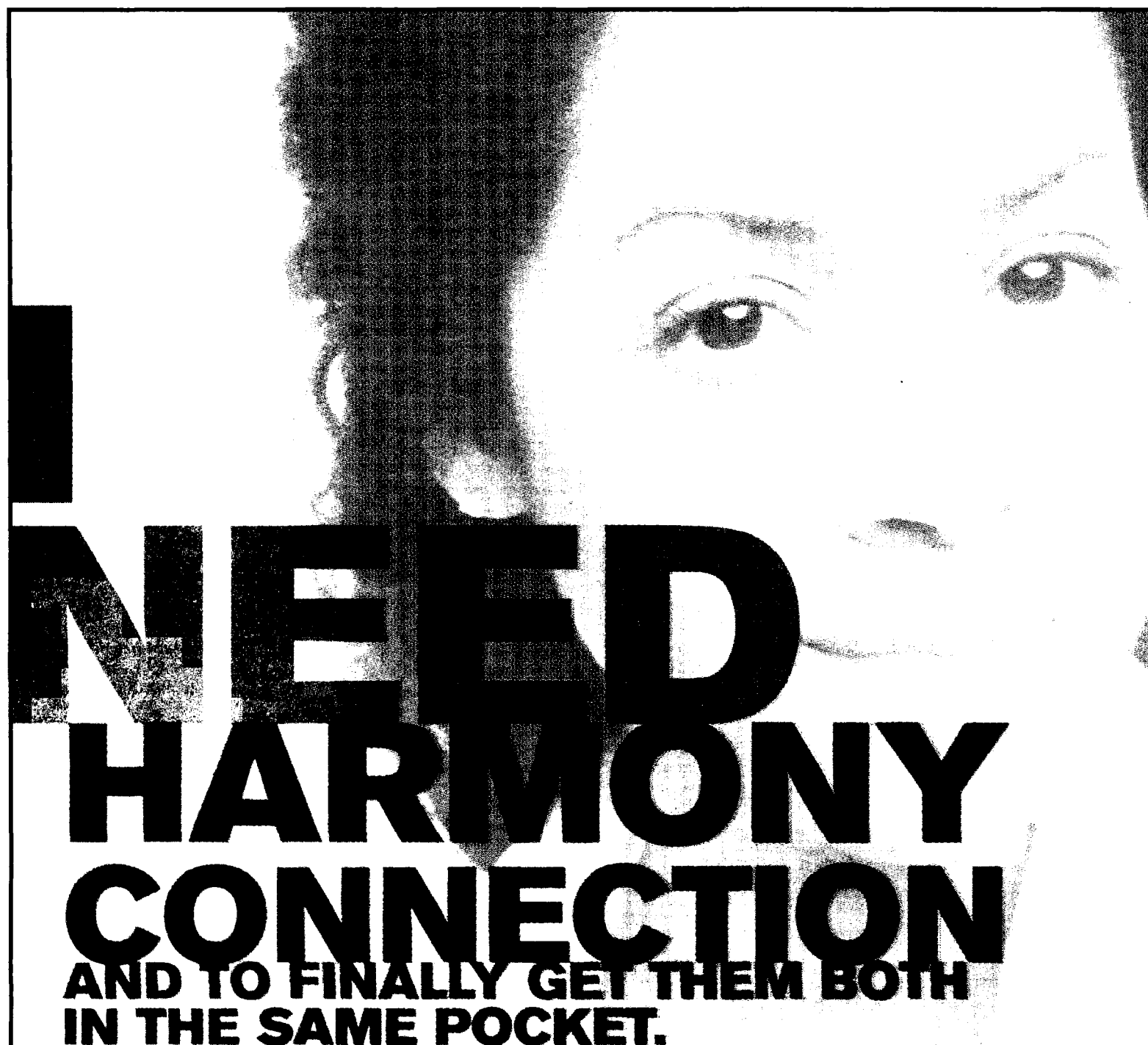
◆ In November 1971, surveys predicted that Democrats would nominate Edward Kennedy or Edwin Muskie. In 1972, the nominee was George McGovern.

◆ In November 1975, Kennedy again was predicted the Democratic nominee; but in 1976, Jimmy Carter was nominated.

◆ In early November 1979, polls predicted that Kennedy would defeat Carter for the Democratic nomination – he didn't.

◆ In 1987, Jesse Jackson was the frontrunner, yet in 1988, Michael Dukakis was the nominee.

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## Catholic faculty and the ND mission

"The Catholic identity of the University," says the Mission Statement, "depends upon ... the ... presence of a predominant number of Catholic intellectuals." Ex Corde Ecclesiae (ECE), the 1990 apostolic constitution on Catholic universities, requires more explicitly that "the number of non-Catholic teachers should not be allowed to constitute a majority within the institution." Notre Dame's pursuit of recognition as an elite research university has coincided with a severe drop in the percent of faculty who identify themselves as Catholic. Retirements and other factors portend an irreversible decline, far below 50 percent. That can be averted, as the Project Sycamore analysis shows, only by an immediate change to the hiring each year of a strong majority of Catholics.

The administration created an ad hoc committee to address this problem. The September report of that committee is less than persuasive in its analysis and not helpful in its conclusions. But that report is not the subject of this essay. Rather, it will be useful to reflect on the Oct. 11 address, "Catholic Colleges and Universities Today," by Cardinal Avery Dulles at Assumption College.

A convert and the son of John Foster Dulles, President Eisenhower's Secretary of State, the Cardinal has rendered distinguished service to Catholic higher education. Using as his "primary guides" ECE and Cardinal John Henry Newman's "The Idea of a University," Cardinal Dulles addresses bluntly the hiring of Catholic faculty. He does so in the context of culture and the relation of the university to the Church and its magisterium or teaching authority. A "Catholic institution," he said, "must be founded on three principles: that there is a God, that he has made a full and final revelation of himself in Jesus Christ and that the Catholic Church is the authorized custodian and teacher of this body of revealed truth."

The Cardinal proposed "that all disciplines involving human values should be taught at a Catholic institution with due attention to their religious implications." "Graduates," he said, "should not go forth with an advanced education in literature and science, while remaining at grade school level in their knowledge of religion," including "the interplay between faith and reason." He reminds

us that "[w]e live in a consumerist society, in which colleges tend to shape their policies according to the demands of the market, as though the measure of success were to construct more buildings and increase student enrollment. ... Our colleges and universities must ... guard against being coopted into this culture, which is ... anti-Christian and dehumanizing."

The cardinal's remarks are relevant to Notre Dame in his treatment of religious diversity and the marginalization of religion by the academic establishment. He questioned the pursuit of diversity as a goal in itself: "Postmodern students ... imagine that change and diversity are desirable for their own sakes. ... [S]tudents should be educated for the world of today [and] a variety of cultures may be a source of enrichment. But for nations to live together in peace and friendship, they must share common convictions regarding ... the basic norms of morality."

"Religious diversity," he said, "is not desirable in itself. It appeals chiefly to those who believe there is no truth in religion anyway. If we believe that God is one, and that Jesus is his incarnate Son, we will hope that all peoples, with their different voices and idioms, may someday unite in praising him. To make this goal persuasive in the contemporary atmosphere of subjectivism and relativism is a serious challenge. Still another challenge comes from the academic establishment in America today. In secular circles there is a virtual consensus that no courses ought to be taught from a distinctive religious point of view. Faith is generally held to have no place in the classroom, at least on the level of higher education. If this only means that faith should not be imposed in the classroom, we can agree. But if it means that professors should not manifest their religious beliefs or seek to defend them, the objection is unsound."

Cardinal Dulles went on to relate the hiring of all faculty to mission without limitation to percentages. "A Catholic institution," he said, "has to be clear about its mission. An essential step ... is that faculty be hired for mission. If the teachers are hostile to the mission of the college or indifferent about it, the college will suffer. It does not suffice to hire faculty who are nominally Catholic. If teachers are angry with the Church or unsympathetic toward her doctrines, no changes in the curriculum will succeed in making the institution truly Catholic."

The Cardinal stressed that the Catholic

university "participates ... in the mission of the universal Church," and that the teaching authority of the Church should be welcomed: "Cardinal Newman ... points out the advantages that the guidance of the magisterium gives for the ... university itself. Just as we turn to professors to teach us disciplines in which they are expert, so we turn to the ... Church to give secure guidance in matters of religion. For it is to the Church that God has entrusted the deposit of faith ... for answering important questions that ... arise in the human heart. ... Without the helping hand of the Church, Newman contends, the human mind gravitates toward infidelity. ... The Catholic ... university ... should gratefully acknowledge the mercy of God who has provided an institution that has for two thousand years kept the Christian revelation complete and unsullied. Whatever the latest theories of professors or the inclination of students may be, the college should not forsake its Catholic allegiance. While offering its students a vast panoply of skills and learning, it gathers up the fragments of knowledge under the luminous aegis of Christian faith, proclaimed today as always by the successor of Peter and the bishops in union with him."

Meeting the challenges facing a Catholic university, Cardinal Dulles said, "cannot be the task of the president alone. He must have backing from the trustees and cooperation from the faculty and administration." The administration and the ad hoc committee seek to build such cooperation. The proportion of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame is declining, however, not because suitable candidates cannot be found, but because of the obstacle course any seriously Catholic candidate faces in obtaining departmental approval.

The University mission is subordinated to the contrary will of component departments. The Academic Articles, however, vest the power to appoint faculty in the president himself. The existing processes will produce only marginal and fruitless tinkering. The president has power, in effect, to govern by veto. In support of the mission, he ought to use that power.

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"When you are kind to someone in trouble, you hope they'll remember and be kind to someone else. And it'll become like a wildfire."*

Whoopi Goldberg  
American actress

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks, Band

What things can you count on every football Saturday? Several things for sure: candlelight dinners, that random dude completely flipping out over yet another bad play, Officer Tim McCarthy, TV timeouts, but above all, the Notre Dame Marching Band. As seniors looking at the tail end of a season that we're not so proud of, we'd like to say thank you for the amazing antics of the band and to Band Director Kenneth Dye.

Aircraft carriers, Chevys, treadmills ... what will he think of next? If we've learned anything this

semester, we've learned that we won't be let down by the halftime show. The enthusiasm of the band is contagious, and when we're down by ... a lot ... we'll still be cheering and chanting and dancing! So here's to you, Kenneth Dye, keeping the Notre Dame spirit alive.

Suzanne Ouyang  
Lara Canham  
Sheena Plamoottil  
seniors  
Pangborn Hall  
Nov. 12

### Students give Stadium energy

I'm writing in response to Robert Russo's hilarious Letter to the Editor ("Appreciate football experience," Nov. 13). Russo rather clearly missed the sarcasm in the letter advocating that Charlie Weis pay back the students for a terrible season. He launches into a screed about appreciation for the football experience and then makes the laughable statement that the athletic department could instead sell our student tickets for full face value.

That's a great idea, Russo. Let's change the dynamic of the stadium from approximately 70,000 people sitting and rarely cheering to approximately 80,000 sitting and rarely cheering. Let's completely disre-

gard the fact that the student section provides the vast majority of the energy in the stadium, chanting and yelling and screaming for their team — even in this abysmal year.

You're right, Russo. There are many who would pay over face value for our discounted tickets. But if they cheer like the rest of the non-student crowd, I think Notre Dame could win every sport magazine's award for "Least Terrifying Stadium to Play In."

Ben Meekins  
graduate student  
off campus  
Nov. 13

## Student section deserves appreciation

Where's the thanks? This past Saturday, my eyes could not believe what they were seeing. And no, I'm not talking about when our team officially and statistically placed itself as Notre Dame's worst ever by losing to Air Force 41-24. That came as no surprise. Ten games into the season, I'm still waiting for something positive to come from our football team. Look's like Charlie and the gang didn't come through on their promise given at the Pep Rally about giving the students something legitimate to cheer for.

But that's not what caught me off

guard. For years, it's been a Notre Dame tradition for the football team to salute the student body after every home game. You can find a picture anywhere of golden helmets raised in thanks to the student body — win or lose. And this year especially, Coach Weis has really emphasized the relationship between the team and the students.

If the relationship is so good, and the team appreciates the fans so much, why didn't they show their appreciation after the game Saturday? What the students got instead was a bunch of dejected football players, hanging their heads and

looking at the ground, stumbling into the tunnel and the locker room after ND's alma mater was played.

Sure, it's been a hard season. But it's been hard for everyone! The students and team together feel the pain of losing, and in past years have together felt the bliss of winning together. The football team must think that they don't need to thank anyone anymore. Well, the student body stood for four hours on Saturday in really cold weather to cheer on a football team who has constantly all year looked lazy and lethargic.

We have a marching band who, it

seems like, practices more than the team does. Sure, Coach Weis can thank the band at the Pep Rally, but on game day all that goes out the window. The students are not formally recognized. I'd just like to challenge the football team to continue on the nice tradition of saluting the student body by raising their helmets to them after every game — win or lose.

Matt LaFleur  
freshman  
O'Neill Hall  
Nov. 13

## Forging a new path of Christian-Muslim rapprochement

Recently, 138 Muslim scholars and clerics from various backgrounds and countries, including the U.S., drafted a letter addressed to all the major Christian religious leaders of the world emphasizing beliefs common to both religions. These central beliefs are the love of God and of one's neighbor — beliefs that immediately resonate with Christians. The Christian leaders addressed included Pope Benedict XVI, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch and evangelical Christian leaders.

Although the letter did not receive overwhelming attention in the world press, it touched a chord among many Christian interlocutors. Since the letter's circulation, a number of representatives of various Christian denominations, including a spokesperson for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Archbishop of Canterbury himself, have responded graciously, reciprocating the Muslim desire to seek common ground between the two

faiths on the basis of shared beliefs and values. This reciprocity signals a potential sea-change in Christian-Muslim relations.

Never has the time been more propitious for seeking a Christian-Muslim rapprochement and building a solid alliance in confronting religious extremism and the violence it often engenders that so plague our world today. The alternative is grim. Religious rivalries in the past have led to bitter wars and other forms of conflict, contributing to the perception that the creation of a common ground between Islam and Christianity must remain a pipe dream.

For those of us who study the historical trajectory of these religions this is anything but a pipe dream. Current efforts at seeking a Christian-Muslim rapprochement represent a rather belated recognition of the historical fact that the destinies of these two world religions and civilizations have been and continue to remain conjoined. In a seminal work entitled "The

Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization," historian Richard Bulliet of Columbia University has remarked that, "[l]ooked at as a whole and in historical perspective, the Islamo-Christian world has much more binding it together than forcing it apart."

Much of Muslim and Christian history in fact cannot be fully understood in all its dimensions in isolation from the other. While a part of this intertwined history has bequeathed painful memories, part of it continues to inspire hope in the present and into the future. Moving past the jihads and the crusades, we would do well to remember, for instance, that the sharing of learning between Muslim realms and Christendom kept the intellectual legacy of classical antiquity alive in the pre-modern period and contributed to the European Renaissance. Islamic civilization finds its roots in the Judeo-Christian religious tradition and Greco-Roman intellectual legacy as much as Western civilization does.

We are at a historic crossroads. The prophets of doom and damnation are plentiful on both sides, overshadowing the less sensational efforts being made by a growing number of Christians and Muslims of good will to build bridges based on shared ethical and moral values. Among such shared values is protection of human life and of the environment as God's custodians on earth, as Archbishop Celestino Migliore, who will visit Notre Dame this week, has stressed.

We can choose to capitulate to the prophets of doom because they are louder and often have better access to the bully pulpit, or we can choose to succumb to the love of God and of neighbor — as the best of our traditions insist — and chart a better, more hopeful future.

Asma Afsaruddin  
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Department of Classics  
Nov. 13

## Global poverty, a call for awareness

Fact: More than one billion people live on less than one dollar each day. Extreme poverty affects over a billion people on our planet. The effects of this hardship reach further than most realize. Poverty causes suffering such as insufficient housing and education, hunger, disease and political unrest. As Notre Dame students, we are given a unique roll in the fight against global poverty and the hardships it creates.

We have the responsibility to raise awareness, both on our campus and throughout this country. Awareness is the most effective way to promote a solution to extreme poverty and AIDS. The ONE Campaign is an American social movement designed to fight extreme poverty and global disease worldwide. ONE pursues this goal through a

campaign of awareness, education and activism on campuses and in communities across our nation.

Notre Dame students can get involved in the ONE Campaign at Notre Dame by joining the Notre Dame ONE Campaign Facebook group, signing the ONE declaration and beginning to raise awareness on campus by wearing white ONE bands and T-shirts. Together, as ONE, we can demand vital changes in national attitudes toward fair trade, debt relief and international aid. Together, as ONE, we can do our part to make poverty history!

Joe Venturini  
junior  
Morrissey Hall  
Nov. 13

## An old-fashioned pep rally

I would really like to see an old-fashioned pep rally this Friday. As an alumnus, I have been attending pep rallies for several years at the Joyce Center. They seem so scripted. How about, for Duke, a return to tradition: The band marches the entire campus, students follow along, pep rally at Stepan, only students allowed in. (If the alumni and parents need to see it, televise it to the JACC or onto the side of Grace Hall.) There is something about

the heat in Stepan, the crush of the crowd, the band storming in from the side, the drums so loud you can't hear anything, including your own cheering, the team up close and personal on the stage.

Make this Friday about the student body and the team by holding an old-fashioned, motivating pep rally.

D.O. Childers, Jr.  
alumnus  
Class of 1979  
Nov. 13



# Roll the dice on some winter board games

## CLASSIC BOARD GAMES

By STEPHANIE DePREZ  
Scene Writer

The winter season is fast approaching, and that means two things.

First, Notre Dame students are gearing up for the weather and the long hours spent hanging in the dorm to avoid freezing to death. Second, now begins the frantic search for Christmas gifts. And what better way to deal with both issues than by buying an entertaining board game for those long winter nights?

Many people scoff at the idea of board games. Why bother when we have such honorable amenities as Guitar Hero III? The day must come, though, that you do master the expert level of every song, and the glory is over. There's still TV, though, right? Well, as long as studio producers refuse to sit down with the Writers Guild of America, all you're going to see on your Comcast-provided cable for the next few months is "America's Next Top Model." There is a remedy, though, and way to consistently counteract boredom. That would be the great American pastime of gathering your roommates — and whomever is wandering around your section — and playing a board game.

Here's a look at some of the best board games on the market this Christmas:

**Scene It?: Movie Edition (2nd Edition):** This is an updated release of the classic from a few years ago. Pop the disc into your DVD player and set up the board on your coffee table. Teams compete to answer question about movies, but the best part is, for a lot of the questions it doesn't matter if you've seen the movie or not. Whether you are a film buff or a casual moviegoer, this game is intensely fun and overly addictive. Other editions include Disney, Harry Potter, 007, Marvel Comics, Sports, Music and TV.

**Scattergories:** Each team gets a pad with a list of everything from "musical group" to "vegetable." Roll the die and get a letter. Turn the timer, and each team has to come up with something for each category that begins with that letter. But be careful — you only get the point if no other team came up with the same answer.

**Cranium:** If you haven't played it

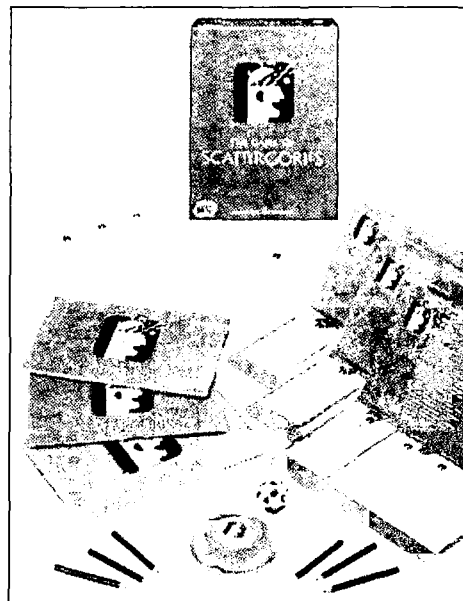


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Board games such as Scattergories can provide indoor winter fun.

already (or read the back of the box while waiting for your Starbucks back home), you are missing out. This game appeals to all sides of the brain. Teams move around the board, which is divided into quarters. On one section you act out or hum answers for your teammates. In the others, you draw or mold clay, recall trivia, or solve word puzzles. No matter what your talent is (or what you lack), there's bound to be something here for you.

**Electronic Catch Phrase:** Everyone sits in a circle, and you are teammates with every other (alternating) person. Pass the disk around and try to get people to guess the word it gives you. Pass it fast, because whoever gets stuck holding it when the buzzer goes off is eliminated. The team with the last man standing wins.

**Trivial Pursuit:** This classic game has been reincarnated so many times that there's bound to be an edition for you. Teams move around the board answering questions in a variety of categories. Tailor-made editions include Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, Chicago, New York, Totally 80s, Pop Culture, Nickelodeon and Book Lovers.

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## SCENE AND HEARD: GAMING F

Maybe you were a Candy Land junkie, always searching for that elusive Queen Frostine card that would carry you to the top. Maybe you got your kicks by playing Chutes and Ladders — even if you didn't realize that a "chute" and a "slide" were the same thing until years later. Or maybe you even played Hungry Hungry Hippos until every hungry hippopotamus had had his or her fill of those white, marble-like thingies.

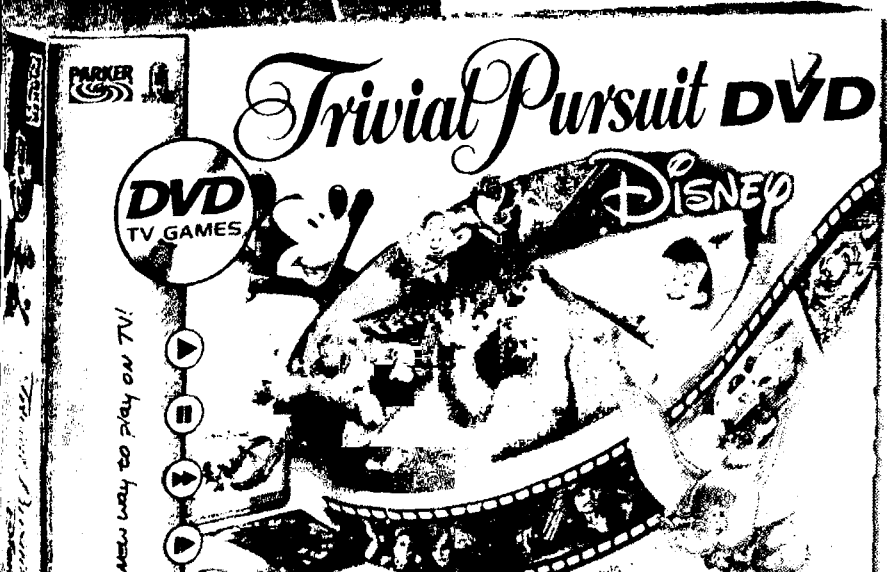
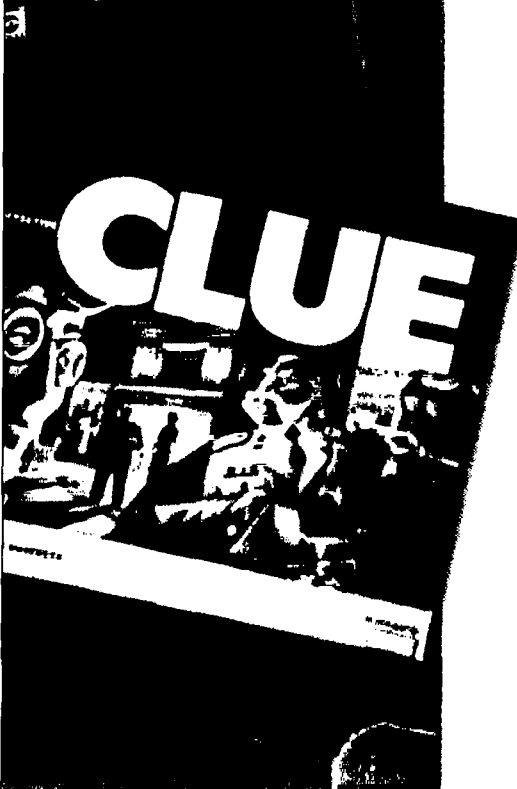
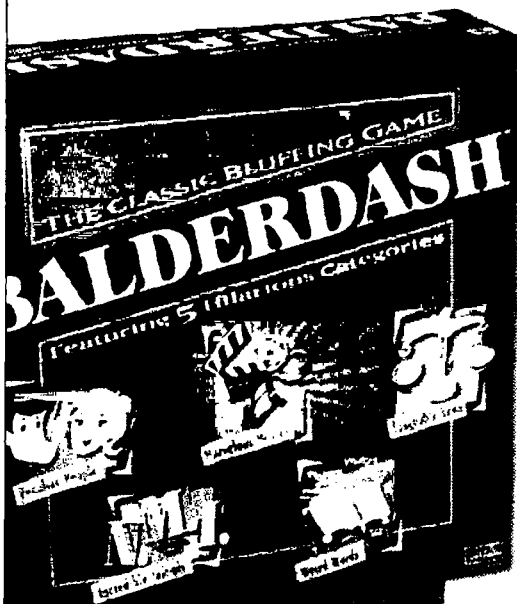
Analise Lipari  
Assistant Scene  
Editor

Regardless of the particulars, each of us goes into nostalgia mode when someone sparks a conversation about childhood board games. Some of them may have been based on a particular television show or movie, while others have concepts so zany — I'm looking at you, Crackers in My Bed — that they have to be seen in game board form to be believed. Either way, mention even one game you played in your youth and undoubtedly your friends will chime in with their top three, five or even 10 games they played back in the day.

There's something about the board games of the eighties and nineties that helped make our collective childhood as great as it was. Mousetrap was huge when I was in kindergarten, and few accomplishments I gain nowadays feel quite as gratifying as watching Mousetrap's Rube Goldberg-style contraption actually trap my opponent's plastic mouse. Another favorite in our house was Pen the Pig, a game whose object was, shockingly enough, just that. You and your fellow five year-olds used little white fences to try and trap your pigs — which came in designer colors like hot pink and lime green — faster than your opponents. Sometimes playing "farmhouse" with the colorful critters took precedence over finishing the pig-penning process, but I digress.

Someone's favorite childhood board game can say a lot about who he or she is as a person. If you loved to play Sorry as a kid, maybe your vindictive streak runs a little too strong for your mild-

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## RECALLS FOND MEMORIES

mannered peers. If you liked playing the Game of Life the best, you're too serious for your own good. If, like me, you played Hungry Hungry Hippos while your baby sister was asleep because she was born three days before your fifth birthday — and had the nerve to arrive home on said birthday — and all you wanted to do was torture both her and your parents with the loudest birthday present ever, well, then maybe you should just relax.

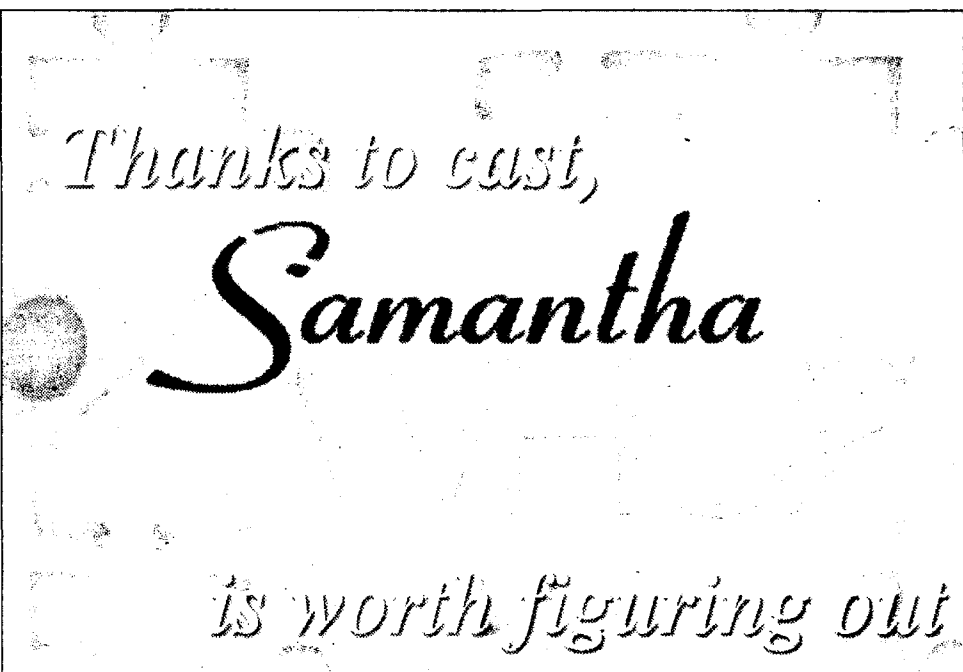
Other games were more frustrating, less fun or even boring. Clue was and is a popular game in my family, but strategizing against full-grown adults at the age of ten was usually an unsuccessful venture, even if you'd learned to sleuth up a storm by watching old school Mary Kate and Ashley videos. I was never a big fan of Battleship, either, unless I added my own sound effects every time someone sunk my aircraft carrier. And even if Dane Cook has preceded me, I believe that

*the particulars, into nostalgia, one sparks a out childhood times.*

Monopoly should be the only form of torture allowed by the Geneva Convention, since one game could last as long as a prisoner's internment.

Thankfully though, this isn't the majority; games are meant to be fun, and they're still pretty awesome. There's a reason why TV networks air those "Family Night" board game commercials — rolling the dice across a game board takes you back to one of the best times of your life. Try playing Connect Four again and see if you can stop your old competitive side from rearing its head. Or start a game of Candy Land in your 24-hour space and count how many people walk by and say, "Aw, man, I love that game!" Like anything else from childhood, these games make up a small piece of who we are, and occasionally returning to them as we grow older just makes you feel good. In these crazy times, I'll take Pretty Pretty Princess, Trouble and even Hungry Hungry Hippos over joining the "real world" any day.

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By CAITLIN FERRARO  
Scene Writer

The highest rated new comedy of the season, "Samantha Who?" centers on a woman who suffers from retrograde amnesia. The show is definitely worth remembering.

The premise is simple, yet unoriginal: A girl named Samantha (Christina Applegate) wakes up after an eight-day coma with amnesia, only to discover she was a horrible person.

The comedy had its own identity issues from its beginning, when due to copyright concerns (from Dr. Seuss' estate) it had to change its name from "Sam I Am" to "Samantha Be Good," before finally settling on "Samantha Who?"

The Emmy-winning Applegate masterfully portrays the titular character, Samantha Newly. Applegate has not been this good since her 10-year embodiment of trashy Kelly Bundy on "Married ... with Children." This show is her comeback as she shines as a funny, charming and chic leading lady.

The cast of actors surrounding Applegate is superb as well. After waking up, Sam discovers she has unstable relationships with all those around her. Seasoned comedic actors Jean Smart and Kevin Dunn, who form a dynamic duo, play the parents to whom Sam has not spoken in two years. When Samantha first wakes up, her mother (Smart) is disappointed because it interrupts her video entry for "Extreme Home Makeover." The only other two people who go to the hospital are Sam's boyfriend, Todd (the adorable Barry Watson), and Sam's quirky junior high best friend, Dena (Melissa McCarthy of "Gilmore Girls" fame). It turns out Sam is cheating on Todd and ditched Dena in high school to be popular. All this while Sam's supposed best friend, raging alcoholic Andrea (Jennifer Esposito), could not be happier that Sam has forgotten she was a recovering alcoholic herself. Suffice it to say hijinks ensue.

Everything about this show is so very wrong, yet the train wreck of insane events feel real and are laugh-out-loud hilarious thanks to the talented cast. Esposito could teach Paris Hilton the meaning of narcissism as she tempts Samantha to rejoin her on the dark side.

Potential quibbles with the show are



Photo courtesy of abc.go.com  
Christina Applegate stars in "Samantha Who?," ABC's latest comedy.

few and far between. From time to time, Samantha has flashes of her former horrible self and she endeavors to make changes in her life. Sometimes these glimpses of Sam's past are not particularly comical or necessary. While directors depict evil Sam incurring wrath upon those around her (and often Applegate with a different hairstyle), they do not always directly contribute to the show.

Following in the thematic pursuit of "My Name is Earl," Samantha aims to turn over a new leaf and be a better person. But "Samantha Who?" has yet to perfect the format. The episodes sometimes seem a bit frantic and can jump around at times.

Some of Sam's deep philosophical conversations with Todd's apartment doorman Frank (Tim Russ) border on ridiculousness, but most are great fun. In the episode entitled "The Job," Sam consults Frank on her outfit. He responds: "Coco Chanel said that to avoid over-accessorizing, women should look in the mirror and remove one thing. With you, it was often your dignity." Ouch.

The other episodes thus far include Sam pretending she was away in rehab instead of in a coma, crashing a wedding in which she had encouraged the bride to have an affair and stressing over forgetting her past sexual experiences. Future episodes promise similar insanity as Sam tries to regain her memory by visiting a hypnotherapist, and she pretends to be an avid hockey fan to impress a date.

While the show may be still working out a few kinks, Applegate is charmingly endearing and Smart constantly finds laughs. In the end, if you are not watching this fall's new No. 1 comedy, you must be having a memory lapse.

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## Samantha Who?

**Network:** ABC  
**Starring:** Christina Applegate, Jean Smart, Jennifer Esposito & Barry Watson



## NBA

# Pierce scores 31 as Celtics beat Pacers 101-86

Lewis lifts Magic to 103-76 victory over Seattle; Bobcats offensive duo of Wallace and Richardson dominates Heat 91-76

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul Pierce shook off a hard foul, then helped the Boston Celtics surge past the Indiana Pacers.

Jamaal Tinsley basketed Pierce on a drive to the basket late in the second quarter, and Pierce responded by scoring 13 of his 31 points in a three-minute span that broke things open in a victory Tuesday night.

Boston remained unbeaten (6-0) and matched its best start since the 1987-88 season. The Celtics still are chasing their best start, 14 straight wins to begin the 1957-58 season.

"You've got to be playing very well to get 6-0," Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal said. "They have a very good team. Their supporting guys are doing very, very well. You've got to tip your hat off to those guys."

The game was tied at 38 when Tinsley fouled Pierce. Pierce quickly turned toward Tinsley, but kept his cool. Suddenly awakened, Pierce even did push-ups between free throws to taunt Tinsley and the crowd.

"I was just trying to blow off some steam, get my head back," he said. "That's all."

Boston coach Doc Rivers took advantage of the situation.

"Clearly, they lit a fire under Paul," Rivers said. "He thought the play was not a clean play.

Got him upset, and as a coach, you've got to make a decision. Sometimes there, we went to (isolations) for Paul right away after that, and my read was if he gets going because of that, then we ride him."

Moments after Tinsley's foul, Pierce went baseline for a thunderous dunk. A Celtics player on the bench shouted, "Oops, you got him mad! Uh-oh!" Pierce fueled a 14-5 run that gave the Celtics a 52-43 lead at half time.

Ray Allen picked up where Pierce left off. Scoreless in the first half, Allen had 15 of his 17 points in the third quarter. The Celtics led by as many as 16 in the period and took a 76-65 edge into the fourth quarter.

"I pick and choose my moments, and that's how the game shifted," Allen said. "As a scorer, you just allow the game to come to you, and you find your spots."

Indiana made a push late. Tinsley scored back-to-back buckets to cut Boston's lead to 89-82 with 4:06 to go, but Kevin Garnett made a long jumper on the other end to help the Celtics maintain control.

Garnett had 18 points and 11 rebounds, his sixth double-double in six games.

"Kevin is the glue of that team," O'Neal said. "Paul and Ray are very, very good players. I didn't have any doubt

that these guys would be able to blend into a system, but emotionally, the energy comes from Kevin."

## Magic 103, SuperSonics 76

Rashard Lewis wanted to show the Seattle SuperSonics what they were missing. He wished it hadn't come in his former team's NBA-leading eighth consecutive loss.

Lewis scored 22 points, 19 in the first half, against the franchise that drafted him out of high school nine years ago, and the Magic won Tuesday night.

The SuperSonics have not won since April 7 of last season, when Lewis was still on their side and went for 35 points against the Utah Jazz. It is the worst start in franchise history, surpassing an 0-6 streak in 1969-70.

"I kind of root for some of those guys, especially the way they've started off," Lewis said. "I wanted them to get rolling, at least get a couple of wins under their belt. Like I said, I'm still close friends with some of the guys on the team, so I wish them the best."

Two other NBA teams are winless, but Minnesota and Golden State have only played five games. The loss opened a five-game East Coast road trip for Seattle, which will get another chance Wednesday against Miami.

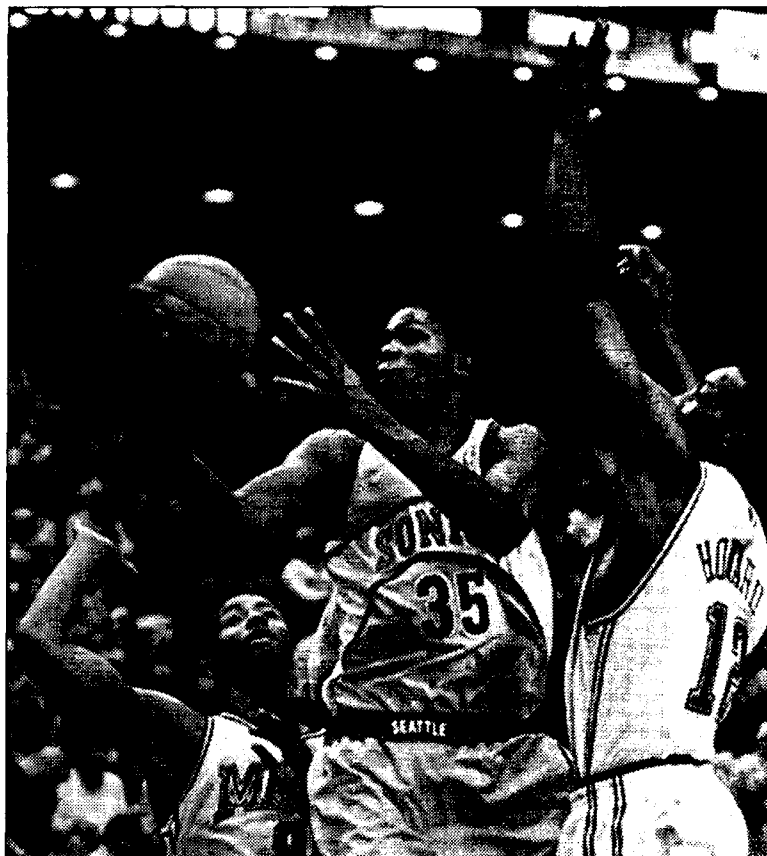
The Magic improved to 6-2, despite committing 26 turnovers compared with 17 for Seattle. The Magic were averaging 13 turnovers, second in the league, but committed 16 in the first half alone.

Along with Dwight Howard, Lewis rested the fourth quarter. Howard had only one first-half point, but finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds, while Hedo Turkoglu scored 17 points and Trevor Ariza had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Keith Bogans scored 16 points on 5-of-9 3-point shooting to help bust Seattle's zone defense.

"I had my shot going early in the game and was able to knock down a bunch of 3s, and then Keith got his shot going in the second half," Lewis said.

Kevin Durant continued to struggle from the field as Seattle shot a season-worst 34 percent. The heralded rookie was 2-for-8 in the first half, getting just four points off a dunk and fast-break layup. He didn't make his first jumper until the third quarter, and finished with 10 points on 4-for-13 shooting.

"I'm just playing basketball," Durant said. "The spotlight is



SuperSonics forward Kevin Durant goes up for a shot during Seattle's 103-76 loss to Orlando Tuesday.

coming from the media — I try not to get into that. I just want to play basketball and try and get better and help my team get better."

## Bobcats 91, Heat 76

Minutes after watching the Miami Heat miss shot after shot in another uninspiring performance that ended in a loss to the Charlotte Bobcats, coach Pat Riley was asked what he could do to generate some offense.

"Me? Play. I guarantee you I should suit up. I'd play better than some of them right now," Riley said Tuesday night. "I guarantee it. I swear to God. With an old hip and 62-years-old and I can't see, I'll play better than some of my guys tonight. Come on, they were pretty bad."

And it's becoming routine. With Dwyane Wade watching again from the bench, his knee still not ready to play, the Heat fell to 1-6 by managing 12 points in both the first and third quarters in an effort that left Shaquille O'Neal despondent.

"It was very, very embarrassing," O'Neal said.

Behind 19 points from Gerald Wallace and 18 from Jason Richardson, the Bobcats held the Heat to 38 percent shooting in their second win over Miami in 10 days.

Emeka Okafor added 13

points and 10 rebounds as the Bobcats ran at every opportunity against the aging Heat, who appeared to have little to give two nights after winning their first game in New York.

"You grandfather playing time to all your starters or guys that have been in the rotation and you're losing games," said Riley, who suggested a players-only meeting. "Eventually you've got to shave the beard and either look younger or get somebody else in there. You can't continue like this."

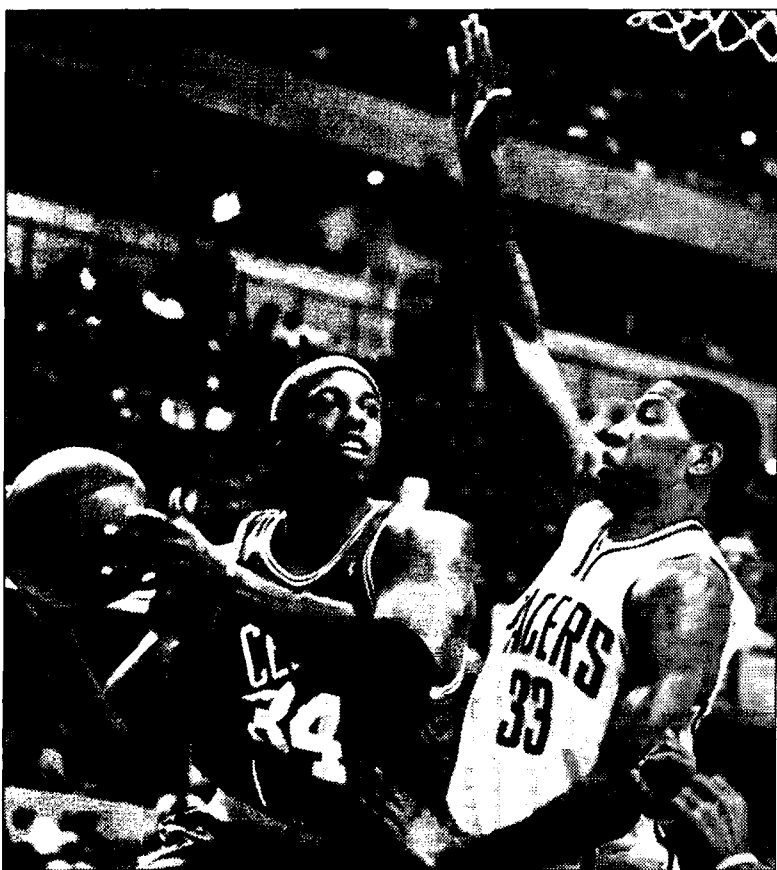
O'Neal had 17 points and six rebounds, but got little help. While O'Neal shot 7-of-14, the other four starters combined to shoot 9-for-34. No other player scored more than 10 points as Wade watched from the bench in a tan jacket.

"We've got to make shots," said Wade, who has yet to play after offseason knee surgery. "One person is not going to save us."

And with Wade saying he was unsure if he'd play Wednesday against Seattle, the Heat are searching for ways to turn around their league-worst offense after going 1-of-7 from 3-point range.

"There have been a few bright moments but we're not coming together consistently," Riley said.

The Bobcats did, two nights after blowing a fourth-quarter lead in a loss to Houston.



Celtics forward Paul Pierce looks to pass while Pacers forward Danny Granger defends during Boston's 101-86 win Tuesday.

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## NBA

### Atlantic Division

team	record	perc.	strk	GB
Boston	5-0	1.000	W5	--
Toronto	4-3	.571	W2	2
New Jersey	4-3	.571	L2	2
New York	2-3	.400	L2	3
Philadelphia	2-4	.333	L2	3.5

### Central Division

team	record	perc.	strk	GB
Detroit	5-1	.833	W2	--
Indiana	3-3	.500	L3	2
Cleveland	4-4	.500	L1	2
Milwaukee	2-4	.333	L2	3
Chicago	1-5	.167	L1	4

### Southeast Division

team	record	perc.	strk	GB
Orlando	5-2	.714	L1	--
Charlotte	3-3	.500	L1	1.5
Atlanta	2-4	.333	L2	2.5
Washington	1-5	.167	W1	3.5
Miami	1-5	.167	W1	3.5

### Northwest Division

team	record	perc.	strk	GB
Utah	6-2	.750	W4	--
Denver	5-3	.625	W3	1
Portland	3-3	.500	W3	2
Minnesota	0-5	.000	L5	4.5
Seattle	0-7	.000	L7	5.5

### Pacific Division

team	record	perc.	strk	GB
Phoenix	5-2	.714	W2	--
LA Clippers	4-2	.667	L2	.5
LA Lakers	3-2	.600	W1	1
Sacramento	2-5	.286	L1	3
Golden State	0-5	.000	L5	4

### Southwest Division

team	record	perc.	strk	GB
Houston	6-1	.857	W3	--
San Antonio	6-1	.857	W3	--
New Orleans	6-2	.750	W2	.5
Dallas	4-2	.667	L1	1.5
Memphis	1-4	.200	L2	4

## NCAA Hockey USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Poll

team	record	previous
1 Michigan	9-1-0	2
2 Miami (Ohio)	9-1-0	1
3 Michigan State	8-1-0	3
4 Denver	6-2-0	5
5 North Dakota	5-3-1	4
6 New Hampshire	5-1-1	7
7 Colorado College	5-3-0	9
8 Clarkson	7-3-0	8
9 Boston College	3-2-4	6
10 Wisconsin	5-3-0	10
11 NOTRE DAME	7-4-0	12
12 Minnesota	6-4-0	14
13 St. Cloud State	6-2-2	NR
14 Massachusetts	4-2-3	NR

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## MLB



Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia pitches against Boston in Game 1 of the 2007 ALCS. Sabathia received the American League Cy Young Award Tuesday, defeating Red Sox starter Josh Beckett.

## Sabathia edges Beckett for AL Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK— C.C. Sabathia beat Josh Beckett at last — albeit a few weeks later than he hoped.

Sabathia won the AL Cy Young Award on Tuesday, topping Boston's ace and two other worthy contenders by a comfortable margin to become the first Cleveland Indians pitcher in 35 years to earn the honor.

Sabathia received 19 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 119 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Beckett, who outpitched Sabathia twice in the playoffs, was second

with eight first-place votes and 86 points.

"I did look at a few numbers," Sabathia said on a conference call from his California home. "I definitely thought that Beckett — it could have went either way. I'm just happy and thankful that it went my way."

It might have gone the other way if October results counted. Voting took place before the postseason, when Sabathia struggled as Beckett put together a string of dominant outings to help Boston win the World Series.

The Red Sox right-hander trounced Sabathia two times in the AL champi-

onship series and went 4-0 with a 1.20 ERA in four postseason starts, striking out 35 and walking two. Sabathia was 1-2 with an 8.80 ERA and 13 walks in three playoff outings.

"The first two I can definitely say I was trying to do too much," Sabathia said. "Just trying to make perfect pitches."

John Lackey of the Los Angeles Angels got the other first-place vote and came in third. Cleveland's Fausto Carmona was fourth.

Sabathia went 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA and 209 strikeouts, pitching a major league-high 241 innings. Beckett (20-7) became the only big leaguer to win 20

games since 2005, compiling a 3.27 ERA in 200 2-3 innings. Lackey led the AL in ERA at 3.01, going 19-9 and tossing 224 innings. Carmona was 19-8 with a 3.06 ERA.

"I was excited. My family and everybody were around," Sabathia said. "I was surprised. Beckett had a great year and an even better postseason."

The only other Cleveland pitcher to win the award was Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry in 1972. Now that he's got one of his own, Sabathia plans to display the trophy prominently.

"I'm sitting in my office right now, I'm looking for a spot. I'll probably put it right here," he said.

## IN BRIEF

### Swede hired as U.S. women's soccer coach

Pia Sundhage's immersion into U.S. culture introduced her to Americans' "Go for it" mentality.

But when it comes to soccer, her fellow Swedes' deliberateness might sometimes work best, the former international star said Tuesday after being hired as the U.S. women's national team coach.

American officials turned to a foreign coach for the first time after failing to win this year's World Cup. Sundhage, an assistant for China during the World Cup, is familiar with many of the U.S. players, having coached in the WUSA during the league's three-year existence.

She wants her new team to control the ball and dictate tempo more.

"It's very tight at the top level," Sundhage said. "I think it's about being comfortable with the ball. I don't think it's a big step, but a very important step."

### Texas Tech coach fined for criticizing officials

LUBBOCK, Texas— Texas Tech coach Mike Leach was fined a record \$10,000 by the Big 12 Conference on Tuesday for his harsh criticism of game officials following last week's loss to Texas.

The fine doubled the previous high by the league, levied twice before, against Kansas coach Mark Mangino three years ago and former Kansas State basketball coach Jim Wooldridge during the 2005-06 season.

Leach was reprimanded and put on notice that "any future such behavior will result in a more serious penalty, including a possible suspension," the conference said in a news release.

Leach and Texas Tech were not commenting on the fine, school spokesman Chris Cook said.

After No. 12 Texas beat Texas Tech 59-43 on Saturday, Leach condemned the officiating crew in Austin, calling their work "a complete travesty."

### PGA to put FedEx Cup after Ryder next year

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.— The PGA Tour decided to put another cup ahead of its own Tuesday, moving the FedEx Cup finale to the week after the Ryder Cup next year to allow Americans to be fresh as they try to end a decade of losing.

Without switching around the 2008 schedule, some players might have competed four consecutive weeks in the FedEx Cup, then headed straight to Valhalla Golf Club for the Ryder Cup, regarded as one of the most tiring and pressure-packed weeks in golf.

The changes means there will be a two-week break in the middle of the playoffs, between the BMW Championship in St. Louis and the Tour Championship in Atlanta. And it gives the PGA Tour its first week without golf during the season since 1989.

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TENNIS

# No. 2 Nadal falls to Ferrer at Masters Cup



David Ferrer returns the ball against Rafael Nadal during their match Tuesday. Ferrer won in three sets.

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic learned friendship doesn't count for much at the Masters Cup.

Both lost to buddies Tuesday in the round-robin phase of the season-ending tournament featuring the top eight players. Nadal lost to David Ferrer 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 in a match between Spaniards. A weary Djokovic lost to Richard Gasquet of France 6-4, 6-2 and was eliminated from contention for the semifinals with one match left

in the Gold Group.

In the Red Group, top-ranked Roger Federer and No. 4 Nikolay Daydenko lost their first matches Monday and will play each other Wednesday, followed by Andy Roddick against Fernando Gonzalez.

Nadal, ranked No. 2, said there really are no upsets in this tournament, given the elite field.

"We play against the best always, every match, so anything can happen," Nadal said after his nearly three-hour struggle against Ferrer that divided the loyalties of Spanish

## Djokovic loses to France's Gasquet in season-ending tournament

fans, who draped national flags around the indoor arena.

"We have a very good relationship," Nadal said. "But when you are on court, you try your best."

Nadal held a 4-2 advantage in head-to-head meetings. Ferrer said his only advantage against the man he called the best player in Spanish history comes when they face off in video games.

"Just in the PlayStation I'm better than him," Ferrer said, laughing.

With Nadal a left-hander, the two men played like mirror images with their preference for the baseline, sharply angled winners and refusal to yield on shots.

Showing little respect for each other's serves, they combined for five breaks in the first set and 11 for the match. Ferrer didn't hold serve until his fourth attempt. Nadal finished off the set on Ferrer's 14th unforced error off his usually reliable forehand.

Ferrer pulled himself together and served for the second set at 5-3, only to be left muttering to himself after Nadal broke at love, the last three points coming on clean winners. But he shrugged it off to break right back the next game to even the match.

From 1-1 in the third set, Ferrer ran off four straight games. With both men breathing hard, Ferrer served for the match, only to see Nadal break and fend off a match point in his next service game to pull within 5-3.

Ferrer then held at love, finishing the match when Nadal tried a drop shot that hung up a little too long, giving Ferrer enough time to smack a backhand crosscourt winner before dropping onto his back in relief.

"I was very nervous because I was a little bit cramping from the tension, from the nerves," Ferrer said of Nadal's last service break. "And Rafa is unbelievable. He's a fighter all the match. I play perfect in the third set. If I don't play perfect, I cannot beat Rafa."

Ferrer ran his record to 2-0 in the Gold Group, while Nadal fell into a tie with Gasquet at 1-1.

"Today I had nothing to lose," Gasquet said. "I just had to enjoy the moment to play in the

Masters Cup and just to play my game. I did a perfect match. I played a lot of amazing shots with my backhand."

Djokovic, ranked No. 3, looked off in every phase of his game, overhitting his usually reliable forehand and having trouble with his strong serve to fall to 0-2. He started off listlessly and was increasingly disconsolate as the match wore on. He was mathematically eliminated from reaching the semifinals.

Djokovic said he had nothing left after playing more than 100 matches this year.

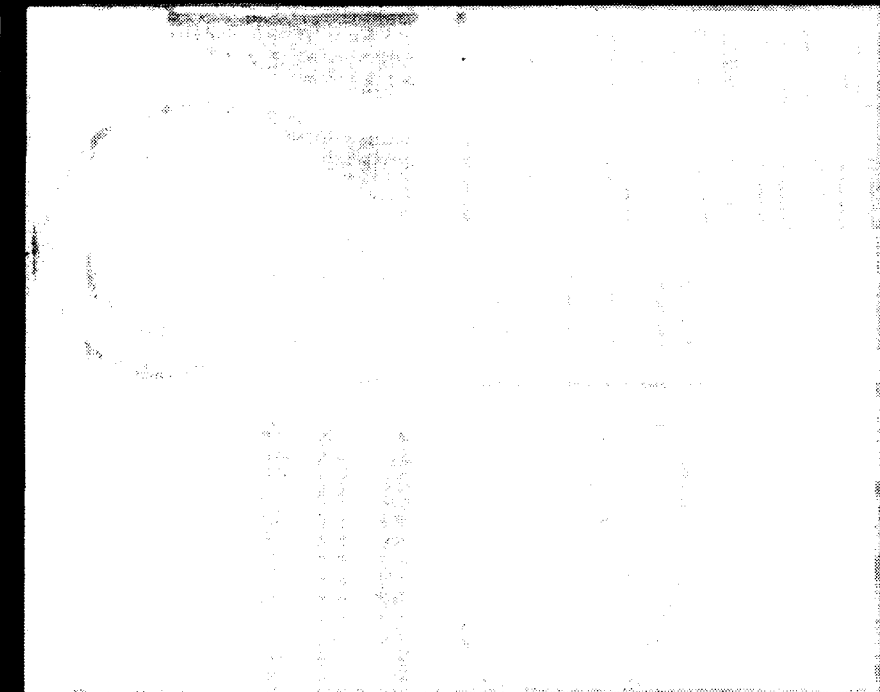
"Unfortunately again, I couldn't be even close to my level," he said. "I was frustrated because of that. I didn't feel so well physically, and mentally I just couldn't ... be so confident on the court. I didn't find any solutions."

"He was playing well," Djokovic added. "He's a very talented player and he's playing smart."

Djokovic, who tossed his racket in frustration twice, won only six of his 19 service points in the second set and hit a backhand wide for his 27th unforced error on match point.

*"Today I had nothing to lose."*

**Richard Gasquet**  
Tennis player



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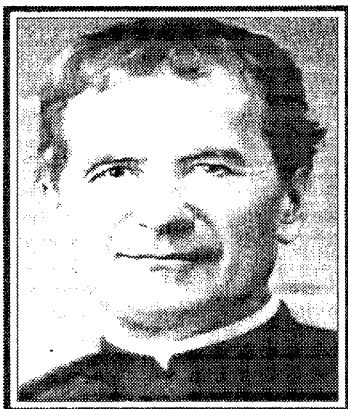
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## GYMNASTICS

# U.S. women's team tops competition

Karolyi praises achievements at championships

Associated Press

The U.S. women got a gold star from Bela Karolyi to go along with their gold medals from the world gymnastics championships.

The Americans, fresh from a dominant performance at worlds that included golds in both the team competition and all-around, are the strongest group the United States has ever had, Karolyi said Tuesday. Considering he was front-and-center for the Magnificent Seven's gold-medal performance in 1996 and Mary Lou Retton's triumphs in 1984, that's high praise.

"We've never had before a team win in such a powerful manner," Karolyi said from Boston, where he was promoting next summer's women's national championships. "The Magnificent Seven, that was a strong team. But it was in our country, it was in Atlanta, in front of a tremendous crowd."

"This team is winning around the world since 2001. Wherever they go, they are coming back with some amazing results," he said. "Every year, they get better and better and better and better."

That should bode well for next summer's Beijing Olympics.

As the reigning world champs, the Americans will be favorites to stockpile even more gold. While Romania and Russia will present a challenge, the biggest competition most likely will be China.

After winning their first team title at the 2006 worlds, the Chinese shuffled their lineup for this year's world's in Stuttgart, Germany. They left behind Pang Panpan, a member of the 2006 squad, and Olympic bronze medalist Zhang Nan, and brought some youngsters for international experience and exposure.

The kids did all right, helping China win the team silver.

But performing in front of a raucous home crowd will be a completely different experience, Karolyi said.

"The crowd sometimes plays a tremendous role to give you wings and carry you to victory. At the same time, great teams under the pressure have broken down," he said. "It is something we have to [wait to] see. I can't predict that one."

Of course, the Americans went to the Athens Olympics as favorites, too, after winning the 2003 world title in Anaheim, Calif. They came home with silver, their finish behind the Romanians something of a disappointment.

What sets this team apart is the blend of old and new, a cred-

it to the semi-centralized system Karolyi created and his wife, Martha, now oversees.

The top junior and senior gymnasts come together for monthly training camps, and there are set standards that every athlete must meet. Not only does this ensure an endless supply of talent, the competition between the generations makes the U.S. team stronger.

Dating to 2001, the Americans are the only team to medal at every world championships and Olympics. They won nine of the 15 medals at the 2005 world championships with Chellsie Memmel and Nastia Liukin going 1-2 in the all-around.

In addition to the team and all-around titles in Stuttgart, the Americans won golds on balance beam and floor exercise. They brought home a total of seven medals.

They have not one, but two women who can legitimately vie for next year's all-around title.

Liukin has been at the top of the sport for three years now, and her nine medals at the world championships tie Shannon Miller for most by a U.S. gymnast. But Liukin was slowed by an ankle injury for much of the last year, and now finds herself playing catch-up to Shawn Johnson.

Johnson, all of 15, won every event she entered this year, including becoming only the fourth American woman to win the world all-around title.

"If [Liukin] is back in her normal shape, with a repaired ankle, she is going to give a very big run," Karolyi said. "She is a powerhouse that you just can't put aside. There's going to be a tremendous fight. It's going to be one of most incredible Olympic trials."

"And it's not just between these two," Karolyi added, "but the other ones coming from behind."

Sam Peszek, Shayla Worley and Ivana Hong all made the world team in their first full year as seniors. Another youngster, Bridget Sloan, was the alternate.

Add veterans Alicia Sacramone, who has seven medals from the worlds, Memmel and Jana Bieger, and the competition just to get to Beijing is going to be fierce.

"Martha doesn't like [medal predictions] because she doesn't want to put the bug in their heads and put additional pressure on them. I'm much more optimistic," Karolyi said. "I would like to get them used to early with the talk that they are powerful enough and strong enough to win."

"And I believe they are going to have a bright position on the podium."



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USA gymnastics coach


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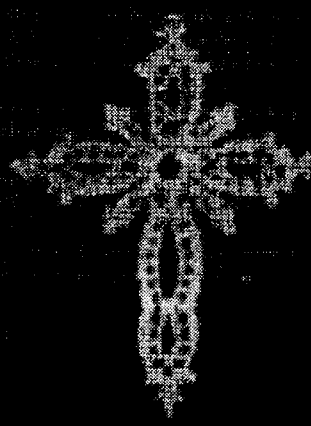
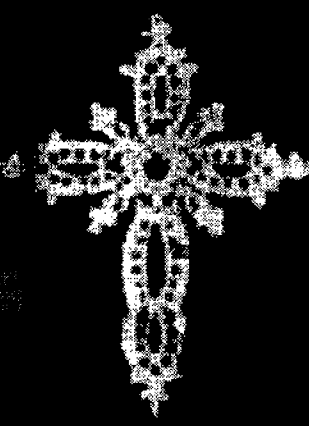
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## NFL

# Ravens season echoes 2006 loss against Colts

Baltimore defense still strong, but home loss to Cincinnati highlights problems; Boller to replace quarterback McNair

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — In the wake of Sunday's wretched 21-7 home loss to Cincinnati, Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Mark Clayton recalled another strikingly similar defeat.

"That reminded me of the

Colts game," Clayton said, referring to last season's 15-6 postseason debacle against Indianapolis. Peyton Manning failed to produce a touchdown against Baltimore's top-ranked defense, but Ravens quarterback Steve McNair threw two interceptions and managed only to set up Matt Stover for a

couple of field goals.

When it came time to analyze the 2006 season, coach Brian Billick and the team's hierarchy dismissed that game. After all, they reasoned, we scored plenty during the regular season and hey, the Colts were so good they ended up winning the Super Bowl.

So, in assessing the Ravens' prospects for 2007, Billick touted a 13-3 team with 20 of 22 starters back to finish what they started.

"I don't know that there's that one singular issue that we don't feel good about across the board," Billick said in July. "It's hard not to be optimistic."

Turns out this edition of the Ravens (4-5) is far more comparable to the team that lost to Indianapolis than the one that averaged 22 points during the regular season.

That, and a left shoulder injury, led to McNair being replaced by Kyle Boller at quarterback for the next two games, at least.

The defense, as usual, has been outstanding. Despite being compromised by the loss of free agent Adalius Thomas and injuries to Trevor Pryce, Chris McAlister and Samari Rolle, Baltimore ranks fifth in the NFL and four times has held the opposition to one touchdown or fewer.

Clayton was reminded of the Colts game because Baltimore's defense kept Cincinnati out of the end zone, and still the Ravens lost. Therein lies the reason the Ravens almost certainly won't be playing football in January.

McNair deserves much of the blame — he has 11 turnovers and only two touchdown passes — but he's also had the misfortune of working within a system entirely devoid of imagination. Baltimore's offense has scored 10 touchdowns this season, only two in the last two games. The Ravens' average of 15.3 points per game is better than only Kansas City, St. Louis, Atlanta and San Francisco, which are a collective 10-26.

Nearly half of Baltimore's 138 points have been provided by Stover, by far the team's most potent offensive threat.

When the Ravens were struggling to score last season, Billick fired offensive coordinator Jim Fassel and took over the play-calling. In Billick's first game in the dual role, Baltimore amassed 16 first downs before halftime in a 35-22 rout of New Orleans.

That victory started Baltimore on a 9-1 run that ended with the loss to Indianapolis. During the off-season, Billick promoted Rick Neuheisel to offensive coordinator but insisted on keeping the play-calling duties.

The long passes, reverses, draw plays and screen passes that worked so well last year apparently are no longer part of the game plan. Running back Willis McGahee has been better than adequate as the successor to Jamal Lewis, but

Billick keeps calling for short passes when a handoff would be far more efficient.

That tendency was openly questioned by Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis after Billick ordered three consecutive passes when Baltimore needed 1 yard to extend a drive in the waning moments of a 19-14 loss to Buffalo.

The Ravens had a bye after that game, then returned to get hammered by Pittsburgh 38-7 on Monday night. That was precursor to an even bigger embarrassment: a loss at home to the Bengals, who came in 2-6 with the 31st-ranked defense.

The fans jeered the Ravens when they came off the field at halftime, and by game's end

the stadium was nearly empty. Those who remained booed some more.

It's quite possible the 34-year-old McNair is too old to be effective. Now, he's sidelined with the

*"That reminded me of the Colts game."*

**Mark Clayton**  
Ravens wide receiver

shoulder injury.

"There's no way you can play with a subluxed shoulder and be able to protect yourself," Billick said.

Some suggest it's time for Billick to go, even though he won a Super Bowl in 2001 and is signed through 2010. Those are the big topics of discussion around Baltimore these days, not potential playoff matchups.

Billick got the job in 1999 because of his ability to run an offense. Except for last season's 10-game run, the Ravens have won solely on the ability of the defense during his tenure.

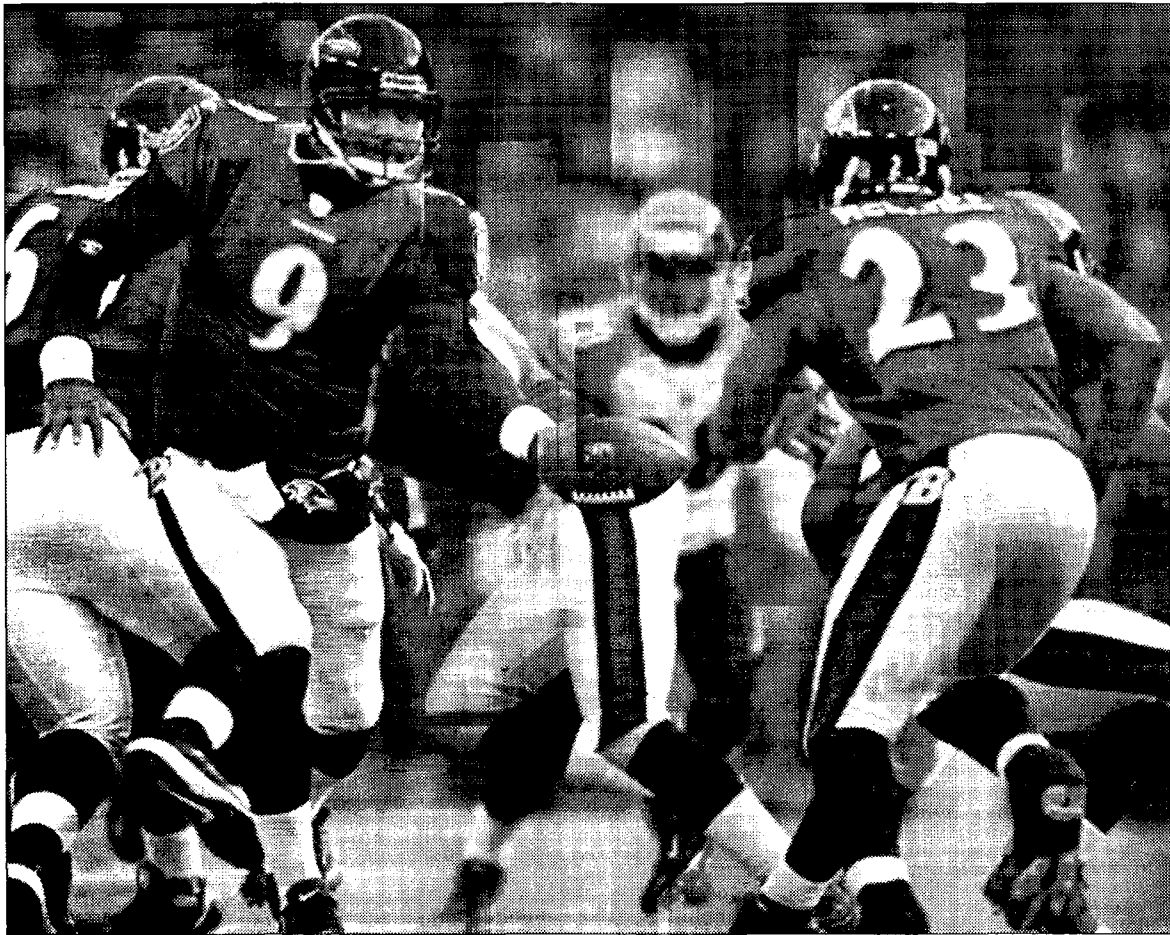
Billick soon may have to adhere to a do-it-or-else suggestion from owner Steve Bisciotti to have someone else to call the plays. Billick, in turn, might want to ask for a new quarterback.

The Ravens got McNair because Boller just wasn't good enough. McNair, a former NFL co-MVP, was supposed to make Baltimore's offense as good as the defense. Now, ironically, the fans are clamoring for Boller. Or even

third-stringer Troy Smith.

Clearly, Baltimore needs to address its offense before the defense gets too old. Lewis, Pryce, McAlister, Rolle and defensive tackle Kelly Gregg are all in their 30s. Maybe the Ravens can get some help with a high draft pick, although that's not exactly the preference of defensive end Terrell Suggs.

"It doesn't feel like rock-bottom," Suggs said Sunday. "It depends on what we do from here on out. If we end up with a top 10 pick, then that's rock-bottom. Cut and dried."



Ravens quarterback Steve McNair hands off to running back Willis McGahee during the first quarter of their 21-7 loss to the Bengals on Sunday.

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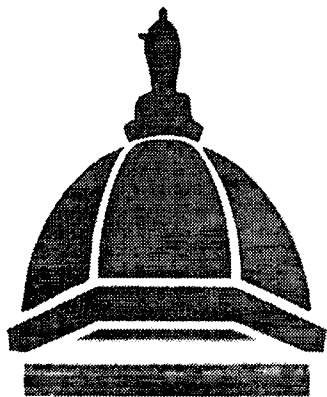
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## NFL

# Jones set to accept plea deal

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones is expected to take a plea deal that will get him probation in return for testimony about a Las Vegas strip club triple shooting, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The Tennessee Titans cornerback intends to plead no contest to one charge of conspiracy to commit disorderly conduct, a gross misdemeanor, in return for a promise to suspend a sentence of one year in county jail, according to a written plea agreement obtained by The Associated Press.

"We have a deal," Clark County prosecutor Victoria Villegas said. "I can't talk about the negotiations until it's actually filed with the court."

Jones' attorney, Robert Langford, was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday to inform Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Tony Abbatangelo of the plea, but the hearing abruptly was rescheduled for Thursday.

Villegas said the delayed hearing was the result of a scheduling mishap.

"He has agreed to testify in whatever hearings come up regarding the shooter," Langford said. Jones, who was not expected to attend Tuesday's hearing, would not be sentenced until after testifying, he said.

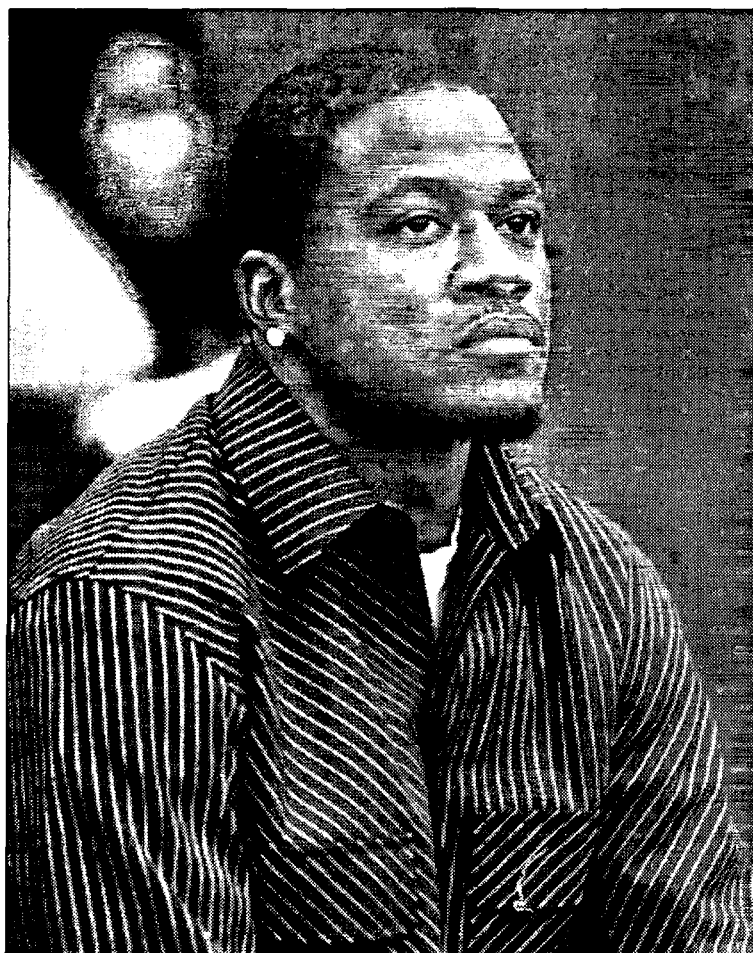
Manny Arora, Jones' Atlanta-based attorney, said their focus was to clear the cornerback of involvement in the shooting and called the deal the best situation for Jones.

"While I think we would've been successful at trial, it could've been six months to a year away, and he may have lost another year of eligibility by going forward. In the real world, sometimes you have to make these difficult decisions for what's best for your career, and we didn't want this dragging on any further," Arora said.

In addition to one year of probation, Jones must attend an anger management program, complete 200 hours of community service within a year and submit to random drug testing, according to the plea deal. Langford said Jones already is subject to drug testing under NFL rules.

On Thursday, Abbatangelo is expected to waive Jones' preliminary hearing on two felony coercion charges stemming from allegations he incited a melee inside the club. The evidentiary hearing was postponed Oct. 29 while plea negotiations continued.

Langford would not say if Jones knew the identity of a gunman who authorities say opened fire and wounded three people Feb. 19 outside the Minxx Gentlemen's Club minutes after Jones and



Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones appears in General Sessions Court July 15 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

members of his entourage were involved in a melee inside.

"I can't comment because that's an ongoing police investigation," Langford told the AP.

Langford said, however, that Jones did not know the identity of a man whose photo was released in June by police. Investigators said they wanted to question that man in the shooting. The photo was obtained from surveillance cameras, and police said they thought the man lived on the East Coast.

Police have not charged anyone with the shooting, which left three people wounded, including a bar employee, Tommy Urbanski, who was paralyzed from the waist down.

News of Jones' plea deal surprised Urbanski's wife, Kathy, as she prepared to go to work Tuesday.

"I want to see what he does, who he implicates. If he's not going to implicate anyone, I'm going to be absolutely furious. I really am sick of it," she said. "I just hope the vic-

tims have rights in this situation. Obviously, the criminals do."

Kathy Urbanski said she didn't think the original charges against Jones were strong enough, especially not while she and her husband still live in a hotel while their home is renovated to make it wheelchair accessible.

Urbanski, co-worker Aaron Cudworth and club patron Natalie Jones have each filed civil lawsuits seeking damages from Jones.

Urbanski's lawsuit also seeks damages from the NFL, the Titans and the

owners of Harlem Knights, a Houston strip club that hosted events at the Minxx club during the NBA's All-Star weekend, Feb. 17-19.

"I'm pleased to see he's accepting responsibility for his conduct on the date in question," said Richard Schonfeld, lawyer for Cudworth, a bar bouncer who was wounded in the shooting.

# Former friend testifies against O.J. Simpson

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson's one-time golfing pal glared at him across a courtroom Tuesday and said the former football star wanted him to bring "heat" to a confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers in a hotel room.

Minutes later, Simpson's lawyer accused the friend, Walter Alexander, of being a liar, and the two wound up in a heated exchange in the third day of a preliminary hearing in the armed robbery case.

Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure will decide after the hearing whether there is enough evidence for Simpson and two other men to stand trial.

Alexander's testimony was the strongest for prosecutors so far. He and Michael McClinton, who also testified against Simpson Tuesday, struck deals with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to lesser charges, as did Charles Cashmore, who testified last week.

"After he asked me if I could watch his back ... it was kind of like, 'Hey, do you think you can get some heat?'" Alexander said. "Just in case things go wrong, can you bring some heat?"

Simpson, 60, has maintained in interviews and through his lawyers that he never saw any

guns or asked anyone to bring them to the hotel room. Wearing dark glasses and a dark suit with a white shirt and white handkerchief in the breast pocket, he sometimes smiled but frequently shook his head as Alexander testified.

Simpson has said he intended only to retrieve items that were stolen from him by a former agent, including the suit he wore the day he was acquitted of murder in 1995 in the slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Alexander depicted Simpson as the mastermind of the plan to recover his possessions by

*"After he asked me if I could watch his back ... it was kind of like, 'Hey, do you think you can get some heat.'"*

Walter Alexander  
witness in O.J. Simpson trial

setting up a sting operation in which the two dealers would think they were meeting with a potential buyer. The three were in town for a mutual friend's wedding Sept.

13. McClinton volunteered to supply guns and Simpson said they probably would be needed only to show dealers Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley "we mean business," Alexander said.

Alexander said he accepted a .22-caliber pistol from McClinton that he tucked into his waistband while McClinton strapped on a shoulder holster containing a .45.



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# Seniors

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said. "I'm not doing that. He came back [for a fifth year] to play. He didn't come back here to cheerlead. I think you owe him the right to play."

## Sullivan to miss Saturday's game

Fifth-year senior center John Sullivan will miss Saturday's game because of the undisclosed injury that forced him out of the Air Force game.

Sullivan has been aiding freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen with pre-snap reads, including identifying the middle linebacker. Weis said that duty will fall on back-up center Dan Wenger this week but that Clausen is almost able to do it on his own.

"We'll start with Danny, see how it goes, and if it isn't going too well, we'll put the burden on the quarterback," Weis said. "We'd like to, as it goes into this offseason, put all the burden on the quarterback."

Weis said Sullivan will help Wenger and Clausen with the reads in practice.

"We'll give him a constructive role this week where he won't just feel like he's pushed off to the side," Weis said. "He'll almost be like an extra assistant coach out there, which that will help us, too, this week."

Wenger has played both guard and center this season, but Weis said the sophomore is more suited to the role of center.

"Danny is a much more natural center than guard," he said. "He's more comfortable in there. That's where he played his whole

high school career, and although we'll greatly miss Sully and all he's done on and off the field for us, having a guy like that who is a natural center in there, I think this gets him into his natural position rather than being knocked over at the guard."

Weis said he is hopeful Sullivan will be able to return for the season finale against Stanford, but the coach doesn't want to rush him back and hurt his chances in the NFL.

"You're always concerned about something happening which would cost you a little time," Weis said.

## Vaas returns to Notre Dame Stadium

Peter Vaas, who was Notre Dame's quarterbacks coach during Weis' first two seasons in South Bend, will return this weekend as Duke's offensive coordinator.

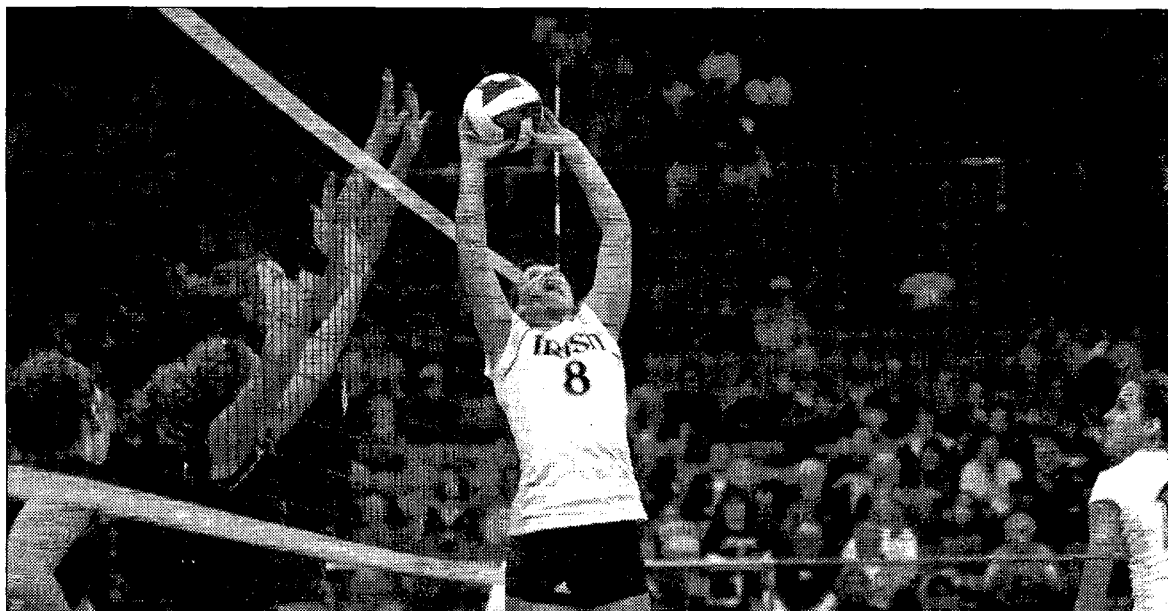
Weis said the fact that Vaas knows the Irish offense is "a pain in the butt," but that Vaas won't be able to steal any Notre Dame signals.

"The only signaling we really do offensively is signaling numbers," Weis said. "So unless you have the number sheet and know what we're doing, that would be the only way that it could really hurt you."

## Other injuries

Weis said junior nose guard Pat Kuntz and sophomore safety Sergio Brown will not play against the Blue Devils, while freshman tight end Mike Ragone and fifth-year senior punter Geoff Price are unlikely to play because of injuries.

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Irish senior Ashley Tarutis sets the ball during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Cincinnati Friday night at the Joyce Center. Tarutis and fellow senior Adrianna Stasiuk lead the Irish into the Big East Tournament.

# Friends

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Tarutis said. "It has such a rich tradition."

Tarutis also cited the school's welcoming nature.

"I'm really short for the [setter] position, so [Notre Dame] made me feel really comfortable, and it was a great offer for a school like this," Tarutis said.

Stasiuk and Tarutis were immediately put onto the same court as freshmen.

"Coming into freshman year, everything was a whole new experience," Tarutis said. "Everything just seemed like a whirlwind. Also, setting-wise, obviously, the high school game is way

different than the college game — just the level and speed of the sets."

Stasiuk and Tarutis quickly developed a chemistry that has improved over the past four years. This connection on the court led to a camaraderie that now extends beyond the game.

*"She's been my best friend here for four years."*

Ashley Tarutis  
Irish senior setter

"[Stasiuk and I] have a really special relationship and friendship," Tarutis said. "She and I know what each other is going to do. We don't have to worry. We can emotionally feed off of one other. If

one of us is having a bad game, and the other one gets on [the other], there are no hard feelings.

"We can have little tiffs on the court and then be best friends again in two seconds. She's been my best friend here for four years."

As seniors, both players are floor generals for the Irish. Tarutis, the team's setter, is a natural leader while Stasiuk has been honored as the team's captain.

In four years, Tarutis and Stasiuk have helped produce a record of 90-39. But the fate of this season may hinge on their play this weekend in the Big East Tournament in Milwaukee. The Irish will open against Cincinnati on Friday at 11 a.m. If the seniors can lead their team to a championship, they will find themselves in their fourth NCAA Tournament in four years.

"I hope this season ends with our team doing our very best and surprising the favored teams we play both in the Big East tourney and in the NAAs," Stasiuk said. "I love being the underdog."

But with the end of the season nearing, life after graduation also beckons for Stasiuk and Tarutis. For Stasiuk, that may not mean an end to her volleyball career.

"My majors are accounting and television," Stasiuk said. "My plans for next year are to work at a public accounting firm in Los Angeles and play beach volleyball as much as possible [and] consider my options for playing sand [volleyball]."

Tarutis is less ambitious about finding a career in her sport.

"I think after 11 years, this is my last go around with [competitive] volleyball — maybe I'll be one of those

old ladies in the old people league," Tarutis said. "When I graduate, I will be getting a master's degree in social work. Right now, my hope is to work with families, especially families with special needs kids. Maybe I can help alleviate some of their problems or disruptions in family life [as a therapist]."

## Notes:

◆ Stasiuk currently has career totals of 428 games played, 228 assists, 273 blocks and 1,537 points, which amounts to 3.59 scores per game. She is in the top 10 in the Notre Dame career record books in many categories.

◆ Stasiuk is second in matches with 10-plus digs and also in double-double matches with 89 and 61, respectively. She is third with 1,451 digs and third with 126 service aces as well as sixth in matches with 10-plus kills at 71. She remains 10th in kills with 1,243.

Earlier this season, Stasiuk became the seventh player in Notre Dame history to enter the 1,000 kill/1,000 dig club.

◆ Tarutis has played in 449 games, which is sixth best for any Notre Dame volleyball player. Along with 224 career kills and 123 total blocks, Tarutis is third all-time in assists with 4,615 helpers, sixth with 113 service aces, and ninth with 1,060 digs.

◆ Tarutis became the single season record holder for assists when she notched 1,573 helpers in 2005. Tarutis is the only current player to have played in 100 percent of all possible Irish matches during her career at Notre Dame. "I want to contribute to the team in whatever way I can," Tarutis said. "If that means I'm on the court in every match of every game in every play, then that's fine — whatever is best for the team."

◆ Two Notre Dame players were honored with the Big East Conference's weekly awards. For her performances in the two Irish wins last weekend, sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl was named the conference player of the week. Freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca garnered rookie of the week honors. It is the first week this year in which teammates swept the Big East honors.

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# Gaines

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game, McGraw said, one of Notre Dame's goals was to take charges against Lady Toppers forwards Dominique Duck and Crystal Kelly in order to try to get them in foul trouble. Gaines took two charges in two minutes against Duck to put the junior in early foul trouble.

McGraw said getting Kentucky's top players in foul trouble was important.

"We had a lot of things we were looking at, and all of them looked pretty good at practice," she said. "But my favorite was when [Kelly] was on the bench."

Kelly had one of the worst games of her career Tuesday, shooting 1-of-7 from beyond the arc with seven points and four boards before fouling out. The performance snapped the senior's 49-game streak of scoring in double figures. Kelly finished the game without a two-point field goal for the first time in her career at Western Kentucky.

"I don't know if that's ever happened. Hopefully it will never happen again," Kelly said.

Irish guard Ashley Barlow helped set the tone for Notre Dame throughout the game. Barlow finished with 18 points on 5-of-8 shooting, including 3-of-4 from three-point range.

"I think she's been great. ... To me, she's the person that steadies us sometimes," McGraw said. "They were on a run and things got a little sloppy in the second half. She comes in, she drives the ball and gets a layup and gets to the foul line. She's the one that's always going to make

that big play."

Barlow said she sees herself simply as a role player who tries to get involved in the offense.

"I just go out there and play my game," she said. "Whatever Coach wants me to do, that's what I'm going to go out there and do."

Western Kentucky was unable to keep up with the Irish in the first half and fell behind 50-23 going into the break. Notre Dame was able to push the score up by using effective fast-break offense throughout the opening half.

"I thought we could have turned the shot clocks off," McGraw said. "I thought there was a lot of running going on; it was quite a track meet. I was glad we had a lot of depth."

Even though Notre Dame was able to dominate the first half, Western Kentucky shrank the Irish lead in the second by outscoring the Irish 36-28.

"I thought we got a big lead and we got complacent. You get up thirty and you feel like 'We're going to win, let's just let the clock run,'" McGraw said. "So I was a little disappointed with our execution and our defense in the second half."

Lady Toppers coach Mary Taylor Cowles said she thought her team stepped up its game in the second half to cut down the lead.

"If we could have put two halves together defensively, then it might have been a different story," Cowles said.

Notre Dame travels to College Park, Md., on Friday for its first away game of the season against No. 3 Maryland in the NIT semifinals.

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# Blueline

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Notre Dame's defense, the staple of its success last season, was a huge question mark for the team coming into this fall.

The young group of blueliners is led by its only two seniors, Brock Sheahan and Dan VeNard. VeNard saw limited ice time last season due to injuries that plagued him early in the year. Last season, the team graduated three defensemen, two of whom signed professional contracts shortly after their college careers ended.

The Irish have had to regroup with a corps of younger, albeit talented defensemen.

Freshmen Ted Ruth and Ian Cole were thrown into the mix immediately, and so far, both have answered the call as well as could be imagined. They are joined by sophomores Brett Blatchford and Kyle Lawson, who have already stepped into leadership roles and are building a bright future for a back line that has become a trademark for Jeff Jackson in South Bend.

A big part of Notre Dame's success on the defensive end has been the goaltending of junior Jordan Pearce, who had a combined 64 saves against Davis and the rest of the RedHawks over the weekend. The Anchorage, Alaska native has been the most pleasant surprise of the year so far for the Irish. Pearce was expected to battle highly touted freshman Brad Phillips for time early in the season, but quickly took over the role as the No. 1 netminder. Pearce is currently second in the country in minutes played and has successfully replaced Dave Brown between the pipes.

Five of Notre Dame's first 11 games have been against teams



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Irish freshman defenseman Ian Cole changes direction during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Denver on Oct. 18.

ranked in the top 15, with four of those against teams in the top five.

The daunting early schedule was hardly an easy start for a team that lost eight key players last season. The Irish have weathered the initial storm and survived in one piece. The team has matchups against defending national champion Michigan State, as well as

against Michigan, Colorado College and Massachusetts. So the schedule isn't getting any weaker.

But from here on out, things should only get better for the Irish as they continue to grow more comfortable playing with one another.

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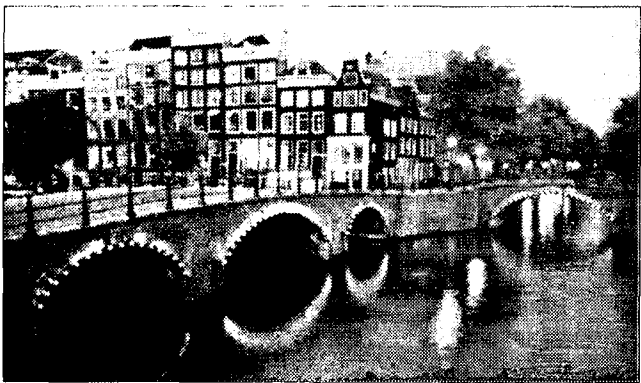
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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Spinning the Toppers

*Irish take down Western Kentucky in NIT second round*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Associate Sports Editor

With 15:06 left in the first half, Irish point guard Tulyah Gaines sank a long two-point jumpshot to give Notre Dame a 12-3 lead — one it did not relinquish Tuesday as it coasted to a 78-59 win over Western Kentucky in the second round of the preseason women's NIT.

"I think with a veteran group you really expect to [get a quick lead]," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think when you come out you're just curious to see who's going to be the one today that's going to get us started."

Gaines was a dominant presence on both ends of the court in the first half. The senior point guard had six points, five assists, three rebounds and no turnovers in 30 minutes.

"I thought Tulyah played really well. She had a great floor game. ... I just thought she was outstanding as a leader tonight," McGraw said.

Gaines was also a crucial part of the Irish defensive gameplan. Going into the

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Irish senior point guard Tulyah Gaines dribbles downcourt during Notre Dame's 78-59 win over Western Kentucky in the second round of the preseason NIT Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Seniors look back on careers

*Stasiuk, Tarutis lead squad into Big East tourney against Cincy*

By PAT O'BRIEN and  
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Sports Writers

Senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk and senior setter Ashley Tarutis have played together for four years, started most of Notre Dame's matches, and posted superb statistics while providing the spark and heart for the Irish.

The two players may have come from different parts of the U.S. — Stasiuk is from Park Ridge, Ill., while Tarutis hails from Long Beach, Calif. — but both had the same reason for coming to Notre Dame.

"I chose ND because it had the best combination of academics and strong athletics," Stasiuk said. "An ND degree will get you set for life."

Notre Dame "is such a great combination of academics and athletics,"

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## HOCKEY ANALYSIS

# Irish defense leads the way

By DAN MURPHY  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's 27-6-3 record last season was no fluke.

This year's team, which is now 7-4, proved that over the weekend when, for the second year in a row, it knocked out the nation's best team.

In 2006, the Irish slaughtered Boston College 7-1 in Boston; this year they split a weekend series with No. 1 Miami (OH). Going into the weekend, the well-oiled RedHawks looked as close to unbeatable as possible. The veteran squad reeled off blowout after blowout victory to bring a perfect 7-0 record into its contest with the Irish.

So far this season, the RedHawks have been led by an offense that averages more than five goals every time they lace up their skates. In two games against the Irish they managed to squeeze in a combined total of four — and that was with Miami returning its leading scorer from last year, Nathan Davis. Arguably the most dangerous player in the country this year, Davis was held to one goal on the weekend.

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Irish freshman defenseman Teddy Ruth skates down the ice in Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Denver on Oct. 18.

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## FOOTBALL

# Weis uses seniors to motivate squad

*Coach urges Irish to beat Duke for the upperclassmen*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor

When a team is 1-9, it's hard to find motivation.

That is why Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis is calling on his team to "win one for the seniors" Saturday against Duke in the season's final home game.

"As far as the underclassmen go, I think that they have to put any selfishness aside," Weis said. "This isn't a game you worry about for those guys, worrying about next year. It's sending [the seniors] out the right way."

Weis said when he first came to Notre Dame, he didn't realize how emotional senior days would be for departing players. It only sunk in during Notre Dame's final home game of Weis' first year as coach, against Syracuse in 2005.

"I know offensively it took us over a half just to really get

anything going at all because there was a lot of guys that are going through what's happened in their careers over the last four or five years," Weis said of that game. "It's something that you have to try to keep them grounded."

Most of the time, Weis said, he tries to keep his team on an even keel, trying not to make any game more important than the others. But he also aims to have a new motivational message for each game, and sentimentality is the easy choice for this week.

"I think that each week you try to have a message for that game, so I think it actually plays right into that, our way of looking at it one week at a time," he said. "That happens to be the message for this game right here."

Even though his team is basically playing for next season at this point, Weis said, he would not bench any of his starting seniors.

"Let me take, for instance, John Carlson. I'm not going to take John Carlson and say, 'OK, your career is over now,'" Weis

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