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## Police arrest 37 at Colfax Ave. party, raid local bars

*At least 17 student-athletes among those booked on charges of minor consumption, possession of false ID, resisting arrest*

By KAITLYNN RIELY and  
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News Writers

Police arrested 37 people and ticketed one juvenile late Saturday and early Sunday morning at a house on the 700 block of Colfax Ave. in South Bend, Sgt. William Redman of the St. Joseph County Police said Monday in a press release.

In addition to breaking up the party at Colfax Ave., police raided at least three local South

Bend bars, including the Linebacker Lounge at 1631 South Bend Ave., Club Landing at 1717 Lincoln Way East and Inferno Bar and Grill at 1150 Mishawaka Ave, according to Lt. Tim Cleveland of the Indiana State Excise Police.

The charges for those arrested at Colfax Ave. included 31 for minor consumption, three for possession of false ID, two for false informing, six for maintaining a common nuisance, one charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and three for

resisting arrest. At least 17 of those arrested were student-athletes at Notre Dame.

Junior tight end Will Yeatman and freshman center Mike Golic Jr. were among those arrested at Colfax Ave. Yeatman was charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor, false informing and resisting arrest. Golic was charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor, according to the release.

Yeatman could face additional charges because he was previously arrested for drunk driving

in January. He entered a year-long probationary period and pleaded guilty to drunken driving and reckless driving, according to the AP. His plea agreement said if Yeatman did not commit any other crimes, the drunken-driving charge would be dropped, according to the AP.

Yeatman was suspended from Notre Dame athletics for spring 2008. He also plays attack for the men's lacrosse team.

Golic's father, Mike Sr., played defensive line for Notre Dame

and later for the Houston Oilers, Philadelphia Eagles and Miami Dolphins. He is now the host of "Mike & Mike in the Morning" on ESPN Radio.

Irish Football coach Charlie Weis said he was made aware of the situation early Sunday afternoon. He said in a statement that he is "currently looking into the matter."

Police originally said that members of the Notre Dame soccer team were arrested on

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## Students rediscover Saint Mary's Grotto

By JENNY HOFFMAN  
News Writer

Students praying and lighting candles at the Notre Dame Grotto is timeless image associated with the University. Not many people know, however, that at its' neighboring Saint Mary's, students used to be able to find peace and prayerful solitude on their own campus in a place called Pearley's Glen on Sisters' of the Holy Cross property behind the Saint Mary's Convent.

Louise Koselek, web communications director for the Sisters of the Holy Cross said in an e-mail the Saint Mary's Grotto had fallen into disrepair and no longer existed,

Judith Johns, executive director of the Sisters of the Holy Cross told the Observer. However, it is still a place that a few students, like Saint Mary's Senior Sarah King, visit.

King said she learned of its existence last year from author Dorothy Corson, who wrote the book "A Cave of Candles: The Story Behind the Notre Dame Grotto." The two spoke after meeting at the Notre Dame Grotto.

"I had heard about [the Saint Mary's Grotto], but there was nothing that made me believe it really existed," King said.

Corson uncovered materials

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LIZ HARTER/The Observer

The Grotto at Saint Mary's College in a state of disrepair, as it looks today.

### ELECTION 2008

## NDVotes encourages registration

By BECKY HOGAN  
News Writer

The presidential election season is in full swing and that means that voter registration dates are fast approaching. Many Notre Dame students are opting to register for absentee ballots so that they can cast their votes in the 2008 election despite being away from their home states.

NDVotes '08 has implemented several initiatives to encourage students to take the necessary steps to vote.

Junior Christine Romero, co-chair for the NDVotes '08 campaign run by the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), said that the campaign has a database that helps students register for absentee ballots.

"We have a system set up right now. It's a database that sends out deadlines for requesting ballots for each state."

The database will send students information about how to register for absentee ballots according to the procedures of their home state.

When a person signs up, he or she is added to an e-mail database and will receive information for requesting an absentee ballot.

"Everyone has been filling out voter contact cards to put them in our database at all of our events, including the CSC Welcome Picnic, Activities Night, and the Pizza, Pop and Politics events," Romero said.

Romero said that NDVotes '08 has been recommending that students who reside out of state

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Photo Courtesy of VVVV LE  
Students studying in the Notre Dame Washington Program visit the Capitol Building during the Spring 2008 semester.

## Program offers political internships in D.C.

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA  
News Writer

Students in Notre Dame's Washington Program have a unique opportunity to work at political internships in an election year while taking Notre Dame courses.

Liz LaFortune, the Assistant Director of the Washington Program, says that one of the benefits of the Program is that it aids students in their search for a job. "Notre Dame students who participate in the Program are exposed to advocacy groups, policy makers, think tanks, legislators, and political leaders that help broaden their understanding of what a career in politics might mean for them," she said.

"They make contacts that they often maintain well beyond

the end of the semester," LaFortune said.

This semester, students are interning with a variety of organizations, including the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the Australian Embassy, and the Financial Services Forum.

The structure of the Washington program combines traditional coursework with an extracurricular internship. Students take a six-credit "Foundations of Public Policy" seminar, which teaches the essential ideas that define public policy in the United States. The seminar is supplemented by an internship with a government, cultural, non-profit, or media organization.

As part of the seminar, students are required to attend

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Finding the SMC Grotto

Fifteen mosquito bites, a lightly twisted ankle, hundreds of nettles on my clothes and in my hair and a sense of accomplishment — these are the things I gained when news writer Jenny Hoffman and I went hiking through Pearley's Glen behind the Saint Mary's Convent to find the Saint Mary's Grotto last Wednesday.

**Liz Harter**  
*Saint Mary's Editor*

The Saint Mary's Grotto has risen to an almost urban legend type status in the past few years. Students inevitably tell tales of the mysterious Grotto every year and more than a few go on expeditions to find it. I have to believe that any student looking for the Grotto would have an easier time doing so during the late fall. As it is, Jenny and I climbed through dense weeds that had grown above our heads and trekked through piles of leaves and mud that were slippery from the torrential rains over the weekend.

This was not the first time I had found the Grotto, but it was the first time I was leading the expedition. I had only a hazy memory of where it was — meaning I knew you had to pass the sign that said "Authorized Personnel Only" behind the Convent and that it was built into the side of a hill and a tree had fallen over it sometime this summer.

We wandered through weeds as I tried to look for any landmark that might potentially jog my memory. I think I took us right past the Grotto and then continued fighting my way through trees and cobwebs for about 30 feet before I realized we were nowhere near where we needed to be. Pearley's Glen is just off St. Joseph River so we thought the Grotto might be underwater since the river had risen because of the rain as well.

Forty minutes later we were getting ready to give up. That was when we stumbled through a group of trees and onto what looks like an old compost pile. Things clicked into place when we found that pile of leaves and I looked up to find the fallen tree that I remembered. After a couple more swipes with the stick I was using to knock spider webs down we stumbled onto the old stone framework of what once held a statue of the Virgin Mary.

The space is absolutely beautiful, even without the venerated statue in place.

As I was taking pictures to accompany the story I had to climb over one of the fallen trees and into the area directly in front of the Grotto. Surrounded by the foliage I felt as though I had found my way into a piece of history. I had become one of the countless number of students and Sisters of the Holy Cross who had found this holy place.

There is a real sense of peace surrounding the area. I can see why the Sisters wanted to build the holy place and I can see why students like Sarah King have continued to seek the tranquil harmony that our very own Saint Mary's Grotto provides.

*The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer*  
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## CORRECTIONS

An article in the Sept. 22 edition of The Observer about the Kellogg Institute for International Studies' 25th anniversary contains several errors. The ND Prize honoree's name should have read Gavaria Trujillo. He is the former president of the nation of Colombia. The Observer regrets these errors.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could be any animal, what would you be?



**Antwane Mason**  
*freshman*  
*Keough*

"A bear."



**Christina Shannon**  
*freshman*  
*Welsh Family*

"A cheetah. Then, I'd be semi-athletic."



**Bisma Sarfaraz**  
*freshman*  
*Lyons*

"A polar bear so I can survive the South Bend winter."



**Claire Trempe**  
*freshman*  
*Welsh Family*

"A campus squirrel because they live a good life."



**Damian Kearney**  
*senior*  
*Off-campus*

"A deer caught in the headlights."



NICK PAXTON/The Observer

The Notre Dame Glee Club eats dinner together after every rehearsal. Their fall concert is 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 31 at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

## OFFBEAT

### Workers complain about nude skater

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Police took a waterfront Lady Godiva down a notch this week. Barely. They were getting calls about a nude skater whizzing past tourists and rush-hour commuters.

But you can do that in Oregon, where occasional nude bike rides draw police only for crowd control and shows featuring live sex acts are protected as free speech.

The skater, Gennifer Moss, aka Earth Friend Gen, asked organizers for permission this summer to

skate naked in the city of Ashland's Fourth of July parade. She didn't get it.

Police told her to tone it down after construction workers complained.

Moss donned a string bikini bottom for the nonce and skated on.

Police say most callers are concerned about her safety.

### Man names 4.68-carat diamond "Sweet Caroline"

MURFREESBORO, Ark. — The good times have never seemed so good for one Michigan man who found a diamond Saturday in an Arkansas state park.

Richard Burke, a retired high school counselor and golf coach from Flint, found a 4.68-carat white diamond at the Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro.

He named the diamond "Sweet Caroline," after his wife Carol and their favorite song by Neil Diamond.

The couple had been in Colorado panning for gold and hunting for fossils and then drove 950 miles to Murfreesboro to dig at Crater of Diamonds.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Ford Program is sponsoring African Underground tonight in LaFortune Ballroom. A screening of the film "Democracy in Dakar" will start at 7 p.m. followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers. Live international hip hop, featuring groups from West Africa, will play until 11.

The event "Love Your Body and the Planet!" will be tonight at 7 p.m. in the Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge. Joanna Livieratos will discuss living in ways that are healthy and sustainable.

Campus Ministry will sponsor a Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy as part of the Evenings of Prayer from Around the World Series Wednesday at St. Michael The Archangel Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church. Rides will be available at 330 Coleman-Morse at 6 p.m.

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity opens Thursday at 4 p.m. with a lecture by Oxford University economist Paul Collier, author of the award-winning book "The Bottom Billion." The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Hesburgh Center auditorium with a reception to follow.

Rescheduled due to rain, Cirque du Lac, hosted by Lyons Hall, will take place Saturday from 1 - 4 p.m. on South Quad. The carnival will benefit Hannah & Friends.

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

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# Renovation begins on Madeleva Hall

*Academic building to remain open during construction this year*

By KATIE KOTARAK  
News Writer

Forty years is a long time for a building to go without renovation, but that's how long Madeleva Hall has had to wait for a facelift.

The academic building's south end is currently under construction. According to Bill Hambling, Director of Facilities at Saint Mary's College, the third floor is 90 percent demolished, renovation of the second floor is underway and the construction on the first floor will start soon. These changes are scheduled to be completed by February of next year, allowing remodeling to the rest of the structure to commence. Hambling plans on the entire project being completed by the time students return for the 2009-2010 school year.

According to Hambling, Madeleva's new look will resemble that of Spes Unica, creating a much more open atmosphere as well as areas for students to study and relax.

"I think it will be nice [for students] to have [their] own place to study. I hope the

offices will be easy to find when they have them finished," says junior Kate Ortigara.

In addition to the buildings improved layout, Hambling says, "bright colors [will provide a] good learning environment."

Until structural renovations are finished, frustration is

most likely still going to be the first word a Saint Mary's student thinks of when she hears someone utter the words "Madeleva Hall."

Madeleva's current complicated layout makes getting around difficult for some students.

"Finding my way around Madeleva is like nothing I have ever experienced before; it's like walking through a maze and not knowing which path to take," comments Junior Maureen Healy.

Once construction is completed, Hambling hopes the interior's new floor plan will ease student's navigation problems when trying to find their way around.

"It will be nice to see the finished product," says Healy, "and finally be able find my

professor's offices."

As Madeleva Hall undergoes construction, Hambling said workers are doing their best to keep noise to a minimum. Although, students currently attending class in Madeleva may be noticing some disruption.

"The construction is right across from my math class and I am always hearing hammering and noise. It is hard to learn the material with the constant banging," says sophomore Janine Kingsbury.

Others do not notice the noise affecting their time in the classroom.

"There is some noise on the second floor, but other than that nothing has been really noticeable," says Freshman Kate Park.

When demolition noise is no longer an issue and Madeleva Hall is complete, students will not only enjoy accessible faculty offices, but they will also notice a repaired roof as well as new seating and carpeting in the dated Carrol Auditorium.

"It's a lot of noise now, but I'm sure Madeleva's end result will be really nice, especially if the inside looks more like Spes Unica," says Kingsbury.

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## Grotto

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relating to the Saint Mary's Grotto while conducting research for her book, including a letter from Fr. Joseph Maguire addressed to Fr. Thomas McAvoy, the former University archivist. Maguire, a priest who was ordained at the Basilica in the Sacred Heart in 1896, wrote of the history behind the Notre Dame Grotto, and whether or not Fr. Edward Sorin, the University's founder, or former University President Fr. William Corby originally had the idea for the Grotto.

Corson wrote in her book Maguire's letter stated "Fr. Sorin may have expressed a wish for a Grotto and he may have made one somewhere on the grounds but I never saw it or heard of it. If he did construct one he probably built it on the grounds of the Sisters."

That part of the letter made her look a little closer at the history of the Saint Mary's Convent and sparked the author's curiosity regarding a possible Grotto at Saint Mary's.

She eventually found Fr. Claude Boehm, the former Chaplain at the Convent. He told her the Saint Mary's Grotto did exist and eventually led her to it, according to her book.

Her research also revealed that the Sisters built the Grotto in 1937 and it had fallen into disrepair by the

1950s because it became more and more overgrown and dangerous for the Sisters to visit alone because of its location.

When Corson told King at this story she knew she wanted to find it. To do so, she enlisted the help of Notre Dame senior Tim Politano. Together they went past a sign labeled "Authorized Personnel Only" and found the Grotto.

"I remember the first time I saw it. It was beautiful," King said. "It was in the late afternoon, with the sun shining through the leaves, and even though it was overgrown, it just felt peaceful."

She said she could envision where the statue would have been in an alcove surrounded by fallen trees.

"All the trees had somehow missed the statue; it was still protected after all these years," King said.

After visiting the grotto, King began researching the history behind the grotto and has attempted to organize a restoration plan, but was unable to follow through with it.

"I've had moments of hope that it will be restored, but on the other hand, I'm realistic. I'd love to see it cleaned up," King said. "Part of me feels like it'd be a good community builder. The sisters and students could work together. Or maybe it will remain a hidden treasure at Saint Mary's."

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# "Last Lecture" professor honored

*Pausch lauded for challenging people to push themselves, have fun*

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A Carnegie Mellon University professor whose "last lecture" of his life's lessons became an Internet sensation was celebrated Monday for challenging people to strive for more than they thought they were capable of, while remembering to have fun.

About 400 colleagues and friends gathered at Carnegie Mellon to remember Randy Pausch, a professor of computer science, human-computer interaction and design, who was recognized as a pioneer of virtual reality research. He died of cancer in July, 10 months after giving the lecture that touched millions worldwide. He was 47.

Pausch had the ability to resonate with so many people because they instantly understood he was the real deal, a genuine hero, in an age when more conventional heroes, especially political

and sports figures, all too often, turn out to have feet of clay," said Brown University professor Andy van Dam, Pausch's mentor.

Pausch was diagnosed with

pancreatic cancer in September 2006. A year later, he gave the 76-minute speech that became the inspiration for a book "The Last Lecture," co-written with Wall Street Journal writer Jeffrey Zaslow.

Van Dam, who urged Pausch to become a teacher because of his ability to inspire and connect, called the lecture "the ultimate performance ... It gives you something meaty to think about, to process. It was done with incredible panache, flair, humor."

*"Never lose the childlike wonder. It's just too important. It's what drives us."*

**Randy Pausch**  
late professor  
Carnegie Mellon  
University

"You had to be sad for him, that that kind of talent and charisma and accomplishment would not survive," van Dam said. "Terribly sad, but again, terribly inspirational at the same time, that someone could do all that in the face of certain death."

In the lecture, which Pausch said was actually for his three young children, he urged the audience to "Never lose the childlike wonder. It's just too impor-

tant. It's what drives us."

He said its true lesson was not "how to reach your dreams. It's about how to live your life." Live life right, he said, and karma would take care of the rest.

*"Thank you, Randy, for challenging me. Thank you for challenging us all."*

**Jesse Schell**  
assistant professor of  
entertainment technology  
Carnegie Mellon University

Stuffed Tiggers were placed on each auditorium chair as keepsakes. They were a reference to how Pausch saw himself: energetic and optimistic, as opposed to the mokey Eeyore, even when faced with certain death. People placed dozens of stuffed animals on the stage in his memory as Pausch was fond of them, particularly winning them at carnivals.

Jesse Schell, an assistant professor of entertainment technology at the university, said Pausch constantly imparted the message: "You can do more than you think."

"In a way, I kind of think of it as Randy's philosophy in a nutshell," he said. "Thank you, Randy, for challenging me. Thank you for challenging all of us."

Ben Buchwald, one of Pausch's former research assistants, recalled how Pausch would push students to strive for their best.

Even now, he said, "I kind of have in my mind not to let Randy down."

## Arrests

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Sunday, according to the Associated Press. However, none of the names on the list of those arrested matched names on the men's or women's soccer rosters on und.com.

Women's basketball player Brittany Mallory was charged with minor consumption. Irish coach Muffet McGraw told the AP the matter is being addressed "internally and accordance with our team rules and procedures."

Multiple members of the men's and women's lacrosse teams were also arrested. Notre Dame Sports Information Director Bernie Cafarelli told The Observer that both men's lacrosse coach Kevin Corrigan and women's coach Tracy Coyne were unavailable for comment.

Redman said the St. Joseph County Police Reserves were working with the Indiana State Excise Police, the Indiana State Police and the Stop Underage Drinking and Sales task force of the St. Joseph County Police Department this weekend. The multi-agency group was targeting local bars that the Excise police had received complaints about, when an officer drove by a house on Colfax Ave. and "observed what appeared to be several underage people drinking," Redman said in the release.

The South Bend Police Department (SBPD) was called to the residence at this point, Redman said. Capt. Phil Trent of SBPD did not return repeated Observer phone calls Monday.

Redman said in the release that officers found several underage people drinking alcohol around the home.

"A total of three empty kegs of beer were found at the home along with hundreds of empty

beer cans and drinking cups both inside and outside the residence," Redman said in the release.

People at the home "began to scatter," he said, and many hid in the house. The police officers obtained permission to enter the house from the students renting it.

"Once inside the home, officers found people hiding under beds, in closets, the attic and in the basement," the release said.

Redman said the arrest reports will be sent to the Prosecutor's Office for review and formal charges. He could not be reached for additional comment.

Eight Indiana State Excise police officers participated in making the arrests, Cleveland told The Observer Monday.

The Excise police were participating in a planned detail of several establishments in the South Bend area, Cleveland said, and assisted in the Colfax house arrests.

Cleveland did not have a complete list, but he said the Excise police went to the Linebacker, Club Landing and Inferno Bar and Grill on Saturday night and Sunday morning.

"I don't have reports on any of them, but we went to those places because we had complaints," Cleveland said. "It can be a different complaint for each separate location." Generally, the complaints are regarding minors consuming on the premises and after hours sales to intoxicated patrons, he said.

Cleveland did not know at press time whether any arrests had been made at the establishments.

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## UMass won't offer credits to campaign for Obama

Associated Press

BOSTON — University of Massachusetts officials on Monday quashed efforts by an Amherst campus chapter to offer two college credits to any student willing to campaign in New Hampshire this fall for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama.

Chaplain Kent Higgins told students in a Sept. 18 e-mail, "If you're scared about the prospects for this election, you're not alone. The most important way to make a difference in the outcome is to activate yourself. It would be just fine with (Republican candidate John) McCain if Obama supporters just think about helping, then sleep in and stay home between now and Election Day."

Higgins added that an unnamed "sponsor" in the university's history department would offer a two-credit independent study for students willing to canvass — identify supporters — or volunteer on behalf of the Democratic nominee.

University officials disavowed the effort after inquiries Monday by The Associated Press. They said it could run afoul of state ethics laws banning on-the-job

political activity, as well as university policy.

"We do not engage in or sponsor partisan political activity," said Audrey Alstadt, chairwoman of the history department. "We certainly do not give academic credit for participation in partisan politics."

UMass-Amherst spokesman Ed Blaguszewski said Higgins had previously arranged history department credit for students working on disaster relief efforts or other humanitarian ventures, and had raised the idea of similarly rewarding students who got involved in the political process during the 2008 election.

Blaguszewski said university officials had envisioned that the efforts would involve nonpartisan work such as get-out-the vote campaigns, but changed their minds about the proposal when they saw a portion of Higgins' e-mail.

"The history department chair feels that what they were told was misleading, and then when the details of this emerged through the correspondence, they said, 'Hey, this is not appropriate and it's not going to happen,'" Blaguszewski said.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### US military releases Afghan journalist

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan journalist detained for 11 months at the U.S. military base at Bagram alleged on Monday that his captors kicked him, forced him to stand barefoot in the snow and didn't allow him to sleep for days.

Jawed Ahmad, who worked primarily for CTV, a Canadian television network, was handed over to Afghan authorities Sunday, said Capt. Christian Patterson, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition.

The U.S. designated him an "enemy combatant" this year and had accused him of having contact with Taliban leaders, including possessing their telephone numbers and video footage of them, according to a complaint filed by Ahmad's lawyers in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia.

The 21-year-old Ahmad said that while in prison, U.S. interrogators accused him of being a Taliban fighter, supplying weapons to the militants and of being an intelligence agent for Pakistan.

### Stonehenge said to be a healing place

LONDON — The first excavation of Stonehenge in more than 40 years has uncovered evidence that the stone circle drew ailing pilgrims from around Europe for what they believed to be its healing properties, archaeologists said Monday.

Archaeologists Geoffrey Wainwright and Timothy Darvill said the content of graves scattered around the monument and the ancient chipping of its rocks to produce amulets indicated that Stonehenge was the primeval equivalent of Lourdes, the French shrine venerated for its supposed ability to cure the sick.

An unusual number of skeletons recovered from the area showed signs of serious disease or injury. Analysis of their teeth showed that about half were from outside the Stonehenge area.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### US can't hide detainee photos

NEW YORK — The United States cannot conceal pictures of abusive treatment of detainees by its soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan by saying their release might cause enemies to hurt someone, a federal appeals court said Monday in ordering the release of 21 photographs.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with a 2006 ruling by Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein ordering the release of the pictures to the American Civil Liberties Union. Hellerstein had ordered identifying facial features be removed from the pictures.

The color photographs were taken by servicemembers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The government has opposed the release of pictures of abuse, saying they would incite violence against U.S. troops in Iraq and provoke terrorists.

### Elvis Is Alive Museum for sale

ST. LOUIS — The Elvis Is Alive Museum is once again for sale on eBay.

The museum's owner, Andy Key of Mississippi, says military duties will keep him away from home for at least five months.

The 39-year-old Key set a minimum starting bid of \$15,000 on the listing, which ends Friday. He bought the museum on eBay last year for \$8,300.

Key told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he hopes someone local buys the contents of the museum and continues running it in Hattiesburg, Miss.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Governor debates archived online

INDIANAPOLIS — Each gubernatorial debate is being streamed online through the Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System and will be posted for 30 days on the Indiana Debate Commission's Web site.

The first of the three debates between Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels, Democrat Jill Long Thompson and Libertarian Andy Horning was last week in Merrillville and drew about 150 online viewers; the second will be Tuesday night in Jasper and the third will be Oct. 14 in Bloomington.

## CHINA

# Head of food safety watchdog resigns

53,000 infants sickened, four infants dead as a result of melamine-tainted milk

Associated Press

BEIJING — The head of China's food safety watchdog resigned Monday for failing to stop the widespread contamination of baby formula as the number of children sickened in the scandal soared to nearly 53,000, including four infants who died.

The shake-up came as investigators revealed that China's biggest producer of powdered milk, Sanlu Group Co., had received complaints as early as December 2007 linking its infant formula to illnesses in babies. Months later, tests revealed the milk was tainted with the industrial chemical melamine, which causes kidney stones and can lead to kidney failure.

"During these eight months, the company did not inform the government and did not take proper measures, therefore making the situation worse," China Central Television reported, citing an investigation by the State Council, China's Cabinet.

Melamine, used to make plastics and fertilizer, has been found in infant formula and other milk products from 22 of China's dairy companies. Suppliers trying to cut costs are believed to have added it to watered-down milk because its high nitrogen content masks the resulting protein deficiency.

The number of sick children reported by the Health Ministry has jumped from 6,200 to nearly 53,000. Of those, 12,892 remain hospitalized, with 104 of them in serious condition. Another 39,965 children have been treated and released.

The ministry did not explain the sudden increase in the number of cases but it suggested health officials were combing through hospital records from May through August to trace the origins of the contamination.

Baby formula and other milk products have been pulled from stores around the country and Chinese dairy products, including



Chief of food safety watchdog, Li Changjiang, speaks to the media in Beijing earlier in the year. He resigned Monday.

baby formula, milk candy and ice cream, have been recalled or banned in Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and Hong Kong.

In a reflection of the breakdown in supervision of the dairy industry, Sanlu and several other leading companies embroiled in the scandal had been given inspection-free status by the food safety watchdog.

That privilege has since been rescinded, but the World Health Organization stressed Monday it was only a first step and urged closer monitoring.

Quality issues can crop up at any point in the supply chain, from the farm to the retail outlet, said WHO China representative Hans

Troedsson, adding: "It's clearly something that is not acceptable and needs to be rectified and corrected."

The resignation of Li Changjiang, who headed the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine since 2001, comes a year after he and the government promised to overhaul the system in response to a series of product safety scares.

New regulations and procedures were introduced in an attempt to restore consumer confidence and preserve export markets after a string of recalls involving tainted toothpaste, faulty tires, contaminated seafood and in March 2007, pet food containing melamine that

was blamed for the deaths of dogs and cats in the United States.

A series of improvements were announced from establishing a national food recall system to random inspections to increasing exchanges with quality inspectors in other countries.

In an indication of Beijing's determination to improve product safety, the government in July 2007 executed the disgraced chief of China's food and drug agency, who was convicted of accepting bribes in exchange for letting fake medicine into the domestic market.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Li stepped down with the approval of China's Cabinet.

# Simpson trial figure paid \$210,000

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The middleman who set up and taped O.J. Simpson's meeting with two memorabilia dealers testified Monday he was paid \$210,000 by media outlets before he gave police his recordings from the alleged armed robbery in a Las Vegas hotel room.

In cross-examination of Thomas Riccio, Simpson's lawyer, Yale Galanter, laid out Simpson's defense that the former football star was not aware guns were involved and did not intend to profit when he and a group of men confronted the two dealers

over memorabilia. Instead Simpson just wanted to retrieve personal mementos he said had been stolen from him.

"Did he ever say he wanted to sell it?" asked Galanter.

"No," said Riccio, who added that Simpson wanted the items as "heirlooms" to give to his children.

Riccio, who also deals in memorabilia, said he arranged the Sept. 13, 2007, meeting and wanted to make as much money as he could before giving police the recorder he had hidden in the hotel room. That delay caused problems in authenticating the record-

ings, and FBI experts said they can't be sure they weren't altered.

Riccio said he was paid \$150,000 by the gossip site TMZ, \$25,000 by "Entertainment Tonight" \$20,000 by a sponsor of Howard Stern's radio show and \$15,000 by ABC under the guise of buying a photo of Riccio and Simpson.

Riccio reluctantly revealed the profits for the first time after Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass ordered him to disclose how much he made. Riccio also said he made about \$20,000 from a book he wrote about the events.

## Election

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visit [londistancevoter.org](http://londistancevoter.org) to find information on voter registration, deadlines and absentee ballot forms.

"It's an awesome Web site. It gives you all the deadlines and links to addresses and forms that you need to register to vote. That would be the first resource I would go to because it's really simple to use," Romero said.

According to the Web site, most states require voter registration forms to be postmarked by early October.

Absentee ballot application deadlines vary from state to state, although most states have deadlines that fall in late October. Similarly, absentee ballots must be received on or before election day, Nov. 4, depending on the state.

The site also features information of voting rules and laws, links to verify registration and state voter guides.

Romero also said that most students seem to be requesting absentee ballots to vote in the upcoming presidential elections, rather than registering in Indiana.

"The vast majority [of students] choose to go absentee because it's a very long process to change your permanent residence over," she said.

NDVotes '08 has registered over 90 student voters in Indiana according to the Sept. 5 edition of the Observer.

Romero also said that those eligible to vote can go to the Secretary of State's office Web site in their respective states to access voter registration forms and contact information for county clerks offices.

Romero said that she visited the Secretary of State Web site for Georgia — her home state — to acquire absentee ballot forms.

NDVotes '08 has also taken the election buzz to residence halls to encourage more student participation in the election.

Sophomore Olga Beltsar, an election commissioner in Cavanaugh, said that she has been working with NDVotes '08 to help boost election participation within Cavanaugh.

Beltsar said that Cavanaugh is currently holding a section competition in which section members receive points for various election-related activities.

"We have scavenger hunt sheets where people can put down if they registered to vote, voted or attended NDVotes '08 events," Beltsar said.

Points are awarded per section based on the resident's attendance and participation: one point for attending events, two for registering and three for voting.

NDVotes '08 will provide an ice cream party or pizza party for the winning section of each participating residence hall, Beltsar said.

"I think that the competition is some encouragement ... but it's the fact that were creating an atmosphere that's exciting," she said.

Cavanaugh has group watches planned for the [presidential] debates, and a bulletin board specifically for election news that features blurbs about the candidates and due dates for registration.

"Everyone is talking about [the election] ... and people that that might not normally care about it are getting interested in it," Beltsar said.

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weekly public policy visits. So far this semester, students have visited the United States Congress, the White House, the Supreme Court, and the Democratic and Republican National Committee Headquarters. They have also attended a presidential election forum and a lobbyist forum.

Students find the Program's courses satisfying. "The classes are really interesting and make good use of the unique setting," junior Thomas Dybiz said. "They aren't like classes at Notre Dame."

Junior Kevin Sherrin is so satisfied with his decision to study in Washington this semester that he advises other Notre Dame students to consider the Program. "When Notre Dame extends you the opportunity to join the Washington Program, jump on it," he said.

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## Bush: \$700B plan to save economy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush sought to assure anxious world leaders on Monday that the United States is taking "bold, aggressive, decisive action" to rescue the crisis-ridden economy with a \$700 billion bailout package.

"The whole world is watching to see if we can act quickly," Bush said, prodding lawmakers in Washington to approve his plan.

Bush balanced the economic meltdown with foreign policy problems from Pakistan and North Korea to Russia and Iran as he opened three days of diplomacy with presidents and prime ministers assembled for the annual ministerial meeting of the U.N. General Assembly.

The activities were opening with a reception Monday night for foreign delegations hosted by Bush and his wife,

Laura, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

After seven years of criticizing the U.N. for its huge, costly bureaucracy and indecisiveness in the face of grave problems, Bush will make his final address to the General Assembly on Tuesday. His speech, scheduled to last 15 minutes, was to stress the need for multinational diplomacy.

The nation's burgeoning financial crisis, anchored on Wall Street not far from Bush's hotel, overshadowed his U.N. visit. Bush is in the awkward position of advocating capitalism, free-trade and deregulation throughout this presidency but then overseeing a costly government takeover of failing financial institutions.

White House press secretary Dana Perino, explaining Bush's turnaround, said "this was not the president's first instinct; that he would not have wanted to take this action to help these compa-

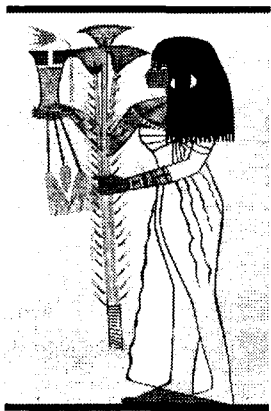
nies if he wasn't convinced by the considered judgment of his senior economic team that it was critical in order to protect the American taxpayers and the American economy as a whole."

With the U.S. economy inextricably intertwined with the finances of other countries, the turmoil from Wall Street to Main Street will naturally be a topic of Bush's discussions in New York, Perino said.

Before leaving Washington, Bush said differences over details of the administration's bailout plan were understandable. But he warned lawmakers not to bog down.

"Americans are watching to see if Democrats and Republicans, the Congress and the White House, can come together to solve this problem with the urgency it warrants," Bush said. "Indeed, the whole world is watching to see if we can act quickly."

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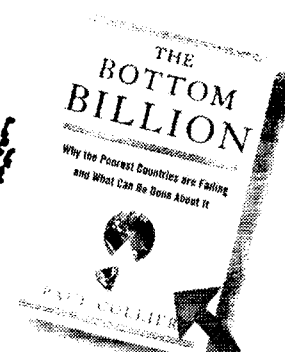
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NASDAQ	2,178.98	-94.92
NYSE	7,918.61	-268.52
S&P 500	1,207.09	-47.99
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	12,090.59	+169.73
FTSE 100 (London)	5,236.26	-75.04

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
AMER INTL GROUP INC (AIG)	+22.60	+0.87	4.72
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-2.26	-2.81	121.31
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-8.18	-1.83	20.55
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-4.71	-2.02	40.88

### Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+1.51	+0.057	3.826
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## IN BRIEF

### GM won't advertise in Super Bowl

NEW YORK — General Motors Corp. said Monday it will not air a TV advertisement during the 2009 Super Bowl, as the automaker continues to slash expenses as part of its restructuring plan.

GM spokeswoman Kelly Cusinato said that while GM will remain a sponsor of the National Football League and will likely air ads before and after the game, it will not buy ad time during the actual event.

"We're in the midst of cost cutting," Cusinato said. "We're scrutinizing all of our programs and all of our media spending, so in the midst of that, we decided against it."

The decision to skip the Super Bowl advertisement was also based on the fact that the automaker won't have a major vehicle launch to promote then, Cusinato said.

The Super Bowl isn't the only major TV event that GM has passed on recently. The company also decided against airing ads during Sunday night's Emmy Awards and the upcoming Academy Awards, Cusinato said.

Despite a soft advertising market, NBC hasn't had trouble finding other takers for the 2009 game's spots.

### Nike will stop sales to top swimmers

PORTLAND, Ore. — Nike said Monday that it is leaving the elite swimwear market.

The company will continue to provide swimwear for colleges and sell to traditional retail customers. But it will not compete against the likes of Speedo to get the swoosh on the world's top swimmers.

"We will not invest in next-generation swim innovation, which is not in line with our stated category growth strategy," the company said in a statement.

Nike said it made a "strategic decision as part of the company's long-term growth plan."

The Beaverton, Ore.-based company had announced several years ago that it would focus on six key categories to reach a \$23 billion revenue goal by 2011. Those categories are running, soccer, basketball, men's training and women's training and sportswear.

## Wall Street faces anxiety once again

After brief comeback, stocks drop and oil prices break largest one-day jump record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Elation in the financial markets over the \$700 billion bank bailout plan evaporated Monday and was replaced by all-too-familiar anxiety, pummeling stocks and sending oil prices to their biggest one-day gain.

Worries that the rescue package would cost too much, drive up inflation, swell the already-bloated deficit and hurt the ailing economy also led global investors to flee the U.S. dollar.

The Dow Jones industrials lost 372 points, wiping out the gains the index made Friday after administration officials and congressional leaders promised swift action to get bad debt off the books of banks and end the financial crisis.

"Investors had a weekend to look at the news that was streaming out, and they are now finding fault in it," said Joseph Battipaglia, market strategist in the private client group at the investment firm Stifel Nicolaus.

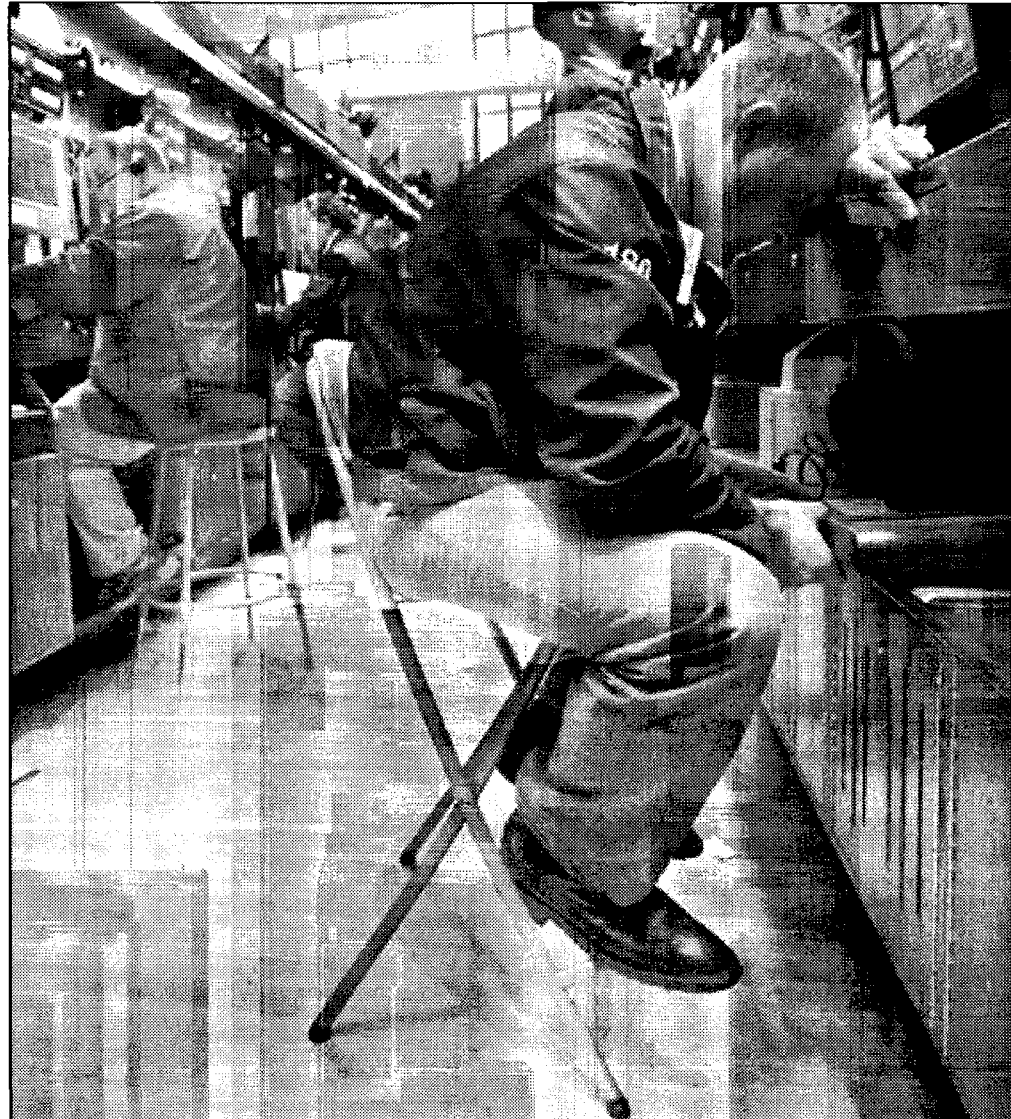
Oil prices briefly spiked more than \$25 a barrel before falling back to settle at \$120.92, up \$16.37, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That shattered the previous record for a one-day jump in crude oil, \$10.75.

Monday was also the last day for investors to trade the October oil futures contract, adding fuel to the rally. But the November contract also saw a sharp gain, up \$6.62 to \$109.37.

The government agency that regulates commodities markets said it was working with Nymex to "ensure that no one is taking advantage of the current stresses facing our financial marketplace for their own manipulative gain."

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission said in a statement it was "closely monitoring today's large movement in the price of crude oil."

Analysts said some of the



Trader Jason Welsberg, right, studies a handheld device at the New York Stock Exchange Monday, as he and others on Wall Street waited for updates on the market.

gain could have come from large investors trying to cover short positions, or bets that prices would fall.

Four days after word of a massive government rescue plan began to hit the market, investors had little by way of details. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson introduced the plan Saturday in a document that ran less than three full pages.

By Monday, investors still knew little about how the Bush administration would pay for mopping up the bad debt, how the process would work, who would run it and what the Democratic-con-

trolled Congress would ask for to approve the plan.

The Bush administration is already forecasting that the federal deficit will hit a record \$482 billion next year. Analysts say the bailout costs mean a \$1 trillion annual deficit is not out of the question.

"When you try to print \$1 trillion, that will kill your currency, lifting oil prices, which then in turn will not help the stock market," said Gary Kaltbaum, who runs the money management firm Kaltbaum and Associates in Orlando, Fla. "It is a vicious cycle, and we are seeing that right now."

Lacking specifics, many investors — especially foreigners — sold U.S. dollars on worries that paying for the plan would increase the federal deficit and exacerbate inflation. Over the past year, overall inflation is at 5.4 percent.

The 15-nation euro rocketed past \$1.48 in late afternoon trading Monday, up more than 3 cents from Friday in its largest single-day move against the dollar since the European currency was introduced in 1999. The British pound leaped to \$1.8584 from \$1.8365, and the dollar dropped to 105.40 Japanese yen from 107.01.

## Penny revamped in honor of Lincoln

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Next year, the penny will be getting not just one new look but four of them, the first changes to the 1-cent coin in 50 years.

The U.S. Mint unveiled the new designs during a ceremony Monday at the Lincoln Memorial. The coin changes are part of the government's commemoration next year of the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Lincoln's profile will remain on one side of the coin but the Lincoln Memorial will be replaced on the other side by the new images, with a different one being introduced every three months.

The first new design will depict a log cabin, representing the place in Kentucky where Lincoln was born in 1809.

The second design will feature a

young Lincoln taking a break from working as a rail splitter in Indiana by reading a book. Lincoln as a young lawyer standing in front of the old state capitol building in Springfield, Ill., will be the design on the third coin.

The final coin in the series will show the half-completed Capitol dome, evoking Lincoln's famous order that construction of the Capitol should continue during the Civil War as a symbol that the Union would continue.

The first new penny is scheduled to go into circulation starting on Feb. 12, Lincoln's birthday, and then every three months after that.

The changing designs mark another effort by the Mint to duplicate the success of the 50-state quarter program, the most popular coin collecting program in U.S. history. The nickel also

had changing designs to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition and the Mint has embarked on an effort to revive interest in a \$1 coin by introducing four new designs each year honoring a different president.

Under the law that authorized the design changes for the Lincoln penny, after 2009 the "tails" side of the coin will be changed to feature "an image emblematic of President Lincoln's preservation of the United States as a single and united country." That image has not been chosen yet.

Lincoln's image was added to the penny in 1909 when the nation was celebrating the 100th anniversary of his birth and the Lincoln Memorial was added to the other side of the coin in 1959 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the 16th president's birth.

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## Joe Biden: A gaffe a minute

Poor Joe Biden. Ever since John McCain announced Sarah Palin as his running mate, the media continue to flock to the Alaskan governor like moths to a flame, leaving Biden standing alone in the shadows of obscurity.

However, the lack of Biden coverage may prove to be a blessing in disguise for the Obama campaign. As long as the press is kept occupied with other matters, such as the Obama camp's quest to prove that their presidential nominee's experience outweighs that of the Republican vice presidential nominee, they have less time to devote to repeating sound bites of Biden's ever-increasing number of gaffes.

As you might have heard, the Senator is not only infamous for his remarkable verbosity, but for being extraordinarily gaffe-prone, like some bizarre cross between Al Gore and George W. Bush. His most recent presidential bid was ill-fated from the start, thanks in part to his description of his future running mate as the "first mainstream African American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy."

On a similar note, Biden referred to the presumptive Democratic nominee as "Barack America" during their first event together, right after Obama announced him as the next president of the United States. Where's the teleprompter when you need it?

Needless to say, McCain supporters were elated when they got wind of their opponent's decision. The Republican National Committee has

even launched a "Biden Gaffe Clock" on their website to count down the time until his next misstatement.

To be fair, the majority of his blunders are more or less harmless, at least for those of us who haven't placed his name under our own on a presidential ticket. For instance, he mistakenly called Palin the "lieutenant governor" of Alaska, mixed up army battalions with brigades multiple times, and referred to the "Biden administration" before quickly correcting himself.

Other gaffes are downright confusing, such as when he described his "drop-dead gorgeous" wife's possession of a doctorate as "problematic." A few are truly cringe-worthy.

Recently in Missouri, he recognized State Senator Chuck Graham by telling him to "stand up and let the people see you," just before realizing that Graham is a paraplegic and confined to a wheelchair.

Perhaps the most troubling verbal slips, though, are the ones that reveal a propensity toward racism. Now I'm not one to go around haphazardly accusing people of being racists when something they say could, with the aid of some advanced mental gymnastics, be construed as such. Yet if we are to apply the same standards that the mainstream media often uses, it becomes clear that there is something amiss.

Take his comments regarding Indian-Americans for example. "In Delaware," he told a political activist, "the largest growth of population is Indian-Americans, moving from India. You cannot go to a 7-Eleven or a Dunkin' Donuts unless you have a slight Indian accent."

When asked to explain the performance difference between schools in

Iowa and those in Washington, DC, Biden responded, "There's less than one percent of the population of Iowa that is African American. There is probably less than four of five percent that are minorities. What is in Washington?"

And then there is his most recent description of Obama as "clean" and "articulate."

If McCain, or any Republican for that matter, made similar remarks, he might as well be caught wearing a white hood; the media would have a field day. But for Biden, they make excuses for him, defend his comments as mere "verbal slips," and offer explanations for what he really meant.

Luckily for him, many of these gaffes go virtually unnoticed by the general public, thanks again to the lack of press coverage. Yet the fact that Palin's nomination has generated so much excitement while Biden's has been dismissed as old news may not bode well for the Obama campaign.

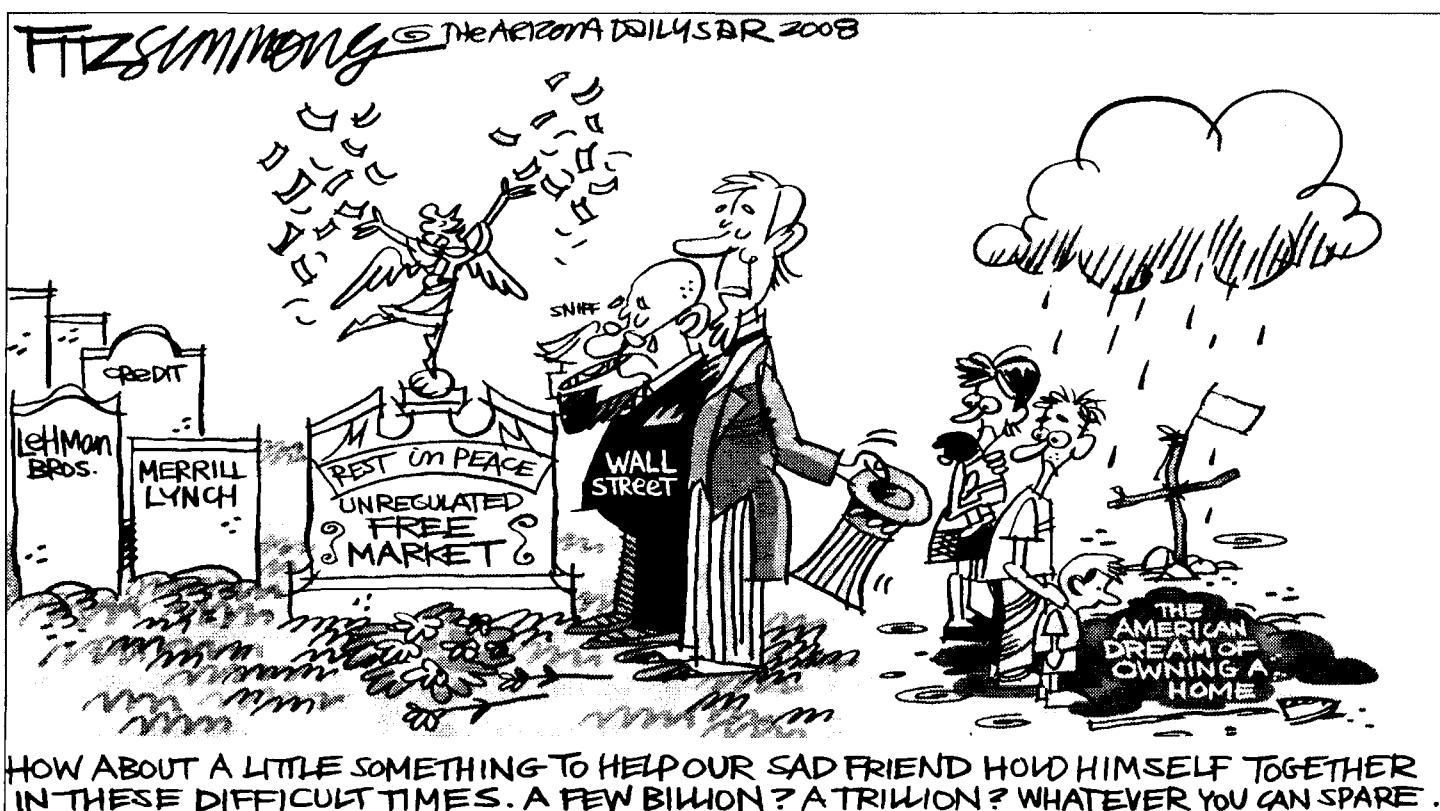
"Make no mistake about this," Biden said at a New Hampshire rally last week, "Hillary Clinton is as qualified or more qualified than I am to be vice president of the United States of America ... and quite frankly it might have been a better pick than me."

Obama is probably thinking the same thing.

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*The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry."*

Mark Twain  
humorist and author



## Country second

Much of the political commentary that we will be exposed to in the coming weeks will undoubtedly be focused on the typical political sideshows that make up an unfortunately large portion of our country's political discourse.

If one digs deeper than the sound bites on cable news there will also be plenty of coverage of the substantive policy issues that would differentiate an Obama versus a McCain presidency. I would like to take a moment and discuss the one issue of this campaign that has concerned me the most. Abortion? Taxes? The economy? No. The issue that has disturbed me the most at this point in the campaign that not enough people are talking about is how John McCain shamelessly sacrificed the best interests of the American people, putting country second, not first, by choosing Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate.

There was a time when I respected John McCain. I paid close attention to his campaign in the 2000 presidential primary. If I had been eligible to vote in that election I would likely have voted for Al Gore, but I was rooting for John McCain to win his party's nomination because it would have been in the country's best interest for McCain and Gore to have a 50/50 shot at the presidency as opposed to Bush and Gore. Eight years later, history seems to have vindicated that insight.

During this primary season while I was considering voting for one of the many Democratic candidates, in the Republican primary John McCain had my support once again. I had the same conversation with a few conservative friends who were undecided. I told them, in all honesty, that I hoped they would vote for McCain because while he would probably be the strongest candidate to run against whoever won the Democratic nomination, should he win, the country would be better off in his hands than in those of the Arkansas governor with no concept of the separation of church and state, or another MBA president who thinks running a country is no more complicated than running a business.

I was wrong. In his first test of presidential leadership, selecting an heir to the presidency, should, God forbid, anything happen to him, John McCain resoundingly failed. History will write of John McCain's decision to offer the vice presidency to Sarah Palin, as the single most irresponsible decision a presidential candidate has made in the modern era.

Partisan arguments aside, Sarah Palin is grossly unqualified to hold the second most powerful office in the country, if not the world. Once referred to as a job "not being worth a warm bucket of spit," for better or worse, the power of the Vice Presidency has grown dramatically in recent decades. The next administration will face numerous challenges on the international scene:

an emerging China, a re-emerging Russia, two wars in the Middle East of which Iraq is fragile at best, while we are losing control in Afghanistan, and the Taliban is gaining influence in a nuclear Pakistan. America needs leaders with keen insight into foreign affairs, the ability to appreciate nuance, and who formulate policy based on thoughtful consideration of the best intelligence and contributions of different opinions. What we do not need, is another leader that makes decisions from his gut, as was obviously the case with the Palin pick, a woman he met only once prior to his decision. Furthermore, we definitely do not need a woman whose approach to foreign policy is, "don't blink," being a 72-year-old heartbeat away from the presidency.

Do not dismiss my concerns as merely those of a partisan who wasn't going to vote for McCain in the first place. I assure you, I am in the company of many respected conservatives. Conservative columnist David Brooks wrote about Palin in a recent column, "She has not been engaged in national issues, does not have a repertoire of historic patterns and, like President Bush, she seems to compensate for her lack of experience with brashness and excessive decisiveness." Republican Senator Chuck Hagel shares my concerns as well, "I think it's a stretch to, in any way, to say that she's got the experience to be president of the United States." He also had this to say about Sarah Palin's absurd claim of possess-

ing foreign policy expertise because she lives close to Russia. "I think they ought to be just honest about it and stop the nonsense... That kind of thing is insulting to the American people." I agree, Senator. In addition to being insulted by that pathetic attempt at overcompensation, I am also rather disturbed that, not yet a college graduate, I am more qualified for the vice presidency than Sarah Palin is. In fact, you could probably randomly select any political science major at our university and odds are, they would have more foreign travel, and foreign policy expertise than our potential next Vice President.

The American people deserve more from someone asking to seek the highest office in the land than we have seen so far from John McCain. For someone whose campaign motto has been "Country First" he sure has put the nation's priorities on the back burner. I have many policy disagreements with John McCain, and many issues with the manner in which he has chosen to campaign. However, none of that matters in comparison to this ultimate failure of leadership and judgment. The selection of Sarah Palin was irresponsible and dangerous. Period. I hope our country will never have to experience another presidential decision by John McCain.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Mixed messages

The University of Notre Dame, a top undergraduate institution, prides itself in sending its applicants to premier graduate schools and connecting them with employment opportunities at some of the most successful companies in the United States and abroad. The school clearly in these cases expresses care for the future of its students, and genuinely cares about their futures. A recent example of this was during the Career Fair held last week. The school administration every year goes to great lengths to invite top employers to meet the Notre Dame student body in order for the students to maximize their opportunities.

This interest for student well-being seems to be inconsistent, however, especially in light of the University's refusal to stand up for its students regarding police alcohol enforcement. Many students every week are arrested and charged with frivolous alcohol charges by the South Bend Police Department, St. Joseph County Police, and State Excise Police. This weekend was no exception: every major bar around South Bend was raided, and nearly forty people were arrested for enjoying a beer at a house party. This same argument here is made countless times in the Observer, and is certainly discussed frequently among most students. Otherwise law-abiding students are arrested for drinking alcoholic beverages underage, and these arrests tarnish the good reputations that these young adults carry as Notre Dame students.

This letter is not about arguing how ridiculous alcohol laws are, nor the school's allowing of local police to patrol tailgates on-campus. It is about Notre Dame refusing to protect its students and their futures while they are participating in normal collegiate activities. Notre Dame, being one of the most famous institutions in the state of Indiana, is more than able to influence public policy, especially those policies that cause their stu-

dents to find trouble with the law. The administration can't be expected to change state alcohol laws or turn down police help at tailgates (it's not an entirely bad idea to let police patrol where 80,000 people are partying), but it can be expected to act to promote the best interest of its students. Both on and off-campus, SBPD and excise police invade homes and public establishments in order to sniff out every last underage drinker.

These assaults are specifically concentrated on Notre Dame students at bars and house parties. These police actions are not questioned (in fact, are encouraged) by the Notre Dame administration. Looking at this side of the Notre Dame administration does not suggest that it takes a great interest in student well-being. An alarmingly high number of Irish graduates in good academic and disciplinary standing are denied future opportunities because they decided to have a few beers before their 21st birthday, while the school administration takes no action. Drinking is a normal part of college life, and students who participate should not be limited in their future careers by a "criminal" record, especially when it could be prevented by students' schools.

Notre Dame sends a very mixed message in regards to student welfare. Its collaboration with law enforcement agencies that unfairly harm its own students must be questioned. The local authorities are not so much to blame as Notre Dame, who fails to minimize the unjust police concentration on Notre Dame student activities. The school administration needs to re-evaluate some of its policies, and end its two-faced approach to student recreation, opportunities, and future careers.

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## Do something

It doesn't matter what you do, as long as you do something. I feel like I've heard people say that at least a million times.

Last week, I heard John Pendergast speak about the genocide taking place in Darfur. Besides being extremely knowledgeable about the details of what has gone on there and how and why various groups have reacted to the conflict, he spoke on a subject often more difficult and overlooked: what role we could play in helping end the genocide. When I first read that that was the topic of his talk I thought to myself (a bit sarcastically), "Well, at least that's not ambitious or anything." But it got me to thinking — he's absolutely right.

Here at Notre Dame we get a fantastic education — well-rounded and often inclusive of the deficiencies of the world we are a part of. We screen movies, put on plays, hold forums, host conferences, sponsor speakers and carry on hosts of discussion groups on all kinds of topics from global warming to hunger, genocide to sexual assault, poverty and disease and war. None of us has to look far to encounter the problems of this world and we're some of the most blessed, healthiest, richest, safest people on the face of this planet. So what do we do when faced with this disparity, this sense that things are not right in so many ways and so many places and for so many people?

We do something. It doesn't matter what. Network with other people, join a club on campus, circulate petitions, send letters to your representatives, write an article for the paper, talk to your friends, your parents, your professors. I'm not telling you what to do, I'm just telling you to do something. The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. So much of the good that could be accomplished for this world is not accomplished because everyone figures no one cares. People that care matter and people that care make a difference.

In case you aren't convinced, check out Jesus. He tells us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned. In fact, he tells us (in Matthew 25) that this is how we will be judged at the end of time. The true depth of our faith is displayed in our actions.

Mr. Pendergast began his talk with the story of a woman he met in Darfur. Two of her children were murdered in front of her, she was forced from her home, fled across the Sahara desert, and ended up in a crowded, unsafe refugee camp. After telling her story, she looked at him and said, "Now that you know, you must do something." I imagine God tells us the same thing every time we hear one of those talks or watch one of those documentaries. So now, what are you going to do?

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# Rock REWIND

*What has time told us about old favorites?*

## 1995 FLASHBACK WITH WILCO'S A.M.

By JAMES DuBRAY  
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There must be something about the Midwest and insight. The king of folk-rock came from a small town called Duluth in Minnesota, while the new Prince of lyrical brilliance was the son of a railroad worker in Belleville, Illinois.

When talking about growing up with his father, Jeff Tweedy finds himself describing what was an early yearning for something better. While his father's only outlet was a six-pack, Jeff found rock and roll at a young age. This new love helped him overcome a childhood plagued by migraines. After high school, Tweedy went on to join fellow long-haired, short-winded, punk-lover Jay Farrar to form the cult band Uncle Tupelo.

Uncle Tupelo put out four stellar albums, widely credited with starting the genre referred to as alt-country. Tweedy scoffs at this notion today, preferring not to compartmentalize rock and roll into somewhat ambiguous categories. Still, Uncle Tupelo was one of the first bands to combine the sound made popular with country pioneers like Hank Williams and the Carter Family with the edge of the punk rock of 1980s acclaim such as The Clash and The Ramones. Uncle Tupelo fostered a loyal following from relentless touring.

Uncle Tupelo's rising popularity, along with the emerging songwriting prowess of Tweedy, led Jay Farrar to leave UT, effectively ending the band. Apparently, the goodwill that led

the high school drinking buddies to share songwriting credits, in the vein of Lennon/McCartney, had diminished. Tweedy acted first by taking the remaining members of UT and forming Wilco. Their first album, "A.M.," features only one member of the current Wilco lineup, John Stirratt.

A.M. was released on March 28, 1995, following four brutal months of touring with Reprise Records. Reprise would later become infamous for dropping Wilco during the recording of Yankee Hotel Foxtrot. The label, Nonesuch, later picked up Wilco's masterpiece, and made Reprise the brunt of industry criticism.

"A.M." is largely an attempt by Tweedy to hold on to Uncle Tupelo's audience, while simultaneously beating Jay to the record store shelves. The album is a country rock effort, similar in sound to early 1990s records by The Jayhawks and Ryan Adams' fronted Whiskeytown. A.M. is more lyrically straightforward and less instrumentally ambitious than any Wilco album that followed it, yet the record proves that Tweedy's worst is better than vast majority of the advertising campaign backed jokes that characterize much of today's radio.

"Box Full of Letters" is the most engaging song on the record. Tweedy's goodbye to his lost friend and band mate is witnessed by lines like "I've got a lot of your records/ In a separate stack." The song is preceded by the drunken barroom brawler

"Casino Queen," which shows Wilco doing their best early 1970s Stones impression. "Casino Queen" is a tune often featured in Wilco concert encores, paired with up tempo, fun electric ditties, such as "Monday" and "I Got You (At the End of the Century)."

Tweedy's often scratchy but always engaging voice and an Americana twang characterize A.M. The album moves away from some of the punk elements of Uncle Tupelo, displaying a bigger devotion towards melody. A.M. responds well sounding like your average "B" band influenced effort. And there's certainly nothing wrong with sounding like The Band, The Beach Boys and The Byrds.

While A.M. is certainly Wilco's least notable effort, it still deserves a spot in most rock fans' record collections. Songs like "Passenger Side," and "Dash 7" display a songwriter with the potential for greater avenues. Like most Wilco records, A.M. had a significant influence on the record that it preceded.

Despite those early successes, it still would have been hard to predict that a guy from the middle-of-nowhere Southern Illinois would go on to front what Perry Farrell's Lollapalooza recently described as "America's greatest rock and roll band." Yet, no one could have seen the doors some Jewish kid from Duluth was going to blow open either, and that only makes both of the stories all the more

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## ENEMA OF THE STATE: REVISITED

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The Beatles. Bob Dylan. Buddy Holly. The Beach Boys. Blink-182.

That's right. I am proposing that it is time for Blink-182 to be officially elevated to "classic" status.

This idea came to me in a sudden flash inspiration right after the Recycled Percussion concert in Washington Hall. Immediately following the show, Blink-182's "All the Small Things" came blaring out of the loudspeakers as everyone was leaving. There was a traffic jam at the exits due to people trying to get autographs from the percussionists right outside the door, so all of us stuck inside the auditorium had the good fortune of hearing the song in its entirety.

What I noticed, though, was that almost every 18 to 22-year-old individual in that room immediately perked up when the song came on.

Guys were banging their heads; girls were throwing their arms in the air; people were rocking out. Out of the 50 or so students in the room, every single one seemed to know the words, and most were not shy about this fact either, belting out the lyrics like they were alone in their own showers. This was not just for the beginning of the song, either; the energy kept up until the last chord had rung into the silence.

Seeing this spontaneous display of joy and unity forged

around a simple piece of music, I got to thinking. Blink-182 is an essential part of the childhoods and memories of many, if not most, people of our generation. Anyone in the teens to the late twenties today is bound to have listened to the band at some point.

Especially for college-age kids now, Blink-182 was at the height of their popularity and prevalence right in the middle of our formative years. For this, I argue that the band will go down in music history, for better or for worse.

To use a personal example, Blink-182 was the band that first got me interested in music. They were, without a doubt, my first favorite band. In fifth and sixth grade,

I lived in San Diego, right at the heart of this musical phenomenon that was sweeping the nation. It was their music, yes, but it was also their bada\*\*, skateboard-punk rock aesthetic. I remember how cool and rebellious I felt when I listened to their obscene lyrics and pounding rhythm guitar.

My mom called it noise. My love for Blink's music was only reinforced every time she told me to "Turn that trash off."

I'm sure countless others had similar experiences growing up. For this reason, Blink-182 will forever be near and dear to our hearts.

Sometime when you're bored, go back and listen to "Enema of the State" again, all the way through. It will warm your jaded heart, and you'll even smile know-

ingly at tracks like "The Party Song" now that you've actually been to college. Better yet, listen to Blink with your friends. You'll see what I mean.

I'm not trying to argue that Blink-182 did anything new or revolutionary. I know that punk rock had been around since the time of the Clash, the Ramones, and the Sex Pistols.

Since then, there has been an unbroken chain of succession of punk-rock bands, with the sound remaining largely the same. Many critics have disparaged Blink-182 as a cheap Green Day knock-off. But Blink-182 has broken up, and there are now cheap Blink-182 imitators. It is just the natural progression of music. Everybody is influenced by those who came before them; that does not make later bands lesser than earlier ones.

So someday, when you're picking out a nice pair of slacks at Macy's or driving your little tyke to soccer practice, expect to have your childhood come rushing back to you when you hear "What's My Age Again?" being played over the oldies station on the radio. Then expect to be exasperated when your own child changes the channel, stating categorically, "This music stinks." You'll just shake your head quietly, resigned that your impudent offspring will never understand the pleasures of listening to that kind of music.

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# IRISH INSIDER

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## Getting their bell rung

*Javon Ringer's 201 yards lead the way in 23-7 MSU victory*

By GREG ARBOGAST  
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There was a double-digit deficit. There was the offense throwing the ball all over the field. At times, it even seemed like Brady Quinn was finding Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija.

But there was no magic comeback this time in East Lansing as an inept running game, turnovers and a whole lot of Javon Ringer sealed Notre Dame's first loss of the season Saturday, a 23-7 defeat to Michigan State.

Ringer, Michigan State's senior running back who entered Saturday's contest third in the nation averaging 166 yards per game, ran for 201 yards and two touchdowns on 39 carries. For most of the day, the Irish defense kept the Spartans' workhorse in check. When Brandon Walker missed a 41-yard field goal with 5:50 remaining in the game that would have brought Notre Dame to within six points, Ringer had rushed for 124 yards on 33 carries — an average of only 3.75 yards per carry.

Yet two plays after Walker's missed field goal, Ringer burst through the Irish line for a 63-yard scamper. Five runs later, Ringer punched his way into the end-zone from one yard out to give Michigan State a 16-point lead and ending any chance of a Notre Dame comeback.

"What happens is that they can give [Ringer] the ball 39 times a game, and you can hit him and hit him and hit him and he just keeps on coming," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I think I learned a long time ago that one attribute that great players have is stamina and he obviously has great stamina."

While the Spartans pounded the ball effectively all day, the Notre Dame ground game was stuck in neutral from the start. After the opening kickoff, Robert Hughes and James Aldridge combined to run the ball three times for four yards. On its next drive, Notre Dame continued to pound the ball with Armando Allen, who rushed three times for a total of three yards.

It didn't get much better the rest of the first half. Not counting a 24-yard end-around by Irish wide receiver Golden Tate, Notre Dame ran for 23 yards on 13 carries in the



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**Irish defensive back Terrail Lambert, left, chases Spartans running back Javon Ringer during Notre Dame's 23-7 loss to Michigan State Saturday. Ringer finished the game with 39 carries, 201 yards and two touchdowns, his second straight 200-yard game.**

opening 30 minutes.

"Our offense came out in the first half trying to win the line of scrimmage and that wasn't taking place," Weis said. "It wasn't some exotic defense they were playing. It still comes down to winning the line of scrimmage, and I think their defensive line got the best of our offense. It wasn't just our offensive line. It was our offense."

When the Irish were able to move the ball effectively, turnovers and poor special teams prevented Notre Dame from capitalizing. Midway through the first quarter, an interception in the end zone ended Notre Dame's first trip into Spartan territory. Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen threw a jump ball intended for wide receiver Duval Kamara. The sophomore wideout got his hands on the ball, but Spartans safety Otis Wiley ripped the

ball out of Kamara's hands for the first of his two interceptions on the day.

Later in the first half, Walker missed his first of two field goals, a 51 yarder, wide right. Notre Dame had four drives inside the Spartan 30-yard line that resulted in zero points — two Clausen interceptions and two missed Walker field goals.

"That was the exact thing I said in the locker room," Weis said in reference to the turnovers and missed field goals. "I said we didn't deserve to win this game, but we had a chance to win this game. I think that's the message all our players will say."

A big reason Notre Dame had a chance to win Saturday's game was the play of Clausen in the second half. After an ineffective running game and lukewarm passing game produced only 111 yards of offense in the first half, the Irish abandoned the running game and handed the reins of the offense completely over to Clausen.

Running the offense out of mostly five wide receiver sets, Clausen marched the offense up and down the field.

On Notre Dame's opening drive of the second half, Clausen completed six consecutive passes before a Michael

Floyd fumble ended the drive at the Michigan State 14 yard-line. Two series later, Clausen completed five of seven passes down to the Spartan 26 yard-line before finding Floyd along the sideline for Notre Dame's only touchdown of the afternoon.

After completing only seven of fourteen passes for 79 yards and two interceptions in the first half, Clausen completed seventeen of 27 passes in the second half for 163 yards and a touchdown.

"He's just the leader of the team," Irish receiver Golden Tate said. "We even went to change it up, two-minute drill, quick game. The whole year so far it's been working for us. We know we can move the ball. We just need to capitalize in the red zone."

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### player of the game

**Javon Ringer**  
Michigan State running back

*Ringer rushed 39 times for 201 yards and two touchdowns.*

### stat of the game

**16**

*Net rushing yards Notre Dame, its lowest total of the season.*

### play of the game

**Michael Floyd's fumble in the red zone**

*The turnover allowed the Spartans to score and take a 10-point lead.*

### quote of the game

*"We didn't deserve to win this game, but we had a chance to win this game."*

**Charlie Weis**  
Irish coach



## report card

- C+** **quarterbacks:** Clausen threw two interceptions, one in the end zone and one on his own 22-yard line. He ran the empty backfield shotgun offense well in the second half.
- D** **running backs:** Hughes, Allen and Aldridge got no offensive production whatsoever. They hardly touched the ball in the second half, though, and still accomplished more than some games last season.
- B** **receivers:** Tate had a great game, catching five passes for 83 yards. Floyd had seven catches for 86 yards and a touchdown, but his fumble in the red zone killed a promising Notre Dame drive.
- D+** **offensive line:** The running backs had no holes to run through, and Michigan State sacked Clausen three times. They protected well against the blitz for the most part, though.
- B-** **defensive line:** The linemen forced a field goal on a goal line stand and Ringer barely got over the line on another series. They also did a good job of pressuring the quarterback.
- B-** **linebackers:** Brian Smith forced a fumble, which John Ryan recovered. Harrison Smith made some good plays in his first start, and both Smiths and Maurice Crum had tackles for losses.
- B** **defensive backs:** Michigan State's slants hurt the secondary all day, and Lambert got lost on one play. For the most part, however, they kept Hoyer and his receivers in check.
- D** **special teams:** Two missed field goals in a close game killed Notre Dame's chances. The punt coverage was good, and Allen's kickoff return in the fourth quarter gave the Irish good field position.
- C+** **coaching:** Kicking a 51-yard field goal that almost certainly would not be made was not wise, but the decision to pass almost exclusively in the second half kept the Irish in the game.
- 2.15** **overall:** Mistakes ended drives that could have produced points and the run game was non-existent. The defense played a tough running back well.

## adding up the numbers

- 0** Red zone chances, out of two, for Notre Dame that produced points.
- 4** Red zone chances, out of four, for Michigan State that produced points.
- 0.7** Average yards per rushing attempt for Notre Dame.
- 2** Sacks by Michigan State defensive end Brandon Long.
- 3** Sacks allowed by Notre Dame's offensive line.
- 0** Sacks allowed in the previous two games.
- 124** Yards, on 32 carries, by Javon Ringer before his 63-yard fourth-quarter run, an average of 3.9 yards per carry.
- 4:34** Time of possession for Notre Dame in the fourth quarter.



Irish safety David Bruton, left, and cornerback Terrail Lambert tackle Spartans wide receiver Mark Dell during Notre Dame's 23-7 loss to Michigan State Saturday. Dell had four catches for 80 yards.

## Irish better than stats indicate

"We didn't deserve to win, we had a chance to win the game, but we didn't deserve to win," Irish coach Charlie Weis said following a frustrating 23-7 loss at Michigan State Saturday.

Notre Dame's first loss since a 41-24 rout by Air Force on Nov. 10, 2007 had a different feeling than the nine losses the Irish suffered last season.

Not to say last year wasn't frustrating — it was. But this time around they had a chance.

To look at the final box score it would seem that the Spartans were clearly the better team on the field, but anyone who watched the game knows it was much closer than the stats may dictate.

Weis is right. Notre Dame did not deserve to win, but not because Michigan State was tougher, or more prepared or a better team than the Irish. Big mistakes in key situations were the difference in this game.

Turnovers sucked the life out of a couple promising Notre Dame drives and also gave the Spartans a short field to work with. Michigan State's two first-half scoring drives were 24 and 22 yards long respectively.

The Spartans' first touchdown came following one of two interceptions thrown by Jimmy Clausen in the half. Clausen, with a man in his face, threw behind his intended target and Michigan State took over just outside its own red zone. Nine plays later, Javon Ringer spun his way into the end zone for a 10-0 Spartan lead.

The drive was not only indicative of Michigan State's opportunistic

offense, but also the deceptively stout Irish defense.

It took Ringer and his Spartans nine plays and a questionable third-down pass interference call to punch it in on a 22-yard drive.

There were only two plays out of the nine that went for more than two yards. The Irish came within inches of keeping Ringer out of the end zone altogether despite the Spartans having first and goal from the two-yard line.

The goal line defense did finish the job later in the game on another first and goal from the two in the fourth quarter. Ringer tried, and was denied, three times before the Spartans settled for a field goal.

Despite what the stat sheet might show, the Irish defense can hold its head high after an impressive showing in East Lansing.

Sure, Ringer once again posted Heisman-worthy stats with 201 yards and two touchdowns, but he was far from unstoppable. Take away the 77 yards he picked up on the meaningless final drive of the game — including 63 on one carry — and his

numbers are mediocre at just a shade over 3.5 yards per carry.

If you give a back the ball 39 times in a game, he is bound to put up some pretty big numbers.

"At the end of the day, [the defense] put us in a position to keep us in the game," Weis said.

The defense was on the field for 10:26 in the fourth quarter, so the defense's heavy legs on that final drive can just as easily be blamed on the lack of offensive production.

Any time you are held to seven points in a game, the offense can't be too pleased with their perform-

ance. But once again, things may not be quite as gloomy as they look following the first disappointing loss of the year.

The Irish came out of the gates trying to establish the run game.

Mission failed. The three-headed backfield combined for a loss of five yards in the first two series of the game on six straight unsuccessful runs. At halftime Notre Dame had rushed for 32 net yards and wide receiver Golden Tate had 24 of them on an end around play.

In the second half, however, things got

much brighter for the Irish. Weis and offensive coordinator Mike Haywood completely abandoned the run game, opting instead for a quick-hitting empty backfield package.

Weis-coached teams, including this one, are traditionally strong at empty backfield two-minute drill style offenses. The efficient drives during the third quarter provided flashbacks of the good old days with Quinn, Samardzija and Stovall.

Clausen looks much more comfortable in this set. He can spread the defense out and make more accurate pre-snap reads. Clausen's ability to go through his reads during a play has been one of the main criticisms against him. The set allow Clausen to catch-and-throw, eliminating a long list of reads on plays with longer pass drops.

A loss is never acceptable at Notre Dame, but the Irish can take away some positives from the loss this weekend. The Irish didn't deserve to win, but they certainly belonged on the field.

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# Team identity changes by week

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Even the casual fan could diagnose Saturday's 180-degree shift in offensive philosophy.

Running backs James Aldridge, Armando Allen and Robert Hughes combined for 23 yards on 13 carries in the first half. The first six plays of the game, all rushes, led to two three-and-outs.

"It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that our offense came out in the first half trying to win the line of scrimmage and that wasn't taking place," coach Charlie Weis said.

The "pound-it" philosophy, against its toughest test thus far, failed in the first half, necessitating a new game plan. So in the second half, the Irish came out throwing.

"We were going to give them an opportunity to run the ball a bunch of times in the first two or three series," Weis said. "And when we didn't, we started adjusting."

The Spartan defense, Weis said, outplayed Notre Dame's entire offense, not just its offensive line.

"We weren't getting mismatched. A lot of times in the run game you get scared to run because you are getting outnumbered and that wasn't the case in this game. We weren't getting outnumbered. They were getting the best of us."

Junior tackle Sam Young agreed and said the Michigan State front seven kept the offensive line from getting off the ball and creating holes for the running backs.

"They were able to physically match us," Young said. "They shut us off up front and we just weren't able to get anything going."

So in the second half, Notre Dame abandoned the run and focused its offense skyward. Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen, who was 7-of-14 for 79 yards and two interceptions in the first half, played most of the second half in the shotgun. He finished the game 24-for-41 for 242 yards and a touchdown along with his two picks.

Clausen attributed the pass-heavy offense partly to the fact that Notre Dame was playing from behind.

"Obviously when we're down in the second half we gotta get things going, we gotta score faster," he said.

Most of Clausen's second-half passes were short out routes, slants or swing passes. On multiple plays, Allen would go in motion out of the backfield and into the slot, and Clausen would hit him outside. These plays, Weis said, helped



Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws after scrambling out of the pocket during Notre Dame's 23-7 loss to Michigan State Saturday.

the offense keep from becoming too predictable.

"We're one-dimensional in the fact that we're throwing so much, but a lot of those three-step drop passes are like outside runs," he said.

Spartans tackle Justin Kershaw disagreed.

"It made them one-dimensional," he said. "Whenever you eliminate a team's running game, it's discouraging for them."

One-dimensional or not, Weis said an offense's identity was not something the team could lock itself into. Some flexibility, he said, was good.

"I think we have to do that on a weekly basis," he said.

The players, Weis said, felt they would come back to win the game after Clausen threw a touchdown pass to freshman receiver Michael Floyd early in the fourth quarter.

"I think that the team felt after that touchdown that we would get a stop, get

the ball back, and get another opportunity," Weis said. "That it would be a 14-13 final. You could feel it on the sideline."

Sophomore receiver Golden Tate said he had confidence in the receiving corps should Notre Dame throw the ball like it did in the second half.

"I think all the receivers that we have are outstanding receivers and we count on all of them like today," he said.

Regardless of the issues with the running game or the lack of offensive identity, the team, Young said, can't take the loss too hard. It needs to learn from the game and move on, he said.

"You have to have a short memory in terms of 'we lost this one,' but at the same time you can't forget what it feels like," he said. "We're not going to forget what happened, we're just going to build off it."

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## scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	0	0	7	7
MSU	3	7	3	10	23

### First quarter

Michigan State 3, Notre Dame 0  
Brett Swenson 45-yd field goal with 11:14 remaining. Drive: 6 plays, 24 yards, 1:44 elapsed

### Second quarter

Michigan State 10, Notre Dame 0  
Javon Ringer 1-yd touchdown run (Swenson kick) with 3:29 remaining. Drive: 9 plays, 22 yards, 3:42 elapsed

### Third quarter

Michigan State 13, Notre Dame 0  
Brett Swenson 26-yd field goal with 5:32 remaining. Drive: 12 plays, 77 yards, 5:18 elapsed

### Fourth quarter

Michigan State 13, Notre Dame 7  
Jimmy Clausen 26 yd pass to Michael Floyd (Walker kick) with 14:51 remaining. Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:34 elapsed

Michigan State 16, Notre Dame 7  
Brett Swenson 23-yd field goal with 9:10 remaining. Drive: 11 plays, 54 yards, 5:35 elapsed

Michigan State 23, Notre Dame 7  
Javon Ringer 1-yd touchdown run (Swenson kick) with 2:16 remaining. Drive: 7 plays, 77 yards, 3:34 elapsed

## statistics

### total yards



### rushing yards



### passing yards



### return yards



### time of possession



### passing

Clausen	24-41	Hoyer	12-26
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### rushing

Allen	6-8	Ringer	39-202
Hughes	5-9	Hoyer	2-6

### receiving

Floyd	7-86	Dell	4-80
Tate	5-83	White	2-19
Allen	5-20	Celek	2-15
Parris	4-22	Cunningham	1-22
Rudolph	2-29	Curry	1-4

### tackling

B Smith	10	Jones	9
Bruton	10	C.L. Rucker	9
McCarthy	9	Decker	8
Crum	8	Fortener	7
Lambert	8	Wiley	5

# Grimes dressed, but held out of game

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Editor

Wide receiver David Grimes dressed for the game, but did not play because of back problems.

"Ended up holding David, which will have positive residual effects this week," Irish coach Charlie Weis said during his Sunday press conference.

Freshman wide receiver Michael Floyd, who caught seven passes for 86 yards, a touchdown and a fumble, took his place.

### Youth movement

Freshman linebacker Steve Filer saw his first playing time this season on the kickoff coverage team. Filer is the eighth freshman to see playing time with the Irish this season.

Floyd's touchdown in the fourth quarter was the ninth Irish touchdown this season. Eight of Notre

Dame's nine touchdowns have come from freshmen or sophomores.

### Fresh start

Sophomore linebacker Harrison Smith made his first start of the season against the Spartans. Smith played in the first two games, but since the Irish opened in the nickel package, he did not start. Smith had six tackles in the game.

### Home-field advantage?

Saturday's game marked the first time since 2000 that the home team has won in the Michigan State-Notre Dame series.

### Moving up the charts

Michigan State running back Javon Ringer recorded his 15th 100-yard game, tying him with Sedrick Irvin for fourth all-time in Michigan State history. His 203 yards also made him the only back in Michigan State history to rush for 200

yards in consecutive games.

### Punt coverage

Notre Dame's punt coverage, which was ranked eighth in the nation before the game, allowed only one return for 10 yards. Punter Eric Maust averaged 38.8 yards per punt.

### Trouble on the ground

Notre Dame's 16 rushing yards were the fifth-worst in the Charlie Weis era.

"When you play against a team that tries to beat you with seven guys, it takes seven to block seven," Weis said. "We weren't getting mismatched. A lot of times in the run

*"We weren't getting mismatched. A lot of times in the run game you get scared to run because you are getting outnumbered and that wasn't the case in this game. We weren't getting outnumbered. They were getting the best of us."*

Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

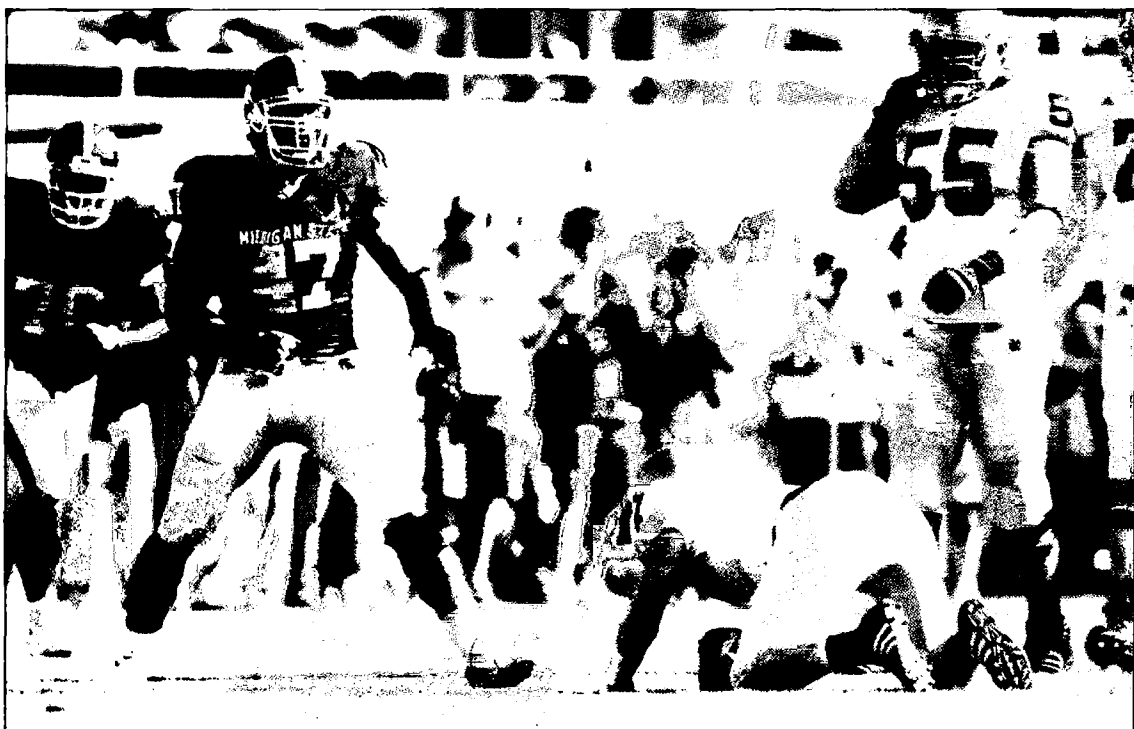
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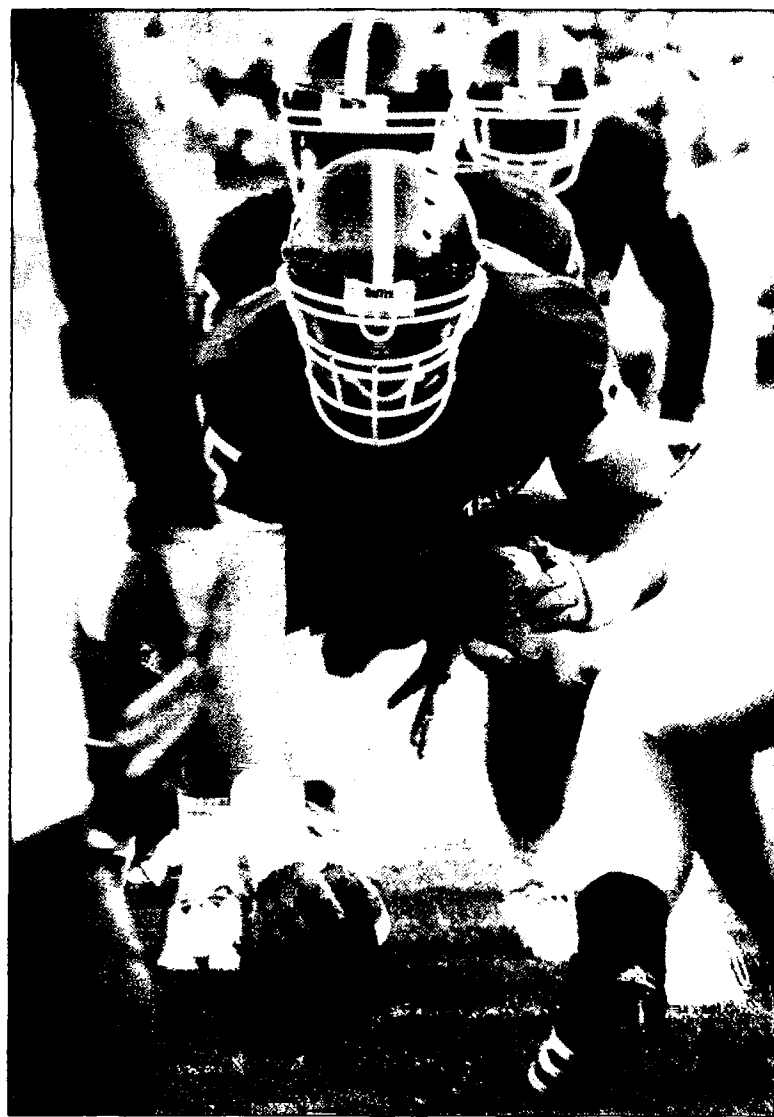
Irish tackle Sam Young said the game wasn't lost because of the rushing game alone.

"Any given play you can chalk it up to different things," Young said. "They played a great game and we didn't accomplish what we wanted."

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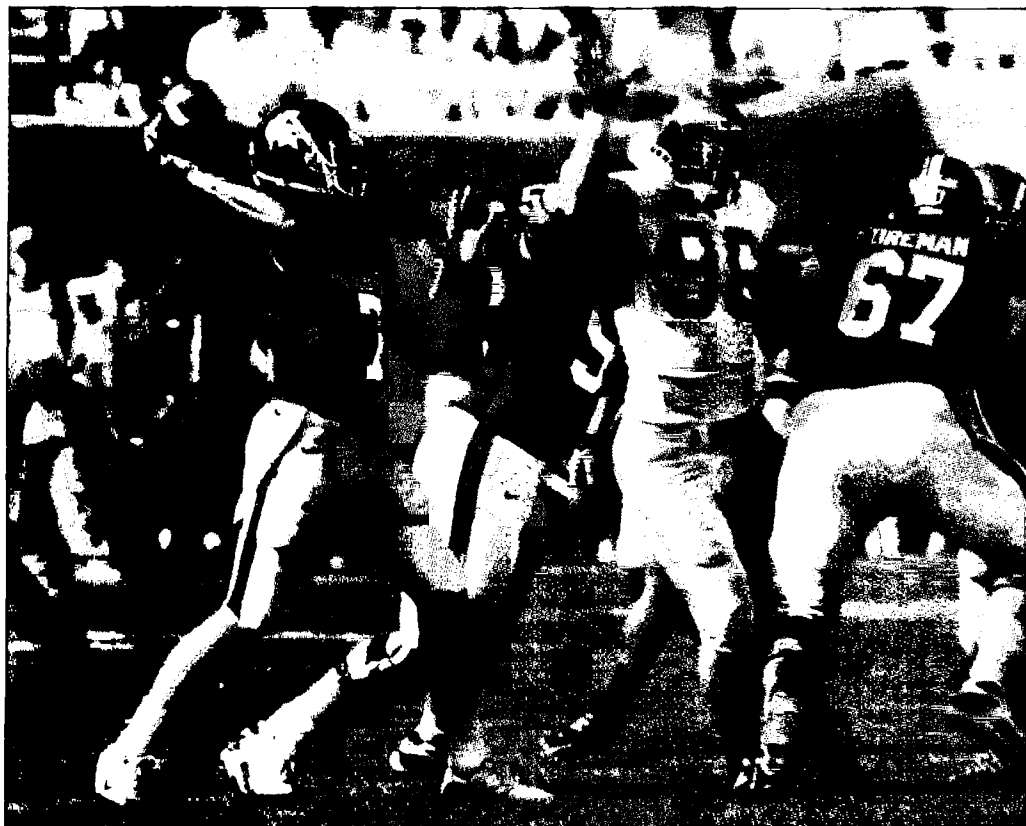
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# That was Sparta

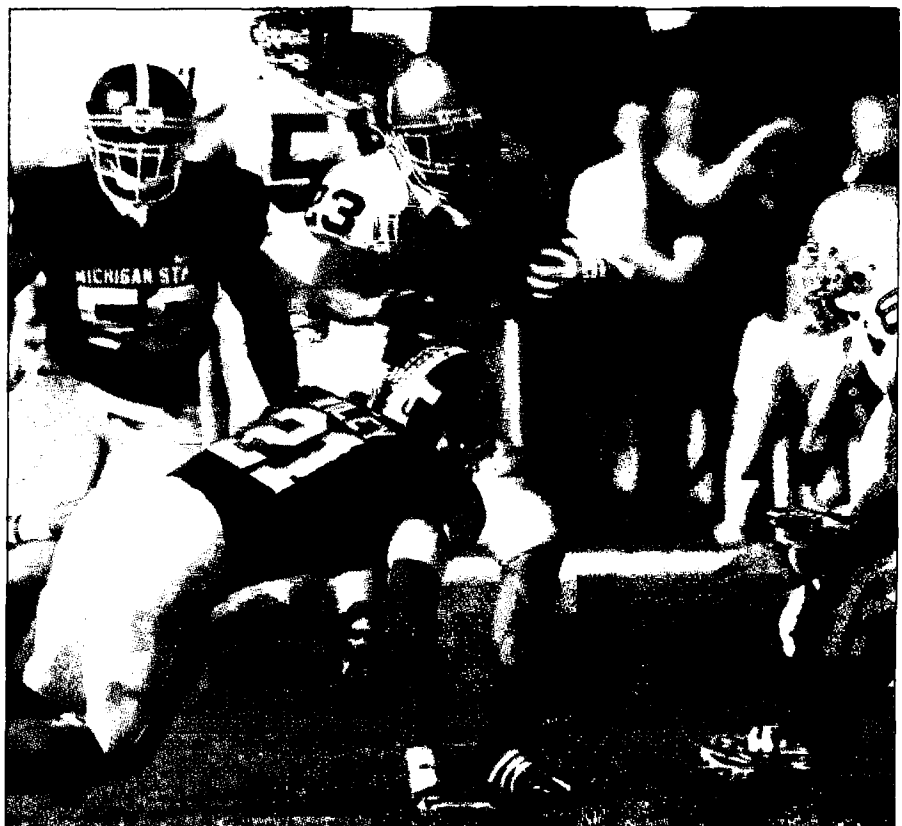
Notre Dame's rushing game started slow: Its first six plays, all rushes, led to three-and-outs. Jimmy Clausen's jump ball to Duval Kamara was intercepted in the end zone, killing an Irish drive. Another interception, this time on Notre Dame's own 22-yard line, gave Michigan State a short field. Javon Ringer eventually scored, putting Notre Dame down by 10. In the second half, the Irish threw the run out the window and passed, mostly out of five-wide receiver sets. Golden Tate, Michael Floyd and Armando Allen caught short slants, outs and flat passes, and it looked like the Irish had something going ... until Floyd fumbled on the 14-yard line. The Spartans drove down the field and kicked a field goal. Just seconds into the fourth quarter, Floyd caught a 26-yard touchdown pass to pull Notre Dame within a touchdown. But, as was the case the rest of the game, Notre Dame could not stop Javon Ringer. Another field goal and a Ringer touchdown later, the Irish had lost, 23-7.



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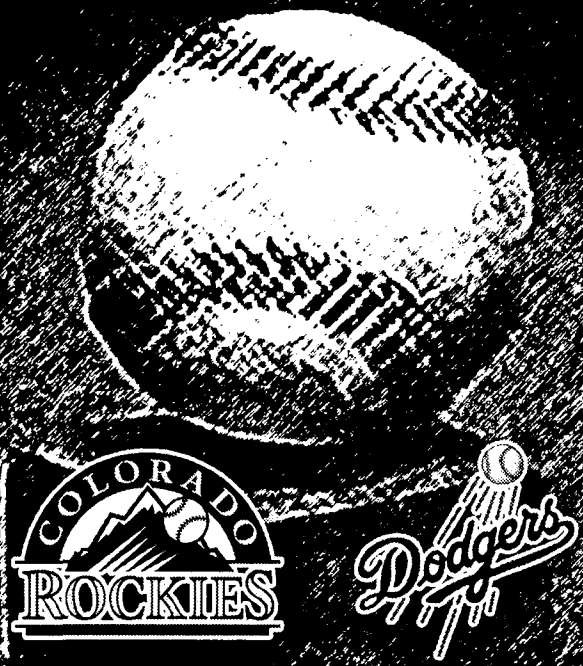


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Clockwise from top, Clausen recovers from a sack by Spartans defensive end Brandon Long; Spartans center Joel Nitchman prepares to snap the ball to quarterback Brian Hoyer; Notre Dame cheerleaders celebrate an Irish touchdown; Irish receiver Golden Tate runs after a catch; Irish defensive lineman Pat Kuntz pressures Hoyer.



## Devoted or Disloyal? Two Loves, One Fan



By STEPHANIE DePREZ  
Assistant Scene Editor

Being a Scene Beast as I am, what with obsessions ranging from Coldplay to the Oscars, one might find it hard to believe I am passionate about any sport (outside of Irish football, that is). The truth of the matter, though, is that I am an avid baseball fan. I love it. I love sitting way up in the bleachers and crunching peanut shells under my feet. I love cursing at my computer when the ump makes a bad call while I'm watching MLB.TV. I love watching the outfielders toss the ball on the field between innings. I even love complaining about how ESPN has a gross bias toward the American League. Baseball is, as far as I am concerned, the greatest sport even invented (that isn't Irish football) and I can't live without it.

Of course, one cannot just love the sport. One must have their Team. This Team is the entity of divine religion, the bringer of Truth and Light, the end all of devotion. Every baseball fan has a Team. We all love the game, but the communal love ends there. My homegrown Colorado heart belongs to the Rockies. Between the months of April and September I bleed purple, singing the praises of Todd Helton (who is the backbone of the team, even if his back kept him out of most of the season) and have a special place in my heart for Dinger, our triceratops mascot.

I believe heartily in the manifest destiny that took place last year in the National League, namely that even if we didn't win the World Series, we've got a load of magic and action worth noticing. I love the Rockies and, in the spirit of competition, allow any other baseball fan their obsession, even if it is for a lesser team. We can't all be Rockies fans.

That being said, an interesting point was brought up to me the other day. The Rockies are done for the year, never having even touched the top of the National

League West. I was therefore explaining to a Diamondbacks fan how excited I am for the Dodgers to go to the playoffs (and, incidentally, making obvious note of how if this happens, his team will NOT be going to the playoffs, hahaha, etc.). He got extremely offended at this remark, not because I was dissing his team, but because I was extolling the virtues of a team other than my own.

Can a baseball fan have two loves, a lesser and a greater? My mother is from L.A. We moved to Denver when I was six months old. There are baby pictures of my little brother in full-out Dodgers gear. I was raised to root for the Dodgers and despise the Giants with all my soul. Somewhere along the line I realized that we no longer lived in Santa Monica, and I had never actually been to a Dodgers game, but only seen the Rockies host them. I wasn't really a Dodgers fan at all, but I still felt like LA fandom was in my blood.

So I have reached the point of debate, namely, can I love the Dodgers and the Rockies, but if they play each other root for the Rockies? I'll take the Dodgers over any other team, just not my beloved Rocks. Must I be a one-team fan to be truly die-hard? Everyone watching the World Series picks the team they'd like to see win, yet no one is blamed for disloyalty. Sure, I'd prefer to see the Rockies on top, but if not them, the Dodgers would be my next pick.

Is this disloyalty? I don't think so, but my friend claims it is. Can I have a hierarchy of team love? Am I a poser if I wear the Cubs shirt my roommate bought me? As it stands, The Dodgers are rounding the corner to clinch the NL West, and if they make it to the playoffs, my purple-blooded body will be wearing Dodger blue.

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## Two Observer Staffers brush with

# STARDOM

By LIZ HARTER  
St. Mary's Editor

Last Thursday my career at The Observer officially hit its peak. I'm calling it now. Granted, as soon as I do that I'll probably be given the opportunity to break a huge story or meet someone else famous. So maybe I should just say that after three long years of hard work, The Observer News Desk received an email containing the opportunity of a lifetime.

I walked into the office for our usual Wednesday editor's meeting and was met by News Editor, Jenn Metz's question, "Do I want to meet Dennis Quaid?" I immediately jumped on the chance without having any idea how we could possibly be able to meet the man who starred in such classics as "The Parent Trap," "Frequency," and "The Rookie".

Being Saint Mary's Editor and a photography staffer qualified me to stand beside Jenn in representing the Observer.

When Jenn and I arrived at the Hall of Fame we were given our media passes and press kits for the

movie. Then we were led to The Observer's spot on the "turf carpet" of the Gridiron Plaza, where the stars would walk. I set up my camera and waited.

Rob Brown, who plays the titular Ernie Davis, a Syracuse University player who, in 1961, became the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy, arrived first. A quick look at our press package and I realized where I had seen him before even though his name was unfamiliar. He starred in "Coach Carter" and "Finding Forrester."

I lived up to my status as a member of the paparazzi at a movie premiere as I vied with the other photographers also on the carpet to get the best shot of Brown possible. Seeing Brown was cool. I've always admired him because he says acting was always second to his education. But he was overshadowed as Quaid's car pulled up. Come on, it was Dennis freaking Quaid.

I have to admit that Quaid is an actor I consider one of my "Old Men Crushes." He joins an illustrious group including George Clooney, Sean Connery and Richard Gere. I promised myself I would get pictures of him smiling with his teeth showing. It seems his go

to smile is closed lipped, but when those teeth enter the picture the ruggedness of his face is highlighted and it is absolutely gorgeous.

I managed to get that picture when I was snapping away as he was talking Jenn. I was too far away to hear what she said to him but it must have been something funny because he smiled that beautiful smile which I caught on camera.

After the turf carpet, we were able to stay to watch the screening of the movie, which hits theaters on Oct. 10, and participate in a question and answer session with both Brown and Quaid afterwards.

I have to thank my mom for teaching me how to be a groupie and get pictures with famous people because I grabbed his arm and asked if I could get a picture with him. He agreed and put his arm around me as I did the same to him. As we walked back to Brown, we made our way out of the Hall of Fame, a little bit cooler after our brush with stardom.

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By JENN METZ  
News Editor

I think I have found my true calling.

Sure, working for the News section is great — I've had some great interviews and written some really interesting stories — but working the red carpet and shaking hands with celebrities is definitely where it's at.

Entertainment reporting might be in my future, complete with nice dresses, free movie screenings, and obnoxiously large microphones.

That is, if I can keep my nerves in check.

As I lined up with the other reporters Thursday night, waiting for the stars greet their South Bend fans, I was very (very) excited.

Though, as Mr. Quaid made his way down the line toward my spot on the carpet, my excitement faded and I became very (very) nervous.

What on earth was I, someone with little to no celebrity interviewing experience, going to ask that

would impress Dennis Quaid?

Luckily, I was able to talk the other star, Rob Brown, first to calm down.

Chatting up Rob Brown was no problem — he is close to my age and we joked around about football. He talked to me so much that his publicist had to subtly gesture to me that it was time to wrap it up.

He's a very charismatic actor and delivered an emotional performance in the film, which, like most football tragedies, brought some members of the audience to tears. One particular audience member was so moved by his presence that she requested he autograph her pregnant stomach. Quite frankly, I thought that was a little weird.

But back to Dennis.

He almost missed me, but luckily his publicist saw me with my handy digital voice recorder and reporter's pad, and pulled the actor my way.

I introduced myself and shook his hand. I asked him a few questions, but I haven't brought myself to listen to the tape yet — I'm sure my voice was

shaking. But what a rush! He laughed at something I said, and gave me a good five minutes of his time.

Then there was the film itself.

I was, and if you know me, this will be no surprise, one of those audience members moved to tears.

There's something about football on the big screen that is so raw, so emotional, so full of sound effects that I don't hear in row 44 at Notre Dame Stadium, that just captivates an audience. "The Express," especially, did a phenomenal job of combining vintage-looking film with live-action shots, which really transported the viewers back in time.

Though at times over-acted and a little theatrical, the story was, as Mr. Quaid too eloquently told me on the turf carpet, one that transcends football — it is a story about race, it is a story about family, but most importantly it is a story about overcoming the odds.

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# Otters

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Looking past the disputed personal foul call, Donovan was proud of his team.

"The boys worked hard," he said. "There is no excuse for losing."

Sorin will try to build on its momentum in a contest with Zahm next weekend, while Fisher intends to use this week's loss as motivation in its rivalry game against Carroll for The Crooked Stick.

## Keenan 0, Keough 0

It was a war of attrition Sunday afternoon as Keenan and Keough fought to a slug-gish 0-0 tie.

Despite the tough defensive struggle, Keough still had a late chance to win the game, but Kangaroos kicker Matt Cirillo's 41-yard field goal sailed wide of the upright with five seconds left.

Keough quarterback Matt Bruggemen set up the field goal try after breaking off for a 24-yard run to get the Kangaroos within field goal range.

The game started off with a bang as Keenan quarterback Pat Kelly connected with wide receiver Jim Zenker for a 51-yard gain on the game's first play, but a strong Keough defense soon forced the Knights to punt.

The Kangaroos couldn't capitalize, and their offense also struggled against the talented Knight defense, going three and out on their first possession.

Keenan had a chance to score at the end of the first half after a drive into Keough territory, but time expired before the Knights could get the kick off.

Early in the second half, the teams traded possessions with both defenses holding strong. In the fourth quarter, Keenan threatened with a drive into Keough territory, and Kelly twice scrambled for first downs. However, the Kangaroo defense stepped up and halted the Knight's advance with an interception on fourth down.

Keough co-captain and wide receiver Kevin Laughlin was especially appreciative of his team's defensive effort.

"Our defense played extremely well," he said. "We knew they had a tough running back, we knew they

were going to be a tough team, but our defense came through."

Keenan star running back Alex Gonzalez was held in check by the Kangaroos, earning only 52 yards on the ground.

"We just needed to open up some bigger holes for him," Keenan captain Barton Dear said.

Despite the tie, Dear was satisfied with his team's performance.

"We just need to move the ball a little better on offense," he said. "We have room for improvement but it was a good first game."

In spite of the missed opportunity at the end, Keough captain Nazur Ahmed was happy with his team's performance.

"In my opinion Keenan is the best team in the league," he said. "Everyone stepped up, I couldn't be prouder."

## St. Edward's 20, Carroll 6

St. Ed's used a strong passing attack to roll over the Carroll Vermin 20-6.

Stedsman sophomore quarterback Matt Abeling excelled all afternoon out of the shotgun and rolling to both sidelines.

Abeling opened up the scoring with a 70-yard bomb to Sean Reed in the first quarter that put the Stedsman up 7-0.

"We feel we did a good job of exploiting their weaknesses on defense," Abeling said.

Carroll responded on their next drive with a 50-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Kris Kast to junior receiver Tommy Mumford, followed by a 9-yard fade for a touchdown from Kast to Mumford. A missed extra point left the Vermin down 7-6.

"It was nice to see some rejuvenated play from the upperclassmen," Vermin coach Nick Ruof said.

After Carroll punted with under two minutes left in the half, St. Ed's quickly moved the ball downfield, starting with a 45-yard pass from Abeling to receiver Ryan Farrell. That set up another Abeling touchdown pass as time expired in the first half.

"The offensive line did a great job of keeping the pressure off and I had the time to make the time to make some throws," Abeling said.

Coming out from halftime, Carroll's opening drive looked promising before Kast threw an interception

near midfield.

A relatively uneventful second half was highlighted by a 30-yard touchdown pass from Abeling to Stedsman receiver Dan Crisman that brought the final score to 20-6.

Even after the loss, Ruof was very positive about the Vermin's performance.

"This game was a big step forward, we played with a lot of heart and I'm excited for the rest of the season," he said.

## Morrissey 23, Alumni 0

"Black and gold victory" was the cheer from the Morrissey huddle after they shut out Alumni 23-0 in its opening game Sunday at Riehle Field.

"We worked hard all week in practice, we went really hard today, and it is important to open up with a win," Morrissey defender John Saulitis said.

The Manorite offense was led by senior quarterback and team captain Joe McBrayer, who connected with senior wide receiver Carl Andersen for three touchdown passes.

McBrayer said that despite the win, "the game was a little sloppy."

"We know what we need to work on," Morrissey coach Joe DiLuia said.

Defensively, Morrissey's strong play in the trenches paved the way to victory.

"[Lineman] Mike Kaiser really took control of this game," junior Manorite defender Phil Yuhas said.

In the secondary, John Saulitis chipped in with a fourth-quarter interception.

Dawgs quarterback Pat Rushford had a strong short passing game, but the tough Morrissey secondary allowed only a few completions.

"If we isolate those three big [touchdown] passes, it was a fairly even game," Alumni captain Luke Betterman said. "We saw some things to build on today and we are excited for next week."

Next on the schedule, Alumni will play Duncan on Sunday, and Morrissey has a

bye before taking on Duncan on Sunday, October 5 at 1pm.

## O'Neill 14, Dillon 0

After O'Neill's 14-0 victory over Dillon, one team was left encouraged; the other was looking for answers.

Dillon was hoping to prove itself as an elite team, but O'Neill made a statement that it was not the same team that struggled last year.

The Angry Mob started out strong on their first drive, moving the ball well until their offense stalled and turned the ball over on fourth down.

After holding Dillon to a three-and-out, the Mob had another drive that stalled deep in Big Red territory with less than two minutes to go in the first half.

"We had a couple of kinks in the beginning but we made the right adjustments in the end," O'Neill defender Brad Blomstrom said.

Both of the Angry Mob's scores came in the second half on touchdown passes from quarterback Bobby Powers, who finished the day 11-of-16 passing with two touchdowns.

"I had great blockers and receivers out there," Powers said. "We started out slow but we were able to wear them down."

Dillon was never able to get into a rhythm on offense. The Big Red was plagued by bad snaps and penalties, and ran only 11 offensive plays all game. Dillon didn't even attempt a pass until its last drive of the fourth quarter.

Next week, O'Neil has an off week before playing Keenan hall on October 5. Dillon plays again next week against

Keenan.

## Knott 6, Duncan 0

In a low-scoring defensive battle, Knott got its season off to a successful start defeating Duncan Hall 6-0 on Sunday.

After turning the ball over on downs on their first possession, Juggernauts running back Cam Smith scored the only touchdown of the

game, capping off a 65-yard drive. Knott moved the ball by spreading it around through the air, with four different Knott receivers catching passes of 10 yards or more from Juggernaut quarterback J.T. Redshaw.

Knott threatened to increase its lead shortly before halftime. With 15 seconds left, wide receiver Jeff Skorup broke three tackles for a 40-yard reception to the 10-yard line, but Knott couldn't get a final play off before halftime.

Skorup was the offensive star of the game, with 90 yards receiving. In addition to his reception at the end of the half, Skorup also made an acrobatic one-handed 20-yard catch on the first offensive series of the game.

"He never played in high school, but is a tremendous athlete who makes play after play," Knott coach Brian Lohr said.

Knott's defense was also impressive, consistently harassing Duncan quarterback Chris Toups. Defensive end Joe Soric sealed the win for the Juggernauts with a late interception in the fourth quarter.

"We aren't the fastest, but we will hit you," Lohr said.

Duncan's defense also played well in the loss, holding Knott to the lone touchdown and shutting down its ground game.

"I am proud of the defense," Duncan captain Garret Burke said. "They stayed with their assignments and played tough for all four quarters."

Duncan's young offense stuttered, though. Toups struggled to find open receivers and was pressured throughout the game by the Knott's front four. Burke, at running back, provided the only spark for Duncan rushing for 40 yards.

Duncan continued to hurt its own cause with penalties, surrendering more penalty yards than it gained offensively. Its longest play of the game, a 35-yard punt return was negated by a block in the back, and false starts and several dead ball personal fouls prevented Duncan from getting any rhythm on offense.

"The penalties killed us and slowed us down on offense," Burke said. "We will be running this week to make sure that we are in shape, both mentality and physically, for next week's game."

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I'm sorry Deirdre. I didn't mean it. I promise.

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## USA Today/USA Hockey Preseason Poll

team	points	'07 record
1 Boston College (27)	490	25-11-8
2 Michigan (4)	432	33-6-4
3 NOTRE DAME	376	27-16-4
4 North Dakota	371	28-11-4
5 Colorado College (2)	355	28-12-1
6 Denver	299	26-14-1
7 New Hampshire	287	25-10-3
8 Miami (OH)	263	33-8-1
9 Minnesota	223	19-17-9
10 Boston University	203	19-17-1
11 Clarkson	173	22-13-4
12 Michigan State	159	25-12-5
13 Wisconsin	103	16-17-7
14 Northern Michigan	75	20-20-4
15 St. Cloud State	69	19-16-5

## NSCAA/adidas Women's Soccer Top 25

team	record	pvs
1 NOTRE DAME (28)	8-0-0	2
2 UCLA (3)	5-0-1	1
3 North Carolina (1)	5-1-1	5
4 USC (2)	6-1-0	3
5 Portland	6-1-0	6
6 Stanford	6-0-1	3
7 Virginia	5-0-1	9
8 Texas A&M	5-1-0	10
9 Florida State	5-1-1	7
10 Texas	5-0-1	8
11 Duke	6-1-0	12
12 Boston College	6-1-0	13
13 Oklahoma State	6-0-0	16
14 West Virginia	4-1-2	14
15 Wake Forest	6-1-0	19
16 Florida	4-1-1	17
17 Penn State	5-2-0	11
18 California	5-1-0	20
19 Villanova	7-0-0	NR
20 UC Santa Barbara	5-2-0	NR
21 Colorado	5-1-1	NR
22 South Carolina	5-0-2	NR
23 Illinois	4-3-0	18
24 San Diego	5-2-0	NR
25 Kansas	5-1-0	21

## NSCAA/adidas Men's Soccer Top 15

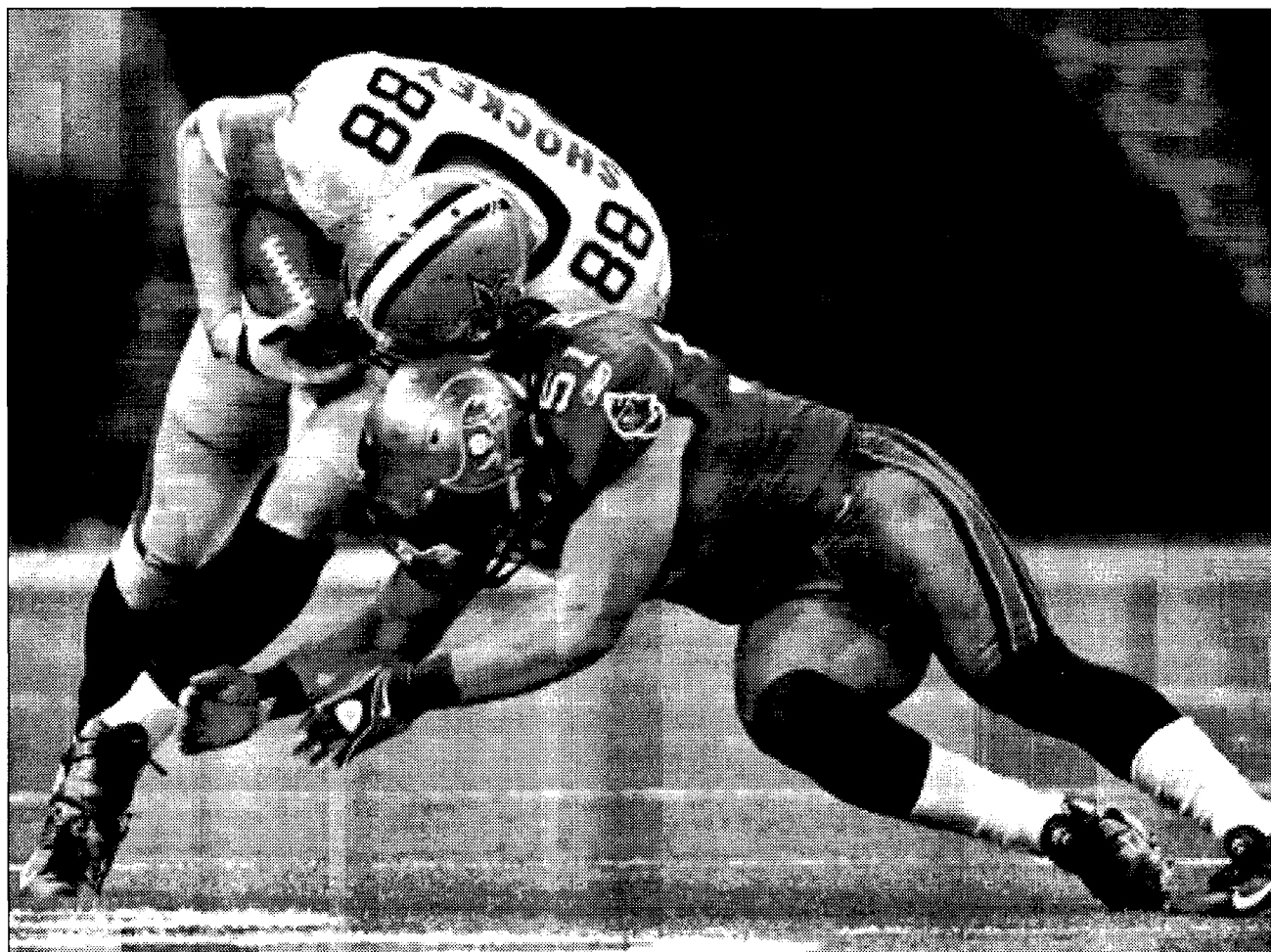
team	record	pvs
1 Wake Forest (23)	5-0-0	1
2 SMU	5-0-1	4
3 NOTRE DAME	4-1-0	5
4 Maryland	4-1-0	8
5 St. John's	5-0-1	11
6 California	3-0-2	6
7 Connecticut	2-0-3	7
8 North Carolina	4-0-1	12
9 Northwestern	5-0-1	14
10 Akron	3-1-2	2
11 Illinois-Chicago	4-0-1	16
12 Creighton	3-1-0	3
13 Saint Louis	2-0-3	17
14 Indiana	3-1-2	19
15 Ohio State	4-1-1	10

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### WNBA PLAYOFFS

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## NFL



Saints tight end Jeremy Shockey is tackled by Tampa Bay linebacker Barrett Rudd in a Sept. 7 game. Shockey will have surgery for a sports hernia this week that will put him out for 3-6 weeks.

## Shockey sidelined for 3-6 weeks

Associated Press

METairie, La. — Tight end Jeremy Shockey, the Saints' second-leading receiver through three games, is expected to be out for three to six weeks because of a sports hernia.

Shockey, who was acquired from the New York Giants in a trade shortly before training camp, had 16 receptions for 151 yards during the Saints' first three regular-season games. He played Sunday in New Orleans' 34-32 loss at Denver, catching five passes for 56 yards.

On Monday afternoon, Saints spokesman Greg Benschel confirmed a report on the (New Orleans) Times-

Picayune's Web site that Shockey was scheduled to have surgery this week.

A sports hernia is the weakening of muscles or tendons in the lower abdominal wall. For Shockey, it's the second serious injury in as many seasons. He broke his left leg last December and missed all of the Giants' postseason run to a Super Bowl championship.

Shockey's absence also is the second major blow to the Saints' receivers this season following the loss of Marques Colston in Week 1.

Colston, who led the Saints in receiving in each of the previous two seasons, needed surgery to repair a torn ligament in his left thumb and is

not expected back for another month.

Shockey lobbied for a trade to the Saints in the offseason, hoping to rejoin head coach Sean Payton, who was the Giants' offensive coordinator in 2002, the flamboyant tight end's rookie season.

Shockey caught more passes (74) for more yards (894) that season than any other in his career and was the rookie of the year. With the Saints, he was expected to play a major role in a pass-oriented offense led by quarterback Drew Brees.

So far, the Saints' leading receiver this season is running back Reggie Bush, who has 26 catches for 250 yards and two touchdowns.

With both Colston and Shockey out, the Saints may have to rely more on receivers David Patten, Devery Henderson, Lance Moore, Robert Meachem and Terrance Copper. However, Patten pulled his left groin during Sunday's game and is unsure of his status for this week, while Copper was inactive last weekend with a pulled hamstring.

The Saints also have two other tight ends in Billy Miller and Mark Campbell, although Campbell also was out last weekend because of a pulled hamstring.

Payton met with reporters earlier on Monday afternoon, but did not mention Shockey's injury.

## IN BRIEF

### Harris undergoes test for ruptured spleen

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers cornerback Al Harris underwent additional medical tests Monday amid a report he might have ruptured his spleen in Sunday's loss to the Dallas Cowboys.

The National Football Post, a Web site that lists Harris' agent as a contributor, reported that the injury could end Harris' season, but Harris was seeking a second opinion. Agent Jack Bechta did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press.

Earlier in the day, Packers coach Mike McCarthy said the team's medical staff was "just doing scans" on Harris and were "checking for everything." A team spokesman said no additional information was available.

Harris left Sunday night's game with 6:51 left in the first quarter after he collided with Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk. Harris returned two plays later.

### Ball State's Love could be done with football

MUNCIE, Ind. — Dante Love may never catch another pass or play another football game at Ball State.

But the senior receiver will always have a special place in the hearts of Cardinals teammates, coaches and fans.

School officials said Monday that Love is expected to live a normal, healthy life after breaking his spine and sustaining a spinal cord injury during Saturday's game, although he'll likely have to give up the sport that turned him into an NFL prospect.

"His football career is expected to be over," coach Brady Hoke said. "He has touched a lot of lives and he will continue to do so."

Hoke declined to give medical details about Love's condition, citing privacy concerns, although he said Love was expected to be moved out of the critical care unit later Monday. He would not say when Love might be released from the hospital.

### Throngs welcome Fernandez to Blazers

PORTLAND, Ore. — More than 100 fans welcomed Spanish guard Rudy Fernandez to the Portland Trail Blazers upon his arrival to the city with chants of "Rudy! Rudy! Rudy!"

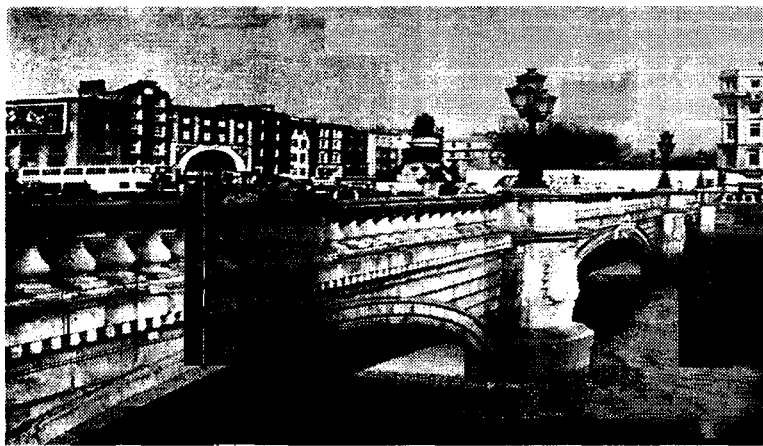
"It was a good surprise," Fernandez said. "When I arrived, I say, 'OK, let's go practice now. Let's go.'"

The 6-foot-6 Olympian arrived at Portland International Airport on Monday and was whisked to the Rose Garden, where the Blazers held a news conference to introduce him.

"He's a team player. He's a great kid," general manager Kevin Pritchard said. "I think he'll raise the level of competition for everyone."

Fernandez played for Spain in Beijing, scoring 22 points in the gold medal game against the United States. The U.S. team won, 118-107.





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## Ranking

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-ings for the first time in program history. The No. 3 ranking is the second highest preseason ranking for the hockey team behind the 1973-74 club, who was ranked No. 2.

Jackson said he had not heard about the ranking yet, but did not take much stock in any polls before anyone had touched the ice.

"It doesn't have a lot of meaning at this point," Jackson said. "I hope we learned from the middle portion of the season when things were a bit of a struggle for us and I hope we also gained some confidence towards the end of the season."

Notre Dame finished last season with a 27-16-4 record and snuck into the postseason tournament as one of the lowest ranked teams.

The Irish heated up towards the end of the season and rode their streak all the way to the finals.

This season Notre Dame will have another tough schedule during the regular season because five CCHA teams ranked in the top 15. No. 2 Michigan and Notre Dame are joined by No. 8 Miami, No. 12 Michigan St and No. 14 Northern Michigan.

"It doesn't surprise me [to have five teams ranked]. Northern Michigan and Ferris State are both teams that looked promising at the end of last season. It is going to be a very tough conference," Jackson said.

The Irish will play 12 games total against preseason ranked teams including their season opener with No. 6 Denver on Oct. 11 and a Nov. 7 championship rematch with No. 1 Boston College.

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# deGroot

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ly expect our players to develop and get comfortable not only in the next couple of weeks, but also over the course of the game tomorrow."

It seems McGlinn was not the only one hampered by the elements as Lyons junior captain Claire Connell echoed many of deGroot's comments.

"Trying to practice the last couple weeks has been tough," Connell said. "But we have continued to develop and work with our younger players, making sure they are prepared for the game on Wednesday."

Despite its youth, Lyons has some of the same players back from a squad that made the playoffs last year with a 2-3-1 record. To build on that success, though, the Lions will have to deal with an untested Shamrock team hungry for a win after going a disappointing 0-5-1 last season.

Inexperience and limited practice time are usually not a recipe for success. Luckily, both squads face the same

dilemma and whichever team can acclimate themselves to the game quicker should prevail in this opening match of the season.

## Pasquerilla East vs. Howard

Pasquerilla East captain Tara Pillai said she feels confident about the improvements her team has made since last year, when it posted an anemic 1-4-1 record with each loss coming by less than a touchdown.

"We feel very optimistic about this upcoming season," Pillai said.

Pillai has good reason to be hopeful on the defensive side of the ball, as the unit returns all of its starters from last season. The question marks are on the offense, as sophomore quarterback Caitlin Smith looks to bring some experience to the table after playing as a freshman last year.

"[Smith] has definitely improved from last year," Pillai said.

Pillai said there will be multiple freshman contributing early and often at the wide receiver and offensive line positions.

"We are a young team," she said. "But we have a lot of talent as well as a few upperclassmen who can provide us with experience."

Their first opponent will be another young team, Howard.

*"We feel very optimistic about this upcoming season."*

**Tara Pillai**  
Pasquerilla East captain

Coming off of a disappointing 14-8 loss to Lyons, Howard looks to make a statement and rack up its first win since last year when it made its first playoff appearance in hall history.

"We're excited to redeem ourselves," sophomore captain Kayla Bishop said. "We have something to prove."

Bishop said the keys to this week's game will be strong play from wide receivers Laura Giezeman and Caitlin Robinson as well as lineman Mary Jenkins. The Ducks plan to keep players circulating in and out throughout the game

to keep their legs fresh, but their biggest concern is the readiness of their new players.

"We don't have a lot of experience on the team," Bishop said. "So we need get freshmen on same page as our returning players."

The Pyros and Ducks will face off at 9:00 p.m. on Riehle Field.

## Cavanaugh vs. Pasquerilla West

The Purple Weasels look to get their season off to a hot start, while the Chaos hope to remain perfect when the teams face off at 9 p.m. tonight at Riehle Field.

The Chaos got their title defense off to a winning start Sunday, edging McGlinn 6-0.

"If there's one thing that McGlinn taught us, it's that we've got a target on our back bigger than Sarah Palin's, the Russian government's, and Wall Street CEOs combined," Chaos captain Katie Dunn said.

Dunn, who rushed for Cavanaugh's only score against the Shamrocks, said the team was still trying to integrate the freshmen into the game plan.

"I think they're doing great," she said. "We expect them to step in without a hitch and they have."

Pasquerilla West will be playing its first game tonight, and captain Cara Davies said that, offensively, the team would look to junior receivers Cynthia Curley and Alyssa Moya.

"As a team, I think we'd like to end up back at the Stadium," Davies said. "That's the standard we set a couple of years ago."

Despite the playmakers on offense, Davies said that defense was the Purple Weasels' calling card.

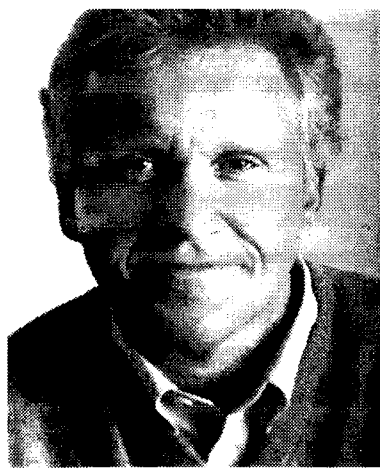
"Defense has always been our keystone," she said. "We've got a good offense, but when it comes tight, our defense holds tough."

In practice, Davies said her team had just been working on getting rid of their opening-day jitters.

"We've just been going over the basics," she said. "We've got a few kinks, but all in all we're in good shape."

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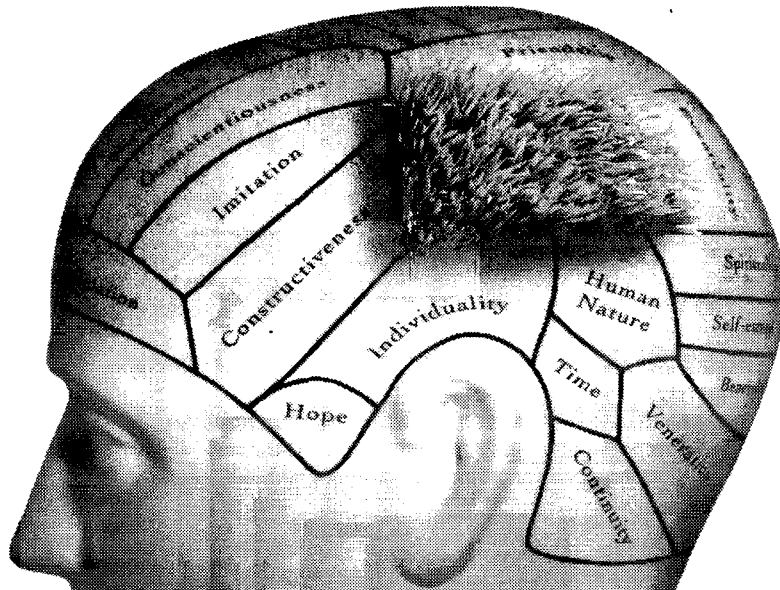
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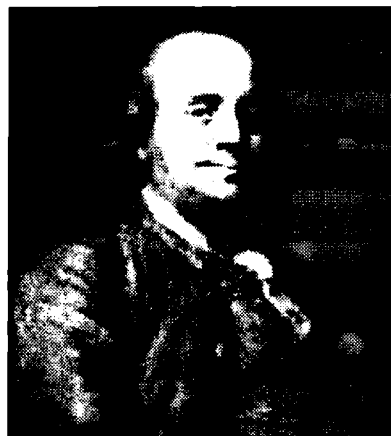
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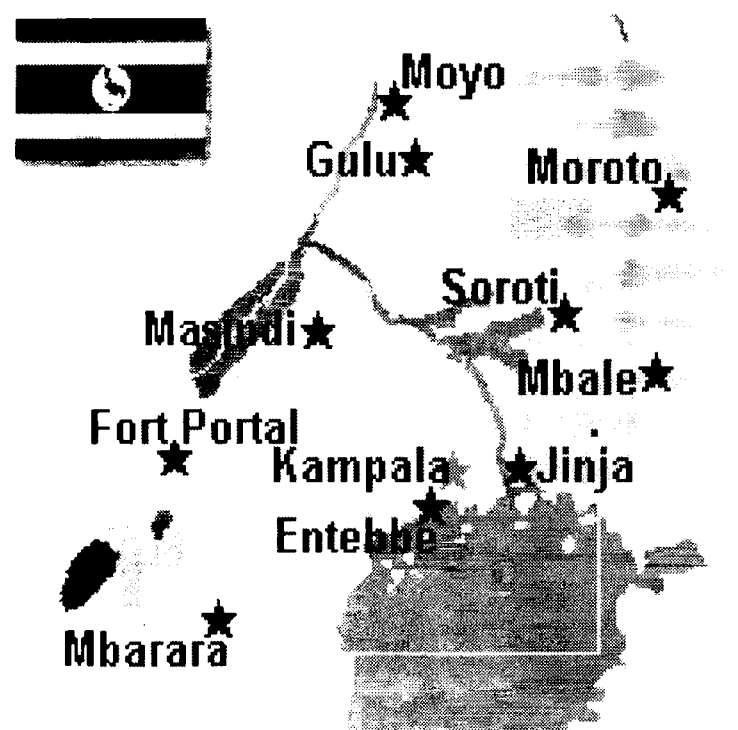


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## Lyons

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the difference in the game," Raley said.

With two minutes left the Ducks managed to cut into the lead, as sophomore captain Kayla Bishop found a rhythm with senior receiver Laura Giezeman. The drive ended with a touchdown and a successful two-point conversion.

However Giezeman seemed to be the only receiver capable of catching Bishop's darts, as other receivers had trouble holding on to the ball.

"We definitely need to work on our discipline in practice this week," Bishop said. "Our freshmen need to step it up."

Lyons will look to bring the same intensity and hustle into next week as they seek a second playoff berth in as many years.

"This was our biggest game of the year," Connell said. "Now that the freshmen have adjusted, we can move forward as a team."

### Cavanaugh 6, McGlinn 0

Cavanaugh turned a key defensive stop into an offensive opportunity, and it was enough to take down McGlinn 6-0, on Sunday.

On fourth-and-long in the first quarter from the McGlinn 34-yard line, Cavanaugh linebacker Shanna Gast sacked Shamrock quarterback Sarah deGroot back at the 28. The Chaos offense took advantage of this excellent field position six plays later when Chaos quarterback Katie Dunn scrambled four yards into the end zone for six. The touchdown would be the only score of the game, but enough to start the defending champions off undefeated.

"Our goal was to win, and we came out here and got the job done," Chaos coach Joe Quinn said. "Our defense really showed up, and got us the shut-out which is always the goal."

Cavanaugh began the game with an opening drive down to the McGlinn 16-yard line, but lost possession on downs.

The stingy Chaos defense then took over, and held the Shamrock offense to 12 yards on eight plays, ending with the Gast sack.

Taking over on the McGlinn 28, Dunn ran the ball herself for 20 of those yards during and passed

for the other eight over six plays to get the decisive score.

With two and a half minutes left in the half, McGlinn went into a hurry-up offense, but deGroot was picked off by outside tackle Mo Mathias, who would return the interception back to the McGlinn 26-yard line, where the Chaos ran out the clock and took a 6-0 lead into halftime.

The second half began with deGroot and McGlinn quickly driving down to the Cavanaugh 13-yard line. As the Shamrocks knocked on the door, the Chaos secondary stepped up and forced incomplete passes on the final three plays of the possession.

"We drove well, but we couldn't quite capitalize," McGlinn coach Joey Brown reported. "Their defense was tough, fundamental."

On the next possession, the Chaos relied on the running game more, and back Brittnei Alexander racked up 32 for of her 53 all-purpose yards. The Chaos drove right back down the field, but they could put the ball in either, as Dunn was intercepted by Shamrock defensive back Casey Robertson.

In its final possession of the game, McGlinn drove down to the Cavanaugh 26-yard line, with deGroot hitting receiver Kathleen Stanley for a nine-yard gain. Once again, though, the Chaos defense put down the hammer, and the next three passes fell incomplete.

The Chaos took over with just under two minutes to go in the game, and ran down the clock for the win.

"Our fans were a huge part of this victory," Dunn said. "When McGlinn got close a couple of times, they really stepped up huge for us and gave the team great support."

Dunn herself was 12-of-20 passing for 95 yards and one interception, and also ran for 42 yards and a touchdown.

"They are a great squad," Shamrock coach Craig Wiborg said. "I think we had moments of brilliance, and can take away a lot from this game."

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## Scodro

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low and finished in sixth place overall, and each Notre Dame golfer played competitively throughout the event.

Head coach James Kubinski, whose team has played with flashes of brilliance beside mediocre outings this season, said he's confident that his players are beginning to put it together.

"They have a great deal of physical talent," Kubinski said. "They just need to realize and believe it. That takes time."

Southern Illinois claimed first place after a playoff against Nova-Southeastern, while Georgetown freshman phenom Brian Dorfman took home medalist honors with a 7-under 209.

Aside from Scodro, three other Irish underclassmen, along with junior Olavo Batista, competed in the event. Scodro's one-under 215 (75-67-73) in his first collegiate tournament led Notre Dame in scoring, while fellow freshman Tom Usher turned in a six-over 222 (75-70-77), good enough for 22nd place.

Sophomore Dustin Zhang, who started three tournaments for the Irish 'A' team last season, finished a

single stroke behind his teammate Usher, tallying a 223 over the three rounds (71-74-78, tied for 26th overall). Freshman Chris Walker played unevenly in his first collegiate tournament, adding a 78 and 81 to his second-round 70 to finish the tournament at 13-over 229 (tied for 47th overall).

Batista, who has not broken the 'B' squad in his career, rounded out the team with a 235 (76, 78, 81, tied for 68th overall).

Strong play from the Irish underclassman has been par for the course this season. Sophomores Tyler Hock, Jeff Chen and Connor Alan-Lee led the team in scoring at the USF Olympic Intercollegiate two weeks ago, and with no seniors on the Notre Dame roster, it's the perfect time for the underclassmen to shine. Kubinski said he relishes his role in helping his young players develop.

"None [of the underclassmen] have a great deal of college experience," Kubinski said. "To be successful, we'll just need a little time for the young players to learn on the job and grow. My job will be to build their confidence."

The Irish 'A' squad will compete Sept. 28-30 at the Saint Mary's Invitational at the Poppy Hills Golf Club in Pebble Beach, Calif.

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# Finest

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end as well, with defensive back Emma Closterman leading the way to a shutout. A late interception halted Walsh's last scoring attempt as Farley's defense ruled the day.

The Wild Women were disheartened by the loss, but also intended to use it as a starting point for a young team.

"We have a very young team so we're really working on getting them used to the speed of the game, getting them comfortable with themselves and with the plays," Walsh captain Kehau Meyer said.

Meyer called the game "a learning experience."

Nevertheless, there were bright spots for the Wild Women. Sophomore quarterback Amy Longnecker threw the ball efficiently and moved the offense at times, despite being unable to capitalize.

Walsh coaches J.J. Rees and Jeremiah Herman expressed a mixture of disappointment and optimism about their team's effort.

"I was really impressed with our freshmen, especially the ones who didn't have a lot of football experience," Rees said. "They came out and exploded like a rocket on the field today."

Herman was concerned with the tentativeness he saw in some of his young players.

"We still have tons we need to work on to get up with the speed of the game and be a lot more physical if we're going to be successful in this league and not look like a deer in the headlights," Herman said.

Despite the tough loss, Walsh expects to bounce back strong next week.

"We got knocked around this time but it's not gonna happen again," Herman said. "The other teams better watch out because they're gonna be playing a bunch of mad, Wild Women from Walsh."

## Badin 6, Breen-Phillips 6

The battle between the Badin Bullfrogs and the Breen-Phillips Babes remained undecided after a 6-6 tie Sunday afternoon at LaBar fields.

"I was pleased with how smoothly the first game went," Badin head coach John Heintz said. "We were able to move up the field three times, scored once, then shut them out the second half."

Breen-Phillips' offense came out firing, moving the ball down the field effectively, but the Babes were unable to capitalize, throwing two incomplete passes in the end zone to end the drive.

"Breen-Phillips' first run was scary," Badin quarterback Katie Rose Hackney said. "Our defense was really shaken up, but we were able to hold them."

Badin begin its offensive game with an early 22-yard pass to one of the wide receivers, but its momentum dissipated with a loss on the next play.

On Breen-Phillips' next drive, though, senior quarterback Melissa Meagher launched a 60-yard bomb for a score. A failed extra point attempt gave the Babes a lead of 6-0 with only a few minutes remaining in the first half.

Badin quickly responded with a touchdown of its own on the final series of the half when Hackney connected with freshman wide receiver Carli Fernandez.

"Katie Rose Hackney is an amazing quarterback, and all I had to do was turn around to find the ball in my hands," Fernandez said.

The second half was highlighted with numerous long passes by both sides in a pass-heavy game. But neither side could put any points up and the final whistle blew with the score tied 6-6.

"Our freshman showed a lot of promise, and we have the potential to be one of the best defensive teams out there," Breen-Phillips defensive coordinator John Souder said.

## Welsh Family 14, Pangborn 0

What started off as a game of two struggling offenses soon turned into a tale of two halves, with Welsh Family coming away with a 14-0 shutout over Pangborn.

Pangborn's offense appeared out of sync for much of the game, able only to move the ball in small increments due in large part to Welsh Fam's bend-but-don't-break defense.

On the other side of the ball, the Whirlwinds, despite early struggles, pulled together in the second half by running an effective spread offense, confounding Pangborn's defensive backfield.

The second half saw Welsh Family quarterback Jenni Gargula and wide receiver Katharine Hart hook up for two touchdowns within a matter of a few plays. Two plays after the first score, an interception by safety Katie Rehberger gave the offensive duo a chance to connect again.

"We barely even had time to get back to the sideline and our defense gave us the ball back. It was a big momentum builder," Gargula said.

While Pangborn will hope to earn its first win of the season next weekend, Gargula was glad to get that obstacle out of the way early.

"With the jitters out of our way, we'll definitely be more relaxed for our next game," Gargula said.

## Lyons 14, Howard 8

Lyons dominated the game from whistle to whistle, cruising past Howard in a 14-8 victory in its season opener.

The Lions offense was relentless the entire game, moving into Howard territory at will.

Junior captain Claire Connell led the Lions downfield on their first drive, threading the needle and hitting receivers left and right. The drive culminated in a 25-yard pass from Connell to sophomore receiver Neva Lundy for a touchdown. Connell and Lundy connected again for a successful two-point conversion, giving Lyons an 8-0 lead.

Lundy and Connell were responsible for the majority of the Lyons offense, leading the attack through the air and on the ground.

"Playing with Lundy last year really gave us some vital experience," Connell said. "Now that she's a sophomore, there's no telling what we can do on offense this year."

The Howard offense, meanwhile, was feeble for much of the game. The Ducks only managed to convert one first down in the first half, due in large part to their multiple penalties.

The second half was no different from the first, as the Lyons offense continued to display its versatility. Big pass after big pass, followed by hard-nosed running led to another touchdown from Connell as she kept the ball on the ground for a 6-yard score.

Lyons coach Rick Raley was ecstatic with his team's play on Sunday, especially by the play of the ladies in the trenches.

"I can't give the offensive and defensive line enough credit for the way they played. They were

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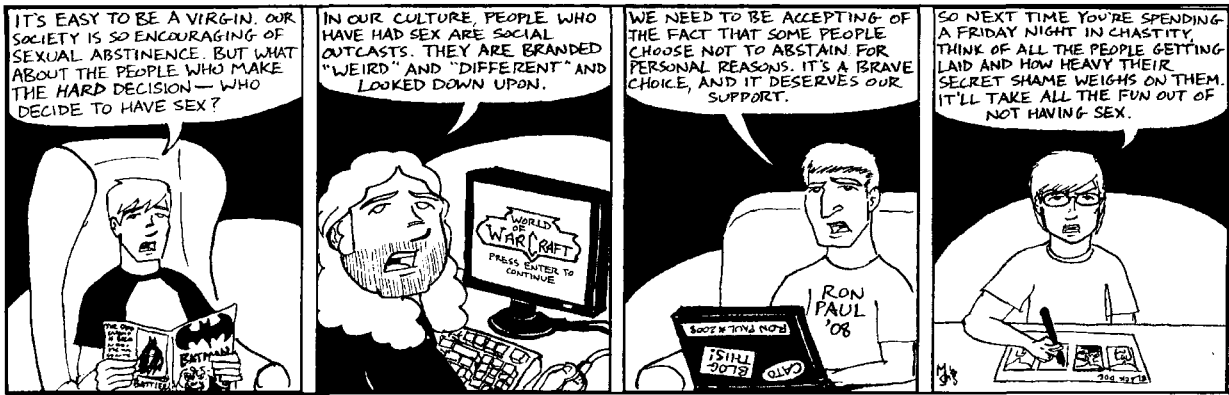
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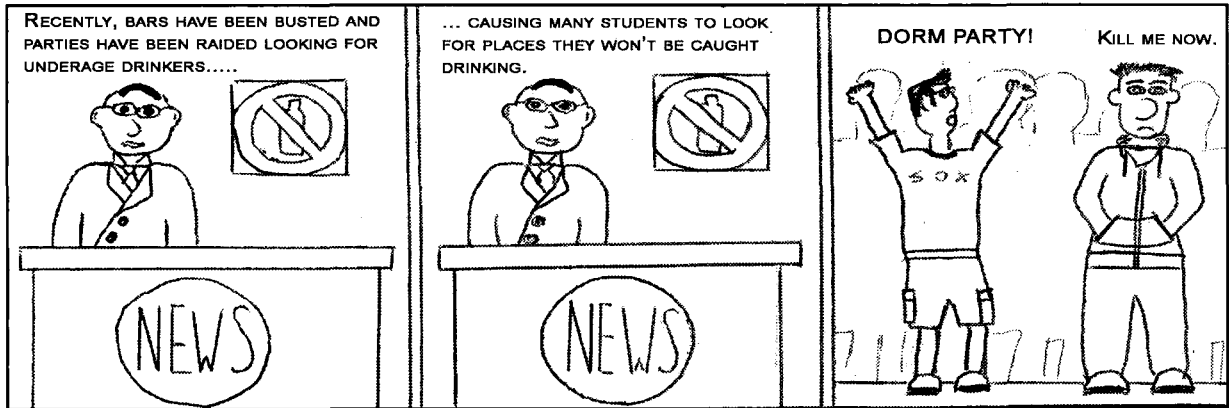
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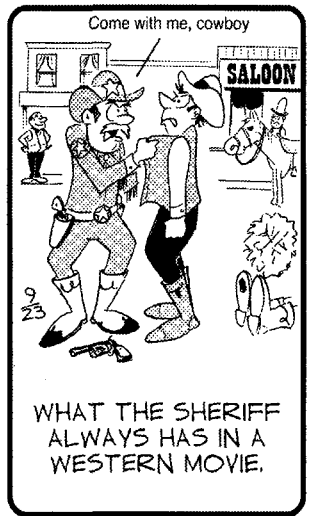
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Answer: A

Yesterday's Jumbles: PILOT GORGE BUMPER DISCUS

Answer: When the tattoo artist put a butterfly on her leg, she was — "IMPRESSED"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



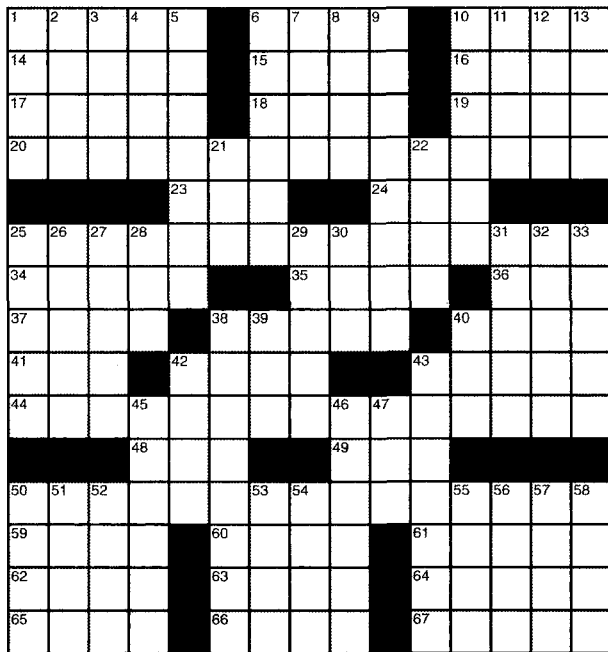
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Admirer of Beauty, with "the"
  - 6 Sing like Ella Fitzgerald
  - 10 Genesis victim
  - 14 Longtime G.E. chief with the best seller "Jack: Straight From the Gut"
  - 15 Mrs. Dithers in "Blondie"
  - 16 1950s-'70s Yugoslav leader
  - 17 Loud, as a crowd
  - 18 Place for a roast
  - 19 Not duped by
  - 20 "Huh?"
  - 23 And others of the same sort: Abbr.
  - 24 Circle section
  - 25 Comment after 20-Across
  - 34 Not just once
- Down**
- 35 Word from the crib
  - 36 Etiquette maven Vanderbilt
  - 37 Restrain, with "up"
  - 38 Andrea Bocelli deliveries
  - 40 Sicilian spewer
  - 41 Male gobbler
  - 42 Say "one club," say
  - 43 Like something communicated with a wink and a nod
  - 44 Comment after 25-Across
  - 48 MSN rival
  - 49 Lode load
  - 50 Comment after 44-Across
  - 59 Inn
  - 60 Wild cat
  - 61 Rodeo contestant
  - 62 Neutral shade
- Down**
- 1 N.Y.C. theater district, for short
  - 2 One of the Saarinens of Finland
  - 3 Baseball's Moises
  - 4 "The Lion King" villain
  - 5 Bases loaded
  - 6 Burn with an iron
  - 7 Place to moor a boat
  - 8 See 58-Down
  - 9 Big mugs
  - 10 "A.S.A.P.!"
  - 11 Cherry variety
  - 12 Caesarean rebuke
  - 13 Chicago district, with "the"
  - 21 Abbr. on an appliance sticker
  - 22 "\_\_\_ la Douce"
  - 25 Desert flora
  - 26 "Ha! That's \_\_\_ one!"
  - 27 One of the Judds
  - 28 Litter cry
  - 29 Minneapolis suburb
  - 30 Fine bond rating
  - 31 "But of course!"
  - 32 \_\_\_ vincit amor
  - 33 Jane of "Father Knows Best"
  - 38 Well said



Puzzle by Harriet Clifton

- 39 Tape deck button
- 40 Have a bite
- 42 \_\_\_ about (roughly)
- 43 Opera, ballet and so on
- 45 Bygone Japanese car name
- 46 Until now
- 47 Dernier \_\_\_
- 50 When 12-Down was uttered
- 51 Valentine decoration
- 52 Stringed instrument of old
- 53 Letter in a mysterious inscription
- 54 Throw off
- 55 Appear ominously
- 56 \_\_\_ facto
- 57 Chicken part that's good for soup
- 58 With 8-Down, source of an ethical dilemma

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EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Tom Felton, 21; Scott Baio, 47; Joan Jett, 50; Andrea Bocelli, 50

**Happy Birthday:** Get serious about what really counts. You may find yourself in a predicament this year that will force you to make a decision. Once you see your relationships clearly, you can eliminate your stress and find your path to success. Your numbers are 3, 8, 14, 22, 27, 39, 46

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** A partnership may be on the line if you don't compromise. Don't let sentimental feelings guide you in the wrong direction. Overindulgence, overreacting and overspending will all bring negative results. 2 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Think on a broader scale if you want to make an impression. Emotional talks will help you understand what's required of you. Incorporate a way to help others in your everyday routine and you will build strong associations with your peers. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Strive for perfection and you will win the approval of your peer group. You can talk your way to the top if you set emotions aside and focus on what needs to be done. Money is heading your way. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 2):** You'll find it difficult to keep things in perspective today. Chances are good you will fly off the handle or accuse someone of something without having all the facts. Slow down, don't get anxious, swallow your pride and focus. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Nothing is as bad as it seems. There is a lot to be said for love and relationships but, if you aren't willing to share, it isn't likely you will be able to hold things together. Weigh the pros and cons. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Get everything ready and begin to present what you want to do. Go directly to the decision-makers. A change in your position is apparent. Don't be afraid to show emotions. 4 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Get things out of the way early. Once you have freed up your time, you can concentrate on the personal issues in your life that are stressing you out. Bring things out in the open and explain your position. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Reevaluate your position at home and at work. If you feel as if you are being let down or treated unfairly, work toward gaining back what you've lost. A money deal will pay off and old debts can be collected. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** If you can up the value of your place or your assets, you can secure your personal position, allowing you greater bargaining power. Focus on people who have something to offer in return. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You'll find it hard to stay out of trouble. Controversial conversations will cause emotional upset with people who count both personally and professionally. Don't share your true feelings until you understand the position others have on the same topic. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Everything can come together if you say what you think and do what you say. Deals can be closed and money can be made. A promise or agreement will allow you to breathe a little easier. One of your ideas will gain interest and pay off. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't misinterpret what's going on in your own home. Someone is not happy with decisions being made. Make sure you clear whatever it is you want to do with the people your plans will affect. 5 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You have grace and sophistication and are caring and affectionate. You are intuitive, talented and a gifted speaker. You can hold a grudge.

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## HOCKEY

# Three's a charm

Notre Dame hockey ranked No. 3 in the USA Today preseason college hockey poll

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Editor

The USA Today released its Preseason College Hockey Poll Monday and for the second straight year Notre Dame is ranked in the top 10. The Irish picked up the No. 3 spot in 2008, behind defending national champion Boston College and Michigan.

Notre Dame finished the 2007-08 season ranked No. 3 after an unexpected run to the National Championship game before losing to the Eagles in Denver.

"Based on our finish in the Frozen Four and that we only lost four guys in our lineup, I figured that people would look at us as a team that should be up there," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

Jackson is entering his fourth year as head coach at Notre Dame and has led his team to back-to-back preseason rank-

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Irish junior right wing Ryan Thang, left, skates with the puck during Notre Dame's 4-2 loss to Boston College in the NCAA national championship game on April 12.

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

# Shamrocks and Lions face off

By TIM LANG, BOBBY GRAHAM AND SAM WERNER  
Sports Writers

While their enthusiasm to open the season has not been dampened, the lousy weather and persistent rain have thrown a wrench into the preparation of both the Shamrocks and Lions, who are prepared to square off at Riehle Fields tonight at 7 p.m.

While McGlenn senior captain Sarah deGroot expects the Shamrocks to gel as the game progresses, she did not downplay the effect the weather has had on getting ready for this match.

"It has been kind of unfortunate because we have had three practices rained out," deGroot said. "However, I fully

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## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Controversial penalty gives Sorin second chance and win

By DOUGLAS FARMER, KYLE SMITH, CHARLIE SPOKES, LIZA NAVARRO, ALEX WEST AND MATTHEW WILSEY  
Sports Writers

Sorin started its season off right with a win on Sunday — in part because of a controversial roughing the kicker penalty late in its 8-6 win over Fisher.

The tough Green Wave defense held Sorin scoreless for most of the game, but Otters quarterback Casey McGushin heaved a fourth-and-goal

prayer from the nineteen-yard line that receiver Jon Beckerle somehow managed to pull in over a Fisher defender, tying the game at 6-6.

Beckerle gave the Otters their first lead of the game when his one-and-a-half yard quarterback sneak for the two-point conversion.

On the ensuing point after attempt, Fisher lineman Steve Botsman broke through the line and blocked the kick. In the process, as Botsman ran through his block, he also ran through the Sorin kicker, eliciting a roughing the kicker call by head official Don Zion.

Fisher coach John Donovan demanded an explanation, as he felt Botsman was simply continuing the play. Donovan said Zion gave "no explanation whatsoever as to why the penalty call was made."

Both teams had stout, swarming defenses and unproductive, sloppy offenses in the first quarter. But as halftime approached, Beckerle threw an interception, which was returned to Sorin 31-yard line. On the next play, Fisher quarterback Mike

McMahon took a draw straight up the middle and eluded a few Otter tacklers en route to the game's first touchdown.

A botched snap cost the Green Wave the extra point, but Fisher emotions and hopes were high heading into halftime.

The third quarter resembled the first, with a missed Green Wave field goal the only possible points.

The drive of the game came late in the fourth quarter, which was highlighted by a 49-yard pass from Beckerle to the Fisher 30-yard line. Sorin

worked its way to the six-yard line where it had a first-and-goal. However, an incomplete pass, a run for no-gain and a holding penalty forced the Otters back to third-and-goal from the 19.

Beckerle threw another ball to the front of the end zone, but the Fisher defense broke it up. With one last chance, Beckerle put a ball he described as "not pretty," but McGushin still was able to make the play, knotting the score at six.

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## MEN'S GOLF

# Scodro finishes sixth overall



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Sophomore Dustin Zhang takes a shot at the Notre Dame Spring Invitational on April 5.

By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer

Freshman Max Scodro's second-round 67 led the Notre Dame 'B' squad at the John Dallio Memorial Tournament in Lemont, Ill. The DePaul University-hosted tournament was played at the par 72, 6898-yard Ruffled Feathers Golf Club and featured 15 teams in competition.

The Irish contingent was scored as individuals in the event, with five young members of the team competing. Scodro tied for the tournament

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

# Farley blanks Walsh with solid QB play

By KELLEN MATHERS, MOLLY SAMMON, SHANE STEINBURG, CHRIS MASOUD and NATHANIEL LEE  
Sports Writers

In a dazzling offensive display, Farley quarterback Emily Murphy threw three touchdowns to help the Finest start their season off with a 26-0 win over Walsh.

"We had an awesome offensive and defensive game, we

were pretty solid on both sides of the field," said Farley senior captain Jenny Rolfs.

Farley drove down the field using a combination of short passes and runs to open up the passing game downfield. On Farley's third drive of the game, Murphy connected with a receiver on a deep fade down the left sideline to put Farley up 20-0 and put the Finest in control for the rest of the game.

Farley's defense held up their

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Due to technical difficulties with the company that prints our newspaper, Monday's paper did not contain our usual four-page postgame football section. It is in today's paper. We apologize for its absence on Monday.

— Chris Hine, Editor-in-Chief