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Mystery, faith surround Opus Dei

Editor's Note: This is the first article in a two-part series exploring South Bend's Opus Dei community.

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

The DaVinci Code, the controversial American novel that has topped best-seller lists for well over a year, has stirred conversation and controversy about Christian history and theology, generating particular interest in an organization that several Notre Dame students and faculty belong to — Opus Dei.

In casting the novel's villain as an Opus Dei member, author Dan Brown heaped more confusion onto the lay organization whose publicity in the last several years has spanned the

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Opus Dei members gather for dinner on a recent evening at Windmoor, the men's center on Notre Dame Avenue. Members meet often at centers for spiritual guidance.

GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

ND to offer limited flu shot supply

Nationwide concerns lead to revised plan

By KATIE PERRY and CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writers

In light of the severity of the nationwide flu vaccine shortage, Notre Dame has decided to only offer vaccinations to high-risk individuals — reversing a previous plan to also vaccinate the general population of students on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Although students were informed through an Oct. 13 e-mail from Health Services director Ann Kleva that shots would be available, the University realized it could not in good conscience offer vaccinations to healthy students when the national community is strapped to cover all high-risk individuals, said University spokesman Matt Storin.

The initial plan was a "natural reflex" on the part of Health Services to follow its mission of providing care to students, Storin said, but was changed once Notre Dame officials had a chance to fully absorb the importance of the Centers For Disease Control guidelines about who is eligible to receive shots from the nation's dwindling supply.

"When we gained a full cognizance of the guidelines, we realized our program was too generous," Storin said. "Every instance [of vaccination] that goes outside those guidelines takes away from those [high-

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String of fires plagues Castle Point complex



Photo courtesy of www.castle-point.com

Three recent fires at Castle Point, a popular student housing complex, caused damages and sparked investigations.

Officials investigate arson as a cause

By KATE ANTONACCI and CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writers

Three recent fires at Castle Point Apartments have left authorities searching for answers, after four Notre Dame seniors were left with an unlivable apartment and other areas of the complex were badly damaged by smoke.

While two of the fires were minor — flaring in trash cans in separate community laundry rooms the nights of Oct. 11 and 12 — the third fire, which occurred the afternoon of Oct. 14, did significant damage to several apartments, according to Clay Township Fire Chief Tim

Schabbel.

The first two fires have been classified as suspicious, and the third is under open investigation, Schabbel said.

"We haven't eliminated any possibilities," he said, adding the possibilities include arson, other suspicious activity or an accident.

Authorities including Clay Fire Marshal Dave Cherrone, the office of the Indiana state fire marshal and the office of the St. Joseph County sheriff are piecing together the details of the fires through interviews and lab investigation, Schabbel said.

It could not be determined whether the same party was

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CAMPAIGN 2004

ND participation spikes as election day nears

Students campaign in Michigan, South Bend

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Although voter registration deadlines have passed, politically-active students are working hard before the election to get out the vote, both in South Bend and in swing states with local borders.

Approximately 40 members of the College Democrats from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross traveled Sunday to campaign for Senator John Kerry in Battle Creek, Mich., a key area in a swing state with 17 electoral

votes.

"The Battle Creek rally was a big success," said Sarah Staley, president of Saint Mary's College Democrats. "We went door-to-door for about three hours, offering people literature and asking if they might need help in getting to the polls on Election Day ... Face-to-face contact really drives home the importance of the election, and hopefully, our work on Sunday will influence a few more people to get out to vote on Nov. 2."

Colin Taylor, Notre Dame

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Student Terriss Conterato votes in Tuesday's mock presidential election sponsored by various campus media groups.

Mock election gauges students' views

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

With the presidential election less than a week away, the Notre Dame campus will have the chance to see where students stand on the candidates in Tuesday's Mock Election.

Several student media groups will sponsor the event, including NDTV, WFVI, WSND and Scholastic magazine. Results and election statistics will be released

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INSIDE COLUMN

Are you serious?

If this was your reaction after the infamously cursed Boston Red Sox advanced to the World Series, you're not alone.

Not only did the Red Sox advance to the World Series, they did it against the New York Yankees and after being down 0-3 in a best of seven series.

Steve Coyer

Sports Wire Editor

No baseball team had ever come back from such a deficit and for the Red Sox to do it defied all odds. I could go on about the details of the monumental upset but you can find out about that in any sports page or on ESPN.com.

So rather than tell you what happened to the Red Sox, I'm going to take a stab at explaining the bizarre phenomenon.

My theory begins with a key assumption. It is that the Red Sox indeed are a cursed team. After trading Babe Ruth to the Yankees, the team has yet to win a World Series even after coming painfully close.

The Red Sox still have to win the World Series to break the curse but this team has all the ingredients to shatter the curse forever.

Where do I start? One of the keys to breaking the curse comes from a friend of Pedro Martinez. The Boston pitcher has been seen with a midget sidekick who Martinez believes has magical powers...apparently his little friend does.

And what about Johnny Damon and his caveman long hair that has been a constant throughout the playoffs. Damon called the Red Sox a "bunch of idiots" and this characteristic has been vital to the team's curse busting efforts.

Besides being idiots, the Red Sox could also be characterized as lazy and not the most cleaner cut bunch. Manny Ramirez jogs to first on singles and Kevin Millar had a three inch long beard extending from his chin.

Even their manager Terry Francona admits that team resembles a college fraternity.

And this is the central point of my theory; the Red Sox aren't serious. They are overcoming an 86 year old curse and defeating far more polished and professional teams (like the Yankees).

Whether it is due to Pedro Martinez's friend, the team's unique facial hair, or simply a lack of seriousness, I can't say, but I do know that whatever they are doing it has worked.

Don't get me wrong, the Red Sox are a very talented baseball team but their many quirks have given them an extra boost this season.

And if said "are you serious?" while watching the Red Sox surprise the world, I think I know how the team might respond...

No, we definitely are not serious.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Steve Coyer at scoyer@nd.edu

CLARIFICATION

In the Oct. 25 In Focus: Election 2004 issue of The Observer, the information on page 8 explaining the candidates' stances on various issues was not attributed due to a production error. The information was provided by The Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU FROM A SWING STATE AND WILL YOU BE VOTING?



Lindsay Wright
freshman
McGlinn

"I don't live in a swing state. I'm from Texas."



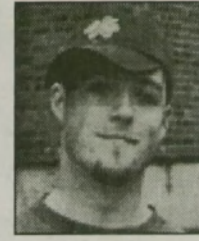
Rachel Jurowski
sophomore
Pangborn

"Well, Arizona is back and forth, but I am planning on voting."



Andy Mackrell
freshman
Dillon

"Yeah [I'm from] Pennsylvania and I just dropped my ballot in the mail."



Brendan Donahue
freshman
Dillon

"Well, I live in Massachusetts, so voting Republican won't make much of a difference."



Suzle Perea
senior
off-campus

"Yes, [I'm from] Pennsylvania, and I already did vote."



Kyle Karches
freshman
Keough

"Yes, I live in Ohio and I am definitely voting."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Students met Tuesday in the Center for Social Concerns to receive information about joining the Peace Corps after graduation. This is an option many students opt for upon learning the benefits they will receive.

IN BRIEF

The Student Union Board presents **Okdomerfest** tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. at Legends. Free German Chocolate cake and \$2.75 Brautwurst with sauerkraut will be served, as well as German drink specials for those 21 and over. Live music will be provided by the Strudel Meisters German polka group from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

An informational meeting for **Camp Kesem**, a week-long summer camp for children with a parent who has or had cancer. The camp is organized by Notre Dame students, and the meeting will be held tonight from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in the CSC Auditorium.

Professor William O'Rourke, Janet McNally and Jayne Marek from Notre Dame's Creative Writing Program will read selections from their work from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight at Lula's Cafe, at 1631 Edison Road in South Bend.

Notre Dame alumni who majored in history will talk about their experiences and career opportunities Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. in room G-20 Flanner Hall. All Arts and Letters Majors are welcome. The discussion is sponsored by the History Club, History Department and the Career Center.

JACKED! The Halloween Dance will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday night on the second floor of the LaFortune ballroom.

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

OFFBEAT

Welcome home party not so welcome

DALLAS — A judge welcomed a former fugitive back to her courtroom with balloons, streamers and a cake before sentencing him to life in prison.

"You just made my day when I heard you had finally come home," Judge Faith Johnson told Billy Wayne Williams, who had been convicted in absentia of aggravated assault after he disappeared a year ago. "We're so excited to see you, we're throwing a party for you."

Williams, 53, who has a criminal record dating to

the 1970s, was accused of choking his girlfriend. He failed to appear for his trial last November and was finally captured Thursday at a gas station in suburban Arlington.

Before he was brought into the courtroom on Monday, the judge directed staff members as they placed balloons around the courtroom. A cake was decorated with his name and one candle to signify the year he spent on the lam.

Man smuggling birds released from hospital
BRUSSELS, Belgium — A

Thai man who tried to smuggle into Belgium two small eagles infected with the deadly bird flu virus was undergoing medical tests Sunday, but appeared to be in good health, officials said.

Authorities detained the man after a manhunt, and took him to a hospital in the northern port city of Antwerp.

"It's precautionary. He hasn't complained of any symptoms," Rene Snacken of the Public Health Institute told RTBF television.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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	HIGH 62 LOW 50	HIGH 60 LOW 48	HIGH 65 LOW 53	HIGH 71 LOW 55	HIGH 62 LOW 47	HIGH 66 LOW 49

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Panel discusses U.S. foreign policy in African countries

By JEANNINE PRIVAT
News Writer

A range of speakers addressed various issues concerning the relationship between the United States and Africa in an "Africa, Trade, Debt & the U.S. Presidential Elections" panel Tuesday evening.

The first speaker, Brian Davis, the Midwest Field Coordinator for Debt Aids Trade Africa (DATA), analyzed the Bush administration's actions with regard to Africa. Davis said that as Africa has grown in importance with regard to the United States' foreign policy, presidents have been more willing to pass legislation and discuss African issues.

President George W. Bush has done more than any other president to aid and address African issues, according to Davis, with initiatives like PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) and the Millennium Challenge established in March 2002.

However, Davis added that even though the Bush administration has done this, it has not given its initiatives high importance. While the administration aimed to spend \$5 billion per year by 2006 for the Millennium Challenge, this year's budget has allocated a mere \$1.12 billion. And though Bush has spent more than any other leader, with regard to relief aid as a percentage of a nation's wealth, Davis said the United States "ranks dead last in the wealthiest 22 countries."

Father Robert Dowd, assistant

professor of political science, said the kind of attention paid to Africa is more important than the amount of attention. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the administration has focused more on Africa, because some in the administration have come to view Africa as "a potential breeding ground for terrorism," Dowd said.

He also emphasized the importance of fair and free trade, as well as commended the African Growth and Opportunity Act and Millennium Challenge Act. However, Dowd was wary concerning the strengthening of militaries and police forces through aid in certain African countries.

"If these [military and police] initiatives focused on consolidated democracies, that would be one thing, but they're not," he said.

Dowd said he would be "concerned about a second Bush administration without Colin Powell," who Dowd views as the strongest advocate for African issues within the current administration. Dowd stated that he believed it is important to look at who will be in the prospective administrations surrounding the victor on Nov. 2.

Isaac S. D. Lappia, an M. A. student in Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and former director for Amnesty International Sierra Leone, focused on three key issues: the death penalty, the small arms trade and the ICC. Lappia spoke of "the blind following" by many African countries of the United States and their policies.

With regard to the death penalty, Lappia said, "as long as



Panelists discuss the evolving role of the Africa continent in U.S. foreign policy and major issues in the U.S.-African relationship at Tuesday's forum.

America continues to kill, they [African countries] will not abolish killing."

While the United States conducts trials for criminal acts and then sentences the guilty to death, in some African countries the death penalty is used to obliterate political opposition, he said.

Lappia also warned of the problems with the United States' policy of small arms trade with African nations, where many small arms find their way into the hands of rebels and guerilla armies. He called for an International Trade Treaty with more strenuous regulations for small arms trading. Lastly, Lappia touched on the topic of the ICC, International Criminal Court. He stated the case of his home country, in

which the United States offered Sierra Leone \$25 million to agree to a bilateral impunity agreement protecting United States nationals from being surrendered by Sierra Leone to the ICC.

"[It was] unfair to use money to buy freedom for Americans," he said.

The last speaker, Dolores T. Connolly, CEO of Sterling Engineering, Inc. and a board member of Concern USA, spoke of the disconnect between Americans and the citizens and problems of the Third World.

"Obesity is our major health problem and I'm here to talk about hunger," she said. With the Millennium Challenge Act the United States signed on to gradually increase aid up to .7 percent

of its GNP in the next couple of years, but is "dragging in this area," according to Connolly. Of the eight Millennium Challenge goals, she emphasized the importance of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and the development of a global partnership for development.

"The Millennium Challenge is building bridges that have never been built before," she said.

Dowd summarized by saying that it is important to stay true to the standards the countries have set.

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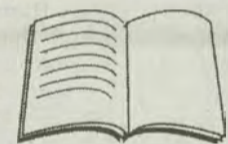
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Volunteer Opportunities

LaSalle Academy

The LaSalle Academy needs tutors Mondays thru Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Students in the gifted and talented educational program need help with tutoring, especially with support, organizational assistance, and encouragement. Contact Vice Principal Otha Reese at 283-7509.

Physical Education with Little Kids

Covenant Christian School needs volunteers to help work with kindergarten and first graders. Volunteers for their physical education developmental program will be needed on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:15-3:00pm. If interested, contact Alicia Albright at 273-1691.

Redistribution of Supplies and Equipment

The Elkhart-St. Joseph Headstart Agency has requested volunteers to help them sort materials at the warehouse. They need help sorting and then redistributing supplies to the new site. If interested, please contact Donna Canter at her home 269-684-5441. You can also email her at retnacdm@aol.com.

Rock the Vote Calendar

October 27

"Whom are you supporting in next week's presidential election and why?"

The Irish Inquisition with Jim McKenna, Christina Wolbrecht and Bill Kirk.

Oak Room in South Dining Hall at 7:30 pm.

Election 2004 Discussion with Father Scully

Stanford Hall at 8:00 pm.

October 28

"What's a Catholic to Do? The Environment, the Economy and Moral Issues in the 2004 Election"

A Faculty Panel including Kristin Shrader-Frechette, Charles Rice and Todd David Whitmore on the diverse issues facing Catholics as they head to the polls on November 2. Sponsored by the program in Catholic Social Teaching.

Montgomery Theatre of LaFortune Student Center at 12:00 pm.

November 2

Election Watch

Join others from the Notre Dame community to watch the incoming election results on the large screen television of the Coleman-Morse lounge. Snacks will be provided.

Coleman-Morse Lounge from 6:00 pm - 12:00 am.

November 4

"Post-Election Analysis: What Really Happened on November 2?"

Panelists include Susan Ohmer (American Studies & FTT), Robert Schmuhl (Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy), David Campbell (Political Science) and Peter Quaranto (CSC's Rock the Vote student coordinator).

Coleman Morse Lounge from 6:30 pm.

Registration for Urban Plunge Ends November 3

Online registration for the Urban Plunge, a one-credit experiential learning course designed to expose students to the sites and sounds of poverty, closes on November 3.

During the 48-hour immersion over January break students will have the opportunity to meet people affected by poverty as well as those working to eradicate it. For information and to apply online, go to <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu>.

ISSLP 2005 Applications Due November 1

Learning agreements and application forms for the International Summer Service Learning Program are available at the Center for Social Concerns. Applications can also be downloaded and printed from website: <http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu>. Please turn in applications to the CSC.

The ISSLP is an 8 week summer service-learning opportunity and academic course THEO 360B: Summer Service Learning: International. Program includes: Travel/Room and Board Expenses, Tuition Scholarship, 4.0 credits in Theology, Preparation and Re-Entry classes. For further questions, please contact Rachel Tomas Morgan at TomasMorgan.2@nd.edu

"America Needs a Change" Rally

Progressive Student Alliance, in collaboration with the College Democrats, Peace Coalition and a number of social action groups, will hold a rally to raise their voices for political, economic and social change in this election season. Free hot chocolate and doughnuts will be served.

When: Wednesday, October 27 at 5:15-6:30 pm

Where: Fieldhouse Mall (next to Stonehenge)

Linguistic expert talks of word choice, gender

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

Robin Tolmach Lakoff, a professor at University of California, Berkeley used her expertise in linguistics to analyze the progress toward equality of opportunity for all people in the United States on Tuesday as part of the fourth Provost Distinguished Women Lecture Series.

Lakoff began her lecture by introducing her basic argument, "redrawing the gender line in the sand" and then by explaining what linguists have to say about social changes.

"Language is the means by which we understand the world and the way we communicate to one another what we believe the world to be like," Lakoff said.

Language, according to Lakoff, serve as a "universal donor" or medium especially with regard to the other social sciences and specifically, gender discussions. Language-based evidence is one way of making sense of social changes, said Lakoff.

"We look at the situation of women in part by words that have come and gone."

"Language is often the clearest way of understanding what is going on, what is working and what isn't working, and we can chart progress by what goes in and out of language," said Lakoff.

She then spoke more specifically on the implications that language has with regard to narratives, the media and the roles that they have played both in the past, present and will play in the future. Lakoff narrowed her focus further and said that "more and more we are reliant on the media to be the medium of story telling" and that then novel TV sitcoms such as "I Love Lucy," gave "additional reinforcement of the post World War II message to tell women to get back home and stay back home."

Lakoff spoke of the changes in academia and her own personal challenges upon entering the academic world with no role models to

guide her in her pursuit of an academic career and how the same situation rang true with regard to law, medicine, and politics.

She talked about the implications of the changes in the roles of women in the 1970s to 1990s and how these women were given more choices, pressures and ambiguities than their mothers had ever encountered. These same women found themselves in time crunches, energy drains and identity crisis and sought to, quite reasonably, blame the women's movement for these situations they found themselves to be unprepared for. "People sometimes turn on the women's movement as the evil genie of all of this," said Lakoff.

Instead, according to Lakoff, they actually "experienced nostalgia for a past that, in fact, had never existed."

Lakoff gave detailed examples of the major changes for women in the 1970's and 1990's, including Roe v. Wade, Ms. Magazine, "Thelma and Louise" and even Hillary Rodham Clinton whose terms as first lady, according to Lakoff, "made a great deal of rethinking about gender roles."

She concluded by showing the redrawing of the line in the present and illustrated this with examples such as Martha Stewart being sent to prison, the attitude toward Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction," and the media treatment of Teresa Heinz Kerry.

Lakoff then left the audience with three unresolved questions relating to the present understanding of role-sharing in couples, equality between the sexes and finally, the implications of starting off at a "lower level."

The goal of the lecture series was established in order to create a number of small and large settings for faculty, staff, students and the community members to interact around some interesting topics, this one being the so called "gender line."

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Vaccine

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risk] people."

Health Services will offer shots to Notre Dame's high-risk individuals — defined as students and employees with chronic health conditions including diabetes, asthma or acute allergies, organ transplant donors and recipients, pregnant women, immunosuppressed individuals and University employees and retirees over the age of 65 — Thursday at the Joyce Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Employees supplying direct patient care to a chronically ill person are also eligible.

All these individuals will likely receive the vaccination, Storin said.

"Even though we have decreased the supply we originally had in hand, we feel we have adequate vaccines to handle the high-risk needs," he said.

The vaccines were obtained from a reputable, independent supplier in the Midwest, which asked that the University withhold its name because it cannot

handle heavy phone traffic, Storin said.

The nationwide shortage was prompted by the suspension of the manufacturing license of the Chiron Corporation, a major flu vaccine provider. In response to the insufficient supply, both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's placed strict limitations on who could receive the shot. In past years, the two schools made flu shots available to any student or staff person desiring them.

Storin said he was unaware of problems at Notre Dame in the past, as major national shortages are rare.

French drug manufacturer Aventis-Pasteur announced last Wednesday that it has located an additional 2.6 million doses of the vaccine, which it will deliver to the United States this January. This addition to the dwindling U.S. stockpile leaves the country with 54 million doses, much lower than the 100 million doses needed to satisfy American demand, according to news reports from CNN.

Despite these recent developments, Storin said he does not believe the University will receive any additional vac-

cines.

"We expect that any increase in supply later in the flu season will be directed to clinics and other facilities that particularly have high-risk populations to serve; we do not think colleges and universities will be among those that receive the added supplies," he said.

A supply of FluMist — an alternative, intranasal influenza vaccination — will be made available at a cost to the remaining University population in early November, according to Storin. Produced by MedImmune, a California-based drug manufacturer, supplies of FluMist will be limited and require payment of a fee by the vaccine recipient. MedImmune will supply 1 to 2 million doses of its vaccine to the American public.

Storin was unsure whether the FluMist supply would meet the demand of the Notre Dame community.

"We will have a limited supply but we are hopeful it will be adequate for those who want the FluMist," Storin said.

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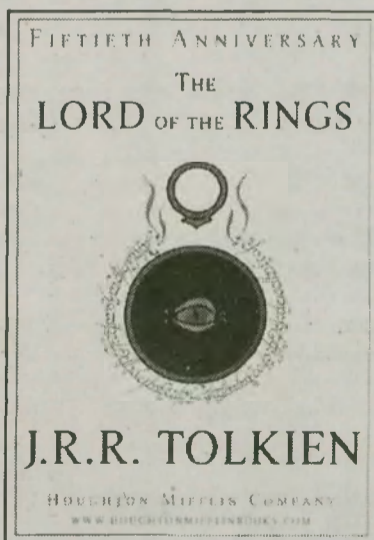
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Amnesty calls for U.S. investigation

LONDON — Amnesty International on Wednesday renewed its call for the United States to set up an independent investigation of the abuse of prisoners in Afghanistan, at Guantanamo Bay and at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

The organization denied it was seeking to influence the U.S. presidential election with its 200-page report, but expressed disappointment the issue had not been prominent in the campaign.

"We feel that this is the last chance to get it on the agenda of the candidates," Amnesty International spokeswoman Theresa Richardson said in London.

Richardson added that six months had passed since the photographs of Iraqi prisoners being humiliated at the Abu Ghraib were first shown on U.S. television. "It's taken this long for us to pull this report together," she said.

India unsure of Kashmir proposal

NEW DELHI — One day after Pakistan's president proposed a demilitarization of the violence-racked Himalayan region of Kashmir, India's response was notably lukewarm, with an official making clear the proposal should not have been made first to reporters.

Refusing to comment on the substance of the proposals, presented to journalists Monday by Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said they should have been raised through diplomatic channels.

NATIONAL NEWS

Texas execution reprieve lifted

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A federal appeals court Tuesday lifted a reprieve that had blocked the scheduled execution of a man in a 1992 murder case in which the troubled Houston police crime lab allegedly mishandled evidence.

Lawyers for condemned inmate Dominique Green went to the Supreme Court to try to save his life before he's set to die by injection Tuesday evening.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas had blocked Green's execution after his attorneys argued that boxes of improperly stored and catalogued evidence kept by the Houston crime lab and recently discovered could contain information relevant to the case.

U.S. supports Israeli withdrawal plan

WASHINGTON — The White House praised the Israeli parliament's approval of removing settlements from Gaza and part of the West Bank as a step forward in peacemaking with the Palestinians.

"This disengagement plan has the potential of being historic and we see it as an important step in fulfilling President Bush's vision of two states living side-by-side in peace and security," White House spokesman Trent Duffy said in Dubuque, Iowa, where the president was campaigning.

Approval by the Knesset, or parliament, came in Jerusalem after a stormy debate between supporters of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and critics of the pullback.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana polls indicate close race

INDIANAPOLIS — Two statewide polls show the governor's race between Democratic incumbent Joe Kernan and Republican challenger Mitch Daniels remains tight one week before Election Day.

A South Bend Tribune/WBSB poll released Tuesday showed the race about even.

Forty-eight percent of respondents said they would likely vote for Daniels if the election were held that day, while 45 percent said they were more likely to vote for Kernan.

Karzai wins Afghan presidency

Interim leader declared official victor of country's first democratic election

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — More than two weeks after Afghanistan's first presidential election, vote counting wrapped up Tuesday and interim leader Hamid Karzai emerged with a resounding victory.

With his inauguration to a five-year term a month away, the U.S.-backed Karzai already is under pressure to ditch his coalition with powerful warlords and tackle a booming narcotics industry that has become a major economic force in one of the world's poorest nations.

Officials declared the vote count complete Tuesday afternoon, giving some 1,500 weary staff at eight counting centers a well-earned rest in the middle of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan. Investigators were still examining about 100 suspect ballot boxes, but the election's chief technical officer said the count was effectively "over and done."

"It's just these last dribs and drabs to be approved," David Avery told The Associated Press. "It's really nothing that can affect the outcome."

Showing 98.4 percent of the votes counted, the Web site of the U.N.-Afghan election commission said Karzai had 55.5 percent of the votes, 39 points ahead of his closest rival, former Education Minister Yunus Qanooni.

An estimated 8.2 million ballots were cast in the historic vote Oct. 9, a turnout that U.S. and Afghan officials hailed as a nail in the coffin of the former ruling Taliban, whose threats to disrupt the election proved hollow.

Karzai, 47, a member of the Pashtun community, the largest ethnic group in this diverse and often divided country, portrayed himself as the best candidate to weld a unified Afghanistan.

He also promised to double the income of Afghans



Women pass in front of a poster of Hamid Karzai in Kabul on Tuesday. Karzai, the country's U.S.-backed interim leader, was declared the winner of Afghanistan's first presidential election.

and pursue a reformist agenda that can finally begin to deliver basic services such as health and education to people impoverished by a quarter-century of fighting.

So far, the country's re-emergence — cities such as Kabul and Kandahar are in the grip of a real estate boom — appears to be founded more on lucrative drug exports than the legal economy.

Under pressure from the United States, Karzai is expected to announce a crackdown on refiners and traffickers who use Afghan opium poppies to supply most of the world's heroin.

"His mind is made up to do something, finally," a Western official who advises the Afghan government

on counternarcotics policy said on condition of anonymity. "They know that this government will not survive if they don't take action."

Karzai must deal with the opium traffickers at the same time he grapples with regional leaders who still control much of the country with the help of private militias that have so far escaped a U.N.-sponsored disarmament drive.

Francesc Vendrell, the European Union's special representative, said Karzai took an important step before the election by excluding Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim, a powerful warlord, from his presidential ticket and then sidelining the most influential warlord in western

Afghanistan, Ismail Khan.

"He's now got a mandate to have a reformist government," Vendrell told British Broadcasting Corp. radio, adding that the United States and European nations would support his efforts.

Election officials said formal confirmation of Karzai's victory could come by the weekend, when investigations into irregularities were expected to be complete and the election ruled "free and fair."

Karzai would then have until his swearing-in in late November to think about how to reorganize his Cabinet, which now contains a string of former militia leaders who helped the United States drive out the Taliban in late 2001.

Sniper sentenced to life in prison

Associated Press

SPOTSYLVANIA, Va. — Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo accepted a deal Tuesday in which he avoided the death penalty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole for one of 10 slayings that terrorized the Washington area in October 2002.

Malvo, 19, is already serving a life sentence for another one of the killings, and dropped his appeals of that conviction in connection with Tuesday's plea bargain.

Malvo could still face a death penalty prosecution for other slayings.

Malvo was sentenced Tuesday for the Oct. 11, 2002, killing of businessman Kenneth Bridges. Under the plea deal, he also received an additional life sentence for the shooting of Caroline Seawell on Oct. 4, 2002. She recovered from her wounds.

Malvo's guilty plea took the form of an Alford plea, in which Malvo did not admit factual guilt but acknowledged the government has sufficient evidence to convict him. He cannot appeal the sentence.

Malvo declined to make a statement before he was sentenced.

Spotsylvania Commonwealth's Attorney William Neely said he

consulted with the victims' families and they supported the plea bargain.

"He's spending the rest of his life in a maximum security prison where he'll be locked down 23 hours a day, seven days a week for the rest of his life," Neely said.

Malvo was convicted last year and sentenced to life in prison for the Oct. 14, 2002, murder of FBI analyst Linda Franklin, one of the sniper killings over a three-week span in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. His accomplice, John Allen Muhammad, is on Virginia's death row for one of the slayings.

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Thursday.

According to Melinda Leonard, an NDTV news producer, the mock election is designed to produce as accurate a demographic picture of the student body as possible. "The turnout at other campus events has been slightly skewed to a particular party, so we are hoping that this will provide an accurate picture of the student body's political leanings," Leonard said.

Bob Franken, student print media coordinator, said the election also acts as a type of poll.

"It's as much of a survey as it is an election," Franken said.

"We're going to try to gauge political sentiment on campus."

In order to make the election as representative of Notre Dame as possible, the ballot does not mirror that of any one state.

"We didn't just want to replicate the Indiana ballot, since this is a national university," Franken said. "Nader, Bush and Kerry had to be on the ballot, and we added Libertarian candidate Michael Badnarik, since he is on most ballots across the nation."

In addition to presidential candidates, the ballot also included questions on graduating class, gender and college. These results will be compared with voting preference and sorted for trends.

"We're going to determine if there are any patterns of voting based on gender, college and

[graduating] class," Leonard said.

While not the first student run election on campus, this year's mock election was the first one run in recent years.

"We had a student media retreat with all of the organizations, and we were brainstorming ideas of things we could all do together, and everyone thought this was a natural thing to do," Franken said. "Student media Franken said the event, considering how much real media is involved in polling and election coverage."

Student reaction to the mock election was mixed. Many students felt that the election would not produce a true reflection of political opinion at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame law student Tom Mitchell supported the election but questioned the forthcoming

results.

"I'm not sure that the people voting in the mock election are representative of voters as a whole. The willingness to go vote in a mock election is already self selecting for people with a much greater level of political participation," Mitchell said. "I think it's a good idea, I just have some reservations about it."

Sophomore Patrick Wood expressed a similar concern about the success of the mock election.

"I think most people here are too apathetic, even in this election, to get involved," he said.

Laurie McFadden, coordinator of broadcast media, agreed in part with the student concerns on apathy, citing voter apathy as the biggest problem.

"I think that the freshman reading assignment [The Vanishing Voter] is a good description of what's happening here," she said.

Other students said they felt the mock election would increase political interest on campus.

Junior Tyler Wilson said the sight of students voting would help encourage others to cast a vote.

"I think it will show that the students at Notre Dame do care about national elections, and they should go along with their peers and participate ... hopefully, it will motivate students to really show an interest in this election."

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Fires

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responsible for all three fires, he said.

Although the first two fires extinguished themselves, the Clay Fire Department responded to all three incidents and followed protocol of evacuating residents from their apartments each time, Schabbert said. He was unsure whether the complex was filled to capacity at the time of the fires.

Omar Zidan, manager of Castle Point, said complex management immediately took precautionary measures following the third fire. Castle Point ownership switched hands in September when brothers Raed and Hani Zidan purchased the complex. Owners were unavailable for comment. "We put three smoke detectors in each hallway," Omar Zidan said. "We put smoke detectors in all the laundry rooms and secured them with locks. Only residents can enter."

He added that four security guards now patrol the property instead of one. According to Omar Zidan, residents have not expressed unease or anxiety about living in Castle Point.

"Because of the new ownership, the residents feel better. The old [owner] didn't put in smoke detectors," he said. "The residents were really happy and thanked us for moving everyone into corporate units, helping them until 3 o'clock in the morning and not just sending them to find a room

in a hotel." Seniors Lauren Kinsman, Carrie Lett, Molly Welch and Steph Giannetto were hit especially hard by the third fire, which occurred at about 3:30 pm on Oct. 14.

"Our apartment suffered significant smoke damage. Structural damage included a handful of walls and part of the ceiling," said Welch. "Some rooms are obviously worse than others with black walls, blistered paint and holes made in the efforts to stop the fire before it spread through the attic and into other units in the building."

Castle Point authorities stepped in to help the students, Welch said, allowing them to move to another unit within the complex and assisting with expenses.

"Castle Point is being very helpful. They paid to clean our clothes, mattresses and couches and have helped us move our stuff to the new apartment," she said. "Under the terms of the lease that we signed, Castle Point did not have a responsibility to do any of the above."

Castle Point has made an effort to deal with the damage caused by the fires, Omar Zidan said. An outside contractor — a disaster restoration specialist firm called First Response Inc. — was contacted to provide fire restoration. Welch said following the third fire, owners circulated flyers to every unit offering a \$15,000 reward for information about a possible cause.

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Campaign

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College Democrats co-president, stressed the importance of person-to-person campaigning, citing a Harvard study that showed door-to-door canvassing to be the most effective means of persuading registered voters to vote.

Taylor mentioned two other trips the College Democrats plan to take before the election next Tuesday.

"We're taking a final campaign road trip to Toledo, a group of about 30 of us, to do general last-minute canvassing and phone-banking."

Notre Dame College Democrats will also volunteer in Benton Harbor, Mich. on Election Day to get out the vote for Kerry. In addition, the College Democrats will hold a rally with other progressive student groups at 5:15 p.m. today on Fieldhouse Mall.

College Republicans have been

actively campaigning for President Bush as well as for local Republican candidates, including a door-to-door "precinct walk" for 2nd District Congressman Chris Chocola in South Bend Sunday. Chocola faces a tight race with Democratic challenger Joe Donnelly.

"We passed out campaign literature and it had information about why Congressman Chris Chocola would be good for the 2nd District," said Ian Ronderos, College Republicans co-president. "It had a very good response."

In addition to local precincts, the Republicans will also target more traditional Democratic neighborhoods to help improve turnout for Chocola.

"This week we're doing a bus tour with Congressman Chris Chocola down to traditionally democratic Kokomo, to do 72-hour campaigning," said Tom Rippinger, College Republicans co-president.

College Republicans will also canvass in the Republican

stronghold of Granger this weekend to make sure that registered voters turnout. Members plan to work at the campaign headquarters of Chocola and gubernatorial candidate Mitch Daniels on Election Day, Rippinger said.

Rock the Vote will also keep active through Nov. 2, according to student coordinator Peter Quaranto.

"Now that registration deadlines have passed, the goals of Rock the Vote have shifted to getting out the vote and providing events to promote informed citizenship," said Quaranto.

To help ensure that registered students vote, Rock the Vote is sponsoring a campus-wide competition that will award the petition with the largest percentage of voting residents a \$250 gift certificate to Best Buy.

The organization will also be sponsoring an Election Watch in the Coleman-Morse lounge from 6 p.m. to midnight on Nov. 2.

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IN BRIEF

Hotels refuse to end lockout

SAN FRANCISCO — Faced with an ultimatum from the mayor, 14 San Francisco hotels refused Tuesday to end their four-week lockout of unionized employees.

"We respectfully decline the mayor's request for a 90-day cooling-off period," said Cornell Fowler, a spokesman for the hotel operators.

Mayor Gavin Newsom on Monday threatened to call for a boycott of the hotels if they did not agree to allow the 4,000 bellhops, maids, cooks and other workers to return to their jobs while contract talks continue.

Warning that the dispute was tarnishing the city's image and hurting its workers, Newsom said he would join the hotel workers on the picket lines and encourage mayors in other cities to play hardball with the properties' corporate owners.

He made good on the vow Tuesday, showing up for a half hour at the posh St. Francis Hotel, where he reiterated his plan to prevent the city from doing business with the hotels. He said he personally won't attend functions there, either.

Attorney general questions Anthem

PHILADELPHIA — Anthem Inc. received a subpoena Monday from Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, who is seeking information from the health insurer about commissions and bonuses.

"It just lays out some standard questions about commission and bonus structure," Anthem spokesman James Kappel told Dow Jones Newswires on Tuesday. "We plan to comply with the request for information."

The subpoena was the first that the Indianapolis company has received from Connecticut's attorney general or any state official investigating the insurance industry, he said.

Anthem did not issue a formal release on the subpoena or file a notification with the Securities and Exchange Commission, he said, because "it's not a material event for the company." Kappel had no further comment on the request for information.

Anthem, the nation's fourth-largest publicly traded managed-care company, operates Blue Cross and Blue Shield health plans in several states.

Firms to submit voting software

Computer scientists remain concerned about integrity of upcoming election

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The nation's largest voting machine companies are submitting millions of lines of code to the National Software Reference Library to address sharp criticism from computer scientists about the secret software used in elections.

But executives at the voting machine makers said Tuesday they would not submit their most valuable data — their proprietary source code. And they might not provide the library with copies of software patches, updates and upgrades.

Computer scientists said the conciliatory gesture wouldn't help ensure the integrity of next week's presidential election, when as many as 29 million Americans will cast electronic ballots. Some researchers worry that hackers, software bugs, ill-trained poll workers or power outages could intentionally or accidentally erase or alter voting data.

"This is a step in the right direction," said Doug Jones, associate professor at the University of Iowa's computer science department. "I just wish these steps had been taken earlier. I say hooray, but it's a long-term benefit with some pretty glaring caveats."

Executives from the largest equipment makers in the United States — Election Systems & Software, Sequoia Voting Systems, Diebold Election Systems and Hart InterCivic — announced Tuesday that they had already submitted many versions of the software that will be used to tally votes next week. The library, run by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, also holds proprietary code from Microsoft Corp., Oracle Corp. and other technology giants.

Executives acted at the request of the U.S. Election



A Delray Beach, Fla. woman examines a model of the electronic voting machines that will be used in Florida's general election on Nov. 2.

Assistance Commission, a year-old federal agency created through the Help America Vote Act.

EAC Chairman DeForest Soaries Jr. acknowledged that the data was far from complete. But he said the companies' ongoing submissions could eventually make election software more transparent to computer scientists, who want "open source" voting software that can be independently inspected.

Scientists were pessimistic, noting that hackers could delete ballots on a particular machine without any worries that the library archives would foil them. No technology on the market today allows an election official to check

software code that's already been installed and used on an individual voting machine and compare it to the software code stored in the library, noted library director Barbara Guttman.

Avi Rubin, technical director of the Information Security Institute of Johns Hopkins University, called the program "meaningless."

"At a high level, this plan sounds good," Rubin said. "It reminds me of when people take security measures simply for appearance's sake — to make you feel better. But it's not adding any real security."

The big vendors and a smaller company, Avante International Technology,

said the archive now contains significant parts of the code to be used Nov. 2 in Florida, California, Georgia, Maryland, Delaware, New Mexico and Nevada. They also submitted voter-tallying software and other "election management" programs.

All the software in the library has been certified by independent testing authorities. Many states require such certification before running the programs in actual elections.

Mark Radke, a marketing director at Diebold, said data storage "should provide substantial assurance to the voting public that their vote is accurately and securely tabulated."

ATA files for bankruptcy protection

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — ATA Airlines Inc., the nation's 10th-largest airline, filed for bankruptcy protection Tuesday, becoming the latest U.S. airline tripped up by rising fuel costs and fare wars.

ATA sold off airport slots and other assets to AirTran Airways Inc. for \$87.6 million but said it plans to honor tickets and maintain its full flight schedule.

The Orlando, Fla.-based AirTran Holdings Inc. will assume ATA's flight operations, gate leases and routes at Chicago Midway Airport and arrival and departure slots at New York's LaGuardia Airport and

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

The deal is subject to approvals by the bankruptcy court and other entities and is expected to take effect by early next year, ATA officials said.

"We will recreate ATA as a formidable, low-cost carrier," founder and chief executive George Mikelsons said Tuesday.

ATA on Monday named an executive to oversee the restructuring of the discount carrier's mounting debt.

ATA's announcement came amid speculation that Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-largest airline, would win \$1 billion in concessions from its pilots and avoid bankruptcy.

Delta is expected to decide by Wednesday whether to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The ATA filing under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code came as the Indianapolis-based airline, whose parent company is ATA Holdings Corp., faces sharply lower demand for military charter flights, in addition to the soaring fuel costs and fare wars. ATA also is saddled with millions of dollars in debt from new aircraft purchases.

The value of the company plummeted 36 percent Tuesday, its stock closing at 93 cents a share, down 53 cents, on the Nasdaq stock exchange. The stock had hit a 52-week high of \$13.31 on Feb. 2.

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extremes, from the canonization of its founder in 2002 to the arrest of member Robert Hanssen, the FBI-agent turned Russian spy, in 2001.

Brown's descriptions were often inaccurate, including the portrayal of Opus Dei as a monastic order and its exaggeration of corporal mortification practices. The reality is far more complex.

Unbeknownst to many, Notre Dame is one of few universities that has Opus Dei houses, called "centers," near its campus. Windmoor, the men's center, has been on Notre Dame Ave. since 1960. Southold, a women's center, is marking its tenth year in South Bend.

Opus Dei's presence near campus is not well-known, due in part to its small membership that grows slowly through word-of-mouth invitation. In the United States, there are only

3,000 Opus Dei members.

However, activities at both centers attract undergraduates on a weekly basis.

Windmoor director Jeffrey Langan, one of a handful of Opus Dei faculty members at Notre Dame, says the invitation is extended to anyone interested, as the organization is private - but not secretive, a critique alleged by many on the national level.

"We don't hide who we are," Langan said. "But we don't make a big deal of it either."

"The Work"

Opus Dei, Latin for "The Work of God," was founded in Spain in 1928 by St. Josemaria Escriva. Escriva envisioned a way that ordinary lay people could seek holiness in their everyday activities, especially through work.

Members are called upon to live the Opus Dei spirit that Escriva imparted. This is a spirit of prayer, charity, sacrifice and Christian love.

In 1982, the Vatican granted Opus Dei the unique status of a personal prelature, meaning

that it is defined by individuals rather than geographical areas.

Opus Dei is more structured than other lay organizations. Members are classified most generally into two groups: numeraries and supernumeraries. Numeraries are laymen and women who live a celibate and ascetic lifestyle in centers, and give their salary and time to Opus Dei.

Supernumeraries, also lay men and women, live out the Opus Dei spirit through fulfilling their duties to their family, the most important aspect of their Christian lives.

Priests are in a third category, but compose only a small fraction of the membership.

Lay members work in the secular world, but receive strict spiritual direction from Opus Dei. They follow a spiritual routine including daily Mass, rosary, spiritual reading and personal prayer, as well as Opus Dei prayers and customs.

Spiritual formation consists of regular talks with either an Opus Dei priest or center director. Members strive to improve on day-to-day details: personal well-being, such as sleeping habits and relationships, as well as spiritual matters.

Senior Rich Moss, who attended an Opus Dei-sponsored high school and who now lives at Windmoor, said the Opus Dei spirit is relatively simple and straightforward.

"Opus Dei is all about sanctification of work and apostolate," Moss said. "Basically, do what you do on a daily basis for God, and help other people do the same."

Opus Dei in South Bend

Throughout the week, Windmoor opens its doors to many male undergraduates attracted to the spiritual formation and collegiality the center offers.

Friday night meditations draw the largest crowd, usually around 30 students. After Eucharistic adoration and a brief homily, dinner is served. After dinner, a faculty member is often invited to speak to the group on his area of expertise.

Southold, the women's center, is neither as organized nor as well attended, said senior Cara Farr.

She added that the center provides a place for spiritual formation, as well as a longer day of reflection once a month.

While students are often friends with those at the center of the opposite sex, the two centers maintain very little contact in terms of formation.

"[Escriva] wanted men and women to be independent, to have no collaboration," Langan

explained, referring to the spiritual growth of Opus Dei members. "We can be assured that if we are one in the spirit, we are doing the same thing. The priests are meant to be the glue. They are in constant contact with the men and also the women."

The presence of Opus Dei at elite colleges such as Notre Dame is vital to its apostolate mission. Students at such universities - which include Princeton, Harvard, Dartmouth, Columbia and Georgetown - will influence the future through their leadership,

Langan says.

"From universities, you can find people who are the most idealistic, the most capable of going all over the U.S. and the world, if that's what is asked of them," Langan said.

However, Opus Dei activities have never been permitted on campus because the Congregation of the Holy Cross is exclusively entrusted with the pastoral ministry of students, said Father Richard Warner, the director of Notre Dame's Campus Ministry for the past 16 years.

Participation in Opus Dei is not mutually exclusive with other activities, including Campus Ministry. Students and faculty lead active lives outside of the Opus Dei centers.

"[Opus Dei] is an approved way of life for people who are looking to deepen their spirituality and their commitment to God," Warner said. "The faculty members I know who are members of Opus Dei, I have, personally, a great deal of respect for ... I think they're very good people who have a deep spiritual life and have found in Opus Dei a means to sanctify their life and their work."

Controversies

Warner acknowledged that the relationship between some students and Opus Dei has caused concern in the past.

"Over the course of the years that I've been director of Campus Ministry," Warner said, "there have been occasions where situations have arisen because ... some of the students in Opus Dei ... had a harder time than they should have in getting out when they wanted to."

Warner could not comment on any specifics, but said the latest incident occurred almost two years ago. He cited a frequent lack of transparency as a cause of confusion.

"I'm not always convinced that ... people know exactly what they're dealing with, what the

organization is really all about," Warner said. "I wish it were more up front in terms of an approach where things would be laid out ahead of time, and not just the general invitation to pray together or teach catechism."

Langan said a layered discovery process is intrinsic to the nature of relationships, including one with Opus Dei.

He compared joining Opus Dei to marrying a spouse.

"There are some things about your spouse that you can't possibly know until after you're married," he said.

"We tell people before they join Opus Dei that there will be things demanded, it will be challenging. These will be revealed in talks and as you are getting to us and we are getting to know you."

National critics accuse Opus Dei of being less than forthcoming about the organization's practices and recruitment. Others say Opus Dei retains too much control over its members, particularly students.

"Anyone who has more than a passing knowledge of the Catholic scene is more likely to have a highly critical estimation of Opus Dei," said Father Richard McBrien, a professor in theology department.

"Opus Dei prohibits its students from taking courses from certain professors or from seeking spiritual counsel from certain priests on the faculty or staff of the University," McBrien said.

Langan denied such an imputation, saying that no one is advised against taking specific courses, only that students are encouraged to be prudent in their selection. There is a list of books for directors to reference, so that if a student is required to read such material, they can seek out additional articles to supplement the reading, he said.

Langan added that all students are free to receive counsel or sacraments from whomever they choose, but he recommends that students talk to an Opus Dei priest if they have been receiving Opus Dei formation.

"We do tell [students] that the person who can best give you advice in confession is a priest of Opus Dei because they understand the spirit and are receiving the same formation," Langan said. "They know what's being asked of you and can give the best advice on how to put into practice the things you are hearing."

Students and faculty involved with Opus Dei say that reaction they receive on campus is generally positive, even after the publication of Brown's book.

"The DaVinci Code has been an occasion to have a lot of good conversation with people," Langan said.

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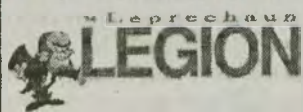
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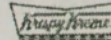
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CAMPAIGN NEWS

Voters skeptical of voting accuracy

WASHINGTON — Memories of Florida's contested 2000 presidential election and a growing number of pre-election lawsuits are making Americans skeptical about a voting process they once took for granted.

Six in 10 of those surveyed in an Associated Press poll say it's likely there will not be a clear winner in the presidential race by Nov. 3 — the day after the election. About half say they fear the results will be challenged in court, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos Public Affairs.

Both Democrats and Republicans worry about the possibility of an unresolved election — though Democrats express more worries. About seven in 10 Democratic voters, 69 percent, say they think it's likely there won't be a clear winner by Election Day, while almost six in 10 Republican voters, 56 percent, say they feel that way.

With both political parties putting thousands of lawyers on call for Election Day, a majority of both Democrats and Republicans — just over half of each — expect the election results will be challenged in court.

Joe Lockhart, a Kerry spokesman, said Tuesday during a conference call: "Our operating assumption is that there will be a clear winner. The six-in-10 number is a reaction to coverage to some of the shenanigans that are going on. I expect the six-in-10 number to go down and not go up before Election Day."

Tom Josefiak, the Bush campaign's top lawyer, said recently that "it may take days or weeks" after Nov. 2 to determine the winner because of absentee ballots and other questions.

Catholic group: Bush failed to respond to bishops' form

The Bush-Cheney campaign refused to fill out a questionnaire developed for the presidential candidates by U.S. Roman Catholic bishops, according to a memo obtained by a Catholic voter advocacy group.

Frank J. Monahan, in the Office of Government Liaison of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent a memo Aug. 16 to Democrat John Kerry, saying his campaign need not submit answers because "the Bush campaign has indicated that it does not intend to respond to the questionnaire."

Monahan wrote that the bishops' conference was abandoning the project because it "cannot disseminate the questionnaire responses of only one candidate" under IRS rules requiring that charitable organizations remain nonpartisan. The questionnaire asked the candidates about their positions on issues including abortion, health care and immigration.

Catholics comprise about one-quarter of the electorate, and the campaigns have been competing fiercely for their vote.

Kerry is Catholic but has drawn criticism from bishops for supporting abortion rights. The president's anti-abortion position is closer to that of the church. Bush is a Methodist.

The memo was obtained by The Catholic Voting Project, a group formed partly to counter what it sees as a narrow focus on abortion among politicians seeking Catholic support. Project organizers say they are nonpartisan, but believe Catholics should consider a wide range of social justice issues when deciding which candidate to support.

Attacks stretch across party lines

Bush, Kerry praise former presidents as national security battle continues



Left, Sen. John Kerry holds a football on the tarmac before departing Green Bay, Wis., on Tuesday. President Bush shakes hands with members of the Cuba City High School football team at a rally in Cuba City, Wis.

Associated Press

ONALASKA, Wis. — President Bush and Sen. John Kerry accused each other of lacking the hard-nosed resolve of Cold War presidents — from Democrat Truman to Republican Reagan — reaching across party lines a week before Election Day to try to break their campaign deadlock.

With tensions rising Tuesday in both camps, Kerry escalated his criticism of Bush over explosives missing in Iraq, asserting that the weapons could be used against American troops and citizens. He accused the president of keeping the cost of war in Iraq under wraps until after Election Day.

"What else are you keeping from the American people?" Kerry said in Green Bay.

Across the state, Bush said his rival favors "the position of weakness and inaction" contrary to "the great tradition of the Democratic Party."

A Los Angeles Times poll showed the popular vote tied, 48-48, with Bush-weary voters open to change on Iraq and the

economy but harboring doubts about Kerry's ability to lead the nation against terror.

New state surveys showed the race also knotted in Florida, Ohio and Pennsylvania, the three most important battlegrounds in the race for 270 Electoral College votes.

Behind the scenes, both campaigns tweaked their stump speeches, advertising strategies and get-out-the-vote drives. In addition to Wisconsin, Bush visited Iowa while Kerry traveled to Nevada and New Mexico — all tossup states.

After spending weeks casting Kerry as a flip-flopping liberal in TV ads, Bush planned to close the race with a 60-second commercial designed to portray himself as a trustworthy, steady leader.

The high point, according to advisers, is a clip of a choked-up Bush addressing the Republican National Convention about meeting the children of slain U.S. soldiers "who are told their dad or mom is a hero but would rather just have their dad or mom."

Kerry's latest ad accuses the Bush administration of failing to secure nearly 400 tons of explosives that are

missing from a military installation south of Baghdad. "His Iraq misjudgments put our soldiers at risk, and make our country less secure," Kerry says of Bush in the ad.

He said in Green Bay the explosives "could be in the hands of terrorists, used to attack our troops or our people."

Vice President Dick Cheney responded for Bush from Florida, saying, "It is not at all clear that those explosives were even at the weapons facility when our troops arrived in the area of Baghdad."

In the battle of past presidents, Bush said Democrats Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy showed "confidence and resolve in times of war and hours of crisis," asserting that Kerry lacks such mettle.

Kerry said Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Reagan all built strong alliances, a contrast to Bush who Kerry said "has failed in his fundamental obligation as commander in chief to make America as safe and secure as we should be."

Later, in Nevada, the Democrat appealed in both

Spanish and English to undecided voters. "We're in a bigger mess by the day and the president can't see it or can't admit it, but either way, America is less safe," he said.

Bush made a direct pitch to wavering Democrats, particularly moderates unsure about Kerry.

"If you believe America should lead with strength and purpose and confidence and resolve, I'd be honored to have your support and I'm asking for your vote," he said.

In a gesture of moderation aimed at the same voters, Bush told ABC-TV he supported civil unions for homosexual couples "if that's what a state chooses to do." The remark upset some conservatives who not only want to amend the Constitution to ban gay marriage, as does Bush, but also would bar state approval of gay civil unions.

Campaign pitches varied from deadly serious to almost silly. A radio ad reminded Wisconsin voters that Kerry got the name of their beloved Green Bay Packers' football stadium wrong. Kerry recruited rocker Bruce Springsteen to play at his rallies.

INDIANA GOVERNOR'S RACE: NEW POLLS TIGHTEN

INDIANAPOLIS — Two statewide polls show the governor's race between Democratic incumbent Joe Kernan and Republican challenger Mitch Daniels remains tight one week before Election Day.

A South Bend Tribune/WSBT poll released Tuesday showed the race about even.

Forty-eight percent of respondents said they would likely vote for Daniels if the

election were held that day, while 45 percent said they were more likely to vote for Kernan.

The telephone survey of 600 likely voters statewide was conducted Friday through Sunday for the news organizations by Research 2000, a Maryland-based firm, and had a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points.

Telephone polls sponsored by the same groups this month

and last month also found the race about even.

A different poll released Monday by Indianapolis television station WISH indicated Daniels with a slight lead. About 48 percent of respondents in that poll said they preferred Daniels, compared with about 42 percent favoring Kernan and about 2 percent for Libertarian Kenn Gividen.

About 6 percent said they were undecided.

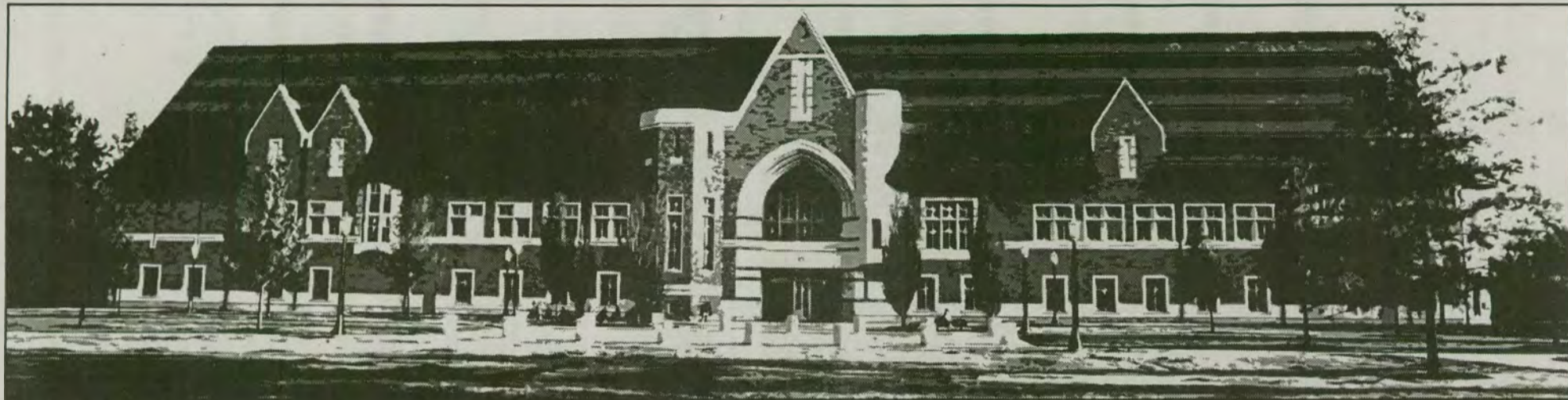
The telephone survey of 421 likely voters, conducted for WISH by the Indiana University Center for Survey Research, had a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points. The live phone interviews were conducted Oct. 12 through Sunday.

Two other statewide telephone polls conducted in recent weeks also showed Daniels and Kernan running

about even.

Daniels campaign manager Bill Oesterle said the WISH poll findings were significant for several reasons.

"Obviously we are very excited, not just because of the lead but because with a third party in there — Kenn Gividen and other — the winner only needs 49 percent of the vote, so we are getting close to having a winning margin," Oesterle said.



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JAPAN

Rescuers dig for quake survivors

Associated Press

NAGAOKA — A family of three — a mother and her two toddlers — was rescued Wednesday after surviving four days buried in a landslide from the powerful quake that ravaged northern Japan over the weekend.

The family's white van was swept away in a wave of boulders and earth that pulverized the hillside road they were on when a 6.8-magnitude quake ripped across rural Niigata prefecture on Saturday, killing at least 31 people.

Firefighters dispatched from Tokyo dug steadily through the rocks and rubble Wednesday afternoon after hearing Takako Minagawa's voice in response to their calls. The family's van was discovered on Tuesday.

TV footage showed the two children — Mayu Minagawa, 3, and Yuta Minagawa, 2 —

being pulled from the wreckage by the rescuers, covered in mud after four days under the landslide. The workers continued digging to free the mother.

The children were flown by helicopter to hospital, said Keiko Kondo, a spokeswoman for Tokyo Fire Department.

The family had been the focus of intense interest in Japan after their car was spotted under the hillside rubble on Tuesday. TV stations showed Minagawa's father's desperate attempts to track down the family in the post-quake chaos.

The surprise rescue came hours after a powerful 6.1-magnitude quake rocked the region Wednesday morning, rattling already-damaged buildings and terrifying residents. At least five people were injured, and some buildings were damaged.

Homeless people in evacuation centers threw themselves

to the floor and screamed in horror as the Wednesday tremor rumbled through the rural area of Niigata prefecture. A 4.2-magnitude aftershock hit about 25 minutes later.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said the stronger quake was centered at a depth of 6 miles in Hirokami, a village of 9,200 about 150 miles northwest of Tokyo. The agency warned another quake of similar strength could hit in the coming hours or days.

Five people were injured in the Wednesday morning quake, but it was unclear if any of them were in serious condition. One man suffered a stroke from the shock of the quake, said Hisao Ishikawa of the Niigata prefectural government.

"Aftershocks are continuing, we don't know what the damage situation is yet," said Kazumasa Sakurai, an official at the Hirokami city hall.

THAILAND

Dozens of detainees suffocated, crushed

Prime Minister apologizes for police's action

Associated Press

BO THONG — Thailand's prime minister apologized Wednesday for the deaths of 78 Muslim detainees who were suffocated or crushed while crammed into army trucks after a riot, but insisted that his security forces were "soft" on the rioters.

Grieving relatives, meanwhile, flocked to a camp to claim the bodies and outraged Islamic leaders warned the deaths could worsen sectarian violence in the Muslim-dominated south of predominantly Buddhist Thailand, where more than 400 people have been killed this year in the revival of a long-simmering insurgency.

Prime Minister Thaksin

Shinawatra said that "there were some mistakes," and that authorities lacked enough trucks to properly transport the 1,300 people arrested in Monday's riot in the southern province of Narathiwat because it was a public holiday.

Authorities had to "pile them up on top of each other; and they died," he said.

"We are sorry for that, sorry they met an untimely death," he told the Thai Senate, which had demanded an explanation for the deaths.

But Thaksin insisted the military had used "the soft approach," and that soldiers "did not fire a single round into the crowd ... They fired into the air and used only clubs and rope to tie their hands — that's the normal practice for controlling mobs."

Gen. Sirichai Thunyasiri, commander of a task force on security in that region, said the military used only four trucks to transport more than 1,300 detainees, and that they spent more than six hours in the vehicles before arriving at an army camp in a neighboring province.

Thaksin and other Thai officials have sought to pin part of the blame for the deaths on the detainees' weakness due to dawn-to-dusk fasting during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, saying they died of dehydration or suffocation.

Many relatives wept Wednesday as a police spokesman read out names of the dead outside the Inkayuth-Borihan army camp in Pattani province.

Muslim resident Wadamae Hajehding, 62, traveled 75 miles from the scene of Monday's riot to the army camp in hopes of finding that his 23-year-old son was not among the dead.

He said Thailand's security forces were "too cruel."

"They treat us worse than animals," he said.

The detainees were among about 2,000 people who clashed with police and soldiers outside a police station in Narathiwat province Monday while demanding the release of six Muslim militant suspects. At least seven people also were killed in the melee, apparently shot by security forces, and the overall death toll stood Wednesday at 85.

Police and soldiers fired water cannon and tear gas, then shot into the air to try to scatter the crowd.

After subduing the rioters, police and soldiers kicked and in some cases smashed rifle butts into young men as they were forced to slither bare-chested across a road to the trucks that took them away.

Authorities said some rioters were armed. Thaksin said 20 pistols, seven assault rifles and three hand grenades were recovered at the scene.

The death toll shocked moderate Muslim leaders who accused security forces of overreacting — a charge they have repeatedly made as the government has failed to halt violence in the southern provinces near Malaysia.



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America needs a change

We stand on the eve of what will undoubtedly be the most influential election in our history. How we vote will not only shape this country, but also how the world imagines America. The democratic ideals on which our nation stood so proudly have been compromised within the last four years. President George W. Bush and his administration of sorted corporate interests have misled both in the sense of being treacherous and dangerous for the American people. To stay on a path headed to ruin is folly. There are compelling, even staggering reasons to vote for change in the White House.

Today, we live in a world of harsh inequities of wealth, political influence, health care, education and safety. The income gap has become a daunting chasm of injustice. Not only are people separated by income, but also the hearts of the rich find no kinship with the poor. Content to be unneeded wealth, the owning class selfishly turns hardship into profit by reducing worker's wages and benefits. This "race to the bottom" makes basic survival on full-time work for minimum wage impossible for families. A job is more than a paycheck; it is our dignity, our livelihood and our gift to ourselves in old age and our posterity. We need to value our citizens through instituting a living wage and ceasing impediments to collective bargaining for adequate and needed labor rights.

All citizens must have equal access to the political process. The silencing of minority voices at the polls and in other facets of society endangers the fabric of our democracy. As Martin Luther King Jr. declared, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere;" we must embody that sentiment and treat the

disenfranchisement of any citizens as a threat to our own civil liberties. We cannot impose democratic systems on other nations while our own political system is riddled with racism, sexism and class conflict.

For too long, quality education in America has been situated as a privilege of the rich and well-off, while urban schools struggle with outdated books, badly-kept school buildings, budget cuts and under paid teaching staff. The No Child Left Behind Act, under-funded and undermined by the Bush tax cuts, has done nothing to turn this tide of injustice. We need an actual commitment through adequate funding of this measure and further steps to minimize the education gap in America.

In regards to foreign policy and U.S. leadership in the world, much has been made about Bush's resolute and unwavering conviction to a single plan of action. Indeed, the Bush administration does not change its stances too often, but this is definitely not a positive attribute. As Noam Chomsky describes, Bush follows a strict line of policy decisions building U.S.-world hegemony within a "lunatic doctrinal framework as it threatens survival." The war in Iraq, which is entering Vietnam-like territory with regards to domestic and international opinion and difficulty in reaching a peaceful end with current leadership, has increased American insecurity and threat of terror. It does not deter terrorists from procuring weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons, when the United States attacks a largely defenseless nation — Iraq — under falsified and skewed reasoning while it deals with nations like North Korea and Iran diplomatically, knowing they have extensive weapons capabilities. It seems the Bush administration's incoherent message will encourage anti-American entities to

arm themselves to prevent a U.S. attack on weakness.

Additionally, our integrity in the world has greatly deteriorated since the beginning of the Bush reign. His decisions to reject international initiatives regarding biological and chemical weapons, the greenhouse effect and the reserving of outer space for peaceful purposes reflects harmful unilateralism and disregard for other countries. Our power on the world stage requires U.S. participation in any global agreement. While we may be able to ensure our survival of biological weapon attack, by turning our back on international coalitions and agreements to deter such aggression leaves our allies and defenseless countries open for attack. Further, this disregard also alienates our ability to compile intelligence crucial to preventing another Sept. 11 like an attack on the United States or one on our remaining allies.

America needs a change, and that change must begin on Nov. 2. We must not resign ourselves to inaction or support of the status quo out of fear. Instead, we must carry the banner for peace and justice, which we are — when in solidarity — able to bring to this nation and this world. Sen. John Kerry and Sen. John Edwards are not the absolute answer to all these problems, yet their vision for America faces a vastly direction which will — along with our participation — bring the change we need to see in America. For that, they have my vote and commitment to action for a better America.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The fight must go on. The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one or even 100 defeats."

Abraham Lincoln
former U.S. president

Stop justifying prejudice against homosexuals

Reading the Oct. 13 issue of The Observer, I found the letter from Cody Groeber to be incredibly upsetting. Not only was its portrayal of homosexuality wrong, but so were his views of how homosexuality is to be viewed politically and religiously. To begin, Groeber states the cliché phrase that as Catholics we must distinguish between the person and the act. He then uses this idea to contradict both Lance Gallop and The Princeton Review. Upon my last reading, however, I saw no mention of sexual acts in either. Gallop stressed an acceptance of the homosexual as a human — the person as whole. And he encouraged us to accept this person and the struggles they go through coming out by supporting them both on a personal basis and on a larger community-wide basis. No sexual acts happen with either of those things.

Richard Friedman

Guest Column

Similarly, The Princeton Review contains no implication of sex in the question "Is there little discrimination against homosexuals?" To look at that question and say that it is okay to say "yes" because morally we should not accept homosexual acts is to distort the question and merely attempt to justify a prejudiced response. If I asked if there is discrimination against Muslims at Notre Dame would it be justifiable to say "yes"

because they may or may not follow many Catholic beliefs? I doubt anyone would say it is.

It seems to me that many heterosexual people seem to conceive homosexuals as being much more sexually active than others. However, I know of no direct correlation between sexuality and sexual acts. I realize that Groeber brought this up when he said that we all should struggle against this "hyper-sexualization" of society, but people never try and justify discrimination or intolerance of heterosexuals based on their sexual past.

Several bishops and others have tried to justify denying communion to homosexuals based on the reasoning that their sexual acts are a sin, but I have never yet heard of a proposal to screen out heterosexuals based on their sexual actions. Perhaps the question goes down deeper, to a place people prefer not to go (as our President did when he skirted this question in the debate). Is homosexuality a choice? Do gay men choose to be attracted to men instead of women?

Or is it some kind of disorder to be treated? I can state unequivocally that homosexuality is not a choice or a disorder. I never chose to be gay and neither did anyone else I know. In fact, the question itself is absurd — why would anyone choose a life of discrimination, hardship and pressure? Why would I choose to

have to deal with questions about whether or not it is safe to hold my boyfriend's hand in public instead of just having a girlfriend and never having to worry? Likewise, by definition a disorder must cause problems either for the person or society. As far as I know, most of the problems related to homosexuality are for the persons themselves — and these are caused by society's reaction, not by homosexuality.

Many who speak publicly on this topic like to talk about having to walk a fine line between accepting people for who they are and going overboard and becoming activists or prey to the "gay agenda." Unfortunately, however, this is a completely biased view. I've been gay for almost 24 years now and out and active both in my free time and in my studies of homosexuality for almost five and I have yet to find any evidence of this "gay agenda." In fact, all I have found are confused and hurt people looking for acceptance and equality. None of the homosexuals I have met are looking for any special privileges, but rather are searching for someone to stop discrimination and finally put a policy of true acceptance and love for all of God's creatures into practice.

By not doing so, all that is being accomplished is a policy of hate, injustice, and pain. How would you feel if you were suddenly told your eye color was unacceptable in today's society? Or that because you and your partner have eyes of that color, you can not marry or see him as he is dying in the hospital? Few would accept that. Just as we have come to realize our past mistakes in our treatment of people of other races, ethnicities, religions and many other things, it is time for us to truly accept homosexual people. Next time, instead of trying to justify prejudice with religious or political rhetoric look inside yourself and think of how you would want to be treated. If you were gay, would you want people telling you something is wrong with you? Or would you want them to accept you and to treat you as their equal and to leave your personal life, sexual choices and personal relationship with God to yourself? I think we would all chose the second.

"How would you feel if you were suddenly told your eye color was unacceptable in today's society? Or that because you and your partner have eyes of that color, you can not marry or see him as he is dying in the hospital?"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Voting with a Catholic conscience

I have always tried to vote my Catholic conscience. This Catholic conscience has led me to vote more often for Democrats than Republicans in the past 20 years, and not because they are exemplars of virtue or represent any Catholic ideal. Instead, like most people of good conscience, I "hold my nose and vote" for the least offensive candidate on the ballot.

Single-issue voting is a poor use of judgment. God has given us the capacity to think through and weigh complexities. Good people led by their conscience arrive at differing conclusions. This is why the Catholic Church embraces no single party or political ideology.

Many students have asked me my opinion on the coming election. I would never presume to violate their conscience by insisting on one candidate over another, but I will manifest my own conscience as we all are preparing to vote.

In the history of the world, only two nations have slaughtered 40 million of their own people: the Soviet Union under Stalin, and the United States of America under legalized abortion. No election of the past 30 years has been so critical as this one for the issue of abortion. With as many as three or four of nine Supreme Court justices likely to retire from a court already evenly divided on a whole host of cultural-moral issues like abortion and stem-cell research, the next President will have a unique opportunity to set the tone of Constitutional Law for then next generation. On the issue of abortion, he will name those who will decide if America will give its blessing to another 40 million deaths.

Why is abortion so important?

Abortion is America's dirty vast secret. This atrocity dwarfs the Holocaust by a factor of six (or by 12 or by 18, depending on how you count), yet so few people

talk about it. While abortion was made legal to give women freedom, they often become prisoners of the secrecy which shrouds their choice.

Tiny, beautiful, innocent human children, whom our human nature is wired to protect, are not the only victims of this tragedy. Often decades after the fact, mothers who have made this choice face their own consciences in waves of sorrow, regret, guilt and shame when they see babies in strollers, see their former due date on a calendar, see others about the same age as their child would have been or look in the eyes of their children and recall the missing sibling.

This trauma from which millions of women suffer is now common, but remains virtually unspoken in public settings. In a society that has dared go public with every shame and former taboo, one still remains: the stories of millions of women who can bear their troubled spirits only in the silence of prayer before God or before a trusted friend or perhaps a priest in a confessional.

Today, abortion in the distant past is

an almost common confession in parishes across America. Having seen the heartbreak of so many women, so many years after their choice, as a priest I can

attest to the now clear truth. The choice of abortion is bad for women — and not only for women, but bad for their boyfriends, their future husbands, their present and future families.

Anything else that would do so much damage, cause so much pain and enduring trauma would be illegal.

The Church and the Gospel call us to weigh in a balance all the various moral and practical factors that go into electing any politician.

In past years abortion had not weighed as heavily for me as other life issues, such as the nuclear threat during the Cold War.

This year I have tried honestly to weigh in that sacred inner scale of conscience the good of a greater care for the poor, the good of ending capital punishment, the good of being more dovish than hawkish in foreign policy, all these goods and more against the evil spectre of another 30 years of legalized abortion, perhaps another 40 million dead,

another 40 million anguished mothers, another countless many who will have some hand in this ongoing tragedy — and I can't.

The Catholic Church is the only institution in this nation which has resolutely opposed the practice of abortion since its federal legalization in 1973. However, the Church has been opposed to abortion not only for the last 30 years, but for the last 2000. A Catholic who publicly professes to oppose his private conscience in order to gain office for himself, betrays the fact that he has no understanding of conscience. It is our sacred inner knowledge of the truth, and of what is good and evil that tells us how we must act publicly, even if it means to give our own lives for it. This is the Gospel.

Ironically, it was Edmund Burke, an 18th Century British statesman who lost his seat in Parliament for taking pro-Catholic and pro-Irish positions, who said, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good [people] do nothing..." Likewise, it is a shock to consider that all that is necessary for legalized abortion to remain a "right" in our land for some decades into the future is for good Catholics, other Christians and all people of conscience on this issue to ignore their consciences in a single act on a single day this November.

This year as never before, my conscience leads me to vote like that single-issue voter I have held in disdain in the past. But, my advice to anyone who wishes to hear it, remains the same: However you vote, vote your conscience, even if it means you have to hold your nose.

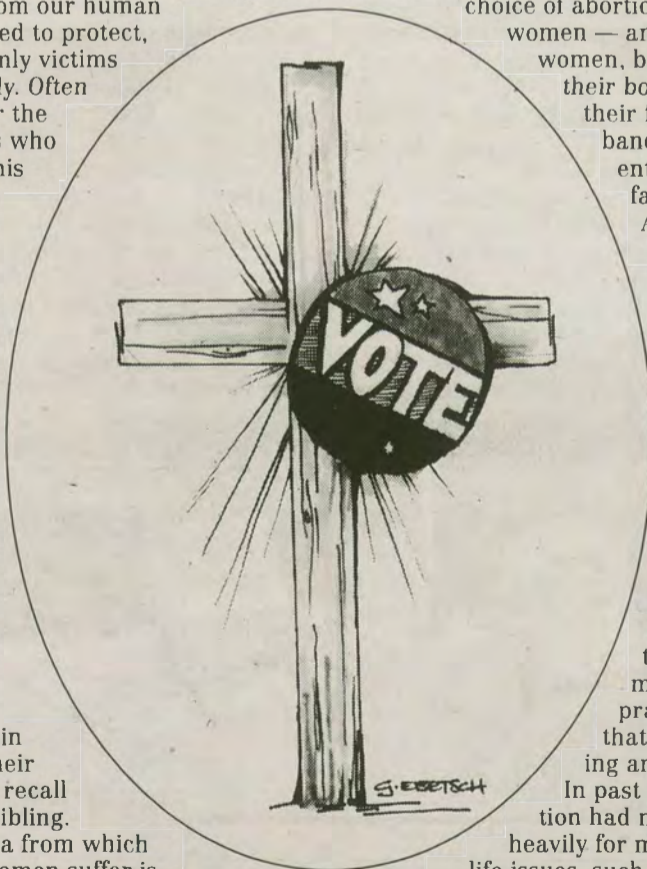
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Live! From Notre Dame's campus

Regis Philbin makes the most of a weekend visit to his alma mater

By MARIA SMITH, CHRISTIE BOLSEN, and MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Editor and Assistant Editors

More than almost any top university, Notre Dame is a school whose loyal fan following has almost reached cult status, and talk show host Regis Philbin is one of its favorite sons.

The celebrity personality has become a household name and naturally his fan base grows enormously around the alma mater to which he still maintains strong ties.

Although Philbin's returns to campus always cause excitement, last weekend's visit was particularly unique. If having a chance to see the famous "Live! with Regis and Kelly" broadcast from Notre Dame campus was not enough, South Bend fans also had a chance to witness the host's foray into vocal performance in a benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless.

Philbin was born on August 25, 1933, and grew up in the South Bronx. He was named after his father's alma mater, a Manhattan Jesuit high school. He served in the Navy after graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1953 with a degree in sociology.

He began his career in Hollywood working in several entry-level jobs, such as serving as a film-delivery person for KCOP-TV in Los Angeles. At that job, he wrote satirical pieces about the station's newscasts and tape them on the wall. Through this work he earned his first job as a writer in the entertainment industry. His job as a news and sports writer for the station led to a series of other news and feature jobs in television and radio. Eventually, he worked his way up to taking on news anchor positions.

The first talk show Philbin appeared on was "The Regis Philbin Show" on KGTV in San Diego, and it was from this that the now-famous "host chat" segment that is used to open most of his talk shows evolved. Philbin couldn't afford a writing staff with the small budget the show was given, so he would just begin by talking about his own opinions and experiences instead of working with a pre-written script to introduce the rest of the show. This job led to "Philbin's People", which won an Emmy, and discussed current events with a variety of well-known personalities.

Philbin took over as the host of Steve Allen's late night talk show, and gained national exposure as a sidekick on "The Joey Bishop Show". He continued to host a variety of shows, including two morn-

ing shows, "A.M. Los Angeles" and "Temp", and two game shows, "The Neighbors" and "Almost Anything Goes".

He joined Cindy Garvey on New York's "The Morning Show" in 1983, but the show did poorly until Garvey was replaced by Kathie Lee Gifford in 1985. The show became nationally syndicated in 1988 under the now well-known name, "Live! With Regis & Kathie Lee", and Philbin was nominated seven times for his role as a co-host.

In 1999, Philbin signed on as host for the American version of a British game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?", which became hugely successful. It cemented Philbin's position as a pop-culture icon and made the query "Is that your final answer?" a popular catch phrase. He inked a \$20 million deal with ABC to continue hosting, which was an unprecedented amount of money for a game show host.

In 2001, Kathie Lee Gifford decided to leave "Live!" to pursue her musical career, and ratings actually went up after her departure and soap star Kelly Ripa was announced as her successor. "Live! with Regis and Kelly" remains an incredibly popular national morning talk show.

Philbin's television charm is well known, but his love for old-time crooners like Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby is less famous. During the benefit concert Sunday night Philbin related how he used to listen to Crosby while mopping the floors in the old Huddlemart, where he worked for two years while he was a student.

Although Philbin had dreams of becoming a singer during the early years after his graduation, that career path didn't seem plausible enough to justify his degree.

Unbeknownst to many fans, Philbin actually recorded an album of old Crosby numbers in 1968 after spontaneously being asked to sing "Pennies from Heaven" on the Joey Bishop Show. "It's Time for Regis!" failed to launch a musical career, although his role as Bishop's sidekick obviously turned out more profitably.

Philbin has since earned the comfortable celebrity status of being able to branch out from his main focus for other projects that strike his fancy. On Sept. 28 he released "When You're Smiling," his second album of jazz-pop standards. This recording includes favorites like "It Had to be You" and "Cheek to Cheek," as well as duets with Irish tenor Ronan Tynan for "Too Ral Loo Ral Loo Ral" and his wife Joy for "They Can't Take That Away From Me."

If his performance at the Leighton Concert Hall with the Notre Dame Pops Symphony is any reflection of his recorded work, it's probably not worth rushing out to buy the album for any but a truly devoted Philbin fan. If proceeds from the \$30 and \$100 tickets went towards his television salary, those might not be worthwhile either.

But as a benefit for the Center for the Homeless, the performance was entertaining and fully worth the money. Philbin is not a musical prodigy, but he does not lack talent. Old rat-pack favorites suit the wiseacre, who probably would have fit in admirably among their ranks. Although he sometimes stretched for a note, charity creates a forgiving audience. Philbin filled in the time between songs with enough stories of his early career and audience interactions to entertain any fan.

His performance of "Calendar Girls" with six women from the audience who were supposedly called up to see if any of them would be a fitting replacement for Ripa on "Live! with Regis and Kelly" was an especially good combination of a favorite musical number and Philbin's particular style.

The entire audience seemed to enjoy the show. Even if they had not, the \$80,000 raised for the Center for the Homeless would clearly make the show a success.

Philbin concluded his campus visit with a live broadcast of "Live! with Regis and Kelly" from the Leighton Concert Hall. As soon as Philbin stepped onstage, the audience in the Leighton Concert Hall discovered that the on-camera fun keeps rolling long after the cameras stop.

Most of Philbin's wisecracking repartee with the audience took place behind the scenes, with a Red Bull-caliber energy boost provided by guest Martin Short's constant theatrical antics. Philbin began the program outside to show off campus sights like the Golden Dome and the Basilica, while sidekick Kelly Ripa bantered with him from the studio in New York.

The next segment, a video montage, followed Philbin before, during and after the Boston College game and was an entertaining piece that served as a flattering advertisement for the university. The camera crew caught shots of him greeting fans, tossing footballs around the quad, scaring away flocks of ducks and even visiting his old room in Zahm. Once there, he found Short dressed as a student who hadn't quite mastered the "getting down from your bunk bed without face-planting" maneuver.

There was footage of Philbin preparing for his benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless. The brand-new Performing Arts Center received much admiration on national television as Philbin gushed about the educational and entertainment benefits of the PAC, even jokingly predicting that the next Brando would be trained there.

The pace picked up after Short, who was funnier off camera than on, joined Philbin onstage. While Kelly interviewed Judge Judy back in New York, the comedian helped Philbin keep the Notre Dame audience amused by telling jokes about Kelly and commenting on Judge Judy's outfit. Short was a one-man cabaret with his dancing around stage, and even played for a few impressive minutes on the piano before insisting that he was "too shy" to continue.

On camera, the two discussed the loss on Saturday to the Eagles, and elicited cheers after Short proclaimed that the Irish were a better team anyway. Off camera, Short asked Philbin questions in an impromptu interview.

"Out of all your guests, who's been the drunkest?"

The cheerleaders and leprechaun mascot Edward Lerum rehearsed for their appearance by leading the crowd in a cheer and lifting Short, who was wearing a green hat and clutching two pom-poms, into a mini-pyramid.

"You'd tell me if I looked foolish, wouldn't you?" he asked. He also informed Philbin that if he fell, he would "take your entire university down with me."

After musical guest Finger Eleven played back in New York, Philbin brought the national spelling bee winner and South Bend native David Tidmarsh onstage and challenged him to spell "shillelagh" correctly, which he did. The Notre Dame Glee Club also performed the fight song, although their performance was unfortunately cut short by the ending of the show.

Philbin spent much of his time during the taping pretending to be annoyed with the crew, which was rushing around to coordinate his appearances with Kelly's. When he requested a tissue at one point, he wondered out loud if they had brought him used ones. This prompted a crew member to bring him an entire box, but his good-natured irritation didn't end.

"I kill myself for a stinking \$500,000 a show!" he cracked later.

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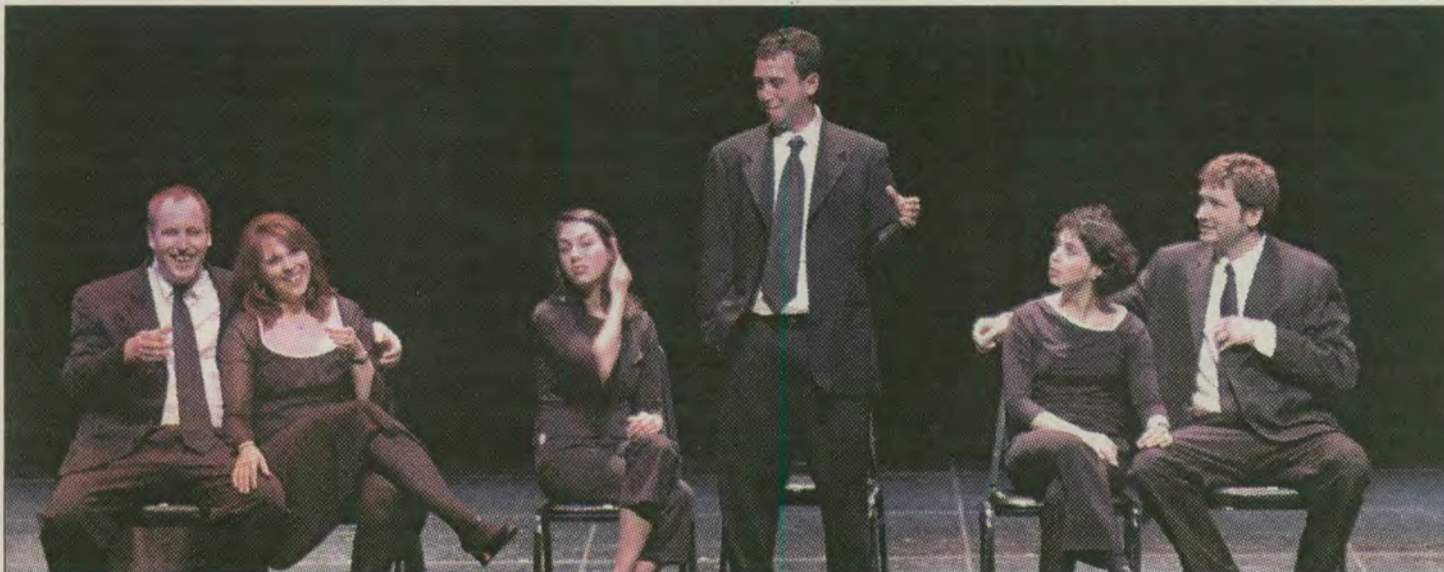


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Regis Philbin, a Notre Dame alumnus and co-host of the popular talkshow "LIVE! with Regis and Kelly," spoke at the pep rally for the football game against Boston College on Oct. 22. During his weekend visit Philbin also performed a concert and taped his half of "LIVE! with Regis and Kelly" from the PAC on Monday.

Second City performs at PAC

The Legendary comedy troupe kept the audience laughing with improv, satire and Martin Short



PATRICK RYAN/The Observer

The six members of the traveling cast of *The Second City* perform a skit together on Friday night. Using a very limited number of props, the actors pantomime drinks at a gathering of couples.

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Writer

Friday night, one of comedy's legendary groups came to Notre Dame's DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, performing in front of a packed house. While the audience was not made wholly of students, *The Second City* sketch and improvisational comedy did not fall by the wayside for the alumni that made their way into the seats of the Decio Mainstage Theatre.

As the theatre lights came down, "Mad World" by Gary Jules — which one might know from the film "Donnie Darko" — grew louder, ceasing once *The Second City* cast assumed their positions on the stage. *The Second City* is currently celebrating its 45th Anniversary, therefore opening the show with a song about *The Second City* and what to expect in their show.

The Second City is known for taking on current issues, political and otherwise. They certainly lived up to that reputation. After performing a satire about reality television shows, the cast wasted no time with poking fun at the recent Presidential debates, the media and current events. In the second act,

they held a mock debate between three candidates, none of which really represented anyone involved in this election. This sketch took on a different meaning. They seemed simply to make up ridiculous stories about the candidates, as well as their positions on topics important to a presidential election.

Since they were tackling issues through humor, the actors moved on to a mockery of marital counseling and the hilarious miscommunications between a husband and a wife that can lead to fights. One of their sketches talked about how when a woman says one thing, her husband should understand it as something else. This was one of the best skits the entire night, and the audience laughed until they nearly cried at parts.

Following that, *The Second City* participated in one of their improv games, where the last line of the prior skit must be used as the first line for the proceeding one.

A few more sketches and improv sessions followed before the first act concluded to make way for a short intermission.

The second act began featuring creative love songs from each decade

since the '50s until present time. The actors sang and danced, while making fun of the music in each decade.

A few more skits trailed before the closing song. But before anyone could make it out of the theatre, the acts reappeared for a completely improvised third act with a special appearance by Martin Short, who was on campus this weekend for the football game. Short was paired with one of the actor for a skit that poked fun at a student missing a final exam.

Following the sketch, the actors paired up to make scenes from suggestions from the audience about places and objects that should be in the mini-skits.

The Second City provided many laughs and entertainment for the audience. This was a wonderful opportunity for Notre Dame to have this talented group of actors perform.

If you missed out on the performance *The Second City* is a short drive away to its Chicago theatre. For further information on *The Second City* or for tickets to future shows, visit their Web site at <http://www.secondcity.com>.

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PATRICK RYAN/The Observer

Left, two of the troupe members of *The Second City* perform a skit set in a car. Right, former *Saturday Night Live* cast member Martin Short made a surprise appearance in *The Second City* show.

October Treats

Desserts and drinks with an hint of autumn and a Halloween flavor

By MAUREEN MALLOY
Scene Writer

With the end of October fast approaching, a scary movie marathon is the perfect way to get into the Halloween spirit. The basics for this kind of party are simply some horror flicks and snack food, making it easy to organize. If you're ambitious, you can turn your room into a makeshift haunted house with fake spider webs, strings of colored lights, pumpkins and other decorations. Mix up the night's selections with a variety of movies, such as a cheesy one like "Prom Queen" followed by the suspenseful "Silence of the Lambs." The food should be simple and easy to eat while everyone is huddled around your TV. Try some of these tasty Halloween treats...

Double Delicious Halloween Bars

- 1/2 c Butter
- 1 1/2 c Graham cracker crumbs
- 14 oz Sweetened condensed milk
- 12 oz Chocolate chips
- 1 c Peanut butter chips

Preheat oven to 350F (325 for glass dish.). In 13x9 baking pan, melt butter in oven. Sprinkle crumbs evenly over butter; pour sweetened condensed milk evenly over crumbs. Top with chips; press down firmly. Bake 25-30 min or until lightly browned. Cool. Cut into bars.

Recipe courtesy of "Just Recipes" at www.melborponsti.com

Baked Caramel Corn

- 1 c Butter
- 2 c Brown Sugar
- 1/2 c Corn syrup
- 1 ts Salt
- 1/2 ts Baking Soda
- 1 ts Vanilla
- 6 qt Popped Popcorn

Melt butter; stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, then boil, without stirring for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in soda and vanilla. Gradually pour over corn, mix well. Turn into two large, shallow baking pans. Bake at 250 degrees F for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Remove from oven.

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- 1 shot vodka
- 1/2 shot Bailey's, Dooley's or a cream liqueur of your choice.
- Coca-Cola

Swamp Thing

Shake vodka and a cream liqueur of your choice with lots of ice in a cocktail shaker. Strain into a highball glass with large ice cubes. Fill up with cola.

Recipe courtesy of Drinkalizer.com

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GOLF

Memories of Stewart remain vivid for players

Five years after the golfer's death, his peers reminisce

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Paul Azinger rarely plays in a golf tournament without something reminding him of Payne Stewart, and the memories were particularly strong during The Funai Classic at Disney.

Monday marked the five-year anniversary of the plane crash that killed Stewart and five others.

Disney was the last tournament he played.

Three days after he missed the cut by one shot, Stewart boarded a private plane for a meeting on a golf course project in Dallas and then to play the Tour Championship in Houston. The plane lost cabin pressure and flew

uncontrolled across the country until it ran out of fuel and plunged into a field in South Dakota.

Azinger and Stewart were partners for the first two pro-am rounds at Disney that year. Even though he shot 71-71, Stewart managed to make headlines by speaking in a mock Chinese accent on ESPN during a rain delay to retaliate for comments British golf analyst Peter Alliss had made about the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

"I watched him do it," Azinger said, smiling and shaking his head. "He comes over to me and says, 'Hey, that was pretty funny, huh?' I told him, 'Congratulations, Payne. You just insulted about 3 billion people.'"

Azinger remembers the loose lips, the pranks, the jabs. He remembers their favorite fishing spot behind the fifth hole on the Magnolia course, where they once

came across a rattlesnake on a dirt path and hit 1-irons at it. Ask him about the Ryder Cup, and Azinger talks about the music Stewart brought: "Born in the USA" blared down the hallways of the hotel.

Tom Lehman remembers, too.

He delivered a powerful tribute to Stewart during a chilling ceremony before the start of the '99 Tour Championship, where an eerie fog shrouded the first fairway as players sat in shock. Lehman tries to have dinner with Stewart's widow, Tracey, every time he comes to Orlando for Bay Hill or Disney.

"I think about Payne fairly frequently," Lehman said. "It could be anything — highlights of a golf tournament, a guy in knickers, thinking about the Ryder Cup, coming to Orlando, getting on a private jet. You don't want to forget. I don't know if you

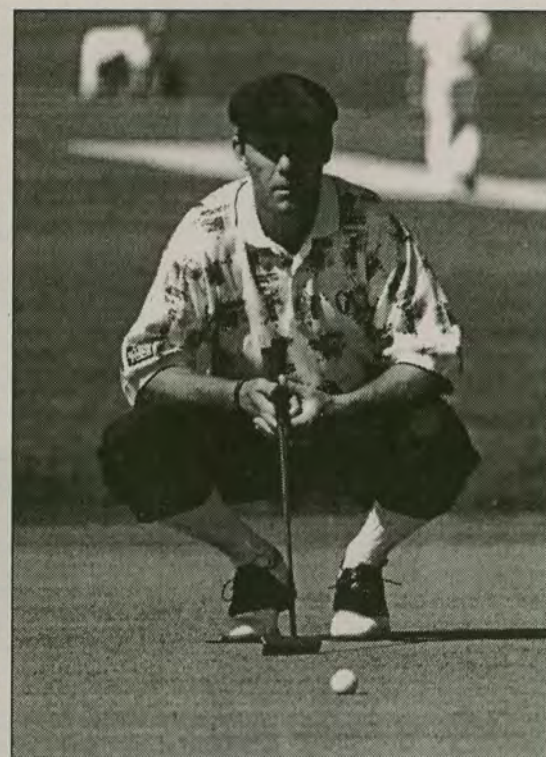
want to dwell on what happened five years ago, but you don't want to forget."

Anyone who goes in the locker room at Disney cannot forget Stewart.

Past champions have their own row of lockers. Stewart's locker has a glass door to show its contents — a pair of red plus-fours on a hanger, a white shirt with his silhouette stitched in navy blue. A white tam-o'-shanter cap is on a hook above white shoes and a worn glove. A box of fair balls is on the top shelf.

One look at the balls — a black box of Titleist Tour Prestige, a wound golf ball now obsolete — was a reminder of how long ago it seems that the reigning U.S. Open champion died.

Even more startling was to see Stewart's son on the practice range early last week. Aaron is 15, a sophomore on the junior varsity golf team at Olympia High in Orlando.



Payne Stewart lines up a putt during the Disney Classic in 1999.

NBA

Smith returns from injury to Bobcats to an 82-74 victory



Wizards' Gilbert Arenas, Jon Smith and Brendan Haywood, center rear, overwhelm Charlotte Bobcats' Omar Cook, center, at the basket during a preseason game.

Smith scores 16 points and chips in nine rebounds against Miami Heat

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Theron Smith scored 16 points Tuesday to lead the Charlotte Bobcats to their second win of the preseason, an 82-74 victory over the Miami Heat.

Smith, who missed the first five preseason games with an injured left knee, came off the bench to shoot 6-for-11. He added nine rebounds.

Melvin Ely added 14 points, Tamar Slay had 12 and Steve Smith scored 11 for the Bobcats.

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 15 points. Michael Doleac added 13 and Rasual Butler scored 13.

The game began at 11 a.m.,

part of the Bobcats' "Cool School Field Trip," which rewarded over 15,000 kids from 31 regional cities by giving them tickets to the game for meeting academic requirements.

Activity books were handed out to the students ahead of time, and they had to work on the exercises during timeouts.

During one lesson on gravity, the Bobcats poured popcorn from the rafters down onto a section of students.

It made for a much looser atmosphere — even for a preseason game — with students behind the bench screaming at Charlotte's Brevin Knight for an autograph as he waited for an inbound pass.

"After the game," he yelled back with a smile.

The largest cheers were reserved for Shaquille O'Neal, who didn't play, but received shrieks and applause when he came onto the court before the game.

His absence meant Charlotte star Emeka Okafor

couldn't make good on his promise to dunk on O'Neal, a statement he made to rile up the students when announcing the event last month.

But Okafor didn't play very much, either, spending a good deal of time on the bench as coach Bernie Bickerstaff tried to rest some players while giving others a chance at extended playing time.

Okafor was limited to nine minutes and Primož Brezec, who has emerged as a fan favorite through the first few preseason games, was in street clothes.

The early tipoff may have benefited the Bobcats, who are built around younger players.

Although they trailed 20-18 at the end of the first quarter, they closed the first half with a 15-6 run to take a 45-34 lead into the break.

Miami, which had been turnover-free in the first quarter, had five in the second quarter to contribute to its halftime deficit.

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Rethinking Affirmative Action: Diversity, Racial Preferences, and Restitution

During the 2004-05 academic year, the 40th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's speech at Howard University that articulated the rationale for affirmative action and announced his intention to issue Executive Order 11246 will occur. In recognition of this milestone in American History and the University of Notre Dame's leadership in the struggle to preserve this important institution throughout the past four decades, African and African American Studies announces "Rethinking Affirmative Action: Diversity, Racial Preferences, and Restitution."

Fall 2004

Title: "When Affirmative Action was White: An Untold Story of Racial Inequality in America"

Presenter: Ira Katznelson, Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History, Columbia University

Date and Time: Thursday, October 28, 2004, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: DeBartolo Hall, Room 102

Title: "Ending 'Jane Crow': How Women's Workplace Affirmative Action Activism in the 1970s Changed America"

Presenter: Nancy MacLean, Associate Professor of History and African American Studies, Northwestern University

Date and Time: Thursday, November 11, 2004, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: DeBartolo Hall, Room 102

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Spring 2005

Title: "What is Wrong with the Affirmative Action Debate?"

Presenter: Patrick L. Mason, Associate Professor of Economics and Director of African American Studies, Florida State University

Date and Time: Monday, January 31, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: TBA

Title: "The Politics of Affirmative Action after the Michigan Cases"

Presenter: Linda Faye Williams, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Maryland – College Park

Date and Time: Monday, February 28, 2005, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: TBA

Title: "Understanding the Racial Achievement Gap in Suburban Schools"

Presenter: Ron Ferguson, Lecturer on Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Date and Time: Thursday, March 31, 2005, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: TBA

Title: "The Ironies of Affirmative Action in the Post Civil Rights Era"

Presenter: John Skrentny, Professor of Sociology, University of California – San Diego

Date and Time: Monday, April 11, 2005, 2 to 4 p.m.

Location: TBA

NBA

Utah suffers a 97-86 loss to Philadelphia



Philadelphia's Corliss Williamson, left, runs into Utah's Carlos Boozer as he gets a shot off in the first half Tuesday.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 19 points, and Kyle Korver hit four 3-pointers and added 15 points to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 97-86 preseason victory over the Utah Jazz on Tuesday night.

The Sixers played their first game with coach Jim O'Brien's new lineup and rotation.

Glenn Robinson and Samuel Dalembert were dropped from Philadelphia's starting lineup when O'Brien announced he put the first stamp on his new team.

O'Brien named veterans Aaron McKie and Marc Jackson and rookie Andre Iguodala to the starting lineup. McKie beat out Willie Green to be the starter at shooting guard. Iguodala gets Robinson's old spot at small forward, and Jackson takes over from Dalembert at center.

Iverson, who will play point guard rather than shooting

guard, and Kenny Thomas will be the other starters for Philadelphia's season-opener Nov. 3 against Boston.

Philadelphia (6-1) used its seventh different starting lineup in seven exhibition games. This one, though, is going to stick.

The new roles weren't reflected in minutes or production. Green played 24 minutes and scored 13 points while McKie played 16 minutes, missed all three shots from the floor and had one point.

Dalembert scored seven points in 24 minutes, and Jackson finished with four points in 17 minutes. Iguodala scored 10 points in 31 minutes.

Iverson pumped his fist and jumped off the bench during a nifty, off-balance layup by Iguodala in the second half.

Andrei Kirilenko led the Jazz (3-3) with 14 points and Carlos Boozer added 10.

The Sixers went 34-for-44 from the line, while the Jazz shot 27-for-33.

MLB

Slugger Museum auctioning items

The public auction takes place on Nov. 6

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Louisville Slugger Museum is having a rummage sale.

A Hall of Fame-caliber collection of bats, balls, photos and other items will be up for bidding at a public auction at the museum on Nov. 6. Many of the items were dredged from a warehouse and file cabinets in the basement of the Hillerich & Bradsby Co.'s downtown museum and factory, where the trademark bats still are manufactured.

Marquee items include Louisville Sluggers handled by "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, Ty Cobb, Jim Thorpe and Babe Ruth. The collection also includes a ball signed by both Ruth and Lou Gehrig, a Cleveland Indians jersey worn by Satchel Paige and a letter handwritten by Ruth with six of his signatures at the bottom.

"There are things so unique in this auction that have never been publicly sold," said David Bushing, a bat expert and authenticator. "It's going to be quite an event for collectors." Proceeds from the auction will create a fund the museum will use to obtain other baseball artifacts, said Anne Jewell, the museum's executive direc-

tor. The museum's wish list includes a complete set of bats from every slugger in the 500-home run club.

"It just makes sense for us to trade things, like you do baseball cards," Jewell said. "In a trade, if there's something you're lacking, you look at what you've got that someone else might be interested in and that helps you acquire new things."

"We look at our collection and we know there are some holes in it. We need to stay fresh and vital."

The Jackson bat figures to be the auction's highlight. Cracked on the handle and worn on the barrel, the bat has Jackson's signature along the hitting area in bold ink. Bushing said the item likely will draw a price "deep in the six figures."

The bat was acquired from the estate of Syd Smith, Jackson's teammate and close friend. Bushing said there's no proof Jackson used the bat, but it is the only known one auto-

graphed by the enigmatic Jackson, who batted .356 in 1908-20. Although acquitted by a jury on charges he helped fix the 1919 World Series, Jackson was banned from baseball in 1921 by commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis and never made the Hall of Fame.

"I don't know if the Jackson bat is the star of the show, but it's definitely going to be in the top five," Bushing said. "The

fact that it could have been used by Joe Jackson adds to the mystique. If there was proof it was Joe Jackson's game bat — one that he used in games — with his autograph on it, we'd be talking about millions of dollars."

The Thorpe bat still has a ring of black handle tape, ball marks on the barrel and two small cobbler's nails hammered into the end. Thorpe believed the nails would strengthen the bat and had them inserted at a shoe store in Ohio.

Thorpe was stripped of the two gold medals he won at the 1912 Olympics because he had signed a semipro contract before the games. He signed with the New York Giants in 1913 and played in the majors for six seasons. The bat dates from between 1917 and 1920.

Like the Jackson bat, the Thorpe model was consigned to the auction from outside the museum.

The gem of the museum's contributions is a bat used by Cobb, circa 1911-15, with grease-pencil markings made on the side. The markings were not made by Cobb, but by Henry Morrow, Hillerich & Bradsby's receiving agent in Cobb's era.

When a player returned a bat to the factory, Morrow wrote the date, the player's name and the city or team where the bat originated. Bushing said the markings increase the bat's value, which he guessed at between \$100,000 and \$125,000.

"Side-writing in the world of bat collecting is as good as a letter of authenticity," Bushing said.

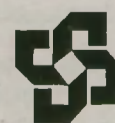
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NBA

Timberwolves remain favorites with several returning players

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves are among the favorites in the Western Conference, largely because all the key players are back from last season's team that nearly made the NBA Finals.

But with a week to go until the regular season, two of their biggest stars — Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell — have raised doubts about their long-term futures with the team. And Wally Szczerbiak has made it clear he wants a bigger role.

Cassell and Sprewell, who form Minnesota's "Big Three" with league MVP Kevin Garnett, want contract extensions.

Sprewell has publicly said he wants an extension before next the opener against New York or he'll ask for a sign-and-trade deal after the season or become a free agent. Cassell was upset enough about not getting an extension that he skipped the team's media day and first day of training camp.

"Me and Spree, we deserve extensions," Cassell said this week. "There's no other way to say it. You can't sugarcoat it."

The Big Three formed the

NBA's highest-scoring trio last season and led the Wolves to the Western Conference finals, where they lost in six games to the Los Angeles Lakers. But Cassell barely played in that series because of a hip injury that caused painful back spasms.

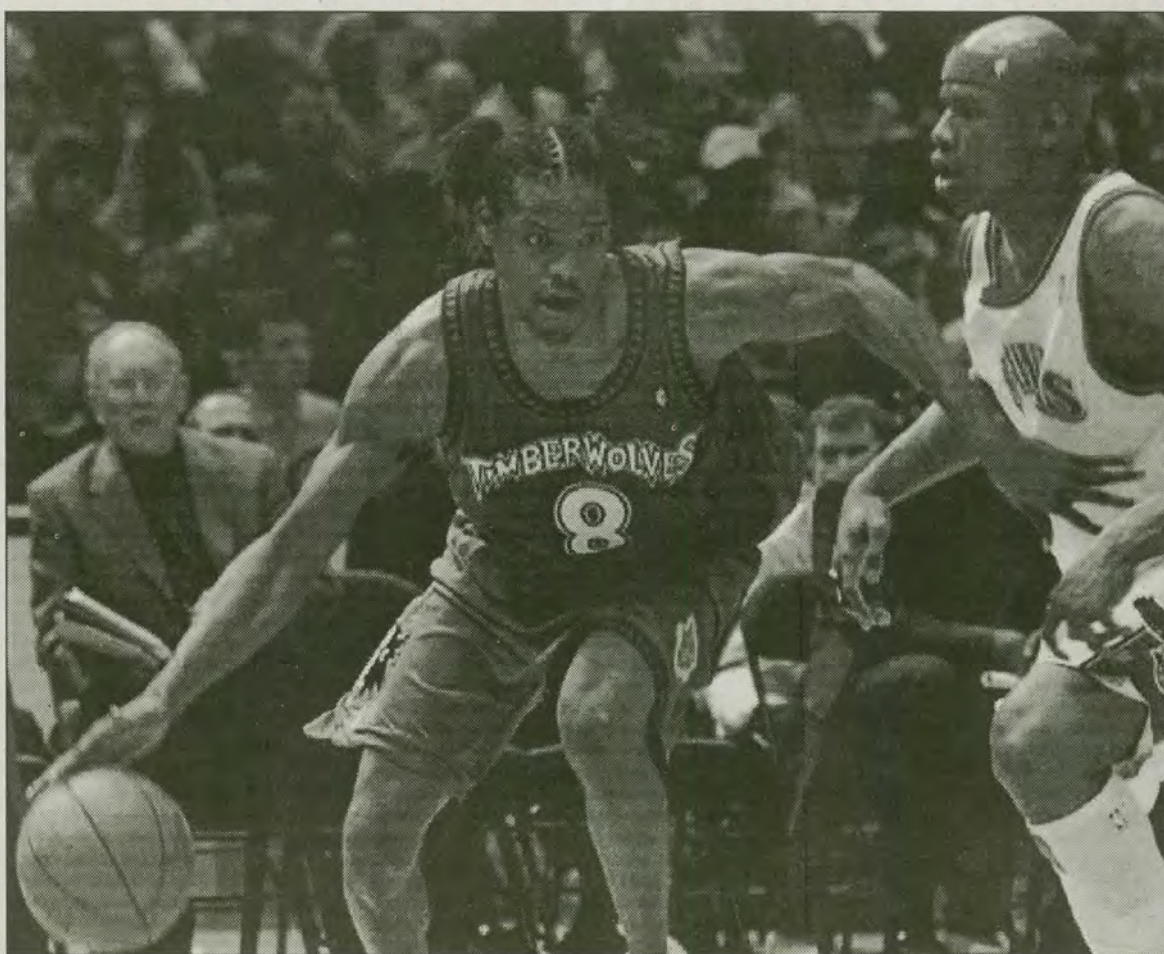
Cassell is convinced the outcome would've been different had he been healthy.

"I know for a fact we'd be celebrating our first championship in the city right now," Cassell said.

Cassell, never one to bite his tongue, thinks the Wolves need to pay more if they want to keep him and Sprewell, who wasn't available to reporters after practice Tuesday.

Neither Sprewell's agent, Robert Gist, nor Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor immediately returned phone messages seeking comment. Cassell's agent, Charles Tucker, couldn't immediately be reached.

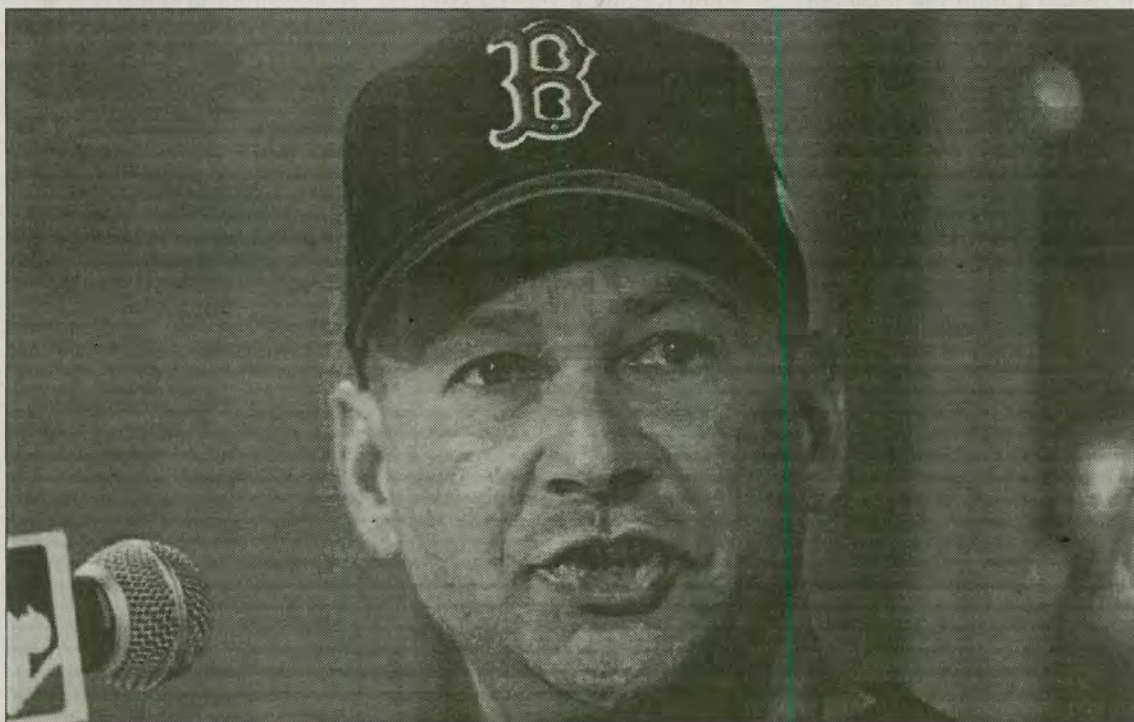
Kevin McHale, Minnesota's vice president of basketball operations, has said he also wants to get Sprewell an extension before the season starts. Sprewell is due to make \$14.6 million this season. Last week, he told the St. Paul Pioneer Press he doesn't want to take a pay cut, but at 34, the Wolves could be hesitant to oblige.



Minnesota's Latrell Sprewell drives to the basket around Atlanta Hawks' Al Harrington in a pre-season game Oct. 14. Minnesota defeated Atlanta 99-96.

MLB

Francona is not getting comfortable



Boston manager Terry Francona answers questions at a news conference on Tuesday at Busch Stadium.

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Terry Francona knows better than to get comfortable.

He may have been sitting on top of the world, just one win away from bringing the World Series trophy back to a town that has waited 86 torturous years to throw itself a party, but the Red Sox manager hardly needed reminding how precarious that perch can be. He might be the last man in baseball, in fact, who needs to hear how this can be a fickle game.

His predecessor in Boston was fired after getting within a game of the World Series, so there was never any doubt how the job description read

the day Francona signed a contract.

In Philadelphia, during his only previous stop as a big-league manager, Francona left the ballpark one day to find somebody had slashed his tires — on Fan Appreciation Day, no less.

But that wasn't the only reason why, even after his Red Sox pulled steadily away to a 3-0 lead over the St. Louis Cardinals in the best-of-seven series, Francona fidgeted in the dugout and nervously shifted the plug of chewing gum in his mouth from cheek to cheek.

"Anybody ever seen me play when I was a player?" Francona asked reporters after Boston's 4-1 win

Tuesday night. "You can understand why I never get too confident."

Self-deprecation is a lost art in the major leagues, but Francona could be the man to revive it. With one more victory, he becomes living proof that nice guys don't always finish last.

That was the rap against him in Philly, where Francona strung together an unimpressive 285-363 mark before being chased out of town in 2000 amid talk that his own players ran him over.

But that was the strange thing about his rebirth in Boston. The very same qualities that made him a patsy in one clubhouse made him a hero in another.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Brezina emotionally walks away from game

Georgia Tech player suffered from disease that causes narrowing of spinal cord

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brad Brezina feels just fine, which might be the worst part of all.

If he wants to lift weights, go right ahead. If there's a pickup game down at the basketball court, he's in.

He just can't do the one thing he loves more than anything — play football for Georgia Tech.

"I went and ran the other day. I'm in shape. I feel good," Brezina said. "My body feels perfectly fine to go out there and practice. It's tougher when I think about it in that regard."

With a heavy heart, he has had to walk from the sport that took his father all the way to the NFL. Brezina, a sophomore who started the first four games of the season at offensive guard, had little choice after experts on both coasts diagnosed a genetic condition that causes a narrowing of the spinal cord.

If he continued to play, one good lick in the right spot could have left him paralyzed from the neck down.

"I'm not going to be stupid about this," Brezina said. "I had to look at all my angles, but when you get reports from two experts in the field, you're not going to overlook it by any means. There's no doubt this is the right decision."

Not that it's easy to accept. Football runs in the family, most notably with his father. Greg Brezina was a linebacker for the Atlanta Falcons in the 1960s and '70s. His son yearned to follow the same career path.

"It's been real tough," Brad said, struggling to hold back the tears. "This is something I've had a passion for since I was a kid. It's just one of those things you grow up wanting to do."

After starting his college career on the defensive line, Brezina shifted to offense this season. He earned a starting job and seemed to have a bright future.

One jarring hit against Miami changed all that.

Brezina has watched the play on film. He was doing all the right things as he prepared to block a linebacker — head up, shoulders back — but he knew right away that something was wrong. Crumpling to the turf at Bobby Dodd Stadium, Brezina couldn't move his arms or legs for a few frightening seconds.

"It's something I would not want to do again," he said somberly.

Still, reality didn't set in immediately. Brezina regained the feeling in his limbs and wanted to go back in the game. He thought it was merely a "stinger" — a jarring of the spine that is common in football, causing temporary paralysis in extreme cases.

Wisely, the trainers recognized that his condition was more serious.

GOLF

ABC to bring Azinger, Faldo to the broadcasting booth

The two last faced each other in a close Ryder cup final

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Paul Azinger and Nick Faldo are linked by a dynamic Ryder Cup match in which neither player wanted to lose, even after they had nothing to gain.

In the final pairing at The Belfry in 1993, Faldo took the lead with an ace on the 14th. Azinger answered with a birdie to square the match.

And although the United States already had clinched victory, they battled to the very end, with Azinger pouring everything into a 12-foot birdie on the 18th hole for a halve.

"The last time I talked to Nick Faldo, he shook my hand at the Ryder Cup," Azinger said.

The next time could be in the broadcast booth at ABC Sports.

Two sources connected to ABC, both speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the network will announce next week at the Tour

Championship that Azinger and Faldo will share the booth with host Mike Tirico for a majority of ABC's golf telecasts next year.

"I can't answer that," said Mark Loomis, wrapping up his first full season as ABC's coordinating producer for golf.

Azinger, who first dabbled in television at the '95 Ryder Cup when he was recovering from cancer, is among five players who worked sparingly with ABC this year as the network tried to find a replacement for Curtis Strange.

"I don't want to be a full-time broadcaster," Azinger said.

Faldo worked with ABC at the British Open and the American Express Championship.

He said in Ireland that he would like to work a dozen tournaments for ABC as a way to keep in touch with golf.

The sources said minor details were being worked out this week as ABC tries to complete its lineup of talent.

The other networks have only one analyst in the booth: Johnny Miller at NBC, Lanny Wadkins at CBS.

"We are definitely going to be different next year,"

Loomis said. "I'm really excited about what we're planning." It would be the latest wrinkle in a season of change for Loomis, who was hired about this time last year when Jack Graham resigned as ABC's golf producer.

ABC is often perceived as the weak link among network golf coverage, in part because of its schedule.

CBS has the Masters and the PGA Championship, along with highly rated PGA Tour events

early in the season (Pebble Beach) and in the spring (Wachovia, Byron Nelson, Memorial). NBC has the fewest tournaments, but scores with the Florida swing, the U.S. Open and the Ryder Cup.

"Whoever has the Masters is always going to be the greatest focus. That's one golf tournament that sticks out," Loomis said. "And Johnny Miller has made a huge difference in golf television. I don't think we're third, but that's not my decision. I can just tell you we're trying to make it better."

Loomis, 37, started his career in 1990 by paying his way to golf tournaments to work as a runner.

He researched statistics for Brent Musburger in 1992, moved up to a production assistant and has spent the last seven years producing college football and basketball for ABC.

His marching orders as the golf producer were tall.

"They said, 'Let's make this the best golf coverage on TV,'" Loomis said. "And in order to do that, you have to try a bunch of things."

The first step was production.

Loomis sent out a questionnaire to his entire crew, from cameramen to announcers, and the resounding response was that the telecast needed more energy.

He considered taking the lead analyst out of the booth and putting him on the course, although that never happened. The one experiment he liked was getting an on-course commentator to the ball quickly to explain what the player is facing on the next shot.

"Logistically, it's hard to make that happen," Loomis said. "We have to have a camera out there right away. And the best time to go to commercial is when they hit their tee shot, because it's a long walk. I don't want to do this just to do it. I want to do it when it makes sense."

The biggest change was when Strange resigned in June after nine years in the booth. Strange turns 50 next year and will be eligible for the Champions Tour, although he was interested in staying with ABC if he could get a long-term commitment.

ABC didn't offer one as it tried to chart a new course.

Loomis says there is no model for golf coverage, although having two analysts in the booth would break the mold. As he spoke, ESPN's college football show was on the television behind him — with Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit.

"Who says it has to be two, three, four people?" Loomis said. "It depends on the personalities and the mix. My hope is we put the right mix together. If I had to say anything about what the future holds, it's that we'll have a better mix of personalities."

"Don't get me wrong — golf is the most important part, how we present it," he said. "I

can do a million things production-wise, and the average viewer might subliminally notice or might be more entertained. But consciously, you really notice the announcers."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Purdue needs a win after last two straight losses

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Northwestern might not have Michigan's pedigree or Wisconsin's lofty ranking in the AP Top 25, but that hasn't stopped No. 17 Purdue from calling Saturday's game against the Wildcats the biggest of the year.

The Boilermakers (5-2, 2-2 Big Ten) are reeling after dropping two heartbreakers in a row at home to the Badgers and Wolverines.

Purdue's best start since 1945 now seems like a distant memory for a team that is suddenly desperate just to get a victory.

"We need to find a way to win a football game, if that's possible," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said. "And we think it is."

The Boilermakers could not ask for better timing to play Northwestern (3-4, 2-2). Purdue has defeated the Wildcats seven straight times, only once by a margin less than eight points.

And finally, after facing two of the best defenses in the country in consecutive weeks, Purdue's high-powered offense finally gets a breather against a Northwestern defense that

ranks 105th in the nation against the pass.

"There are not a lot of defenses in the nation comparable to Wisconsin and Michigan, but (Northwestern's) front four is good," quarterback Kyle Orton said. "It will be nice to see a different style of defense where they're not going to get up in your face and jam and hold you."

The Boilermakers have expressed frustration with a perceived lack of pass interference penalties called by officials.

"It's part of the rules, and it's not being enforced," Tiller said plainly. "To say I'm not happy with this would be an understatement."

After catching 35 passes for 568 yards and 11 touchdowns in the first five games, star receiver Taylor Stubblefield has been manhandled over the last two, managing just four catches for 50 yards and no scores.

The physical Wisconsin and Michigan secondaries dared officials to throw the flag, and it worked.

Tiller expects to see more of the same the rest of the season.

"I suspect every team will try that against us," Tiller said. "If



Michigan's Michael Hart, top, flips over Purdue's Kyle Smith on his way to a first down that set up the winning field goal in the fourth quarter on Oct. 23. Michigan defeated Purdue 16-14.

you're playing against Purdue, wouldn't you do it? I would." The Wildcats may not.

Their secondary plays primarily in zone schemes, and Orton said he would be surprised to

see a lot of man-to-man coverage on Saturday in Evanston, Ill.

Wife's illness affects Smith's outlook

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State coach John L. Smith sat in his office last week contemplating football — and life.

He has had plenty of big questions related to both this season, because his wife was diagnosed with cancer.

Diana Smith first got the news this summer, after a large tumor was removed from her colon during emergency surgery. The first diagnosis was that her case was terminal. But better news followed, giving the Smiths hope, and giving the typically upbeat, high-energy coach a new per-

spective on life.

"Di has kept us positive," Smith said. "And I guess I just refused to believe what we were being told. You go from terminal to a feeling that we can handle this — so you go from a dark day to a sunny day."

Smith, preparing his Spartans (4-3, 3-1 Big Ten) for Saturday's game against No. 12 Michigan (7-1, 5-0), has mixed feelings about his archrival these days. It was a University of Michigan medical team that gave the Smiths their best news in four months.

At first, doctors told the 55-year-old Diana Smith she had a stromal tumor a rare but typically fatal type of cancer.

The Mayo Clinic confirmed the diagnosis.

Unwilling to accept that determination, the Smiths turned elsewhere.

The team from the University of Michigan Medical Center determined the tumor could be of the desmoid variety, which is far less threatening. About two weeks ago, a team at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute agreed.

A desmoid tumor probably would reappear at the same spot and grow more slowly. It also would be more treatable with drugs.

A colon exam earlier this month "looked good," Smith said. The worst consequence for Diana Smith has been some anemia, but she hasn't missed a Spartans road trip this season. She even made the family's July trip to Africa, where the 55-year-old coach climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.

"She's just gone on with life," Smith said. "She's out every day, taking care of everything."

Diana Smith protects her privacy and typically does not do interviews. But her husband says her positive attitude has helped him stay upbeat. The illness also has sparked some personal reflection for Smith, well-known for his humor and affection for his players.

The Smiths, married 34 years with three adult children, are both from Idaho Falls, Idaho. But they haven't had a well-defined home since Smith began his college coaching career as a graduate assistant at Weber State in 1971.

Assistant coaching jobs followed at Montana, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Washington State. Smith became Idaho's head coach in 1989, and led programs at Utah State and Louisville before moving to Michigan State after the 2002 season.

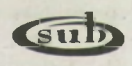
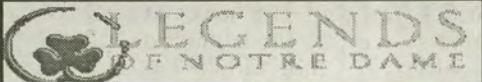
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1	North Carolina	15-0-1
2	NOTRE DAME	16-0-1
3	Penn State	14-1-1
4	Virginia	13-2-1
5	Portland	15-3-0
6	UCLA	11-5-0
7	Princeton	12-1-0
8	Santa Clara	11-4-2
9	Kansas	15-3-0
10	Washington	12-3-1
11	Tennessee	11-3-2
12	Florida State	12-4-1
13	Florida	12-3-3
14	Texas A&M	13-5-0
15	Duke	12-5-0
16	Auburn	13-2-2
17	Ohio State	11-3-3
18	Stanford	10-4-2
19	California	9-4-2
20	West Virginia	4-4-0
21	Connecticut	14-5-0
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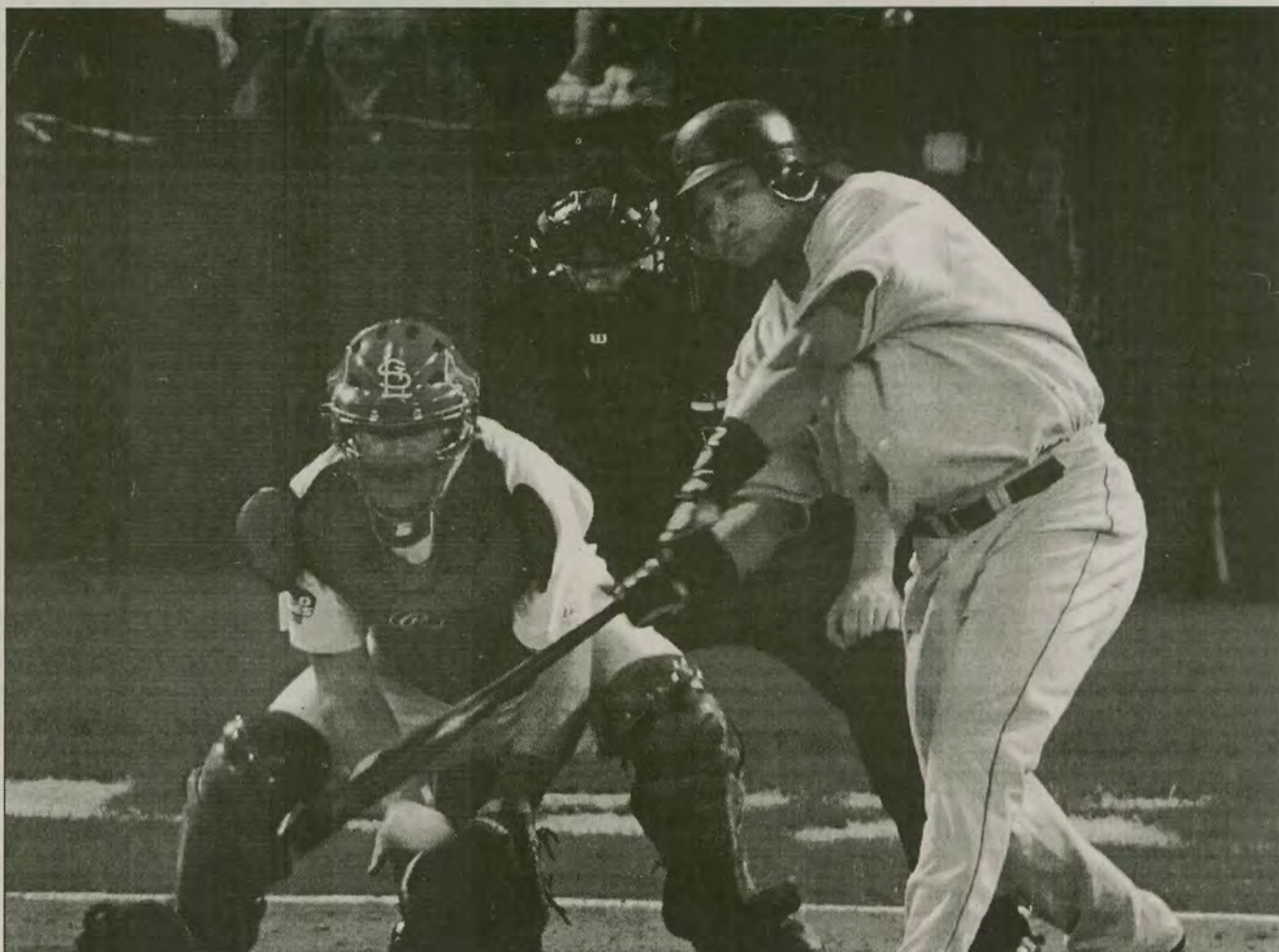
Men's Soccer Top 25

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2	NOTRE DAME	12-2-2
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3 (tie)	Virginia	13-2-0
5	Indiana	11-3-1
6	UCLA	9-2-2
7	Southern Methodist	12-3-0
8	New Mexico	11-1-1
9	UC-Santa Barbara	12-2-1
10	Washington	10-3-2
11	Wake Forest	9-3-1
12	St. John's	9-3-4
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15	Duke	13-3-0
16	Boston College	1-3-1
17	James Madison	13-1-1
18	California	9-3-2
19	Virginia	9-4-1
20	Commonwealth	8-3-5
21	Penn State	7-3-2
22	South Florida	10-5-1
23 (tie)	Seton Hall	6-3-5
23 (tie)	Memphis	10-3-1
25	Old Dominion	10-3-2

AVCA Volleyball Top 25

	team	record
1	Washington	17-0
2	Minnesota	20-2
3	Hawaii	18-0
4	Nebraska	17-1
5	Southern Cal	12-3
6	Penn State	17-2
7	Ohio State	19-1
8	Florida	18-2
9	Colorado State	16-2
10	Texas	17-2
11	Stanford	15-5
12	UCLA	13-5
13	California	13-5
14	Saint Mary's (CA)	11-7
15	Texas A&M	17-2
16	Tennessee	12-5
17	UTah	19-2
18	Kansas State	16-3
19	Santa Clara	14-4
20	UC Santa Barbara	14-3
21	Illinois	14-5
22	San Diego	14-4
23	Louisville	18-2
24	Arizona	12-7
25	Florida A&M	17-2

WORLD SERIES



Boston Red Sox leftfielder Manny Ramirez pokes a single to drive in centerfielder Johnny Damon during the fifth inning of Boston's 4-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals in game three of the World Series.

Red Sox one game from breaking curse

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Get ready, Boston. There's no other outcome now: Pedro Martinez, Manny Ramirez and the Red Sox will either win the World Series or add another historic collapse to their legend.

They'll either reverse The Curse that's plagued the team since 1918 or they'll fall apart, just as they did the last four times they got this close.

Martinez made his long-awaited Series debut a special one, bailed out when Ramirez and David Ortiz did as much damage with their arms as bats. Backed

by the surprising show of defense, Boston cruised past St. Louis 4-1 Tuesday night for a 3-0 lead and left a crowd that loves its Cardinals booing the home team.

Until this October, it was considered almost impossible for any baseball team to recover from such a deficit in the postseason. No one had ever done it — that is, until the Red Sox bounced back to stun New York in the AL championship series.

And now, after being only three outs away from getting swept last week, Boston is on the verge of sweeping the club that led

the majors in wins this year and claiming the ultimate prize.

Derek Lowe will try to finish it off Wednesday night, with Jason Marquis starting Game 4 for St. Louis.

Pitching a day after his 33rd birthday, Martinez threw seven innings of shutout ball, holding the limp Cardinals to three hits and retiring his final 14 batters.

Ramirez put Martinez ahead with a first-inning homer and the three-time Cy Young winner held it, helped by superb defense and shaky baserunning. Added up, the Red Sox set

a team record with their seventh straight postseason win, bettering the streak of six capped off by Babe Ruth's win in the 1916 Series.

That Martinez won was hardly amazing. That Boston's defense contributed was downright shocking.

The Red Sox made eight errors and still won the first two games.

This time, they were flawless in the field — and maybe even better than that.

Ramirez threw out Larry Walker at the plate from left field to end the first inning.

IN BRIEF

Foster latest Pacer bitten by injury bug

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers center Jeff Foster will have hip surgery Wednesday and is expected to miss four to six weeks, further depleting the team's front court.

Foster is scheduled to undergo arthroscopic surgery on his right hip. He has been hampered by the injury since before training camp, but didn't believe it to be serious until it flared up this week.

"It's a clean-out type thing, not a tightening thing or reattachment deal," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said Tuesday. "But it is weight bearing. So we'll just have to see."

His emergence as a legitimate hustler and rebounder played a big role in the Pacers' success last season. He averaged 6.1 points and 7.4 rebounds in his first season as a starter.

Scot Pollard, who has looked sharp in the preseason, will fill Foster's spot in the starting lineup.

Foster's injury is the latest to hit the front court. Forward/center Jermaine O'Neal could be held out of the remaining preseason games with a nagging ligament strain in his left foot, and rookie David Harrison has missed time with a shoulder injury.

Man sentenced in baseball rivalry shooting

LOS ANGELES — A man was sentenced Tuesday to 50 years to life in prison for shooting a man to death in a Dodger Stadium parking lot after an argument.

Pete Marron, 20, was convicted in August of first-degree murder in the Sept. 19, 2003, killing of Marc Antenoracruz, 25. The jury also found Marron guilty of using a handgun in the attack.

Prosecutors said Marron shot Antenoracruz during a dispute near the end of a game between the Dodgers and San Francisco Giants. Police said the shooting apparently involved fan rivalry. Antenoracruz was described by family members as

a Giants fan. Sore thigh forces Federer's withdrawal

BASEL, Switzerland — Roger Federer pulled out of the Swiss Indoors after hurting his left thigh in a practice session Tuesday, while Taylor Dent and Paradorn Srichaphan exited with upset losses.

The top-ranked Federer will need to rest up to two weeks and could miss the Paris Masters Cup and season-ending Tennis Masters Cup, which starts Nov. 17 in Houston.

As a kid, Federer was a ball boy at this tournament, which he's never won.

"This is a huge disappointment for me, clearly," said Federer, the first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam titles in a season. "But all I can do is wait again until next year."

The man who replaced him in the draw, Bohdan Ulihrach, reached the second round when Luis Horna quit with lower back pain after losing the first set 6-1.

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NFL

Titans' plan to avoid rebuilding is unraveling

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Six hours before kickoff, doctors removed Shad Meier's appendix, leaving the Tennessee Titans with only one healthy tight end: rookie Ben Troupe.

That forced coaches to scrap all plays with two tight ends, a staple of the offense, and drop plays specially designed for Troupe to use his physical skills and minimize his inexperience.

After the last-minute changes, the Titans lost for the first time to the team that replaced them in Houston, the Texans.

"Every week, there's something wrong injury-wise, and it's very frustrating," Steve McNair said.

The Titans thought they could sneak under the salary cap this year, rely on the draft to restock the roster and avoid the rebuilding other teams in similar situations faced.

So much for those plans.

Now the franchise that entered 2004 tied for most wins since 1999 is trying to salvage a season that started with Super Bowl dreams and is being undermined by injuries and inexperience.

"It's kind of a new situation for us," coach Jeff Fisher

admitted.

General manager Floyd Reese took over this franchise in 1994, forced to rebuild a playoff team torn apart by the NFL's new salary cap. He watched his Houston Oilers go 2-14 that season.

Since 1995, Reese and Fisher have worked with a simple philosophy: build through the draft, identify a core of top players each season, let pricey veterans leave and rely on the coaching staff to teach the youngsters.

The strategy led to a 56-24 record from 1999 to 2003, with an AFC championship and playoff berths in four of the five seasons.

But the Titans, crunched by the cap, made too many wrong moves this offseason, and they are paying for it.

They let Jevon Kearse and Robaire Smith leave for big money in Philadelphia and Houston, respectively, and tried to replace them by drafting five defensive linemen.

Kearse now has four sacks in Philadelphia and has been a defensive catalyst in the Eagles' 6-0 start. His Tennessee replacements have been so ineffective Fisher had to switch Kevin Carter back from tackle to end.



Tennessee's wide receiver Eddie Berlin, middle, throws down a cup of ice in the closing moments of his team's 20-10 loss to Houston on Oct. 17.

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Colts wish to improve returns and coverage



Jacksonville's kicker Josh Scobee kicks the winning field goal to defeat Indianapolis last Sunday. The Jaguars won 27-24.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy sounds the same warning message each week: To reach the Super Bowl, the Indianapolis Colts have to get better on offense and defense.

After Sunday's 27-24 loss to Jacksonville, Dungy has a new concern: Improving kickoff coverage and kickoff returns.

Six games into the season, the Colts are ranked No. 32 in kickoff in coverage and 15th in the AFC in kickoff returns. It's clearly not what Dungy expected after dedicating about a quarter of all training camp practices exclusively to special teams.

"We're last in the AFC in both, and that's hard to do," Dungy said. "On Sunday, we looked like we did not practice at all. It looked like the first day of training camp."

There will likely be a special emphasis placed on the kicking game this week after Sunday's dreadful performance.

It started when James Munro fielded the opening kickoff at the Colts 13 and took one step to his left — out of bounds. Things didn't get any

better. At one point, Dominic Rhodes fielded a kickoff in the end zone, hesitated, started to come out then downed it just before stepping on the goal line.

And then there was the kick coverage.

Jacksonville's average drive started at the 35, the Colts' at their own 17.

Of the Colts' five kickoffs, the Jaguars were backed inside their own 30 once — when they started at their own 26 on the opening possession of the second half.

That must get better this week when the Colts face one of the NFL's most dangerous returners, Dante Hall.

"Teams are doing a lot of different things to them, spreading the blocking units out, not letting him catch it on the run, things like that," Dungy said. "They're not giving him those batting practice-type returns. But with Dante Hall, we've got to kick better and return better, too."

The Colts could be helped by the possible return of kick returner Brad Pyatt, who missed Sunday's game after re-injuring his right ankle in practice last week.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Keady's final days at Purdue begin

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Gene Keady's final days as coach at Purdue have begun.

Keady is in his 25th and last season as head of the Boilermakers, but he's not feeling sentimental ... yet.

"It's the same as usual, business as usual," Keady said Tuesday at Purdue's annual media day.

"It's nice to know this will be my last media day," he joked. "There are a lot of 'lasts' happening these days."

After this season, Keady will step aside and hand the head job to former Boilermaker Matt Painter, who was hired from Southern Illinois in the offseason to serve as an assistant for one year before taking over.

Judging by his demeanor on Tuesday, Keady couldn't be happier with the situation.

"It's been great. Matt's been a great addition," Keady said. "It's been a smooth transition. It's been enjoyable."

Keady said adding Painter and Paul Lusk, who served under Painter at Southern Illinois, to his staff has energized him and made him even more determined to go out on a winning note.

"I feel very comfortable with our three guys," Keady said of Painter, Lusk and Cuonzo Martin. "They're involved in the coaching. I don't like 'yes' men. I want players who will critique and coach and teach and have enthusiasm about it, and I think we've got that."

But make no mistake, Keady is not a ceremonial figurehead

at Purdue this season. He's still very much involved in the day-to-day operations, and it is still his team.

When asked if it would get awkward between the coach of the present and the coach of the future if Painter stepped on his toes, Keady replied, "There won't be any toe-stepping, because I'm running the show."

Painter could not have agreed more.

"It's uncharted waters that this is happening, but we're familiar with each other," Painter said. "I am his assistant. It's not a dual role. It's a dictatorship."

One that has, for the most part, been successful over the last 24 seasons. But Keady is looking for something better than last year's 17-14 season that included a 7-9 record in Big-Ten play.

There is reason for optimism, as Purdue lost nine games by five points or less, including four by one point.

"We had five injuries," Keady said, plainly. "We don't think that should be a problem this year."

One thing Keady has tried to do is keep the focus off him — and the unique situation with Painter — and on his team and his players.

"I told them to play for themselves, play for each other and play for Purdue," Keady said. "Don't play for me. That's baloney."

His messages rarely fail to hit home with his players, but this one clearly has been lost.

"To me, I'm glad I got the opportunity to play for coach in his last season," junior college transfer Gary Ware said.

"It's nice to know this will be my last media day."

**Gene Keady
Purdue coach**

MLB

Ex-Yankees accept probation

Probation concerns bullpen brawl that occurred in 2003

Associated Press

BOSTON — Two former New York Yankees who got into a brawl with a Fenway Park groundskeeper during the 2003 American League Championship series agreed Tuesday to serve six months of probation and perform 50 hours of community service.

Pitcher Jeff Nelson and outfielder Karim Garcia accepted the deal just before the case was scheduled to go to trial.

The deal also calls for the players to be evaluated for possible anger management counseling.

If they meet the requirements and stay out of trouble, the assault and battery charges will be dismissed.

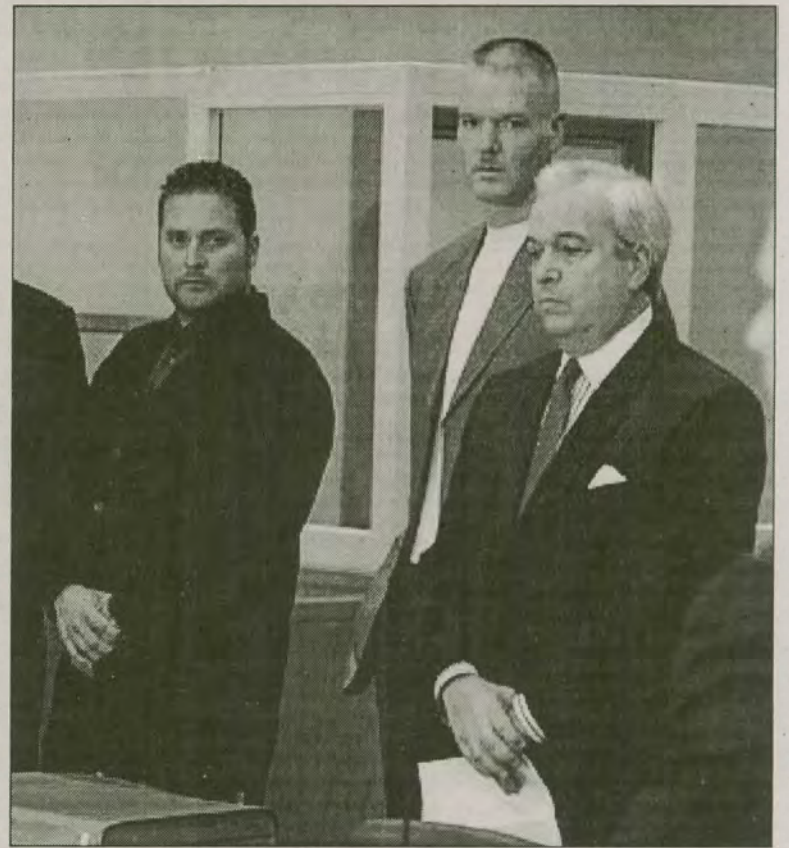
"While sufficient evidence exists to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt, the conduct of Nelson and Garcia does not merit criminal convictions," the district attorney's office said in a statement.

Charges were dropped last week against Paul Williams, 25, of Derry, N.H., a part-time groundskeeper who got into the fight with the players.

The fight broke out after Williams cheered for the Red Sox while in the Yankee bullpen during the third game of the ALCS last October.

"The conduct of Nelson and Garcia does not merit criminal convictions."

district attorney's office



From left, former New York Yankees outfielder Karim Garcia and former Yankees pitcher Jeff Nelson listen to the specifics of a court agreement on Tuesday.

The groundskeeper sued the players for more than \$33,000.

He said the fight left him with a crooked nose; broken teeth; a neck injury and cleat marks on his body.

But prosecutor David Fredette told the judge that a videotape of

the fight revealed that Williams' most serious injuries were inflicted by other players who jumped into the fracas, and not by Nelson and Garcia.

"It'd be nice of you guys to write that," Nelson told a reporter as he walked out of the courtroom.

Nelson, 37, now plays for the Texas Rangers. Garcia, 28, was released this August from the Baltimore Orioles.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles lose fourth consecutive loss

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Olivet College Comets cooled off Saint Mary's yesterday by defeating them in four games. For the Belles, this marked their fourth consecutive conference loss in a row. Saint Mary's finished the year 5-11 in the MIAA and currently resides in seventh place in the league.

The Comets came out strong in the first game and downed the Belles by a score of 30-27. Saint Mary's was able to regroup in the second game and easily won 30-23. But after losing to Saint Mary's in three straight games earlier in the season, Olivet did not let up and beat the Belles in the next two games by scores of 30-24 and 30-22.

The victory was only the Comet's third conference win of the year and places them at 8-22 overall.

The offense struggled to put points on the board all match long.

Despite this difficulty, Michelle Turley once again dominated for the Belles as she posted 16 kills. But this wasn't enough to beat Olivet.

A number of Belles also played well on defensive. Anne Cusack led the team with 18 digs followed by Shelly Bender's 16 digs. Amanda David recorded another 13 herself and

Stephanie Bauer added 12 to finish the contest.

The comets ended the game with 18 more kills than Saint Mary's and had almost 40 more digs than the Belles.

Even with the skid at the end of the year, the Belles still know that they some games left to play before the tournament begins.

Saint Mary's is now 5-14 overall and they have dropped six of their last seven games.

With the MIAA tournament beginning in less than a week the Belles will be looking to finish their season on a strong note.

"We all had obstacles to overcome this season, the coaching staff included," said Turley. "But since our season is coming to an end, it's time to put it all behind us and give these last games our all."

The Belles will take the court again today at 7 p.m. as they travel to Manchester

College.

Last year, Saint Mary's upended the Spartans in four games to capture the win.

In the game, strong play by Elise Rupright and Cusack helped the Belles to victory.

The team will need both of them again if they hope to win. Manchester is currently 10-13 on the season and should be a good test for the struggling Belles.

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"We all had obstacles to overcome this season, the coaching staff included."

**Michelle Turley
outside attacker**

NFL

Bengals save pride and season



Denver's Reuben Droughns gets tackled by Cincinnati's Caleb Miller, right, and Brian Simmons in the third quarter on Monday.

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Now that they've won their first Monday night game in a dozen years, are the Cincinnati Bengals capable of something even more unexpected?

Chad Johnson is convinced of it.

Shortly after the Bengals saved face and their season with a 23-10 victory over Denver, the receiver who made it happen was asked if his last-place team is capable of another playoff run.

"Yes," he said, without hesitation or elaboration.

There is a precedent, though it may not apply.

The Bengals were 1-4 — the same as last season — when they pulled themselves together for their first "Monday Night Football" appearance since 1992. Johnson led the way with seven catches for 149 yards, repeatedly beating Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey.

The Bengals are still languishing at the bottom of the AFC North, but they're no longer a lost cause.

Same as last season.

Cincinnati crawled out of an identical start in coach Marvin Lewis' first season by winning six of its next seven games, moving up to 7-5 and a first-place tie with Baltimore. The Bengals stayed in contention until the final week, finishing two games behind the Ravens at 8-8.

"We were 1-4 last year and we bounced back," Johnson said. "We were 1-4 this year and we bounced back."

They did it once, why not again?

Well, the schedule is much more daunting. The final three road games are in Baltimore, New England and Philadelphia.

And the Bengals (2-4) have yet to prove they're anything more than a creation of prime time television. Their two victories are 16-13 over Miami at home on Sunday night, and the upset over Denver at

home on Monday night. In their four day games out of the national spotlight, they've looked half-asleep.

Maybe they're just nocturnal.

"We're pretty good at night," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "The atmosphere is just unbelievable. You could tell that Cincinnati wanted a Monday night game for a long time. We really fed off of them. It was crazy all night long. The intensity they brought really kind of propelled us through this game, especially defensively."

Palmer's 50-yard touchdown pass to Johnson got the Bengals ahead, but it was the defense that kept them there. One of the league's lowest-ranked units had two interceptions, forced a fumble, got three sacks and kept the Broncos (5-2) in check for most of the night.

For the first time since that Sunday night win, the defense played like something important was at stake.

It was.

"We had our backs to the wall, we're playing on national television, it's early in the season and we're 1-4," linebacker Brian Simmons summed up. "It feels good, but keep in mind we're only 2-4. There's no reason we can't play this way every week."

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Hoosier victory Sept. 15.

Sawyer leads the Big East in both goals against average (.42) and shutouts (9) and Stewart has even chipped in on offense, notching a pair of goals, including the game-winner in 2-0 win over Boston University on Sept. 5.

In addition to Stewart and Sawyer, defender Kevin Goldthwaite has also been stellar in the back since returning from injury in late September.

However, as much as defense has been the story this year, the maturation of a young, yet potent offensive unit has been equally responsible for the Irish

climbing to the No. 5 spot in the most recent NSCAA/Adidas poll.

Graduating 35 of 38 goals from last year's Sweet 16 squad, to say the Irish were unsure where the tallies would come from at the beginning of the season would be an understatement.

"Ask me [who will score the goals] at the end of the season, and I'll be able to answer your question," coach Bobby Clark said during preseason action.

Forwards Justin Detter (14 goals) and Devon Prescod (12 goals) and midfielder Greg Martin (six goals) accounted for 32 of the team's 38 goals last season.

Goldthwaite, Stewart and sophomore midfielder Ian Etherington were the only players currently lacing up the boots

to find the back of the net last season.

"The scoring really fell to two main players last year," Clark said after Notre Dame's second and final preseason game. "I think the way to cover that is to get goals from a lot of different areas and not rely on solely one or two guys."

"Can we actually get goals from four, five or even six different areas?"

"I think that's possible this year."

Clark's comments appear prophetic several months later as a handful of young Irish players have stepped up and shouldered the goal-scoring burden.

Junior forward Tony Megna (five goals) and sophomore forward Justin McGeeney (five goals, one assist) have spear-

headed the Irish attack, while senior Luke Boughen (two goals, four assists), Etherington (three goals, five assists), sophomore midfielder Nate Norman (two goals, two assists) and freshman forwards Alex Yoshinaga (three goals, two assists) and Joe Lapira (two goals, two assists) have frequently contributed.

Both Megna and McGeeney currently sit fifth in the Big East in goals scored with five each while Etherington's five assists rank sixth in the conference.

The young unit leads the Big East in a pair of offensive categories — shots (291) and corner kicks (101) — and ranks third in both goals (26) and assists (23).

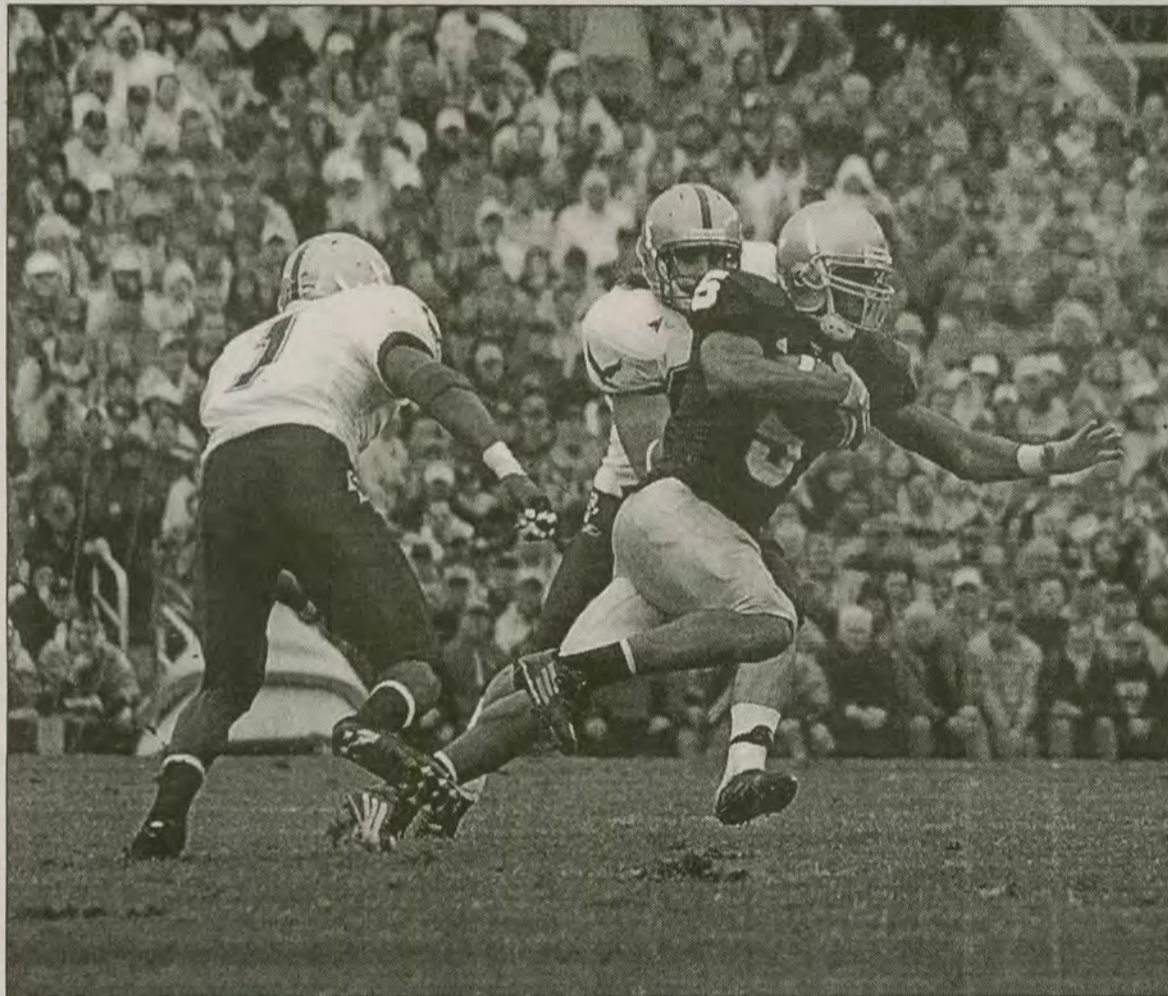
While inconsistency often accompanies youth, the Irish offense has been uncharacteristically steady this season, netting

at least one goal in 13 of 16 games, including a goal or more in each of their last nine contests (8-0-1 during the stretch).

Although the Irish may not light up the scoreboard night-in and night-out, in the end, they've gotten the job done, as evidenced by Notre Dame claiming its first regular season conference crown since the Irish joined the Big East in 1995 with a 2-0-1 conference road trip over fall break.

Should the aggressive young offense continue to buttress what has been a shut-down defense, the Irish may achieve yet another "first" come NCAA tournament time — a national championship.

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Junior wide receiver Rhema McKnight shields the ball from Boston College defenders, looking to capitalize on a pass from quarterback Brady Quinn.

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its feelings at Tuesday's practice.

"That was not my focus. That will come in time. I think our football team is hurt. I do think we'll get over it. The focus today was number one to get healthy. Start the process of getting back to where we need to be," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said.

"I think if it doesn't hurt, then why are you doing it. I know they hurt. I know they gave the best they could."

Now sitting at 5-3, Notre Dame's schedule isn't getting any easier with two ranked teams at two difficult venues and an improving Pittsburgh team.

But those are the cards the Irish are dealt with right now.

"We've backed ourselves into a position where, you always say you don't have much margin for error, but right now you have three games remaining

and those three games really make your season," Willingham said.

Even after the blowout loss to Purdue, Willingham and the coaching staff kept the team focused on possibly qualifying for the Bowl Championship Series by getting to nine wins.

Now with a third loss, it's very unlikely the Irish will reach that level.

Willingham and his staff haven't talked to the players about it much, but he knows the best the team can do is to win out and to see what happens.

That's all that's left.

"I think an excellent record. When I say excellent, that's not 9-2, that's gone. I think 8-3, that's the best we can do at this time," Willingham said.

"I don't think that's a terrible record, it's not what we wanted, but I think that's something to play for."

"I think if it doesn't hurt, then why are you doing it. I know they hurt. I know they gave the best they could."

Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

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playoffs, the team still expects to play at a high level.

"We definitely will come out with some intensity, because we're not the type of team to give up," Herdman said.

"We'll try to upset some other people's seasons if we can, and try to get as many wins under our belt."

Unlike their first game of the year, however, the Belles will no longer have the advantage of playing on their home field.

"They [Hope] are tough to play at home, and they're probably not happy about us beating them earlier in the year," Herdman said.

"We'll try to show them today that that's the way it should be."

In their last four games on the road, the Belles have been unable to post a victory, and their road record for the year stands at 1-4-1.

"We'll be looking to improve on our road record, because it's clear to see that road games have been a problem for us," Artnak said. "We have two away games left, and it would be nice if we could put two more points in the win column

there."

Even with high expectations gone unfulfilled, a second win against Hope would leave the Belles feeling confident about their season.

"Hope is a strong team, and beating the top conference team is always a big accomplishment; even if we don't make the NCAA, the season has still been very successful," Herdman said.

"We've got a great record, we've played some amazing games, and we've beat some very good teams in this conference. Just because we didn't pull off everything we should have doesn't mean this season wasn't a success."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast honored as Preseason National Player of the Year

Senior also named first team All-American by Basketball News

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After a season that saw her named to a first team all-Big East performer and honorable

mention All-American, Irish senior Jacqueline Batteast has been named the Preseason National Player of the Year and a first team All-American by Basketball News.



Batteast

The forward earned these honors in the publication's season preview after a season in which she averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

During the postseason, one which saw the Irish reach the Sweet 16, Batteast averaged a double-double — 22 points and 11.7 rebounds per game, to go along with a .483 field goal percentage.

Last season was the third in a row Batteast was named to the all-Big East team.

Entering the 2004-05 campaign, Batteast is in 11th place on the Notre Dame all-time scoring list, with 1,315 career points. She has started 64 straight

games for the Irish, and 86 of the 90 games played in her three years at Notre Dame.

Already this preseason, Batteast has been named a preseason All-American and award nominee by four other publications.

She was selected to the Wooden's Women's Award Preseason All-America team, meaning she is one of 30 candidates for the Wooden Award given to the top women's basketball player.

She was also named to the watch list for another top award, the State Farm Wade Trophy.

Lindy's named Batteast a preseason first team All-American. Finally, Street & Smith's named her to its "Terrific 10" list of the nation's top players.

Batteast hails from Washington High School in South Bend.

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FOOTBALL

Irish to regroup, recover

Bye week allows the team an opportunity to rest and prepare for Tennessee

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After the disappointing loss to Boston College, the first instinct for a lot of players is to want to get back out as soon as possible and play again.

But the Irish aren't in that situation.

Thanks to the moving of the

Brigham Young game to Sept. 4, the Irish have a bye after Saturday's disappointing loss and an extra week to prepare for a tough road trip to Neyland Stadium at the University of Tennessee.

And they're looking to capitalize on the situation.

"When you have a bye situation, you have to learn to use it to your advantage. Right now, our advantage, it gives us some extra time to get rid of the feeling we have and get back in the saddle," Willingham said.

"Sometimes you can have a hangover from a defeat, so hopefully, the time that we have, the extra week, will give

us an opportunity to not have that, lose it and focus on Tennessee."

Wide receiver Rhema McKnight agrees.

"It's actually good for us because we've been waiting for a bye week for awhile now," he said.

"Guys have been beat up, still working pretty hard, but get a chance to rest and be ready for Tennessee."

The Irish were devastated after the game Saturday. Their emotions will recover over time.

Willingham wasn't concentrating on getting the team over

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CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Junior wide receiver Maurice Stovall dashes down the field after catching a pass from quarterback Brady Quinn during Saturday's loss to Boston College.

MEN'S SOCCER

Sawyer, Stewart dominate



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Senior Jack Stewart pursues the ball in a game against Pittsburgh earlier this season.

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

While the old adage "If they don't score, you can't lose" is certainly true, by the same token, if you can't score, you can't win, either.

Heading into the season, the Irish knew exactly what they would be getting from their nationally-acclaimed defense.

Anchored by a pair of 2004 Hermann Trophy Watch List members—the most prestigious honor in college soccer—in defender Jack Stewart and goalkeeper Chris Sawyer, the defense has certainly not disappointed. It yielded one goal or less in 15 of 16 contests thus far this season—only then-No. 1 Indiana managed to sneak more than one by Sawyer in a 2-0

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SMC SOCCER

Belles fight for life in playoffs against Hope

Game expected to determine the rest of the team's season

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Editor

Though they won't make the NCAA Tournament this year, the Belles know they can hang with the best of them.

Saint Mary's will get to prove just how talented their team is when they face off today against Hope College, which currently sits atop the standings in the MIAA conference.

"Hope is a very strong team, and the games against them are always good because they're top competition," sen-

ior captain Jen Herdman said. "We're all excited for today's game. Hopefully, we'll have some better luck on the road and take home a win."

The Belles looked strong in their first meeting with Hope this season, pulling out a 2-0 victory at home. The loss to Saint Mary's is the only conference loss for Hope all year, and both teams eagerly anticipate a rematch.

"We're excited because we always enjoy playing Hope," senior Shannon Artnak said. "They're another high caliber team that plays a style of soccer similar to ours."

Although the rematch against Hope was expected to be the deciding factor in whether the Belles made the

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Saint Mary's drops its fourth consecutive loss to Olivet College.

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The Bengals are looking to build on their success this season after their Monday night victory over the Broncos.

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