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## Democrats reclaim House in close election

*Donnelly ousts Chocola; ND, SMC alums win races*

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

After a neck-and-neck, negative campaign that drew national attention, Democratic challenger and Notre Dame graduate Joe Donnelly defeated incumbent Republican Chris Chocola in Tuesday's election for control of Indiana's 2nd District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

American Studies professor and South Bend Tribune political columnist Jack Colwell said Indiana's 2nd Congressional District was a more favorable environment for Donnelly than it was in 2004.

"[Donnelly] needed to do better [to win compared to last election] and he did," Colwell said.

Colwell said Donnelly polled well, not

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Democrat Joe Donnelly, with wife Jill, speaks Tuesday at the West Side Democratic Club in South Bend. Donnelly defeated Republican Chris Chocola to win Indiana's 2nd District.

*Students follow election results for home state races*

By RYAN SYDLIK  
News Writer

Gathered around plasma screen televisions, alternately cheering or biting their nails, the students lingering in LaFortune Tuesday night could have been watching a big game. But rather than waiting for the latest jumps in BCS rankings, these watchers were anticipating midterm election results.

Their reactions varied from cheerfulness to apathy, as they tracked televised election coverage.

Sam Chen, a graduate student from China who has lived in the United States for four years, said he learned much about American politics by watching the results.

"I'm not from the States," he said. "It's definitely the event of the night. Even

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## Business students present tax proposal in D.C.



Jimmy Flaherty, left, Andree Johnson, center, and David McCormick, all Tax Research/Tax Policy students, visit Washington, D.C.

By JENNIFER METZ  
News Writer

When Professor James Wittenbach asked his graduate students to develop a new tax law proposal, he never imagined what would result.

What Tax Research/Tax Policy students James Flaherty, Andree Johnson and David McCormick originally deemed an opportunity to meet classmates turned into a trip to Washington D.C. to potentially change a federal tax law.

Wittenbach spoke to Notre Dame graduate Jim Jaeger, Deputy National Tax Managing Partner for Deloitte, over the summer to expand his course's ice-breaker into a more serious aspect of the class.

The 36 students in the class divided themselves into groups of three to develop tax law proposals they felt would benefit taxpayers, as well as the economy and the environment.

Professionals from Deloitte & Touche along with Professor Ken Milani, advisor to the Tax Assistance Program, judged the class' 12 proposals.

Flaherty, Johnson and McCormick's proposal, focused on education and also on providing financial rewards for graduates and their parents, was chosen by Deloitte and Milani to be presented to the National Tax Office of Deloitte in Washington D.C.

The three winners put in a "decent amount of time" outside of the classroom doing research and developing their ideas,

Johnson said.

"Being graduate students, we have all been through quite a bit of education to date," Johnson said. "The assignment was to make one change to the way income taxes are computed, so naturally we turned our thoughts to education and whether or not there was room for a new credit in the current tax code."

Flaherty said they "felt that this was a pressing need for our country when looking at education levels across the board."

The students' proposal includes a \$1,000 tax credit for the parent or legal guardian of a high school graduate, a \$2,000 tax credit for the student graduating with a bachelor's degree and a \$1,000

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## CSTV game broadcast limits watch options

By AARON STEINER  
News Writer

Channel surfing, adjusting your antenna and even smacking the television set will not gain most local Notre Dame fans access to Saturday's Notre Dame-Air Force game.

The game will be aired on the CSTV network — a channel that is solely available in select cable markets throughout the nation, excluding Notre Dame's campus and the South Bend area.

CSTV — a three-year-old college sports network owned by CBS Corporation — has rights

to the game through a contract with the Mountain West Conference, of which Air Force is a member.

This marks the first time since the Oct. 31, 1992 Notre Dame-Navy game that a Notre Dame football game will not be available on NBC, ABC, CBS or ESPN. The 1992 Navy game was broadcast locally by WNDU.

On Saturday, however, South Bend Comcast Cable will not air the game locally. Fans can visit UND.com or CSTV.com to watch the game.

Viewers who sign up before

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## Seasonal disorder affects students



A girl walks through the snow in the D6 parking lot. Cold weather and shorter days can cause Seasonal Affective Disorder.

By COURTNEY BALL  
News Writer

The onset of winter means not only the end of football season and progressively colder temperatures, but also fewer hours of daylight — a change that leaves some students with more than just the wintertime blues.

The struggle to adjust to the waning daylight hours and colder weather causes some students to suffer from Major Depression Seasonal Pattern, commonly known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), said Wendy Settle, staff psychologist with the University Counseling Center. SAD affects about 10 million Americans, she said, with an addi-

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Exciting sites around the Bend

After spending the summer in the city that most of us only call home for nine months, I have come to realize that South Bend is much more than just the home of the Fighting Irish. Rather, South Bend is the home to many unique treasures that are often left unexplored by us part-time residents. When dorm parties, the bar scene — or lack thereof — and the cold weather get old, start exploring the city of South Bend.

Rosemary Walsh

Ads Design

Because I, too, have fallen victim to boredom in South Bend, I want to offer you a list of places to spend some time discovering and believe me, they have more to offer than just the usual Notre Dame paraphernalia.

Some of the unique places that I have visited include the beautiful diamond of Coveleski Stadium, the home of the South Bend Silverhawks. A personal favorite of mine, Dollar Mondays bring in a wide array of baseball fans.

From the casual baseball fans who are drawn in by the dollar tickets and the dollar hot dogs, to the diehard Silverhawks fans — yes, there actually are some who know the lineup — this evening at the ball park is a guaranteed good time.

To get a little culture, be sure to visit one of my favorite restaurants on McKinley Avenue called Mazatlan. With wonderful authentic Mexican food, Mazatlan is staffed by waiters from various countries in South America.

Although I wonder how in the world they heard of South Bend, Ind., and even more, why they decided to move here, I am thankful for the wonderful Larissa Quesadillas and suggest them to all.

And now for the grand finale: my all time favorite, The View. Located on Jefferson Blvd, this establishment, which opened in the 1920s, is the home of the ghost Marley and delicious cheeseburgers. During prohibition, it is rumored that seven people were assassinated here. But don't let this scare you from venturing into this small, quaint bar.

The deals are reason enough to visit. On Tuesdays, burgers and pitchers are \$2.50 each. If this does not bring you in, the townies will offer you plenty of entertainment and wonderful stories as well.

Just remember when visiting The View there are four rules on the jukebox that apply to all. No Rap. No Heavy Metal. No Refunds. And No Whining.

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

## CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 7 edition of The Observer a letter to the editor titled "A woman's view on Plan B" was incorrectly attributed to Shawn Ahmed. It was actually written by Renee Woodward. Woodward's letter will run again in the Nov. 9 edition of The Observer. The Observer regrets this error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU WISH SAINT MARY'S WAS A CLOSED CAMPUS?



Allison Fleece  
junior  
off campus

"No, because I don't feel that SMC has a big issue with security."



Allison Klein  
junior  
LeMans

"No, because our security is Nazi-like anyway."



Kim Harris  
junior  
Regina

"No, because it will block off any access to our campus."



Kristen Starkey  
freshman  
McCandless

"No, I feel safe on Saint Mary's campus and don't think we need the extra security."



Lauren Goodwin  
junior  
off campus

"No, because driving to class would be a hassle."



Junior Katie Cosimano asks her friend, junior Becky Flathau, for advice about purchasing a T-shirt Tuesday in the Saint Mary's student center.

## IN BRIEF

Health Services is again distributing free flu shots today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stepan Center. Shots are available to all Notre Dame students, faculty, staff, retirees and spouses of retirees. All recipients must present their current ND identification card, wear short sleeves, and sign a consent form.

There is an informational meeting for Kellogg/Kroc Undergraduate Research Grants tonight from 6:30 to 7:30 in C-103 Hesburgh Center. Summer 2006 recipients will discuss how to choose a topic, write the proposal, prepare a budget and other pertinent issues for applying for the grant.

The play "Big Love" continues tonight at 7:30 in the Philbin Studio Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$8. Performances continue until Nov. 12, and restart Nov. 14 through the 17.

The Saint Mary's Department of Music will present A Fall Choral Concert Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

The play Celebrating Wendy: An Evening of Wasserstein One-Acts will take place Nov. 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Saint Mary's Little Theatre. Tickets are \$9-adults, \$8-senior citizens, \$7-SMC/ND staff and \$6-students.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Hill denies disappointment over CMA loss

NEW YORK — Faith Hill insists she's no Kanye West. The country music superstar says she was just joking when cameras showed her screaming "WHAT?" in apparent anger when she lost the female vocalist of the year award to newcomer Carrie Underwood at the Country Music Association Awards on Monday night in Nashville.

"The idea that I would act disrespectful towards a fellow musician is unimaginable to me," Hill said in a statement. "For this to become a focus of attention

given the talent gathered is utterly ridiculous. Carrie is a talented and deserving Female Vocalist of The Year."

Media outlets and blogs zeroed in on Hill's reaction after Underwood's name was announced at the ceremony.

### Woman in Shakira shaking contest sues

NEW YORK — A woman who said she fell off a slippery bar and injured herself while dancing in a "Shake-It-Like-Shakira" contest is suing the Manhattan saloon that sponsored the competition.

Megan Zacher, 22, of

Delanco, N.J., fell at Calico Jack's Cantina on 42nd Street and Second Avenue on July 8, 2006, her lawyer, Lawrence Simon, said Tuesday. He said the fall caused a torn knee ligament that required surgery.

Simon said Zacher and two friends were celebrating a birthday. She had been at the crowded establishment about an hour, was working on her second drink and was dancing on the bar, vying for the \$250 "Shake-It-Like-Shakira" prize, when she fell, Simon said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 65 LOW 53	HIGH 55 LOW 53	HIGH 65 LOW 52	HIGH 62 LOW 53	HIGH 59 LOW 40	HIGH 48 LOW 35

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

# SUB explains game watch absence; Shirt president approved

## Legal complications prevent TV broadcast

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL  
News Writer

The lack of an Air Force game watch, record sales of The Shirt and an overview of student government's role comprised Tuesday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting in LaFortune.

Student Union Board (SUB) director Pat Vassel explained to the council that legal issues prevent SUB from hosting a game watch for Saturday's football game against the United States

Air Force Academy in Colorado.

"Legal issues between Comcast and CSTV (College Sports Television Programming), the station that is broadcasting the game, will not allow us to broadcast the game as of today," Vassel said. "All questions about not having a game watch should be directed to Comcast."

Student activities advisor Amy Geist explained that the Comcast cable provider for Chicagoland and Northern Indiana, with whom Notre Dame has a contract, does not offer the possibility of carrying the CSTV channel. As of now, SUB has no way to show the game.

Sophomore class president Lulu Meraz mentioned a link she saw on Facebook.com that would

allow students to watch the game by signing up online. Geist offered the possibility of students paying for and downloading the game from CSTV, but "students must be careful to follow the University regulations for broadcasting," she said. Both Geist and Vassel expressed hope that the situation would improve before kickoff on Saturday.

Along the lines of Irish football, The Shirt president Rich Fox informed the council of this year's record-breaking sales.

"We sold 152,000 shirts so far, breaking the previous record by 17,000," Fox said, "so we're pretty excited with where we are."

Fox presented his nomination for the 2007 The Shirt President,

Brad LeNoir. The council unanimously approved the Dillon sophomore for the post.

LeNoir's goals include making sales of next year's The Shirt just as successful as this year's.

"We're going to try and take the project a little more national, piggy-backing on Fox's initiative this year," LeNoir said. "Otherwise we're just going to try and live up to the impressive 152,000."

LeNoir declined to admit a preference for the color of next year's shirt, diplomatically vowing to abide by the preferences of the entire The Shirt committee.

**In other CLC news:**

♦ Tuesday's meeting featured the second presentation in a

series of spotlights on the different organizations COR members represent. This week's presentation was on student government and Shappell gave an overview of her administration's work since taking over in the spring.

♦ Shappell, vice president Bill Andrichik and chief executive assistant Liz Brown each discussed the work of the senate committees they individually oversee. Shappell described the work of the gender issues committee in organizing the Eating Disorder conference, set for Feb. 8-10, as "one of the more ambitious projects of [her] administration."

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## SAD

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tional 24 million suffering from milder symptoms.

The darker evenings and increased pressure to stay indoors and study puts students at additional risk for depression.

"Symptoms include an increase in appetite, weight gain, fatigue, a tendency to oversleep, and difficulty getting out of bed in the morning," Settle said. "It can be quite debilitating."

Fortunately, Notre Dame students seem to have had few serious cases in the past, she

said.

"We have seen very few students who have the full criteria for it," Settle said. "A lot more students have a seasonal pattern to depression symptoms, also called the winter doldrums or winter blues."

But this doesn't mean Notre Dame students are not at risk for developing SAD. Contemporary Topics instructor Marisha Schmidt warns freshmen in her course about the risk factors for SAD.

"Individuals most susceptible are women between the ages of 20 and 40 whose families have a history of SAD," Schmidt said.

Two-thirds of people who develop SAD have family members who suffer from depression

and one-third have relatives afflicted with SAD, Settle said. But all students should be aware of the symptoms and risks, she said.

Cold winter weather and its location above the 32-degree latitude line make South Bend residents vulnerable to SAD, Settle said.

"If someone has a predisposition [for SAD], then with this climate they are more susceptible," Settle said. "As people become more familiar with it, we see more students afflicted with it."

Freshman Robin Link, who hails from Saint Petersburg, Fla., said the weather in her hometown rarely dips below 40 degrees. Heading into her first

winter in South Bend, Link said she is worried about the colder weather on its way.

"I am used to having constant sunshine and I do not know how the lack of it will affect my mood," she said.

Freshman Malisha Samarasekera, of Dublin, Ohio, said she has noticed a change in peoples' dispositions as the days grow shorter.

"People have been a lot less upbeat since fall break," Samarasekera said.

Fortunately, there is treatment available for those suffering from Major Depression Seasonal Pattern, Settle said.

"If a student sees a seasonal pattern to his moods, go to the University Counseling Center to

get a full assessment and possible treatment," Settle said.

The treatment for SAD may include cognitive therapy, bright light therapy and in some cases, antidepressant medication, she said.

Because lack of exposure to sunlight is thought to be a major component in the development of SAD, using a bright light box each morning for a half-hour to an hour has been shown to help alleviate symptoms, Settle said.

"The beneficial effects of bright light therapy can be seen in as little as two to four weeks," Settle said.

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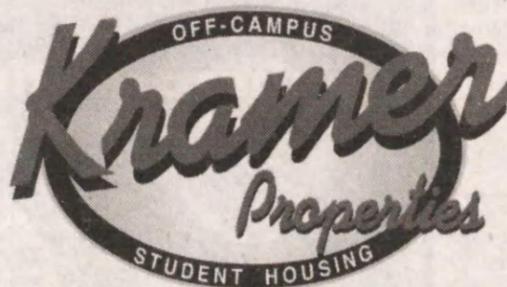
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**FACULTY SENATE**

# Senators approve use of electronic minutes

*Members discuss use of honor code test*

By **AMANDA MICHAELS**  
Assistant News Editor

Faculty Senate chair Seth Brown opened the group's meeting Tuesday night with a request that it be a brisk one so "we can go home to watch the election results with either pleasure or pain" — and brisk it was, with little debate accompanying the items discussed.

The primary proposal of the night was for the electronic approval of Faculty Senate minutes. Brown explained that the rationale for the distribution and approval of meeting minutes by e-mail, rather than at the group's next meeting, was to "accelerate the process by which the minutes are made available."

The minutes — or the list of what was said by whom at each meeting — are normally typed up within five days, but currently cannot be made available for all non-Senate faculty members until they are approved by the group a month later, Brown said.

The proposal calls for the minutes to be forwarded to senators by e-mail, and unless any substantive changes are made, they will be automatically approved after five days.

"Historically, there is seldom any contention about the minutes. Ninety percent of the changes are usually in regards to the attendance roster," Brown said. "This change would streamline meetings and decrease the time between when we have meetings and when the minutes are available."

If, in fact, a senator finds a point of contention in the minutes, they would be able to request that the approval be made at the next meeting in order to allow for discussion.

Brown also pointed out that switching to electronic approval does not require a change in the bylaws, so if the new system doesn't work, it can be tweaked.

The proposal passed unanimously.

Philippe Collon, speaking for the Faculty Senate's Student Affairs Committee, briefly recounted the committee's discussion about Notre Dame's Academic Honor Code. Collon focused mainly on the test on the honor code required of every incoming freshman, indicating that the questions asked on the exam were "very interesting," and more complex than just "I looked at my neighbor's exam, was I cheating?"

He said the committee has been looking at whether or not undergraduate students should take the test every year.

"It's less because we're not trusting students, but because they're changing environments, and new situations come up," Collon said.

The committee has also been questioning why faculty members and graduate students don't take the exam as well.

Other senators responded positively to the idea that graduate students should be subject to a similar honor code exam, with several indicating that they have heard of honor code problems with that group — especially with international students coming to Notre Dame with different concepts of what is "honorable."

Another point Collon brought up was the problem of health care for graduate students, both in that they weren't being included in the discussion about health care, and also that the health care they received was very expensive.

"Where this involves Faculty Senate is in our recruitment [for new faculty members]," Collon said. "I know some students who have said they'd love

to come to Notre Dame but don't because the health care system is so bare."

The next meeting of Faculty Senate will be on Dec. 6, at which, as Brown announced, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves will be in attendance.

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**Seth Brown**  
chair  
Faculty Senate

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**Philippe Collon**  
member  
Student Affairs Committee

# Car chase concludes at TC

*Police pursue, discover suspect on Ivy Court*

By **KATE ANTONACCI** and **MARY KATE MALONE**  
News Editors

A late-night motor vehicle pursuit by the St. Joseph County Police ended at Turtle Creek apartments around 2 a.m. Tuesday morning when the suspect exited his vehicle and took off on foot, South Bend Police spokesperson Phil Trent said.

"It was a vehicle pursuit," Trent said. "When you get in a vehicle pursuit it attracts a crowd of cops."

About 15 to 20 police officers

— some from the county, others from South Bend — gathered at Turtle Creek to search for the suspect.

"We searched high and low for the guy but we couldn't find him," Trent said. "The guy was in the area on foot, but we couldn't locate him. We knew he was there, so we stayed in the area."

At 3:30 a.m., Trent received a call from the Jamison Inn, located just south of Turtle Creek on Ivy Court, where someone was allegedly trying to break into a residence. The description of the suspect "loosely matched" the description of the man they had been searching for at Turtle Creek.

Using a dog, the South Bend police officers were able to find the suspect hiding in a

dumpster. He was identified by police as David Pace — the same man St. Joseph County officers had chased into Turtle Creek.

St. Joseph County Police spokesperson Jaimee Thirion was unavailable for comment Tuesday night.

South Bend police became involved because Turtle Creek is within its jurisdiction and because the county police force is "thinly staffed" on late weekday nights, Trent said.

"Because they were in South Bend, we came out and assisted," he said.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Terrorist given life for bomb plans

LONDON — An al-Qaida operative was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for plotting to bomb the New York Stock Exchange and other U.S. financial targets and blow up landmark London hotels and train stations with limousines packed with gas tanks, napalm and nails.

The plans were designed to cause maximum carnage, the judge told Dhiren Barot, who stared blankly ahead as he learned he would not be eligible for parole for at least 40 years — one of the harshest sentences ever meted out in a British court.

Barot, a 34-year-old British convert to Islam who pleaded guilty last month to conspiring to commit mass murder, remains wanted by the United States and Yemen on separate terror-related charges. Under British law, he could be temporarily transferred to the United States to stand trial.

### American chosen to head UNWFP

UNITED NATIONS — An American diplomat has been selected as the next head of the U.N. World Food Program, which provides assistance to millions of hungry people around the world, the United Nations said Tuesday.

Josette Sheeran, the U.S. undersecretary of state for economics, business and agricultural affairs, defeated a Swiss and a Canadian for the job, as well as another American who was not supported by the Bush administration.

She will replace American James T. Morris for a five-year term as head of the world's largest humanitarian agency.

Founded in 1962, WFP provides food aid to an average of 90 million poor people, including 58 million hungry children, in at least 80 of the world's poorest countries. The United States provides more than 40 percent of the agency's budget.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### FBI looks into reports of phony calls

RICHMOND, Va. — The FBI is investigating complaints that phony callers tried to intimidate Virginia voters amid the hard-fought race between GOP Sen. George Allen and Democratic challenger Jim Webb, officials said Tuesday.

State Board of Elections Secretary Jean Jensen said her office had forwarded several reports to the FBI of phone calls to voters apparently aimed at misleading them into not voting or directing them to the wrong polling place.

"If something is going on that worries and alarms voters enough that I'm contacted to look into it, I have a responsibility to do that," Jensen said.

The FBI is checking the reports, agent Stephen Kodack Jr. said.

### Spears and Federline union finished

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears filed for divorce Tuesday from Kevin Federline, officials said.

The Los Angeles County Superior Court filing cites "irreconcilable differences," said court spokeswoman Kathy Roberts.

Spears, 24, married rapper Kevin Federline, 28, in 2004. They have a 1-year-old son, Sean Preston, and an infant son who was born Sept. 12. The divorce papers identify the baby as Jayden James Federline.

A message left with Spears' attorney, Laura Wasser, was not immediately returned.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Electronic voting failures reported

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — Officials from two Indiana counties say early problems with electronic voting machines had been fixed Tuesday, as residents cast ballots to decide three of the nation's most closely watched congressional races and to see what party controls the Indiana House.

Indiana's voter ID law received its first test in a general election, but that was not what was causing the problems, clerks in two counties said.

In Delaware County, an apparent computer error prevented voters from casting ballots in 75 precincts, County Clerk Karen Wenger said.

# Dems try to take over Congress

Party denounces GOP over Iraq war and scandals; wants to regain majority

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats challenged Republicans for control of Congress for President Bush's final two years in office Tuesday in elections shadowed by war in Iraq and scandal at home. Thirty-six states elected governors, from Maine to California.

All 435 House seats were on the ballot along with 33 Senate races, elections that Democrats sought to make a referendum on the president's handling of the war, the economy and more.

Voters also filled state legislative seats and decided hundreds of statewide ballot initiatives on issues ranging from proposed bans on gay marriage to increases in the minimum wage.

Glitches delayed balloting in dozens of Indiana and Ohio precincts, and Illinois officials were swamped with calls from voters complaining that poll workers did not know how to operate new electronic equipment. Voting machine malfunctions forced officials in Indiana to delay calling statewide races until 8:40 p.m. EST while in Pennsylvania, Lebanon County extended polling hours because of machine problems.

Overall, the Justice Department said polling complaints were down slightly from 2004 by early afternoon.

Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, running for re-election with one eye on the 2008 presidential race, voiced her party's campaign mantra, with one qualification.

"I voted for change, except for me," she said, casting her ballot with husband Bill, the former president, in Chappaqua, N.Y.

Bush, who had campaigned hard for GOP lawmakers up to the end, switched to civics cheerleader after voting in Texas.

With wife Laura at his side and an "I voted" sticker on his jacket lapel, he said, "No



An election supervisor works on one of the touchscreen ballot machines at the Jackson Park school Tuesday, in University City, Mo.

matter what your party affiliation or if you don't have a party affiliation, do your duty, cast your ballot and let your voice be heard."

Congressional Democrats, locked out of power for most of the past dozen years, needed gains of 15 seats in the House and six in the Senate to gain majorities that would let them restrain Bush's conservative agenda through the rest of his term.

The president campaigned energetically to prevent it, primarily by raising money for GOP candidates. He brought in \$193 million at about 90 fundraisers, most of them party events in Washington or closed candidate receptions. Only at the last did he turn to tradition-

al open campaign rallies, jetting to 15 cities in the final 11 days.

With Bush's approval ratings low and the Iraq war unpopular, Republicans conceded in advance that Democrats would gain at least some seats in Congress as well as in statehouses across the country.

Democrats campaigned on a platform of change, beginning at the top. Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California was in line to become the nation's first female House speaker if her party gained a majority.

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., was assured of reelection to his 11th term in Illinois. But his tenure as the longest-serving Republican speaker in decades was at

risk. Of the 33 Senate races on the ballot, 17 were for seats occupied by Democrats and 15 by Republicans, with one held by an independent. But that masked the real story: In both houses, nearly all the competitive seats were in GOP hands and Democrats were on the offensive.

Republican Sens. Mike DeWine of Ohio, Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, Jim Talent of Missouri and Conrad Burns of Montana struggled all fall against difficult challenges. The Tennessee seat vacated by retiring Majority Leader Bill Frist was also hotly contested.

## IRAQ

# Saddam calls for reconciliation

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A somber and subdued Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to "forgive, reconcile and shake hands" as he returned to court Tuesday for his Kurdish genocide trial two days after being sentenced to death in a separate case.

Iran urged Iraq to disregard calls for clemency and hang the ousted president, saying Saddam's "very existence is anti-human."

The startling call from Saddam came after he rose during the afternoon session to question the testimony of the witnesses, who

told of a mass killing of Iraqi Kurds in the 1987-88 Operation Anfal crackdown on Kurdish guerrillas.

Saddam then calmly spoke about how the Prophet Muhammad and Jesus Christ asked for forgiveness for those who had opposed them.

"I call on all Iraqis, Arabs and Kurds, to forgive, reconcile and shake hands," Saddam said before resuming his seat.

The former president's demeanor was far different from his combative performance Sunday, when another court convicted him in the deaths of about 150 Shiite Muslims following an

assassination attempt against him in the town of Dujail in 1982.

Saddam and two others were sentenced to death by hanging. Four co-defendants received lesser sentences and one was acquitted. Saddam thundered "Long live the people and death to their enemies" when the sentence was imposed.

On Tuesday, however, Saddam, dressed in a dark suit and white shirt, sat quietly along with the six other defendants in the Anfal case, calmly taking notes as four Kurdish witnesses gave their testimony.

Saddam's goal in making the statement was unclear.

# Tax

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credit for the student graduating with a master's degree or higher.

"This proposal would benefit all individuals as well as the government," McCormick said.

"Education is more valuable now than ever, and providing incentives to graduate at all levels will make people strive toward becoming more educated," Flaherty said. "The government wins because through increased levels of education, the nation will see a more skilled, more productive work force, from which an increase in tax receipts collected will follow."

The students said these tax credits are designed to encourage students to complete their education as well as offset the

high debt many students have following their education.

Wittenbach said Deloitte & Touche was probably most impressed at the easy administration of this proposal. It is similar to the child tax credit that currently allows the parents of children under 17 to obtain a \$1,000 tax credit.

The plan proposed by the students can easily be altered and piggybacked onto this law, Wittenbach said.

"The problems associated with not graduating high school are astronomical ... think of what the government [can] earn in the long run," he said.

If these incentives increase the high school graduation rate, this plan will initially cost the government up to \$1.3 billion, the students said. Ultimately, however, after the graduates become productive, tax paying members of society, the government will receive up to an additional \$50 billion in

federal and state income taxes.

McCormick said their time in Washington "was quite the learning experience, as [they] found out how an idea such as [theirs] still has many hoops and hurdles to go through until it could possibly become a law."

Wittenbach said this "was an invaluable learning experience," and the students learned things "[you] can't teach in the classroom ... to actually talk to Congressmen and see committees in action is a unique experience."

The next step for Flaherty, Johnson and McCormick is to submit their proposal to the senators and representatives of their states.

"You never know when it's going to be a seed that gives birth to a new tax law," Wittenbach said.

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# Reaction

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people that don't care about politics check on their home state and home precinct."

Graduate student Vincent Lloyd said he was happy the Democrats were doing well, as reports looked favorable for the party.

"People are finally realizing Republican control of all three branches of government is not beneficial for the U.S.," Lloyd said.

"I hope it leads to [Democratic Presidential] victory in 2008," he said.

Pasquerilla West (PW) junior and Pennsylvanian Julie Opet said she was "excited" with what she saw.

"My candidate [Democratic

Senate challenger Bob Casey] just won," she said. "I support his platform for the most part."

Nora Holden-Corbett, a Saint Mary's freshman was more reserved in her opinions.

"I don't want to have too much of an opinion because I didn't vote," Holden-Corbett said.

But, as a Michigan resident, she said she was still following the results.

"I was surprised [Democratic] governor Jennifer Granholm was re-elected," she said.

Christine Walls, a sophomore from PW, followed the Senate race between Republican incumbent George Allen and Democrat James Webb. Though she voted for Allen, she said, she still respected the challenger.

"It seems like [Allen] has a good handle on the issues," she said.

Howard freshman Jackie Mullen said she hopes Democrats will take control of the House of Representatives.

Mullen also said she enjoys watching elections to see if the news media will mistakenly declare victory for one candidate — as famously happened in the 2000 Presidential election.

"Speculation doesn't always come out as expected," she said.

Graduate student Olivet Durieu, though watching a TV, was not particularly interested in the results.

"I just observe it," he said. "I'm doing mathematics."

It is hard to fault him for his reaction; Durieu arrived in America Sunday from France.

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# Results

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losing by much to Chocola even in the strongly Republican areas.

"This time [Donnelly] took advantage of St Joseph and LaPorte County," he said. "He also held his own and didn't get trounced in the Republican county."

Colwell said Chocola had a perfect storm against him, comprised of public sentiment against Iraq, Republican scandals and economic problems. And although they were not national issues, Colwell said, Chocola was also hurt by opposition to Indiana's daylight savings time change and the sale of the toll road by Republican governor Mitch Daniels.

In addition to Donnelly, several other Notre Dame alumni performed well Tuesday. The following results were those projected at press time.

Incumbents Democrat Peter Visclosky of Indiana's 1st district and Republican Mark Souder of Indiana's 3rd district both won their re-election bids.

Notre Dame graduates Michael Ferguson of New Jersey's 7th district, Peter King of New York's 3rd district and Michael Lungren of California's 3rd district were also re-elected.

Three Saint Mary's graduates were re-elected to their House seats, including Eddie Bernice Johnson of Texas' 30th district, Donna Christensen of the Virgin Islands and Madeleine Zeien Bordallo of Guam.

At press time, the Associated Press had declared a loss for Saint Mary's alumna Anne M. Northup, incumbent representa-

tive of Kentucky's 3rd district.

Colwell discussed the implications of possible election outcomes on the U.S. Congress. At 2 a.m. Wednesday, the House had been declared for the Democrats, but the control of the Senate remained undecided — though media outlets were tentatively giving the Democrats a very close win.

He said if the Democrats had won some seats but failed to capture the House of Representatives, it would not have been considered a victory.

A Democratically-controlled House, Colwell explained, will likely have a major impact on the country by blocking President Bush's legislative agenda.

"If they don't vote [with the President], he can't get what he wants," Colwell said.

Colwell said a Democratic victory in the House, but not in the Senate, would result in legislative gridlock.

If the Democrats win both the House and Senate, it will be a monumental victory for the party, he said.

"It would be a real message that voters were upset with Bush [and] the way the country was going," Colwell said.

Colwell said the Iraq War, recent scandals among high-ranking Republican leaders and the economy were all issues that likely hurt Republicans in their efforts to hold onto political power.

He said though the stock market was doing well and gas prices were down, many people seemed to feel their own salaries were not keeping pace with inflation and that they were losing benefits.

Colwell also said scandals such as Rep. Mark Foley's inappropri-

ate e-mails to teenage male Congressional pages might have disillusioned Republican voters — especially the "Religious Right."

With at least half — if not both sides — of Congress now in control of the Democrats, current national and international policies could be re-evaluated.

Colwell said based on prior statements, Democrats would, as a whole, not try to immediately withdraw from Iraq.

Rather, he said, Democrats might push for different ways to attempt to stabilize the country and would criticize prior actions made there as mistakes. There may also be, he said, a strong push for Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's resignation.

Major national races decided by press time include:

♦ Pennsylvania Senate: Democrat Robert Casey, Jr. defeats incumbent Republican Rick Santorum

♦ Arkansas Governor: Democrat Mike Beebe defeats incumbent Republican Asa Hutchinson

♦ Connecticut Senate: "Independent Democrat" incumbent Joe Lieberman defeats Democrat Ned Lamont, after losing the state's Democratic primary.

♦ Michigan Governor: Democrat incumbent Jennifer Granholm defeats Republican Richard DeVos.

♦ New York Senate: Democrat incumbent Hillary Clinton defeats Republican John Spencer.

♦ California Governor: Republican incumbent Arnold Schwarzenegger defeats Democrat Philip Angelides.

♦ Pennsylvania Governor: Democrat incumbent Ed Rendell

# CSTV

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Saturday's game will pay \$14.95, and those who sign up after the game begins will pay \$19.95, said vice president of communications for CBS Sports and spokesperson for CSTV Leslie Ann Wade.

Although "sitting in front of your television is more comfortable than sitting in front of your computer," she said, CSTV has had positive response to past online broadcasts of sporting events.

Notre Dame's senior associate athletic director John Heisler said there is no record of the last time a Notre Dame game was not televised on campus or locally.

Notre Dame has no control over broadcast rights of away games, he said.

"The home team owns the rights to the game," he said. "The visiting team has nothing to say about it."

Heisler said it was "kind of a coincidence" that CSTV had recently signed a broadcast contract with the Mountain West Conference. If the game had been played last year, he said, a major network would have aired the game.

CSTV is offering a 'free preview' for cable and satellite companies in areas where CSTV is distributed from 7 p.m. Friday until midnight Sunday, however local Comcast customers will not be able to take advantage of this preview.

Comcast Cable spokesperson Angie Anores said Comcast in the South Bend area will not offer the preview this weekend.

"CSTV is only offering that free preview to those [affiliates] that already distribute CSTV," Anores said, and Comcast Cable in the South Bend area does not currently distribute CSTV.

Comcast in the South Bend area is evaluating CSTV in addition to two other college sports networks, ESPN and the Big Ten Channel, Anores said.

CSTV is normally seen in about 15 million homes, and this weekend the channel will be available in at least 37 million households, Wade said.

"It's a tremendous disappointment that this game won't be available to every viewer," Wade said. "Nobody at CSTV" would not want to make this game available to the fans, she said.

Heisler said the free way to enjoy the Notre Dame game is through a radio broadcast.

Westwood One, the radio network that owns the radio broadcast rights to all Notre Dame football games, broadcasts in all 50 states on over 300 affiliates, he said.

While this is a rare case for Irish fans, he said, it is not atypical for the rest of collegiate football teams.

"All of our fans ... have been extremely fortunate," Heisler said. "The fact that all of the games [since 1992] have been available on major networks is semi-remarkable."

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Stocks			
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>11,986.04</b>	<b>-32.50</b>	
Ups:	1,515	Downs:	1,749
Same:	128	Composite Volume:	2,422,777,060

<b>AMEX</b>	1,974.36	+24.11
<b>NASDAQ</b>	2,330.79	-3.23
<b>NYSE</b>	8,716.76	-5.81
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,364.30	-3.04
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	16,223.62	-126.40
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	6,148.10	-1.20

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.26	-0.11	41.93
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.34	-0.07	20.51
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-1.88	-0.10	5.23
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.14	-0.04	28.73

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	+2.59	+0.119	4.715
13-WEEK BILL	+0.41	+0.020	4.955
30-YEAR BOND	+2.06	+0.097	4.811
5-YEAR NOTE	+3.08	+0.140	4.689

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.26		59.14
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+1.40		629.20
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.95		91.45

Exchange Rates	
YEN	118.07000
EURO	0.7867
POUND	0.5260
CANADIAN \$	1.1305

**IN BRIEF**

**Consumer borrowing takes large fall**

WASHINGTON — Consumer borrowing fell in September by the largest amount since the recession of the early 1990s, weakened by a huge drop in auto loans.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuesday that borrowing declined at an annual rate of 0.6 percent in September, compared with a 4.6 percent rate of increase in August. Borrowing fell by \$1.2 billion in September — the biggest drop since a \$1.78 billion decrease in April 1992.

It was the first decline since March, when borrowing marked a far milder decrease of 0.24 percent.

Borrowing for auto loans slipped at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in September, reversed from an increase of 3.5 percent the previous month. September loans in that category dropped by \$4.05 billion, the largest fall since the \$4.81 billion decline in October 1991.

The overall economy has lost momentum due to the housing slump. The struggling auto industry slashed jobs last month, as did companies involved in home building, furniture making and real estate — casualties of the souring housing market.

**FedEx dumps Airbus for Boeing 777**

PARIS — Boeing scored a victory in the airliner wars Tuesday when FedEx became the first customer to cancel an order for Airbus's much delayed A380 jumbo jets and said it will instead will buy Boeing 777s.

FedEx Corp., the world's largest express transportation company, cited production delays for its decision to retract an order for 10 of the new double-decker A380's. Its FedEx Express unit has ordered 15 Boeing Co. 777 freighters with a list price of \$3.5 billion (2.8 billion euros) and taken options on an additional 15.

The A380 cancellations leave just 15 super-jumbo freighter orders on the Airbus books — from United Parcel Service Inc. and International Lease Finance Corp. — and a further 142 orders for the plane's passenger version.

FedEx Chairman and CEO Frederick W. Smith said, "The availability and delivery timing of this aircraft, coupled with its attractive payload range and economics, make this choice the best decision for FedEx."

**Los Angeles Times editor quits**

*Baquet departs over cost cutting conflict; O'Shea named as his replacement*

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Times editor Dean Baquet resigned Tuesday following a dispute with the paper's parent, Tribune Co., over cost cuts. The resignation came just weeks after the paper's publisher, Jeff Johnson, was forced to leave for the same reason.

Baquet will be replaced Monday by James O'Shea, the managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, the Times reported on its Web site. O'Shea will be reunited with David Hiller, who took over for Johnson after serving as publisher at the Tribune.

Baquet, 50, was forced to resign by Hiller after refusing to cut newsroom jobs, according to the Times. The announcement was to have been made Thursday, but was rushed after the news leaked, the paper said.

Baquet and Johnson had publicly rebuffed the parent company over possible job cuts. When Johnson was replaced, Baquet said he would stay on and try to convince the Tribune to increase its investment in the paper.

Tribune spokesman Gary Weisman declined to comment.

Baquet confirmed his departure in an e-mail to his staff minutes after the news broke on the Wall Street Journal's Web site and on a local Web site.

"By now you've seen the Wall Street Journal story on L.A. Observed that I'll be leaving the paper," Baquet wrote. "Believe me, I didn't want it to come out this way."

Baquet said he would address his staff later in the afternoon.

"And do me an even bigger favor. Let's do a hell of a job on the election tonight," he wrote.

Times spokeswoman Nancy Sullivan refused to allow an Associated Press reporter into the newsroom to hear Baquet



Los Angeles Times editor Dean Baquet resigns after he refused to cut newsroom jobs against the wishes of parent company Tribune Co.

speak, saying "it's an internal matter."

The news stunned reporters, many of whom have written Tribune to support Baquet and were preparing to cover Tuesday's election results.

"Dean was someone who was held in the utmost personal regard by a great many people in the newsroom," Times reporter Mark Z. Barabak said Tuesday. "It is a very sad and difficult and uncertain time here."

Baquet was hired as the Times' managing editor in 2000 and was named its editor last year.

A group of about a dozen editors and reporters have been working on a special project initiated by Baquet

to propose ways to improve the paper.

Both Hiller and Baquet attended the first meeting of the group, dubbed the "Spring Street Project," just three weeks ago and expressed support for the effort.

On Monday, Hiller laid out the challenges facing the paper in an e-mail to the staff. In the new publisher said cost reductions would be inevitable.

"The changes transforming the newspaper business are fundamental and permanent," Hiller wrote, adding that some resources would have to be transferred from the print edition of the paper, which is declining in circulation, to the Web site,

where advertising is growing.

"And managers need to lead this change, and be confident and positive, even as we are realistic about the challenging things we will need to do to get there," Hiller wrote. "We cannot allow ourselves to feel victimized by change or to be in denial of what needs to be done to move us ahead."

Tribune Co. put itself on the auction block in late September, under pressure from institutional shareholders including the Chandler family of Los Angeles — former owners of the Times — who are unhappy about the company's languishing share price.

**Wall Street rises ahead of election**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its November rally Tuesday, carrying the Dow Jones industrials to a new trading high as investors anticipated a business-friendly outcome of the midterm elections and bought stocks across the market.

Boeing Co. led the blue chips after winning a \$2.3 billion order from FedEx Corp. Strong quarterly reports from both Toyota Motor Corp. and Emerson Electric Co. also lent strength to the market.

The broad advance came as investors bought optimistically ahead of an election that could strip power from Republicans in the House of

Representatives for the first time since 1994. Stocks often rally on elections as Wall Street bets change will lead to an environment more favorable to business; the theory on the Street is that a split in power in Washington will create legislative gridlock, slowing down regulatory change.

"Gridlock is good, Wall Street doesn't like change," said Charles Gabriel, senior Washington analyst for Prudential Securities. "You're not going to have runaway spending increases, you won't have a repeal of the Bush tax cuts, and there's no legislative change that will roil industries. The green light is on for equity investments because you've got protection against any major changes."

The Dow rose 51.22, or 0.42 percent, to 12,156.77, building on Monday's 119-point gain. The index of 30 large-cap stocks rose to as high as 12,196.32 earlier in Tuesday's session, surpassing its previous trading high of 12,167.02.

Broader stock indexes also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.06, or 0.22 percent, to 1,382.84, and the Nasdaq composite index added 9.93, or 0.42 percent, to 2,375.88.

Bonds gained, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.66 percent from 4.70 percent late Monday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices rose.

## SWITZERLAND

# WHO prepares to select new chief

*U.S. controls group, some critics claim*

Associated Press

GENEVA — The Bush administration's drug and sexual health policy is a key issue as the World Health Organization chooses its next leader, a post that wields great power in allocating billions of dollars in funds to alleviate misery around the world.

After two days of closed-door deliberations, WHO is set to announce its new chief Wednesday.

Contenders for WHO's top job include Dr. Margaret Chan, a bird flu expert and former Hong Kong director of health, Dr. Shigeru Omi of Japan, who heads WHO's Asia office, Mexican Health Minister Dr. Julio Frenk, Spanish Health Minister Elena Salgado Mendez and Dr. Kazem Behbehani, a veteran WHO official in Kuwait.

The United States has not declared a preference for any candidate.

Critics say the United States, WHO's largest donor, plays too large a role behind the scenes. They argue that the Bush administration is promoting the interests of its pharmaceutical industry — at the expense of poor AIDS patients who could be saved by cheap generic medicines — and has adopted an ideological line on issues like abortion.

President Bush has made more money available for AIDS research than any previous American leader, but that largesse has not extended to programs in reproductive and sexual health. His administration has also challenged ideologically charged WHO programs such as needle exchanges and condom distribution.

U.S. officials deny they are seeking to force the administration's health policies upon the world.

"We are not giving WHO money because we want to have influence," said Bill Hall, a spokesman for the U.S. Health and Human Services Department. "We're doing this because we want to improve the human condition around the world."

Leading public health experts and senior WHO officials told The Associated Press that Washington consistently interfered with policy under the U.N. agency's last director-general, Dr. Lee Jong-Wook, who died in May.

"The U.S. government has a direct role in every significant decision made in Geneva, and even close to a veto role," said Dr. Richard Horton, editor of the influential medical journal, *The Lancet*.

In one prominent case of alleged interference, the United States requested the suppression of a book commissioned by WHO that criticized U.S. free trade agreements for jeopardizing poor countries' access to cheap medicines.

In a letter to WHO's acting director-general, a senior official from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said the report "spuriously" characterized U.S. trade policy. WHO has yet to make a decision on the U.S. demand.

"Standing up to the U.S. is not the easiest thing to do at the WHO," said Sisule Musungu, a

Kenyan intellectual property specialist, who co-authored the report with a former WHO staffer.

The episode sparked concern from two Democratic lawmakers, Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Rep. Henry Waxman of California, who have called for an investigation into how American trade agreements threaten the health of people in developing countries.

"Attempting to suppress a report because it is critical of U.S. trade policy is unacceptable," Kennedy wrote in a letter to Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

In a widely reported episode in January, WHO's top official in Thailand was stripped of his post after he said in an editorial that a U.S.-Thai free trade agreement would jeopardize Thai access to cheap drugs, leading to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of AIDS patients.

## EGYPT

# Al-Qaida claims attack attempts

*Thwarted bombings targeted Yemen sites*

Associated Press

CAIRO — Al-Qaida has purportedly claimed responsibility for attempted suicide attacks on two oil installations in Yemen and vowed more strikes against the United States and its allies, according to a statement posted on the Internet.

"Let the Americans and their allies ... know that these operations are only the first spark and that what is coming is more severe and bitter," the statement said.

The statement was dated Oct. 13 but was posted this week. Its authenticity could not immediately be verified but it was posted on a Web site frequently used by Islamic militants.

Suicide bombers tried to strike two oil facilities in Yemen with explosives-

packed cars on Sept. 15, but authorities foiled the attacks and four bombers and a security guard were killed, the Yemeni government has said.

The attacks happened 35 minutes apart, targeting a Yemeni oil refinery in the northeast province of Mareb and a Canadian-Yemeni oil storage facility at the Dubba Port in Haramut province — scene of a 2002 attack on the French tanker *Limburg*.

The attempts came days after al-Qaida's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, issued a videotaped threat of attacks on the Persian Gulf and on facilities he blamed for stealing Muslim oil.

"These operations were carried out upon the directive of our emir (leader) Osama bin Laden, may God protect him, in which he ordered Muslims to strike at Western economy and drain it, and to halt the robbing of Muslims wealth," the

Internet statement said.

The attempted attacks also coincided with an election campaign in which President Ali Abdullah Saleh faced his first real challenge since becoming head of state in 1978.

Al-Qaida in the statement called on Saleh, who was re-elected to another seven-year term, to repent to God and to "stop believing in democracy, America's religion and to quit allying with the infidels and be in enmity with the believers."

Yemen is the ancestral homeland of bin Laden and was the scene of the 2000 bombing of the destroyer USS *Cole* that killed 17 American sailors.

After the *Cole* bombing and the Sept. 11 attacks, the West began pressuring Yemen to join the war against terror. Saleh launched several crackdowns against extremists, winning praise from the United States.

## Law & ....

**Please join the Law School for its 2006-2007 series of interdisciplinary discussions. All programs begin at 4:00 p.m. and will be held in Law School room 110.**

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**Department of Theology**

**Respondent: Doug Cassel**

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**Respondent: Carter Snead**

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***Identifying Tax Effects on Charitable Giving***

**Presenter: Daniel Hungerman**

**Department of Economics and Econometrics**

**Respondent: Lloyd Mayer**

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**KENYA**

# Climate changes may damage sites

*Archaeological ruins threatened by floods*

Associated Press

NAIROBI — From ancient ruins in Thailand to a 12th-century settlement off Africa's eastern coast, prized sites around the world have withstood centuries of wars, looting and natural disasters. But experts say they might not survive a more recent menace: a swiftly warming planet. "Our world is changing, there is no going back," Tom Downing of the Stockholm Environment Institute said Tuesday at the U.N. climate conference, where he released a report on threats to archaeological sites, coastal areas and other treasures.

Recent floods attributed to climate change have damaged the 600-year-old ruins of Sukhothai in northern Thailand, the report said, while increasing temperatures are "bleaching" the Belize barrier reef and a rising sea level is sending damaging salt into the wetlands of Donana National Park in Spain.

Downing also said the ocean could eventually engulf

ancient settlements such as the Old City on Kenya's Lamu island, which dates to the 12th century and has been named a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Lamu is vital to Africa's history; Omani Arab sultans who ruled the eastern coast of the continent first settled there before moving to Zanzibar. They left behind winding alleyways and an unspoiled 8-mile-long sandy beach that now attracts tourists to Lamu.

Thailand's ruins of Sukhothai — which means "dawn of happiness" — include artifacts from ancient royal palaces, Buddhist temples and city gates. Founded in 1238, Sukhothai was once capital of a Thai kingdom.

"Some of the developments we are faced with mean the parks of today may not be relevant tomorrow," said Achim Steiner, executive director of the United Nations Environment Program. "Adaptation to climate change should and must include natural and culturally important sites."

He said the response cannot be to simply "lock things up in museums and zoos." Instead, he said, governments worldwide must act to stem global warming.

**INDONESIA**

# Men sentenced for deaths

*Rebels receive punishments for murder of two American teachers*

Associated Press

JAKARTA — A separatist rebel who killed two American teachers at a U.S.-owned gold mine was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday and his accomplices up to seven years, a judge said.

The defendants — all indigenous Papuans — have repeatedly called their trial a sham and walked out in protest hours before the verdicts were read.

Prosecutors claimed the men were all members of a small rebel army fighting for a separate state in the resource-rich province of Papua, in eastern Indonesia.

They were accused of attacking a convoy heading toward a mine owned by Freeport-

McMoRan Copper and Gold Mine Inc. Killed in the 30-minute assault were Rick Spier, 44, of Littleton, Colo., Ted Burgon, 71, of Sunriver, Ore., and an Indonesian teacher.

Eight other Americans, including a 6-year-old girl, were seriously wounded in the Aug. 31, 2002 attack.

Antonius Wamang, 31, was sentenced to life in prison, though prosecutors demanded only 20 years.

"This was premeditated murder. It was a gross violation of human rights," said Judge Andriani Nurdin. The judge later sentenced two other men to seven years for taking part in the ambush, and four to 18 months for providing logistical support.

The defendants have

remained silent throughout their five-month trial, refusing to make a defense plea and regularly walking out of the courtroom, saying the judges were biased against them.

Their lawyer, Johnson Panjaitan, claimed Tuesday that he had not been allowed to meet with his clients for more than a month, but court officials could not immediately confirm that.

"Can you imagine that a client cannot communicate with his lawyer?" he asked.

Spier's widow, Patsy, who suffered two gunshot wounds in the attack, praised the ruling, saying in an e-mail to reporters that she was "firmly convinced Wamang and the other defendants are guilty of this horrific and cowardly act of terrorism."

# Rumsfeld asked to aid detainee

*AP photographer held in Iraq since April*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The chairman of a press freedom group has asked Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to intervene personally in the case of an Associated Press photojournalist detained by the U.S. military for nearly seven months.

Photographer Bilal Hussein was arrested in Iraq in April under circumstances that remain unclear and unexplained by the Pentagon.

In a letter faxed to Rumsfeld on Monday, Paul E. Steiger, chairman of the Committee to Protect Journalists, said the group was concerned about Hussein's indefinite detention without charges or a trial. He asked Rumsfeld to review the case "to ensure that justice is done."

"He should either be charged with a crime in a court of law and given a fair trial or released at once," Steiger wrote.

A Defense Department spokesman declined to comment on the letter. "We typically don't discuss private correspon-

dence the secretary receives," said Lt. Col. Mark Ballesteros.

Hussein, an Iraqi whose work was part of a package that won a Pulitzer Prize for The Associated Press last year, was detained in Ramadi on April 12.

AP executives repeatedly have sought to persuade U.S. officials to provide additional information about allegations against Hussein and to have his case dismissed or transferred to the Iraqi criminal justice system. Among its efforts, the AP contacted military leaders in Iraq and the Pentagon, and the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad.



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## Navigation for life

We have all seen one, want one, or have one. GPS vehicle navigation systems seem to be the hottest new car accessory, and I cannot help but become obsessed with them myself.

Who could not possibly desire to have a pleasant, comforting voice telling you when and where to turn, what to do if you've made a mistake, and where to go when help is needed? The rear view camera is also a hot commodity; a camera showing the driver exactly how far he or she can reverse so a nearby object is not destroyed. And most recently, Lexus released a luxury vehicle that parks itself. Thanks to technology, driving is now virtually effortless. No more accidents, no more getting lost, and no more wrong turns.

Unfortunately, technology has yet to create a navigation system for life. This much-needed invention could be the answer to all of life's questions and the solution to everyday problems. There have been times when I could have used a rear view camera so I would not have crossed over the yellow line in an argument with a friend or family member, and times when I needed the "park assist" gadget to take a midterm exam for me. And I am in dire need of a navigation system right now to tell me what classes to take and when to take them,

as well as to put me on the right path to my dream job with no wrong turns or obnoxious co-workers standing in my way.

Not only would a navigation system be beneficial to my career and academic success, but my social life as well. I could use a pleasant, comforting voice to tell me which boys to date, what group of friends is right for me, and when to make a U-turn when I walk out of my room wearing Uggs and a mini-skirt. Heartbreak could be avoided, friends would last forever, and fashion faux pas would no longer exist.

Although this type of system could be the vehicle to lead us down the carefree road to happiness, it is a mere figment of my imagination. However, the resources and tools are available in our everyday lives to form our own personal, non-technological, navigation systems.

Family can act as our rear view camera. They know what we want to do and will do everything in their power to help us get to our final destination safely. Family can set off the warning tones when they feel one of their own is becoming dangerously close to some bad choices. Their voices of reason are quietly subtle at first, beep...beep...beep, but soon increase to the strong BEEP BEEP BEEP to let you know you could be making a huge life-altering mistake.

Friends are our real life version of the "park assist" Lexus. While we are in control of our own lives, our friends are the ones that travel right along with us. Giving advice, helping with homework, and enjoying time together make us feel

as though we are not on this journey alone.

Faith acts as our GPS navigation system. When it comes down to it, the direction of our lives is placed in hands other than our own. A strong faith in any religion can provide guidance, security, and comfort as we make decisions or face defeat. While mistakes and wrong turns will be made, lessons will be learned and our faith is there to help us recognize our mistakes and place us back on the right track. Whether it is on the Holy Spirit, a Guardian Angel, or whatever higher power you place your trust, it is comforting to know that there is a guiding force looking out for you and leading you in the right direction.

On the road of life, we are faced with many challenges; challenges that not even a navigation system could overcome. Each wrong turn and every fender bender builds character, strengthens relationships and teaches valuable lessons. The fight with your best friend teaches forgiveness, the break up with your boyfriend or girlfriend gives strength, and the D on your theology paper inspires diligence. These lessons cannot be observed through a rear view camera and cannot be taught by a navigation system. Only real life experience, support from loved ones, and faith can lead you confidently down the road of life.

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*A Word to the Wise*

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Insanity in individuals is something rare — but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule."*

Friedrich Nietzsche  
German philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Plan B response speaks out of turn

In his response to Charles Rice ("Women, students deserve apology," Nov. 2) Dan Hicks argues that it is incumbent upon columnists to respect their audience by offering them reasoned arguments rather than emotionally manipulative rhetoric. It is a good principle, especially if you believe that a culture of civic argument is the lifeblood of democracy.

However, just as a good law can become a bad law if it is selectively enforced, a good principle can become a bad one if it is applied in a partisan way. By appealing to the principle that respect requires rational persuasion in a letter devoted to criticizing a columnist with whom he clearly has deep disagreements, Mr. Hicks courts suspicion that the principle is not being invoked in good faith.

Has it really escaped Mr. Hicks' notice that the distinction between rational persuasion and emotive manipulation is widely acknowledged in our society, even amongst those who have never read "After Virtue?" Emotional manipulation is frequently condemned; the problem is we tend to condemn it only when employed by our political opponents.

By applying our standards asymmetrically, holding those we believe to be wrong to a higher standard than those we believe to be right, we help to perpetuate a polarized political climate which inhibits the kind of reasoned democratic debate almost all of us claim to want.

Mr. Hicks concludes his letter by asking "on behalf of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community" that Professor Rice apologize for failing to adhere to the argumentative standards that respect requires. He immediately goes on to say "I cannot speak for the women of our community," which rather makes nonsense of the previous claim. But it was nonsense anyway. As a single student who holds no representative office, he cannot speak for the men of this community either. If Mr. Hicks feels entitled to an apology then he should of course ask for one, but as for the rest of us, men and women, he should pay us the respect of allowing us to make up our own minds when to be offended.

Peter Wicks  
 graduate student  
 off campus  
 Nov. 6

## Claim by "Big Love" proves false

FTT's website says of its upcoming "Big Love" (opening on Tuesday) that it's based upon the oldest surviving play, "The Suppliant Women" by Aeschylus. Wrong. The discoveries at Oxyrhynchus provided evidence that "The Suppliant Women" is in fact preceded by both "The Persians" and "Seven Against Thebes."

The idea that "The Suppliant Women" came before the others stems from a fallacy in talking about art. Because "The Suppliant Women" is in some ways Aeschylus' most stylistically-primitive play, some critics assumed this meant he wrote it first. This relies on a warped notion about art — that every innovation happens adventitiously and that use of that innovation will necessarily produce a better work of art. Since we now know that Aeschylus wrote more stylistically-progressive works before "The Suppliant Women," that makes us wonder why he used the form for it that he did.

The answer is simple: the style best suited his artistic goals for the piece. The erroneous notion that led critics to provide an earlier composition date for "The Suppliant Women" creates a problem because it assumes that artists are constricted by the current conventions of their medium, instead of taking the position that artists can innovate at will. Why did Aeschylus seldom employ three actors? Was it because the innovation wasn't around when he started writing, or that, when it did emerge, he was just too atavistic to jump on the bandwagon? Both of these theories are inadequate. If three actors had served the dramatic and philosophical purposes of Aeschylus' plays, he would have created the innovation rather than Sophocles. The fact that he not only lacked the initiative to create the three-actor rule, but that he seldom employed it afterwards demonstrates that — while it may have been a beneficial tool for playwrights in general — it did not serve his purposes.

Certainly evolution in aesthetic approach opens up more options for playwrights to express themselves, but it does not mean the old form is inferior, and that we are positively evolving. Few would argue that French is an inherently-superior language to Latin simply because it evolved from it. The critics who assumed that "The Suppliant Women" was older than Aeschylus' other surviving works just because its structure reflects a method that had been around longer is insulting to Aeschylus; it is akin to those offensive executives who colorize old black-and-white films for tv viewing, assuming that, had they the technology and financial resources, the filmmakers would have necessarily shot in color. The argument goes like this: color film developed after black-and-white; therefore it is better; therefore everyone must want to use it. Ok, then I guess filmmakers from Bogdanovich to Welles, Fellini to Kurosawa, Woody Allen to George Clooney, among others, are just plain stupid. And, apparently, so was Aeschylus.

Noah Stanzione  
 graduate student  
 off campus  
 Nov. 1

## The facts on Plan B

In order to form an opinion about Plan B, I must rely on the reports of researchers and drug companies. The evidence I have seen, including both reports cited in Dan Hicks's last letter, does not seem to prove that Plan B is not abortifacient ("Plan B", Nov. 6).

The first source cited by Hicks provides the most promising evidence for his assertion that Plan B is not abortifacient. This report discusses an experiment conducted on monkeys. Plan B was given to these monkeys after having sex during an ovulatory period. The number of times an embryo implanted in the womb of a monkey was roughly the same for those monkeys who were and were not taking Plan B. Although this statistical similarity is suggestive, it does not tell us anything about the mechanisms that caused the failure of implantation in those monkeys who were taking Plan B. Different causes can achieve a similar outcome a similar number of times.

This same source also provides a report about a study done on a group of women, who attempted to take Plan B during their preovulatory fertile period. 82 percent of the women taking Plan B did not ovulate for up to five days. Clearly these women, if sexually active during this time, would not have become pregnant — regardless of whether pregnancy begins at conception or implantation. Taking Plan B did not prevent ovulation for 18 percent of the women in the study. One of the researchers says: "We conclude that the effects exerted by Plan B, when it is taken before the onset of LH surge [i.e., before ovulation], may fully explain the pregnancies averted by emergency contraception. Failure to affect the LH surge, because treatment was begun too late in the fertile preovulatory period, explains the 20 percent failure rate of this method." The researcher seems to be referring to the roughly 20 percent of women who take Plan B but still become pregnant (in the medical sense of embryo implantation). It does not seem to me that these two sets of statistics are comparable in the way that the researcher suggests. In the study that these scientists conducted, 20 percent of the women ovulated but it is highly unlikely that 100 percent of these women would have become pregnant had they been sexually active during this period. Yet, a comparison between the rate at which Plan B fails to prevent pregnancy and the ovulation rate of the women in the study relies on making this assumption.

Renee Woodward neither confirms nor denies that Plan B prevents the implantation of an embryo ("A woman's view on Plan B", Nov. 7). She seems to hold that the evidence about whether or not Plan B prevents implantation is inconclusive at best. This may be the most reasonable conclusion, based on currently available research. Yet, if you will allow me to play the arm-chair pharmacologist for a moment, I will offer a reason for holding that Plan B might act as an abortifacient. Let's begin with two uncontroversial facts. First, taking Plan B only prevents ovulation in women who have not started the ovulatory phase of their fertile period. Thus, some women taking Plan B could potentially conceive a child. Second, hormonal contraceptives like Plan B alter the inner lining of the uterus in such a way that the uterine wall becomes a less hospitable environment for the implantation of an embryo. Plan B does not make implantation impossible but it does make it more difficult. It is hard to believe that the occasional failure of embryos to implant never has anything to do with the well-known effects of Plan B on the uterine wall. To the extent that taking Plan B plays a role in preventing implantation, a person bears a moral responsibility for acting in such a way that a human person is harmed, indeed, dies — assuming, of course, that a human embryo is a human person.

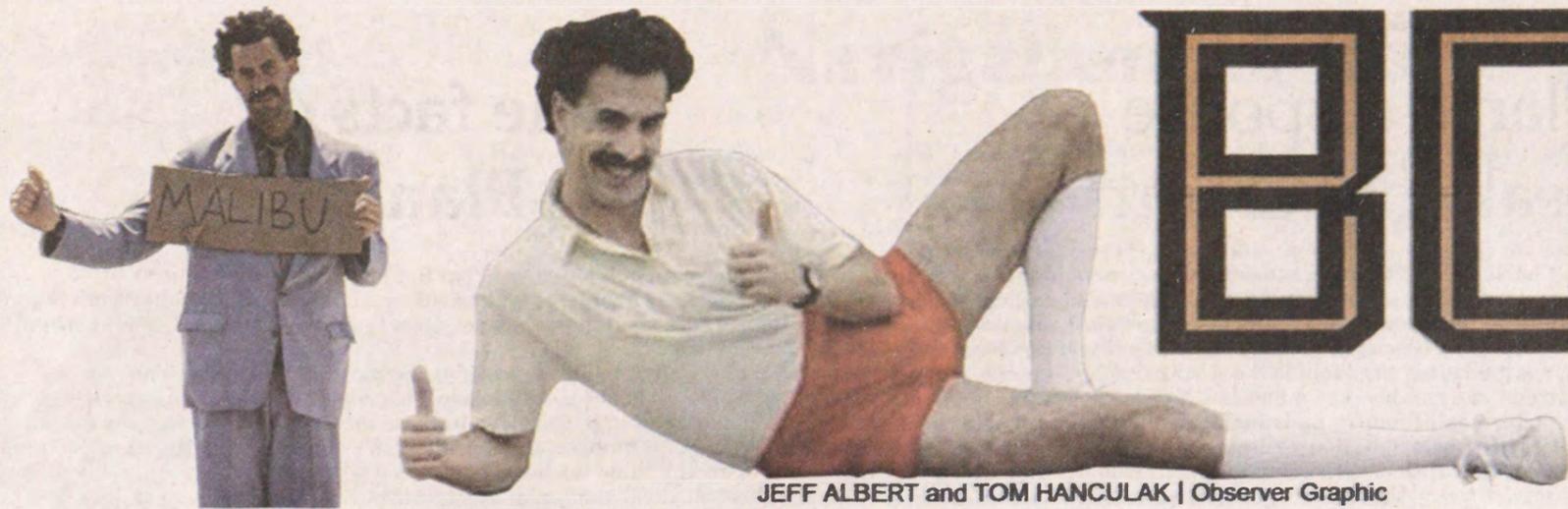
Andrew Rosato  
 graduate student  
 off campus  
 Nov. 7

## Indecision 2006: why Chocola and Donnelly each lost a vote

In recent election years, a common complaint of voters has been that choosing between the Republican and Democratic candidates has been a decision between the "lesser of two evils." In 2004, for example, there was a sentiment among moderate liberals that although John Kerry wasn't an ideal candidate for the White House, "at least he's not Bush." In 2000, many conservative Americans acknowledged that Bush had some superficial deficiencies, but couldn't fathom the idea of Al Gore seizing control of the free world. I've never subscribed to the "lesser of two evils" theory — until this year.

More so than any election I can remember, the local Congressional race has consisted almost entirely of mudslinging, with little or no substance behind it. Chris Chocola's message was that Joe Donnelly is a man of low character and professional integrity. Donnelly's message was the Chocola has, in his current position, acted in ways that don't serve the best interests of Hoosier families. And you know what? Both parties made their arguments very convincingly. As a result, yesterday, for the first time since I reached legal age, I exercised my right to not vote in a Congressional election. The candidate that wins may well go on to accomplish some great things in Washington, but he won't do so on the basis of any claims he made on the campaign trail. Therefore, he also won't be getting to Washington with the help of my vote.

Aaron Zielinski  
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 Nov. 7



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## 'BORAT' A GLORIOUS, IRREVERENT ROMP

By ERIN MCGINN  
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Every so often a movie will come around that is so offensively hilarious that there is no middle ground. The audience will either love it or hate it. In 1994, "Clerks" was that movie. In 1999, there was "South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut." And now there is "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

Easily one of the most intelligent comedies of the last couple of years, "Borat," starring Sacha Baron Cohen, has something to offend — and amuse — basically everyone.

Borat was initially created as one of the three characters that Sacha Baron Cohen portrays on HBO's "Da Ali G Show." Most recently, Cohen played the supporting role of Jean Girard in Will Ferrell's "Talladega Nights" and stole almost every scene he was in.

In this film directed by Larry Charles, Cohen plays a reporter from Kazakhstan named Borat Sagdiyev. Borat — perpetually upbeat and heavily mustached — leaves his home in Kazakhstan in order to travel to the US and document the norms of America in order to help improve his homeland.

The movie begins in Borat's village in Kazakhstan, but after a hilarious and outrageous introduction to his country, Borat is

shipped off on an anthropological mission of sorts to America. Although his documentary was supposed to film solely in New York, he decided to embark on a cross-country road trip. His trip is inspired not only by his desire to learn more about Americans and their idiosyncrasies, but also by his deep infatuation for former Baywatch sex goddess Pamela Anderson.

Unfolding as a series of encounters with archetypal Americans, the movie aims at both individuals and social institutions, such as country rodeos, gospel meetings and TV studios. In essence, "Borat" is nothing more than a loosely-connected series of sketches, some funnier than others, but it contains enough verbal and visual gags to sustain interest for its brief duration.

Constantly open to new experiences, Borat is frequently shocked at some of the American truths he unearths in his travels and troubles, from the luxury of indoor sanitation to the rudeness of New Yorkers faced by a foreigner who just wants to be nice to them.

The movie initially asks the audience to laugh at the preposterous naiveté of a primitive foreigner from a backward country, but the movie is quick to balance that with poignant barbs at America's

endless follies and shortcomings. One of the satire's strongest sequences is when Borat gives a rabble-rousing address to a rodeo, claiming he supports Bush's "war of terror" and expresses his longings for the day when Bush will "drink the blood of every man, woman and child in Iraq," but then he turns the crowds against him as he sings a version of the Kazakhstani national anthem to the tune of the American national anthem.

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Less than an hour and a half in length, "Borat" is a good-natured mockumentary, with very specifically-chosen subjects. Half of Borat's adventures are "safe," with fairly predictable outcomes and circumstances. The other half lead to the most uproarious moments, which truly have to be seen to be appreciated — and the bigger the crowd the better. Although the movie and the material is a little uneven in its pace, it still contains enough caustic interactions and sharp observations to keep audiences entertained throughout the duration of the film.

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## 'BORAT' NOT SO NICE

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At its best, humor is offensive, off-putting and even a little subversive. "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" manages to be all of the above, but manages to forget that humor is actually supposed to be funny. Instead, "Borat" is a plodding mishmash of good ideas, bad ideas and everything in between, stretched out over a running time that feels longer than its 84 minutes.

The biggest problem with "Borat" is that it's not very funny, but it thinks it is. This is a film that had everything going for it, but it fails to capitalize on its premise, and, while there are several clever moments, too much of the film consists of a lot of poo and sex jokes, which haven't gotten any fresher or funnier since ... well, ever. The subplot concerning Pamela Anderson is merely distracting, and "Borat" seems to have trouble extending into feature length. As a section of "Da Ali G Show," Borat's shtick worked, mostly because it was skit-oriented and came in a brief, punchy little segment.

Accordingly, the best parts of the feature film are those that feel like parts of a

skit, without any emphasis on plot. Borat is effortlessly played by British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen, and his performance is easily the best part of the picture. He imbues the Kazakhstani reporter with an effervescent innocence, that is at times both charming and ingratiating — these qualities make Borat's constant un-PC behavior more bearable, but the film has an annoyingly winking attitude that nullifies some of Cohen's best efforts.

Here's the strangest thing about "Borat" — though it purports to satirize juvenile humor, that same parodic nature means that it depicts juvenile humor, and becomes what it tries to satirize. As with "Fight Club," it's easy to think that people just won't get the irony. Those who imitate Borat and his bubbly racism and sexism are clearly missing the joke, and while it's easy for critics (and Cohen) to contend that audiences aren't dumb enough to miss the obvious, remind them about all the fight clubs that sprung up back in 1999.

Audiences laughed throughout "Borat," but too much of it was that kind of uncomfortable laughter, like watching a drunk fratboy in a room full of sober peo-

ple — we chuckle, not because it's funny, but because he thinks he's funny. It's unfortunate, because the film had such promise, yet it manages to stumble through its running time, even becoming boring at times, which is the ultimate crime in a comedy.

Sacha Baron Cohen is undeniably a talented and interesting person, and he single-handedly carries "Borat," but his effort isn't enough to save the movie. Critical consensus has been very high on the film, which currently carries a 95 on the web site [rotten-tomatoes.com](http://rotten-tomatoes.com).

In a day and age in which we are supposed to be enlightened, a film like "Borat," which takes broad jabs at issues of race, religion and culture, seems antiquated and obvious.

While audiences fawn over the raunchy humor of "Borat," the real joke is that the film has been better received critically than "The Departed" — once again, Martin Scorsese gets outdone, but who would have thought it would be by a man who wrestles naked in the climax of his film?

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THE MANY GUISES OF SACHA BARON COHEN

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Scene Writer

Borat Sagdiyev's humor may be any number of things, but unintentional it is not. Unapologetic, uncouth and even unkind are more apt descriptions. But, as his originator freely admits, the infamous Kazakh journalist first reared his gleefully crude, mustachioed head thanks more to mere chance than sheer inventive genius.

"Borat is based actually on a guy I met in southern Russia. I can't remember his name. He was a doctor," revealed Sacha Baron Cohen in a press junket touting Borat's feature film debut, "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan."

"The moment I met him I was totally crying. He was a hysterically funny guy. Albeit, totally unintentionally."

Still, Cohen, 35, deserves more than a little credit for transforming the good doctor's quirks into his own. In the process, he's added a third member to his troika of eccentric, inappropriate, but undeniably riotous alter egos — Ali G, Brüno and Borat himself. All three personalities are fictional journalists born out of "Da Ali G Show," Cohen's satirical cult-hit series, with a single goal in mind — seek and annoy.

Unscripted and unrestrained, "Da Ali G Show" was Cohen's first taste of success. Originally created for the United Kingdom's Channel 4, the show gained global recognition with its second and third seasons, both broadcast on HBO. Cohen used his relative obscurity to fully inhabit his three creations.

Whether he was assuming the guise of Brüno, a limp-wristed, flamboyant fashion reporter, the obnoxious, misogynistic Borat or hip-hop poser Ali G — the self-proclaimed "voice of da youth" — Cohen turned journalistic integrity on its head. In each show, he badgered his interviewees while hiding behind a mocking ignorance. Long before Ashton Kutcher was adding Punk'd to the national lexicon, Cohen was showing him how it's done — with more intelligence and, consequently, far more significance.

Born in southern England, Cohen was the second of three sons and attended the prestigious University of Cambridge, where he studied history. Crude humor may be his forte, but Cohen was on the path towards a PhD before taking a detour into comedy. Cohen's success across the pond prompted an invitation to deliver the 2004 Class Day address at Harvard

University. Of course, he appeared in character as Ali G, but Harvard students surely had no complaints about their unorthodox guest.

Like all fine actors, Cohen is as methodical as he is hysterical. He's known for arriving on talk shows and in public as his oddball characters, not unlike more reputed thespians like Christian Bale. Bale maintained his American accent for "Batman Begins" press tours, and Cohen has done the same for every "Borat" appearance — reveling in his broken, faux-Kazakh English.

While each of his creations is a distinct manifestation of Cohen's comedic brilliance, it's Borat who's finally bringing the British comedian the mainstream acclaim he so richly deserves. His feature film opened at No. 1 at the box office this past weekend, despite the misguided apprehension of movie moguls at Twentieth Century Fox.

Worried that the film's offensive humor would dissuade audiences, the studio slashed its debut from 2,000 theaters nationwide to just 837. Regardless, the film delivered an estimated haul of \$26,455,463 — besting family-friendly fare "Santa Clause 3" and "Flushed Away" by well over \$6 million.

Fox should have known better. After all, the Emmy-nominated Cohen has been using crude but socially aware

*The millions generated by Borat's feature-length foray reveals one truth — Cohen can no longer be ignored.*

humor to win the hearts of fans for years. Although the man is a devout Jew, Cohen's Borat is as anti-Semitic as any character in fiction. These seeming contradictions are what separate Cohen from his peers. He's never shied away from revealing the truth — that racism is still an issue, as is the ugliness of bigotry — through uproariously tactless skits.

The millions generated by Borat's feature-length foray reveals one indisputable fact — Cohen can no longer be ignored. He has arrived in spectacular fashion, with as much flourish as any of his screen personas. Hollywood's finest have certainly taken notice, with Brad Pitt among those slavering at the chance to appear alongside one of the comic's zany creations.

Cohen's journey since his fateful meeting with that Russian doctor has been a strange, circuitous one. And while Borat's birth may have been one of happenstance, there's nothing coincidental about Cohen's rising star status. After all, there are plenty of words — some not so nice, in Borat's words — to describe both the man and his counterparts.

Uncharismatic is not one of them.

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DVD REVIEW

# Masterful 'Brazil' DVD accentuates classic



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The striking visual shots in "Brazil" portray a stark, post-apocalyptic landscape. This Orwellian future was created from the imagination of director Terry Gilliam.



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Armed officers of the Ministry of Information aim to stop terrorist activity. The idea of totalitarian government and its oppression is a major theme in "Brazil."

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Editor

Terry Gilliam's 1985 film "Brazil" was one of the most misunderstood pictures of its time, but its reputation has grown over the ensuing decades, and it is now regarded as one of the finest pictures of the 1980s. Like Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner," it depicts a dystopian future that creepily resembles modern times, but it replaces that film's noirish tendencies with an absurdist vision of a bureaucratic dictatorship.

The Criterion version of "Brazil" is Gilliam's original director's cut, which runs 142 minutes and combines footage from both the American and the European releases. Gilliam is perhaps best known as a member of the comedy troupe Monty Python (he co-directed both "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" and "Monty Python's The Meaning of Life"), though "Brazil" is very much his brainchild.

Gilliam had control over the film and arranged a 142-minute cut, which was badly received by Universal executives, who then cut nearly an hour out of the film, to a running time of 94 minutes. This cut, commonly referred to as the "Love Conquers All" version, is available on the third disc of the box set. Radically different from Gilliam's director's cut, it demonstrates just how much effect editing can have on a picture.

Ultimately, however, it's easy to see why Universal was so apprehensive. "Brazil" is

a complex, insular, often difficult picture about a bleak totalitarian future (though the film takes place "sometime in the 20th century"), which was a shocking shift from the absurdist comedy Gilliam imbued in the Monty Python films. Despite frequent flights of fancy, "Brazil" is mostly a downbeat film, with pointed satire and jagged political and social commentary — it's hard to explain how a film can be whimsical and cynical at once, but "Brazil" combines the mentality of Orwell with the creativity of "Star Wars"-era Lucas. It's also a maddening, oft-brilliant picture that stutters at times over the course of its two and a half hours, though the "Love Conquers All" cut demonstrates that shortening the film would only have a detrimental effect.

What makes "Brazil" so powerful is not only Gilliam's creative vision, as stunning and encompassing as that is, but the talent with which the director was surrounded. The script was co-written by Tom Stoppard ("Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," "Shakespeare in Love"), and the film stars Jonathan Pryce ("Tomorrow Never Dies," "Pirates of the Caribbean") and prominently features Robert DeNiro. The creative production design is one of the movie's most appealing elements, though Gilliam admits on the DVD that some considered it a sensation overload.

"Brazil" was originally released by Criterion back in 1999 (spine No. 51), but has recently been re-released. The new release is, in many ways, the same as the old, with one major difference. The origi-

nal transfer was not anamorphic (meaning it did not "stretch" properly to fill widescreen televisions), which means a lot more in 2006 than it did in 1999.

According to Criterion, the new release has an "all-new, restored high-definition transfer, supervised and approved by director Terry Gilliam, with a remastered Dolby stereo surround soundtrack." In other words, "Brazil" looks and sounds great, which is really a necessity in a film that is so visually and aurally loaded.

The DVD is available in two versions, a single-disc version, and a three-disc "Ultimate Special Edition Box." Though the three-disc version may be slight overkill for casual fans of the film, it's a must for both fans of Gilliam and film enthusiasts. The most substantial special feature is the 56 minute documentary "The Battle of Brazil: A Video History," which explores the controversy that surrounded the film.

Both versions of "Brazil" contain a feature-length audio commentary by Gilliam, which is interesting and insightful — it's obvious that the director takes great pride in the film.

The second disc also contains a thirty minute on-set documentary called "What is Brazil?" as well as storyboards, drawings, stills, behind-the-scenes footage, video interviews and the original trailer. The 94-minute "Love Conquers All" cut contains a feature-length audio essay by journalist David Morgan, who retreads a



lot of ground from "The Battle of Brazil" in explaining the controversy over the film and its numerous cuts.

The packaging, an often overlooked aspect of a DVD's presentation, is also excellent. The box set comes in a slipcase that depicts clouds and the neon logo for the film. Inside the case are three individual keepcases with varying angles of the same photograph. There is also a small booklet that contains an essay by Jack Mathews, movie critic and author of "Battle of Brazil."

"Brazil" is an essential piece of cinema. Named the Los Angeles Critics Circle Film of the Year in 1985, it has since become regarded as a classic, with Time magazine recently declaring it one of the 100 greatest films of all time. An imaginative and creative examination of politics and society, it remains a high-water mark for its director, and 1980s cinema. While the single-disc edition may be enough for most, the lavish box set is, for once, an "Ultimate Special Edition" that lives up to its name.

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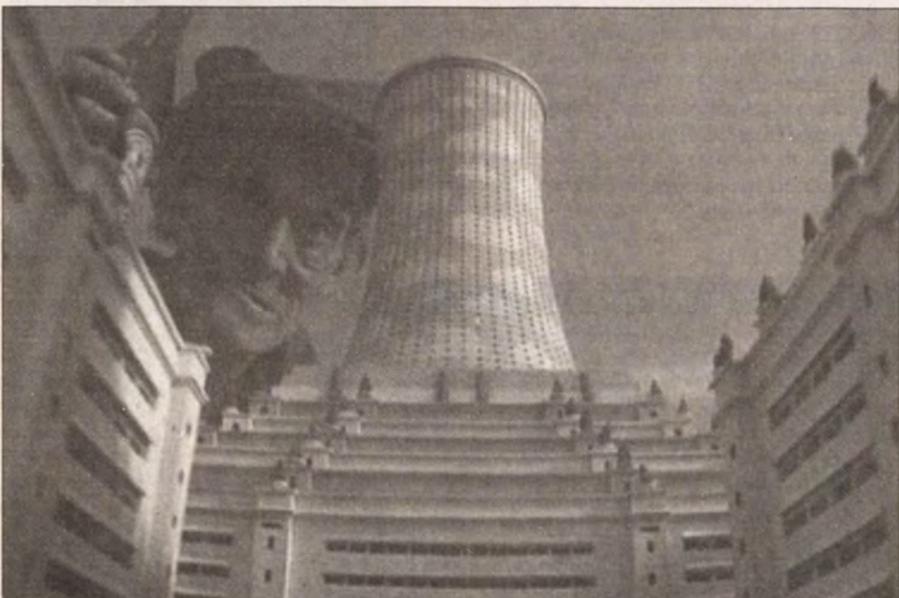


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Fantastic and fanciful imagery abounds in "Brazil." Regarded as one of the best films of all time, it is the masterpiece of "Monty Python" member Terry Gilliam.



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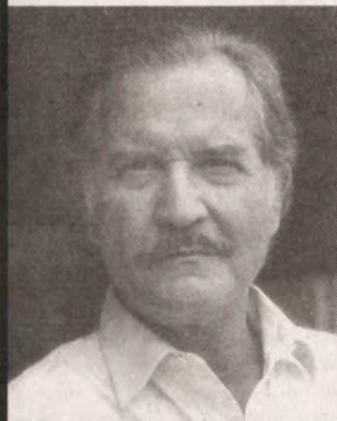
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## NBA

## Stojakovic leads Hornets charge; Hawks win third straight



Golden State coach Don Nelson signals to his players during the Warriors' game against New Orleans Tuesday. Peja Stojakovic's 3-point play lifted New Orleans to a 97-93 win.

### Posey's last second bucket lifts Heat over SuperSonics 90-87

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Chris Paul had 22 points and 11 assists, Peja Stojakovic converted a go-ahead three-point play, and the New Orleans Hornets beat the Golden State Warriors 97-93 Tuesday night for their best start in franchise history.

After the Warriors had rallied from a 15-point deficit to go up by three, Stojakovic made a pair of free throws and then scored while fouled on a pass from Paul to put the Hornets up 92-90 with 1:35 left.

Former Hornets first-round draft pick Baron Davis had two shots to give the Warriors the lead, but both of his 3-pointers from the left wing were off target.

Desmond Mason then stole Monta Ellis' lob pass, and Paul made one of two free throws to give the Hornets (4-0) a three-point lead with 11.3 seconds remaining. Anthony Roberson's 3-pointer on Golden State's ensuing possession was an airball, and David West hit two free throws to stretch New Orleans' edge to five.

Davis then connected on a 3-pointer, and Stojakovic sealed the victory with two more foul shots.

Stojakovic scored 18 points, West had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Mason added 12

points. Tyson Chandler had 10 points and 14 rebounds as the Hornets dominated the offensive glass, piling up 21 rebounds of their own missed shots.

The Hornets' 4-0 start is their best since being created as an expansion franchise before the 1988-89 season. Previously, their most wins to start a season was three in 2003-04.

After Philadelphia's loss Tuesday night, the Hornets and Utah Jazz — both 4-0 — are the NBA's only remaining undefeated teams.

Last season, Stojakovic was on the short end of the Hornets' first regular-season game in their temporary home. His Sacramento Kings lost 93-67 at the Ford Center last November.

This time, the sellout crowd of 19,164 was behind him the whole way.

He had three baskets — a jumper and two 3-pointers — all set up by Paul as New Orleans opened a 20-11 lead with an early 16-4 run. The Hornets led 52-43 at halftime on the strength of 14 offensive rebounds that led to 19 second-chance points.

New Orleans then scored the first six points after halftime to take its largest lead at 58-43, but Golden State came back with a 17-4 run to pull within two.

#### Atlanta 104, Cleveland 95

The Atlanta Hawks, for years the NBA's ugliest ducklings, are off to a flying start.

OK, it's early. But four games

into a new season, the Hawks are soaring like they once did when Dominique Wilkins ruled the air.

Joe Johnson scored 25 points — six on consecutive possessions in overtime — and the surprising Hawks won their third straight on Tuesday night over the Cleveland Cavaliers, who again couldn't make their free throws.

Tyrone Lue added 19 points, 11 assists and made a buzzer-beating layup over LeBron James to force OT for the Hawks.

Atlanta, which has had seven consecutive losing seasons and decades of futility, improved to 3-1, two seasons after the Hawks won just 13 games and one season after they started 2-16, didn't get win No. 3 until Dec. 10 and finished 26-56.

"This is a big confidence boost for us," Lue said. "We've found a way to win these games down the stretch."

Zaza Pachulia added 19 points and Josh Smith 15 for the Hawks, who had 20 turnovers — but none in the final 10:48.

James scored 34 points — 24 after halftime — and Drew Gooden 21 for the Cavs, the NBA's worst free-throw shooters who went 23-of-37 from the line and missed several crucial attempts down the stretch.

James was 5-of-11 on foul shots and the Cavs went 8-of-18 on freebies in the fourth quarter and overtime.

"It's not just the free throws," James said. "It can always

help, but they missed and we missed."

Yeah, but too often.

James had a chance to put the Cavaliers, who led by seven with 4:49 left, ahead by three points with 6.1 seconds left in regulation. However, he split a pair, and with another chance, Lue drove the right side and dropped a high-arching runner over James at the horn to tie it at 90-all.

"You always see LeBron on SportsCenter, and this was my chance to steal the show from him," Lue said.

His 3-pointer with 4:03 left in the extra session gave the Hawks a 95-92 lead, and after Cleveland's Donyell Marshall missed two free throws, Johnson converted a three-point play to make it 98-92.

After James split a pair of foul shots, Johnson, who added eight rebounds, eight assists and six turnovers in 46 minutes, drained a long 3-pointer — the Hawks were 9-of-12 on 3s — to send 20,562 fans who came out for a LeBron James bobblehead promotion home with only their souvenirs.

#### Miami 90, Seattle 87

Facing a late deficit without Shaquille O'Neal forced the Miami Heat to show some championship-like mettle.

James Posey's go-ahead 3-pointer with 19 seconds remaining lifted the Heat to a victory over the Seattle

SuperSonics on Tuesday night.

"We don't like to be in that situation, but we know if we stick together, we can pull games out," Posey said.

Dwyane Wade scored 31 points despite going 8-of-23 for the defending NBA champions, who improved to 2-2.

Reserve Dorell Wright had nine points, five rebounds and a career-high six assists.

Rashard Lewis scored 23 points and Ray Allen added 18 for Seattle. Danny Fortson scored 10 points and fellow sub Earl Watson had eight points and six assists.

"When Shaq's out, we know those other guys are going to be more focused and very determined," Watson said. "Hey, those guys won a championship, too."

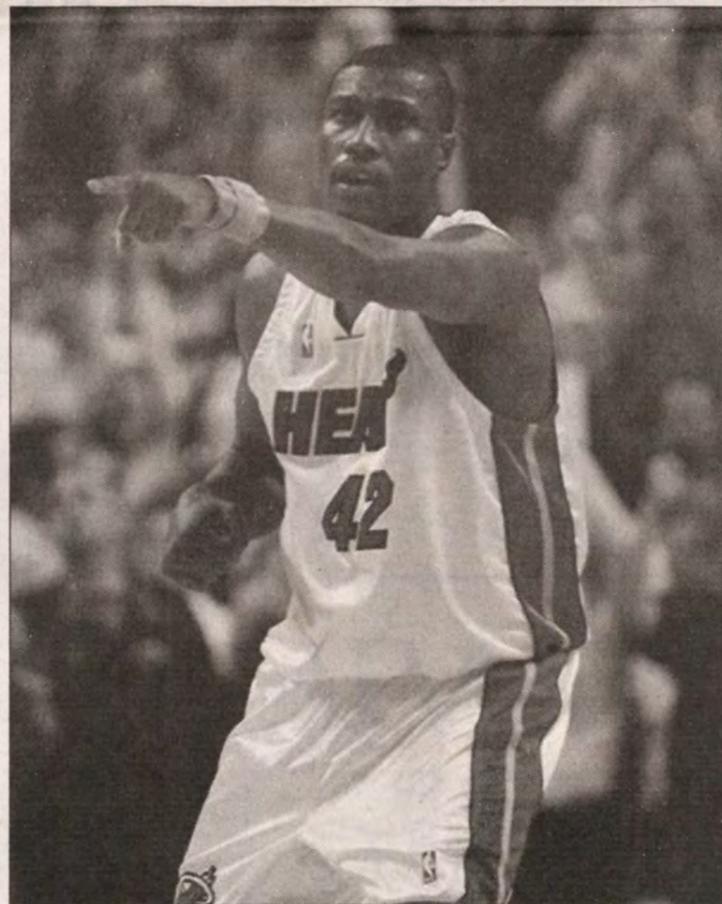
#### Indiana 97, Philadelphia 86

Jermaine O'Neal isn't ready to call the Indiana Pacers a contender just yet.

O'Neal had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and the Pacers handed the Philadelphia 76ers their first loss of the season with a victory Tuesday night.

Even after double-digit victories in their last two games, O'Neal knows the Pacers still have plenty of work in front of them.

"We can't win any championships in the first four games," said O'Neal, who added four blocks. "It's one game at a time, but so far, so good."



Heat forward James Posey gestures after scoring the go-ahead basket in Miami's 90-87 victory over Seattle Tuesday.

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## NHL

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	GF
New Jersey	8-5-1	17	35
Pittsburgh	7-4-1	15	41
NY Rangers	7-6-1	15	50
NY Islanders	6-6-2	14	38
Philadelphia	3-10-1	7	29

### Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Buffalo	12-1-1	25	63
Toronto	9-5-3	21	58
Montreal	8-3-3	19	46
Ottawa	5-7-1	11	40
Boston	4-6-2	10	32

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Atlanta	11-3-3	25	62
Carolina	7-6-3	17	50
Washington	6-4-4	16	47
Tampa Bay	7-7-1	15	50
Florida	6-7-2	14	41

### Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Nashville	9-3-1	19	47
Detroit	9-4-1	19	38
St. Louis	4-6-3	11	34
Columbus	4-7-1	9	28
Chicago	4-9-0	8	35

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Minnesota	10-3-0	20	41
Vancouver	8-7-1	17	40
Colorado	7-5-2	16	46
Edmonton	7-6-1	15	40
Calgary	4-7-2	14	34

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Anaheim	11-0-4	26	53
Dallas	11-3-0	22	43
San Jose	10-5-0	20	46
Los Angeles	4-9-3	11	36
Phoenix	4-10-0	8	36

## ESPN/USA Today Preseason NCAA Basketball Top 25

team	points	2005-06
1 Florida	772	1
2 North Carolina	728	14
3 Kansas	714	22
4 Ohio State	595	13
5 Pittsburgh	583	18
5 UCLA	583	2
7 LSU	556	3
8 Georgetown	538	16
9 Wisconsin	530	NR
10 Arizona	478	NR
11 Duke	477	7
12 Alabama	420	NR
13 Texas A&M	335	NR
14 Memphis	328	6
15 Boston College	284	11
16 Washington	240	12
17 Marquette	203	NR
18 Connecticut	200	4
19 Texas	172	9
20 Syracuse	138	NR
21 Georgia Tech	137	NR
22 Kentucky	119	NR
23 Creighton	113	NR
23 Tennessee	106	20
25 Nevada	101	NR

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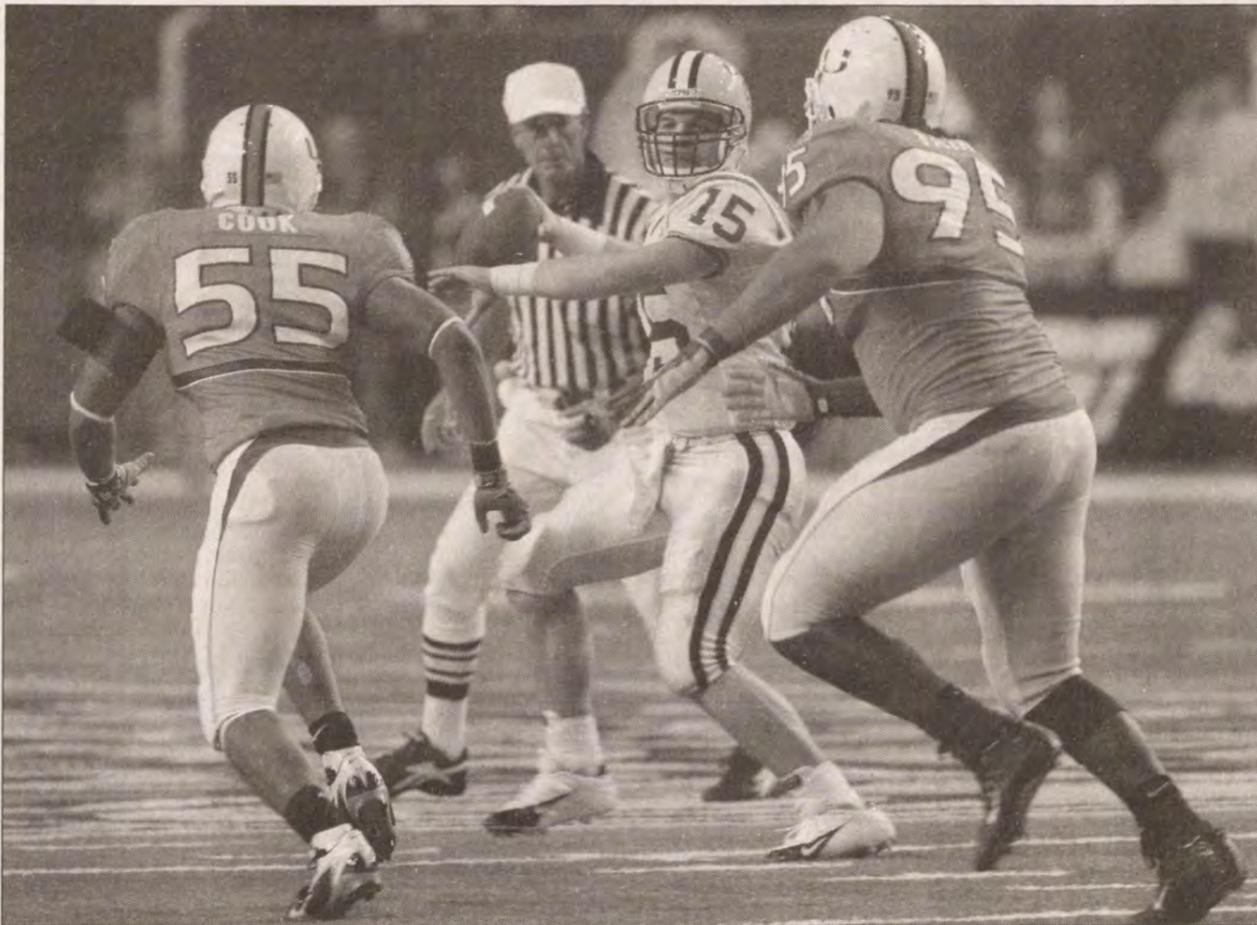
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#### NBA

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Pistons at Kings  
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## NCAA FOOTBALL



Miami senior defensive end Bryan Pata, right, was shot and killed Tuesday, according to university officials. The shooting allegedly took place shortly after he left the Hurricanes practice field.

## Miami lineman shot outside apartment

Associated Press

— University of Miami defensive lineman Bryan Pata was shot and killed Tuesday night, shortly after leaving the practice field, school officials said.

The shooting occurred at the apartment complex where Pata lived, about 4 miles from campus. His death was ruled a homicide, Miami-Dade police spokesman Roy Rutland said.

"Right now, we're just gathering ourselves and just trying to pull ourselves together," Miami athletic director Paul Dee said.

Rutland said police were called at 7:30 p.m. to the

scene and found Pata's body in the parking lot. The 22-year-old senior who grew up in Miami was pronounced dead at the scene.

The circumstances around Pata's death were not immediately clear, and Miami-Dade police did not say who made the 911 call after the shooting.

The 6-foot-4, 280-pound lineman was in his fourth year with the Hurricanes. He appeared in 41 games, making 23 starts, and was expected to be selected in next spring's NFL draft.

Word spread quickly around campus, and grief counselors were quickly

summoned to work with Pata's teammates.

Annette Ponnock, Miami's student body president, said Pata — a fierce player on the field and a somewhat soft-spoken one off it — was well known and popular on campus.

"Everyone is just more surprised than anything else," Ponnock said. "He's such a personality on campus. It was just really, really shocking to have such a loss. ... He was a big guy so it was kind of hard to miss him. He just had a presence about him."

The Hurricanes used Pata primarily at defensive

tackle this season, and he had 13 tackles and two sacks.

Miami is supposed to play at No. 23 Maryland Saturday. There has not been any announcement about whether that game will happen as scheduled.

Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swofford was aware of the shooting and was working with Miami officials to gather information, conference spokeswoman Amy Yakola said.

It was at least the fourth time that tragedy involving a player has struck the Hurricanes in recent years.

## IN BRIEF

### Sanders convinces coaches of readiness and comes back strong

INDIANAPOLIS — Bob Sanders watched his Indianapolis Colts teammates get run over for five weeks. The Pro Bowl safety couldn't bear seeing it again.

After convincing team doctors and coach Tony Dungy he could play with a solid pregame workout, Sanders helped Indianapolis produce one of its best defensive performances of the season in one of its most critical games.

"I was pretty sure he wasn't going to play, and he was pretty adamant that he could," coach Tony Dungy said Monday. "So I let him run with the trainers before the game to see if he could go. We waited until about 10 minutes before we had to send in the inactive list."

He gave Indianapolis' leaky run defense the backbone it had been missing in previous games when Tennessee, Denver and Washington overpowered the Colts on the ground.

### Rose signs one-year, \$1.5 million deal with Suns

PHOENIX — Jalen Rose signed with the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday and is expected to be in uniform at San Antonio on Wednesday.

The former Indiana Pacer, who received a \$14.5 million buyout from the New York Knicks last week, will receive about \$1.5 million in his one-year deal with Phoenix, just over the NBA veteran's minimum.

The 33-year-old guard-forward has averaged 14.7 points over 894 games in 12 NBA seasons. He is joining an offensive-minded, fast-paced team that has struggled to a 1-3 start this season.

Rose had narrowed his choices to Phoenix and Miami, then announced on his Web site Friday that he decided on the Suns. He said he wanted to play for a team with a legitimate shot at the NBA title.

"It's not about personal stats," Rose said Monday.

### Boxer and gang leader Tanner convicted on drug charges

HAMMOND — Former light heavyweight boxer Charles "Duke" Tanner, a reputed leader of Gary's Renegades street gang, was convicted of federal drug and conspiracy charges that could put him behind bars the rest of his life.

Tanner, who won 90 fights as an amateur and was 19-0 as a professional before his arrest in 2004, was found guilty Monday on two counts of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and a single count of possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of cocaine.

The 26-year-old fighter was considered one of the brightest talents to come through Gary's Police Athletic League gym.

"When he wasn't boxing, Charles Tanner was busy becoming leader of one of the street gangs known as the Renegades," said Assistant U.S. Attorney David Nozick during his closing statement.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

# Players struggle in national tourney

## Four falter in first round at Ohio State

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame ran into some tough competition at the ITA National Indoor Championships this weekend at Ohio State.

Four of six Irish players lost in the first round while the doubles team of junior Brook Buck and sophomore Kelcy Tefft lost 8-6 in the semifinals to No. 4 seeded Megan Moulton-Levy and Katarina Zoricic of William and Mary.

No. 24-ranked TCU's Anna Sydorska and Ana Cetnik bounced Notre Dame's No. 3 doubles team of seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson in the first round of play 8-3. The No. 1-seeded Thompson pairing jumped out to an early 2-0 lead, but Sydorska and Cetnik — who advanced to the finals of the tournament —

grabbed eight of the next nine games for the victory. The Thompsons dropped to 6-2 on the year in doubles play.

"TCU hit the ball big, and the indoor courts at Ohio State were very fast," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "They were a good team and their game is suited for indoor play."

Despite the early exit, Louderback is not worried about the Thompson sisters' play.

The duo defeated Duke and Florida's No. 1 doubles teams in the tournament's consolation draw, before losing 8-6 to Cal's Susie Babos and Zsuzsanna Fodor.

"They played very well there, so there are no problems," Louderback said.

Tefft and Buck defeated Georgia Tech's Kristi Miller and

Alison Silverio 8-5 in the opening round of play and knocked off Lauren Macfarlane and Nicola Slater of Florida State 8-4 in the quarterfinals, before losing to Moulton-Levy and Zoricic.

"They had a great tournament," Louderback said. "They just lost a heartbreaker in the semifinals. They've been playing great all year. We're hoping to get two teams into the NCAAs this year."

Freshman Cosmina Ciobanu lost to Georgia Tech's Miller 6-3, 6-1 — who is ranked third in the country in singles play.

"It didn't go so well. She was a really good player," Ciobanu said. "The first set was a little closer, but once she got up on me, she got me."

Freshman Colleen Rielley, who defeated Ciobanu in the finals of the ITA Midwest Regionals to qualify for the national tournament, lost a tough match in three sets to Carole Salge of Clemson, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4. The loss ended Rielley's six-match winning streak.

"Colleen played really well, and the girl she played was really good too," Ciobanu said.

"Colleen had some problems with [Salge's] courtside manner. [Salge] was very manly out on the court, spitting on the court. Colleen found her really annoying and she got frustrated."

Rielley and Ciobanu both dropped their first-round consolation matches.

Despite the early exit, the tournament was a chance for the freshmen to get a taste of the national spotlight.

"It was really exciting that both Colleen and I qualified for this," Ciobanu said. "It was a great experience."

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**Cosmina Ciobanu**  
Irish freshman

NCAA BASKETBALL

# AP releases All-America list

## UNC's Hansbrough, Florida's Noah picked for preseason honor

Associated Press

Tyler Hansbrough of North Carolina led a preseason All-America team of underclassmen.

The 6-foot-9 sophomore forward was the top vote-getter Tuesday on the team chosen by the same panel that selects The Associated Press' weekly college basketball poll.

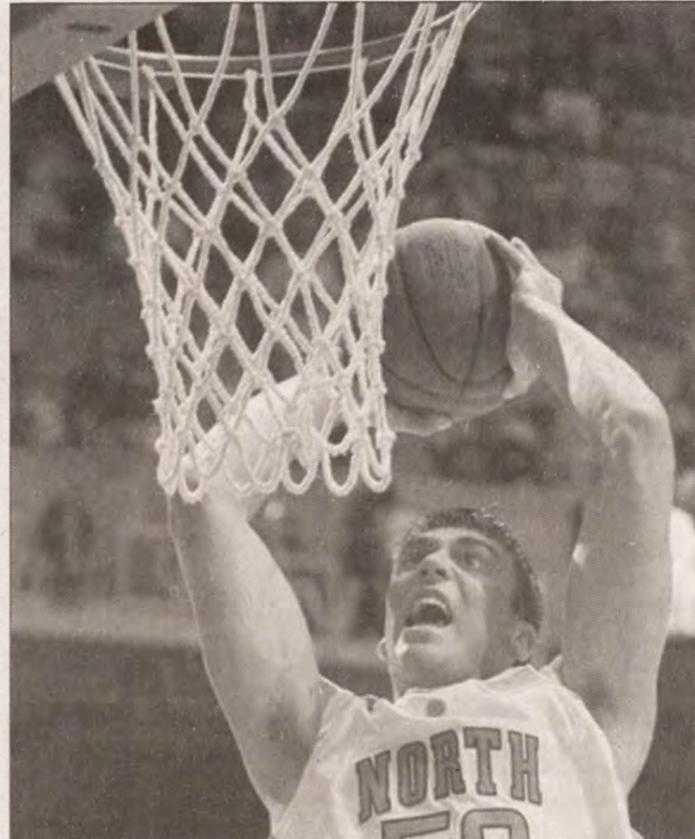
Joining Hansbrough were juniors Joakim Noah of Florida, Ronald Steele of Alabama and Glen Davis of LSU and sophomore Brandon Rush of Kansas.

The 2006-07 team was decidedly different from the season before when four seniors and a junior were picked for the preseason honors.

Hansbrough was named on 65 of the 72 ballots, one more than Noah. Steele received 55 votes, while Davis had 51 and Rush 26.

Hansbrough was the key to North Carolina's surprising season that saw the Tar Heels go from unranked to 10th in the final poll. He averaged 18.9 points and 7.9 rebounds and made Carolina fans and coach Roy Williams very happy when he decided to return for a second season in Chapel Hill.

"There's a lot of things I want to accomplish as a team," Hansbrough said. "I had a good year, but I talked to coach and we both agreed there's a lot of things I could get better at individually. I'd like to go a little farther in the tournament and have a better ending."



North Carolina forward Tyler Hansbrough dunks the ball against St. Augustine's during the Tar Heels' 110-79 win Nov. 1.

"I've never really known a player to spend another year with coach Williams and get worse."

The 6-foot-11 Noah was the star of Florida's run to its first national championship last season, averaging 14.2 points and 7.1 rebounds. His flowing hair and engaging smile has made him a fan favorite and

his ever-improving talent has made the son of former tennis star Yannick Noah one of the country's top players.

"Don't expect to see Michael Jordan out there right now. There was so much hype around him at the end of the year. He's not Michael Jordan," Florida coach Billy Donovan said.

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# NFL Jets' punter discovered by Mangini after Down Under kick

*Former Australian soccer player Graham now in second season*

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Ben Graham's journey to the NFL began with a long kick over a big river in Australia.

Sounds like the premise of a heartwarming children's tale, except this one's true. New York Jets coach Eric Mangini saw the tape that proved it.

"He kicked the ball over the Yarra River, and that was it for me," Mangini said, recalling the jaw-dropping video he saw nine years ago.

Graham was competing in a made-for-television event that featured some of the strongest legs in the Australian Football League, where he was a star for the Geelong Cats. He made it to the final of the competition and had to kick it as far as he could into Melbourne's main river.

"He kicked it over, and at that point, what he was doing with that ball, I was kind of curious to see what he could do for us," said Mangini, who was then an assistant with the Jets.

Mangini offered him a chance to try out for the team and Graham briefly flirted with the idea.

"Eric saw the footage before I sent the DVDs out to get my name out there on the radar in America, but he was the first one to see," Graham said in his warm Australian accent. "He worked me out and that started the ball rolling."

And just like a boomerang, the two are back together — even though it took a while.

Graham is in his second season booming punts for the Jets, and ranks ninth in the NFL with a 38.6-yard net average. It would be higher if not for 61- and 56-yard punts earlier this season that were negated by penalties. Not bad for a guy who knew nothing about punting until last summer.

"If someone had asked me two years ago and said that in two years time, 'This is where you'd be,' I would've taken it hands down," Graham said.

The 33-year-old Graham was considered mostly a novelty last summer when Herman Edwards brought him into training camp to compete with veteran Micah Knorr. But with each left-footed, end-over-end thump, it became apparent Graham was the real deal.

He had an impressive rookie season in which he had a net average of 37.9 yards. When Mangini took over as the Jets' coach, it was a no-brainer that he'd keep Graham.

"He has incredible strength," said special teams coordinator Mike Westhoff, who previously coached Pro Bowlers Reggie Roby, Matt Turk and Rohn Stark. "Ben is really capable, not that he's one of those guys, but I'm familiar with very good football players and Ben Graham is a talented man and has really done a heck of a job adapting to a skill that's in a lot of ways foreign to him."

The Jets have considered using Graham on kickoffs because of his strong leg, but Westhoff said that will have to wait a while until he becomes more familiar with the kicking motion. The team has also

entertained thoughts of getting the 6-foot-5, broad-shouldered Graham more involved in the offense.

A punter lining up at tight end? It could happen, especially with Mangini's penchant for trying new things.

"We've worked on some of that stuff, and he has done some things situationally," Mangini said. "Punters are tough to get, and punters of his caliber are tougher to get. So there is always that risk-reward of getting too involved

situationally and then losing them."

Graham welcomes the idea of going out for a pass.

"I know I've got the skills to contribute elsewhere," he said. "But it's a game where you concentrate on your job. If something happens down the track, we'll definitely work on that to the point where we know it's going to work in an NFL game."

The precedent had already been set for Australians to come over to the NFL, with

Darren Bennett doing it 12 years ago. But Graham had never actually punted before.

"I've kicked a ball ever since I could walk, so the kicking technique was a natural thing," Graham said. "To confine the technique just to a punting action was the hard part. A consistent stepping pattern, a consistent drop."

Graham was given some leeway last season when it came to the types of punts he was asked to do, but refined his footwork and technique in the

offseason.

"I was just pretty much looking to get the ball down the field the best I could last year," he said. "So this year, there are expectations and standards and trying to capitalize on field position and the rest of it."

One big surprise for Graham was having to hold the ball on field-goal attempts. So, he spent countless hours practicing with kicker Mike Nugent, taking snaps and learning how to place the ball down correctly.



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# Layoff

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strength and get back to full health before the season's final push.

"I think we were going to try and keep it sharp," senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill said. "I think there's a few areas of our game both defensively and offensively where we're gonna try to polish up."

The extra five-day rest to await the first round winner — on top of an already large layover between games — gives Notre Dame the opportunity to scout its opponent, which did not come as a surprise to many players.

"I think we all expected a bye," Irish midfielder and mid-fielder Greg Dalby said. "We had [Monday] off, and [Tuesday] we just watched

video."

That opportunity to watch film and prepare for next Wednesday's game will likely aid Notre Dame.

"It's a huge advantage that you can scout the teams you can potentially play, [and] we can see what their strengths are," Dalby said. "All three of our coaches are going to go to the game."

*"The other team is important, but not nearly as important as we are."*

**Greg Dalby**  
Irish midfielder

Dalby, however, warned that scouting the opposition was less than half the battle.

"What's most important is how we play, [and] how we handle what we do well," he said. "The other team is important but not nearly as important as we are."

One major downside of having such a long stretch of inactivity is the possibility of regression. The Irish, however, aren't concerned with that possibility.

In past years, Notre Dame has had similar breaks, and the experienced team has

learned to adjust to the time off.

"We train at such a high level, [and] we're playing just as good of competition in practice as we would against any other team in the country," Cahill said. "We're not just trying to stay in the same spot [as we were when we played our last game], we're trying to get better."

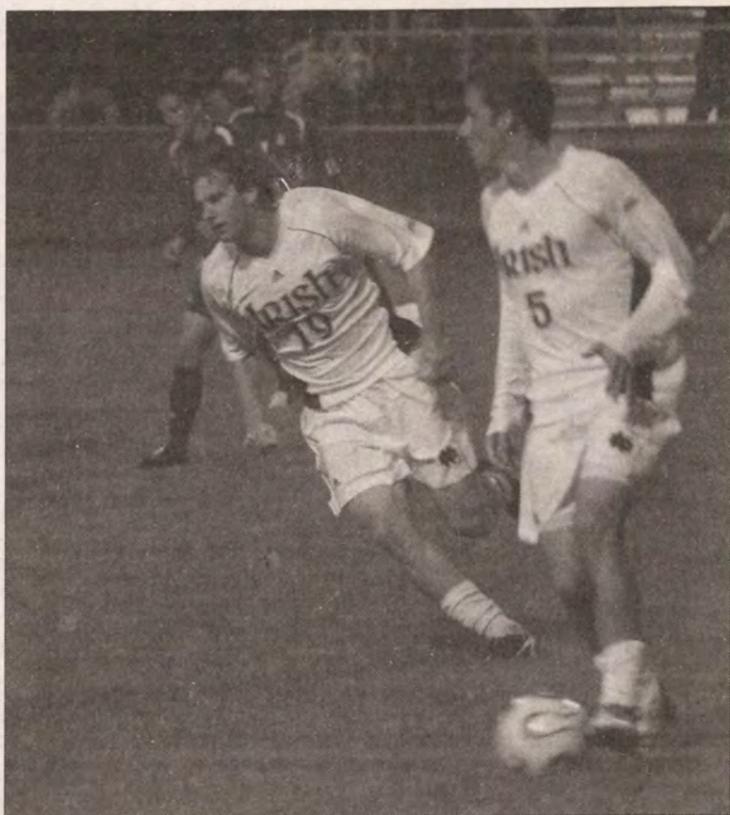
Dalby feels that this year's team is more mature than last year's edition at handling the time off and will be prepared come game time. Last season, the Irish went 12-8-3 in 2005 and lost 1-0 at No. 12 Clemson in the second round of the NCAA Tournament after upsetting No. 3 Indiana 2-0.

"Last year we didn't know what to expect [in the tournament] and we're just happy to be a part of it," he said.

Ultimately, Cahill verbalized what has likely been Notre Dame's theme for the past two weeks of practice.

"We don't want to come out flat on Wednesday," he said.

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TOM FOLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame's Nate Norman, left, cuts upfield while defender Jack Traynor controls the ball in a 3-0 win over Michigan State Oct. 11.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Louisville — not just about horses and hookshots anymore

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — In a city hooked on long shots and jump shots, college football has long been a diversion, something for fall Saturdays before the horses start running at Churchill Downs and the Louisville basketball team packs Freedom Hall.

"There were good seats available, any day, any time with any number of people you

wanted to bring as a guest," Mayor Jerry Abramson said. "Those days are over."

Two decades ago, former coach Howard Schnellenberger — who led Miami to a national title in 1983 — later took a decidedly lower-profile job with the Cardinals. He raised more than a few eyebrows when he said Louisville was "on a collision course with the national championship, the

only variable is time." Those words have proved prophetic.

With a month to go in the season, No. 3 Louisville (8-0, 3-0 Big East) controls its destiny in the chase for a berth in the Bowl Championship Series title game.

And perhaps just as remarkable, football's popularity is making inroads in a basketball town where March Madness never really ends.

Billboards with pictures of

star players like quarterback Brian Brohm and the phrase "R U Ready?" line the free-ways. Jerseys with No. 12 (Brohm) or No. 19 (injured running back Michael Bush) are the clothing option of choice at sparkling Papa John's Stadium for home games.

And Internet chat rooms hum with speculation and jubilation over Louisville's lofty ranking and the futures of Brohm and coach Bobby Petrino.

The basketball team, meanwhile, began practice three weeks ago with little fanfare. Rick Pitino's team was in the Final Four less than two years ago but is coming off a 21-13 season and was relegated to the NIT.

Sure, there was the usual sellout crowd of more than 18,000 fans at Freedom Hall for an exhibition win over Georgetown (Ky.) College on Nov. 1. Yet most of the buzz wasn't over freshman forward Derrick Caracter, but the football team's chances against West Virginia the next night.

After coaching under the microscope for years — first at Kentucky, now at Louisville — Pitino doesn't mind if the scrutiny shifts a little ways down the street from Freedom Hall to the aptly named Howard Schnellenberger Football Complex.

"It's helping us in one sense in that it takes the attention away from us and let's us focus in on ourselves," said Pitino, whose team was not ranked in the preseason Top 25 in any major poll. "Our players see that kind of excellence and it only helps us."

Former basketball coach Denny Crum led the Cardinals to NCAA titles in 1980 and 1986 and now co-hosts a sports talk show with former Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall. Normally this time of year the phone lines are jammed with Kentucky and Louisville supporters already debating the outcome of their annual basketball clash.

Instead, Crum and Hall spend most of the show talking

to callers theorizing over what the Cardinals have to do to make it to the BCS title game.

"The interest in the football team is off the scale and basketball's taken kind of a hind seat," Crum said. "I don't think you'll really start hearing about the basketball team until the football team loses."

Which might not be until January, if at all. And unlike the football team's last bout with success — Schnellenberger led the Cardinals to their only New Year's bowl victory by winning the 1991 Fiesta Bowl only to leave four years later — Crum doesn't think this year's team is an aberration.

"I think where they're at right now is where they're going to stay," Crum said. "This is something that's only going to build."

Literally. Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich is proposing a plan that would expand capacity at Papa John's Stadium — which isn't even a decade old — from 42,000 to 63,600 by 2010. For the first time in the program's history, there is a waiting list for season tickets and merchandise sales have never been stronger, thanks in large part to national television appearances the last few years under Petrino.

Petrino and Pitino insist they're not trying to win a popularity contest. While the football team has all attention right now, the basketball program has all the championship banners.

"The tradition we have in basketball is something we're trying to get to," Petrino said.

Both coaches stop short of calling Louisville a "football school" or a "basketball school." They feel there's plenty of room for both.

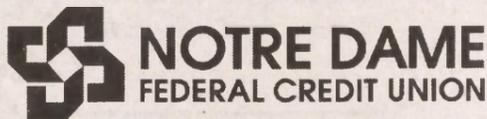
"We're very secure in who we are and what we stand for and we're very humble about ourselves," Pitino said. "We're not looking to be king. Kings are for people who are part of royalty. We're just looking to have our excellence when we play, that's it."

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# Altitude

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drives and has field goals in five others. By comparison, Notre Dame has 26 touchdowns and six field goals on 35 red zone opportunities.

Air Force has outscored its opponents in every quarter on the season, with its most scoring — 70 points — coming in the second quarter.

**Notes:**

♦ Notre Dame and Air Force will honor the son of Irish defensive backs coach Bill Lewis, who graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1992 and died in a helicopter crash in 1998, with a decal replication of his unit's patch.

Gregg Lewis was a walk-

on on the 1988 Falcons' football team and was killed in a helicopter training mission for the 66th Rescue Squadron based at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada.

"About a month or two ago, Geoff [Lewis, Gregg's brother], who lives down in Georgia, e-mailed me and asked me if there's any way that a combination of Notre Dame and Air Force could do anything to kind of honor his brother but really for the sake of his parents," Weis said. "So we first went through Notre Dame to make sure it was okay with everyone from Notre Dame, and then we got a hold of Air Force, and after going back and forth, Air Force jumped on board."

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# Classic

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25th or better in all four Irish events this season.

Rounding out the lineup for Notre Dame were junior Eddie Peckels, senior co-captain Adam Gifford and junior Greg Rodgers.

In his first event as a member of the Irish top five this season, Peckels tied for 50th place with a three-over-par 219.

Gifford shot an eight-

over-par 224 and Rodgers finished with a score of 16-over-par 232.

The next and final event of the fall season for the Irish will be the inaugural Aloha Purdue Collegiate Invitational Nov. 22-23. The tournament will be held at the Kiahuna Golf Club in Poipu, Hawaii.

It will also mark the first time the Irish have visited Hawaii in the 77-year history of the golf program.

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# SENATOR CONDRA



QUENTIN STENGER and ANNA AMBERKAR/The Observer

Top, Irish sophomore Erik Condra scores against Minnesota State and, bottom, checks a Windsor player. Condra was drafted in the seventh round of the 2006 NHL Draft by the Ottawa Senators.

# Boost

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second big guy, the 'four man' guarding him."

The sophomore forward was involved in even more plays where his name didn't show up in the stat sheets. Hillesland was a ball hound on Notre Dame's successful first-half full court press. He proved to be a great help defender. He also showed an ability to use his 6-foot-8, 225-pound frame to drive baseline.

And those plays don't even account for the 360-degree pass he attempted in transition during the second half. Showtime anyone?

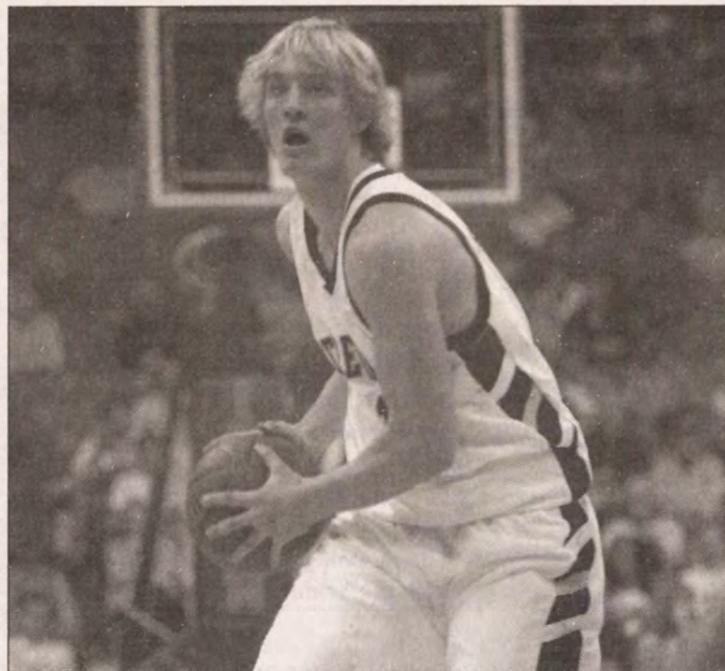
"I don't know how fast Magic Johnson was, but I guess if you want to call me a little bit slower that's fine because I never played against him," Hillesland joked after the game. "I think [I could keep up with him in the race], especially nowadays because he's like eighty, so whatever."

Irish senior Russell Carter smiled at the comparison Monday, saying that he doesn't mind going with Magic Johnson but he sees Hillesland more in the Larry Bird mold.

"He's flashy, he knows what he's doing," Carter said. "It may not look like it, but he knows what he's doing. I see that every day in practice, I'm just happy he's out there."

On a serious note, Hillesland could be a vital cog in Notre Dame's system this year with the regular season beginning Friday. The Irish have proven scorers in Carter and senior two guard Colin Falls, and a creative play maker in point guard Kyle McAlarney.

They also have a trio of forwards in Harangody, Kurz and sophomore Luke Zeller — a former McDonald's All-American who led the Irish in



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish freshman guard Joe Harden looks for an open lane during Notre Dame's 85-57 win Monday over Bellarmine. He drove the lane and dunked.

scoring Monday — who should handle most of the post duties.

But a basketball team is only as good as its depth, and with Hillesland as the second or third man off the bench — freshman point guard Tory Jackson has looked flashy and explosive this fall — he will create immediate mismatches against less athletic power forwards when Notre Dame sees man defenses.

"He's so creative like that, out there on the floor ... he does every thing, he passes, he can rebound it, he defends well, he can run the floor well," McAlarney said. "I love playing with those kind of guys because they get their job done."

But more important than Hillesland's all-around ability — or his witty sense of humor — is his absolute command of the Notre Dame system. Brey has touted him as being the definitive leader in practice on

the second team (the blue team).

"When we go blue against white, Falls knows our system best on the whites and Hillesland knows it really well on the blues," Brey said. "He's coaching all those young guys he's got with him on the blue team."

And given Hillesland's strong command of the offense so early in his Notre Dame career, the forward sees some improvements that need to be made as the Irish progress in their season.

"I think we've still yet to put together forty solid minutes," Hillesland said. "We've had spurts here and there where we've played really well offensively, really well defensively. Now we've just got to start building on that."

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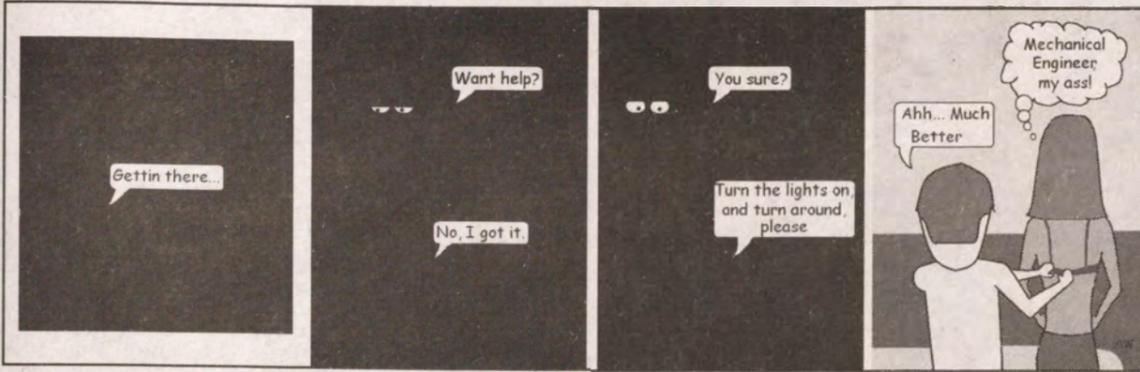
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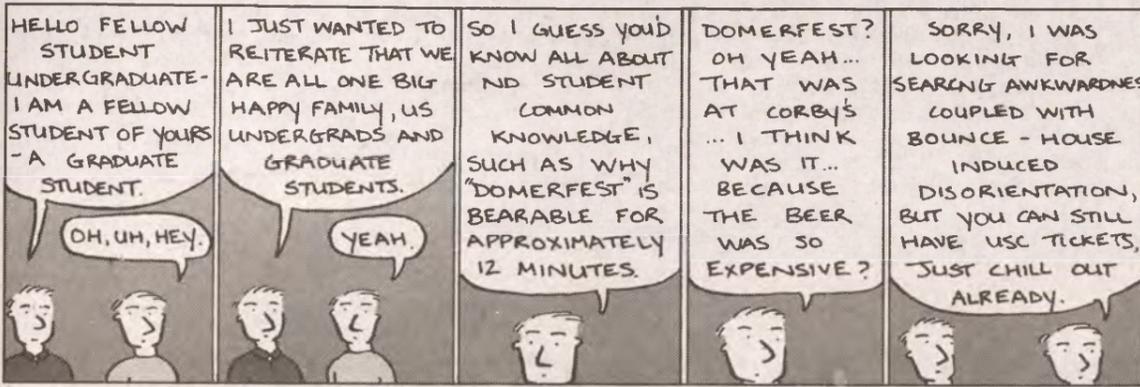
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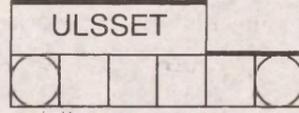
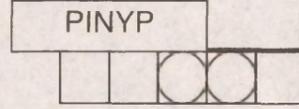
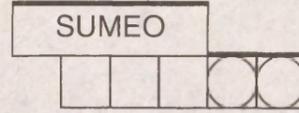


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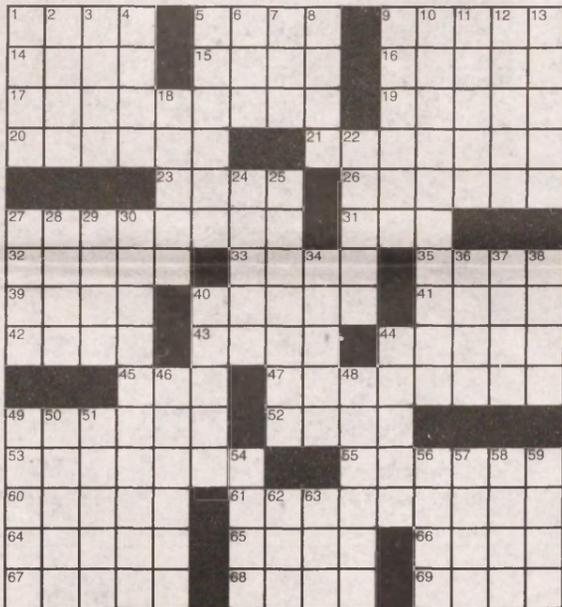


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  - 61 1983 Burt Lancaster film
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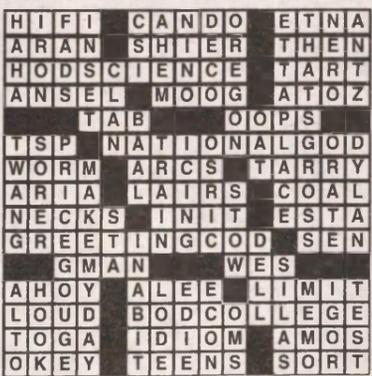


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**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** A deal can be put on the table or completed today. Changes to your home can be positive if you make your decisions based on facts. Don't take chances if you feel a cold coming on. Health problems may deter you. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Someone is probably keeping something from you today. You will have to find out if you want to get things done properly. An emotional matter concerning a partner will leave you feeling uncertain about your future. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Take a totally different approach to whatever you need to do today and you will surprise the people who may want to hold you back or sabotage your plans. A minor problem with health or a pet is likely. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The less contact you have with the outside world, the better. Concentrate on what needs to be done in your own back yard. An idea you have will help the people you live with feel better about the changes that occur. 5 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You won't be able to trust everyone but, when acting on your own instincts, you will do extremely well. Don't let anyone talk you out of doing something you feel strongly about. Money matters, contracts and legal deals will pan out. 2 stars

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## FOOTBALL

# Altitude preparation not high on Weis' priority list

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Don't ask Charlie Weis about the altitude. Experience tells him it's only a distraction.

Notre Dame's second-year coach referenced his days as an offensive coordinator in the NFL when his teams would travel to Denver to face the Broncos, saying

adjusting for the mile-high altitude in Colorado is just "taboo."

"It is taboo," said Weis during his weekly press conference Tuesday. "It'll be the first thing I talk about today, and it'll be the last time that the word will be addressed."

Weis used to focus on adjusting to the thin air too much, even though scientific evidence, he said, proves the altitude doesn't have an

effect on players in the first 48 hours.

"What we found years ago going out to Denver is that at first we made a big deal out of it," Weis said. "We used to go out there two days early. We'd go out there, make a big deal out of it and then we'd get our butt kicked."

"We started treating it like every other game, and then we started winning. I'm just going off of experience, and

that's how we're treating it."

Notre Dame will not alter its offensive and defensive strategies much because of the altitude, Weis said. But adjusting to Air Force's efficient and time-consuming option offense is a priority of Weis'.

"I think the most important thing is scoring when you have the ball," Weis said. "That sounds like just a coaching phrase, but that's

really — when you're playing — when you might have less than ten possessions, I think every possession becomes so critical."

Air Force has averaged a 5:56 time of possession edge in eight games this season.

And the Falcons usually convert on their long drives. Air Force has scored touchdowns on 21 of 29 red zone

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# All-around presence

By BOB GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

When freshman Luke Harangody managed to find forward Rob Kurz's nose during practice Sunday, it took the Irish coaching staff about 20 minutes to let sophomore Zach Hillesland know he would be starting in the team's final pre-season game.

Hillesland responded by giving the Irish an all-around boost, showing an ability to score, rebound, pass, dribble, defend and create in transition. It was a pretty good effort for a rarely used bench player last season known more for his comedic presence in the locker room than his on-court abilities.

"That's kind of my game, just go around, little things here and there, kind of make the team flow a little bit," Hillesland said after Monday's game. "I felt very comfortable out there ... probably more comfortable than the first exhibition game."

Hillesland's statistics prove exactly how much he was involved — seven points, five assists, four rebounds, two blocks and two steals in 23 minutes.

"He's one of those guys that fills every stat category," Irish coach Mike Brey said Monday. "He's a little bit unorthodox. He can guard anybody and he can handle the ball. We can definitely take advantage of the

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Sophomore forward Zach Hillesland looks for an open man during Notre Dame's 85-57 win Monday over Bellarmine at the Joyce Center. Hillesland had seven points in the preseason game.

## MEN'S SOCCER

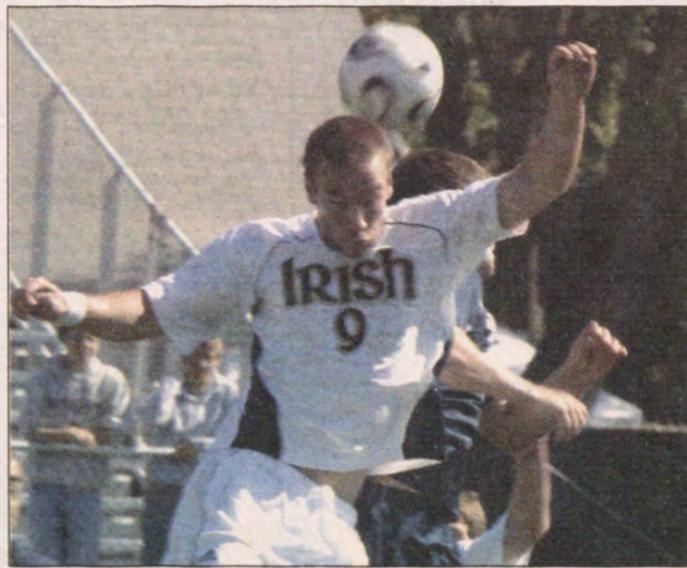
# Irish prepare during break

By ERIC RETTER  
Associate Sports Editor

By the time No. 12 Notre Dame steps back onto Alumni Field to play its next game, 18 days will have elapsed between contests.

The Irish (13-5-2, 8-3-0 Big East) last played Oct. 28, when they lost to Rutgers 2-1 in the second round of the Big East tournament. And they won't play again until the second round of the NCAA Tournament Nov. 15, when they take on the winner of Friday's game between Illinois-Chicago (12-2-5)/Western Illinois (15-7-0).

The Irish have used the time to rest, recover their leg



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Irish senior forward Justin McGeeney heads the ball in a 4-1 win over Georgetown at Alumni Field Oct. 7.

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## MEN'S GOLF

# Notre Dame finishes 11th in California Classic

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

Before the Irish teed off at the CordeValle Classic in San Martin, Calif. Monday, Irish coach Jim Kubinski said the field was tougher than any his team had seen all season.

And unfortunately for the Irish, the competition in the event did not turn out to be any easier than it had seemed on paper.

Despite recording a season-low total score of five-over-par 869, the Irish finished in 11th place out of the 17-team field — 47 strokes behind the winner, Stanford. The Irish did, however, man-

age to beat a top-25 opponent, finishing five shots ahead of No. 22 TCU.

Senior co-captain Cole Isban led the way for the Irish and finished tied for 19th place with a three-under-par 213. Isban, a senior All-America candidate, also fired a career-best 66 during second round action Monday.

One event after he tied for 10th place in the Prestige at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif., sophomore Josh Sandman was again steady as he finished tied for 25th place at one-under-par 215. Sandman has now placed

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