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2 freshmen attempt to write novels

Typing quickly, aspiring writers hope to produce 50,000 words before Nov. 30 deadline

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

It's a process that takes some people years, but Kaitlyn Conway and Emily Craven intend to do it in one month.

Beginning Thursday, the Notre Dame freshmen each began writing a novel, with the goal of finishing 50,000 words by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30.

That means writing, on average, 1,667 words a day — in addition to doing homework and going to classes and other activities. Conway and

Craven said most of their friends won't be cranking out a novel anytime soon.

"They think we're crazy," Conway said.

But they have company. Conway and Craven are part of National Novel Writing Month, a self-described "literary crusade." The competition encourages people from around the world to pound out a 175-page work of fiction in 30 days. A press release from the organization, nicknamed "NaNoWriMo," says it is the largest writing contest in the world.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Kaitlyn Conway works on her novel Thursday night in the computer lab in LaFortune. Her goal is to write 50,000 words by Nov. 30.

Belles to co-host Duke rally

Board hopes for more student participation

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Saint Mary's students will be able to "shake down the thunder" along with three Notre Dame dorms as they co-host the football pep rally Friday before the final Irish home game, against Duke on Nov. 17.

Although the event is quickly approaching, planning has been in the works for months, said Emma Moore, a member of the Pep Rally Committee.

Last year, Saint Mary's had between 80 and 100 students at the event. This year, the committee is aiming for 200 to 260.

The committee consists of six members of the Board of Governance. Cassie Callon, Annie Davis and Cassie Quaglia — in addition to committee chair Courtney Kennedy — are the Executive Board members on the Committee, Kennedy said.

Members have all been working hard to make sure the student body is aware of the pep rally and to persuade a large number of students to attend, Kennedy said.

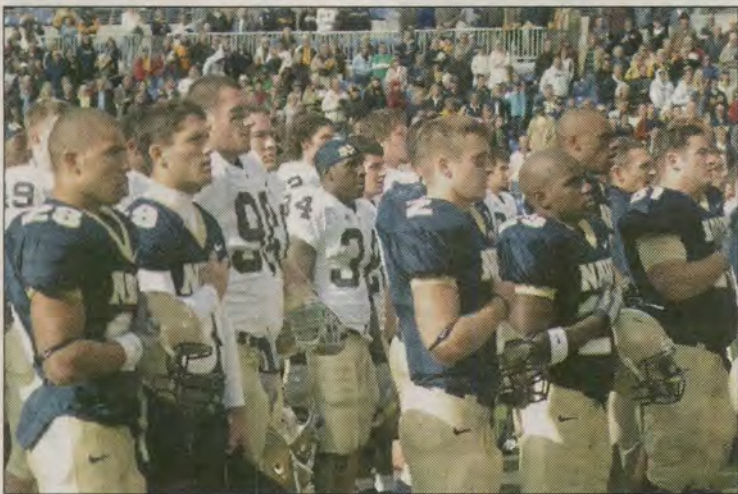
Between e-mails and committee members selling Saint Mary's version of The Shirt, she said, the campaign is going well.

"I don't think anyone on this campus is unaware that we're

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Navy win streak faces test Saturday

Students optimistic ND football team will get 44th consecutive win against Midshipmen



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Notre Dame and Navy football players sing Navy's alma mater, "Anchors Aweigh," last year in Baltimore.

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

With seven losses and only one win this season, Notre Dame's 43-game winning streak against Navy may be at risk. But many students, like senior Liz Byrum, are holding out hope that Notre Dame will add one more game to the streak and avoid racking up a historic loss.

"It'll be closer than the ND-Navy game usually is, but we will win," Byrum said.

Freshman Kasey Puls said she is confident she will see her first home win as a Notre Dame student this Saturday.

"Heck yes, we'll win," she said.

Sean Gibbons, also a freshman, expects Notre Dame to keep its winning streak against Navy.

"It'll be a good game, but we'll come out on top," he said.

Sophomore Ben Spitler said the competition Notre Dame has played this season has been tough and that the schedule is a reason for optimism.

"I would hate to be here when we break the Navy streak," Spitler said.

But Spitler doesn't think a

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Snite celebrates Day of the Dead

Mexican festival, El Dia de los Muertos, marked with displays, dancing

By LINDSAY SENA
News Writer

With displays, a dance performance and a Frida look-alike contest, the Snite Museum celebrated El Dia de los Muertos, the "Day of the Dead," on Thursday evening.

The Mexican celebration, which takes place the day after Halloween, honors the dead and celebrates the lives of one's ancestors.

Notre Dame students and faculty, as well as many area residents and high school students, attended the event. The program began with a description of the significance of the Day of the Dead,



WU YUE/The Observer

Dancers from the Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro perform Thursday in the Snite Museum for the annual Day of the Dead celebration.

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Business can fight global warming

Oxford professor cites new EU legislation

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Al Gore may have received the Nobel Peace Prize for his environmentalist activism, but movies aren't the most practical way to address climate concerns, based on what an Oxford professor said Tuesday at Notre Dame's Hesburgh Center.

Europe has made strides in its fight against global warming and carbon emission through revised accounting practices for global corporations and the maximization of the European political

structure, said Gordon Clark, head of Oxford's School of Geography and director of the Oxford University Centre for the Environment.

"Around the year 2050," he said, "we're going to be faced with millions of people displaced" as a result of climatic changes caused by modern industrial and manufacturing systems.

But the European Union (EU) has sought to mitigate these effects, he said, through legislation for corporations, taking full advantage of the EU as a standard-setting body that supersedes the individual countries' politics and therefore reduces the pressure of corporations on local

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INSIDE COLUMN

Is 'or she' necessary?

Procrastination is a human tendency — one that college students are familiar with. Its consequences, however, can be more far-reaching than the occasional all-nighter or a 2.7-inch spaced essay. Societies and cultures procrastinate too, and this is where the real damage is done.

Joey King

Viewpoint Editor

If one finds a satisfactory way of performing a task, it can be easy to postpone or suspend entirely the search for a better way of performing the same task. Examples are everywhere. Consider how long monarchy was thought to be the best form of government, or mankind's multi-millennial marriage to the geocentric model of the universe. Even in the 20th century, leaded gasoline was a great fuel, aerosol a nifty propellant, DDT an effective pesticide, and asbestos an ideal insulator.

When something seemingly does what it's supposed to do, there's no apparent need to change it. The problem is determining when finding a better way is justified. I don't have a general solution. There is, however, one glaring and recent human development that must be stopped — the current necessity of the phrase "he or she."

Someone realized that English was being sexist when it used the word "he" to refer to an individual of unknown gender in the third person. Instead of using "he" in such situations, it became more proper to use "he or she." Lately, it is becoming acceptable to simply use "she." "She" is not sexist.

Neither of these two developments are good solutions. The problem was realized, and a working solution was presented. "He or she" solves the problem. "She" solves the problem. But both solutions have their flaws.

"He or she" is taxing to write and say. It might not seem like much, but it adds up. Even if only one newspaper with a circulation of 100,000 used "he or she" where it once used "he" just one time a day for 365 days a year, it would constitute 182,500,000 extra characters after one year (excluding spaces). That's enough to use more than 45,000 letter sized pieces of paper and hundreds of dollars worth of toner. And one newspaper with a circulation of 100,000 a day is a gross underestimate of the daily "or she" output in the United States alone.

Languages have inefficiencies. I'm not saying that English should be designed for efficiency, or that efficiency is at all a valid measure of the quality of a language. But it's just plain unnecessary to introduce absurdities with negligible contribution to actual meaning, and superfluous letters are a tangible way to measure such a linguistic shift. Part of me truly believes that people understood an implied "or she" when confronted with the ambiguous "he."

As for the "she" substitution — it's trivial. How does this solve the original need for unabridged articulation?

Let's just use the Esperanto word for "it." The third person ambiguous singular pronoun is now "ĝi." This has the English pronunciation of "jee," and can be roughly anglicized as "he." Pass it on.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Nov. 1 edition of The Observer, the Viewpoint column "The Widening Racial Divide" incorrectly reported that 76 percent of all black men will not graduate high school. The actual statistic is that 76 percent of black males in Maryland will not graduate from high school. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW MANY PEP RALLIES DO YOU USUALLY GO TO A YEAR, AND WHY?



Jason Gott
junior
Dillon

"Four, because that's usually about as many good games as we have."



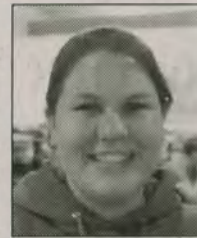
Geoff Sullivan
freshman
Sorin

"I don't go to all of them because sometimes I lose my I.D."



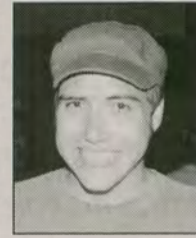
Joseph Moore
freshman
Sorin

"Most, but not all, because sometimes I fall asleep."



Sarah Furman
freshman
Welsh Fam

"One and a half, so far. I left early."



Tyler Orem
junior
Stanford

"Four, so I can sport pretentious hats."



WU YUE/The Observer

Notre Dame Mariachi Band members Cassandra Montoya, left, Josh Diaz, middle, and Lukas Mendoza, right, play traditional Mexican music after the Day of the Dead Celebration at the Snite Museum of Art Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Woman takes out ad to sell breast milk

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A woman who doesn't want her breast milk to go to waste has taken out a newspaper ad in hopes of selling it. Martha Heller, 22, of Tiffin, took out the ad in The Gazette, offering 100 ounces of her breast milk for \$200 or the best offer.

Heller said her freezer is overflowing with breast milk that she has pumped since August. Her 4-month-old daughter won't drink from a bottle and the supply is piling up.

Heller now donates to the University of Iowa's Mother's

Milk Bank, but the 100 ounces of milk she wants to sell was pumped before going through the screening process for the bank and cannot be donated.

Prank leaves 75 gnomes without homes

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. — A number of gnomes have taken sanctuary at the Springfield police station. Somebody apparently collected 75 lawn ornaments from around town and then, on the night of Oct. 17, placed them meticulously on and around the lawn of one house.

Among the plastic and

porcelain geese, deer and frogs are gnomes, such as a weather gnome outfitted with a rain gauge.

Police want to find the rightful owners.

"We need to get them out of here," Capt. Richard Harrison said. "Every time I leave my office they're sitting in my chair, working on my computer. I can't seem to get rid of the darn things."

"If they come here and they can identify it," Harrison said, "we're more than happy to let the gnome go home."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A collection of Douglas Kinsey paintings is on display in the Great Hall of O'Shaughnessy Hall through Nov. 29.

The Notre Dame Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Bands will hold a concert tonight at 8:30 in Leighton Concert Hall in DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$12 for faculty/staff and the general public, and \$7 for seniors and students.

The hockey team will play Lake Superior State tonight at 7:35 at the Joyce Center Ice Rink.

As part of the Boardroom Insights lecture series, Brenda Barnes, CEO of the Sara Lee Corporation will speak today at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding its annual talent show, "Black Images: Through the Seasons," Saturday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Student tickets are \$5.

As part of the Military History speaker series, author David Bell will offer a presentation on his new book, "The First Total War," which focuses on the Napoleonic Wars, Monday at 4:30 p.m. in room 116, DeBartolo Hall.

Gillian Sorensen, senior advisor to the United Nations Foundation, will deliver the lecture titled "The State of Women Internationally: Where Are We and Where Are We Going?" Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

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

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Former Chilean official describes neopopulism

Walker compares styles of Hispanic governments

By MARK MANLEY
News Writer

Populism in South America has given birth to neopopulism, said Ignacio Walker, the president of Corporacion de Estudios para America Latina.

Walker, who is Chile's former minister of foreign affairs, spoke Thursday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies about current political movements in South America. The talk, titled "Democracy and Populism (Old and New) in Latin America," was sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

Walker described many of the current ruling governments in South America as "neopopulist." The use of the word "populism" has been nebulous in recent years, he said, with no clear definition and with regional idiosyncrasies.

When talking about South America, though, he said populism is typified by an elasticity of economy. It originated as an alternative to liberal democracy.

Populism, in turn, gives birth to neopopulism, Walker said. It quickly decomposes from reform to economic collapse, he said. This leads the populace to a sharp reaction to the political right.

Failure of the extreme right to enact effective change then shifts opinion to the left and the government follows to a plebiscite democracy. Neopopulist regimes like that of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez and Bolivian president Evo Morales are outcomes of this decomposition, Walker said.

Leaders of populist regimes tend to hold power through illegitimate means, Walker said, while neopopulist leaders are elected by legitimate means. Walker found fault with the neopopulist system because it relies too much on the leader and sets him up to be the redeemer of the people.

Chavez, he said, takes his legitimate election to mean that he is the absolute voice of the people, the direct representative of the people and their savior. As such, he believes he is above the institutions in place and wields supreme authority, Walker said.

The situation in South and Central America, however, is more complex than just neopopulist or neoliberal, Walker said. There is a nonpopulist government in Mexico, for example.

The South American governments all tend to lean left, he said, but within that sphere there are three different types of governments: Marxist, populist and social democratic or nonpopulist governments.

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ND profs named to AAAS

Merz, Mobashery honored by world's largest scientific society

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame faculty members have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in honor of their efforts to advance science or its applications.

AAAS, founded in 1848 as a nonprofit association, is the world's largest scientific society and publisher of the prestigious journal *Science*. The new Notre Dame AAAS fellows are James L. Merz, Frank Freimann Professor of Electrical Engineering, interim dean of the College of Engineering and former vice president for graduate studies and research at Notre Dame, and Shahriar Mobashery, Navari Family Professor of Life Sciences.

Merz, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1994, was cited for "distinguished contributions to the field of photonic devices and particularly to optical spectroscopy of semiconductor nanostructures."

Mobashery, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2003, was cited for "creative work on antibiotics and the mechanism of antibiotic resistance in bacteria, especially for contributions on methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a clinical scourge."

A 1959 graduate of Notre Dame, Merz returned to his alma mater in 1994 to direct a team of researchers investigating Quantum Cellular Automata, a revolutionary new circuit technology that could power computers thousands of times faster and more capable than anything now available. The project was funded by a \$3.45 million federal grant from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

An internationally recognized scholar in the field of optoelectronic materials and devices, Merz formerly was professor of electrical engineering, professor of materials and director of the Center for Quantized Electronic Structures (QUEST) at the University of California at Santa Barbara. In addition to directing QUEST, a National Science Foundation (NSF) science and technology center, he also chaired the national council of directors of the NSF science and technology centers. He has published 470 papers and holds five patents.

Also while at UC-Santa Barbara, Merz at various times chaired the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and served as associate dean for research of the College of Engineering and associate vice chancellor of the university.

Merz was graduated from

Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in physics and attended the University of Göttingen in Germany as a Fulbright Fellow in 1959-60. He attended Harvard University as both a Woodrow Wilson and Danforth Fellow, earning his master's degree in 1961 and his doctorate in 1967. He joined the technical staff of Bell Laboratories in 1966 and conducted investigations there into the optical properties of compound semiconductors. After a semester as Gordon McKay Visiting Lecturer on Applied Physics at Harvard in 1972, he returned to Bell Laboratories, where he worked on optoelectronic devices and integrated optical circuits until joining the UC-Santa Barbara faculty in 1978.

A world-renowned expert in antibiotic resistance and enzyme inhibitors, Mobashery joined the Notre Dame faculty after previously serving as a professor of chemistry and the Charles H. Gershenson Distinguished Faculty Fellow at Wayne State University. His research interests encompass studies of mechanisms of resistance to antibiotics and the means to circumvent them, development of novel antibiotics, studies of the mechanism of action of these antibiotics, and investigations of complex microbial systems such as the outer membrane and the cell wall.



"Cops, Protest, and Rioting"



Daniel Myers

Director of Research and Faculty Development,
Joan B. Kroc Institute for International
Peace Studies; Professor of Sociology



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Luke Gibbons, Donald R. Keough Family Professor of Irish Studies
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Asma Afsaruddin, Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies
- 11/03-Navy
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Daniel Myers, Director of Research and Faculty Development, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; Professor of Sociology
- 11/10-Air Force
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Stephen Fallon, Professor, Program of Liberal Studies
- 11/17-Duke
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Novel

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In 2006, more than 79,000 people signed up for the challenge. About 18 percent of the NaNoWriMo participants complete their novels before the deadline each year.

Conway and Craven both entered the competition last year, and Conway also attempted the contest in eighth grade. Neither of them finished in the 30 days allotted. Conway's "epic fantasy" numbered 17,000 words by the time of the deadline last fall.

"Everything kind of train-wrecked because I had a huge paper to write the last weekend of the month," she said.

Craven's "goofy fantasy '1984'" novel reached only 6,000 words. Craven and Conway agreed that senior year of high school, with college applications to complete, was not the best time to write a novel with a tight deadline.

"This year, we're making it to 50,000," Conway insisted.

But by Thursday afternoon, Conway had written about 100 words. She didn't write for long and was taking

a break to finish homework before she resumed writing later in the evening.

Conway said she isn't quite sure about the direction of her story. For now, she's just working on an introduction.

"I think it's going to end up being a futuristic mob story," she said.

Thursday was just day one. The writers have 29 more days of churning out almost 2,000 words a day. Conway said she thinks they will finish their novels this time, even if it means bringing their laptops with them everywhere they go.

"It seems like you're really, really busy and you're not going to have time to work on it, but the time just kind of finds you, because you'll start working on it and you won't be able to stop for a while," Conway said.

She thinks finding the time to write will be easier than last year. Craven agreed.

"This year we spend so much time doing nothing that I think we'll actually be able to do it," Craven said.

The duo put up flyers around campus to get other people to enter the contest, and about seven or eight people e-mailed them to express interest.

"We thought it would be crazy fun to get other people involved," Craven said. "It's a lot more fun when you have a group of support instead of just you struggling along."

The key to winning the contest — that is, reaching the 50,000 word count — is to stay on course and not fall behind on the 1,667 daily word count goal, they said.

"I remember last year, I just missed a couple of days, and I was like, 'Oh, I'll catch up,'" Craven said. "And I kept recalculating how many more words I had to do per day, and after that, you just fall in a hole and it's hard."

The NaNoWriMo Web site, www.nanowrimo.org, provides some help to the harried novelists. Contest participants sign up on the Web site and then can submit their novels for word count validation at different times during the month. The site generates a graph to show the budding novelist how far she has progressed to her 50,000 word goal. Through message forums, the writers can talk about problems they are having with plot development or characters. The site also sends supportive e-mails, and it produces podcasts to give listeners pep talks about their novels.

"Week two is always the hardest," Conway said. "Week one, you are like, 'Yeah, I'm going to do this,' and you write lots and lots. Then week two comes and you're like, 'I don't know where I'm going with life.'"

Although the NaNoWriMo Web site promotes

quantity over quality, 16 NaNoWriMo novelists have had their novels published since the contest started in 1999. Sara Gruen, the author of "Water for Elephants," which hit No. 1 on New York Times Best Seller list, wrote one of those novels.

Conway and Craven said they'd both like to edit their novels after Nov. 30 to see if they can get them published.

"I think you always have to start out with that mindset," Conway said. "I think that's what everybody who's doing it kind of wants."

But during November, there's no time for editing, Craven said. Both said they'd like to write a novel later in life — albeit at a slower pace. For now, this contest is a way to force them to get it done.

"I think it's a great thing to do for yourself," Conway said. "You are motivating yourself, and no matter how much you do with your novel, whether you get to 6,000 words or you get to 60,000, you feel so good about yourself."

But even the completed stories are not read, and the winners receive no prizes. So why do it?

"It is insanely fun," Craven said. "... People think, 'There's no way I can write a novel. It's too huge of a task — there's no way I can do that in my lifetime.' And then after the month, you look at what you've written, and it's like, 'Look what I can do.'"

Aspiring novelists can sign up any time this month at NaNoWriMo's Web site.

Contact Kaitlynn Riely at kriely@nd.edu

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Kaitlyn Conway
freshman

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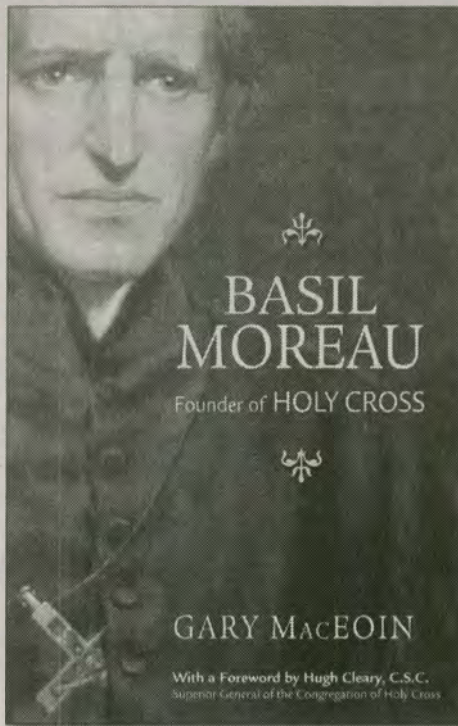
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Navy fighting feisty pirates

NAIROBI, Kenya — The U.S. Navy said Thursday that it intended to remove pirates from a hijacked Japanese tanker monitored by American warships off the coast of Somalia. A crew member's sister said negotiations were under way for the release of the ship.

The Navy came to the aid of the chemical tanker this week, at one point opening fire to destroy pirate skiffs tied to it.

It also helped a North Korean ship whose crew overpowered pirates in a clash that left several crew members wounded and one hijacker dead. The hijackers were being held aboard the ship until they can be handed over for prosecution at a port. After the clash, Navy personnel boarded the North Korean boat to treat the wounded.

Students protest Chavez's reforms

CARACAS, Venezuela — Soldiers used tear gas, plastic bullets and water cannons to scatter tens of thousands who massed Thursday to protest constitutional reforms that would permit Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to run for re-election indefinitely.

Led by university students, protesters chanted "Freedom! Freedom!" and warned that 69 amendments drafted by the Chavista-dominated National Assembly would violate civil liberties and derail democracy.

It was the biggest turnout against Chavez in months, and appeared to revive Venezuela's languid opposition at a time when the president seems as strong as ever.

NATIONAL NEWS

Tiny town struggles with lack of water

ORME, Tenn. — As twilight falls over this Tennessee town, Mayor Tony Reames drives up a dusty dirt road to the community's towering water tank and begins his nightly ritual in front of a rusty metal valve.

With a twist of the wrist, he releases the tank's meager water supply, and suddenly this sleepy town is alive with activity. Washing machines whir, kitchen sinks fill and showers run.

About three hours later, Reames will return and reverse the process, cutting off water to the town's 145 residents.

The severe drought tightening like a vise across the Southeast has threatened the water supply of cities large and small, sending politicians scrambling for solutions. But Orme, about 40 miles west of Chattanooga and 150 miles northwest of Atlanta, is a town where the worst-case scenario has already come to pass: The water has run out.

General Mills recalls 5 million pizzas

MINNEAPOLIS — General Mills on Thursday recalled about 5 million frozen pizzas sold nationwide under the Totino's and Jeni's labels because of possible E. coli contamination.

The problem may have come from pepperoni on pizzas produced at a General Mills plant in Ohio, the suburban Minneapolis-based company said. It said the pepperoni itself came from a separate supplier, not produced at the plant itself, but it declined to release the name of the pepperoni distributor.

The voluntary recall covers pizzas containing pepperoni that have been produced since July, when the first of 21 E. coli illnesses under investigation by state and federal authorities

LOCAL NEWS

Hoosier convicted of murder, rape

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Jurors who convicted a Columbus man of raping and stabbing to death a 14-year-old girl recommended against sentencing him to life in prison without the possibility of parole Thursday.

Demetrick Shepherd, 20, could face 45 to 105 years in prison when he is sentenced by Bartholomew Superior Court Judge Chris Monroe.

Jurors convicted Shepherd of burglary, rape and murder Wednesday in the slaying of Chelsea Porter.

Porter, who attended Central Middle School, was found dead shortly after 3 a.m. June 29 in an apartment of a family friend on the east side of the city about 40 miles south of Indianapolis.

BAHAMAS

Storm devastates island nations

More than 100 dead in Caribbean; record rain in archipelago as tropical system Noel rages

Associated Press

NASSAU — Tropical Storm Noel drenched the Bahamas and Cuba on Thursday while rescue workers in the Dominican Republic headed out in boats and helicopters to reach dozens of communities isolated by floods and mudslides. The death toll in the Caribbean rose to 107.

Noel on Thursday became the deadliest storm of the Atlantic region this year. Hurricane Felix, a devastating Category 5 storm, killed 101 people when it lashed the Caribbean and slammed into the Nicaraguan and Honduran coasts in early September.

Muddy rain-swollen waters overflowed a dam in Cuba, washing into hundreds of homes, over highways and knocking out electricity and telephone service. Dozens of small communities were cut off.

Cuban soldiers went door-to-door in low-lying areas and evacuated about 24,000 people, according to state radio and television reports. At least 2,000 homes were damaged by flood waters, but there was no official word of deaths.

In Ciego de Avila province in central Cuba, flooding wiped out nearly 2,000 tons of corn, potato, banana, cucumber and tomato harvests, said Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, a vice president.

The storm brought a record 15 inches of rain to the Bahamas, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said. Flooding forced the evacuation of almost 400 people as Noel swirled toward the capital, Nassau. The majority of those forced to move were residents of the northeast Bahamian island of Abaco, Ingraham said.

Residents of Andros Island, one of the least-developed in the Bahamas, hunkered down as Noel's winds howled and rain pelted windowpanes.

"The walls were rattling, but we rode it out pretty well," said Angela Newton,



A man attempts to ride his bicycle through record amounts of rain brought by Tropical Storm Noel to the Bahamas. In the Dominican Republic, rescue workers use boats to reach victims.

who was waiting Thursday for the power to come back on.

Electricity also was turned off in Long Island, in the southeastern part of the Atlantic archipelago.

Nassau International Airport closed but was expected to reopen Friday. Only one of 10 cruise ships arrived on schedule.

Rescuers in Dominican Republic took off in helicopters and boats to reach isolated residents for the first time in three days. Hundreds of volunteers joined Dominican civil defense forces to help stranded residents, as rescue teams left at dawn Thursday — many in boats loaned by private owners.

"We will go to each point

where there have been people affected who require the government's help ... so that we can return to a normal situation in the shortest amount of time possible," said Dominican President Leonel Fernandez.

More than three days of heavy rain caused an estimated \$30 million in damages to the Dominican Republic's rice, plantain and cacao plantations, said Minister of Economy Juan Temistocles Montas. Government officials will request loans from the Inter-American Development Bank to help with the recovery.

Rescuers in Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, found a rising toll of

death and damage: at least 66 dead in the Dominican Republic and 40 in Haiti, where the majority of bodies were found in and around the capital of Port-au-Prince. One person was killed in Jamaica.

Fernandez declared a state of emergency and asked for international help, especially rescue teams and helicopters.

At least 62,500 Dominicans fled their homes, said Luis Antonio Luna, head of the Emergencies Commission.

In Haiti, civil protection crews confirmed 16 more deaths, boosting the national toll to 40, said Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, director of Haiti's civil protection agency.

Astronauts to attempt dangerous repair

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts in orbit and engineers on Earth tried to figure out Thursday how best to pull off what will be one of the most difficult and dangerous spacewalking repairs ever attempted in orbit.

Spacewalker Scott Parazynski runs the risk of being shocked while he's trying to fix a ripped solar wing at the international space station. He'll attempt the job as early as Saturday.

NASA had hoped to send Parazynski out Friday, but needed more time to come up with a safe plan. If too many loose ends remain, the spacewalk

would probably be bumped to Sunday, said flight director Derek Hassmann.

"We'll be ready to go in a couple days from now," Parazynski said Thursday.

Saving the ripped wing has become the top priority for what remains of shuttle Discovery's visit to the space station. Everything was going well until the astronauts discovered steel shavings inside a rotary joint for another set of solar wings. Then one of the wings on a beam that had just been relocated on the space station tore in two places.

Engineers believe the 115-foot wing snagged on a guidewire or guidewire support as it was being unreeled Tuesday. Until Parazynski gets close

to the damage, NASA does not know what he'll need to do to fix it.

The partially unfurled solar wing is producing power, and there is no way to turn it off, Hassmann said. Flight controllers have already warned Parazynski not to touch the electricity-generating solar cells that cover virtually the entire wing. If the metal of a tool he was holding melted, it could burn a hole into his glove.

"Just a kind of small slip and you could be touching it," said Dina Contella, the lead spacewalk officer in Mission Control.

The metal parts of Parazynski's spacesuit will be covered with insulating tape, as will his wire cutters, pliers and other tools.

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given by artist Ramiro Rodriguez.

His installation, "Cuantos y Memoria," captures his feelings about his experience as a first-generation Mexican-American, as well as what it means to celebrate the Day of the Dead. Speaking before the attendees, he emphasized that the Day of the Dead is not a ghoulish celebration, contrary to some stereotypes, but "a celebration of life, of the sweetness of life and the continuing of life."

His two-part installation, which is on display until Dec. 26, includes an electronically enhanced "ofrenda," or altar, with photos of his diseased ancestors, some of their favorite foods and the tradi-

tional sugar skulls. The skulls, he said, represent a duality — "the sweetness of life and the necessity of death."

The second part of the installation includes a wooden skeleton sitting in a coffin, which contains homemade flowers and several books.

"Life is like a story in a book. ... When people die, their story is forgotten," Rodriguez said.

The books represent the stories of one's ancestors that "were never heard or, in essence, were buried," he said.

The program also included the performance of a traditional Mexican dance by Notre Dame's Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro. The women wore all-white dresses and balanced candles on their heads. The Notre Dame Mariachi Band also performed: The women wore colorful Mexican dress-

es, the men, black suits and sombreros.

The evening ended with a "Frida look-alike" contest. Five participants dressed to resemble and honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo.

Prizes were awarded for the "Best Frida-look-a-like" and the "Spirit of Frida," costumes.

The Snite Museum co-sponsored the event with the Institute for Latino Studies, Campus Ministry, the Kellogg

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win for Notre Dame will come easily.

"It'll be a close game, probably pretty sloppy, but going into the fourth quarter I want to feel like we have a chance," he said.

Some students proposed drastic measures if Notre Dame suffers yet another loss.

"If we end the streak, I'll streak," freshman Rich Schroeder said.

Byrum, the senior, said a loss to Navy after 43 years of winning would be tough to take.

"To see us lose this game would be heartbreaking," she said.

After Navy, Notre Dame will play Air Force and Duke at home, then Stanford in Palo

Alto, Calif. Puls thinks the last few games of the season will end with better results for the Irish than the first eight did.

"We can't go anywhere but up," she said.

Byrum thinks starting junior Evan Sharpley at quarterback, rather than freshman Jimmy Clausen, will be good for the team.

"It'll be good to see what

Evan Sharpley can do — if they keep him starting — which would be a wise choice," Byrum said.

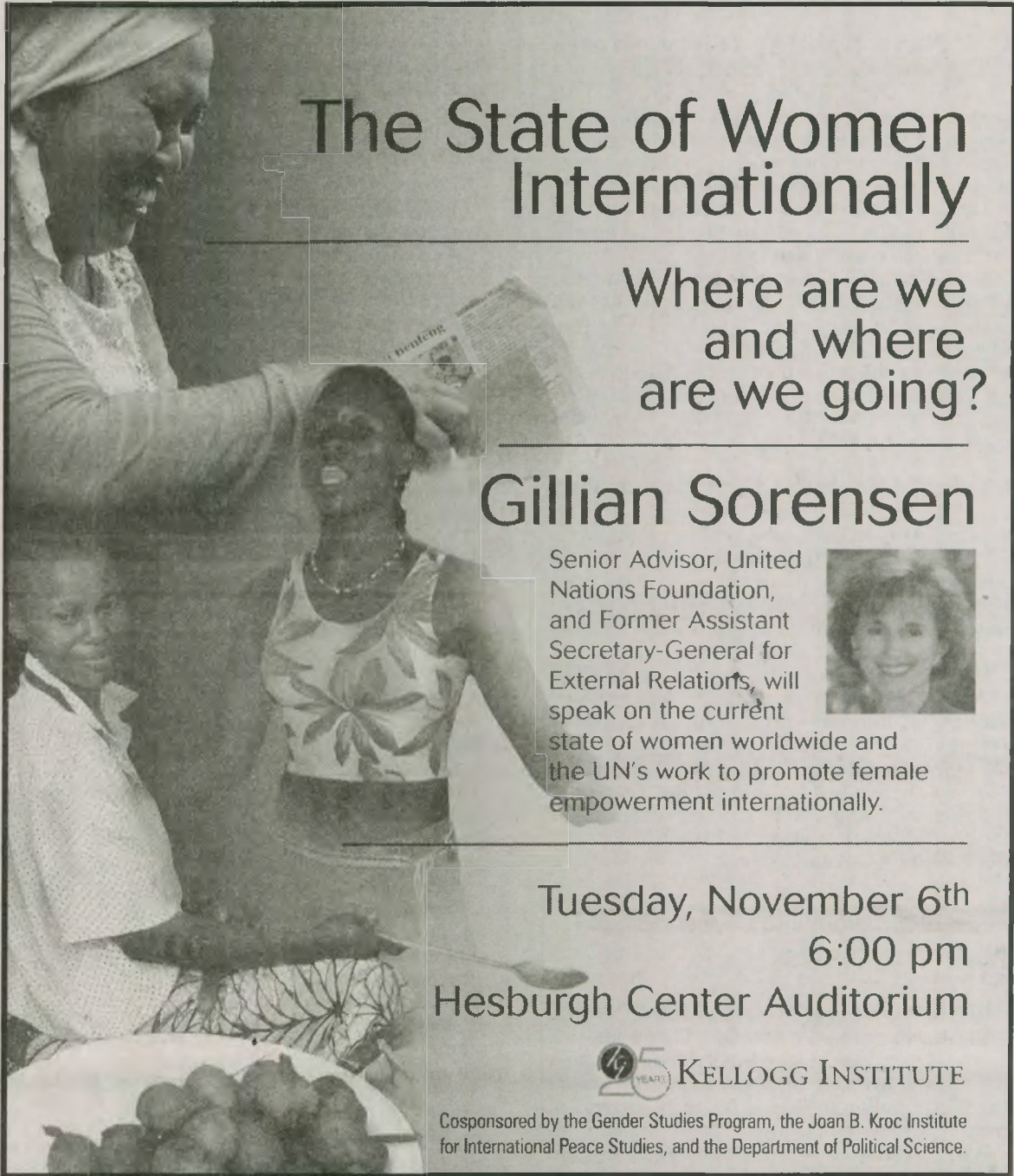
At the very least, Spitler said he hopes Notre Dame will end up a better team than it started.

"I don't think we're going to win every game [remaining] but I hope to see an upturn," he said.

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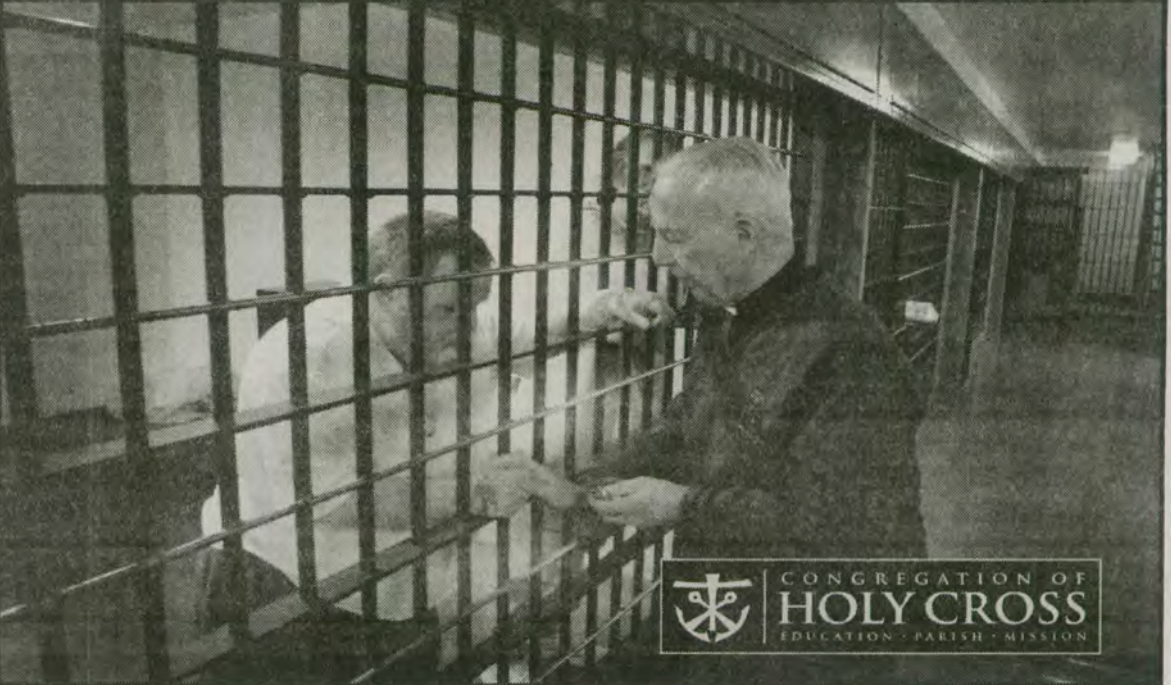
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Airfares spike with higher oil prices

American Airlines first to raise costs after light, sweet crude hits high

Associated Press

NEW YORK — American Airlines sparked a new round of airfare increases Thursday by raising domestic round-trip prices \$20, the biggest in a series of hikes U.S. carriers have tried since summer.

The nation's largest airline said it was trying to recover some of the costs associated with the rising price of crude oil and jet fuel. The new fares took effect as the price for a barrel of crude hit yet another record trading high — this time above \$96 a barrel.

The latest round of fare hikes is the industry's seventh since Labor Day, and the largest in dollar terms, said Rick Seaney, chief executive of airline price tracking Web site FareCompare.com.

"This last two months have been unprecedented, and a lot of it has to do with the unprecedented price of fuel," he said. "Supply and demand is in favor of the airlines."

Even with seven increases, though, the rate of inflation on airfares has not kept pace with energy costs. Crude oil is up 25 percent since Labor Day, but jet fuel is up about 13.5 percent and the cheapest type of fares is only up about 5 percent.

Delta Air Lines followed American's lead with its own increases Thursday. Most routes in the contiguous 48 states were affected, spokeswoman Betsy Talton said.

Other carriers, such as No. 2 United Airlines, said they were studying the move but had not yet decided whether to raise their own prices.

In a separate move, AirTran Airways raised its fares by \$5 to \$10 one-



American Airlines was the first to raise airfares Thursday, sparking a frenzy of airfare increases by other companies because of higher fuel prices.

way Wednesday. Delta also matched that increase.

Major carriers typically follow competitors in raising prices within a matter of days, if not hours, although stiff competition on popular routes means airlines often repeal some of the increases almost as fast as they implement them.

"Some of those fares will be rolled back by Sunday," said Bob Harrell of travel and aviation consulting firm Harrell Associates.

Airlines have consistently cited increasing fuel prices as justification for

the increases, and industrywide efforts to trim capacity have helped some of those fare hikes stick. Fuel is one of the industry's biggest costs.

The Air Transport Association, the industry's main trade group, said Thursday that higher fuel prices drove second-quarter costs 5.6 percent higher — more than twice the rate of the Consumer Price Index, which tracks inflation.

"Soaring fuel prices, among other pressures, leave little room for error in maintaining today's modest profit margins,"

said ATA Chief Economist John Heimlich.

American estimated the increase in the spot price of oil since the summer translates into more than \$1 billion in annual costs.

And though the increases in ticket prices have not kept pace with the increases in fuel costs, travelers in some cities are still getting hit hard. Harrell said low-cost leisure fares to and from Boston, for example, were 24 percent higher last week than a year ago, while those in and out of Denver were 36 percent higher.

IN BRIEF

The Fed acts to protect the economy

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve pumped \$41 billion into the U.S. financial system Thursday, the largest cash infusion since September 2001, to help companies get through a credit crunch.

The action came one day after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and all but one of his central bank colleagues voted to slice a key interest rate. It was the second time in six weeks that policymakers acted to protect the economy from the effects of the housing downturn and credit troubles.

Wall Street took a nosedive with the Dow Jones industrials losing 362.14 points to close at 13,567.87.

The Fed on Wednesday ordered its key rate, called the federal funds rate, to be lowered by one-quarter of a percentage point to 4.5 percent. That followed up on a half-percentage point cut in September. Those two rate reductions might be sufficient to help the economy make its way safely through trouble spots, Fed policymakers indicated.

Comcast asked to allow file sharing

NEW YORK — A coalition of consumer groups and legal scholars on Thursday formally asked the Federal Communications Commission to stop Comcast Corp. from interfering with its subscribers' file sharing.

Two of the groups are also asking the FCC to fine Comcast \$195,000 for every affected subscriber.

The petitions will be the first real test of the FCC's stance on "Net Neutrality," the long-standing principle that Internet traffic be treated equally by carriers. The agency has a policy supporting the concept but its position hasn't been tested in a real-world case.

Last month, The Associated Press reported that Comcast hindered file sharing by subscribers who used BitTorrent, a popular file-sharing program. The AP's tests confirmed claims by users who also noticed interference with some file-sharing applications.

Comcast is the country's largest cable company and has 12.9 million Internet subscribers, making it the second-largest Internet service provider.

Union preparing to strike Kroger Co.

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The union representing nearly 11,000 workers in Kroger Co.'s home region revoked a contract extension on Monday, and both sides say they are getting ready for a strike.

The action by the United Food and Commercial Workers union means workers could go on strike as early as Friday morning. An earlier extension had been set to expire Saturday night. Workers voted overwhelmingly this month to authorize union leaders to call a strike.

The workers are in 77 stores in southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana.

The union set a rally for Tuesday evening in downtown

Cincinnati and said union representatives will be meeting with store workers to discuss strike preparations.

A spokeswoman for the nation's largest traditional grocery chain said Kroger is making plans to keep stores operating.

"We are making preparations to hire replacement workers," spokeswoman Meghan Glynn said. "We certainly hope it doesn't come to that."

No new talks were scheduled, although both sides said they would like to meet again.

The union says Kroger isn't fully funding pension and health care plans and is offering subpar wages. The company says it is increasing wages and benefits while facing increasing competition from retail giant Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other chains.

Union leaders say Kroger has reported financial success in its competition, and should share more with the workers who have helped improve customer service and other store attributes.

"The company lives in a secure world, but wants to leave your future hanging in the balance," the UFCW Local 1099 said in a statement on its Web site.

Kroger has negotiated new contracts in a half-dozen other regions this year including Texas, Michigan and southern California.

The company, which had \$66.1 billion in 2006 revenues, operates 2,491 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 31 states under two dozen local banners, including Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less, King Soopers, Smith's, Fry's, Dillons, QFC and City Market.

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politicians — a barrier the U.S. still faces.

"The countries can blame the EU for new regulation regarding the reporting of carbon footprints, so they don't have to deal with local politics and business," Clark said.

Carbon footprints refer to the total amount of carbon dioxide a corporation emits through its operations. There is no set process to quantify a company's carbon footprint, but across the

EU, firms and corporations — rather than politicians — are the ones leading the debate on how to arrive at a method to calculate a company's impact on the environment, Clark said.

And the reason why some companies are pushing to make carbon footprint disclosures a requirement by law in every corporation's annual report is entirely driven by business itself.

It's good for a company's reputation to be at the forefront of the fight against carbon emissions and global warming, he said, so businesses that don't usually have to deal with these problems too much — like financial firms — have partnered with NGOs, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the European Commission to develop principles for responsible investing.

"It's important for investors to value and appraise a company's worth, taking into account its impact on the environment, both short- and long-term," Clark said.

In 2003, the European Commission passed legislation that forces companies in the EU to disclose in their annual reports their carbon footprints and other environmental risks and liabilities.

This requirement, which "forces companies to broaden the scope of their reporting to society," doesn't simply apply to a corporation's operations in Europe, but rather to its operations worldwide, Clark said.

"So the corporation that's present in 60 countries has to report what it has been doing around the world, in Africa, in Singapore, everywhere."

Clark said this type of legislation immediately distinguishes green corporations from the rest, creating a list of "good and bad companies that investors and customers can pick from."

And if a company wants to be on the good list, it will have to erase — or at least blur — its carbon footprint.

"Of course strong public consciousness is vital to encourage companies to want to make those changes to their operations," Clark said.

Customers' and investors' marked preference for companies that report small carbon footprints, he said, puts pressure on the corporations that have more environmental liabilities. He said he's generally found only 20 percent of any given audience he speaks to is environmentally conscious when it makes purchasing or

investing decisions.

In Europe, however, that percentage may be higher due to the proximity of the member nations — and their subsequent sharing of natural resources — as well as past environmental disasters that have directed the public's attention to these issues.

"Perhaps it's Chernobyl. Perhaps it's the Rhine River turning different colors in different countries," Clark said.

He praised Gore's ability to mobilize young people and get them interested in environmental issues. Still, he favored tangible solutions, like legislation, to reduce the rate at which global warm-

ing is spreading.

In 2006, the British Parliament passed the Companies Act, which requires the board of directors of corporations to take on additional responsibilities regarding the company's operations, including their impact on the environment.

"The Act places significant responsibility on the board of directors," Clark said. "Before, they usually didn't know too much about what went on with the company and its operations around the globe, but under the act, they've had to become informed and really understand the long-term effects of carbon emissions and the roles they can play in reducing these practices."

The Companies Act, he said, is modeled after the European Commission's 2003 legislation and furthers the EU's efforts to promote corporate social responsibility.

"There is growing momentum about this right now," Clark said. "And that's promising because the cost of not doing anything to reduce carbon emissions and slow down global warming right now may be astronomical for the children of our children."

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hosting," Kennedy said.

Kennedy, Moore and their committee are hoping that the shirt, which is slated to be unveiled the week of the pep rally, will create a larger draw for attendance this year.

"We just wanted it [The Shirt] to create a buzz and get the students excited [about the pep rally]," Kennedy said.

Although the only way to get the \$5 shirt was to pre-order it without knowing what it looked like, Kennedy said she does not expect this to deter students from buying it.

"We didn't not tell people what it looks like because it's an ugly shirt," she said.

Kennedy was willing to provide a few hints: The committee had to get copyright permission from Notre Dame to make it, it is the same color green as the official Notre Dame shirt, and there will be an unveiling on Nov. 15 in the Student Center with special guests.

Students will receive a gift along with their shirts, she added. This gift is also a surprise.

The committee is asking students to meet somewhere on campus to walk to the Joyce Center as a group, Kennedy said. Also, she is asking students not to employ Saint Mary's

cheers at the Joyce Center because students are there to support Notre Dame, Kennedy said.

"This doesn't mean there will be a complete lack of SMC cheering," she said. "We'll do Saint Mary's cheers on the walk over."

Saint Mary's cheerleading co-captain Jessica Brinker said cheerleaders will lead the cheers as the students walk.

"I'm excited," she said. "I think it's really nice to be included since we support Notre Dame football throughout the season."

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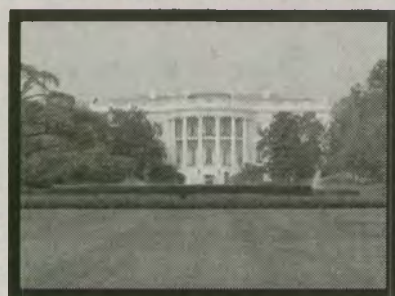
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Imus to return to airwaves after sexist, racist remarks

Controversial radio host will broadcast again Dec. 3 after 8-month hiatus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shock jock Don Imus will return to the airwaves Dec. 3 after eight months of a well-paid hiatus brought about by a racist and sexist remark

that once seemed certain to permanently silence his broadcasting career.

Citadel Broadcasting Corp. made the announcement Thursday, confirming long-rumored reports that Imus was

coming back to morning drive time on New York-based WABC-AM.

The cantankerous Imus was fired April 12 by CBS Radio amid a firestorm of controversy over his "nappy-headed hos" remark about the Rutgers University women's basketball team.

"We are ecstatic to bring Don Imus back to morning radio," said WABC Radio President and General Manager Steve Borneman. "Don's unique brand of humor, knowledge of the issues and ability to attract big-name guests is unparalleled. He is rested, fired up and ready to do great radio."

Imus will return with his longtime newsman, Charles McCord, and other members of his morning team, Citadel said in announcing the move. It did not specifically mention Bernard McGuirk, the producer who instigated Imus on the Rutgers comment and was fired as well.

No financial details were made public in the four-paragraph announcement of Imus' return. Imus' attorney, Martin Garbus, confirmed the deal, but did not elaborate on the details.

There was also no word on syndication or any TV deal for the Imus show. His "Imus In the Morning" program aired on more than 70 stations and the MSNBC cable network.

Imus will replace the morning team of Curtis Sliwa and Ron Kuby on the Citadel



AP

Radio personality Don Imus appears on Rev. Al Sharpton's radio show in New York this April. Imus will return to the airwaves Dec. 3.

Broadcasting-owned station. The pair had hosted the WABC drive-time show for nearly eight years, and Kuby said he was told Thursday afternoon not to show up for work on Friday.

"I've had a fantastic, great run," Kuby said. "Our show has enjoyed the best audience — intelligent, compassionate, decent and kind. The new owners don't want that kind of show."

Las Vegas-based Citadel bought WABC and other ABC radio stations from Walt Disney Co. last year.

Imus' resurrection is hardly unprecedented in his four-decade career. The veteran

radio personality has emerged intact in the past after assorted firings, bad publicity, a high-profile drug and alcohol addiction and a disastrous appearance at a Washington dinner before President Clinton.

Then the acid-tongued broadcasting icon was fired after his remark about the Rutgers team sparked a national furor and calls by civil rights leaders and broadcast journalists for him to resign.

But just three months later, Sharpton, one of the strongest voices calling for the shock jock's firing, said Imus had a right to make a living and could return to radio.



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FBI agent cleared of all charges

Lindley DeVecchio spent 13 years under suspicion of corruption

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was like a classic episode of "Perry Mason," with an FBI agent charged with murder, a mouthy mob moll and a twist at the end: The FBI guy walked after a reporter with a secret tape exposed the gangster's girlfriend as a liar who couldn't keep her story straight.

In a stunning finish to one of the worst law enforcement corruption cases in U.S. history, former FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio was cleared Thursday of giving up confidential information that a Colombo family hit man used to kill four fellow mobsters — either rivals or potential rats.

DeVecchio was cheered by his ex-colleagues before triumphantly leaving a Brooklyn courtroom, finally cleared after spending 13 years under suspicion for his long and bizarre relationship with mob killer/mob informer Gregory Scarpa Sr.

"After almost two years, this nightmare is over," said DeVecchio, referring to the time since his indictment. "I'll never forgive the Brooklyn DA's office

for irresponsibly pursuing this case. My question is: 'Where do I go to get back my reputation?'"

Prosecutors bent on bagging DeVecchio gambled by building their case on the shaky testimony of Linda Schiro, a mob mistress since she met Scarpa at age 16. Their hopes imploded when two reporters surfaced with decade-old interviews — captured on tape — that left her credibility full of more holes than any murdered Mafioso.

"We all knew he was innocent," said Jim Kossler, one of several former FBI agents who remained firmly in DeVecchio's corner. "This never should have happened. Never."

Allegations about leaks from DeVecchio to the ruthless mobster known as "The Grim Reaper" began after Scarpa's 1994 death in a Minnesota prison. A Department of Justice internal investigation found no reason to prosecute DeVecchio, who retired to Florida in 1996.

But in March 2006, Brooklyn prosecutors announced DeVecchio's indictment on four murder counts, alleging the FBI agent had cooperated with the

Colombo capo between 1987 and 1992.

Prosecutors had charged that Scarpa showered DeVecchio with cash, stolen jewelry, liquor — even prostitutes — in exchange for the confidential information. The case became a courthouse sensation, with its volatile mix of corruption, sex and mob violence.

It wasn't until Schiro began testifying this week that the case reached its unexpected conclusion. The key prosecution witness was the lone direct link between DeVecchio and the murders.

Once she finished her first day of testimony, veteran reporter Tom Robbins came forward with tapes made in 1997, when he and fellow journalist Jerry Capeci had interviewed Schiro for a never-published book. The tapes contradicted her sworn testimony against DeVecchio.

Her account "was so disturbingly different, we couldn't sit on it," Robbins said outside court after Thursday's dismissal.

Despite its abrupt ending, the trial was rife with headline-making stories. A current FBI agent recounted an episode that was later mimicked in an episode of "The Sopranos": DeVecchio allegedly celebrating a mob war murder.

"We're going to win this thing," DeVecchio reportedly blurted upon word that Scarpa's faction was successful with the hit.

Former mayor says he falsified history

Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. — The former mayor of Atlantic City pleaded guilty Thursday to lying to enhance his veterans benefits, a crime that played a role in his bizarre three-week disappearance earlier this fall.

Making his first public appearance since leaving office Oct. 10, Robert Levy admitted to falsely claiming to have been awarded two military medals and embellishing his military record in order to receive more money in disability benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Levy admitted fabricating stories that as a soldier in Vietnam, he had been left in the jungle for weeks along with South Vietnamese troops he was working with to fend for himself. He also claimed to have made a number of parachute jumps when he did not.

Though those claims were untrue, Levy was a decorated Army veteran who was given eight medals including two bronze stars, said his lawyer, Edwin Jacobs.

As a federal judge read the accusations, Levy said, "Yes, your honor," but little else.

The increased benefits over four years came to a total of \$24,683. It was unclear

whether he would have to repay that.

Levy is scheduled to be sentenced in February. As part of his plea deal, he agreed not to appeal his sentence as long as it's not more than six months.

The Democrat was elected in 2005 to preside over a city in which the political corruption is almost as famous as the casinos. Four of the last nine mayors have been charged with taking bribes; three men who were on the city council last year are now in prison in another bribery case.

Levy disappeared from city life in late September before resurfacing to resign. He cited ill health and the federal investigation into his war record as his reasons for leaving.

The Press of Atlantic City reported last fall that the Vietnam veteran's claims that he was a member of the Green Berets were untrue. He apologized, but federal authorities have been looking into whether Levy made that claim to increase his veteran benefit payments.

During his absence from city hall, Levy spent time in a substance abuse and mental health treatment center in northern New Jersey. Jacobs described the mayor's time there as "a detox situation."



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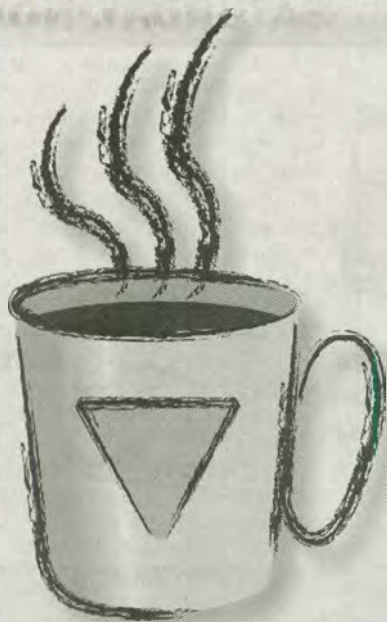
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NHL

Lundqvist's 31 saves lead Rangers over Caps

Drury scores first goal since season opener

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first period was one the New York Rangers would like to forget, everyone except for Henrik Lundqvist.

Lundqvist bailed out his teammates and made 10 of his 31 saves in the scoreless frame, then stayed strong as they caught up to him in a 2-0 victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

Chris Drury scored his first goal since opening night, Michal Rozsival added one in the third, and Lundqvist posted his third shutout of the season by holding off the struggling Caps.

"Another night at the office," Lundqvist said. "It was an intense game. It felt like they were all over us a little bit."

Lundqvist has played all 12 games this season and has no interest in taking a night off anytime soon. He is showing the form he finished with last season when he went 16-4-6 down the stretch and posted a 1.89 goals-against average in his final 44 games.

"You have to give all the credit to Hank," forward Brendan Shanahan said. "He kept us in the game the first period. He was great throughout, but in the first period it was really just him."

It's that kind of play that makes the team's defense-first system work that much better. Lundqvist has been a big reason why the punchless Rangers have had early success. He has allowed 20 goals this season and raised his shutout total to 10 in three NHL years.

New York (5-6-1) has won two straight for the first time this season and is 3-1 on its six-game homestand despite scoring a league-low 21 times overall.

"He's definitely on his game," said Capitals goalie Olie Kolzig, who made 26 saves. "He's the reason the Rangers have won five games. They'll be scary if they ever get their offense together."

Lundqvist made back-to-back rapid fire saves late in the second period, and robbed Viktor Kozlov in the first with a big pad stop that had the Russian

center shaking his head. The crowd chanted his name as the final seconds ticked off.

Drury gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the second period, and Rozsival doubled it during New York's two-man advantage at 9:34 of the third, 33 seconds into the power play.

Washington had a chance to get back into it with under 8 minutes left when defenseman Fedor Tyutin was given a double minor for hooking and slashing. The Rangers were 4-for-4 on the penalty kill and have allowed only one goal in their past 27 short-handed situations.

The Capitals lost for the seventh time in nine games following a 3-0 start that had them thinking of getting back to the playoffs for the first time since

2003. They have already dropped both road meetings with the Rangers in a three-week span.

"We didn't capitalize in the first period when we had lots of chances," Capitals coach Glen Hanlon said. "I

was asked before the game who the top goalies in the league were and I said there are lots of them and you were going to watch two of them."

Washington hasn't won at Madison Square Garden since Jan. 28, 2004 (0-6-1).

Kolzig shook off being run into several times, including a collision with Drury in the first period that flattened Kolzig on his back and then his stomach.

Drury, signed along with Scott Gomez to a big free-agent contract in the summer, got the shaft of his stick on a drive by rookie defenseman Marc Staal in the second period to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead at 6:45.

It was the first NHL point for the 20-year-old Staal, whose brothers Eric (Carolina) and Jordan (Pittsburgh) are already star forwards in the NHL.

Drury had the winning goal and two assists against Florida in his Rangers debut on Oct. 4 but then fell into the scoring slump that has plagued the entire New York team.

"I've been getting a lot of good chances," Drury said. "I knew if I kept playing hard and kept working at it, I had a feeling that things would happen."

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ND SWIMMING

Irish travel to West Lafayette

Team can rebound against Purdue after losing two straight meets

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Even though the Notre Dame women dropped their last two meets to USC and Minnesota, coach Carrie Nixon said her squad performed well and is ready to take on Purdue this weekend in West Lafayette, Ind.

"We really raced well the last two weeks ... I think we're ready for a win," Nixon said. "The girls are very hungry for that."

Despite strong performances from junior Christa Riggins and freshmen Katie Casey and Amywren Miller, the Irish are looking for a win for the first time in three weeks.

This will be the 11th time the Irish and Boilermaker women have met. Last year, the Irish dominated Purdue at the Roll's Aquatic Center, coming away with a 185-115 victory. Twelve letter-winners from that Irish team are gone, but in that meet, junior Claire Hutchinson set a Notre Dame record in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:52.98. Riggins, senior

Caroline Johnson and junior Casey Wagner are the other three members on the current roster that won events last year.

Junior Laura Rings will look to lead the divers after earning two of Notre Dame's four event victories last week against Minnesota.

Purdue will look much different from the team humbled by the Irish in last year's meeting. The squad boasts 12 newcomers, including 11 freshmen, but they will still provide stiff competition for the young Irish squad.

"It's always a challenge against Purdue," Nixon said. "They're always tough, especially when we go down there. They will definitely bring their 'A' game, but we should be ready for it."

The men's team is coming off a loss to Southern California two weeks ago in a competitive dual meet and will face both Texas A&M and Purdue this weekend.

The Irish faced Texas A&M and Purdue in separate dual meets last year, edging out the Aggies and Boilermakers in

consecutive weeks. This year, all three teams will meet in West Lafayette.

Sophomores Andrew Deter, John Lytle, Ross Moore and Andrew Hoffman will look to build on their wins against USC two weeks ago in what was an impressive showing by some of the younger Irish swimmers.

The Aggies are coming off a loss in dual meet competition to Missouri on Oct. 18 and a second-place finish at the Big XII Relays the next day, even though they had to leave the Relays with two races remaining in order to catch a flight.

For the Boilermaker men, swimmers may have some added pressure to earn points since Purdue may have just one diver. Freshman David Colturi, who broke the freshman one-meter dive record at the Indiana Intercollegiate, may not be able to compete because of a lower back strain.

The action is set to begin at 5 p.m. in the Boilermaker Aquatic Center.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Hoyas give ND chance to end losing streak

By PAT O'BRIEN and ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

There is no better time than right now for Notre Dame to play Georgetown. Notre Dame will try to halt a three-game skid it suffered over fall break, when it lost contests at LSU, Connecticut and No. 22 St. John's.

The Irish (9-12, 5-5 Big East) dropped the Hoyas (5-21, 1-9) last season by a 3-0 margin, and this season, Georgetown has lost 12 of its last 13 contests.

"We have had a really good week of practice and all we can do is look ahead," sophomore setter Jamel Nicholas said.

Notre Dame is headed by senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk, who has recorded a team-best 291 digs this season and remains second with 265 kills. Stasiuk said the Irish still have a lot to work on before they play Georgetown.

"We need to learn how to play consistently throughout an entire match, and our defense needs to improve," Stasiuk said.

Sophomore outside hitter Serinity Phillips leads the Irish with 283 kills. Sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl, junior middle blocker Justine Stremick and freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca all have reached the 200-kill plateau this year.

Senior setter Ashley Tarutis has also been crucial to this Irish squad this year. She leads the team with 822 assists and places second in digs with 197.

Even though the season hasn't gone as well as they hoped, Stasiuk said, the Irish are still

determined to work hard. "Against Georgetown, we hope to show resilience and play great even though our record would suggest otherwise," Stasiuk said. "We are definitely not ready to quit."

Georgetown is led by the triple-headed attack of sophomore right side hitter Dana Dumas, sophomore outside hitter Jessica Hardy, and sophomore outside hitter Kortney Robinson. The three sophomores have combined for 664 kills and 628 digs.

Notre Dame continues its home weekend schedule with a match on Sunday against South Florida. The Irish dropped the Bulls by a score of 3-0 last year. This season, South Florida has won three of its last four matches.

South Florida (15-7, 6-4) is led on the attack by sophomore outside hitter Marcela Gurgel and senior middle blocker Kristina Fabris. Gurgel has notched 357 kills while Fabris has 305. Gurgel also has recorded 57 service aces.

Nicholas said that staying perfect the rest of the season has kept the team motivated.

"I think winning out [the last four Big East games] is a big goal that we have," Nicholas said. "It would give our team more confidence — just to know that we ended on a good note playing the best that we can."

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NHL

Koivu, Canadiens down Flyers

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Saku Koivu and the Montreal Canadiens served notice that Philadelphia wasn't the only team to improve in the offseason.

Koivu had a goal and an assist and Cristobal Huet stopped 17 shots to lead Montreal to a 5-2 win over the Flyers on Thursday night.

Alex Kovalev and Tom Kostopoulos scored special-teams goals in the second period, and Guillaume Latendresse scored in the third on a fine pass by Koivu, who opened the scoring 8:53 in.

Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau was pleased with the job Koivu and fellow top line wingers Chris Higgins and Michael Ryder did in matching up against Philadelphia's top line, centered by Daniel Briere.

"Knowing Saku, Chris and Michael, they wanted that challenge and they did really well against him," Carbonneau said.

Higgins scored on a 5-on-3 at 16:42 of the third as the Canadiens remained undefeated through regulation in six games (5-0-1).

"They are a good team," Koivu said. "They have some skill, they have some size and

they play hard. I thought tonight we had the jump and we played our style. We kept the tempo, we didn't turn the puck over at all and it seemed that we were able to create some offense, get the puck deep in their zone and get the cycle going. It was a good game."

Mike Richards and Scottie Upshall scored for Philadelphia, which lost for the third time in four games following a five-game winning streak.

Briere assisted on Richard's goal and was booed thoroughly by the sellout crowd of 21,273 throughout the game.

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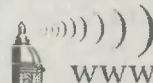
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Gulf recovery effort opens Miss. bridge

Two years later, highway to casinos reopens

Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — Two years ago, cities on the opposite sides of Biloxi Bay clashed over blueprints for a wider, taller bridge to replace a highway span demolished by Hurricane Katrina's storm surge.

Those divisions were an afterthought Thursday for the thousands of Gulf Coast residents celebrating the opening of the six-lane bridge between Biloxi and Ocean Springs. The new 1.6-mile bridge restores the last broken link in coastal U.S. 90., a landmark in the region's recovery from the Aug. 29, 2005, hurricane.

"Water under the bridge," Biloxi Mayor A.J. Holloway said of his disagreement with his Ocean Springs counterpart, Connie Moran.

Two of the bridge's six lanes are to open to traffic Thursday night following a daylong celebration at both ends of the \$338 million structure. The span reconnects the casino resorts of Biloxi with the quaint shops and tree-lined streets of Ocean Springs, on the eastern side of the bay.

In Katrina's early aftermath, the size of the new bridge was a sore spot for some in Ocean Springs. Moran had pressed the state to limit the bridge to four lanes — the same number as on the drawbridge that Katrina reduced to mounds of concrete and pilings.

Moran, an advocate of the "New Urbanism" architectural movement's emphasis on creating compact, walkable cities, said she feared that a bigger, wider bridge would turn her city's center into an expressway.

Today, however, Moran said she is pleased by some of the features of the new bridge, including its bike path, "see-through" railings and decorative lights.

"We need to put politics and personality behind us, come

together and celebrate reconnecting the coast," she said. "This is the most significant milestone in the post-Katrina recovery period."

In Biloxi, many city leaders and business owners welcome a larger bridge to accommodate more tourists, especially for a casino industry that already is raking in record revenues after Katrina.

The Isle of Capri, at the foot of the washed-out bridge, was the second Gulf Coast casino back in operation when it reopened in December 2005. Today, 11 casinos are operating on Mississippi's coast — only one fewer than before Katrina hit.

Isle of Capri spokesman Rich Westfall said the casino, which "went from the best location to the hardest location to get to" after Katrina, hopes the bridge traffic will increase its business. The bridge is the main access to the strip of coastal casinos from the east.

All six lanes of the new bridge — and a path for pedestrians and bicyclists — are to be open by April. Ninety-five feet above water at its highest point, the span is designed to weather the elements better than the old drawbridge.

Around 35,000 cars a day crossed the four-lane bridge before Katrina.

"It's going to restore our sense of community," said Vincent Creel, a spokesman for the city of Biloxi. "The beauty of this bridge is that it's built for the future. It's built for increased traffic. It's built for the generations to come."

Farther west on U.S. 90, Katrina also destroyed a two-mile bridge over the Bay of St. Louis. A new bridge between the cities of Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian partially opened in May.

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and Donald Powell, federal coordinator for Gulf Coast rebuilding, joined other officials at a ceremony to mark the bridge's opening.

"We all work together," Barbour said. "This wasn't about party; it was about progress. It wasn't about politics, it was about performance."

At the center of the bridge, Moran and Holloway joined in dropping a wreath into the water in memory of Katrina's victims and three workers who died in construction accidents while rebuilding the bridge over the Bay of St. Louis.

Several hours before the ceremony, Biloxi residents Gary Ware, 59, and his wife, Ginger, 50, sat in folding chairs set up on the Biloxi side of the bridge and listened to a children's choir perform the national anthem.

"It's nice to have us all connected again. It's progress," said Ginger Ware, a Biloxi resident.

"We still have a long way to go, though," her husband added. "I'm happy that the casinos are back and most of the businesses are back, but I think it will be 20 years before the coast fully recovers."



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Bush vows to veto child health bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A defiant Democratic-controlled Congress voted Thursday to provide health insurance to an additional 4 million lower-income children, and President Bush vowed swiftly to cast his second straight veto on the issue.

The legislation cleared the Senate on a vote of 64-30. It passed the House last week, but supporters were shy of the two-thirds majority needed to override Bush's threatened veto.

"We're convinced that the president has undermined an effort to protect children," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said shortly before the vote.

"Congress has known for weeks that the President would veto this bill," White House press secretary Dana Perino countered in a statement shortly after the vote. "Now Congress

should get back to work on legislation that covers poor children and stop using valuable floor time to make partisan statements."

In a situation of unusual political complexity, Republicans dictated the decision to pass the legislation speedily. It appeared their goal was to short-circuit attempts by supporters of the bill to reach a compromise that could attract enough votes in the House to override Bush's veto.

Attempts by Reid to delay final passage of the bill until next week or longer drew objections from the GOP.

"I believe a deal is within reach," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a participant in meetings with two senior Senate Republicans, Sens. Charles Grassley of Iowa and Orrin Hatch of Utah, and several members of the House GOP.

Officer shot during robbery

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A police officer shot during a robbery shop died Thursday morning, and his killer remained at large. He was the third city officer shot in the span of four days.

Chuck Cassidy, 54, was shot in the forehead Wednesday at a Dunkin' Donuts when a hooded robber spun from the counter and fired at him as he walked in the door, according to an employee.

The 25-year police veteran died at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said.

"This is a sad day for the city of Philadelphia," Johnson said.

The gunman went into the shop and demanded money just before Cassidy opened the door, according to witnesses.

Police released portions of a chilling videotape that shows the hooded robber pushing aside two customers and waving a gun as he approaches the counter. It also shows him

grabbing Cassidy's pistol as he fled.

Investigators said they were not getting good leads; a \$115,000 reward was announced Thursday for information leading to an arrest. The department also established a trust fund for Cassidy's family.

Johnson said video showed the gunman running through the shop's parking lot with a distinctive gait, almost as if he had a limp.

"We still have an armed and dangerous man out there in the streets of Philadelphia," Johnson said.

In a statement Thursday, Cassidy's family said they were "deeply appreciative of all the support and prayers from the police, the clergy, the community and many folks we don't even know."

The officer came in twice a day for a large coffee with cream and sugar, shop employee Sandra Kim said. "He's always nice to all the employees," she said. "The officer was just coming in for

a cup of coffee like normal."

Johnson said the officer was doing a routine check on the shop, which had been robbed Sept. 18 — possibly by the man who killed Cassidy. He said he didn't think the robber got away with any money.

Police on Thursday displayed a photo of a distinctive jacket worn by the robber in the September case. The hooded jacket has a stylized cartoon drawing of a basketball player.

The shooting came about 12 hours after a masked gunman shot traffic Officer Mario Santiago in the shoulder during a chase downtown.

Santiago was responding to a report of a gunman in a sport utility vehicle shooting at another car, injuring two men and a woman, police said.

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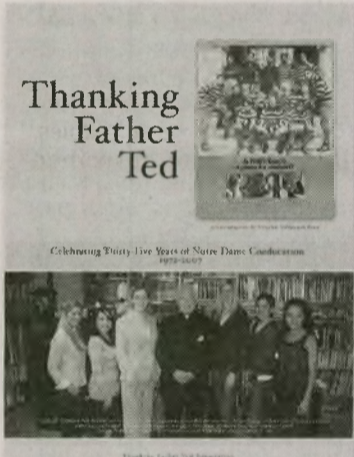
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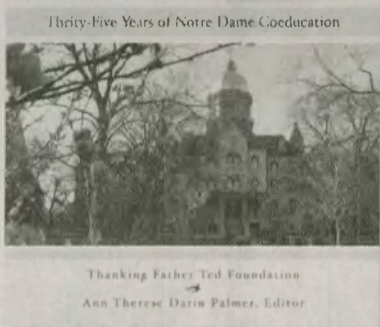
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Nuclear waste landfill closes; 36 states must find new storage

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Starting next summer, many power plants, hospitals, universities and companies in 36 states will be forced to store low-level radioactive waste on their own property because a South Carolina landfill is closing its doors to them.

The states have known for years that this day would come. But because of political opposition, environmental fears and cost concerns, most of them have done almost nothing to construct new landfills in the meantime.

At issue is the Barnwell County dump site, a 235-acre expanse that opened in 1971 close to the Georgia line. The equivalent of more than 40 tractor-trailers full of radioactive trash from 39 states was buried there each year before South Carolina lawmakers in 2000 ordered the place to scale

back because they no longer wanted the state to be the nation's dumping ground.

As of July 1, the landfill will take waste only from South Carolina and the two states with which it formed a partnership, New Jersey and Connecticut.

State and industry officials say the not-in-my-backyard resistance will ironically lead to "temporary" storage sites in backyards across the nation.

"I'm concerned about it, that my hospitals in my neighborhood will have to store this stuff on site," said Rita Houskie, administrator for disposal of the waste in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Other states affected by the shutdown include California, New York, Illinois, Florida and Texas.

The danger, some officials say, is that storing the waste in potentially hundreds of locations across the country could allow radiation to escape.

While none of the trash could be used to make a nuclear bomb, some experts fear it could be stolen to make "dirty bombs," which use conventional explosives to scatter radioactive debris.

"As a matter of national security, health and safety, it makes good sense to ultimately dispose of this stuff and not just store it all over the country," said Rick Jacobi, a nuclear engineer and former general manager of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority.

"There will be hundreds, maybe thousands of them. People won't want to pay others to store the material. They'll find a closet or warehouse or a shed out back and stick it in there and see what happens."

The trash sent to Barnwell includes protective clothing and gloves, tools, cleaning rags, lab equipment, industrial measuring devices and equipment used to treat cancer patients. It does

not include spent fuel from nuclear power plants. The waste is stored in steel containers that are put in concrete vaults and then buried in long trenches.

Most waste from hospitals, universities and power plants falls into the lowest-hazard class, which means it decays to nonradioactive levels within 100 years.

The closing of Barnwell will mean roughly 20,000 cubic feet of trash per year, or enough to fill six tractor-trailers, will be turned away.

Only two other landfills now exist nationwide for low-level nuclear waste.

One, in Clive, Utah, takes only the least hazardous trash, such as slightly contaminated clothing. It accepts waste from all states. The other landfill, in Richland, Wash., receives such material along with hotter waste that decays to non-hazardous levels within 500 years.

But it accepts shipments from only 11 states, including Idaho, Nevada and Colorado.

Companies have had to store radioactive waste on their property before: The Barnwell site closed in the mid-1990s before reopening. And some companies store material on site now, sometimes waiting to amass enough to make it worthwhile financially to ship the stuff to a landfill.

"We're confident it can be stored safely based on the track record," said Jim Kennedy, senior project manager of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's low-level waste branch.

If hospitals and power plants are forced to hold on to their waste, it will go into specially designed warehouses. For power plants, that is generally an aboveground bunker with thick concrete walls. The waste must be secured, specially shielded and weathertight.

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Wine tested for headache chemicals

Scientists study amines, which occur naturally in variety of foods

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — The effects are all too familiar: a fancy dinner, some fine wine and then, a few hours later, a racing heart and a pounding headache.

But a device developed by University of California, Berkeley, researchers could help avoid the dreaded "red wine headache."

Chemists working with NASA-funded technology designed to find life on Mars have created a device they say can easily detect chemicals that many scientists believe can turn wine and other beloved indulgences into ingredients for agony.

The chemicals, called biogenic amines, occur naturally in a wide

variety of aged, pickled and fermented foods prized by gourmet palates, including wine, chocolate, cheese, olives, nuts and cured meats.

"The food you eat is so unbelievably coupled with your body's chemistry," said Richard Mathies, who described his new technology in an article published Thursday in the journal *Analytical Chemistry*.

Scientists have nominated several culprits for "red wine headache," including amines like tyramine and histamine, though no conclusions have been reached.

Still, many specialists warn headache sufferers away from foods rich in amines, which can also trigger sudden episodes of

high blood pressure, heart palpitations and elevated adrenaline levels.

The detector could prove useful to those with amine sensitivity, said Beverly McCabe, a clinical dietitian and co-author of "Handbook of Food-Drug Interactions," a book cited by the article for its descriptions of the effects of amines on the brain.

The prototype — the size of a small briefcase — uses a drop of wine to determine amine levels in five minutes, Mathies said. A startup company he co-founded is working to create a smaller device the size of a personal digital assistant that people could take to restaurants and test their favorite wines.

The researchers found the highest amine levels in red wine and sake and the lowest in beer. For now, the device only works with liquids.

Mathies suggests the device could be used to put amine levels on wine labels.

"The food you eat is so unbelievably coupled with your body's chemistry."

**Richard Mathies
scientist**

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Remembering our angels on All Souls' Day

Today in our nation's capital at my home parish, the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl celebrates a Mass commemorating his late predecessors. It is that time of year when a Communion of the Saints means celebrating on back-to-back days within our liturgical calendar. The Church first honors its saints, then follows with a day for us to remember the angels of our lives on All Souls' Day. Yet, we need not an archbishop nor a canonized saint to honor our cherished loved ones — both living and deceased.



Gary Caruso

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The Feast of All Souls owes its beginning to seventh century monks who decided to offer a Mass for their deceased community members on the day after Pentecost. All Souls' Day evolved from the ancient Pagan Festival of the Dead, which celebrated the Pagan belief that the souls of the dead would return for a meal with their families. It was customary to burn candles in the window to guide the souls back home, and to place another setting at the table for them.

In the late 10th century, the Benedictine monastery in Cluny chose to move their mass for the dead to Nov. 2, and purposefully followed All Saint's Day in order to shift the focus from those in heaven to those in purgatory. While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives to obtain a purification of our souls if we are destined for Heaven. By the 13th century, this All Souls' Day custom had

spread to Rome, where the feast was permanently placed on the calendar for the entire Church to observe.

For me, early November marks reminders on my calendar to prepare for year-end income tax deductions and obligations. In my mind, death and taxes are truly the only two certainties in life. After all, this is also the time of year when Notre Dame students feverishly call alumni who have yet to contribute to the annual fund. Their personal charms and youthful energy remind us alumni of our time on campus, and consequently, softens us to open our checkbooks with tax-deductible contributions — Marketing 101 in real time action.

November further reminds me of what I call the Angels of Notre Dame ... not to be confused with a mentoring program on campus with a similar name. My angels are the religious and laymen who have inspired and comforted us throughout generations on campus. Recently, former Notre Dame Security Police Director Rex Rakow joined their ranks after bravely fighting an inoperable brain tumor. But regardless of who they are, we should honor them either collectively or individually when we turn the calendar to November. Furthermore, each angel deserves an enduring memorial.

My Archangel of honor is the late Rev. Robert F. Griffin, C.S.C., who comforted youthful, tortured souls — including mine — at Notre Dame. Griffin served as a Chaplain for the Glee Club and in the Campus Ministry. He founded Darby's Place in the basement of LaFortune Hall, where he served as a counselor and friend to countless students after midnight. "Father Griff," as he was affectionately called, could soothe suffering, console heartache, share joy and instill peace even in absolute silence during the early morning hours that nudged sunrise, his

alarm clock to seek sleep. And in memory of his selfless, kind acts, many have contributed to a Notre Dame scholarship in his name.

Last year I publicly sought 200 of Griffin's friends throughout the Notre Dame community in hopes that each would contribute \$500 to fully fund his scholarship. Yet while Griffin's most devoted friends worked with a cheerful Development Office to earmark funds, to date the scholarship is only about one-tenth towards our goal — needing a mere 180 additional supporters. Hopefully, this year we can double the number of contributors, thus snowballing our efforts to award a deserving Notre Dame student with a scholarship before the target date of 2014.

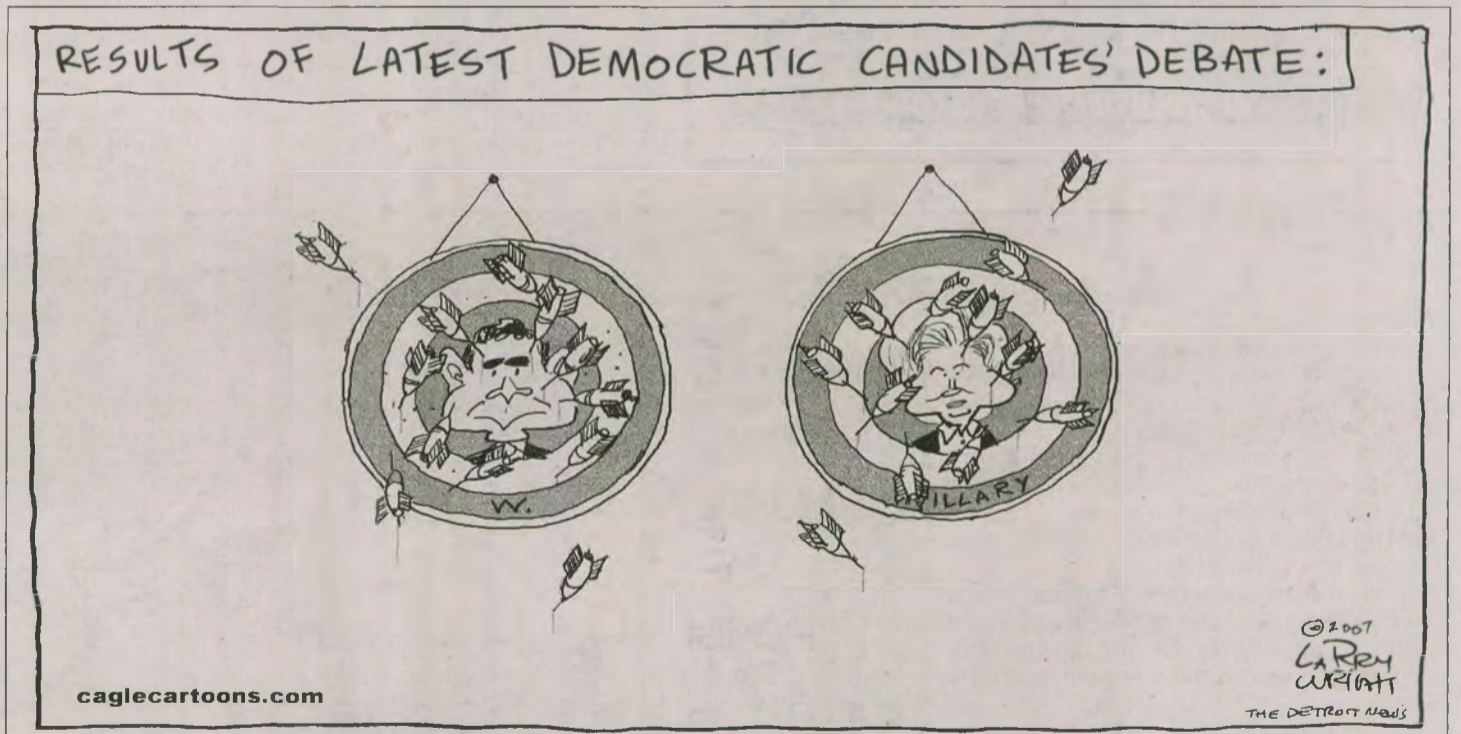
All Souls' Day is the ideal time to remind the Notre Dame family to remember the angels of our past with a prayer or a contribution or a candle in the window. One of Griffin's 1994 Viewpoint columns, "Letters to a Lonely God," predated his death by five years but concluded with a foreboding of his life's end. He asked for four angels — one to watch, one to pray and two to bear his soul away. He concluded with this: "May flights of angels sing me to my rest, though not soon."

I would add a personal wish as well for the living within the Notre Dame family. May one of the many future angels currently among us on our beloved campus cross your path — and quite soon.

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QUOTES OF THE DAY

"There are some that only employ words for the purpose of disguising their thoughts."

Voltaire
French author

"Youth cannot know how age thinks and feels. But old men are guilty if they forget what it was to be young."

J.K. Rowling
British author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect academies

Dear members of the student body,
 As you know, before and during every game we have the "Go Irish" drum song. You know, Go Irish (Go Irish)! Beat ... Well, in the beginning of it, there is a part where the student body yells "Go Irish! Beat opponent! Suck it, opponent! Go Irish go!" I believe that we should not say, "Suck it," while the service academies are here. We must remember that the players on the field and the fans of the two academies will be protecting our freedom in their near future and deserve our respect.

Tim Staub
 freshman
 Dillon Hall
 Nov. 1

Football, not fans, a disgrace

I am writing this letter in response to the 2007 football season, a season that can be described as nothing less than embarrassing. And, no, I am not talking about the Pete Carroll chant that has received so much attention. Our fans have been reprehensible in the last two games, chanting "backup college" to Boston College as the Eagles went into the locker room up 13-0 at halftime, and then hailing Weis after the third quarter as we were getting killed by our arch rival for the fifth time in six years. (By the way, great job, coaching staff, for not figuring out USC after 20 quarters of game tape showing the same disgraceful effort on the part of the Irish.)

Despite this, however, our fans have shown up to games. While Corey Sinclair would have you believe that our fans have not shown the same enthusiasm this year as in years past ("Fans must 'uplift' team for Navy game," Oct. 31.) I question whether or not he has attended Notre Dame home games this year. The fans have shown up, at least for the first three quarters. It is the team that has failed the fans, not the other way around. And Tim Dougherty, who, like everyone else, wants to blame this year's woes on Ty Willingham, must not have caught the UW-USC game. Ty's team lost by 3. Ours, under the magnificent leadership of King Weis, lost by 38.

Forget the Pete Carroll chant. What I have been most embarrassed by this season is the product we have put on the field. We are, or were, the top college football school of the country. Instead, our team is now a laughing stock that has humiliated itself and its tradition for 10 consecutive games (and that includes UCLA, which was won by our only offensive stud thus far — Bruins walk-on, third string quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson.)

I'm still hoping for a victory against Navy this weekend. Of course, to win, most of our team probably needs to play with passion and act like they actually care about winning. Based on this year, I'd say our chances against Navy, and against the rest of our opponents, are slime to nil.

Chris Malherek
 junior
 Dillon Hall
 Oct. 31

Environmental activists wanted

This is an invitation, a call to action, a request for help. Here's the deal: A little over a month ago I agreed to do something I'd never done before — organize a rally. It was to be one of hundreds across the country as part of the national Step It Up movement launched by author and environmental advocate Bill McKibben. The idea was to demonstrate a grassroots commitment to slow the engines of global warming, to reduce carbon emissions, stop new coal-fired power plants and to develop green jobs and initiatives. I had written about our relationship with nature plenty. I had talked about it a lot. But I had never done anything about it, and now here I was asked to be an activist.

After I talked myself into saying "yes," I wondered if it'd be a Notre Dame event or a South Bend action. I'm a Notre Dame graduate and I work at the University. But I've also lived in South Bend a long time. So I finally decided to make it both — to bring the campus and the community into a joint endeavor, to find the common ground of environmental activism, to acknowledge that we share these concerns with people locally and that we are citizens of the world.

The Green Up! Step It Up! rally will take place this Sunday. We'll have participation from local environmental groups, Green Party political candidates and faculty and students from IUSB, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. A group from IUSB will march from that campus to the Jon Hunt Plaza in downtown South Bend, right in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center. And there'll be others coming from other places.

One important leg of the march will be from the Notre Dame campus to the Jon Hunt Plaza downtown. The walk begins at 3 p.m. at Main Circle. It'll proceed down Notre Dame Avenue to South Bend Avenue where it'll turn right at Club 23, head down hill, then cross the St. Joe River bridge on Colfax. I've been encouraged by the enthusiasm for green efforts on campus this fall. I'm hoping the momentum keeps rolling.

I like the symbolism of marchers coming together downtown. I want everyone to remember that it's one community, one sky, one planet. We'll have some speakers — representatives from different groups and interests, as well as an expected visit from Rep. Joe Donnelly. I'm hoping that, in addition to our presence making a statement about the importance of this community's response to global warming, we all come away with new ideas, new motivations and new connections with like-minded people.

It'd be great to have a strong Notre Dame/Saint Mary's contingent. In fact, despite trying to dissuade the South Bend police from the inconvenience of having officers present, there will be a few police escorts ... so I sure hope the group is big enough to warrant their trouble. So please come out, carry a sign and join the movement.

The thing is, this environmental challenge is real, it's upon us and it'll mean finding many solutions to some complex issues. The issues are practical, real-life and fundamental; they're also matters of theology, spirituality and social justice. And as we have watched the response of big business and our government, it has become clear that this environmental challenge will also require the commitment of individuals coming together in solidarity to make a change.

Kerry Temple
 Notre Dame Magazine
 Oct. 31

Behavior insulting

Fellow members of the Notre Dame Community:
 I hope I speak for all the women of the Notre Dame community when I express my deep disappointment regarding the events that occurred during the last home football game at Notre Dame. During halftime of the USC game, I was appalled by the behavior of the boys of Notre Dame and Holy Cross; the cheers, ovation, and poignant remarks that were directed toward the women cheerleaders of USC as they left the field were extremely offensive and degrading, not only to the women to whom these actions were directed, but to all women. I find it disgusting and degrading that these individuals, who call themselves the men of Notre Dame, would act in such a way when representing the Notre Dame community.

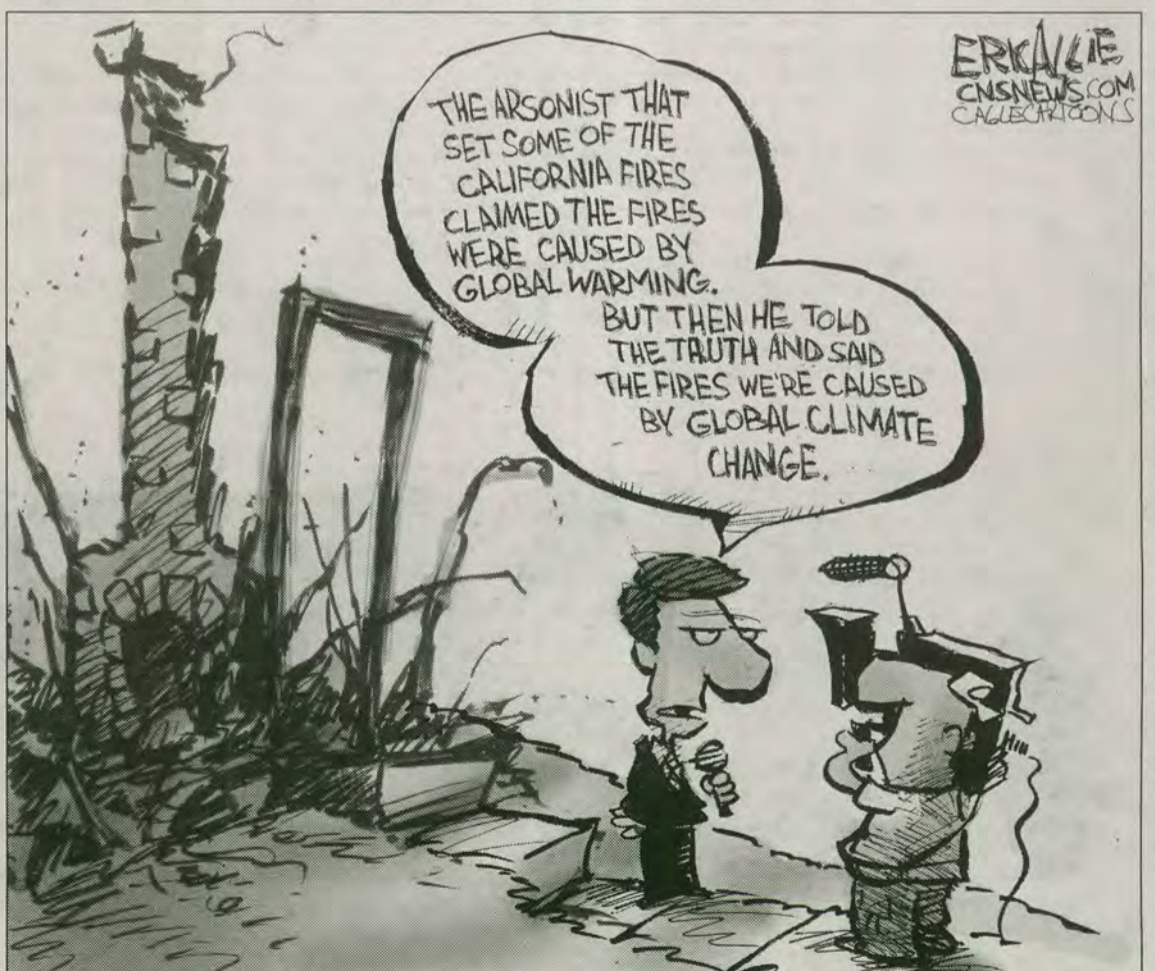
As a Los Angeles native, I am disappointed in their promotion of such a negative stereotype and the demeaning way in which they focused attention on those women, and all women, as mere sexual objects.

As a woman, I am appalled by their complete disregard for human dignity and equality. As a student and member of the Holy Cross community, I am deeply saddened by the actions of my peers. We are ND; together, we represent more than 150 years of Catholic faith and tradition. As members of this community, it is our obligation to provide an example to all young adults and be witnesses to our faith. The events I mentioned in no way served to spread our Catholicism to the world. If anything, they showed that the men of Notre Dame do not value the Catholic reputation of this community and are not brave enough to challenge stereotypical views of women, do the right thing, respect those around them, and embrace and spread their Catholic faith.

Respectfully in Christ,

Marilynn Anater
 sophomore
 Regina Hall
 Oct. 30

EDITORIAL CARTOON



The Office

The Convention

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

Fall Break minus football plus an unhealthy obsession for "The Office" equaled an absolutely necessary attendance at "The Office" Convention in Scranton, Pa., from Oct. 26-28.

Dunderheads from across the nation (and even a few from Ireland) descended upon the Electric City to pay tribute to "The Office" and meet their favorite cast members and writers. I was one of those devoted fans who flocked to the convention for a chance to meet favorites Kevin Malone or Bob Vance, Vance Refrigeration. In one week I went from nerd to super-nerd. I can live with that. After all, there will always be Trekkies. The following are the highlights from my two days at my first fan convention ever.

Friday, Oct. 26

4 p.m.: I arrived at the Radisson alone (my friend was arriving later) to register for "The Office" Convention. I know that Michael Scott prefers to do business at Chili's, but this hotel and converted train station was pretty spectacular. The cast and crew from "The Office" was staying there, and people would wait around by the elevators for them to emerge. I didn't want to be too creepy, so I only did this once or twice.

5 p.m.: After registering and getting my awesome "Assistant to the Regional Manager" pass, I ordered some chicken fingers at the bar and made friends with two middle-aged sisters from the area who took me under their wing and bought me beer. After they impressed me with their love for "The Office" and "30 Rock," we headed to the convention kick-off happening in the next room. Leave it to me to make friends with two moms instead of people my own age.

5:45 p.m.: Somehow my new friends and I were singled out to be interviewed live by a local television station's weatherman. They convinced me to join in a chorus of "Ain't no party like a Scranton party" on air, and I was only embarrassed until I realized that I knew one person in Scranton and he was at a movie.

6 p.m.: In an unexpected surprise, some of the cast members started to arrive at the party. Fortunately, there weren't many people there; I was able to get autographs and pictures from everyone who came — Brian Baumgartner (Kevin), Angela Kinsey (Angela), Oscar Nuñez (Oscar), Creed Bratton (Creed), Kate Flannery (Meredith) and Craig Robinson (Darryl). I was really looking forward to meeting Angela, but ended up having the most fun talking to Kate after I told her she was my favorite television alcoholic and I asked her whether she really had to lick Purell in an episode. (It was a replacement substance. Still gross.)

7:30 p.m.: After the party died down and the cast left, I headed to the NBC Store and bought enough merchandise to get a free Dunder Mifflin snowglobe. I was slightly ashamed of myself, but why should I be when my Dwight bobblehead and "Support the

Rabid" wristband bring so much joy to my life?

Midnight.: I couldn't go to Scranton and not hit up Poor Richard's Pub. I had heard that it wasn't the hippest hang-out, but it's not that way on "The Office," either. After getting confused by its location inside a bowling alley and realizing no one from the show was there (in fact no one else in town was really there either), my recently-arrived friend and I realized the Scranton party was elsewhere and left.

Saturday, Oct. 27

12 p.m.: While waiting for the Office Olympics to start, I was interviewed by "Best Week Ever," which was pretty much a dream come true since I someday aspire to be a talking head on VH1. I didn't do so well at "Office" trivia, so I only won a bumper sticker and some tape stolen from the Viacom offices (which I thought was actually pretty cool).

1:30 p.m.: The second bracket of Office Olympics finally started 90 minutes late. My friend dominated in the Coffee Mug Race, and I almost won my heat of Flonkerton. The closing ceremonies featured Kate Flannery, Brian Baumgartner and Leslie David Baker (Stanley) presenting yogurt lid medals with a string of paper doves in the background.

4 p.m.: While milling about the registration tent I spotted Andy Buckley (CFO David Wallace) signing autographs and taking pictures. He wore glasses and a suit so that people would recognize him — and it seemed to be working. Earlier my friend met Bobby Ray Shafer (Bob Vance, Vance Refrigeration), but sadly, I never did.

5:30 p.m.: The cast finally arrived on stage for the Cast Q&A, which turned out to be the best event I attended all weekend. Ed Helms (Andy) sang a capella, and the cast busted each other with "that's what she said" at least five times.

7:45 p.m.: We went to the Mall at Steamtown (setting of Michael's Women's Appreciation excursion) to check out the "Scranton Welcomes You" sign that appears in the opening credits. The city moved it to the mall so that more people could see it. We even saw real live Scrantonians who weren't obsessed with "The Office."

8:30 p.m.: We had to leave town soon, but we wanted to check out "The Office" costume party and The Scranton concert. When we arrived, however, all we found was a lame comedy group that no one was paying attention to or laughing at. After a few "Office"-esque awkward moments, we decided to depart on our five-hour journey to my friend's house before the concert started. We said goodbye to the Jims, Pams and Dwights we had befriended over the weekend and goodbye to the marvelous Electric City. And even though attending "The Office" Convention probably cemented our positions in nerd-dom, I still think Dunderheads are cooler than Trekkies.

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Photo courtesy of theofficeconvention.com
Brian Baumgartner (Kevin) and Angela Kinsey (Angela) in front of the Scranton sign.



Photo courtesy of theofficeconvention.com
Phyllis Smith (Phyllis), left, with some of The Office fans.



CASSIE BELEK | Observer
Several of the cast members at the convention's question and answer session.



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Kate Flannery (Meredith) speaks at the question and answer session.



Photo courtesy of theofficeconvention.com
Leslie David Baker (Stanley) answers fan questions at the convention.



Photo courtesy of theofficeconvention.com
Angela Kinsey (Angela) greets fans at the Today Show opening of the convention.



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Members of the cast sign autographs at the convention.

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really not that much to do in ou can go to the Steamtown or alley Mall and hang out with can go to the movies to hang out or you can go to another house — with friends. That’s about it. So, teenagers, it’s a boring place to hat, Scranton tends to be a static arents grew up there, their par- there, and so did our grandpar- a. Not much changes. Everybody body. People stay where they are, for some people, but I knew that t for me.
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The Office,” came back on televi-

sion. I watched the first season during my senior year of high school because of its Scranton setting. (And because it stars the funniest man alive, Steve Carell). I was able to get some of my friends hooked on the season one DVD and so we all started watching season two together at Notre Dame. Whenever a character would mention the Steamtown Mall, or a restaurant I’ve been to in Scranton, I always found myself excitedly blurting out, “Hey, I’ve been there before.” I discovered I had a pride for the Scranton area that I never knew existed. And when Observer Assistant Scene Editor Cassie Belek came to town for “The Office Convention” last week and asked me to show her the “sights of Scranton,” I felt that pride even more.

I make fun of Scranton a lot for being a boring place to live, and so do the people that live there, but underneath the bravado lies that welcoming feeling of home.

Like the character Jim Halpert, who finally is dating his long-time love interest, Pam Beesely, I discovered Scranton, much like every other place, isn’t such a bad place to live if you have people you love there with you. Scranton is where we grew up. It’s where our friends and family are. Going to the movies, the mall or a minor league hockey game isn’t so boring anymore if you truly appreciate the friends and family that are there with you.

So when I’m forcing my friends to listen to the oldies station the next time I’m home on break, and “We Gotta Get Out of This Place” comes on the radio, I think I’ll change the sta-

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The Cast

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ost the entire cast of “The Office” room for a question-and-answer pound to be just as funny as an BC’s hit comedy series. When the “Office” (minus Steve Carell, John Karna Fischer and Rainn Wilson) the campus of the University of Oct. 27, it was one of “The Office” best events.

Producer Greg Daniels joined his lic pros as they took turns answer- submitted by fans from all across The questions ranged from Leslie’s (Stanley) favorite puzzle (the course) to the long-term future of

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ry said that she believes her char- th has a very dark back story

involving an ex-husband who turned out to be a serial killer. She also spoke of her trepidation when doing her own stunt when Michael hit Meredith with his car in this season’s premiere.

“I was sort of flinching when I hit the glass like any normal human being would,” she joked.

Daniels, naturally, was asked about the future of the series. He specifically addressed the fact that the fictional characters of “The Office” are being followed by a documentary camera crew, and someday, like in the BBC version, that documentary has to air. Daniels said it was an issue the writers were already thinking about since the event would cause a significant change in the fictional world of the series, but that transition isn’t happening any time soon.

“Sometimes it takes a long time to get all the footage you need,” he said. “Sometimes it takes 10 years.”

The rest of the session was filled with more discussions about characters and a series of running jokes. Craig Robinson (Darryl) began to answer every question by kissing Mindy Kaling (Kelly) — his new on-screen romantic partner — and the origins of Andy’s “Ra-da-do-do-do” were explored as each cast member took stabs at duplicating the expression.

“That’s kind of how I sing songs to myself when I’m hanging out. By myself,” Helms said.

The question-and-answer portion lasted about 90 minutes, and each actor shed some light on his character and showed the audience how much fun the cast has when working together.

“I definitely think no matter what we do with our careers from here on out, you know, nothing will compare to this,” Kinsey said. “Really, I mean, an ‘Office’ Convention? In Scranton?”

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FAMILY GUY'S 100TH EPISODE

By MARK WITTE
Scene Writer

This Sunday, Family Guy airs its 100th episode. For a show that has been canceled twice and yet resurrected, thanks to incredible DVD sales, it has been quite a ride. To celebrate hitting triple-digits, Family Guy promises closure to one of the show’s longest running plot lines: an end to a vow that Stewie Griffin has had for six seasons, the death of his mother.

Since Family Guy first aired in 1999, the literal extremity of Stewie’s love-hate relationship with his mother has been a motif of the show. Stewie has spent whole episodes trying to kill Lois, and it is hard to find an episode where he forgets to curse at her very existence. His efforts, of course, have never been successful. Such recurring failure, however, makes it a bit naïve to believe Stewie should ever be victorious in his endeavor. So then, what will happen on Sunday night?

The title for the 100th episode is “Stewie Kills Lois.” The show’s creator, Seth MacFarlane, told media on Oct. 7: “If you watch the 100th Episode, someone will die.” Television advertisements for the episode stand as more confirmation of Lois’ death, even showing what appears to be the murder and Stewie’s ensuing celebration. But what actually happens in this “historic” episode?

Well, to be quite frank, not much.

Some things we already know will happen. We know Stewie will pull the trigger. We know Lois will be shot and we know Stewie will scamper off cheering, “I did it!” before tripping, falling flat on his face and ironically crying, “Mommy!”

Other things will likely happen. Lois can be expected to go missing, there-

fore Brian will become depressed and, as always, Peter’s big mouth will inevitably get him in more trouble than he deserves.

But let me tell you something you didn’t see coming: Peter goes on a date with a stick figure, and in the awkward discussion that ensues they try to figure out just how they might go about having ... well, you know what. In other words, there’s really no big secret. You know how it ends.

The overall experience of episode will be hit-or-miss, but probably more of a miss. Diehard fans will enjoy many of the jokes, especially the ones surrounding Meg and her birth, and there is a bit about Rosie O’Donnell sure to be sidesplitting. Unfortunately, after viewing an advance copy, the episode as whole does not seem to flow as well as it should.

Where Family Guy has gotten by in the past using “cutaway gags” (parodied in South Park as jokes created at random by manatees) often as transitions to keep the show from dragging, Sunday’s episode misses that fluid feel. Until the episode’s tagline, about halfway through, everything runs smoothly. Soon after that, however, the episode gets stuck on a sort of lukewarm cruise control, moping along disjointedly toward an end you would have to be brain-dead, or Stewie Griffin, not to expect.

If you have nothing else to do at 9 p.m. on Sunday you might as well find a television and let yourself be so innocent as to believe Lois has it coming, but you will probably regret it by 9:30 p.m. In fact, if you are going to watch anything at all on Sunday night, you would do better to catch the Family Guy retrospective that airs at 8:30 p.m.; it is sure to be less misleading.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Siegfried faces upset possibility against Zahm

Morrissey and Keenan meet in rematch; Stanford looks to keep perfect season alive; St. Ed's makes rare return to playoffs

By PETER REISENAUR, GRIFFIN DASSATTI, MEGHAN MCMAHON and LAURA MYERS
Sports Writers

In a matchup of two teams with a great amount of momentum going into the playoffs, Zahm hopes to upset previously unbeaten Siegfried on Sunday.

The Rabid Bats scored in the last minute against Sorin to reach the playoffs, while Siegfried rolled over Fisher in its tune-up for the post-season. But Ramblers senior captain Tom Martin knows the regular season is irrelevant now.

"Everyone starts back at square one," Martin said. "We are not banking on how well we did during the season and we know that we have to come out and play at the top of our game."

The two teams met during the season and played to a tie. Martin said his team is going to have to come out strong.

"It was a hard fought game during the year and both teams are real excited to get another shot at each other," Martin said. "We felt that we missed on a lot of our plays and have really focused on the fundamentals this week."

Siegfried relies on a powerful defense that has not allowed more than 13 points on the entire year. Zahm depends on a power running game that was stifled until the final sequence by the Otters.

Junior running back Theo Ossei-Anto leads a running game that gained 80 yards in the final two minutes against Sorin. Ossei-Anto led a drive down the field that culminated in a Zahm win and a trip to the playoffs.

The Rabid Bats hope they can start the power running a

little bit earlier in the game this week and continue to rely on the defense that stifled the high powered Ramblers earlier this season.

Zahm and Siegfried play Sunday at 2 p.m. on Riehle Field.

Morrissey vs. Keenan

With revenge in mind, Morrissey looks to move one step closer to repeating as champions when the Manor

takes on Keenan Sunday.

The quarter-final matchup between the third-seeded Knights and sixth-seeded Morrissey will be a rematch of a game played the second week of

the season, which Keenan won, 9-6.

At the end of the first meeting, Morrissey came within field goal range, but on fourth down decided to play for the win. Though the Manor did not convert and eventually lost, senior and Morrissey captain Nick Bencomo was happy with the effort and thinks it bodes well for this weekend's game.

"Overall both sides of the ball played pretty well [in the first game]," Bencomo said. "It's just that in critical times we just didn't execute. We had a couple of lapses especially on [special teams]. We just didn't do the little things, and we were in the game the whole time until that last drive."

Keenan sophomore captain Pat Burns said the Knights will also look to make a few adjustments based on their narrow victory.

"They passed for a lot of yards against us that game," Burns said. "So we'll try to stop that, but we're confident that our defense will do better in the passing game without having to change much."

Burns said the Knights' success this year was based mostly on the defensive side of the ball — something the team will look to exploit Sunday.

"Teams really had a hard time moving the ball against us [this season]," Burns said. "Our offense felt like they didn't need to do a whole lot. Don't get me wrong, they did a lot for us, but it just felt easier."

Despite Keenan's tough defense, Bencomo said the extra motivation from winning last year's championship will be enough to propel the Manor to victory.

"We put the pressure on ourselves," he said. "Knowing that we have been there and we have done it, it just makes us think that if we do what we did last year we can [get to the championship] again, and more so than last year we feel like we can win."

Morrissey and Keenan play Sunday at 2 p.m. on Riehle Field.

Stanford vs. Dillon

Stanford (4-0) plans to remain undefeated as it takes on No. 8 seed Dillon in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

Meanwhile, Dillon will look to avenge its loss to the Griffins in week two of the regular season. Stanford slipped past the Big Red, defeating them 6-0 on a touchdown pass Big Red junior captain Alex

Duffy described as a "fluke."

"We probably outgained them by at least a hundred yards," Duffy said. "But some plays didn't go our way, and we couldn't put the ball in the end zone."

Despite their 2-1-1 record, Duffy says the Big Red could have easily been 4-0. Along

with the narrow defeat by Stanford, Dillon tied Morrissey after the Manor blocked an extra point to end the game.

Stanford captain Rob Huth said the team's last meeting with Dillon did not go as smoothly as the Griffins had hoped.

"We had a couple players missing, and Dillon came out real hard in the beginning," Huth said. "This week we won't have any roster problems, so hopefully we can come out and match their intensity."

With a defense of "eleven nasty players," Duffy said his Dillon team can beat any team in the league. The sophomore trio of quarterback Joe Garigliano, running back Josh Stull, and receiver Chris Cugliari has also sparked the Big Red offense. With great players on both side of the ball, Duffy said the Big Red have a legitimate shot at the championship.

Huth likes top-seeded Stanford's chances of going all the way this year as well. Junior quarterback Brian Salvi, and freshman receiver Kevin Ritt continue to step up the team's offense each week. Despite its success in the regular season, though, the team

isn't taking anything for granted.

"Dillon is a good team and has improved since we played them," Huth said. "This week, we're just focusing on Dillon and making sure we show up from play one."

Dillon and Stanford square off at 1 p.m. Sunday on Riehle Field.

Fisher vs. St. Edward's

Sunday was a long time coming for St. Ed's. The Stedsmen failed to win a game, let alone make the playoffs in three seasons.

But Sunday, St. Ed's will battle the Green Wave in the first round of the playoffs.

Both teams had a 3-1 regular season record, and both teams' only loss came to Siegfried.

Their offenses, however, are radically different. St. Ed's starts freshman quarterback Matt Abeling, who throws pass after pass behind a skilled offensive line.

Fisher starts senior quarterback Kevin Rabil, and the Green Wave offense is based mainly on the run.

Both teams are known for tough defenses that force turnovers.

After missing last year's playoffs because of an injury, Rabil has the chance to guide his team farther than its first-round exit last season.

The teams' similarities promise to make the first game in the run for the stadium an exciting one. The game begins at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

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| 1 Miami | 6-0-0 | 910 |
| 2 North Dakota | 3-1-1 | 833 |
| 3 Michigan | 5-1-0 | 810 |
| 4 New Hampshire | 3-0-0 | 806 |
| 5 Boston College | 3-1-2 | 722 |
| 6 Michigan State | 4-1-0 | 682 |
| 7 Denver | 4-2-0 | 591 |
| 8 Minnesota | 4-2-0 | 589 |
| 9 Colorado College | 2-2-0 | 522 |
| 10 Wisconsin | 3-1-0 | 501 |
| 11 Clarkson | 4-2-0 | 436 |
| 12 Maine | 4-2-0 | 419 |
| 13 Michigan Tech | 4-2-0 | 356 |
| 14 NOTRE DAME | 4-3-0 | 344 |
| 15 Minnesota-Duluth | 4-1-1 | 308 |
| 16 St. Lawrence | 3-3-0 | 169 |
| 17 Rensselaer | 5-2-0 | 134 |
| 18 Niagra | 4-1-0 | 83 |
| 19 St. Cloud State | 3-2-1 | 82 |
| 20 Massachusetts | 2-2-2 | 73 |

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| 1 UCLA | 774 | 1 |
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| 4 North Carolina | 664 | 7 |
| 5 Stanford | 645 | 5 |
| 6 Virginia | 612 | 3 |
| 7 Penn State | 565 | 13 |
| 8 Purdue | 556 | 4 |
| 9 Tennessee | 523 | 12 |
| 10 Boston College | 483 | 14 |
| 11 Southern California | 468 | 9 |
| 12 Texas | 455 | 8 |
| 13 NOTRE DAME | 420 | 15 |
| 14 West Virginia | 325 | 19 |
| 15 Florida State | 306 | 10 |
| 16 Santa Clara | 275 | 11 |
| 17 Georgia | 271 | 20 |
| 18 Wake Forest | 247 | 22 |
| 19 California | 205 | 21 |
| 20 San Diego | 196 | 17 |
| 21 Missouri | 156 | 16 |
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| 23 Connecticut | 128 | 18 |
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| 1 UConn | 559 | 2 |
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| 3 Santa Clara | 530 | 3 |
| 4 SMU | 505 | 5 |
| 5 Virginia Tech | 474 | 4 |
| 6 Brown | 466 | 6 |
| 7 Boston College | 425 | 12 |
| 8 Creighton | 412 | 8 |
| 9 NOTRE DAME | 397 | 7 |
| 10 Indiana | 367 | 11 |
| 11 Tulsa | 311 | 14 |
| 12 Northwestern | 304 | 9 |
| 13 Saint Louis | 285 | 15 |
| 14 Virginia | 273 | 10 |
| 15 UCSB | 227 | 19 |
| 16 Furman | 220 | 18 |

WTA



Swiss tennis legend Martina Hingis addresses reporters Thursday in Zurich, Switzerland. Hingis said she incorrectly tested positive for cocaine at Wimbledon and announced her retirement from professional tennis.

Hingis tests positive for cocaine, retires

Associated Press

ZURICH — In an out-of-nowhere end to Martina Hingis' comeback, the five-time Grand Slam champion revealed Thursday she tested positive for cocaine at Wimbledon and will retire for a second time rather than fight what she called a "horrendous" accusation.

"I am frustrated and angry," the 27-year-old Hingis said at a news conference in Zurich, Switzerland, her voice breaking as she fought back tears. "I believe that I am absolutely, 100 percent innocent."

She read a prepared statement ending with the

vow, "I have never taken drugs," then left without taking questions.

WTA Tour chief executive Larry Scott said he recently found out about Hingis' doping test from the player's representatives — word had not reached him through official channels because it's an ongoing case in which a hearing has yet to be held. Although the formerly No. 1-ranked Hingis said she's retiring in part because she doesn't want to spend years dealing with the legal process, Scott said he expects the case to continue.

"Like a lot of Martina's fans and friends and colleagues, [I am] saddened,"

Scott said in a telephone interview. "She's a great legend, one of the most well-liked players on the tour. But at the same time, I'm ... also mindful that the player has to be given the presumption of innocence until the process plays out until the end."

Hingis tested positive June 29, the day she lost in straight sets to Laura Granville of the United States in the third round at Wimbledon. That was her first tournament after missing 1 1/2 months with hip and back injuries.

"I just didn't want to miss Wimbledon," Hingis said at the time. "Probably at the end of the day, it wasn't, like, the smartest

thing."

Although doping charges usually are announced by a sports league or event, athletes are told if a sample tests positive. A second, backup sample then is tested. Mario Widmer, Hingis' manager, said she learned of the first positive test result in mid-September and the second two or three weeks later.

"I find this accusation so horrendous, so monstrous, that I have decided to confront it head-on by talking to the press," Hingis' statement said.

She said she hired an attorney who found "various inconsistencies" with the urine sample from Wimbledon.

IN BRIEF

Tigers RHP Joel Zumaya has major shoulder surgery

DETROIT — With the California wildfires closing in on his parents' house, Joel Zumaya went up to the attic and tried to salvage a few things for his father.

Moments later, his 2008 season was in jeopardy.

A heavy box fell on top of the Detroit Tigers reliever, injuring his pitching shoulder and forcing him to have major surgery Wednesday in San Diego. He is expected to be sidelined until midseason.

"You think he'll be back, but I can't 100 percent count on that," Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski said Thursday. "We can't count on that contribution this year. We have to plan our staff without him being there."

The Tigers hoped to re-sign closer Todd Jones, with the understanding that he might lose his job later in the season to Zumaya. If they weren't able to bring back the free agent, Zumaya had a shot to be Detroit's closer.

Suspended Pacman to meet with NFL commissioner

NASHVILLE — Suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones will meet with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell in New York on Friday about a possible early reinstatement.

Goodell suspended the Tennessee cornerback in April for the 2007 season and promised Jones' case could be reviewed after the Titans' 10th game, which is Nov. 19 in Denver. But Friday's meeting will come two days before the Titans' eighth game.

The NFL declined to comment. Neither of Jones' two attorneys, Manny Arora of Atlanta, nor Worrick Robinson of Nashville, immediately answered messages left by The Associated Press.

The meeting first was reported by The Tennessean.

The Titans will not have a representative at the meeting, and Jones will be accompanied by someone from the NFL Players Association.

Tocchet's NHL ban extended until at least next February

NEW YORK — Rick Tocchet still has time to serve before he will be allowed back behind an NHL bench.

Tocchet, already on two years' probation after he pleaded guilty to promoting gambling and conspiracy to promote gambling, won't be able to resume his position as an assistant coach with the Phoenix Coyotes until next Feb. 7, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said Thursday.

Since the betting ring, in which Tocchet partnered with a New Jersey state trooper and another man, became public in February 2006, the former star forward has been on an indefinite leave of absence that was granted by Bettman.

Tocchet needed clearance from the commissioner to get back into the league and hoped for instant reinstatement upon meeting with Bettman on Tuesday along with lawyers and Coyotes general manager Don Maloney.

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Harrison wants a crack at Indy

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Rodney Harrison broke his right shoulder blade the last time the Patriots faced the Indianapolis Colts in the regular season. A knee injury kept him out of their next meeting, the AFC championship game.

No wonder he doesn't want to look back.

Sunday's game between two unbeaten teams has nothing to do with the past as far as New England's safety is concerned.

He won't even compare this season's squads to those who played barely nine months ago in Indianapolis' 38-34 win that sent the Colts on to the Super Bowl, where they beat Chicago.

"What relevance does that have? It doesn't even matter," Harrison said Thursday. "Last year's game, it has nothing to do with what's going to happen on Sunday."

One difference is that Harrison is healthy again. He also could be fresher than some of the Colts, having been suspended for the first four games for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances, reportedly by using human growth hormone.

He's feeling more comfortable with each game. Now he can get back at the team that ended the Patriots' hopes for four championships in six years.

Nothing special, Harrison insists.

"I'm just anxious to play football," he said. "It doesn't matter who it's against, whether it's against the Colts or Cleveland, it really doesn't matter. It's just another game."

The routine has been the same each week this season for the Patriots (8-0): Tom Brady throws at least three touchdown passes, they win by at least 17 points, then coach Bill Belichick and his players say none of that matters going forward.

Whatever the next game is, they say, is the biggest game. This time it happens to be against the Colts (7-0).

"It's not like if we beat them or they beat us, it's going to go down as two or three wins. It's one game," Harrison said. "We understand (the hype), but it's just another game."

It will be back at the RCA Dome, where the Colts overcame a 21-3 deficit to win the AFC championship.

"Let's just play," Harrison said. "It doesn't matter if I played in Foxborough High."

New England has lost its last three games against Indianapolis, but Harrison missed all of them, except for three plays. He was healthy for the other four matchups since joining the Patriots in 2003 and they went 4-0.

"Rodney's a great safety and he's a great player," linebacker Junior Seau said. "Whenever you have a caliber of player like Rodney, obviously it's to your lik-

ing."

Seau's season ended when he broke his arm in the 11th game last year. He also missed the AFC title game.

Now the Patriots have two of their solid, savvy veterans back to help stop Peyton Manning.

Seau has his single-season high three interceptions, two of them in a 34-17 win over Cleveland, New England's closest game. Harrison has two sacks in just four games.

"I feel a lot more comfortable," Harrison said. "Obviously, the speed of the game, I'm catching up with. The ability to see things and recognize them, I just feel a lot better out there."

He came off the bench in his first game this year, against Cleveland, then started at strong safety the past three, including last Sunday's 52-7 rout of Washington.

Free safety Eugene Wilson didn't practice Wednesday and Thursday and could miss his second straight game with an ankle injury. James Sanders started

during Harrison's suspension and has kept that first-string spot. Harrison feels comfortable with both.

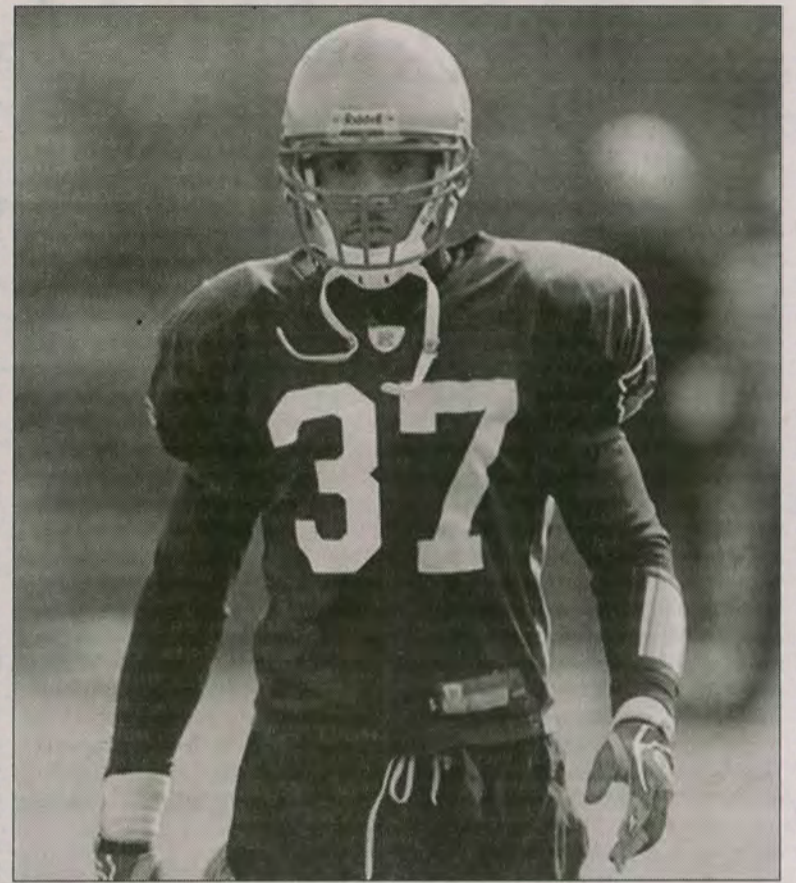
"I've worked extremely hard" since his suspension ended, he said. "I just feel good, happy to be out there."

Another Harrison may not be out there on Sunday.

Colts wide receiver Marvin Harrison missed his second day of practice Thursday with a bruised knee that has sidelined him for two of the last three games. Before the practice, coach Tony Dungy said it was doubtful Harrison would play if he didn't practice Thursday.

Rodney Harrison's shoulder injury occurred when he tackled Marvin Harrison on the Colts third offensive play of last year's 27-20 loss in the Patriots eighth game. He missed six games, then hurt his knee in the regular season finale.

The Patriots still must stop Reggie Wayne (44 catches, five touchdowns) and Dallas Clark (32 catches, six touchdowns).



Patriots safety Rodney Harrison walks across New England's practice field Wednesday. AP

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MLB

After lackluster season, Dodgers get their man

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Joe Torre grew up in Brooklyn rooting against the Dodgers. Now, a half-century after they moved west, he's their manager.

Torre was hired by Los Angeles to succeed Grady Little on Thursday, taking the job two weeks after walking away from the New York Yankees.

The winningest manager in postseason history, Torre moved from one storied franchise to another, agreeing to a three-year, \$13 million contract. He becomes the Dodgers' eighth manager since they left his hometown, where he rooted for the rival New York Giants.

"As a kid growing up, you didn't like them," Torre said on WFAN radio in New York less than an hour before the hiring was announced. "As a player, to me the Dodgers were the Yankees of the National League because ... you either loved them or you hated them."

The 67-year-old Torre will be introduced at a news conference Monday at Dodger Stadium. Little resigned Tuesday after completing two seasons of a three-year deal.

Torre joins the Dodgers for their 50th anniversary season in Los Angeles, hoping to spur October success.

Favored to win the NL West this year, the Dodgers finished fourth. They have only one play-off victory since winning the 1988 World Series under Tom Lasorda.

"I'm so happy for him. I think his record speaks for itself," said Lasorda, a special adviser to Dodgers owner Frank McCourt. "I think what he accomplished with the Yankees, he should have been able to control his destiny."

"We're happy that he's here — very happy."

Torre guided the Yankees to four World Series championships from 1996-2000, and they made the playoffs in all 12 years he

managed them. New York lost to Cleveland last month, eliminated in the first round for the third straight year.

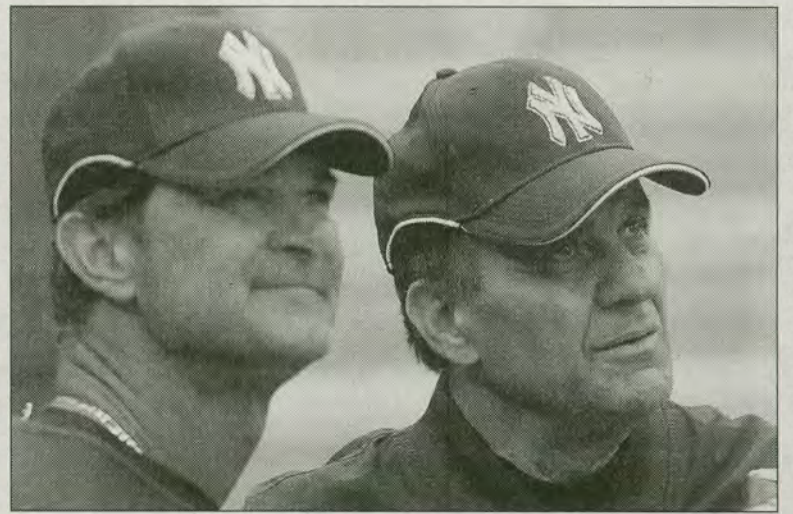
Following that defeat, the Yankees offered Torre a one-year contract with a pay cut. He earned \$7.5 million last season — more than any other big-league manager by far.

Calling the performance incentives in the proposal "an insult," Torre turned it down. He was hired by the Dodgers on the same day the Yankees introduced Joe Girardi as their manager.

The Dodgers had the NL's best record in mid-July. During their late-season slide, problems surfaced between older and younger players on the team, prompting criticism of Little.

"I think he's going to do a good job in the clubhouse because he's got great leadership abilities," Lasorda said of Torre. "He knows how to handle a ball-club."

Since Lasorda left during the



Former Yankees skipper Joe Torre, right, agreed to manage the Dodgers Thursday, and Don Mattingly is set to join his staff.

1996 season after suffering a heart attack, the Dodgers are 1-9 in three playoff appearances. One of those was in 2006 — Little's first year as manager — when the Dodgers won the NL wild-card with an 88-74 record but were swept by the New York Mets in the first round of the playoffs.

Torre ranks eighth on baseball's career list with 2,067 victories. He also managed the New York Mets, St. Louis and Atlanta but won only one division title in the NL, in 1982 with the Braves.

He passed former Dodgers managers Leo Durocher (2,009) and Walter Alston (2,040) last season on the career wins list. His teams have won 76 postseason games.

"Few managers in the history of the game have accomplished what Joe has delivered," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said. "Throughout his career he has demonstrated the

ability to turn a vision for success into results on the field and we welcome his passion and leadership. We have tremendous fans and they deserve no less."

Teams are generally directed to interview at least one minority candidate for open managerial jobs. The Dodgers were granted an exemption by commissioner Bud Selig, however, because of a strong track record on minority hirings.

Earlier this week, the Dodgers acknowledged they talked to Girardi about potentially replacing Little. Colletti said he did so because he was aware Little was leaning toward stepping down.

Don Mattingly, Torre's bench coach this year, is set to join his mentor in Los Angeles as hitting coach. Mattingly lost out to Girardi for the Yankees' managerial job.

Mattingly's son, Preston, is a minor leaguer in the Dodgers' organization.

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NBA

Bryant trade talks on hold

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Kobe Bryant won't be joining the Chicago Bulls anytime soon.

General manager John Paxson basically squashed the notion that the Los Angeles Lakers' superstar will wind up in Chicago, saying the teams were never on the verge of a deal and talks were over for now.

"There's not a deal done," he said Thursday. "There's not going to be a deal done. All the things that were out there were really unfair to all of us who were trying to do our jobs. The misinformation ... I think gets in the way of the process. It's just such a complicated thing and we kind of put it to rest now."

Paxson said they discussed "parameters," but the sides "never got down to the nuts and bolts of it because there was never a deal to be done."

"That's the reality of it," he said. "People can make what they want of it, but what I know is that part of it is over with."

Paxson's comments came a day after a flurry of rumors. Speculation picked up

Wednesday, with one report saying the Bulls, Sacramento Kings and Lakers were discussing a three-way deal that would bring the superstar to Chicago.

That scenario had Paxson sending Ben Gordon and a signed-and-traded P.J. Brown to Sacramento, with Chicago's Ben Wallace and the Kings' Ron Artest heading to Los Angeles. Paxson dismissed the rumor, saying a deal involving Brown would send the Bulls over the luxury tax threshold — something they're reluctant to do.

Bryant, speaking before news of Paxson's comments reached the Lakers' El Segundo, Calif., practice facility, said he is monitoring the rumors "just to keep tabs on how my teammates are reacting to it."

"We've been doing a pretty good job of staying focused," he said. "I've talked to them. From that standpoint, I don't think it's that difficult. If you didn't speak to them or kind of fill them in, it would get a little confusing."

Bryant drew some boos during introductions before the Lakers' season-opening 95-93 loss to Houston on Tuesday, after calling

the front office a mess and asking to be traded during the off-season. The jeers turned to cheers as Bryant scored 18 of his 45 points in the fourth quarter to lead a comeback.

The trade deadline isn't until February, so it's possible talks between the Lakers and Bulls could resume.

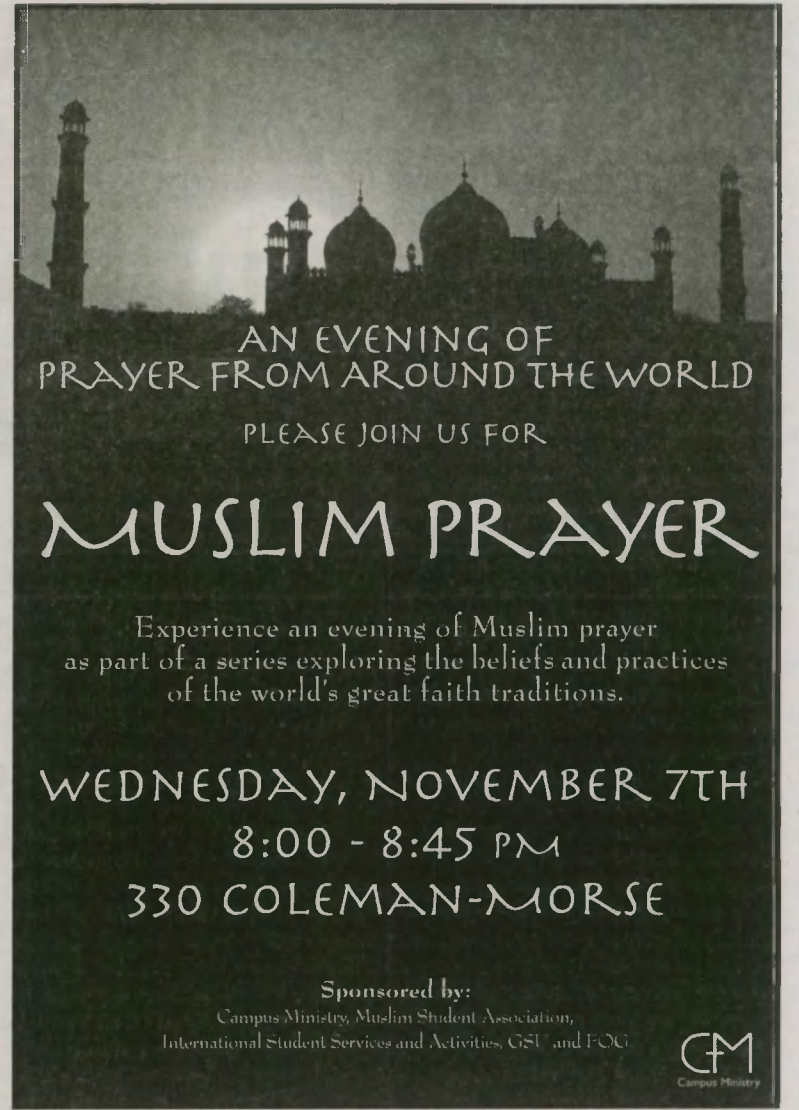
"Who knows?" Paxson said. "The reality is that right now, it's done."

Paxson was concerned the issue would become a distraction, so he decided to put it to rest.

"I think today sends a message that our guys don't have to worry about anything right now," Paxson said.

Then again, coach Scott Skiles wondered: "What's resolving anything in all sports until the trading deadline?"

"Just because this rumor at some point dies down, does that mean another one's not going to crop up in two weeks?" he asked. "It's ongoing, it's all the time. Now, this is one that involves a very, very high profile player, so I understand the extra attention on it."



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WOMEN'S CREW

Rowers head to first-ever Cal-Sag Shootout

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will enter uncharted waters this weekend when it competes at the inaugural Cal-Sag Shootout in Blue Island, Ill.

The Irish have high hopes for the four varsity and two novice boats that enter this new — and slightly unusual — event.

The format for the Cal-Sag Shootout differs slightly from a traditional regatta. All boats will enter a five-kilometer race Sunday. The top two boats from each school, along with the next six boats with the top times, will then enter a two-kilometer sprint in the afternoon. Each of the five heats will consist of four boats, with the seeds based solely on the morning times.

Irish coach Martin Stone is excited about the new setup.

"It's a unique format," Stone said. "But I think it's going to be pretty neat."

The Blue Island venue itself is also unique. Hosted by the Chicago Rowing Center, the event will take place with the Chicago skyline in the backdrop and stadium seating along the course.

"It's a really neat venue," Stone said. "The head race course should be fine, and the two-kilometer will be a sort of test race to see if we could have

an event here in the spring."

Stone was confident his coxswains would have no problem navigating a new course.

"They've seen an overview of the course," Stone said. "It's sort of a trial by fire, but we have very smart and savvy coxswains. I'm definitely not concerned."

In addition to an unfamiliar course, Notre Dame will face stiff competition from the other boats, including a Michigan squad that finished third at last year's Head of the Charles event. Michigan State, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana will also compete.

"The fall season is really just preparation for the spring," Stone said. "We're just figuring things out now, and things definitely change in a month."

No matter what boats his team uses, Stone was optimistic about Notre Dame's chances this weekend.

"I don't know exactly how we'll stack up, but we've done a good job [in practice]," Stone said. "We've been moving the boats well, and the intensity and effort have been fantastic."

"It'd be great if we could get all four varsity eights into the two-kilometer. We're looking to come out and race really hard with great intensity to go into winter training."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Win ties VT for division lead

Glennon throws two touchdowns, runs for one more in 27-3 win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Sean Glennon wore a Georgia Tech jersey. There was no doubt he was playing for Virginia Tech.

Wearing a replacement jersey provided by the home team when his own disappeared, Glennon threw two long touchdown passes and ran for another score to lead No. 11 Virginia Tech to a 27-3 win over Georgia Tech on Thursday night.

"It was funny," Glennon said. "That was the jersey of a school I almost went to" coming out of high school.

The Hokies (7-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) bounced back just fine from their shocking collapse against Boston College, when they squandered a 10-point lead in the final minutes.

Glennon made his second straight start in place of freshman Tyrod Taylor, who was sidelined again by a sprained ankle. The replacement starter, who lost the job to Taylor after the second game, made the most of it by throwing for 296 yards, including a 40-yard touchdown pass to Justin Harper and a 71-yarder to Josh Morgan.

Virginia Tech moved into a first-place tie with rival Virginia in the Coastal Division. The teams will meet



Virginia Tech cornerback Victor Harris intercepts a pass during the Hokies' 27-3 win over Georgia Tech Thursday.

in the final game of the regular season.

"I think I've been playing well," Glennon said. "But the coaches will go with the option they think they will win with."

Georgia Tech (5-4, 2-4) saw its slim hopes of making a second straight trip to the ACC championship game go down the drain. The Yellow Jackets were simply horrible after jumping ahead 3-0 on their second possession.

Rubbing more salt in Georgia Tech's wounds: Glennon was among four

Virginia Tech players whose jersey mysteriously disappeared before the game, forcing them to suit up in the Yellow Jackets' white road jerseys.

Glennon's name was written in magic marker on the back, and the home team's nickname was blacked out across the front of the shirt, which was trimmed in black and gold instead of maroon and orange.

"Branden (Ore) wrote it on there first in caps and lower case," Glennon said. "I then did it in all caps."

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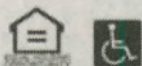


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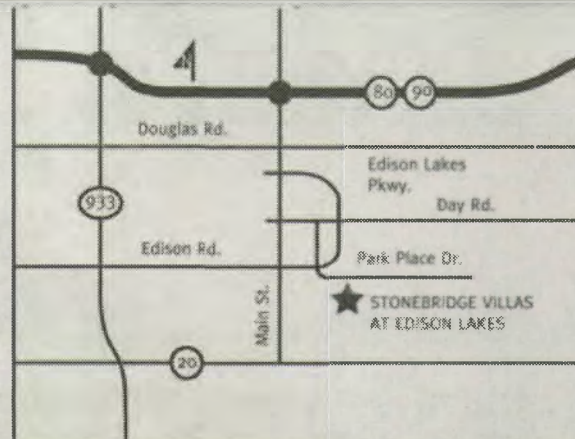
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NBA

McGrady lights up Jazz during victory

Forward drops 47 points; Rockets win 106-95

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Tracy McGrady said he didn't hold a grudge against Utah for last season's opening-round loss in the playoffs.

But what he said and how he played were quite different.

McGrady scored 47 points and the Rockets beat the Jazz 106-95 Thursday night, earning a little revenge for last season's playoffs, when Houston won the first two games but lost the series.

"It doesn't really mean anything. It's only the second game of the season," said McGrady, who was 17-for-27 from the floor.

The Rockets improved to 2-0 under new coach Rick

Adelman, who wasn't with Houston for Utah's first-round comeback last spring.

McGrady was, and seemed to take it personally with his 42nd career 40-point game. He also had more help than he did in the postseason, when the Rockets basically counted on he and Yao Ming to beat the Jazz.

Mike James added 15 points — two more than the Jazz reserves combined — and Chuck Hayes had 13 rebounds for the Rockets.

"We feel like it's Game 8 for us," said Yao, referring to the seven-game series the Jazz rallied to win. "We wanted to get this win and start our new season."

Carlos Boozer had 30 points and 16 rebounds, and Mehmet Okur finished with 16 points and 10 boards, but after dominating the first quarter the Jazz tapered off in the second and never recovered.

Deron Williams had 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Ronnie Brewer scored 13 points for the Jazz, who led by 12 in the first quarter before McGrady took over the game.

Even with Yao on the bench with foul trouble and the Jazz knowing very well who was

going to be getting the ball, Utah couldn't stop McGrady.

Inside, outside or at the foul line, McGrady carried the Rockets. He only missed 10 of his 27 field goal attempts and went 11-for-14 from the line. He also added four assists and four rebounds.

"This is the start of a new season. I'm just feeling good mentally, physically and having fun playing basketball with my new teammates and coaching staff," McGrady said. "This is a fun system to play in."

The Rockets forced 20 turnovers while committing just 12, and the Jazz didn't help themselves any by going 20-for-29 from the foul line.

"We tried to go one-on-one. Everyone tried to beat them by themselves,"

Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "We're not good enough to play that way."

Every time the Jazz made a run in the second half, McGrady stopped it. Okur hit a short jumper to get the Jazz within 89-82, but McGrady answered with a 3-pointer and did teammate Dikembe Mutombo's finger wag while backpedaling on defense. The "no, no, no" gesture seemed appropriate because the Jazz could not stop McGrady when they needed to all night.

"Tracy was just unbelievable," said Adelman, who inherited McGrady when he replaced former coach Jeff Van Gundy

over the summer. "What I liked about him was he had a really good mix. He made jumpers, but he attacked the basket and went to the free throw line."

The Jazz, who were playing their home opener, got within five twice late in the fourth quarter, but no closer.

After Boozer cut the lead to 96-91, McGrady hit two free throws with 2:53 remaining, then Yao added a layup that cooled off Utah's comeback and quieted the fans.

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Jerry Sloan
Jazz coach

"It doesn't really mean anything. It's only the second game of the season."

Tracy McGrady
Rockets forward

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles face top-seed Calvin

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will need to be at its best tonight to keep its title hopes alive against top-seeded Calvin in the semifinals of the MIAA tournament.

Calvin, which is ranked No. 16 nationally, got the best of the Belles twice this season and has only lost one conference match all season.

Calvin senior middle hitter Molly Krikke averages close to five kills per game, while senior setter Katie Zondervan is the drive of this offense, leading the team in assists with just under 14 per game. Zondervan and Krikke have both been honored as MIAA athletes of the week and could pose a problem for the Belles.

Although Calvin will be a tough competitor, Belles head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said her team is ready.

"We are focusing on bettering our game. I really prefer to practice things that we can control," Schroeder-Biek said. "We watch game film to anticipate and learn our opponents tendencies."

Besides studying their opponent, the Belles need to work on something they have struggled with all season — their own mindset.

"We need to feel confident in our abilities to respond to whatever our opponent throws our way," Schroeder-Biek said. "We are separating the tournament from the regular season. We start with a clean slate."

This will be the second year in a row that Saint Mary's will play Calvin in the semifinals. Last season, Calvin downed the Belles 3-0.

Saint Mary's entered this season's tournament as the fifth seed and swept Tri-State on Tuesday. The win avenged the Belles two regular season losses to Tri-State and improved their record to 13-17.

"I really prefer to practice things that we can control."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

Schroeder-Biek said the Belles will need the same "competitive drive" against Calvin that they had against Tri-State.


"The single-elimination factor of the tournament makes things a little more exciting, and I think brings out your fight," Schroeder-Biek said.

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Nalbandian takes down Federer at Paris Masters

Associated Press

PARIS — David Nalbandian beat Roger Federer for the second time in less than two weeks on Thursday, earning a 6-4, 7-6 (3) victory in the third round of the Paris Masters.

The result evened the series between the two 8-8 and ended Federer's streak of reaching the final in eight straight tournaments — going back to May.

"It's not easy being aggressive against him when you're 3 meters [10 feet] behind the baseline," said Federer, who lost to the Argentine in the final of the Madrid Masters on Oct. 21.

"He's got a phenomenal backhand and can dictate play from both sides," said Federer, who

lost for the eighth time this season. Guillermo Canas and Rafael Nadal also have beaten Federer twice each while Novak Djokovic and Filippo Volandri also have beaten the Swiss star.

"I wish conditions were a bit faster because indoors is supposed to be fast," Federer said. "Not here, I guess."

Nalbandian didn't complain.

"Well, it's different," Nalbandian said. "Over there [in Madrid] it's a little faster."

He next plays fifth-seeded

David Ferrer of Spain, who advanced after beating 12th-seeded Tomas Berdych 6-4, 6-2.

"He's got a phenomenal backhand and can dictate play from both sides."

Roger Federer
tennis star

After beating Federer in Madrid, Nalbandian was eliminated in the first round of last week's event in Basel, Switzerland. The week before Madrid, he was eliminated in the second round in Vienna.

"Federer's the No. 1 in the world," Nalbandian said. "You always have to be at 100 percent. I was, just like in Madrid."

Nalbandian wasted five set points by shanking balls long or into the net.

"I absolutely thought he was getting nervous," Federer said. "He has a tendency to, you know, sometimes give a second chance when you think you're down and out."

Meanwhile, Nikolay Davydenko again was accused of not putting forth his best effort, with the chair umpire criticizing the Russian's serving during a 6-2, 6-2 third-round loss to Marcos

Baghdatis.

The defending champion, who was jeered during the match, finished with 10 double faults, 36 unforced errors and had his serve broken five times.

Chair umpire Cedric Mourier spoke to Davydenko during a changeover, asking him what was wrong with his serve. Davydenko responded by asking what else he could do.

"Serve like me," Mourier was heard telling Davydenko on the television broadcast. "If you serve like me, you put it in the box. That's it."

Davydenko had said Wednesday he was hampered by a sore elbow, but he didn't give a direct answer when Baghdatis asked him what was wrong as they shook hands at the end of the match.

Last week at the St. Petersburg Open, Davydenko was fined \$2,000 by the ATP for "lack of best effort" during a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 loss to Marin Cilic.

"I cannot serve," Davydenko said of Thursday's match. "That was happening in St. Petersburg. I don't have pain really. I have no pain in my elbow. I need to find what's the reason I cannot really serve."

ATP spokesman Nicola Arzani said no action will be taken against the fourth-seeded Davydenko.

Meanwhile, second-seeded Nadal, eighth-seeded Tommy Robredo, Ferrer and 10th-seeded Richard Gasquet of France all advanced in straight sets.

Nadal beat Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 6-4, 6-3, and next meets either ninth-seeded Tommy Haas or Mikhail Youzhny, who were scheduled to play later.

"I played a very good match today," Nadal said. "Stan was playing very aggressive, (some) unbelievable tennis, but I feel very comfortable. I'm very happy with my level today."

Robredo topped 11th-seeded Canas of Argentina 7-5, 7-5 to set up a match against Baghdatis. Both stayed in contention for the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai, featuring the top eight players in the ATP race.

Gasquet remained in contention by beating sixth-seeded James Blake of the United States 6-4, 6-4, but Ferrer ended Berdych's hopes.

Nalbandian already has been eliminated from reaching Shanghai, along with Blake and Canas.

Federer, Nadal, Davydenko, Ferrer, Djokovic and Andy Roddick are qualified. The last two spots will be decided in Paris.

Gasquet next meets 15th-seeded Andy Murray, who beat Fabrice Santoro 6-4, 6-2 to retain his chances for Shanghai.

Davydenko's warning is the latest in a series of incidents that have drawn attention to the fourth-ranked Russian.

After a match in Poland in August, online betting exchange Belfair voided bets after Davydenko withdrew against 87th-ranked Martin Vassallo Arguello in the third set because of a foot injury.

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Playoffs

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Bescher has been a key player for Pangborn in all facets of the game. In her team's last two games against Lewis and Breen-Phillips, Bescher scored all 40 Pangborn points.

To prepare for the playoffs, the Phoxes have gone from one practice a week to three, hoping to stay fresh despite a two-week lay-off between games.

Cavanaugh, meanwhile, hopes to rely on its experience to get into the second round.

Led by junior quarterback and Katie Dunn and senior receiver Tarah Brom, the Chaos also enter the playoffs with momentum, having won three of their past four games.

"We've improved a lot from the beginning of the season," Dunn said. "We had momentum at the end of the season and we want to continue that in the playoffs."

Dunn was confident her team wouldn't be harmed by the long break since its last game.

"[It might] affect us a little," Dunn said. "But we've been scrimmaging in practice and I consider our defense to be pretty strong, so I don't think it'll affect us too much."

In addition to shaking off the rust, Dunn was adamant about doing the little things right on Sunday, especially extra point plays.

"All the teams are good now, so the games will come down to the wire," Dunn said. "We struggled with extra points early in the season, but we've been working a lot on defending and scoring them."

The Chaos, though, haven't made any major changes for the playoffs.

"We know Pangborn is a good team and a fast team," Dunn said. "We just have to keep doing what we've been doing."

The Phoxes take on Cavanaugh at 3 p.m. on Riehle Field.

Walsh vs. Farley

The Wild Women will look to keep their undefeated season going Sunday when they face Farley in the opening round of the playoffs.

Senior captain Marie Brenner expected to see her squad rejuvenated after its week off.

"We're going into the playoff games with a new enthusiasm and excitement in hopes of

playing the championship game in the stadium," Brenner said.

However, don't expect to see Walsh looking too far ahead.

"Since we've played Farley already once in the season, we know that they are tough competition," Brenner said. "Despite our high goals, we are also playing one game at a time."

Offensively, senior quarterback Mary Sullivan will lead the high-powered Walsh attack. She will try to connect with sophomore receiver Sierra Smith and sophomore receiver Meghan Hadley.

While Farley had a tough start to the season, junior captain Jenny Rolfs said the Finest have their best days ahead of them.

"We lost a few games that we definitely should have won," Rolfs said.

The Finest have been working hard at addressing some problems that cost them earlier in the season. In particular, Farley has been working on finishing drives in the red zone.

Farley will once again lean on its strong defense to keep them in the game. Senior defensive captain Anna Pursley leads the secondary, and Brigid McGann will head the line-backing corps.

"We're hoping that our defense can continue to shut down offenses as it has been doing," Rolfs said.

The teams will meet Sunday at 4 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Howard vs. Pasquerilla West

In a battle between two teams with two losses, Howard will take on defending champion Pasquerilla West in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

Howard has a record of 3-2-1 with a three game unbeaten streak. The Ducks, however,

are not overlooking the Purple Weasels.

"PW is definitely a strong opponent," senior captain Mary Jenkins said. "I think they are one of the toughest teams we could potentially face in the playoffs. A win against them would give us a great boost heading into the next round."

The Ducks are led on offense by freshman quarterback Kayla Bishop and junior wide receiver Laura Giezeman.

"I could tell at practice that we definitely came back from the break as focused as ever," Jenkins said. "We are going to try and mix up our offensive game plan and let Kayla throw it around a little more."

Junior lineman Kate Sylvia leads a solid defense that will look to shut down the Weasels on Sunday.

"After reevaluating the defense, we got great results and are excited with our group heading into this week's game," Jenkins said.

Despite early season woes, Pasquerilla West finished strong by shutting out Badin and clinching its spot in the playoffs. Senior captain Tina Martinek hopes to lead her team back to the championship game in a repeat performance of last year.

The key this year for the Weasels will be their talented defense. The

Weasels punched their ticket into the playoffs by shutting out Badin 16-0 in the last game of the regular season. As Pasquerilla West's 4-2 record is misleading, as each of its losses came in very close games.

With the experience of last season's championship playoff run under their belts, the Weasels could make a run at the title.

Howard plays Pasquerilla West Sunday at 2 p.m. on Riehle Field.

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NHL

Columbus falls to Ducks in shootout

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. —Mathieu Schneider played his first game for the Anaheim Ducks and took a shot in a shootout for the first time in his career.

The 38-year-old defenseman made his Anaheim debut a memorable one Thursday night, scoring the only goal of the shootout in the Ducks' 2-1 victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets.

Schneider, signed as a free agent during the offseason to help fill in the vacancy left by Scott Niedermayer, took the Ducks' second shot in the tiebreaker and beat Fredrik Norrena between the pads, the puck trickling across the goal line as the goalie frantically reached back to try to stop it.

"I never would have imagined that finish," Schneider said, adding that he now has a record in shootouts. "I'm 100 percent now. I'm one for one."

Being a defenseman, he could hardly believe it when coach Randy Carlyle told him to get ready to shoot.

"I thought he was kidding at first," Schneider said. Carlyle said, "It was just one

of those things that you do on the bench; you make a decision and you go with it."

Jean-Sebastien Giguere stopped shots by Sergei Fedorov, Rick Nash and David Vyborny during the shootout, clinching it with a glove save of Vyborny's shot.

The win ended Anaheim's four-game losing streak and snapped a four-game winning streak by Columbus.

"I think we played well from the beginning to the end," said Giguere, who made 19 saves. "We didn't have any letdowns. We finished on a positive note, so we should be happy with that."

Shortly after Anaheim's Rob Niedermayer broke a scoreless tie 13 seconds into the third period, Nikolai Zherdev tied it on a power play with his third goal of the season.

Columbus goalie Pascal Leclaire, who has a 6-2 record and 1.25 goals-against average, was given the night off, so Norrena got his first start in nine days. He finished with 33 saves.

"A tough way to lose," Norrena said. "We had some problems early in the game, and they came out flying and were well-rested."



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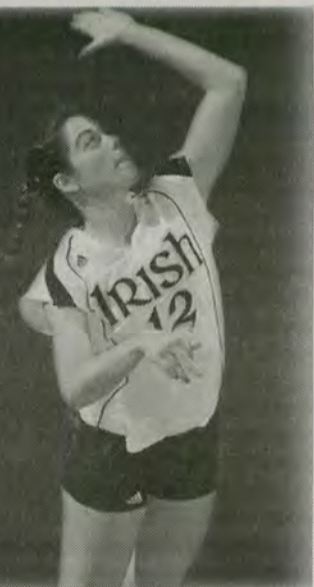
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Irish sophomore midfielder Courtney Rosen controls the ball in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14.

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"I give credit to these [players] because it would have been easy to fold up the ship early after starting out how we did," Irish coach Randy Waldrum.

In Notre Dame's most recent game, it defeated Rutgers 3-1 in New Jersey. In that contest, the Scarlet Knights became the first team to hold a lead over the Irish during their win streak.

"Rutgers showed that they're capable of putting us on the ropes," Waldrum said. "We had to battle back last week against them."

In addition to trying to win the conference tournament, the Irish will set out to improve

their standing for the NCAA Tournament. With wins over strong opponents, the Irish have a chance to become one of the top eight seeds, which would guarantee them home games against lower-ranked opponents for the first several rounds.

"Some years when you haven't really lost too many games, you kind of want to cruise [through the Big East tournament]," Waldrum said. "This year, we would love to play the best teams there are because we're hoping to get a top-eight seed."

The Irish offense, which topped the Big East in scoring at 2.7 goals per game, is led by junior forward Kerri Hanks. After scoring a goal and notching four assists in wins over Seton Hall and Rutgers, Hanks

was named the Big East offensive player of the week. Against the Scarlet Knights, Hanks became the third Division I player ever to reach 50 career goals and 50 assists prior to her senior season.

Senior goalie Lauren Karas will mind the net behind a defense that has surrendered an average of just .50 goals per game.

Rutgers defeated St. John's in New York in a shootout Thursday. The Scarlet Knights posted a record of 9-8-3 in the regular season and finished fifth in the Big East National Division.

The Irish will host the Scarlet Knights at 1 p.m. Sunday at Alumni Field.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish can clinch Big East with win

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

No. 9 Notre Dame closes out its regular season Saturday at North Kehoe Field in Washington, D.C., when it takes on conference foe Georgetown.

The Irish can clinch first place in the Big East and a top seed in the conference tournament with a win over the Hoyas. Notre Dame is looking to take home its second regular season championship in as many years.

"One of goals for the year is to win the league. Your record in the league is a true measure of success, and being champion is as good as you can get," Clark said Sunday, following Notre Dame's 2-2 draw with Providence.

The Irish could have sealed the division with a win against the Friars, but the draw kept Connecticut in the hunt for first place. Connecticut still has an opportunity to capture the division if Notre Dame loses to Georgetown. The Huskies are only two points behind the Irish in the standings.

Notre Dame (10-3-4, 7-0-3) is the only undefeated team left in the league and, with a win, will tie a program record for conference wins in a season.

Georgetown comes into the contest with a 5-5 conference record, but has won three straight in the Big East to close out the season. The Hoyas are 4-1 overall in their last five games with their only loss being a 2-1 battle with a tough Maryland squad. The Terrapins also defeated Notre Dame earlier in the season 3-0



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Irish senior forward Joseph Lapira clears the ball in Notre Dame's 3-3 draw with Connecticut on Oct. 13.

at the Adidas/IU Classic.

The Hoyas have struggled to produce on offense this season. The team's leading scorer, Chandler Diggs, has netted three goals and three assists. Sean Bellomy and Corey Zeller have also racked up three goals so far on the season. As a team, Georgetown is averaging less than a goal per game.

Irish senior Chris Cahill has been one of the top goalkeepers in the conference this year, and will be looking to add a seventh shutout to his resume this season. Cahill boasts a 0.87 goals against average and a record of 9-2-4.

On offense, Notre Dame has been led once again by senior forward Joseph Lapira. Lapira, last year's M.A.C. Hermann Award winner, has caught fire in the last few weeks of his college career with two assists in his past two games. He leads

the team with 20 points and eight assists. He is also tied with fifth-year senior Ryan Miller for the lead in goals scored; both players netted six.

Lapira scored two goals last season against the Hoyas to lead Notre Dame to an easy 4-1 victory at Alumni Field. Notre Dame has won nine of the 17 games between the two teams in their history, but is only 2-4 against the Hoyas on their own turf.

As long as his team prepares well, Clark said, he's confident Notre Dame will be able to come away with a win and clinch the conference.

"We know every team in the Big East can beat us, but if we do things properly we can beat every team in the Big East," he said.

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His first goal broke the game open with just over five minutes remaining in the second period. Condra jumped on a loose rebound and poked it into the net to give the Irish a 5-2 lead.

The shot came three minutes into a major penalty on Lake Superior's Zac MacVoy, who was ejected from the game after taking a run at senior Evan Rankin. That led defenseman Dan VeNard to scuffle with MacVoy.

"I don't know what I was thinking but I was going in there," VeNard said. "You just gotta stand up for a teammate. We've been battling all summer, all fall, no one is going to take a run at one of our guys without at least having to discuss it for a little bit."

Jackson said he spoke with Lakers coach Jim Roque after the game, and Roque said he will suspend MacVoy for the outburst.

Less than two minutes later, Van Guilder drove the stake a little bit deeper into Lake Superior State when he snuck another puck past Lakers goalie Pat Inglis

on the same power play.

Notre Dame, which had been one for its last 24 on the power play prior to tonight, had three goals with the man advantage against Lake Superior.

"We're just more comfortable out there moving the puck around to the open man, not trying to force anything," Condra said.

Junior right wing Ryan Thang buried the first when he found himself alone in the slot midway through the first period. Thang fired a laser to the top left corner of the net that Inglis never had a chance to stop. Van Guilder and Condra both had assists on the play.

The Lakers answered two minutes later when sophomore Nathan Perkovich let a shot go from the middle of the blue line. The shot was immediately tipped but took a huge bounce in the slot and hopped over Irish netminder Jordan Pearce's shoulder. Pearce had 13 saves on 16 shots Thursday.

VeNard broke the 1-1 tie in the closing moments of the first stanza with a blast from the point that beat Inglis to the glove side. The goal was the third of his career and the first since March of his

sophomore season.

"Everyone kind of kids around about how Danny's had a tough career here," Jackson said. "He's had a lot of injuries, he hasn't had a chance to play a lot, but he's such a class kid. He's so well liked by his teammates, that's why he's a captain."

Notre Dame didn't look back from there. Freshman Robin Bergman, who was also on the line with Condra and Van Guilder, picked up his first collegiate goal 18 seconds into the second period. Condra picked the puck up at center ice and beat a Laker defenseman to the net. His shot was saved, but Bergman was there to send home a long rebound on a virtually empty net.

"The common eye wouldn't recognize that [Condra] intentionally took a soft shot off the goalie's pad because he knew he had a man busting to the net, and that's a big time play," Jackson said.

The Irish improved to 5-3 (3-1 in the CCHA) with the win, and Lake Superior dropped to 1-3-1 on the year. The two teams will lace them up again tonight at 7:35 in the Joyce Center.

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it was a one-possession game."

The Bees play an up-tempo style, which Brey said he is excited to face.

"They really try to play fast, which is good. It'll test our transition defense and it'll test our thinking," he said.

Notre Dame will be without sophomore forward Luke Harangody, who injured his thumb in practice on Oct. 15. Junior Zach Hillesland will replace Harangody in the starting lineup.

Junior guard Kyle McAlarney will play for the first time since serving a semester-long suspension after an arrest last season on marijuana charges. McAlarney will join sophomore Tory Jackson in the backcourt. Jackson replaced McAlarney as the starting point guard last season.

Rounding out the starting lineup for the Irish will be senior forward Rob Kurz and junior guard Ryan Ayers, who is expected to be a full-time starter this season.

The game also marks the first collegiate action for the four Irish freshmen: forward Tim Abromaitis, guard Tyrone Nash, guard Ty Proffitt and

forward Carleton Scott.

Of the four, Brey said Nash has the best chance to make an impact this season. But Brey also said that, with eight returning veterans, the freshmen will not be called upon to contribute right away. In fact, Brey said he is more interested to see how sophomore guard Jonathan Peoples and junior forward Luke Zeller play tonight than he is to see the freshmen.

"This has been so much better than playing AAU or travel teams because the guys are in shape and while they may not be as big as us, they play hard."

Mike Brey
Irish coach

"I'm more focused on the eight veterans than the four young guys," he said.

Next week, Notre Dame will take on Saint Edward's in its second and final exhibition game.

That game and tonight's are part of an effort by Brey to play small Catholic schools in exhibitions.

"It's unbelievable for these institutions," he said. "They bring their entire administrations. It's a very special evening for them."

Brey said the Division II schools present a step up in competition for the teams the Irish used to play to warm up for the season.

"This has been so much better than playing AAU or travel teams because the guys are in shape and while they may not be as big as us, they play hard," Brey said.

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Big Mac

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Notre Dame that has, I think, every opportunity and ability to go as deep as they want to go," Screaming Eagles coach Rick Stein said. "That was a real deep and exciting team that we had a chance to play there."

Irish coach Muffet McGraw was happy with her team's first game.

"I thought we did a lot of things well," McGraw said. "I thought [Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines] did a really good job of getting the team ready to play and we came out and it took a little while for us to get in gear, but I think we came along pretty quickly."

One of the highlights of the Irish exhibition was the play of its three freshmen — guard Brittany Mallory and forwards Devereaux Peters and Becca Bruszewski.

"I think you're going to see some great depth and we are going to be, I think, a really great team when we get firing on all cylinders," McGraw said.

Peters was the main star of the Irish rookie class Thursday, scoring 16 points with seven rebounds, two blocks, two steals and two assists in only 19 minutes.

"Devereaux did a nice job inside with the rebounding, with the blocked shots, [she] was able to get some rebounds and score," McGraw said.

Even though this was her first college game, Peters said, her teammates helped get her ready to play.

"Obviously I was excited. I have a lot of great teammates. It's just

exciting to get out there and play for the first time," Peters said. "I wasn't too nervous for whatever reason. I don't know why, just mostly excited to get out there."

Peters has gelled well with her team on the court already. At the 4:27 mark in the first half, Irish guard Ashley Barlow tossed up a pass to Peters, who laid it in.

"We've been working on that a little bit. It's just great to have great teammates, it's easy to get along with them and work well with them," Peters said. "Everyone's always looking out for each other, so it's easy to develop good team chemistry with them."

Mallory, who was recruited to be the team's three-point specialist, finished with six points off 2-of-7 shooting, with both shots made from behind the three-point line.

"That was really exciting, hitting my first three," Mallory said. "I know my dad was listening so he's probably pretty happy about that. But I'm glad I could hold up to Coach's words and do what I came here to do."

Bruszewski racked up time late in the game, finishing with two points and two boards in 13 minutes.

Another good sign of things to come for the Irish was the return of guard Lindsay Schrader, who missed all of last season with a knee injury.

"It's just great to see Lindsay back on the court after the year off. I couldn't help but smile when I saw her out on the floor doing some things well," he said. "I was really pleased with her play."

Schrader said it was a thrill to hear her name called over the Joyce Center PA system.

"I guess I was just really, really excited. But then again, I don't know, I wasn't satisfied with the way I played," she said. "But I don't ever thinking I'm ever going to be satisfied with the way I played. But the win is all that matters."

Schrader still played the entire game with a knee brace. She only needs to wear it for another nine days before she can finally take it off, she said. She also said her knee did not bother her during Thursday's win.

"It feels great. I did not have a problem with that at all. It wasn't sore, it was perfect," Schrader said.

But even though Notre Dame played seemingly perfect, forcing 37 turnovers and allowing just 38 points, Peters feels the team still hasn't peaked.

"This is only the beginning," she said. "We're only going to go up from here."

Notes:

Williamson started for the first time in her career. McGraw said she earned the spot over returning junior center Melissa D'Amico due to her play in the preseason.

"Those two are both playing well. They're both giving us different things. And I think Erica had a little bit of a lead on Mel these last couple of weeks," she said.

McGraw said D'Amico will start in Monday's exhibition against Hillsdale. McGraw will decide whether Williamson or D'Amico will be the permanent starter based on Thursday and Monday's games.

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Notre Dame crushes Lake Superior State

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

After suffering his first shutout loss in almost a year last Saturday to Ferris State, Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson decided to make a change. Jackson moved last year's point leader Erik Condra from his normal line to play with senior captain Mark Van Guilder — and it paid off.

Condra had five points (2 goals, 3 assists) and Van Guilder added four more (2 goals, 2 assists) in Notre Dame's 7-3 rout of Lake Superior State Thursday.

"I was just trying to find that right chemistry, you know," Jackson said. "Erik is a very smart, intelligent, playmaking player."

It was the second five-point game of Condra's career. The junior right wing tallied a goal and four assists in a 6-2 win over Robert Morris in January.



Irish defenseman Ian Cole skates in Notre Dame's Blue-Gold scrimmage on Oct. 10. Notre Dame downed Lake Superior State Thursday 7-3 at the Joyce Center.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish begin Big East title hunt

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After defeating Rutgers last Sunday, Notre Dame will again face the Scarlet Knights in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

The Irish earned a first-round bye, but will begin tournament play on Sunday at Alumni Field.

The Scarlet Knights will have to maintain a high level of play to have any chance against the Irish, who finished the regular season unbeaten in conference play. Notre Dame is looking to win its 10th Big East championship during its 13 years in the conference.

After beginning the season 3-4-1, the Irish put together a 10-game win streak during which they outscored opponents 34-5.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Welsh Family enters playoffs as team to beat

By JOHN WHITTY,
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Sports Writers

Welsh Family vs. Lyons

The No. 8 Lions hope to play spoiler and upend the top-seeded, undefeated Welsh Family when the two teams clash Sunday.

All season, the 6-0 Whirlwinds have run down opponents with a balanced

attack of overpowering offense and a stifling defense.

"Our success this season has been due to our offense, defense, coaching and team chemistry," Welsh Family captain Kelly Bushelle said. "If the offense struggles, we know the defense will step up and vice versa."

Offensive struggles, though, have hardly been a problem for the Whirlwinds, who average just over 22 points a game. Coupled with a dominant Whirlwind defense that has

shut out opponents in half of its games, the Lions have an uphill climb.

Despite the daunting task, Lyons remains optimistic.

"We plan to come out strong and use what we have been working on in practice to beat Welsh Family," Lyons captain Catherine Mackin said. "We are not afraid, and we will be ready on Sunday to win."

Lyons will look for big performances on offense from sophomore quarterback Claire Connell and freshman running

back Neva Lundy. In order to stop the potent Welsh Family offense, the Lions will need big games from their defensive core of seniors Judith Kaczmarek and Joanna Collins and junior Shannon Brandy. The Lions defense has given up an average of 12.5 points in six games this season.

The Lions and Whirlwinds play Sunday at 1 p.m. on Riehle Field.

Pangborn vs. Cavanaugh

These Phoxes may be young,

but that doesn't mean they play like it.

Pangborn, led almost entirely by freshman and sophomores, enters the playoffs riding a five-game unbeaten streak it hopes to continue Sunday against Cavanaugh.

The No. 3 seed Phoxes look to rely on a tough defense and strong passing game led by freshman quarterback Gabbie Tate and sophomore receiver Meghan Bescher.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoopsters tip off against Div. II foe

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

After weeks of intrasquad scrimmages, Notre Dame will finally get to take the floor against an opponent.

The Irish face Saint Ambrose tonight at 9 at the Joyce Center in their first exhibition game of the season.

Coach Mike Brey said one of his focuses for the exhibition against the Fighting Bees will be trying to simulate the rotation he wants to use once the regular season starts.

"It's the first time you're on

the same bench, so you try to get a feel for your substitution patterns," he said.

Brey said that while he wants to get every player into the game, his substitutions will be "like a Big East game," especially in the first half, so he can see how different combinations work on the floor.

Although Saint Ambrose is a Div. II school, Brey said, it will provide good competition for the Irish.

"They had DePaul in a close one [last year]," he said. "With about 10 minutes to go,

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team earns free Big Macs for fans

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

With 11 seconds to play, the crowd of 5,252 at the Joyce Center Thursday night finally got what it wanted: a Big Mac.

The crowd erupted when Irish center Erica Williamson's layup gave Notre Dame its 89th point — one more than was needed for everyone at the game to receive a coupon for a free McDonald's sandwich.

She would add a free throw for a traditional three-point play, giving Notre Dame a 90-38 win over Southern Indiana Thursday.

It was the most exciting part of a game the Irish dominated from the opening tip.

"We're talking about a team in

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Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines drives to the hoop in Notre Dame's 87-66 win over Richmond on Nov. 28, 2006.

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DEFENSIVE END TREVOR LAWS IS ENTERING THE HOME STRETCH OF A CAREER THAT HAS SEEN HIM DEVELOP INTO AN INTEGRAL PART OF NOTRE DAME'S DEFENSE.

CURTAIN CALL

COMMENTARY

Weis gets it right after early fumbles

Charlie Weis has faltered more than a few times this season.

But this week, at least, he's been a heck of a coach.

On Tuesday, Weis broke the news to Robert Hughes (and other players and reporters, separately) that Hughes' older brother, Earl, had died. Weis told Hughes to take as much time away from football as he needed.

"Something like that, how can you give him a time frame?" Weis said.

On Wednesday, Hughes was back. Weis said the freshman running back returned because of classes and to have a distraction from the grim reality for a while. Weis again insisted that Hughes could take things at his own pace, that he could try to play against Navy if he wanted to, but there was no rush.

On Thursday night, Weis was scheduled to drive Hughes to his home in Chicago to be with his family. Weis didn't want the freshman driving 90 miles, alone and facing his brother's funeral. He also wanted to spend "one-on-one time" with Hughes, something not so common on teams with more than 80 scholarship players, and sit and talk with Hughes' family.

What's more, Weis went through the athletic department's compliance office and the NCAA to arrange for one or two buses to take coaches and players close to Hughes to services for Earl on Friday.

That all might seem natural and nondescript, but that's precisely the point.

There's a reason Notre Dame alumni cling so dearly to the tradition of athletes living in normal dorms just like everyone else — because they are just like everyone else. And when football coaches react to human situations in humane manners, that's a good thing. Too often, sports celebrities try to construct a false wall between the public and themselves; the line is simple, and it's repeated often — "you just don't get it."

But here, there was no sign of that mentality. Weis made an analogy about a father or a mother — what they would do. By driving to Chicago, the coach is missing time he would otherwise spend studying tape, formulating a game plan or recruiting. But it's the right thing to do.

This week, Weis' good decisions aren't just in the off-the-

field arena. He gave the first indication that Notre Dame just might be able to fix its performance fortunes sometime soon.

If the first step to overcoming a football problem is recognizing it exists, Weis moved onto Step 2. A reporter with the Navy press corps asked Weis what the biggest problems with the Irish are this year. The question was marvelous.

"For those of us who haven't followed Notre Dame football as closely as those people who cover it on a regular basis or are fans, could you kind of just quickly summarize what you feel has happened this year?" the reporter asked. "Is it simply a case of being hit hard by graduation and the younger players who have been asked to fill in just haven't performed or were not ready or the inexperience? In your overall big picture analysis, what's led to 1-7?"

The answer was better.

"Well, first of all, let's start with coaching," Weis said. "... I, probably, with the transition that we've had from last year to this year, have not done the best job of having the team ready to go on a week in and week out basis. And we probably should leave it at that one because if you are looking for

me to give you a whole dossier of problems that have happened this year, there would be too many things."

There was a follow-up, with the reporter hoping to get Weis to say the team's inexperience has been a "crucial factor" in its failings.

Weis didn't bite. "It's a factor, but that's what it is," Weis said. "It's a factor; it's not the factor. ... I started with what I felt was the No. 1 reason, and I think that if you start with the head coach doing a better job, then you'd probably have a better record."

He told the truth. The inexperience has hurt, but he has also done a crummy job at times, which has set the team back. But simply by acknowledging that flaw, he's starting to turn things around.

It's just a week, but a week in which Weis showed why he still earns trust among fans: He can make good decisions about football and about life. That is the combination Notre Dame sought when it hired him, the combination we saw in 2005 with "Pass Right," and the combination that was lacking this season.

Not anymore.

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2007 Irish opponents

| | Last week | This week |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|
|  | (5-3) Idle | vs Va. Tech |
|  | (6-3) L, 17-37, Ohio St. | vs Purdue |
|  | (7-2) W, 30-13, Minn. | at Michigan St. |
|  | (5-4) L, 27-34, Iowa | vs Michigan |
|  | (7-2) W, 35-17, N'Western | at Penn State |
|  | (5-3) L, 7-27, Wash. St. | at Arizona |
|  | (8-0) W, 14-10, Va. Tech | vs Florida State |
|  | (6-2) L, 17-24, Oregon | vs Oregon State |
|  | (4-4) L, 52-59, Delaware | at Notre Dame |
|  | (6-3) L, 31-34, New Mex. | vs Army |
|  | (1-7) L, 6-25, FSU | vs Clemson |
|  | (3-5) L, 6-23, Oreg. St. | vs Washington |

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Going out in style

Trevor Laws has shined in his career despite coaching changes and a switch in defensive scheme



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Irish defensive end Trevor Laws celebrates a fumble recovery in Notre Dame's 31-14 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 22. Laws has 67 tackles in eight games this season.

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Last season, Trevor Laws was part of an all-senior defensive line for Notre Dame as a defensive tackle. But after tackle Derek Landri and ends Victor Abiamiri and Chris Frome graduated, Laws was the only experienced defensive lineman on Notre Dame's roster who could return for a fifth year.

Laws took that fifth year to try to improve his play on a solid team, but instead has been one of the top players on one of the worst teams in the nation.

But he wouldn't trade it in for anything.

"If I could go back in time, I would make the exact same decision because I've had great moments with my good friends here," he said.

Life before Weis

Laws came out of Apple Valley High School in Apple Valley, Minn., as one of the top recruits from Minnesota — even though his team was never one of the best in the state.

"Apple Valley High School was a great place. We were never really that good, but we played hard every game," he said.

Laws played on both sides of the ball in high school as a versatile lineman on offense and as a tackle on defense — although he made his name as a defensive standout.

As a senior, Laws had 87 tackles, 11 sacks. Before that, he had 85 tackles, 10 sacks and 25 tackles for loss as a junior — enough to make him a first team all-state selection.

But in high school, football may not have been Laws' best sport. He finished his high school wrestling career as a three-time all-American with a 142-5 record, including an undefeated 49-0 campaign as the top-ranked super-heavyweight in his junior season.

In football, Laws made consis-

tent appearances on various football recruiting lists, and was named an ESPN.com and USA Today prep All-American. Laws was rated the No. 2 defensive tackle in the country his senior season and earned Gatorade player of the year honors in Minnesota.

When colleges came to recruit Laws, he knew that he wanted to go to a Big Ten school so that he could be close to home; Notre Dame wasn't on his initial list.

"I wasn't always a Notre Dame fan, and when I first got the letter to come here I didn't know if that was the right decision for me," he said.

But when he sat down and thought about it, Laws decided that Notre Dame's combination of athletics and academics — he was a member of the National Honor Society in high school — made it a good place to go.

When Laws entered the University, he played his first two seasons under coach Tyrone Willingham. He did not get on the field as a freshman and finished his sophomore season with 17 tackles, two pass break-ups and a forced fumble.

When Willingham was fired on Nov. 30, 2004, Laws said he was shocked.

"It was tough; I didn't see it coming at all. Coming to Notre Dame you think you're going to be with this guy you're whole career and then he gets fired," he said. "So it's tough, but [coach Charlie] Weis came in and we had such a successful year and thought this was going to be great so that made it easier. But it's always tough losing some of your coaches."

Becoming a star

When Weis took over, Laws said, it took some adjusting to

the new coach's personality.

"It was definitely a little bit of culture shock but you get used to it fast," Laws said. "And [defensive line] coach [Jappy] Oliver has been a great position coach, it's been great having him with me."

Laws took immediate advantage of the new system, earning a starting job as a defensive tackle in his junior season. Laws started all 12 games on the defensive line but netted only 33 tackles and 1 1/2 sacks.

Even though Laws had relatively modest numbers, his coaches still saw the potential he had to be a top-tier defensive player.

"Even when I first got here I have always thought that Trevor was a great technician. I really have," Oliver said.

Oliver also said that Laws has been relentless — especially this season — in trying to make a big play on every down.

"The one thing I've tried to do is get him to trust his instincts, because Trevor has great instincts," Oliver said. "And a lot of players do not trust them; they get a feel for it, but that's what it's all about. If you sense something, trust your instincts and go play."

Weis said that Laws reminds him of a lot of the great defensive tackles he faced as an offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots.

"He's a very disruptive inside player because he's not only short but he's powerful and quick off the ball and the schemes of the teams that we were coaching had a lot more of the two-gap type players," Weis said. "He's definitely more a prototypical 4-3 inside defensive lineman. There's a whole bunch that he reminds me of — those pain in the butts that are

always in the backfield."

Laws played well in 2006 alongside fellow seniors Abiamiri, Landri and Frome. He had 62 tackles, 3 1/2 sacks, 9 1/2 tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

But things all changed this season since his teammates on the line all left — and so did defensive coordinator Rick Minter.

One of the most important decisions for Laws was whether he should even take the fifth year. But he said that he has a lot of friends in the fifth-year class, and they decided to play one more year together.

"In the end, we decided it would be the best for all of us to come back and play another year at Notre Dame, another year for each other and also at the same time elevate ourselves in the draft for next year," he said.

Still, when Corwin Brown came in and brought his 3-4 personnel defense, everything changed for Laws.

Elder statesman

Laws was one of the players most affected by the new defensive scheme. Laws said that he sees himself as more of a defensive tackle in a 4-3, but had to make the adjustment to playing end.

To prepare for the change, Laws said, he lost some weight and did drills to increase his speed and mobility because he would have more room to work with on the end.

Weis said that even though Laws is listed as an end, he has played every position on the line this season — something that will help him at the next level.

"He's played both inside and outside both left and right this year so what he's really done is he's elevated his status," Weis said. "He can play left defensive tackle, right defensive tackle, left end or right end. So he's really helped himself, rather than get pigeonholed at just one spot."

But the biggest change was

not from tackle to end, but in becoming one of the leaders on the field.

This year's Irish defensive line is filled with young, inexperienced players — except for Laws and nose tackle Pat Kuntz — so Laws took it on himself to be the leader of that group.

"During spring ball ... I looked down the line and saw all the new faces and knew that it was up to me to help teach these guys how to play football," Laws said. "At first it was tough with guys learning their positions and everything and learning how to play, but now it's a point in the season where guys are playing great football and I don't have to say anything anymore."

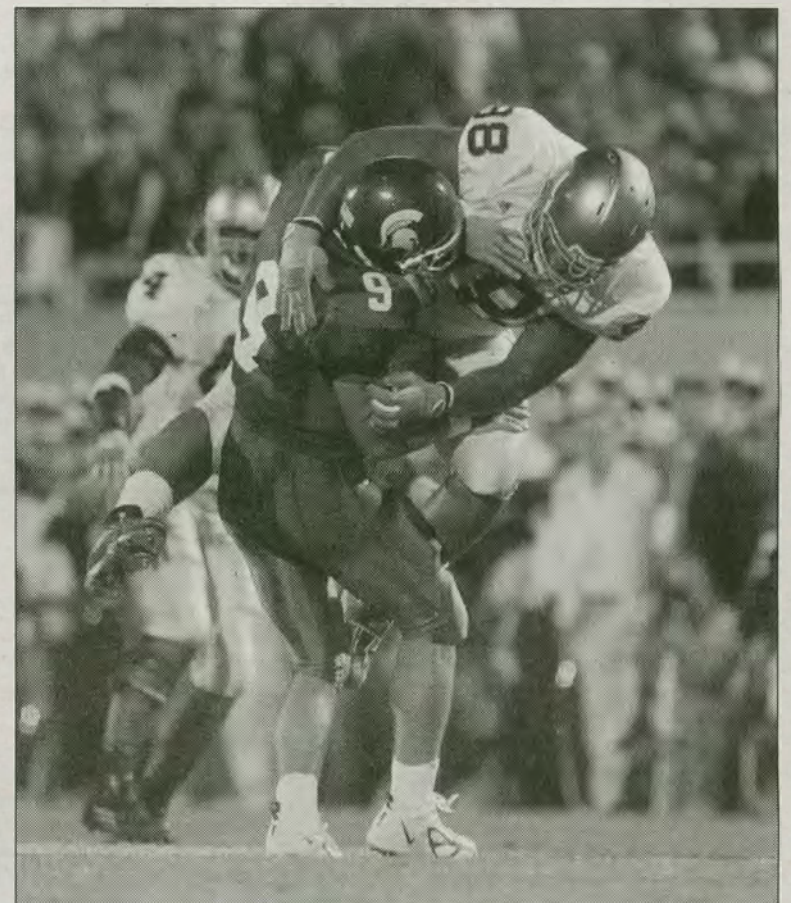
Laws said that he expected the team to struggle because of the losses on the offensive side of the ball but never would have thought the team could have been this bad. Moreover, he said that his solid season — 67 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and four pass breakups — cannot overshadow the team's performance.

"I will never feel good about this season, but maybe in the future it will be easier to look back ... on myself and see the positives," Laws said. "But I will never be OK with the way we played," he said.

But one of the toughest parts of being the lone senior on such a young defensive line has been focusing on this season's final four games — his last at Notre Dame.

"Some people are saying 'I'm looking forward to next year, this is the beginning of next year,' or something like that and I don't want to think about it that way," Laws said. "The way I do think about it sometimes is just helping younger guys because it is my team and they're going to be playing next year for my school, so just helping them along and playing hard these last four games."

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Irish defensive lineman Trevor Laws tackles Spartans quarterback Stephen Reaves in Notre Dame's 31-24 win over Michigan State in 2004.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 1-7
AP: NR
Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis head coach

Charlie Weis
Third season at Notre Dame.
career record:
20-13
at Notre Dame:
20-13
against Navy:
2-0

Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | YR |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|----|
| 1 | D.J. Hurd | WR | 6-1 | 196 | JR |
| 2 | Darrin Walls | DB | 6-1 | 180 | SO |
| 4 | Gary Gray | DB | 5-11 | 180 | FR |
| 5 | Armando Allen | RB | 5-10 | 190 | FR |
| 6 | Ray Herring | DB | 5-10 | 197 | JR |
| 7 | Jimmy Clausen | QB | 6-3 | 207 | FR |
| 8 | Raeshon McNeil | DB | 6-0 | 187 | SO |
| 9 | Tom Zbikowski | DB | 6-0 | 207 | SR |
| 11 | David Grimes | WR | 5-10 | 177 | JR |
| 12 | Darrin Bragg | QB | 6-1 | 188 | SR |
| 13 | Evan Sharpley | QB | 6-2 | 216 | JR |
| 14 | Brandon Walker | K | 6-3 | 197 | FR |
| 15 | Leo Ferrine | DB | 6-0 | 189 | SR |
| 16 | Justin Gillett | QB | 5-11 | 180 | SR |
| 17 | Geoffrey Price | P | 6-3 | 208 | SR |
| 18 | Duval Kamara | WR | 6-5 | 222 | FR |
| 19 | George West | WR | 5-10 | 197 | SO |
| 20 | Terrail Lambert | DB | 5-11 | 191 | SR |
| 21 | Barry Gallup Jr. | WR | 5-11 | 185 | SO |
| 22 | Ambrose Wooden | CB | 5-11 | 196 | SR |
| 23 | Golden Tate | WR | 5-11 | 188 | FR |
| 23 | W. David Williams | DB | 5-9 | 173 | SR |
| 24 | Leonard Gordon | DB | 5-11 | 194 | SO |
| 25 | Munir Prince | DB | 5-10 | 184 | SO |
| 26 | Travis Thomas | RB | 6-0 | 216 | SR |
| 27 | David Bruton | DB | 6-2 | 207 | JR |
| 28 | Kyle McCarthy | DB | 6-1 | 207 | JR |
| 29 | Jashaad Gaines | DB | 6-0 | 203 | SO |
| 29 | Jake Richardville | WR | 6-1 | 180 | SR |
| 30 | Harrison Smith | DB | 6-2 | 205 | FR |
| 31 | Sergio Brown | DB | 6-2 | 196 | SO |
| 32 | Luke Schmidt | RB | 6-3 | 248 | SO |
| 33 | Robert Hughes | RB | 5-11 | 238 | FR |
| 34 | James Aldridge | RB | 6-0 | 222 | SO |
| 35 | Nate Whitaker | K | 5-9 | 165 | FR |
| 35 | Kevin Smith | LB | 5-8 | 200 | JR |
| 36 | Dex Cure | RB | 6-1 | 220 | SO |
| 37 | Junior Jabbie | RB | 5-11 | 205 | SR |
| 38 | Wade Iams | DB | 5-9 | 183 | SR |
| 39 | Ryan Burkhardt | K | 5-11 | 196 | SO |
| 39 | Kevin Brooks | TE | 6-2 | 241 | JR |
| 40 | Maurice Crum, Jr. | LB | 6-0 | 230 | SR |
| 41 | Scott Smith | LB | 6-4 | 235 | JR |
| 42 | Kevin Washington | LB | 6-1 | 241 | JR |
| 43 | Eric Maust | P | 5-10 | 177 | SO |
| 43 | John Leonis | DB | 5-9 | 169 | JR |
| 44 | Asaph Schwapp | FB | 6-0 | 261 | JR |
| 45 | Mike Anello | DB | 5-10 | 180 | JR |
| 45 | Kris Patterson | WR | 5-11 | 185 | JR |
| 47 | Aaron Nagel | LB | 6-1 | 229 | FR |
| 48 | Steve Quinn | LB | 6-2 | 231 | JR |
| 49 | Toryan Smith | LB | 6-1 | 245 | SO |
| 50 | Steve Paskorz | LB | 6-2 | 235 | FR |
| 51 | Dan Wenger | OL | 6-4 | 287 | SO |
| 52 | Joe Brockington | LB | 6-2 | 240 | SR |
| 53 | Morrice Richardson | LB | 6-2 | 244 | SO |
| 54 | Anthony Vernaglia | LB | 6-3 | 234 | SR |
| 55 | Eric Olsen | OL | 6-4 | 303 | SO |
| 56 | Kerry Neal | LB | 6-2 | 245 | FR |
| 57 | Dwight Stephenson | DL | 6-2 | 272 | SR |
| 58 | Brian Smith | LB | 6-3 | 233 | FR |
| 59 | Chris Stewart | OL | 6-5 | 339 | SO |
| 61 | J.J. Jansen | LS | 6-3 | 242 | SR |
| 63 | Jeff Tisak | OL | 6-5 | 306 | JR |
| 67 | Tom Bemenderfer | OL | 6-5 | 285 | JR |
| 69 | Neil Kennedy | DL | 5-11 | 266 | SR |
| 70 | Matt Romine | OL | 6-5 | 279 | FR |
| 71 | Bartley Webb | OL | 6-6 | 305 | SO |
| 72 | Paul Duncan | OL | 6-7 | 308 | JR |
| 73 | Matt Carufel | OL | 6-5 | 295 | SO |
| 74 | Sam Young | OL | 6-8 | 310 | SO |
| 75 | Taylor Dever | OL | 6-5 | 289 | FR |
| 76 | Andrew Nuss | DL | 6-5 | 292 | FR |
| 77 | Michael Turkovich | OL | 6-6 | 301 | JR |
| 78 | John Sullivan | OL | 6-4 | 303 | SR |
| 80 | Richard Jackson | WR | 6-3 | 204 | SO |
| 82 | Robby Parris | WR | 6-4 | 209 | SO |
| 83 | Mike Ragone | TE | 6-5 | 230 | FR |
| 84 | Will Yeatman | TE | 6-6 | 264 | SO |
| 85 | Sam Vas | WR | 5-10 | 199 | SO |
| 89 | John Carlson | TE | 6-6 | 255 | SR |
| 90 | John Ryan | LB | 6-5 | 253 | SO |
| 91 | Imeka Nwankwo | DL | 6-4 | 283 | FR |
| 92 | Derrell Hand | DL | 6-3 | 287 | JR |
| 93 | Paddy Mullen | DL | 6-5 | 290 | SO |
| 94 | Justin Brown | DL | 6-3 | 261 | SR |
| 95 | Ian Williams | DL | 6-2 | 300 | FR |
| 96 | Pat Kuntz | DL | 6-3 | 285 | JR |
| 97 | Kallen Wade | DL | 6-5 | 257 | SO |
| 98 | Trevor Laws | DL | 6-1 | 296 | SR |

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 GA. TECH — L
Sept. 8 at Penn State — L
Sept. 15 at Michigan — L
Sept. 22 MICH. ST. — L
Sept. 29 at Purdue — L
Oct. 6 at UCLA — W
Oct. 13 BC — L
Oct. 20 USC — L
Nov. 3 NAVY
Nov. 10 AIR FORCE
Nov. 17 DUKE
Nov. 24 at Stanford

HEAD TO

Notre Dame Fighting Irish



COACHING

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NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame is in the midst of one of its worst seasons ever. Charlie Weis must show progress in the last four games of this year to build for the future and keep his players believing he can someday lead them to a championship.

Evan Sharpley will start again this week at quarterback for the Irish after struggling in his first career start against USC. Sharpley has completed 53 percent of his passes this year with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

The best thing that can be said for Notre Dame's rushing attack right now is that the Irish are averaging positive yards per game — which wasn't the case early in the season. James Aldridge returns from a high ankle sprain this week.

If Sharpley can throw like he did against Purdue or, at times, against Boston College, the Irish will have success. If he plays like he did against USC, however, Notre Dame will struggle. Duval Kamara and Robby Parris will start at receiver this week.

NAVY

In 2002, Paul Johnson took over a program that had won just one game in two years. Six years later, he is 39-19 overall and 5-0 against Army. The Midshipmen are one of the few teams that still run the wishbone, and they run it very well.

Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada got his first start last season against the Irish and played well. Now a veteran, he is averaging 80 yards rushing and 80 passing per game this season, leading the Midshipmen in both.

The Navy front is severely undersized and has been pushed around by several teams this season. The Midshipmen are allowing nearly 180 yards on the ground per game this season, including 237 to Air Force.

Navy has been torched through the air this year, allowing more than 280 yards per game. Last week, Delaware threw for 434 yards and scored four touchdowns through the air. The Midshipmen are last in the nation in sacks.

ANALYSIS

Johnson is one of the best coaches in football and will probably get a shot at a BCS conference school soon — if he wants to leave. Weis has the ability to turn the Irish around eventually, but the 2007 squad has been historically awful.

Kaheaku-Enhada runs the option to perfection and is always a threat to break a big gain on the ground. He has also been solid throwing the ball. Sharpley has shown flashes, but has not been very consistent this season.

Notre Dame's running game has been non-existent, but Navy's small defensive front seven may be just what the doctor ordered, especially with Aldridge healthy again. On the other hand, Notre Dame hasn't shown the ability to run on anyone yet.

Like its rush defense, Navy's pass defense is awful — but so is Notre Dame's passing game. The Irish should look better this week, but whether they will show the consistency they have lacked most of this season is up in the air.

Irish experts



Ken Fowler Sports Writer

If only this were any other year in the Paul Johnson era, then Navy would be a shoe-in. But it's not. Still, Navy can score — and the Midshipmen will. The Irish will need to put up at least four touchdowns. Navy's defense may be porous, but Notre Dame has taken advantage of defenses for a grand total of only two quarters this season. And the last time Navy beat Notre Dame? 1963, a year very similar to this one.

FINAL SCORE: Navy 31
Notre Dame 20



Chris Khorey Sports Editor

Notre Dame will finally be able to move the ball this week against Navy's undersized and struggling defense, especially with James Aldridge back. Defensively, the Irish will need to play assignment football against the option. Outside linebackers John Ryan, Kerry Neal and Brian Smith will be especially key in this regard. In the end, Notre Dame will overpower the Midshipmen.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28
Navy 20

HEAD

Navy Midshipmen



Navy 2007 Schedule

Aug. 31 at Temple — W
 Sept. 7 at Rutgers — L
 Sept. 15 BALL STATE — L
 Sept. 22 DUKE — W
 Sept. 29 AIR FORCE — W
 Oct. 10 at Pittsburgh — W
 Oct. 20 WAKE — L
 Oct. 27 DELAWARE — L
 Nov. 3 at Notre Dame
 Nov. 10 at North Texas
 Nov. 17 N. ILLINOIS
 Dec. 1 Army (Baltimore)

Navy
Midshipmen
Record: 4-4
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Paul Johnson
 Sixth season at Navy.
 career record:
 101-29
 at Navy:
 39-19
 against Notre
 Dame: 0-5



Paul Johnson
head coach

Roster

| No. | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | YR |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|-----|----|
| 1 | Blake Carter | DB | 5-11 | 188 | SO |
| 2 | Jack Hatcher | QB | 5-11 | 194 | SO |
| 3 | Jared Bryant | QB | 5-10 | 185 | JR |
| 4 | Josh Ulrich | DB | 5-10 | 185 | JR |
| 5 | David Bohner | K | 6-1 | 175 | FR |
| 6 | Jesse Iwuji | DB | 6-1 | 179 | SO |
| 7 | Ricky Dobbs | QB | 6-1 | 190 | FR |
| 8 | David Dawson | DB | 5-9 | 172 | SO |
| 9 | Corey Johnson | DB | 6-2 | 192 | SR |
| 10 | Dell Robinson | LB | 5-11 | 215 | SR |
| 11 | James Howell | DB | 5-8 | 175 | FR |
| 12 | Reggie Campbell | RB | 5-6 | 168 | SR |
| 13 | Wyatt Middleton | DB | 6-0 | 200 | FR |
| 14 | Matt Bova | WR | 6-0 | 185 | FR |
| 15 | Matt Humiston | LB | 5-11 | 207 | SR |
| 16 | K. Kaheaku-Enhada | QB | 5-11 | 194 | JR |
| 17 | Ketric Buffin | CB | 5-7 | 170 | JR |
| 18 | Greg Harrell | WR | 6-4 | 200 | FR |
| 19 | Troy Goss | QB | 6-2 | 211 | SR |
| 20 | Greg Zingler | QB | 6-0 | 197 | SO |
| 21 | Kevin Edwards | DB | 6-2 | 197 | FR |
| 22 | Jared Smearman | P | 6-1 | 195 | JR |
| 23 | Joey Taylor | DB | 6-2 | 175 | JR |
| 24 | Jeff Deliz | DB | 5-11 | 195 | SR |
| 25 | Joe Buckley | P | 5-9 | 170 | FR |
| 26 | Rashawn King | DB | 6-0 | 190 | JR |
| 27 | Jason Wright | DB | 6-1 | 190 | FR |
| 28 | Matt Harmon | K | 5-10 | 182 | JR |
| 29 | Julius Bratton | RB | 5-8 | 185 | FR |
| 30 | Casey Nichols | LB | 6-0 | 192 | JR |
| 31 | Adam Ballard | FB | 6-1 | 236 | SR |
| 32 | Scott Oswald | RB | 5-11 | 200 | SO |
| 33 | Charles Summers | LB | 6-0 | 180 | FR |
| 34 | Greg Sudderth | WR | 6-2 | 207 | SR |
| 35 | Frank Rizzo | RB | 5-9 | 181 | SO |
| 36 | Emmett Merchant | CB | 5-9 | 185 | FR |
| 37 | Shun White | RB | 5-9 | 186 | JR |
| 38 | James Ousley | LB | 6-2 | 195 | FR |
| 39 | Zerbin Singleton | RB | 5-8 | 164 | SR |
| 40 | Joe Davis | DB | 6-0 | 185 | FR |
| 41 | Josh Stewart | LB | 6-1 | 205 | FR |
| 42 | Greg Veteto | P | 5-7 | 178 | SR |
| 43 | Armando Guerrero | LB | 5-11 | 194 | FR |
| 44 | Kevin Snyder | DB | 5-11 | 194 | JR |
| 45 | Bobby Doyle | DB | 5-11 | 194 | SO |
| 46 | Ram Vela | DB | 5-9 | 196 | SO |
| 47 | Wes Holland | RB | 5-11 | 197 | FR |
| 48 | Kyle Delahooke | K | 6-1 | 185 | FR |
| 49 | Eric Kettani | FB | 5-9 | 180 | FR |
| 50 | James Simien | LB | 6-1 | 210 | FR |
| 51 | Darius Terry | CB | 5-7 | 168 | FR |
| 52 | John Charles White | K | 6-2 | 199 | FR |
| 53 | Michael Walsh | DL | 6-2 | 239 | JR |
| 54 | Michael Sweeney | LB | 6-3 | 215 | FR |
| 55 | Joey Bullen | K | 5-10 | 189 | SR |
| 56 | Glen Woods | FB | 5-11 | 226 | SO |
| 57 | Ian Meredith | LB | 6-3 | 229 | SO |
| 58 | Scott Reider | LS | 6-0 | 213 | JR |
| 59 | Tyler Simmons | LB | 6-3 | 208 | FR |
| 60 | Vince Murray | FB | 6-1 | 205 | FR |
| 61 | Clint Sovie | LB | 5-11 | 201 | FR |
| 62 | Mke Schupp | WR | 5-10 | 165 | FR |
| 63 | Kevin Campbell | FB | 5-11 | 193 | SO |
| 64 | Travis Sudderth | LB | 6-2 | 215 | FR |
| 65 | Devan Clark | FB | 5-10 | 210 | FR |
| 66 | Jordan Reagan | DB | 5-9 | 177 | SR |
| 67 | Jerry Haubinger | LB | 6-0 | 212 | FR |
| 68 | Craig Schaefer | LB | 6-2 | 215 | FR |
| 69 | Tony Haberer | LB | 6-1 | 229 | SO |
| 70 | Ross Pospisil | LB | 6-0 | 223 | SO |
| 71 | Patrick Snow | OL | 6-1 | 284 | FR |
| 72 | Jordan Eddington | LB | 6-0 | 225 | SO |
| 73 | Josh Meek | LB | 6-1 | 274 | SR |
| 74 | Mat Wimsatt | OL | 6-1 | 216 | SR |
| 75 | Irv Spencer | LB | 6-0 | 238 | SR |
| 76 | Jordan Young | SR | 6-0 | 213 | SR |
| 77 | Zach Weatherington | OL | 6-4 | 260 | SO |
| 78 | Jonathan Alvarado | LB | 6-2 | 227 | SR |
| 79 | Matt Nechak | DL | 6-4 | 244 | SO |
| 80 | Austin Milke | OL | 6-3 | 260 | SO |
| 81 | Ryan Burke | OL | 6-3 | 268 | FR |
| 82 | Penetekoso Peau | OL | 6-1 | 263 | SO |
| 83 | Antron Harper | OL | 5-11 | 272 | SR |
| 84 | Michael Von Bargaen | OL | 6-5 | 272 | JR |
| 85 | Sander Gossard | OL | 6-4 | 273 | JR |
| 86 | Paul Bridgers | OL | 6-3 | 268 | SR |
| 87 | Curtis Bass | OL | 6-1 | 275 | SO |
| 88 | Ricky Moore | OL | 6-4 | 283 | JR |
| 89 | Jordan Stephens | OL | 6-0 | 240 | FR |
| 90 | David Brown | OL | 6-3 | 273 | SO |
| 91 | Reyn Kaupiko | OL | 5-11 | 263 | SR |
| 92 | Anthony Gaskins | OL | 6-1 | 281 | JR |
| 93 | Chad Peterson | OL | 6-4 | 271 | JR |
| 94 | Ben Gabbard | OL | 6-4 | 297 | SR |
| 95 | Andrew McGinn | OL | 6-1 | 255 | JR |
| 96 | Bayard Roberts | DL | 6-2 | 233 | SO |
| 97 | Jeff Lenar | DL | 6-6 | 268 | SO |
| 98 | Ruggard Narsgakk | DL | 6-6 | 228 | SO |
| 99 | Osei Asante | OL | 6-1 | 270 | SO |
| 100 | OJ Washington | WR | 5-10 | 188 | SR |
| 101 | Nick Henderson | WR | 6-4 | 206 | SO |
| 102 | Eric Montgomery | WR | 6-1 | 185 | SO |
| 103 | Will Scarle | DL | 6-4 | 242 | JR |
| 104 | T.J. Thiel | WR | 6-0 | 191 | JR |
| 105 | Curtis Sharp | WR | 6-4 | 239 | JR |
| 106 | Mike Mathews | WR | 6-1 | 191 | SO |
| 107 | James Dryden | WR | 6-3 | 206 | SO |
| 108 | Steve Dorman | DL | 6-8 | 245 | JR |
| 109 | Tyree Barnes | WR | 6-2 | 188 | JR |
| 110 | Andy Lark | DL | 6-0 | 289 | SO |
| 111 | Ryan Griffith | DL | 6-2 | 257 | JR |
| 112 | Chris Kuhar-Pitters | DL | 6-2 | 258 | SR |
| 113 | Andrew Burger | DL | 6-3 | 243 | SO |
| 114 | Derik Roth child | DL | 6-3 | 251 | JR |
| 115 | John Maddox | DL | 6-4 | 257 | JR |
| 116 | Alex Home | LB | 6-0 | 223 | JR |
| 117 | Kyle Bookhout | DL | 6-2 | 240 | SO |
| 118 | Artie Pauls | DL | 6-1 | 244 | JR |
| 119 | Nate Frazier | DL | 6-3 | 285 | SO |

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ANALYSIS

MIDSHIPMEN RUSHING

The Irish have struggled defending the run this year, allowing more than 190 yards per game. The Notre Dame front seven is undersized and has been bitten by the injury bug. The bye week should have allowed Maurice Crum to recover from a foot injury.

MIDSHIPMEN PASSING

Notre Dame's pass defense has been its strength this season, although Matt Ryan and Mark Sanchez had good days against the Irish. Notre Dame's defensive backs will need to improve their tackling to help out against the option.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Irish special teams have suffered massive breakdowns at times this season. Last game, a USC punt hit Munir Prince in the back and was recovered by the Trojans. The Irish also had a field goal blocked and struggled on kick returns.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame has had a bye week to lick its wounds and prepare for the option. The team and campus are chipper after fall break and have put the USC game behind them — but the Irish are still 1-7 with all the psychological issues that go with it.

Navy leads the nation in rushing, with more than 340 yards per game from their option-based attack. Seven Midshipmen backs average more than 10 yards rushing per game. Kaheaku-Enhada is the leader, with a little more than 80 yards per game.

The Midshipmen rarely pass, saving it for third and long situations. When they do, they occasionally bring in backup quarterback Jarod Bryant, who has completed 58 percent of his passes this year.

Reggie Campbell is tiny, but a very quick returner who is a threat to take a kickoff or punt back for a touchdown every time. The Midshipmen also have two solid placekickers, Matt Harmon and Joey Bullen.

The Midshipmen smell blood in the water. This is their best chance to end the losing streak since at least 2003, if not long before that. They are coming off a disheartening loss to Delaware, but they will be fired up to play the Irish.

While Navy's option offense differs from the power running games that have given Notre Dame fits, it is still very effective on the ground. The Irish will have to stay disciplined and tackle well in order to slow the Midshipmen down.

Navy's passing game will probably be a non-factor in this game. Either Notre Dame will shut it down or Navy will rarely be in third and long — or both. The Midshipmen might try to find success with play action.

Notre Dame's special teams have suffered nearly every breakdown imaginable — except a return for a touchdown. In order to keep that going this week, the Irish will have to contain Campbell — or kick away from him.

Aside from Army, Notre Dame is the biggest game of Navy's season, and the Midshipmen have been frustrated 43 straight times against the Irish. This might be the worst ND team since the 2-7 1963 squad that was Navy's last victim.



Chris Hine
Sports Editor

Navy brings in its No. 1 rushing offense against Notre Dame's below average rush defense. But the Irish, for as bad as they've been this season, should put up points against the Midshipmen. Navy gave up 59 points to Delaware, a championship subdivision team, last week. If the Irish can't score on the Midshipmen, I quit. Even though Notre Dame will score a few touchdowns, Navy still wins.

FINAL SCORE: Navy 35
Notre Dame 24



Jay Fitzpatrick
Associate Sports Editor

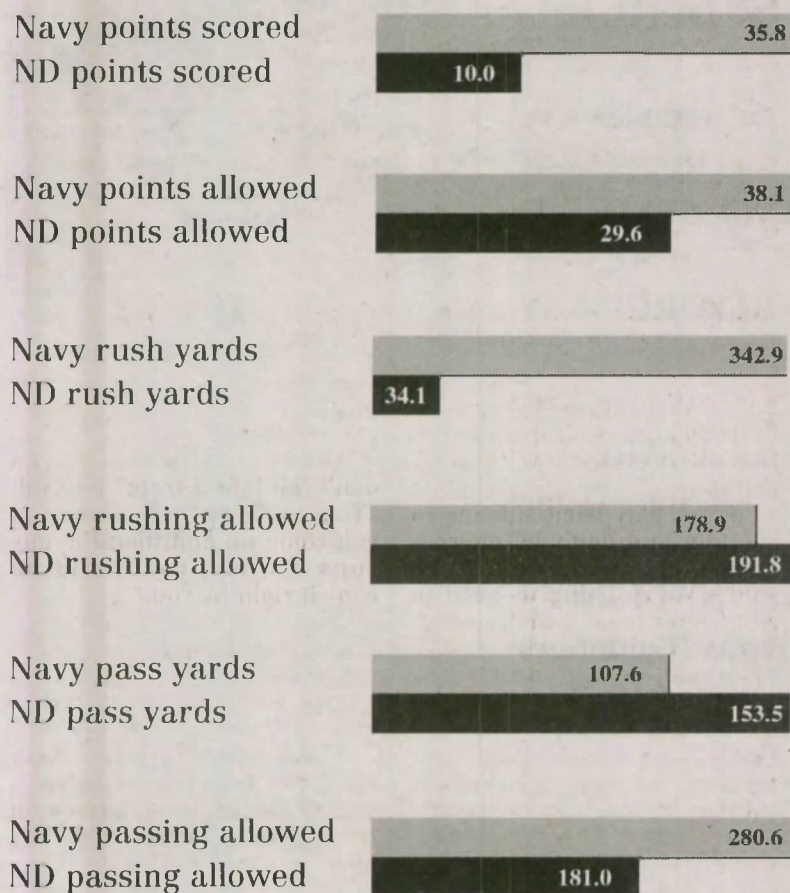
Notre Dame has had a rough going of it this year, but because of its backward scheduling it now starts the cupcake part of the season. Navy has been able to score a lot of points this season, but it has given up even more. The Irish rush defense should be able to contain the option decently and the offense will score enough to keep the winning streak alive.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Navy 14

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Crunching the numbers

AVERAGE PER GAME

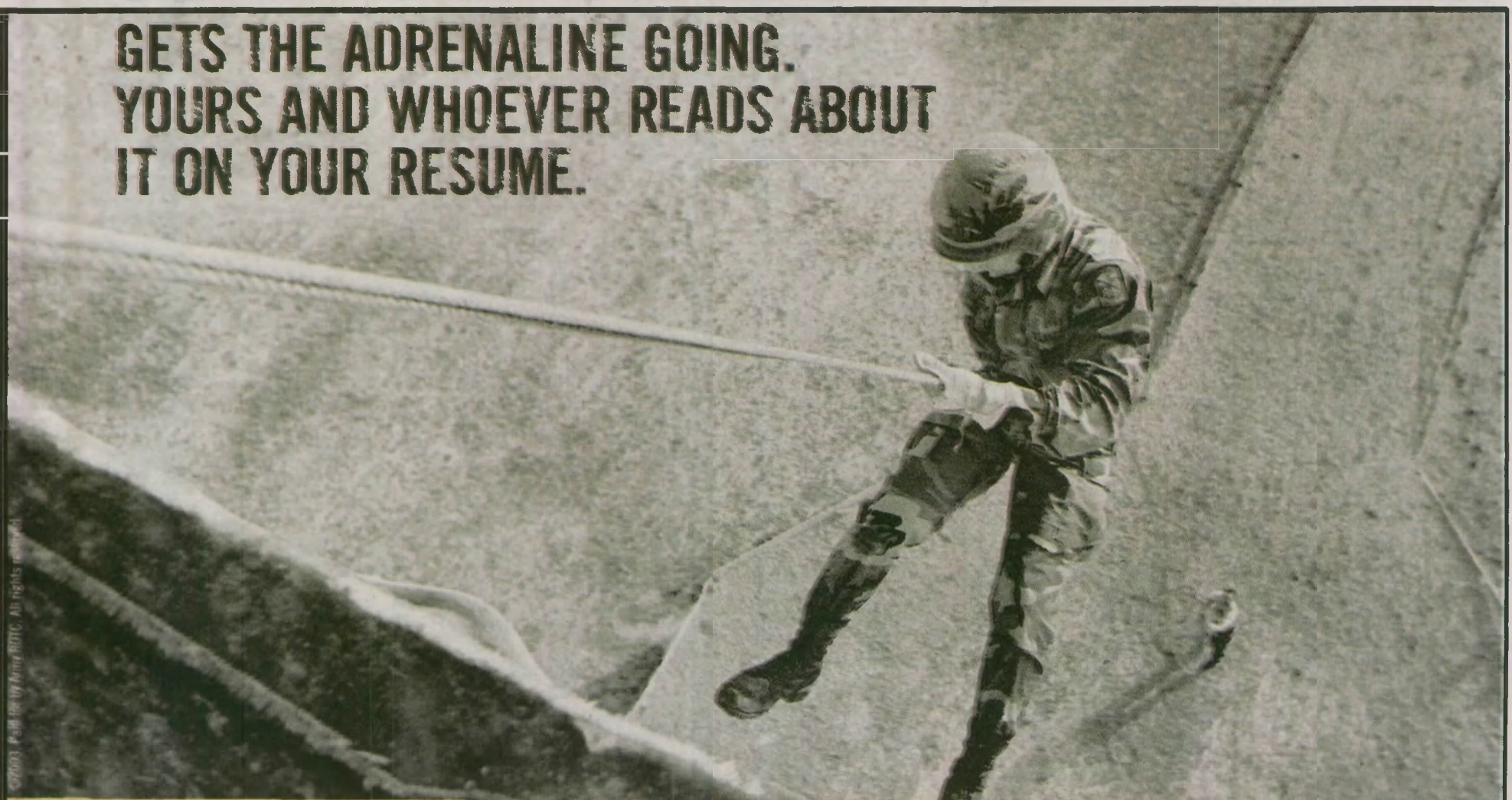


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| No. 15 Texas at Oklahoma State | Ok. St. | Texas | Texas | Texas |
| Tennessee Tech at No. 16 Auburn | Auburn | Auburn | Auburn | Auburn |
| Cincinnati at No. 18 South Florida | Cincy | USF | USF | Cincy |
| Oregon State at No. 19 USC | USC | USC | USC | USC |
| Vanderbilt at No. 20 Florida | UF | UF | UF | UF |
| San Jose State at No. 22 Boise State | Boise | Boise | Boise | Boise |
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U.S. ARMY

Irish defense to face potent option attack

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has played Navy since 1927 and, for much of that time, the Midshipmen have run the triple option.

But few Navy teams have moved the ball as well as the 2007 edition.

The Midshipmen are No. 1 in the nation in rushing, averaging more than 340 yards per game. They have scored an average of 35 points per game and put 52 points on Delaware last week in a loss.

The good news for the Irish is that they had last week off and have been preparing to stop the option for nearly two weeks. But as defensive line coach Jappy Oliver said, stopping the scout team is much different than stopping the Midshipmen.

"It's entirely different," Oliver said. "Within your own team, you don't have people that run that type of offense. You don't have the quarterback or that kind of running backs or linemen that block like that."

The Navy offense operates out of a double-wing formation, with a fullback behind the quarterback and two wingbacks behind and just outside of the tackles. From this formation, the Midshipmen run a dizzying array of options, counters and misdirections.

"They're scoring points in bunches," Oliver said. "If

you're not used to seeing it, it's very difficult [to stop]."

Up front, the undersized Navy linemen often use a cut-block technique, diving at the defensive line's ankles to knock them over to open up running lanes. The blocks are not only effective — they're also dangerous.

"You have to watch out for those cut blocks or you could roll and ankle or something," Irish defensive end Trevor Laws said.

On a given option play, the Irish defense will have to defend against a fullback dive up the middle, a quarterback keeper off tackle and a pitch to a wing back on the edge.

To make matters worse for the defense, the Midshipmen substitute frequently, bringing in fresh wingbacks, fullbacks and backup quarterback Jarod Bryant off the bench.

"They have a lot of interchangeable guys," Laws said.

Oliver spent eight years at Air Force, a program that runs the option and also plays Navy every season, so head coach Charlie Weis pronounced him Notre Dame's "pronounced expert" and let him have a major hand in drawing up the defensive game plan for this week.

The Irish defense will counter the option with multiple looks, using both three- and four-man defensive lines to make it harder for Navy quarterback Kaipō-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada to read the defense.

Once the ball is snapped,

however, sweeping defensive theories are thrown to the wind.

"It's assignment defense," Oliver said. "Everybody has to take their responsibility. If you don't take your responsibility, you're going to give up some big plays."

One player who has a big responsibility is nose guard Pat Kuntz. Kuntz will be assigned to stop the fullback dive up the middle, while making sure he doesn't get his legs taken out by a cut block. To help out the junior, Oliver gave him a DVD of the 1998 Air Force squad, which beat Navy 49-7.

"It's the same technique that I'll be playing, just keeping my head up, bouncing off cut blocks, and running around making plays," Kuntz said.

If Kuntz and middle linebackers Maurice Crum and Joe Brockington take away the fullback, Kaheaku-Enhada will be forced to move down the line of scrimmage, where Notre Dame's outside linebackers and defensive ends will be waiting.

Oliver said there are two kinds of technique that teams use to slow down the option once it starts moving sideways. One is to try to string it out and make the quarterback pitch the ball as close to the sideline as possible; the other is to be aggressive and try to force a bad pitch or a fumble.

The aggressive approach can sometimes give up big plays,



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Irish linebacker Maurice Crum Jr., left, looks to make a stop in Notre Dame's 38-14 win over Navy on Oct. 28, 2006.

but Oliver said it is necessary to try to keep Navy from grinding up the clock with long drives.

"If you play from sideline to sideline and don't be aggressive, you can be robotic," he said. "We're going to have to come after them sometimes."

If the ball gets wide to the pitch man or the quarterback runs upfield, Irish defensive backs will have to make the tackle. Last season against Air Force, safety Chinedum Ndukwe made 22 such stops.

Weis said he hopes this season's defensive backs don't have similar numbers, because it will mean they are overcommitting to the option and

might give up big plays on play-action passes.

"You have to make sure you don't fall into a trap," he said. "You come up, you come up, you come up and then the guy runs a wheel route and he runs it right by you."

Laws said that, because of the option, Navy is one of the most physically demanding games he plays in each season.

"Every year I've played Navy since I've been here it's always one of the toughest games on the schedule," Laws said. "My body gets beat up."

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Offensive guru Johnson finds success at Navy

By CHRIS HINE
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Paul Johnson has accomplished a lot in his six seasons as Navy's coach, and Saturday, Johnson and the Midshipmen have a good chance to do what no Navy team has done since John Kennedy was president — beat Notre Dame.

In 2002, Johnson took over a Navy program that was 1-20 in its previous two seasons. After going 2-10 in Johnson's first year, Navy went 35-15 the next

four seasons, made an appearance in four straight bowl games and defeated traditional rival Army each year under Johnson. Even though his squad will be facing a 1-7 Notre Dame, Johnson said, the Midshipmen aren't obsessing about snapping Notre Dame's 43-game win streak.

"I think the media makes a lot bigger deal out of that than we do," Johnson said by telephone Wednesday. "Everybody knows about it because it's the first question you're asked about everything, but other

than that, we haven't even talked about it."

Johnson spent eight seasons as offensive coordinator at Hawaii before becoming Navy's offensive coordinator in 1995. Johnson left Navy in 1997 to take over at Division I-AA Georgia Southern. After capturing two national titles in five seasons, Johnson returned to Navy as coach.

His success at Navy has caused his name to come up in connection with Nebraska's job — should current Nebraska coach Bill Callahan not return next season — but Johnson said the Nebraska rumors have not distracted him or his team.

"It hasn't been mentioned [by players]," Johnson said. "I think the last three or four years, our guys are kind of numb to that. It happens a lot. That's a credit to them that it hasn't been mentioned."

No matter where he coaches, Johnson's offenses have always preformed well. Using an option attack, Navy has led the nation in rushing three of the past five seasons and is No. 1 this season with just over 340 yards per game. But, Johnson said, his play calling was not always run-oriented.

"We threw the ball a lot more at Hawaii. I think the offense can be tailored to the personnel a little bit and when we were in Hawaii we threw the ball more because we had some different personnel," Johnson said. "We line up the same way, ran the same plays, but we just probably majored in throwing a little more. Here, we major in running. There it was more 60/40. Here it's

80/20."

Johnson said his teams at Navy have executed his offense well. But he dismissed the notion that his players are easier to coach than at other schools simply because they are in a military academy and are subject to strict regulations during their time in school.

"I think that's a bit of a misnomer,"

Johnson said. "I think it's just like any other offense. You have to execute with whatever you run. I don't know that these kids are any different than any other 18, 19 or 20-year-old kids. They're smarter in math and science and they're willing to serve their country, but I don't know if we're any more disciplined than any of the other teams I've had when I coached at different places."

But Johnson did say coaching at Navy impacts the way he recruits.

"[Recruiting] is hard," Johnson said. "The [pool is] very small because not only do you have the military requirements, but you have the academic standards and that kind of thing."

The recruiting restraints are not limited to offense. Johnson implemented a 3-4 personnel scheme on defense due in part

because of the type of players he could recruit. Weight standards in the Naval Academy do not allow large defensive-end type players. The 3-4 scheme allows Johnson to recruit lighter athletes while not changing his defense all that much from a traditional 4-3 scheme.

"It's not a big change,"

Johnson said. "Every defense is gap-oriented, and it's not a big deal. [The 3-4 scheme] enables you to get more linebackers on the field and more linebacker-type bodies. For us, we have a hard time finding defensive linemen. We can't get big guys. So, we felt like we could get more of the

220-pound guys that can run. And that's why we went to the 3-4."

Even though his defense has struggled this season — the Midshipmen are 105th in total defense — Johnson said his team has a chance to win if it plays one of its best games against Notre Dame, which has the lowest-rated offense in the country.

"One of the two is going to have better numbers than they've been having, that's for sure," Johnson said.

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Midshipmen coach Paul Johnson watches his team during Navy's 34-0 loss to Rutgers on Oct. 14, 2006.

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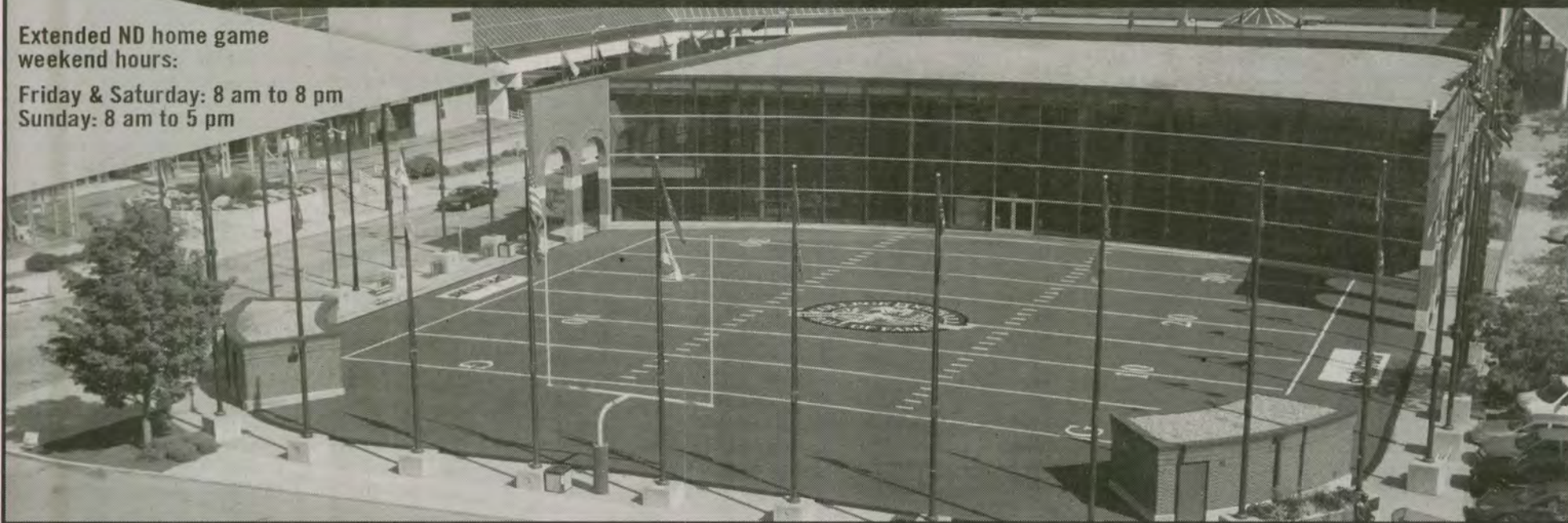
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