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in focus

Concerns raised over rights infringement

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series exploring the controversies and implications surrounding the visa revocation of Tariq Ramadan, a professor who was scheduled to begin teaching at Notre Dame this fall.

The revocation of Professor Tariq Ramadan's visa has sparked debate on Notre Dame's campus and nationwide about the long-term effects of

the USA PATRIOT Act, the document that created the restrictions under which the State Department denied Ramadan entry into the United States.

The PATRIOT Act was created after Sept. 11 to arm law enforcement officials with new tools to detect and prevent terrorism. It has also, in effect, granted the gov-



Ramadan

ernment several additional powers, including the right to deny non-citizens admission into the U.S. for expressing their political views — which has raised some eyebrows in the Ramadan case.

Groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union have argued that the Act directly violates the Bill of Rights because it grants the government license to investigate persons, citizens and non-citizens without that which they call due process. The government's decisions regarding Ramadan have spurred several members of the

Notre Dame intellectual community to raise similar concerns.

"I recognize that defending the United States from attack must be a paramount concern of our government, but in taking responsible measures to protect ourselves and our loved ones, we must also be particularly careful not to betray the principles and values that define our greatness as a nation," Kroc Institute director Scott Appleby said. "These principles should not be suspended because the

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Istvan gives State of Union

President's speech highlights progress

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Fulfilling his constitutionally mandated duty, student body president Adam Istvan delivered the State of the Student Union Address to Student Senate before its meeting Wednesday night.

The speech detailed his administration's past achievements; current projects and future goals.

Istvan began by discussing his meeting with University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh after the spring election, and what he learned from the encounter.

"He told us that during his tenure as president, he did only two major things to improve this university: Open the administration to laity and bring women into the Notre Dame student body," Istvan said. "He said, 'Sure I did some other things, but my advice to you is this: Focus on one or two things that you can do, here and now, that will make a lasting difference for Notre Dame.'"

Istvan wove the idea of "focus" throughout the rest of the speech, going on to detail what he has done and hopes to do during his term.

He lauded the success of the DVD rental in LaFortune, which he reported has 500 students currently registered in the Huddle Video database and has already met the goal of 100 rentals per week required to make the service financially self-sufficient.

The introduction of Fair Trade coffee into the dining halls and the Huddle was also a point of emphasis for Istvan, who thanked the

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CAMPAIGN 2004

Political editors clash over Iraq

Top journalists Corn, Lowry debate election

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

National Review editor Richard Lowry and The Nation Washington editor David Corn focused on the Iraq War Wednesday night during a spirited debate on the upcoming election in front of a packed house at Washington Hall.

Lowry, conservative author of "Legacy: Paying the Price for the Clinton Years", defended the war against the more liberal Corn, author of "The Lies of George W. Bush: Mastering the Politics of Deception."

The debate, moderated by Center for Social Concerns executive director Father Bill Lies was



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

National Review editor Richard Lowry, left, argues for current Iraq policy at Wednesday's debate as the moderator, Father Bill Lies, center, and The Nation Washington editor David Corn look on.

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Board votes against The Library

Owner alleges city grudge against him

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

The county alcohol board unanimously decided Wednesday not to recommend the renewal of the liquor license of The Library Irish Pub, a popular student bar that was the site of two police raids in less than a year.

Contending that owner Chuck Hammons lost his chance for approval by breaking an agreement made a year ago, the St. Joseph County

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Observer File Photo

Students wait for police officers to check their identification during a raid on The Library Irish Pub in April.

SENATE

Non-discrimination amendment passed

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

After the State of the Student Union address by student body president Adam Istvan, Student Senate passed a non-discrimination clause amendment to the Student Union constitution at Wednesday's meeting.

Introduced to the floor by Diversity Affairs committee chair Nicholas Coleman, the amendment recognizes the equality of all, "regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnici-

ty, sexual orientation, social or economic class and nationality" and forbids any act that goes against these standards. Under the clause, allegations of discrimination will be dealt with by the Student Union Ethics Committee.

"This amendment helps the process of eliminating discrimination at Notre Dame, and ensures that the Student Union is fair to everyone," Coleman said.

He added that such clauses

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INSIDE COLUMN

Sleep is good

I awoke from my slumber at the right time during a lecture the other day, as the professor made an earth-shaking declaration about the human species — human beings are actually made to sleep twice a day.

Okay, maybe not so earth-shaking, but I found this to be quite intriguing, and as I began to daydream once again (if you are my professor reading this, I promise I pay attention for most of the class), I started to think what it would be like if everyone included this second sleep period in their daily schedule.



Mike Harkins

Graphics Editor

Obviously college students do this all the time — go to bed late, wake up for class and then take a little two-hour nap afterwards. But once we graduate we probably will not have this luxury anymore.

Why does it have to be that way though?

Why can't we just decide that we're all going to sleep for a couple hours in the middle of the day?

I don't know anyone that would be against that idea.

There are societies in this world where this tradition is followed. Although it may seem silly to some in our hard-working, industrial culture, several cultures around the world allow for an afternoon nap.

Spain, Mexico and Italy all find it all right to take a nap in the daytime.

It would be nice if we could learn a thing from these nations and incorporate siestas into our own daily routine. It isn't like other societies just came up with the idea a few years ago. It is human nature, and these nations have found ways to be successful without eliminating any accomodation for those who fit their second sleep period into their schedules.

Unfortunately, our nation is surely too industrialized to consider making siestas a popular thing anytime soon.

And so we must treasure these days of college, these days when you can sleep until 11:00, go to your 12:30 class, and take a nice three-hour nap in the afternoon, because before you know it you'll be working in some office for 12 straight hours from sunrise to sunset wishing you could sleep the way you do now.

Maybe it is just my lack of sleep this week and the fact that I am writing this column at 12:30 a.m. without even starting my homework yet that I would think so much about sleep.

But it is a nice thought. So if you've read this far and my column hasn't bored you to death just yet, feel free to go reward yourself with a nap, and don't feel bad about it — it's only normal.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO WOULD WIN A DEBATE BETWEEN RUSH LIMBAUGH AND MICHAEL MOORE?



Katie Miller
freshman
Lewis

"Rush Limbaugh, because he's smarter than Michael Moore."



Erin McDermott
freshman
Lewis

"Rush Limbaugh, because I don't agree with Michael Moore."



Eduardo Salinas
sophomore
St. Edward's

"Rush Limbaugh will win because he's a man and Michael Moore isn't."



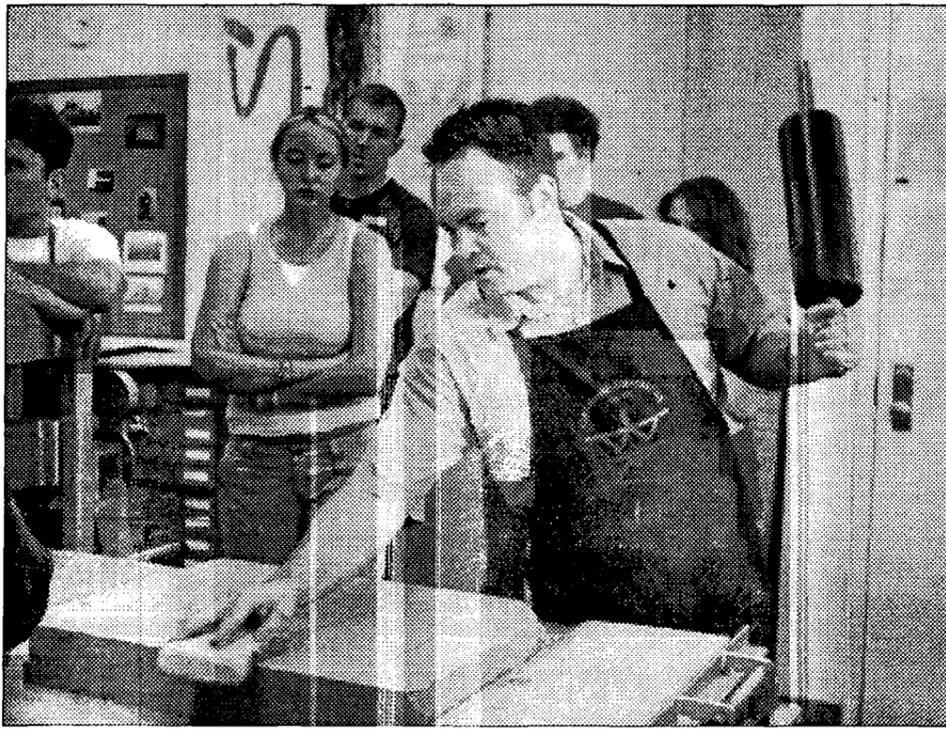
Frank Duerson
sophomore
Keough

"Michael Moore, because I don't like the name Limbaugh."



Dmytro Aponte
law student
Fischer

"Michael Moore will win, because he won't be on pills."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Visiting artist Michael Barnes gives a stone lithographic printmaking demonstration to students Wednesday in the Printmaking Shop in Riley Hall.

OFFBEAT

Dad says school duct-taped son's pants

DUNLAP, Ind. — An outraged father of a seventh-grader says an assistant principal duct-taped his son's pants to keep them from sagging then sent him back to class.

Scott Allison told the Concord School Board on Monday that his 12-year-old son, Spencer, said last week that a teacher asked him to lift his shirt after she noticed the boy's underwear was showing above his pants, a violation of Concord Junior High School's dress code.

She sent him to Assistant Principal Patricia Walters,

who told Spencer to pull up his pants and tuck in his shirt, Allison said.

"She then proceeded to duct tape his waist, three times around the waist," said Allison. "Then she sent him back to class, in front of his peers."

Actors filming robbery scene arrested

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — A group of Serbian actors filming a bank robbery scene played their parts so well that police mistook them for the real thing and hauled them off to a police station, a newspaper reported

Wednesday.

The crew was filming the robbery scene Tuesday on a street in Novi Sad, 30 miles north of Belgrade, as part of a project to be shown in a multimedia performance at the nearby Serbian National Theater.

"We had just put black stockings on our heads and were carrying plastic handguns needed for the scene, when about 30 policemen pointed at us," actor Aleksandar Gajin told the Vecernje Novosti newspaper.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Senior Class Council is offering Margaritaville tonight from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on the beach of St. Joseph's lake behind Keenan Hall. Admission and food are free with driver's license and student ID. Beers and margaritas cost \$2 each. The rain location is the Monogram Room of LaFortune.

The Student Union Board will offer screenings of "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" starring Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet tonight at 10 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$3, and it will take place in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

Badin and Alumni Halls present the Frogs and Dogs on Fire bonfire tonight from 9 to 11 p.m. on Holy Cross Hill.

The Kellogg Institute presents "Portugal Panel: Thirtieth Anniversary of Portugal's Revolutionary Transition to Democracy" today from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The improv group Comedy Sportz is coming to Washington Hall Friday night at 10 p.m.

Saturday is the final day to register for the Oct. 29-31 NDE retreat. Sign-ups are in 114 Coleman-Morse.

The Creative Writing Program joins the St. Joseph County Literacy Council in its annual book fair all day Saturday at the Barnes and Noble.

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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SMC freshman runoff election set for today

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's will hold part two of the freshman class presidential and vice presidential elections today after Tuesday's voting results led to a runoff between two tickets.

Rocky Krivda and running mate Lauren McAllister advanced to today's runoff election with 30 percent of the vote. Colleen Kiely and running mate Maggie Siefert also advanced with 24 percent of the total vote. Five other tickets competed, making this election the largest in recent years at Saint Mary's.

Elections commissioner Anna Bauer said 62 percent of the freshman class voted in Tuesday's election, and Bauer added that she and the candidates are hoping to raise the percentage who show up to the polls today.

Both tickets did last minute door-to-door campaigning Tuesday night hoping to promote their ideas on how to best serve the Class of 2008.

Presidential candidate Krivda said she believes her and McAllister's backgrounds in high school student government allows them to offer the freshman class new and exciting opportunities.

"We plan to promote

S.T.I.C.K. (School spirit, Teamwork, Integrating spirituality, Community building and Keeping excellence)," Krivda said. "Our motto is, Stick with us, and we'll Stick with you!"

Krivda also emphasized their history of leadership in community service organizations and their approachable personalities.

Vice presidential nominee Siefert said she and Kiely are ready to take big strides in a new role.

"We were both captains of sports teams in high school, so we have the leadership skills this job takes," Siefert said. "We want to create a sense of unity for our class, and we feel we have some great coming together activities in mind that will do just that."

Siefert said she was awed by all the abilities of the other candidates.

"Everyone here is so talented," Siefert said. "It's a tough race because we're running against people with really great qualifications and qualities."

Voting started at midnight and continues until 11:59 p.m. Saint Mary's freshman can vote by logging onto PRISM and clicking the "Answer a Survey" section.

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Saint Mary's hosts justice seminar

By NICOLE ZOOK
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As part of an effort to explore the impact of aging at individual, family and community levels from a social justice perspective, Saint Mary's will host a conference today and Friday on aging and related concerns entitled "Justice For All Ages In the Era of Extended Longevity."

Over 300 students, faculty, staff and community members are registered to take part in the conference. It will consist of both group events and individual workshops focusing on such topics as improving quality of care for the elderly, initiatives to help their caregivers, developing age-inclusive communities and political advocacy as a necessary tool to address the issues of aging.

As Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students graduate, they face the pressures of starting careers and families of their own. What many do not realize is they may end up as caretakers for not only their own young children, but also for elderly relatives with no other place to turn.

"We are concerned about the growing number of what we call the sandwich generation," Sister Marianne Farina said. According to Farina, more and more young people are finding that as average life expectancy increases, so to does their level of responsibility to older family members.

Farina, the director of

Research and Scholarship for the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership, is one half of a team of organizers determined to find a solution to this problem. She and JoAnn Burke, the Elderhood Institute coordinator, have designed a conference to address the issues of aging to members of the Saint Mary's community.

"I think students think that we're talking about issues that affect only the older generation," Burke said. "But many of you will live to be 100 years old. We're rolling up our sleeves and getting into dialogue — how can we live? We need the voices of the younger generation in that dialogue."

Both Burke and Farina said they believe it takes a village to raise a grandparent.

"The way we are conducting the conference is the way we would like to behave," Farina said. "We are networking with all the various groups in the campus and in the community."

Networking is an important concept to the conference and to the issue of aging itself, Farina said. The organizers have incorporated a variety of groups such as the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, CWIL, the Center for Spirituality, the Sisters of the Holy Cross and five depart-

ments of study at Saint Mary's, among others.

"It's about looking at the social services in our area, both in South Bend and in our state of Indiana, and also in our nation that support and help our senior citizens and their families," Farina said.

In keeping with that spirit, the keynote speaker of the conference will be the Honorable Ann Richards, who served as Texas governor from 1991 to 1995. As a board member of the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School

of Government Center for Public Leadership, Richards has been prominent in the effort to improve health-care and insurance. She is also a strong advocate of Medicare reform and vol-

unteers for civil rights and economic justice causes.

Farina said she feels Richards is an excellent candidate to speak on the topic of extended longevity from a social perspective.

"She has really been speaking out about this issue, and she has really put it on the page for everyone to look at," Farina said. "She is a voice that has really been advocating the need to look at these issues."

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Sr. Marianne Farina
Saint Mary's professor

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Mendoza, IBM hold management contest

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

The Mendoza College of Business and IBM teamed up Wednesday for the first-ever Notre Dame MBA Case Competition, a contest with the underlying aim of increasing the number of Notre Dame alums employed by the corporation.

Roughly 40 competition entrants were presented with a management situation involving the Mercury Computer Systems and asked to address the issue in the form of a written analysis. Six finalist teams were then selected to present their ideas to a panel of judges made up of Mendoza faculty members and current IBM employees.

The winner of the contest, Notre Dame graduate student Kevin Suhanic of Cleveland, was rewarded with an all-expense paid trip to IBM's headquarters in New York. There, he will be given the opportunity to interact with IBM executives

— a crucial element of his job search.

Suhanic's reward is representative of the relationship between Notre Dame and IBM.

The software company is comprised of numerous small subsets, each with the foremost goal of ranking first or second in their respective market. In order to accomplish this goal IBM

actively seeks intelligent and decisive individuals, Michael Riegel, director of On Demand Marketing and Strategy for IBM Global Services, said.

"We're trying to identify the new leaders of IBM," Riegel said.

The overall success of this collaboration has already led competition organizers to begin thinking about future contests.

"On the plane coming in [to South Bend] we discussed how we wanted to do this again next year," said Riegel. "We were overwhelmed with the results."

"We're trying to identify the new leaders of IBM."

Michael Riegel
IBM Global Services
Director

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Professor leads relationship talk

Students discuss dating and marriage at first Theology on Tap session

By KEN WALSH
News Writer

Notre Dame students gathered with Professor of Psychology, David Smith, at Legends on Wednesday night to discuss dating and relationships in this year's first session of Theology on Tap.

Smith's self-proclaimed "doom and gloom" talk focused on finding love and dealing with conflict in a marriage or other relationship.

"The idea that there is 'the one' out there is ridiculous, and I'm very, very sorry to be the one to tell you this, but you've got to give it up," Smith said.

He said that while it is a common conception that there is one person for everyone, in reality, there is a very large pool of people to whom any given individual can be successfully married.

According to sophomore Kathleen Krcmaric, however, a merely successful marriage may not be sufficient.

"I just think there is a difference between a successful mar-

riage and a happy marriage. I don't care if it is a successful marriage. I want to be happy everyday," Krcmaric said.

Smith also dealt with inevitable conflict in a relationship.

"The best predictor of the course of marriage is how you handle conflict," he said.

To the surprise of many, Smith negated the importance of feelings of love in a relationship.

"Feelings of love and satisfaction in a relationship have absolutely nothing to do with the long-term success of a relationship. It doesn't predict divorce, and it doesn't predict happiness in a relationship," Smith said.

Regarding relationships at Notre Dame, it is Smith's belief that there is not enough dating, and the dating that occurs is too heavy and intense.

"I think it is partly due to the fact that [students] are all over-

committed to everything [they] do," he said. "I don't know whether that is a product of Notre Dame and the culture, or whether Notre Dame selects people that are like that".

"I just think there is a difference between a successful marriage and a happy marriage."

Kathleen Krcmaric
student

Smith offered a bit of advice about developing relationships, saying that truly healthy conversations with no overtones can be had in even the short time between classes.

"There are a lot of people really missing out, there are great people here, and the more of them you get to know, the better," Smith said. "But if there is a wall between the genders because you feel like you can only talk at this high level of commitment type of thing, then you are missing out."

Theology on Tap will take place this semester on Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, 10 and 17 on the club side of Legends. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 10 p.m.

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"The idea that there is 'the one' out there is ridiculous ..."

David Smith
psychology professor

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British hostage pleads for his life

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A senior Iraqi official said Wednesday that a decision had been made to release a top female germ-warfare scientist for Saddam Hussein, but Iraq's leader and U.S. officials moved quickly to squelch the idea that she would be freed soon. Iraqi militants who beheaded two Americans have threatened to kill a Briton unless female detainees are let go.

A videotape posted on an Islamic Web site later Wednesday showed a man identifying himself as British hostage Kenneth Bigley pleading for British Prime Minister Tony Blair to help save his life.

European cities restrict traffic

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Hundreds of European cities and towns restricted auto traffic Wednesday, part of the continent's annual campaign to lower air pollution by encouraging commuters to use public transportation, bicycles or their feet instead of their cars.

More than 1,500 municipalities, chiefly in Europe, participated in the seventh annual car-free day campaign by setting up roadblocks to prevent nonessential automobile traffic from entering city centers. The campaign also spread to cities in Japan and South America.

In Stockholm, a busy thoroughfare in the southern part of the capital was closed to all vehicle traffic. People were encouraged to walk or ride bikes to browse shops, and a local group offered historical walking tours of the Soedermalm neighborhood.

NATIONAL NEWS

Government releases combatant

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has reached agreement with a U.S. citizen held as an enemy combatant for more than two years, clearing the way for him to return to Saudi Arabia, officials said Wednesday.

The agreement also means that despite his long incarceration, Yaser Esam Hamdi will not face any criminal charges in the United States.

Hamdi, born in Baton Rouge, La., and raised in Saudi Arabia, will be flown by the Defense Department to Saudi Arabia as soon as transportation can be arranged. He was being held in a Navy brig in Charleston, S.C. He holds citizenship in Saudi Arabia.

The agreement calls for Hamdi to renounce his U.S. citizenship and adhere to restrictions barring travel to certain countries.

Man pleads guilty for killing 2

OREGON CITY, Ore. — A man accused of killing two of his daughter's friends, then hiding their bodies on his property pleaded guilty Wednesday to murder charges and received two life sentences in prison.

Ward Weaver, 41, avoided the death penalty by pleading guilty in the 2002 deaths of the girls, classmates and friends who disappeared within two months of each other. In total, he pleaded guilty Wednesday to 17 counts, including rape, sex abuse and abuse of a corpse.

LOCAL NEWS

Whooping cough rate increases

SOUTH BEND — The number of whooping cough cases in Indiana has nearly doubled since 2003, and health officials are at a loss to explain why.

Eighty-seven cases of whooping cough have been reported so far this year in Indiana, up from 44 cases recorded at the same time in 2003, health officials said.

Wayne Staggs, an epidemiologist with the Indiana State Department of Health, said Saint Joseph County has the most cases in Indiana, with 18.

Stevens causes flight disruption

Plane grounded in Bangor, Maine, man aboard is found on U.S. "no-fly" list

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Singer Cat Stevens, taken off a London-to-Washington flight because his name showed up on a government "no-fly" list, has no ties to suspected terrorists, his brother said Wednesday.

Stevens, who converted to Islam and changed his name to Yusuf Islam more than a quarter-century ago, recently made the watch list after U.S. authorities received information from multiple sources indicating he may have associations with potential terrorists, a government official said.

United Airlines Flight 919 was diverted to Bangor, Maine, on Tuesday afternoon after U.S. officials who checked the passenger list learned that the singer was aboard. Federal agents met the plane and interviewed Islam.

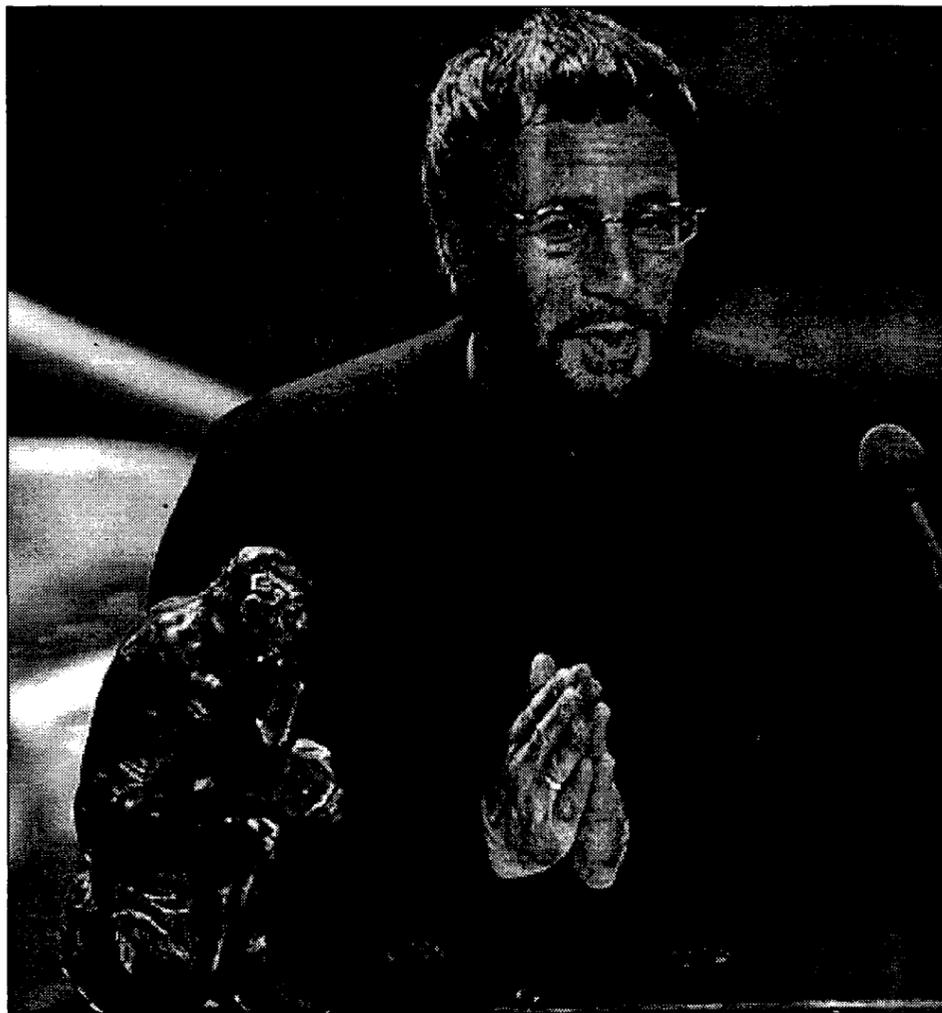
Islam's brother and business manager, David Gordon, said in a telephone interview that he could guarantee that Islam does not associate with possible terrorists.

"It's not true," Gordon said. "His only work, his only mind-set, is humanitarian causes. He just wants to be an ambassador for peace."

Gordon, who said he spoke by phone to Islam on Wednesday, said his brother was in good humor. "He's fine. It's an unfortunate incident, but on the other hand, people are worried and they want to feel secure when they're flying," Gordon said.

Airlines have access to watch lists and are supposed to screen passengers to make sure those deemed direct threats to aviation do not board planes. The official said it was unclear why United Airlines personnel allowed Islam to get on the flight in London.

A call to the airline was



Singer Yusuf Islam, the former Cat Stevens, shown winning the World Social Award in 2003, was escorted off a flight on Tuesday after he showed up on a U.S. watch list.

not immediately returned.

Homeland Security Department spokesman Dennis Murphy said Islam was "denied admission to the United States on national security grounds" and was expected to be sent back to London on Wednesday.

A second government official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said U.S. authorities think donations from Islam may have ended up helping to fund blind sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, who was convicted for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, and Hamas, a Palestinian militant group considered a terrorist organization by the United

States and Israel.

In July 2000, Islam was deported hours after arriving in Jerusalem. A local paper reported then that the government claimed he had delivered tens of thousands of dollars to Hamas during a visit in 1988. Islam denied ever knowingly supporting Islamic terrorists.

Islam has made a number of trips to the United States in recent years, including one in May for a charity event and to promote a DVD of his 1976 MajiKat tour. He donated half the royalties from his most recent boxed set to the Sept. 11 Fund to help victims of the attacks.

Islam, who was born

Stephen Georgiou, took Cat Stevens as a stage name and had a string of hits in the 1960s and '70s, including "Wild World" and "Morning Has Broken." Last year he released two songs, including a re-recording of his '70s hit "Peace Train," to express his opposition to the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

He abandoned his music career in the late 1970s and changed his name after being persuaded by orthodox Muslim teachers that his lifestyle was forbidden by Islamic law. He later became a teacher and an advocate for his religion, founding a Muslim school in London in 1983.

Lebanon captures al-Qaida leader

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon said Wednesday it had arrested the top al-Qaida operative in the country and another man linked to Osama bin Laden's terrorist group who were plotting to blow up foreign embassies in Beirut, assassinate Western diplomats and recruit insurgents to fight U.S.-led forces in Iraq.

Senior security officials said the two Lebanese men arrested Friday along with eight accomplices were also planning to attack Lebanese security and judicial targets.

Interior Minister Elias Murr, speaking at a news conference, iden-

tified the leaders of the plot as Ahmed Salim Mikati and Ismail Mohammed al-Khatib, both Lebanese, and said they had eight Lebanese and Palestinian accomplices, who were also arrested on Friday night.

Prosecutor-General Adnan Addoum told the same news conference al-Khatib was "the head of al-Qaida organization in Lebanon."

Murr said Khatib "is an al-Qaida operative ... his role was to recruit fundamentalist youth to carry out operations against coalition forces in Iraq."

Addoum alleged Mikati was trying to establish al-Qaida cells in

Lebanon and had contacts with Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of the Iraqi insurgent group Tawhid and Jihad, with the aim of recruiting fighters to go to Iraq.

Al-Zarqawi's Tawhid and Jihad beheaded two American hostages this week and has threatened to kill a Briton also in their hands unless Iraqi women prisoners are released. The group has killed at least seven hostages in abductions this year and has claimed to be behind a string of deadly bomb attacks.

Murr said one of al-Khatib's recruits was a Lebanese citizen who was killed in Iraq on Sept. 17. He was not identified.

Bar

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Alcoholic Beverage Board asked the state of Indiana to deny the permit for the 113 E. Wayne Street establishment. Indiana State Excise Police cited 20 minors — all of whom were Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students — at The Library April 16.

A larger raid in April 2003 led to the citation of 51 minors and prompted a 30-day suspension of Hammons' liquor license.

"We approved his permit [last year] under the condition he'd sell the bar," Board member Michael Pajakowski said.

"He said he'd get out of the business and that didn't happen ... [so] at this point there was no way we could make a favorable recommendation."

Hammons again asked permission to sell Wednesday, but the board denied his request.

"We made that agreement last year," Pajakowski said. "We didn't see it as wise to enter into the same agreement."

Hammons, however, claimed he did satisfy the board's request.

"I did have a buyer, but the deal fell through to no fault of my own," he said. "He could not secure the lease. No lease, no deal — that's not my fault."

The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission can

uphold or overturn the county's decision when it reviews The Library in early October, Pajakowski said.

Though the state typically follows the recommendation of the local board — such as when the ATC denied a permit to The Boat Club Sept. 7 — it has overturned recommendations concerning the establishment twice in the past. After 147 underage patrons were cited at the location, then named Finnegan's Irish Pub, in October 2000, the local board recommended revoking the bar's license entirely.

However, the state ruled Finnegan's could remain open under new ownership, and Hammons renamed the bar after buying it from previous

owner and South Bend Police officer Ronald Johnson.

"We didn't feel [Johnson] should benefit by selling to another owner, but the state voted to kill [our recommendation]," Pajakowski said.

Hammons said he hopes the ATC will again rule in his favor.

"I have a lot of faith in the state board," he said, praising the fairness of the weeklong suspension ATC prosecutor Fred Bauer levied in response to the most recent raid. "Seven days, that's what the state thinks about it — but the local board seems like a little bit of overkill."

The county board's attitude stems from a longstanding grudge against the bar, Hammons said.

"They can't get over the fact that I am not Ron Johnson and I am not Finnegan's," he said. "For four years now I've been trying to do the right thing and be an asset to the community, but the city of South Bend and [local officials] don't like Chuck Hammons. ... They want to shut it down because it's a student bar, plain and simple."

Though Hammons said he will appeal if denied by the ATC, he does not plan to own the bar in his name past the end of this school year.

"If I get a buyer, I'll sell it," he said. "I'm tired of fighting city hall."

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are a standard part of university and corporation constitutions nationally and went on to quote civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Injustice anywhere is an affront to justice everywhere," he said. "We owe it to the University to ensure that students are fairly and justly treated."

Chief executive assistant Dave Baron said the clause was carefully crafted, with wording derived from both the 1976 letter from the American Bishops, 'To Live in Jesus Christ', that affirmed the basic rights of homosexuals and the 'spirit of inclusion' section in DuLac, the

University student handbook.

Though the amendment was only up for discussion Wednesday, with a vote planned for next meeting, there was no debate. The amendment was approved by a unanimous vote.

In other Senate news:

♦ The amendment to the Student Senate attendance policy amendment was approved unanimously. It was previously sent back to the Oversight committee for clarification of wording. The new policy includes provisions for three unexcused absences from full Senate meetings and three unexcused absences from committee meetings.

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S&P 500	1,113.56	-15.74
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,019.41	-61.46
FTSE 100(London)	4,592.30	-16.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.51	-0.14	27.12
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-3.13	-0.66	20.42
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-2.37	-0.27	11.14

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-1.36	-0.66	47.77
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.26	-0.51	39.89
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.00	-0.33	32.51
3-MONTH BILL	-0.48	-0.08	16.74

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IN BRIEF

Outback to convert Chi-Chi's

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Chi-Chi's, the Mexican restaurant chain, may have served its last chimichanga.

Outback Steakhouse Inc. this week closed on its \$42.5 million deal for the rights to 76 restaurants in the Chi-Chi's chain, which was beleaguered by bankruptcy and a hepatitis outbreak.

Outback plans to convert many of the restaurants into its own brands — which include its signature Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's Italian Grills, Bonefish Grills, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bars, Roy's and Cheeseburger in Paradise restaurants.

Problems prompt SEC inquiry

WASHINGTON — Regulators have found serious accounting problems at mortgage giant Fannie Mae, prompting an inquiry by the Securities and Exchange Commission and calling into question its financial soundness, the company disclosed Wednesday. Its shares dropped nearly 7 percent.

In at least one instance, the regulators said, it appeared that the government-sponsored company put off some accounting for expenses to a future reporting period in order to meet earnings targets that brought bonuses for executives.

The Fannie Mae board has named a special committee of outside directors to respond to the allegations by the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. Fannie Mae is the second-largest U.S. financial institution behind Citigroup Inc.

The developments surprised financial experts and Wall Street. A little more than a year ago, Freddie Mac — Fannie Mae's sister agency and competitor in the multitrillion-dollar home mortgage market — disclosed that it had understated profits by some \$4.5 billion for 2000-2002 in an effort to smooth earnings. Fannie Mae's accounting then came under close government scrutiny, though its leaders insisted that it had no problems of that type.

Poor earnings topple stocks

Morgan Stanley's troubles weigh heavily on Wall Street, Dow down 136 points

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Disappointing earnings from Morgan Stanley and oil prices topping \$48 per barrel sent stocks sharply lower Wednesday as investors moved to protect their recent gains. The Dow Jones Industrial average dropped 136 points.

Investor pessimism during the summer took its toll on Morgan Stanley's earnings, which widely missed Wall Street expectations due to a sharp drop in trading commissions.

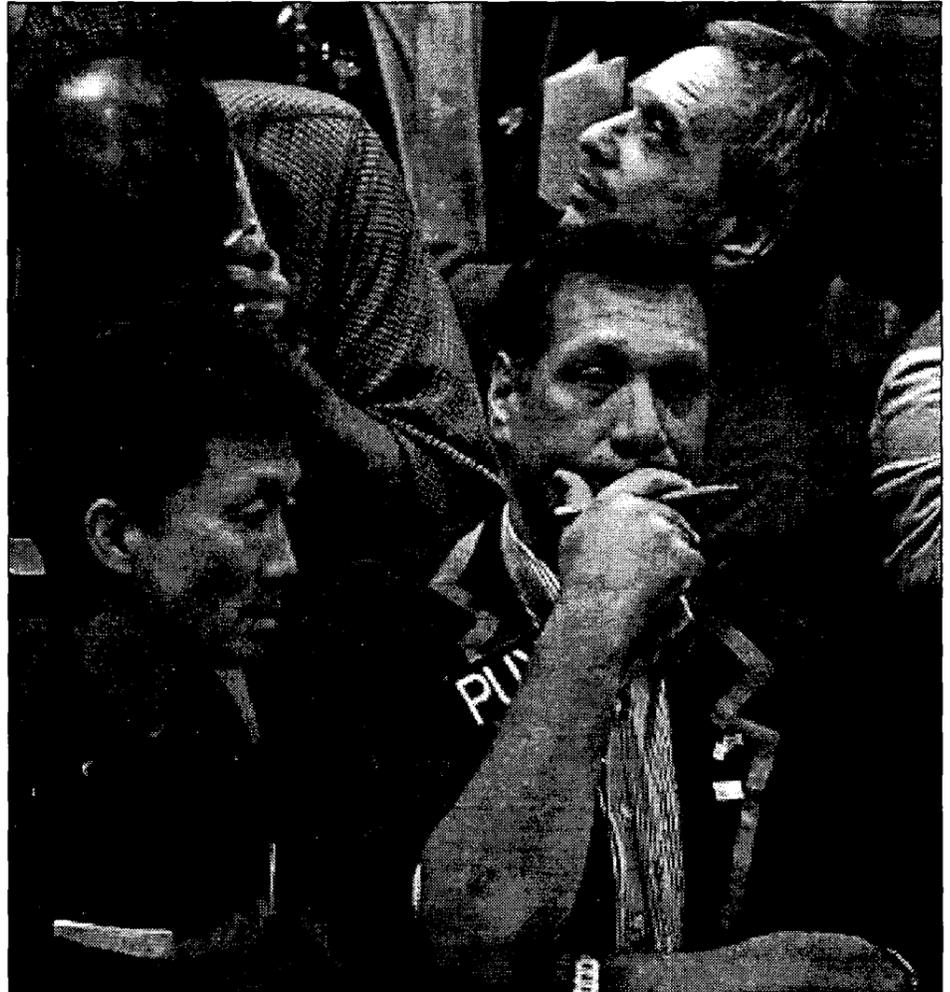
The big spike in oil prices created fresh worries that oil could surpass \$50 per barrel, which would further curtail consumer spending just as the winter heating oil season arrives. A barrel of light crude was quoted at \$48.25, up \$1.49, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"Morgan Stanley certainly brought about some profit taking today after the recent runup in stock prices we've seen over the past several weeks," said Michael Sheldon, chief market strategist at Spencer Clarke LLC. "The question now for the markets, for the near term, is whether we give back most of the gains since August or just half of the gains. And oil will play a big part in that."

In midafternoon trading, the Dow was down 138.33, or 1.4 percent, at 10,106.60.

Broader stock indicators also were substantially lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index down 15.43, or 1.4 percent, at 1,113.87, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 32.93, or 1.7 percent, to 1,888.25.

The run on oil was spurred by a new government report which said the nation's supply of crude fell by 9.1 million barrels last week, a wider



Stock traders watch in disappointment as oil prices of \$48 per barrel sent stock prices down on Wednesday.

decline than analysts had expected after a 7.1 million barrel drop the week before.

"The oil situation is interesting in that when it started going up a few weeks ago, the market continued to rally. I think the drop today may have more to do with psychology than any actual impact from oil," said Richard Dickson, senior market strategist at Lowry's Research Reports. "I think people are looking at oil, looking at the warnings and the poor earnings, and they're thinking this is a good time to get out with some profits."

Morgan Stanley's troubles also weighed heavily

on Wall Street, which had seen positive earnings earlier in the week from Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Morgan Stanley posted a 34 percent drop in third-quarter profits, missing Wall Street forecasts by 17 cents per share. Shares of Morgan Stanley tumbled \$3.04 to \$49.34.

The news had a mixed effect on other brokerage stocks, with Goldman Sachs falling \$1.18 to \$93.72, while Lehman Brothers gained 91 cents to \$80.66. Bear Stearns Cos. Inc. dropped \$1.68 to \$88.41 as its profits declined by 10 percent from a year ago. The com-

pany still managed to beat analysts' expectations by 11 cents per share.

FedEx Corp. delivered a strong earnings report, in which the company's profits more than doubled from a year ago, matching Wall Street's estimates. FedEx nonetheless skidded \$3.88 to \$84.81 on a modest outlook for the current quarter.

Fast-food chain Wendy's International Inc. slid \$1.68 to \$33.82 after the company cut its 2004 profit forecast due to hurricane damages and a resulting drop in business in Florida, along with high beef prices. Several Wall Street firms lowered their ratings of Wendy's.

Bakery files Chapter 11 bankruptcy

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Interstate Bakeries Corp., the maker of lunch box staples Wonder Bread and Twinkies, filed for bankruptcy Wednesday after months of financial turmoil brought on in part by the low-carb craze.

The nation's largest wholesale baker filed for Chapter 11 reorganization and installed new management, saying it intended to survive. The company will continue operating its bakeries, outlet stores and distribution centers, and analysts said that its famous brands are unlikely to disappear from store shelves.

Tony Alvarez, the head of turn-

around firm Alvarez & Marsal and the baker's new chief executive, said the company had no immediate plans to lay off additional workers. But, he added, "It's very rare in this country that anyone goes through Chapter 11 and is layoff-free."

For more than a year, Interstate Bakeries has struggled with declining sales of its bread and sweet goods products, a drop the company and analysts blame on the popularity of high-protein, low-carb diets such as Atkins and South Beach.

Thomas Morabito, a food analyst at Longbow Research in Cleveland, said the company was hurt by what he called a "lack of innovation" in responding to the low-carb market; it

didn't release a low-carb product until February.

He said the diet trend, combined with the company's high debt and large overhead costs, led to the filing.

"I think the low-carb phenomenon was just a final blow to IBC," Morabito said.

The Kansas City-based company listed assets of \$1.6 billion and liabilities of \$1.3 billion in its court filings. In those filings, it said chairman and CEO James Elsesser had resigned effective Wednesday.

Interstate Bakeries and its subsidiaries employ 32,000 people at 54 bakeries and 2,200 distribution centers and outlet stores across the country.

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accused is suspected of a heinous crime, or of harboring the intent to commit one; it is precisely in these cases that the principles are tested and must be applied."

National security concerns are only rarely — and "not now" — paramount to the freedom of speech, said psychology professor Darcia Narvaez.

Students have also questioned whether the Act has violated the rights normally afforded to non-citizens of the United States.

"I recognize that Ramadan is not a U.S. citizen, so he would not be protected by the same rights as American citizens, but

there should be some kind of universality to the Constitution in regards to actions within the U.S.," sophomore Anne Kroeger said. Kroeger is a double major in Arabic and Political Science who is enrolled in what was intended to be Ramadan's Islamic Ethics class.

Other students have voiced support for the Act, defending its efforts to protect citizens.

"I think that the lack of terrorist attacks upon American soil since the passage of this act, which did so with overwhelming bi-partisan support, is a testament to its vitality in the defense of our Republic," Notre Dame College Republicans co-president Ian Ronderos said. "The charges of the ACLU are completely unfounded and if they had their

way we would be a much more vulnerable nation. As the great Roman orator and statesman said, "The safety of the people shall be the highest law."

The debate has extended nationwide, and some have argued that national security concerns give the government the right to determine the scope of its laws.

"The issue is not betrayal of the First Amendment, but restricting its reach in time of war, as has happened throughout American history and must happen now if we are seriously to wage war," Daniel Pipes, Director of D.C. think tank the Middle East Forum, said.

Pipes, the creator of Campus Watch, a Web site designed to review and critique Middle East

studies in North America, has protested the professor's tenure in the United States since Notre Dame appointed him last January. In an August editorial by the Chicago Tribune, he quoted himself as saying in January, "Once again we see that the leftward leaning academy and in particular the Kroc Institute [at Notre Dame] has a soft spot for militant Islamic figures.

Several professors have charged that the most significant infringement of rights lies in the government's ability to bar Ramadan without pressing charges against him, a power granted by the PATRIOT Act.

"If the State Department would say why Professor Ramadan's passport has been revoked, we would have something to com-

ment on," Joseph Amar, professor of Classics and Theology, said in an interview earlier this month. "If he actually posed some threat, they should be forthcoming about it. Anyone who is accused of something has the right to know their accuser and what he is being accused of."

Neither the University nor Professor Ramadan has received any further information from the Department of Homeland Security or the State Department.

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senators for their support of the project.

Istvan reached the integral part of his new policy with the NDSafeBus project.

"Far too often, we have been confronted with the stark reality that coming from a night of fun can be extremely dangerous," he said. "That's why I am focusing my energy on NDSafeBus."

The NDSafeBus proposal aims at making a free, safe mode of transportation available on Friday and Saturday nights for students going to and from off-campus hot spots. Istvan said he hopes the idea will get Senate approval to be the topic of the October Board of Trustees Report and wants the NDSafeBus functional by the spring semester.

In a preface to the Senate meeting, Istvan introduced the idea of the non-discrimination clause amendment up for debate later in the evening. He fully endorsed the amendment.

Other goals Istvan included discussed the formation of an ad-hoc committee to focus on the causes and potential remedies of eating disorders at Notre Dame, bringing a national newspaper to campus for student readership, making course packets available for purchase with a student account and planning a Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Istvan ended by encouraging those in attendance to become actively involved.

"I urge you all tonight to take to his heed. Focus on something and pour your full effort into it," he said. "At the end of your time at Notre Dame, when you can see a definite impact on life here, then we have succeeded."

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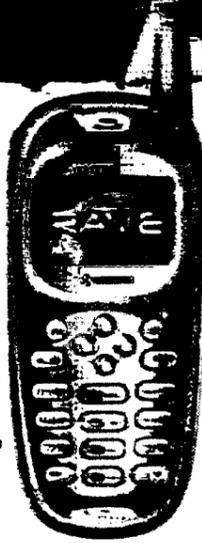


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HAITI

Floods overwhelm island

Associated Press

GONAIVES, Haiti — U.N. peacekeepers fired into the air to keep a hungry crowd at bay Wednesday as aid workers handed out the first food in days for some in this city devastated by floods from Tropical Storm Jeanne. Meteorologists said the storm could strike the United States by this weekend.

It was too soon to tell where or if Jeanne would hit, but the National Hurricane Center in Miami warned people in the northwest and central Bahamas and along the southeast U.S. coast to beware of dangerous surf and rip currents kicked up by Jeanne in the coming days.

At 5 p.m., Jeanne was centered about 500 miles east of the Bahamian island of Great Abaco. It was moving west-southwest and was expected to strengthen and turn toward the west in the next 24 hours. Hurricane-force winds extended 45 miles and tropical-storm force winds another 140 miles.

In Haiti, mass burials for the more than 800 victims, with bodies piled outside morgues raising fears about health, were expected to start after delays forced by public opposition. Many Haitians believe that unless a body is respectfully buried, the spirit may wander, commit evil and harm family members.

In Gonaives, the country's hardest-hit and third-largest city, some 1,000 people have been declared missing and authorities say they

expect the death toll to rise.

Rescuers pulled bodies from mud and rubble — some still under water five days after Jeanne lashed the area with torrential rains for some 30 hours — then added them to the pile in bodybags that lay in mud and grime in front of three morgues.

Red Cross, government officials and aid workers met Wednesday to discuss how to dispose of the flyblown and decomposing corpses.

On Wednesday, government adviser Carl Murat Cantave revealed they had come up against opposition when Red Cross workers took a truckload of bodies to the Bois Marchand cemetery on Monday and were stoned by residents.

He said police had negotiated with residents about the health hazards of leaving the corpses unburied, and persuaded them to agree. Aid workers said the cemetery is the only one in the city not submerged by floodwaters.

Graveyard manager Bony Jeudy said 78 people have been buried at Bois Marchand, some in mass graves, since Monday.

"They come from all over, mostly on wooden carts. Adults, children and babies. They were brought in by friends, families and strangers," he said of the bodies.

Dieufort Deslorges, spokesman for Haiti's civil protection agency, said about 100 more bodies were found in Gonaives on Wednesday, raising the nation's death toll to 792.

UKRAINE

Candidate allegedly poisoned

Opposition party claims presidential candidate was sabotaged

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainian prosecutors opened a criminal investigation into the alleged poisoning of a leading candidate in a crucial presidential election scheduled for next month, officials said.

The candidate, Viktor Yushchenko, became sick more than two weeks ago, and his campaign charged that he was poisoned by political opponents. The allegations have roiled the already heated race to replace outgoing President Leonid Kuchma.

Yushchenko, a leading opposition figure who is running neck-in-neck with the ruling party's candidate, became ill Sept. 6 and was hospitalized in Austria. After he was discharged Saturday, doctors in Vienna said it was possible he had been poisoned but they could not confirm it.

Prosecutors said in a statement that they were investigating charges of "attempted murder of a statesman or a public figure." They offered few details and did not indicate if authorities had substantiated the poison-

ing charges or identified suspects.

Prosecutor General Henadiy Vasiliev later told reporters "not to make hasty conclusions" and to wait for the results of the examination. He said authorities hadn't ruled out anything in their investigation and that his office had contacted Austrian authorities.

Ukrainian lawmakers voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to set up a commission to investigate the incident.

Neither outgoing Kuchma nor Viktor Yanukovych, Yushchenko's main opponent and Kuchma's hand-picked choice in the Oct. 31 presidential race, have commented publicly on the allegations.

However, a number of Kuchma's allies have charged that Yushchenko had merely eaten bad sushi.

In his address to deputies on Tuesday, Yushchenko accused Kuchma's administration of "being capable of brewing political assassinations." He appeared haggard, with his face red, swollen, partially paralyzed and with one eye

constantly tearing up.

Voters in this ex-Soviet republic of 48 million have become increasingly disenchanted with Kuchma's decade in power. His administration has been marred by a series of scandals, rampant corruption and dozens of suspicious deaths of political opponents and opposition journalists.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian Defense Minister Yevhen Marchuk stepped down Wednesday, citing in part the June explosion at a major ordnance depot that rained rockets, shells and shrapnel over a wide area, the Interfax news agency reported.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a spokesman for the Defense Ministry confirmed Marchuk "has asked the President to be relieved from duties," but he gave no other details.

Marchuk's resignation came after he had defended himself in parliament against allegations he illegally provided soldiers and helicopters to help fight fires in Turkey.

Marchuk's resignation was seen as another sign of upheaval in the government ahead of the Oct. 31 vote.



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interrupted by outbursts of applause and anger from what appeared to be an evenly divided audience composed of members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities.

Lowry supported the war by arguing for the elimination of the threat of Saddam Hussein and advancement of human rights.

"If you really want to hold a dictator to account, to stop the slaughter, you can't rely on the United Nations, you have to rely on the United States of America," he said.

Lowry continued amidst applause.

"We owe it not just to them [the Iraqi people], but to ourselves, to do everything we can to try to prevail there [Iraq]."

Corn, however, said that there were other options to deal with the threat besides war. "Bush refuses to acknowledge it [the possibility of other options] or he refuses to see it, and I don't know which is worse," Corn said. "Both scare the hell out of me."

To counter Corn and defend Bush's stance on Iraq, Lowry said, "If you think this war is based on lie, you do not have a candidate in this race," taken to mean that Kerry too supported and voted for the war.

While Corn acknowledged this statement, he said that Kerry acted upon information from the president that there was a direct and immediate threat on the country.

"I question the due diligence of this remark," Corn said, basing his response on newer information that shed light on what went on prior to 9/11.

"I do believe the president rushed into an elective war. Elective war, you can plan for it." However, Bush never met with cabinet members to deal with the political, economic or security transitions, according to Corn.

"It was hubris. They did not stop to think about the hard questions," he said.

Lowry attacked Kerry's 'flip-flopping' in response.

"John Kerry voted to authorize a war, not to

authorize an empty threat. He knew the result. To turn that around now because of politics is really an odious thing," he said. "John Kerry has literally been on every side of this issue because he can't remain steadfast under political pressure."

Corn said that Kerry had demonstrated "guts," "resolve" and "thoughtfulness."

"Mature leadership means assessing threats and responses," Corn said.

Alluding to a long list of past presidents, Lowry said that Bush has been following a Democratic tradition of idealism as it pertains to foreign affairs. He accused liberals of ignoring the administration's

idealistic goals and of "holding a grudge and turning their backs."

Corn said, "And now we're told this is about idealism. I find the administration's use of [idealism] highly cynical."

"The number one reason we had to go March 19 wasn't because of idealism, but because Bush said there was a direct threat. Where's idealism when it comes to Russia?" Corn asked, also receiving applause.

Further commenting on the Bush administration's involvement in Iraq, Corn said, "Bush went before the UN this week. You want to know what his plan

is? 'To prevail.'"

"You don't behave in a reckless fashion with other people's lives are at stake."

Lowry maintained his stance.

"What you're trying to do in the what you run here is to cut through the axis of evil, create an axis of decency, to rearrange and displace tyranny," he said.

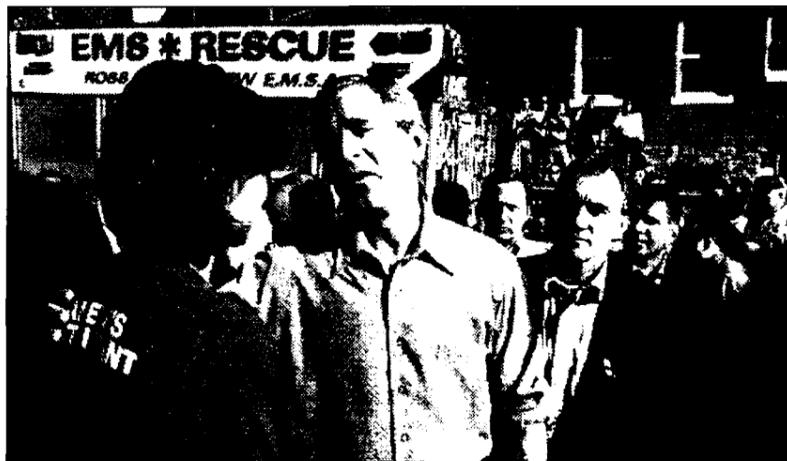
Other debated issues not related with the war included taxes, global warming, gay marriage and abortion, but were only briefly discussed compared to the heavy focus on Iraq.

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"I do believe the president rushed into an elective war. Elective war, you can plan for it."

David Corn
Washington editor
of The Nation

Bush challenges Kerry



President Bush talks with voter Michelle Mazzalla Wednesday during a campaign visit to Millvale, Penn.

Associated Press

KING OF PRUSSIA, Pa. — President Bush mocked John Kerry's fitness to be commander in chief Wednesday, saying the way to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq "is not to wilt or waver." Kerry suggested to a campaign crowd that Bush might bring back the military draft and said in an Associated Press interview that the president was "living in a make-believe world."

Answering a question about possible revival of the draft at a forum with voters in West Palm Beach, Fla., Kerry said, "If George Bush were to be re-elected, given the way he has gone about this war and given his avoidance of responsibility in North Korea and Iran and other places, it is possible. I can't tell you."

Bush, trying to show a leadership contrast with his Democratic opponent, said on a campaign trip to bat-

leground Pennsylvania: "I'm driven by my desire to protect the American people. I'll be steadfast in my resolve to do everything I can to make you secure."

Less than six weeks before the election, Iraq was increasing in prominence as a campaign issue, thrust to center stage by spreading violence, kidnappings, beheadings and the deaths of more than 1,000 U.S. troops. With Americans divided about the war, Bush is trying to keep voters focused on what he says are Kerry's conflicting statements rather than the daily bombings and bloodshed.

"George Bush is trying to fight a phantom here because he won't tell the American people the truth, so he sets up something that's not a real issue and attacks it," Kerry said in the AP interview after his West Palm Beach event.

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Judge calls mistrial in pepper spray case

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge declared a mistrial Wednesday when a second jury deadlocked on the question of whether police went too far by swabbing pepper spray on the eyes of bound, nonviolent logging protesters in 1997.

U.S. District Judge Susan Illston ruled after jurors sent her a note asking whether all eight jurors must agree on the outcome.

Under federal law, all jurors must agree on a verdict, unless both parties agree to accept a non-unanimous verdict. Attorneys for the protesters told the judge Wednesday afternoon they would agree to a non-unanimous verdict; attorneys for the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department said no.

The judge took the lawyers into her chambers to try to broker a settlement; it failed. Jurors

tried once again to deliberate but maintained they were deadlocked.

An initial trial in 1998 on the same allegations also ended with a deadlocked jury.

One of the plaintiffs, Mike McCurdy, 29, said they wanted to pursue the case. "We believe the police crossed the line," he said.

Settlement talks ended when attorneys for the officers said they would not agree to the activists' demand that police stop using pepper spray on nonviolent protesters.

"It's like asking them not to use a gun when they respond to a robbery," attorney Bill Bragg told reporters.

Tony Serra, the activists' attorney, said the case was about trying to ban the use of pepper spray on those practicing civil disobedience. "They are unwilling to agree to that," he told reporters. "Therefore, I agree there will never be a resolution."

California farmers fear boycott

Growers outraged by spread of genetically tailored plant species

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California rice farmers are worried Japanese customers will boycott their products if genetically engineered rice is allowed into the state.

And in Hawaii, organic papaya farmers are outraged because traces of genetically engineered papaya are showing up in their harvest.

Biologists call it "gene flow." It's how plants have swapped genetic material through cross pollination since life first appeared.

But for people who choose to grow crops without genetically altering them, this natural biological exchange is a threat when bioengineered organisms are involved.

This week, already heightened tensions between the biotech industry and its foes peaked when the U.S. government published a study showing that genetically engineered grass found its way into conventionally grown grass some 12 miles away in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The study led to renewed calls for tighter gene flow regulations, especially from farmers who promise customers that their products are free of genetically modified material.

More farmers are reporting finding trace amounts of genetically modified organisms cross-pollinated or otherwise mingled with their organically grown crops. Those are potentially devastating discoveries because organic consumers generally demand that the higher-priced food they buy be free of biotech-

nological adulteration.

The problem, like the weather, respects no boundaries.

A NAFTA watchdog group said in March it had found genetically engineered corn in Mexico despite that country's six-year-old biotechnology ban.

Meanwhile, consumers in Japan, Europe and elsewhere demand all their crops are grown conventionally. Farmers who can't make those biotech guarantees risk losing those markets.

U.S. labeling rules allow for trace amounts of genetically engineered material in organic products. Still, organic growers and other growers fear market perception will turn against them if customers perceive that gene flow isn't being controlled.

That's why many rice farmers in California opposed a biotechnology company's plan this summer to increase the acreage it devotes to rice spliced with human genes to produce medicines. The state government refused to let the company expand.

It's also why organic growers in Hawaii earlier this month symbolically dumped 20 genetically engineered papayas into a trash bin labeled with a "biohazard" sign. Papaya genetically engineered to resist a virus were commercially grown for the first time in 1998 and are

widely credited with turning around a moribund industry devastated by disease. But the bioengineered variety is not the only papaya grown in Hawaii.

"We are finding widespread contamination and farmers are concerned," said Noli Hoyo of the Hawaii anti-biotech group that organized the protest. "Once these genetically engineered crops are released commercially, they can't be contained."

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**Noli Hoyo
member of
anti-biotech group**

An increasing number of scientific studies show evidence that genetically engineered crops are creeping into conventionally grown fields, including the grass study conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Union of Concerned Scientists in February found

trace amounts of genetically engineered seeds of corn, soy and canola mixed in with seeds that were supposed to be conventionally bred.

"We are concerned about gene flow," said U.S. Agriculture Department spokeswoman Meghan Thomas. But she said the USDA's regulatory reach extends only to experimental crops. Once biotech crops are approved for market, as papayas were in 1997, the government's oversight essentially ends.

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Exercising your rights

As we all know, 2004 is a very significant year in American politics. For many of us, it will mark our first opportunity to vote in a national election. Whether this will be your first or 10th chance to walk into a voting booth, it is important to exercise your right to be heard. If you are not happy and do not vote, you ultimately have no reason to criticize our government. Regardless of whether you've recently marched at peace rallies or whether you have "Bombs Over Baghdad" on repeat in your CD player, you have a forum for making your feelings known on Nov. 2.

Molly Acker

Nobody likes a dumb blonde

Students have shown that 18-24 year-olds will have a big influence on the outcome of this election. According to the latest Rasmussen Report, President Bush and Sen. Kerry are in a dead heat with Bush and Kerry with 46 percent. It is likely this election could again be decided by only a few thousand votes in several key battleground states.

While the right to vote has historically been open to all, it has made great strides in the past two centuries. At times minorities such as blacks and women have been outlawed from voting. These groups protested, marched, were arrested and even died to ensure their rights. They so passionately believed their vote would not only more accurately give them a voice in our

government, but that their vote really could make a difference.

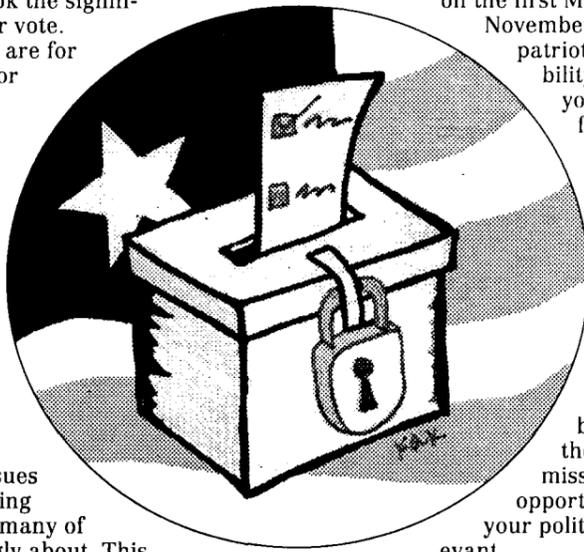
As we saw in 2000, our electoral system is not without its flaws or its hanging chads. Another lesson learned from the Gore/Bush election is that when the race is close, your vote can make the difference. Many young people today overlook the significance of their vote. Whether you are for Bush, Kerry or Nader it is imperative that you vote on Nov. 2. Every single trip to the voting booth has the potential to determine the outcome of the election.

There are also many issues in the upcoming election that many of us feel strongly about. This is your time to choose the candidate who best agrees with your own opinions. While it can be difficult because of conflicting views, decide which are most important to you and vote accordingly.

You still have time to register and get an absentee ballot if you haven't done

so already. This is a right that people have died to ensure for us. As President Kennedy said, "The margin is narrow, but the responsibility is clear." It is our duty as young Americans to make our voices heard. This is our responsibility. So even if you have a particularly rough night at Club 23

on the first Monday in November, it is your patriotic responsibility to peel yourself off the floor the next morning and cast a vote. We are the future of this country. If you can't answer the bell and don't find your way to a ballot box, then you've missed your opportunity to make your political views relevant.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Straight talk

I've had enough of people telling me Sen. Kerry is not a flip-flopper including Katie Boyle in her Sept. 21 column, so I've decided to let him speak for himself:

"So clearly the allies may not like it and I think that's our great concern. Where's the backbone of Russia, where's the backbone of France? Where are they in expressing their condemnation of such clearly illegal activity?" CNN's Crossfire, Nov. 12, 1997.

"Obviously the United States has to protect our national security interests and we have to do what we think is right." The O'Reilly Factor, May 22, 2002.

"The president, as I also wrote in that article, always reserves the right to act unilaterally to protect the interests of our country." Hardball MSNBC, Nov. 17, 2002.

"I don't think any United States senator is gonna abandon our troops and recklessly leave Iraq to whatever follows as a result of simply cutting and running, that's irresponsible." Face the Nation, Sept. 14, 2003.

"I actually did vote for the \$87 billion, before I voted against it." March 6.

"I'm proud to say that John [Edwards] joined me in voting against that \$87 billion." July 12.

"I completely agree with this administration's goal of regime change in Iraq." Speech to the 2002 DLC National Conversation, New York, July 29, 2002.

"In the resolution that we passed, we did not empower the president to do regime change." Meet the Press, Aug. 31, 2003.

"The president and his advisors did not do almost anything correctly in the walk up to the war." This Week, Oct. 12, 2003.

"Are you one of the anti-war candidates?" Chris

Matthews. "Um, I am, yeah." John Kerry, Hardball, Jan. 6, 2004.

"I will be a commander-in-chief who will never mislead us into war." Democratic nomination acceptance speech, July 29.

"When it comes to Iraq, I would not have done one thing differently. I would have done everything differently." speech to the National American Legion, Nashville, Sept. 1.

On Sept. 6, 2002, Senator Kerry wrote an op-ed in the New York Times outlining his ideal policy toward a possible war with Iraq. "[T]he administration must seek advice and approval from Congress, laying out the evidence and making the case." Congress gave its approval on Oct. 10, 2002. "Then, in concert with our allies, it must seek full enforcement of the existing cease-fire agreement from the United Nations Security Council." In November 2002, resolution 1441 unanimously passed the Security Council, allowing Iraq four months to disarm and prove this to inspectors, or force would be employed. "We should at the same time offer a clear ultimatum to Iraq before the world: Accept rigorous inspections without negotiation or compromise." President Bush did this on March 17, 2003.

Can a man, who in his own words has been all over the field on Iraq, really be trusted to keep my sisters, my family, our families and our children safe? Read what he said and decide for yourself.

Becket Gremmels
senior
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Sept. 21

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My advice to you is get married: if you find a good wife you'll be happy; if not, you'll become a philosopher."

Socrates
philosopher

Feeding Grandma

Your family can expect to face this problem sooner or later: Grandma is in the hospital, incurably ill. She is comatose or in a persistent vegetative state (PVS). She receives nutrition and hydration through a tube. She is not dying and not in pain. If food and water are continued, she will live for years. Can you turn off that tube and let Grandma go "home" in peace? Tough question. Fortunately, in his address last March on the care of PVS patients, Pope John Paul II gave a clear answer.

Charles Rice

First, the basic principles: "[T]he direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral" (Evangelium Vitae). This includes euthanasia, which is an act, or omission, which of itself and by intention causes death to eliminate suffering. We also have a positive, but not absolute, duty to use all ordinary and proportionate means to preserve our own lives and the lives of those in our care.

Right or Wrong?

The civil law permits, but does not require, some acts or omissions forbidden by the moral law. If a patient is competent he can legally refuse all treatment, including food and water. The law permits withholding of treatment or food and water from an incompetent patient based on the patient's previously expressed intent, or on the decision of his health care agent that the patient would have wanted such withdrawal or that it would be in his best interest. In moral terms that can be euthanasia.

An advance directive, which the patient had executed when he was competent, can specify the care to be given to him, and it can designate a person to make treatment decisions for him. The basic advance directives are the living will and the power of attorney. A living will is a statement of your intention as to the care you will receive if you become incompetent. It must be interpreted and implemented by the physician and your family. A power of attorney is preferable. It appoints a person you trust to make health care decisions for you if you become incompetent. In moral terms, as the U.S. Bishops put it, that decision-maker "may not deliberately cause a patient's death or refuse ... ordinary means, even if he or she believes the patient would have made such a decision."

In his March 2004, address, the Pope said "the administration of water and food, even ... by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act. Its use [is] ordinary and proportionate, and ... morally obligatory, insofar as and until it is seen to have attained its proper finality, which ... consists in providing nourishment to the patient and alleviation of his suffering ... [W]aning hopes for recovery cannot ethically justify the ... interruption of minimal care ... including nutrition and hydration. Death ... is ... the only possible outcome as a result of their withdrawal ... [I]t ends up becoming, if done knowingly and willingly, true and proper euthanasia by omission."

As Monsignor Kevin McMahon, of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, described it, this papal teaching is an "authoritative interpretation" forbidding Catholic facilities to withhold or withdraw nutrition and hydration from PVS patients as long as it preserves life or alleviates suffering. The law allows religious hospitals to decline to follow instructions in advance directives that conflict with their stated policies.

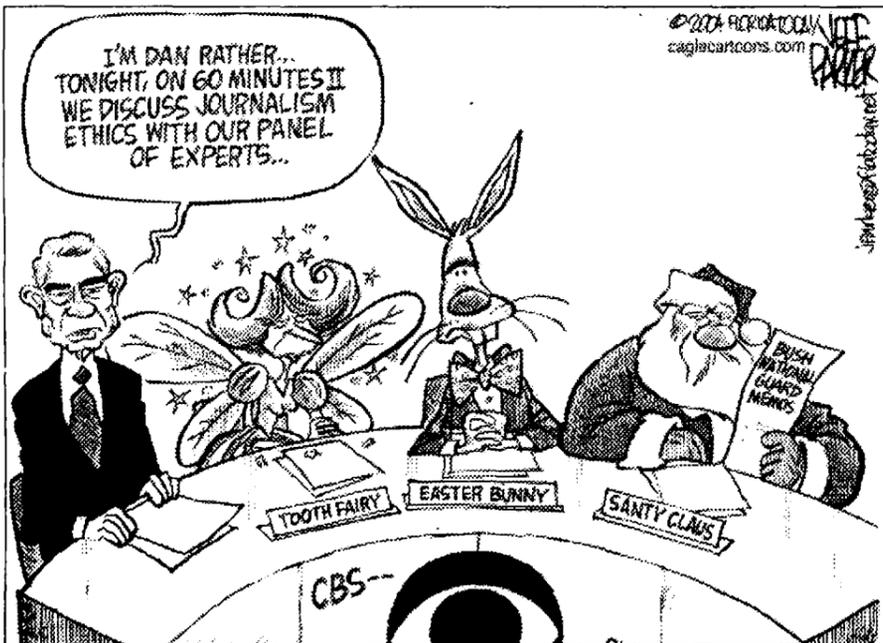
Grandma's feeding tube is not supposed to cure her illness but only to sustain her biological life. The fact that it prolongs what some might regard as a pointless existence does not justify its removal. Morally, Grandma's feeding tube may be withheld or withdrawn only in three general situations: 1. If it is useless in sustaining bodily life because her body is unable to absorb the nutrients; 2. In the final dying process when inevitable death is imminent despite the provision of feeding and medical treatments and the removal of the tube would therefore not be a cause of her death; or 3. If the administration of the nutrition and hydration itself causes unreasonably burdensome pain and suffering to the patient. If the tube were excessively painful, which it rarely is, you could remove it if your intent were to relieve the pain and to replace it if and when it could be done without such pain. If your intent in removing it were to cause Grandma's death for her own good, that removal would be euthanasia, a form of murder.

So Grandma's quality of life may not be so good. But, as John Paul said, the value of her life "cannot be made subordinate to any judgment of its quality expressed by other men." Nobody has a right intentionally to starve and dehydrate her to death. The bottom line? Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending the initiative

As a student coordinator for Rock the Vote and someone with no loyalty to the College Republicans and College Democrats of Notre Dame, "I would [also] like to clear something up lest there be no mistake."

Philip Wells' letter in Monday's Observer was the stinging indictment it was meant to be, and more.

Not only did his letter finally get the College Republicans to publicly admit that demographics and numbers are their bottom line, a point which their leadership has privately touted at our weekly Rock the Vote meetings, but it also begged one important question: With whom does your loyalty lie?

I ask because in early May, I was one of four students to co-sign the Youth Venture "Choose or Lose" Grant awarded to Notre Dame by MTV. In signing that grant, we pledged to use the funds allotted to our university to organize voter registration drives, undertake issue advocacy and education, and above all "support the right of young people to be change agents in their communities." Most importantly, we pledged that our venture — as sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns — would not be used for partisan political ends.

When our committee was approached regarding the Transpo voter project, we emphasized that — in the spirit of nonpartisanship — we would not lend our name to the community outreach initiative without the collective support of College Republicans and College Democrats.

Exercising their right to do so, the College Republicans put the initiative to a vote and it failed. Why? Because their demographic research indicated that, "the precincts being serviced by such an initiative are overwhelmingly demo-

cratic ... [and] could potentially thwart the campaigns of their candidates."

But in their motion to reject the Transpo proposal, did the College Republicans consider that the College Democrats have never once vetoed or thwarted on-campus registration drives despite that Notre Dame's demographics — white, middle class and conservative — could potentially thwart the campaigns of their candidates?

In the past semester, it has been a privilege to work with Philip Wells, Ian Ronderos and other leaders in College

Republicans and College Democrats to foster political dialogue at Notre Dame. Yet, at this time, I would ask the leaders of both parties to reconsider their focus. For what is loyalty to a particular candidate worth if in the effort to ensure his victory demographics and numbers become the bottom line?

In this election year, I assure you, Notre Dame Rock the Vote has only one bottom line: to get as many students and faculty on this campus, as well as residents in the surrounding community, registered and educated about the issues. In order to do so, we need the collective support of the College Republicans and the College Democrats as well as the diverse perspectives that they offer through coordinated debate and discussion.

At its conception, we titled our venture Notre Dame Rock the Vote for a reason. Come Nov. 2, that is exactly what we intend to do.

It is my hope that the College Republicans and College Democrats — party politics aside — will still join us.

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 Sept. 21

Rejecting bi-partisan spirit

I wish Ian Ronderos to know that I do not consider him, or any other member of the College Republicans, to be racist. They are all by rights good people doing the best job they see fit. I do, however, wish to register my displeasure regarding the club's decision to not participate in the Rock the Vote voter registration campaign.

I am a lifelong South Bend and 2nd congressional district resident. For most of my life, this district was represented by Tim Roemer, a Democrat and Notre Dame alum. Roemer served a long and successful tenure before retiring prior to the 2002 election. His success was related to, among other things, his ability to cross party lines, appealing to Democrat and Republican, rich and poor, urban and rural.

Roemer's successor, Chris Chocola, faces one of the toughest elections in the country this November. From a pragmatic standpoint, I can understand why Ronderos and the College Republicans do not want to increase votes that would theoretically go against Chocola. I, however, am deeply upset by this philosophy's inherent rejection of the traditional Hoosier spirit of bi-partisanship.

Chocola was elected to represent the entire second district of Indian, not simply the residents who voted for him, nor only those who would likely vote for him again. Likewise, Mitch

Daniels, the Republican candidate for governor, is running for the privilege of leading the entire state, not just the state Republicans. Whether they like it or not, the job of our 2nd district congressman and our Indiana governor is to represent everyone, even those residents of "heavily Democratic districts" as Ronderos describes the Transpo bus route neighborhoods.

I have participated in several voter registration drives this semester and through them I have met people from all walks of life and of all political persuasions. These citizens have all demonstrated to me a unanimous common thread: they all desire to have their share in electing our representatives regardless of party affiliation. The College Republicans' insistence on ignoring the very people who would elect their candidates makes me wonder what they have to fear by helping to make sure every 2nd district resident has a voice.

Perhaps they are afraid that the traditional Hoosier bi-partisan spirit of Joe Donnelly, the Democratic candidate for Congress and a double Domer, would bring a welcomed breath of fresh air to this district and, with it, unemployment for their candidates.

Bob Masters
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 Sept. 21

ALBUM REVIEW

Nelly hits and misses with new releases

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Music Critic

Multi-platinum superstar Nelly makes history this month as the first rap artist to release two separate CDs on the same day. Reminiscent of Outkast with "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," it is designed to present two distinct sides of Nelly.

So was this just a poor marketing

ploy? I think not. Nelly proves successful with both albums debuting at the No. 1 and 2 positions on the U.S. charts. "Suit," most notably the softer, more R&B style of the two albums, reigns slightly above the faster hip-hop attempt from "Sweat." Fans may disagree with the double release, as it also means double the price, but have purchased them both nonetheless.

"Sweat," the more edgy, 'dirty south' of the two, fails to live up to the stan-

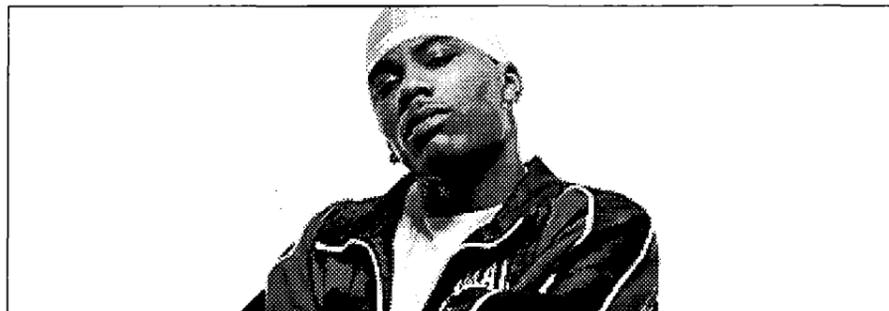


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Nelly's new releases debuted at No. 1 and 2 positions on the U.S. charts.



Sweat Suit

Nelly

Universal



dards that were set by its first single, "Flap Your Wings." The first track "Heart of a Champion," is a great start to a not so bumping album. It is one of those adrenaline pumping, Rocky reminding, everyone sing along type anthems you can never hear enough of.

Another good beat doesn't arrive until track number six, "Tilt Ya Head Back," featuring Christina Aguilera, which is an obviously hit. The song mimics a Motown beat, and is, without a doubt, a contender for his next single release. Nelly takes us back to an 80s state of mind with the techno keyboard style beat echoing from the song "Playa." The track also features a hot vocal collaboration with Missy Elliot and Mobb Deep. But the numerous collaborations are not enough to save this album. This CD doesn't heat up nearly enough to make u 'sweat.'

Nelly puts on his suave "Suit" for the second CD, presenting what may be his sensitive side. This CD is chocked full with collaborations, which seem to work best for his songs. Smooth beats, soft

raps and a little more vocal performance from Nelly are used to make this record stand high above that the lesser "Sweat."

"In My Life," featuring Mase and Avery Storm is a stand out. The harmonies in this song are outstanding. Nelly tries to lay down some country grammar with popular country singer Tim McGraw in "Over and Over," but instead the song, conveniently, just repeats the same lyrics 'over and over again.' The only thing you will want to know about this song is when it will end.

And what better way to make a hit, then to borrow from a previous hit. "N Dey Say," which is easily the best song on the album, borrows its beat from the old 80s Spandau Ballet song, "True."

If you're down to your last \$20 and you are deciding between the two, opt for "Suit." You cannot go wrong with this CD.

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Muse provides its own inspiration

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

While most bands today fit nicely into one genre or another, the British rock band Muse does not make categorizing so easy. With a variant range of song tempos, styles, lyrics, themes and much more throughout their latest album "Absolution," Muse proves itself worthy of all the attention it has received over the past few months.

The majority of people probably know of Muse's hit single "Time Is Running Out." Sadly, that is all some know, and that is absolutely tragic when there is an album as spectacular as "Absolution" that people everywhere could be enjoying.

It is often difficult for a band to produce a truly unique sound that is not heavily similar to a predecessor or current band. Muse has triumphed on this count.

"Absolution" has to be one of the most successfully diverse albums ever produced. Not only does it showcase fast, upbeat rock songs such as "Time is Running Out" and "Butterflies and Hurricanes," but it also just as naturally and creatively contains slower ballad gems such as "Ruled by Secrecy" and "Sing for Absolution." The songs sound great and with the mix of guitar, varied percussion, piano, bass and even an orchestra at some points, they sound unlike much that has been heard before.

Muse is from England and as such is generally categorized as "Brit Rock," which definitely comes through in their sound and album, but there is much more to the sound than that classification. The production is intentionally a bit rougher, even scratchy at times, creating a very rough and almost dirty sound. Definition of the exact sound is unimportant and nearly impossible, but it is a sound of



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Muse has a unique sound worthy of any rock fan's music collection.

highly musical rock. Talented musicians have come together to create a terrific album, and this is clear throughout the entirety of "Absolution."

Muse is composed of three main members: Matthew Bellamy on lead vocals, guitars and keyboards, Chris Wolstenholme on bass guitar and backing vocals and Dominic Howard on drums and percussion. The band entered the British music scene in the early nineties. Childhood friends, the band eventually came together under the name "Rocket Baby Dolls" and eventually became Muse. Out of the three studio albums that Muse has released, "Absolution" is certainly the mellowest, showing the band's expanded musical talent as well as increased depth. "Absolution" took the place of a more upbeat album that was re-recorded after the war in Iraq began, affecting the members of Muse and the spirit of the album.

The lyrics are well written and provoca-

tive throughout the album. In "Butterflies and Hurricanes," the most recent release from the album, Bellamy croons, "Best, you've got to be the best / you've got to change the world / and use this chance to be heard / your time is now." With equally somber and challenging lyrics throughout the album, one cannot help but gain immense respect for a band so developed lyrically and musically.

It would be genuinely impossible to regret adding Muse to your music collection if you are a rock fan. "Absolution" is mature musically, lyrically and instrumentally. Even if someone were to dislike the actual album, it would be impossible not to appreciate the unique sound that Muse so successfully develops throughout the album. The band name doesn't lie, this album will inspire you.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The Roots' latest is too tame

By KENYATTA STORIN
Assistant Scene Editor

High expectations surround every album release of The Roots, but the group has never managed to garner the popularity or attention that mainstream hip-hop acts possess. Led by drummer Questlove and rapper Blackthought, The Roots is a rare breed in hip-hop, as it focuses on live instrumentation, making it perhaps the only true hip-hop band out there.

Over time the group has enjoyed occasional radio play for a few of its more conventional songs, most notably its 1999 hit "You Got Me" featuring Erykah Badu, but unfortunately its eccentric style has often left its music unknown to many hip-hop fans. Despite this, The Roots remain a well-respected group by both critics and fans of underground rap because of its excellent live performances and its constant ambition to push albums in new

directions.

The group's last release, "Phrenology," demonstrated this as it was ambitious, experimental and at times downright weird, making it both impressive and intriguing regardless of whether one liked all of it or not. The Roots attempt to push musical boundaries once again in "The Tipping Point," but it does not wow you as much as The Roots intend.

In an attempt to make "The Tipping Point" loose and free-flowing, The Roots created the album through a series of jam sessions that were later edited down for release. On paper, this was a creative idea and one quite fitting for The Roots considering its focus on live music. The result is a quality album, but it is not nearly as innovative as it could have been. In fact, aside from parts of the album's concluding 16-minute track, "Why (What's Goin On?)," there is little resemblance of the original jam sessions. Instead, it is strangely unadventurous.



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The Roots' latest release was made from a series of jam sessions that were later edited for release.

Despite this, there is plenty of good hip-hop to be heard. The Roots lack any sort of commitment to any one style or groove, giving the record a wide range of tracks. For instance, the album conjures up Sly & The Family Stone on the upbeat "Star," sports a catchy Timbaland-esque beat on "Don't Say Nuthin'" and uses a Reggae style chorus in "Guns are Drawn." The great deal of variety keeps the album entertaining and increases its overall longevity.

Unfortunately, the album also stumbles in some areas. "I Don't Care" and "Somebody's Gotta Do It" are two such low points, with rather mundane beats and hooks that are rather uncharacteristic of The Roots. Cuts such as these are rather disappointing, for one expects more from The Roots, jam sessions or otherwise.

With virtually no guest rappers, Blackthought takes the brunt of the lyrical work on "The Tipping Point." Blackthought is often underrated as a rapper, and for the most part he does a good job on "The Tipping Point." His finest moments are on "Web" where he is backed by only a simplistic, cymbal-oriented Questlove drum beat, allowing his lyrics to come to the forefront of the song.

Here he spouts battling rhymes like "Tryna breathe like Black will collapse your lung / Young chump you can choke off the web / I spun / I done cleared out from the thread I bring."

Even though Blackthought is solid, much like the rest of the album, he is not spectacular. Most of his lyrics lack focus and meander a lot as a result of the original jam sessions. While this would be fine normally in a live performance, on a recorded album it does not work because the end result is an album that lacks focus and purpose.

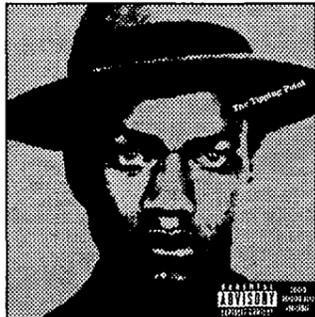
Although "The Tipping Point" is a fine album, and still much better than the average hip-hop record, it will likely disappoint many fans of The Roots for lacking the creativity of previous efforts. One would expect The Roots to have something fresh and original from its jam sessions, but unfortunately that was not the result. The Roots will surely come up with some fresh ideas for the future, but hopefully it will execute them better, so fans can once again enjoy the imaginative music it is capable of creating.

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The Tipping Point

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Flogging Molly soaks punk rock in Guinness

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Music Critic

Flogging Molly's Irish-inflected punk returns on its third album, "Within a Mile of Home" off of Side One Dummy Records. This band formed in 1997 when Dave King met six other people who shared his love for Ireland, punk rock and Guinness. Flogging Molly debuted with "Swagger," taking the punk world by storm with its fast guitars and drums melded to Irish violins, tin whistles, mandolins and an accordion. "Within a Mile of Home" maintains the Irish influences and the hard rocking from past albums, however this album has slowed down from its last release "Drunken Lullabies."

"Within a Mile of Home" begins with the raucous song "Screaming at the Wailing Wall." This song kicks into high gear with a fast mandolin and violin. Front man and primary songwriter, King also brings some political fervor to the table and he uses his thick brogue to cry, "I'll liberate your peo-

ples' fate spoke the Burnin' Bush but the song of beasts growl with oil soaked teeth." The political commentary on the current administration seems somewhat out of place as the band has not brought any specific attacks on a particular political group in the past.

King's disillusionment with the Catholic Church was apparent on its second album but this is the first time a commentary on American politics has been part of Flogging Molly. However, this song is followed with "The Seven Deadly Sins," which keeps the tempo high and is very reminiscent of the first Flogging Molly album "Swagger." It is a hearty drinking song that simply makes you want to get up and dance. The lyrics are simple and speak of the difficulties of life while maintaining the Irish dolefulness that permeates all the music of this band.

"Factory Girls" follows up these two and this is where King and the rest of the band begin to go in a different direction than in years past. This song slows the tempo down and reminds one more of traditional Irish



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Flogging Molly mixes political commentary with some good Irish fun in its latest album.

music than punk rock. King croons on this one about factory girls taking leisure after work, "Singin' in the streets drinkin' their coca-colas."

This song provides a vein on the third album with a theme that is present in almost all Flogging Molly songs. Being from one of history's most repressed countries, King has a special place in his heart for repressed peoples, and "Factory Girls" gives us a glimpse of the simple joys yet hard work ethic of the thousands of Irish that stayed in Ireland and sailed for America. This song also features vocalist Lucinda Williams who adds a very nice complement to King and Bridget Regan's tin whistle.

"To Youth (My Sweet Róisín Dubh)" and "The Light of a Fading Star" provide some fast, energetic anthems about generations passing on the torch. "Tobacco Island" comments on the events of 1659 when Charles II of England forced many Irish from their

homes — reminding us that even though King has come to America, he has not forgotten where he is from. Bassist Nathan Maxwell provides the lyrics and a lead vocal growl to the hard-edged "Queen Anne's Revenge." The rest of the album follows these with some good Irish fun and a smattering of political commentary thrown in for good measure.

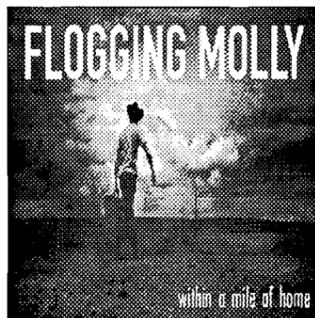
If you are unfamiliar with this great and amazingly original band, its debut "Swagger" would be the best place to start but if you are a Flogging Molly fan then pick up this record. It does not disappoint and takes a somewhat different direction in sound if not in lyric. In a time when punk rock is in its death throes, this band is keeping the punk ethos alive with nothing but Irish ideals, guitars and Guinness.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Zambrano outduels Perez as Cubs win

Smoltz blows save as Braves lose to Reds; Estes outpitches Johnson in Rockies' win

Associated Press

This may slow the Chicago Cubs' chase of the NL wild card: Carlos Zambrano won't start against Pittsburgh again this season.

Zambrano pitched 7 1-3 shutout innings to outduel Oliver Perez and beat Pittsburgh for the fifth straight time this season, carrying the Cubs to a tense victory over the Pirates.

Sammy Sosa preserved the Cubs' sixth shutout with a sprawling, belly-flop catch of Ty Wigginton's bases-loaded, two-out line drive to right field in the eighth.

"I saw him closing and closing, then I saw it hit his glove, and I just hoped it stayed in his glove when he hit the ground," manager Dusty Baker said. "The guys [in the dugout] jumped for joy, including myself, just as if we won the World Series. That was a big play, that was a huge play."

The Cubs made several excellent defensive plays to support Zambrano, who is the first to beat the Pirates five times in a season since the Mets' Tom Seaver went 5-1 in 1973. That surprised Zambrano, who was only five when the Hall of Fame right-hander pitched his final game in 1986 and doesn't remember him.

"I have nothing against the Pirates," Zambrano said. "But I'm always more comfortable pitching against the division [NL Central] teams. I tried to do the same things against them that I do against the other teams."

The Cubs, who remained a half-game behind San Francisco in the NL wild-card race, are 5-0 against the Pirates over the last 10 days amid a stretch of 11 victories in 14 games. They are 6-2 on a four-city, 12-game road trip that ends this weekend in New York.

Philadelphia 12, Florida 4

The Philadelphia Phillies have started another streak in Florida, and this one is more to their liking.

Pat Burrell hit a three-run homer and Eric Milton won for the first time in more than a month, leading the Phillies to a victory over the Marlins. Mike Lieberthal, Jason Michaels and Placido Polanco each added two-run homers in the Phillies' second win in two nights at Florida after having lost 14 straight at Pro Player Stadium.

"It's unbelievable, especially since last year, we felt these guys knocked us out of our chance to go on," said Burrell, who hit his

first home run in 81 at-bats at Florida. "It's nice to have a little revenge."

Milton (14-4) gave up one run and three hits, and struck out four in 6 1-3 innings in his first win since Aug. 21 at Milwaukee — a span of six starts. He retired 10 straight before Mike Lowell homered to lead off the seventh.

Cincinnati 11, Atlanta 8

John Smoltz is used to closing out games for the Atlanta Braves. Blowing saves is something he's not accustomed to.

"It's a shock to your system," he said. "It's embarrassing."

Javier Valentin hit a three-run homer to cap Cincinnati's five-run comeback in the ninth inning off Smoltz, leading the Reds to a victory over the Braves.

Chipper Jones' three-run homer in the seventh gave the Braves an 8-6 lead, but Smoltz gave up four hits and five runs, walking a batter and throwing two wild pitches while recording only one out in the ninth.

"He just got some pitches down the middle," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "Nothing is wrong with him. It's just location."

Smoltz blew a save for the fifth time in 45 chances and saw his ERA climb from 2.34 to 2.91.

Jones isn't worried about Smoltz, "so long as he gets it ironed out in the next 10 days."

"I have to believe that once it's go-time and we put all the chips on the table, we'll see a different Smoltz than we've seen the last couple of outings," Jones said.

In two appearances against the Reds this week, Smoltz has given up seven hits and six runs in 1 1-3 innings.

He earned his 40th save Tuesday night despite giving up three hits and a run, but he couldn't escape again Wednesday night.

"They fouled off my real good pitches and hit the ones that were so-so," Smoltz said.

"You don't handle him very often," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "You have to enjoy it when you do."

Montreal 3, New York 2

The New York Mets believe they have an advantage in their quest to stay ahead of the Montreal Expos at the bottom of the NL East. That edge is fan support.

Mike Piazza hit a two-out, RBI single in the eighth inning to help the Mets end a three-game losing skid with a win over the Montreal Expos.

New York moved two games ahead of Montreal for fourth



The Cubs' Nomar Garciaparra is greeted by on-deck batter Derrek Lee after scoring on a bases-loaded walk to bring home the only run in Chicago's 1-0 victory over Pittsburgh.

place. The Expos have been in last place since April 15 after getting off to a 2-7 start.

"Nobody wants to finish last," Mets manager Art Howe said. "I certainly don't."

Only 3,664 were on hand for the game, the second-smallest Olympic Stadium crowd of the season and the Expos' second straight crowd under 4,000.

"They're in Montreal — nobody cares up here. We're in New York and everybody cares," Mets starter Steve Trachsel said. "Look at it, the attendance here is worse than spring training. It's embarrassing."

The Mets rallied in the eighth after Montreal's Tony Batista hit his third homer in two games, off Trachsel, leading off the sixth to tie it 2-2.

Gerald Williams hit a leadoff single off Luis Ayala (6-12). Ayala struck out Jeff Keppinger before Williams advanced to second on David Wright's grounder to short. Piazza then looped a single down the right-field line to drive in the go-ahead run.

Ayala broke Mike Marshall's team record of 11 losses by a reliever set in 1973.

St. Louis 3, Milwaukee 2

Woody Williams is more concerned that the St. Louis Cardinals keep focused on their goals than winning 100 games.

St. Louis beat the Milwaukee Brewers for its 99th victory. The Cardinals' next win will mark the seventh time in franchise history they reached 100.

"I don't look at that personally," Williams said. "One-hundred is a nice number, no doubt about it. I am not downplaying it by any means, but we definitely need to keep our head in the right direction."

The Cardinals last won 100 games in 1985, when they won 101 games en route to an NL East title and pennant.

The National League Central division champions have won 32 of their last 45 games, and improved to 47-27 on the road with Wednesday's win.

Larry Walker's two-run fifth-inning homer keyed the victory. Milwaukee had 14 runners left on base.

"From their side, it's missed opportunities," manager Tony LaRussa said. "From our side, you just have to make the pitches at key times."

Brady Clark had four hits and drove in both runs for Milwaukee, which has lost eight of nine and is 18-46 after the All-Star break.

Ben Sheets set a franchise record for strikeouts in a season when he fanned Albert Pujols in the fourth inning to pass Teddy Higuera, who struck out 240 in 1987. Sheets struck out eight, giving him 245 for the season.

Colorado 4, Arizona 2

Shawn Estes knew he couldn't afford to make many mistakes pitching against Randy Johnson.

He didn't. Estes outpitched Johnson and Jeromy Burnitz hit his 37th

homer, lifting the Colorado Rockies to a victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"Runs are usually at a premium against him, and my focus up to that point was to stay aggressive," Estes said. "I felt like I was sharp right out of the gate tonight. I knew I could pitch deep into the game if I continued to stay aggressive."

The matchup between Johnson and Estes was pushed back to Wednesday after Tuesday's game was washed out by rain. The game will be made up after Thursday's day game in the nightcap of a doubleheader.

Estes (15-7) didn't seem to be bothered by waiting an extra day.

Arizona didn't get a runner to second base until Chris Snyder led off the fifth with a single and moved over on Chad Tracy's groundout.

Estes ended that threat by striking out Robby Hammock and getting Jerry Gil on a weak grounder.

The Diamondbacks broke through against Estes with two outs in the sixth inning, getting a run on Snyder's single after Alex Cintron singled and Danny Bautista walked.

Estes ran into more trouble in the eighth inning when pinch-hitter Andy Green led off with a single and Luis Terrero followed with another single when third baseman Vinny Castilla had to duck out of the way of his broken bat on an easy grounder.

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NFL

Sanders hopes to be ready Sunday

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Deion Sanders hopes to play for the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday, even though he knows it might be prudent to rest his strained left hamstring.

Playing in his second game following a three-year retirement, Sanders hurt his leg last Sunday in the second quarter of Baltimore's 30-13 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was removed after running stride for stride with Plaxico Burress on a long pass play.

Sanders was held out of a portion of Wednesday's practice and is listed as questionable for Sunday's game in Cincinnati, meaning there's a 50 percent chance he will see action.

"I'm feeling pretty good," he said before practice. "I'm not a gambling man, but I'm going to try to do my best to be there for my teammates."

Within reason, anyway. Sanders, 37, isn't about to press himself into action for an early-season game if it could lessen his odds of being available in January.

"This is a marathon. This is not a sprint," he said. "I think you guys want me in there for

the finale, not just for a 40-yard dash."

Asked his opinion of Sanders' readiness for Sunday, Baltimore coach Brian Billick replied with a grin, "When you're 50 years old, you're going to be questionable every week. When you're that old and played this long, questionable is pretty good."

Sanders participated in only eight plays against Pittsburgh, including a 23-yard punt return that left him with tightness in his hamstring. He said the injury was aggravated while covering Burress on a pass that fell incomplete.

Bengals receiver Chad Johnson is eager to go up against Sanders, saying, "Now I can show everybody, not just Cincinnati, what my game is by going against the best."

Sanders called Johnson "one of the top three receivers in the game" but laughed at the concept of being challenged by someone he considers to be his friend.

"That's every week man," Sanders said. "It doesn't start in the darn game. It starts in practice. It's like that. I get the best out of everybody because everyone wants to put my head in their trophy case."

Testaverde off to impressive start

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Vinny Testaverde could be retired now, maybe even starting a second career in the high-paying, tackle-free world of broadcasting.

But he just couldn't imagine himself in a suit instead of pads, not when he thought he could still help an NFL team. So he reunited with his former coach Bill Parcells in Dallas to compete for the starting quarterback job.

Good call, Vinny.

Two games into the season, Testaverde is entrenched as the Cowboys' starter, and he's the NFL's passing leader with 677 yards. Having already earned the admiration of teammates, fans and team owner Jerry Jones, next up is the chance to impress a national audience Monday night.

While Testaverde is leery of the Washington Redskins and their blitzing defense, there's another aspect of the game that concerns him.

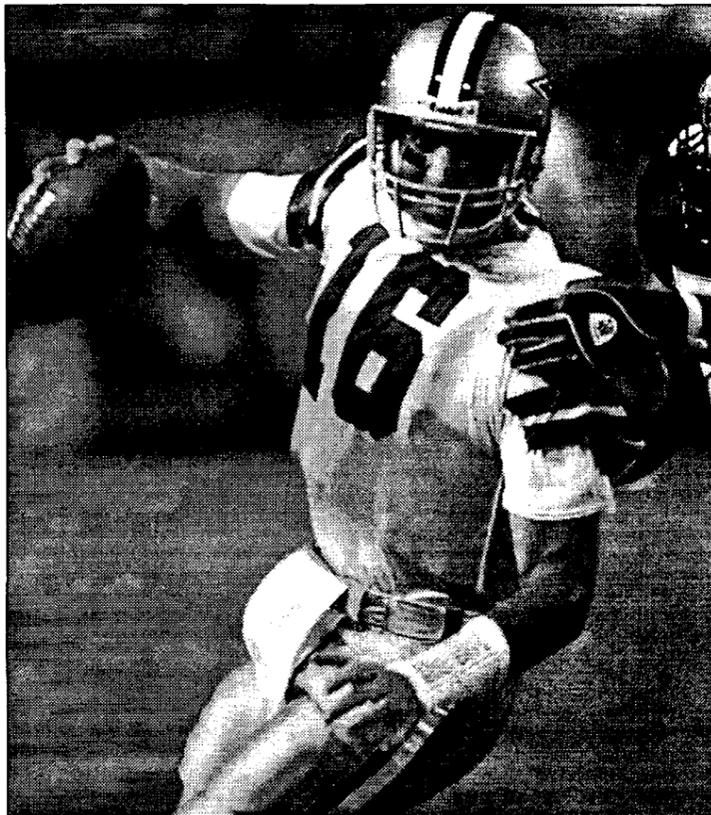
"It's past my bedtime," he said Wednesday, smiling.

With his 41st birthday looming, Testaverde is having fun using his age as a punch line. He thinks it has been an asset on the field, too.

"We assume people are going to blitz us because we have an old quarterback," Testaverde said. "But if you're able to make plays when they blitz, then people will stop blitzing. I'd say we've hit probably 90 percent already. ... I can only remember one incompleteness."

No, that last line wasn't a joke about a foggy memory. In fact, what Testaverde remembers from the last 17 seasons in the NFL is a big reason why he's thriving now.

Knowing how to take care of his body has enabled him to make the most of an arm Parcells says will be NFL-caliber for another 20 years. His understanding of the game made it easier for him to take over when incumbent Quincy Carter was surprisingly cut four days into training camp.



Dallas Cowboys' quarterback Vinny Testaverde finds himself under pressure in a week one loss against the Vikings.

It also helps that he's secure enough in his relationship with Parcells to stand up for himself when getting chewed out, such as after he threw interceptions on three straight late drives in a close game against Cleveland last Sunday.

"I'm confident he can throw that ball pretty much all the time."

Bill Parcells
Cowboys' coach

Having thrown nearly as many interceptions as touchdowns in his career, Testaverde also has learned how to shake off bad passes and come back with a gem — like the deep ball to Terry Glenn that moved the Cowboys from their 26 to the Browns 37 at the 2-minute warning, a play that went a long way toward sealing the victory.

It's also telling that Parcells trusted Testaverde enough to call that play under those circumstances.

"I'm confident he can throw that ball pretty much all the time," Parcells said.

Fans who were booing after the third pickoff went back to

cheering. Testaverde said he understood how they felt. He also said, "Thank you, defense," realizing how much he would've been to blame if Dallas had blown that game.

While Parcells already had faith in Testaverde, Jones is gaining it quickly.

Jones is so thrilled that he's making comparisons with 1998 — only not to the Jets who came within a game of the Super Bowl thanks to Testaverde, Parcells and another current Cowboy, Keyshawn Johnson, but to that year's Dallas team, the last featuring Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith in their prime.

"He's playing at a very high level, exceeding my expectations," Jones said. "We've got somebody who, with time and guys open, can throw the ball accurately. I'd certainly like to have a couple of them back from last week, but that happens to everybody."

The Cowboys never expected to throw 85 passes over the first two games. But they were trying to play catchup against Minnesota in the opener, then Cleveland came out stacked against the run.

Parcells would like to run more, but he's glad to know he can rely on the passing of Testaverde, the blocking of his line and the receiving of Johnson, Glenn, Antonio Bryant and emerging tight end Jason Witten.

"I think we have some weapons," Parcells said. "I think we can spread the field."

With 355 yards against the Vikings and 322 against the Browns, Testaverde became the oldest player in league history with consecutive 300-yard games. He also joined Don Meredith as the only Dallas passers to do it.

so long ago (November 1963) that it happened on the Sundays before and after Testaverde was born.

Testaverde may savor his accomplishments one day, maybe even while broadcasting a Cowboys game. Now, though, he's more concerned with figuring out why all his long drives have produced just four touchdowns and two field goals.

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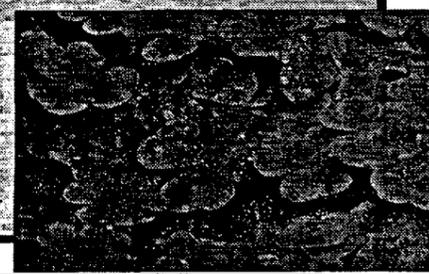
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NFL

Vick is reason for Falcons' 2-0 start

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — As Michael Vick somersaulted through the air — cleats pointing toward the Georgia Dome roof, helmet just inches off the turf — he actually recalled a similar play from his Virginia Tech days.

"It was my first college game," Vick said. "I was just running reckless and jumped. I didn't know where I was headed. This time, I was conscious of where I was in the air."

Vick didn't want to land on his neck, so he rolled his head forward and plopped down on his back.

No problem.

Just another play in the life of the NFL's most amazing player.

And how's this for amazing? Vick has guided the Atlanta Falcons to their first 2-0 start since 1998, which also happens to be the season of their lone Super Bowl.

"Man, he's one of a kind," cornerback Jason Webster marveled Wednesday. "I'm just glad we're on the same team."

Vick already has provided one of the season's signature plays. Last Sunday against St. Louis, he took off from the Rams' 16 in a mad sprint for the corner of the end zone. Jerametrius Butler dove at Vick's legs near the sideline, sending the quarterback spinning like a Ferris wheel.

The crowd gasped, but Vick popped right back up. Warrick Dunn scored on the next play, giving the Falcons a 14-0 lead on their way to a surprising 34-17 victory.

"I know how to play this game," Vick said, his tone more resolute than cocky.

This is what he said all along during the preseason — a time spent mostly on the bench, sparking worries among the Falcon faithful that Vick wouldn't be ready to run the West Coast-style offense brought in by new coach Jim Mora and coordinator Greg Knapp.

Mora was more concerned with what happened a year ago. Vick broke a leg in the preseason, missed the first 11

games of the regular season and returned to find a team on its way to a dismal 5-11 finish.

"We knew it was basically a no-win situation," Mora said. "If you played him too much, people thought you're risking injury. If you didn't play him enough, then people didn't think he's going to be ready for the season. We knew what we were doing."

Vick certainly looked comfortable against the Rams. He completed 14 of 19 passes for 179 yards, including a short swing pass — a staple of the West Coast system — that full-back Justin Griffith took for a 62-yard gain.

But it's the running that sets Vick apart.

He carried 12 times for 109 yards, even though the Rams were intent on keeping Vick in the pocket and making him throw.

"Real clear we weren't able to do that," St. Louis defensive end Leonard Little moaned.

Webster puts it this way: "He can run like any receiver or running back — better than most — and he throws as well as any quarterback."

It's not much of a stretch to call Vick the most valuable player in the league, if value is based on what a player means to his own team.

Two years ago, Vick made his debut as an NFL starter and was nothing short of spectacular. He guided the Falcons to the playoffs, led them to an improbable postseason win at Lambeau Field and was voted to the Pro Bowl.

Last season, the Falcons went 2-10 with Doug Johnson and Kurt Kittner at quarterback, their hopes dashed before Vick recovered. He reclaimed the starting job for the final four games, and Atlanta won three of them.

Often overlooked amid all the hype: Vick is only 24, his best years still ahead of him.

"It's day to day," Mora said. "Every day, he gets better and more comfortable. It's natural that the more repetitions you get doing something, the more comfortable you're going to feel doing it. You see that every day in Mike."



Michael Vick scrambles in a week one win over the 49ers. Vick's athleticism and strong play have once again made the Falcons a contender after last year's five-win season. Vick was injured most of last season, but led Atlanta to the playoffs in 2002.





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NCAA FOOTBALL

Sun Devils' success a turnaround from last year

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Andrew Walter's arm, a fleet of talented receivers and a smashing defense have propelled Arizona State into the national rankings and helped bury bitter memories of a disappointing 2003.

In his fourth season, coach Dirk Koetter has the 22nd-ranked Sun Devils 3-0 heading into Saturday night's Pac-10 opener at home against Oregon State.

The sometimes strained relationship between the star senior quarterback and the coach has been mended in the name of winning.

"We both understand this is it for me and him on the same team at ASU," Walter said. "It's all about wins. We just have a good understanding about what it's all about right now. There's no other goal than getting a win every week, so it's pretty easy to be on the same page when it's like that."

Every Sun Devil was on that page last Saturday night, when Walter threw for 428 yards and five touchdowns in a 44-7 rout of then-No. 16 Iowa. The Hawkeyes, who beat Arizona

State 21-2 last season, managed just 100 yards and were shut out for the first 59 minutes.

The rousing victory in front of a noisy capacity crowd in Tempe was exactly what was expected of Koetter when he was hired out of Boise State after Arizona State fired Bruce Snyder following the 2000 season.

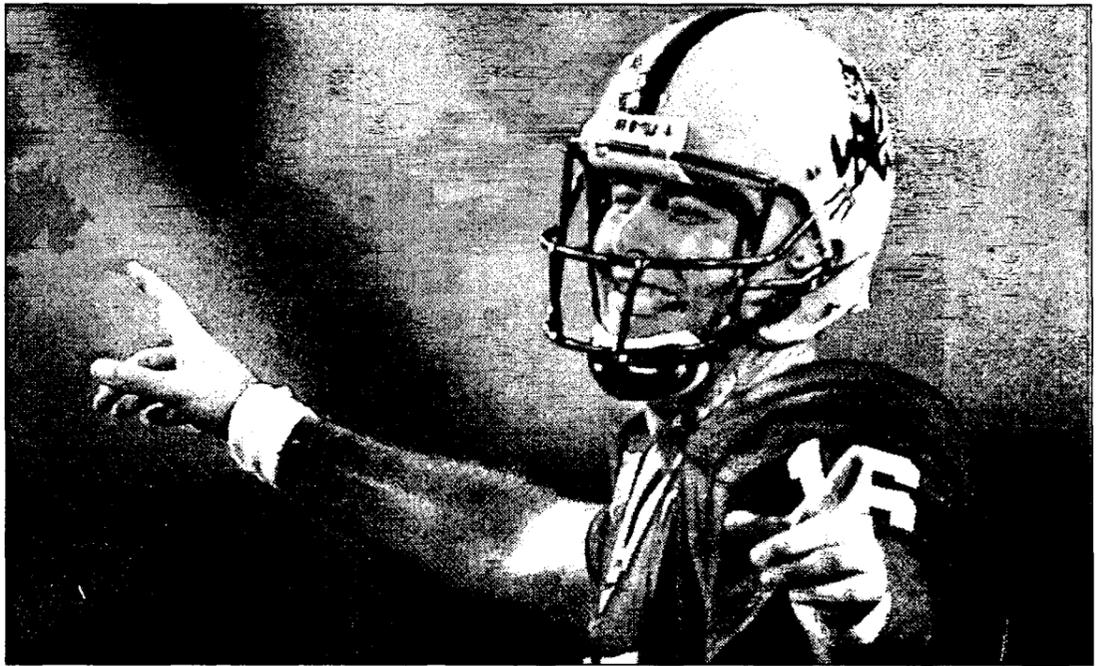
But it's been a long time coming. Koetter was 17-20 at ASU going into this season.

The team sputtered to 5-6 last year, and Walter flirted with leaving school for the NFL. At 6-foot-4, he has the size and arm to make it at the professional level. But his prospects for a high draft pick weren't great, and the lure of one last shot at college football brought him back.

He wanted to leave school a winner.

"That's why I came back," Walter said. "I didn't come back to break any records. Those are all nice, but I came back to have success as a team."

Walter has put up gaudy numbers at Arizona State. His five TD passes against Iowa gave him 66 for his career, breaking Jake Plummer's school record.



Arizona State quarterback Andrew Walter led his team to a victory over Iowa last Saturday. Walter and the Sun Devil offense are a major reason why the team is 3-0.

He needs 12 more to break John Elway's Pac-10 record of 77. He is 349 yards shy of Plummer's school record for career yards passing with 8,428

and ranks No. 12 on the Pac-10 career list.

Walter already has the top two single-season yardage marks in school history, and his 536 yards at Oregon in 2002 also is a school record.

But this year he is helped by a solid running game, led by Loren Wade, and a big group of wide receivers. Twelve players have caught passes this season. Derek Hagan leads the group with 24 — and he is on a streak of six consecutive 100-plus-yard receiving games. Freshman Zach Miller, who plays tight end and H-back in Koetter's wide-open system, had a breakout game against Iowa with 10 catches, including a pair of spectacular touchdown grabs.

"Guys made plays for Andrew," Koetter said. "There have been times over the past two years where we haven't been consistent about making plays around Andrew."

Outside the program, few expected much out of Arizona State this season. The media covering the Pac-10 picked the Sun Devils to finish sixth. But within the program, with a flood of returning players, there was a growing feeling of self-confidence.

"There has been a lot of talk amongst the team — I'm going clear back into the offseason in our leadership meeting. I think our guys are aware that when they put it together, they can play," Koetter said.

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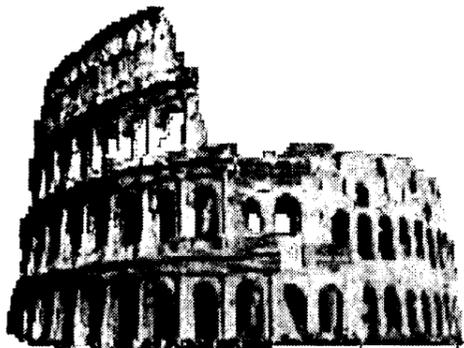
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NFL

Colts' James could be cleared to play Sunday

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts running back Edgerrin James was upgraded from doubtful to questionable for this week's game against Green Bay despite missing Wednesday's practice with a strained hamstring.

Coach Tony Dungy said James worked out earlier in the day but was held out of the afternoon practice. Dungy said Thursday's practice could help clear up James' playing status.

"I would not anticipate him playing, but if he practices tomorrow, that would be a step toward playing," Dungy said. "If he can't practice, that will tell us something else."

James was injured on a 30-yard touchdown run that sealed the Colts' 31-17 victory at Tennessee on Sunday. After the game, James said he was fine. But an MRI exam on Monday revealed damage, and Dungy said it was doubtful he would play.

Less than four hours later,

James was running through light drills and said he still hoped to play against the Packers. James was not available for comment Wednesday.

The Colts (1-1) were making contingency plans, though.

If James doesn't start, Dominic Rhodes will. Rhodes rushed for 1,104 yards — an NFL record for undrafted rookies — when he replaced James for the final 10 games of the 2001 season.

"I don't know what's going to happen, Edge says he's feeling great," Rhodes said. "He knows I'm excited, I want to get that chance and I'm ready to help out."

The Colts also announced Wednesday they signed running back Ran Carthon and defensive back Jerome Sapp to their active roster.

To make room, the Colts released quarterback Joe Hamilton and fullback Tom Lopienski, then re-signed both to the practice squad. They also released defensive backs Vontez Duff and Wayne Bacon from the practice squad.

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Catholic Calisthenics

by Megan Thomas, Campus Ministry Intern



It's the first Sunday of the year and you are not Catholic. It's decision time. Should you go to dorm Mass? Hmmm. Well, it seems like it would be a good thing to do as a part of your new community. But, you've never been to Mass before. Then you realize that your roommate and all of your friends are going, so you decide to give it a whirl. After all, Mass probably isn't that different than your church back home, right? And then it happens. Stand. Sit. Stand. Kneel. Stand. Hold hands. Hug. Kneel. Stand. Sign of the Cross. And then, "Thanks be to God" it's over.

This was my experience several years ago. Coming to Notre Dame with a Presbyterian upbringing was a challenging experience. I wanted to go to dorm Mass with my friends, but I didn't understand what was going on. I found myself doing "Catholic Aerobics" at Mass, and I didn't know why I was doing them. I had many questions and felt uncomfortable speaking about them with Catholics, because I did not want to feel like an uneducated outsider. I needed a place to go to ask my questions.

Maybe you are comfortable in your own faith and have decided to continue going to dorm Mass to be a part of your community. Maybe you have decided never to go back again. But maybe you are like I was, confused with these "Catholic Aerobics." Maybe you would really enjoy a chance for "Catholic Calisthenics." And by calisthenics I mean a chance to learn more about the Mass and the Catholic Church with other non-Catholics in a laid-back setting. If the latter applies to you, you are in luck!

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10:00 am
Rev. James K. Foster, csc

11:45 am
Rev. Mark L. Poorman, csc

1:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's
Hall Chapel

5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons

7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

2nd: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



NFL

Edwards pleased with Jets' 2-0 season start

Team excited with solid play heading into idle weekend

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — For the last three years, Herman Edwards spent his bye week working long hours, trying to fix the problems that plagued his slow-starting New York Jets.

He showed up to work alone on weekends while players and coaches took a break, refusing to rest until he figured out how to save the season. It worked in 2001 and 2002, when the Jets rallied to make the playoffs.

Another slow start last season turned into a disaster. After opening 0-4, the Jets went 6-10. So Edwards hatched a plan. He would make his team younger. He would make training camp harder. He would will his team to 2-0.

So at the first team meeting six months ago, the coach announced his short-term goal.

"We only had two games in September," Edwards said. "I could load up my ammunition, everything for two games. It's just like that was the season for us, for at least two games. We got to come out of here 2-0."

After wins against Cincinnati and San Diego, the Jets are 2-0 for the first time under Edwards

and the second time in 11 years.

Now Edwards can take the bye weekend off. His reward? Going to the Nevada-San Diego State game to see his son, Marcus, play receiver for the Aztecs.

"I actually get to see my son play a football game, which is pretty special for me," Edwards said.

This season could turn into something special as well. The next three games are against winless teams: Miami, Buffalo and San Francisco. It is possible the Jets could be 5-0 before their game at New England on Oct. 24.

But no one is thinking ahead right now. Edwards is just pleased he accomplished one of his goals.

"We've never done that around here," Edwards said. "We've never had games in the bank. We're always using a credit card trying to get out of debt. Credit card's paid in full now. I'm looking at the 14-game season, and now what can we do? That's what we have to look at, see how many we can win."

Before presenting his 2-0 plan to the team, he met with several team leaders to explain exactly what he wanted to do. Everyone was on board. From that moment on, every Jets player knew they had to start 2-0.

"Every person, if you can ask them one thing that they remember from the beginning of off-season training to now — I think



Curtis Martin ran for 119 yards with two touchdowns on 31 carries in last Sunday's game against the Chargers. Martin's re-emergence has been key for the Jets this season.

everybody had 2-0 in their heads," running back Curtis Martin said. "His focus became our focus, and that's what makes good teams."

It also helped that Edwards decided he needed to rely more on Martin, who leads the league in rushing after two games with 315 yards. Chad Pennington is

healthy and started his first career season opener against the Bengals, making it easier for the Jets to get continuity with their quarterback.

The defense is entirely revamped under new coordinator Donnie Henderson. Edwards dumped aging veterans Mo Lewis, Marvin Jones, Sam

Garnes and Aaron Beasley and has infused youth everywhere: rookie Erik Coleman starts at safety, rookie Jonathan Vilma will start at linebacker in place of the injured Sam Cowart, and second-year player Victor Hobson also starts at linebacker, while rookie Derrick Strait is the nickel back.

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MLB

Rangers move to three games back of Athletics

Associated Press

Eric Young picked the perfect time to hit his first home run for the Texas Rangers, who are making the most of their last chance against Oakland.

Young's three-run shot was a tiebreaker, pushing Texas to a 5-3 win over the Athletics on Wednesday night and three games back of the AL West leaders.

"E-Y's timing couldn't have been better," manager Buck Showalter said. "He told us he'd been saving one."

Young connected with two outs in the fourth off Barry Zito (11-11) for a 5-2 lead.

That was in his 305th at-bat — the most this season by any player in the majors without a homer. It was his 95th game, his fifth straight start at second base in place of injured Alfonso Soriano.

Toronto 5, New York 4

Orlando Hernandez wasn't even aware the New York Yankees would have clinched their 10th consecutive playoff berth with a win.

"I was thinking about today's game. I don't think about the consequences," he said. "Now I have a good reason to be upset with myself."

Vernon Wells hit a go-ahead, two-run triple off Hernandez in the seventh inning and rookie Brandon League escaped a bases-loaded jam in the bottom half as the Toronto Blue Jays rallied past the Yankees 5-4 to send El Duque to his first loss of the season.

New York (95-57) would have clinched the playoff berth with either a win or an Oakland victory at Texas. But the Athletics lost 5-3 to the Rangers (84-67).

Yankees manager Joe Torre knew before the game that a victory would have meant a clinch because the A's (87-63) and Anaheim (85-66) have six games remaining with each other — meaning the most wins possible for a second-place team in the AL West or

Central could be 95.

Chicago 7, Minnesota 6

Paul Konerko is proud of his big season at the plate. He just wishes the Chicago White Sox were also fighting for the division title.

Konerko hit a game-winning RBI single in the ninth inning to lead the White Sox to a victory over the Minnesota Twins. Two days after Minnesota clinched the AL Central and eliminated the White Sox, Chicago won the next two games.

"Only eight teams are going to get in, but when it doesn't go your way everybody is fighting for their own story," said Konerko, who has hit a career-high 40 homers and driven in a career-high 111 runs.

Wilson Valdez led off with a single off Joe Roa (2-3) and moved to second on Aaron Rowand's sacrifice. Roa then walked Willie Harris and Konerko followed with a single to left, giving the White Sox the win.

Cleveland 7, Detroit 6

Detroit Tigers manager Alan Trammell felt as though he was sitting through a repeat of the previous night's game.

Jhonny Peralta's two-run double keyed Cleveland's five-run seventh inning, and the Indians rallied to defeat the Detroit Tigers — just 24 hours after the Tigers blew a five-run lead and lost.

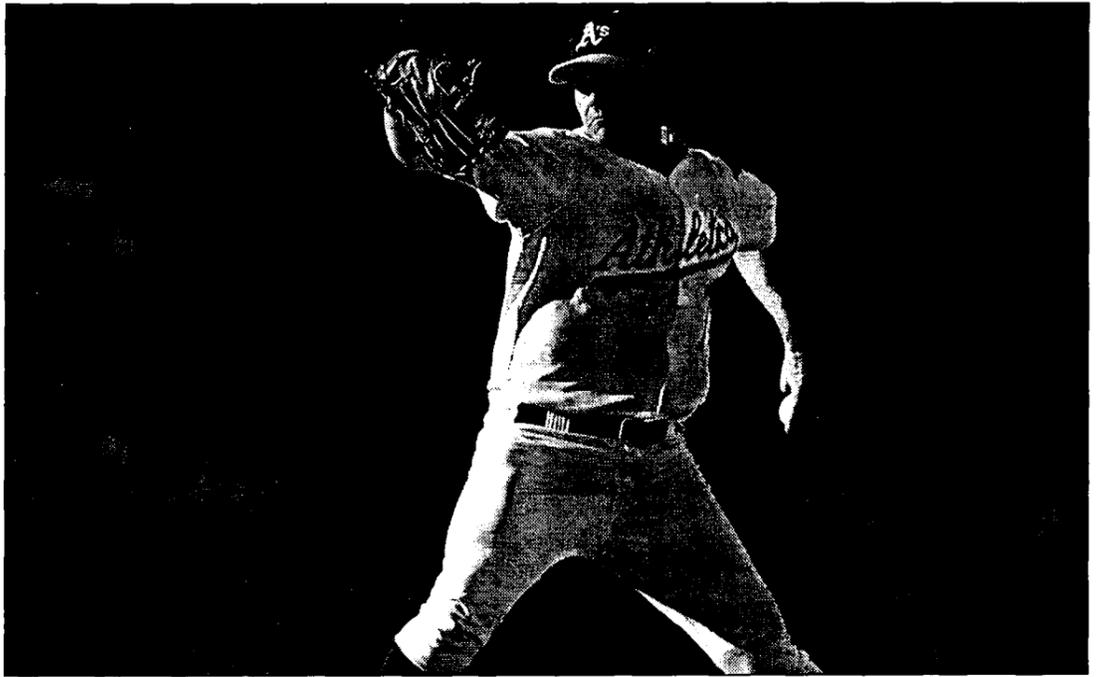
"We're just having trouble holding teams down right now, especially out of the pen," Trammell said. "I don't like to see that."

Jake Westbrook (13-9) won for the first time in four September starts, allowing three runs and seven hits in seven innings.

Boston 7, Baltimore 6

Orlando Cabrera capped an emotional few days with a big homer for the Boston Red Sox.

Cabrera, who flew all night after leaving the team for two days to go home to Colombia to be with his ailing wife, homered in the bottom of the 12th inning to lead the Red



Barry Zito was the losing pitcher in Wednesday night's contest with the Rangers. Zito gave up a three-run home run to Eric Young in the fourth inning, breaking a tie game.

Sox to their second straight win in their last at-bat, over the Baltimore Orioles.

Cabrera lined a 2-2 pitch from Rick Bauer (1-1) into the Green Monster seats in left field. Cabrera's wife, Eliana, underwent an undisclosed surgical procedure earlier this week.

"I slept the whole night on the plane," Cabrera said.

"From Bogota to New York — six hours."

On Tuesday, Mark Bellhorn's two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the ninth lifted the Red Sox to a 3-2 win. Wednesday's victory moved the Red Sox 6 1/2 games ahead of Anaheim in the wild-card race and cut their AL East deficit to 3 1/2 games behind the New York

Yankees, who play a three-game series at Fenway Park this weekend.

"I was thinking about taking another day because my wife asked me to stay another day," he said. "I kept saying, 'I got to go. I got to go.'"

Once Cabrera got back to Boston, he told manager Terry Francona he was ready to play.

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AROUND THE NATION

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Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points
1	USC (54)	3-0	1,613
2	Oklahoma (10)	3-0	1,562
3	Georgia (1)	3-0	1,456
4	Miami, Fla.	2-0	1,437
5	Texas	2-0	1,358
6	West Virginia	3-0	1,169
7	Ohio State	3-0	1,117
8	Florida State	1-1	1,079
9	Auburn	3-0	1,064
10	California	2-0	1,034
11	Tennessee	2-0	1,031
12	Virginia	3-0	919
13	LSU	2-1	844
14	Utah	3-0	763
15	Purdue	2-0	652
16	Florida	1-1	646
17	Fresno State	3-0	535
18	Michigan	2-1	478
19	Minnesota	3-0	475
20	Wisconsin	3-0	381
21	Boise State	3-0	307
22	Arizona State	3-0	210
23	Maryland	2-1	208
24	Louisville	2-0	195
25	Oklahoma State	3-0	134

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	USC (48)	3-0	1,510
2	Oklahoma (12)	3-0	1,465
3	Georgia	3-0	1,370
4	Miami, Fla. (1)	2-0	1,357
5	Texas	2-0	1,258
6	Ohio State	3-0	1,192
7	West Virginia	3-0	1,047
8	Tennessee	2-0	971
9	California	2-0	937
10	Auburn	3-0	928
11	Florida State	1-1	896
12	Virginia	3-0	796
13	LSU	2-1	795
14	Utah	3-0	752
15	Purdue	2-0	662
16	Florida	1-1	532
17	Fresno State	3-0	500
18	Michigan	2-1	476
19	Minnesota	3-0	435
20	Wisconsin	3-0	395
21	Boise State	3-0	346
22	Louisville	2-0	204
23	Maryland	2-1	193
24	Iowa	2-1	147
25	Oklahoma State	3-0	144

Women's Soccer Top 20

	team	record
1	NOTRE DAME	8-0-0
2	North Carolina	7-0-1
3	Washington	5-0-0
4	Virginia	6-0-0
5	Penn State	3-1-0
6	Portland	5-1-0
7	Florida	6-1-1
8	Kansas	8-1-0
9	UCLA	5-2-1
10	Illinois	7-1-0
11	West Virginia	7-0-0
12	Florida State	7-1-0
13	California	5-1-1
14	Texas A&M	5-3-1
15	Santa Clara	4-2-1
16	Michigan	5-2-0
17	Princeton	4-1-0
18	SMU	4-2-1
19	Wake Forest	6-1-1
20	Stanford	5-2-0

NFL



Entertainer Janet Jackson covers herself after her outfit came undone during the halftime performance with Justin Timberlake at Super Bowl XXXVIII. Federal regulators fined CBS a record \$550,000 for the incident.

Regulators fine CBS for halftime show

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators on Wednesday fined CBS a record \$550,000 for Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction," which exposed the singer's breast during the Super Bowl halftime show.

The Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously to slap each of the 20 CBS-owned television stations with the maximum indecency penalty of \$27,500. The total penalty of \$550,000 is the largest fine levied against a television broadcaster. Most of the FCC's bigger fines have been

against radio stations.

The agency's five commissioners decided not to fine CBS' more than 200 affiliate stations, which also aired the show but are not owned by the network's parent company, Viacom.

MTV, a Viacom subsidiary, produced the Feb. 1 halftime show, which featured Jackson and singer Justin Timberlake performing a racy duet. At the end, Timberlake ripped off a piece of Jackson's black leather top, exposing her right breast to a TV audience of about 90 million.

Timberlake blamed a "wardrobe malfunction," and CBS was quick to apologize to viewers. The

breast-baring song generated a record number of complaints to the FCC — more than 500,000.

"While we regret that the incident occurred and have apologized to our viewers, we continue to believe that nothing in the Super Bowl broadcast violated indecency laws," CBS said in a statement. "Furthermore, our investigation proved that no one in our company had any advance knowledge about the incident."

The FCC started a crackdown soon after the Super Bowl, resulting in several high-profile fines. Television networks also began implementing broadcast delays so cen-

sors could scrub anything deemed too racy. CBS, for example, aired the Grammy awards ceremony a week after the Super Bowl with a five-minute delay. More recently, the NFL began its season with a live, pregame show on ABC that was aired with a 10-second delay, and Monday Night Football telecasts on ABC will air with a delay for the remainder of the season.

On Tuesday, CBS News appointed former U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and former Associated Press chief executive Louis Boccardi to investigate what went wrong with its story.

IN BRIEF

Philadelphia 76ers center Todd MacCulloch retires

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers center Todd MacCulloch retired Wednesday, ending an attempted comeback from foot problems that sidelined him the last 1 1/2 seasons.

MacCulloch, 28, hasn't played since February 2003 because of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, a genetic disorder that disrupts his balance.

MacCulloch had surgery in January on his left foot to free up a crushed nerve, leaving him hopeful of a recovery and perhaps a similar procedure on his right foot. Instead, there was no progress.

The 7-foot MacCulloch was Philadelphia's second-round pick in 1999. After two seasons with the Sixers, he signed with New Jersey, then was traded back to Philadelphia in 2002 along with Keith Van Horn in the deal that sent Dikembe Mutombo to the Nets.

He had his best season with the

Nets in 2001-02 when they reached the NBA Finals. He averaged 9.7 points and 6.1 rebounds in 62 games.

MacCulloch averaged 6.1 points and four rebounds in 223 career games.

NCAA may approve fifth season of eligibility

INDIANAPOLIS — NCAA football players could have five seasons of eligibility and would be allowed to transfer once without penalty if two new proposals are approved next year.

The NCAA's Championships/Competition Cabinet forwarded both measures for consideration during a 2-day meeting that ended Wednesday in Indianapolis. The committee also approved a proposal that would permit Division I-A schools to again add a 12th football game starting in 2006.

We didn't have a significant discussion about it because the football issues committee said athletes wanted to play," said Linda Bruno, the

committee chairwoman and commissioner of the Atlantic 10 Conference. Indy Racing League tests first road course

With a debut lap by Indianapolis 500 winner Buddy Rice, the IRL began its first tests on a road course Wednesday at Homestead-Miami Speedway in Florida. Rice and four other drivers turned 165 laps on the 2.21-mile circuit before rain shortened the first of the two days of private testing.

"It's a big learning curve to take these cars that have been made to predominantly just go left and try and sort everything out, but I think it's going quite well," Rice said. "The biggest change is the braking. We haven't been using the brakes (on ovals) really."

Brian Barnhart, the IRL racing operations director, said the initial road tests "exceeded expectations."

"I think the primary effort in coming down here is to test components on the car and its ability to cool."

around the dial

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Miami (Fla.) at Houston 6:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB

Chicago at Pittsburgh 11:30 a.m., WGN

GOLF

84 Lumber Classic 2:30 p.m., ESPN

Big East

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field advantage to try to get above the .500 mark.

Despite a close 2-0 loss to in-state foe and defending national champion Indiana, the Irish are playing their strongest heading into the road trip.

Freshman Alex Yoshinaga posted two goals in Saturday's game and classmate Joe Lampira added one to combine with veteran Tony Megna.

"I think a lot of people were concerned with losing a lot of scoring power and obviously, there's always some concern [with that]," Clark said.

However, the Irish are finding their stride six games into the new season.

"We do feel we've got a lot of people who are capable of putting the ball in the net," Clark said. "A good team has a lot of different

people scoring."

A diverse range of players, from defenders Jack Stewart and Christopher High to standout forward Justin McGeeney, have lit up the scoreboards for the Irish this season.

In addition to finding the back of the opponent's net, Stewart and High have helped anchor a defense that protects their own. Always a stronghold in the Clark era, the defense has established itself among the nation's stingiest.

After Saturday's game, the team buckled down to prepare for West Virginia with its usual hard-working practices.

"Just the regular practice, that's all we do," Clark said. "We're working really hard at what we work at every week, and I think we're in pretty good shape."

The Irish have not lost at Mountaineer Soccer Complex since 1999. They take the field against West Virginia at 7 p.m.

Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish defenseman Ben Crouse brings the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Georgetown Saturday at Alumni Field. The Irish go on the road to face West Virginia tonight.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles fall to 1-8 with loss on road to Chicago



Observer file photo

Ann Carpenter and Elise Rupright make a play on the ball during a Belles game last season against Manchester.

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

For the third straight match things didn't go the Belles' way as Saint Mary's lost a non-conference match to the University of Chicago Wednesday night.

The loss makes the Belles 1-8 on the season and 1-5 in the MIAA. Their chances of making the conference tournament are slowly slipping away with each new loss.

The Maroons came into this game with a record of 9-5 and this win extends their streak to five straight during September.

The Belles lost three in a row for the fifth time this year.

They dropped the first game by a score of 30-23.

However, it did not get any better for the team as they only managed to score 21 points in the second game, and ended up losing 30-27 in the final game.

Saint Mary's gave up at least 15 or more kills in each of its three games against

Chicago.

Once again, the defense appeared to struggle throughout, while the offense proved to be rather ineffective especially in the first two games. The Maroons' defense was too much for the Belles as they posted a total of 55 digs and 13 blocks on the evening.

Currently in seventh place in the league, they still have a chance of making the tournament if they can end the season somewhere in the top six.

At the present time, Hope holds the sixth spot with a mark of 1-3 in the MIAA, putting Saint Mary's two games back in the loss column.

Saint Mary's will not take the floor again until Saturday in the Hope College Triangular.

The Belles are set to play two matches, both being against conference opponents. The first game begins at 11 a.m. against Hope College, and the second is against Olivet and starts at 1:30 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish hold the No. 1 spot in both polls

Notre Dame overtakes North Carolina for the top place in the coaches' poll

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

It's a consensus. After the rankings in the coaches' poll were released Tuesday, Notre Dame now holds the top spot in both major collegiate polls. The Irish (8-0-0) claimed the No. 1 spot in the Soccer America magazine poll last week following a weekend in which they defeated then-No. 11 Arizona State and previously top-ranked North Carolina (7-0-1) lost its perfect record in a scoreless tie against Tennessee.

Notre Dame is now one of only five schools remaining with a perfect record out of 308 Division-I programs.

It is fitting that the Irish had to overtake the Tar Heels to assume the top spot in the polls. North Carolina has been the barometer for success for a collegiate women's soccer program since the NCAA began holding championships in 1982. In those 22 years, the Tar Heels have had a stranglehold on the championship trophy winning 17 titles, including the most recent in 2003. In only two years in NCAA history has North Carolina not finished either first or second.

One of those years was 1995 when the Irish defeated the Tar Heels 1-0 in Chapel Hill, N.C., during the NCAA semifinals.

Notre Dame went on to capture its first and only national title that year, ending North Carolina's reign of 12 championships in 13 years.

If any program has come close to playing even with the Tar Heels, it would be Notre Dame. Only the Irish have made more appearances in national title games (four) than North Carolina.

While Notre Dame's 2-8-2 mark against the Tar Heels is well below the .500 mark, the two wins and two ties are better than any other collegiate program. Only Santa Clara has more wins with three.

From 1994-2000, Notre Dame has an overall record of 156-14-7, while North Carolina compiled a similar 172-9-2 during the same period.

During the height of the Tar Heels' incredible 12-year stretch from 1986-97 in which they went an astounding 283-4-9, the Irish accounted for half of their losses with a nearly even 2-4-2 mark against North Carolina.

The two teams have not played in four years, but their matchups in the past were for high stakes and almost always narrowly decided. In 1994, North Carolina was riding a 92-game winning streak entering its second ever game with the Irish.

When the dust cleared, Notre Dame had broken that streak by holding the Tar Heels to a 0-0 stalemate.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Midfield Kim Lorenzen tries to hold back an Eastern Illinois defender during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over the Panthers on Aug. 29. Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 1 in both national polls.

The tie proved to be the beginning of an intense rivalry. Seven of the 12 games between the two teams have either been ties or decided by one goal, with four games going into overtime. Six times the matchup has pitted No. 1 against No. 2, and the two have battled in the national

title game three times. The Irish lost all three of those games, including a 1-0 overtime thriller in 1996.

The Irish, however, do have the distinction as one of only two teams to beat Carolina in consecutive games after defeating the Tar Heels in the NCAA semifinals in 1995 and

then again in the regular season in 1996.

Notre Dame does not have North Carolina on its regular season schedule this year, but the two teams could meet in the NCAA Tournament.

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to take a relaxed approach."

With this approach, the team is utilizing unorthodox methods few would take in trying reach the stadium game at the end of the season. The Off-Campus team has had to build everything from scratch, from a suitable practice schedule to teaching the basic mechanics of football.

"We're learning to catch the ball and things of that nature," Blum said.

Regardless of the several obstacles the team faces, Blum is hoping key player Sarah Largent can lead the team this season.

"She had trouble remembering the plays on offense so we placed her on defense. We want her to stand up and get in the way of the others," Blum said. "She is the cornerstone of the whole team."

Since Largent serves as the leader for the Off-Campus team, a lot must be asked of her as the team faces the offensively-aggressive Welsh Family team.

The Whirlwinds are coming off a 19-0 victory over Pangborn and showed their offensive strength late in the contest last Sunday. Welsh Family scored 13 points in the second half and looked unstoppable during the final minutes of the contest.

Welsh Family quarterback Melissa Sands threw a touchdown pass to Lauren Hoeck from midfield with nine minutes left in the half and never lets its guard down for the remainder of the game.

The Whirlwinds finished the game with an eight-yard pass to Lauren Prease to end the 19-0 shutout.

The two teams square off on Riehle Fields at 7 p.m.

Badin vs. Howard

Badin looks to continue their quest to repeat as champions tonight at 8 p.m. when they take on Howard at Riehle West Field.

The Ducks, on the other hand, will attempt to bounce back from the 26-0 thrashing that they suffered at the hands of Lyons last Sunday. This South Quad match-up promises to be a physical game, with both teams having something to prove.

Badin must show that the offensive struggles were simply first-game jitters and the shaking off of a little rust. Howard has to prove that they cannot be taken lightly after just one bad game. Badin's senior captain and quarterback Stephanie Heath will lead an offense that spent a lengthy amount of time this week in practice making some necessary adjustments.

"We put in a couple new plays for the offense this week," Heath said. "As far as defense, they did a really great job last week and I'm sure they will keep it up."

The Badin defense will look to maintain the type of dominance it showed in its shutting out of Lewis last Sunday.

They intend to stop the running game early and force Howard to go to the air, where the secondary has shown it can hold its own.

"Our secondary played really well last week, especially sophomore cornerback Katie Jackson and cornerback/linebacker Rita Morgan," Heath said. "Sophomore Colleen Mallahan also played great for the defensive line."

Heath will likely have the team ready and fired up to knock-off the defending champs when Howard faces Badin at 8 p.m.

Lyons vs. Pangborn

Coming off a dominating 26-0 win over Howard on Sunday, Lyons is not taking anything for granted in the team's upcoming game against Pangborn.

"Pangborn is a very talented and extremely well-coached team. It's always a confidence booster to beat a good opponent," Lyons captain Traci Kazmerski said.

Co-head coach Neil Reece echoed Kazmerski's sentiment.

"Although they lost last week, we are well aware that Pangborn is a very talented team," she said.

Pangborn, however, is looking to right its ship. In Sunday's season-opener, the Phoxes laid a goose egg, losing 19-0 to Welsh Family.

Pangborn is determined to finally show some signs life on the offensive front by lighting up the scoreboard tonight, and preferably early in the game.

Pangborn captain Katie Murray said that last week's game was a "learning experience" for the offense and that the Phoxes will be ready come the first series against the Lyons.

However, Murray knows that the Lyons will be looking for eight straight quarters of shutout football.

Lyons co-coach Mike DeMartini has confidence that the Lyons defense will thwart any possible Pangborn offensive explosion.

"We may use any number of defensive fronts to keep Pangborn guessing," he said.

If the Lyons defense executes as well as it did against Howard, the Pangborn defense will have to improve somewhat dramatically to keep the contest close.

On Sunday, the Phoxes allowed two touchdowns, including one on a 40-yard pass. Pangborn can make no such mistakes this time, or the game poised to be a low-scoring thriller will quickly become a lopsided Lyons romp.

Game time is 9 p.m. tonight at the Riehle West field.

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Defense

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to do is make sure you're in great position and to line up to make the tackle," Wilks said. "Once you're in that position we always talk about going for the football, and that's what happened last week."

"Zbikowski was in great position, and he wrapped the guy up and went for the strip and pulled it out. That's a good job from the standpoint of taking what we worked on during practice and applying it to the game."

Although it's early, this year's defense has been compared to the defensive unit in 2002 that played a large part in leading the Irish to a 10-2 regular season record and a trip to the Gator Bowl.

That defense caused 25 turnovers in its 13 games, and this year's unit is off to a similar start with 11 turnovers so far in three games. The Irish have also scored two defensive touchdowns in 2004.

"It's big anytime a defense scores or sets up a score or gives the offense great field position to score," linebacker Derek Curry said. "It's definitely our priority. One of the main things we focus on is setting up a score or getting ourselves in the endzone."

While turnovers have been a huge positive for Notre Dame so far this season, the Irish defensive coaches are aware that too much of a focus could be placed on turnovers at the expense of good solid fundamentals.

"We always talk about tack-



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Irish safety Tom Zbikowski heads back toward the sideline after scoring a touchdown against Michigan State Saturday.

ling first," Baer said. "You've got to tackle and make sure the guy's wrapped up, and then you can come in and strip the football."

"Some of those turnovers were on tackles, just good solid hits. We weren't really trying to strip the ball but we were just putting the hat on the ball."

Wilks agrees with the idea that it is important to not lose sight of the fundamentals while pushing the importance of turnovers on the secondary.

"The number one thing you must have [to be a good defen-

sive back] is discipline," he said. "That is a position where you really have to be disciplined in what you're doing. You always want speed, size, and to be strong, but the most important thing back there is to be disciplined."

"You have a lot of guys in this game who have those tools but put themselves out of position and can't make the plays; discipline is the biggest key in the secondary."

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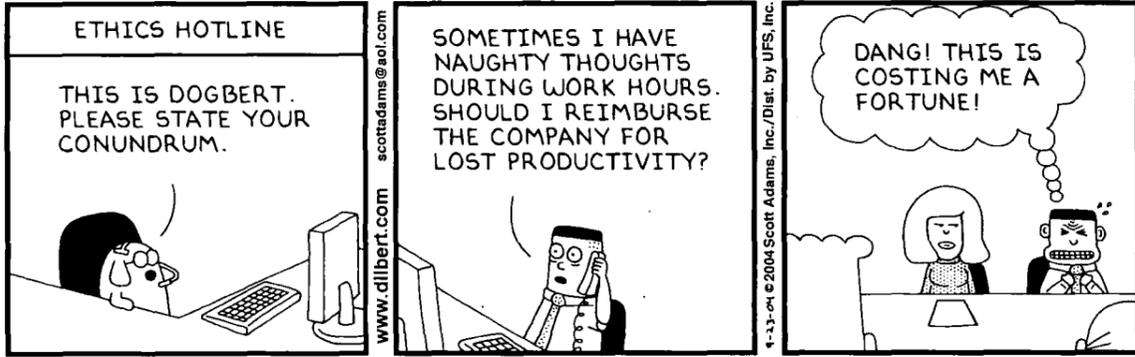
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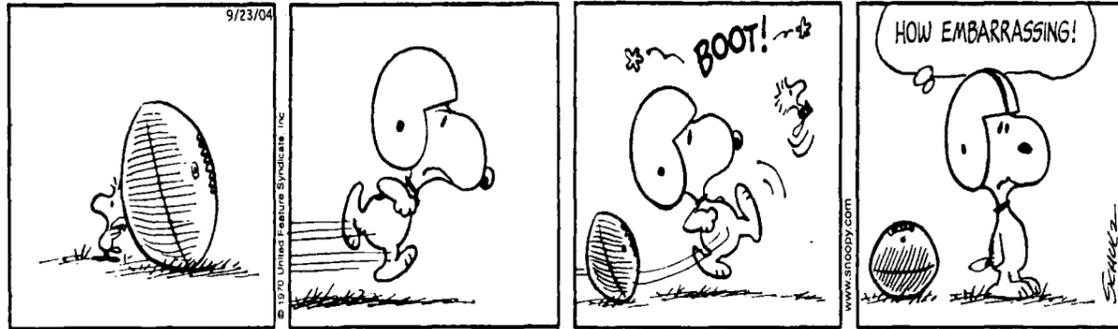
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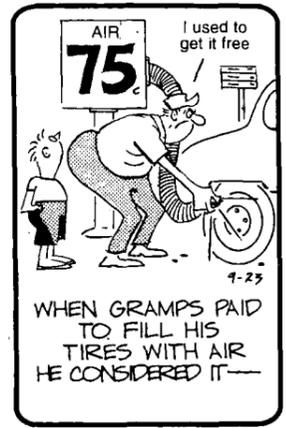


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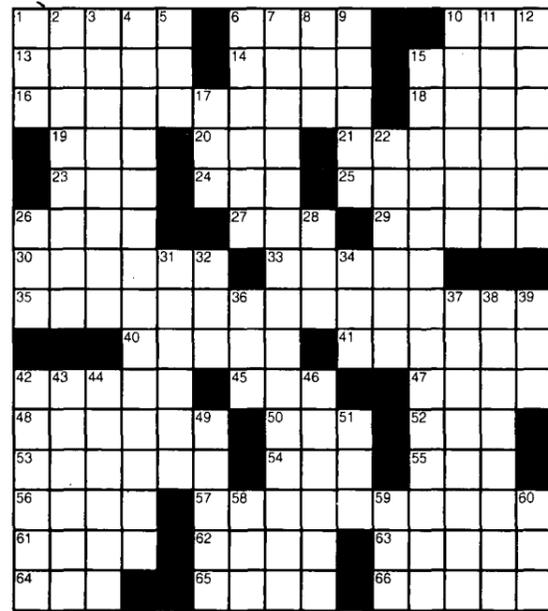
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast named a preseason All-American for '04-'05

Irish ranked in the top 15 in three national basketball publications; team returns four starters

By **JOE HETTLER**
Sports Writer

The expectations continue for the women's basketball team, and it's still the middle of football season.

The Irish are ranked in the top 15 in three national basketball magazines, and senior forward Jacqueline Batteast has been named a preseason All-American by Lindy's College Basketball

Annual.

SLAM, Lindy's and Athlon Sports have Irish coach Muffet McGraw's 2004-05 squad ranked at No. 10, 14 and 15, respectively.

McGraw is in her 18th season at the helm and has compiled a 384-149 record with the Irish, including a national title in 2001. She has taken her teams to six Sweet 16's in the last eight seasons and has won 20 games for 11 straight seasons.

McGraw returns four starters from last season's Sweet 16 squad, including Batteast. As a junior, the South Bend native averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds. Batteast is 11th on Notre Dame's all-time scoring list and was a Naismith finalist last season and a first-team Big East honoree.

Along with Batteast, the Irish return the Big East's Most Improved Player in Megan Duffy. The junior guard played a crucial

role in running Notre Dame's offense last season and averaged 9.9 points.

Forwards Courtney LaVere and Teresa Borton also return for Notre Dame and will hope to give the Irish solid play in the paint. The duo averaged 10.5 and 5.8 points per game, respectively.

McGraw will likely lean on sophomores Crystal Erwin, Breona Gray and Susie Powers more this season after all three saw some

playing time during the 2003-04 season.

Freshmen Charel Allen, Melissa D'Amico, Tulyah Gaines and Amanda Tsipis also join this season's team.

Notre Dame finished with a 21-11 record a year ago, after being ousted by No. 1 seed Penn State in the NCAA Tournament.

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FOOTBALL

Taking 'safe' risks

Defense tries to cause turnovers, but not at expense of fundamentals

By **JUSTIN SCHUVER**
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When the Irish offense had trouble putting points on the board during Tyrone Willingham's first two years as head coach at Notre Dame, it was the defense that often helped pitch in on the scoring.

While the team has shown improvement on offense in Willingham's third season, that doesn't mean the defense is any less aggressive than it has been in the past. In fact, according to defensive coordinator Kent Baer, it may be even more aggressive.

"I like the attitude of this group," Baer said. "I think they have a little chip on their shoulder, and they want to go out there and prove something to the

world, and I really like that in a unit.

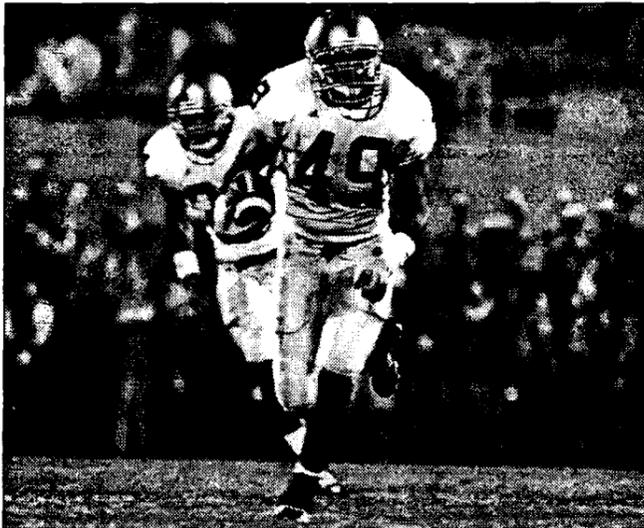
"I think as long as they keep that edge we've got a real chance to keep getting better."

That aggressiveness on defense was perhaps most personified by safety Tom Zbikowski's 75-yard fumble return for a touchdown during Notre Dame's 31-24 win over Michigan State Saturday.

Zbikowski wrapped up Spartan running back Jason Teague, stripped away the ball and then returned it for the Notre Dame score. As secondary coach Steven Wilks said, that is exactly the kind of play the defensive backs want to try and make each time out.

"The one thing that you need

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Derek Curry returns an interception against Michigan State Saturday.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

WOMEN'S GOLD LEAGUE

Off-Campus ready to get year started

By **DAN TAPETILLO, KEN FOWLER** and **THOMAS STILES**
Sports Writers

Relaxation is the key to a successful year.

Such is the mantra of the newly formed Off-Campus team for the season.

This Thursday, the Off-Campus team will face the dominant Welsh Family to open its season. Despite having troubles in building a team for its first game, Off-Campus coach Lauren Blum is optimistic about the upcoming season and the team's goals.

"Our main goal is to have a team, which is step one to a winning season," Blum said. "We're just going

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Irish midfielder Jack Stewart tries to head the ball past Georgetown goalie Andrew Keszler during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Georgetown Saturday.

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish hoping for 2-0 start to Big East season

By **KATE GALES**
Sports Writer

The weekend started on Wednesday for the Irish, who set off on their first 2004 Big East conference road trip at West Virginia tonight.

"The hardest thing to deal with is missing classes, but it doesn't make sense to do it any other way," coach Bobby Clark said.

"The lads, they've got to work pretty hard at [fitting in school-work]."

The Irish are coming off a 4-1 thrashing of conference-rival Georgetown and look to improve their conference record to 2-0 with a win against the Mountaineers. West Virginia has yet to post a win in two conference games. The 3-3 Mountaineers will use their home

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The Belles fell to 1-8 after losing their second game of the season to Chicago.

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The New York Jets are off to a 2-0 start thanks in part to a powerful running game.

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The Sun Devils start the season 3-0 behind the play of quarterback Andrew Walter.

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Texas moved back to within three games of division leader Oakland with a 5-3 win over the A's.

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Zambrano pitched well as Chicago defeated Pittsburgh 1-0.

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