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SMC dean to step down at year's end

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Pat White, the Saint Mary's vice president and dean of faculty responsible for launching the College's Center for Academic Innovation and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), announced he will



White

step down at the end of the academic year.

White, who has served as dean since fall 2002, said he will take a year-long sabbatical "researching and writing" and will then join the English department as a faculty member.

After 17 years as an administrator, White said, he misses the classroom and daily interaction with students.

"This is a great job," White said. "You are working with great people. It is an honor to be dean of faculty, but I have missed the connection

with students. It's time for me to write, to teach, to spend more time working a little more closely with the students."

As a young academic teaching at Pfeiffer College — now Pfeiffer University — in Misenheimer, N.C., White said a position at Saint Mary's was his "dream job."

Although he never envisioned himself in an administrative office, he decided to apply for an opening as Saint Mary's associate dean of faculty in 1988.

"All my life I had known about Saint Mary's College

and it was such a good school and I thought, 'I am going to apply for this job,'" White said. "I came for the interviews and I fell in love with the place."

White also said he was deeply impressed by the inquisitive and articulate student body. A question and answer session with students while he was interviewing, he said, was tougher than those he faced from the faculty. He remembered one student in particular who stood up and asked him

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Orange dots ND campus

'Fine By Me' shirts show support, pride

By SARAH WHEATON
News Writer

The color orange will speckle Notre Dame's campus once again today as students and faculty show their support for alternative lifestyles by wearing "Gay? Fine By Me" shirts provided by members of AllianceND.

The student group, which has not been formally recognized by the University, focuses on issues of sexuality and tolerance. Members said they distributed about 250 new T-shirts in preparation for today's event, which is co-sponsored by the sociology department. An estimated 2,500 shirts have been distributed to members of the Notre Dame community since the inception of the campaign in spring 2004.

Graduate student and group co-coordinator Anna Gomberg said she believes demand for the shirts has not waned.

"A lot of faculty and staff wanted the shirt this time around," she said.

AllianceND said in a press release that "wearing the shirt indicates support and acceptance of Notre Dame's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (GLBTQ) community and its allies."

"The main purpose of these events is continuing campus dialogue on GLBTQ issues," it said.

"It's important for students to

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Sisters show Saint Mary's pride

Nuns attend athletic events, cheer on Belles

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

She doesn't wear short skirts.

She doesn't shake pom-poms.

She will never do bounding handspings across the court.

Nevertheless, Sister Viola Marie Byrnes is well known as Saint Mary's most vibrant and vocal cheerleader.

In recent years the retired Sister of the Holy Cross has become a fixture on campus, riding around on an athletic department golf cart and cheering from the sidelines at home games.

With fewer and fewer Sisters filling positions at the College, the visibility of Byrnes and a few other Sisters at competitions has inspired student athletes and provided them with a portal to a past era.

A lifeline

One of nine children, Byrnes loved to play sports as a girl, particularly basketball, volleyball and baseball. The Logan, Utah native decided to join the Sisters of the Holy Cross as a young woman and arrived at Saint Mary's in 1951 to take classes.

In 1954 she left the College and went out on mission, embarking on what would turn out to be a lifelong career of teaching. Assigned classes as large as 50 first or second graders, Byrnes worked in Catholic schools in California, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Texas.

Wherever she placed, she was always a big supporter of athletics.

"I went to the soccer, basketball and baseball games," Byrnes said. "I was very active with the children."

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Sister of the Holy Cross Viola Byrnes cheers for the Saint Mary's Belles at a volleyball game in the Angela Athletic Facility Tuesday.

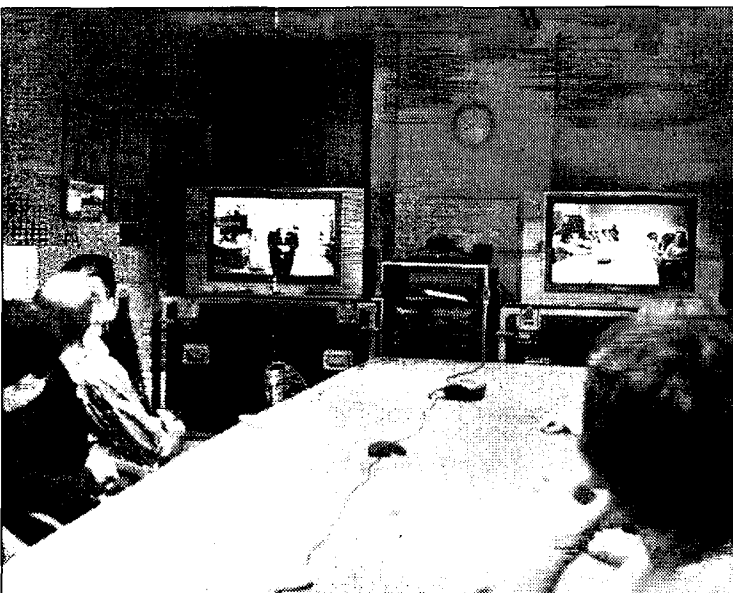
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ND, Palestinian students confer

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

In a pilot program sponsored by the State Department, nine Notre Dame students participated in an informal video conference with Palestinian university students early Wednesday morning, a conversation that focused on student life but quickly turned to a genial discussion about Jerusalem's political climate and Western and Islamic perceptions of the other.

The Notre Dame students, whose majors and travel history reflect their keen interest in world affairs, are stu-



ANN KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame students and faculty participate in a video conference with Palestinian students Wednesday morning.

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SENATE

Group discusses ad, business agreements

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Director of administrative services for the University Dan Skendzel explained Notre Dame's agreements with TRANSCO and FedEx Kinko's to senators at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, which also heard continued backlash about the University spot "Candle."

"We're seeing this as a long term relationship" between FedEx Kinko's and the University, Skendzel said. "We see FedEx Kinko's as being able to grow with the University."

He said the University decided this summer to choose FedEx Kinko's, located on campus in Grace Hall and off campus on State Road 23, for its expertise, pricing and convenience. The Grace Hall Kinko's accepts Diner Dollars and can release print jobs ordered from a dorm room or other campus location.

While the Grace Hall Kinko's is currently open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, Skendzel said there will be weekend hours as well as expanded weekday hours.

"But I don't have a timetable on that," he said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Whirlwind weekend

I was supposed to get my driver's license this weekend.

Then again, I was supposed to keep my necessary certificates safe so the beautiful bureaucracy that is the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles would let me take the road test.

Ken Fowler

Sports Writer

At 3:20 a.m. Friday, after 13 hours of travel that included a three-hour flight delay and diversion from the friendly confines of LaGuardia Airport in Queens to New Jersey's Newark International, I couldn't find the certificate showing that I took the appropriate 5-hour beginner drivers' class.

After a few hours of sleep and a couple more of searching, I resigned myself to the fact that it was nowhere to be found. The driving school that had my records was closed, and my road test was within hours. I went to the test site anyway, knowing I would be denied.

I was right in my assumption.

When I got home, I figured I had to make the most of the two days home. I mean, the plane tickets cost \$161. The bus was another \$57. Meals at Midway and LaGuardia, about \$20. Overall, my two-day, three-night voyage home cost me nearly \$240. Plus, the travel had been hellacious, and I had failed my weekend's main goal.

I was not going to allow the days to go to waste, so first things first.

I threw on a bathing suit, grabbed my fins, and walked about a quarter-mile to the south-facing ocean beach of my hometown. It was the first time in a little more than a month I had been there, and I was dying to catch a few waves.

Lucky for me, the sunny day's air was about 75 degrees and the water about 65. And despite an onshore wind, the waves were breaking cleanly and three to four feet — perfect for bodysurfing.

Glory!

I swam out to the surfers dropping in off the jetties and started catching waves of my own. I realized once again the thrill of lying prone on a wall of water as you fall over the face of a wave.

A few times, I was a little reckless and took a few tumbles, but I'll take a few bruises and scrapes for the joy of bodysurfing any day — even a day that was a failure just hours before.

After I exhausted my playful energy from constantly swimming out to the line of breakers, I caught one last wave and called it a day. I put my fins in one hand, shoes in another and shirt over my shoulder.

It was the beginning fall, and I felt like I was just starting summer. I was walking barefoot in on the street, salt water infiltrating my ears and eyes and sand up and down my now-not-so-tan legs. My smile was ear-to-ear as I walked home.

Just 45 hours later, I wrote this column in Midway amidst a cold September rain, thinking to myself, 'How soon can I schedule my next few road tests?'

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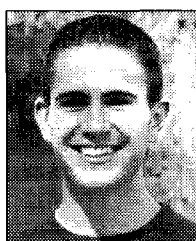
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE CAMPUS STUDY SPOT?



Madeline Murphy

junior
off campus

"I can't tell you, because then everyone would start going there."



Tommy Gruffi

freshman
Dillon

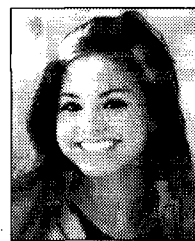
"Cavanaugh 258 with Jenn and Ann."



Faustin Weber

freshman
Keough

"There are study spots?"



Rachel Barretto

freshman
Cavanaugh

"The middle of North Quad when it's sunny."



Ryan Bradley

junior
Zahm

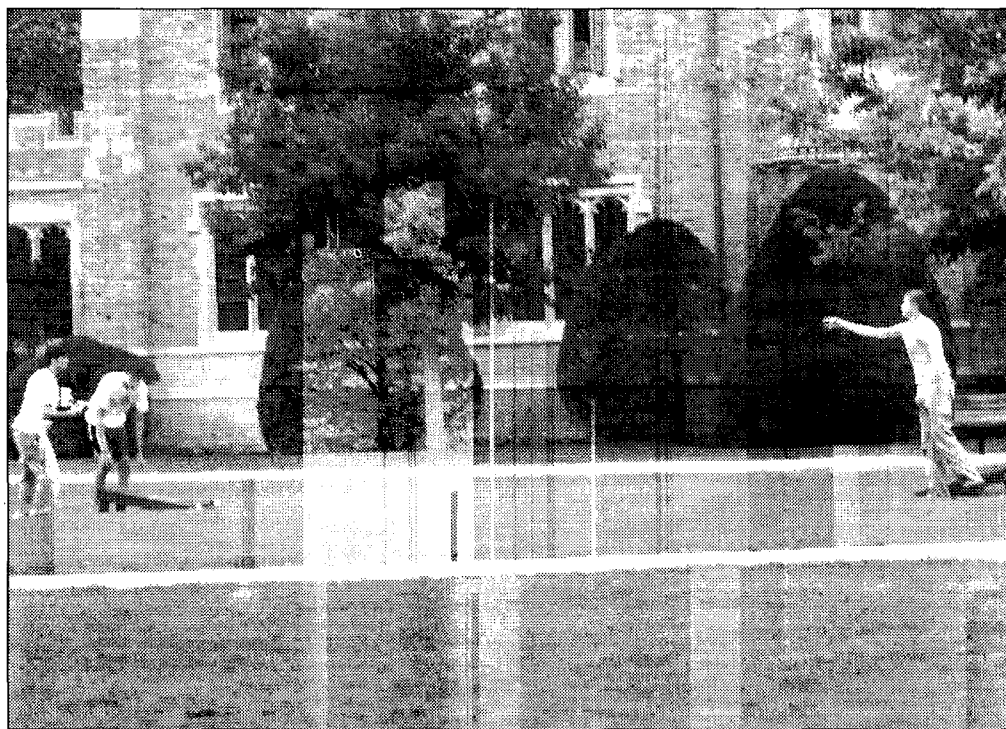
"13th floor, library."



Bridget Higgins

sophomore
Cavanaugh

"The Bond Library, 2nd floor, left hand side."



JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Students play cornhole on South Quad Wednesday afternoon in the sun before rain poured down on Notre Dame. Temperatures have been extremely varied lately as the warm weather gives way to fall.

OFFBEAT

Anti-dueling law used to prosecute knife fighters

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — Five years into the 21st century, an 1846 anti-dueling law is being used to prosecute two cousins accused of getting in a knife fight.

"The 1800s are alive and well in Mount Clemens," joked Dean Alan, who heads the Macomb County prosecutor's office warrants division. It issued warrants Tuesday.

Police say the cousins, ages 19 and 31, disagreed Monday over a \$30 debt.

The older man brandished a knife and chal-

lenged the younger man to fight outside their Mount Clemens home, and the younger man accepted, said Sheriff Mark Hackel. The teen was stabbed in the stomach.

Man takes citizenship oath, wins lottery

DES MOINES, Iowa — A man who immigrated from Kenya to the United States found prosperity beyond his expectations on the day he became a U.S. citizen.

Shortly after Moses Bittok, of West Des Moines, took the oath of citizenship on Friday, he discovered he had a \$1.89 million win-

ning ticket from the Iowa Lottery's Hot Lotto game.

"It's almost like you adopted a country and then they netted you \$1.8 million," Bittok said Monday as he cashed in his ticket. "It doesn't happen anywhere - I guess only in America."

Bittok said he took the citizenship oath at the federal building in Des Moines Friday then went shopping with his family. They stopped at a gas station to check his lottery ticket from the Sept. 21 drawing.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Steve Coll, a writer for The New Yorker, will give the lecture "Inside the Hunt for Osama Bin Laden" today from 7 p.m. to 8:30 in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College.

Welsh Family will be hosting a Block Party for the Big Easy Thursday from 8 p.m. to midnight. The party will take place behind Reckers. All students are welcome to enjoy free food, carnival games, campus bands, and a dunk tank. Donations will be accepted for the Hurricane Katrina Relief fund.

The a capella ensemble Schola Antiqua of Chicago will perform tonight at 8 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The group is dedicated to the study and performance of western liturgical chant and early polyphony. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance by calling 631-2800.

Student Union Board will sponsor Acoustic Café, featuring live performances from Notre Dame students, tonight from 10:00 to 11:55 p.m. in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center. Admission is free to all students.

Welsh Family, Alumni, Howard, and Badin Halls will host a campus-wide Game Watch on a Big Screen on South Quad this Saturday as ND takes on Purdue. There will be free glow in the dark necklaces and popcorn. The event starts at kick-off and all students are invited to attend.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Chambers discusses diversity at Saint Mary's College

Renowned African/Latina author visits campus, packs Vander Venet Theater Wednesday in first lecture of series

By MARY CONROY
News Writer

Saint Mary's experienced a little more diversity Wednesday night as author Veronica Chambers kicked off the Diversity Series Program with a speech on "Diversity on Campus."

The lecture, first in a series of four, was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership. Vander Venet Theater in the lower level of the Student Center was full to capacity as students, faculty and staff lined up to listen to Chambers's childhood tales, experiences as a writer, travel adventures and development of her personal view of diversity.

Chambers, an African/Latina, authored books *Mama's Girl*, *Quinceanera Means Sweet 15*, and the soon-to-be-released *Double Dutch: A Celebration of Jump Rope, Rhyme, and Sisterhood*. She also wrote several books about childhood experiences, including *Amistad Rising*, *Celia Cruz*, and *The*

Queen of Salsa.

Born in Panama, raised first in England and then Brooklyn at age five, Chambers had already experienced several different cultures and languages before she entered Simon College at age 16. At this point, she said she believed she could identify herself as a young black Brooklyn girl. Chambers soon gained internships and began to write for several nationally published magazines such as *Seventeen* and *YM*, and it was at this time she realized her self-identification began to change.

"You are not totally defined as you think you are when you grow up," she said.

Through internships and additional jobs, Chambers was able to travel to Los Angeles, London and Japan. She said it was her experience in Japan in 2003 that drastically changed her personal view of herself.

"In Japan I was known as an American, not Black, not African-American, and I liked it," Chambers said.

After sharing personal stories, Chambers aimed her talk directly at the students in attendance.

"If you have an interest reaching across [the] cultural line, [you] have opportunity to



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Veronica Chambers speaks Wednesday night as part of a Saint Mary's program on diversity. The author discussed diversity on campus, drawing much of her speech from her own experiences.

build friendships here," she said.

Chambers also told how her experiences with other Americans of different backgrounds, her work and her travel have influenced her writings and presentations. She reminded the listeners that even though we are all

Americans, it is beneficial to at least familiar with other ethnicities.

"If there is a time to reach past [the] awkwardness, this is the time," she said. "College is [the] place where topics come up and [the] safest place to discuss topics — the corporate scene doesn't care."

Chambers concluded by encouraging students to broaden their experiences with diversity through writing.

"I am happy to help and give advice for those of you interested to be writers," she said.

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NetID Passwords

Only the Strong Will Survive

Why you must change your existing NetID password to a Strong Password

Q What is a strong password?
A Strong Password is a difficult-to-guess password that you use with your NetID to access insideND, Notre Dame email and shared storage spaces, such as NetFile. It is at least eight characters long, and is made up of upper and lowercase random letters, numbers, punctuation marks and other keyboard symbols.

Q What is a weak password?
A weak password is one that is short and easy to guess.

Q What's an example of a weak password?
Your first name followed by your dorm room number is an example of a weak password.

Q What's an example of a Strong Password?
myPWis1Uwg

Q How can I remember a password that complex?
It's a "passphrase" derived from "my password is one you won't guess." Remember the phrase; remember the password.

Q How do I change to a Strong Password?
Go to <https://password.nd.edu>, and follow the instructions.

Q Why should I change to a Strong Password?
(1) Weak passwords put sensitive and personal information at risk that can be used by identity thieves (you don't want strangers guessing your password and pretending to be you) ;
(2) If you do not change to a Strong Password, your existing password will expire, disrupting your access to Notre Dame networked applications, including email and shared storage.

Q Will all existing passwords expire at the same time?
No. Passwords that have not been changed (to Strong Passwords) since July 5, 2005 will be randomly tagged for expiration sometime between now and the spring of 2006.

Q How will I know that my password is set to expire?
You will receive an email from the OIT, and you will have 30 days from the day of receipt to change to a Strong Password. Once you change your password to a Strong Password, you won't have to change it again for another 180 days.

Q When it comes to Strong Passwords, will the University make exceptions for some campus computer users?
No exceptions will be granted.

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Senate

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He also noted that course packets will now be available through the Hammes Bookstore unless professors print the packets through Decio.

Matt Erste, major accounts manager for FedEx Kinko's, said students would "hopefully" be able to use the FedEx services before winter break.

Skendzel also discussed the updated TRANSPO routes and services available to students. He focused on The Sweep, which links Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, and Route #7, modified this year to include stops along the Grape Road corridor. The routes are free for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff.

"We have been pleased at this point with our agreement with TRANSPO," Skendzel said,

emphasizing the benefits to students who travel off campus for service. "We also see it as a great way to get students active in the community."

Skendzel said the University would be working to make sure TRANSPO buses were on time and transporting students "in a timely manner," urging senators to take advantage of the system.

"There's no reason to be afraid of it," Skendzel said. "It's a new experience."

In response to questions about adding the Castle Point apartment complex as a stop on the routes, Skendzel told senators to send petitions to TRANSPO general manager Mary McLain.

"They generally change their routes based on demand," Skendzel said.

Senators also discussed a revised letter from the Diversity committee criticizing the widely debated "Candle" ad, which did not air during last weekend's

game against Washington but is scheduled to run during the Purdue game.

Many senators complained that last week's letter contained inaccuracies and poor diction. This

week's letter, addressed to vice president of public affairs and communication Hilary Crnkovich, met with much wider approval and was described by more than one senator as "a vast improvement."

But some senators still found issues with the letter's wording, especially the line, "Notre Dame is a household term across the nation when it comes to two subjects — Catholicism and football."

"I don't have a problem with that," O'Neill senator Steve

Tortorello said. "But I can see how someone would say, 'What about academics? What about social justice?' ... That's implying that people around the country only know us for those two things."

Others defended the statement as necessary to the letter's goal.

"I think that's the point, though," Pangborn senator and Diversity committee member Lisa Rauh said. "Like you said, there's so much else here [not shown in the ad]."

Alumni senator Drew Beatty said he thought senators

were focusing too much on their reaction to the ad and not its objective.

"The point of the commercial isn't supposed to make me, as a Notre Dame student, feel better

"The point of the commercial isn't supposed to make me, as a Notre Dame student, feel better about Notre Dame."

Drew Beatty
Alumni senator

about Notre Dame," Beatty said. "It's to attract applicants ... it's a marketing tool. Our main audience is middle class, white Catholics. It still hits its goal."

University Affairs committee chair Matt Walsh said Beatty's point was the problem with the ad.

"I think Notre Dame would be a pretty bad school if we just got white, middle class Catholic kids to come here," Walsh said. "If I was in high school [and watched this], I'd say, 'Maybe I'll go to BC or Georgetown.'"

Minority Affairs committee chair Rhea Boyd said from working in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions she had seen how hard Notre Dame tries to recruit minority applicants.

"We need to do that," Boyd said. "And the commercial doesn't help us do that."

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Shirts

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know that this is a safe place and that there are certain people that it is safe to talk to about these issues," Gomberg said. "The T-shirt days show our support for these individuals in a highly visible way and shows that there are allies for them here, and if that is the only thing that comes of it, that's fine with me."

Because AllianceND is not formally recognized as a club by Notre Dame, group members must think of creative ways to advertise and run their events. Sophomore Alexander Renfro, who serves as director of communications for AllianceND, said the group relies heavily on its Web site, e-mail lists and word of mouth to advertise events like the T-shirt days.

The shirts usually get a mixed reaction from the student body. Sophomore Josh Kempf and junior Meredith Wholley said they will not be wearing the shirt today.

"I think the Catholic nature of ND doesn't support that, and I don't see it as a lifestyle I agree with," Kempf said.

"I think the shirts have an ambiguous message," Wholley said. "There is a difference between loving someone for who they are and accepting actions that are sinful."

Renfro said he will be wearing the shirt to show his support for the GLBTQ community.

"Diversity is a huge issue at Notre Dame, and we are simply representing the level that deals with sexuality," he said. "You have to start with awareness to bring tolerance."

Junior Laura Vilim said she will also be wearing the shirt.

"I wish it had a stronger sentiment — it's not just fine by me, it's completely acceptable by me," she said.

Senior Peter Quaranto, a staunch shirt supporter, said he believes it helps send a positive message.

"I think the shirt campaign is extremely effective because often people view hospitality for homosexual people as a taboo, and I think the mass numbers of people wearing shirts sends forth a symbol of hope," he said. "My hope is that [University President] Father

[John] Jenkins will use this as an opportunity to show that he cares for the voices of students and that he is committed to an environment welcoming for all."

While some students may not be receptive to the message the shirt sends, they are at least aware of the shirt itself. In past years, some have designed similar shirts to wear with messages like "Girls? Fine By Me."

"Those [alternative] shirts are just inspiration to work a little more to make a case for why we're needed on campus," Renfro said. "If people are still mocking sexuality and tolerance, then there is a problem."

Vilim said she thinks no matter what the message on the shirts, it is obvious the campaign raises awareness.

"You can see by the spin-off shirts that people are at least thinking about the issue," she said.

Acceptance of homosexuality on Notre Dame's campus has been an issue of hot debate in the past few years. The Princeton Review, which had previously ranked Notre Dame as the No. 1 campus where alternative lifestyles are not an alternative, recently bumped the University to the No. 2 spot behind Hampden-

Sydney College.

Wholley said she does not see fact that the ranking is viewed negatively as an issue.

"If by being intolerant the Princeton Review means that we are resistant to moral relativism, then I have no problem with the ranking," she said.

Kempf said that while he does not particularly support the homosexual lifestyle, he does not necessarily think Notre Dame is intolerant.

"Maybe [the idea behind the ranking is] true, but I don't see us as being hostile to gays," he said. "I've never asked anyone if they're gay and no one's asked me, so I don't think it's a big deal. I think it's a non-issue, and I think that's what the shirts are saying — live and let live."

Gomberg said she thinks the ranking reflects the attitude of the University institutions, not the student body. Although the Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution last year supporting official status for AllianceND, the group has been denied official club status by the University multiple times.

However, Out magazine — a national publication directed toward gay men — profiled Notre Dame in their Sept. 2005 college guide as the No. 1 place to go if you are gay and spiritual. The magazine cited last year's Queer Film Fest, production of plays like The Laramie

Project and the T-shirt campaign as indicators of a more accepting campus.

"I think we have a student body that is really supportive and working towards the goal

of making Notre Dame more tolerant, but structural changes need to occur," Gomberg said.

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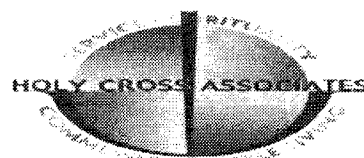
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Female suicide bomber first in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A woman disguised in a man's robes and headdress slipped into a line of army recruits Wednesday and detonated explosives strapped to her body, killing at least six recruits and wounding 35 — the first known suicide attack by a woman in Iraq's insurgency.

The attack in Tal Afar near the Syrian border appeared aimed at showing that militants could still strike in a town where U.S. and Iraqi offensives drove out insurgents only two weeks ago. A female suicide bomber may have been chosen because she could get through checkpoints — at which women are rarely searched — then don her disguise to join the line of men, Iraqi officials said.

Iraq's most notorious insurgent group, al-Qaida in Iraq, claimed responsibility for the attack in an Internet statement, saying it was carried out by a "blessed sister."

Chernobyl yields radioactive find

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukrainian authorities found radioactive material believed stolen from the now-defunct Chernobyl nuclear power plant a decade ago, an official said Wednesday.

Security officers discovered a plastic bag with 14 pieces of nuclear fuel during a routine search of the damaged reactor's perimeter last week, said plant spokesman Stanislav Shektela. The pieces included part of a fuel rod and small pipes.

He said the radioactive material "was probably missing since 1995," when a group of people was arrested and convicted of stealing nuclear fuel from the destroyed reactor's central hall.

NATIONAL NEWS

Hundreds of bodies unidentified

BATON ROUGE, La. — Hundreds of corpses from Hurricane Katrina await identification at a makeshift morgue, with only 32 bodies released to families for burial so far — a slow pace officials consider unavoidable.

"These are horrible times, and it's extremely frustrating. I wish I could speed up the process, but speeding up the process could contaminate the process. I'm sorry about that," said Dr. Louis Cataldie, who heads the body recovery process in Louisiana.

Identifying the bodies through personal items, DNA, fingerprints, dental records, pacemakers or implants has been made difficult by the poor condition of corpses left for days or weeks in contaminated water, sludge and heat, he said.

Heat closes Houston relief center

HOUSTON — Saying they were caught off-guard by the number of people in need, FEMA officials closed a relief center early on Wednesday after some of the hundreds of hurricane victims in line began fainting in triple-digit heat.

The midday closing of the Houston disaster relief center came as officials in areas hit hardest by Hurricane Rita criticized FEMA's response to the storm, with one calling for a commission to examine the emergency response.

LOCAL NEWS

Kernan named Red Cross director

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan was introduced Wednesday as the interim director of the St. Joseph County chapter of the Red Cross.

The previous executive director was fired a couple of weeks ago. Kernan said he is donating his time as temporary director.

Kernan said his relationship with the Red Cross dates to the Vietnam War. He and other prisoners of war received a Red Cross package containing deodorant and toothpaste.

DeLay indicted in fundraising probe

House Majority Leader temporarily steps down, denies guilt, calls ruling 'baseless'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay was indicted by a Texas grand jury Wednesday on a charge of conspiring to violate political fundraising laws, forcing him to temporarily step aside from his GOP post. He is the highest-ranking member of Congress to face criminal prosecution.

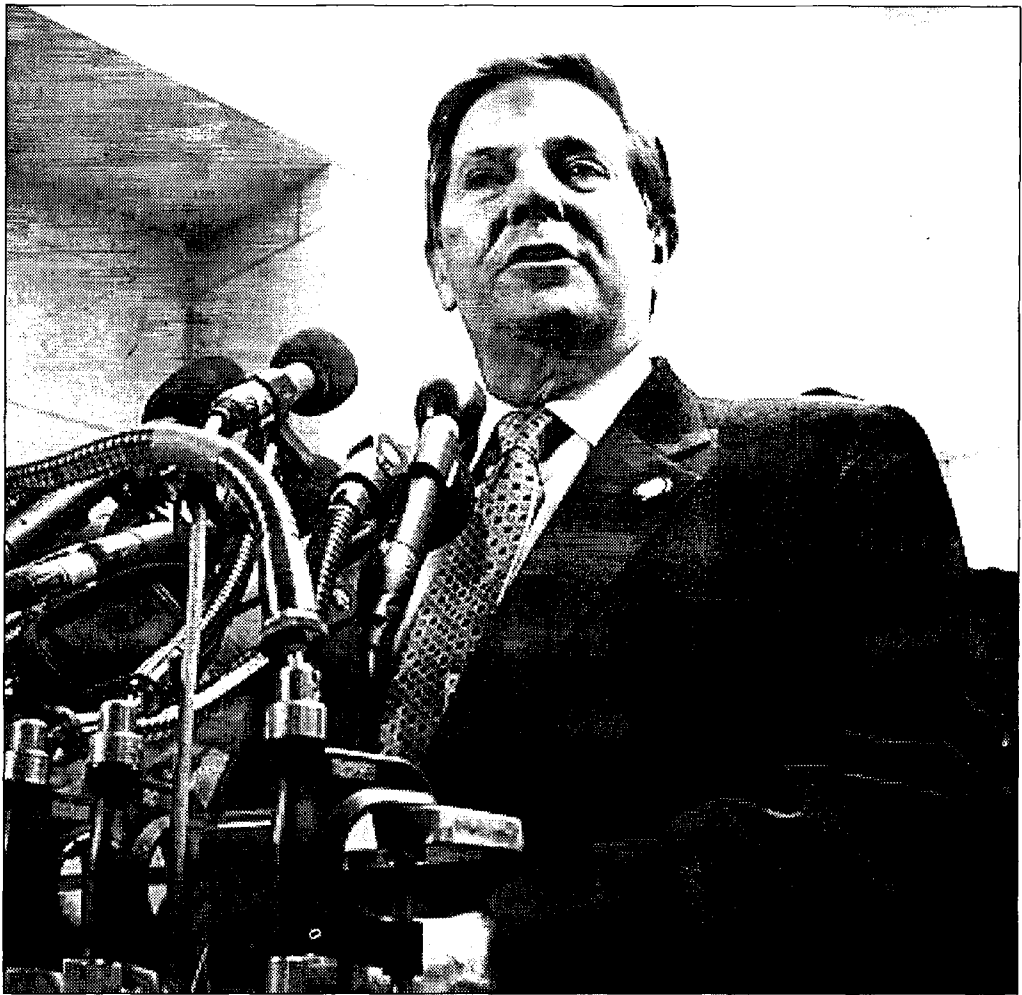
A defiant DeLay said he had done nothing wrong and denounced the Democratic prosecutor who pursued the case as a "partisan fanatic." He said, "This is one of the weakest, most baseless indictments in American history. It's a sham."

Nonetheless, DeLay's temporary departure and the prospect of a criminal trial for one of the Republicans' most visible leaders reverberated throughout the GOP-run Congress, which was already struggling with ethics questions surrounding its Senate leader.

Republicans quickly moved to fill the void, while voicing polite support for DeLay. Speaker Dennis Hastert named Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt to take over most of DeLay's leadership duties.

Ronnie Earle, the Democratic prosecutor in Austin who led the investigation, denied politics was involved. "Our job is to prosecute abuses of power and to bring those abuses to the public," he said. He has noted previously that he has prosecuted many Democrats in the past.

DeLay, 58, was indicted on a single felony count of conspiring with two political associates. The two previously had been charged with the same conspiracy count. They are John Colyandro, for-



Representative Tom DeLay, R-Tex., talks to reporters on Capitol Hill Wednesday after resigning as House Majority Leader following his indictment by a Texas grand jury.

mer executive director of a Texas political action committee formed by DeLay, and Jim Ellis, who heads DeLay's national political committee.

The indictment stems from a plan DeLay helped set in motion in 2001 to help Republicans win control of the Texas House in the 2002 elections for the first time since Reconstruction.

The grand jury accused the men of conspiring to route corporate donations from DeLay's Texas committee to the Republican Party in Washington, then returning the money back to Texas legislative candidates. It was a scheme

intended to evade a state law outlawing corporate donations going to candidates, the indictment said.

The indictment also mentioned another Republican figure, President Bush's campaign political director Terry Nelson, though it did not charge him with any wrongdoing.

The grand jury alleged Nelson received the money — along with a list of Texas lawmakers who were to get donations — from the Texas committee while working at the Republican National Committee. Nelson did not return calls to his office seeking comment.

DeLay and others conspired to "engage in conduct that would constitute the offense of knowingly making a political contribution in violation" of Texas law, the indictment charged. However, it did not specify how DeLay was involved.

DeLay, whose conduct on separate issues was criticized by the House ethics committee last year, was unrelenting in his criticism of Earle. He suggested the district attorney had promised not to prosecute him and then changed course under pressure from Democrats and criticism from a newspaper in Texas.

GAZA STRIP

Israel continues missiles despite truce pledge

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — Israeli aircraft unleashed a barrage of missiles early Wednesday and fired artillery into the Gaza Strip for the first time, pushing forward with an offensive despite a pledge by Islamic militants to halt their recent rocket attacks against Israel.

Renewed fighting that entered its fifth day Wednesday has compounded Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's political problems. The violence had been expected to harm Sharon's chances in a vote Monday in the ruling Likud Party, where hard-liners hoped to punish him for the Gaza withdrawal.

Sharon's narrowly won that challenge, but an advisor said Tuesday

he still may bolt the party if it refuses to support his political program.

The Israeli airstrikes early Wednesday knocked out power throughout nearly all of Gaza City. The army said it targeted three buildings used for "terror activity" by Palestinian militants and an access route in northern Gaza used by militants to fire rockets.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said the army would attack Palestinian militants relentlessly to force them to stop firing rockets at Israeli towns.

In the West Bank, Israeli troops raided offices belonging to the Hamas militant group in the towns of Qalqiliya and Tulkarem early Wednesday, Palestinian security officials said.

The army had no immediate

comment on those raids, but said it arrested 24 wanted members of Hamas and Islamic Jihad overnight elsewhere in the West Bank.

The army has arrested nearly 400 suspected militants in the West Bank in recent days.

The fifth straight day of airstrikes came hours after Islamic Jihad militants on Tuesday declared a halt to their recent rocket attacks, and armed Palestinian groups pledged to honor a tattered cease-fire, seeking to end the Israeli offensive.

Tensions were further inflamed when Hamas militants released a video showing a bound and blindfolded Israeli businessman whom they kidnapped and later killed. The kidnapping appeared to signal a new tactic in the militants' fight against Israel.

Sisters

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Suffering from poor health, Byrnes returned to Saint Mary's in May 2001 to undergo an operation. It was while struggling to recover she met athletic director Lynn Kachmarik and began building a relationship with the College's athletic department.

"A few years ago we needed to find a way for the fall sport athletes to eat over fall break and the dining hall was closed," Kachmarik said.

Sister Louisita Welsh, assistant to vice president for mission and the volleyball team chaplain, suggested the student athletes dine with Sisters of the Holy Cross at the convent.

"It was a win-win situation for everybody," Kachmarik said. "[The athletes] mixed and mingled with some of the Sisters."

From that point on, Kachmarik said, Byrnes "just stuck."

"I started doing what I call nun runs," Kachmarik said. "I would take my golf cart over to the convent and I would pick up whatever nuns wanted to come to the basketball game or the volleyball game."

Attending games regularly, Byrnes grew especially close to members of the soccer squad and became team chaplain.

"[The Sisters] want to be out serving, but health issues bring them back here," Kachmarik said. "So it is kind of like a lifeline for Sister Viola — it keeps her young."

Byrnes also credits her involvement with the athletics teams for energizing her physically, mentally and spiritually.

"[It's] been a lifesaver," Sister Viola said. "I would have gone nuts if I didn't have anything to do."

In good times and in bad

Despite serious health problems — including two knee replacements, two knee hip replacements and severe arthritis — Byrnes is always on the sidelines cheering on the Belles.

In May, Byrnes had successful open-heart surgery only to be diagnosed with breast cancer four weeks later. She spent the summer undergoing 30 radiation treatments. All of her focus, she said, was in recovering in time to attend the first home game this season.

"I will never forget bringing her over on the golf cart [to the first game] and she had her hands above her head saying 'I'm here, I'm here,'" Kachmarik said. "I've never seen our team play so much as a team as that first win against Albion."

Byrnes has also become legendary among athletes and coaches for braving terrible weather in order to watch teams compete.

"Last year it was this really cold, windy day," said senior Maura Schoen, one of three soccer team captains. "It was so windy we thought she was going to blow over and she was still out there. We had some of our players stand behind her to make sure she didn't fall over. Nothing will stop her."

A strong presence

Senior and fellow soccer team captain Shannon Culbertson had never known a Sister before joining the Saint Mary's team freshman year and meeting Byrnes. She said she was immediately struck by her enthusiasm for the College and

for the athletes.

"I love it when the other teams see that we have a nun in full habit on the sidelines," Culbertson said. "It is just priceless."

Byrnes doesn't restrict herself to just the sidelines, however. She joins the team on the field for their pre-game pump-up sessions.

"She's usually in the huddle," Culbertson said. "Sometimes people will forget she is there. Before the games sometimes people will get loud and kind of curse of whatever but she doesn't get mad, she understands."

Byrnes taught the team a rhyming prayer, so they could easily remember it, which they recite with her before every home game and without her

when they compete away. She also likes to add a word or two about strategy.

"Last home game Sister Viola started the halftime speech and she said 'You guys are playing so well, but the ball is only on one side of the field,'" Culbertson said. "We were all like, 'We are being coached by a nun.' It was the best halftime speech ever. I wish I had it on videotape or something."

After a senior awards banquet one year, Kachmarik recalled, the parents of an athlete approached her and thanked her not for honoring their daughter with one of the major awards of the evening but for reintroducing the Sisters to the students.

Kachmarik said that gesture was "a huge statement" for her

and affirmed her belief that the Sisters have an important role to play in the athletic department and at the College.

A spiritual mother

Sister Viola's dedication to her faith and to her life's work has been an inspiration to many of those involved with Saint Mary's athletics.

As part of her work as soccer team chaplain, Sister Viola gave the name of one Saint Mary's player to Sisters in the convent to pray for the team's success.

At Christmastime members of the soccer team went door to door in the convent to sing carols and thank the Sisters for their support.

"Personally it has deepened my faith knowing that someone believes so strongly," Culbertson said. "Praying is not something she takes lightly, it is really serious."

Kachmarik said when she arrived at Saint Mary's six years ago she was not a

Catholic and had little interest in becoming one.

But little by little, Byrnes and fellow athletic enthusiast Sister Jean Little began to ask Kachmarik about her faith and whether she was interested in the joining the Church.

"I was in such awe of their lives and their commitment to God and their work," Kachmarik said. "I started looking into it and then they became my sponsors."

Her relationship with the Sisters of the Holy Cross has had a tremendous impact on her faith life, Kachmarik said.

"I think Sister Viola and Sister Jean are 100 percent of the reason I became Catholic," Kachmarik said. "I am a completely different person because of my relationship with Sister Viola and Sister Jean and all the Sisters of the Holy Cross."

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IN BRIEF

Federal judge rules against AARP

PHILADELPHIA — Reversing her earlier decision, a federal judge ruled Tuesday that companies may offer younger retirees better health care benefits than they give older retirees who qualify for Medicare.

The AARP sued over the rule change proposed by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on grounds that unequal health packages amount to age discrimination.

U.S. District Judge Anita Brody initially agreed, granting an injunction in March that barred the federal agency from adopting the rule. However, a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in an unrelated case compelled her to change course, she said in a ruling Tuesday.

Brody prohibited the agency from acting, though, until the AARP has a chance to appeal.

A lawyer for the AARP, which sued on behalf of several members who saw their health benefits decline when they turned 65, said an appeal is likely.

EEOC Chairwoman Cari Dominguez said Wednesday the rule change is in the public's interest, arguing that employers might otherwise eliminate retiree health benefits altogether.

The AARP questions that assumption.

Recording industry urges Congress

WASHINGTON — The recording industry and copyright experts urged Congress on Wednesday not to intervene with legislation to curb online piracy of music or movies after a recent ruling from the Supreme Court.

The unanimous decision from the high court in June cleared the way for the film and music industry to file piracy lawsuits against technology companies caught encouraging customers to steal copyrighted material.

At Wednesday's hearing, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter said some language in the ruling cast doubt on what the standards are for illegal use, and he asked whether legislation might be necessary.

"There are so many factors driving employers away from retiree health benefits ... escalating health costs, demographics; all sorts of things influence employers' decisions," AARP Foundation attorney Laurie McCann said.

Overdue credit card bills at record high

American Bankers Association reports surging debt could rise in months ahead

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Charge it! That familiar refrain is producing an unwanted response for more Americans: Your bill is overdue!

Surging energy prices, low personal savings and the higher cost of borrowing have combined to produce a record level of overdue credit card bills.

The American Bankers Association reported Wednesday that the percentage of credit card accounts 30 or more days past due climbed to an all-time high of 4.81 percent in the April-to-June period. It could grow in the months ahead, experts said.

The previous high of 4.76 percent came during the first three months of the year, in keeping with a generally steady rise over the past several years.

"The last two quarters have not been pretty," said Jim Chessen, the association's chief economist.

Chessen and other analysts mostly blamed high prices for gasoline and other energy products, but said that low savings and higher borrowing costs also played a role.

"The rise in gas prices is really stretching budgets to the breaking point for some people," Chessen said. "Gas prices are taking huge chunks out of wallets, leaving some individuals with little left to meet their financial obligations."

Pump prices were high before hurricanes Katrina and Rita hit the Gulf Coast. After Katrina, prices jumped past \$3 a gallon. Prices have moderated since but remain high.

The personal savings rate dipped to a record low of negative 0.6 percent in July.



Signs for American Express, MasterCard and Visa credit cards are shown at the entrance to a New York coffee shop. The American Bankers Association reported Wednesday that the seasonally adjusted percentage of credit card accounts rose in the April-to-June quarter.

The negative percentage means that people did not have enough left over after paying their taxes to cover all of their spending in July. As a result, they dipped into savings to cover the shortfall.

When people have less money available money to pay for energy costs or emergencies such as a big car repair, many resort to credit. That option is getting more expensive, too.

The Federal Reserve has been tightening credit since June 2004. That has caused

commercial banks' prime lending rate to rise to 6.75 percent, the highest in four years. These rates are used for many short-term consumer loans, including credit cards and popular home equity lines of credit.

Late payments may be bad news for consumers, but credit card companies do not necessarily mind them because late fees are a source of revenue.

"Credit card companies are increasingly addicted to their fees," said Daniel Ray, editor-in-chief at

Bankrate.com, an online financial service. "Six years ago, all fees — including late fees — contributed only a minor portion to overall revenue. Today it accounts for more than 30 percent."

About half of all credit problems stem from poor money management. Credit problems due to the loss of a job, sickness or divorce play less of a role, said personal finance expert Susan Tiffany, director of consumer publishing at the Credit Union National Association.

Small businesses seek aid of backup services

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Business has picked up at data recovery services, insurance brokers and loss prevention consultancies across the nation over the past few weeks, as images of flooded and destroyed Gulf Coast companies made many small business owners uneasy about their own disaster preparedness.

At LiveVault, a data backup and recovery company in Marlborough, Mass., orders doubled around the time that Hurricane Katrina hit, in late August, said CEO Bob Cramer.

"A lot of people found us on the Web and called us frantically. They rapidly put orders through and begged us to get them up and running," Cramer said.

Many small business owners began thinking about contracting with a remote data backup service to protect their computer data after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks,

Cramer said. But many never signed up with a provider until they were unnerved by Katrina's devastation.

But Cramer also said business has leveled off somewhat since the early blip, a sign that many company owners, perhaps distracted by day-to-day demands, are again putting off disaster prep.

"They forget about disasters the week after they happen," he said.

VeriCenter Inc., a Houston-based information technology firm with seven data backup centers around the country, also saw an uptick in business, said co-founder Dave Colsante. He's found that many customers have been motivated to start tapping into money that was set aside for disaster preparation but that went unused until now.

Colsante said many of those companies were what he called toe-dippers — "they were interested in looking but hadn't actually pur-

chased."

"Katrina caused a lot of people to actually engage and force their IT staff to make the leap into the disaster recovery world," he said.

Insurance brokers have also been getting more phone calls and e-mails.

George Yates, president of Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of New York, in East Hampton, said his firm has been getting calls from businesses wondering whether their insurance includes flood coverage. For many owners, the answer is no — flood insurance has to be purchased separately from a standard business policy — and so Yates' company has been selling more coverage for floods.

Yates said his company has been working on its own disaster planning. Located right next to the Atlantic Ocean, East Hampton is vulnerable to hurricanes.



ANN KELLEY/The Observer

Wednesday's video conference enlightened both Notre Dame and Palestinian students and faculty through congenial conversation.

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dents in professor Alan Dowty's class on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Their counterparts were from Al-Quds University in Jerusalem, students who spoke excellent English and — dressed in jeans, T-shirts and sweaters — looked similar to themselves, notwithstanding several headscarves.

A general curiosity on each side begged the question: "What do you think of us?"

"[The State Department] is trying to find some way to get human contact into the context," Dowty said. "They can't just go into one of these universities in the Arab world; it's just too controversial. The U.S. position is not strong enough."

"They want this to be very informal, student to student, just to break down stereotypes and create some good will."

The conference was organized by Mark Rincon, a recent Notre Dame graduate who now works at the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem.

Notre Dame students described a campus life of studying, football season, clubs, interhall sports, theater, service, bars and trips to Chicago.

The Palestinian students presented a much different reality, one of constant identification checks "even when you go to the bathroom," a wall built to divide a people "both inside and outside" and a political situation that left uncertain tomorrows.

One Palestinian student said she should be able to get to class in 10 minutes, but with checkpoints it takes an hour. Others said that some days they are not able to get to class at all.

"We don't have much to do after college [classes]," one female Palestinian said. "We go home and do homework, we sleep. There's actually no place to hang out, we just sleep."

"We're good sleepers," she added, prompting laughter on

both sides.

The Palestinian students insisted that they not be seen as terrorists — a label one student called offensive — but instead as victims of war.

"I watch CNN all the time, and the media doesn't cover everything," one female Palestinian student said. "Daily, Palestinians are dying. The other day 19 [Palestinians] were killed, just like that. You'd be lucky to see it on bottom of the screen."

A Notre Dame student asked if the students felt optimistic that the situation would improve.

"Oh, that's far, far away from us," one Palestinian student said.

Another added, "We are imprisoned, but we are hanging in here — and we do smile a lot."

The Palestinian students were interested to know that three of the Notre Dame students had been to the Middle East and a few study Arabic.

"How do you feel about us when you see us and hear us now?" one female Palestinian student asked.

"Because we have envy about you."

The Notre Dame students responded that they admired and respected such determination to education, and were grateful to be able to put faces on a people often misunderstood.

"What struck me was that everything we talked about was linked to the political climate," junior Josh Hugo said after the conference. "It's a stark contrast to our own education. We could do whatever we want, and they're happy if they can get to school on time for a test. We're happy if a test gets cancelled."

Students from both sides said they believe the dialogue was an important yet small step in the direction of improved relations.

"I wonder how much that really helped," said junior Meghan O'Connell. "We can go on and on about the things that we do ... I hope that does not reinforce the negative ideas. I hope they know we don't take anything for granted — especially now."

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Dean

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whether he believed the College should have money invested in apartheid-ridden South Africa.

Looking for a candidate who could balance with her background in chemistry, then-dean Dorothy Feigl said it was White's strong credentials in English that earned him a job.

"He has a very wide range of interests, and that was what we were looking for in that position," Feigl said.

When White arrived on campus, his position was largely undefined. There had only been one dean of faculty at the College, six years earlier. White worked to establish himself, and Feigl quickly got a taste of what collaborating with White for the next decade would be like.

"The first year we worked together we had a major proposal, and we finished

the proposal at 11 p.m.," Feigl said. "We raced to the post office to get it postmarked before midnight."

The post office was already closed when the pair arrived. Nevertheless, White knocked on the door and successfully entreated a postal worker to stamp their envelope.

Working with Feigl until 1998 and then with her successor Karen Ristau from 1998 to 2002, White proved himself to be an academic

innovator and a brilliant grant writer.

Under White's direction, Saint Mary's hosted the first "Play of the Mind Conference" in 1992, an event which brought faculty and students from dozens of institutions across the country for a week-end creative and intellectual engagement. It ran for 12 straight years and was placed on hiatus for the Presidential search in 2003.

Hoping to foster faculty and curriculum development White founded The Center for Academic Innovation (CAI) in 1993. The Center became the base for some of the College's most respected and applied to programs including the Student Independent Study and Research (SISTAR) grant, a student-faculty research opportunity, and

"He was very good at bringing creative ideas in how we could improve the intellectual environment of the College."

Dorothy Feigl
former Saint Mary's dean

Collaborative Study and Research Program (COSTAR), a faculty team research opportunity.

"He was very good at bringing creative ideas in how we could improve the intellectual environment of the College," Feigl said. "He brought a lot of money to the College."

Perhaps White's biggest coup came when he wrote a proposal to establish CWIL, an academic think tank dedicated to women researching

and educating in the field of intercultural relations on a local, nation and global level.

The Lilly Endowment granted the College an initial \$12 million dollars — followed a few years later by additional money — and in 2000, CWIL was born. White went on to hire 15 CWIL fellows, some who later became full-time faculty members.

In 2002 Ristau announced she was stepping down as dean of faculty and White was named interim dean. Shortly thereafter, then-College president Marilou Eldred announced her retirement.

Not wanting to have both a search for a new president and new dean being conducted at the same time, the College dropped the interim from White's title.

With Carol Mooney well established in the president's office, White discussed his desire to return to teaching with her, and Mooney made the announcement to the faculty Aug. 17.


A national search for White's replacement will soon be underway. A search committee chaired by Mooney and comprised of four faculty members selected by the faculty assembly, two faculty members appointed by Mooney and one student representative is being assembled in the next week.

Internal candidates are also being considered, College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said.

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Marrow transplants improving

Development of safer procedures will help fight cancer, doctors say

Associated Press

STANFORD UNIVERSITY — Doctors seem to have found a way to make bone marrow transplants safer and more effective against blood cancers like leukemia, an achievement that offers new hope for people over 50 in particular.

The advance by Stanford University doctors could make such transplants, which have dramatically improved cancer survival among children and young adults, more widely available to older people who typically don't fare as well.

It also brings the field closer to its Holy Grail — training a recipient's body to accept tissue from another person and live a "blended" life without heavy reliance on anti-rejection drugs.

Scientists already had achieved this in mice; Stanford researchers now have extended it to people. Their study is published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine and was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

Specialists said the study was small and preliminary, but very promising.

"If it works, we would be able to do transplants in a lot more people," said Dr. Mary Horowitz, scientific director of the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research, based at the Medical College of Wisconsin, which

had no role in the research.

Ideally, a leukemia or lymphoma patient would be given radiation or high doses of chemotherapy to destroy the cancerous bone marrow before receiving healthy marrow or blood stem cells from a donor. However, many patients, especially those over 50, die of infections they are unable to fight off before the new marrow takes hold and grows.

To avoid this problem, doctors usually destroy only part of the patient's original marrow. That brings other dilemmas: some cancerous blood cells remain, and the new marrow frequently attacks the old — an often-fatal problem called graft-versus-host disease.

Stanford researchers developed a way to condition the recipient to accept the new marrow and to inactivate the parts of the patient's immune system that would attack it. They used a combination of low-dose radiation over two weeks and short courses of immune-suppressing drugs.

Only 2 of the 37 patients given the experimental treatment developed severe graft-versus-host disease. Ordinarily, more than half of them would have.

An average of one year later, 27 of the 37 were still alive, and cancer was in complete remission in 24 of them — better results than usual. The average age of the patients

was 52.

"It can achieve the cure of the tumor without the high likelihood that you will come down with the dreaded side effect," said the lead researcher, Dr. Samuel Strober.

The results need to be repeated in larger studies, but are "impressive" and "open a new era in the field," Dr. Gerard Socie, a transplant expert from several universities in Paris, wrote in an accompanying editorial.

Patients also need to be followed for longer than a year to see if they remain cancer-free, Horowitz said.

Bone marrow and blood cell transplants are one reason the death rate from childhood cancers has dropped roughly 50 percent since the 1970s. Leukemia is the most common cancer that children face, but it is diagnosed 10 times more often in older adults — the very group for whom transplants have been most dangerous.

With the new treatment, "the side effects are being markedly reduced, which is good news for elderly patients with leukemia and lymphoma," Strober said.

The approach also might help people receiving organ transplants if they are "conditioned" with marrow or blood cells from the donor before receiving a kidney or other organ, Strober said.

Areas of New Orleans reopen for residents

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — More areas of New Orleans that escaped flooding from Hurricane Katrina and Rita will be formally reopened starting Thursday, Mayor Ray Nagin said.

The areas include the French Quarter, the Central Business district, and Uptown with its historic Garden District. Business owners will be allowed in on Thursday, and residents on Friday.

"The re-entry started Monday and is going very well — exceedingly well," Nagin told legislators at a hearing Wednesday at the state capitol. "Everything you hoped to happen is happening. Algiers is alive and well and breathing."

On Monday, Nagin opened the Algiers neighborhood, which has electricity and clean water.

Nagin said checkpoints where officers stop people will be pulled back Thursday so that only areas that were flooded will be off limits. Homes in those areas were heavily flooded and most are likely beyond repair.

If all goes well, as of Oct. 5 only the Lower Ninth Ward, which was hit especially hard by the flooding, will be cordoned off, Nagin said.

Electricity has been restored to some dry parts of the city, but the water is not yet drinkable. The mayor disagreed with the

head of the state's Health Department about the condition of the city's water, insisting residents could now wash in it, though they shouldn't drink it.

"The two things that are absolutely necessary to ensure public health — clean drinking water and proper sewage systems — simply are not available in the east bank area of New Orleans at this time," said Dr. Fred Cerise, secretary for the state Department of Health and Hospitals.

"People who re-enter the city may be exposed to diseases such as E. coli, salmonella or diarrhea illness if they do not allow time for the necessary inspections to ensure public health and safety," Cerise said.

Many residents of the city have returned ahead of Nagin's official timeline, and the mayor appeared eager Wednesday to get more of them back.

Nagin complained that state opposition was feeding a misperception about New Orleans, saying: "We're fighting this national impression that we're tainted, we're not ready."

Yet a handout from the mayor's office to returning motorists struck a more cautious tone than Nagin himself.

"You are entering the city of New Orleans at your own risk," it reads, before going on to detail potential health hazards from water, soil and air, and advising residents to bring in food.

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Roberts on the verge of becoming the next chief justice

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A divided Democratic caucus on Wednesday assured Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts Jr. of a comfortable, bipartisan Senate confirmation as the nation's 17th chief justice, the youngest in 200 years.

Many say they would have chosen someone else for the position, yet 21 Senate Democrats agreed he has "a brilliant legal mind" and will be among the 76 senators — more than three-fourths of the 100-member Senate — who say they plan to vote to confirm the 50-year-old Roberts as the successor to the late William H. Rehnquist.

Democrats are uniting, however, in sending the White House a warning not to nominate a conservative ideologue to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. President Bush is expected to nominate O'Connor's replacement soon after Roberts is sworn in as chief justice.

"While this nomination did not warrant an attempt to block the nominee on the floor of the Senate, the next one might," said Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was out front on filibusters of Bush's lower court



Roberts

judicial nominees and is one of the 21 Democrats who have announced their opposition to Roberts.

Sen. Mark Pryor of Arkansas is one of the 21 Democrats who have announced support for Roberts, yet he too cautioned the White House on the upcoming pick, saying, "If Bush nominates another conservative activist judge, there will be problems in the Senate."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., condemned talk of blocking Bush's next Supreme Court pick, but also urged the White House to nominate "in the mold of Judge Roberts," who has gone through the Senate relatively unscathed from the day Bush tapped him as the nation's 109th Supreme Court justice.

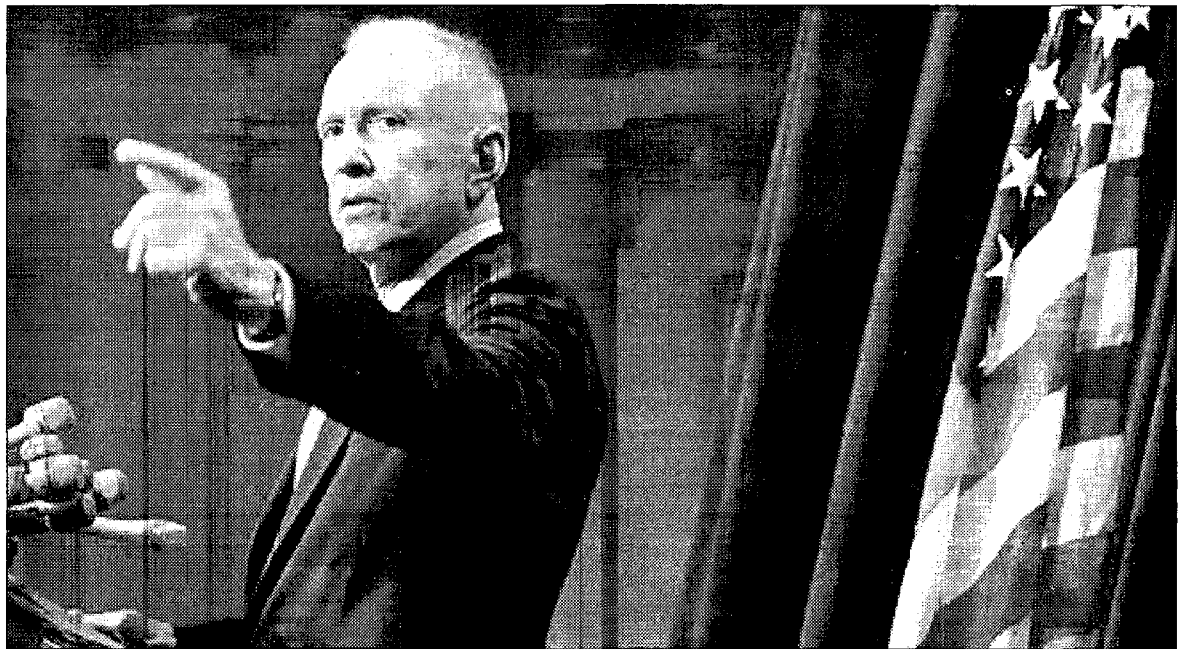
"If the president can find someone in Judge Roberts' mold, I think by putting up that nominee, he disarmed his opponents," Specter said.

Roberts is expected to have a long tenure as chief justice.

Not since John Marshall, confirmed in 1801 at 45, has there been a younger chief. Oliver Ellsworth was 50 — about six weeks from turning 51; And John Jay, the first chief justice, was 44. He served from 1789-1795.

Roberts, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, grew up in Long Beach, Ind., working summers in the same steel mill where his father was an electrical engineer and serving as high school class president and captain of the football team.

After graduating with honors from Harvard — both in undergraduate and law school — he



Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter speaks during a press conference Wednesday to discuss the nomination of Judge John Roberts as chief justice of the United States.

clerked for William H. Rehnquist when he was an associate justice on the Supreme Court and later worked as a prominent lawyer and judge in Washington. He argued 39 cases in front of the Supreme Court, and was considered one of the nation's best appellate lawyers before being tapped for the federal appeals court.

Roberts has drawn fire for his conservative views on women's issues and civil rights but also disarmed many Democratic senators with a smooth performance before the Judiciary Committee. He spoke without notes for four days and jostled with senators who unsuccessfully tried to pin down how he'd rule once he's confirmed as chief justice.

"No one disputes that Judge Roberts has a brilliant legal mind," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., adding that he believes Roberts is not as conservative as Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia.

If Democrats voted against Roberts as a bloc, it would give Republicans a reason to block the next Democratic president's nominee if they are still in charge of the Senate, Wyden said. "A sword forged in ideology in 2005 can be used against a progressive nominee in 2009 with an equal disregard for the Constitution and the individual," he said.

Senators are expecting a more partisan fight over Bush's replacement for O'Connor. She often has been a swing vote, a majority maker whose replace-

ment could signal a shift on the court on many contentious issues including abortion and affirmative action.

Roberts makes it harder for the White House, given how well his nomination was accepted by the Senate, said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas and a member of the Judiciary Committee. "If the president picks a nominee close to the quality of John Roberts, then I don't think there will be a fight," he said.

Democrats say if Bush sends up any of the nominees they filibustered earlier this year — like federal appellate judges Priscilla Owen, Janice Rogers Brown, William Pryor or Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada — they will fight to the bitter end.

Debated ground zero museum idea dropped

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bowing to pressure from furious Sept. 11 families, Gov. George Pataki on Wednesday removed a proposed freedom museum from the space reserved for it at ground zero, saying the project had aroused "too much opposition, too much controversy."

He left open the possibility that a new spot at the former World Trade Center site could be found for the museum.

The decision followed months of acrimony over the International Freedom Center, with Sept. 11 families and politicians saying that the museum would overshadow and take space from a separate memorial devoted to the 2,749 World Trade Center dead and would dishonor them by fostering debate about the attacks and other world events.

"We must move forward with our first priority, the creation of an inspiring memorial to pay tribute to our lost loved ones and tell their stories to the world," Pataki said in a statement.

Pataki said that the Freedom Center cannot be part of a cultural building located near the proposed trade center memorial. But he left open the possibility that the center could find a home elsewhere on the 16-acre site.

Pataki said he would direct the Lower Manhattan Development Corp. — the agency he created to rebuild the site — to explore other locations for the center.

A campaign by some Sept. 11 families to oust the museum from space reserved for it at ground zero had grown in recent months to include four police and fire unions, an online petition with more than 40,000 signatures, and several politicians including former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

"Goodbye and good riddance," said Rep. Vito Fossella, one of three congressmen who had threatened hearings on federal funding if the museum stayed where it was. "The IFC will not stand on the hallowed grounds of the World Trade Center site."

In addition to the terrorist attacks, the Freedom Center planned exhibits on such topics as Abraham Lincoln, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the fall of the Berlin Wall, the civil rights movement, the Declaration of Independence and the South African constitution.

The museum would also include a section on the world's response to Sept. 11 and a film that links the victims' backgrounds to periods in history.

Some families have opposed the museum as much for its location as its content; they say it would sit in a prominent part of ground zero that would obscure the memorial museum.

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Design for \$100 laptop unveiled

Inexpensive computers could benefit children in developing countries

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The \$100 laptop computers that Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers want to get into the hands of the world's children would be durable, flexible and self-reliant.

The machines' AC adapter would double as a carrying strap, and a hand crank would power them when there's no electricity. They'd be foldable like traditional notebook PCs, and carried like slim lunchboxes.

For outdoor reading, their display would be able to shift from full color to glare-resistant black and white.

And surrounding it all, the laptops would have a rubber casing that closes tightly, because "they have to be absolutely indestructible," said Nicholas Negroponte, the MIT Media Lab leader who offered an update on the project Wednesday.

Negroponte hatched the \$100 laptop idea after seeing children in a Cambodian village benefit from having notebook computers at school that they could also tote home to use on their own.

Those computers had been donated by a foundation run by Negroponte and his wife. He decided that for kids everywhere to benefit from the edu-

cational and communications powers of the Internet, someone would have to make laptops inexpensive enough for officials in developing countries to purchase en masse. At least that's Negroponte's plan.

Within a year, Negroponte expects his nonprofit One Laptop Per Child to get 5 million to 15 million of the machines in production, when children in Brazil, China, Egypt, Thailand, South Africa are due to begin getting them.

In the second year — when Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney hopes to start buying them for all 500,000 middle and high-school students in this state — Negroponte envisions 100 million to 150 million being made. (He boasts that these humble \$100 notebooks would surpass the world's existing annual production of laptops, which is about 50 million.)

While a prototype isn't expected to be shown off until November, Negroponte unveiled blueprints at Technology Review magazine's Emerging Technologies conference at MIT.

Among the key specs: A 500-megahertz processor (that was fast in the 1990s but slow by today's standards) by Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and flash memory instead of a hard drive with moving parts. To save on software costs, the laptops would run the freely

available Linux operating system instead of Windows.

The computers would be able to connect to Wi-Fi wireless networks and be part of "mesh" networks in which each laptop would relay data to and from other devices, reducing the need for expensive base stations. Plans call for the machines to have four USB ports for multimedia and data storage.

Perhaps the defining difference is the hand crank, though first-generation users would get no more than 10 minutes of juice from one minute of winding.

This certainly wouldn't be the first effort to bridge the world's so-called digital divide with inexpensive versions of fancy machinery. Other attempts have had a mixed record.

With those in mind, Negroponte says his team is addressing ways this project could be undermined.

For example, to keep the \$100 laptops from being widely stolen or sold off in poor countries, he expects to make them so pervasive in schools and so distinctive in design that it would be "socially a stigma to be carrying one if you are not a student or a teacher." He compared it to filching a mail truck or taking something from a church: Everyone would know where it came from.

Used book sales now a \$2 billion industry

Associated Press

NEW YORK — For as long as there has been a publishing industry, there have been used books, that supposedly quaint world of polymaths and antiquarians poking about musty, cluttered stores for titles few readers would know.

But a landmark study released Wednesday confirms what publishers, authors and booksellers have believed — and feared — since the rise of the Internet: Used books have become a modern powerhouse, driven by high prices for new works and by the convenience of finding any title, new or old, without leaving your home.

According to the Book Industry Study Group, used book sales topped \$2.2 billion in 2004, an 11 percent increase over 2003. Much of that growth can be credited to the Internet. While used sales at traditional stores rose a modest 4.6 percent, they jumped 33 percent online, to just over \$600 million.

"I think consumers are increasingly starting to notice that they can get used books in good condition, in a timely manner," says Jeff Hayes, a director at InfoTrends, a market research firm that served as the principal analyst for the BISG study.

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More than 111 million used books were purchased last year, representing about one out of every 12 overall book purchases. By the end of the decade, the percentage is expected to rise to one out of 11, a troubling trend when sales for new works are essentially flat; authors and publishers receive no royalties from used buys.

"Obviously, these are not statistics to warm the heart of publishers," says Simon & Schuster spokesman Adam Rothberg.

The BISG, a nonprofit organization supported by publishers, booksellers and others in the industry, reports that price is the greatest appeal for choosing used books over new ones. While hardcovers often cost \$25 and higher, used books purchased in 2004 averaged \$8.12 — except for text books, which averaged \$42.31.

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"Through Dangers, Toils, and Snares, An Historical Perspective on Catholic Higher Education"

Philip Gleason, University of Notre Dame

After receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of Notre Dame, Philip Gleason began teaching at Notre Dame in 1959 and, except for a term as visiting chairholder at the Catholic University of America, he taught at Notre Dame until his retirement in 1996. He has served as president of the American Catholic Historical Association, and also served as a consultant to the Johns Hopkins University Program in American Religious History. He is a distinguished author of many books including *Contending with Modernity: Catholic Higher Education in the Twentieth-Century*.

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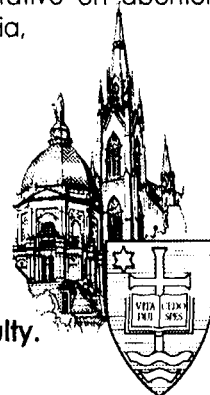
Helen Alvare, Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America

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Tim Solic: He knew he was loved

At the end of April, a popular, fun-loving and intelligent Notre Dame graduate of 2004 did not feel well for almost a week, and, encouraged by his friends, checked himself into the emergency room of the University of Chicago Hospital.

Father Richard Warner

Faithpoint

Twenty-two year old Tim Solic was hired as a business associate at the prestigious McKinsey & Company in Chicago one year earlier, and was already setting high water-marks for his performance. In a city where there are almost 7,000 young Notre Dame alumni under 29, Tim tended to stand perhaps a bit above an incredibly talented group of young men and women.

As a result of his illness, Tim's friends set up a Web site where people could communicate with Tim as he suffered through many chemotherapy protocols for a cancer that never was fully diagnosed, despite treatment by some of the best medical minds and medical centers in our country.

Last Tuesday, the Web site contained this (edited) message written by his friend Austin:

"It is with both sadness and yet great relief that I am writing tonight. During the weekend, Tim contracted a bacterial infection that quickly spread throughout his body. While doctors

gave Tim antibiotics and the usual immune boosting injections, there was little else that they could do considering multiple risks and his diminished immune system. Tim's health deteriorated rapidly."

"A few of his close friends and his immediate family were with Tim in State College during his last two days. Doctors made Tim comfortable, and he told us that he was not in any pain. Monday night, Father Tim Scully, CSC, came to State College at a moment's notice, to administer the Sacrament of the Sick and to offer an intimate Mass around Tim's bed, during which he received the Body of Christ for the last time from his father. We visited with Tim the following day, telling stories and sharing great memories. While he was not entirely conscious, we know that he could hear us."

"At 5:00 on Tuesday, Tim died peacefully. He knew he was loved."

Tim's funeral on Saturday at State College, Pennsylvania, was an extraordinary moment of faith and love, and one of those many intangible but real elements that are so integral to whom we are as members of the Notre Dame family. Twelve or 15 of Tim's undergraduate friends from Fisher Hall and of his sister were present for the wake and funeral, as were dozens of his fellow alumni from 2004.

Many hundreds of people were pres-

ent for the Mass of Resurrection, and two score or more of Tim's friends were present at his home after the burial.

There, they continued their celebration of Tim's life and gathered to watch the Notre Dame-Washington football game, "as Tim would have wanted." The observations of those people who had no association with Notre Dame were similar. They commented on how impressed they were with what they experienced that day. They saw young people celebrate Mass together in a prayerful and faith-filled way. They saw the extraordinary camaraderie of the Notre Dame undergraduates and alumni. They were taken by the easy and deep way young men and women related to each other, "almost as brothers and sisters," one person noted.

"I never understood what was so special about Notre Dame until today," a physician, like Tim's father, who was a Princeton alumnus, told me, "although I have many colleagues from Notre Dame whom I have known and admired."

"As a Boston College graduate and a lifelong subway alumnus, I have to tell you that I have never experienced such friendship and faith," a Boston attorney offered. And many other similar comments were made by men and women who were truly in awe of what they had seen and experienced of the Notre Dame ethos embodied in those present.

I hope we never take for granted,

underestimate or trivialize what it means when we proclaim boldly that "We are ND!"

It is what I and hundreds of others experienced last Saturday as we celebrated Tim Solic's life. It is the love that was shared by Tim during his lifetime and during his last weeks and days before he came face to face with God. It was the love of his bereaved family and his many grieving friends in the context of God's incredible gift to us, the Eucharist, which is the central and compelling force which ultimately unites us. And it is what happens in so many different and less dramatic situations when people are with and serve others, as when we celebrate the Eucharist in our residence halls, or when we cheer on a Notre Dame or a residence hall team, or when we simply walk around our beautiful campus whose many special places raise our hearts and minds to God with gratitude and a sense of awe that is never absent when a Notre Dame man or woman is home.

Tim Solic is home. And he will never have to leave home again.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gay rights and all rights

It is a shame when the former head of Notre Dame's College Republicans, Ian Ronderos, sheds all logic and reason and assumes the mantra of "if-you-are-against-gay-marriage-you-are-a-puritanical-fearful-fundamentalist" in his "Liberty for All?" column on Tuesday.

His attacks leave nothing sacred. I particularly enjoyed his line that stated, "All religions are human attempts to interpret the divine's attempt to communicate, and mistakes are always going to be made ... Desperately clasp a few phrases from the gospels and failing to acknowledge that these were written in the moral tradition of the Jews of the first century C.E., the fundamentalists fail to separate the divine from the human in the gospels." Evidently, Mr. Ronderos has a straight connection to the "divine" and can tell us all that any attempt to interpret the Bible is a complete waste. (Call the Pope!) Why stop there? If anything, the Ten Commandments are even more worthless. They were written long ago, and in a tradition even more at odds with a modern pluralistic society.

He makes a seemingly reasonable claim, "every citizen deserves the exact equal rights as another under the laws of our land." You should notice his sleight of hand. Homosexuals do have the exact same rights as heterosexuals. A man can marry a woman, and a woman can marry a man. The biggest canard used by Mr. Ronderos is that homosexuals do not have "exact equal rights" as heterosexuals. Homosexuals have the right to marry. What the gay rights movement is attempting to do is to create a new right. Redefining marriage to allow same sexes is to change the very definition of what marriage has historically been.

His overused analogy to the civil

rights movement similarly fails. No new rights were created for African-Americans, just the continuation of a long process to extend the same rights enjoyed by others — the right for a man to marry a woman, and a woman a man.

Mr. Ronderos then turns his pen to the topic of "activist judges" and "majority rule." He once again states an ostensibly rational claim that "a democracy [should] not be a tyranny of the majority" and subverts this for his own ends. By making this statement, he leaves no principled way for society to make any rules governing behavior. Why the folks at NAMBLA (North American Man Boy Love Association) want nothing more than the legalization of sex with 6 year old boys. (Caveat, I am not equating your average homosexual with a supporter of NAMBLA.) The issue is that the justification he uses for allowing gay marriage and rejecting the traditionalist argument leaves no principled manner by which the majority (including most homosexuals) could reject the claims of NAMBLA.

After all, Ronderos has established that any attempts to interpret and apply Biblical principles are a waste, due to human fallibility. Consequently, his arguments leave little room to codify any general moral understanding which could condemn any minority conduct.

We, the American majority, only wish that in the public debate our positions and beliefs would be taken with the seriousness and respect they deserve. Such self-righteous indignant attacks do not bring about any real discussion. Only when both sides reject the demagoguery of Ronderos, can we fully and respectfully address these issues.

Jacob Zipfel

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Sept. 28

Defending academic forum

I firmly believe that Matthew Hamilton's Sept. 26 Viewpoint letter is almost entirely made up of wild and unsubstantiated claims. Therefore, I offer these critiques of it in the interest of the sincere pursuit of truth.

What's wrong with "engineering" some "polite" inter-faith dialogue? I'd rather have calm, rational discussion than an angry shouting match. As for the "meaningful alternatives" you claim were left out, I have one point to make. Consider the alternatives to some of the major ideas supported by the panelists. An acceptance of religious and/or secular fundamentalism, rather than a rejection of it? A de-emphasis on women's rights, rather than concern for them? A combination of church and state, rather than a separation of them? Let us loudly lament that these "extremist," "self-righteous," and "overly disruptive" views were kept out of the forum.

But perhaps you meant that there are reasonable but misrepresented views that were ignored. You, Hamilton, certainly brought up a few in your letter. Let's see if the ideas you support are worthy of inclusion in a good dialogue.

You claim that the U.S. is an empire and certainly imply that it is an oppressive colonialist empire. But what native races have we deliberately and purposefully oppressed (terrorists don't count)? What territory have we forcibly annexed with the intent of permanent occupation? Iraq? Afghanistan? They've both had elections free of U.S. control or influence, other than physical security for voters and polling places. So much for "the American way of life" equaling "the racist colonization of the Middle East." As for the other claims you make on the true meaning of phrases such as "prosperity and freedom" and "helping the poor," no one I know and no one I've heard, other than a few Communist dictators, uses those phrases in the manner you describe.

I will grant that Israel may be guilty

of immoral and/or illegal actions. In that respect, Israel has failed as a democracy by failing to uphold democratic values. But to call the Intifada "noble" is to liken murder and suicide to heroic deeds. No amount of repression or injustice justifies the murder of human beings. Your defense of Palestinian terrorism and call for the end of the Zionist state sound like the latest Hamas and Hezbollah talking points. There are many in this world who believe, unlike you, that the continued existence of Israel is compatible with "... Jews, Arabs, Muslims and Christians [living] side by side as equals ..." Building a path toward that end is part of why places like Notre Dame have forums such as this one. By the way, I'd like to thank you for your crass and baseless implication that my fellow conservatives and I are anti-Semitic. Such thoughtfulness is a hallmark of a competent and considerate thinker.

You engage in similar untruthful characterization regarding Cardinal Rodriguez. For you to jump to the conclusion that the cardinal "... denied the reality of the abuse of children ..." simply because he criticized how the scandal was covered is a logical fallacy. Many believe that some media outlets have little love for the Church and often misrepresent it. I share that belief, but I certainly do not deny that the abuse happened and caused real harm.

There are many more claims in your letter that I wish I could expose for the tripe they are. With the space I have left, let me offer a suggestion. Before you go spouting your trash in this or any other medium again, Mr. Hamilton, I suggest you first present us with credible evidence and reasoning supporting what you say.

Cole R. Milliard

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O'Neill

Sept. 27

TV REVIEW

Keys plugs into MTV's 'Unplugged'

By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Critic

When MTV Unplugged premiered in the late 1980s, it started what many consider a mini-musical revolution.

In its infancy, the hour-long show consisted of major pop acts performing their hits with only acoustic instruments. Since its inception, Unplugged has been credited with making pure artistry and musical arrangements relevant in popular music.

The series has grown so influential that a poor showing could mean the crippling of an artist's career, while a great performance may offer an artist legendary status. Few can forget Nirvana's appearance on the show, which marked the last televised performance by Kurt Cobain. Music lovers are still clamoring over Jay-Z's 2001 appearance, as it not only solidified him as the best rapper in the game but also showed the world what hip-hop could and should be.

Alicia Keys was confronted with such a reality when she decided to resurrect the series after a three-year shelving by MTV. Friday the Grammy winner made sure to acknowledge the magnanimity of moment and not disappoint.

Keys' performance, which was actually taped July 14 at Brooklyn's Harvey Theater, began rather clumsily with the young star singing a prayer acappella. In a sense, Keys was invoking the Muses for inspiration much like the Greeks did years ago. However, the attempt fell flat because she lacks the vocal stylings of a Beyonce to sing without musical accompaniment.

Once the artist positioned herself behind her piano, however, she would shine brightly.

A medley of "Karma" and "Heartburn," two songs off Keys' most

recent album, *The Diary of Alicia Keys*, was performed first. The hip-hop inspired records sounded strikingly different with string and percussion instruments rather than synthesized beats. In fact, they seemed much more playful and funkier. Together the songs gave the show a much needed burst of energy and were a great recovery from the opening.

Next, Keys elected to perform "Woman's Worth," one of her best songs to date. The artist's thick vocals engulfed the piano accompaniment as she sang sincerely. The warning to male listeners, "You will lose if you choose to refuse to put her first," appeared to be a message Keys knew all too well. At the same time, "Worth" provided viewers their first opportunity to experience Keys' incredible backup vocalists. Their well-crafted and beautifully sung harmonies served as a sharp contrast to the songstress' sultry voice. They would earn their keep this evening as they made each song come alive.

Part of Keys' appeal is her ability to take a classic piano medley and make it her own. Often, the process involves sampling other artists' work, but occasionally it means reviving a well-known hit of your own like "If I Ain't Got You." Keys chose to sing the song in a lower key with much more emphasis on the vocals rather than the music. The new



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Alicia Keys performed both soulfully and charismatically on MTV's "Unplugged." The show, which first aired in the late 1980s has hosted acts such as Jay-Z and grunge band Nirvana.

arrangement definitely gave a new feel to the ballad.

Yet, the highlight of the evening was "Diary." Keys and backup singer Paul Green played wonderfully off each other. When Keys reached for her upper vocal register, Green went right up there with her.

Overall, there were one or two missteps, including "Every Little Bit Hurts." The song stretched the star's

range and highlighted her tendency to shout on records with gospel influences. It is clear that Keys still has a fair amount of growth to undergo. Yet, at this point, she supersedes any of her peers in ambition, creativity and overall artistry. From this appearance, it is obvious she is a legend in the making.

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CD REVIEW

Icelandic melodies are unmistakable blend of new flavors

By VINCE LABRIOLI
Scene Critic

They have collaborated with Radiohead, been lauded by Chris Martin of Coldplay, and with their new album entitled "takk..." Icelandic rockers Sigur Rós have produced a new, lighter sound that may move them into the limelight shared by the aforementioned bands and others in mainstream alternative music.

Their most accessible album to date, "takk..." is simultaneously fiery and uplifting, an intense, atmospheric album that is great for long walks with the iPod or simply as background music while studying.

"takk..." is by no means a traditional album, continuing the trend Sigur Rós set with their first release, 1997's "von." That album was never widely released in the U.S., but the group's second effort, "ágætis

byrjun," was released in America to excellent reviews and established the band as a difficult, if ultimately rewarding, listening experience. Both "von" and "ágætis byrjun" are long, emotional albums with individual tracks that often take as long as 10 minutes to play out, filled with electronic buzzes and strange instruments that can haunt the listener well after the music has ended.

Perhaps the most signature element of Sigur Rós' compositions are the ethereal, sexless vocals that drift through the tracks. They are spoken in Icelandic and, for the most part, seem completely incomprehensible.

The vocals become yet another part of the evocative arrangements that Sigur Rós is known for. This new effort is no different. Although vocals were completely missing from the band's previous album, given the unpronounceable title "(),"

"takk..." is filled with wistful spoken melodies that permeate every track. However, "takk..." is a much more traditionally structured album than those that preceded it. Ambient noise fills much less space on the tracks, without compromising the elegant, slow, plodding style that typified previous



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Sigur Ros, out of Iceland, combines synthetic sounds with various instruments to create an eclectic blend. Their new CD "takk..." was released Sept. 13.

albums. Nevertheless, it's difficult to talk about individual tracks on "takk..." When the album is listened to from beginning to end it's nearly impossible to discern where one song ends and the next begins.

Such is the case with "von," "ágætis byrjun" and "()," but those three albums are heavy and dark, with only moments where the music eases up from its relentless drive onward. In short, they're not the best albums to listen to when you're having a bad day, but they are the best albums to listen to when you want to brood. "takk..." by comparison, dedicates a considerable amount of time to simple, repetitious bell and xylophone melodies that give several songs an uplifting quality missing from Sigur Rós' earlier albums.

This is most apparent in the second and sixth tracks of the album, titled "glósóli" and "saeglópur," respectively. The latter in

particular builds melodies and vocals on top of one another in such a powerful and unique way that while it is certainly a new sound, it remains unmistakably the work of Sigur Rós.

Considered one of the most "artsy, avant-garde" groups currently producing, there is no doubt that Sigur Rós is an acquired taste. However, with "takk..." the band was willing to explore new ends of the musical spectrum and, as a result, created yet another amazing album. More than anything else, Sigur Rós has created their own unique brand of alternative music, and if you're in the mood for something intense, emotional and, most importantly, different, the Icelandic melodies on "takk..." are worth spending some time with.

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Sigur Rós



Recommended tracks: 'glósóli' and 'saeglópur'



CONCERT PREVIEW

'Ingram Hill' to bring southern style to Notre Dame

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Critic

There are certain songs that connote the feeling of cruising down wide-open country roads — songs that almost require windows down and a full view of the down-home countryside that stretches ahead. With its emotionally-driven, sing-out-loud lyrics, powerful guitar interplay and lead singer Justin Moore's distinctive southern accent, band Ingram Hill invites Notre Dame students to take just such a journey this Saturday at Legends.

Predictably, the four-piece band hails from the south, and even found the inspiration for its name along a Mississippi highway.

"There was an exit sign along the highway, and it actually says 'Ingram's Mill,' but I misread the sign

as 'Ingram Hill,' and when we were deciding what to call ourselves, we liked the name and where it came from, so we decided to use it," Moore said in an interview on ingramhillmusic.com. "After we had the name for a while and told people where it came from, they were like, 'You idiots — it's Ingram's Mill.'"

However, fans have since overlooked the Memphis-based band's geographically incorrect name. To date, Ingram Hill's success consists of two album releases, radio play, television appearances and the song "Will I Ever Make It Home" appearing in both the movie and on the soundtrack of "13 Going on 30."

Additionally, after opening for a variety of headliners, from Maroon 5 to Lisa Marie Presley, Ingram Hill made enough of an impression on the

"I would love to end up something like U2. Something that's huge."

Phil Bogard
guitarist



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Ingram Hill describes its music as "pop-rock with a southern twist and draws influences from bands such as Black Crowes and Tonic."

road that the band was able to headline itself the second time through cities.

This success paved the way for the band's recent full-length album debut, "June's Picture Show." The album features what the band has branded "pop-rock with a southern twist," and the band draws upon influences as diverse as the Black Crowes and Tonic.

"We're a rock and roll band," Moore said, "and we want to have guitar solos, but we also write songs. ... Someone once said that if there was a southern pop category, we'd own it. I kinda like that. We're proud of where we're from, and we're proud of what we do."

But the album presents more than simply a unique sound.

"This album is a kind of blueprint of our lives as emotional beings," guitarist Phil Bogard said. "It's about everything that's affected us up to this point — the major pains and the good things as well."

These emotions are not only expressed in lyrics of songs like "On

My Way," a catchy anthem about post-breakup bitterness, and "Almost Perfect," which describes an agonizing love-triangle — but also surface in Moore's sincere and powerful vocals.

Unsurprisingly, the inspiration for a number of these tracks stemmed from the breakup of a relationship.

"I was devastated when it ended, but I'm thankful for it now," Moore said. "It's provided me with tons of material. I look at it as an emotional investment. We'd all been through some issues with women, and, boy, that's the easiest thing to write about, I'll tell you what. And it seems like people relate to it."

Currently the band is in the process of a nearly nonstop tour across the country, and its members' ambitions remain unhampered by their hectic schedule.

"I don't want to sound arrogant, but I would love to end up something like U2," Bogard said. "Something

that's huge and lasts forever — that would definitely be the ultimate goal."

Ingram Hill brings its southern style to Legends' stage on Saturday at 10 p.m.

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Ingram Hill consists of Phil Bogard, left, Justin Moore, middle, and Matt Chambliss, right. Ingram Hill will be playing a show at Legends nightclub Saturday at 10 p.m.

CONCERT REVIEW

Student band 'Appetite For Destruction' plays to classic tastes

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

Bookmakers' Pub in South Bend is usually considered to be a fun, unassuming sports bar. Last Friday night, however, it was transformed into a concert venue with a hard rock twist as Appetite for Destruction — a Guns N' Roses cover band of four Notre Dame students — took the stage for a performance of 1980s rock and roll bliss.

Consisting of Notre Dame students Brendon Collins, Will McAulliffe, Matt Marnocha and Chris Campbell, Appetite for Destruction played to a full house Friday night with every intention of covering the wide range of Guns N' Roses classics. It was aiming for, as the band's flyers for the concert proclaimed, "the PARTY of the MILLENIUM."

The genesis of the band is found in the musical partnership of drummer Collins and lead guitarist and pianist Marnocha, who have been playing together for more than a decade. Despite being members of different bands on and off, they eventual-

ly found a new lineup in a uniquely Irish way with the addition of guitarist Will McAulliffe, a discovery from the Keenan Revue.

"A friend of ours ... actually heard his voice, and thought that it would be ... optimal for a Guns N' Roses tribute band," Collins said, recalling the fateful interaction. Having lost two members of their former band due to their graduation, Collins and Marnocha felt that the time was just right for a change to a new genre.

In the past, Appetite for Destruction (whose name derives from, logically, an early Guns N' Roses album) has performed at some local clubs, such as Club 23, as well as larger performances such as one at the State Theatre a few months ago. As they progress, the band members see themselves playing at larger and larger venues. Eventually they also plan to tour several Midwest cities and states.

But why Guns N' Roses? To the members of Appetite for Destruction, this

question is a no-brainer. The way they see it, G&R is just a great rock band with a broad appeal. Their songs are surprisingly well-known to most people, which lends the band's concerts to having a fun vibe of familiarity and 80s nostalgia.

"Guns N' Roses is the ultimate party," said McAulliffe, and the other members agree, adding that classic tracks such as "November Rain," "Sweet Child of Mine" and fan favorite "Paradise City" keep people coming back to the band for great performances.

"Their concerts are the most fun thing to do in South Bend," said Notre Dame senior Joe Donnelly. "The real Guns N' Roses haven't sounded this good since 1989. I think that if Slash heard some of their guitar solos on Friday, he would immediately run back to his rehearsal studio to practice."

For a band that covers the song catalogue of one of rock's most legendary bands, Appetite for Destruction has come

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senior

to acquire some legends of its own. At one of their recent performances, several audience members began dancing onstage with the band. As the first set concluded, one young man stage dove into the crowd. Twenty minutes later, his father followed suit. Crazy, sure — but for a band in the tradition of Axel Rose, the crazy is to be expected.

The band's performances usually consist of Guns N' Roses standards, as well as interpretations of other songs in a G&R style. Recently they have retooled Eric Clapton's "Wonderful Tonight," and Friday night they performed a Led Zeppelin medley in similar fashion. Eventually, Collins said, the band plans on writing some of its own material, but for now its current song library will definitely suffice.

"Seeing the reaction of people to this stuff is unbelievable," Collins said. "What I would say to people is to come see every show you can, because it's a huge party every time. We dare you to come and not like it."

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

White Sox down Tigers, pad AL Central lead

Yankees take one game lead over Red Sox in AL East; Indians fall to D-Rays

Associated Press

After taking a huge division lead and nearly giving it all up, the Chicago White Sox need just one more win to clinch a berth in the playoffs.

Jose Contreras won his eighth straight start and Scott Podsednik had four hits, leading the White Sox over the Detroit Tigers 8-2 Wednesday night and opening a three-game lead for Chicago in the AL Central.

The White Sox would clinch no worse than a wild-card berth in the playoffs with one win in their last four games.

"I just know we've got to win tomorrow," White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "We've got four games left and that's the most important one."

With Chicago's victory and second-place Cleveland's 1-0 loss to Tampa Bay, the White Sox lowered their magic number to two for clinching their first division title since 2000. After Thursday's series finale in Detroit, the White Sox finish the regular season with three games at Cleveland.

"To worry about what they're going to do in another city, you worry about stupid stuff you

can't control," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen. "Just come back tomorrow and win the game."

Chicago, which had lost its previous two games, led the AL Central by 15 games on Aug. 1 — no team with a lead of more than 13 games has ever failed to finish first.

Carl Everett's two-run triple broke a 1-1 tie in the fifth, and Juan Uribe and Aaron Rowand homered for the White Sox, who had 15 hits.

Carlos Pena homered for Detroit.

Contreras (15-7) gave up two runs and seven hits in eight innings, walked none and struck out nine, one short of his career high. Bobby Jenks finished with a three-hit ninth.

Tampa Bay 1, Cleveland 0

Aaron Boone sat silently in his recliner at the far end of the Indians' quiet clubhouse, his only companions two ice wraps to help comfort a season's worth of bumps and bruises.

On Wednesday night, the pain was a little deeper.

"I just didn't get it done," said Boone, who failed to get a sacrifice bunt down in the eighth inning of Cleveland's loss to

Tampa Bay. "It's frustrating."

Suddenly, there's another AL Central team cracking under the pressure.

And for the Indians, it's happening at the worst time possible.

Seth McClung pitched eight shutout innings as the Devil Rays beat Cleveland for the fifth straight time, dropping the Indians three games behind the first-place Chicago White Sox with four to play.

McClung (7-11) allowed four hits and only two runners to reach second base while out-pitching Cliff Lee (18-5) and handing the Indians their third straight setback — the club's first three-game slide since being swept by the Devil Rays on Aug. 12-14.

The second-place Indians, who trailed the White Sox by 15 games on Aug. 1, host Chicago for three games to end the regular season. But by Friday, it might not matter who they play or where.

"It's still in our hands," said Lee, who lost for the first time since July 8. "It's just going to be a little tougher."

Despite the loss, the Indians stayed tied for the wild-card lead with Boston.

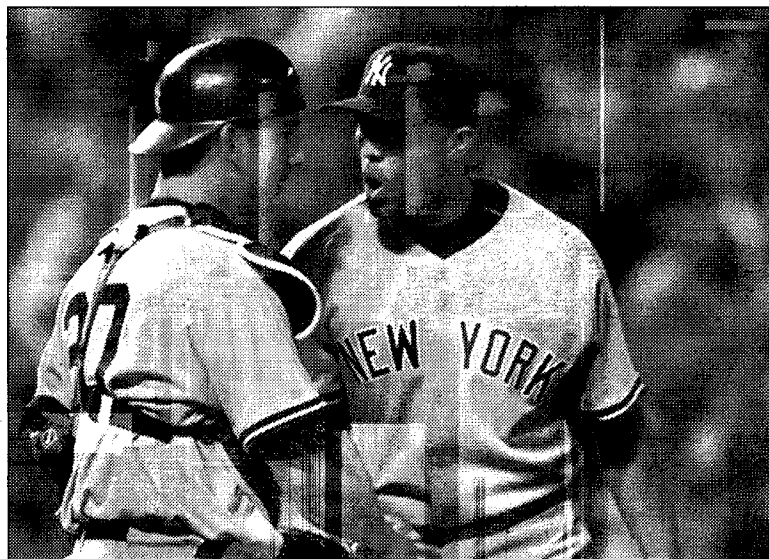
Toronto 7, Boston 2

Bronson Arroyo doesn't have time to worry about his spot in the playoff rotation yet. He still might have to help the Red Sox get there.

In his last scheduled start of the regular season, Arroyo gave up three homers as Boston lost to Toronto Wednesday night and dropped one game behind the Yankees in the AL East. The Red Sox have four games remaining, and Arroyo will be available in the bullpen for the three-game weekend series against New York.

"We'll try to wipe this one away as quickly as possible," said Arroyo, who allowed seven runs and seven hits in three-plus innings. "I only threw 79 pitches, so I feel like I'll be healthy for the Yankees. ... You always hope for the opportunity. So, we'll see."

Boston (92-66) remained tied in the wild-card race with Cleveland Indians, who lost to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 1-0. The Red Sox play Toronto on



The Yankees' Mariano Rivera, right, and Jorge Posada celebrate New York's 2-1 win over Baltimore Wednesday. With the win, the Yankees moved into first place in the American League East.

Thursday, then close with three games at Fenway Park against the Yankees (93-65).

"This is the playoffs right now," outfielder Johnny Damon said. "It's amazing. It's here already before October comes."

Frank Catalanotto doubled, tripled and homered as the Blue Jays opened a 7-1 lead and won their second straight over the Red Sox. Vernon Wells and Eric Hinske also homered, and Ted Lilly (10-11) allowed two runs, six hits and five walks in 6 2-3 innings to improve to 3-0 with a 2.40 ERA against the Red Sox this season.

Boston was just 1-for-10 with runners in scoring position and has been shut out for 9 2-3 innings by Toronto relievers.

"We scored some runs to give him a little breathing room," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "He pitched good. He got out of some big jams."

Arroyo (14-10) hadn't allowed a homer while winning four consecutive decisions with a 3.71 ERA in September, and had been 7-0 in the month for his career. But he gave up three homers — a season high — in the first three innings.

New York 2, Baltimore 1

Alex Rodriguez's eyes darted to the television screen as reporters gathered around his locker in the New York Yankees' clubhouse.

Instead of fielding a question, he asked one.

"What inning is it?" he inquired.

Moments after the Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles Wednesday night, Rodriguez and his teammates rushed off the field to find out if the victory thrust New York into sole possession of first place in the AL East, one game ahead of Boston.

After Manny Ramirez made the final out for the Red Sox in a 7-2 loss to Toronto, there was no commotion in the New York clubhouse. Just a feeling of satisfaction that will last at least until Thursday night's game against Baltimore.

"It doesn't mean anything unless you come in and play well tomorrow," Rodriguez said. "It's obviously better to have a one-game lead than a tie, but we still have to come out here and play an important game tomorrow night."

Rodriguez hit a milestone homer, Derek Jeter singled in the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning, and the Yankees used a fine pitching performance by Shawn Chacon to get past the Orioles.

Boston and New York meet in a three-game series beginning Friday night. The Yankees' victory Wednesday means New York will need no more than two wins at Fenway Park to capture the division crown.



Chicago's Scott Podsednik runs to first base after singling in the first inning against Detroit Wednesday. The White Sox defeated the Tigers, 8-2, and can clinch a playoff berth with one more win.

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Red Sox, Yankees push for playoffs

Associated Press

Throughout the rich fabric of baseball history, the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees keep showing up, their seasons frequently intertwined, their destinies often determined in head-to-head showdowns.

From Death Valley in Yankee Stadium to the Green Monster in Fenway Park, a litany of dramatic confrontations often have defined their seasons.

The characters change. Where once there were the Yankee Clipper and the Splendid Splinter, and later Dent and Yaz, now we have A-Rod and Big Papi. Instead of Raschi pitching against Kinder, the Yankees have the Big Unit and the Red Sox have Boomer.

It all adds up to the same thing — one final series between two old rivals to settle the season's accounts.

They'll do it again this weekend at Boston, three games to decide the AL East championship, the Yankees and Red Sox going mano-a-mano.

Perfect.

Only once before it did come down to this, the Red Sox and Yankees playing a final regular-season series for first place.

In 1949, their fates came down to the last two games of the season. Boston held a one-game lead with two to play at Yankee Stadium. The math was simple for the Red Sox: win a game and win the pen-

nant. The challenge was a bit more daunting for the Yankees, who had no margin for error. Lose one and they were done.

A year earlier, the Yankees, Red Sox and Cleveland Indians were locked in a three-way battle for an AL pennant that was uncomplicated by divisions. With one eye on the scoreboard and how Cleveland was doing, Boston beat New York in the season's final two games. That knocked the Yankees out of the race and forced a playoff with the Indians that Cleveland won.

Now, a year later, the Indians were out of the picture. This showdown would be strictly a two-team affair. Nobody would have to watch the scoreboard this time.

The Red Sox had chased the Yankees all season, gaining the lead a weekend earlier by sweeping New York in Fenway Park. Then they went on the road for their final five games, three in Washington against the hapless Senators and the final two at Yankee Stadium. When they arrived in New York, the Red Sox were still clinging to that slender one-game lead.

The two teams were crowded with superstars.

Boston had MVP Ted Williams, who batted .343 and led the league with a career-best 43 home runs and tied teammate Vern Stephens with 159 RBIs, and a pitching staff headed by 25-game winner Mel Parnell and Ellis Kinder, who won 23.

NFL

Patriots clutch in crunch time

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — "Fonzie" takes the field with 81 seconds left and the game tied. "Robin Hood" follows with 5 seconds left and kicks the winning field goal.

Better known as Tom Brady and Adam Vinatieri, the combination manages to stay calm and produce under pressure time after time.

Josh Miller, the New England Patriots' talented punter and punster, marvels so much at their clutch performances that he came up with those nicknames. Brady is "Fonzie," the epitome of cool from the television show "Happy Days." Vinatieri is "Robin Hood," who helps those in need.

But what about Miller?

"Josh is a funny guy," Brady said Wednesday with a grin.

There are plenty of smiles in the Patriots' locker room this week after Vinatieri's 43-yard field goal with 1 second left gave them a 23-20 win at Pittsburgh last Sunday. Brady set it up by completing all three of his passes on the drive for 37 yards as part of his 12-for-12 fourth quarter.

It was Vinatieri's 18th winning field goal in the fourth quarter or overtime. Two of them came in Super Bowls. It also was the 18th drive in Brady's five seasons as a starter that ended with the Patriots taking the lead in the fourth quarter or overtime.

Last Sunday, they started at their 38-yard line with 1:21 left and the score tied at 20.

"All you can do is put yourself in that situation. What would you do?" Miller said, "but you're watching this guy who's just like



Adam Vinatieri celebrates after kicking after kicking a field goal Sunday in Pittsburgh. The Patriots defeated the Steelers 23-20.

Fonzie. It's awesome. ... He's just a cool cat. He doesn't get rattled."

Neither does Vinatieri, who depends on Miller to take the snap from Lonie Paxton and hold the ball properly.

"We have Robin Hood who just comes in, does his thing and leaves. He's cool," Miller said.

The analogy isn't precise because Robin Hood took from the rich and gave to the poor. Winning three Super Bowls in four years doesn't qualify the Patriots as needy, but in individual games they sometimes find themselves behind and in need of a rescuer.

Vinatieri never heard Miller use the Robin Hood comparison and prefers to focus on the basics without embellishment. He simply takes his position, watches where the ball is spotted and tries to use the same form every time — whether it's an extra point or a field goal, an exhibition game or the Super Bowl.

"It's fun being on this team because it just seems like we always have a chance to win," Vinatieri said. "Whenever he's got the ball and a minute left, I feel pretty confident that Tom and the fellas can move it down

the field."

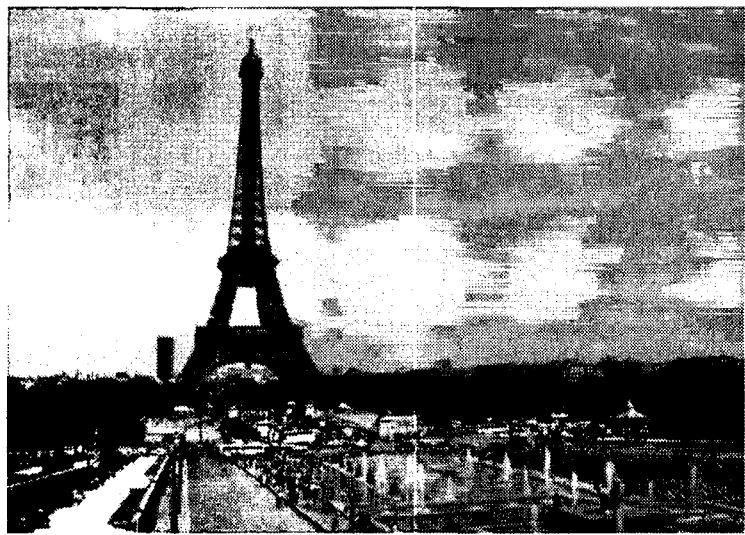
They did it in the Super Bowl that capped the 2001 season. With the score tied at 17, the Patriots started at their 17-yard line with 1:21 to go and no timeouts left. Brady completed five of eight passes — including two spikes to stop the clock — and Vinatieri kicked a 48-yard field goal as time expired for a 20-17 win over St. Louis.

Two years later, the score was tied at 29 with 1:08 left. Brady completed his last four passes to set up Vinatieri's 41-yard field goal with 4 seconds left that gave New England a 32-29 win over Carolina.

Brady and Vinatieri also excel at deflecting praise, a trait encouraged by coach Bill Belichick, who emphasizes team success over individual glory.

"There are a lot of guys out there doing a great job," Brady said. "I think I'm in the right place at the right time and part of a great football team and happy to be the quarterback."

"Josh does a great job" holding the ball, Vinatieri said, "and Lonie makes it easy for all of us with as good a snapper as he is. So there's a lot of things that go into a successful field goal or extra point."



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25	Yale	7-2-0	NR

AVCA Volleyball Top 25

	team	record	Prev.
1	Nebraska	11-0	1
2	Washington	10-0	2
3	Stanford	13-1	3
4	Penn State	11-2	4
5	Florida	12-1	6
6	Louisville	11-0	7
7	Missouri	10-0	8
8	Wisconsin	10-1	10
9	Minnesota	11-2	5
10	NOTRE DAME	8-1	11
11	Hawaii	7-6	9
12	San Diego	10-1	14
13	Arizona	10-1	15
14	California	9-2	25
15	Santa Clara	10-1	18
16	Kansas State	11-2	17
17	UCLA	7-4	13
18	Ohio State	8-3	16
19	Southern California	4-6	12
20	Brigham Young	9-0	22
21	Purdue	11-2	19
22	Texas	7-2	23
23	Texas A&M	7-5	20
24	LSU	12-1	NR
25	Long Beach St.	10-3	NR

Big East Volleyball Standings

team	conf.	pct.	overall	pct.
Louisville	2-0	1.000	11-0	1.000
NOTRE DAME	1-0	1.000	9-1	0.900
Villanova	2-0	1.000	12-3	0.800
Syracuse	2-0	1.000	10-4	0.714
Cincinnati	2-0	1.000	8-5	0.615
Georgetown	1-1	0.500	5-9	0.357
Marquette	1-1	0.500	7-6	0.538
Pittsburgh	1-1	0.500	8-7	0.533
Seton Hall	1-1	0.500	7-7	0.500
Rutgers	1-1	0.500	6-9	0.400
DePaul	0-1	0.000	3-9	0.250
St. John's	0-2	0.000	14-5	0.737
West Virginia	0-2	0.000	10-5	0.667
Connecticut	0-2	0.000	5-7	0.417
South Florida	0-2	0.000	1-9	0.100

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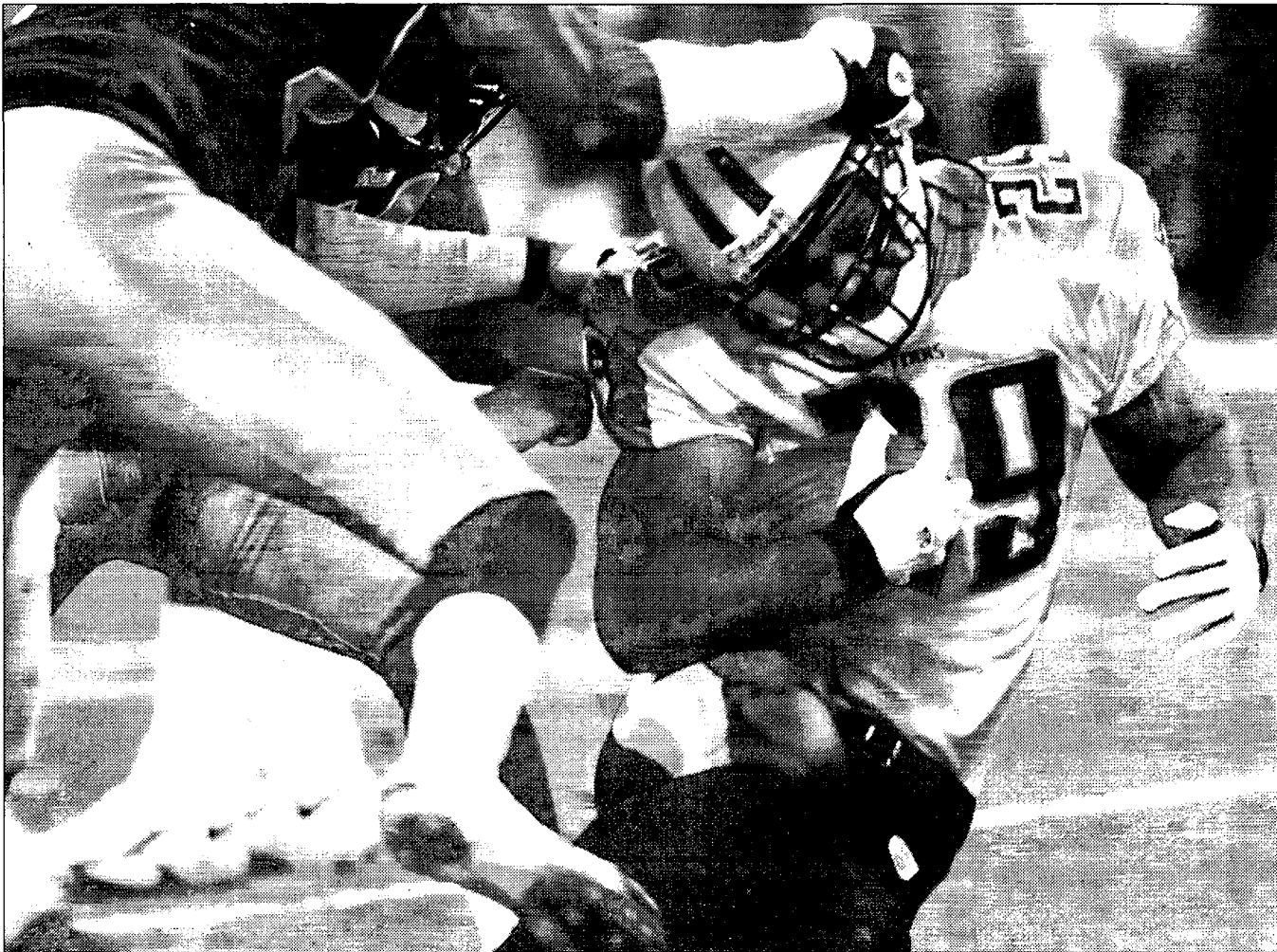
Southeast Missouri State at Samford 6:30 p.m., ESPN

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Chicago White Sox at Detroit 12 p.m., Comcast

Chicago Cubs at Houston 7:05 p.m., Comcast

NFL



Tennessee Titans running back Chris Brown is tackled by St. Louis' Michael Hawthorne during Sunday's game. Brown solidified his hold on the starting job after teammate Travis Henry's suspension for a drug use violation.

Brown undisputed starter for Titans

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For now, the Tennessee Titans are putting their trust in running back Chris Brown.

The Titans (1-2) lost Travis Henry on Monday to a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, and coach Jeff Fisher said that freed up some money for Tennessee to possibly add a running back to the roster to fill that void.

But they hadn't made a roster move through Wednesday, and Fisher said Brown is ready to handle the work Sunday

against the Indianapolis Colts (3-0).

"He believes that if he can get on a roll and get moving, then we are going to keep feeding him the ball. That was our approach going into the game last week. This is really no different than last year," Fisher said.

Pending a late move, rookie Damien Nash, a fifth-round pick out of Missouri, will back up Brown. Fisher also said fullback Troy Fleming is another option and that promoting Jarrett Payton, the son of the late Walter Payton, off the practice squad remains a possibility.

The reason the Titans swapped a third-round pick to Buffalo for Henry in July before training camp was because they wanted an insurance policy for Brown. A third-round pick out of Colorado in 2003, Brown missed five games because of injuries as a rookie and five more in 2004 with turf toe.

Brown may be at his healthiest yet despite a concussion on his first reception against Baltimore on Sept. 18 that sidelined him for the second half. Through three games, he had 39 carries for 179 yards with Henry getting 31 rushes for 97

yards.

"He is issue-free I guess you could call it right now," Fisher said.

"He feels good and he is looking forward to the challenge this week with this defense. You have to hit the hole exceptionally fast and quick to get creases because things close up very quickly.

He knows it is a challenge as does our offensive line."

Brown is ready to show the Titans he can handle the work.

"I'm just going to go out there knowing my teammates are depending on me to get the job done."

IN BRIEF

McNair misses practice, will play against Colts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair didn't practice Wednesday because of a sore foot, but isn't expected to miss any more time.

McNair and receiver Drew Bennett, who were not listed on the early injury report, sat out practice because of sore feet. Both were added to the injury report after practice.

McNair is expected back on the field Thursday.

"I think both of them will practice tomorrow," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said.

Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth, who missed last week's 31-27 loss at St. Louis with a sprained left knee, remains questionable. Fisher said both Haynesworth and receiver Courtney Roby (left turf toe) are improving.

Linebacker Peter Sirmon could

have practiced but didn't. He played last weekend despite an injury to his right knee.

"What we wanted was to just shut him down. He did a great job getting back last week. We kept him out of change-of-direction things and got some conditioning and shut him down," Fisher said.

Champ Car World Series cancels Korea race

The Champ Car World Series called off its Grand Prix of Ansan, scheduled for Oct. 16 in South Korea, a blow for a series struggling to regain its place in the top echelon of racing.

But series executive vice president Joe Chernelich said Wednesday that dropping the race, even two weeks before the race, is not a big setback for the American-based open-wheel series.

"At first blush it would appear to be a step backward, but what it really demonstrates is that we are going to do whatever it takes to ensure that

every Champ Car race is a world-class event," he said.

Winborn loses starting job, will leave via trade

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Linebacker Jamie Winborn cleaned out his locker and left the San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday as the club abruptly announced plans to trade the former starter.

Winborn lost his job to converted defensive end Andre Carter last week, and coach Mike Nolan suggested the fifth-year pro should stay away while the 49ers find him a new home.

"He sees himself as a starter, and I would tend to agree with that," Nolan said. "It just won't be here."

Winborn's departure is the biggest move yet in a promised shakeup by Nolan, who hasn't been pleased with the 49ers (1-2) after consecutive losses.

Nolan said he already received several inquiries from teams seeking the speedy linebacker.

MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Torre calm throughout his tenure with Yanks

Despite never-ending stress, Yankees coach fails to lose control

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the season draws to a close, Joe Torre's wife can tell how wearing it's been.

He is a little paler after 150-plus days and nights in the dugout. The creases on his forehead are more evident

after six months of managing under the scrutiny of millions of fans — and George Steinbrenner, the most visibly demanding owner in sports.

Only after the season, perhaps when the Torre family heads to Maui each December, will the tension completely dissipate.

"My wife notices more than I do. She sees me and then, all of a sudden, after a couple of months, 'Oh you look good,'" Torre recalls her saying.

Heading into the final week-

end of the regular season, the Yankees were unsure whether they'd wind up in the playoffs for the 11th straight year — and whether failure would result in the 65-year-old manager's ouster.

Baseball's first team with a \$200 million payroll had to scramble back into contention after an 11-19 start, its worst since 1966. Searching for the right combination and dealing with injuries to all five starters in the rotation, New York used 28 pitchers and 51 players,

both team records.

Yet, in the dugout, Torre's behavior usually was the same — either sitting stoically on the bench or, in ballparks where that affords little view of the field, leaning on a rail, with pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre and bench coach Joe Girardi at his side.

"Joe is the kind of person that will not show his emotions," said center fielder Bernie Williams, the longest-tenured member of the current Yankees at 15 years. "He prob-

ably could have been the greatest poker player alive if he had chosen to do that. He's the epitome of that phrase: 'Never let them see you sweat.'"

In the inner sanctum of the clubhouse, though, he's nearly matched Congress in number of meetings, trying to spur players and stop the slide, searching for words to motivate a group of veteran multimillionaire stars, some of whom don't like being told what to do.

FAITH POINT

Thursday, September 29, 2005

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st	2nd	Gospel
Isaiah	Philippians	Matthew
5:1-7	4:6-9	21:33-43

Catholic Q&A

What's up with Marian apparitions? Do I have to believe in them to be a good Catholic?

At various points throughout the history of Christianity, those in heaven have made rather miraculous appearances to those still on earth. One of the most dramatic and best-known accounts of an apparition occurs when Jesus appears to St. Paul (then Saul) on his journey to Damascus, which effectively converts him to Christianity (see Acts 9:1-10). Many times since then, Jesus, Mary, and various saints have miraculously appeared to provide messages of encouragement, repentance, or admonishment to believers in various parts of the world. Some of the best known Christian shrines throughout the world mark the place where Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, has reportedly appeared. The names of these sites are familiar to many: Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe, often appearing in this country as the name of a church or chapel with an "Our Lady of..." in front of the location. Despite the diverse epochs and locales where Mary has appeared, officially-recognized apparitions have many characteristics in common.

First, the apparitions often occur to people with minimal theological education, thus defusing skeptics' claims that the individuals made the stories up on their own. For example, when Mary appeared at the grotto in Lourdes, France, in 1858, she did so to a young girl who was nearly failing her catechism class. When Bernadette reported to the local priest that the Lady appearing to her had called herself the "Immaculate Conception," two things were made clear to the priest: 1. that the Lady appearing was indeed Mary, the Mother of God, and 2. that Bernadette couldn't possibly have made up such a story, as that title had only recently (in 1854) been dogmatically declared by the universal Church, and Bernadette would have had no real access to or knowledge of such detailed theological information. A similar situation can likewise be seen with the shepherd children of Fatima (Portugal, 1917) or Juan Diego of Guadalupe (Tepeyac, Mexico, 1531).

Secondly, the messages given by Mary have as central themes repentance, prayer, and the return to a right relationship with God. These messages always point one towards a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and never end in Mary herself. Often apparitions have occurred in those areas in moral or religious turmoil: places where wars were about to break out, where Communism was threatening the faith, where people were being led astray by vices of various sorts. Authentic messages never contradict revealed Christian truth, and following the advice given by Mary always leads the true believer to a deeper sense of peace and holiness.

So do I have to believe in them? Most often, apparitions are examples of private revelations, where Mary appears and gives a message to one or a small group of individuals. Unlike general revelation (ie, revelation found in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, which ended with the death of the last apostle), private revelations are only binding upon those who receive them. Thus, there is no requirement that Catholics believe in any Marian apparitions or the messages reported therein, though many find great solace and a deeper peace in doing so.

Send questions to Brett Perkins: Perkins.26@nd.edu!

What's Up?

TONIGHT 9/29

Muslim Prayer

7:00 PM, 330 Coleman-Morse

Asian Multi-lingual Rosary

9:15 PM, CoMo Chapel

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Friday 9/30

Notre Dame Encounter #87
(Fri-Sun)

Sophomore Road Trip (Fri-Sun)

Saturday 10/1

Learning To Talk About
Race Retreat

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 PM, Basilica

Sunday 10/2

Sunday Masses

10:00 AM & 11:45 AM, Basilica

Spanish Mass

1:30 PM, St. Ed's Hall Chapel

Monday 10/3

Eucharistic Adoration

11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (M-Th)
CoMo Chapel

Tuesday 10/4

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship

Topic: Christ the Great
Evangelizer

8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Hall Chapel

Wednesday 10/5

Theology on Tap

Topic: Muslim-Christian Dialogue.
9:30, Legends

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Mike Mokris' commitment to his faith took him to a different continent this summer. After working with high school students as a counselor for ND Vision this summer, Mike traveled with a group of 25 ND students and campus ministers to World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. Now that Mike is back in O'Neill Hall studying theology he still has a full plate of faith related activities. He is one of O'Neill Hall's Liturgical Commissioners and is also involved as a small group leader in the Freshman Peer Leaders Program. Mike is a sponsor in the RCIA program because he wants the opportunity to help people grow in their faith in the same way other people helped him to grow along his faith journey. In the midst of all of the service that Mike is involved in, he still finds time to nurture his own spirituality by regularly attending Eucharistic Adoration. Mike has done a great job of mixing his service to others with time for personal spiritual growth. Thanks for really "Living It!" Mike!

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Connelly

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she played No. 4 singles and compiled a 22-13 record. She also teamed up with Brook Buck to post a 27-12 record at No. 2 doubles. The marketing major also boasts a 3.7 GPA.

The senior's ability to combine her work ethic with light-hearted moments has made her well-liked among her teammates. More importantly, she has earned her teammates' respect.

"She's funny and she keeps the team loose; she's got a great personality," Louderback said. "She has also matured over four years and has developed into a great leader."

Connelly was quick to point out that the responsibility for leading the Irish this season will fall on all five seniors on the team.

"There are four other seniors with me, so it's not all on me," she said. "I'm just going to look at what past seniors have done and learn from that. Everyone on the team is really close, so that makes it easier too."

Louderback also felt that past

players have had an effect on Connelly.

"Part of the reason that she is a good leader is that she was a good follower," he said. "She's done everything we've ever asked of her since she's been here."

Much of the focus will be put on Connelly to lead a talented Irish team to national prowess. In addition to her singles play, Connelly will team up with fellow senior Kiki Stastny to anchor the doubles lineup at No. 2 position. Connelly's aggressive nature on the tennis court makes her a force in doubles, which Louderback thinks will be a strength of his team this season.

"She loves to come to the net," Louderback said. "She plays better when she comes forward, that's what makes her a very good doubles player. We have the potential to put three very good doubles teams on the court this year."

Connelly has been a key contributor to the recent success of the women's tennis program, and her efforts have not gone unrewarded. She feels the team has taught her important lifelong values about teamwork and

cooperation.

"This team has helped me to realize that my actions have an effect on more than one person. I've also learned to communicate better by interacting with my teammates," she said.

The last three years also afforded Connelly a unique opportunity to play with her sister Sarah Jane, who graduated in the spring. Connelly and Louderback agreed that the two enjoyed the experience and that they grew closer working together. The Connellys, along with Thompson twins, Christian and Catrina, have helped to develop a family atmosphere that has brought the team close and allowed them to play together and rise in the rankings.

This season as the Irish look to defend their Big East championship and rise into the top 10 in the national rankings, Connelly knows she will play her best if she continues to let her personality come out in her tennis game.

"I just like to have fun out there," she said. "I play my best when I'm loose and relaxed."

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Belles

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that Mattia did, and recalled her first experience in college-level competition, as well as how much she has grown since.

"She was rather quiet [as a freshman], but I could tell she was a good golfer," Hamilton said. "In her first tournament she was rather nervous ... and shot a score I'm sure she'd like to forget ... but she became more accustomed to playing college golf and has blossomed into probably the most consistent player that I've had for the school."

And it is exactly that consistency that Mattia has used to lead the way for her team this year. She may not be the most vocal person on the team, but then golf was never designed to be a vocal sport.

Mattia has done an outstanding job so far this year of helping to fill the big shoes left by last year's extremely successful senior class. At the beginning of the fall, Mattia spoke about her goals for her last season with the Belles.

"Individually I just want to play really well...to make first team all-conference, to keep improving, and to score well. And I really want to win con-

ference," Mattia said.

So far everything is right on track for all of the golfer's goals to be met this year. The Belles are in perfect position to take the conference title for a fourth year in a row, and Mattia has been consistently finishing rounds in the high 70s and low 80s.

With her success at the conference competitions, she is likely to earn MIAA honors for her fourth and final year, and will look to lead her team to another NCAA appearance in the spring.

And to be successful at that, Mattia will only need to do more of what she has been doing. She has been to three NCAA championships and is about to win her fourth MIAA title with the Belles, giving her enough experience in the program to have an impact on any team.

"I think she shows people how to shoot low scores on the golf course," Hamilton said. "She knows she shouldn't get rattled. She'll stay the course and keep working at it and good things will happen."

"I expect her to keep doing what she's doing, playing solidly and being Megan. 'She's got the experience ... and she never fails me.'"

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hokies coach blames himself for last year

Associated Press

Blame it on the coach.

That's essentially what Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer said Tuesday about the Hokies' last visit to Morgantown, which ended in a 28-7 loss to West Virginia.

It seems Beamer started feeling real good about his team, which went into the rivalry game 6-0 and ranked No. 3 in the nation, the same ranking it has now.

Like Saturday's game, that one came after the Hokies manhandled a good team — Syracuse in 2003, Georgia Tech last weekend — 51-7 in a raucous Lane Stadium.

"We had just played really well against Syracuse and (former West Virginia coach) Don Nehlen's a great friend," Beamer recalled, somewhat

sheepishly. "We're talking before the game and I'm saying, 'Don, we're pretty good. We've got a good football team,' and Don's saying, 'Well, I'm going to tell you this place is ready for you.'"

"And I said, 'I know. We know exactly what we're getting in to, but we're a good football team,' and we were. But that good football team — we fumbled five times, we threw three interceptions and we had 13 penalties for 115 yards."

The loss, and one two games later at Pittsburgh, ended the Hokies' championship hopes in their final season in the Big East. And even though Virginia Tech got some redemption last year, beating the No. 6 Mountaineers 19-13, a bitter taste lingers.

For Beamer, the uncharacteristic cockiness provided a lesson he won't forget.

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MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phillies keep playoff hopes alive with win

Philadelphia scores 16 runs in the win over New York, Trachsel

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs, and David Bell and Kenny Lofton each had four hits to give the Philadelphia Phillies' fading postseason hopes a boost with a 16-6 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

The Phillies avoided a three-game sweep and maintained their slim chance of catching Houston for the NL wild card. The Phillies began the day 2 1/2 games behind the Astros, who played in St. Louis and finish the season with four home games against the Cubs.

The Phillies are off Thursday and close the season with a three-game series in Washington.

Jimmy Rollins extended his club-record hitting streak to 33 games with a leadoff single, and Shane Victorino and Pat Burrell each homered during a seven-run eighth inning. Utley drove in two runs in the eighth to give him 101 RBIs, and the Phillies had a season-high 20 hits.

Philadelphia desperately needed the victory after two crushing losses to the Mets. The bullpen squandered a three-run lead in the eighth inning on Monday, and Bell's critical baserunning blunder in the eighth on Tuesday cost the Phillies two games they could have won.

The Mets threatened again late in this one, also, this time when David Wright's two-run

homer in the seventh off reliever Ryan Madson pulled them to 9-6.

Vicente Padilla (9-12) was solid until tiring in the seventh, allowing five runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings. He allowed two solo homers to Marlon Anderson and one to Cliff Floyd.

Staked to an early 2-1 lead, Mets starter Steve Trachsel (1-4) ran into trouble in the third.

Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 2

CHICAGO — With the rain coming down and the atmosphere gloomy, the Cubs' disappointing season at Wrigley Field came to an appropriately miserable end.

Bases loaded in the ninth and nobody out. Of course, they didn't score.

"It was very symbolic. It seems like we get in that situation and we don't get anything. It's very frustrating," manager Dusty Baker said after Wednesday's loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates. "We had a great chance to win that game."

The Cubs figured to win a lot of games this season, especially at their cozy neighborhood ball park. Instead, baseball's lovable losers were 38-43 at Wrigley Field and must sweep a four-game series at Houston to finish at .500 overall.

The announced attendance on an overcast day was 37,491, giving the Cubs 3,099,992 for 80 home dates, the second-largest attendance figure in club history.

"We had a hard time holding up our end of the bargain," Baker said.

Pirates reliever Salomon Torres pitched a scoreless eighth and gave up a single to



Kenny Lofton, left, congratulates Jimmy Rollins during Wednesday's 16-6 win over the Mets. With the win, Philadelphia remained in the wild-card race, despite Houston's victory.

Matt Murton in the ninth. After Mike Gonzalez relieved, Jeromy Burnitz reached on second baseman J.J. Furmaniak's error when he couldn't come up with his hard shot and Henry Blanco walked to load the bases with no outs.

"I was having a little trouble getting the grip of the ball. The rosin was wet and my hands were wet, so I had to deal with that," Gonzalez said. "What I wanted to do was strike out the

lefties I had in front of me and get the other guy to ground out or pop up."

Cincinnati 11, Milwaukee 4

MILWAUKEE — Adam Dunn hit his 39th home run and Felipe Lopez drove in three runs to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a victory over Milwaukee on Wednesday night, denying Chris Capuano of the Brewers his 19th win.

Capuano (18-11) pitched five innings, giving up six runs and eight hits. It was the second straight game he allowed six runs, although he was able to get the win over St. Louis on Sept. 23. He was trying to be the first to win 19 games since Teddy Higuera won 20 games in 1987.

Aaron Harang (11-13) pitched 7 1/3 innings, giving up four runs and 14 hits. The 14 hits were a career-high with previous high 11 in his last start against Philadelphia on Sept. 23. He was helped by three double plays.

The loss pushed the Brewers back to the .500 mark (79-79) as they try to finish with a winning record for the first time since 1992, when they were still in the American League.

Reds center fielder Wily Mo Pena hyperextended his lower back when he crashed into the wall diving for Bill Hall's line drive in the fourth. Pena hit his

head and left shoulder and remained on the ground while left fielder Ryan Freel retrieved the ball.

Freel threw to Lopez, who threw out Hall at home as he tried for an inside-the-park home run. Pena remained on the ground for about 5 minutes while trainers worked on him. He stood up, then was taken off the field on a cart.

Colorado 10, Atlanta 5

ATLANTA — On a night when a lot of rookies were on display, Colorado first-year shortstop Clint Barmes had the biggest hit, driving in the go-ahead run with a two-run double in the sixth inning and the Rockies beat the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night.

Fourteen rookies started for the Braves and Rockies, including the starting pitchers for both. It was the most rookies to start a major league game since Sept. 24, 2003, when 14 started for Cleveland and Minnesota.

Jeff Francis (14-12) gave up seven hits and four runs, three earned, in five innings for Colorado.

Kyle Davies (7-5) gave up seven hits and five runs, two earned, in 5 2-3 innings for the Braves.

Davies was a fill-in starter for John Smoltz, who is resting his stiff right shoulder the last week of the regular season.

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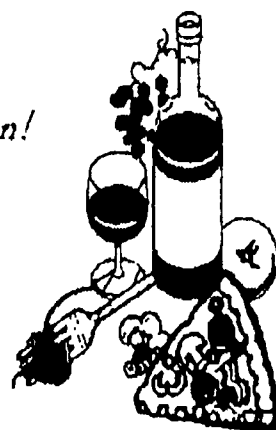
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NFL

Rookie receiver part of Vikings' game plan

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings coach Mike Tice has been trying to take it slow with Troy Williamson.

This rookie isn't used to doing anything slow.

Tice had wanted to be patient with Minnesota's top draft pick, hoping to keep the Randy Moss comparisons to a minimum.

Heading into just his fourth game as a pro, Williamson's considerable skills — and an injury to No. 1 receiver Nate Burleson — have made the speedy newcomer a big part of the game plan heading into Sunday's game at Atlanta.

"We know that he is a real burner and he plays the ball very well in the air," Tice said. "We are not holding anything back now due to Nate's injury. He is in the game."

Williamson does everything fast. He learns fast, eats fast and talks fast.

Oh yeah, he runs fast, too. Williamson ran in the low 4.3s in the 40-yard dash at the combine.

"Any football player that has speed, that's a good thing," Williamson said. "You can learn everything else, but you can't teach speed. I'm glad that I was blessed with that asset. I can learn how to learn a route and catch a ball, but you can't learn how to run fast."

Not surprisingly, it didn't take long for the seventh overall draft choice out of South Carolina to

show what he can do.

In the second quarter of last week's win over New Orleans, Williamson got behind man coverage and hauled in a 53-yard touchdown pass from Daunte Culpepper that propelled the Vikings (1-2) to victory.

"It felt real good," Culpepper said. "Just putting it out there and letting him run and get it. That's what I like to do ... and we have been doing that for years in this offense. We have to keep that in the back of people's minds that we can hit you over the top if you are not careful."

Williamson finished with three catches for 83 yards and let opposing defenses know that the Vikings' offense is still dangerous, even without No. 84.

The Vikings' offense has struggled mightily to find an identity without Moss, who was traded to the Raiders after seven record-setting seasons in Minnesota. The Vikings selected Williamson over USC receiver Mike Williams for his speed and game-breaking ability, two things that were in short supply when Moss was traded.

Even though he is only a rookie, and light-years away from the ultra-talented Moss, opposing coaches are already getting the message.

"Especially after the play he made last week," Atlanta coach Jim Mora said. "You saw what happens if you let him off the line clean. He can just go. ... The kid has got the ability to be special — really, really special."

Manning looks to tie record

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning has always been there when his teammates needed him. Whether it's on game days, in the locker room or inside the film room, the Indianapolis Colts have counted on the NFL's two-time MVP to be on the field. Anything less is unimaginable.

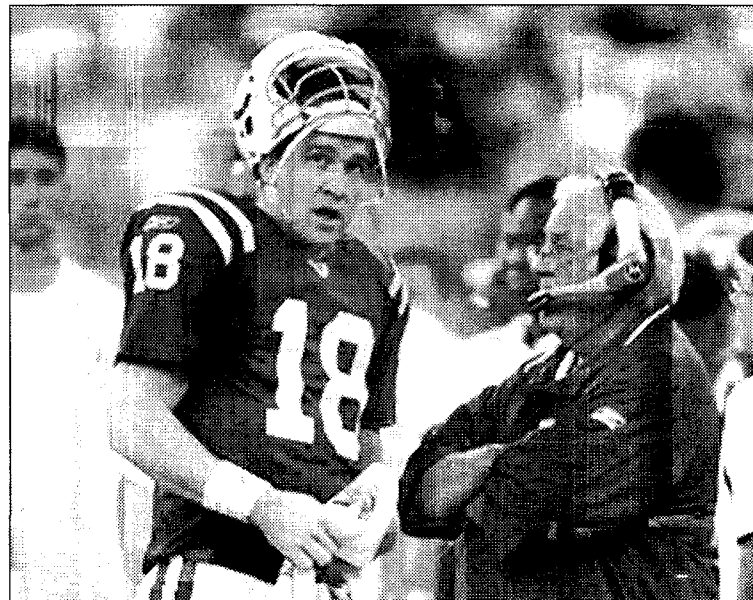
In seven-plus seasons, Manning has never missed a game. On Sunday at Tennessee, Manning is expected to make his 116th consecutive start, setting a franchise record and tying Ron Jaworski for the second-longest streak by an NFL quarterback.

"I like to play, I like being in there," Manning said Wednesday. "It's more fun being in there than being on the sidelines."

For Manning, the records have become almost as routine as the starts.

He and Marvin Harrison hooked up six times last Sunday to break the NFL record for most yards passing between a quarterback and receiver. Manning also became the second-fastest player to top 30,000 yards, taking 115 games — one more than Miami's Dan Marino.

This week, Manning is ready to break the franchise mark for consecutive starts, set by former Colts center Ken Mendenhall (115). Next week, Manning should pass Jaworski, leaving only Brett Favre's record 208-game streak between Manning and



Peyton Manning, left, talks with Colts offensive coordinator Tom Moore Sunday. Manning is expected to start his 116th straight game this week when Indianapolis plays Tennessee.

another milestone.

Like Favre, Manning has become the identity of his franchise because of his reliability. He helped turn Indianapolis from an NFL also-ran into a perennial Super Bowl contender, and without Manning, nobody knows where the Colts would be.

Fortunately, they've never had to ponder the thought.

"Next question," tight end Dallas Clark said when asked about the Colts' offense without Manning. "One-hundred sixteen? That's a lot of games. It shows you his consistency, his dependability. He's always there, always ready to play."

Manning's track record supports that contention.

He earned the starting job at the University of Tennessee three games into the 1994 season and never gave it up. When his college stats are added to those with the Colts, Manning's consecutive start streak hits 161.

Twice it looked like Manning's streak might end, but he toughed it out.

In August 2001, Manning was twisted awkwardly in a preseason game at Minnesota. A right knee sprain did the unthinkable, keeping Manning out of the Colts' meaningless preseason finale, the first pro game he'd ever missed.

McNabb to play despite severe muscle strain

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb tossed touchdown passes on a broken ankle and played an NFC title game with an agonizing rib injury.

Now McNabb is taking his biggest health risk yet: playing with a severe abdominal strain that likely will need surgery and definitely will leave the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback in discomfort and pain all season.

"Fortunately for me, I haven't got to the point where you just can't go," the Eagles' star said. "Once that happens, then I think the best way of handling this is not being out there. But I don't think that would ever happen."

Trainer Rick Burkholder said

rest will not fix the problem and McNabb can play if he can handle the pain. McNabb, who practiced Wednesday, does not have to be sidelined now for the sports hernia.

"We're hoping it's something we'll be able to manage," Burkholder said. "The plan with Donovan is to allow him to participate, continue to rehabilitate him and we're going to take it on a day-by-day, game-by-game situation."

McNabb is expected to start Sunday against Kansas City and is willing to play through



McNabb

his various injuries. McNabb also is playing with soreness in his chest and a shin contusion.

"I'm ready to go," McNabb said Wednesday. "I don't have any concerns right now. ... It's just something you have to deal with and realize some days you'll feel great and some days you won't."

McNabb was tested last week for the sports hernia, but coach Andy Reid called the injury an abdominal strain after the Eagles' win over Oakland. McNabb went to Boston on Tuesday for another opinion and it was confirmed he has a sports hernia.

"His pain may get worse, it may get better, the condition won't," Burkholder said. "It's not like he's going to do a career-ending problem to his

abdomen or his groin."

McNabb hoped to delay surgery. Burkholder said it usually takes eight to 12 weeks to recover from that type of surgery.

"If I can avoid it, I definitely will avoid it," McNabb said. "If that's the case that I have to have it, then it will happen."

McNabb didn't know when he first hurt the area. He came into training camp with soreness in his abdomen. He seemed to be fine until the second game against San Francisco, when the injury was aggravated.

The injury hasn't affected McNabb's performance too much. Against the 49ers, he matched his career best with five TD passes and threw for 342 yards while playing three

quarters.

Against the Raiders, McNabb rebounded from a slow first half and finished with 365 yards passing and two touchdowns while throwing a career-high 52 passes.

"If it ends up where he can't function, then we'll shut him down," Reid said.

While Reid said he would be smart with how he handles McNabb, he wouldn't rule out another 50-attempt game if that's needed to win.

"If it means throwing 50 times, then you throw 50 times," Reid said.

McNabb has played through pain in the past. He broke his ankle in the first quarter against Arizona in 2002, stayed in and threw four touchdowns.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Nittany Lions hope to contain Gophers' Maroney

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The plan to stop Minnesota running back Laurence Maroney sounds pretty simple: control the line of scrimmage and have tacklers swarm him when he gets the ball.

Penn State linebacker Paul Posluszny knows the task will be much tougher than it sounds when Maroney and the 18th-ranked Gophers (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten) visit Happy Valley on Saturday.

"He's a really strong downhill runner," said the square-jawed Posluszny, one of Penn State's defensive leaders. "We've got to get as many people to the football as we can."

Maroney, a Heisman Trophy hopeful, leads Division I-A with 174.5 rushing yards per game. "He doesn't really have much going against him," Posluszny said.

Maroney is usually eluding and speeding away from would-be tacklers. Last week, the 5-foot-11, 210-pound junior pounded out a career-high

217 yards on 46 carries in the Golden Gophers' 42-35 double-overtime win over Purdue. The Boilermakers had the nation's top-ranked rushing defense coming into the contest.

Like any good running back, Maroney is quick to credit an offensive line anchored by two four-year starters, Greg Eslinger at center and Mark Setterstrom at guard. The Gophers' athletic linemen run a zone blocking scheme to open up running lanes.

"I need to be patient so I can give the line time to set up their blocks," Maroney said. "I think I've got enough quickness and speed to be patient and then when I see the hole, hit it fast and hard."

Penn State, which is off to its best start since going 9-0 in 1999, hasn't faced a power-running attack yet this season. Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno is quite impressed.

"They are a very, very well-coached, dominant football team that's going to run it down your throat," Paterno said.

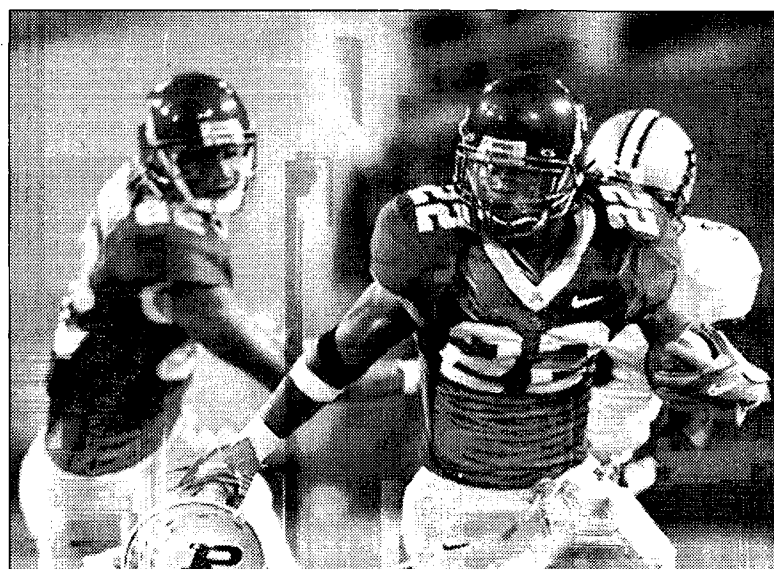
His defense isn't too shabby either, allowing just 85 yards per game on the ground. Last week, though, Penn State gave up 198 rushing yards in its last-minute 34-29 win over Northwestern, including 112 yards and two touchdowns to freshman Tyrell Sutton.

Penn State's defense is laden with experienced linemen, talented linebackers and a quartet of senior starters in the secondary that allow the front seven to take risks.

"They've got a lot of guys that can do great things in the box, so its going to be a great battle in the trenches," Eslinger said.

Posluszny, known as "Puz" or "Poz" to his teammates, plays with unsurpassed intensity on the field and displays quiet leadership off. He had 22 tackles last week against the Wildcats — the most by a Penn State player since 1977 — and could be busy again against Minnesota.

Posluszny likes to block out anything not related to football before a game and straps on



Laurence Maroney, 22, eludes a Purdue defender Saturday. Minnesota plays Penn State in a battle of unbeaten this weekend.

headphones to listen to hard rock bands like Korn and Metallica.

"He gets tuned in," defensive tackle Scott Paxson said. "I'm glad he's playing on my team."

Paxson said the defensive line must occupy the Minnesota

linemen to "keep our linebackers free so that Puz can make tackles and do what he does best."

Paterno remains concerned about fatigue on his defense, which was on the field for 95 plays last week.

Alabama QB Croyle prepares to face Florida Saturday

Tide, Gators enter SEC contest unbeaten

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Brodie Croyle knows exactly how Alabama quarterbacks are measured: By wins. Big ones.

It's how the senior hopes to be remembered by Crimson Tide fans, not for his injuries or for being the quarterback during the program's lean times. Leading No. 15 Alabama to an upset of fifth-ranked Florida Saturday would certainly leave a mark with the fans.

"That's all they care about," said John Croyle, Brodie's father and a former Tide player. "That's the mark of a great quarterback. Bart Starr wasn't remembered for his career at Alabama because he was there during tough times, kind of like Brodie's been. He's remembered for going to the NFL and winning."

And Croyle? He could own all the big school passing records at Alabama (4-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) before he's done. But he's had the dual misfortunes of bad timing — guiding a team depleted by NCAA sanctions — and injuries, including a torn knee ligament that sidelined him for the final nine games last season.

He's not about to get into a discussion of what beating the Gators (4-0, 2-0) would mean personally or how it would affect his legacy.

"I'm not going to win the game," Croyle said. "If anything I'm going to lose it. I don't get into all that, 'Brodie beat Florida, the No. 5 team in the nation.' If we come out with a win Saturday, if anything it's going to be because of our defense."

His coach has other ideas. "He definitely is the key for us," Mike Shula said.

While Florida's Chris Leak grabs far more national head-

lines and passing yards, Shula likes his own QB. He cites Croyle's leadership on the sidelines and in the huddle, but he also raves about his poise.

"He's a guy that when he comes off for timeouts, he's very calm," said Shula, a former Tide quarterback known for keeping his emotions in check. "When he tells you he sees things out there, he's very accurate. He doesn't get rattled."

"His pulse kind of slows a little bit during the course of the game when a lot of guys' are racing."

Croyle needs just two touchdown passes to match the Tide's record of 35 held by Shula and Andrew Zow. He's also within range of Zow's mark for career passing yards by season's end.

Croyle, who has won his last

seven starts, is right in the middle of SEC quarterbacks statistically. His 828 passing yards ranks sixth and he has thrown for six touchdowns against two interceptions.

His numbers aren't as impressive as Leak's despite throwing only five fewer passes in markedly different offensive systems. The Tide has the SEC's leading rusher in Ken Darby.

Croyle has no complaints about the Tide's system, though he does admit spread offenses like Florida's are "fun to watch."

"They're 4-0, we're 4-0. That's all that matters to me," he said. "I'm perfectly happy throwing whatever we throw in a game. Some games we'll throw it 40 times a game, some games we'll throw it 20. As long as we're winning, as long as we're putting up points, I'm

not concerned with how many yards I throw for."

Croyle's teammates praise his savvy and his arm strength. Fullback Tim Castille said Croyle isn't likely to "do anything dumb with the football" in tight situations.

"He's a football player," Castille said. "That's the ulti-

mate compliment to me is if somebody says I'm a football player. That just means you do things the right way."

If that's not the ultimate compliment, maybe this assessment of Croyle from offensive coordinator Dave Rader is:

"This is the kind of guy you want in a big game."

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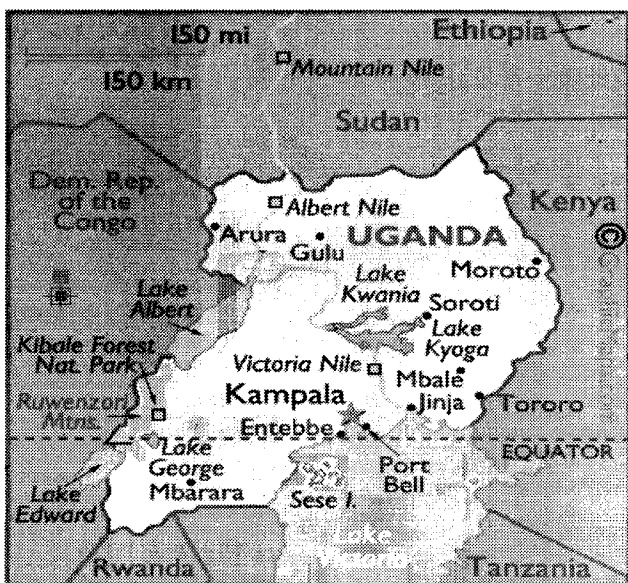
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early and often by scoring three goals in the opening stanza. Lauren Hinton continued her offensive flair and notched the first Belles goal with an assist from freshman Mandy Thomson.

The women struck again fast and hard with Ashley Hinton striking the ball unassisted past Adrian keeper Reshia Jamison to put the Belles up 2-0. The final tally of the half was DuBree's first on a laser to the back of the net assisted by senior midfielder Carrie Orr.

DuBree saved her finest for last when she tallied her second goal nearly midway through the second half, the fifth for the Belles.

DuBree broke down the right side of the field before she encountered an Adrian defender. Unfazed, DuBree took her head on and muscled her way to the outside. Once in the open she controlled, took her shot and found her mark.

"She had a tremendous game," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "We've been playing her on the outside quite a bit, but moved her up today just to get a different look for her."

And did it ever work. DuBree was in on the numerous Belles rallies deep into Adrian territory and worked the ball well around the helpless defense. Normally, DuBree plays outside halfback, but Mackenzie knew the flexibility of her hard-nosed player.

"She did a great job [at attacker] and we're very pleased with her play and effort," Mackenzie said. "That's

a good thing to know, that we can slide her in there and have another forward to play with."

The Belles scored their fourth goal 15 minutes into the second half on a shot from Thomson, assisted by Lauren Hinton. Hinton broke through an Adrian midfielder on the right side and passed up to Thomson. Thomson turned and bent the ball over the keeper's head with just enough room to spare below the crossbar.

The two-goal second half was outstanding considering the conditions faced.

With nearly 25 minutes remaining in the game the rain started to come down with force and turn the field into a slippery bog, but the Belles continued to get it done and advance their season along.

"Loved our unselfishness," Mackenzie said. "It was a good team effort, got to see some women get off the bench that haven't had some opportunities. Also, got to move some people around and play them in a few different places, which was good."

The Belles will next see action against at home against Tri-State University on Saturday at noon, a school that is winless MIAA play thus far this season. The Belles are excited to have a chance to play another game on their home turf.

Mackenzie summarized Adrian's game and the rest of the week.

"Overall, we're very pleased with our effort and unselfishness and am looking forward to playing on Saturday at home," she said.

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Caryn Mackenzie
Belles coach

Option

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couple the technique with a high-flying passing game.

"This is a unique running game, it's not the same [as Navy]," Irish head coach Charlie Weis said. "Any team that runs the option, you have to do some serious studying to make sure you can get ready to go in a week, in addition to all the wide-open passes they have."

While parallels can be drawn between the hybrid option running-passing attack and the triple-threat wishbone offense, Purdue brings a different flavor to the old formation.

"Purdue combines all of this spread offense with what amounts to be the old wishbone, though it doesn't resemble anything like the wishbone, because they've got people spread out," defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. "But they've taken the quarterback and put him back at a level of five years, and what he does is function up and

down his line of scrimmage at the depth of five yards, doing what the conventional option quarterbacks do on the line of scrimmage.

"They still have all the triple option reads with the pitch, and they've got all the triple option playaction passes off the option, and they do it from back where at any time they can snap the ball and be in the gun with potentially five receivers."

Ultimately, more so than other offensive systems, Purdue's style of play caters to the exploitation of one-on-one match-ups within the defense.

"It's basketball on grass when you think about," Minter said "It's about match-ups and playing in space and making the one on one play — that's their intention. It's also caused them to become a little more physical in that they are committing themselves to run the ball a little more, so it was an addition they probably thought they needed."

For Weis, the incorporation of the option presents more challenges than those that naturally accompany defending such a quick, multi-faceted style.

"They have evolved that offense into such a more balanced offense than they have been in the past," Weis said. "It causes a whole bunch of problems. When a team is basically a throwing team first, if you can go in there and make sure that they don't run the ball on you, at least you'll have a fighting chance because you can play a mentality where they are just going to throw it on every down. Now, you no longer can perceive their offense as one-dimensional."

Building on an already well-respected Tiller offense, the Boilermakers hope to confuse Notre Dame defenders with the inherent difficulty of the offense, an intention acknowledged by cornerback Mike Richardson.

"With them being able to spread out as much as they do, and then be able to incorporate the option into it, it's going to be pretty complex to defend against," Richardson said. "As a team, we've been preparing for it as much as possible."

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PGA

PGA tour returns to Greensboro

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The PGA Tour is in Greensboro again, continuing a storied history that dates back to Sam Snead's victory in the inaugural tournament in 1938. And Roy Williams' memory of this event goes back nearly as far.

"I can remember sitting in Spanish class, wondering why

Arnold Palmer tried to hit it out of a creek on the 15th hole to make a double bogey and lose the tournament," said the University of North Carolina basketball coach, who played in the pro-am on Wednesday. "That's how far back I go."

Now, the question is whether the tour's reorganized schedule in 2007 has room for the Chrysler Classic of Greensboro. Nothing is finalized, but the tour is moving toward a season that would end in the middle of September with the Tour Championship, preceded by three tournaments that would be part of a points-chase toward a \$10 million prize for the winner.

The tournament in Greensboro currently is part of the Fall Finish, a group of 11 events beginning Labor Day weekend that completes the

brutal 47-week season.

"The Fall Finish, it is important to all of us, there's no doubt about it," Sergio Garcia said. "There's some really good events in the fall. I try to give it the best shot I can."

Garcia is the top player from the World Golf Ranking here this week, with Adam Scott the only other from the top 10. For Garcia, he has a tough time fitting tournaments in the United States into his busy itinerary, which includes many stops in Europe.

This is the first time he's played in Greensboro.

"I like to play a bit more in Europe, because I have some nice events around my country that I enjoy playing, that I can get some friends to come and watch me, things like that," the Spaniard said. "But I still try to come and play two, three, four events in the fall."



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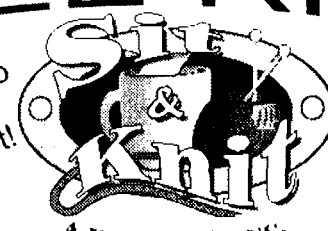
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No. 15 Cincinnati Sunday, Notre Dame (6-3, 2-2 Big East) rebounded with an impressive 1-0 win over the Bradley Braves.

Notre Dame controlled the match for most of the night. In the first half, the Irish continually put pressure on the Bradley defense, out-shooting the Braves 8-3 before the break. Sophomore forward Joe Lapira led the Notre Dame attack with a game-high six shots, while junior forward Justin McGeeney and freshman forward Bright Dike each recorded three shots.

Dike put the Irish ahead early with the game's only goal. Just 5:13 into the contest, senior tri-captain John Stephens sent a free kick into the middle of the box where Dike was waiting to send it past Bradley goalkeeper

Chris Dunsheath.

"It was a great goal," Clark said. "It was a good free kick played in by John Stephens, and Bright just met it. He just put a nice surface on it and put it away."

The Irish continued to set the pace for much of the second half, but Bradley seemed to come alive in the final six minutes. The Braves kept the ball on Notre Dame's side of the field and had several scoring opportunities.

With four minutes to go, Bradley got what might have been its best opportunity to even the score. When Irish defender Greg Dalby deflected a Braves shot, the ball ricocheted to a Bradley forward in front of the Irish goal. Senior defender

Ben Crouse broke the play up from behind, however. Bradley called for a penalty kick, but no call was made and the Irish cleared the ball.

Clark was disappointed in his team's inability to close out the game in the second half.

"I didn't feel we handled the end of the game as well as we could have," the coach said. "We kept them in the game. We had several opportunities to kill the game."

"But having said that, it's hard to criticize anyone on a night like tonight."

Notre Dame came away impressed by the Bradley team. The Braves, who entered the game with a solid 6-2 record, were the runner-up last season

in the Missouri Valley Conference. Clark had nothing but praise for Bradley after the game.

"Bradley is a very strong, direct team," Clark said. "They're not a pretty team, but they're an effective team."

"They have always given us problems. You've got to compete when you play them and they keep you very honest, so I think that's a tribute to them."

The Notre Dame victory was secured by yet another solid performance out of the defense, despite some significant injuries in the back. Senior tri-captain Dale Rellas was sidelined, so Clark elected to move Dalby back from center midfield for the game. In addition, freshman defender Jack Traynor went down with a foot injury in the second half. Dalby, Traynor, Crouse, junior Ryan Miller, and freshman Matt Besler limited Bradley to just ten shots for the game.

Junior goalkeeper Chris Cahill notched his fifth shutout in the last eight games Wednesday. Cahill and the Irish defense have combined to give Notre Dame a solid 0.78 goals against average for the season.

Notre Dame resumes Big East play Saturday when the Irish host West Virginia, the only conference opponent Notre Dame lost to in the 2004 regular season. The Irish, 2-2 in conference, are hoping to go on a run and finish atop the Big East standings for the second straight year.

The victory over Bradley gives Clark reasons to think optimistically about this goal.

"We were very good in the first half," Clark said. "There were spells in the second half when we were brilliant. It was a very good win — a great win for us."

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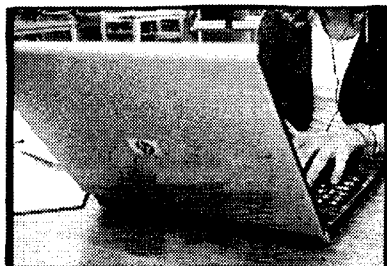
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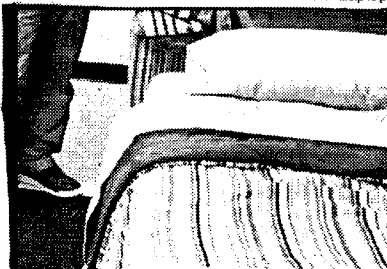
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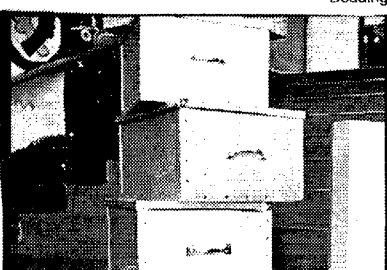
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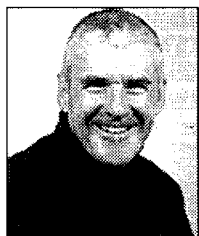
Raining wins

Notre Dame's victory in the poor weather over Bradley moves them to 6-3

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Bobby Clark feels like he's gone home.

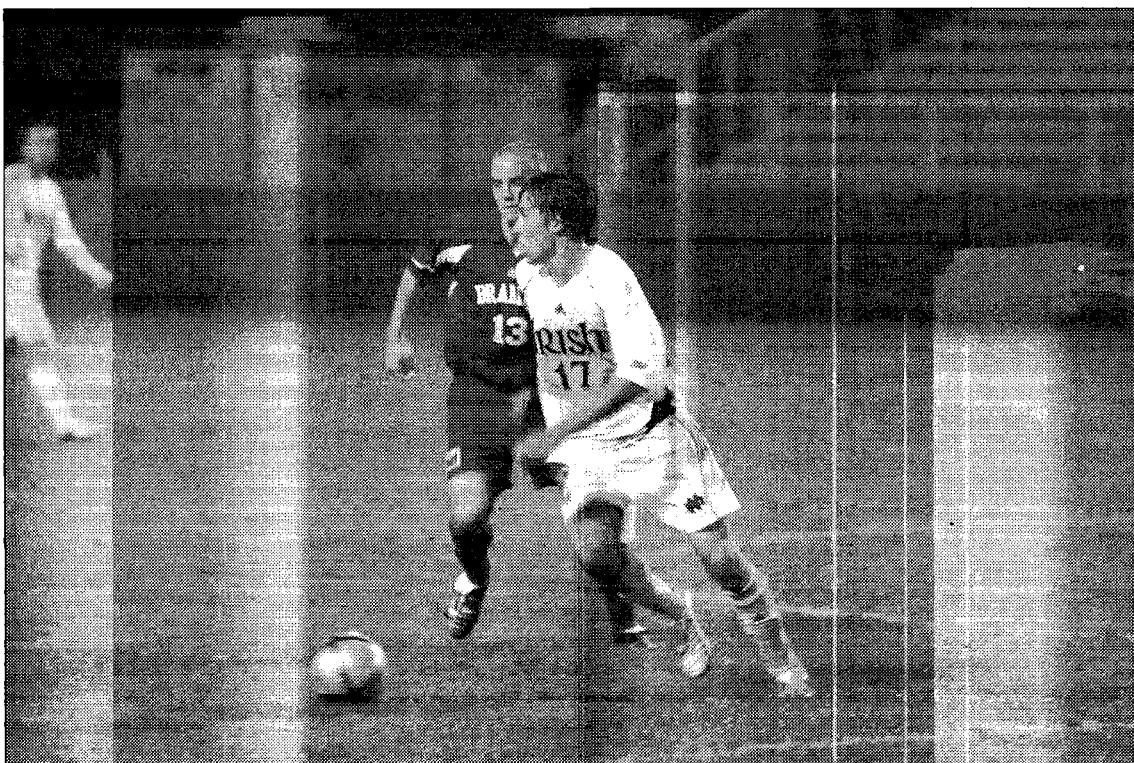
For the second straight game, the Notre Dame head coach watched his team battle through pouring rain and strong winds — conditions much more commonly found on the pitch in Clark's native land.



Clark

"It's like playing back in Scotland," Clark said. "This is par for the course back in Scotland. That's two games in a row. We're getting used to it now."

While the weather remained the same, the result improved for the Irish. After falling 2-1 to



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Irish midfielder Matt Besler moves the ball upfield Wednesday against Bradley. Notre Dame won 1-0 on forward Bright Dike's goal, in a game that was played despite the pouring rain.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles roll, shut down MIAA foe

DuBree scores twice in the strong victory

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It was another game, another win and another step towards the forefront of the MIAA pack for the Belles soccer team after trouncing Adrian College 5-0 at home on Wednesday afternoon.

The Belles were spearheaded by the sweet touch of midfielder turned all-out attacker Sarah DuBree, who struck twice in the Belles-dominated affair. A strong first half coupled with a second half mix of strong defensive play and explosive power vaulted Saint Mary's into third place in the MIAA conference, 4-2 in league play and 5-4 overall.

Saint Mary's got on the board

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SMC GOLF

Maddia leads by example, on and off the links

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Some leaders get the job done by being vocal, and then there are those who simply do their job well and leave an example for others to follow.

Megan Maddia, a senior on the nationally ranked Saint Mary's golf team, is definitely a member of the second breed. In her four years with the Belles team, Maddia has been a quiet presence both on and off the golf course.

But in terms of results, her

impact could hardly be more visible.

During the fall 2005 season alone, Maddia has finished first for Saint Mary's in six out of six appearances, and took first place overall in the three conference jamborees in which the team participated. Earlier this

fall when Saint Mary's competed in the Notre Dame Invitational, Maddia ended with a top-20 finish out of a pool of more than 80 Division-I golfers.

But her success this season has hardly come as a surprise to the golf program. Since her

freshman year, Maddia has been awarded All-MIAA honors three times, and has finished in the top 10 during every conference championship. Head coach Mark Hamilton came to Saint Mary's in the same year

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Connelly loving the opportunity to play

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Lauren Connelly is living in the moment.

The senior captain of the women's tennis team has a very simple goal for herself this season — enjoy every minute.

"I want to keep everyone motivated this year," Connelly said. "But this is my last season and my last year playing [competitive] tennis. I just want to have fun and appreciate every-

thing that happens."

Connelly's easygoing nature should not be interpreted as lacking effort or focus.

In fact, it's quite the opposite. "She works hard," coach Jay Louderback said. "She is one of the players that comes in the most outside practice to work on her game."

The results speak to her dedication. Connelly has won more than 70 percent of her career doubles matches. Last season

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FOOTBALL

Irish aware of Purdue option

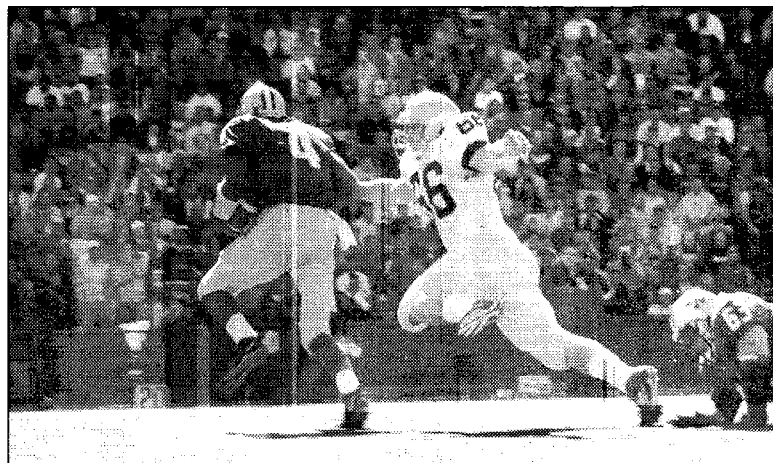
By MATT PUGLISI
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Navy isn't the only team on the Notre Dame schedule running the option.

With the graduation of one-time Heisman hopeful Kyle Orton, Purdue head coach Joe Tiller realized the offense needed another component, despite the talent of quarterback Brandon Kirsch.

Enter the option.

Not only can the option give opposing defenses fits, but the Boilermakers also effectively



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Derek Landri pursues Washington quarterback Isaiah Stanback on Sept. 27. Solid defense will be key Saturday against Purdue.

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Penn State is looking to shut down Minnesota running back Laurence Maroney on Saturday.

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Alabama quarterback understands the amount of pressure that comes along with playing Florida on Saturday.

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Philadelphia kept its wild-card hopes alive, and Jimmy Rollins extended his hitting streak to 33 games.

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Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer blames himself for last year's loss to West Virginia.

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Joe Torre remains calm despite the large amount of pressure on his shoulders.

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White Sox 8 Tigers 2

Chicago extended its AL Central lead over the Indians to three games with the win.

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