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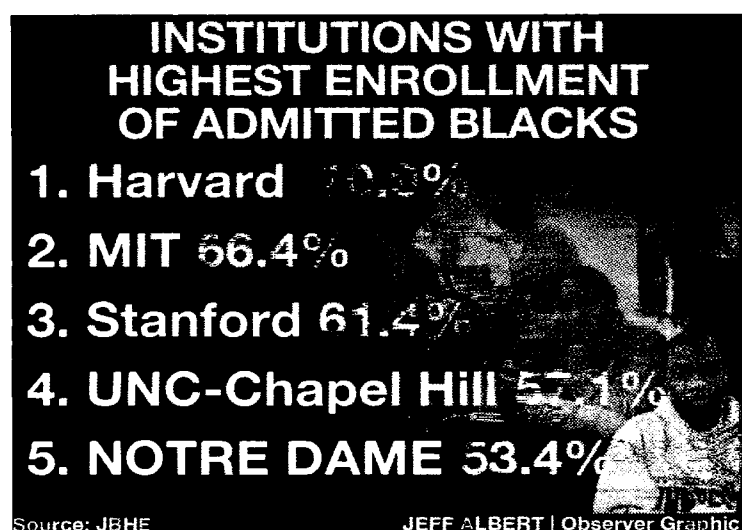
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ND, SMC see increase in black freshmen

National journal praises University's continued efforts to encourage minority enrollment



By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Only one year after University President Father John Jenkins articulated the need for increased diversity at Notre Dame in his inaugural address, the number of black and other minority applicants enrolled in the University this fall is up significantly — and a national publication has taken notice.

The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (JBHE) completed a survey of the admissions offices of the highest-ranked national universities, and praised Notre

Dame's "concerted effort to increase the number of black and other minority students on campus."

The JBHE said better outreach programs and an increase in the financial aid available to low-income students contributed to the 10 percent increase in the number of African-American applicants and the 44 percent increase in the enrollment of admitted black applicants at Notre Dame.

The JBHE reported 53.4 percent of admitted black applicants enrolled in the University, making it the fifth highest enrollment rate

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Journalist speaks at University

Editor for The New York Times visits ND

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

As part of Notre Dame's continuing push to bring top names in journalism to campus, Jill Abramson, managing editor of The New York Times, was a guest of several journalism classes on Monday and Tuesday.

Abramson — one of the top women in her field — also met with students and faculty informally Monday and Tuesday, events that included sharing coffee with University President Father John Jenkins and Provost Thomas Burish on Tuesday.

Her visit was scheduled to last longer, but personal matters forced Abramson to leave unexpectedly Tuesday night.

Despite the shortened visit, those involved in the Notre Dame Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy — a minor for students interested in journalism — were pleased that she accepted the offer to come.

"The Keifer Endowment for Excellence in Journalism allow [the University] to bring a notable journalist to campus every year, and Jill Abramson is one of the most admired and



Abramson

Zahm struggles with culture shift

Students, alumni say change began with new rector and more rule enforcement in 2003

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Editor's note: This is the first story in a two-part series examining changes to residence life within Zahm Hall and what those changes mean to the campus community.

Its dorm-wide dining hall dinners are legendary, its residents are unabashedly rowdy at pep rallies and it's notorious for sending hundreds of naked males to streak through LaFortune in the dead of winter.

Zahm Hall, a dorm widely regarded as both fanatical and close-knit, has drawn comparisons to a fraternity for years — but students and alumni say

the basis for that connection is fading, and the dorm's rector maintains the portrayal is far from accurate.

"One big, big problem with Zahm actually — this is something we don't talk about often — is that the campus, I think, or at least parts of it, want us to be something like that. They want there to be a bad boy dorm, or a frat boy, frat house, that kind of dorm," Father Dan Parrish said. "Because it kind of gives them a whipping boy, someone to make jokes about."

That "bad boy" image, Parrish said, is an unfair — and unfounded — stereotype.

"It really concerns me that when my freshman parents show up on campus, that the

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Observer File Photo

A sign advertising Zahm during Frosh-O promotes an image that former and current residents say doesn't reflect recent changes.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses awareness tactics



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Hall Presidents Council co-chair Bryan Lowery explains HPC's involvement in dorm activities Tuesday.

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Members discussed possible ways to generate interest in student government during Tuesday's meeting of the Council of Representatives (COR) in LaFortune.

Student body vice president Bill Andrichik said recent Student Senate meetings have raised concerns about how aware students are of opportunities within student government.

He pointed to several instances of "inconsistency" that could contribute to an apathetic attitude towards student government. These included "inconsistency in Judicial Council representatives in the dorms [with] a lot of peo-

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Female student body presidents set to speak

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

It took Notre Dame 130 years to admit female students and another 29 years until the first female student body president, Brooke Norton, was elected in 2001. To date, there have been three female student body presidents — and all three will come together tonight at the event titled "We Can Do It! Women & Leadership at ND."

Norton, 2002-03 student body president Libby Bishop and current student body president Lizzi Shappell will speak at the event, which is hosted by the Gender

Relations Center (GRC).

It "seem[ed] like it was the right time to note that there have been three [female student body presidents] in the history of Notre Dame," said Heather Rakoczy, GRC director.

Shappell said she feels privileged to be one of the female student body presidents — although she wishes it hadn't taken so long for women to take charge at Notre Dame.

"I am definitely honored to be in this group of three with these other two women," she said.

Each of the women will spend approximately 10 to 15 minutes addressing pre-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Registration reservations

I sit at my desk surrounded by an array of course selection materials — everything my advisor had to offer. I have my prospective schedule in front of me. My computer screen displays every piece of pertinent information I could find. I'm physically ready and mentally prepared to schedule my classes for next semester.

Bill Brink

Sports Writer

It's 12:39. My registration time is 12:45. I'm not worried about getting the classes I want. All that worries me is whether I've made the right choices. I cross-check the classes with The Hours, second-guessing myself and my ability to construct a schedule.

12:45. I'm in. My PIN works. The page looks like the tutorial said it should. My first three classes fall into place smoothly.

12:46. I hit some roadblocks. Discussion sessions I need are full. Apparently, I have more AP credit than I thought — paradoxically making life more difficult.

I worry more that a wrong choice will hinder my college career. No, I tell myself, that can't be right. Every course I'm taking fulfills a requirement for either the University, the College of Arts and Letters or my major or minor.

But is that the way it should be?

Some say college is preparation for the real world. Others believe it to be the best four years of your life and think it should be treated as such. Should I take classes that will help guide me along the path I envision my life taking, and that will be useful to me?

Or should I instead embrace the moment and take what I want to take?

"Political Theory" is clearly the right decision. It meets both a University and an Arts and Letters requirement and looks interesting to boot.

But the "History of American Sport" sure does look enticing.

1:32. I stare glumly at my computer screen as it mocks my feeble attempts to salvage anything resembling a schedule. It says I'm in a class at 8:30 in the morning — a sure sign of a desperation move.

How much should things like that factor in? I wonder. College is a time that will mold me into who I am after I graduate, and I want to make decisions while here to ensure that I'm molded the way I see myself. But will doing that sacrifice my experience while here?

1:45. I have a brainwave. I switch a MWF for a TR and the pieces of my scheduling puzzle fall into place perfectly. Looking at my completed schedule, I come to the conclusion that taking or not taking certain courses won't obstruct my ability to succeed. In fact, it will widen my base of knowledge, an important aspect of life.

Every course will aid me in some way, and college will guide, not dictate, my life and career. I hope I'm right in my belief; if not, I won't find out until it's far too late to fix it.

Oh well. At least I get to sleep until nine.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE NERDIEST THING YOU'VE EVER DONE?



Andrew Hayes
junior
Stanford

"Enrolled at ND."



Chris Johnson
junior
St. Ed's

"Went to the library."



Noelle Crooks
sophomore
Cavanaugh

"I stayed in once to play Boggle on a Saturday night."



Judith Kaczmarek
junior
Lyons

"One time I stayed in on a Thursday night."



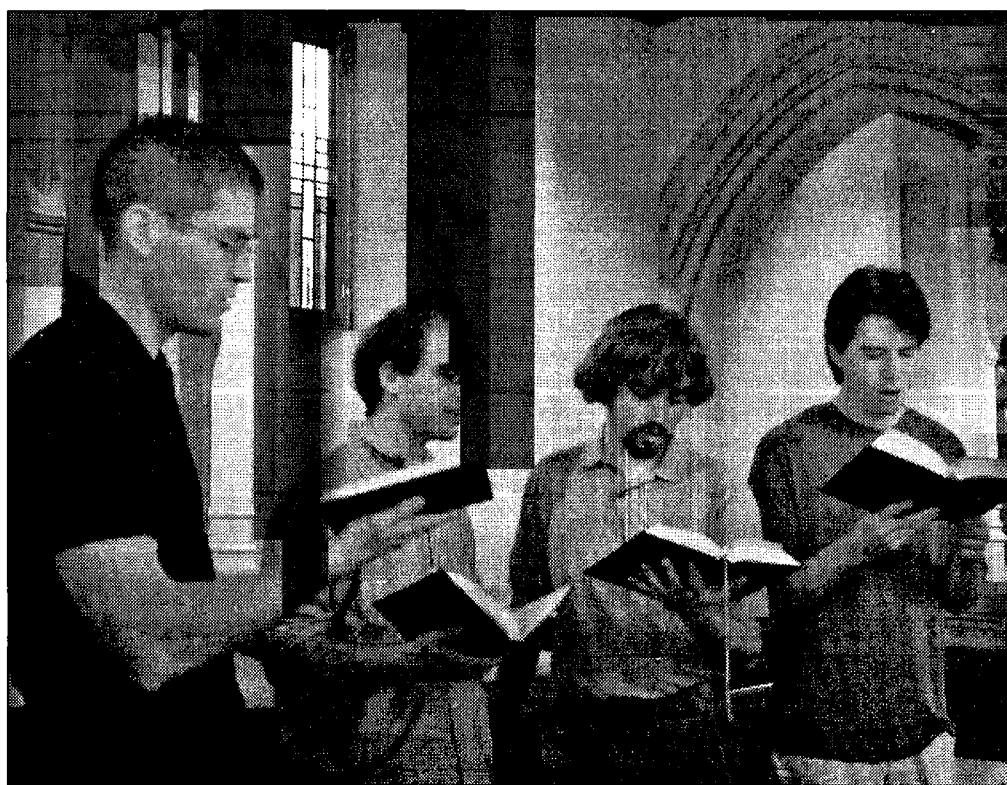
Gary Pritts
senior
off campus

"I go to ND, I'm a physics major, I'm in the marching band and I'm friends with Andrew Hayes. What more do you need?"



Tashi Thomas
junior
Farley

"I wore Harry Potter glasses all day when the sixth book came out."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Members of the Notre Dame Gregorian Schola, from left, Raymond Hain, Phillip Smith, Joseph Caudle and Garrett Smith rehearse in the Alumni Hall Chapel. The group will perform in the chapel Friday during the 5 p.m. Mass.

IN BRIEF

The Gender Relations Center is sponsoring an event called "We Can Do It! Women & Leadership at ND" today at 7 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall. The program features the only three female student body presidents in the history of the University.

Pasquerilla East Hall is holding its annual Silent Night Silent Auction today at 7 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom.

Indiana State Senator John Broden, a 1987 Notre Dame graduate, will speak at 7:30 p.m. today in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center about his service on the Indiana Assessment Team of the American Bar Association's Death Penalty Moratorium Implementation Project.

A Thai and Cambodian fundraising dinner buffet will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room on the second floor of LaFortune. Heather Connell, producer of the film "Small Voices," will discuss her work with Cambodian orphans and show clips from her upcoming film beginning at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested for the dinner.

Mike Henry, actor, writer and supervising producer for the show "Family Guy," will be speaking Thursday at 8 p.m. in 101 DeBartolo.

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

OFFBEAT

Squirrel fine after fiery chimney surprise

TWO RIVERS, Wis. — One squirrel got a fiery surprise when it apparently got curious about a chimney. The squirrel fell down a chimney at a Two Rivers home and landed in a fire in a fireplace Monday night, said Two Rivers Assistant Fire Chief Gary Shavlik.

The squirrel escaped the fire and ran around the house, Shavlik said.

Firefighters later caught it and called Wildlife of Wisconsin, an agency that helps wild animals. The squirrel suffered from bloody paws.

There was no fire damage and the squirrel is alive, Shavlik said.

Couple celebrates 77th wedding anniversary

BRISTOW, Okla. — Gene and Elinor Coleman celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary Tuesday — a marriage that may be the state's longest. Official records aren't kept so no one knows for certain. But the Colemans have been married long enough that their anniversary brought plenty of attention to their one-story, clapboard house with a cuckoo clock in this community southwest of Tulsa.

He is 96 and she is 94, and Coleman says most days "we sit here and look at each other." That, he says, is a blessing because "we're lucky that both of us are still here to look at."

And after all these years, they still sit together like newlyweds, with his arm around her.

"When we got married, people got married to be married," says Elinor. "They made a vow, 'Until death do us part,' and we didn't feel like we would break that vow."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 65 LOW 50	HIGH 55 LOW 50	HIGH 53 LOW 18	HIGH 25 LOW 17	HIGH 25 LOW 15	HIGH 30 LOW 20

Atlanta 68 / 52 Boston 51 / 40 Chicago 64 / 53 Denver 18 / 12 Houston 78 / 67 Los Angeles 65 / 44 Minneapolis 38 / 38 New York 59 / 47 Philadelphia 60 / 44 Phoenix 58 / 46 Seattle 36 / 22 St. Louis 70 / 58 Tampa 81 / 64 Washington 65 / 46

Auction to raise money for charity

By LAURA WILCZEK
News Writer

Despite the unseasonably pleasant weather, the holiday season is well underway at Notre Dame. And as part of the celebration, Pasquerilla East is hosting its signature charity event — the “Silent Night Silent Auction” — tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Students, faculty and staff will have the opportunity to bid on items like footballs signed by legendary NFL quarterback Joe Montana and Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, tickets to see a Chicago Cubs baseball game, a digital printer and multiple themed baskets.

In addition to the opportunity to bid on items, participants can enjoy holiday food and music. The Undertones, an all-male a cappella group, will perform at 9 p.m. and Starbucks hot chocolate and pastries will be served as well.

In holding with the giving spirit of the season, funds from the silent auction will go to two charity organizations: Hannah and Friends and Camp Kesem. Hannah

and Friends is a non-profit organization established by Irish football coach Charlie Weis and his wife Maura dedicated to promoting support and compassion for individuals with special needs. Camp Kesem is a camp dedicated to providing a safe and encouraging environment for children whose parents either have cancer, are in remission from cancer or who have died from cancer.

The organizers of the event said they are excited for this year's silent auction, which combines holiday cheer with a worthy cause, and hope it will draw a large crowd.

“We hope to raise as much money as possible for these very worthy charities while kicking off the holiday season.”

Laura Bennett
student organizer

“We hope to raise as much money as possible for these very worthy charities while kicking off the holiday season,” said Lauren Bennett, one of the organizers for the event. For the past two years, the silent auction has

been held in Legends, but this year it was moved to the LaFortune Ballroom in hopes

of attracting a greater number of participants.

“We decided to move it to a more central location in order to attract and encourage more people to come,” organizer Laura Hansen said.

In addition to its new location, organizers decided to move the event to a date closer to Christmas.

“The [PE] girls wanted to move the event closer to Christmas so that people could get their Christmas shopping done for their friends and buy unique gifts without leaving campus,” Hansen said. Hansen added that the baskets are perfect holiday gifts, with movie, game and spa themes.

Junior Anita Lyons said she hopes to win the Brady Quinn signed football so she can give it as a Christmas gift to her cousin.

“I promised my cousin I would get her something signed by Brady Quinn,” she said. “[The plan] has not worked out so far, so this would be a better alternative to getting my cousin a Christmas present than stalking Father Doyle.”

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Laura Hansen
student organizer

Kroc celebrates 20th anniversary

Special to The Observer

A cake with candles might seem the natural complement to the celebration marking the 20th anniversary of Notre Dame's Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. But for Scott Appleby, the Regan Director of the institute, a world map with pushpins — 400 of them — would better symbolize its progress.

Four hundred graduates of the institute's programs are implementing the tenets of peace-building and conflict resolution that they learned in Notre Dame's classrooms and in Kroc internships throughout the world.

Their pervasive international influence is illustrated by two who received distinguished alumni awards: Oana-Cristina Popa, the Romanian Ambassador to Croatia and George Wachira, who started the Nairobi Peace Initiative. Both were honored during a banquet and international academic conference earlier this month.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, peace increasingly has been on the minds of young people, and their interest is reflected in a doubling — to 150 — of the number of undergraduates who have declared supplementary peace studies majors and minors.

Appleby has directed the institute for seven years. He is accustomed to being teased for loafing, since world peace seems more elusive than ever. Arms proliferation and the effects of the Cold War were the primary concerns in 1986 when Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., then president of Notre Dame, conceived the institute and secured the first of several gifts from McDonald's restaurants heiress Joan B. Kroc.

No sooner did the Cold War end than the world “exploded” into religious, ethnic and regional wars, Appleby says. The relatively new field of conflict resolution has had to adapt to ever-changing realities as it has worked to establish credibility.

In this business, measures of success are complex. Appleby wryly points out, for example, that one cannot claim victory on the basis of people not killed in conflict. That is a bittersweet measure at best. On a more demonstrably positive side, the increasing influence Kroc faculty George Lopez and David Cortright wield among policymakers is a noteworthy gain.

“George and David went on record many times before the Iraq war to say there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq,” Appleby said. “You gain credibility in policy circles by being right.”

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Lizzi Shappell, 2006 - 2007



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Ranking

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of the 30 universities in the report.

Approximately 24 percent of first-year students enrolling this semester belonged to a racial minority — and 4.7 percent of freshmen were black.

"Next year we want a solid five percent of our students to be black, and another five percent to be international, and we're trying to get that, but the biggest problem here continues to be the insufficient financial aid," said Dan Saracino, assistant provost for enrollment.

Saracino said regardless of ethnicity, approximately 75 percent of Notre Dame students received financial assistance in the form of loans or a portion of the University's \$70 million scholarship fund.

"We only have \$1 million [aid] for all international undergraduates, which means we only have \$250,000 for first-year foreign students, and with that amount we can financially help approximately 17 of them every year," he said. "This year there were 60 international students that wanted to come here and couldn't do it because we didn't have enough money to help them."

Saracino explained that he University will meet the demonstrated financial need of any United States citizen it admits, but even in these cases, the funding is limited.

"Coming up with sources of financial aid for the students who need it — whether they're black, white or international — is our greatest challenge every year," he said.

Saracino said Notre Dame is preparing a fundraiser drive — still in the development stages — that will ask alumni and friends of the University for contributions.

The Saint Mary's admissions office has also made progress in its efforts to recruit more black high school students.

Last year, only one of the five

admitted black applicants enrolled.

This year, the College welcomed 13 African-American first-year students, said Dan Meyer, vice president of enrollment management.

He said Saint Mary's saw the number of black applicants double, their acceptance rate grow from 26 to 47 percent and the amount of admitted blacks that enrolled skyrocket from 20 to 72 percent.

"We made a conscientious decision last year to intensify our recruiting in more high schools in northwest Indiana and the Chicago area, where there were larger African-American populations," Meyer said.

His office also enlisted the help of current Saint Mary's students.

"[Current students] went to these high schools and spoke about life at Saint Mary's," Meyer said.

"They also made phone calls and gave tours to the prospective students that visited our campus in an effort to answer all their questions and make our College more comfortable for them."

Notre Dame also applied the same strategy.

"We have a dedicated staff of both full-time professionals and student volunteers who help us tell the story of Notre Dame," Saracino said.

"Our students didn't come here because they liked the weather or because they wanted to go to school in northern Indiana — but rather because they were attracted to everything that Notre Dame represents and everything it tries to provide to its students," he added.

Saracino partly attributed the increase in the University's black enrollment rate to the annual Spring Visitation Weekend.

During this weekend, approximately 150 prospective students from underrepresented ethnicities visit campus and interact closely with students and faculty members.

Saracino also said the admissions office improved its outreach programs, visiting more high schools across the U.S. and sending recruiters to more countries in all continents.

However, he said without more financial aid opportunities, only a limited number of applicants in any given region and from any given background can really afford a Notre Dame education — a challenge Saint Mary's has encountered as well.

"Many students look at the price sticker on a Saint Mary's or Notre Dame education and they are immediately discouraged from applying," Meyer said.

"This year we did a better job following up on our applicants and informing them of the scholarships and financial aid opportunities available to them, and even though we're happy with the results, we think we can still attract more students from all backgrounds," he added.

Both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame took significant steps toward that goal this year.

The JBHE survey said only the University of Chicago's 52 percent increase in the number of black first-year students surpassed Notre Dame's progress.

The University of North Carolina had the highest percentage of African-American students — 12.3 percent — in its freshman class.

Stanford University and Duke University followed with approximately 10 percent.

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assistant provost for enrollment

Gallivan

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respected journalists in America today," said Robert Schmuhl, American Studies professor and founding member of the Gallivan Program. "I think it's always valuable to have recognized and respected journalists talking to students who aspire to become journalists."

Matthew Storin, professor in the Gallivan Program and former executive editor of The Boston Globe, said Abramson was interested in Notre Dame when given the opportunity to visit. He said she was very impressed by its academic reputation, and wanted to come out to a part of the country she does not usually get a chance to see.

The Gallivan Program began 10 years ago when several Notre Dame alumni, including Anne Thompson, chief financial correspondent for NBC News, Tom Bettag, former executive producer of ABC's Nightline and Bill Dwyre, sports columnist for the Los Angeles Times, organized an advisory committee.

"Interest [in the Gallivan Program] remains high. The caliber of student remains very high," Schmuhl said. "We are continuing to pursue many of the activities we began 10 years ago, including bringing respected journalists to campus."

Storin said the program has several distinguishing elements.

"It is founded on the belief that undergraduates should not major in journalism, they should major in more traditional subjects," he said. "[Journalism] should be a supplement to that learning that gives students a taste of

both the craft and the issues in the craft."

Storin said the program is valuable because it provides students with opportunities to obtain internships for future employment.

"We are starting intern programs at the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Concord, New Hampshire Monitor that are of no cost to the papers where we will subsidize the salaries of the students. ... We try to provide as many intern opportunities as we can," Storin said.

Storin also said the program ran an extra — but essential — mile by addressing journalism ethics.

"We feel that we are bringing into the media students with a highly developed sense of ethics and public service, and our program distinguishes itself with that element," he said.

Two more prominent journalists are also planning on visiting Notre Dame in the future. Sarah Childress, a Newsweek correspondent in Baghdad and former editor of Notre Dame's Scholastic, as well as former NBC chief White House correspondent and current PBS journalist Judy Woodruff are planning to come to campus next semester.

Storin said Abramson's visit about because of a suggestion by a past visitor, David Shribman, executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

"He suggested Jill, and I thought that was a fabulous idea, for lots of reasons," he said. "She holds one of the most powerful and important jobs in the profession. [...] She brings the additional benefit of being a great role model for our female journalists."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bush dismisses Iraq civil war claims

RIGA, Latvia — Under intense pressure to change course, President Bush on Tuesday rejected suggestions Iraq has fallen into civil war and vowed not to pull U.S. troops out "until the mission is complete."

At the opening of a NATO summit, Bush also urged allies to increase their forces in Afghanistan to confront a strengthening Taliban insurgency.

On the eve of his visit to Jordan for meetings with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Bush portrayed the battles in both Afghanistan and Iraq as central fronts in a war "against the extremists who desire safe havens and are willing to kill innocents anywhere to achieve their objectives."

Militant kills self at border crossing

JDEIDET YABOUS, Syria — The Syrian leader of an Islamic militant group blew himself up Tuesday after trying to cross into Lebanon and engaging in a gunbattle with Syrian border forces. Two border guards were wounded.

The incident raises questions about the security of the Lebanese-Syrian frontier, which Israel contends is a gateway for weapons to rearm Hezbollah militants.

It comes at a time of increased tension in Lebanon as the struggle intensifies between the anti-Syria government and factions led by Hezbollah, Syria's ally in Lebanon.

The Syrian Interior Ministry said in a statement the clash began when Omar Abdullah, 28, the leader of the Islamic militant group Tawhid and Jihad, was challenged when he tried to cross into Lebanon with fake documents.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bloomberg visits dead man's family

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg met Tuesday with the family of the man who was killed on his wedding day in a barrage of police gunfire as he left his bachelor party, and investigators questioned a third civilian witness.

Three days after the fatal encounter, it remained unclear why four detectives and one police officer opened fire while conducting an undercover operation at a strip club.

The unidentified witness was on a darkened block in Queens when five police officers killed 23-year-old Sean Bell and injured two friends as the three men sat inside a car, officials said.

Charges filed in boot camp death

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Seven former guards at a juvenile boot camp were charged with aggravated manslaughter of a child Tuesday in the videotaped pummeling of a 14-year-old boy who later died — a case that led to the dismantling of Florida's military-style detention system for young offenders.

Also charged was a nurse who can be seen on the tape watching as guards repeatedly kneed and hit Martin Lee Anderson during a 30-minute scuffle on Jan. 5. Guards said the boy was uncooperative and had refused to participate in exercises.

The teen collapsed in the exercise yard at the camp in Panama City and died at a hospital the next day.

LOCAL NEWS

Court denies sexual abuse lawsuit

MADISON, Wis. — Five men sexually abused by a Catholic school teacher in Kentucky cannot sue two Roman Catholic dioceses in Wisconsin for allegedly covering up the man's abuse of dozens of children in the 1960s, a state appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The District 1 Court of Appeals said the lawsuit by the men — Kenneth Hornback of Harrison County, Ind., and Dennis L. Bolton, Ronald W. Kuhl, David W. Schaeffer and Glenn M. Bonn, all of Louisville — is barred by the statute of limitations.

TURKEY

Pope condemns violent religion

Benedict XVI says leaders must shun bloodshed, cleric warns of Islamophobia

Associated Press

ANKARA — Pope Benedict XVI urged leaders of all religions Tuesday to "utterly refuse" to support any form of violence in the name of faith, while Turkey's top Muslim cleric complained to the pontiff of growing "Islamophobia" in the world.

As he began his first visit to a Muslim country — a trip that drew extraordinary security but few onlookers — Benedict sought a careful balance as he extended friendship and brotherhood to Muslims, hoping to end the outcry from many Muslims over his remarks linking Islam to violence.

He expressed support for Turkey's efforts to join the European Union, moving away from opposition he voiced when he was a cardinal.

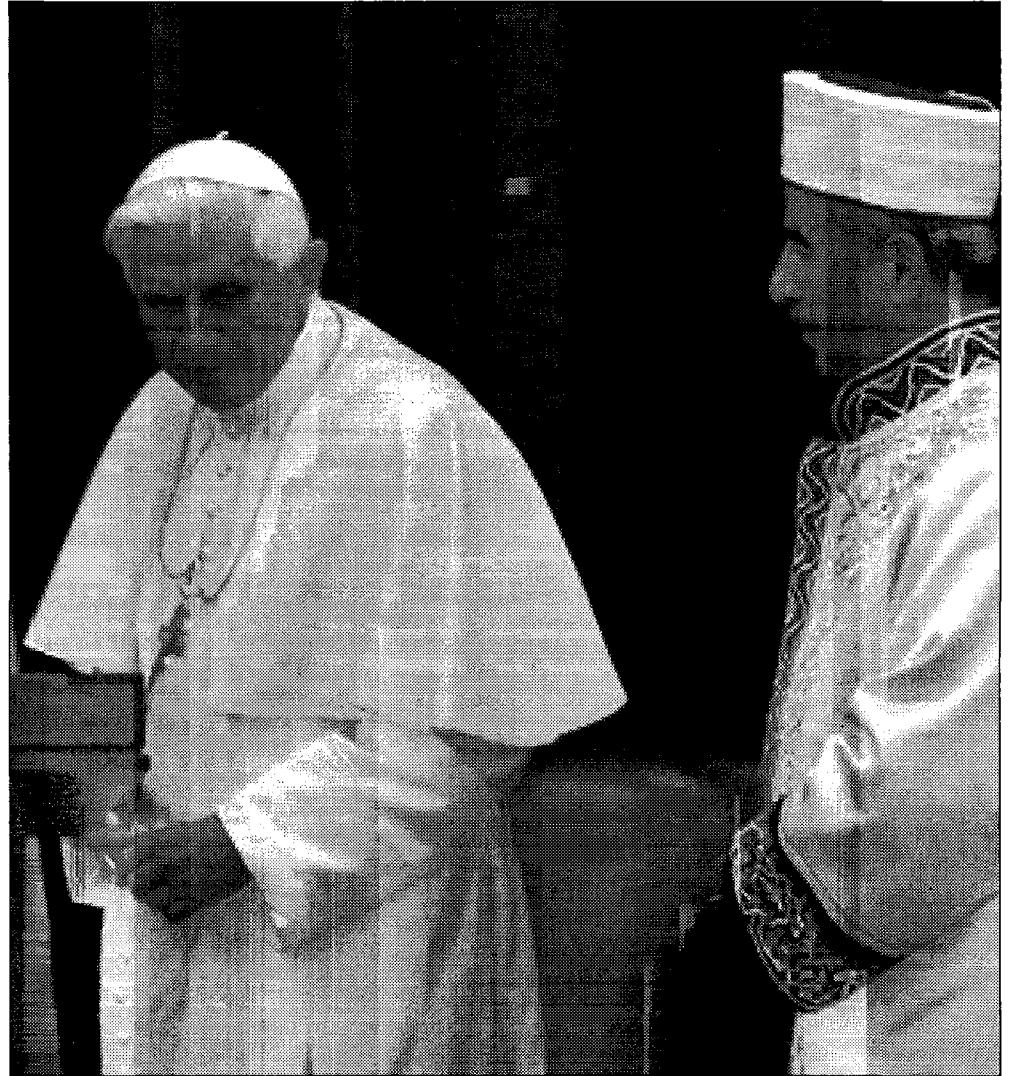
But the German pope also hammered away at key points of his 18-month papacy, telling diplomats that leaders of all religions must "utterly refuse to sanction recourse to violence as a legitimate expression of faith."

He avoided mention of any specific religion, even as he decried terrorism and the "disturbing conflicts across the Middle East."

Benedict also said guarantees of religious freedom are essential for a just society, and the Vatican said he raised specific issues such as property rights of Turkey's tiny 32,000-member Catholic community during talks with Turkish officials.

His comments could be reinforced later during the four-day visit when the pope meets in Istanbul with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians.

The pope is expected to call for greater rights and protections for Christian minorities in the Muslim



Pope Benedict XVI, left, meets the chief of Turkey's Religious Affairs Directorate Ali Bardakoglu Tuesday at the Diyanet Presidency for Religious Affairs in Ankara, Turkey.

world, including the small Greek Orthodox community in Turkey.

The 79-year-old made reconciliation a priority of his first day, taking on a taxing series of meetings that saw him needing a drink of water after coughing repeatedly while addressing diplomats in the last public appearance in the evening.

Benedict's journey is extraordinarily sensitive, a closely watched pilgrimage full of symbolism that could offer hope of religious reconciliation or deepen what many say is a growing divide between the Christian and Islamic worlds.

Seeking to ease anger over his perceived criticism of Islam, Benedict met with Ali Bardakoglu, who heads religious affairs in Turkey, warmly grasping hands. Benedict sat nearby as the Muslim cleric defended his religion.

"The so-called conviction that the sword is used to expand Islam in the world and growing Islamophobia hurts all Muslims," Bardakoglu said.

The comment appeared to be a reference to Benedict's remarks in a speech in September when he quoted a 14th-century Christian emperor who characterized the Prophet Muhammad's teachings as

"evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by thy sword the faith he preached."

The Vatican described the cleric's speech as "positive, respectful and non-polemical," applauding what the church sees as efforts for a true dialogue between faiths.

On Sunday, more than 25,000 Turks showed up to an anti-Vatican protest in Istanbul, asking the pope to stay at home, but on the streets of Ankara most people went about their usual business and only a tiny protest was held outside the religious affairs office hours before the pope arrived.

No arson in deadly Missouri fire

Associated Press

ANDERSON, Mo. — Investigators expect to rule out arson as the cause of a fire that killed 10 people at a group home for the elderly and mentally ill, a police spokesman said Tuesday.

Sgt. Jason Clark of the Missouri State Highway Patrol said investigators did not have any suspects or persons of interest in the blaze, which authorities had previously described as suspicious.

Clark said detectives did not expect to discover evidence indicating the fire was deliberately set. He declined to answer other questions about their findings pending a news conference

scheduled for Wednesday.

Officials have revealed little about what may have sparked the flames, which originated in an area that included a living room and some bedrooms.

Coroner B.J. Goodwin said most of the victims had been asleep when the fire broke out, noting they were found in their pajamas and were not wearing shoes. All of them died of smoke inhalation, he said.

Police said 33 residents and two employees were there when the fire started at the Anderson Guest House. The blaze injured about two dozen people and stunned this town of 1,800 people in Missouri's Ozark hills.

As the investigation continued, questions emerged about the home's owner, who had been convicted in 2003 in a Medicare fraud case. The conviction raised the issue of whether he was legally allowed to operate the place.

Robert Joseph Dupont, 62, was found guilty for his part in a scheme to bilk the federal program and was sentenced to nearly two years in federal prison.

Missouri law prohibits a felon convicted of a crime involving a health care facility from being an "operator" or "principal" of a long-term care facility, but Dupont's exact role at the home was unclear.

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ple [not knowing] who they are" and "inconsistency in hall council, and not all of the dorms having serious hall council meetings regularly enough in order to get information out throughout the dorm," Andrichik said.

Student Union Board (SUB) manager Pat Vassel agreed there is a need to generate more understanding and interest about student government.

"We need to do a better job in letting them know what we're doing," Vassel said. "I'd be willing to bet that 60 percent of people on campus don't know that if you want to plan a major concert you'll want to get involved with SUB."

Vassel also said the "organization spotlights" introduced in COR meetings have shown that even student leaders are in need of more information about other government branches.

Several suggestions were put forth on how to spark student interest, including organizing participatory events, initiating town hall meetings, sending updates via email and advertising on-line vacancies in student government positions.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell suggested that further suggestions on generating student interest could be discussed next week.

Bryan Lowery gave an overview of Hall Presidents Council (HPC) as the organization spotlight for the week, which he

said is "one of the largest programming bodies on campus [and] largest groupings of student leaders on campus" with representatives from all 27 residence halls.

HPC helps to fund and plan residence hall events, including signature events such as the Dillon Pep Rally, Keenan Revue, McGlinn Casino Night and Keough Chariot Race, Lowery said. They are also involved in smaller dorm events, which often happen two to four times a week.

Lowery said HPC has been involved in organizing pep rallies for that past 10 years, and this year the pep rallies were "maximizing capacity of the Joyce Center all the way up to sometimes 7,000" throughout the season.

"Attendance was surprisingly high, which made some of the negative feedback [HPC received about the pep rallies] somewhat out of place," he said.

In addition to being involved in Notre Dame football through the pep rallies, Lowery said HPC also endorses other athletic programs by linking dorms to athletic functions, as coaches and players will come to HPC asking for dorm support for big games.

In one example, Lowery showed the student attendance for women's soccer games going up about 110 percent after HPC encouraged dorm involvement.

In addition to lobbying for athletic support throughout the dorms, HPC can also act as a "base unit" for other organization events, Lowery said.

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selected questions about how gender affected their experiences with the election process and their leadership roles.

"The focus of the program is on specifically the only three female student body presidents at the University, so it's kind of a unique opportunity to talk about that public display of female leadership," Shappell said.

After the speakers give their presentation, GRC peer educators, called FIRE Starters, will divide the audience into small groups for discussion. Then the entire group will come back together for a general question and answer session, Rakoczy said.

Initially, Rakoczy said, she felt that "undergraduate women who are interested in student government and interested in following in the footsteps of Brooke, Libby and Lizzi" would be interested in the event because they could "get some ideas of how they can contribute to that legacy."

However, as planning has progressed, Rakoczy said she now hopes that student leaders from various disciplines will also attend the event. She expects the three women's "kernels of wisdom" to inspire a diverse group of male and female leaders in fields such as ath-

letics, band and art.

"Campus culture will start to change when women and men collaborate together as leaders," Rakoczy said.

The program is also intended to reach "those interested in the historic nature of having the three female presidents together in one room," Shappell said.

Rakoczy pointed out that Notre Dame's female student body presidents have made significant contributions toward generating positive gender relations at the University.

"We are indebted to all of these women in a really big way," she said.

Norton pitched the proposal "30 Years of Celebrating Women" to the Board of Trustees in 2002. It called for the University to found and sponsor a Center for Women and Men. This move was instrumental in the establishment of the GRC in 2004.

"By virtue of these three women in particular becoming student body presidents, they have had just a different lens for looking at these issues on campus," Rakoczy said.

She gave credit to the three women for helping to

bring "gender and sexuality to the forefront."

Shappell said she "definitely was conscious of the fact" that there had only been two female presidents before her, but it was not why she decided to run for the office.

"I wanted to run because I wanted to serve in this position," Shappell said. "I don't think that the fact that I would have been the third [female president] impacted that either negatively or positively."

Prior to her time as president, Shappell was involved with gender relations on campus as a student worker at the GRC, senator for

Badin Hall and Gender Issues committee chair. As a female president, Shappell said issues such as sexual assault and eating disorders are important to her. Rakoczy noted that under Shappell's presidency, the annual Eating Disorders Awareness Week has expanded to a full-fledged conference on eating disorders.

The "We Can Do It!" event will take place tonight from 7 p.m. to 8:30 in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

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Heather Rakoczy
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Gender Relations Center

Comedian Tracy Morgan charged with drunk driving

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tracy Morgan, a former "Saturday Night Live" regular who co-stars on NBC's "30 Rock," was arrested Tuesday in Upper Manhattan on drunken driving charges, the district attorney's office said.

The 38-year-old comedian was stopped around 4:30 a.m. while driving a Cadillac Escalade on the Henry Hudson Parkway near West 158th Street, said Edison Alban, a spokesman for District Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

Police said Morgan smelled of alcohol and later failed a breathalyzer test at a police station, Alban said.

When he was arrested, Morgan told police he had been to a club and "had some beers," Assistant District Attorney Robert Kennedy said in court.

Morgan's publicist in Los Angeles didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Morgan was arraigned on charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while impaired. Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Matthew F. Cooper released Morgan without requiring him to post bail, but ordered him to turn over his driver's license.

The prosecutor told the judge that he recommended a \$1,000 fine, five days of community service and a DWI program. Morgan's lawyer, Sheryl Reich, told the judge they had no interest in the plea offer at this

time.

The judge scheduled a Jan. 4 hearing "for a possible disposition."

Morgan didn't speak in court and he evaded reporters afterward.

Last Dec. 2, Morgan was arrested in Hollywood, Calif., on impaired driving charges after police stopped him for speeding.

Authorities there said his blood-alcohol level was 0.13 percent, over the legal limit of 0.08 percent.

He pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge and was sentenced to 36 months' probation, fined \$390 and ordered to attend an alcohol education program.

Morgan was a "Saturday Night Live" cast member from 1996 to 2003.

He left the show to star in the short-lived "The Tracy Morgan Show."

He co-stars on "30 Rock" with Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin.



Tracy Morgan, right, sits with "30 Rock" co-star Tina Fey, center, and "Saturday Night Live" creator Lorne Michaels during a July press tour.

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ROFR 20300 CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH 9:35-10:25 MW O. Menyard	ROFR 30720 SURVEY OF FRENCH LITERATURE II 9:30-10:45 T/R O. Morel
ROFR 20305 FRENCH THROUGH ACTING 2:00-3:15 T/R P. McDowell	ROFR 40340 17TH CENTURY FRENCH THEATER 11:00-12:15 T/R L. MacKenzie
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MARKET RECAP

Stocks
Dow Jones 12,136.45 +14.74

Up: 109 Same: 142 Down: 1,167 Composite Volume: 2,656,833,610

AMEX	2,039.93	+19.60
NASDAQ	2,412.61	+6.69
NYSE	8,851.64	+31.05
S&P 500	1,386.72	+4.82
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,013.59	+158.33
FTSE 100(London)	6,025.90	-24.20

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+0.25	+0.11	43.77
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.19	-0.04	20.98
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.19	-0.01	5.35
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.31	-0.09	29.39

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-0.64	-0.029	4.509
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.000	4.905
30-YEAR BOND	-0.48	-0.022	4.596
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.75	-0.034	4.503

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.67	60.99
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-3.30	637.30
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.23	90.43

Exchange Rates

YEN	115.7850
EURO	0.7580
POUND	0.5123
CANADIAN \$	1.1321

IN BRIEF

Bush suggests cooperation on trade

WASHINGTON — President Bush's top trade negotiator said Tuesday the president still hopes to achieve bipartisan support for an aggressive trade liberalization agenda in the next Congress even with Democrats in control.

U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab said the administration would continue to push for the conclusion of global trade talks known as the Doha Round before negotiating authority expires on June 30.

She said the administration also hopes to wrap up negotiations by early next year on free trade deals with South Korea and Malaysia and said that talks should be concluded soon with Panama.

She called gaining congressional approval for agreements already completed with Peru and Colombia a high priority.

In a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Schwab warned against any move to erect protectionist barriers against the flow of goods into the country, something that critics say are needed in the face of record-high trade deficits they contend are costing American jobs.

Restraining order in newspaper sale

SAN FRANCISCO — A previously undisclosed internal memo prompted a federal judge Tuesday to temporarily block the consolidation of some of the San Francisco Chronicle's business operations with those of rival newspapers owned by MediaNews Group Inc.

Denver-based MediaNews, which already owned the Oakland Tribune and seven other Bay Area newspapers, acquired the Monterey County Herald, San Jose Mercury News and Contra Costa Times from McClatchy Co. earlier this year. The complex \$1 billion deal included \$300 million in financing from Hearst Corp., owner of the Chronicle.

In July, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston let the deal go through, ruling against an antitrust lawsuit that claimed the deal would create a monopoly on readership and advertising in the region.

But in issuing Tuesday's restraining order, she said a memo had recently surfaced showing Hearst had an undisclosed motive for investing in the deal — to consolidate its Bay Area advertising and distribution operations with those of the Chronicle's competitors — a possible antitrust violation.

Durables fall, stocks march on

Housing shows gains; investors shrug off inflation, housing market warnings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks advanced modestly Tuesday after Wall Street shrugged off a sharp drop in orders for manufactured goods and took comfort in the first gain in existing home sales in eight months.

The rise in stocks came after investors showed little reaction to comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that he remains concerned that inflation or a steeper-than-expected decline in the housing market could harm an already slowing economy. In the speech, which included Bernanke's most extensive comments on the economy since this summer, he said inflation remains higher than he would like but that it should fall as the economy cools.

The Commerce Department's report that orders for durable goods fell 8.3 percent in October — the largest drop in more than six years — stoked concerns that the economy is slowing at too fast a pace. But a report from the National Association of Realtors showing a slight uptick in home sales lent support to the market although it also revealed that the median selling price fell by the steepest level on record last month.

The market's muted response followed its worst session in more than four months on Monday. John Zielinski, a portfolio manager at Neuberger Berman, contends the market's drop was overblown and that investors could be seeing lower-than-usual liquidity given that for many brokerages, Thursday marks the end of their fiscal year and they are therefore trying to lock in gains.

"The moves seem to be a little bit exaggerated based on the data points we're seeing," he said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 14.74,



Trader Richard Newman watches the boards as he works on the New York Stock Exchange trading floor Tuesday.

or 0.12 percent, at 12,136.45, after falling 158 Monday.

Broader stock indicators also rose. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 4.82, or 0.35 percent, at 1,386.72, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 6.69, or 0.28 percent, to 2,412.61.

Bonds rose, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.50 percent from 4.53 percent late Monday. The yield on the 10-year note had fallen to a nine-month low following the durable goods report. The dollar fell for the sixth straight day against other major currencies, while gold prices also declined.

Light, sweet crude rose 67 cents to settle at \$60.99 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Rising oil prices had helped push stocks lower Monday.

That markets essentially held their ground Tuesday left some investors hoping that Monday's pullback was a healthy consolidation following a sharp run-up in stocks in recent months and not a sign of a fraying economy. The drop Monday, though unnerving to some investors, still leaves the major indexes with impressive performances for the year, with the Dow up 13.2 percent, the S&P up 11.1 percent and the Nasdaq up 9.4 percent.

"The markets over the

last few months have gone pretty far," Zielinski said. "Sometimes the news doesn't have to be terrible to get people a little skittish. Today, maybe reality has set in and you've got some bargain hunting."

Doug Sandler, chief equity strategist at Wachovia Securities, likens investors' behavior in the final month or so of the year to a nervous driver trying to steer a car while sitting too close to the windshield. Every move, he says, is exaggerated.

"You've got so many portfolio managers that are cognizant of where they stand for the year that if market moves they jump on it regardless of the direction," he said.

Fed Chair says rate cuts unlikely

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even with the economy in a slowdown mode, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke made clear Tuesday that policymakers want to see inflation continue to recede, suggesting the Fed probably won't be cutting interest rates any time soon.

In his most extensive comments on the economy since summer, Bernanke struck a largely positive tone that the economy should be able to weather the strains coming from the housing slump and the struggling auto industry.

The slowdown "appears to be taking place roughly along the lines envisioned," Bernanke observed in remarks

to the National Italian American Foundation in New York.

Outside housing and autos, economic activity remains solid, he said. "Overall, the economy is likely to expand at a moderate pace going forward," Bernanke said.

The Fed chief also was hopeful that more moderate economic growth would continue to gradually ease inflation pressures over the next year or so.

Yet, risks from inflation or a worse-than-expected housing slump could throw a wrench in the outlook, Bernanke said.

The slump in the once sizzling housing market could turn out to be deeper than expected, putting an even greater

drag on overall economic activity. Or, Bernanke surmised, economic growth could rebound more strongly than expected, which could lead to a flare-up in inflation.

"A failure of inflation to moderate as expected would be especially troublesome," he said.

Overall inflation has showed signs of improving in recent months as once surging energy prices have calmed down. However, "core" prices — which exclude energy and food and are closely watched by the Fed — still remain "uncomfortably high," Bernanke said. Looking ahead, Bernanke said he expects those core prices to moderate gradually over the next year or so.

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guard at the gate says, 'Oh, your son's in Zahm, I'm sorry,'" Parrish said. "And that the usher helping you park and that the woman selling ice cream over at the Huddle and everybody says that, because it really worries the parents."

But during the course of a few years, that's been changing.

For a hall that so often finds itself in the University spotlight, a shift in community culture is significant. If students in Keough grew frustrated with their hall community, they might start moving off campus — but it wouldn't be the same as the situation in Zahm, a dorm with an especially prominent reputation in Notre Dame history that residents and alumni say is undergoing a major change.

"I don't think strict is the right word"

While it's difficult to pinpoint the exact source of the Zahm culture shift, students and alumni cite the transition from former rector Father Tom Bednar to current rector Parrish in the fall of 2003.

"When I came here in the fall of 2003, Zahm was a mess, in every way," Parrish said. "We were broke — flat broke. We had no money. ... Our weight room was a pigsty, carpet torn up, just tattered, black smudges all over the walls. Common spaces were just dilapidated. The Foodsales kitchen was dirty, full of run-down broken refrigerators, carpets — everything was just kind of neglected."

He cited the Zahm football team as "another good example" of why a broad change was necessary. The squad, he said, "didn't have a whole lot of direction" until the dorm brought in a new coach.

Within two years, Parrish said, Zahm had won the championship.

"Some people resisted that

change," he said. "They said, 'Hey, you can't tighten things up.' And we said, 'Do you want to win?' You know, you can be loosely organized and kind of let things fall into attrition and fall into neglect, and they'll be boring ... or you can be organized and disciplined and creative and forward thinking, and guess what — we won the first championship since 1992."

"So yeah, I don't think strict is the right word. I would just say there's a lot more care in the dorm."

Students, however, frequently use the word "strict" to describe Parrish's leadership style — an approach they say starkly contrasts with the one practiced by Bednar.

"None of your residents are going to like you all the time — that's unrealistic," said Kevin Gimber, an off-campus senior who lived in Zahm for three years and served as dorm president as a junior. "But I think there's certainly a lot of ... I guess unrest is the word."

When Parrish took over, Gimber said the shift was anything but smooth.

"I think that in any transition of power, there are going to be changes," Gimber said. "I think these were broad changes. Leaders who don't get the business on board fail. ... I think that at some levels, [Parrish] kind of skipped the step in getting the dorm on board with where he wanted to go."

Joe Cussen, a 2006 alum, said a "heavy disciplinary crackdown was really to blame for the falloff in community."

"From what I was told by Father Dan, it was the University wanting to tame Zahm Hall, the wild, college, Animal House-type dorm, to give off a more positive,

healthy college image to alumni and parents," said Cussen, who served as Zahm president from 2004-05 and lived in the dorm for three years. "In effect, the opposite happened. I think students had a worse experience. ... 'Zahm sort of fell off the map.'"

The "crackdown," Cussen said, occurred when Parrish began sending residents to the Office of Residence Life and Housing for "childish pranks" that previously went unpunished, "things that I guess could have been considered hazing but weren't that bad."

One activity that came under fire, he said, was "visiting" — intoxicated juniors and seniors coming home from the bars and waking up freshmen. Cussen called it a "tradition."

He also cited "paneling." Again, the behavior involved intoxicated juniors and seniors who, upon returning from the bars, would sometimes knock one of six panels out of a Zahm door.

While Cussen said paneling was certainly considered damage

to property, it was "something you fix yourself ... easily fixable." But he said the activity became "so heavily punished to the point where students were fined upwards of \$500 for breaking a panel, when really it probably wasn't as big as all that."

Before Parrish, that type of activity "wasn't something punished terribly," Cussen said.

But students who say the dorm has become stricter are missing the point, Parrish said.

"Basically there's only one rule for living in Zahm and that's respect," he said. "The worst offenses that I think people can commit would be disrespect against themselves, another

member of the hall or the building itself. And the guys know that."

When asked whether he felt certain behaviors had gone unchecked by hall staff before he became rector, Parrish said yes. The reason he and his staff have reported certain cases to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, he said, is for the benefit of the residents.

"If somebody's dealing with a major issue our question is, how can we help him grow through this, mature, learn, become a better man through this experience? Sometimes that requires sending it to ResLife so that they can deal with it in an official way," he said. "And that's not just for the more serious things. Maybe it's a small thing relative to other cases, but in that person's life it might be bigger."

A growing "bitterness"

Whatever the reasoning behind the enforcement, however, students and alumni said it's driven upperclassmen off campus.

"I just remember a lot more seniors being in Zahm Hall when I was a freshman," Cussen said.

Mark Seiler, a 2006 alum, also attested to a decline in senior leadership, attributing that change to a growing sense of "bitterness."

"We should essentially be living in harmony with one another, but it wasn't like that, and I especially felt that my junior year," said Seiler, who lived in Zahm for three years, beginning in the fall of 2002. "The way the younger guys were still in the dorm and talking ... that feeling grew larger as a result. [When I was a senior] there were juniors that moved off — and that was the first I'd seen of it."

Seiler's class set the off-campus trend, he said.

"Starting with my class, an unusual number of people moved off. Starting with my junior year, an unusual number of people got kicked out," he said.

Statistics provided by Parrish,

however, don't indicate any sharp decline in seniors. During the past four years, the percentage of seniors went from 16.6 in 2003-04 to 13.5 in 2004-05, 16.2 in 2005-06 and 17 in 2006-07.

Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeff Shoup did

not provide a similar breakdown from dorms across campus, saying that would be difficult due to a changeover in the Residence Life and Housing computer system.

He also would not provide statistics of students kicked out of Zahm in recent years because the relatively small number could point at specific discipline cases.

But whatever the numbers read, students have still noticed a drop in upperclassmen — and it's a change they say significantly impacts the character of the community.

Junior and Zahm president Phil Drendall said there were "definitely more seniors" present and vocal in the dorm during his freshman year.

"It showed to me, at least, Zahm's a great place to stay. You didn't want to move off because Zahm is cool," he said. "I don't know if the freshmen are getting that now."

The second part of this series will examine the implications of a culture shift at Zahm and the potential for future evolution of the dorm's image.

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"It really concerns me that when my freshman parents show up on campus, that the guard at the gate says, 'Oh, your son's in Zahm, I'm sorry.'"

Father Dan Parrish
Zahm rector

Ohio mother suspected of microwaving her infant to death

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — A mother was arrested on suspicion of murdering her newborn daughter by microwaving the baby in an oven.

China Arnold, 26, was jailed Monday on a charge of aggravated murder, more than a year after she brought her dead month-old baby to a hospital. Bail was set Tuesday at \$1 million.

"We have reason to believe, and we have some forensic evidence that is consistent with our belief, that a microwave oven was used in this death," said Ken Betz, director of the Montgomery County coroner's office.

He said the evidence included high-heat internal injuries and the absence of external burn marks on the baby, Paris Talley.

Arnold was arrested soon after the baby's death in August 2005, then was released while authorities investigated further. Betz said the case was difficult because "there is not a lot of scientific research and data on the effect of microwaves on human beings."

The death was ruled homicide by hyperthermia, or high body temperature. The absence of external burns ruled out an open flame, scalding water or a heating pad as the cause, Betz said.

Arnold's lawyer, Jon Paul Rion, said his client had nothing to do

with her child's death and was stunned when investigators told her that a microwave might have been involved.

"China — as a mother and a person — was horrified that such an act could occur," Rion said.

The night before the baby was

taken to the hospital, Arnold and the child's father went out for a short time and left Paris with a baby sitter, Rion said. The mother

didn't sense anything out of the ordinary until the next morning, when the child was found unconscious, Rion said.

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Judge rules against Bush executive order

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge struck down President Bush's authority to designate groups as terrorists, saying his post-Sept. 11 executive order was unconstitutionally vague, according to a ruling released Tuesday.

The Humanitarian Law Project had challenged Bush's order, which blocked all the assets of groups or individuals he named as "specially designated global terrorists" after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"This law gave the president unfettered authority to create blacklists," said David Cole, a lawyer for the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Constitutional Rights that represented the group. "It was reminiscent of the McCarthy era."

The case centered on two groups, the Liberation Tigers, which seeks a separate homeland for the Tamil people in Sri Lanka, and Partiya Karkeran Kurdistan, a political organization representing the interests of Kurds in Turkey.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins enjoined the government from blocking the assets of the two groups.

Both groups consider the Nov. 21 ruling a victory; both had been designated by the United States as foreign terrorist organizations.

Cole said the judge's ruling does not invalidate the hundreds of other designated terrorist groups on the list but "calls them into question."

Charles Miller, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Justice, said, "We are currently reviewing the decision and we

have made no determination what the government's next step will be."

A White House spokeswoman declined to immediately comment. At the time of his order creating the list, Bush declared that the "grave acts of terrorism" and the "continuing and immediate threat of future attacks" constituted a national emergency.

The judge's 45-page ruling was a reversal of her own tentative findings last July in which she indicated she would uphold wide powers asserted by Bush under an anti-terror financing law. She delayed her ruling then to allow more legal briefs to be filed.

She also struck down the provision in which Bush had authorized the secretary of the treasury to designate anyone who "assists, sponsors or provides services to" or is "otherwise associated with" a designated group.

However, she let stand sections of the order that penalize those who provide "services" to designated terrorist groups. She said such services would include the humanitarian aid and rights training proposed by the plaintiffs.

The Humanitarian Law Project planned to appeal that part of the ruling, Cole said.

"We are pleased the court rejected many of the constitutional arguments raised by the plaintiffs, including their challenge to the government's ban on providing services to terrorist organizations," Miller said Tuesday. "However, we believe the court erred in finding that certain other aspects of the executive order were unconstitutional."

Mayor's brother indicted

Philadelphia's John Street denies knowledge of illegal financial dealings

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The older brother of Mayor John F. Street was indicted Tuesday, accused of using his last name to convince companies he could get them lucrative city contracts and failing to pay taxes on \$2 million of income.

Soon after Street took office in 2000, T. Milton Street Sr. began hiring himself out as a high-priced consultant to companies that thought he could help them get city contracts, the indictment charged. One firm paid Milton Street, who is a longtime hot dog vendor, a \$30,000-a-month consulting fee and required him to do no work, authorities said.

He and two other businessmen face charges of mail and wire fraud, filing false tax returns and related counts.

"Milton Street wanted the IRS to believe he was a humble street vendor selling hot dogs and soda," U.S. Attorney Patrick Meehan said. "What he didn't tell them was that he was making millions on nothing more than his last name."

Milton Street, a state lawmaker in the 1980s, has

long been a colorful character on the local scene. He made news in recent years with entrepreneurial efforts including a startup company that offers "Duck boat" tours, a venture that landed him in court in a fight with an established tour operator.

The 69-year-old vowed he would be vindicated of the charges and blamed any problems on poor record-keeping.

"I think, honestly, that I stayed in bounds [of the law]," Milton Street said as he arrived at a home in Moorestown, N.J., on Tuesday. "Now, I have to tell you, I am the worst record-keeper in the history of the modern man."

The mayor, who was not charged, said he did not know details of his brother's financial dealings but defended his right to pursue city contracts.

"My brother is allowed to do business with the city of Philadelphia just like any other person," Mayor Street said at a news conference. "As far as I know, he has played by the rules."

The indictment stemmed from an investigation into municipal corruption in Philadelphia.

The wide-ranging probe, which enhanced the former city treasurer and several businessmen, became public three years ago when an FBI listening device was discovered in the mayor's office.

The mayor was never charged.

Federal prosecutors say Milton Street was awarded consulting contracts with companies doing business at two city-owned airports even though he had no experience in facilities maintenance work. His consulting firms contained the name Notlim, which is Milton spelled backward.

One company, General Asphalt Paving, paid him \$8,000 a month — and later \$12,500 a month — to get city business, including a contract for maintenance at Philadelphia International Airport and Northeast Philadelphia Airport, prosecutors said.

Milton Street also was accused of defrauding a prospective airport contractor, who gave him \$80,000 on a promise from Milton Street that he could get them a \$3.2 million contract that didn't exist, prosecutors said.

"Milton Street wanted the IRS to believe he was a humble street vendor selling hot dogs and soda."

Patrick Meehan
U.S. attorney

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John F. Street
Philadelphia mayor

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A not-so-jolly holiday with Wal-Mart

A few weeks ago, Wal-Mart informed the media that it would resume its use of the phrase 'Merry Christmas' in its Christmas-related advertising.

Oh, how I wish there was nothing remarkable about this. But it's quite a breakthrough in a world where corporations become contortionists in their attempts at political correctness.

Why this sudden reversal? Last year, Wal-Mart's refusal to wish anyone a Merry Christmas, opting instead for the secular Happy Holidays, resulted in that most clearly heard of outcries. Sales went down.

Ah, capitalism. Gotta love it.

I'm just a simple columnist, one who, when driven into the outside world to buy shampoo or paper towels, regularly finds herself lost in the maze of the modern consumer world. But even I could have told Wal-Mart that boycotting the word Christmas would reduce its Christmas sales.

Why, then, did they do it? Here are a few possibilities.

Possibility No. 1: It was a ploy to make money. After years of marketing its Christmas merchandise as Christmas this or that, Wal-Mart noticed that Jewish and Muslim families never bought any of it. Therefore, it launched an ill-fated attempt to trick these people into accidentally buying Fiber-Optic Christmas Trees by advertising them as Fiber-Optic Holiday Firs. Or something.

Possibility No. 2: It was a ploy to save

money on advertisements. Merry Christmas has 14 letters, Happy Holidays has 13. The more blasé among us may find this trivial, but on a large scale — the Wal-Mart scale — that's a lot of toner.

Possibility No. 3: Happy Holidays is an alliterative phrase. And assuredly, alliterative advertisements always attract Americans. Agree?

Possibility No. 4: It was a ploy to get the maybe 14 people in the country who are actually offended by the word "Christmas" to shop at Wal-Mart and boycott other stores that do use the word "Christmas." This is probably the most compelling possibility, which compared to the others isn't saying much.

There are people in the country who, for various cultural or religious reasons, do not celebrate Christmas. There are also people, like some Jehovah's Witnesses, who legitimately believe that the celebration of Christmas is morally wrong. Now, this kind of diversity has been celebrated throughout American history. We all know that the reason the Pilgrims got on the Mayflower was that they didn't want to belong to the Church of England, and one reason they didn't like it was that it made much of Christmas as a celebration, while they thought it should be somber day of prayer and fasting.

Christmas protesters, then, are a part of American history. Good for them. They can and do address the issue however they choose. Sometimes they just boycott Christmas amongst themselves. Sometimes they go around trying to convince other people to do the same.

One thing I am certain they never do is go to the store and buy tinsel and light-up snowmen and nativity sets because they're labeled "Holiday" and

not "Christmas."

And they certainly don't deny that Christmas exists. I mean, if they really believe Christmas is the calamity they say it is, they have to recognize the problem, right? Recognize that there is a celebration called Christmas in which some 96 percent of the country participates. I assure you, the Jehovah's Witnesses know that.

Besides calling it the Holidays doesn't solve the problem. As for striking religious references in all public places, well, every thinking person knows that on those grounds Wal-Mart needed to change it to something other than Holidays. Holi-day equals Holy day, Holy equals Religion, you can figure out the rest. They should have chosen something else — perhaps the Secular Season of Mutual Gifting.

But it's too late for that. For whatever reason, Wal-Mart thought that boycotting the word Christmas would attract lots of Christmas shoppers.

What really happened is that lots and lots of mothers read about how progressive Wal-Mart was in the newspaper and then bought Dora's Talking Kitchen and the Sesame Street Wriggle and Jiggle Tool Bench elsewhere, because they disliked Wal-Mart's treating the word Christmas the way it treats racial slurs and obscenities.

Or else because they'd heard Wal-Mart wasn't having Christmas sales last year.

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Kimberley Burkart

It sounded better in my head

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted."

Aldous Huxley
English novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bringing evolution and religion together

Union leads to better understanding

John Kennedy explained in a Letter to the Editor ("Keep religion and science separate," Nov. 28) that religion and science are two understandings that need to be kept separate, but a Catholic university seems to be an odd place to promote the separations of science and religion. Rather than encouraging the separation of science and religion, I suggest bringing the two closer together, and the resulting interaction between science and religion will relieve some of the tension rather than worsen it.

Science is a process very different than religion. Science is a study of evidence drawn from the world in an effort to gain understanding. The issue with science, however, is it neglects some of the important aspects of humanity. A common way to understand the difference between science and religion is science explains the "how" of the universe (for example, how did the universe form, how did humans come about), but all those questions neglect the reasoning, the "why". That is what religion explains.

Science and religion are innately different ways of understanding, not to say they should be kept separate, but combining the two provides a deeper understanding of the same issue. For example, evolution is the scientific theory that explains how humans have come about through a random process, but it neglects aspects of humanity, morality and purpose among others, that can be answered through religion. If you look toward science with those questions, you will never find an answer, but if religion is a part of the analysis those questions can be answered.

In regards to the issue of religion inhibiting or opposing sci-

ence, the cause rather than the solution is the separation between religion and science. People deny evolution not because Christianity dictates such a belief (in fact, the Pope John Paul II wrote a letter supporting evolution); rather, they have been brought up in an environment in which their religion and science were kept separate and if that separation continues those individuals will never gain understanding of evolutionary science that they claim to deny. Also, those individuals are replacing science with religious texts, thus seeking scientific answers where they will never be found while simultaneously disregarding the more important message of their religion.

The conflict that results from contact between religion and science is a problem and when people look to the Bible for scientific information. They will be disappointed just as will those people who look to science for morals. The purpose of the Bible was not to show scientific truths, such as the formation of the Earth (even St. Augustine claimed that the exact meaning of Genesis 1 and 2 could not be known), but some do take the Bible as an explanation of such things and this results in a clash. If, however, religion is understood to function as a guide to those truths that science cannot address, then there should be no conflict. Bringing such a religion into contact with science does not inspire discrepancies. Rather, the combination leads to understanding not only of the world in which we exist, but also of ourselves.

Kirk Post
freshman
Fisher Hall
Nov. 28

Different focus for each

Religion and science are one in a Nov. 28 Letter to the Editor "Keep religion and science separate." John Kennedy makes several misleading claims about the relationship between science and religion.

The fact of the matter is that science and religion are not at odds in some great cosmic battle for humanity's attention. Evolution is quite obviously the biggest problem with the idea that religion and science are not in conflict. However, they are only in conflict if the Old Testament is interpreted literally word for word. I reference the Old Testament rather than strictly the Bible because the Old Testament is relevant to more religions than just Christianity, such as Judaism.

The Old Testament was written for a people with no real science. In order to draw a true understanding from it today we must not restrict ourselves to a verbatim interpretation. In this manner we can come to reconcile the idea of evolution with religion by recognizing that science and religion are addressing different areas of creation. Science is more interested in how we were created and seeks to use evolution as the answer to this.

Religion is not interested in how the universe was created, rather the fact that it was in fact created. Genesis is simply delivering this message of our creation by God, rather specifically, how we were created. Religion is the moral guidepost of science; this is why it is important for the two never to be separated.

Scientific research, such as embryonic stem-cell research, has appeal. This appeal comes from the fact that such research can lead to saving lives. However, we could save everyone in need of a transplant by going out and killing all the "undesirable" people and using their organs. Even though they don't believe in God, any atheist will agree with church teachings and tell you that this is wrong. This is because the idea that killing is wrong is an objective truth. While it is possible to come to know objective truths such as these without religion it is very difficult to do so with absolutely no religious influence.

Furthermore if the two ideas were in fact in such conflict as suggested then how could the Catholic Church make its peace with Evolution as it did quite a while ago? In fact Pope John Paul II said in *Fides Et Ratio*, on page 8 that, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." The fact that a frightening number of people deny evolution does not affect the way religion treats it as a whole which is that they are not conflicting. Rather such denial implies the need for a greater education of the relationship between science and religion especially under the context of evolution.

James Breen
freshman
Zahn Hall
Nov. 28

Stating the obvious?

I must say that I am sorely disappointed by Daniel Amiri asserting that "human beings are not animals" in his recent Letter to the Editor titled "Encourage chastity, not 'free talk'" (Nov. 21). I feel that I might understand why he said it, but all that statement really says to me is "severe disconnect from reality." I feel silly for having to write the following statement, but human beings are of course animals.

Alex Renfro
junior
Alumni Hall
Nov. 25

Band, crowd important parts of football experience

Band often overlooked

As a life long Notre Dame football and Notre Dame band fan I am shocked that coach Charlie Weis had to ask that some of the band attend the USC game. I am disappointed that this was not a trip planned for the entire band before the season started. After the USC game last year this is all that most fans have been waiting for. With all the talk of spirit from the students and the band why was this trip not planned? If the band wants to be thought of as so important to school spirit then I think the band should understand their responsibility. The football program generates so much money that this shouldn't be an issue. It is even more surprising that the band has not been to USC in more than four years. Evidently this means that the seniors never have had a trip to USC. I also do not understand that in the "huge" LA Coliseum there is no room for the entire band. This can only be the result of poor planning on the Notre Dame side. Please do better in the future.

Joe Robertson
stadium usher
Fairhaven, NJ
Nov. 22

Stadium atmosphere needs makeover

On Saturday night the Coliseum was rockin', and the atmosphere was hostile. When the Trojans charged out of the tunnel there was a clear sense of intimidation as the team exuded an attitude and swagger that carried over into the stands. My experience at the Coliseum was a real eye-opener. Despite my loyal attempt to deny it, I came to the realization that Notre Dame Stadium is lacking that "something" and that those who have been critical of the quiet environment are, in fact, correct.

I am sick and tired of the reputation that Notre Dame is friendly and welcoming to opposing teams. Friendliness does not win football games. We must create a "nasty" environment that strikes fear into our opponents just as the Trojans did on Saturday night. As much as I hate Southern Cal, I would love to be able to match the noise, the energy and the intimidation that was present at the Coliseum. Maybe the answer is coming to terms with the fact that it is 2006 — not the 1920s of Rockne and Gipp.

Maybe it has nothing to do with that. But something must change to regain our home field advantage.

Anthony Luchetta
senior
off campus
Nov. 27

Weis' support of band acknowledged, appreciated

Let me relate my first (and only) direct encounter with Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis. It was February 2005 and a number of pep band members had been asked to come early to play for the recruits on Junior Day. Always eager to help out, a number of us gladly went to play as the junior recruits walked the concourse from the football office to the Monogram room in the Joyce Center. Seeing the smiles on all the recruits faces was a real pleasure.

Then, Weis walked by. Unlike previous coaches he didn't walk past us: he stopped and waited for us to finish playing. A little bit confused and maybe just a little giddy, the few of us gathered round in a circle around the man and he spoke:

"I don't know how you've been treated in the past. What I know is that you're a part of us now and we're in this together." A cheer erupted from us. We'd never heard anything like that before! I was a bit jealous at the moment and secretly wished I could do a sixth year of band because I knew we had a special man as the football coach.

As these last two seasons have passed, stories about the man emerged that

could warm any graduate's heart: "Pass Right," Montana Mazurkiewicz, time made for kids and veterans, and even emergency 4 a.m. golf cart rides from the 'Backer for alumni.

As a former member and leader of the band, the stories my friends in band would tell were even better. Like the time the team get off the bus to sing the fight song with the band or how the team really embraces them. Now, Weis has one-upped even that by requesting the band go to USC: a true treat to reward the hard work and dedication of many seniors. Beyond that, it shows a true appreciation for a group of hard working, intelligent, spirited people and the embracing of a community the way only a graduate of this University could perform and understand.

So, thank you, Charlie Weis. Thank you for your embrace, for lighting up this campus and student body, and for changing us. Forget the record. Forget the BCS. Remember the way a true son of Notre Dame has brought us all together.

David Cieslak
grad student
alumnus
Class of '04
Nov. 26



'CASINO ROYALE' SCORES ROYAL FLUSH

By BRIAN DOXTADER and
RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Critics

Brian: By 2002, the Bond franchise had stagnated. "Die Another Day," while a commercial success, was a critical failure that never really caught fire with fans. In fact, with each passing Brosnan film, the series became increasingly lifeless, adding bigger stunts and crazier special effects at the expense of story. The Bond franchise was, for all intents and purposes, a lost cause.

Yet less than half a decade later, "Casino Royale," the 21st film in the series, comes out firing on all cylinders. The franchise has been shaken, stirred and reinvented as hipper and tougher, while retaining the suave slickness that made it so appealing in the first place.

"Casino Royale" takes cues from the lesser-known Bond films, like Lazenby's and Dalton's interpretations, but pushes the thematic elements they introduced even further. The Bond of "Royale" is a different kind of Bond, a meaner, nastier, grittier Bond.

The big question heading into the film was whether or not Daniel Craig was the correct choice for the role. He's not as attractive or suave as his predecessors, but he's exactly right for this Bond.

What's most amazing about Craig's performance — which is surprisingly nuanced and lacking the aloofness that marred Brosnan's later takes — is how fully he inhabits the character, taking a familiar and well-worn role and making it his own. In fact, "Casino Royale" may be the first Bond film that's truly about Bond as a character.

"Casino Royale" takes great pleasure in inverting Bond conventions, though the hallmarks of the series are recognizable. There are beautiful women (most notably Vesper

Lynn, played by Eva Green), incredible cars and great action sequences. The best action piece — a long romp through a construction site — comes early in the film, before it settles down into its main plot. What makes "Casino Royale" stand out is that there is no supervillain, no crazed, world-conquering dictator. Instead, there is a simple arms dealer, Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen), whose mental and physical duels with Bond take up most of the second act.

The biggest caveat with "Royale" is that, at 144 minutes, it's simply too long. This is symptomatic of the franchise in general, as most Bond films run out of steam well before the final credits roll, though "Casino Royale" has more twists and turns than previous installments. The biggest question now is where the franchise heads from here.

Craig has proven that he can handle the material and positive notices indicate that audiences are ready for a darker, tougher Bond, but the franchise is problematic precisely because consistency is so hard to come by.

Bond appears to be back, and Craig appears to be here to stay, but it also appeared that way in 1995 for "GoldenEye," which, as it happens, turned out to be the best of the Brosnan outings. The later Brosnan films started to feel like the cheesiest of the Roger Moore flicks, but "Casino Royale" thankfully jettisons all of that — no seven-foot tall characters, no invisible cars, no maniacal, comical villains — but retains the slickness and flavor of the series.

"Royale" is among the most serious films in the franchise, but it's also one of the best, and also more fully captures the feel of Ian Fleming's original novels than any of the films since "From Russia With Love."

But the best compliment that can be paid to

"Casino Royale" is that it's not just a great Bond film — it's a great film.

Rama: Never one to mince words, Judi Dench and her acerbic British tongue lashed 007 mercilessly over the last decade.

In 1995's "GoldenEye," Dench's M — the demanding taskmaster atop England's covert MI6 agency — drubs Pierce Brosnan's Bond for being a "sexist, misogynist dinosaur ... a relic of the Cold War." Brosnan handled the insults and the role deftly, but always with the slightest tinge of deference — almost as if his Bond was accepting his role as M's glorified lackey rather than her menacing equal.

"Casino Royale" is a different story. Dench wastes little time before launching into another tirade against newly-minted 007 Daniel Craig. Calling him a blunt instrument, a thug and egotistical in the same breath, she questions Bond's promotion to 007 status.

With a sharp look from his unnaturally piercing blue eyes, Craig responds curtly.

"Well, I understand double-ohs have a very short life expectancy. So your mistake will be short-lived," he says.

Dench has finally met her match.

Last August, Craig admitted to studying every prior Bond film three to four times in preparation for this role. What Craig's meticulous research unearthed is fairly simple. Bond the man is far more interesting than Bond the icon.

Craig and director Martin Campbell have stripped Bond down to his essence in "Royale." The film relies on character, not gadgets — a welcome divergence from Brosnan's more vacuous misadventures. Campbell's "GoldenEye" is the only film in recent memory to invest Bond with some emotion, along with an adversary worthy of his (and our) attention — Sean Bean's 006.

Campbell has managed to resuscitate Bond

a second time. With the 66-year-old back behind the camera, "Casino Royale" is a refreshing look at a character that's been a part of the cinematic lexicon for over four decades. Campbell and his screenwriters made the wisest of decisions at the scriptwriting stage — they chose to reboot the franchise and reveal how "James became Bond," the bold, fitting tagline for "Royale."

"Royale" is still a Bond film and is not light on action. In true 007 fashion, the filmmakers enthrall the senses with a frenetic chase through a Madagascar construction site — easily among the most pulsating sequences in the franchise's storied history.

With this film, Campbell has proven himself in the same league as Michael Bay in his ability to orchestrate a visceral thrill ride. But while Bay is myopic in composing his set pieces, Campbell fills out the rest of "Royale" with a rare dose of heart.

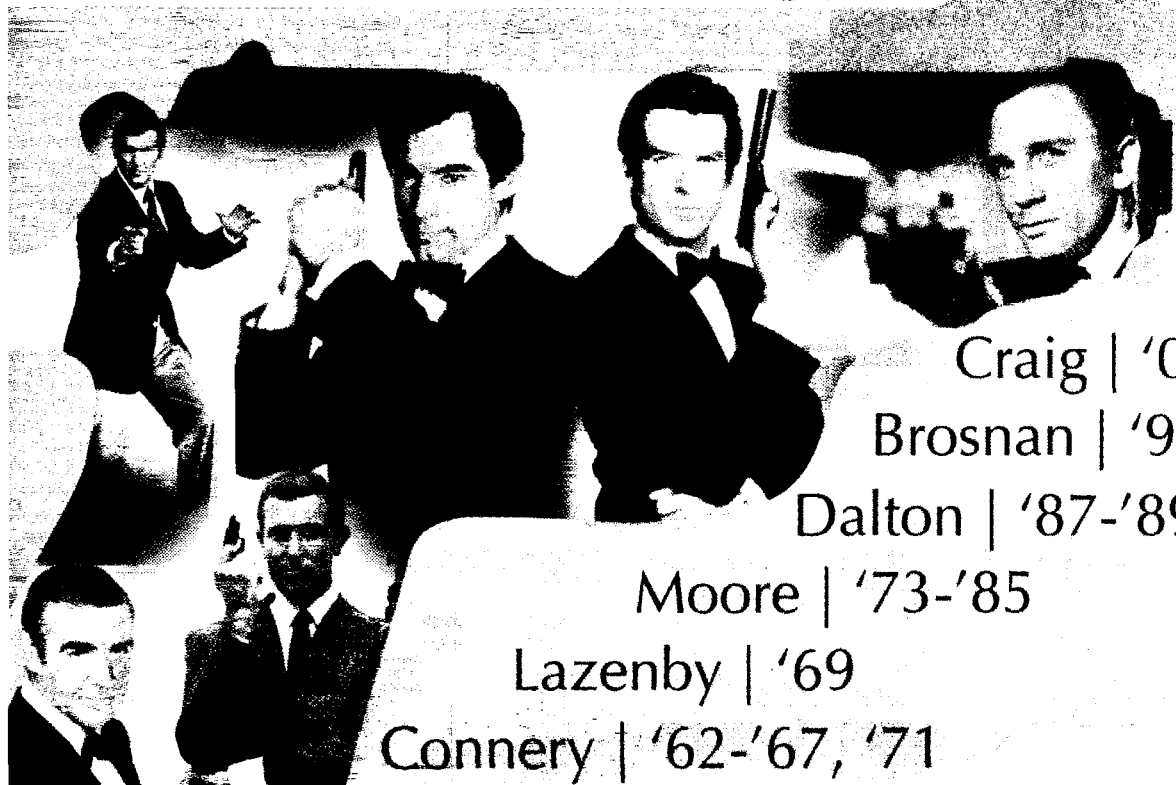
The film's most affecting scene is also the quietest one. Fully clothed and tenderly embracing a shaking Eva Green, Craig sits with her in a shower as water washes over them both. Just minutes prior, he had brutally killed two Ugandan warlords, and here is Bond as we rarely see him — with warmth.

The initial exchange in "Royale" between Dench and Craig is a subtle one. But this one moment serves notice that the 007 mantle is safe once more. It will be resting on Craig's stocky shoulders for as long as he wants to clutch Bond's Walther PPK.

"Royale" is a triumphant return for Bond. Against all odds, Craig has proven he deserves a place near Connery — in the heart of the stylized gun barrel sequence that introduces each 007 adventure.

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Craig | '06
Brosnan | '95-'02
Dalton | '87-'89
Moore | '73-'85
Lazenby | '69
Connery | '62-'67, '71

FROM CONNERY TO CRAIG

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

No figure has been more intriguing or more controversial, depending on how you look at it, than the British secret agent, James Bond.

The ubiquitous "Bond — James Bond" has become legendary, as has the shaken not stirred vodka martini. Based on the novels by Ian Fleming, this Cold War warrior has been on the big screen since 1962's "Dr. No." The job of portraying this suave assassin has been a prized job that many an actor has sought. Spanning the timeless Sean Connery to the latest incarnation with Daniel Craig, the men who have played Bond have brought their own style and flair in adding and compounding on the Bond legend.

Sean Connery was the first Bond and is considered by many to be the best. He told women what he wanted in a less politically correct age, and more often than not — they gave it to him. Either macho or misogynist, Connery's Bond always saved the day from the

evil lurking around the corner, whether it be Russia or the East. And he always got the girl. His debut was the "Dr. No." but the Connery's Bond film "Russia With Love, Forever" and the "Goldfinger."

Following the Scot Australian George Lazenby, only involved in one Her Majesty's Secret Service, the novels hailed the Bond interpretation, had been used to thought Lazenby lacked chemistry with Diana Rigg. What Lazenby's poor reception shelved and replaced Connery in the 1970s "Are Forever."

After this single Englishman Roger Moore, the third incarnation of the Englishman to play the role. His Bond was a more self-deprecating

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BLOND BOND: DANIEL CRAIG FEATURE

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

For Daniel Craig, it has been a rocky transition from a well-regarded actor to high-profile celebrity. Although he was recognizable, it wasn't until he was named as the sixth actor to portray Ian Fleming's James Bond that he truly became a household name.

After he was announced as the latest successor to hold the Bond title, there were cries of outrage from die-hard Bond fans, decrying everything about Craig wrong for Bond from his height to his blond hair. Although fans thought that Craig was all wrong, previous Bond actors — Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan — came forward in support of his casting.

Craig also happens to be the first actor who was born after the first Bond film ("Dr. No") was released in 1962 and after the death of creator Fleming.

Craig was encouraged by his family from an early age to follow his talent of acting in theatre. He left high school at the age of 16 in order to audition for Britain's National Youth Theatre troupe. After four years of performing with the troupe throughout England, Spain and Russia, he finally gained entrance to the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. At Guildhall he studied acting alongside other future note-

worthy actors Ewan McGregor and Joseph Fiennes.

Although some disagree with the casting of the "Blond Bond," it is hard to deny Craig's acting talent, especially when looking at his filmography. One year after graduating from Guildhall, Craig made his film debut in "The Power of One" (1992), alongside Morgan Freeman.

The next several years included small stints on several television shows, such as "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles" and "Tales from the Crypt," as well as a small part in the '90s classic "A Kid in King Arthur's Court" (which also features a young Kate Winslet).

It wasn't until his role in "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001) as Croft's (Angelina Jolie) rival and love interest that Craig would receive international recognition. His role a year later in Sam Mendes' "Road to Perdition" alongside Tom Hanks and Paul Newman continued to bolster his rising success.

His first starring role came in 2004 in the hugely successful British gangster film "Layer Cake," and his performance garnered him several European awards and accolades. Craig then went on to co-star with Eric Bana in Steven Spielberg's acclaimed "Munich" (2005).

As production wrapped on "Munich," Craig was named as the latest actor to portray Fleming's infamous special agent in "Casino

Royale." Thanks to the immense worldwide success of "Royale," pre-production has already begun on the as yet unnamed 22nd Bond film, which Craig has already signed on for. His contract includes an option to star in a 23rd Bond movie as well.

He is currently working on the film adaptation of Philip Pullman's novel "His Dark Materials: The Golden Compass" in the role of Lord Asriel. The film's director is Chris Weitz ("American Pie") and Tom Stoppard wrote the screenplay. It co-stars Nicole Kidman, as well as Craig's Bond girl, Eva Green.

Outside of the spotlight, Craig maintains a quiet lifestyle. He's known for his reserved demeanor and his avoidance of the ostentatious glitz and glamour of red carpets and premiere parties.

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With several movies — including at least one more Bond film — in the works, it is a guarantee that the world can expect even more great performances from Daniel Craig.

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Bond — who delivered the trademark one-liners in a more stoic fashion. Moore's films ranged from the unbelievable — with 1974's "The Man With the Golden Gun," in which a golden gun kills automatically with one shot — to the ridiculously sublime, when 1979's "Moonraker" took James Bond to space.

James Bond needed a return to earth, so to speak, after the campy Roger Moore and so Timothy Dalton was brought on as Bond. He was meant to bring more credibility to Bond but only made two films — 1987's "The Living Daylights" and 1989's "License to Kill." He was officially considered James Bond until 1994 in spite of only making these two films.

With the Dalton experiment ending in failure, Bond needed to be brought to the modern era. They found who many thought to be the best since Connery — an Irish actor named Pierce Brosnan.

Directed by Martin Campbell and released in 1995, the first and best Brosnan Bond film was released to

critical and financial success — "GoldenEye." In the spirit of Cold War Bond, the women were now powerful and wanted to bed him as much as he wanted to get them there. Brosnan was suave, but with the devolution of his villains he left after 2002's "Die Another Day," in which he starred opposite Halle Berry.

The newest Bond is yet another Brit. The blond-haired, blue-eyed Daniel Craig stars in the recent release of "Casino Royale," which presents a reimagining of the franchise.

It tells the story of how Bond became 007. Craig promises to bring a tough rather than suave attitude to Bond as opposed to his predecessors. Love and revenge seem to be some of the major themes of this most recent film and the critical reviews have been extremely positive.

With new direction and stories, Bond seems to have found new life and a new persona — but he will always still be Bond ... James Bond.

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HER MAJESTY'S SPY FROM PAGE TO SCREEN

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

In a lot of ways, "Casino Royale" is the Bond franchise coming full circle. The film is based on Ian Fleming's first novel, which he wrote back in 1953. Over the next 11 years, Fleming wrote 12 novels and nine short stories featuring the suave protagonist, most of which were adapted (some rather loosely) into film versions.

Fleming created Bond in 1952, basing the character on his own experiences as a personal assistant to John Godfrey, director of naval intelligence of the British Royal Navy. Many of the books' plots derive from various inspirations, many of them related to Fleming's military history. Though the movies, especially the Roger Moore outings, tended toward fantastic elements, most of the original novels were straight-ahead spy novels, with much less emphasis on gadgets and action.

The most notable and well written of Fleming's books are the final three Bond novels published in the author's lifetime (not counting the "interlude" novel "The Spy Who Loved Me"), which were part of a trilogy involving arch-villain Ernst Stavro Blofeld and his criminal organization SPECTRE.

The trilogy began with "Thunderball," which was mired in controversy because

the novel was based on the screen treatment, written by Kevin McClory, Jack Whittingham and Fleming himself. The rights over "Thunderball" led to a legal battle that was not resolved before Fleming's death and eventually led to the 1983 "Thunderball" remake "Never Say Never Again." Although it starred Connery, it is not considered officially part of the Bond canon.

After "The Spy Who Loved Me," the Blofeld trilogy once again picked up with "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." As with the film (the only Bond picture that starred George Lazenby), the novel featured the short-lived marriage of James and Tracy. The trilogy then finished with "You Only Live Twice," which was the last novel published in Fleming's lifetime.

After the posthumous publication of "The Man With the Golden Gun," which was unfinished, the Bond series really picked up again in 1981 with the publication of the John Gardner-penned "License Renewed." Gardner updated the Bond world to the modern times, writing 14 original novels and two adaptations between 1981 and 1996.

None of the Bond films are based on Gardner's novels, and many others are based on Fleming's works in name only. 1995's "GoldenEye" was the first Bond film that wasn't based on one of Fleming's stories, though it has something of a connection — the title derives from Fleming's

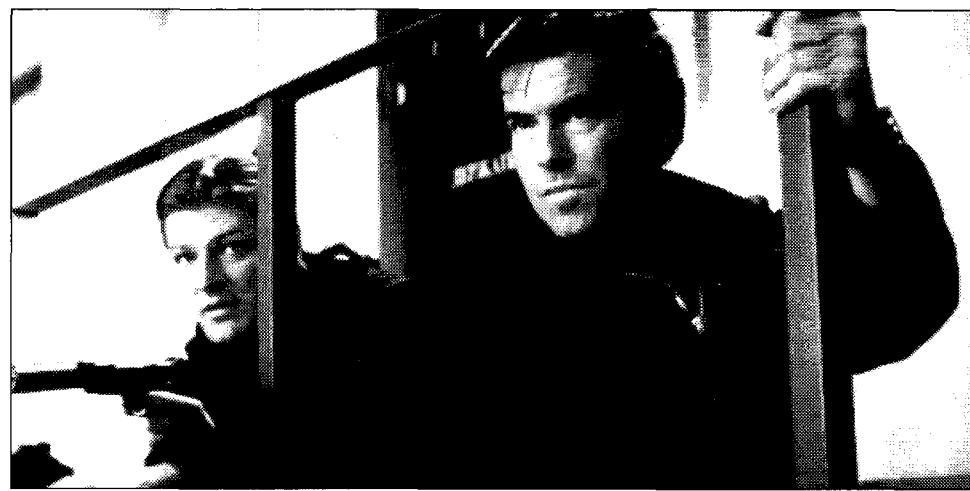


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Agents 007 (Pierce Brosnan), right, and 006 (Sean Bean) confer in the popular "GoldenEye." The film was the first Bond movie not based on a Fleming story.

Jamaican cottage, where many of the novels were written.

The Bond of the novels is far different from most screen incarnations. In fact, only Timothy Dalton and now Daniel Craig have really come close to capturing the original flavor of the character, who is a brutal, often cruel, alcoholic. His flaws are far more pronounced and noticeable in the novels than they are in the films, which becomes evident by the end of the novel "Casino Royale," in which he gives Vesper

an infamously heartless valediction.

James Bond has changed over the years, but the novels remain a cornerstone of the character's legendary mythos. From the opening of "Casino Royale" to Fleming's original farewell in "You Only Live Twice," the James Bond novels, while not identical to their silver-screen counterparts, remain the well for the prototypical superspy.

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THE BETTER HALVES OF BOND

By SEAN SWEANY
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Guns. Cars. Martinis. Girls. These are all traits that make the James Bond franchise what it has become today — one of the most widely known and successful film franchises of all time. One of the most noticeable and controversial of these over the years has been the girls — better known as Bond Girls — who have graced the screen along with the various 007s.

Starting with "Dr. No" in 1962, one or more beautiful women has always starred opposite the British secret agent, taking on roles from fellow agents and allies to villainesses to girlfriends and lovers.

Eunice Gayson and Ursula Andress played Sylvia Trench and Honey Ryder, respectively, in "Dr. No," beginning the trend of attractive women accompanying Bond on his various missions. Gayson is the only actress to play the same character in two different films, reprising her role as Trench in 1963's "From Russia

with Love."

Swedish actress Maud Adams is famous for playing two different Bond girls — Andrea Anders in 1974's "The Man with the Golden Gun" and the title character in 1983's "Octopussy." For Adams, and many other Bond girls like Jane Seymour and Kim Basinger, the exposure gained in the James Bond films helped kick-start otherwise obscure careers.

More recently, Bond girls have been cast to highlight the careers of already well-established actresses. This was the case for Halle Berry ("Monster's Ball") in "Die Another Day" and Denise Richards ("Wild Things") in "The World Is Not Enough." While perhaps an anomaly since these two Bond movies are regarded as two of the worse films in the franchise, this trend has continued with Eva Green's role as Vesper Lynd in this year's "Casino Royale."

The largest criticism of Bond Girls throughout the history of the 007 films is that the characters stereotype and objectify women in light of James Bond's some-

times chauvinistic actions. There is no doubt that the motif of a Bond girl includes good looks and little clothing. This has stayed constant from "Dr. No" to "Casino Royale."

Some of the first James Bond films seem to openly embrace this motif, as sometimes four or five of these female character types would appear in one film. However, as time went on, women in the James Bond films began to take on more central and developed roles than in the initial films.

In "Moonraker," the character of Holly Goodhead is portrayed as a female space shuttle commander, something that had not yet happened in the real world in 1979. Around this time, a trend started in which the female roles would include a Bond Girl helping or saving Bond, or else serving as a formidable foe.

While this was sometimes still regarded as pandering to the masses and inadequate, there is no doubt that the attitude towards women in the James Bond films has made tremendous progress from the

1960s era of Sean Connery to the present day films.

In "Casino Royale," Green ("Kingdom of Heaven") plays perhaps the most complicated, human Bond Girl yet. Rather than serving as little more than eye-candy, she plays a pivotal role in the film and becomes one of the few women in the history of the Bond franchise to crack James Bond's seemingly impenetrable veneer.

With this new take on a Bond Girl cemented in the latest reworking of the popular franchise, one can expect that characters like Vesper Lynd are here to stay. The tradition of attractive female leads cast alongside Bond will not change anytime soon.

Just like the martinis, this part of the James Bond formula must remain for a Bond film to be a Bond film. Like the guns and cars, however, the women of Bond films — the most critical component next to James Bond himself — will continue to change with the times.

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Sean Connery's 007, left, speaks with Domino (Claudine Auger) in 1965's "Thunderball." He began the trend of Bond's unique relationships with women.



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Eva Green plays Vesper Lynd, left, opposite James Bond (Daniel Craig) in "Casino Royale." Green is the latest in a string of Bond Girls dating to 1962.

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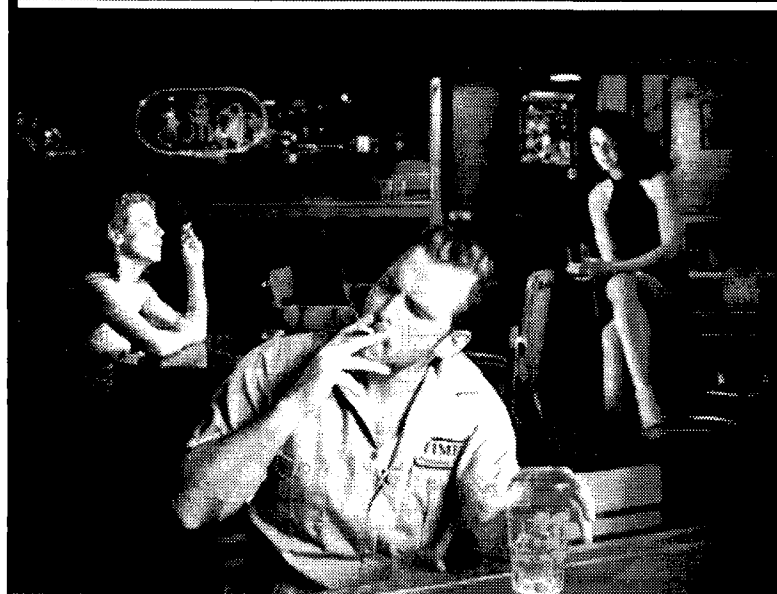


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NHL

Gerber stands on head against former teammates

Crosby returns from injury to give Penguins boost in win over Islanders; Kolzig has 48 saves in Washington win

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Martin Gerber made save after save in his return to Tobacco Road. If he had played like this six months ago, he might still be with Carolina.

Gerber stopped 29 shots in his first appearance at the RBC Center since he left town, leading the Ottawa Senators to a 4-1 win over the Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

It was Gerber's first start in eight games.

"You try to put him in a position where there's a little bit of pressure, but also he had played here before and he knew the shooters, they knew him," Senators coach Bryan Murray said. "I really felt if he could beat this team, then he was certainly on pace to be back where he should be, and that's playing quite often."

Mike Fisher had a goal and an assist, and Christoph Schubert, Patrick Eaves and Chris Neal also scored for the Senators, who won for the fifth time in six games by extending the Hurricanes' slump.

Andrew Ladd had the lone goal for Carolina, which has lost three of four.

"We put a few lousy ones together as of late," Hurricanes coach Peter Laviolette said. "What we need to get out of right now is the rut. We're in a lull right now. We need to snap out of it."

And this time, they have a former teammate to thank for extending those struggles.

Gerber, in his only season with Carolina, set the franchise record with 38 victories in 2005-06.

But he was supplanted in the playoffs by Cam Ward, who went on to win the Conn Smythe Trophy while leading the Hurricanes to their first Stanley Cup. Gerber refused to take any extra satisfaction out of beating his old team.

"I just tried not to overpush it, just take it as a normal game," Gerber said.

He signed a three-year, \$11.1 million deal with Ottawa in the offseason, and became the star of his Raleigh return by stopping the final 28 shots he faced.

"This is the type of guy we thought we were signing," Murray said.

John Grahame, making his third straight start and first with Carolina at the RBC Center, stopped 32 shots but was under siege throughout.

"We had an identity last year that nobody was going to beat us at home, but last year is last year, and we have to put that aside," right wing Justin

Williams said. "We have to realize that we have to make it hard for other teams to come into our building and take two points. Ottawa took it to us tonight."

Schubert put Ottawa up 2-1 4 minutes into the second period when he took Jason Spezza's drop pass just inside the blue line and beat Grahame with a slap shot.

Then, midway through the period, the Senators turned a Carolina miscue into a 3-1 lead. Fisher scored on a 2-on-2 break which started with Peter Schaefer's takeaway from Bret Hedican in the neutral zone.

Neal scored a power-play goal midway through the second after another giveaway by the Hurricanes, using his stick to redirect Dany Heatley's shot from the slot moments after Grahame and defenseman Tim Gleason lost control of the puck near the goal line.

Penguins 3, Islanders 2

Sidney Crosby was back, and the Pittsburgh Penguins won a close game instead of losing one. No doubt it wasn't a coincidence.

Crosby returned from a three-game injury layoff to set up Colby Armstrong's first two goals of the season, and the Penguins held off the New York Islanders in the third period to win Tuesday night.

Chris Thorburn, normally a checking-line forward, scored the game-winner 36 seconds into the third with a seemingly harmless shot from behind the net that banked off goalie Rick DiPietro's left skate for Thorburn's second goal.

"I wasn't trying to shoot it," Thorburn said. "I was hoping to ricochet it into the slot, and we were fortunate to get the bounce. Jordan (Staal) made the play by driving to the net."

Marc-Andre Fleury made the one-goal lead stand up by turning aside 33 of 35 shots, 13 in the final period, as Pittsburgh halted a three-game skid. The Islanders had won three in a row and were 6-1-1 in their previous eight games, but were without leading scorer Alexei Yashin. He is expected to be out two to four weeks with a sprained knee.

"He was playing some great hockey, so it's a little setback for us," Mike Sillinger said.

Crosby hadn't played since Nov. 20 because of a sore groin after previously missing only one game in his two-season NHL career. He didn't take long to make a difference, making a strong pass through traffic to create Armstrong's first goal 1 1/2 minutes into the game.

"He's a super player," Islanders coach Ted Nolan said. "Every time he has the puck,



Senators goalie Martin Gerber, left, blocks the shot of Hurricanes right wing Scott Walker. Gerber made 29 saves in Ottawa's 4-1 win over Carolina Tuesday night.

you're on your toes. He finds people in the open."

The Penguins lost the three games without Crosby by a combined four goals, losing in regulation, overtime and a shootout. They were held to five goals in those three losses.

"Those are the kind of games we have to win," Crosby said. "You need those games down the road. To be competitive, you've got to come out on top a lot in these games."

Armstrong began the season playing alongside Crosby after scoring 16 goals in 47 games as a rookie last season, but was taken off the top line before Crosby was hurt because of his lack of production.

"This was good for his confidence," Crosby said. "He's been having a tough time, but he kept playing hard and he deserved to break out of it. I hope it continues from here. This is a lot of weight off his shoulders."

Armstrong's second goal tied it at 2 midway through the second. Mark Recchi fed the puck across the slot to Crosby in the right circle. Crosby's shot deflected off DiPietro and lay in front of the net, allowing Armstrong to put in the rebound.

"It kind of popped out and I was able to get to it before the defenseman got his stick on it," Armstrong said. "It was a lucky bounce."

Funny how the Penguins get more of those bounces when Crosby is playing.

Viktor Kozlov had answered

Armstrong's first goal by scoring his fifth of the season, a one-timer from the high slot off Jason Blake's pass from along the boards late in the first. Arron Asham put the Islanders up 2-1 by scoring early in the second.

Washington 5, Tampa Bay 2

The Tampa Bay Lightning have nothing to show for a dominating performance because of Olaf Kolzig.

Kolzig made 48 saves and Alexander Semin had a goal and an assist in his return from a shoulder injury to help the Washington Capitals beat the Lightning Tuesday night.

"One of the best performances I've seen in a long time by a goaltender," Tampa Bay coach John Tortorella said. "Kolzig was the difference."

The Capitals stopped a six-game losing streak behind Kolzig, who turned aside 16 shots in the first and 23 of 25 during the third. Washington is 4-0-2 when allowing 40 or more shots this season. Kolzig made 20 or more saves during the third period in the four victories.

"You want to get shots, get into a groove," Kolzig said. "Fifty is a little extreme, but anytime you can get 10 to 12 shots a period, it's good for a goalie. You're into it."

Kris Beech, Boyd Gordon, Chris Clark and Alexander Ovechkin also scored for the Capitals, who had been outscored 25-9 during their skid. "He's the backbone of our

team," Clark said of Kolzig. "We were outplayed maybe in the first period, but he was here to keep it (close)."

Nick Tarnasky and Vincent Lecavalier scored third-period goals for the Lightning, who lost for fourth time in 11 games.

Gordon started a three-goal second that made it 4-0 with a short-handed breakaway goal at 1:53.

Lightning goalie Johan Holmqvist, who had won eight of his nine previous starts, was pulled when Semin scored with 3:31 left in the period. Semin had missed the past four games.

Clark gave Washington a four-goal advantage at 18:30 on the Capitals' first shot on Marc Denis.

"We had a good first and had a good third," Lightning right wing Martin St. Louis said. "We seem to have one period that kills us. When you miss chances in the first period, and they get a break, it's tough. We've got to find a way to capitalize."

Tarnasky scored his first NHL goal at 5:10 of the third. Lecavalier cut the Lightning deficit to 4-2 with 9:57 left.

Washington was outshot 16-5, including 9-0 during the first 10 minutes, in the first, but took a 1-0 lead on Beech's goal at 14:12.

"It's frustrating on our part," Tampa Bay center Vinny Prospal said. "We don't put the game away right in the first period. We put them in their zone. We just didn't score any goals."

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2	New Hampshire	9-2-1	701
3	Maine	8-3-1	677
4	Miami	11-5-0	656
5	NOTRE DAME	10-3-1	650
6	Michigan	11-4-0	586
7	Boston College	7-4-1	555
8	Denver	9-4-1	525
9	Boston University	5-2-4	489
10	St. Cloud State	6-3-3	386
11	North Dakota	7-6-1	372
12	Michigan State	6-6-1	350
13	Cornell	7-3-0	290
14	Alaska	6-2-4	254
15	Colorado College	8-5-1	216
16	Yale	6-2-1	153
17	Dartmouth	5-3-2	147
18	Vermont	7-4-1	129
19	Massachusetts	6-3-1	109
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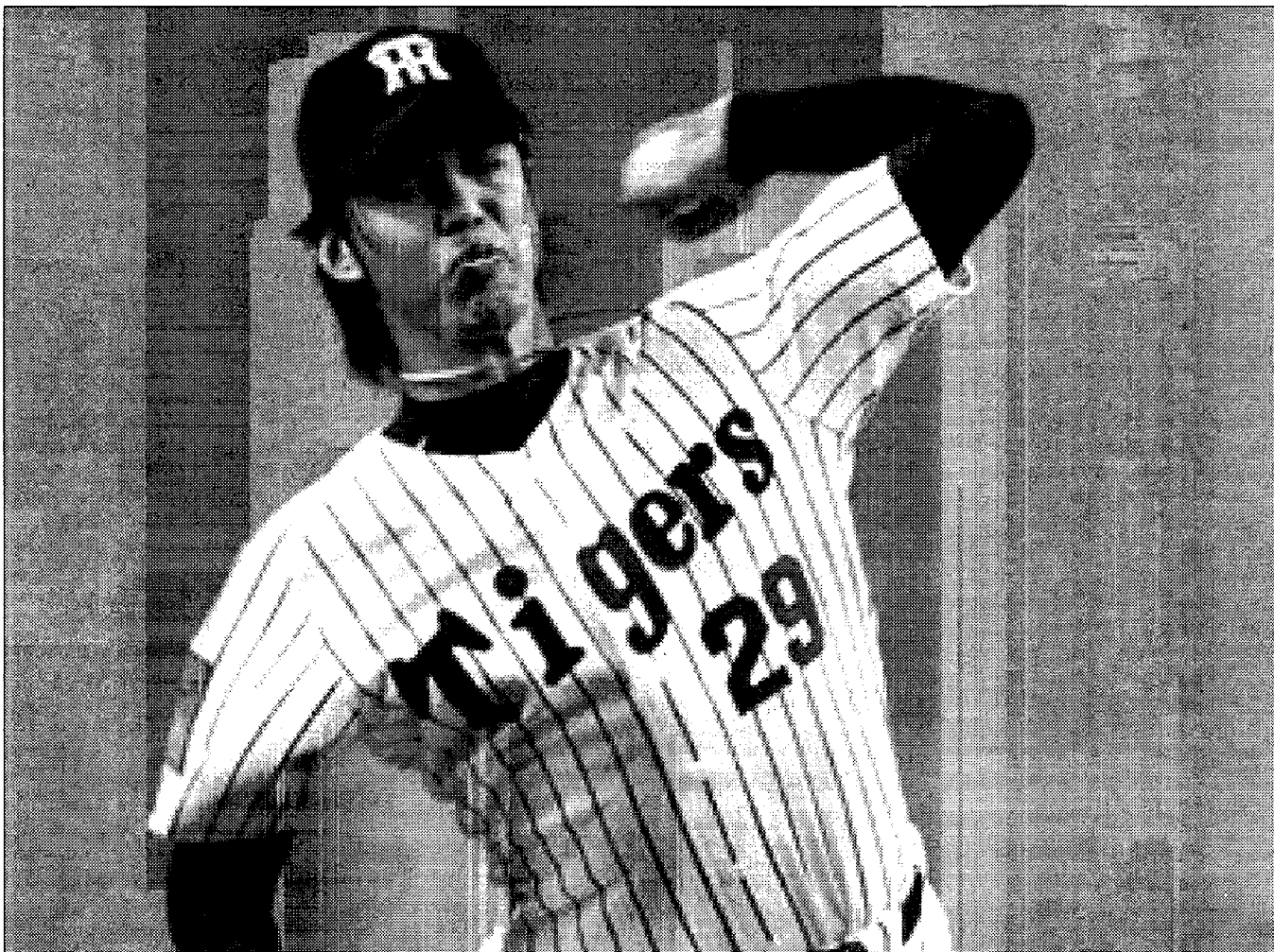
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5	NOTRE DAME	10-3-1	374
6	Michigan	11-4-0	345
7	Boston College	7-4-1	311
8	Denver	9-4-1	285
9	Boston University	5-2-4	257
10	North Dakota	7-6-1	170
11	St. Cloud State	6-3-3	156
12	Michigan State	6-6-1	120
13	Cornell	7-3-0	84
14	Alaska	6-2-4	59
15	Yale	6-2-1	35

Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

	team	record
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3	Pittsburgh	6-0
4	Connecticut	5-0
5	South Florida	4-0
6	West Virginia	4-1
7	Cincinnati	4-1
8	Georgetown	4-1
9	NOTRE DAME	4-1
10	Providence	4-1
10	Villanova	4-1
12	Seton Hall	3-1
13	Louisville	1-1
14	St. Johns	1-3
15	DePaul	2-4
16	Rutgers	1-4

MLB



Negotiating rights for Kei Igawa, a starting pitcher for the Hanshin Tigers of Japan, were given to the New York Yankees Tuesday. Igawa had a 14-9 record last season and led the league in strikeouts in 2002 and 2004.

Yankees win rights to pursue Igawa

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees won the bidding for Japanese pitcher Kei Igawa when the Hanshin Tigers accepted their offer of just more than \$26 million on Tuesday.

Igawa, a 27-year-old left-hander, could compete for a spot in New York's rotation next season behind Chien-Ming Wang, Mike Mussina and Randy Johnson. Carl Pavano, coming off 1 1/2 seasons of injuries, also would be in the rotation if healthy.

New York has until midnight at the end of Dec. 28

to work out a contract with the pitcher's agent, Arn Tellem — also the agent for Yankees left fielder Hideki Matsui.

"We have been following Kei Igawa's very successful and accomplished career in Japan, and we are excited about the opportunity to begin the negotiating process with him," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said in a statement.

The Yankees pay Hanshin only if they reach an agreement with Igawa.

"I am very pleased to have the right to sign him for the Yankees," owner George Steinbrenner said

in a statement issued by spokesman Howard Rubenstein.

The Boston Red Sox bid \$51.1 million earlier this month to win the right to negotiate with Seibu Lions pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka, the MVP of the World Baseball Classic. The Red Sox have until midnight on Dec. 14 to agree to a deal with Matsuzaka and his agent, Scott Boras.

The Yankees bid between \$32 million and \$33 million for Matsuzaka.

After the bidding on Igawa closed Monday, the Tigers were informed of the amount of the high bid, but not which team made

it. The New York Mets bid between \$15 million and \$16 million for Igawa, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity because the amounts of losing bids are not disclosed.

Igawa went 14-9 last season with a 2.97 ERA in Japan. He struck out 194 to tie for the Central League lead, adding to the strikeout titles he won in 2002 and 2004.

Igawa, the Central League's 2003 MVP, has an 86-60 record with a 3.15 ERA. He would have to play in Japan for three more seasons before he could become a free agent.

IN BRIEF

Cardinals sign Kennedy, Bennett in first offseason acquisitions

ST. LOUIS — The Cardinals made their first big moves since winning the World Series, agreeing Tuesday to a \$10 million, three-year contract with second baseman Adam Kennedy and a \$4 million, one-year deal with right-hander Kip Wells.

The Cardinals also agreed to a \$900,000, one-year contract with backup catcher Gary Bennett with a mutual option for 2008 and a minor league contract with Eli Marrero, once their starting catcher.

Kennedy, selected by the Cardinals in the first round of the 1997 amateur draft, was considered the Cardinals' second baseman of the future before he was traded to the Anaheim Angels in 2000, a deal that brought Jim Edmonds to St. Louis. Kennedy now replaces Ronnie Belliard, who was acquired from Cleveland last summer and became a free agent.

"Different time, different player," Kennedy said of his return to St. Louis.

Wolf signs with Dodgers after recovering from elbow injury

LOS ANGELES — Left-hander Randy Wolf couldn't pass up the opportunity to come home.

Wolf, who spent much of last season recovering from elbow surgery, finalized an \$8 million, one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday.

"I don't know how many times I'll have that option," Wolf said. "I couldn't pass that up. I'm happy with the way things turned out."

Wolf grew up in suburban West Hills and appeared in the Los Angeles City Section championship games at Dodger Stadium for El Camino Real High in 1993-94.

"I'm very happy that Randy's decided to stay home and pitch for the Dodgers," general manager Ned Colletti said during a conference call. "We believe in him as a pitcher, knowing he's a quality left-hander. He went through a tough period for a couple years with his elbow."

Zaun returns to Blue Jays as talks with Barajas fall through

TORONTO — Newly signed Frank Thomas hopes the Toronto Blue Jays can add a top pitcher to their roster. For now, they're content to keep their catcher.

Gregg Zaun stayed with the Blue Jays by agreeing to a \$7.25 million, two-year contract Tuesday, a day after catcher Rod Barajas backed out of an apparent deal.

General manager J.P. Ricciardi quickly resumed negotiations with Zaun after Barajas decided not to go through with the deal and switched agents.

"Zaunie was our first choice all along," Ricciardi said at a news conference to introduce Thomas, the team's new designated hitter. "We just hit a snag there at one point. We called him last night and said, 'Zaunie, if you want to be a Blue Jay, we have to make it happen now.' He was great and we were able to work it out. We're really happy that he's back."

around the dial

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NBA

O'Neal confident he can return to old form

Wade's move to point guard revives team; Miami wins two

Associated Press

MIAMI — First, Shaq sat. To take a load off his surgically repaired left knee, he settled into a chair outside the Miami Heat locker room Tuesday.

Then he spoke barely above a whisper into a cluster of microphones inches from his face. For those straining to hear, the message was nonetheless clear: Shaquille O'Neal's latest injury should not be interpreted as a sign that he's in decline.

"They've been saying that the last 10 years," said O'Neal, speaking publicly for the first time since his surgery on Nov. 19. "I'm going to stick to my formula. I know what I've been doing, and nobody does it better, even at the tender age of 34."

O'Neal has been sidelined since Nov. 12, when he tore knee cartilage against Houston, and he's expected to be out until at least Dec. 23.

A year ago, when O'Neal sprained his ankle in Miami's home opener and missed 18 games, there was talk his

body was breaking down. He recovered, sat out only five more games and led the Heat to the NBA title for his fourth championship ring.

Now that he's in the middle of another layoff, rumblings about slippage in his productivity have resurfaced. He dismisses detractors.

"I don't say anything to people that could never do the stuff that I can do," he said.

Miami's sub-.500 record in O'Neal's absence suggests his value remains high. The Heat went 10-13 without him a year ago, and they're 4-6 without him this month.

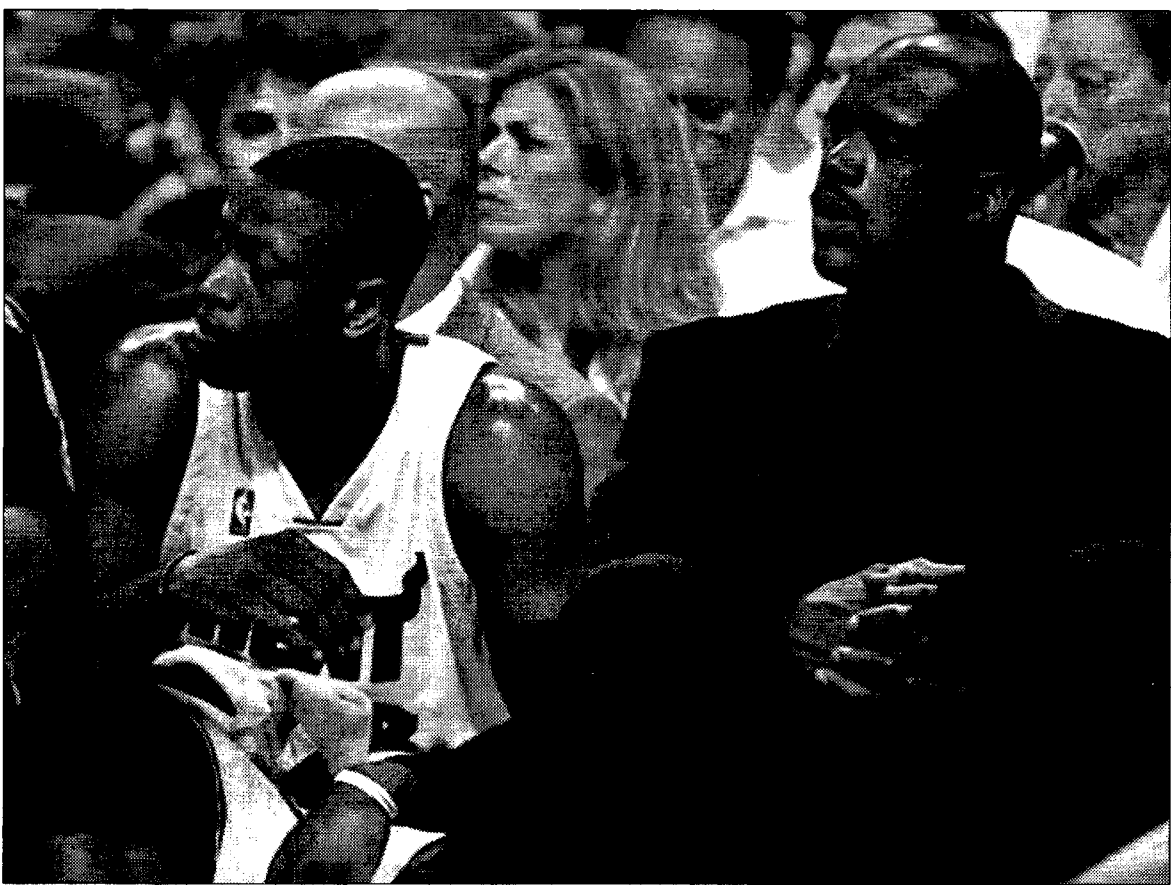
"My brothers are out there struggling right now, and I should be out there with them," he said. "It's very, very difficult to watch."

He's expected to remain on the bench for a while. The injury originally was diagnosed as a hyperextended knee, and O'Neal said he was surprised when an MRI exam revealed the

need for surgery.

His layoff is projected to be four to six weeks following the operation, and O'Neal has yet to resume running.

"It's like starting over," he said. "A couple of days before I got the second diagnosis, I made the comment that my leg was dead. Usually when you have a knee injury, your



Miami center Shaquille O'Neal, right, watches from the bench during the Heat's 112-105 loss to Denver Nov. 14. O'Neal underwent surgery on his knee Nov. 19 and is out four to six weeks.

quads and everything just shut down. That's what was happening. Now I just have to rebuild all that back up."

O'Neal has missed 185 games during his 15-year NBA career, but this is the first time he needed rehabilitation therapy following an operation.

"I hope his thought process is that he tries to almost reinvent himself physically," coach Pat Riley said. "He has

to come back a lot lighter, a lot leaner. Those kinds of things are really important now."

No problem, O'Neal said. "I'll be in shape good enough to help the team out and help win games and further what we're trying to do," he said.

Miami had lost four consecutive home games, but Dwyane Wade's move to point guard last week revived the

offense. Wade has totaled at least 30 points and 10 assists in three consecutive games, and the Shaq-less Heat have won two in a row.

"We just have to develop a certain style right now and develop some consistency," O'Neal said. "We're getting better and moving the ball better, and Dwyane is playing phenomenal. Everyone else just has to do more and step up. We all have to step up."

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday at the 11:45am Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These women and men have met together over the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RCIA process. Catechumens seek full initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation; Candidates are already baptized and seek to be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome gives all of us an opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of initiation in the months ahead.

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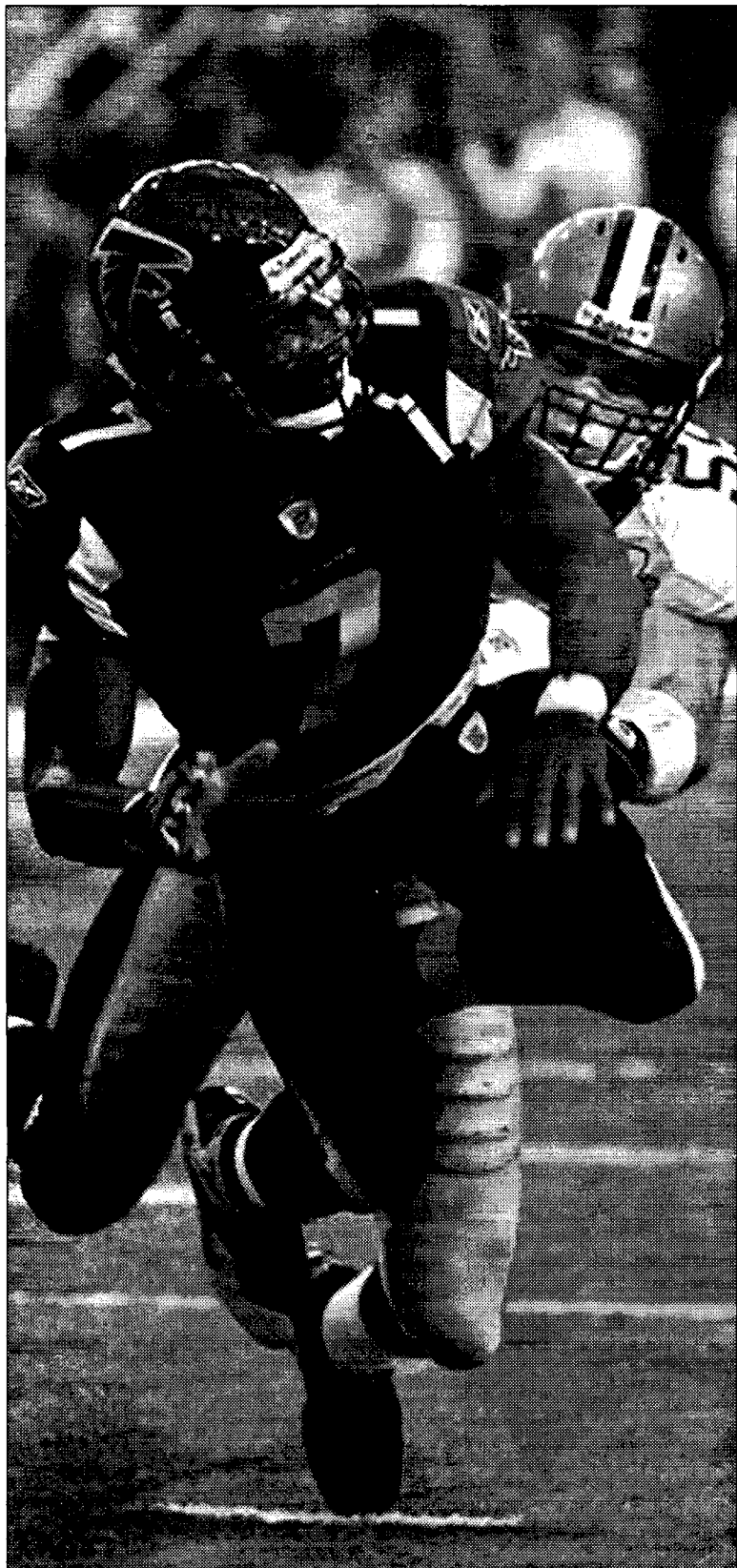


Alex Lemon

NFL

Owner demands better results from Falcons

Atlanta's playoff hopes fade; fans turn on talented quarterback as Vick struggles to connect with receivers



Falcons quarterback Michael Vick is knocked out of bounds by Saints linebacker Scott Shanle in a 31-13 loss Sunday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — After watching the Atlanta Falcons lose their fourth straight game, owner Arthur Blank grabbed a front-row seat in the interview room to listen in on what Jim Mora and Michael Vick had to say.

Blank also pored over a stat sheet, whispering some thoughts to his top lieutenant while trying to figure out how another season that began with such promise has totally unraveled heading into the final month.

This owner demands immediate results. If things don't turn around over the next five weeks, the Falcons are certainly headed for big changes — starting with several members of Mora's staff and maybe extending all the way to the head coach himself.

"Ever since I've been here, we've had high expectations," Blank said. "We did not build this team to be .500. We thought this team was capable of making a playoff run. Anytime you fall short of that, it's disappointing."

Technically, Atlanta (5-6) still has time to turn things around in the mediocre NFC, where 6-5 would be good enough for the wild card if the season ended today.

But after going 0-for-November, the Falcons are below .500 for the first time in Mora's three-year tenure and giving off few signs of being a team that can pull out of its slide before it's too late.

Three of the losses during past month were by double-figure margins — the only exception being an inexcusable 17-13 home loss to woeful Cleveland (3-8). The Falcons were blown out 30-14 at Detroit, one of only two games the Lions have won this season. Last Sunday, Atlanta was all but eliminated from the NFC West race by a 31-13 loss to the Saints, who essentially have a three-game lead on the Falcons when the tiebreaker is factored in.

What makes this all the more troubling is just how familiar it seems.

A year ago, coming off a giddy

run to the NFC championship game in Mora's rookie season as a head coach, the Falcons started 6-2 and were thinking Super Bowl. They wound up losing six of their last eight, extending the 40-year-old franchise's inglorious streak of never having back-to-back winning seasons.

Now, it's happening all over again. In one short month, the Falcons have gone from being 5-2 and angling for home-field advantage in the playoffs to showing all the telltale signs of a team in disarray.

Early last week, Mora's father — the longtime NFL coach of the same name — criticized Vick's passing skills and agreed that he's a "coach killer." As the quarterback headed toward the locker room after the loss to the Saints, he was heckled by some fans and responded with an obscene gesture.

As the face of the franchise, everything starts with Vick. But the blame for this downfall extends beyond No. 7.

The offense is a mess, an incompatible juxtaposition of coordinator Greg Knapp's West Coast-style passing schemes and the zone-blocking tactics used by the guys up front, who answer to de facto line coach Alex Gibbs.

Vick has never taken to Knapp's philosophy, which relies on short drops and quick reads that seem ill-suited for a 6-foot quarterback who has trouble seeing over his linemen and is more effective when he ad-libs. Vick is the 25th-rated quarterback in the NFL and, most stunning, has never put up better numbers playing in Knapp's offense than he did in his one full season working with former coach Dan Reeves.

Meanwhile, the shadowy Gibbs — who's technically a "consultant" — prefers smaller, quicker linemen who'll carry out his controversial blocking tactics in the running game but are leakier than a colander when it comes to pass blocking. Vick may be the best running quarterback in NFL history, but he's still managed to get sacked 29 times playing behind a no-name group that has

zero Pro Bowls on its collective resume.

When Vick does get off a pass, tight end Alge Crumpler is about the only reliable receiver on the team. Former first-round picks Michael Jenkins and Roddy White have been major disappointments. Ashley Lelie hasn't had the impact everyone expected when he came to the Falcons in a trade for T.J. Duckett.

Last week, Vick's receivers dropped five passes, the most damaging of those coming early in the fourth quarter when a wide-open White let the ball slip from his hands at the New Orleans 10 after the defender fell down. That snuffed the life out of the Falcons, who were down 21-13 at the time but totally fell apart the rest of the way.

Mora insists he's not planning any changes on his staff, but what else do you expect him to say about guys — several of them close friends — who are still on the payroll? Clearly, Knapp and receivers coach George Stewart are on shaky ground. And the Falcons wouldn't be able to hire a competent replacement for Knapp as long as Gibbs is hanging around.

If the Falcons do look for someone else to run the offense, the first priority is getting a coach who can take advantage of Vick's wondrous talents. This team has too much invested in No. 7 to give up on him (sorry, all you Atlanta fans who want to give backup Matt Schaub a chance).

A new coordinator would certainly want to upgrade the protectors up front and the guys who are paid to catch passes, not drop them. Also, there might be some philosophical changes, such as more deep passing routes to capitalize on Vick's enormous arm strength (perhaps the strongest in the league, though his accuracy is clearly lacking).

Mora got a contract extension before the season, but that means little in the what-have-you-done-for-me-lately NFL. The Falcons touted their 45-year-old coach as one of the profession's rising stars after his first season, but Blank — who prowls the sidelines during games a la Jerry Jones and takes an active role in personnel decisions — shows all the signs of being an impatient boss.

"I believe we have the right folks in the building," Blank said in a tepid show of support for his coach. "They have the talent and enthusiasm to get it done, but obviously we've got to execute better and be a little more consistent."

In all fairness to Mora and his assistants, the Falcons have been plagued by injuries. Two starters are out for the year, and another might be finished. Plus, defensive stalwarts John Abraham and Ed Hartwell have played only three games apiece.

Then again, Atlanta must have known it was taking a chance when it gave up a first-round pick to sign the injury prone Abraham to a huge contract.

The three-time Pro Bowl end dominated Carolina in Week 1 before going down in the closing minutes with a groin injury that he's still trying to overcome. After abdominal surgery, he returned to face the Saints last week, but didn't even show up on the stat sheet.

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G. Ameriks 10:40-11:30 MWF

ROSP 20237 CONVERSATION AND WRITING
G. Ameriks VARIOUS TIMES MWF

ROSP 20460 SPANISH FOR MEDICAL PROFESSION
M. Coloma 10:40-11:30 MWF

ROSP 21205 PRE-STUDY ABROAD
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ROSP 27500 APPROACHES TO HISPANIC CULTURES THROUGH
VARIOUS TIMES MWF
The Civilization and Culture of Latin America I. Menes
Cultural Riches of Latin America A. Topash-Rios

ROSP 30310 TEXTUAL ANALYSIS
C. Perez-Abreu, J. Hussar, K. Ibsen, M.R. Olivera-Williams
VARIOUS TIMES T/R, MW

ROSP 30320 ADVANCED GRAMMAR & WRITING
I. Menes 12:50-1:40, 1:55-2:45 MWF

ROSP 30710 SURVEY OF SPANISH LITERATURE I
C. Jerez-Farrán, E. Juárez 11:00-12:15 T/R 1:30-2:45 MW

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S. Forcadell 1:30-2:45, 3:00-4:15 MW

ROSP 30810-01, 02 SURVEY OF SPANISH-AM LITERATURE I
J. Anadon, S. Forcadell 1:30-2:45, 8:00-9:15 MW

ROSP 30820-01, 02 SURVEY OF SPANISH-AM LIT. II
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ROSP 40220 RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE POETRY OF SPAIN
E. Juárez 12:30-1:45 T/R

ROSP 40720 GREAT SPAN-AM POETS OF THE 20TH CENTURY
B. Heller 11:00-12:15 T/R

ROSP 40767 WOMEN'S NARRATIVE IN THE SOUTHERN CONE
M.R. Olivera-Williams 2:00-3:15 T/R

ROSP 40891 BEYOND THE ISLANDS
M. Moreno-Anderson 1:30-2:45 MW

ROSP 41590 SPANISH THEATRE WORKSHOP
N. Márquez 5:00-6:15 T/R (Time & date subject to change)

ROSP 53000 SEN. SEM: CUBAN LITERATURE, ART, AND POPULAR CULTURE
T. Anderson 12:30-1:45 T/R

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C. Jerez-Farrán 3:30-6:00 W

ROSP 63630-01 COLONIAL CONTINUITIES
P. Boyer 3:30-6:00 T

Recruits

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ior for Greece Athena High School and is rated the 136th best Major League prospect of next year's draft. Dupra, however, has decided to take the college route and get a degree before heading on to the majors.

Danieli towers over opposing batters with his 6-foot-8, 225-pound frame. The imposing force has dominated his opposition throughout high school to the tune of a 1.10 ERA last season.

Among the position players, Schrage signed two catchers — Matt Katich of New Castle, Penn. and Cameron McConnell of Bannockburn, Ill.

Katich hit .444 last season for Mohawk High School in New Castle, while McConnell hit .326 at Deerfield in Bannockburn.

Matt Scioscia, from

Westlake Village, Calif., could also catch for the Irish, but he has experience at first base as well and can be used as a designated hitter. Scioscia is the son of Anaheim Angels manager Mike Scioscia.

Schrage also picked up two infielders in Mike Doyle of LaGrange Park, Ill. and Greg Sherry of Mendham, N.J. Both played shortstop in high school but could move to second or third base for the Irish if necessary.

Ty Adams, a 6-foot-7, 230-pound slugger from Indianapolis, Ind., is the only outfielder in this class. Adams hit .515 last season and hit nine home runs in just 72 at-bats.

The 10 players will play their senior high school seasons next spring and enroll at Notre Dame for the fall of 2007, playing their first seasons for the Irish in the spring of 2008.

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Irish shortstop Greg Lopez slides head first into second base during a 4-3 win April 1 against Pittsburgh. Lopez was one of five starting senior position players last season that must be replaced.

Rams

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chance to work some kinks out.

"I don't want to look past Winston-Salem State," he said. "We'll take the floor and it's an opportunity to get better."

Junior forward Rob Kurz said many of the "kinks" have to do with the defensive end of the floor. Notre Dame allowed Lehigh to shoot 57 percent from the floor in a 93-87 Irish victory Monday.

"Offense isn't the issue," Kurz said. "We need to work on our defense right now. We need to defend like we did last week against The Citadel."

Against the Bulldogs Nov. 19, Notre Dame allowed just 12 points in the first half en route to an easy 74-50 victory.

Brey said consistency on both ends of the floor would come once the Irish — who have only one junior and two scholarship seniors — gain more experience. Consequently, Brey has structured most game preparation around teaching young players his system rather than scouting the opposition.

Brey said he would continue to stress the system even when Notre Dame gets into the tougher part of its schedule next week.

"The preparation is mostly going to focusing on us and our development," he said. "We're not going to worry too

much about scouting reports yet."

The Rams, who have struggled to just one win in nine games this season under first-year coach Bobby Collins, are led by sophomore forward Jamal Durham, who is averaging 10.7 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

Winston-Salem State's lone victory this year came Nov. 14 against Anderson. The game was also the only time the Rams have played at home so far this season.

As far as the Irish home court advantage goes, Brey has seen a half-full Joyce Center and a Leprechaun Legion that barely fills the lower section of its allotted area so far this young season. The coach said he hopes the crowds will be bigger as the competition gets tougher, but he would like to see a big crowd tonight as a "warm-up" for the Alabama game next Thursday.

"We need our sixth man," he said. "It's extremely important for us to have good home court advantage."

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Dutch

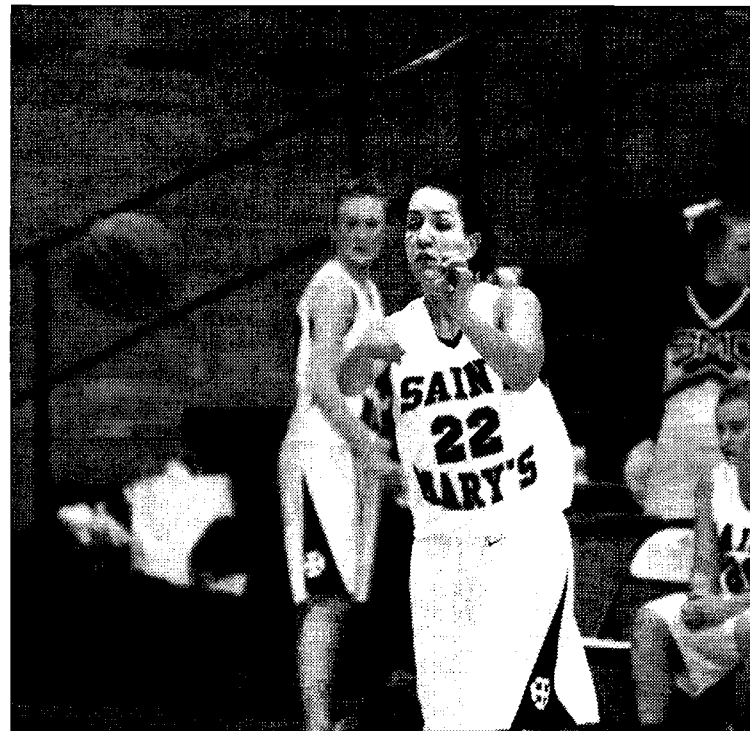
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The Belles rebounded well, keeping pace with the Flying Dutch and pulling down 40 boards compared to the Flying Dutch's 44. The Belles also committed fewer fouls (11 to Hope's 16) and shot 73 percent from the charity stripe to Hope's 40 percent.

Ultimately, Saint Mary's could not overcome its uncharacteristic shooting struggles of two of its top players.

Kessler, who was an offensive force in the Belles' win over Anderson, was 2-for-13 from the floor — including 0-for-5 shooting from behind the arc. Senior guard Bridget Lipke, who also played an important role against Anderson, was 2-of-8 shooting. Both Kessler and Lipke turned the ball over seven times.

Freshman center Anna Kamrath recorded her first collegiate double-double in the losing effort. Kamrath scored 10 points and grabbed 13 rebounds coming off the



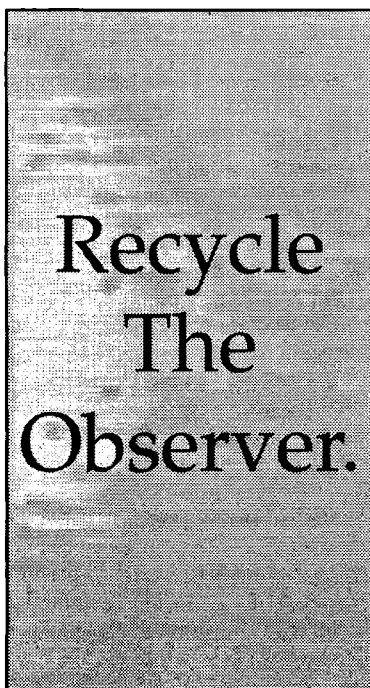
Junior guard Alison Kessler gives a pass during a 57-55 win Jan. 25 over Alma.

bench. Hope center Ellen Wood scored 14 points and had 7 rebounds to lead the Flying Dutch.

The Belles travel to Chicago Friday to play the

North Park Vikings at 7 p.m. in the North Park Viking Classic.

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10:40-11:30 MW K. Serafini

ROIT 27500-02 INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN II: CINEMA & CULTURE
11:45-12:35 MWF P. Vivante

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11:45-1:00 MW, 2:00-3:15 T/R E. Balma, C. Shortliff

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2:00-3:15 T/R T. Cackey

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9:30-10:45 T/R C. Moers

ROIT 40505 ITALIAN NATIONAL CINEMA
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ROIT 41596 ITALIAN THEATRE WORKSHOP
5:00-6:15 T/R L. Colangelo

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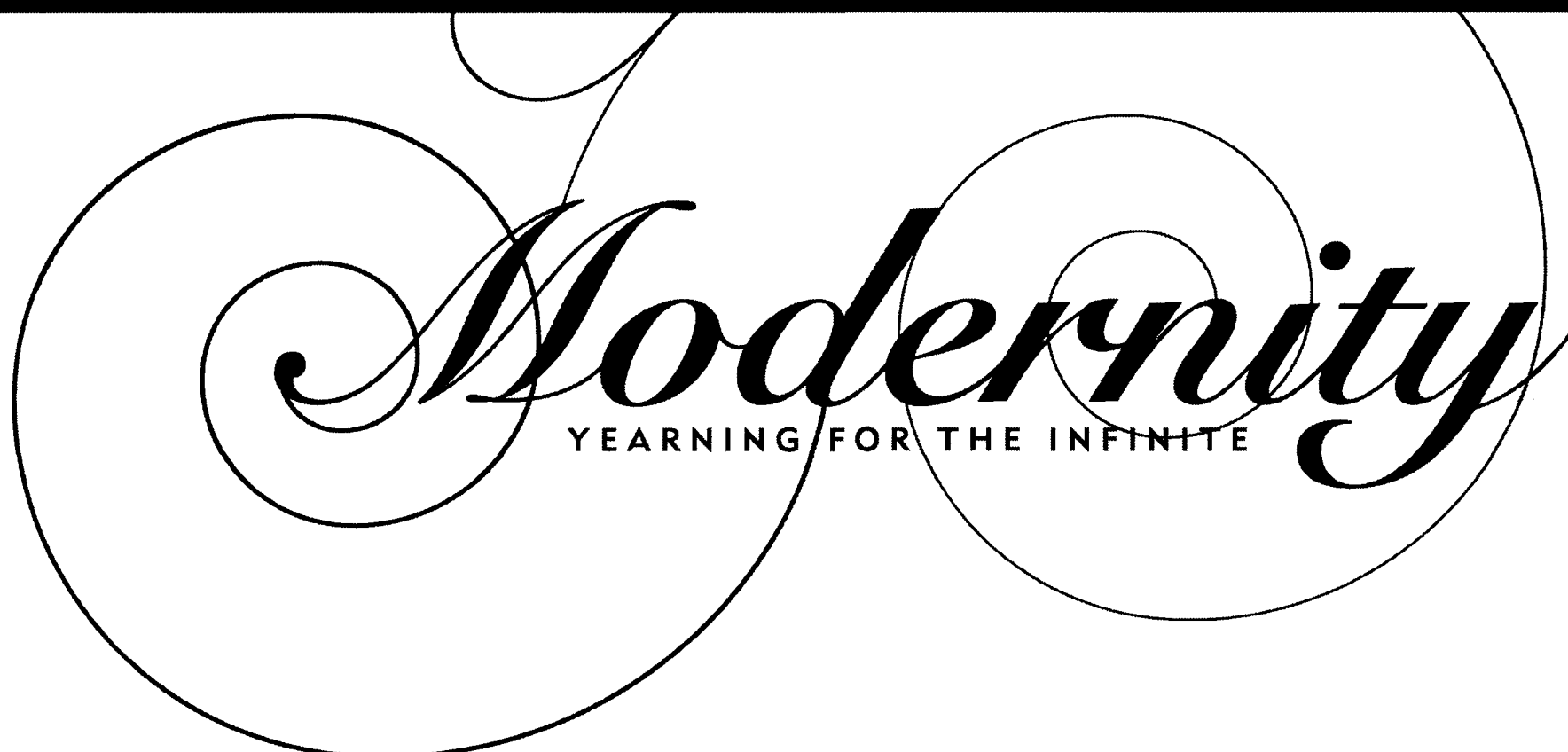
Portrait of Carlo Goldoni
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ROIT 63050 ITALIAN GRADUATE READING
6:30-7:45 MW P. Balma

ROIT 63090 HISTORY OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE(S)
5:30-6:00 T T. Cackey

ROIT 63540 REN. ITALIAN THEATRE:
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Thursday, November 30th

7:30 p.m. The Josef Pieper Keynote Lecture
"Modernity's Self-Subversion" - Alasdair MacIntyre, *University of Notre Dame*

Friday, December 1st

9:00-10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions

Session 1: A Catholic Modernity
Session 2: Modernity and the Market
Session 3: Modernity and the State
Session 4: Education and Modernity
Session 5: 20th Century Ethics
Session 6: Modernity's Yearning for Freedom
Session 7: Modernity and Government
Session 8: Early Modern Philosophy and Natural
Session 9: Papal Views on Modernity
Session 10: Interpretations of Modernity

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Invited Papers

"Modernity, Autonomy, and the Problem of Legal Authority" - Steven Smith, *University of San Diego School of Law*
"Preserving National Identity in the Global Marketplace" - Jude Dougherty, *The Catholic University of America*
"Enhancing Humanity (at Harvard): A Current Debate" - Jorge L.A. Garcia, *Boston College*

1:30-2:45 p.m. Invited Papers

"Catholic Politicians & the Modern World: Some American Case Studies" - Rev. Wilson Miscamble, CSC, *University of Notre Dame*
"From Scholasticism to Modernity: Why Gianni Vattimo is Right" - H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., *Rice University*
"Modernism, the First Round: Syllabus of Errors to Aeterni Patris" - Russell Hittinger, *University of Tulsa*

3:15-4:45 p.m. Colloquium Sessions

Session 1: Catholicism & Modern Literature
Session 2: Challenges of Modernity
Session 3: Challenges of the Post-Modern
Session 4: The Crisis of Modern Law and Legal Theory
Session 5: Reclaiming Tradition
Session 6: The Family and Modernity
Session 7: Modernity & Political Order
Session 8: Modernity and Loss
Session 9: Theological Challenges of Modernity I

7:30 p.m. "Owning Knowledge: Modernity and the Purposes of the Intellectual Life" - Paul Griffiths, *University of Illinois - Chicago*

Saturday, December 2nd

9:00-10:15 a.m. Colloquium Sessions

Session 1: Modernity and the Arts
Session 2: Transcendence and Contingency in the Modern World (Kirk Center Panel)
Session 3: Modernity and the Church
Session 4: Eastern Orthodox Views of Modernity
Session 5: Philosophical Responses to Modernity
Session 6: Catholicism Confronts Modernity
Session 7: Modernity and the Professions
Session 8: Thomistic Challenges to Modernity
Session 9: Kantian Themes in Modernity
Session 10: Imagination & Modernity

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Invited Papers

"Reason and the Fear of the Incarnation" - Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete, *Communion and Liberation*
"Godless? Liberalism and Religion: A Reply to Leo Strauss, Jacques Maritain and Ann Coulter" - Paul Sigmund, *Princeton University*
"Transcendence in Tears" - Kevin Hart, *University of Notre Dame*
"A Montage of Catholic Modernists" - Rev. Marvin O'Connell, CSC, *University of Notre Dame*

1:30-2:45 p.m. Invited Papers

"The Catholic Cultural Revival: Modernity & Beyond" - Joseph Pearce, *Ave Maria University*
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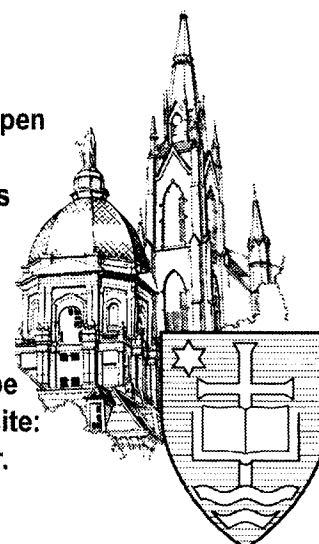
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Spiders

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made our free throws."

Before Lechlitner's three sealed the Irish lead, the Spiders were able to hang with Notre Dame during the first three-quarters of the game. Throughout the game, Richmond gave the Irish trouble from beyond the arc, shooting 46.7 percent as a team. The Spiders also used those 3-pointers to counter the Irish early and prevent any serious runs.

"I was a little disappointed with our 3-point percentage defense," McGraw said. "I think that's something we've really got to improve. We still have a lot of work to do defensively and we're still not doing the job on the boards."

Richmond could never pull ahead of the Irish because of the play of junior guard Charel Allen. After she was subbed out early for Lechlitner, Allen returned and rejuvenated the Irish squad, scoring the team's next eight points while also grabbing two boards to give Notre Dame a 16-10 lead.

"[Allen] really came out ready to go offensively and she was able to do pretty much what she wanted on the floor," McGraw said.

Notre Dame was also able to dominate inside against the shorter Spider lineup. Centers Melissa D'Amico and Erica Williamson combined to shoot 10-of-13 from the floor, with D'Amico scoring 15 points and Williamson adding 9. Williamson also grabbed seven rebounds while D'Amico had four.

"I think the guards did a great job getting the ball inside to me, and Erica and I think we just got better position than we did last game [at USC]," D'Amico

said.

As the game was winding to a close, McGraw kept the pressure high against the Spiders, using a full court press right until the final buzzer.

"That's the kind of game we need to play to keep our energy up," McGraw said. "In the first half, we didn't have a lot of success at it. I think we finally wore them down in the second half so we need to press."

The press worked very effectively. Richmond turned the ball over to the Irish three times in the final three minutes of play for the starters, and the Irish won the game's turnover battle 21-16.

"We're not averaging that many turnovers a game, and that's something we're doing really well mostly because Tulyah [Gaines] takes very good care of the ball, Charel takes great care of the ball, and we don't really turn it over that much," McGraw said.

The Irish are off the rest of the week until taking on in-state rival Indiana Sunday at the Joyce Center.

Notes:

♦ Freshman forward Danielle Ben-Tsvulun recorded the first points of her Notre Dame career Tuesday night. Ben-Tsvulun was 3-of-4 from the free throw line and nabbed two rebounds in four minutes.

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half, Allen personally outscored the Spiders 8-2 to put the Irish up 16-10 with 11 minutes left in the first half.

Allen's 22-point finish marks the second time in six games this season that she has set a career high — topping her previous best of 21 that she tallied in an 85-81 overtime win over Bowling Green Nov. 13.

And she said she felt hot well before the opening tip-off.

"Before the game I warmed up very well," she said. "I felt like my shot was going in."

Irish coach Muffet McGraw had nothing but praise for Allen after the game.

"I thought Charel, start to finish, just had an outstanding game," she said. "I think Charel carried us in the first half along with Melissa D'Amico, those two really did the bulk of the scoring in the first half."

Despite Allen's efforts, and shooting 51.7 percent as a team, the Irish only led by three points heading into intermission. For the first part of the second half, Allen continued to be Notre Dame's leading weapon, scoring eight points in the first seven minutes of the half.

Her final bucket with 13:22 remaining gave the Irish a 53-44 lead. Three minutes

later, freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner hit a 3-pointer that gave Notre Dame a 57-45 lead — its first 10-point advantage of the game — and Allen retired as a scoring factor as each basket only added to a large and growing lead.

Still, Allen's — and to a lesser extent, D'Amico's — presence on the floor and the subsequent attention it drew gave the Irish the opportunity to spread the ball around and ultimately put the game away.

"In the second half we wanted to get some other people involved," McGraw said. "That's really where we opened up the game, [when] they were starting to key in on those two [Allen and D'Amico]."

D'Amico, who was second on the team with 15 points, joined Allen as one of five Notre Dame players to finish the game in double figures. Tuesday's performance was the second time in three games — and the second consecutive home game — that the five Irish players had 10 or more points. The team accomplished the feat

Nov. 19 against Western Michigan. In part due to the more balanced attack, the Irish outscored the Spiders 53-35 in the second half.

"I think it's important to have that kind of balance," McGraw said.

It was Allen, however, who defined Notre Dame's performance. Though she didn't score after the 13:22 mark in the second half and sat down with 6:40 remaining in the game, Allen was the focal point of the Spider defense, and Richmond head coach Michael Shafer doubted his defense's ability to stop her.

"We knew she was a very good basketball player, [and] we knew she could score over top of us," he said. "I'm not sure we ever really affected her game — to her credit, she knocked down some big shots."

Allen only hit those shots, though, when they mattered.

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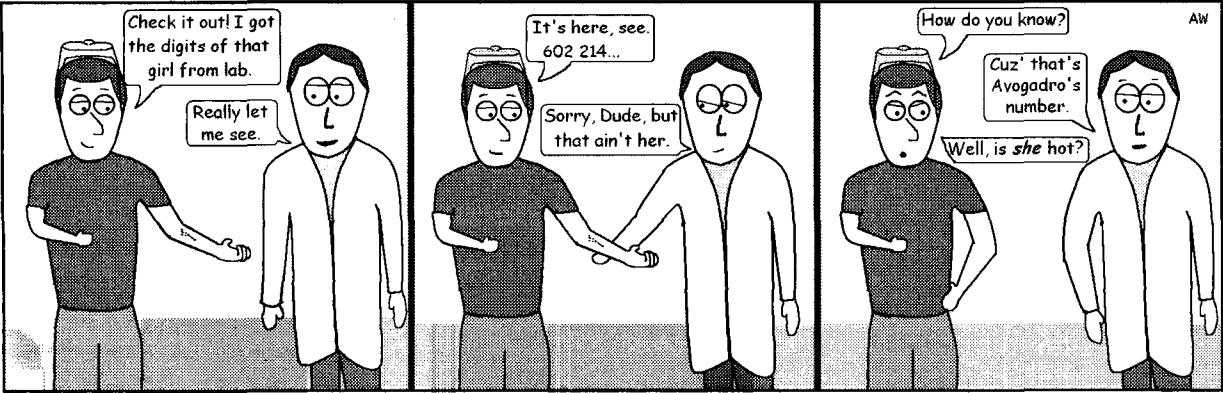
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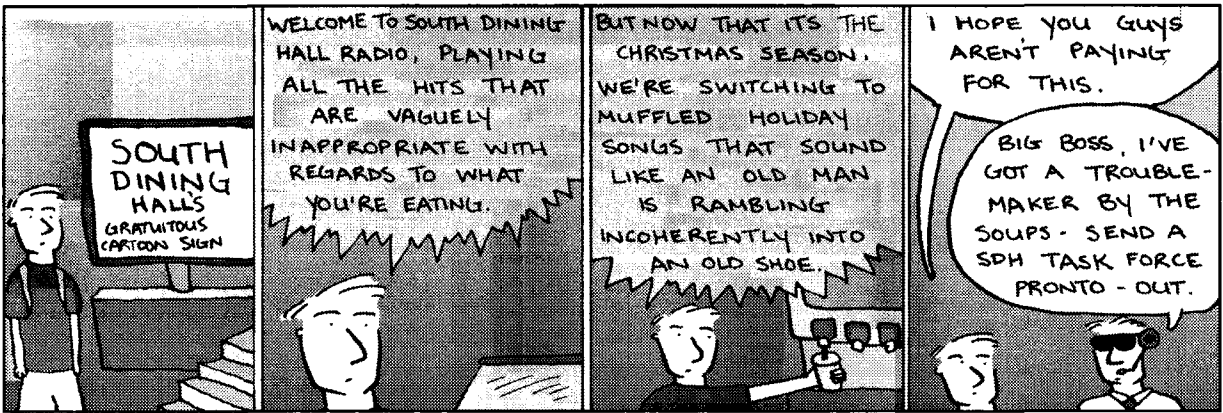
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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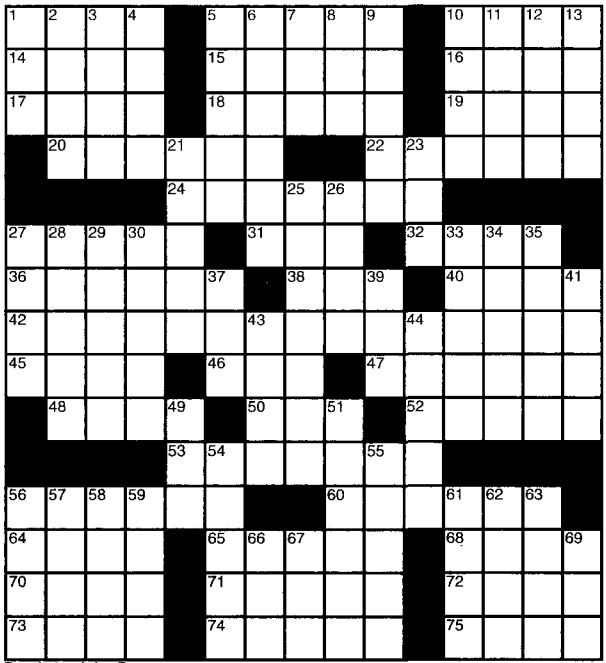
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Back in Black" rock band
- 5 Tablelands
- 10 Diner cuppa
- 14 Yowl
- 15 Hail
- 16 Plowers
- 17 Jacob's brother
- 18 Pace
- 19 Proceeded
- 20 Title fellow in a 1971 #1 McCartney hit
- 22 Amorous alcoholic in "The Philadelphia Story"
- 24 Was a parasite
- 27 County north of Limerick
- 31 P, to Plato
- 32 Egg
- 36 studies (modern college major)
- 38 Blood type syst.
- 40 Has ___ with
- 42 1960's TV hit ... whose last word completes the answers to the nine italicized clues
- 45 "Jungle Book" star, 1942
- 46 Online chortle
- 47 "To a Waterfowl" poet
- 48 High-flier's org.?
- 50 Cabernet, e.g.
- 52 Displays 1-Down
- 53 1941 Stanwyck/Fonda comedy, with "The"
- 56 Mr. Television
- 60 One of TV's Addams family
- 64 Locale of 1869's Golden Spike
- 65 Polio vaccine developer
- 68 Garden party?
- 70 Big rig
- 71 Incessantly
- 72 12-point type
- 73 Feds
- DOWN**
- 1 Wonder
- 2 Hombre's home
- 3 Radio part
- 4 Driver, e.g.
- 5 About a yard, at Scotland Yard
- 6 Phillips ___ Academy
- 7 Figure in a star-spangled hat
- 8 High point of a European trip?
- 9 Vermont ski town
- 10 It hangs under the chin
- 11 Rink move
- 12 Part of a boast of Caesar
- 13 Put (up)
- 21 "Paride ed ___" (Gluck opera)
- 23 Punch line to "What's the longest sentence in the English language?"
- 25 "My Three Sons" housekeeper
- 26 Vagabond
- 27 100-lb. units
- 28 Actress Lindsay
- 29 Bio 101 subject
- 30 Brer Rabbit tale teller
- 33 Chekhov title character
- 34 Open, as a toothpaste tube
- 35 Christopher Robin's creator
- 74 Some conifers
- 75 Brood (over)



- 37 Weekend TV staple since '75
- 39 White House fiscal grp.
- 41 Brings home
- 43 Major employer in Detroit
- 44 Yens
- 49 Boxer Laila
- 51 Practice lexicography
- 54 "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" writer
- 55 Sells
- 56 Essential
- 57 Any thing
- 58 Inadequate
- 59 Dilute
- 61 Lights-out signal
- 62 Blue-pencil
- 63 Tour de France, e.g.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are better off spending time with someone you really care about doing special little things you both enjoy. You might also want to take in an event that will give you information pertinent to your getting ahead. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Arguments can be avoided if you say little but do a lot to make the people around you happy and content. An older or younger person in your life may be a burden. Set some time aside to deal with other people's problems. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be pulled in several different directions and, if you don't make a choice, someone will try to make one for you. Be careful who you trust. A wrong move today could cost you down the road. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change in your lifestyle, friendships or even your beliefs concerning children will take place. Someone will recognize your talent if you present what you can do. An older friend or relative will help you make a decision. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Real estate, property investment, renovations and, in general, changes to your home and personal life will be your intent. There will be a price to pay if you are too excessive. Give your full attention to a romantic partner. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful what you say and do today. Someone will be waiting and watching for you to make a mistake. Changes may not be welcome but, if you take the path of least resistance, it will turn out better for you in the end. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A short trip or business outing will help you to see your true potential. You will learn a lot from the people you associate with today. You will get a good education from what you experience when dealing with others. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Observe, listen and make your decision based on what you have seen and heard first hand. A change at home should be made to make your life easier. Someone will hide the truth to avoid getting into trouble with you. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't even think about getting in the middle of someone else's argument. Travel plans should be put off until a more suitable time. Emotional blackmail is present. Be careful what you promise. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A chance to make some money is apparent if you deal with someone older and more experienced. Someone is checking you out and considering you for a position that will help you long-term. Contracts can be formulated and signed. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be confused, angry and not in the right frame of mind to deal with personal matters. Take your time and let things unfold before you take action. Not everyone you know is being honest with you. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Think about what you can do, not what you can't. If someone tries to block you, take a different route. You have to outmaneuver and manipulate today if you want to get things done and get ahead. 3 stars

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BASEBALL RECRUITING

Schrage, Irish ink 'top-flight' recruit class for 2007-08

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Dave Schrage hasn't coached a baseball game yet at Notre Dame.

But he's already won a major victory.

Last week, Schrage announced the signing of 10 freshmen for

next year, a class rated as one of the top in the nation by Perfect Game Crosschecker.

"We signed some top-flight players and filled some voids in areas where we need to improve," Schrage said in a press release about the signing class. "We now have two strong classes to build on for the future, with some great

potential leaders among those groups."

The Irish signed three pitchers and six position players, with David Casey of Whitefish Bay, Wis., a possibility to contribute at first base or as a left-handed pitcher.

Casey batted .533 in his junior season last spring and has a 2.81 ERA in his varsity high

school career as a pitcher.

The other three pitchers, righthanders Evan Danieli of East Hanover, N.J., Brian Dupra of Rochester, N.Y., and Ryan Sharpley of Marshall, Mich., are all listed in Perfect Game's top 40 high school pitchers.

Sharpley is the brother of sophomore first baseman Evan

Sharpley, who also plays quarterback on the Notre Dame football team. The younger Sharpley had a 6-1 record with a 1.81 ERA last year for the Mid-Michigan Tigers summer travel team.

Dupra was named all-state in New York last year as a jun-

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

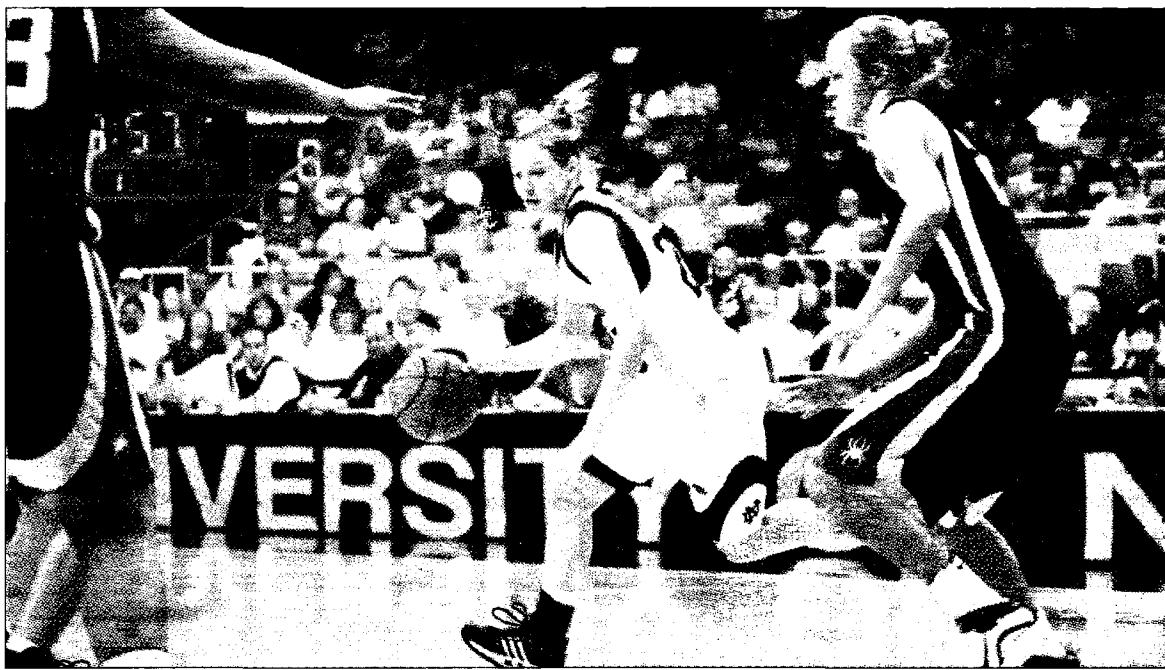
Not caught in the web

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Despite trailing throughout almost the entire game, Richmond held close to Notre Dame until freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner nailed a 3-pointer to extend the Irish lead to double-digits.

Lechlitner's three was the beginning of an important run for Notre Dame, which scored 11 of the next 13 points en route to an 87-66 win Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

"I thought we had a really good spurt in the second half," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "[We] hit some shots, got a little better defensively, stopped fouling for a few minutes, and we



Irish freshman guard Melissa Lechlitner looks for an open lane to drive during Notre Dame's 87-66 win over the Richmond Spiders Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

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While the game was still in the balance, Charel Allen carried the Irish.

The junior guard scored 22 points and added six rebounds as Notre Dame topped Richmond 87-66.

Allen started strong and was Notre Dame's go-to presence in the first half, scoring 14 of 34 points for the Irish before the break behind 6-of-11 shooting.

During a nearly five-minute stretch early in the



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MEN'S BASKETBALL

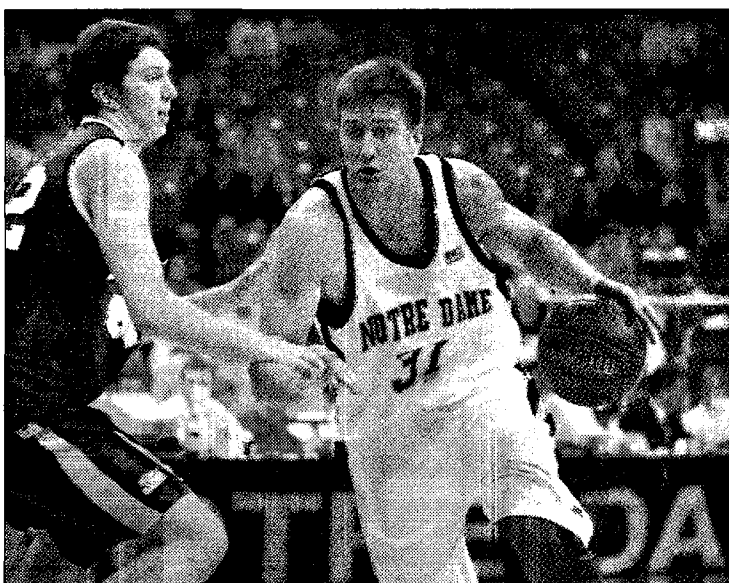
Team to face Rams at home

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Maryland and Alabama loom on the horizon, but today Notre Dame has just one focus — Winston-Salem State.

The Irish (4-1) will play the Rams (1-8) tonight at 7:30 at the Joyce Center before Notre Dame takes on two major conference teams next week, squads coach Mike Brey described as "two of the hottest in the country."

Brey said his team isn't thinking about the Terrapins and Crimson Tide yet, however. The coach said the team would use Wednesday as a



Irish junior forward Rob Kurz drives to the basket against Lehigh during Notre Dame's 93-87 win Monday.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles drop first MIAA matchup on the road

By DAN COOPER
Sports Writer

No. 2 Hope College employed suffocating defense to defeat Saint Mary's 67-42 Tuesday night — the 32nd consecutive win for the defending national champion Flying Dutch and the first MIAA game for both teams.

The Flying Dutch improved to 3-0 on the season with the win, while the Belles fell to 1-4.

The Belles jumped out to an early 6-4 lead, but Hope surged ahead with a 15-0 run and didn't look back.

Hope's run was due in large

part to the two teams' field goal percentage. Although the Flying Dutch shot a respectable 43 percent from the field, they held the Belles to a season-low 27 percent shooting (15-of-55).

Hope also had the edge in turnovers, scoring 22 points off Saint Mary's 29 turnovers. In contrast, the Belles scored eight points on 20 takeaways.

"They played tough man D. They put a lot of pressure on the ball," Saint Mary's guard Alison Kessler said. "They had a better transition game and were better at getting the ball up the court."

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Atlanta owner Arthur Blank demands better results from his team or he will begin organizational changes.

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Heat center Shaquille O'Neal is confident that he can recover after suffering a knee injury this season.

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New York Yankees acquire the right to sign Hanshin Tigers pitcher Kei Igawa with a \$26 million bid.

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Senators goalie Martin Gerber has 29 saves against his former team.

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Center Sidney Crosby returns after sitting for three games with an injury.

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