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Student government briefs trustees

Brown, Braun, Plamoottil detail response to Common Council's party permit ordinance

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Members of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees listened Thursday as the student government administration described the controversy surrounding the South Bend Common Council's party permit ordinance.

Board members and staff applauded after student body president Liz Brown explained the role student government played in resolving the tension through dialogue with city administrators and Council members.

"Thank God for these

women," one trustee said. "I'm glad it wasn't a guy."

Student involvement in student government and off-campus issues soared during the discussions about the ordinance, Brown said.

"There were unprecedented levels of student interest in student government and community relations," she said.

Brown described the goals of Council members who supported the ordinance, which, in its first publicized form, would have required many student tenants to file a permit with the city 10 days before hosting a party where at least 25 guests would have access to alcohol.

Council members wanted to resolve tensions between raucous student residents and neighbors and to address problems they saw with underage drinking, she said.

Board members laughed as Brown described the college party scene upon which she said the U.S. Department of Justice bases the Student Party Riots guide.

"These are the type of parties where you literally have cars tipped over and set on fire," Brown said. "We did not feel this was a problem we had at Notre Dame."

Brown described how she approached Timothy Rouse and Al "Buddy" Kirsits, the

Common Council members who sponsored the ordinance, to discuss alternate paths to solving problems of rowdy student gatherings off campus. Though she had conversations with Rouse, Kirsits and South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke, Brown said, the "party that turned the tide" was the weekend of the home football game against Georgia Tech, when student behavior was at a peak.

Faced with a Common Council that wanted to see real results, "we pushed the student body to validate our claims," Brown said.

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Purchases of condos continue

But sales slow amid football team's woes

By MARY KATE MALONE and
MADDIE HANNA
News Writers

Prompted by rising hotel prices that were costing them \$6,000 each year, Notre Dame parents Rick and Terri Martini decided to purchase a condo at New London Lake near Bulla Road two years ago.

The decision proved to be a profitable one. Rick, who lives in Pittsburgh, bought the property just as the off-campus housing market in South Bend was heating up — and his condo has appreciated by 20 percent in 24 months.

Condominiums, townhouses and hotel-condos have been sprouting up around Notre Dame, collectively feeding an investment of more than \$200 million to the South Bend community, according to the South Bend Tribune. But a dismal football season and a stagnant housing market have caused some developers to scale back their plans around Notre Dame.

Waterford Estates Lodge opened in fall 2005, after the Brenan Hospitality Management Group purchased the Ramada Inn in South Bend. Mike Brenan, Waterford's general manager and developer, converted the hotel to a condo-hotel — meaning he upgraded the hotel rooms, which people now purchase instead of rent.

In the past two years, Brenan

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Business dean Woo shares 'Herstory'

Hong Kong native overcame challenges to obtain education in America; she credits support system



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Carolyn Woo, the dean of the Mendoza College of Business, speaks Thursday at the Coleman-Morse Center about her life.

By EMILY KEEBLER
News Writer

Dean Carolyn Woo showed on Thursday that she has a story to tell.

Speaking to a diverse audience in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge, the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business reflected on her childhood in Hong Kong and her coming to the United States as an undergraduate student.

Woo immediately engaged audience members — faculty, staff and students of various levels — with wisdom, sincerity and a touch of humor.

Although she personally has faced substantial challenges, Woo maintained that everyone has a worthwhile story.

"Every story is unique, of course, but every story is the same. ... There's a lot of common experience, especially the things that are most profound," Woo said.

Woo's presentation was the second in a noontime lecture series, "Telling HERstory," sponsored by the First Year of Studies Program. The new monthly series features women serving in campus leadership roles.

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Students prepare to embark on fall service trips

Center for Social Concerns offers diverse opportunities for service

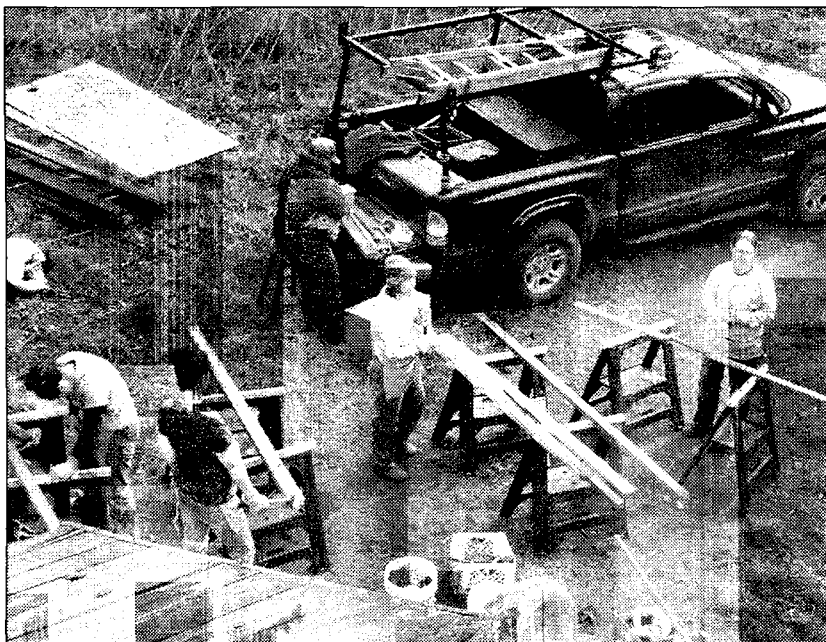
By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

After a week of mid-term exams and papers, Saturday's football game might be the only time of respite for hundreds of students who plan to embark on week-long social concerns seminars during fall break.

For 25 years, the Center for Social Concerns has been facilitating community-based learning opportunities worldwide, including the popular Appalachia and Urban Plunge seminars.

Over the past few years, the CSC has boosted the number of programs it offers to cater to a more diverse range of student interests.

"The Center offers unique opportunities for students to serve in a leadership capacity as



Observer file photo

Notre Dame students work at an Appalachia site during the 2005 fall break. Hundreds of students will do service projects next week.

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Saint Mary's group will make pilgrimage to Monterrey, Mexico

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Six Saint Mary's students will travel to Monterrey, Mexico, during fall break, where they will immerse themselves in some of the most destitute areas of the region for a week.

Carolyn Call, the director of the Office for Civil and Social Engagement (OCSE), will accompany the students to the Sisters of the Holy Cross Mission in Guadalupe, a suburb of Monterrey. The trip, which is sponsored by the OCSE and Campus Ministry, was offered for the first time at Saint Mary's last year.

"Students see a different living situation and can experience spiritual growth in a completely new environment," Call said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Shame of the Yankees

The news that Joe Torre is leaving the Yankees, although somewhat expected, is still painful to those of us who have grown up Yankee fans. Torre was responsible for some of the best memories of our childhood — four World Series championships, six American League pennants and 10 division titles.

In a baseball era tainted by cheaters, Torre was a model of how a man, much less a professional baseball figure, should carry himself. He never lashed out at his players, never criticized his boss and always gave back to the community. He was a man under constant pressure, but he never let you know it.

Bill Brink and
Chris Hine

Sports Writers

The win-now mantra prevalent in sports today finally caught up to Torre. Four championships in 12 years and a playoff appearance every season he donned the pinstripes should have erased any doubt about Torre's job security. The Yankees' maniacal owner, George Steinbrenner, has breathed down Torre's neck for some time, and finally got his chance to let him go, to move on, to contend again.

Did he do it? Nope.

Rather than do the honorable thing — thank Torre for his services but tell him the team was moving on — the Yankees offered Torre a one-year, \$5 million contract — a salary cut of more than \$2 million — with incentives that could have made it worth \$8 million. Why the salary cut? To account for recent playoff failures, according to Yankees brass.

Apparently even the classiest sometimes get no class in return. With the way ownership treated Torre, it would have been more respectful not to offer him a contract at all. They made him an offer he had to refuse.

So Torre did what any successful, self-respecting manager would do — he said no. He doesn't need to prove anything; his record speaks for itself. Why pander to the people who disrespect your accomplishments?

As great a ballpark as Yankee Stadium is, it's a shame that Torre wasn't given the chance to manage in the new Yankee Stadium, which will be ready for the 2009 season. Just one of the many things the Yankees didn't take into consideration.

Another side effect they glossed over is the fact that Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada, Alex Rodriguez and Andy Pettitte may now leave the team because Torre is gone. If the owners want to win championships, losing important members of the team isn't the way to start.

The contract offered to Torre was a good one in itself; it still made Torre the highest-paid manager in baseball. But the contract didn't take Torre's past into account, a necessary step when dealing with a figure of Torre's stature in Yankee lore.

People in the Yankees organization have tried to get him fired for the past couple of years. In doing so, they resorted to backstabbing and reduced their dignity in the process. Torre will leave the Yankees with something much more than four World Series titles — his pride. We wish we could say the same for others in the Yankee organization.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a editing error, the Letter to the Editor in the Oct. 15 edition of The Observer titled "Apologies for BC fans' poor behavior" incorrectly attributed the letter to Chad Johnson. Boston College student Chad Szylvian wrote the letter. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR FALL BREAK?



Ambour Dawson

freshman
McGlinn

"Going to Great America's Fright Fest."



Kristen Infusino

senior
Lyons

"Going home."



Laura Schaffer

freshman
Welsh Fam

"Going to a wedding."



Matt Drummond

freshman
Siegfried

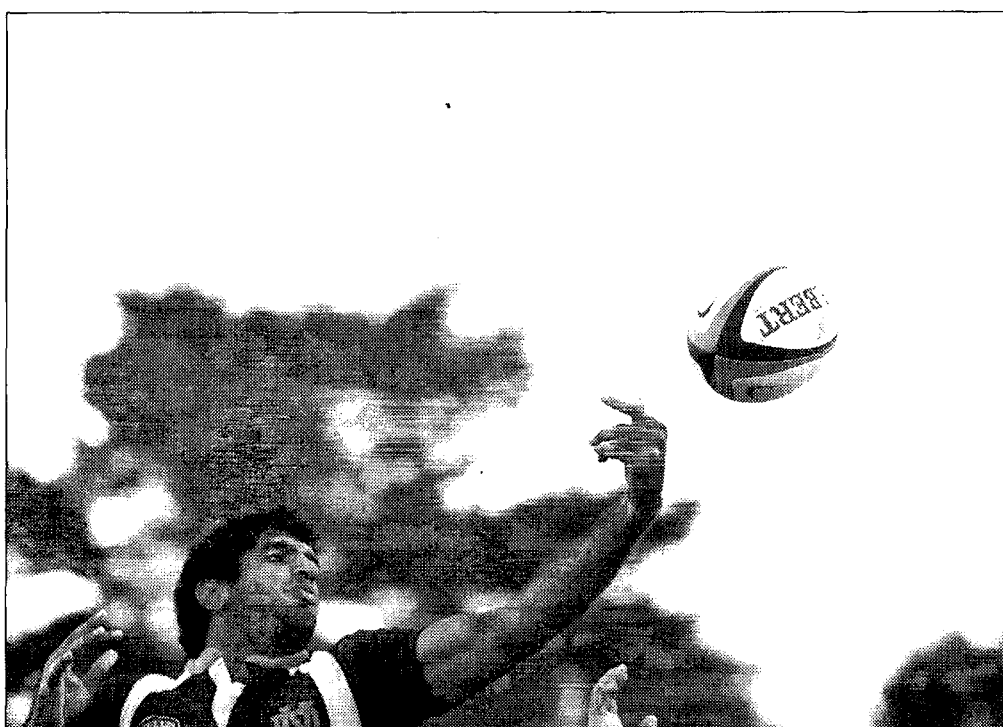
"I'm going on a Glee Club tour."



Seth Sutton

sophomore
O'Neill

"Taking out the trash."



COLEMAN COLLINS/The Observer

Notre Dame rugby player Karun Ahuja goes up for a line-out at practice. Notre Dame plays a doubleheader against DePaul and Chicago on Saturday, starting at 10:30 a.m. on West Quad fields.

IN BRIEF

The Chief Executive Officer of OfficeMax, **Sam Duncan**, will speak today as part of the **Boardroom Insights Lecture Series** from 10:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the **Jordan Auditorium** in the Mendoza College of Business.

The ND Progressive Student Alliance will host an open discussion about past and current democracy movements in Burma in light of the recent deadly crackdown on Buddhist monks and other demonstrators today from 2-3:30 p.m. in **Hesburgh Center Auditorium**.

The **Competitions Kickoff and Elevator Pitch Competition** as part of NASDAQ training sessions will occur from 3-5 p.m. today in the **Jordan Auditorium** in the Mendoza College of Business.

A tradition of the football game weekends, the **marching band** will march out from the front of the **Main Building**, heading through campus to its practice in the **Joyce Center parking lot** beginning at 4:30 p.m. today

Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger will sign copies of his book "**Rudy's Insights for Winning in Life**" at the **Hammes Bookstore** Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Daniel Towle, the 2006 Alumni Association Dooley Awardee, will present the lecture entitled "**Dooley Society — HIV/AIDS in Africa: The Touching Tiny Lives Foundation and the Notre Dame Family**" Saturday at 11 a.m. in **Room 105** in the **Jordan Hall of Science**.

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

OFFBEAT

Burglars move into Alabama woman's home

DECATUR, Ala. — Kim Ledford returned to her home after an extended absence and found a strange man in her bed and a woman wearing her clothes. Then another man walked up to question why she was in his house.

Once police sorted things out, two were charged with burglary, Kelly Jo Moore, 45, and Cornelius Goode, 29. The man in the bed was not immediately identified or charged.

Decatur police spokesman Lt. Frank DeButy said Moore was wearing

Ledford's clothes and said she would leave the home if it was causing a problem.

DeButy says Goode falsely claimed to be the owner of the residence. It's unclear how long the intruders had been living in the house.

Police allegedly hang quadriplegic man

LOS ANGELES — Jurors ruled the city of Pasadena must pay \$80,000 to a quadriplegic man who sued because police officers allegedly jerked him out of his wheelchair and hung him upside down to search him.

Cornell Greathouse sued the city and four police officers for assault, battery, false arrest, false imprisonment, excessive force, intentional infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy and negligence.

A Superior Court jury decided Wednesday the officers weren't culpable, but they ruled Pasadena must pay \$78,939.12 for failing to train officers on how to deal with a quadriplegic.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 60 LOW 49	HIGH 50 LOW 39	HIGH 69 LOW 52	HIGH 76 LOW 52	HIGH 57 LOW 45	HIGH 58 LOW 44

Atlanta 76 / 51 Boston 71 / 65 Chicago 61 / 49 Denver 69 / 49 Houston 88 / 57 Los Angeles 80 / 58 Minneapolis 55 / 45
New York 73 / 66 Philadelphia 77 / 61 Phoenix 93 / 65 Seattle 51 / 48 St. Louis 70 / 47 Tampa 88 / 74 Washington 78 / 61

Author, politician reflect on Shriver

Wofford, Stossel introduce documentary on the 'American Idealist'

By NICHOLAS BOCK
News Writer

Robert "Sargent" Shriver, the American activist known for leading the Peace Corps and for his involvement in numerous social programs, including the Special Olympics and Upward Bound, was honored Thursday night with a documentary presentation about his life.

Former Sen. Harris Wofford, D-Pa., and Scott Stossel, the editor of Atlantic Monthly magazine and the author of "Sarge: The Life and Times of Sargent Shriver," introduced "American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver," with statements about a man they described as "the greatest social inventor of our time."

The film presentation about Shriver took place in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Stossel said he believes — after conducting research, interviewing politicians and speaking to Shriver — that Shriver is the "most

optimistic and idealistic person I know."

"Shriver may have accomplished more than any other American," he said.

Shriver, who in 1994 was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian honor, is known for his service to the poor and his role as an activist for civil rights, Stossel said. Stossel expressed frustration that many Americans know little about Shriver.

Wofford said he first met Shriver at Notre Dame.

"Here at Notre Dame is where I had my first talk with Shriver about race issues in Chicago," Wofford said.

Their conversation convinced Wofford that Shriver was a man dedicated to "making it fast and doing it big." Their relationship continued, and the two eventually began working on John F. Kennedy's 1960 campaign for president together. Kennedy was Shriver's broth-

er-in-law.

Wofford recounted how Shriver convinced Kennedy to call Coretta Scott King after the arrest of her husband, Martin Luther King, Jr. It was a dangerous move politically; but, Shriver argued, it was the moral thing to do.

Shriver and Wofford helped determine the "best and the brightest" to make up Kennedy's cabinet, and Shriver was commissioned by Kennedy to develop the Peace Corps. Although it was originally considered a lost cause, Wofford said, Shriver's idealism helped him develop the Corps into an institution that exceeded anyone's expectations.

The speakers described Shriver as a "champion of Catholic Social Teaching."

The discussion and documentary were sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns in connection with its 25th anniversary

theme of solidarity. The documentary following Shriver's life will be shown on PBS Jan. 28, 2008.

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ND law professor looks at Darfur

Special to The Observer

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Robert and Marion Short Professor of Law in the Notre Dame Law School, believes the "responsibility to protect" (R2P) principle adopted by the United Nations in 2005 conspicuously applicable to the crisis in Darfur, Sudan.

The R2P principle states that sovereign states have a responsibility to protect their own citizens. However, when a state is unwilling or unable to do so, the international community, through the United Nations, must pick up that responsibility. The controversy lies in the extent to which R2P should involve the use of military force.

In Darfur, more than two million people are living in refugee camps after fleeing more than four years of fighting in the region. Sudan's government and the pro-government Arab militias are accused of war crimes against the region's black African population.

O'Connell is a supporter of the R2P principle but advocates for the most minimal use of military force.

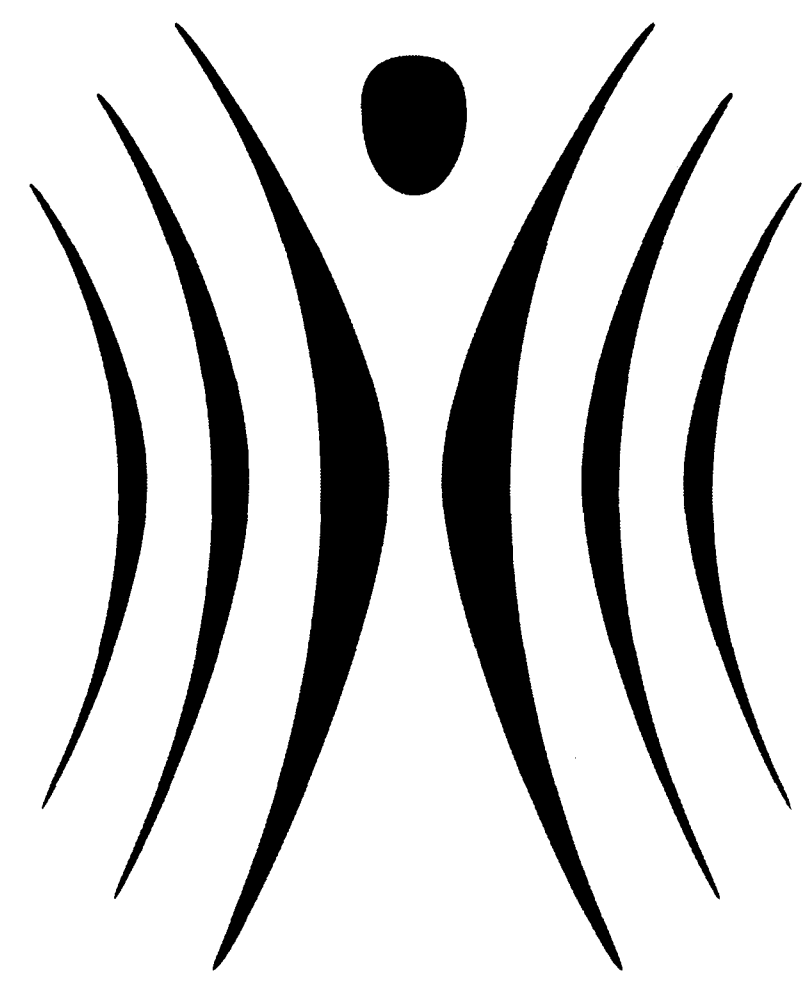
"Calling the Darfur crisis 'genocide' seems to compel the use of force there,"

says O'Connell. She adds that while Darfur qualifies as an armed conflict with severe atrocities, it is less clear that it is genocide.

"Even if it were, a major use of force by outside interveners makes little sense because, historically, outside military intervention has almost never improved a human rights situation," she says. "Quite often, nations understandably feel compelled to attempt to make bad situations better. Sometimes, we need to have the discipline and will not to make bad situations worse."

O'Connell proposes alternatives grounded in international law. She argues for employing some of the world's best negotiators to broker a cease-fire and end the conflict in a way that builds lasting peace. In the interim, she advises providing security for the millions of refugees living in camps.

O'Connell will be among the invited presenters at an international symposium called "The 'Responsibility to Protect': Progress, Empty Promise or a License for 'Humanitarian' Intervention?" Nov. 29 and 30 in Bonn, Germany.



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Mexico

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Judith Fean, the director of Campus Ministry, said students will end each day with a reflection and will attend daily Mass with members of the local community.

"Saint Mary's students will see that desire for education and prayer are common needs we share," Fean said. "They will be introduced to the local chapel as the nucleus of the neighborhood."

With five chapels, the parish in Guadalupe serves almost 7,000 families, the majority of whom are poor, some extremely so. The parish assists the needs of the families through youth groups, a social service program that provides medical, psychological aid and a Catholic action group for children and adolescents.

While in Monterrey, the group will serve lunch to the elderly in a soup kitchen, visit the sick and participate in the kids club, a program established by Sister Michelle Toepp, who has worked with the mission for almost 11 years. The program allots children a certain amount of points for their participation in exercises, physical activity and hygiene lessons. The program rewards the children with school supplies and food for their families.

Fean said Toepp attempts to instill values in the children and allow women in the area to pursue vocations.

"Sister Michelle models the

holistic way for children in the neighborhood and introduces them to responsibility and [teaches] that one person can make a difference in the community," Fean said.

Toepp will accompany the Saint Mary's students on their trip.

Fean hopes the group will be a voice for the neighborhood upon their return to the College. In February, students will offer presentations about their experiences in conjunction with the Diverse Student Leadership Conference.

The pilgrimage is supported by donations from the Student Diversity Board and the Board of Governance. One of the pilgrimage participants, junior Erin Newsom, said she believes the trip will increase her cultural awareness and faith through interactions in a typical Mexican setting.

"I hope to gain a new perspective and incorporate my spiritual beliefs into my service work while living in a faith community," she said.

Newsom also said the group will be donating \$500 to the mission since border security prevents the donation of supplies.

Junior Mariam Eskander said she is looking forward to playing with the local children in the "club de amigos."

"I feel this pilgrimage is going to be a life changing experience ... since I will be immersed in nothing but this wonderful culture for a week," Eskander said.

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Condos

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has sold 120 of the 200 units for \$100,000 to \$140,000 apiece.

But that pace has slowed.

"When we beat Penn State [in September of 2006], the very next day we sold 11 units," Brennan said. "The following week in '06 was the Michigan game, we lost it. The following Sunday we had 10 appointments ... and not one of them showed up."

"To say that our ownership base is flake would be an understatement."

While Brennan is honest about his sales rate — "To be candid, we had forecasted we'd sell 40-50 units this football season, and we've lowered that to 25-30," he said — he's not worried about the future.

Neither is Fred Cooreman of Cooreman Real Estate Group and RE/MAX Irish. Cooreman is the director of sales for Irish Crossing, a still-under-construction townhouse development east of campus. Irish Crossing is 150 yards from campus, Cooreman said, and will have 79 units when it is complete. Seventeen have been sold so far, and 10 of those are occupied.

The average sale price, he said, is \$340,000.

Cooreman said it's too soon to tell how the football season is affecting interest in Irish Crossing, which, he said, is marketed to parents who have students at Notre Dame and who want a place to stay on football weekends.

But he suspects a losing football team could cause interested buyers to think twice.

"I think it has an indirect connection," he said. "I would like it if Notre Dame won for more than one reason."

The Martini's daughter, Jill, does not live at the London Lake unit, but Martini hosts her friends after football games. Martini said he's

even thinking about hosting a Thanksgiving meal for her friends who can't go home for the holiday.

Senior Mike Cimino lives at Oak Hill, where his parents purchased a condo three years ago. The Ciminos, from Omaha, are a Notre Dame family: Cimino's father and grandfather graduated from the University, along with his two older sisters.

Cimino is the third of five children, and he has a sister who's a sophomore in Farley Hall. His younger brother is a senior in high school who just applied to Notre Dame.

Buying the condo was "a sound investment," Cimino said.

His two older sisters have both lived in Oak Hill — one for a couple years, the other for a summer. Two years from now, Cimino said, his younger sister will probably live there, too.

His family comes to South Bend "four or five times a year," and while his parents and relatives will get hotel rooms when they visit this fall, "next year ... they'll all just stay in the condo," Cimino said.

Laurie Fitzgerald, another parent, recently bought a townhome in Dublin Village for her daughter, Emily, a junior at Saint Mary's.

"The market for these places is definitely on the upswing," said Fitzgerald, who is from the Chicago area. "From what we're told, people who have resold units in Dublin Village have already made a profit owning them less than one year."

"I don't anticipate losing money on this."

Fitzgerald said the property is useful for her daughter, who is doing student teaching off campus and needs easy access to her car.

"[In the past,] there hasn't been a lot of places worth buying in South Bend," she said, "and now it appears that it's taking off."

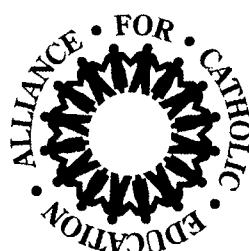
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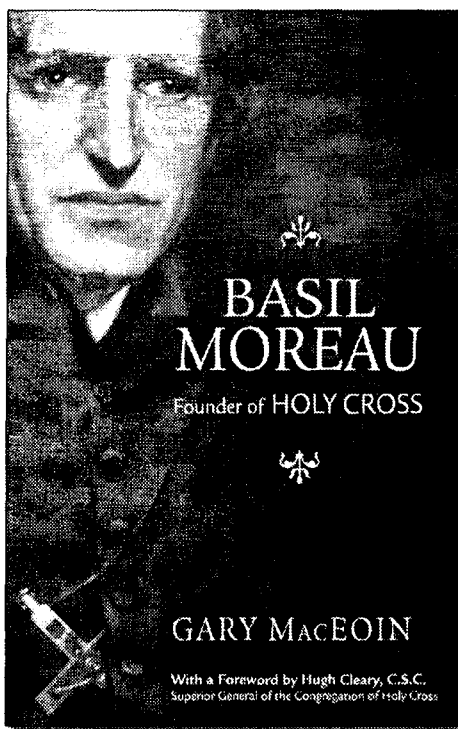


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Flames resemble Pope John Paul II

WARSAW — A photo of a bonfire taken by a Polish construction worker is creating a stir for the resemblance of the flames to a silhouette of the country's beloved son, the late Pope John Paul II.

The picture of the flames — said to resemble a silhouette of the pope bending in a gesture of blessing — has been featured in newspapers across Poland and other countries, including Germany and Italy.

Grzegorz Lukasik, 26, snapped the photo April 2 at a mountainside ceremony marking the second anniversary of the pope's death.

Bomb kills 126 in Pakistan

KARACHI — A suicide bombing in a crowd welcoming former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto killed at least 126 people Thursday night, shattering her celebratory procession through Pakistan's biggest city after eight years in exile.

Two explosions went off near a truck carrying Bhutto, but police and officials of her party said she was not injured and was hurried to her house. An Associated Press photo showed a dazed-looking Bhutto being helped away.

Officials at six hospitals in Karachi reported 126 dead and 248 wounded. It was believed to be the deadliest bomb attack in Pakistan's history.

Bhutto flew home to lead her Pakistan People's Party in January parliamentary elections, drawing cheers from supporters massed in a sea of the party's red, green and black flags. The police chief said 150,000 were in the streets, while other onlookers estimated twice that.

NATIONAL NEWS

Autistic boy found in wilderness

CHARLESTON — An autistic 18-year-old lost in the wilderness for four days was found alive Thursday, weak but apparently fine, and reunited with his family, searchers said.

"To the best of our knowledge, he was just hungry and thirsty and fatigued," Jim Reneau, one of the nine searchers who found Jacob Allen, said at a news conference at the command post near Davis, about 90 miles south of Pittsburgh.

Allen, who wandered away from his parents while hiking Sunday, was found lying in a clearing about a mile from where his hat was found Monday.

High winds harm more than 30

PARIS — Storms that raked the Plains and Southeast tossed up a mobile home in Missouri early Thursday, killing both people inside, and spawned a tornado in Florida that sent mall shoppers and children at a day-care center running for cover.

More than 30 people were injured Wednesday night when high winds blew through an Oktoberfest festival in Tulsa, Okla., collapsing two tents on the crowd.

In rural northeastern Missouri, the state Highway Patrol said Kent Ensor and Kristy Secrease had sought refuge in Secrease's mobile home in Monroe County as a tornado approached. Their bodies were found about 400 feet from where the home had been.

LOCAL NEWS

EPA objects to Gary steel mill permit

INDIANAPOLIS — Federal regulators who recently cited numerous shortcomings in blocking a wastewater permit for U.S. Steel's Gary Works steel mill complex have told Indiana officials they now have additional concerns about the draft permit.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's letter detailing its three new objections to the permit was sent to Indiana officials on Wednesday, the same day four members of Congress from Indiana and Illinois urged the agency to hold a public hearing on the proposed permit.

RUSSIA

Israel asks for support against Iran

Prime Minister Olmert pushes Putin to back major sanctions, halt sale of arms to Syria

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert pressed Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday to support new sanctions against Iran over its nuclear activities and urged Russia not to sell arms to Iran or Syria.

Olmert's brief, abruptly announced visit came days after Putin traveled to Iran and met with its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has publicly called for Israel's demise. During the trip, Putin vowed to support Iran's pursuit of nuclear energy and warned "outside forces" — an apparent reference to the U.S. — against attacking Tehran.

In a three-hour meeting with Putin, Olmert "expressed his opinion that effective sanctions by all the international community would have the potential to stop Iran pursuing the nuclear path," said Miri Eisin, the Israeli prime minister's spokeswoman.

Russia has resisted further U.N. sanctions against Iran over its refusal to halt uranium enrichment and other activities that Israel and the U.S. say are aimed at developing nuclear weapons. Iran insists its nuclear program is for energy production alone.

Eisen said Olmert's visit was scheduled several days ago, but it was announced only after Putin returned from Iran.

As he and Olmert sat down for talks, Putin acknowledged the Israeli leader's dismay over Iran's nuclear program and promised to discuss his meetings in Tehran.

"We know how concerned you are about the situation surrounding the Iranian (nuclear program)," said Putin, the first Kremlin leader to visit Iran since 1943. "I am ready to share the results of my visit."

Olmert expressed eagerness "to hear from you about the results of your trip to Iran and talk about other concerns."

The Kremlin later released a brief statement saying that



Russian President Vladimir Putin, right, shakes hands with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert during a meeting in Moscow to discuss relations with Iran.

Putin, at Olmert's request, briefed the Israeli leader on "the main results of his recent visit to Tehran."

Putin sought to assuage both Iran and the West during his trip, a delicate balancing act reflecting his reach for global influence and desire to preserve warm ties with a Middle Eastern ally without angering Washington.

By rejecting Iranian pressure to set a firm startup date for a nuclear power plant Russia is building in Iran, Putin signaled that he was using Moscow's levers of influence to nudge Tehran toward cooperation with the international community.

But Putin also warned against attacking Iran, a boost to a country that has felt increasingly isolated and

fearful of a U.S. attack.

He also has asserted that pressuring Iran too hard is counterproductive and stressed that Russia sees no proof Tehran is seeking nuclear weapons.

That stance drew anger in Israel.

"Even if Putin says he is not convinced that Iran is developing a nuclear capability for military purposes, everyone knows what its real intentions are," said Israeli President Shimon Peres. He said intelligence services have "incontrovertible proof that shows that Iran is working to develop nuclear weapons."

The substance of Putin's meetings with Ahmadinejad and Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was murky. Putin left the world

wondering what kind of message he conveyed in private and how the Iranians responded.

President Bush said Wednesday he wanted a report directly from Putin about his visit to Iran — and to know whether Putin "continues to harbor the same concerns" as Washington about Iran's nuclear program. Bush suggested that a nuclear-armed Iran could trigger World War III.

Russia's mantra is that the standoff over Iran's nuclear program can only be solved through diplomacy. By hosting Olmert days after meeting with Iranian leaders, Putin may have been casting himself as an irreplaceable bridge between Iran and its fiercest critics.

Safe injection of drugs considered in city

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — City health officials took steps Thursday toward opening the nation's first legal safe-injection room, where addicts could shoot up heroin, cocaine and other drugs under the supervision of nurses.

Hoping to reduce San Francisco's high rate of fatal drug overdoses, the public health department co-sponsored a symposium on the only such facility in North America, a 4-year-old Vancouver site where an estimated 700 intravenous users a day self-administer narcotics under the supervision of nurses.

"Having the conversation today will help us figure out whether this is a way

to reduce the harms and improve the health of our community," said Grant Colfax, director of HIV prevention for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Organizers of the daylong forum, which also included a coalition of nonprofit health and social-service groups, acknowledge that it could take years to get an injection facility up and running. Along with legal hurdles at the state and federal level, such an effort would be almost sure to face political opposition.

Bertha Madras, deputy director of demand reduction for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, called San Francisco's consideration of such a facility "disconcerting" and

"poor public policy."

"The underlying philosophy is, 'We accept drug addiction, we accept the state of affairs as acceptable,'" Madras said. "This is a form of giving up."

Sixty-five similar facilities exist in 27 cities in eight countries, but no other U.S. cities have considered creating one, according to Hilary McQuie, Western director for the Harm Reduction Coalition, a nonprofit that promotes alternative drug treatment methods.

"If it happens anywhere in the U.S., it will most likely start in San Francisco," McQuie said. "It really just depends on if there is a political will here. How long it takes for that political will to develop is the main factor."

Woo

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Woo's story began with her birth in Hong Kong as the fifth of six children. In a climate of political displacement, Woo learned to value life's opportunities.

"I grew up with this sense [that] nothing is to be taken for granted. ... Everything could just change places overnight," Woo said.

Adding to the instability was Woo's father, who, though talented and hard-working, abused alcohol, gambled and had a quick temper. Woo's mother, like other women she knew, lived a life of fear and subordination.

"My whole goal was to never be like my mother," Woo said. "My goal was to be independent."

Helping her down her path were several important influences — the Catholic school she attended for 12 years and her nanny, Yao.

"My saving grace was that I was sent to this school run by American nuns," Woo said.

There, Woo experienced the love of strangers, learned English by immersion, realized the value of expressing her thoughts and, through reading, developed her imagination.

Furthermore, the nuns "challenged us to be our very best but never to compete against each other."

At home, Woo grew under the care of her family's servant as well.

"My mother by and large was really quite weak ... but my nanny was the opposite," Woo said. "She had this incredible ability to find her way as a servant."

Yao brought unique experiences to the Woo family when she began working for them as a nanny even before Woo's birth.

"She helped me understand how servants look at things. ... It was really quite a good experience," Woo said.

As Woo grew up in "chaos countered by family routines and celebrations," she discovered studying as a way to escape life's challenges. Her older brother attended a university in the United States, and Woo became determined to do the same.

While her father respected her grades, he could not imagine sending his daughter to the United States. Woo said she suspects that her parents' visit to San Francisco in the 1960s prompted their view that the country had loose morals.

Nonetheless, encouraged by her nanny, Woo persevered in her quest to receive a college education in the United States.

In an emotional moment, she told her father: "I don't want to be a daughter. Just treat me as a son. I will accept the responsibilities of a son."

During this time, Woo met a faculty member on leave from Purdue University and decided to apply to Purdue. She was accepted, but without her father's help, saw no way to pay

the \$1,600 tuition.

Yao then revealed that she had established savings for the children. With her older sisters established in jobs and her brothers taken care of, Woo had full access to these funds. This money and the further financial support of Woo's siblings would fund one year in college.

Woo enrolled as a student at Purdue University and entered the United States with little besides a gold bracelet, which was to be sold for a plane ticket if anything went wrong.

After she arrived in the United States, Woo was homesick but found support in the Catholic Church and great satisfaction in all that she was learning.

"Because I only had one year, I didn't know where it would lead me," Woo recalled. She immersed herself in university life, taking 24 credits each semester.

"It was an incredible experience because when I went to school, I didn't fear failing ... and because it was my one year,

I wanted to take as many classes as possible."

Woo humorously recounted her experiences with classes in Russian language and film, the only classes she dropped. Woo couldn't learn Russian and

often fell asleep during silent movie screenings.

Nonetheless, she persisted in her other classes, always asking at the end of a long day, "Did I learn something?"

As sophomore year approached, Woo applied for one of two international student scholarships but feared a B-grade in one course would eliminate her from the competitive applicant pool.

She received a three-year scholarship, which she used to finish a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree. She then completed a Ph.D. program, also at Purdue University.

While Woo acknowledged the role of her own work ethic, she appreciated all who helped her reach her goals.

"When you need help, it's amazing how many people will help," Woo said, mentioning her nanny, siblings, the Purdue community and those who welcomed her into their homes for holiday meals.

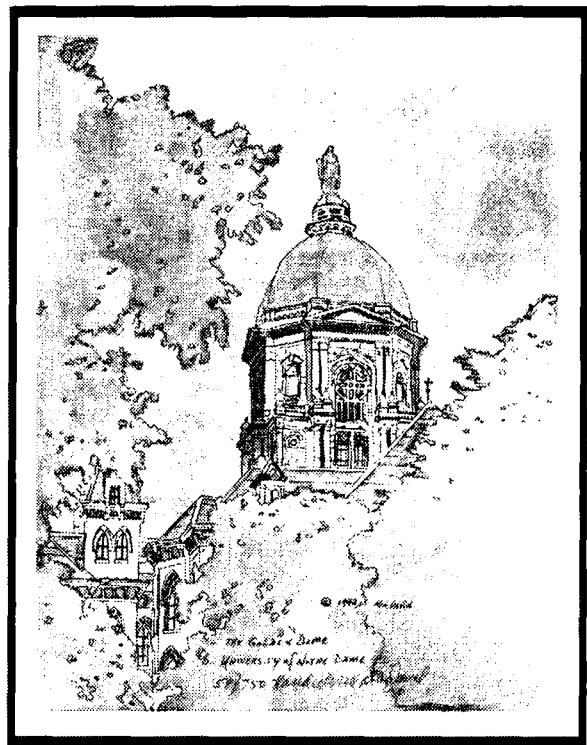
Woo continues to connect with people from her past. This weekend, two of the nuns who taught her in Hong Kong will visit for the football game. The sisters, ages 85 and 95, continue to challenge her to be a citizen of the world, she said.

Woo's hour-long presentation ended with open questions from audience members, who inquired about everything from job-searching and child-rearing to her choice of major.

The next speaker in the Telling HERstory Series will be Ann Firth, the associate vice president for student affairs, on Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center Lounge.

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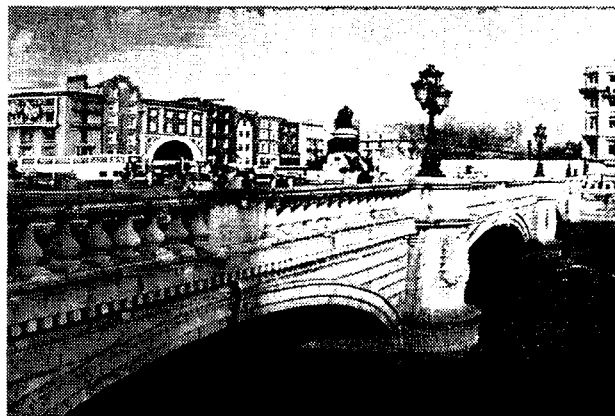
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Google surpasses Cisco Systems

SAN FRANCISCO — Already the Internet search leader, Google Inc. picked up more bragging rights Thursday when it surpassed Cisco Systems Inc. as Silicon Valley's most valuable company.

Then Google's third-quarter earnings provided another reminder of why the nine-year-old company is such a hot commodity.

In the latest on a long list of pleasant surprises, Google's profit soared 46 percent to surpass the high expectations that had elevated its stock price by more than \$100 in the past month.

As it has been for years, Google reaped the benefits of running the Internet's most popular advertising network as more marketing dollars shift to the Web from television, radio, newspapers and magazines.

Fruit prices rise as land is developed

FORT PIERCE — There seem to be more tractors tearing up St. Lucie County's old citrus groves than tending them these days.

This county once had more orange and grapefruit trees than almost any other place in Florida, the nation's largest citrus producer. Now it's one of the fastest-growing counties in one of America's fastest-growing states, and that land is fast giving way to housing tracts.

The same is happening in varying degrees across Florida's citrus belt. It has been for years, but the slow slide has suddenly quickened. Farmers are replanting fewer trees than any point since the 1970s, and crop land is rapidly disappearing. Previously high land prices, diseases like citrus canker and greening and even the rising cost of trees are hurting farmers and driving orange juice prices to record levels, up more than a third since 2002.

"It's a very, very expensive process to get back into the business, even though you have land sitting there fallow," said Doug Bournique, head of the Indian River Citrus League. "It's not a dollar a tree like it was 20 years ago, just to pop them into the ground." It can now cost \$10 a tree.

Coalition sets copyright guidelines

Several major media companies outline various techniques for Web sites to filter material

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A coalition of major media and Internet companies Thursday issued a set of guidelines for handling copyright-protected videos on large user-generated sites such as MySpace.

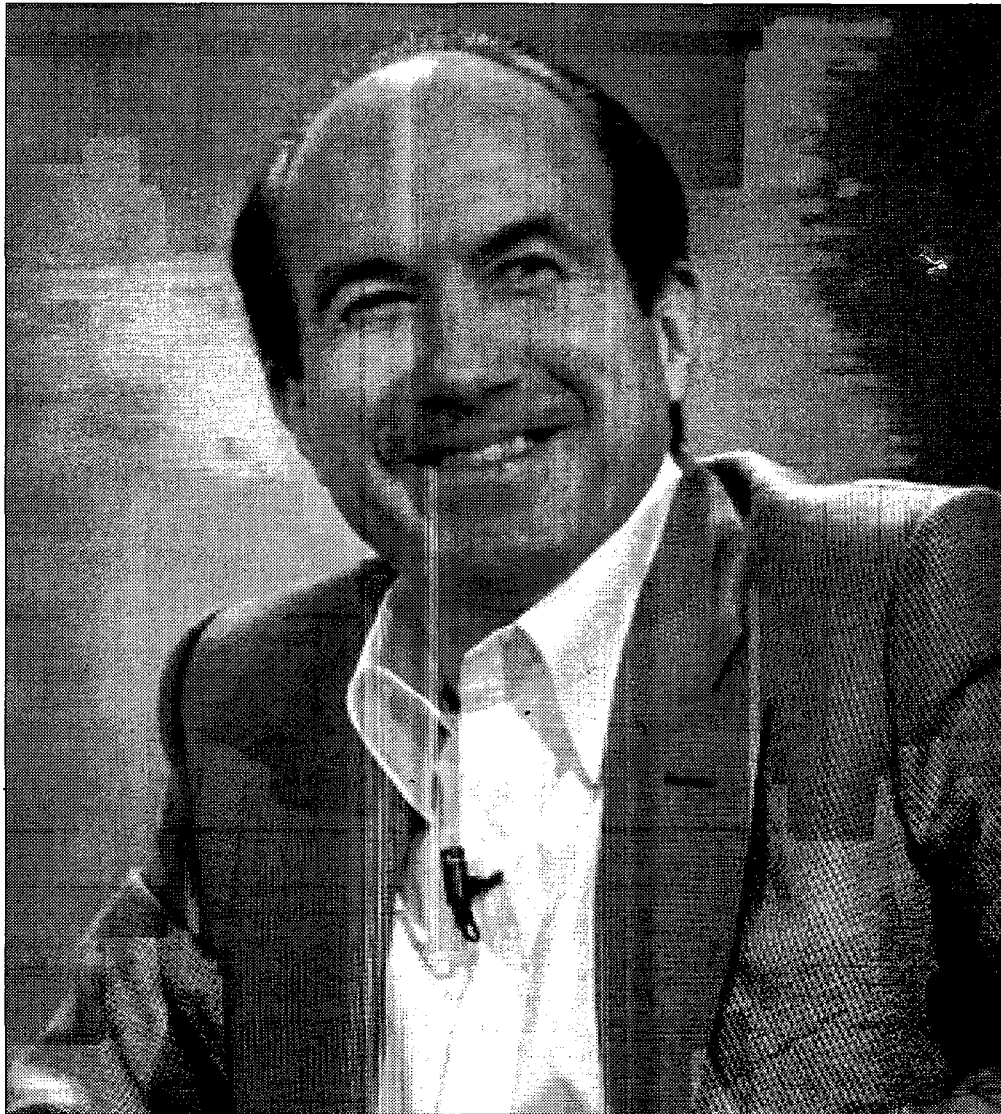
Conspicuously absent was Google Inc., whose YouTube Web site this week rolled out its own technology to filter copyrighted videos once they've been posted.

Media companies Walt Disney Co., Viacom Inc., CBS Corp., NBC Universal and News Corp. joined Internet companies Microsoft Corp., MySpace, Veoh Networks and Dailymotion to issue the guidelines, which would require sites to use filtering technology to block copyrighted clips from being posted without permission.

The incentive for the coalition's Web sites and others to comply is the media companies' promise not to sue if any copyrighted material sneaks past their best efforts to block it.

"Today's announcement marks a significant step in transforming the Internet from a Wild West to a popular medium that respects the rule of law," NBC Universal president and chief executive Jeff Zucker said in a statement. "By recognizing the mutual benefits of a technology-based framework to control piracy, technology and content companies have laid the foundation for the lawful growth of video on the Internet."

Web companies that are being sued by content owners might be reluctant to join such coalitions, especially when other coalition members are seeking compensation for past violations, said Internet attorney



Viacom CEO Philippe Dauman introduces guidelines Thursday for media companies to prevent copyrighted materials from being posted without approval of owner.

Andrew Bridges of the San Francisco firm Winston & Strawn.

"In general, it's not a surprise that companies in litigation can be reluctant to join something that may be only a partial resolution to an overall dispute," Bridges said.

Bridges called Thursday's guidelines more of a treaty than a contract, noting that the coalition members specifically stated that the guidelines do not preclude

any company from seeking legal remedies in a dispute.

"These principles may be a noteworthy attempt to reach some common ground that could minimize friction and minimizing friction is good for everybody except the lawyers," Bridges said.

The guidelines, which do not apply to search engines, e-mail or browsers, are designed for sites that host user-generated clips — like YouTube.

YouTube, which is being sued by Viacom for allowing copyrighted videos to be posted on its site, announced its long-awaited filtering technology Monday.

That technology would identify unauthorized content after it is posted on the site, then take steps to remove it.

In contrast, Thursday's guidelines require that sites use technology to block offending clips before they are posted online.

Billion-dollar health care plan vetoed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled House failed on Thursday to override President Bush's veto of a politically popular children's health bill, and the White House instantly called for compromise talks on a replacement.

"As long as the bottom line is that 10 million children are covered. That's non-negotiable," responded Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. She pledged that new legislation would be ready within two weeks, and within hours, key lawmakers met to consider changes in the vetoed measure.

The maneuvering followed a 273-156 vote that left supporters 13 short of the two-thirds majority needed to prevail in a bruising veto struggle between congressional Democrats and a politically weak-

ened Republican president.

It was Bush's third veto of the year. He has yet to be overridden, although Democrats say they will succeed in doing so on a water projects bill that soon will go to the White House.

"We won this round," said White House press secretary Dana Perino, despite an aggressive advertising campaign on the insurance bill by Democratic allies that was aimed at GOP lawmakers.

Democrats cited public opinion polls that showed overwhelming support for a health care expansion and they predicted some Republicans would pay a heavy price at the polls for sticking with Bush.

At a cost of \$35 billion over five years, the vetoed measure would have added nearly 4 million uninsured children to the insurance program. It provides coverage for those

who are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid, but whose families cannot afford private health care.

"You either stand with our children or you stand against them," said Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, a member of the Democratic leadership. "There is no in between."

Critics said that the bill was a step toward socialized medicine, that too many adults benefited and that despite an explicit prohibition, it would allow the children of illegal immigrants to gain coverage.

Democrats do "not want a low income children's plan," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich.

"They want what Hillary Clinton called for in 1994, the first step toward government run insurance for all," he said. As first lady, she unsuccessfully pushed a plan for universal coverage.

Rwandan genocide trials unjust, says Kroc fellow

After spending 18 months in the country, student presents dissertation examining the legal process for alleged murderers

By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

Anu Chakravarty, a visiting fellow at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, presented her dissertation Thursday, the product of 18 months spent doing field research in Rwanda about the genocide trials there.

Chakravarty is completing her dissertation at Cornell University, where she received a master's degree in 2004. She is working on a comparative study while at the Kroc Institute.

She spoke about her dissertation, "Surrendering Consent: The Political Consequences of the Genocide Trials in Rwanda," to about 50 people in the Hesburgh Center. Her work focuses on the genocide trial process. The trials came several years after the 1990-94 civil war between the Hutu and the Tutsi ethnic groups. The Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), a group of Tutsi refugees who fled the country in the 1980s, invaded Rwanda in 1990, Chakravarty said.

"The RPF never expected [the civil war] to end up in genocide," she said. But threatened by Tutsi power, the Hutus rebelled. Nearly 300,000 Hutus participated in the organized killing of 800,000 Tutsi people in 1994.

After the genocide came the trials, which Chakravarty believes were unjust. Approximately 760,000 people have been accused of involvement in the genocide.

Chakravarty said some prisoners are reluctant to confess, because no evidence from the killings is presented at a trial.

She described the "consent-effect" by which the Rwandan government promises political support and benefits in exchange for a confession from Hutu perpetrators. According to Chakravarty's data, citizens, despite believing that state rulers lack the moral authority to govern, concede to the government the "right to rule."

While in Rwanda, Chakravarty interviewed 38 prisoners. Eighteen had confessed to participating in the killings, and the other 20 had not.

Chakravarty said prisoners are coerced to confess by incentives in the law, such as being released without serving prison-time after participating in a trial. "Some of them confess having done nothing," Chakravarty said.

But once they confess, they become even more vulnerable. "If the government does not follow through [with benefits], they are worse off than before," she said.

In her interviews with the prisoners, Chakravarty found that both prisoners who had confessed and those who had not confessed were aware of incentives in the law. By confessing to participating in the genocide through the trial process, Chakravarty said, accused perpetrators produce political power for ruling elites and deprive people of political rights.

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Anu Chakravarty, a visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute, describes the Rwandan genocide trials Thursday at the Hesburgh Center.

In her interviews, Chakravarty asked the prisoners if reconciliation between the Hutu and Tutsi people was possible. For the most part, they believed it was.

"There is an incredible sense of guilt," Chakravarty said. "They [Hutus and Tutsis] will do anything to bring

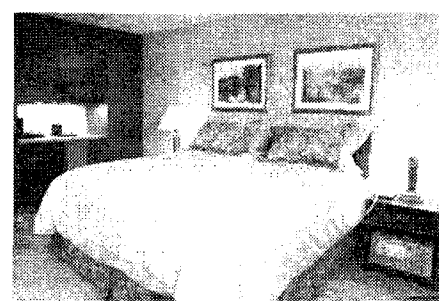
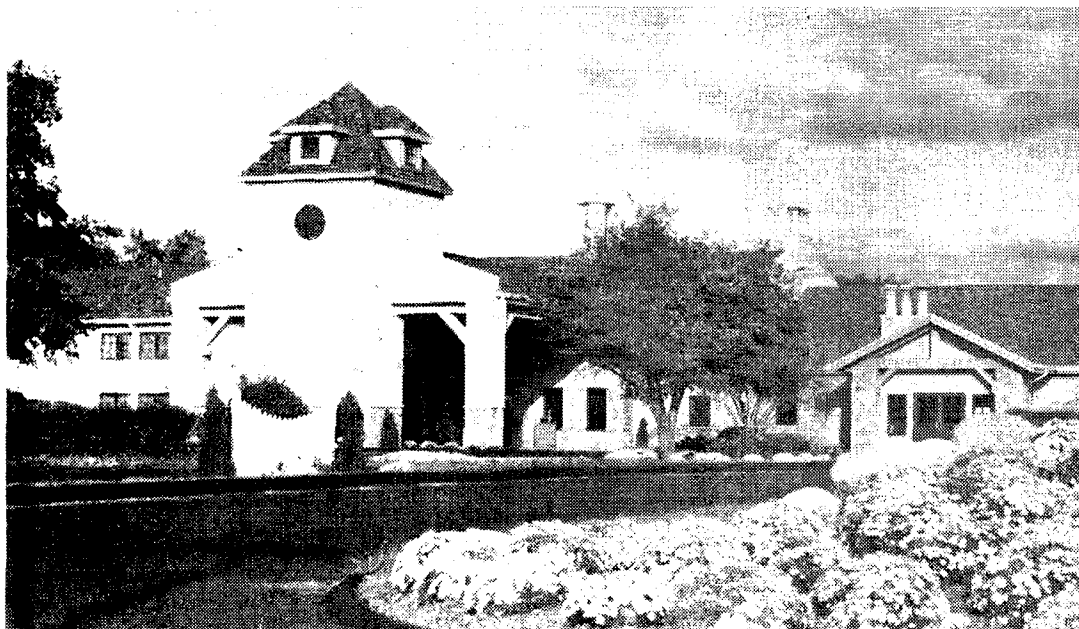
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After watching eight genocide trials, Chakravarty said, "there is potential on an individual basis for interpersonal reconciliation between everyday Hutu and Tutsi."

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a site leader, a seminar coordinator or a task force member," said Angela Miller-McGraw, the director of Appalachia seminars and educational immersions at the CSC.

"Each of these provides students with the opportunity to refine their communication, research and leadership skills."

The bulk of the 357 student participants in the seminars next week will be working in the Appalachia region, where they will serve at dozens of sites in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio.

The region remains one of the poorest in the country, with about 37 percent of residents living below the poverty line in many of the mining counties.

Student participants were given the option to select specific sites to volunteer at during the application process, and once selected, were placed with a site team with members from all grade levels.

Junior Kelsey Larson will be returning to the region for the third time this year and is also co-chairing the program. She said the perspective she gets from traveling to the area is "truly amazing."

"On these immersions, you meet so many different people," she said. "We encourage students to go because it broadens their perspective and outlook on life. You see first hand what is true and what the locals' lives are like."

Another portion of the participants will be heading to Washington for the Washington D.C. seminar or to Chicago for the cultural diversity seminar.

The D.C. seminar — which consists of 12 students — will be examining religion and politics. The group will visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and will meet with representatives from the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the American-Israel Political Action Committee and the National Association of Evangelicals.

Although some of the larger issues involved in the religion-government mix include topics like gay marriage and abortion, the goal of this year's D.C. seminar

has a historical and informative aspect, which the task force hopes will still sustain effective dialogue among student participants.

"I think the role religion plays in government is misrepresented sometimes, and we're hoping to explore a wider variety of issues," said senior Michael Redding, a member of the D.C. task force.

In Chicago, 14 students will immerse themselves in the heart of some of the city's ethnic neighborhoods. Students who were interested in the Cultural

Diversity seminar underwent a rigorous selection process in order to be admitted into this smaller group.

"It was a very self-selecting group," said junior Laura Meyer, one of the task force members. "We required additional essays to gauge the students' interest in diversity so that we could compile a variety of different people to partici-

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Kelsey Larson
Notre Dame junior

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The Council ultimately voted on Sept. 24, passing an ordinance that contains all the language of the party permit legislation but refrains from enacting the rules. The ordinance does not specify exactly what would trigger the additional vote needed to

require the filing of permits.

One trustee asked Brown, a political science and peace studies major, whether she was able to use any skills learned in the classroom during the negotiations.

Brown said she had, adding that she had at one point called the professor of her conflict resolution class to say she was involved in a simulation from his class.

Student body vice president

Maris Braun described one proposal student government made that is included in the finalized ordinance. The ordinance called for the establishment of a Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC), which will include students and administrators from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Indiana University South Bend, as well as Common Council members, the mayor, land-

lords and local residents. It will be responsible for helping the Common Council identify neighborhood concerns related to local colleges, and it will propose solutions.

The CCAC was modeled after a similar group established by the city of East Lansing, Mich., and Michigan State University, which Braun called a "benchmark of a peer institution that dealt with college-town issues in an extremely proactive manner."

When a trustee asked how the student government can hope to sustain interest in community relations as the student population changes, Braun responded that the presence of the student body president on the CCAC would help to ease the transition from year to year.

Chief executive assistant Sheena Plamoottil told Board members about other student

operations. This year, the group has stepped up from its traditional method of recruiting volunteers to gut destroyed homes in the Big Easy, said senior Nick Albares, who is leading the trip this fall.

"There have been a lot of complex reasons for this change, one of which being the lagging federal money and insurance for residents, and

Operation Helping Hands has shifted its focus to rebuilding instead," he said.

Since it is expensive to hire reputable contractors to pay for the homes to be rebuilt, Operation Helping Hands asked that the task force recruit students with higher skill levels to help with the rebuilding process.

"When you gut a house, it doesn't take much as far as skills; you can just rip stuff out," Albares said. "Right now, Operation Helping Hands is looking for people experienced in things like plumbing and electricity to help out, so they imposed a quota of around 20 volunteers."

Regardless, any hands that can help move projects along will make a difference. Albares, like the other task force leaders, is hoping the participants will fall in love with the people and heritage of the sites they visit.

"I'm really looking forward to a great trip," he said. "We have a fantastic group of people dedicated to the region, and I'm hoping that people can come away with a new sense of what's going on down there and it will awaken them to how social issues are playing out down there."

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government initiatives in the area of community relations, such as the work of the Senate Community Relations Committee, the bus tour of South Bend held during freshman orientation weekend and the Campus Legal Aid Clinic held to instruct students moving off campus on leasing obligations and good neighbor protocol. Student government is also in the process of approaching each academic department to ask them to offer a community-based class through which students would spend time in the community as well as the classroom.

"The more students are able to get into the community, the more they'll be interested in the community," Plamoottil said.

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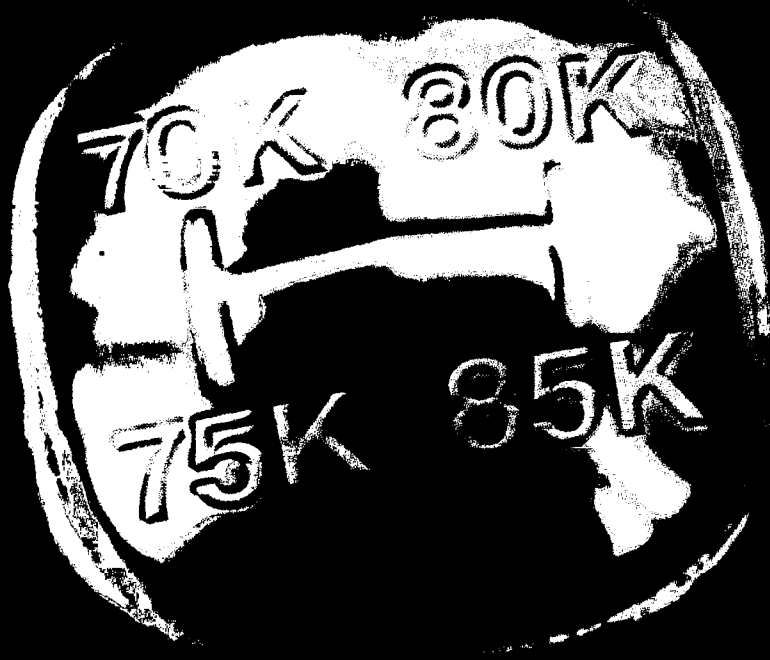
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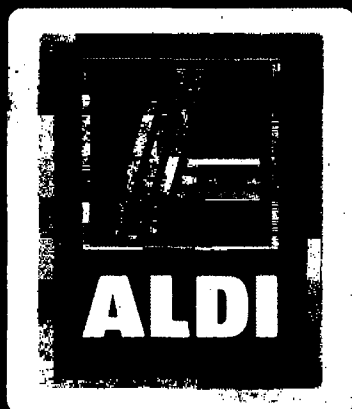
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Associated Press

SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia — Soldiers fired tear gas at angry residents who tried to storm Bolivia's busiest airport Thursday as the facility became a focal point of an autonomy dispute between the federal government and the country's wealthiest province.

Several hundred residents of the city and province of Santa Cruz attempted to crash through the gates of the Viru Viru airport, which was seized earlier in the day by the military amid a dispute over landing fees.

Waving green-and-white Santa Cruz flags and setting off fireworks, the protesters were repelled by volleys of tear gas fired by military police from behind the airport's gates. Small grass fires burned, apparently set off by the fireworks or hot tear gas canisters.

"The airport belongs to Santa Cruz!" some 300 to 400 protesters shouted. Some said the government rebuffed their attempts to open negotiations on returning control of the airport to the state, and vowed to maintain a vigil at the gate Thursday night.

Motorists were stranded in a traffic jam that extended at least 2 miles (3 kilometers) on the approach to the airport. The gates were sealed and guarded by about 150 soldiers. An operator who answered the airport's customer service line said there had been no flight cancellations.

About 220 air force troops and military police stormed Viru Viru before Thursday after airport workers detained an American Airlines plane on the runway, demanding the carrier pay them landing fees in cash. The plane was bound for Miami on Tuesday with 140 passengers aboard.

The workers were demanding the airline pay landing fees of up to \$2,000 in cash locally, rather than deposit the fees with the federal airport authority.

In the military raid, one soldier was wounded by gunfire and another was treated for cuts, officials said. There were no immediate reports of more injuries when protesters tried to retake the airport, but an AP reporter saw eight ambulances driving toward the airport.

The airport conflict took on broader political implications because Santa Cruz, the nation's largest province, has chafed under the government of leftist President Evo Morales as it moves to nationalize industries and redistribute land and wealth to the country's poor majority.

The airport "has been stolen by the government using army troops," said Omar Mustafa, one of the Santa Cruz protesters.

Santa Cruz is home to soy plantations and cattle ranches and the provinces relatively wealthy residents feel targeted by government plans to seize land judged idle or fraudulently obtained for redistribution.

Santa Cruz is also the center of Bolivia's energy industry, and some worry about foreign investment now that Morales has forced international gas companies to increase royalty payments. Its leaders want autonomy and a bigger share of their state's natural gas revenues, but Morales needs the cash for desperately poor highland states.

Viru Viru "will remain militarized until the government is certain there will be no more disturbances," said Javier Garcia, the head of civil aviation.

On Wednesday, American, a unit of Dallas-based AMR Corp., and Brazil's Gol Linhas Aereas Inteligentes SA temporarily suspended service to Bolivia due to the conflict at Viru Viru.

Quinn said the government was calling on Viru Viru workers, who number about 100, to return to their jobs. But, he said, the airport will be run by the federal government for about 90 days while the local airport agency is audited.

Hiker found after 4-day search

Autistic youth returned to family hungry, fatigued, unharmed

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — An autistic 18-year-old lost in the wilderness for four days was found alive Thursday, weak but apparently fine, and reunited with his family, searchers said.

"To the best of our knowledge, he was just hungry and thirsty and fatigued," Jim Reneau, one of the nine searchers who found Jacob Allen, said at a news conference at the command post near Davis, about 90 miles south of Pittsburgh.

Allen, who wandered away from his parents while hiking Sunday, was found lying in a clearing about a mile from where his hat was found Monday.

Allen, who has the mental capacity of a 3- or 4-year-old, opened his eyes and rolled over to meet his rescuers when Reneau's son, Jeremy Reneau, called out his name.

"He was very quiet, he was nonverbal," said Jeremy Reneau, 25, the first to spot Allen. "But you could tell by his body language he was hungry."

Rescuers fed him candy bars and peanut butter sandwiches and tried to walk him out of the wooded Dolly Sods Wilderness Area, part of the Monongahela National Forest. When he became too tired, they carried him out on a litter, Reneau said.

"The family is all together," search group spokesman Chris Stadelman said. "As soon as they heard the report he was alive and doing fairly well, they gathered in a prayer circle."


The Inter-Mountain newspaper reported that Allen was taken to Davis Memorial Hospital, but a spokeswoman for the hospital declined to comment.

"I think the whole state's relieved," said Lara Ramsburg, spokeswoman for Gov. Joe Manchin, who visited the Allen family Wednesday night. "We're all relieved for him and his family."

Allen wandered away from his parents Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of volunteers and trained professionals had been combing the woods, calling for him to come to them for candy bars, ice cream and other food.

Allen had no food or water with him, but Stadelman had said there were natural water sources in the search area, which consists of about 10 square miles of often steep and brush-covered terrain.

Overnight temperatures dropped to as low as 38 degrees on the nights Allen was missing. He was wearing hiking boots, a long-sleeved T-shirt, a wind jacket and wind pants.



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CHINA

Dalai Lama receives award from U.S., angers China

Country says distinction undermines supportive relations, urges action

Associated Press

BEIJING — China warned the United States on Thursday that its honoring of the Dalai Lama "gravely undermined" relations between the two countries, demanding Washington stop supporting the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader and take steps to repair ties.

The Foreign Ministry statement was the most vociferous yet in weeks of protests against Congress' decision to award the Dalai Lama its highest civilian honor, personally bestowed by President Bush in a ceremony Wednesday.

"The move of the United States is a blatant interference with China's internal affairs which has severely hurt the feelings of the Chinese people and gravely undermined the relations between China and the United States," Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao told reporters.

In a sign of Beijing's pique, Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi

also summoned U.S. Ambassador Clark Randt to formally protest the giving of the award.

The Dalai Lama is lauded in much of the world as a figure of moral authority, but China reviles him as a Tibetan separatist. The 72-year-old monk and Nobel Peace Prize laureate reiterated in Washington that he wants "real autonomy" for Tibet,

not independence.

The strains over the Dalai Lama come as the U.S. and China try to manage a host of issues that have tested their abilities to cooperate. While the two have worked

closely on North Korea, their positions are further apart in pressuring Iran over its nuclear program and Myanmar for crushing a democracy movement. Friction also persists over trade and Taiwan.

The decision by Washington to honor the Dalai Lama is a setback to Beijing's efforts to lend legitimacy to China's often harsh

rule over Tibet and undermine support for the spiritual leader, who remains popular among Tibetans despite fleeing into exile 48 years ago after a failed uprising.

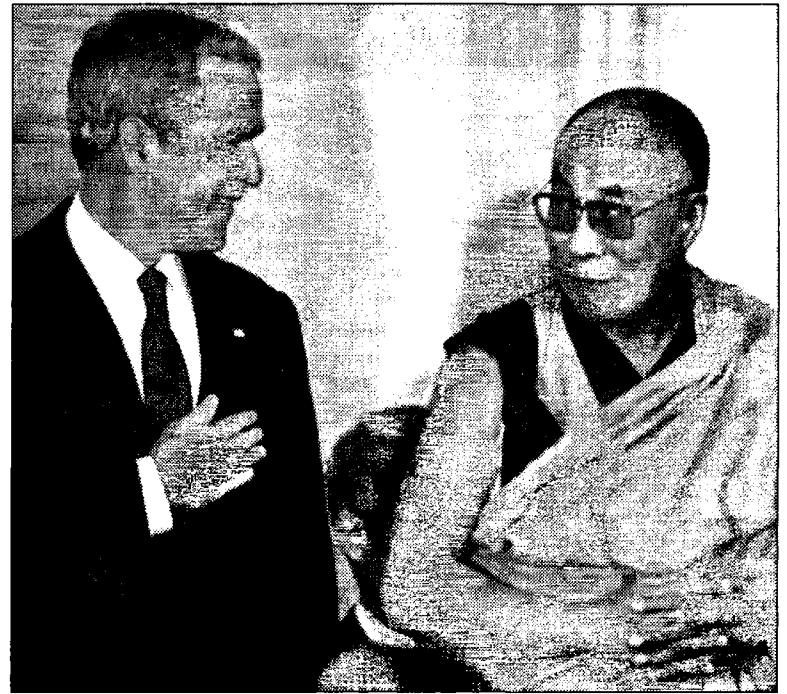
Thousands of Tibetan exiles celebrated the award Thursday in Dharmasala, the Indian town where the Dalai Lama set up his government in exile. Tibetan flags, which are banned in Chinese-controlled Tibet, flew from buildings. Shops and schools were closed, and the exiles had a daylong picnic with dance performances at the Dalai Lama's Tsuglakhang temple.

"This award doesn't just honor the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people but all the peace-loving people in the world," said Dawa Tsering, a parliamentarian in the government in exile.

Liu, the Chinese spokesman, said Washington's actions encouraged Tibetan separatists, and demanded it take corrective action.

"China urges the United States to take effective measures immediately to remove the terrible impact of its erroneous act, cease supporting and conniving with the separatist activities of the Tibet independence forces ... and take concrete steps to protect China-U.S. relations," Liu said.

Though Beijing warned earlier this week of serious consequences, Liu refused to say what China would do and did not specify what redress Washington



President Bush meets with the Dalai Lama on Capitol Hill Wednesday. China has spoken out against the U.S. receiving the Dalai Lama. AP

should make.

China pulled out of a planned strategy session the U.S. had arranged on Iran Wednesday, citing "technical reasons," but said the countries involved would discuss setting another meeting date.

Despite the bluster, Beijing is unlikely to take actions that would jeopardize relations with the U.S., its largest trading partner, and increasingly a diplomatic one, experts said.

"I think there will be meetings postponed or canceled," said Joseph Fewsmith, a Chinese politics expert and professor at

Boston University. But "I don't think that China wants to throw the whole relationship into difficulty because of this particular meeting."

Besides the access to the valuable American market, China is also counting on the Bush administration to rein in Taiwan, which Beijing considers a renegade province. Taiwan's democratic government has taken steps toward formalizing the de facto independence it has enjoyed since splitting from China 58 years ago — moves that Beijing has said could bring war.

Children killed in Detroit shooting

Associated Press

DETROIT — Two adults and two children were fatally shot as they slept Thursday in a home known for drug activity, renewing pleas for community members to take more responsibility in the fight against violence.

Police were questioning someone found with the adult male victim's vehicle, which they think the shooter took, Sgt. Eren Stephens Bell said. Police did not discuss a possible motive.

Officers found no signs of forced entry after getting the call around 3:30 a.m., and the doors and windows of the two-story brick bungalow were reinforced with two-by-fours and locks, Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings said. The bodies of the children were found in one room, police said, while the bodies of the adults were in another.

Police have responded to the house in the past on reports of shots fired and narcotics complaints, Bully-Cummings said. A gun was not found at the scene, but casings from a high-powered weapon were recovered, she said.

"I'm tired of seeing our children die," the chief said. "We as adults have a responsibility to our children to allow them to grow up as adults in a safe environment, and we're failing them."

Pandora Eppinger said her niece, 9-year-old Alexis Eppinger, and nephew, 5-year-old Terrence Eppinger Jr., were killed.

"It's scary out here. You can't go out anywhere and feel safe," Eppinger said.

"They were just little, sweet kids," she said. "Why would they do that?"

The children's mother, Lynnette Lawson, 28, and Jason Davis, 34, also died, according to the Wayne County medical examiner's office and relatives who gathered in the morning rain near the home. The boy died of a gunshot wound to the abdomen, and the others were shot multiple times at close range, according to the medical examiner's office.

Georgia Davis, 53, said her son, Jason, had been dating Lawson recently.

"Why would someone kill those kids?" she said. "They're crazy."

Bully-Cummings, speaking to reporters on the street just hours after the shootings, reiterated a plea for Detroiters to take responsibility for the community, one she has made repeatedly since taking the job in 2003.

In 2004, she and other officials joined a coalition of ministers in prayer as they called on residents to join them in ending a culture of violence in the city. But the killings have continued.

The four were killed a day after a man and woman were convicted of murdering two boys who were shot in a ransacked Detroit apartment in February. Authorities say they planned to kidnap the boys' cousin and rob him of cocaine and cash.

Storms blow through Midwest

High winds injure 30, disrupt Oktoberfest celebrations, shopping

Associated Press

PARIS, Mo. — Storms that raked the Plains and Southeast tossed up a mobile home in Missouri early Thursday, killing both people inside, and spawned a tornado in Florida that sent mall shoppers and children at a day-care center running for cover.

More than 30 people were injured Wednesday night when high winds blew through an Oktoberfest festival in Tulsa, Okla., collapsing two tents on the crowd.

In rural northeastern Missouri, the state Highway Patrol said Kent Ensor and Kristy Secrease had sought refuge in Secrease's mobile home in Monroe County as a tornado approached. Their bodies were found about 400 feet from where the home had been.

The mobile home's frame was found three-quarters of a mile away, with debris as far as two miles away.

The National Weather Service classified the storm as an F-2 tornado that traveled one mile and had wind speeds up to 135 mph.

Ensor, 44, was a hog farmer

from a well-known family, and Secrease, 25, managed Ensor's 11,000-hog operation. They had been dating for about a year, neighbors said.

"Everybody knows everybody here," said Jim Lovelady. "This hurts."

Joey Crigler's mobile home down the road from the Ensor farm was spared damage. Despite living in a wide-open area prone to severe weather, Crigler said, he and Ensor didn't worry about their safety.

"It's just one of those things you kind of laughed about and then go on," he said.

Several twisters hit southwestern Missouri, where a home was destroyed but no injuries were reported.

A tornado late Thursday morning in Pensacola, Fla., damaged the city's major shopping mall as violent thunderstorms swept across the western Panhandle.

Eddie English Jr., a department store stock manager, said he heard the wind outside the store suddenly speed up and get louder. Then mall security guards entered the store and ordered 200 to 300 employees and shoppers into the base-

ment. Lindsey Lassiter, manager of the mall's Express for Men store, said water poured in from her shop's damaged ceiling. In downtown Pensacola, electricity was out and streets were filled with several inches of water from rain that began around dawn.

Escambia County sheriff's spokesman Glenn Austin said the Greater Little Rock Baptist Church's roof was damaged, as was its day-care center. But the children there had been moved to safety before the tornado struck, he said.

"They heard the warnings, grabbed the kids and followed the drill," he said.

Jack Cullen, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service, confirmed that a tornado touched down shortly before noon.

In Tulsa, more than 7,000 people were at the Oktoberfest festival when the tents collapsed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Five of those hurt remained hospitalized Thursday, and three were in serious condition with head injuries, concussions and lacerations, said Tina Wells, spokeswoman for the Emergency Medical Services Authority.

The storm brought wind gusts ranging from 65 mph to nearly 90 mph, said Steve Piltz, a Weather Service meteorologist. Tulsa County was under a tornado watch and severe thunderstorm warning when the storm hit the tents, he said.

"They heard the warnings, grabbed the kids and followed the drill."

**Glenn Austin
Escambia County Sheriff
spokesman**

City denies man died from 9/11 dust

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The city medical examiner has ruled that the death of a retired police detective — seen as one of the strongest cases to be linked to post-Sept. 11 illness — was not caused by exposure to toxic dust while working at ground zero.

Dr. Charles Hirsch rejected a New Jersey medical examiner's ruling that 34-year-old James Zadroga's death was "directly related" to his work cleaning up the World Trade Center site. That ruling found that Zadroga died in January 2006 of sarcoidosis, a lung-scarring disease that deposits dangerous growths in the lungs.

After reviewing the autopsy report, Zadroga's medical records and slides of the detective's lung tissue, Hirsch concluded that the detective's death was not caused by exposure to dust, according to a letter addressed to Zadroga's family and obtained by The Associated Press.

"It is our unequivocal opinion, with certainty beyond doubt,

that the foreign material in your son's lungs did not get there as the result of inhaling dust at the World Trade Center or elsewhere," said the letter, dated Tuesday and signed by Chief Medical Examiner Hirsch and Medical Examiner Michele Slone. The letter did not elaborate.

Hirsch spokeswoman Ellen Borakove declined to comment on the letter Thursday.

The detective's father, Joseph Zadroga, said he would meet Friday with officials at the medical examiner's office.

"It's shocking. ... How can they be so callous?" Joseph Zadroga said. He said his son developed a cough in the first weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks while logging hundreds of hours cleaning up the toxic site.

"He had the acid reflux. He had short-term memory loss. ... He was on strong medications for the pain in his lungs," Zadroga said.

"It is our unequivocal opinion, with certainty beyond doubt, that the foreign material in your son's lungs did not get there as a result of inhaling dust at the World Trade Center or elsewhere."

Dr. Charles Hirsch
Chief Medical Examiner
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Construction deaths soar in NYC

87 percent rise not consistent with 3 percent national average

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sucha Ram was getting ready to tar the roof of a building in the Bronx last year when he fell over the side, plunging 15 feet to his death. He was not wearing any fall-protection gear and had never received formal training in fall hazards, a report said.

Ram was a 52-year-old immigrant from India, the sole breadwinner of the family — and part of a long line of casualties of New York City's roaring construction industry in 2006.

Forty-three people died while working construction in New York in 2006, the deadliest year in at least a decade in the city, according to recently released data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. The death toll was up 87 percent from 2005, when 23 people died. Nationally, construction deaths in 2006 rose just 3 percent.

The rise in New York vastly exceeds what happened in other big cities. The Los Angeles area recorded 33 deaths in 2006, versus 35 in 2005, the

bureau said. The Miami area had 34 deaths, compared with 26 in the previous year.

Construction is the most dangerous work nationally, accounting for 1,226 fatalities in 2006, or 21 percent of the 5,703 workplace deaths overall, according to the bureau.

New York construction workers and safety experts point to the city's unprecedented building boom as a reason for the jump.

Scaffolds cover the facades of thousands of buildings. Major developments are going up in every borough. Apartment buildings and high-rise condos are being built at a frenetic pace.

"It spiked because the work spiked," said Dennis Holloway, director of the John B. Scola Training Center in Queens, which trains union bricklayers and other construction workers.

Compounding the problem: The city has seen a big influx of immigrants at the same time as the construction boom. That means more immigrant construction workers who don't speak English and may not comprehend safety warnings.

Oscar Paredes, executive director of the Latin American Workers Project, said outreach and training by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and city agencies are ineffective because of the language barrier.

"The city government doesn't have a lot of people who speak the language or that can offer the appropriate training," he said.

Moreover, Paredes said some workers ignore safety precautions, sometimes because they are apathetic, sometimes because they are afraid to lose their job if they refuse to perform a dangerous task, such as scaling heights with no harnesses or guardrails.

"If you don't go up, you lose the work," he said.

The government does not break down workplace deaths by immigration status, so it is difficult to know how many involve illegal immigrants.

But a review of federal data from 1997 to 2006 illustrates some powerful trends. In that period, there was a more than 260 percent increase in construction deaths in the city involving Hispanics, the largest and one of the fastest-growing immigrant groups in New York. Six Hispanics died in 1997 working construction, 22 in 2006.

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Student government's priorities misplaced

Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun said Tuesday they are considering a push for student government support of the DREAM Act, a bill now pending in the United States Senate.

The DREAM Act would provide a pathway to legal immigration status for immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally before they were 16 years old, have graduated from high school and commit two years to college education or military service.

Individual members of student government are right to have interest in issues that extend far beyond the stereotypical student concerns of grade point averages, social lives and career trajectories. And the DREAM Act is good legislation.

But a student government resolution intended — at least symbolically — to influence the United States Senate is far out of line with the mission of student government and demonstrates why so many students are apathetic toward student government.

Even worse, Brown's administration has no reported plans to test student opinion before stating the support of student government for this important but controversial national bill.

"As much as I'm all for establishing consensus," Braun said, "we might just have to do the best thing and the right thing. I just worry we're going to run out of time."

Such lighthearted commitment to measuring and respecting student opinion would be an arrogant move.

Other student government leaders present at the Council of Representatives meeting Tuesday questioned the haste and purpose of an official show of support.

One member warned that the entertainment of such a measure could set a precedent for student government to spend its time engaging the limitless issues of national and

international significance. Such a precedent would threaten the quality of services provided by student government, which already operates within the constraints imposed by the full-time academic obligations of its members.

Perhaps the wisest comment delivered at the COR meeting came from chief executive assistant Sheena Plamoottil, who noted that student government can provide students with resources for learning about and expressing support for the bill without committing itself to a total show of support for the legislation.

Still, student government is elected to provide leadership on issues of importance and relevance to the student body. On Thursday, Brown told Board of Trustees members that she had never seen students so fired up about student government and political action until student government took on South Bend's proposed party permit ordinance this summer. There is a reason the student body got interested and got involved: Student government

was working within its means to address an issue relevant to its constituents.

Campus-elected leaders appearing to worry more about national politics than community concerns is a surefire way to return to the days when most students were apathetic toward a student government they believed was ineffectual, aloof and unnecessary.

If student body leaders feel strongly about the DREAM Act, they should provide resources for students to learn more about hot-button political issues and ways to support or fight them.

But to commandeer student government resources in support of a national political issue — without even attempting to measure student opinion — is neither "the best thing" nor "the right thing."

THE OBSERVER Editorial

Win one for the Kessler

Salutations my superbly sensational sud-sippers of South Bend. It's the Kess here with the 4-1-weezy on the sauciest shenanigans that are rockin' and schookin' the scene in the greater dome-opolous area.

So buckle up your safety belts, put your tray tables in the upright and locked position and prepare to fly the friendly skies with your brotha' from anotha' motha' Captain Kess (mile high club anyone?)

The Kess's titillating, topsy-turvy tale for this week follows the wildest, wackiest night that the Kess has seen in all his years of extensive experience in dealing with such nights. For purposes of confidentiality and to keep the SEC off of our backs, we'll just call him kRaZyKiD42069. Krazy's night begins as all nights do with an obligatory hour long symposium of sorts with his dorm-matez. Our hero would then leave the dorm and begin to make his way over to Notre Dame's bastion for underage drinking and irresponsible hookups, El Creek de Tortugas. (As all my little Kesslings out there know by now, when you swim with the Tortugas, sobriety is often left upstream without a paddle.)



Kessler and ...

Smooth as Silk

While chillaxing with some of the more accomplished drinkers of Our Lady's university, Krazy would continue sampling a number of different libations. At this point, already pretty bel-lig, he would find himself in an intimate conversation with a ferocious vixen. In an attempt to "seal the deal" Krazy mustered up the courage to compliment her on the black top that she was wearing. Unfortunately, the top was navy! Unphased by this ghastly goof, KK hopped back aboard the tipsy train. Next stop: Inebriation Station. Krazy would proceed to take out his Razr and call one of his oldest childhood buddies about the prospects of their home town team. In his present state however, his friend could barely understand him because his speech was so slurred! Afterwards, upon realizing KK was seven sheets to the wind (yes, that is possible), his friends would embark on the journey back to campus with our protagonist in tow. Before heading back to their bunks, however, our adventurers would ensure a stop at campus's late night haven for greasy gratification, Sbarro (This will be important later). "Tired" from a long night of drinking, Krazy would eventually wake to the sound of his alarm clock wondering what he did the night prior.

After examining his surroundings, however, he would realize the awful truth. He had fallen asleep with his

head at the wrong end of the bed and his feet were resting on the pillows! To make matters even worse (if that is still possible), his contacts were still in! Krazy would proceed to turn off his alarm clock and rush off to Friday's hangover recovery center, DeBartolo Hall for some more shots ... of education! Already battling a vicious stomach-ache (remember the late night 'za?), he encountered his worst nightmare ... the most awful thing that could happen to any college student — nay, any human being ... his most colossal catastrophe of all ... a small to medium size pizza sauce stain on his Chinos! Alas, that concludes our tale for this week. If there is any lesson that can be gleaned from kRaZyKiD42069 it is this: Lay off the sauce, or the sauce will lay on you!

Win one for the Kessler!

Chillaxing,
Kesslings
P.S. May your liquor be clear and your nights hazy.

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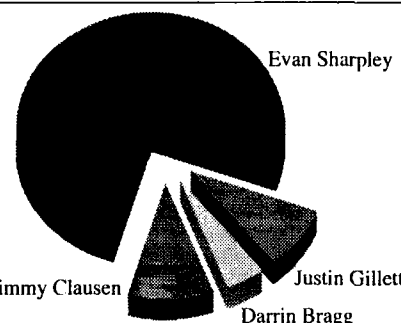
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Darrin Bragg	64	5%



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"How poor are they who have not patience! What wound did ever heal but by degrees?"

William Shakespeare
English dramatist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't focus on numbers

This article is in response to graduate student Philip Reed's Letter to the Editor ("Ph.D.s promoted for wrong reasons," Oct. 17). In his letter, Reed quotes Father John Jenkins's address to the faculty, where Father Jenkins stated that the five percent of Notre Dame students who go on to enter Ph.D. programs "must rise." Reed closes by stating, "Notre Dame should not pursue policies merely in order to make itself look better. And we should expect a university dedicated to liberal education to understand that."

I could not agree more. Sadly, this administration has too often worried about rankings and comparisons to "peer institutions." Policies have been altered and changes have been made in the name of improving Notre Dame when, in fact, the true motive was to improve the ranking of Notre Dame in one publication or another. Dare I say, Notre Dame has no "peer institutions." No other school in the country has such a delicate and wonderful balance of spiritual, academic, athletic, and service opportunities available to its students. We are ND, and we are unique; I'm sure that's why many of us chose to attend this great university. Yet these "peer institutions" continue to drive decision-making by our administration.

The two most recent addresses to the faculty by Father Jenkins have been disconcerting, if not infuriating to some students and faculty alike. As a senior chemistry major, I have been pushed, prodded, poked, and pulled toward pursuing a Ph.D. since my arrival on campus. I know many of my fellow science majors feel the same way, and it's been truly unnerving. While I appreciate the input from faculty members and certainly value their distinguished opinions, I think it is ultimately up to me, not my professor or Father Jenkins, to decide if five or six years of graduate school is right for me or not. The thought that graduate school recruiting efforts could possibly increase among faculty ranks is unbelievable, and Father Jenkins' recent encouragement of these efforts is disheartening.

Notre Dame is so special because of the type of student we admit — the well-rounded, socially-conscious, over-achieving difference-maker. Perhaps these students are less likely to desire six years of intensive,

focused study on a single subject so specific only a handful of people worldwide could teach it to them. Maybe the very things we so value in our students cause them, in general, to be turned off by the thought of graduate school. I certainly don't want Notre Dame to change its admissions policies and admit different students because they might be more likely to consider graduate school.

Still, this is not the first time Father Jenkins has put Notre Dame's numbers above the desires of its students. In last year's address to the faculty, he stated, "We can succeed in advancing ... the University's mission only if we have, among our faculty, a critical number of devoted followers of the Catholic faith." It seems he believes our faculty to be somehow deficient in Catholic nature or disposition. Many people took this statement to be an endorsement of real and significant efforts to recruit more Catholic faculty members. Is this not, yet again, a symptom of Notre Dame's numbers obsession? Does it truly matter if 60 percent, or 55 percent, or even 40 percent of our faculty claim to be devoted Catholics? Surely a person's ability to teach, passion for the subject matter, research background, and morality are more important to the majority of our students than a Catholic label. Great dialogue leads to better understanding, and the best dialogue is most often between people with different backgrounds and views. The word "catholic" itself means "universal." By enhancing Catholic recruiting efforts, Notre Dame is, in fact, becoming less Catholic.

Notre Dame, it is time to stop playing the numbers game. Increasing the percentage of Catholic faculty or students who pursue Ph.D.s by five percent will not necessarily make Notre Dame a better place. Focus not on the numbers, but on the needs of people who call this place home. Keep tuition down. Increase staff wages. Do not be less Catholic, but be more Catholic. Otherwise, Father Jenkins, despite your wishes during your inaugural address, I would have to say that Notre Dame is dreaming too small.

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Ph.D. increase needed

The other day Philip Reed wrote in to comment about how a low percentage of Notre Dame undergrads go on to grad school ("Ph.D.s promoted for wrong reasons," Oct. 17). It is unfortunate that Reed seems to discourage students from considering graduate school, and even more unfortunate that he seems to think very little of the academic talents of the Notre Dame undergraduates.

The administration noted that our students do not go on to advanced studies at the same rates as schools of comparable academic stature (that's what 'peer institutions' is supposed to mean). If you believe that Notre Dame is producing some of the best and brightest college graduates in the country, it should be shocking that fewer Notre Dame students go on to Ph.D.s as compared to other universities.

Does Reed suggest that it is bad for students to get their doctorates? I wouldn't speak for the undergraduate student body, of which I was never a member, and say they "probably are more likely to consider a life devoted to family or social work," but I could see how that may be true. That doesn't mean that one cannot have scholarship and family or scholarship and social work. I hope people interested in preventing infectious diseases would be better off with a Ph.D. than, well, staying at a Holiday Inn last night.

As one of the premiere academic institutions in the country, the University absolutely should promote advanced scholarship. As the premiere Catholic academic institution in the country, the University absolutely should promote a life devoted to family and social work. These two identities of Notre Dame are not separate, nor is one alone more important than the other. Father Jenkins recognizes this, and suggested more Ph.D.s from our undergraduates is in line with this. I am sorry that there are too few jobs for philosophy Ph.D.s. If you really love the topic though, a low employment rate in your field should not and would not deter you from advanced studies. It seems almost that

Reed is trying to keep people out of his field ("too many students already in Ph.D. programs") in order to keep his competition down. Reed seems to forget that there are other programs besides the (excellent) philosophy department at Notre Dame; his experience definitely is not typical of all graduate programs.

Many people are astonished to find out that the tuition for science graduate school is \$0 a year — none pay a dime in tuition, and in fact, are usually paid a stipend by their university. Why? Well, partly because the graduate students are teaching assistants and deserve compensation of sorts, but also because there aren't enough graduate students in science. Yes, doctoral programs come with their own challenges and pressures. Just because it's hard is no reason to discourage people from even trying, though.

"Six or more years" (average 6.2 years at Notre Dame, but less depending on your field) of school sounds unthinkable to some people, yes. Apparently though at Stanford it's only unthinkable to 85 percent of the students instead of 94 percent here. Should the large pool of pre-med students at Notre Dame stop applying to medical school because it's hard and it takes years to be an M.D.? Hardly. Frankly, I prefer graduate school over a job. I, for one, am glad I didn't have a bitter professor tell me as an undergrad that I should get a job instead of graduate school.

Perhaps creating intellectual leaders doesn't require students to get Ph.D.s; it certainly helps though. Perhaps a life of the mind doesn't require a Ph.D.. For those capable of the challenge, though, it certainly makes intellectual pursuits more rewarding. To think that Notre Dame only wants students to get Ph.D.s such that the University looks better in U.S. News — World Report's ranking is ignorant of the mission statement of the University.

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Employees still waiting for response

To update the Notre Dame community concerning the treatment of Huddle employees on football Saturdays:

Last May, 41 out of 43 Huddle employees presented a petition requesting that they receive time-and-a-half pay on football Saturdays. They also requested that the University abide by a strict schedule of one 15-minute break every four hours. Huddle employees often work 11- to 13-hour days on football weekends with endless lines all day. These long hours and difficult working conditions put employees' health at risk and prevent them from being with their families on the weekend. University President Father John Jenkins, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Associate Vice President of Human Resources Robert McQuade received the petition more than five months ago. They still have not responded to this request from their employees.

Nonetheless, the situation has improved. Several employees have commented that the break schedule is now strictly enforced. They also have noted that their supervisors are treating them with more respect and are more attentive to the issues that they face everyday

in the workplace. To this, I would like to commend the managerial staff for the improvements that they have made and ask that they continue to show their workers the respect they deserve.

At the same time, no one from the administration has addressed the issue of compensation for Huddle employees on football Saturdays. It is unacceptable for University employees to wait more than five months for a response from their employer. If we are to uphold the mission statement of this University and "develop a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden so many lives," then we must begin with those in our own community who feel unjustly treated.

To the University officials named here, I hope that a response is forthcoming.

To the employees of our University, the situation has begun to change in the Huddle because a small group of employees decided to act. If you want change, you must act as well.

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SMC argument 'caustic'

Katie O'Connor and Alex Chavez's letter ("Comics not meant to be personal," Oct. 18), deserves a response equally mean-spirited and bitter. In the name of respectful disagreement however, I will (try to) keep this civil. In short, yesterday's letter was absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary — not to mention hypocritical. You defend the comic strips by saying that they are OK since they "aren't meant to be personal," even though your letter itself was a personal attack on Saint Mary's students. I agree that the comics' authors should be able to publish whatever they want. They poke fun at a broad range of topics for the sake of comedy. Unfortunately, your letter does not share in this mission, although I did laugh a few times while reading it.

Was the purpose of your letter to show how much more offensive the comic strips could be? If so, you've presented a great defense for them. I'm assuming, however, that this was not the rhetorical tactic you employed. Bashing Saint Mary's students contributes nothing to the defense of the comic strips. The Viewpoint section of The Observer should be reserved for intelligent debate and thoughtful letters with a purpose. Your juvenile diatribe was pointless and unnecessarily caustic. You are entitled to your own opinion, but to write down a middle school level rant and submit it to the campus newspaper — really? I'm embarrassed for you.

It's not that people are "afraid" to say

what you did. They just have the decency and maturity not to write vicious letters on the basis of unfounded claims. You argue that there's "a reason why Notre Dame girls don't like [Saint Mary's students]." On the contrary, most Notre Dame girls I know have lots of friends from Saint Mary's. You see, while you have been busy making unfair and universalistic claims, some of us have been taking advantage of our sister campus as an opportunity to meet great people and build lasting friendships. I'm truly sorry you've missed out on this.

Your elitist attitudes regarding your status as "Notre Dame students" are undeserved, and frankly, I'm ashamed to share that title with you. You imply that the reason the Saint Mary's stereotype exists is because the students somehow earn it. I think you should work on earning your titles as Notre Dame students. To quote your own letter, maybe you "need a serious wake-up call about how you're portraying yourselves and the bad impressions you're giving off to everyone else." You stay classy, Katie and Alex.

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JULIE GRISANT | Observer Graphic

By ANALISE LIPARI
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To be honest, there are only so many ways to describe jazz pianist Dave Brubeck without returning to a single conclusion — quite simply, the man is a legend in his own time. Brubeck returns to the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight with the Dave Brubeck Quartet for what will undoubtedly be an evening of uniquely beautiful music.

What makes Brubeck's performance at Notre Dame more interesting to students than they might realize is the inclusion of more than 200 of their peers in the second portion of the show. Brubeck will perform with the Quartet during the first half of the evening and after intermission the concert will feature members of each of Notre Dame's choral groups as well as the University's Symphony Orchestra.

For students who find themselves less familiar with Brubeck's work, here is a Reader's Digest version of his early life and career.

Born and bred on the West Coast, Brubeck started playing piano as a child at his classically-trained mother's

insistence, but later rebelled against the regularity of such training by engaging in a more improvisational style. As a young musician, Brubeck joined up with his long-time collaborator, alto-saxophonist Paul Desmond. Their meeting came after Brubeck spent years honing his craft and experimenting with musical conventions and time signatures, two Brubeck trademarks.

"That was a conscious decision for me in the early days," Brubeck said in an interview with Smoothjazznow.com, "...to do something that never has been done or at least change it up a little bit."

The fated Dave Brubeck Quartet was created in the mid 1950s, featuring Desmond, Brubeck, bassist Eugene Wright and drummer Joe Morello. While the lineup of the quartet has evolved over time, and its actual existence has ebbed and flowed, their classic format has endured.

The rest, as they say, is history.

The Quartet's most famous 1959 hit,

"Take Five," off of their historic "Time Out" album, is now a standard of American jazz. Brubeck himself has won Lifetime Achievement awards from the Grammy's and the BBC —

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Dave Brubeck
musician

impressive credentials for a man who was almost expelled from college for not being able to read sheet music. Then again, Brubeck is hardly a slave to convention. "Take Five" is written in 5/4 time, and the album almost went unreleased by Columbia due to its unconventionality.

"First, they thought people couldn't dance to it because of the odd time signatures," Brubeck said in a recent interview with Allaboutjazz.com., "And it was all original compositions on an LP, which was against their rules as well. I had to argue with everybody."

Brubeck's connection with Notre Dame extends past his inclusion of University students in tonight's performance. Having converted to Catholicism later in life, Brubeck's renewed interest in spirituality led

to his receiving the University's Laetare Medal in 2006. The prize, awarded to American Catholics like labor activist Dorothy Day and Sister Helen Prejean (of "Dead Man Walking" fame), further demonstrates Brubeck's impressive talent and his appeal to students in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities. Looking to brush up on your Brubeck before or after tonight's show? Listen to any or all of these albums for a closer look at one of the foremost jazz pianists around:

◆"Time Out," the Quartet's revolutionary recording that gave rise to the classic "Take Five."

◆"The Essential Dave Brubeck," a collection through Columbia Records summarizing his prolific career with a focus on his work in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

◆"Time Signatures: A Career Retrospective," the 1992 box set that is surely a must-have for any fan of Brubeck's brand of jazz piano.

Whether you're a jazz aficionado or just a casual listener, check out the Dave Brubeck Quartet tonight at the DPAC. An evening of classic, unconventional jazz begins at 8:30.

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'TAXI DRIVER' impacts audience with powerful character study

JULIE GRISANT | Observer Graphic

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Loneliness is certainly a feeling most people can connect with. Maybe that's why Martin Scorsese's 1976 "Taxi Driver" has always been such a popular and powerful film. It's one of the few movies that hits the viewer in the gut. The sad isolation of Travis Bickle, the titular cabbie, is nearly palpable throughout the film.

So 31 years after its theatrical release, on the heels of Scorsese's victory at the 2007 Academy Awards, "Taxi Driver" has been re-released.

What can be said of this film package? To focus on just one aspect of the movie is to do it a great injustice, because from the script, to the shooting, to the acting, everything ties together seamlessly.

Without spoiling the plot, a basic summary is as follows: Travis Bickle is a man in his mid-twenties living in New York City during the 1970s. He has trouble connecting with the people around him and his surroundings in the city. To occupy himself at night he finds a job as a taxi driver. Throughout the film, Travis slowly unravels, becoming more paranoid and violent as time goes on. Although

he may not connect with society, the viewer certainly connects with Travis. It is obvious that Scorsese and writer Paul Schrader, along with Robert DeNiro, really understood the character they were trying to portray.

Their depiction of this isolated man is a character study. Travis Bickle is a real person, however disturbed. In the special features, Scorsese talks about how the shooting

techniques of the film emphasize the feeling of isolation. This is definitely evident when watching the film, as the camera reflects how Travis is "ostracized," in Scorsese's words, from the people around him. The way New York City is shown is the way Travis sees it—filthy and impenetrable. With a different director, he may have seemed psychotic, but Scorsese shows just how human Travis really is. The filmmaker never passes a judgment, he merely depicts events from Travis' point of view and lets the viewers draw their own conclusions.

As for the re-release, the special features for the film definitely have merit, unlike the useless featurettes of many modern DVDs. The interview with Martin Scorsese is certainly the most intriguing of these, providing a great deal of perspective on the meaning, background and influence of the film, although all of the special features included do this in different ways.

One of the most valuable insights, however, comes from Paul Schrader, who says that Travis is not by nature a lonely person, but that he makes himself lonely. Travis is a victim of himself, and the viewer sees those feelings gradually become "malignant and violent," Schrader says. Everyone

interviewed about the movie speaks passionately of it, and this shows again how much of an impact "Taxi Driver" has on people. Oliver Stone remarks that it reveals "a truth" about humanity, and that is clearly correct. It is a unique film, more comparable to Albert Camus' novel, "The Stranger," than anything else — as both portray a main character's disconnect with society.

Although both Martin Scorsese and Robert DeNiro would continue on to great things after this film, it left a mark on both of them. This film is not only one of the finest of the pair (working together or separately), but also one of the greatest of all time. The re-release is essential for any person who considers themselves a fan of cinema, as the special features grant a new perspective on the creation, filming and meaning of the film.

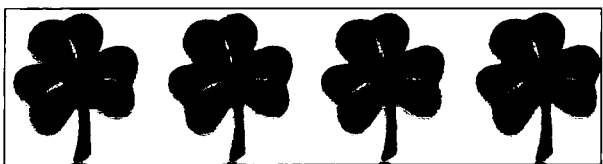
But even without those, it is worth owning. The acting is stellar, the filming is superb and the writing is untouchable. "Taxi Driver" truly is one of the handful of perfect films to ever be produced. Buy this release, or have a movie collection with a gaping hole in it.

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Taxi Driver

Director: Martin Scorsese

Starring: Robert DeNiro, Cybill Shepard, Peter Boyle, Jodie Foster, Harvey Keitel





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At Notre Dame, eating some place other than the dining hall is a novel idea. Though students get excited over Chipotle and Wendy's, South Bend's local establishments can offer a real treat. One example is The Vine, located at 103 W. Colfax Ave. in downtown South Bend.

An Italian-American cuisine restaurant with a touch of eclectic flair, The Vine is a restaurant and bar that offers a diverse menu as well as an extensive wine list. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner and offers salads, sandwiches, pasta, gourmet pizzas, and few meat and fish dishes.

In general, the flavors in the dishes could be stronger and the dishes could take more chances, but the taste appeals to a wide range of people. The presentations of the dishes are simple, with just a touch of clean elegance. Portion sizes are excellent, with just enough food to satisfy. Entrée prices are between \$9 and \$22. Sandwich and salad prices are between \$7 and \$11.

The Fra Diablo, penne pasta with cremini mushrooms tossed in a spicy, creamy tomato-vodka sauce, topped with asiago and Parmesan cheeses and served with garlic bread, was tasty, but would have been better with more spice and warmer mushrooms. The sauce is very good, and adds something a little more unique to the menu.

The Pasta a la "Bowtie," is bowtie pasta in white wine sauce with sundried tomatoes. It is served with tomato basil chicken and asiago. Parmesan cheeses and garlic bread. The dish is well-balanced, but not

very special.

Delicious and light, the Portabella Mushroom Sandwich, a portabella mushroom topped with olive oil, onion relish, and asiago cheese on focaccia bread, is a little messy, but definitely worth it. It is a sandwich found on many menus, but The Vine gives it a special touch.

The service at the restaurant is adequate and generally efficient, but a little unfriendly. Still, the servers did their job and the food came out promptly, so there is little to complain about.

The Vine blends modern and rustic elements into a smooth and bright, if not memorable, dining room. Wine bottles line the walls. The popular restaurant gets noisy around peak hours, but this is under-

standable. The majority of the seating in the restaurant is standard, but several of the tables are a little different. A few back up to large picture windows, forcing some patrons to take a window seat instead of a chair. While at first glance this is suitable and even fun, it is ultimately uncomfortable and overly exposed. The air-conditioning vents directly above do not help.

Located next door to the Morris Performing Arts Center in downtown South Bend, The Vine is close to a lot of entertainment options, making it a good restaurant for a night out. There is also a second location in Elkhart.

Even if it is not quite perfect, The Vine is a place to return to. While some of the dishes could be better, they were tasty and well priced. Keep The Vine in mind for the next time your parents are in for a football game.

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Genre defying Half-Pint Jones to play at Legends

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What do you get when you cross a New Orleans-bred saxophonist with a group of versatile Michiana musicians that includes a drummer named "Krojo"?

Shaken Cajun-style, not stirred, these ingredients get you Half-Pint Jones, a genre-defying, South Bend-based, jazz-reggae-funk-with-a-twist ensemble that arrives today at Legends.

Half-Pint Jones comes to the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities with a somewhat mythic story behind it.

The band's founding member, Chris Olivier, grew up in New Orleans, La., a proud member of the city's well-known musical culture. Like much of the N'awlins musician community, however, Olivier, a saxophonist, found himself and his family displaced by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Surprisingly, he wound up in — you probably guessed it — South Bend, Indiana.

In time, Olivier found other like-minded musicians in the area to jam with, eventually resulting in the eclectic group that they are today. Several of the musicians have played with each other previously in different contexts, but Half-Pint Jones is the final result.

The band consists of Olivier, Steve Krojowski (a.k.a. "Krojo") on drums, Jayson Sites on bass, guitarist and vocalist Justin Ross and trumpet player Mark Gamble. The mix of musicians has helped Half-Pint Jones develop its unique music — undefined by any particular genre, the band has created a combination of jazz, funk and other types to create a sound that, to the band, is also reminiscent of their musical heritage.

"We're like a traditional bebop band from the '50s and '60s," Olivier said in a recent interview with Lakeview Magazine. "There are so many New Orleans elements but also a rock element and East Coast jazz. It's a fusion of all these different styles, and I really feel it's a fresh, new sound."

The band released their first album, "Trilogy of Patches and Olaf," this past summer, which exhibits their penchant for mixing up musical conventions as well as their varied individual talents.

"From the beginning, my concept was [that] I wanted everybody to play what they're feeling," Olivier told Lakeview Magazine. "If you're playing true to yourself, then people will know that."

As effortless as it may seem on "Trilogy of Patches and Olaf" for the band members to play off of each other's strengths, it can't be done without effort and care for the music itself.

"It's a musical language, and just like any language, you have to become fluent in it. It takes hours and hours of practice, for days and days and years on end," Olivier said in an interview with IN-Michiana magazine. "It's not only ability, it's a natural drive. That [music] is what you do, and you're not happy without it."

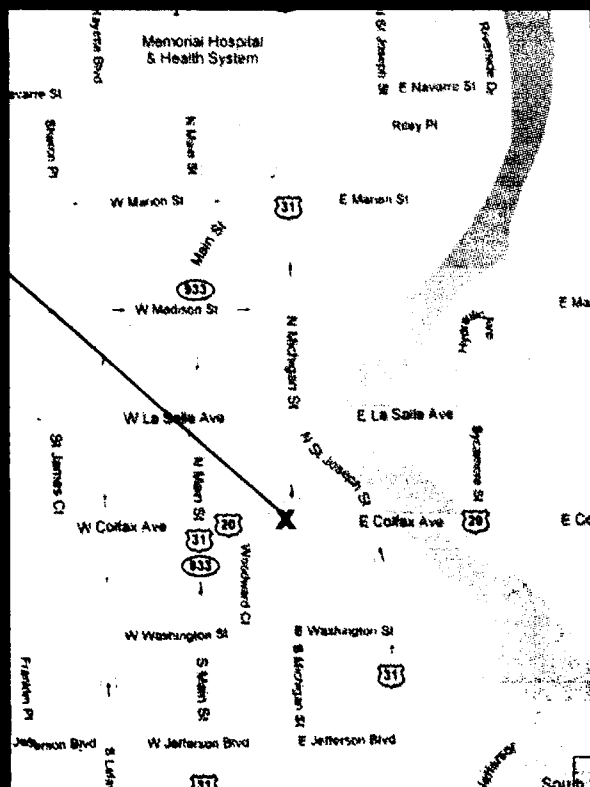
Legends will offer a small, more intimate venue for the band.

The concert begins at 7 tonight, a tough time slot for a football weekend. But given the skills and strengths of this jazz-rock-funk-with-a-twist group of musicians, Half-Pint Jones should definitely tear down the house anyway.

Make sure to check your expectations at the door.

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NHL

Wings win rematch of last season's playoff series

Detroit scores twice in third period; Sturm's two goals, Thomas' 35 saves send Bruins past Lightning

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — While the Red Wings already have made strides since last season's playoffs, the San Jose Sharks keep falling into the same ruts that bogged them down against Detroit last spring.

Matt Ellis put the Red Wings ahead with his first NHL goal on a no-look backhand with 12:26 to play, and Detroit rallied for a 4-2 victory Thursday night in a telling postseason rematch.

The game nicely encapsulated both clubs' fates in that second-round playoff series, won in six games by Detroit. San Jose started strong, but couldn't maintain its intensity — and when the Sharks slipped, the steady Red Wings pounced for two third-period goals.

"We fought through a lot, and once we started skating, we had fun," coach Mike Babcock said. "We're relatively short-staffed, so guys had to dig in. We're going through a rough time, sure, but that gives a guy like Ellis an opportunity, and he came up big."

Ellis, a solid minor league scorer who couldn't find the net in his first 21 NHL games, got his first goal without even facing the net. He simply flipped the puck in Evgeni Nabokov's direction while being checked midway up the boards — and it somehow got past defenseman Marc-Edouard Vlasic and the bewildered goalie.

"It was nice to see the replay, so I knew how it got in," said Ellis, who hadn't yet checked to see whether his wife and new baby stayed up late to watch the game on TV. "My intention was to put the puck in the paint, and I thought one of the guys driving the net would throw it in."

Pavel Datsyuk scored during a two-man advantage moments after Ellis' strange goal, and Chris Osgood made 23 saves as the Red Wings earned their fourth victory in six games. Henrik Zetterberg extended his goal-scoring streak to five

games, and Niklas Kronwall also scored.

Osgood, who hasn't lost in three games this season, got the start for Detroit even though Dominik Hasek was rested and healthy. Babcock's hunch paid off, and the Red Wings got help from two ailing stars: Captain Nicklas Lidstrom played despite bruised ribs, and Zetterberg suited up with a hip injury.

Mike Grier and Jonathan Cheechoo scored and Nabokov stopped 23 shots for the Sharks, who dropped to 3-3-1 early in a season filled with high expectations for the playoff underachievers. San Jose coach Ron Wilson already has shuffled his opening-night lines, but Joe Thornton is his only player with more than five points through seven games.

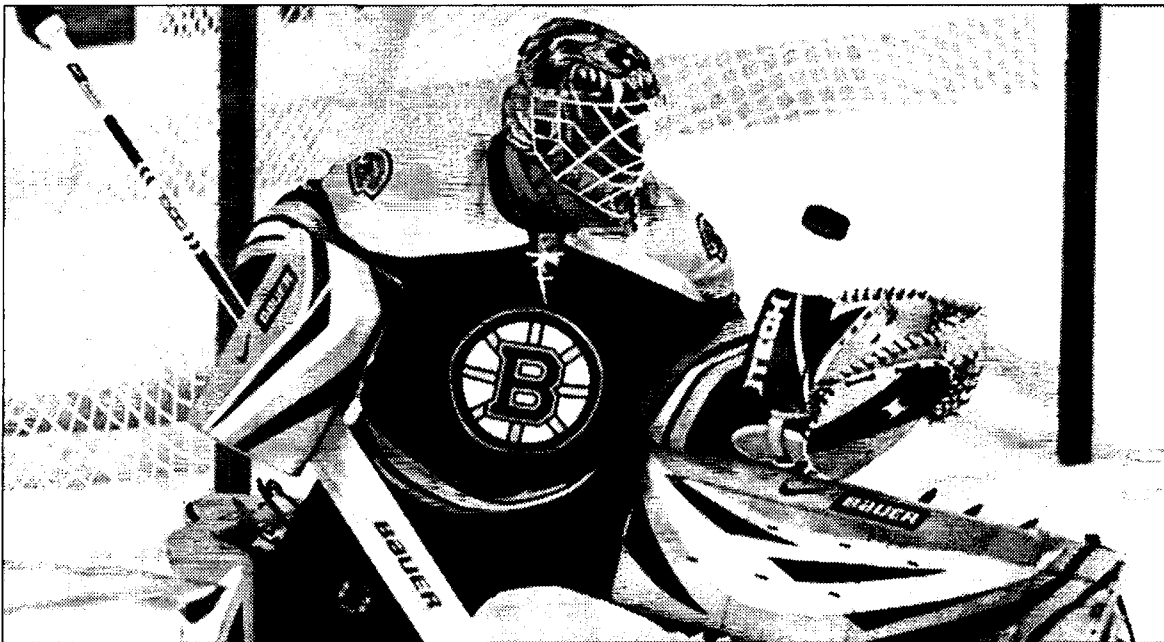
"You have to be mentally ready, and we seem to be content reading our press clippings and seeing whatever our predictions are for where we're going to finish," Wilson said. "It's the same game we were playing last year in the second period. One turnover, and we collapse for 10 minutes."

The Red Wings' series victory over the Sharks sent them to the Western Conference finals and set off a summer of soul-searching in San Jose after the best regular season in franchise history.

Neither team made huge changes to last season's roster, though the Red Wings added defenseman Brian Rafalski, who had three assists Thursday night. Zetterberg, who had a goal and an assist, has scored in each of the Red Wings' eight games.

Homesickness also might be a problem for the Sharks, who play just three of their first 12 games at the Tank. The Sharks lost their home opener to Boston last weekend — and after Saturday's game against Nashville, San Jose will be back on the road for nearly two more weeks.

"We got ourselves back on our heels," Grier said. "We



Bruins goalie Tim Thomas makes a save during Boston's 4-1 win over Tampa Bay Thursday. Thomas made 35 saves for the Bruins, who have won four straight games.

took some penalties, and some of our guys got out of the flow of the game. They got the bounce there in the third, and kind of took it over from there."

Bruins 4, Lightning 1

The Boston Bruins gave Claude Julien a victory in his Boston debut. Maybe they can give him one he'll be proud of next time.

"It wasn't a pretty win," Julien said after the Bruins beat Tampa Bay in their home opener on Thursday night. "Certainly not to the expectations that we want."

Marco Sturm scored two goals and Tim Thomas made 35 saves for Boston, which has won four of five since opening the season with a loss. Mark Stuart scored his first career goal, and Peter Schaefer also scored for Boston.

Johan Holmqvist stopped 19 shots for Tampa Bay, and Brad Richards scored the Lightning's only goal. The line of Martin St. Louis, Vincent Lecavalier and Vaclav Prospal, which had 17 points in the last four games, did not score Thursday night.

"Richards, Prospal,

Lecavalier and St. Louis ... it doesn't get more difficult than that," Thomas said. "We came in after the second period and got a good talking to, and it was a feeling of shame on me after how we played."

The Bruins acquired Manny Fernandez from Minnesota over the offseason to shore up the goaltending after Thomas and Hannu Toivonen couldn't get the team into the playoffs last season. But Thomas has allowed five goals in four games and could be taking control of the No. 1 job.

"He was the difference," St. Louis said. "Our effort was there, but we just couldn't get that second goal."

Thomas was especially strong in the second period, holding Tampa Bay scoreless as it outshot Boston 15-3.

"We outplayed them in the second period, but Thomas made a lot of good saves and looked sharp," Richards said.

It's been a good start for the team that hasn't won a playoff series since 1999 and has gone through five coaches in 4 years, one of them a season lost to the lockout.

The Bruins sold 16,363 tick-

ets for the game, though many fans opted to stay away and watch Game 5 of the AL championship series. One of the biggest cheers of the night was when the scoreboard showed the Red Sox taking the lead over Cleveland; the crowd also applauded when it was announced that Joe Torre would not be back to manage the New York Yankees.

An early fight between Milan Lucic and Nick Tarnasky got the crowd going, and the Bruins took the lead 3:48 into the game when Andrew Ference kept the puck in the Tampa Bay zone and sent a slap shot off Schaefer's knee past Holmqvist.

Shawn Thornton and Andre Roy mixed it up later in the first, then Sturm made it 2-0 with 10 seconds left in the period when he sent a screened shot between teammate Patrice Bergeron's legs.

"If the team wins, fans will come. They also need to be entertaining, and physical," owner Jeremy Jacobs said before the game. "We have a load of talent here — don't miss that. Look at the payroll, there better be."

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team	points	previous
1 Oregon	390	1
2 Northern Arizona	363	15
3 UTEP	357	T20
4 Iona	346	4
5 Colorado	342	3
6 Wisconsin	325	2
7 North Carolina St.	291	10
8 Arkansas	284	9
8 California	284	NR
10 Michigan	274	18
11 Virginia	248	29
12 Alabama	229	8
13 NOTRE DAME	224	7
14 Texas	218	11
15 Stanford	209	5
16 Georgetown	202	12
17 Tulsa	174	NR
18 Oklahoma St.	171	6
19 Louisville	148	17
19 UCLA	148	19
21 Portland	142	13
22 Minnesota	139	24
23 Providence	111	14
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29 Weber State	18	26
30 Florida	17	NR

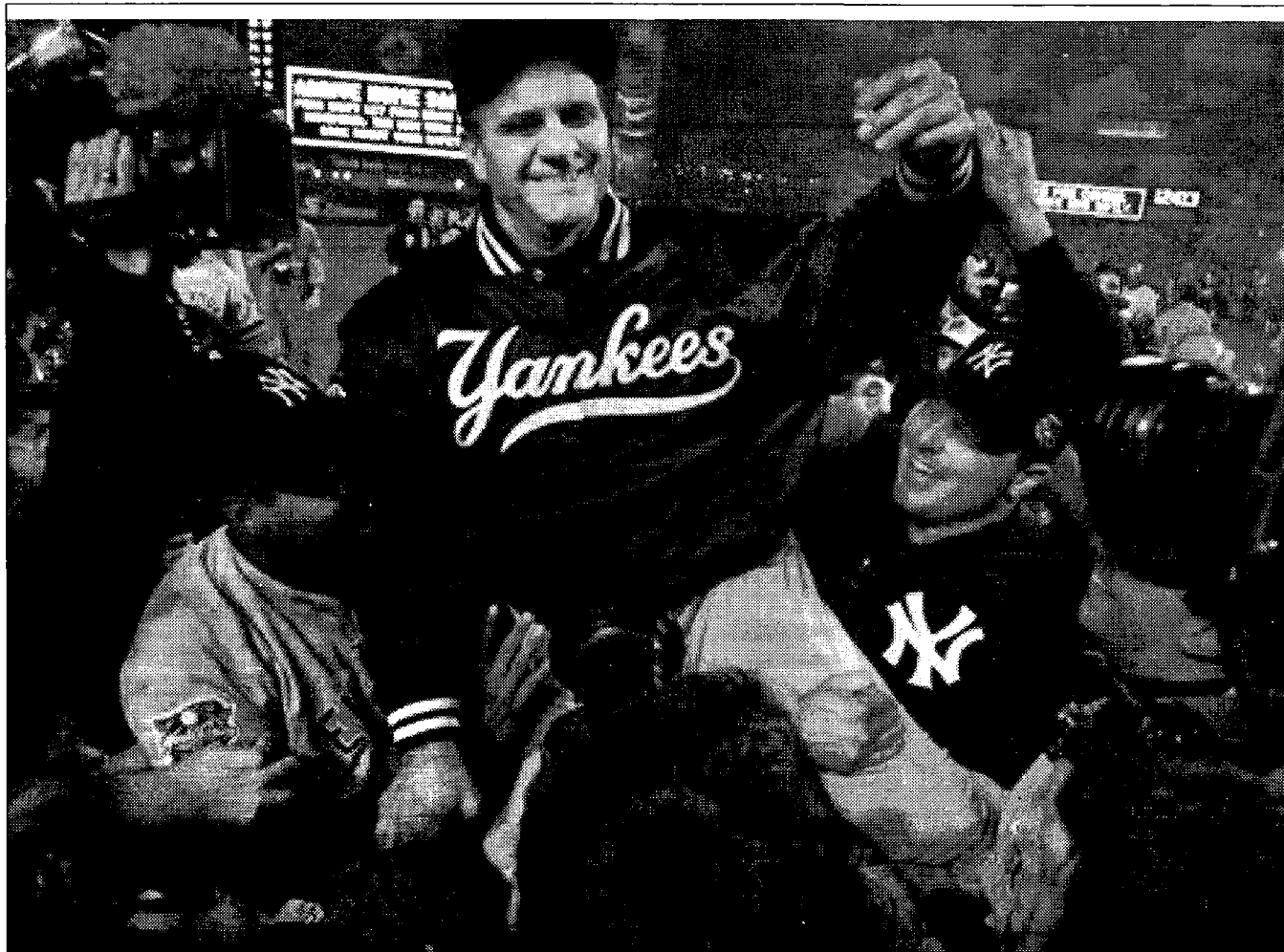
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9 Washington	280	12
10 Illinois	264	10
11 Georgetown	251	22
12 Colorado State	234	14
13 Arkansas	231	5
14 Texas Tech	221	24
15 Colorado	214	2
16 Rice	202	7
17 BYU	192	15
18 Iowa	161	23
19 West Virginia	155	21
20 Northern Arizona	151	NR
21 Wisconsin	128	25
22 Providence	109	18
23 North Carolina St.	96	26
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27 Florida	63	20
28 Boston College	41	16
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30 Nebraska	14	29

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team	league	overall
1 Calvin	12-1	21-4
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3 Adrian	9-4	12-10
4 Tri-State	9-5	12-12
5 Albion	5-7	8-14
6 SAINT MARY'S	5-7	10-14
7 Kalamazoo	4-8	8-15
8 Alma	2-11	6-19
9 Olivet	2-13	4-22

MLB



Former Yankees manager Joe Torre is carried off of the field after defeating the New York Mets in the Yankees' last World Series win in 2000. Torre will not return to the Yankees in 2008.

Torre rejects one-year offer from Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Torre is out as manager of the New York Yankees, rejecting a substantial pay cut after the team failed to make it past the first round of the playoffs for the third straight year.

Torre turned down a \$5 million, one-year contract Thursday — \$2.5 million less than he made last season.

Rather than put up with the indignity of a salary slap coupled with a performance-based contract, the man who led the Yankees to playoff appearances in all 12 years he managed

walked.

"A difficult day," general manager Brian Cashman said.

Bench coach Don Mattingly is the leading contender to replace Torre, who won four World Series championships with the Yanks but none since 2000. Yankees broadcaster Joe Girardi, the NL Manager of the Year with Florida in 2006, is another top contender. Tony La Russa and Bobby Valentine also could be considered.

Most Yankees fans could see this day coming.

After losing the first two playoff games to Cleveland, owner George

Steinbrenner said he didn't think Torre would be asked back if the Yankees didn't advance.

The 67-year-old Torre, who took over the team to start the 1996 season, made his decision after traveling from New York to the team's spring training complex in Tampa, Fla., and meeting with Steinbrenner, the owner's sons and top executives for about an hour. He was accompanied by Cashman and chief operating officer Lonn Trost.

New York's offer included \$3 million in bonuses if the Yankees reached next year's World Series and an \$8 million option for

2009 that would have become guaranteed if New York won the AL pennant.

Torre just completed a \$19.2 million, three-year contract. The Chicago Cubs' Lou Piniella was the second-highest paid manager at \$3.5 million.

"Under this offer, he would continue to be the highest-paid manager in major league baseball," team president Randy Levine said. "We thought that we need to go to a performance-based model, having nothing to do with Joe Torre's character, integrity or ability. We just think it's important to motivate people."

IN BRIEF

Open-wheelers follow Montoya to NASCAR

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Juan Pablo Montoya never meant for his move from Formula One to NASCAR to be the one that made devout open-wheelers accepting of stock cars. But in the 15 months since he made the switch, the list of followers has grown.

Now Montoya has a warning for those considering NASCAR: It's a lot harder than it looks.

"This is not easy," Montoya said. "I think the person who thinks that it is easy should look again, because I think this is pretty hard. And now, with the full fields, even getting into the race is very, very hard."

Montoya has paid attention to the plight of Sam Hornish, who is debating whether or not to leave the IndyCar Series for NASCAR. A three-time series champion and Indianapolis 500 winner, Hornish has accomplished everything he set out to do in open-wheel and is craving a new challenge.

Patriots to be given names of StubHub users

BOSTON — The New England Patriots have won a bid to get the names of all the fans who bought or sold — or tried to buy or sell — tickets to home games through online ticket reseller StubHub Inc., a move one technology group sees as an invasion of privacy.

In a lawsuit against San Francisco-based StubHub, a subsidiary of eBay Inc., claiming that the Web site encourages fans to break state law and violate team policies, The Patriots said they could seek to revoke season tickets of people who use StubHub.

A lawyer for the Patriots wouldn't say what the team plans to do with the 13,000 names, which StubHub gave it last week after losing its appeal of a Massachusetts state court ruling.

Team rules bar reselling game tickets for a profit. State law, though rarely enforced, restricts ticket markups to \$2 above face value plus some service charges.

Johnson will start practice with Cowboys today

IRVING, Texas — Suspended defensive tackle Tank Johnson will be allowed to practice starting Friday, which will be his first team session with the Dallas Cowboys since they signed him last month.

Johnson still has two games left on his eight-game NFL suspension for violating probation on a gun charge. Unless the suspension is reduced by commissioner Roger Goodell, Johnson will be eligible to play when the Cowboys play at the New York Giants on Nov. 11.

"It will be good to get him out on the field and get him in the meeting room too," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said. "All I know is he's going to practice. I don't know when he's going to be able to play, or when he'll be able to play."

Johnson, who was released by the Chicago Bears after his suspension, signed with the Cowboys last month.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Relievers fit with Rockies



Rockies pitcher Matt Herges, center, celebrates after Colorado's 6-4 win over the Diamondbacks in Game 4 of the NLCS Monday. The Rockies reached their first World Series with the win.

Associated Press

DENVER — LaTroy Hawkins was searching for the perfect fit last winter, while Matt Herges was looking for any fit at all.

Two journeyman relievers, both foraging for new teams — anyone willing to take a chance on their right arms. The Rockies took them in, and are awfully glad they did.

Now, they've helped take Colorado to its first World Series appearance. Herges and Hawkins have provided a fantastic front end to a brilliant bullpen, combining for 6 2-3 scoreless innings in the Rockies' unblemished postseason run.

"This is incredible," Herges said. "I'm hearing from people I haven't heard from in a long time."

Eight months ago, Herges thought his baseball career might be over. No one was calling with offers, and he was making plans for another line of work, possibly even in the broadcasting field.

He sat in front of his locker this week, sifting through a goody bag full of trinkets from Nike, the spoils of this surprising success.

"There's 1,000 shirts in here, and shoes," the 37-year-old reliever said. "It's kind of like Christmas."

Herges has pitched in four of the Rockies' seven playoff games, giving up just one hit in 3 2-3 innings. He earned the win in the clincher over Arizona in the NL championship series.

Not bad for someone who had to beg the Rockies for an invitation to spring training. He's still puzzled over why no team wanted to give him a shot. He was coming off a 2006 campaign with Florida in which he was 2-3 with a 4.31 ERA.

"I had an OK year, not great by any means, but not horrible," Herges said. "I think that should be enough to get a job with somebody and it wasn't."

Herges felt like the train with the square wheels on the Island of Misfit Toys in "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," the long-running Christmas television special.

That would make Hawkins the cowboy riding the ostrich. They were there on the island along with the squirt gun that squirted jelly, the polka dot elephant and the Charlie-in-the-Box, and nobody likes a Charlie-in-the-box, remember?

"That's a good analogy. That's how I felt," Herges said with a laugh. "I felt like I was on that island and didn't know why."

Herges was especially stumped why a guy like Hawkins was there with him.

"He's been a premier setup guy his whole career. I'm trying to eke by," Herges said. "He's on the next level in terms of talent. When he was a free agent, there were 15 to 20 teams calling him. When I was a free agent, no one was calling me."

Hawkins was coming off a 4.48 ERA in Baltimore, his fourth stop in three seasons.

He diligently did his homework before signing with Colorado last December. He wanted to be on an up-and-coming team that played outstanding defense.

He succeeded on both counts. In Colorado he pitched in front of a defense like no other he had ever seen — nobody had, in fact. The Rockies had the highest fielding percentage in major league history this season.

"A lot of people were like, 'You don't want to sign there. You sure you want to pitch in that thin air and that altitude?'" Hawkins said. "I told them if I go out there and just be LaTroy Hawkins, it won't be a problem. I'm always up for a challenge."

So far in the playoffs, Hawkins has been terrific, throwing three scoreless innings.

"Me and Matt — we're alike," said Hawkins, who has 75

career saves, including 28 in 2001 with Minnesota. "We've been given a second chance."

The fact Herges had to earn his spot in the Rockies bullpen is nothing new. He has taken the difficult road his entire career. He spent eight years in the minors before receiving his major league opportunity with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1999.

So he didn't mind having to prove himself again with the Rockies, who brought him to spring training as a non-roster invitee. He began the season at Triple-A Colorado Springs and was called up on July 3, then went 5-1 with a 2.96 ERA with the Rockies this season.

Herges closed out the regular season with nine scoreless innings, spanning five games, cementing his role as the Rockies' top middle reliever.

"Every year I've had to prove myself so I didn't get released," he said. "That's all I know — when I get an opportunity I try to impress."

Pitching coach Bob Apodaca was more impressed with Herges' mental makeup than his physical attributes. Any player who can handle being sent back down to the minors at 37 to prove his worth and responds like Herges did is all right in Apodaca's book.

ATP TOUR

Federer beats Canas after two straight losses

Straight-set win puts Federer in quarterfinals

Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Roger Federer finally got a win against Guillermo Canas, beating the 14th-ranked Argentine 6-0, 6-3 Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the Madrid Masters.

Canas, who beat Federer in consecutive tournaments in March, was broken at love in the second game. Two more breaks of serve gave Federer the first set in 21 minutes.

"I played aggressively, took my chances and felt in control," Federer said. "It was nice to beat him, that's for sure."

Canas held serve for 1-1 in the second set. But Federer, the defending champion, abandoned the groundstrokes and came to the net. He scored 14 of his 17 over-all winners at the net in the second set.

Federer, who won 32 of his 41 service points, broke Canas again in the sixth game before holding serve for the rest of the way. He beat Canas for the first time since 2005, improving to 2-3 against him in his career.

Second-ranked Rafael Nadal edged Andy Murray 7-6 (5), 6-4 in a match marked by long rallies from the baseline.

Nadal looked to take control of the first set with a break in the 11th game, but Murray broke back to send it to a tiebreaker where the Spaniard converted his second set point, spinning a forehand down the line.

"It was a great game from start to finish and winning that first set was important ... with this surface favoring Andy's game," Nadal said.

Murray immediately broke to open second set, using a backhand to take the lead after Nadal recovered from 15-40 back to deuce.

Nadal needed four tries,

but broke back to even the set at 4-4. Looking to repeat his 2005 title, Nadal held with a light touch at the net before clinching it with a final break in the 10th to earn a quarterfinal match against David Nalbandian, who beat Juan Martin Del Potro 6-2, 6-4.

"It was an unbelievably close match," Murray said. "I probably should have won the second set ... I had a lot of chances and didn't take them. He's a little bit more experienced than me and he took the points better."

Federer next will play Feliciano Lopez after the Spanish wild card beat Austrian qualifier Stefan Koubek 7-6 (9), 6-1.

Canas defeated the top-ranked player in earlier in the year at Indian Wells and Miami but the indoor surface favored Federer.

"I was especially disappointed with the Miami loss, so to beat him later in the year after two tough losses is nice," Federer said. "I think the surface was much slower in Indian Wells and Miami. And I didn't know his game so well then."

Earlier, fifth-seeded Fernando Gonzalez of Chile defeated Juan Monaco of Argentina 6-4, 6-2 to set up a quarterfinal match with Nicolas Kiefer of Germany, who beat Ivo Karlovic 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

Third-ranked Novak Djokovic beat Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to advance to the quarterfinals. Djokovic will play Mario Ancic, who beat Paul-Henri Mathieu of France 6-4, 6-3.

"I haven't played so far on the level that I can, but the most important thing is that I won," Djokovic said.

Ferrero's last title was the 2003 Madrid Masters, a stretch of 88 tournaments.



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MLB

Red Sox stay alive with 7-1 win over Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — He blocked out everything: the screaming crowd, Kenny Lofton's chirping, even his ex-girlfriend singing only a few feet away.

Josh Beckett, standing tall as ever on the mound, rose above it all — October's biggest star.

Beckett dominated the Cleveland Indians for the second time and Manny Ramirez drove in the go-ahead run with a 390-foot single as the Boston Red Sox stayed alive in the AL championship series with a 7-1 win Thursday night in Game 5.

Back to Fenway Park they go. Just the Red Sox being the Red Sox. They have plenty of practice at these postseason comebacks.

"We weren't trying to win three games in one night," Kevin Youkilis said. "We were just going out there and fight and do whatever we had to do to win."

Youkilis set the tone with a first-inning homer off C.C. Sabathia as Boston shipped the best-of-seven series back to the heart of Red Sox Nation to continue a season nearly canned for the cold New England winter.

Clearly, Ramirez & Co. cared. "We made it happen," Ramirez said.

In 2004, Boston rallied from an 0-3 deficit to win the 2004 ALCS against the New York Yankees and went on to sweep the St. Louis Cardinals in four straight for its first World

Series title since 1918.

The Red Sox forced Game 6 on Saturday night, and will turn to Curt Schilling, 9-3 in 17 career postseason starts, against Fausto Carmona.

Boston still trails 3-2, but if not for Beckett, the calm, cool and cocky 20-game winner, their would be no more baseball until spring.

"Josh is unbelievable," Youkilis said. "This year has been unbelievable for him and we hope he wins the Cy Young. He's shown here in the playoffs why he should."

In the late innings, drummer John Adams, whose tom-tom beat has pulsated through a special season at Jacobs Field, slumped against his instrument as the Red Sox tacked on runs.

Meanwhile, in the Boston bullpen, two relievers used water bottles to playfully bang on backup catcher Doug Mirabelli's shinguards.

The 27-year-old Beckett, who beat Cleveland in the opener, once again came through with the stakes at their highest.

The right-hander allowed only a run and three hits in the first, and only five total hits in eight innings. He struck out 11, walked one and was around the plate with almost every one of his 109 pitches.

"He's got something others don't have," third baseman Mike Lowell said. "There is a different feel for us when he takes the mound. Time and time again he comes through."

Beckett, who with each start

carves his name deeper among the postseason pitching elite, is no stranger to comebacks.

In 2003, he pitched a two-hitter for Florida in Game 5 of the NLCS as the Marlins rallied from a 3-1 deficit to eliminate the Chicago Cubs. Then, pitching on just three days' rest in Game 6 of the World Series at Yankee Stadium, he allowed five hits in a 2-0 win and was picked as MVP.

If the Red Sox can win two more, he might have another trophy for his mantle.

"We know we have to do now," said Beckett, 3-0 with a 1.17 ERA this October. "This is not where we want to be, but obviously, we're inching closer to where we want to be."

The Indians missed a chance to advance to the World Series for the first time since 1997, and will have to find a way to avoid being the latest Cleveland team to come close but not win it all.

Cleveland, which hasn't won the Series since 1948, had won three straight to seemingly take control. But the Indians, trying to clinch a pennant at home for the first time, could do little against Beckett, who rarely shook off a sign from Varitek and kept hitters guessing with a rocket fastball and knee-buckling curve.

"He's the best," David Ortiz said. "We were confident with him going out there. He was unbelievable. It was one of the best pitching performances I've seen."

The Indians fell apart at the seams.

Even their rock-solid bullpen cracked for the first time. Boston added three runs in the eighth on three walks, a throwing error by reliever Rafael Perez, a passed ball and a sacrifice fly.

"Beating Boston four in a row is tough to do," Indians manager Eric Wedge said.

With so much on the line, both teams were on edge and tempers flared briefly in the fifth when Beckett and Lofton screamed at each other.

Cleveland's outfielder had flipped his bat to the ground after what he thought was ball four, and when Beckett retired him on a fly, the pair exchanged words and both benches and bullpens emptied.

The two got into a similar argument two years ago, when Lofton was with Philadelphia and Beckett with Florida.

"It goes back a way," Beckett said. "Those things have a way of working themselves out."

No punches were thrown, and if Lofton was trying to rattle Beckett, he didn't.

"He doesn't like it when I take my bat and flip it," Lofton said. "He's the only pitcher who's had a problem with it. He was saying stuff I didn't like, and I said something back."

Beckett then struck out Franklin Gutierrez looking before Casey Blake singled and went to third when Grady Sizemore's single. But Beckett fanned Asdrubal Cabrera on three pitches, and the rookie smacked his bat on the plate in disgust.

For Sabathia, the Indians' ace and leader, it was more disappointment. He allowed four runs and 10 hits in six-plus innings, his third straight sub-par performance this month.

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NFL

Bears balance roles given to versatile Hester

Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Devin Hester took off, and in a flash he was in the end zone.

Another breathtaking return? Not this time.

Instead, it was a game-tying 81-yard touchdown reception with less than two minutes left against the Minnesota Vikings last week, just the sort of boost the Chicago Bears envisioned him giving the offense. And it was just the sort of spark he regularly provides on special teams.

"We're all thinking, 'Oh, let's put him on offense a little more. Oh, wait a minute, we don't want to lose him on special teams,'" guard Ruben Brown said.

It's easy to see why the Bears are conflicted.

Hester already has a league-high three touchdown returns after setting an NFL record with six last season. And against the Vikings, he provided a tantalizing taste of what could come on offense.

The Bears were within 31-24 after Muhsin Muhammad caught a 33-yard touchdown pass with 2:36 remaining. The defense held after the Vikings recovered an onside kick, and Chicago took over at the 19 with 1:53 to go.

Hester made a nice move to get by Dwight Smith, caught the ball at the 35 and raced along the right sideline to complete the first touchdown reception of his career. That tied it at 31 and

elicited a deafening roar from the crowd.

The good feelings eroded when the Vikings' Ryan Longwell ended the game with a 55-yard field goal, handing the Bears (2-4) their most disappointing regular-season loss in years. On a day when the defense surrendered 444 yards and got run over by Adrian Peterson, Chicago still had a chance to win because of Hester's heroics.

Besides the tying reception, there was an 89-yard punt return for a touchdown. On that one, Hester made an over-the-shoulder-catch along the sideline, reversed toward the middle to pick up his blockers and then went to work. He split two defenders, pulled away from one lunging for his ankle and avoided another on his way to the end zone.

In other words, it was a typical Hester return. The touchdown reception was a new twist.

Hester became the third NFL player and second Bear to return a punt 80 or more yards for a touchdown and catch an 80-plus yard scoring pass in the same game, joining Gale Sayers and the St. Louis Rams' Az-Zahir Hakim.

"The more opportunities you get, the more chances you get to make a play," Hester said. "That's the way I look at it."

He had a different view as a rookie last year.

Hester had bounced from position to position at the University

of Miami and was reluctant to move to offense, even though the Bears drafted him thinking he could contribute on either side of the ball. He played mostly on special teams, occasionally in the secondary, but never on the other side. Coach Lovie Smith broached the subject early on, and it became a full-fledged sales pitch after the season.

Hester finally gave in just before offseason workouts, and the Bears have been slowly working him into the rotation. The transition to offense is not easy because receivers have to run precise routes and can't simply rely on speed, although the Bears have kept it simple for him.

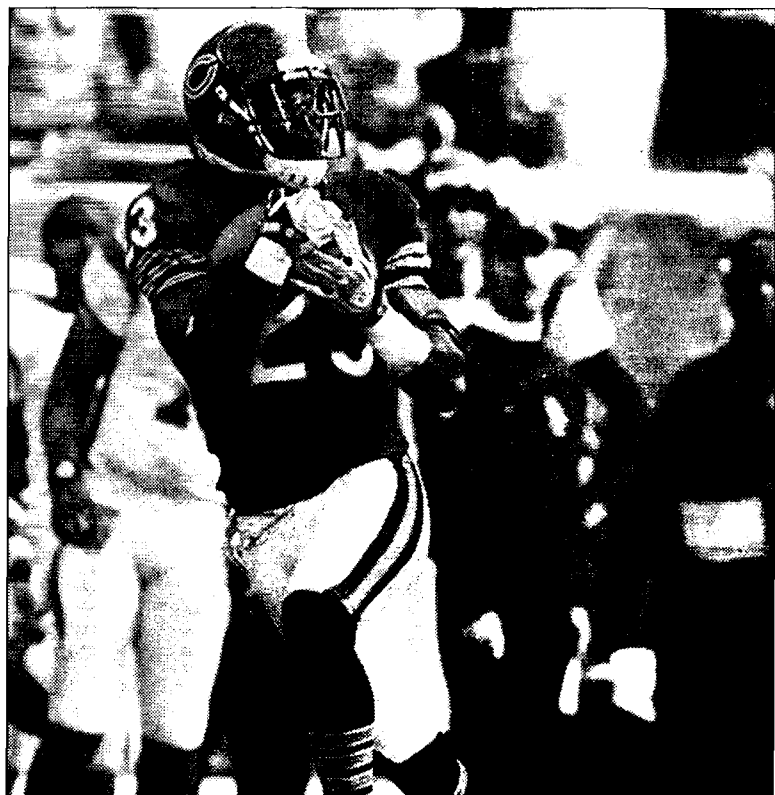
"In fairness to him, not giving him too much to start with ... worked well," quarterback Brian Griese said. "He's shown that he can handle a lot of it."

Hester had been used mainly as a decoy on offense the first five games, with just one 3-yard reception. Even so, defenses had to pay attention.

"People have to respect his speed and the playmaking ability that he has," Muhammad said. "I don't think people have seen some of the best things he can do, but obviously, when he's on the field, they know where No. 23 is."

For the Bears, it's a delicate balance. If they use Hester too much on offense, that could limit his play on special teams. Worse, what if he gets injured?

The NFC special teams player



Bears' wide receiver/kick returner Devin Hester catches a touchdown pass during the Chicago's 34-31 loss to Minnesota Sunday.

of the month in September, Hester leads the league with seven punt returns for 20 or more yards. Against the Vikings, he had four for 108 yards and ran back four kickoffs for 86.

Teams are paying a heavy price when they put the ball in his hands and are sacrificing field position when they don't. That's not a bad strategy considering the Bears' offense is 28th

in the league at 287.7 yards per game.

"I kind of figure Devin's good for seven points every time he steps on the field, maybe 14," Brown said. "So you pick your poison: Which way do you want to use him? Do you want to get your seven or 14 on offense? Do you want to get your seven or 14 on special teams? Or do you split it in half?"

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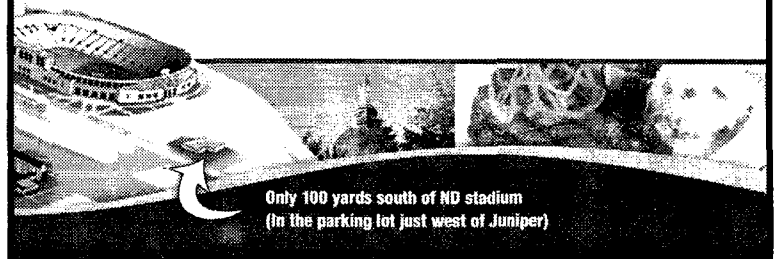
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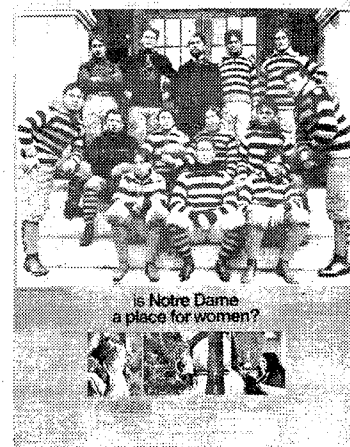
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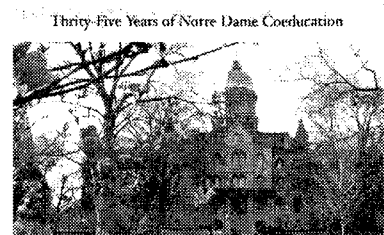
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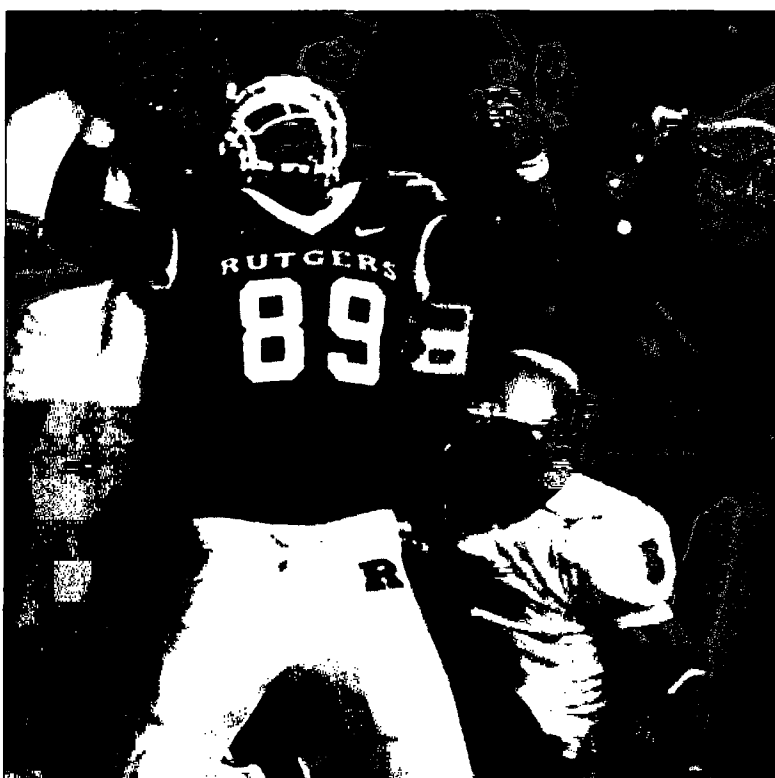
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Rutgers downs No. 2 USF with help of fake FG



Scarlet Knights tight end Kevin Brock celebrates his touchdown catch off a fake field goal in Rutgers' 30-27 win over South Florida.

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — South Florida slogged off the field in the midst of another Rutgers celebration, white and green dots in a sea of red.

The second-ranked Bulls' unexpected ascent into college football's elite had been snarled by a team that's getting good at

taking out national title contenders.

Third-string quarterback Andrew DePaola threw a 15-yard touchdown pass off a fake field goal to give the Scarlet Knights the lead in the third quarter and Rutgers also used a fake punt to set up an early field goal in its 30-27 victory Thursday night.

Ray Rice provided a more conventional 181 yards on 39 carries for Rutgers (5-2, 2-1 Big East) and Mike Teel threw two touchdown passes to Tiquan Underwood.

"We just went out there and played our best football," Rice said.

South Florida became the third No. 2 team to lose in the last three weeks.

"I thought we had a chip on our shoulders tonight," Bulls cornerback Trac Williams said. "That we would prove something to the nation. That we are deserving of the ranking. Obviously, we didn't get it done tonight."

The Bulls (6-1, 1-1) had their eight-game winning streak come to an end, no doubt to the delight of Boston College, LSU, Oklahoma and the rest of the teams hoping to grab the second spot in the BCS standings USF held this week.

Matt Grothe threw for 247 yards and a touchdown and ran for 58 yards, but Rutgers' defense swarmed South Florida's multitalented quarterback in the second half and sacked him seven times in the game.

A week after No. 2 California lost to Oregon State and two weeks after then-No. 2 Southern California was upset by Stanford, the Bulls became the 11th Top 10 team to fall to an unranked opponent this season. There are five undefeated teams

left in major college football.

"Personally, rankings don't mean that much when you're on the field," Bulls receiver Marcus Edwards said. "All that stuff goes out the window. It comes down to who scores the most points and they scored more than we did tonight."

Rutgers, which started the season ranked 16th but fell out after two straight losses last month, might not be unranked much longer.

Jeremy Ito lined a career-long 51 yard field with 11:59 left in the fourth quarter to give Rutgers a 30-20 lead.

Grothe's gang wasn't done. He led the Bulls on a 70-yard touchdown drive that Mike Ford capped with a 1-yard run with 9:16 left to make it 30-27.

When USF linebacker Ben Moffitt recovered Rice's fumble near midfield with 4:11 left, the Bulls were in business at the Rutgers 40. But Brandon Renkart sacked Grothe on the first play, and the Bulls were forced to punt.

"We had the ball at the 50, down by three and their defense came up to play," USF coach Jim Leavitt said. "Give them credit. Give them a lot of credit. They did it twice."

Rutgers was unable to kill the clock and the Bulls got one more shot to keep their perfect season alive, starting at the Rutgers 49.

On the first play, freshman Joe Lefeged came on a safety blitz and sacked Grothe from the

blind side. On fourth-and-22, Amarri Jackson caught a pass down the sideline beyond the first down marker, but the play was wiped out by an offensive pass interference call because the receiver pushed off.

The last gasp came on a fourth-and-37 from the Rutgers 24. Grothe heaved a desperation pass into traffic and Rutgers defensive back Zaire Kitchen intercepted.

For the second straight season Rutgers came up with a huge victory on a Thursday night at home. Last year it was then-No. 3 Louisville, at the time the highest ranked opponent Rutgers had ever beaten.

Not anymore. This win set off another party on the field, though not quite as wild as last year's after beating Louisville.

After reaching the rankings for first time in the 11-year history of South Florida football earlier this season, the Bulls shot up the charts behind a quick and hard-hitting defense and Grothe's dynamic playmaking.

In this topsy-turvy season, the Bulls' national title hopes can't quite be put to rest. But they took a major hit.

The Scarlet Knights, last season's surprise team from the Big East, gave their season a much-needed jolt.

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NFL

Palmer apologizes for temper

Johnson resents difference in reaction after 'Golden Boy's' outbursts

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer is sorry.

Sorry that he blew up at receiver Chad Johnson for running the wrong route. Sorry that he's lost his cool during the Cincinnati Bengals' awful start. Sorry that his easygoing temperament has failed him on the field.

Not that anyone blames him.

The Pro Bowl MVP has vented his anger in the last two games, something quite out of character for the laid-back quarterback from California. A 1-4 start will do that.

"I think everybody's a little bit on edge around here," Palmer said. "We have boards in the offensive and defensive rooms, and every time you look up at them and see our production and our record there, you're just naturally on edge because you have such high expectations."

"I have lost my cool a couple of times, and I apologize for that. I'll try to contain myself and be calm."

Usually, Palmer is the club's voice of reason during tough times. When things go bad, he acknowledges the problems and accepts a bigger share of the blame than necessary. When teammates squabble, he tries to restore the peace.

Two notable exceptions have drawn attention and prompted

those apologies.

During a 34-13 loss to New England, Johnson ran the wrong route near the goal line late in the first half, when the Bengals had a chance to keep the game close. After Palmer's throw was intercepted because Johnson wasn't where he should have been, the quarterback berated him on the field.

Johnson gave it back on the sideline, and was still jawing at the quarterback as they left the field for halftime.

Palmer was visibly angry again Sunday when his last throw was intercepted during a 27-20 loss at Kansas City. Palmer tried to get the ball to Johnson in a crowd, but the receiver slowed at the end of the route, setting up the interception.

"New England — that was on me," Johnson said this week. "It's all on me. You can't blame him. He's the Golden Boy."

That's Johnson's nickname for the 2002 Heisman Trophy winner, one that's more good-natured than it sounds. What bothers Johnson, though, is that their outbursts are taken different ways these days.

When Palmer gets angry, it's a

surprise. When Johnson vents, it's something else.

"As soon as I do show emotion, everybody's first word is 'selfish,'" Johnson said. "You all know Chad better than that. You've been around me long enough to know that I'm about winning and that's it. One-and-four, if that's not enough to be frustrated about, then I don't know what is."

There's more to it, of course.

Johnson draws attention to himself with his touchdown celebrations, his brash statements

and his trash talking to opponents on the field. Sometimes, he'll be talking to an opposing player while his teammates are gathered on the field during a timeout.

When coach Marvin Lewis lashed out at his players for being "selfish" following the loss to New England, everyone thought about Johnson even though the coach didn't single anyone out. Johnson thinks there's a double standard among fans and the media because no one has called Palmer selfish for showing emotion.

"He's just like me," Johnson said. "What if he throws a bad ball, and I do the same thing?"

"I think everybody's a little bit on edge around here."

Carson Palmer
Bengals quarterback

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Summitt happy with Vols team chemistry

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee coach Pat Summitt knows talent will only get you so far in college basketball.

She's had Lady Vols teams loaded with stars that haven't reached the NCAA Final Four. She's had teams with six and 10 losses win national championships.

"Two years ago, we didn't particularly like each other, we didn't play well together, we didn't get to a Final Four," Summitt said Thursday during Tennessee's media day. "Last year, we had great chemistry."

The Lady Vols are coming off their seventh NCAA title. With Candace Parker and three other starters returning plus a top-notch freshman class, Summitt's team is about as talented as they get.

That won't necessarily translate into another title.

"You always worry about what happens after you've won a championship," Summitt said. "I've sat and watched this many times: carrying the big national championship on your back. Every possession, every game, every venue that we go to, it's going to be a challenge for them."

"This is one of the hardest things to do in sports ... to repeat the performance of the

national championship."

In the 1998-99 season, Tennessee followed up three consecutive national titles with a disappointing finish, losing in the Elite Eight. That team boasted the superstar trio of Chamique Holdsclaw, Tamika Catchings and Semeka Randall, but players failed to step up in that regional finals game when Holdsclaw went 2-of-18 from the floor in a loss to Duke.

Basketball's winningest coach thinks this year's team is different.

For one thing, the current squad's one national championship humbles in comparison to the three-peat. And rookies Kelley Cain, Angie Bjorklund, Sydney Smallbone and Vicki Baugh will be looking for their own title.

"What I see right now appears to be something that's going to be a special chemistry," Summitt said. "Can they live up to it? In my estimation we have the talent to do so."

The first step in fighting any potential post-championship slump is to train hard in the offseason and practice hard in the preseason, Summitt said. She also wants to see a commitment from players to improve daily.

Coach and players all said they've been pleased with the progress so far.

"There's been no signs of slacking off or not working hard," Parker said. "This summer we had tremendous work ethic."

Nicky Anosike said it takes being on the court in a game to really know whether a team's got the right chemistry.

"It's too early to tell," she said. "I don't know who rises when there's pressure, who falls. I don't know anyone's tendencies in games, who cracks under pressure. We'll see."

Cain said she's already comfortable with the veteran players, who she said took the freshmen under their wings, showed them the ropes and advised them what to do on and off the court.

She already seems to be oozing the team spirit that Summitt finds handy in a player.

"I don't think one player outshines the other. It takes the whole team, all 11 of us to win a game and a national championship," she said. "I think we're a close-knit team already, and we can only get closer."

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Belles look to sink Titans

Saint Mary's has chance to continue momentum after blowout win



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Belles sophomore defender Jessica Slean dribbles past an Adrian defender during Saint Mary's' 4-3 win over Adrian on Oct. 9. Saint Mary's, at 3-2-2, is fifth in the MIAA standings.

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's heads to Illinois Wesleyan Saturday to take on the Titans in a non-conference match. The Titans (7-7-1) may have the home field advantage, but the Belles (7-3-4 overall) are coming off an 8-2 blowout of Tri-State Tuesday.

Sophomore midfielder Katy Durkin and junior forward Lauren Hinton each had a hat trick against Tri-State. The win was Saint Mary's highest scoring game of the season, raising its season goal total to 26.

Still, Saint Mary's has had

trouble converting in front of the goal this season with veteran players sidelined with injuries. Hinton missed the beginning of the Belles' conference slate, but her absence gave the team a chance to find out who else could score and offered Saint Mary's an opportunity to move players around. The injuries also gave some of the freshmen playing time.

Improvement in front of the goal was obvious against Tri-State. The Belles are starting to show what coach Caryn MacKenzie saw in her team long before Tuesday's match.

"We are capable of more than we realize," MacKenzie

said. "It's a matter of the entire team believing that, and not just a few of our players. It's coming."

And for the Belles it has. Besides increasing their amount of goals, Saint Mary's increased its shots on goal. The Belles had 29 shots on goal and had a new player score — freshman midfielder Lauren Eaton — in Tuesday's game.

The Belles will have to watch out for Titan forward Caroline Leighton, who leads Illinois Wesleyan with 12 goals on 40 shots.

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NBA

Bryant's third quarter leads LA over Seattle

Turiaf and Bynum add double figures

Associated Press

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Kobe Bryant returned to the lineup and scored 20 points, 16 in the third quarter, to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 126-106 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Thursday night.

Bryant sat out the second and fourth quarters, but scored 12 straight for the Lakers in the third. He seemed to play to the pro-Lakers crowd, hitting a jumper with fans chanting "Kobe! Kobe!"

The Sonics had cut the Lakers' lead to five before Bryant's run, but after he dunked an alley-oop from Ronny Turiaf, Los Angeles was ahead 79-64.

Turiaf scored all of his 13 points in the first quarter for

the Lakers, while Andrew Bynum added 19 for the Lakers, who led 64-47 at the half.

Rookie Kevin Durant finished with 18 points and Chris Wilcox added 16. Seattle center Robert Swift returned to his hometown and scored seven points.

Bryant appeared upbeat when he spoke to reporters before the game. He had mostly ignored the media since Lakers owner Jerry Buss stated last week that he "would certainly listen" to trade offers for the two-time defending NBA scoring champion.

When asked about his recent silent treatment, Bryant said: "Why would I need to bang my head against a wall?"

He missed some practice this week because of a sore knee, then said in his first formal interview since Buss' statement that it caught him off guard.

He repeated again on Thursday his desire to not discuss the matter.

CROSS COUNTRY

Irish go to Kentucky for conference meet

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame will try to ride its strong performances this season into this weekend's Big East championships in Louisville, Ky.

This season, the men have notched three wins and a fifth-place finish, at the difficult Pre-National meet last weekend. The fifth-place finish marked the fifth consecutive top-five finish at the Pre-Nationals meet for the Irish.

The women's team won the Crusader Invitational and the National Catholic Championships earlier this season but slipped in the Notre Dame Invitational, finishing

12th.

Junior Patrick Smyth led the Irish men at the Pre-Nationals, finishing fifth overall in 23:18. Senior Jake Watson finished 17th with a time of 23:43.

Sophomore Lindsey Ferguson led the women, finishing 37th overall.

The Irish men and women finished third in last year's Big East championships in Boston. Smyth finished in 23:32 to take third, and Watson finished ninth with a time of 23:54.

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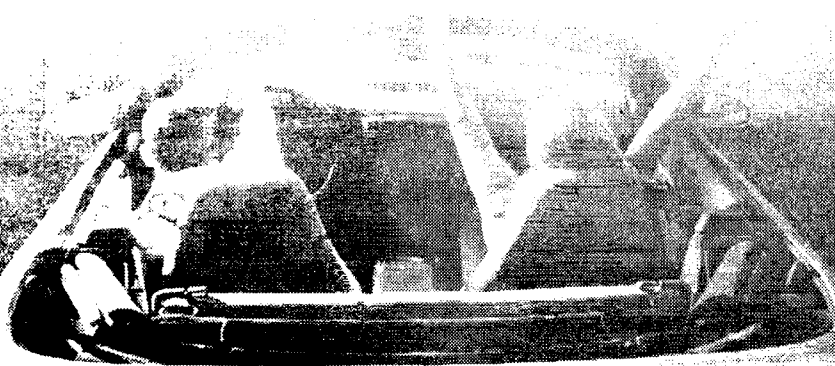


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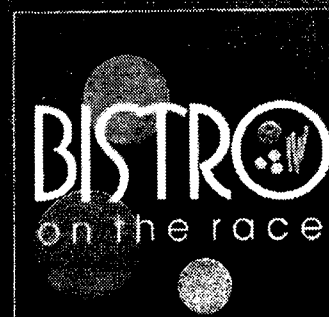
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SMC SWIMMING

Season begins with relays

Belles travel north for first competition against conference foes

By MARIE BUGNITZ
Sports Writer

With the end of fall break comes the beginning of Saint Mary's season.

The Belles are set to swim in their first competition in a relay meet in Holland, Mich., against several other teams from the MIAA.

Coach Ryan Dombkowski said this first meet was really "just for fun" and is the "first taste of competition for the season" for the Belles.

Led by senior captains Kelly Tighe and Tracy Kosmala, and junior Melissa Gerberth, Saint Mary's should have a strong season, Dombkowski said.

"Last year, almost every swimmer on the team swam lifetime bests, and I expect to see that trend continue," Dombkowski said. "All-in-all, I will be happy to see us all work hard, be competitive, and have fun."

That sort of attitude defines Dombkowski's technique of coaching — and the Belles have

taken well to that method.

"[They're] willing to work hard, want to swim fast, and want to have fun," Dombkowski said.

With 27 swimmers and five divers on the team, Dombkowski believes the 2007-08 Belles squad is as talented a team as Saint Mary's has ever had.

"We return all of our individual conference scorers," Dombkowski said. "Plus we've added several new faces that have the ability to score at conference championships as well. ... As a team, we've never finished higher than fifth in our conference, and I believe this team has the potential to surpass that mark."

Dombkowski said he was happy with the efficiency of practices leading up to the season.

"Although swimming is often thought of as an individual sport, practices and competition for spots in line-ups and on relays play a huge role into determining the success of a team," Dombkowski said.

"During our first several weeks, I have seen some great competition day-in and day-out in practice that should propel our team to even more success."

Swimmers to watch include Gerberth in the distance freestyle and freshman Casey Niezer in the individual medley and backstroke events. Both show the potential to qualify for the national championships this year, Dombkowski said. He also said there were more swimmers in every class that will "add to the depth" of the team, including junior diver Leah Bocinsky and freshmen Maggie Williams and Lauren Hartman.

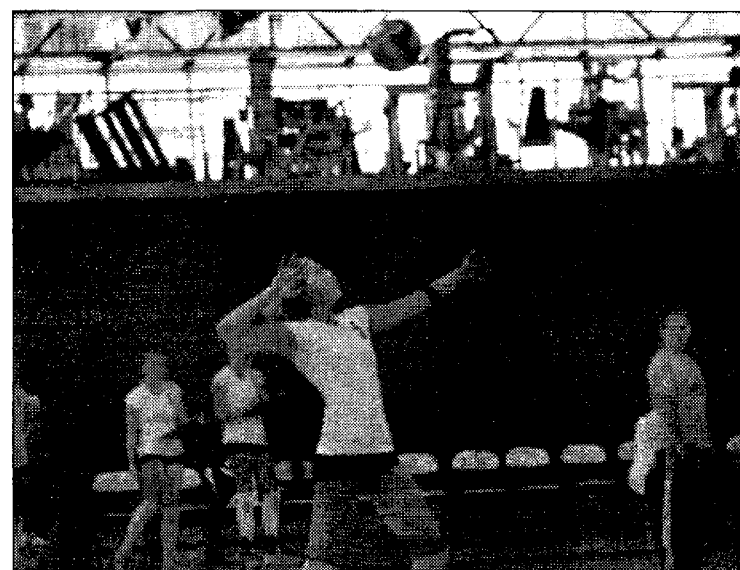
After the relay meet, Saint Mary's will go to Chicago on Nov. 2 to compete against the University of Chicago and the Illinois Institute of Technology. The following day, the Belles will travel to Crawfordsville, Ind., to compete against Illinois Wesleyan and Rose-Hulman.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Four conference games left before tournament

Squad plays three times in the next week



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Freshman middle blocker Andrea Sasgen serves during the Belles' 3-0 win over Tri-State on Sept. 29.

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

As Saint Mary's students relax for fall break, the Belles volleyball team will be hard at work. The Belles begin play Saturday against Kalamazoo and Defiance and will play three more games next week. These final five games will finish up regular-season play for Saint Mary's.

Kalamazoo is seventh in the MIAA (8-15, 4-8 MIAA). The Belles squashed the Hornets earlier this season, sweeping them in three games.

Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has been very busy preparing for the multitude of games over fall break, and it has been a challenge for the coach.

"This is an interesting time in our season," Schroeder-Biek said. "We have limited practice opportunities in relation to the Kalamazoo, Alma and Calvin matches. Our plan of attack is to bring our best game to the floor. Each one of these conference opponents is very different but still very much a threat to us."

After Kalamazoo, the Belles will take on the only non-conference match left this season, Defiance.

The Belles will have one day off before they take on eighth-place Alma (6-19, 2-11). The Scots proved no match for the Belles in their first meeting, where the Belles won 3-0.

The Belles will leave Alma to head to Calvin for another conference meet. Calvin has

been a tough competitor for all conference teams this season, with a record of 12-1 in the MIAA and 21-4 overall. In their first meeting, Calvin swept the Belles with ease.

The Belles will wrap up the conference schedule against fourth-place Tri-State (12-12, 9-5). The Belles were swept by the Thunder in their last meeting earlier in the season.

With very little time to prepare, the Belles are focusing on one of their weaknesses: their emotions.

"The key will be us playing with the heart and soul of winners ... putting in that extra effort to make that dig, get to that set, close that block, be in position to pass the ball to target, communicating on the court to teammates — just being determined to finish the season strong," Schroeder-Biek said. "Our key is our mindset."

One of the Belles main goals this season was to be a host for the MIAA conference tournament. To be a host the Belles must be in fourth place by the end of the season, but right now Saint Mary's is sixth.

Schroeder-Biek has not given up on this goal. But the main priority, she said, is to finish the season strong.

"We still have a chance [to host]," Schroeder-Biek said. "But there are some things that will have to happen that are not in our control — it will help us if certain teams lose and certain teams win."

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MEN'S GOLF

Team travels to Vanderbilt

Hock, Sandman ready to lead team after performances at Duke

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to continue its recent success this weekend, playing in the Mason Rudolph Invitational at Vanderbilt University.

The three-round tournament will begin Sunday and end Tuesday, with one round being played each day. Competitors will play all three rounds on the par-72 Vanderbilt Legends Club Ironhorse Course. The course, designed by Tom Kite and Bob Cupp, plays at 7,190 yards.

"It's a very fair course off the tee that will offer some birdie opportunities," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "The Legends Club is always in great shape and will serve as a perfect venue for this week's event."

Last year, Ole Miss won the Invitational with a two-over-par 876. The Rebels defeated Vanderbilt and North Florida by eight shots, and Tennessee-Chattanooga placed fourth.

The Irish enter the tourna-

ment fresh off best performance of the young season at the Duke Golf Classic. Notre Dame placed third of twelve teams in Durham, N.C., vaulting past a quarter of the field in the final round.

"The guys have a great deal of confidence at this point," Kubinski said. "It was nice to get four good scores for the most part; the goal will be getting five in contention."

The Irish had four starters finish in the top 20 at Duke, with freshman Tyler Hock and junior Josh Sandman tying for No. 11 at three-under. Hock, starting for the first time in his career, was seven-under in the final two rounds.

Senior captain Greg Rodgers also had a solid tournament for the Irish, tying for 15th at two-under par.

Sophomore Doug Fortner continued his exceptional play this season, taking his third top-20 finish in as many events. Fortner tied for 20th at one-over par, despite bogeying five of the last six holes in the first round.

"We came out very focused

and got some very solid scores from one through four in the lineup," Kubinski said. "That's the kind of depth we've been looking for during the past year or so, and we'll look to keep building on this the rest of the season."

Notre Dame opened the tournament with a first-round of one-under, placing the Irish in seventh. After dropping several places mid-way through Sunday's second round, Notre Dame rallied into sixth place with several key birdies in the last few holes. The Irish passed North Carolina-Wilmington and Eastern Carolina in the last four holes, and their hot play continued in a strong finish.

There will be one change in the starting lineup for the Irish this weekend, with sophomore Kyle Willis entering in place of senior Eddie Peckels.

"Kyle is a steady player and excellent putter," Kubinski said. "I think he'll give us a couple nice rounds and a good boost."

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

After break, Irish look for fourth straight win

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

After an unprecedented 3-0 start for Notre Dame, a two-week break was a welcome distraction for the Irish.

"I think it was a good way for the girls to get caught up in their school work," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "I think they're relieved and were able to rest up over the break."

Now, the Irish, ranked No. 12 in the nation by Golfstat.com, look to start the season four-for-four at the three-day Lady Paladin Invitational at the Furman Golf Course in Greenville, S.C.

The field consists of 18 teams, six of which are ranked in the top 50. The Invitational will feature No. 34 Louisville, No. 36 TCU, No. 39 Augusta State, No. 44 Furman and No. 50 Mississippi.

Junior co-captain Lisa Maunu will tee-off in the No. 1 spot when the tournament begins today. Maunu shot a program record six-under-par 66 earlier this year and has finished all of the season's tournaments in the top 10 — including her overall victory in the Cougar Classic.

Teeing off from the No. 2 spot will be freshman So-Hyun Park, who has made an instant contribution in her first year at Notre Dame. Park leads the team with a 72.00 scoring average and three top-five finishes on the year.

The third spot belongs to freshman Katie Conway, who has averaged a 76.11. It is the highest position at which Conway has started this season.

Sophomore Annie Brophy will tee off fourth. Her scoring average of 75.89 has her in a tie for third on the team with fellow sophomore Kristin Wetzel, who

will tee off in the fifth and final spot for Notre Dame.

Holt said her team has practiced well since its last competitive golf.

"I think the break was a great chance for some of the players to focus on some of their individual issues," Holt said. "I was encouraged by their response over the break."

Notre Dame had its practice round Thursday at the Furman Golf Course, where they got used to the course in preparation for the tournament.

"They played well today," Holt said. "I was impressed with their ball striking more than anything."

After the Lady Paladin Invitational, the Irish will head to Tuscaloosa, Ala., for the Ann Rhoads Intercollegiate from Oct. 26-28. That will be the last tournament in the fall portion of the team's schedule.

But for now, the Irish are trying to focus on what has given them early success this season.

"We've basically been keeping everything the same and the same," Holt said. "I am of the philosophy that if it's not broken, why fix it? So we have been going about business as

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles head to MIAA meet

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's coach Jackie Bauters could have her pick of classic sports clichés to describe her team's Oct. 27 MIAA championship meet. The meet, after all, will decide whether this season will be the Belles' best in school history.

But rather than making the meet seem "do or die," as one cliché goes, Bauters has downplayed its importance.

"I'd really like to approach conference like all our other meets," Bauters said. "I feel like sometimes athletes make the race into more than it needs to be and are afraid of how they are going to perform. My goal for the team is to go into the meet as mentally prepared and confident as every other meet

this season. If we can do this, I know we will be successful."

Momentum is certainly on the Belles' side. They have finished first and third in their last two meets, respectively. Senior Megan Gray captured the individual title in both those meets and finished sixth overall at the M I A A

Jamboree on Sept. 22.

The Belles took fourth at the Jamboree, which determines one third of the conference standings. The other two

thirds will be determined at the MIAA championship. If the Belles can finish of fourth or better in that race, Saint Mary's will secure at least fourth place overall in the MIAA, surpassing last year's fifth-place finish as the best in program history.

"The girls are physically prepared to race well, and this last week [of practice] is just main-

taining the routine and getting in the last confidence booster," Bauters said. "This is going to be a very interesting meet. There are usually mixed emotions because this is always an exciting meet but also the last of the season for some girls."

Perhaps the biggest reason for the Belles' recent success has been the progression of the pack behind Gray. Consistent efforts from freshmen Sam Wiczorek and Catie Salyer, sophomore Megan McClowry and senior Olenka Bilyk have given Saint Mary's a deep team that could perform well at the championships.

"I feel like the team has really improved across the board, and our four through eight runners have stepped up as a unit," Bauters said. "Even if we end up at fourth overall in the conference, we've improved since last year in leaps and bounds beyond what the ranking can show."

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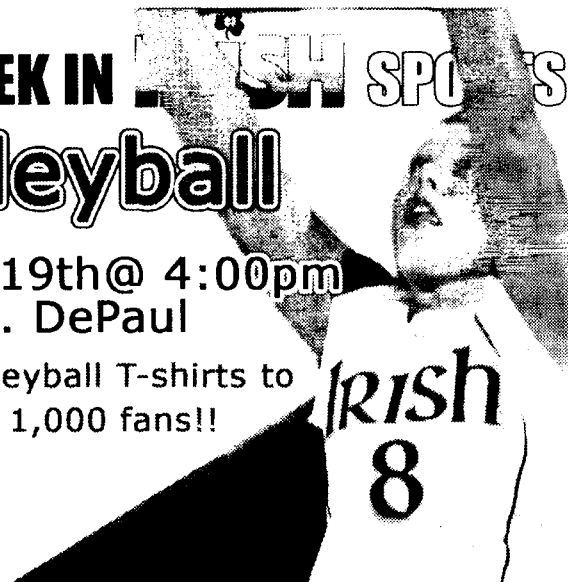
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service aces. Sophomore outside hitter Serinity Phillips paces the Irish with 235 total kills.

Senior setter Ashley Tarutis has 670 assists and 167 digs, while sophomore setter Jamel Nicholas has seen key minutes of late — scoring 193 helpers and 71 digs.

DePaul (5-15, 1-6) will be looking for revenge after losing to the Irish 3-0 last season. The Blue Demons are led by freshman middle blocker Jacie Fiedler. She was the offensive leader last weekend for the Blue Demons. Against Marquette, she racked up 14 kills with a .423 attack percentage.

"Tomorrow is going to be a fun game," Tarutis said. "We have worked hard."

LSU (16-4, 8-3 SEC) is coming off of a 3-1 victory over Ole Miss. The Tigers are led by 332 kills from junior outside hitter Kyna Washington and 861 assists from sophomore setter Maggie Lonergan.

Junior libero Elena Martinez tops the LSU defense with 448 digs.

Connecticut (12-8, 3-4 Big East) dropped a lopsided 3-0 decision to the Irish in 2006. This season, the Huskies are led by senior outside hitter

S a d e C h a m b e r s , sophomore setter Bridget D e n s o n - Dorman and sophomore libero Jessica Isaac.

St. John's (21-3, 6-1), the final opponent of the stretch, has been tough on Big East opponents. The Red Storm crushed the Irish, 3-0, in a match last season at the Joyce Center.

This season, senior setter W i o l e t a Leszczynska has a conference-best 13.81 assists per game, and junior libero Lena Yee is fourth in digs with 4.61 per contest. Sophomore outside hitter LaToya Blunt is third in the Big East with a .363 hitting percentage.

"Every game left in the Big East is really important to us," Tarutis said. "We need to win to get the better seed."

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ND SWIMMING

USC comes to town to battle Irish

Trojans will compete in dual meet for first time at Notre Dame

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Before the football team faces USC in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams will take on the Trojans at Rolfs Aquatic Center today.

The meet will mark the first time the Irish have faced one of the most prestigious programs in college swimming in a dual meet.

"Several times we've tried to match up dates with the football game," Irish men's coach Tim Welsh said. "But we're pretty far apart and swim in different conferences, so this is the first time we've been able to get a meet together. ...

"They are a very experienced team. They always swim at a high level, and I think both teams will be ready to go."

Sophomores John Lytle and A n d r e w Hoffman, junior Danny Lutkus, and senior Rob Seery will look to turn in strong performances coming

off of a winning performance in the 400-yard freestyle relay two weeks ago at the Dennis Stark Relays. Junior diver Michael Bulfin and senior diver Sam Stoner will also try to carry momentum from their record-setting dives at the Stark Relays.

Welsh said he sees this meet with USC as the first big test of the season.

The Irish women will be squaring off against a Trojan squad that already has a meet under its belt. USC defeated conference foe Oregon State last Friday.

At that meet, three Trojan swimmers posted times good enough for NCAA consideration. Junior Rachael Waller

posted two of those times, while two-time NCAA champion in the 200-yard breast-

stroke junior Rebecca Soni and senior Whitney Hentzen had the others.

Junior Maggie Behrens, junior Christa Riggins and freshman A m y w r e n Miller will need to turn in the types of performances that allowed them to dominate the Relays in order to compete with the stacked Trojan roster.

While the meet is coinciding with the ongoing football rivalry between the two schools, Welsh said, there are no plans made for future meetings.

"We're thrilled USC is here, but neither team has made a commitment for the future," Welsh said. "They're one of the most storied teams in American swimming, and it's an honor to have them swimming in our pool."

The meet will begin at 5 p.m. at the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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"The last five games have all been against teams ranked in the top 20, and Indiana is a team that could win the national championship, as is Connecticut," Clark said. "The key is, we've played all these teams pretty evenly. [In the Indiana game], we were as close to winning the game as they were, but that's the way the ball swings."

One area in which the Irish have struggled during their winless streak has been on defense. In its last three games, Notre Dame has allowed seven goals — including three against both Connecticut and Indiana. During their nine-game unbeaten streak, the Irish allowed only three goals total, never surrendering more than one in a game.

"The last two games, you've played against two fairly potent attacking teams," Clark said. "Having said that, we're look-

ing at it from a team point of view. The whole team attacks and the whole team defends."

Notre Dame's defense will need to return to its early-season form by Sunday, or it could be in for a long day against a Seton Hall offense that has scored in bunches this season.

The Pirates have a 2.15 goals-per-game average (as opposed to Notre Dame's 1.57), and Seton Hall has scored four or more goals in five games this season.

The Pirates' offense has been especially potent as of late, averaging 3.75 goals per game in the team's last four games — all wins.

After enduring an early-season tumble in which they lost six of seven games, the Pirates have outscored their opponents 15-3 during the team's current four-game winning streak.

Those wins have helped the Pirates rise from last to fifth place in the Big East Blue Division with a conference record of 3-3-0 (7-6-0 overall).

"Seton Hall is always a good team, and they're always well-coached," Clark said. "They're a heady young team, and that's starting to come together. They

can score goals in bunches, so that speaks for itself."

If Seton Hall is able to continue their recent scoring binge, Notre Dame can take comfort in the return to form of senior forward Joseph Lapira. Last season's national player of the year scored only two goals in the team's first 12 games this season, but Lapira has tripled that output by netting two goals against both Connecticut and Indiana.

"He came in with a calf injury, and then he picked up a hamstring, so he's been a little unfit from the start," Clark said. "A goal scorer needs precision, and now that he's starting to get his fitness back, he's starting to score."

Sunday's game will carry important implications in seeding for the Big East tournament. Currently, the Irish control their own destiny. Although they're two points behind Blue Division leader Connecticut, the Irish have four conference games remaining to the Huskies' three. If both teams were to win the remainder of their games, the Notre Dame would have the top seed going into the Big East tournament.

Sunday's game is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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Denver

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spent the first period chasing the Pioneers (2-1), but exploded with a dominant second to take the permanent lead.

"I've had a few games where I wish there was a tornado," Irish coach Jeff Jackson joked after the game. "I was concerned, we had some momentum going into the third period."

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce stopped 17 Denver shots, and left wing Garrett Regan

tallied one goal on a team-high seven shots while adding an assist in the win on the night that Notre Dame's 2007 CCHA playoff championship banner was unfurled.

Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson ripped a shot from the center of the point that squeaked through Denver goalie Peter Mannino's pads 12:27 into the second period to tie the game at 2-2. The goal was the culmination of 10 minutes in which Notre Dame looked nothing like the team that fell to a 2-1 deficit

after the first period. The Irish hammered chance after chance at Mannino (14 saves), until they capitalized on Lawson's power-play goal — one of three power-play scores on the night.

"I was surprised that we came out that flat [in the first period]. They were all over us for awhile," Irish right wing Ben Ryan said. "I think leadership had a lot to do with it. We settled down."

Notre Dame left wing Ryan Thang sniped a shot over Mannino's glove from traffic in the slot to put the Irish up 3-2 with 2:12 left in the second. Pearce backed up the effort a minute later with a breakaway save on Denver left wing Jesse Martin.

"A year ago at this time I was throwing water bottles," Jackson said about how he fires up his team between periods. "This right now is a matter of me trying to be a little more patient because we have a lot of young guys."

The Irish penalty kill successfully smothered seven

man-down situations, including one that resulted from an interference call on Ryan with just under six minutes left. The Pioneers were pinned to the boards on their advantage chances and couldn't exploit their three power plays in the third period.

Jackson credited Irish associate head coach Paul Pooley for the success.

"It's a matter of having the right personnel, but tonight's just one night," Jackson said.

The Pioneers and Irish swapped goals in the third period when the pendulum swung to a

rest between the teams and play evened out. Ryan scored the first goal of his career when he stuffed the puck inside the left post 7:23 into the third for a 4-2 lead. Denver answered 32 seconds later when right wing Brock Trotter picked up a rebound of Pearce and cut Notre Dame's lead to 4-3. The Irish killed off two more power plays before getting the win.

"We might have just come back out after the first period and just maybe thought it was going to be a lot easier than it was," Trotter said. "They showed that they're a really good hockey team, and we can't let up the way we did."

The Pioneers scored first 1:42 into the first period when center Kyle Ostrow beat Pearce glove side on a shot from the

left circle for the 1-0 lead. After Ostrow's goal, Denver possessed the puck in the Irish zone and neutralized the trap Notre Dame attempted.

The Irish broke through on a power-play goal by Regan with 1:50 left in the first. Lawson let loose a low shot from the point that Regan redirected into the net to tie the game at 1-1. The Pioneers scored 55 seconds later when the puck bounced off a Notre Dame player's skate into the net to put the Irish down 2-1 at the end of the first.

Notre Dame and Denver square off tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce for the final game of the series.

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Bobby Clark
Irish coach

"I've had a few games where I wish there was a tornado."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

Karas

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sive, attacked crosses and corner kicks and directed the defense. Karas has done all of that of late, saying her duties are "more preventative than anything else."

Although she struggled early to match her performance from last season — she allowed six goals in her first five games — Karas has not allowed a goal during Notre Dame's six-game win streak. She said she has fully regained the confidence she lost after Notre Dame's 7-1 loss to Santa Clara on Sept. 7.

"I mean, I've done it for three years," she said. "It's just kind of getting back into the flow and knowing that I can do it because I've done it in the past."

The team seems to have followed suit. During the streak, the Irish have out-scored their opponents 22-2 and allowed only 11 shots on goal, or 1.8 per game. In the eight games before the streak, they allowed 1.9 goals per game

and 3.25 shots on goal per game.

"We're finally clicking. We have [freshman defender] Lauren [Fowlkes] and [junior defender Carrie] Dew in the back and that's huge for us. ... We're playing better," Karas said, noting the team's new sense of consistency and confidence.

The Irish have scored 3.6 goals per game during the streak and led the Big East in points, goals, goals per game, assists and assists per game. They currently lead the Big East National Division by six points and have clinched a spot in the Big East tournament.

Their recent scoring frenzy is due in part to the offensive explosion of junior forward Brittany Bock, the national and Big East player of the week for two weeks running. Bock leads the Big East in goals (10, also good for 15th in the nation) and goals per game (0.71). She ranks second in the conference in points and points per game and falls behind her teammate, junior forward Kerri Hanks, in both categories. Bock had four goals and an assist in wins

over Georgetown and Villanova last weekend.

The Irish, who face the Friars at 7:30 tonight at Alumni field, should handle Providence easily. Providence is 3-10-1 (2-5 Big East), has allowed 28 goals, while scoring only five, and is winless on the road.

Connecticut, however, at 10-2-1 (6-0-1 Big East) is tied with Louisville for the lead in the Big East in goals allowed. Opponents have scored only six goals against them this season.

Junior keeper Stephanie Labbe ranks second in the Big East in goals against, with 0.45 per game. The Huskies last lost on Sept. 6 to Penn State and have a 10-game unbeaten streak.

The Irish have some streaks of their own to protect this weekend. They have not lost to a Big East opponent at home since 1995 and have a 31-game overall unbeaten streak against Big East opponents.

Karas said the Irish were focusing on themselves rather than the competition.

"It's not really about anyone else. Despite our ranking, we're still one of the top teams in the country," she said. "We just slipped up."

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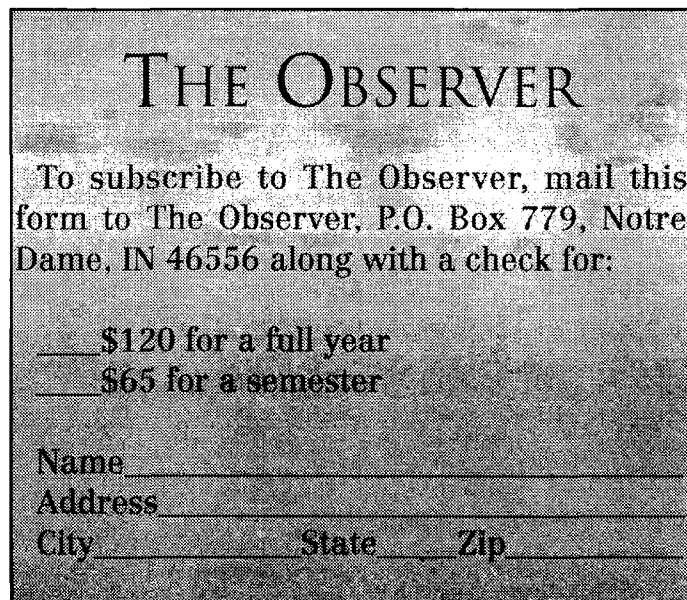
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Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson skates down the ice Thursday in Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Denver in the Joyce Center.

Icers overcome deficit, delay in 4-3 victory

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was a whirlwind on the ice in the second period, bombarding Denver with shots and making the Pioneers dizzy with dazzling puck control in the offensive zone — and then an actual whirlwind intervened.

The No. 11 Irish (2-1) weathered a 12-minute delay after the second period Thursday when a tornado warning prompted an evacuation of the Joyce Center. The stadium eventually refilled, and the Irish held on in the third to defeat No. 5 Denver 4-3.

The interruption failed to slow down Notre Dame, which

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Irish center Kevin Deeth tries to win a faceoff Thursday in Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Denver at the Joyce Center.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish look to right ship against Pirates

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In the midst of suddenly rough waters, No. 4 Notre Dame will try to right its ship when the Pirates of Seton Hall come to South Bend Sunday for Notre Dame's last home game of the regular season.

After its 3-2 loss to No. 12 Indiana Wednesday, Notre Dame finds itself winless in its last three games — a 1-0 loss to No. 6 Michigan State, a 3-3 draw with No. 1 Connecticut

and the loss to the Hoosiers. Those results have sunk Notre Dame's record to 8-3-3 (5-0-2 Big East).

Before Notre Dame's loss to Michigan State on Oct. 10, it had been smooth sailing for the Irish. They were riding a nine-game unbeaten streak that improved the squad's national ranking to No. 2. Irish coach Bobby Clark, however, doesn't believe his team's recent results stem from a drop in level of play.

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Irish midfielder Jeb Brovsky and Connecticut midfielder Toni Stahl battle for possession in Notre Dame's 3-3 draw with the Huskies on Oct. 13.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Tough part of schedule lies ahead

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Fresh off of coach Debbie Brown's 400th victory at the helm of Notre Dame, the Irish head into a rough patch in their schedule.

Notre Dame will battle DePaul at home tonight and then travel to No. 25 Louisiana State for a non-conference match on Oct. 23. A three-match road trip ends with two games in the Mid-Atlantic — at Connecticut and No. 22 St. John's.

Notre Dame (8-9, 4-3 Big East) is led by senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk. She tops the team with 234 digs and 19

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Irish setter Ashley Tarutis, right, celebrates with teammates during Notre Dame's 3-0 over Rutgers on Oct. 6.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Karas, Bock pace squad in Big East

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

On paper, Lauren Karas has it easy.

In seven Big East games this year — all Notre Dame wins — the senior goalkeeper has saved exactly seven shots. She is the proud owner of a 1.000 winning percentage and a 0.00 goals-against average against conference opponents. Heading into this weekend's games against Providence and No. 15 Connecticut, the No. 22 Irish are 7-0-0 in conference

play and 9-4-1 overall.

But for Karas, a senior, the stat lines don't reveal what makes her job difficult.

"It's not that I don't see any action," Karas said. "I do a lot of moving around in the box or I'll come pick [the ball] up in the top of the box. It's frustrating for me because the shots are not ... all I do; I do a lot of other stuff."

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said early in the season that his starting keeper would be the player who was aggres-

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False Hopes



Two years ago, USC and Notre Dame looked like the dynasties of the future, but now, a national title seems distant for both teams

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COMMENTARY

Sharpley a model of true leadership

Some people are good at hiding their emotions. Evan Sharpley is great at it.

Every week since the beginning of the season, Sharpley has had to come out and hide his disappointment with being the backup each week. He did it like a pro. Thanks to his calm personality, Sharpley hasn't caused the team any distractions, despite his battle with freshman Jimmy Clausen for the starting position.



Chris Hine
Sports Editor

Tuesday, when Sharpley met the media after coach Charlie Weiss said the junior quarterback would start against USC, his demeanor differed little from the past few weeks. We heard the same message from Sharpley about doing what he can to help the team win.

The stone-faced Sharpley barely cracked a smile when talking about his first career start.

"I think everybody wants to play," Sharpley said. "If you don't want that then you shouldn't be playing."

Clausen is the future of Notre Dame football, but right now, Sharpley deserves his chance. The offense moves the ball better with Sharpley under center and has the ability to put points on the board.

Sharpley threw for two touchdowns in Notre Dame's 33-19 loss to Purdue on Sept. 29. He threw for one touchdown and had another called back in last week's 27-14 loss to Boston College.

It's hard to put a finger on just what happens to Notre Dame's offense when Sharpley is out there, but something is different. The team perks up and raises its level of play.

Sharpley, also a member of Notre Dame's baseball team, deserves to start not only for his play on the field, but also for his leadership off the field.

This season, Notre Dame saw four players leave the

team for various reasons. Two of them, Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones, are quarterbacks. But Sharpley is sticking around.

Sharpley could have easily said, "Forget this. I'll go quarterback somewhere else or go spend all of my time playing baseball."

But he didn't. He has remained on the team despite playing second fiddle to a freshman most of the season, and in the process he has become an invaluable asset to Notre Dame.

Sharpley is the perfect role model for a team filled with young, talented players who are anxious to get playing time.

If someone is frustrated with his lack of minutes, he should look to Sharpley. If someone feels the coaches are slighting him, he should look to Sharpley. And if someone thinks about giving up, he should look to Sharpley. Not once did Sharpley say he was

getting an unfair shake or that his coaches were wrong. He has been a consistent leader.

Sharpley's steady demeanor is just what this team needs in

a turbulent season marked by multiple transfers and a 1-6 record. The younger players — and the veterans, for that matter — need someone to look up to. Sharpley is that guy.

So, when Evan Sharpley takes the first snap for Notre Dame on Saturday, he should have his teammates' full confidence that he can get the job done. If the Irish end up losing, no one will take the loss harder than Sharpley. Odds are, he'll blame it on himself.

But if Notre Dame wins Saturday, 80,000 people in the stands and millions more across the country will be smiling.

Hopefully, Evan Sharpley will let himself smile. He's earned that much already.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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2007 Irish opponents

	Last week	This week
	(4-3) W, 17-14, Miami	vs Army
	(5-2) W, 38-7, Wisc.	at Indiana
	(5-2) W, 48-21, Purdue	at Illinois
	(5-2) W, 52-27, Indiana	at Ohio State
	(5-2) L, 21-48, Mich.	vs Iowa
	(4-2) Idle	vs California
	(7-0) W, 27-14, ND	Idle
	(5-1) W, 20-13, Arizona	at Notre Dame
	(4-2) W, 48-25, Pitt	vs Wake Forest
	(5-2) W, 45-21, CSU	vs Wyoming
	(1-6) L, 43-14, Va. Tech	vs Clemson
	(2-4) L, 36-38, TCU	at Arizona

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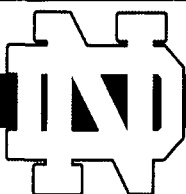
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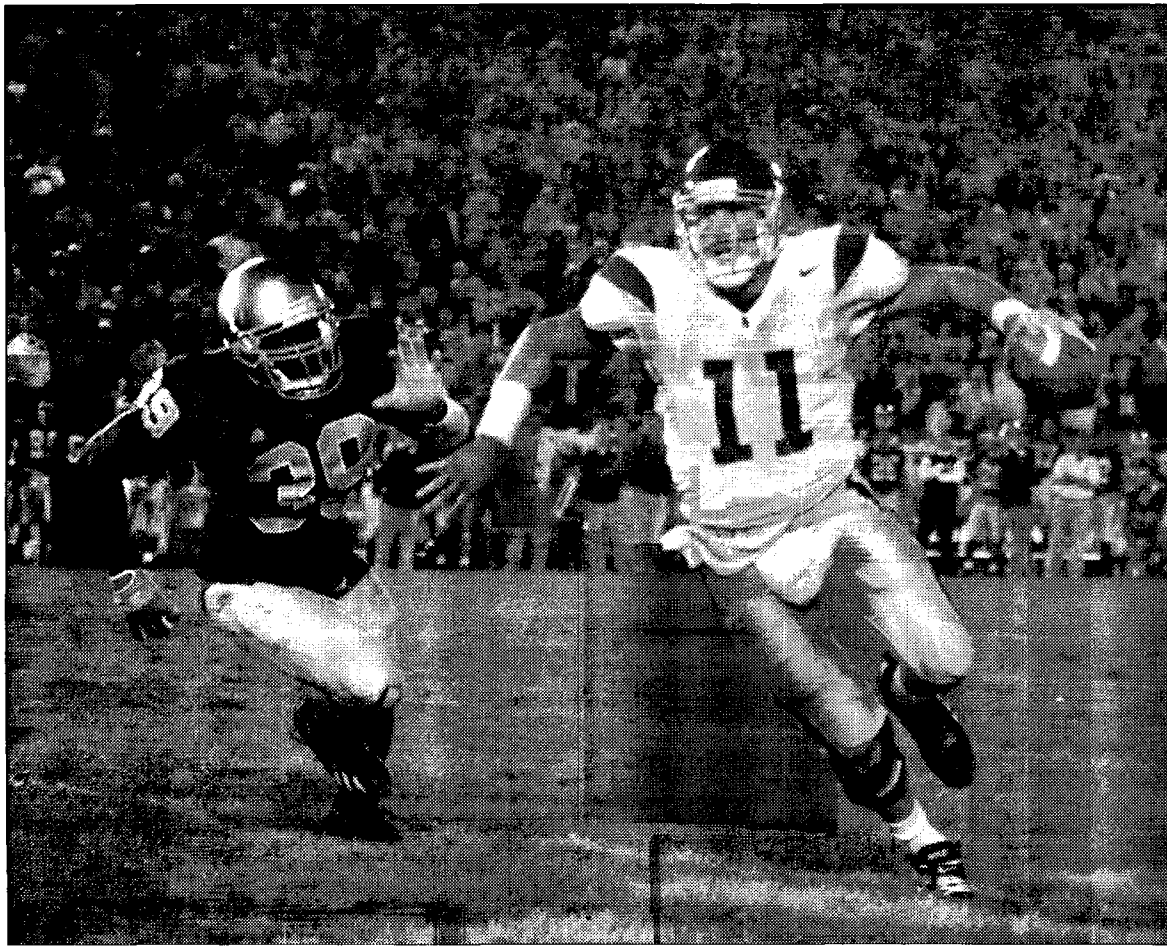
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Dynasties on hold

After their epic battle in 2005, both Notre Dame and USC have failed to live up to lofty expectations



Former Trojans quarterback Matt Leinart tries to avoid Notre Dame linebacker Brandon Hoyte late in the fourth quarter of USC's 34-31 win over Notre Dame on Oct. 15, 2005.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame would have done it again.

The Irish would have stopped another winning streak.

They did it to Army in '46, Georgia Tech in '53, Oklahoma in '57, Texas in '71, Southern Cal in '73, Miami in '88 and then to Southern Cal again in 2005. The final score would have been "Notre Dame 31, USC 28."

But it didn't, and it wasn't. USC's winning streak went from 27 to 28.

'A heck of a game'

Truth is, even if they had, no one would have heard those lines. Notre Dame's play-by-play man at the time, Tony Roberts, said he isn't a guy who likes to premeditate his calls. His memorable call from the 1988 "Catholics versus Convicts" game would have stayed buried, and he would have simply "painted the scene," he said.

In a matter of seconds, the scene went from a great awakening to an Irish wake.

What happened? A Heisman Trophy quarterback dropped a deep pass into an impossible

place for a 61-yard gain on fourth down, and five plays later a Heisman Trophy running back pushed the spinning, twirling quarterback into the end zone for the game-winning score with three seconds left.

The "Bush Push" will live forever. Even USC's official game notes call the winning touchdown by its vernacular title. It might be against the rules, but everyone involved in the game calls it by a simple phrase: "a heads-up play."

"This was two teams going right to the end and them making a gutsy call at the end that ended up paying off," Weis said. "You've got to give it to them. Got to give it to the coach, got to give it to the quarterback, because it was ultimately his decision. You've got to give it to the running back for helping aid them in getting in there, a heads-up play."

"I can whine all I want, but it was a heck of a game. I just wish it would have ended the other way."

The ESPN.com poll question that night was simple: What was the greatest regular-season college football game of the last 25 years?

"USC 34, Notre Dame 31" was the runaway winner.

Thirty million people watched at least part of the game, one Charlie Weis has begrudgingly come to admit was one of the best ever.

"If you're waiting for me to say it was a good loss, you won't hear that here," Weis said after the game. "Losing is losing; there are no moral victories."

Pete Carroll, coming out of the winning locker room, was a little quicker to classify the game.

"We feel very fortunate to come out of here with a win. This is one of those games you will see on one of those Classic channels somewhere soon," Carroll said. "It was a tremendous win. I am very happy to come out of here with a win today. Notre Dame played an awesome game and I am very happy with the way my guys played today as well."

But they might have fallen.

Post-game speculation

After the game, fans and radio hosts were discussing how long Notre Dame's inevitable post-USC winning streak would be. How many national titles would Charlie Weis win in South Bend? How long could Notre Dame and Southern California be the juggernauts of college football, the way it was meant to be?

The answer: Give or take two and a half months.

USC fans at the time said they thought the Trojans were destined to win the national championship that year. It was fate. No way could they drive the length of the field in 2:04, convert on fourth-and-nine, have Reggie Bush push Matt Leinart over the goal line and win the most dramatic game of football in ages, just to lose later in the year.

Well, they did.

The Trojans had two more games that rivaled the intensity and emotions, the thrills and drama of the Notre Dame-USC matchup by the end of the year. They held off Fresno State, 50-42, but not Texas.

Vince Young and the Longhorns won the Rose Bowl,

and the team ESPN ordained the "greatest ever" ended its miracle season with a devastating loss.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame students were ready to anoint Weis. After three 31-point blowout losses to their rival under Tyrone Willingham, the students saw Weis make the game not only competitive, but also historic.

It wasn't too long until Weis had a 10-year extension and Notre Dame's recruiting reached its best levels since Bob Davie had left.

All seemed well at the two competing centers of the college football universe.

The two schools battled for recruits the rest of the year, with USC winning a plurality. But that was OK for the Irish. Instead of fighting Pittsburgh, Purdue and Michigan State for prospects, they were fighting the best team in the nation.

Reality check

Notre Dame underperformed in 2006, losing three blowouts — including one to USC — and failing to dominate any game like it was expected to. In Los Angeles, the Trojans overperformed by most accounts, going 11-2 and thrashing Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

But expectations in Southern California had been raised since 2002, and hopes in South Bend were approaching those levels. Neither season was good enough for the fans, and the 2007 editions of the teams have horrified the diehard followers who felt invincible two years ago.

Carroll and Weis have been two of the best recruiters in college football the last two years, and 21 players from the 2005 Notre Dame-USC game are on NFL rosters today. More than a half-dozen others are on practice squads, and one — Jeff Samardzija — is playing professional baseball.

Both teams have lost their leaders. USC offensive guru Norm Chow is now with the Tennessee Titans, and, in case you didn't know, Trojans

Heisman winners Bush and Leinart are the faces of their NFL teams. Brady Quinn is now a Cleveland Brown, and all but one member of Notre Dame's starting offensive line from that game either is in the NFL, was drafted or was signed by a team at least once.

USC fans believe the Trojans are underperforming. Many want John David Booty, who led the team to that 11-2 record after it lost two Heisman winners, benched.

Notre Dame fans believe the Irish are, in places, inept. Many want coaching changes and wholesale personnel alterations.

One team is 5-1 and No. 9 in the coaches poll. The other is 1-6 and about to start its third quarterback of the season.

By the fans' demeanor, at least, few would know the difference.

Moving on

But Saturday is crucial for both teams. It's still a rivalry game of pride and passion.

"If you can't get up to play USC, then I think you've got a problem," Weis said.

For fifth-year senior Ambrose Wooden, whose hand came inches from knocking away Leinart's pass to Dwayne Jarrett on fourth down, knows it's his last time to try to beat the Trojans. One twist of fate from the game is that Darrin Walls, who made his official visit to Notre Dame that day in October, has replaced Wooden as the team's No. 2 cornerback.

Still, Wooden keeps his trademark smile on when talking about that game — and that pass — from two years ago. He insists the infamous play has made him stronger.

"You learn from situations like that," Wooden said. "But I honestly think that I'm a better person because of it."

The game, Wooden said, was a "special moment."

"I was part of one of the greatest games in college football history," he said.

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Players on NFL Rosters from the 2005 Notre Dame-USC Game

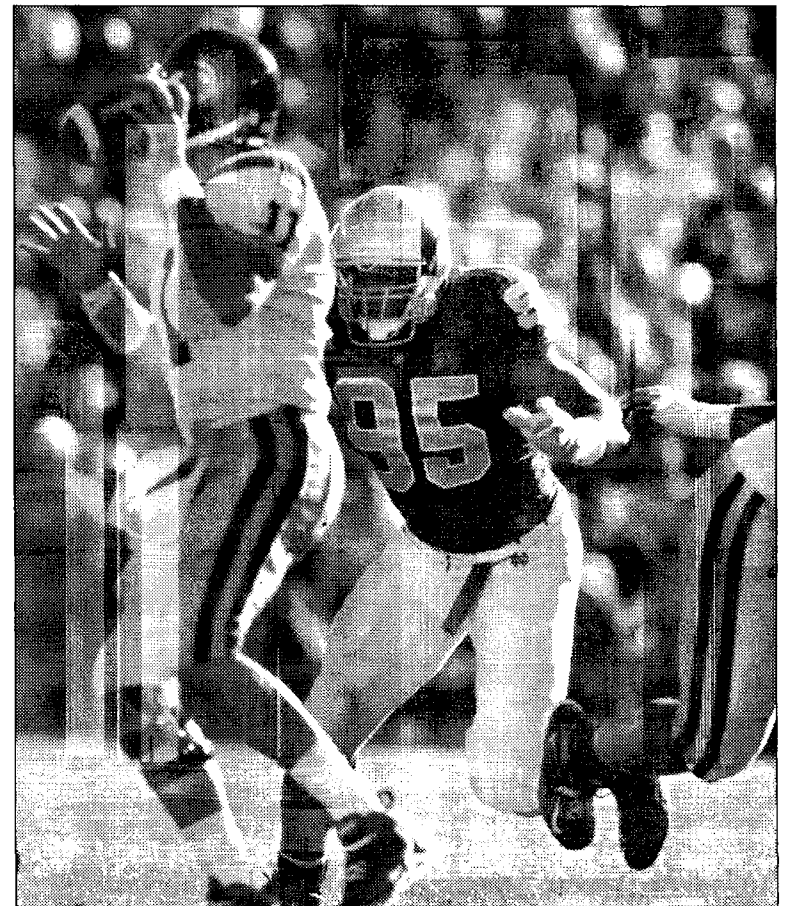
USC

QB Matt Leinart
RB Reggie Bush
RB LenDale White
WR Dwayne Jarrett
WR Steve Smith
OG Taitusi Lutui
OC Ryan Kalil
TE Dominique Byrd
FB David Kirtman
OL LaJuan Ramsey
OL Frostee Rucker
LB Oscar Lua

Notre Dame

WR Maurice Stovall
OT Ryan Harris
OG Dan Santucci
TE Anthony Fasano
QB Brady Quinn
DE Victor Abiamiri
DT Derek Landri
LB Corey Mays
FS Chinedum Ndukwe

*ND WR Jeff Samardzija chose to pursue a baseball career with the Chicago Cubs.



Irish defensive lineman Victor Abiamiri rushes USC quarterback Matt Leinart in USC's 34-31 win over Notre Dame on Oct. 15, 2005.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 1-6
AP: NR
Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis
head coach

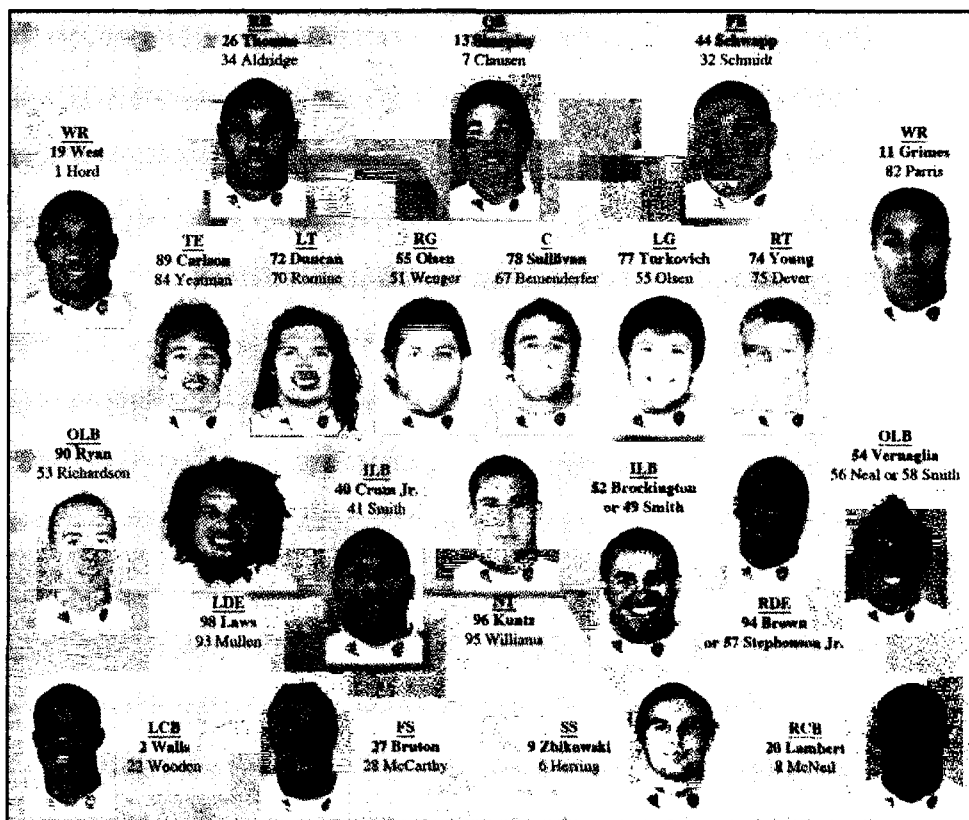
Charlie Weis
Third season at
Notre Dame.
career record:
20-12
at Notre Dame:
20-12
against
USC: 0-2

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	196	JR
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	180	SO
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	180	FR
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	190	FR
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	197	JR
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	207	FR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	187	SO
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	207	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	JR
12	Darrin Bragg	QB	6-1	188	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	216	JR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	197	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	189	SR
16	Justin Gillett	QB	5-11	180	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	208	SR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	222	FR
19	George West	WR	5-10	197	SO
20	Terrill Lambert	DB	5-11	191	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	185	SO
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	196	SR
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	188	FR
24	W. David Williams	DB	5-9	173	SR
25	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	194	SO
26	Munir Prince	DB	5-10	184	SO
27	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	216	SR
28	David Bruton	DB	6-2	207	JR
29	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	207	JR
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	203	SO
29	Jake Richardson	WR	6-1	180	SR
30	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	205	FR
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	196	SO
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	248	SO
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	238	FR
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	222	SO
35	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
35	Kevin Smith	LB	5-8	200	JR
36	Dex Cure	RB	6-1	220	SO
37	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-11	205	SR
38	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	183	SR
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	196	SO
39	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	JR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	230	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-4	235	JR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	241	JR
43	Eric Maust	P	5-10	177	SO
43	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	JR
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	261	JR
45	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	JR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
47	Aaron Nagel	LB	6-1	229	FR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	245	SO
50	Steve Paskorz	LB	6-2	235	FR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	287	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-2	240	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	244	SO
54	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	234	SR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	303	SO
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	245	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	272	SR
58	Brian Smith	LB	6-3	233	FR
59	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	339	SO
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-5	306	JR
67	Tom Benemderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
70	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	279	FR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-6	305	JR
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	308	SO
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
74	Sam Young	OL	6-8	310	SO
75	Taylor Dever	OL	6-5	289	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	DL	6-5	292	FR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	301	JR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	303	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	209	SO
83	Mike Ragone	TE	6-5	230	FR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	264	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	255	SR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	253	SO
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	6-4	283	FR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	287	JR
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	290	SO
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	261	SR
95	Ian Williams	DL	6-2	300	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-3	285	JR
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	257	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	296	SR

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 GA. TECH — L
Sept. 8 at Penn State — L
Sept. 15 at Michigan — L
Sept. 22 MICH. ST. — L
Sept. 29 at Purdue — L
Oct. 6 at UCLA — W
Oct. 13 BC — L
Oct. 20 USC
Nov. 3 NAVY
Nov. 10 AIR FORCE
Nov. 17 DUKE
Nov. 24 at Stanford



COACHING

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IRISH RUSHING

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NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame is 1-6 this season and, although there has been improvement, the Irish still make too many mistakes. Last week's comeback attempt against Boston College was derailed by costly penalties that need to be corrected.

Junior Evan Sharpley will start this week over Jimmy Clausen. Sharpley has shown a better ability to avoid the rush and is more willing to throw the ball down the field than the freshman, but he is still inconsistent.

The best thing that can be said for Notre Dame's rushing attack right now is that the Irish are averaging positive yards per game — which wasn't the case earlier in the season. To make matters worse, ND will be without leading rusher James Aldridge.

Notre Dame's passing game should be more effective with Sharpley at the helm because of his stronger arm and greater willingness to throw downfield. Sophomore Robby Parris has shown flashes of brilliance at wide receiver, but needs to be more consistent.

USC

Pete Carroll will go down as one of college football's all-time great coaches, but you wouldn't know it by the way the Trojans are playing right now. USC has suffered through three straight scares by lesser opponents, including a loss to Stanford.

John David Booty missed the Arizona game with an injured finger. He threw on Tuesday and may start. If he can't go, Mark Sanchez will start for the Trojans. Sanchez was 19 for 31 for 130 yards against the Wildcats.

USC has stymied opposing rushing games to the tune of less than 70 yards per game rushing — and that was with some injuries in the line-backer corps. However, star sophomore Brian Cushing should be healthy this week.

USC's pass defense has been good statistically this season, but has given up big plays and has folded in key situations, like on fourth-and-goal at the end of the loss to Stanford. No defensive back has more than one interception this season for the Trojans.

ANALYSIS

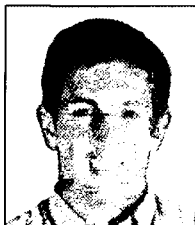
Both Carroll and Weis will have success in the future at their schools, but the present is ugly. The Irish are struggling, while USC looks interested at best in the field. Still, the Trojans have found a way to win games, while ND has found a way to lose them.

Booty is one of the top quarterbacks in the nation when he's healthy, although he's had interception problems this season. Sanchez was efficient in his first career start last week. Sharpley has been exciting but needs to be more consistent.

Notre Dame struggled to run the ball when Aldridge was healthy, and without him things may get even worse. USC has dominated the running games of its opponents even when it hasn't been playing up to its usual level the past three weeks.

USC hasn't shown the ability to intercept passes, but playing by Sharpley's appearances against Boston College and Purdue may give them opportunity to do so. Notre Dame needs to throw the ball down the field this week to have any success.

Irish experts



Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

USC has major health issues in the backfield, but the Trojans are deeper than the Marianas Trench. Notre Dame's rushing defense has been questionable at best, non-existent at worst. Joe McKnight will run wild on the outside, but the Trojans will have difficulty passing on first and third downs, stalling drives and keeping the score down. This most storied of intersectional rivalries has a game to forget.

FINAL SCORE: USC 20
Notre Dame 16



Chris Khorey
Sports Editor

Nothing will change this week. USC will play completely disinterested and unemotional football, allowing Notre Dame to stay in the game. For their part, the Irish will make key mistakes to give the game right back. Evan Sharpley will do his best Jake "The Snake" Plummer impression behind the porous offensive line, which will lead to some exciting plays and also to some interceptions.

FINAL SCORE: USC 28
Notre Dame 17

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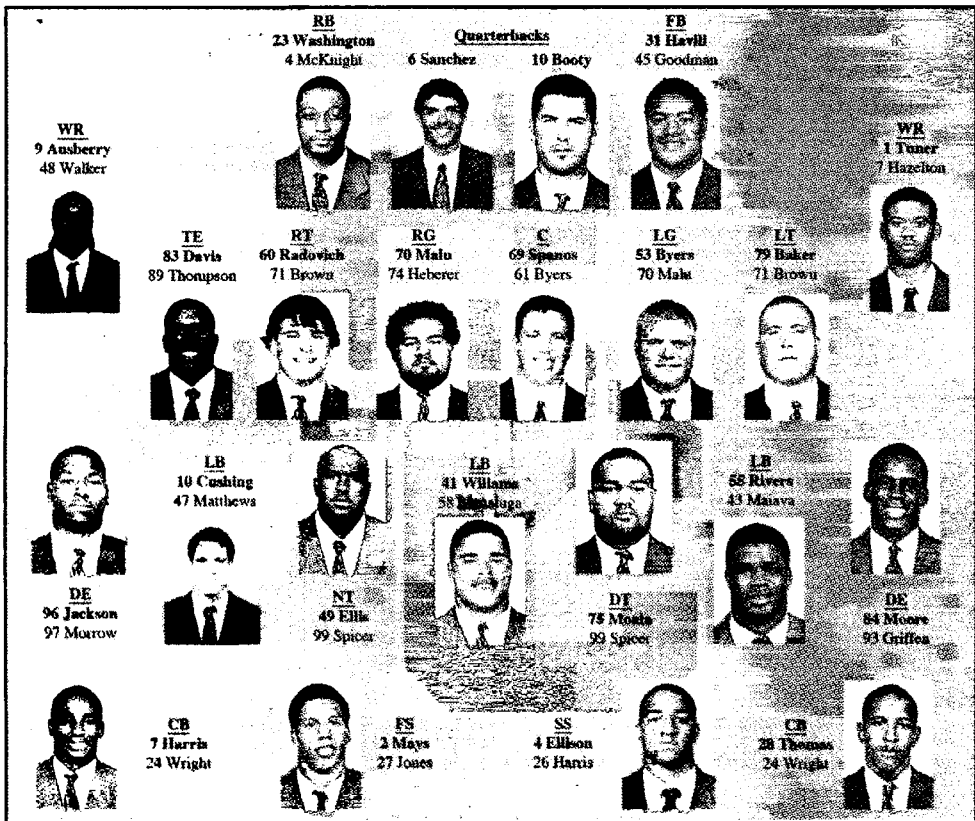
Southern California Trojans

USC
Trojans
Record: 5-1
AP: 13
Coaches: 9

Pete Carroll
Seventh season at USC.
career record:
70-13
at USC:
70-13
against Notre
Dame: 5-1



Pete Carroll
head coach



USC 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 IDAHO — W
Sept. 15 at Nebraska — W
Sept. 22 WASH. ST.— W
Sept. 29 at Washington — W
Oct. 6 STANFORD — L
Oct. 13 ARIZONA — W
Oct. 20 at Notre Dame
Oct. 27 at Oregon
Nov. 3 OREGON STATE
Nov. 10 at California
Nov. 22 at Arizona State
Dec. 1 UCLA

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Patrick Turner	WR	6-5	220	JR
2	C.J. Gable	RB	6-1	195	SO
3	Taylor Mays	DB	6-4	225	SO
4	Joe McKnight	RB	6-0	180	FR
4	Kevin Ellison	DB	6-1	225	JR
6	Mark Sanchez	QB	6-3	225	SO
6	Malcolm Smith	LB	6-2	215	FR
7	Vidal Hazelton	WR	6-0	180	SO
7	Cary Harris	DB	6-0	180	JR
8	Ronald Johnson	WR	6-1	190	FR
9	David Ausberry	WR	6-4	225	SO
10	John David Booty	QB	6-3	210	SR
10	Brian Cushing	LB	6-4	240	SO
13	Stafon Johnson	RB	6-0	210	SO
14	Garrett Green	WR	6-2	205	SO
15	Aaron Corp	QB	6-3	185	FR
15	Kevin Thomas	DB	6-1	185	JR
16	Michael McDonald	QB	6-2	815	SR
16	Mitch Mustain	QB	6-3	205	SO
17	Travon Patterson	WR	5-10	175	SO
18	David Buehler	K	6-2	205	JR
18	David Williams	WR	6-1	190	SO
21	Allen Bradford	RB	6-0	225	JR
22	Desmond Reed	RB	5-9	195	SR
23	Chauncey Washington	RB	6-1	220	SR
24	Sharece Wright	DB	6-0	180	SO
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25	Billy O'Malley	P	6-1	190	SO
26	Marc Tyler	RB	6-0	215	FR
27	Marshall Jones	DB	6-0	185	FR
28	Terrell Thomas	DB	6-1	200	SR
29	Broderick Green	RB	6-1	230	FR
30	Chase McWhorter	DB	5-8	185	SR
31	Stanley Havili	FB	6-1	225	SO
34	Hershel Dennis	RB	5-11	200	SR
35	Jody Adewale	RB	6-0	230	SR
36	Josh Pinkard	DB	6-1	215	SR
37	Jordan Campbell	FB	6-0	225	FR
38	Jordan Condgon	K	5-9	180	JR
39	Alfred Rowe	FB	6-0	205	SO
40	Rhett Ellison	TE	6-5	235	FR
41	Thomas Williams	LB	6-3	235	FR
42	Omari Crittenden	DB	6-0	180	SO
43	Kaluka Maiava	LB	6-0	225	JR
44	Christian Tupou	DL	6-2	275	FR
45	Adam Goodman	FB	6-2	235	JR
46	Michael Morgan	LB	6-3	220	SO
47	Clay Matthews	LB	6-4	240	SR
48	Matthew Jordan	DB	5-8	175	JR
49	Sedrick Ellis	DL	6-2	305	SR
50	Will Collins	LS	6-2	230	SR
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54	Chris Galippo	LB	6-2	235	FR
55	Keith Rivers	LB	6-3	235	SR
56	Alex Parsons	DL	6-4	285	SO
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62	David Cinco	OL	6-5	270	JR
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68	Butch Lewis	OL	6-5	280	SO
69	Matt Spanos	OL	6-5	305	SR
70	Alatini Malu	OL	6-4	330	SR
71	Charles Brown	OL	6-6	290	JR
72	Martin Coleman	OL	6-5	320	FR
73	Will Mullen	OL	6-5	320	FR
74	Zack Heberer	OL	6-5	300	SO
75	Fili Moala	DL	6-5	295	SR
76	Nick Howell	OL	6-5	275	JR
77	Thomas Herring	OL	6-6	300	JR
78	Andrew Weiss	OL	6-9	225	SR
79	Sam Baker	OL	6-5	305	SR
80	Brandon Carswell	WR	6-2	175	FR
81	Gerald Washington	DE	6-6	260	SR
82	Duron Sylvester	WR	6-5	200	SO
83	Fred Davis	TE	6-4	250	SR
84	Kyle Moore	DE	6-6	275	JR
85	Cooper Stephenson	FB	6-3	215	SO
86	Anthony McCoy	TE	6-5	255	SO
87	Caleb Nelan	WR	6-2	200	FR
88	Jimmy Miller	TE	6-5	250	SR
89	Dale Thompson	TE	6-4	255	SR
90	Derek Simmons	DL	6-4	275	SO
91	Michael Simmons	DL	6-5	226	FR
92	Trey Henderson	DL	6-3	265	FR
93	Everson Griffen	DL	6-3	265	SR
96	Lawrence Jackson	DL	6-6	270	SR
97	Alex Morrow	DL	6-5	270	SR
98	Dajohn Harris	DL	6-4	270	FR
99	Averall Spicer	DL	6-2	290	JR

TROJANS RUSHING

Notre Dame's rushing defense was awful to start the season, but now it is merely below average. The Irish held UCLA to less than 100 yards rushing and, after allowing a 60-yard run early, held Boston College to around three yards per carry for the rest of the game.

The Trojans have more running backs than they know what to do with, although injuries have set them back in this area. Joe McKnight is a speedster, while Chauncey Washington is more of a bruiser up the middle.

USC has been able to run on a lot of people this year, and Notre Dame should be no exception. However, if offensive coordinator Steve Sarkisian decides to get cute, the Trojans might not take advantage of their significant edge here.

TROJANS PASSING

Notre Dame's pass defense has been its strength this season, although Matt Ryan managed to find his backs and tight ends wide open a lot last week. Freshmen pass rushers Kerry Neal and Brian Smith will need to get pressure on the USC quarterback.

The Trojans have a bevy of wide receivers for whichever quarterback starts to throw to. Speedy Vidal Hazelton and Ronald Johnson are deep threats while Patrick Turner provides height for fade routes.

SC will either have an injured Booty or an inexperienced Sanchez throwing the ball — and Notre Dame's pass defense is no slouch. The Trojan wide receivers are very good, but their quarterbacks have to get them the ball.

SPECIAL TEAMS

The Irish special teams have run hot and cold this season. Last week, Notre Dame blocked a field goal, but missed one of its own and had a bad punt snap to give Boston College good field position. The kicking game needs to be more consistent this week.

Desmond Reed is back to return kickoffs after injuring his knee at Notre Dame Stadium on a kickoff in 2005. Kicker David Buehler is 8-for-9 on field goals and 24-for-26 on extra points. Joe McKnight is a dangerous punt returner.

Notre Dame's special teams have had some disastrous breakdowns this year, while the Trojans have been solid. The Irish can't count on their special teams to win this game, but they can try to make sure they don't lose it.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame is slowly improving after a bad start to its season. The Irish played a Top-5 team tough last week and won the week before. The weather is predicted to be rainy and the home crowd will be on Notre Dame's side.

USC's last three opponents, Washington, Stanford and Arizona, all have losing records, yet the Trojans struggled against them. USC is playing unemotional football. The Trojans need to wake up soon or they won't get back to the BCS.

This game has no business being close on paper, but if USC plays like it has the past three weeks, it will be. The Irish have weather, fans and emotion on their side. Whether it will be enough to pull off an upset remains to be seen.

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ANALYSIS



Chris Hline
Sports Editor

Evan Sharpley will keep this game close and even give Notre Dame an early lead, filling Notre Dame Stadium with hope. But USC is used to playing down to its opponents and still winning the game (most of the time, at least). The Trojans are too athletic not to put up points on Notre Dame's defense, and Sharpley's tendency to take risks downfield will ultimately cost the Irish.

FINAL SCORE: USC 27
Notre Dame 17



Jay Fitzpatrick
Associate Sports Editor

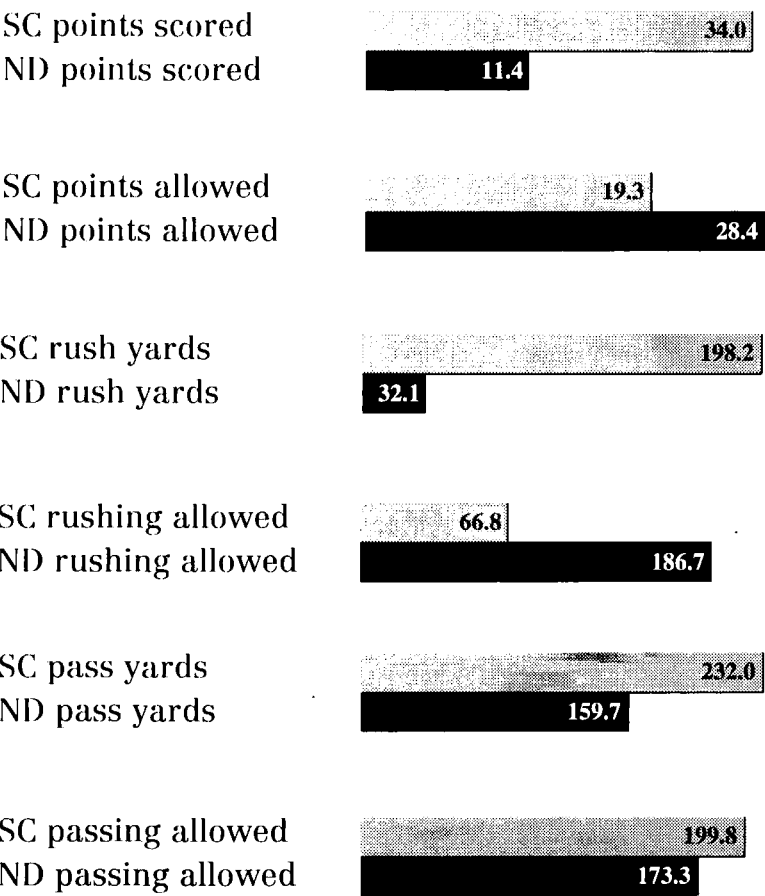
Notre Dame keeps looking better every week while Southern Cal is looking worse. Sure, the Irish beat Arizona last week to avoid a two-game losing streak — something unheard of in the Pete Carroll era — but it was an ugly win that they would have lost if not for special teams. Evan Sharpley makes his first career start at quarterback and shows why Weis said the junior gives the Irish the best chance to win.

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Crunching the numbers

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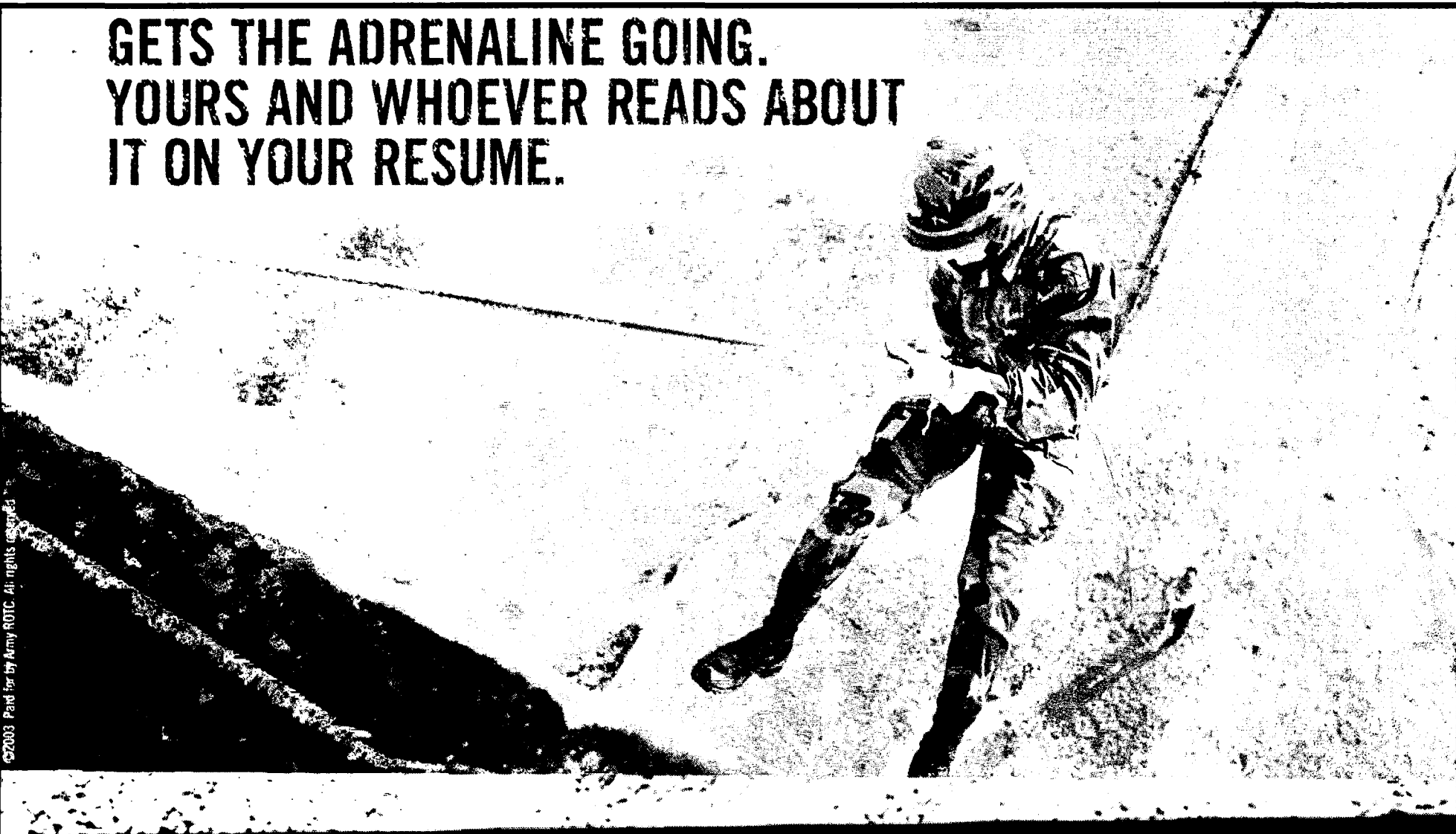


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No. 17 Auburn at No. 4 LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
No. 5 Oklahoma at Iowa State	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.
Vanderbilt at No. 6 South Carolina	S. Car	S. Car	S. Car	S. Car
No. 15 Florida at No. 7 Kentucky	Fla.	Fla.	Fla.	Ken.
Mississippi St. at No. 9 West Virginia	WVU	WVU	WVU	WVU
No. 10 Oregon at Washington	Oreg.	Oreg.	Oreg.	Oreg.
No. 12 California at UCLA	Cal	Cal	Cal	Cal
No. 13 Kansas at Colorado	Kan.	Colo.	Kan.	Colo.
No. 24 Texas Tech at No. 16 Missouri	Tech	Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou
No. 21 Tennessee at Alabama	Tenn.	Tenn.	Tenn.	Bama.
No. 22 Texas at Baylor	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
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Smith and Neal provide spark for defense

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Brian Smith and Kerry Neal broke the defensive huddle and headed to the line of scrimmage.

The two freshmen outside linebackers usually play on opposite sides of the defense, but on this play Saturday, defensive coordinator Corwin Brown had them line up together. Neal got into a three-point stance over Boston College left tackle Gosder Cherilus, while Smith lined up a couple feet inside him, leaning forward and threatening to blitz.

At the snap, Neal blew past the tackle on the outside. Cherilus dropped well off the line to cut him off, and safety Tom Zbikowski blitzed through the newly created gap.

Smith, however, did not blitz. Using the quickness that earned him his scholarship offer last winter, he backpedaled into pass coverage.

Eagles quarterback Matt Ryan saw Zbikowski flying toward him and got rid of the ball, but he never saw Smith, who intercepted it and returned it for a touchdown.

The play looked beautiful from the stands, but the secret is that Smith wasn't where he was supposed to be — and neither was anyone else.

"We blew the coverage," fifth-year senior linebacker

Joe Brockington said. "None of us were in the right spot."

But whether or not Smith knew what he was supposed to do on that particular play, it still illustrates what he and Neal bring to the Notre Dame defense. That kind of dynamic play has earned the two freshmen more time on the field in recent games.

In recent weeks, Neal earned a starting spot at outside linebacker, and Smith, who plays on passing downs, became the first freshman in 31 years to return an interception for a touchdown.

"I can't talk enough about them," head coach Charlie Weis said. "I keep on saying how the arrow is pointing up on them."

Despite weighing 233 and 245 pounds, respectively, Neal and Smith bring an element of speed to the edge that the Irish haven't had since Justin Tuck was lining up at defensive end.

"They've brought a different dimension that coming into the season we weren't sure they could provide," Brown said.

But it's not just their speed that has impressed the coaching staff.

"They play this game with passion, and I think that any time you play the game with passion and have some athleticism, OK, you have a chance to be something special, and I think that both those guys have a chance to be," Weis

said. "When it's all said and done, by the time they leave here, they'll be household names."

So far this season, Neal has appeared in every game, starting three of them. He has eight tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery. Smith has played in six games and has had 10 tackles, including two for loss, along with his interception.

Neal and Smith also provide position versatility. Both have lined up at inside and outside linebacker as well as in a three-point stance along the defensive line. On one play in the Boston College game, Smith even lined up at nose guard.

Brown said putting Smith on the inside on third-and-long is something the Irish are considering going forward.

"If he lined up there, we're thinking about doing it," he said.

Coming into fall camp, Brown said, the Irish coaching staff wasn't sure whether Neal and Smith would be ready.

"You'd like to think that they could do some things, but they've done things we weren't expecting," Brown said.

Brockington said the two freshmen have a bright future.

"Now, they're pretty good players," Brockington said. "But in the future once they've settled in they're going to be really good."

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Irish linebacker Brian Smith returns an interception for a touchdown in Notre Dame's 27-14 loss to Boston College last Saturday.

Like Irish, USC struggling with QB issues

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Notre Dame has had its share of quarterback issues this season, but it won't be the only team Saturday dealing with a quarterback problem.

USC's John David Booty broke a finger on his throwing hand two weeks ago during the Trojans' 24-23 loss to Stanford.

Last week, Trojans backup Mark Sanchez got his first career start and was 19-for-31 for 130 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions in USC's 20-13 win over Arizona.

Booty and Sanchez are very similar quarterbacks, although they have slight differences —

mostly regarding mobility.

Sanchez impressed Trojans coach Pete Carroll with his ability to make plays happen outside of the pocket.

"When you're scrambling and you take off and run, it's like everything that you ever known in any sport comes into play," Carroll said in a press conference Tuesday. "It all comes to the front immediately, and you have to react and use your vision and your peripheral vision and sense and awareness and your athleticism and your gut and all that."

While Sanchez's ability to makes big plays out of seemingly nothing is a definite positive, Carroll said, he needs to harness that ability so that he does not give up on the designed play too

quickly.

Sanchez "has more of a variety of things that he'll create with the football in his hands," Carroll said. "You know, we have to corral that. You have to harness that so that it doesn't work against him and take him out of the normal rhythm of plays that could be executed."

Carroll said Booty represents more of a traditional pocket passer.

"John was a football player that was a quarterback that was a shotgun-in-the-pocket guy," Carroll said. "He's more of that kind of a football player, and he's really, really good at it."

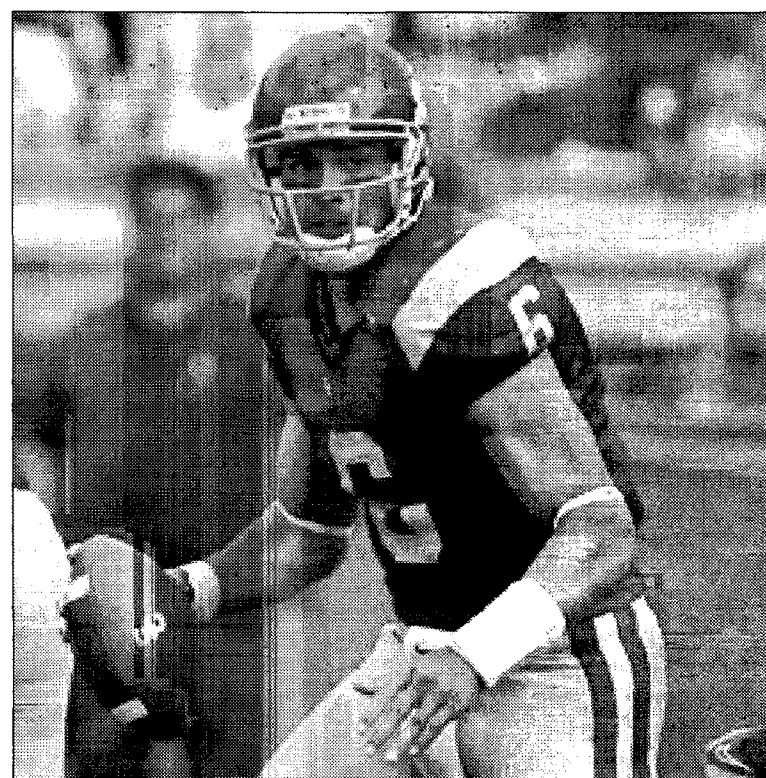
But regardless of who starts for USC, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said the Trojans' system warrants the most attention.

"I think that if you [focus on the quarterback] you set yourself up for failure because it's not like they're bringing in a speed option quarterback versus a drop back quarterback," he said. "They have their system in place, so therefore, you can get ready for their system instead of getting ready for their quarterback."

Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown agreed.

"You prepare for the system that they run. It's not like one runs an option and the other is a drop back passer," Brown said. "It's the USC system that you have to prepare for, and that's enough. So you just prepare for what they do, no matter who is back there."

Weis did say the most important difference between the two quarterbacks that could be a factor on Saturday is Booty's experience. Booty started every game last season after being former



AP

Trojans quarterback Mark Sanchez tries to avoid pressure in USC's 20-13 win over Arizona last Saturday.

Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart's primary backup. Sanchez has only started one game and threw just seven pass attempts last season in late game situations behind Booty.

"I think that Booty's experience expands the playbook. I think that any time you have a more experienced guy you can do more things," Weis said. "Obviously playing Sanchez is not going to stop them from running the offense. They're not going to change the offense; I just don't think they'll do as much."

Going into the Notre Dame

game, Carroll is confident in both his quarterbacks. Even if Sanchez plays, Carroll said, he will not have to be spectacular to give the Trojans a chance at winning.

"Mark needs to play a good, solid football game if he's in there, and keep us in the game and not make any critical errors that could give the other team a chance," Carroll said. "That's all we need him to do. We don't need him to carry us at all."

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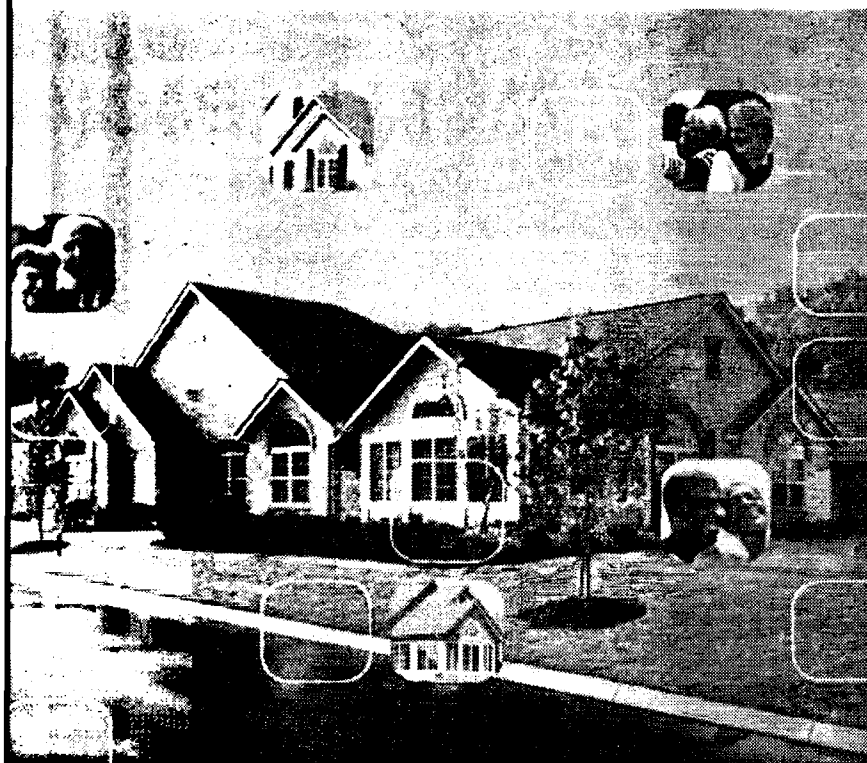


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Trojans quarterback John David Booty looks to handoff during USC's 44-24 win over Notre Dame on Nov. 25.

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