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## An updated 'Loyal Daughters' to add 'sons'



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An ensemble performs in last year's production of "Loyal Daughters." The show's title has changed to reflect perspectives from both genders.

*Production to open next week with new director, writer, stories*

By JENN METZ  
Assistant News Editor

This year's production of "Loyal Daughters," now called "Loyal Daughters and Sons," will examine issues of sexuality and sexual assault from both sides of the story when it opens next week, director Megan O'Donoghue said.

"The title has changed, and that's really indicative of the overall feeling of the production," she said.

"Loyal Daughters and Sons," which runs Monday through Friday in

Washington Hall, was written by senior Sarah Van Mill, who conducted interviews to create new material to add to last year's collection of skits and monologues.

"We changed the name to get more men involved," Van Mill said. "Why should they go see 'Loyal Daughters'? It's about women ... well, that's reason alone to go."

The two hope the change will create more dialogue about the issues of sexuality and sexual assault on campus.

"Sexual violence and sexu-

ality are not single-gender issues," Van Mill said. "No reconciliation can happen when we're only talking about women."

O'Donoghue stressed the importance of examining these issues from both male and female points of view.

"We're trying to paint a picture in as honest a way as possible," she said.

Van Mill said the male and female perspectives should help drive the message home that these are issues both sexes should be concerned about, "especially

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## Alumni Association takes online prayer requests

*Weekly candle-lighting service brings 'the Grotto to the people'*

By GENE NOONE  
News Writer

More than 3,500 members of the extended Notre Dame community have prayed at the Grotto in the past 10 months without ever stepping foot on campus. They've made these visits through online prayer requests courtesy of pray.nd.edu.

Kathleen Sullivan, the senior director of Service and Spirituality for the Alumni Association, said the Web site began as an Alumni Association initiative to connect graduates with one of the school's most spiritual traditions — pray-

ing at the Grotto.

"We asked ourselves how is it that we could bring the Grotto to the people," Sullivan said. "We decided to be the feet for the people and go to the Grotto for them."

The Web site began through Sullivan's department in the Alumni Association, the recently created Service and Spirituality division.

"We wanted to think of new ways to spread spirituality to alumni across the world," she said.

Under the leadership of Sullivan, pray.nd.edu launched last February. Since then, the site has received more than 50,000 hits.

The Web site is updated every weekday with a new prayer, gospel reading and video titled "Sacred Spaces of Notre Dame," which highlights a particular place of worship on campus.

Perhaps the most innovative section of the Web site is the Grotto request page, where people can send requests to have their prayers said at the Grotto.

On Thursdays, a representative from the Alumni Association takes the electronic prayer requests to the Grotto and prays. Marian Appleton, an administrative assistant for the Alumni Association,

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

For people who can't make the trip to the Grotto, the Alumni Association now takes prayer requests online.

## ROTC units observe Veterans Day

*Father Hesburgh will speak at annual ceremony at Stonehenge*

By JOHN TIERNEY  
News Writer

Cadets from all four branches of the Notre Dame ROTC program will join forces today for their annual Veterans Day ceremony to honor the nation's fallen veterans.

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh will speak at the ceremony, which will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Clarke Memorial Fountain, more commonly known as Stonehenge. It will be preceded by a 24-hour vigil kept over the memorial by cadets.

"All four services will stand guard at the Clarke Memorial in respect to the veterans and those



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Sophomore Alex Lough, Navy ROTC midshipman third class, stands at attention Thursday at Stonehenge as part of a 24-hour Veterans Day Vigil.

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## Professor: Moral bystanders required

By KATLYN SMITH  
News Writer

Atrocities like the Holocaust cannot be reduced to perpetrators and victims, genocide scholar Ernesto Verdeja said at Saint Mary's Thursday.

Moral bystanders play a large role in the "most heinous crimes of human history," said Verdeja, a government professor at Wesleyan University. "Through their inaction, these bystanders facilitated the crimes, although they did not have dirt on their hands."

Verdeja spoke at an event hosted by Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership to commemorate the 69th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken

Glass."

Although bystanders are not legally responsible, they have the obligation to recognize suffering and plights as human beings, Verdeja said. This indifference and inaction occurs when one "decides to close one's eyes to what's going on in the world."

In terms of the Holocaust, the extermination of six million people resulted from a relatively small number of legal perpetrators compared to the extensive group of moral bystanders who failed to recognize the humanity of the victims and who facilitated genocide, he said.

Verdeja said the atrocity in Darfur mirrors 20th-century genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia and the Congo. The professor encouraged possible solu-

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# A Sadie surprise

Today is the anniversary of the first-ever Sadie Hawkins Day Dance at Morris Harvey College in 1938. A dance to which, traditionally, girls ask boys.

Now, I've been at a single-sex educational facility for seven years. It's an amazing atmosphere but, like all things, it has its perks and its drawbacks.

**Liz Harter**

*News Production Editor*

Sadie Hawkins Day is one of its drawbacks — if only because every day is Sadie Hawkins Day when it comes to finding dates to dances, formals and events.

Sadie Hawkins Day has been on the books since 1937 when Al Capp ran a 'Lil' Abner' comic strip in which Sadie Hawkins, the unattractive daughter of Hekzebiah Hawkins, one of the residents of the town of Dogpatch, participated in the town's first-ever race where girls pursued the town's bachelors in hopes of literally catching a husband.

If a girl were to drag one of the bachelors across the finish line by the end of the race, that man would then have to marry the girl.

The overwhelming positive feedback that Capp received from the comic was so great that he decided to run the strip annually in November.

There is some contention as to whether Sadie Hawkins Day actually occurs on Nov. 9, as some say that it occurs on Nov. 13, and others say that it is Nov. 17.

Capp actually weighed in on the controversy in 1952, saying that it had become his responsibility to put Sadie Hawkins Day in the comic strip annually.

"It doesn't happen on any set day in November," Capp said. "It happens on the day I say it happens."

Therefore, I can choose which one of these days I would like to celebrate the holiday. And because I'm writing the Inside Column for today, I choose today.

Since 1938, many schools and organizations have held Sadie Hawkins dances.

Unfortunately, my single-sex institutions were not two of them.

I have always wanted to actually participate in Sadie Hawkins Day but have never had an event to ask a guy to.

That is not the case this year.

This year, Sadie Hawkins Day and the Saint Mary's junior formal fall relatively close to each other. Close enough that I can actually participate in the day's events since it gives a fair amount of warning to make plans for the dance.

So I'm going to do it.

I'm going to get caught up in the spirit of the day.

No, I'm not going to go out and find myself a bachelor to drag across a finish line and force him to marry me. Instead, I'm going to do one of the gutsiest things I've ever done in my life.

Hopefully I don't face plant after sky diving from a plane and taking a chance with this one. ... But Matt of the saxophones, will you go with me to the Saint Mary's junior formal?

*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 reporting errors, the Nov. 8 article titled "Band members plan trip abroad" contained errors. Katie Putz does not play saxophone. She will be playing the bass clarinet in China and Japan. The marching band will not be traveling; it is the Notre Dame concert bands. The Observer regrets these errors.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE KARAOKE SONG AND WHY?



**Nick DiMascio**  
sophomore  
Stanford

"You've Lost That Loving Feeling,' because Top Gun rules."



**Danny Deveny**  
sophomore  
Morrissey

"I Want it That Way,' because it makes me feel naughty."



**Nick Andert**  
sophomore  
Siegfried

"Bohemian Rhapsody,' because it allows you to exercise your full range of vocal talents."



**Rob Bowen**  
junior  
Sorin

"Any Disney song. I shouldn't have to explain."



**Jeff Tisak**  
junior  
Sorin

"Living on a Prayer.' I hear it all the time at practice."



**The Chinese Culture Society performs a fan dance at Thursday's presentation of Asian Allure: 2007 at Washington Hall.**

## OFFBEAT

### N.Y. chocolate dessert costs \$25,000

NEW YORK — This is one rich cup of haute chocolate: A New York eatery is offering a \$25,000 dessert bulging with top-grade cocoa, edible gold and shavings of a luxury truffle.

The Frrozen Haute Chocolate was declared the most expensive dessert in the world on Wednesday by Guinness World Records.

The dessert is a frozen, slushy mix of cocoas from 14 countries, milk and 5 grams of 24-carat gold topped with whip cream and shavings from a La Madeline au Truffle.

It is served in a goblet with a band of gold decorated with 1 carat of diamonds and served with a golden spoon diners can take home.

### Church finds 67 bullet holes in steeple

McMINNVILLE, Tenn. — The renovation of an old church has revealed damage expected more in a war zone. The landmark steeple of First Presbyterian Church is pocked with 67 bullet holes.

"After we found the first couple, I thought it was funny, but then we saw so

many I started counting," contractor Dennis Dockum said. "We caulked up 67 holes."

Residents speculating on where the holes came from have several scenarios.

The church was rebuilt in 1878 after the original burned during the Civil War, so the holes could have been in the wood when the steeple was constructed. Or maybe police added some while shooting at pigeons said to have infested the steeple at one time.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The 2007 MBA Diversity Conference will take place today from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Punam Mathur, the senior vice president for corporate diversity and community affairs for MGM Mirage, will be the keynote speaker. He will speak at 6 p.m. in Room F of North Dining Hall. More information about the conference can be found at <http://www.nd.edu/~mba/diversityconference/agendas.html>

As part of the Boardroom Insights lecture series, Paul Orfalea, former Kinko's chief executive officer will speak in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business today at 10:40 a.m.

The women's volleyball team will play Cincinnati today at 4 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Admission is free.

The Glee Club will perform its fall concert today at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for students.

A Bright Room Called Day will be performed Tuesday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for faculty, staff and seniors and \$8 for students. For tickets, call the DPAC ticket office at 574-631-2800 or visit performingarts.nd.edu

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# Le Cercle français celebrates culture

By LINDSAY SENA  
News Writer

Le Cercle français, Notre Dame's student French club, hosted a series of events in honor of National French Week or La semaine du français, this week.

It was started seven years ago by the American Association of Teachers of French, (AATF) to foster an appreciation for French culture in schools and communities, according to the AATF Web site.

Le Cercle's events followed the nationally-coordinated themes as designated by the AATF. They began Monday with a French food giveaway in LaFortune Student Center. The club offered popular French foods such as baguettes, brie and croissants to students passing through LaFortune.

On Tuesday, club members passed out French phrases and facts on handouts in LaFortune. Le Cercle met that evening at Reckers for "Mardi Café," where club members enjoyed French conversation.

The club's president, senior Amanda Bode, said she was pleased with the turnout of these events, especially with the notion of raising student awareness of French culture and National French Week.

Thursday night the club sponsored a performance by singer Tangi Colombel, along with the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies and the Arts and Letters Beyond the Classroom Initiative. Students and faculty gathered in LaFortune ballroom to attend Colombel's cabaret-style show.

The French-native performed an array of comedic songs about romance, Paris, several sad songs and a French rendition of "I Did It My Way."

During the show's intermission, Colombel walked around the ballroom and spoke with several faculty members. He actively engaged the audience and encouraged participation and dancing.

Bode credited French professor Catherine Perry for recruiting Colombel, who currently lives in Florida, to perform.

National French Week will conclude with an international dance party called "Eurodance" at Legends tonight at midnight. Le Cercle collaborated with the Italian Club to host the event.

Le Cercle officer Pia Mauro said the two cultural clubs' work together on the event "was really perfect timing."

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# First Year Board wins 'Karaoke Idol'

Senior Quarters Campaign holds scholarship charity event

By SARAH MAYER  
News Writer

As part of their "Senior Quarters Campaign," members of Saint Mary's Class of 2008 held "Karaoke Idol," their version of "American Idol," Thursday to raise money for future scholarships.

Audience members were encouraged to donate quarters in baskets that were passed around the Vander Vennet Theatre, while they listened to six karaoke renditions of hits by groups like the Backstreet Boys.

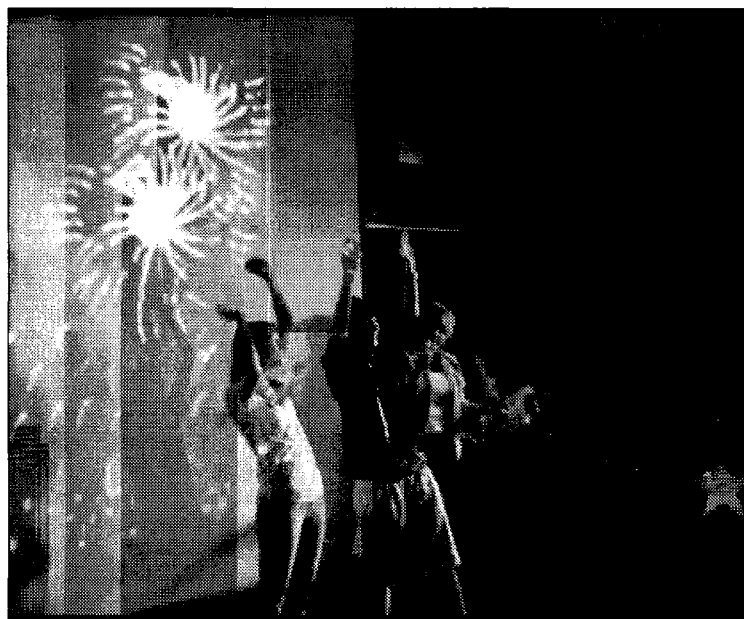
The "celebrity" judges for the event were College President Carol Mooney, professor Stacy Davis and business professor Jerry McElroy.

Acts that performed included members of the First Year Board, the Residence Hall Association and groups of students called the "Dancing Queens," the "Disco Rollers," "Fetch" and the "OG."

While listening to the Residence Hall Association's version of "I Want It That Way," Davis said she "felt the emotion ... it was spiritual."

After hearing the "OG" perform "No Scrubs," Mooney said jokingly, "Saint Mary's does not have an Alma Mater that we sing all together, but I think that should be it."

While the judges tabulated their scores, the members of the Senior Quarters Campaign got everyone in the room on their



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

**First Year Board members Kristen Chemma, Katie Brown, and class vice president Laurel Jayors celebrate their victory in SMC's Karaoke Idols after singing the Backstreet Boys' "Backstreet's Back."**

feet for a packed theater rendition of "We Are Family".

"Idol" winners, First Year Board members Kristen Chemma, Katie Brown and class vice president Laurel Jayors who sang "Backstreet's Back," won a gift certificate to Garfield's Pub.

"The Disco Rollers" took second after singing "I Will Survive," and "Fetch" came in third place after their rendition of "Come On Over Baby." They won free games of bowling and free pizza, respectively.

Beth McKeivitt, who coordinated the event, thanked everyone

for coming.

"Your quarters are inadvertently affecting future students as it helps fund scholarships," she said.

She also reminded the room that the total amount of donated quarters is added on to the "alumnae giving" total.

Freshman Molly Pavela said she was surprised freshmen won but said the night "was hysterical" and that she would come back next year.

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## Prayers

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often goes to the Grotto on behalf of those who submit requests.

"When we visit the Grotto every Thursday, we pray and relight the Alumni Association's Green Candle, which was made specifically for the prayer requests," Appleton said.

"We also accept requests to light a separate candle for those who ask."

The service is available to any alumni, family or friends of the University free of charge. Those

who submit prayers have the option of staying anonymous. But if they provide a name and e-mail address, the Alumni Association will reply to their request with a note confirming their visit.

"We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from people who feel as if they're back at the Grotto because they know we're down there for them," Sullivan said.

"Most often people will ask us

to pray for their family and friends," she added. "There are a lot of requests concerning health issues, jobs, kids, people nearing death and people facing addic-

tion. Having someone go to the Grotto for them seems to help them with these problems in a tangible way."

The Web site also accepts requests for Masses given by Holy Cross priests for those who are deceased or for special intentions. The requested Mass stipend is \$10, and the Mass takes place within three months of the request.

Although the Web site is fairly new, Sullivan said, she's "not really surprised" by its popularity. "People who are at Notre Dame or who used to be here are so connected to their faith," she said.

Sullivan said the Web site will be redesigned in December to add a more extensive archive of prayers and videos, an RSS feed and the capability to access the site by cell phone.

For more information, visit [pray.nd.edu](http://pray.nd.edu)

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## Veterans

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who have paid the ultimate price and made the ultimate sacrifice," said Lt. Col. Löwen Braue, assistant professor of aerospace studies.

The 24-hour vigil, which began at 4 p.m. Thursday, is divided into half-hour shifts. Four cadets, one from each branch of the ROTC program, will man each shift. A total of 152 cadets are scheduled to participate in the vigil.

Today's ceremony will be led by the Air Force ROTC and will begin with an invocation in memory of veterans of past and present wars. Father Peter Rocca, the Basilica rector and the campus military

chaplain, will lead the invocation. Leaders from the ROTC program and Hesburgh, the ceremony's guest speaker, will be introduced following the ceremony.

The ceremony will also feature a playing of "Taps" to "remember our fallen heroes," Braue said.

The ceremony will last approximately 30 minutes and will conclude with a benediction delivered by Rocca.

The Veterans Day ceremony is an annual ROTC

tradition at Notre Dame. In case of rain, it will be moved from the Clarke Memorial to the Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will begin at the same time.

*"We need to take responsibility for our inconsistencies lately."*

**Lt. Col. Löwen Braue**  
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## Genocide

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tions through pressure on congressmen, active participation in organizations working to stop genocide and divesting from economic institutions that do business with Sudanese government.

In addition to the power of the purse, "it is imperative to educate ourselves so we don't end up in situations where we dehumanize others," Verdeja said.

Verdeja also addressed the United Nations' past responses to genocide.

Often, national interests of Security Council members prevent coherent efforts and intervention. China's massive economic boom calls for a cheap energy source. As a result, its investment in Darfur's oil economy and other African countries facilitates these violent militias, he said.

China has vetoed and prevented the passage of UN action targeting the ethnic cleansing in the sub-Saharan country.

Genocide is defined as the "intent to destroy racial, ethnic, religious or national groups." Consequently, past atrocities have not been deemed genocides, he said.

Looking to the future, Verdeja said the U.S. government is not likely to intensify action against the Khartoum government.

"We have lost our credibility and leverage in places such as Darfur," he said. Taking action "would be seen as imperial pressure against a Muslim country."

If the situation in Iraq became genocide, Verdeja questioned whether the U.S. would maintain a troop presence.

Verdeja is currently authoring a book.


Saint Mary's history professor David Stefancic began the evening with the history behind Kristallnacht.

Stefancic said the shock of World War I triggered a search for a scapegoat and the necessity to define a German identity. Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was seen as a prophetic solution, calling for the removal of "subhumans," he said. The Nazi propaganda campaign found its cause when a Jewish student living in Paris learned of his parent's deportation from Germany, marched into a German embassy and shot a secretary.

Soon afterward, the "Night of Broken Glass" began "organized, spontaneous riots" with the rampant destruction of Jewish homes, businesses and synagogues, Stefancic said.

The discussion followed a screening of the Holocaust film, "Life Is Beautiful." It took place in Carroll Auditorium.


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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Ancient piece of bible discovered

JERUSALEM — For six decades, Sam Sabbagh carried a good luck charm — a parchment he found on the floor of a burned synagogue.

Turns out that parchment likely is more than 1,000 years old, a fragment of the most authoritative manuscript of the Hebrew Bible. His family plans to present it to a Jerusalem institute next week, officials said Thursday.

The parchment, about "the size of a credit card," is believed to be part of the Aleppo Codex manuscript of the Hebrew Bible, said Michael Glatzer, academic secretary of the Yad Ben Zvi institute.

It contains verses from the Book of Exodus describing the plagues in Egypt, including the words of Moses to Pharaoh, "Let my people go, that they may serve me."

### North Korea thanks U.S. for naval aid

SEOUL — North Korea expressed rare gratitude Thursday for U.S. help in ending a high-seas standoff with Somali pirates, a sign of warming ties between the longtime foes fostered by progress on Pyongyang's nuclear disarmament.

The U.S. Navy's aid to North Korean sailors last week was unprecedented in the half century of hostility between the Cold War enemies, according to the Naval Historical Center in Washington.

The North's Korean Central News Agency hailed the maritime collaboration as a "symbol of cooperation" between the two countries "in the struggle against terrorism."

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Officer guilty of drug trafficking

BOSTON — A third Boston police officer pleaded guilty Thursday to drug trafficking charges for protecting truckloads of cocaine during an FBI sting operation.

Roberto Pulido, 42, entered the plea following two days of damaging testimony at his federal trial.

Authorities said Pulido was the ringleader of a group of three officers who received thousands of dollars from men they believed were drug dealers, but were actually undercover FBI agents. The officers escorted two truckloads of cocaine into Boston in 2006. They were arrested in July 2006 in Miami, where they went to collect \$35,000 for protecting a drug shipment a month earlier.

### California sues U.S. government

SACRAMENTO — California sued the federal government on Thursday to force a decision about whether the state can impose the nation's first greenhouse gas emission standards for cars and light trucks.

More than a dozen other states are poised to follow California's lead if it is granted the waiver from federal law, presenting a challenge to automakers who would have to adapt to a patchwork of regulations.

The state's lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., was expected after Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vowed last spring to take legal action.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Store destroys merchandise

MICHIGAN CITY — Women's apparel company Liz Claiborne Inc. was destroying all the merchandise at a northern Indiana outlet store where an infected employee came to work.

The company closed its Liz Claiborne Outlet Store at Lighthouse Place on Saturday after the ill employee arrived for work.

Company spokeswoman Dana Stambaugh said Thursday test results for the employee were negative for methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, a drug-resistant germ.

The company said it was taking necessary precautions by disinfecting the store and destroying the merchandise and replacing it. The store is scheduled to reopen on Nov. 16.

## PAKISTAN

# Musharraf to hold delayed elections

*Military leader bows to U.S. pressure, but continues to arrest political foes*

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf yielded to pressure from the United States on Thursday and said Pakistan will hold parliamentary elections by mid-February, just a month later than originally planned.

But the military leader showed no sign of letting up on his political foes, reportedly arresting more than 800 supporters of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto before dawn in an effort to head off a major anti-government demonstration set for Friday.

The White House hailed its ally's election pledge, but Bhutto denounced his announcement as "vague" and demanded Musharraf give up his second post as army chief within a week. She said the mass protest would go ahead despite warnings it could be targeted by suicide bombers.

Bhutto is leader of Pakistan's biggest party and her decision to join in anti-government protests was another blow for Musharraf, who has seen his popularity slide this year amid growing resentment of military rule and increasing violence by Islamic militants.

In a fourth day of protests against the general's imposition of emergency rule over the weekend, lawyers rallied peacefully in Islamabad, while demonstrators clashed with police in the border city of Peshawar.

Musharraf has been under increasing pressure to quickly hold elections and resign as army commander since he suspended the constitution Saturday. He said emergency measures were needed to calm political instability he claims is hampering the fight with Taliban and al-Qaida-



Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf announces Thursday that parliamentary elections will be held in February, a month later than planned.

linked militants.

President Bush, who counts the Pakistani leader as a key ally in the war with extremist groups, personally got involved Wednesday, telling Musharraf in a phone conversation that "the United States wants you to have the elections as scheduled and take your uniform off."

Some Pakistani officials had said earlier the election could be delayed by up to a year, but Musharraf went on state-run TV to announce the ballot would "be held before Feb. 15." He wore a blue business suit rather than his general's uniform.

"We think it is a good thing that President Musharraf has clarified the election date for the Pakistani people," said a statement from the Bush administration, which has been pressing him to return the country to civilian government.

Despite that pressure, Pakistani officials denied Musharraf's election decision was made because of the American demands or the spreading anger among Pakistanis frustrated by military rule.

"The government takes decision itself and there is no internal or external pressure on it," said the ruling party's president,

Chaudhry Hussain.

Critics contend Musharraf suspended the constitution, blacked out dozens of TV news channels and ousted independent-minded judges to maintain his own grip on power, which he seized with a 1999 coup.

His emergency decree came as the Supreme Court was expected to rule on the legality of his re-election as president last month in a vote by legislators. Opponents say it was unconstitutional for him to be a presidential candidate because he also holds the powerful post of army chief.

# Oil leak stretches along California coast

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Oil leaking from a cargo ship that struck the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge has spread throughout the bay and is threatening a majestic stretch of the California coastline, the Coast Guard said Thursday.

A hazy film of oil surrounded Alcatraz Island, and the plume extended well north and south of the Golden Gate Bridge. The heavy fuel has closed at least eight beaches. About a half-dozen birds were spotted alive and coated in oil, which has been washing up as far as 40 miles north of San Francisco.

About 58,000 gallons of oil spilled from the ship when it struck a

tower supporting the bridge Wednesday morning in dense fog. The accident caused no structural damage to the span, officials said, but the vessel's hull suffered a large gash. The ship has since anchored in the bay.

"By our guidelines it is a medium-sized spill. But in the San Francisco Bay Area, that is a big deal," said Coast Guard Capt. William Uberti, captain of the Port of San Francisco and the chief federal officer heading up the investigation and response. "This is a very environmentally sensitive area, so it's of great concern."

The petroleum was bunker fuel — a heavy fuel that is the residue from oil refining and contains many

contaminants, said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Melissa Hauck.

Crews aboard two helicopters surveyed the damage as eight skimmers sucked up the oil on the bay and ocean. Teams also walked the shoreline assessing and scooping up the oil, authorities said.

Some 8,000 gallons of fuel was recovered, and the Coast Guard said it had placed 18,000 feet of booms by Thursday morning.

"We can't stop everything, but we're going to do our best," Uberti said. During his own survey aboard a boat, Uberti said he had observed "a sheen with small little globules — something that's not too difficult to clean up."

## Daughters

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when men are the perpetrators."

"You can't expect women to not make mistakes in judgment that leave them susceptible to rape," she said. "This idea of victim blaming, you can't do that by the pure definition of the word."

Sixty percent of the material used in this year's show has been carried over from last year, and Van Mill's new round of interviews was used for the other skits and monologues.

"We want to represent the interviews that we got, but this is also about getting a holistic play ... if one of last year's skits or monologues had a very important topic to address, we kept it in," she said.

The interviews, O'Donoghue said, helped the pair realize "there were a lot more male stories out there that needed to be given just as much weight." And so, "Loyal Daughters and Sons" will contain male monologues.

"These are based on the true stories of Notre Dame students coming to terms with sex on campus, Catholic values, homosexuality," she said. "We're examining sexual assault from all levels and in all different ways."

The roughly 30-member cast contains representatives from all undergraduate classes at Notre Dame. They have spent about a month and a half working on the show, O'Donoghue said.

"They are all actors. No one is doing their own story," she said.

"We only have one day of technical rehearsal ... but the actors are ready, it should go well," Van Mill said.

This is both O'Donoghue's and Van Mill's first time being involved with "Loyal Daughters."

"I got involved primarily because Madison Liddy, who directed last year, asked me to take over for her," O'Donoghue said.

"I think it's important for two reasons. Rape does happen here, and we don't really talk about it."

Van Mill went to "Loyal

Daughters" rehearsals last year while doing ethnographic research for her thesis. After asking last year's author Emily Weisbecker for an interview, she was surprised by getting asked a question herself.

"She asked me if I was interested in taking over."

"I still tell her 'I'm not so sure why you chose me,' she said.

This is Van Mill's "first bout of creative writing."

"I'm nervous to have something I've written be seen by others ... hopefully they will go and see," she said.

The pair said the cast and crew have been very committed to the production.

"Everyone involved feels strongly about this and has their own story. This is an avenue for these things to be expressed," O'Donoghue said. "I hope to work toward providing ... some kind of healing."

The production of "Loyal Daughters and Sons" is not a substitute for "The Vagina Monologues," which created controversy over its place on campus, O'Donoghue said.

"This directly addresses issues of violence against women exclusively pertinent to Notre Dame," she said.

The two have received a lot of support while undertaking this production.

"I thought I'd have to fight the man ... but we've been given the green light completely," O'Donoghue said.

Van Mill said she hopes people will see the play "because nobody cares until they get hurt, and I think this is a way to drive it home."

If nobody talks, they don't know how many are being hurt."

"This is a play that has a big influence here, and whether students are aware of it or not, they could be listening to the story of their best friend," O'Donoghue said.

"If we are going to be this Notre Dame community that supports itself, this is a prime way for us to do that."

The performances will be held at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$5 at the LaFortune Box Office.

Feminine Voice will be holding panels after Monday and Tuesday's shows, Van Mill said.

Contact Jenn Metz at [jmetz@nd.edu](mailto:jmetz@nd.edu)

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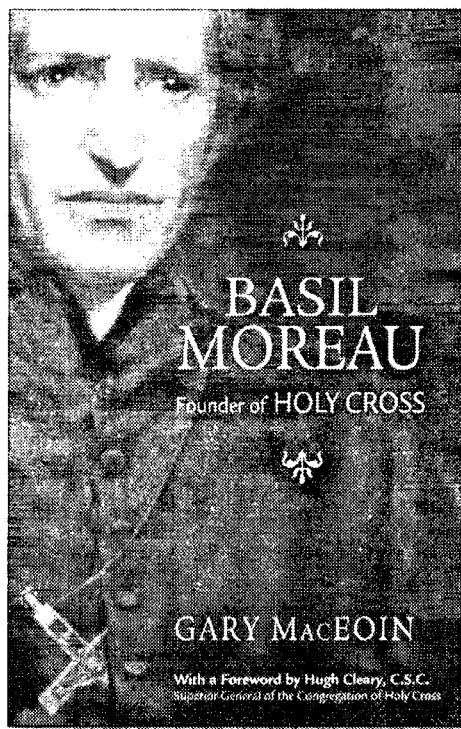
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### Stocks

**Dow Jones** 13,266.29 -33.73

Up: 1,623 Same: 78 Down: 1,752 Composite Volume: 1,189,699,722

AMEX	2,485.41	-14.58
NASDAQ	2,696.00	-52.76
NYSE	9,877.47	+47.32
S&P 500	1,474.77	-0.85
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	15,771.57	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	6,381.90	-3.20

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-1.53	-0.51	32.90
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-0.51	-0.75	147.16
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-3.04	-1.62	51.73
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	+1.03	+0.31	30.37

### Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-1.41	-0.061	4.273
13-WEEK BILL	-2.38	-0.080	3.280
30-YEAR BOND	-0.13	-0.006	4.662
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.099	-0.099	3.802

### Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.91	95.46
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+4.00	837.50
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.90	83.85

### Exchange Rates

YEN	112.65
EURO	0.6814
CANADIAN DOLLAR	0.9355
BRITISH POUND	0.4745

## IN BRIEF

### Mortgage rates lowest in five months

WASHINGTON — Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for the third straight week, dropping to the lowest level in five months.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 6.24 percent this week, down from 6.26 percent last week.

It was the third straight weekly decline after rates hit 6.40 percent. Analysts attributed the decreases to mounting evidence that the economy is starting to slow.

"Reports of weaker consumer spending in September and a decline in manufacturing activity in October kept mortgages at bay this week," said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

The Federal Reserve last week cut a key interest rate by a quarter-part, marking the second rate reduction in the past six weeks. Fed officials, however, disappointed investors by signaling that there may not be further rate cuts, given their worries about higher inflation from surging energy prices and a weaker dollar.

### Investors choose gold over dollar

NEW YORK — Gold prices rose for the fifth day in a row Thursday to their highest level in more than 27 years, as investors again turned to the precious metal as an alternative to the plunging U.S. dollar.

The dollar fell versus the euro and the British pound after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said U.S. economic growth would stay sluggish for the next few months.

Infinity Futures senior trader Larry Young said there could be a short-term pullback in gold from recent highs, but he is betting it will rise to \$1,000 an ounce. The dollar does not appear headed for recovery anytime soon, and demand from gold buyers and investors remains strong.

"The gold bugs have always been there, but the chorus is getting louder," Young said.

Gold for December delivery rose \$4 to settle at \$837.50 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange, its highest close since 1980.

Bernanke's comments, meanwhile, also put a damper on oil's climb toward \$100 a barrel.

## High oil rates will cause inflation

*Bernanke predicts slow economic growth, but expects rebound by mid-2008*

Associated Press

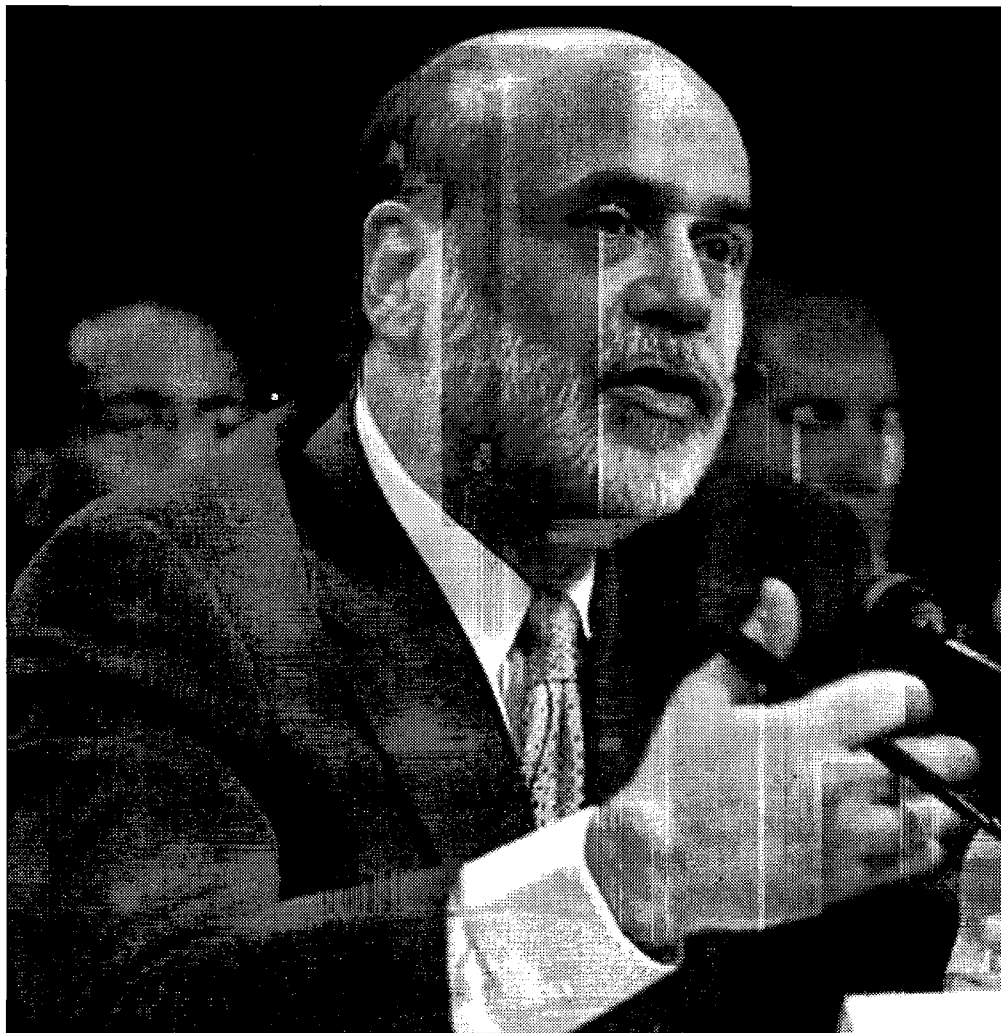
WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Thursday that economic growth will slow noticeably in coming months while surging oil costs will raise inflation pressures. But he said the economy is nowhere close to the stagflation nightmare of the 1970s and he predicted an economic rebound by mid-2008.

Testifying before the Joint Economic Committee, Bernanke acknowledged a host of problems facing the economy, from a deeper-than-expected housing slump to a lingering credit crunch and now sharply rising oil prices and a falling value of the dollar, both of which increase inflation threats.

Bernanke stressed that the central bank, which has cut a key interest rate twice over the past two months, was closely watching developments and would be prepared to respond as needed. However, he stressed that the central bank believes economic risks are roughly balanced at present between the threat of weaker growth and higher inflation.

That was the stance the Fed took last week when it trimmed its federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other, by a quarter-point to 4.5 percent following a bolder half-point cut in September.

The Fed sent a clear signal that last week's rate cut may be all that is needed to deal with the economy's problems, a disclosure that sent financial markets into a slump that has deepened as a number of corporate



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke forecasts a lack of economic growth in coming months Thursday before the Congressional Joint Economic Committee.

giants — including General Motors, Citicorp and Merrill Lynch — have announced huge losses in recent days.

"The stock market had been hoping that the Fed chairman would hold out some promise of another rate cut but instead, he emphasized the risks of inflation," said David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors.

After falling by as much as 200 points, the Dow Jones industrial average closed out another difficult trading session down 33.73 points at 13,266.29.

That decline followed a 360.92-point plunge on Wednesday, which had been the third drop of more than 350 points in the past month.

Economists said Bernanke's noncommittal tone on further rate cuts could have been influenced by worries about a sharp plunge in the value of the dollar against other currencies, a fall that has accelerated since the Fed began cutting rates. Lower U.S. interest rates make foreigners less interested in holding dollar-denominated assets

such as stocks and bonds.

But many analysts said they were still looking for the central bank to cut rates again in December or January, because they believe the economy will have slowed so much by that time that the Fed will need to boost activity.

"Bernanke may not have his finger on the easing trigger, but he likely won't hesitate to squeeze again if ... the economy weakens more than anticipated," said Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

## Sales suggest slow holiday spending

Associated Press

NEW YORK — At this point, there may not be much retailers can do to salvage the holiday season. And it hasn't even officially started.

They've pulled out a slew of tricks already, from deep discounts to early shopping hours, to little avail. October showed the slowest monthly sales growth in 12 years, retailers reported Thursday.

Higher gas prices, rising heating fuel costs, tightening credit, lower home values and dangerous toys have sapped the confidence of American consumers and it all may add up to the slowest holiday shopping season in five years.

"We've been trying to tighten up, have some discipline and get it under control," said Janet Grau, who was shopping for items at a

Linens 'n Things in Milwaukee this week.

It was weak across many sectors in October, from mall-based apparel stores like Limited Brands Inc. to department stores like J.C. Penney Co. Even the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., posted sales below expectations despite heavy discounting.

The few standouts were warehouse club operators such as Costco Wholesale Corp. and BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. as consumers sought out lower prices than even discounters offered.

"This is an extremely turbulent time," said Janet Hoffman, managing partner of the North American retail division of the consulting firm Accenture. "We are going to see a lot of price reductions."

The International Council of

Shopping Centers-UBS tally at stores open at least a year, considered a key indicator of a retailer's health, rose 1.6 percent in October. That was below the original 2.5 percent forecast and marked the slowest October pace since 1995.

It was also under the 2.2 percent average growth rate for retailers' fiscal year, which begins in February.

Mild weather accounted for some of the slower growth. People tend to hold off buying winter clothing until they must. Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at ICSC, estimated that warmer than average fall temperatures depressed sales results by about 0.75 percentage point.

But a balmy fall is only a small part of retailers' woes, which seem to be mounting with Christmas only seven weeks away.



RUSSIA

Court rules that czar, family were not political victims

Says execution of Nicholas II in 1918 by Bolsheviks was premeditated murder, not revolutionary reaction

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's highest court on Thursday refused to recognize the executed last czar Nicholas II and his family as victims of political repression — a ruling Kremlin critics said was dictated by the government's reluctance to condemn the bloodiest chapters of the country's Communist past.

The Supreme Court upheld repeated rulings by lower courts and prosecutors that the 1918 slaying of the czar, his wife and their five children by a Bolshevik firing squad was premeditated murder, not a political reprisal, said German Lukyanov, a lawyer for the royal family's descendants.

"This is an illegal decision," Lukyanov told The Associated Press. "It states that the Bolsheviks did not violate the

rights and freedoms of the czar and his family by locking them up and then executing them."

Nicholas II abdicated in 1917 as revolutionary fervor swept Russia, and he and his family were detained. The czar, his wife Alexandra and their son and four daughters were fatally shot on July 17, 1918, in a basement room of a merchant's house where they were held in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg.

Prosecutors have consistently refused a petition by descendants of the royal family to recognize the killings as political, and a Moscow court earlier this year declined to order them to do so. After its latest decision, in September, the Prosecutor General's Office said an investigation found that no court or "extrajudicial body" had issued any sort of execution or repression order ahead of the killings.

The remains of Nicholas, the empress Alexandra and three of their daughters were unearthed in Yekaterinburg in 1991, while the Soviet Union was collapsing. After genetic tests convinced forensics experts of their authenticity, the remains were buried in 1998 in a cathedral in the imperial capital of St. Petersburg. This summer, archeologists found what they say are likely the remains of Crown Prince Alexei, the 13-year-old Romanov dynasty heir, and his sister Maria.

The Russian Orthodox Church canonized Nicholas and his family in 2000.

But descendants have been seeking their "rehabilitation" — recognition that they were victims of political repression by the country's Communist-era authorities. Many of the people who were shot or sent to prison

camps under Soviet rule have been rehabilitated, exonerating them of the crimes they were accused of at the time.

Human rights activists said the ruling fit in with what they said was reluctance by President Vladimir Putin and his government to confront Russia's Soviet past.

Putin, who has stressed the need for patriotism and pride, has restored Soviet-era symbols, such as the music for the national anthem, and said Western portrayals of the Soviet era were too negative.

Declaring Nicholas a political victim "would be same as recognizing that the history of our state is based on violence and crime," said Arseny Roginsky, a historian and member of the human rights group Memorial.


Roginsky said a document showing that the execution of the czar's family had been ordered by the Bolshevik authority in Yekaterinburg could be found in state archives. In a further indication of political motives, he said, the slayings were carried out to prevent Nicholas from becoming a symbol of resistance against Bolshevism.

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#### Wednesday - November 14

##### IEW Speech

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by Dr. Brian Flora

Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall,  
12:00-1:00 pm

##### Careers in International Diplomacy

Vander Vennet Theater, Student Center  
4:30-5:30 pm

Guest Speaker Dr. Brian Flora

##### Study Abroad Fair

Student Center Atrium  
5:30-7:00pm

Semester/Year Program	Summer Programs
Rome, Italy	China
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# Lavish spending practices plunge Oral Roberts into debt

*University engulfed in scandal after lawsuit reveals evangelists were dipping into endowment fund for personal expenses*

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — A Beverly Hills house and country club membership. Vacations in Palm Springs and the South Seas. A closet as big as an apartment, stuffed with hundreds of pairs of shoes, suits, dresses and golf shoes.

People with close ties to TV evangelist Oral Roberts and his son, Richard, say they witnessed such extravagances years before a recent lawsuit accusing them of lavish spending engulfed the ministers and their debt-ridden university in scandal.

Harry McNevin said in a recent interview that he quit the Board of Regents at Oral Roberts University in disgust in 1987 after it became clear that the

Robertses were dipping into the school's endowment fund for their personal use.

"We were dealing in millions," he said.

The luxurious ways of some of America's top evangelists have come under scrutiny on various fronts recently. Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley announced a Senate investigation this week into whether six celebrity preachers violated their organizations' tax-exempt status by living lavishly on the backs of small donors.

The Robertses are not among the six. But those targeted include three members of the ORU Board of Regents: Creflo Dollar, Kenneth Copeland and Benny Hinn.

In her 1983 memoir, "Ashes to

Gold," Richard Roberts' first wife, Patti, documented the jet-set lifestyle: a blue Mercedes as a Christmas gift for Richard, a Jaguar for her, Italian suits and Palm Beach vacations.

"We lived like characters in a novel or a made-for-TV movie about the beautiful people and I reveled in it," she wrote. "Having made a truce, albeit an uneasy one, with my conscience over the source of our wealth, I proceeded to enjoy its prerogatives with total abandon."

Richard Roberts, who is paid \$228,000 a year as university president, has taken a leave of absence pending an investigation.

But he disputed the recent allegations of overspending, which are contained in a wrongful-dis-

missal lawsuit filed by three former ORU professors, and said he pays personal expenses out of his pocket.

Interviewed on a flight aboard the university's leased Hawker 700 jet to a recent TV interview in New York, Roberts said the lawsuit amounts to "a personal character attack."

"There are people in the world who are against ministries," he said. "I think people are not hoping there's a Christian university in Tulsa."

The university declined comment on McNevin's accusation that endowment funds were tapped for personal spending. Endowments are supposed to be for major projects, not day-to-day operating expenses. The princi-

pal in an endowment is typically left untouched, and only the earnings are spent.

Oral Roberts University is more than \$50 million in debt, its campus — dominated by a 60-foot bronze sculpture of praying hands — is starting to look shabby, and a long-promised student center remains in limbo.

University officials blame the debt on lack of major donors and the cost of maintenance on the 44-year-old, 5,700-student campus. Two more crippling blows came in the closing of ORU's law school and the City of Faith, a \$250 million attempt by Oral Roberts in the late 1970s to build a great medical center and research institute. The City of Faith closed in 1991.

## Wallace's shooter released

*Arthur H. Bremer, 57, shot and paralyzed former Alabama gov. in 1972*

Associated Press

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — After 35 years in prison, the man who shot and paralyzed Alabama Gov. George Wallace during his racially charged 1972 presidential campaign is scheduled to be released Friday into a society more diverse and more restrictive on guns.

The state's automated victim-notification system sent e-mails announcing the impending release of Arthur H. Bremer, 57.

Wallace, a fiery segregationist during the 1960s, was wounded on May 15, 1972, during a campaign stop in Laurel, Md. He abandoned his bid for the Democratic nomination, spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair and died in 1998.

Bremer, a former Milwaukee busboy and janitor, was convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 53 years. He has been held at the medium-security Maryland Correctional Institution near Hagerstown, about 70 miles from Baltimore, since 1979, earning his mandatory release through good behavior and by working in prison.

Bremer's diary, found in a landfill in 1980, made it clear he was motivated by a desire for attention, not a political agenda. He had also stalked President Nixon.

A prison system spokesman declined to say where Bremer would go once he got out. The head of the state's parole commission has said there will be restrictions on Bremer's activities, including a requirement to avoid political candidates and events.

"My father forgave him and my family has forgiven him. That's consistent with God's law," George Wallace Jr. said in Montgomery, Ala. But he added: "Then there is man's law. I doubt the punishment has fit the crime."

Peggy Wallace Kennedy, the governor's daughter, said of Bremer: "I think he's getting out 17 years too early."

The Alabama governor made his famous "stand in the schoolhouse door" in 1963, decrying the enrollment of two black students at the all-white University of Alabama in a standoff against the Justice Department and the National Guard.

By 1972, he had tempered his racist rhetoric and adopted a more subtle approach, denouncing federal courts over the forced busing of children to integrate schools and pledging to restore "law and order," a phrase sometimes regarded as a coded appeal to white racists.

But Wallace recanted his segregationist stand later in his career and won his final term with the help of black votes. The kind of fiery racial rhetoric he employed is history. And a black man is one of the leading candidates for the presidential nomination in 2008.

In another measure of how things have changed, the 1993 Brady Bill, named for the White House press secretary wounded in a 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan, requires background checks to prevent felons and mentally ill people from buying guns.

Four months before the attempt on Wallace's life, Bremer was arrested and underwent a psychiatric evaluation after firing bullets into a ceiling at a shooting range, and was fined for disorderly conduct.

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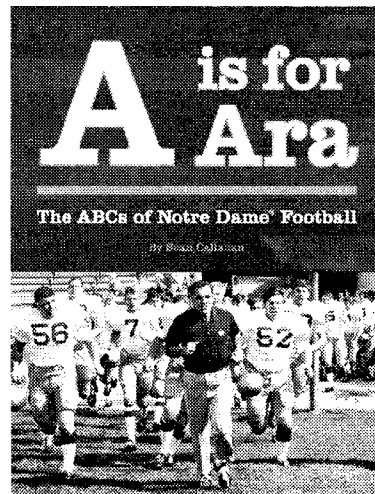
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# More Chinese toys recalled

Popular Aqua Dots toy contains chemical that converts to date rape drug

Associated Press

A mother said Thursday she knew something was terribly wrong when her 20-month-old son began to stumble and started vomiting. He had just ingested a popular toy that contains a chemical that turns into a powerful "date rape" drug when eaten.

It was the latest Chinese-made toy pulled from shelves in North America.

Shelby Esses, 30, said her son Jacob fell and went limp after getting into his older sister's Aqua Dots set, which was recalled Wednesday by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

"That's when we knew what he had eaten and that things were pretty bad," she told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Aqua Dots, a highly popular holiday toy sold by Australia-based Moose Enterprises, are beads that can be arranged into designs and fused when sprayed with water. The toy was pulled from shelves in North America and Australia after scientists found they contain a chemical that converts into the so-called date rape drug when eaten. Two children in the U.S. and three in Australia were hospitalized after swallowing the beads.

Scientists say a chemical coating on the beads can metabolize into the drug gamma hydroxy butyrate. When eaten, the compound — made from common and easily available ingredients — can induce unconsciousness, seizures, drowsiness, coma and death.

Dr. Matt Jaeger, of Arkansas Children's Hospital, treated Jacob and said he was very worried when he saw him.

"It was pretty dramatic," he told ABC. "He was unconscious in this coma for about six hours. And then over the course of just a few minutes, went from being completely asleep to wide awake and playing like nothing ever happened."

Before the toddler was released from the hospital, his

military pilot father crawled around his Jacksonville home, near Little Rock, making sure every Aqua Dot was gone. Buying the toy, popular this Christmas season, turned into a 48-hour "horror" for the toddler and his family, they said.

Meanwhile, toy sets seized in Hong Kong were being tested Thursday, a customs official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of policy. If the tests come back positive for the chemical, suppliers in Hong Kong could face a year in jail and fines of \$12,877, she said.

A spokeswoman for the CPSC said Thursday that parents should keep the toy out of children's hands.

"If a child ingests them the glue turns into a toxic substance and it's very serious," Julie Vallese, a spokeswoman for the CPSC, said on CBS' "Early Show." "We want parents very much to heed this warning."

Vallese said two U.S. children had fallen into "comatose" conditions from the Aqua Dots. The children have since recovered, she said.

In Australia, the toys were ordered off store shelves Tuesday when officials learned that a 2-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl were hospitalized after swallowing the beads. A 19-month-old toddler also was being treated.

China's toy industry came under closer scrutiny earlier this year when Mattel Inc. recalled more than 21 million Chinese-made toys worldwide. Products including Barbie doll accessories and toy cars were pulled off shelves because of concerns about lead paint or tiny detachable magnets that could be swallowed.

Aqua Dots, which are called Bindeez in Australia, were named toy of the year at an industry function in that country.

Retailer Toys "R" Us Inc. said it issued a "stop sale" on the entire Spin Master Aqua Dots product line Tuesday in its North American stores and on its Web site. "We understand that Spin Master and U.S. reg-

ulatory authorities are investigating this product and we have asked Spin Master to fully explain what it believes happened," it said.

Toys "R" Us also pulled the toys in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia after officials in Australia ordered them off shelves.

A company spokeswoman for Moose Enterprises' Hong Kong office said the production of the toy was outsourced to a mainland Chinese factory. She refused to elaborate and referred all further requests for comment to the company's head office in Australia.

"Our Hong Kong office is only responsible for operations such as logistics and shipping arrangements, we don't have any firsthand information," the employee, who would only give her surname, Lo, told The Associated Press.

Moose Enterprises said Bindeez and Aqua Dots are made at the same factory, which is in Shenzhen in southern Guangdong province. Last week, the government announced an export ban on more than 700 toy factories in the region because of shoddy products.

The company said the product is distributed in 40 countries.

The toys were supposed to use 1,5-pentanediol, a nontoxic compound found in glue, but instead contained the harmful 1,4-butanediol, which is widely used in cleaners and plastics.

The Food and Drug Administration in 1999 declared the chemical a Class I Health Hazard, meaning it can cause life-threatening harm.

# President suffers first veto override of term

Bush said legislation had unnecessary parts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush suffered the first veto override of his seven-year-old presidency Thursday as the Senate enacted a \$23 billion water resources bill despite his protest that it was filled with unnecessary projects.

The 79-14 vote included 34 Republicans who defied the president. Enactment was a foregone conclusion, but it still marked a milestone for a president who spent his first six years with a much friendlier Congress controlled by his Republican Party.

Now he confronts a more hostile, Democratic-controlled legislature, and Thursday's vote showed that most of the Republicans will defy him on spending matters dear to their political careers.

Bush's spokeswoman portrayed the issue as a divide between a budget-conscious president and a big-spending Congress.

"The president is standing up for the taxpayers," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "No one is surprised that this veto is overridden. We understand that members of Congress are going to support the projects in their districts. Budgeting is about making choices and defining priorities — it doesn't mean you can have everything. This bill doesn't make the difficult choices; it says we can fund every idea out there. That's not a responsible way

to budget."

The bill funds hundreds of Army Corps of Engineers projects, such as dams, sewage plants and beach restoration, that are important to local communities and their representatives. It also includes money for the hurricane-hit Gulf Coast and for Florida Everglades restoration efforts.

The House voted 361-54 to override the veto Tuesday. Both votes easily exceeded the two-thirds majority needed in each chamber to negate a presidential veto.

The last such veto override happened when Congress dealt President Clinton the second of his two overrides in February 1998.

Bush vetoed no bills during his first five years in office. He has since vetoed a stem cell research bill twice, an Iraq spending bill that set guidelines for troop withdrawals, and a children's health insurance bill. House and Senate Republicans managed to sustain those vetoes.

But they broke ranks on the Water Resources Development Act, or WRDA, which Bush vetoed on Nov. 2, calling it too expensive. Thirty-four Republicans voted with the 43 Democrats and two independents to override the veto. Two Democrats, Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, voted with 12 Republicans to sustain Bush's veto.

His supporters have noted that the Army Corps has a backlog of \$58 billion worth of projects and an annual budget of about \$2 billion to address them.

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# Man testifies in Simpson case

*Memorabilia dealer alleges O.J. stole collector items from hotel room*

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — One of two memorabilia dealers allegedly robbed by O.J. Simpson testified Thursday that the former football star burst into a hotel room with a handful of other men, including one wielding a gun, and carried off hundreds of collectors items.

Bruce Fromong said he had expected to meet with an anonymous buyer on Sept. 13, when Simpson arrived and shouted that the items belonged to him.

"O.J. was screaming, 'This is all my s---. This all belongs to me. You stole this from me. Let's pack up. Let's get out of here,'" Fromong said.

Simpson, 60, and two co-defendants are charged with robbery, kidnapping and other offenses. Thursday's hearing was to determine whether there is sufficient evidence to take them to trial.

Fromong, who testified he has known Simpson since the early 1990s, said the confrontation lasted no more than five or six minutes and ended with the group stuffing hundreds of items into pillowcases and leaving the Palace Station hotel-casino.

Fromong said some of the items had nothing to do with Simpson

but were lithographs of football great Joe Montana and items signed by baseball stars Duke Snider and Pete Rose that he thought he could sell.

At one point, as everything was being packed up, Fromong said he told Simpson: "O.J., those are my Joe Montana lithos."

*"O.J. was screaming, 'This is all my s---. This all belongs to me. You stole this from me. Let's pack up. Let's get out of here.'"*

**Bruce Fromong**  
memorabilia dealer

"I said, 'O.J., that's my stuff. That doesn't have anything to do with anything.'"

Throughout the confrontation, Fromong said, one man pointed a gun at his face and told him at one point: "I'll shoot your a--."

During his cross-examination, Simpson attorney Gabriel Grasso attempted to show that Fromong planned to profit from the confrontation, asking him if he called the television show "Inside Edition" before contacting police.

"Nine-one-one was already being called," he said.

Grasso also noted that in his statement to police Fromong said Simpson had told the others: "Get my ... . Leave the other stuff alone."

Fromong was the first of eight witnesses prosecutors expected to call. The hearing was to continue Friday.

On Thursday, Simpson arrived

at the courthouse in a black Hummer, surrounded by a contingent of lawyers and about a dozen uniformed officers. He did not stop to talk or make eye contact as he made his way into the building and through a metal detector.

In Simpson's mind, according to a close friend, the Las Vegas charges are rooted in the former football star being acquitted in the 1994 slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

"He believes he's being tried for that now," said Tom Scotto, 45, a North Miami Beach, Fla., auto body shop owner.

"He's taking this serious. It is serious," said Scotto, who traveled from Florida with Simpson and sat in a courtroom gallery with about 50 spectators. Among them was Simpson's older sister, Mattie Shirley Simpson, Baker, 64, of Elk Grove, Calif.

Simpson has maintained that he wanted to retrieve items he knew had been stolen from him, including the suit he wore the day he was acquitted of murder in Los Angeles.

Simpson and co-defendants Clarence "C.J." Stewart and Charles Ehrlich face 12 charges, including kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and coercion.

A kidnapping conviction could result in a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole. An armed robbery conviction could mean mandatory prison time.

# Marine not allowed to speak at hearings

*Debate on detainee treatment continues*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Marine Corps lawyer told a House subcommittee Thursday the Pentagon blocked him from testifying that harsh interrogation methods tripped up his prosecution of a suspected terrorist.

The accusation came as the debate over detainee treatment continued to affect Michael Mukasey's nomination as attorney general, with lawmakers struggling to come to a decision on when a confirmation vote would be scheduled.

"The Department of Defense has decided I cannot testify," Marine Lt. Col. V. Stuart Couch wrote to House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich. "Please be advised that I am willing to testify before the subcommittee in the event I am allowed to do so."

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Couch has worked on several detainee cases that are still pending.

"In order to safeguard against potentially compromising a case that is still pending it is department practice not to have prosecutors testify in an open hearing," Whitman said.

The chair intended for Couch stayed empty during proceedings by the House subcommittee

on the Constitution into the effectiveness of so-called waterboarding and other severe interrogation techniques in eliciting information that might help stop would-be terrorist attacks.

Subcommittee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., noted Couch had made speeches and had his story published in The Wall Street Journal.

"These are not state secrets," Nadler said of Couch's account. "It is disgraceful that the administration would allow Colonel Couch to make after-dinner speeches about the subject matter, to talk at length to the press about the subject matter, but (he) prohibited from testifying before a duly constituted committee of the Congress."

It was the latest development in an increasingly bitter debate over whether certain harsh interrogation methods should be outlawed in all circumstances. Waterboarding, which makes the subject think he's drowning, is banned by domestic law and international treaties.

But those policies don't cover the use of the technique by CIA personnel, and the administration won't say whether it has allowed the agency's employees to use it against terror detainees.

The question nearly toppled Mukasey's nomination after he refused repeatedly to say whether it allowed the agency's employees to use it against suspected terrorists.

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## Senator's plan, actions against student government purpose

Senator Jim Lockwood's plan to force the student body president to report on the meetings of the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) is wise. It promotes full communication, increased awareness and transparency for the newly formed group, which asks representatives from area colleges and the city to advise the South Bend Common Council on neighborhood concerns related to the colleges.

But Lockwood's idea to give the Senate the power to dictate what the president can say — and even the ability to censure the president's words — is as terrible as the first plan is good.

Lockwood's expressed desire to minimize the role of the presidency, including a plan to force the president to read statements by the Student Senate to the CCAC when the senators disagree with the president, eliminates the united front and effective energy that Notre Dame needs in a student leader. Without Liz Brown's unquestioned leadership this summer, off-campus students would likely be worried about filing permits for parties a week and a half ahead of time. If she had to worry about what senators thought of her every word choice — and the threat of public humiliation if she had to explain that other representatives disagreed with her — she might not have succeeded. If South Bend officials knew she was controlled so tightly by other students, it would have minimized the respect they offered her. Lockwood's plan would make students less able to present a clear, powerful voice in public debates.

Worse, Lockwood devised his plan in a way that mocks transparency and openness in student government. During

summer discussions over the party permit ordinance, Brown, as president, acted as a capable and professional representative of the student body. When she took the initiative, it helped fundamentally change the ordinance from a draconian measure into something much more acceptable. And she was open about the process, meetings and ideas.

Meanwhile, Lockwood sent an e-mail to his dorm that he "and another senator" were working on a plan to reshape student government, remove a certain amount of power from the office of the president and redistribute it among the student representatives. There can be merit to this plan, but not when a senator goes about it in the way Lockwood did. He told his residents he had a "master plan" but did not want to say any more for "fear of alerting" those at whom the plan was directed.

The question is obvious: Why should we shift power from the executive to the representatives when the latter are going about plans to remake student government in secret and the former is representing our interests well and in public?

The senator later sent a second e-mail out to Siegfried, complaining, among other things, that The Observer made it look like he had an "ulterior motive" to the resolution to force the president to report on the CCAC's meetings. It may have appeared that way only because he did have an ulterior motive. It was clear in Lockwood's first e-mail that he was going to use the initial amendment — harmless by itself — as a first step to curtailing the powers of the presidency.

That plan may be democratic, but Lockwood's methods were anything but.

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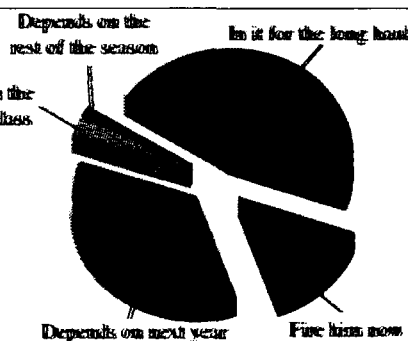
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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."

Galileo Galilei  
Italian astronomer

## 'Indispenceable': Why Spencer rocks 'The Hills'

There is an injustice in our society today that has been perpetuated for far too long. Are we talking about the tragedy in Darfur? No. Are we talking about the war in Iraq? No. Are we talking about the Jena 6? A little, but mostly we're talking about the biased, unfair and absolutely ridiculous criticism directed toward Spencer Pratt: The greatest character in reality television history; nay, television history; nay, history.



Kessler and ...

*Smooth as Silk*

Many babes around campus will tell you that Spencer is a big mean jerk. But what has he done wrong? Take season two Spencer, for example. He constantly had to defend himself, like when he took a bunch of Playboy models out to Area when Heidi was supposed to be out of town and proceeded to hit on them with promises of naked picnics and other scandalous soirees. But it went no further than promises. Through it all, Spencer's main defense

was that he was trying to be a good boyfriend, which he truly has been. Look at his history. Spencer has more money than he knows what to do with and in a town like Los Angeles, he has spent years living the life of a playboy with innumerable babes literally throwing themselves at him. As the saying goes, a leopard can't change his spots. Spencer, if he wanted to, could go out every night and bring home any girl he wanted to with that perfect bone structure. If he didn't really want to be with Heidi, why would he even be going through the trouble of destroying every relationship she has ever had with anybody she has ever cared about? Heidi sucks, we all know this. Yet Spencer, staying true to his selfless, benevolent and altruistic character, bought her a ring, bought the two of them a house, constantly calls her a princess or angel and lavishes her with countless gifts, like that hot new Chanel bag he got her for her 21st birthday. He was also smart enough to know that when Heidi said she didn't want to move in with him that she really meant that she did want to move in with him and he bought the house anyway. What sort of villain would go to such great lengths to

ensure that no Californian has to suffer the pain of dating a girl who stinks as bad as Heidi?

People will say a lot of cruel things about Spencer, but they are all untrue. They'll say he hasn't driven every plot line on the Hills. But he has. They will say he doesn't have a chiseled jaw line and striking Greco-Roman features. But he does. They might say that he isn't always smiling and laughing. But he is (see picture). People may say he doesn't have infinite money. But he does. They might say that he told his parents he was getting married. But he didn't. Others would claim that his Spiderman Halloween costume didn't whoop butt. But it did. Some people might even go so far as to insinuate that he goes tanning. And he might, but that doesn't detract from how awesome he is. Some may say that this list went on far too long. And it did ... not!

Spencer is a man's man. When an evil-doer like the male receptionist at Brent Bolthouse Promotions attempts to critique Heidi's style of dress, he owns the guy with a verbal assault unlike anything this world has ever seen. The receptionist even attacks Spencer physically, but our hero is too smart to let

his emotions get the best of him. He coolly reminds the assailant that he is committing assault (bro) and laughs in triumphant victory as his nemesis retreats through oncoming traffic. Spencer clearly deserves his own spin-off reality TV show. With more lines than Jason and an extra phone for his homeboys, there is an endless supply of mischief that he could get into. We submit to you, our readers, a simple request. Before you jump to conclusions and unfair judgments toward Spencer, think twice. He has brought so much joy into the lives of so many people over the past year and a half. We should all take a moment to take him for being the person that he is. People may think that this is the end of this column, and it is.

*Kessler and ... is a non-profit pharmaceutical organization in search of a cure for male pattern baldness. Rick Loesing, Pat Canna, Dave Ferron, Ces Knee and Matt Lisowski contributed to this column. They can be contacted at kesslerand@gmail.com*

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Offering a welcoming home for all

Recently, a group of male students were seen on campus wearing T-shirts proclaiming, "Gay? Go to Hell." In her Letter to Editor ("No right to judge gay students," Nov. 5), Cinthya Mabee calls on the Notre Dame family to exercise good-will towards fellow students and refrain from using harsh and painful words to condemn the gay community on campus.

In her discussion with the men wearing the shirts, Mabee reports that the men "didn't want groups like the Core Council to be part of the organizations on this campus because they promoted intercourse between homosexuals." This description of the Core Council is thoroughly false and completely misconstrued. According to our Statement of Purpose, the Core Council "acts as a resource to the Vice President for Student Affairs in identifying the ongoing needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, and assists in implementing campus-wide educational programming on gay and lesbian issues." Through campus education programs (CommUnity and Network), community events such as a reception for First Year Students, the Green Room and Coffee at the Como, through sponsorship of National Coming Out Day and Solidarity Sunday, as well as collaborative programs like StaND Against Hate Week, the Core Council is actively engaged in engendering a more welcoming and inclusive environment on campus for gay, lesbian and bisexual students.

This mission, however, will never be successful without the support of the entire Notre Dame community, regardless of their sexual orientation. We applaud Mabee and others like her who are willing to stand up for the inclusion of all members of the Notre Dame family. As a university community we are called to support one another in mutual love and respect. It is not our place to judge others — sentiments echoed by the Vatican's leading moral theologians. In a letter to the Bishops, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith boldly stated that "it is deplorable that homosexual persons have been and are the object of violent malice in speech or in action ... The intrinsic dignity of each person must always be respected in word, in action and in law"

(Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, 1986.) Notre Dame's Board of Trustees also voiced its solidarity with the gay, lesbian and bisexual community on campus in the Spirit of Inclusion: We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community. We condemn harassment of any kind, and University policies proscribe it. We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish.

Notre Dame has made considerable strides in supporting its gay, lesbian and bisexual community but we still have many challenges ahead of us in meeting the current needs of this diverse community. We invite all members of campus, especially our heterosexual allies (supporters), to join in the mission of the Core Council. There are many ways to be involved: By serving on the Council (we are currently accepting applications); supporting and attending programs sponsored by the Council and its coalition partners; or, most importantly, by being in solidarity with students who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or same-sex-attracted in both word and deed in everyday life. We warmly welcome the support of our fellow students, professors, staff, administrators and alumni and challenge all members of the Notre Dame family to take an active role in ending discrimination and promoting understanding at Our Lady's University.

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## Help secure football's future

Fellow students:

This football season has been a rough one so far. However, we, as students, have a chance to have an impact on the Notre Dame program for years to come. This weekend, a key member of our No. 1 recruiting class in the nation, Omar Hunter, will be visiting Notre Dame. Hunter is one of the top defensive tackles in the nation and would be a valuable member of future Notre Dame football teams. He has already verbally committed to Notre Dame, but as we know from past years, nothing is set in stone. Previously, we have done a few chants for players on their official visits to Notre Dame. Last year, Armando Allen responded positively to the chanting of his name at a pep rally. Last Friday, Cyrus Gray responded well to the chanting of his name at the pep rally.

This weekend, it would be nice to do something for Hunter to make him feel wanted by the Notre Dame student body. During the media timeout, following the first quarter, I propose we begin a chant. The chant will go as follows: "We want Omar! We want Omar!" We will start the chant in the senior section and the rest of the student section will join in. Start spreading the word to all your friends. Let's make sure Hunter can hear it and that he knows how much we want him to come to Notre Dame.

Go Irish! Beat Falcons!

Patrick McGowan  
senior  
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## RESCUEDAWN

### A RAW STORY OF HUMAN CAPABILITY

By MICHELLE FORDICE  
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For being a film about war, there is very little battle in "Rescue Dawn." There is also very little rah-rah patriotism. But there is fierce loyalty to country and self as the characters fight to survive and let the next day be a free one. Directed by Werner Herzog, "Rescue Dawn" captivates the audience with its story about the ways humanity reacts to imprisonment.

"Rescue Dawn" is based on U.S. Navy pilot Dieter Dengler's experience as a prisoner of war in Laos in 1966, before the U.S. was even recognizing its military operations in the area. Dengler was a German

immigrant to the U.S. whose desire to fly originated from the most unlikely of places: He was fired upon by Allied fighters while a child in the Black Forest region of Germany.

Decades later, after he was shot down over the Ho Chi Minh Trail, tortured and interrogated, Dengler was brought to a prison camp where he met several other captives. Instead of waiting for rescue, Dengler encouraged his fellow captives to help him stage an escape. But for all their planning, only Dengler and his friend Lt. Duane Martin made it out of the camp. Martin was killed in an ambush, so only Dengler was rescued. Herzog developed the more fictional take of the story, "Rescue Dawn," from his own documentary "Little Dieter Needs to Fly," which filmed Dengler himself telling the story.

While it may be the "fictional" version, "Rescue Dawn" is as raw and real as can be. As with the majority of his films, Herzog does not hesitate to fling his cast and crew into the most remote locations. The jungle of Vietnam and

Laos is its own character, a prison that is both suffocating and stunning. And the film is not an adventure story. There are no battles. No one wins. Few even survive. Instead, it is a vivid depiction of character. Human dignity and depravity tear at each other throughout the tale. The characters, whether they are prisoners or guards, are all faulty and scared. Even Dengler, for all his heroism, is not perfect, but just as demanding and arrogant as he is cunning and inspiring.

The cast of "Rescue Dawn" is a s t o u n d i n g . Christian Bale is quickly becoming one of the greatest actors of his generation and he does not fail to deliver with his performance of Dengler, wrapping the man's confidence and will to survive into every moment. Steve Zahn surprises the audience by breaking out of his usually comedic roles to portray the heartbreaking Martin, beautifully evolving the character from a weak and somewhat ashamed prisoner into a man that, while still broken, is touched with hope. Jeremy Davies' presentation of the hopeless Gene, forever shying away and hoping for someone to come and rescue him, simultaneous-

ly elicits feelings of sympathy and condemnation in his audience.

Like every war film before it, "Rescue Dawn" will be evaluated on the statement it makes on the subject it covers. The conversation it has with each audience member will differ, but the loudest shout to emerge from the character-driven film concerns the kind of people a country hopes to have when it faces the inhumanities that every conflict brings.

Even though Dengler says "No, I never wanted to go to war. I just wanted to fly," he continues to believe that America gave

him his wings. Even though he faces insurmountable obstacles that other people decided to let stand and imprison them, he strives on, if for no reason but to survive on his own terms. "Rescue Dawn" teaches us about pushing on.

"Rescue Dawn" will show in the DPAC's Browning Cinema today at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Student tickets are \$3, and tickets for faculty and staff are \$5.

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#### Rescue Dawn

Director: Werner Herzog

Starring: Christian Bale, Steve Zahn, Jeremy Davies



## Neil Young continues to forge new paths with "Chrome Dreams II"

By JAMES COSTA  
Assistant Scene Editor

There are reasons why certain artists are considered enduring and classic, and as they age, continue to produce material that attracts mainstream listeners. Neil Young's newest album, "Chrome Dreams II," makes it clear why he is still considered one of the preeminent rock artists. It is a record that is as

rough as it is refined, and as poignant as it is ferocious.

The record's name is a nod to "Chrome Dreams," the unreleased record from the late 1970s that has now been established as the likely source of Young classics such as "Powderfinger" and "Like a Hurricane." Though the original was never released, Young's use of the II in the title signals to fans that he is back in classic Neil Young form. After a string of concept albums like "Greendale," the charging Neil Young is stronger than he has been in almost 20 years.

The album focuses on the nature of love and life. Songs like "Beautiful Bluebird," "Shining Light" and "Ever After" are sweet, almost melancholic tributes to the loves of his life. More subtle in these songs is Young's awareness of his own mortality and the prospect of growing old. "Ever After" has perhaps the most simply affecting lyrics of the

album, reading "I love to see you smilin' / And hear your voice so fair / And in the ever after / I know you're always there." It is uncluttered, classic and enduring music — some of the best Young has ever made.

The rousing and harder songs on the record are arguably its highlight, with an almost frightening display of musical emotion funneled into songs like "Ordinary People," "Spirit Road," "Dirty Old Man," and "No Hidden Path." "Ordinary People" in particular is stunning. The highlight of the album, it unrolls over 18 minutes in a collection of stories about downtrodden people struggling to make a living. With its accounts of everyone from drug lords to boxers to homeless factory workers to rich corporate men like Lee Iacocca, it is one of the most powerful pieces of rock and roll.

While the record is as fresh as Young has sounded in years, he achieves the

effect with help from members of his old bands — the Stray Gators, the Bluenotes and Crazy Horse. Young's ability to create a new sound with musicians that he spent years, even decades with is excit-

ing to hear and reminds listeners of the history of the music.

Young has always said he wishes to continue forging new paths and new directions with his music. He is not a fan of farewell tours or greatest hits tours. Rather, his desire to always create rather than rehash has

allowed him to stay far more important and vital than artists relegated to nostalgic rock and roll history. By creating new music and bringing new energy to his recordings, Young has crafted a brilliant and focused record that speaks to the complexities of the human condition. It is truly marvelous and worth a listen.

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#### Chrome Dreams II

Neil Young

Label: Reprise

Recommended Tracks: "Ever After," "Ordinary People"



# THE OBSERVER SCENE



## The WGA, The Strike, and You

By ANALISE LIPARI  
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Picture a world with no more television. Nothing but reruns during prime-time hours. No new episodes of "30 Rock," "Ugly Betty" or "CSI" posted online. Letterman, Colbert and Conan sitting at home on a Tuesday night.

Unthinkable, right?

Wrong. On Monday at 12:01 am, the Writers Guild of America (or WGA) ceased contract negotiations and officially went on strike. Picket lines are now a common occurrence on the streets of Los Angeles and New York, with stars like Sally Field, Tina Fey and Eva Longoria joining the demonstrations. The WGA is fighting for a list of demands that includes compensation for Web content, further residuals from DVD and video-cassette releases and a stronger say in productions on the CW and MyNetwork TV. Shows like "Two and a Half Men," "Desperate Housewives" and "The New Adventures of Old Christine" have already shut down production indefinitely, with more shows likely to follow if the strike continues.

If this all seems like a confusing hullabaloo, let's take a step back. There's a lot more to the disagreements than some kind of battle between the WGA and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), and much of the conflict comes down to how exactly — and how much — writers are actually paid. With the rapid development of online media and its increasing relationship with television — when was the last time you watched "Lost" when it originally aired on ABC? — writers have been left somewhat in the cold. One of the main demands of the WGA addresses such "non-traditional media," and how they might be compensated for what is, in reality, their work.

In the summer of 2006, for example, NBC.com exclusively featured a series of webisodes based on "The Office." These mini-episodes followed the adventures of the Dunder-Mifflin accountants — Kevin, Phyllis et al — and were written by Paul Lieberstein and Michael Schur, two of the show's regular seasonal writers. But neither writer received compensation for his work on the webisodes, despite winning NBC a Daytime Emmy for them. It's these kinds of instances that keep the WGA pushing hard for residuals for online content to be included in their new contracts. Notably, "The Office" has also shut down production until further notice.

While the writers and the WGA are at the forefront of the issue, the strike is having an extended ripple effect on the television and entertainment business as a whole. If a show shuts down produc-

tion because its writers stage a walkout, the actors, directors, stage crew and staff are also out of work. While keeping this in mind may not be the writers' main goal, the entertainment community seems conscious of the impact the strike could have on its livelihood and on the entire industry. Still, actors — including the entire cast of "Grey's Anatomy," as well as creator Shonda Rhimes — and a number of show-runners (the writer-producer-creator figures who run any given TV show) are joining the picket lines in support of the WGA.

"There is not one person out here who doesn't lose in a strike, and there is not one show-runner who is actually going to gain anything," Steve Levitan, producer of Fox's "Back to You," said in a recent article on EW.com. "We are all going to lose, no matter what happens. The minute we lose a week's production, we lost and will never regain that. Past generations have made a sacrifice for us, and now it's our turn to make a sacrifice for future generations."

Sacrifices are all well and good, but what does the strike mean for the common viewer like you and me? In the short term, late-night talk shows have already switched to indefinite reruns, and it's likely that the major networks will follow suit with most of their programming. As for the rest of the season, only those episodes that have been completed pre-strike can air. While some shows, like "The Simpsons" and CW's "Everybody Hates Chris," have almost full seasons in the can, others — like "The Office," whose last completed episode will air next week — are stuck with what they've got. In the near future, viewers will also see an increase in reality television, as writers on shows like "American Idol" or "The Hills" are non-union and thus unaffected by the strike.

The last WGA strike in 1988 cost the industry approximately \$500 million and lasted 22 weeks. If the current strike continues through November sweeps and into next year, as some insiders have predicted, we may see an even bigger impact on the TV we watch every day. Writers shouldn't have to go uncompensated for their work as the online format keeps growing, especially when network Web sites stream their episodes with commercial content. With high visibility and media coverage — even 2008 Democratic presidential candidates John Edwards, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have expressed support for the strike — the WGA is poised to have its voice heard. It's up to both parties to keep their integrity and find a common ground.

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## Top ten things to do during the writers strike

By CASSIE BELEK  
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The last writers strike in 1988 endured for 22 weeks, but it is unclear how long the 2007 strike will continue. While we at Scene certainly do not want to see the strike go on for weeks and weeks, we've come up with some ways to occupy your time until your favorite shows return.

1. Pray at the Grotto more often. Light a candle that FOX can convince Monica Lewinsky to return and host another season of "Mr. Personality."
2. Make your own TV show. Better yet, make it a Notre Dame soap opera involving freshman roommates with split personalities and mysterious disappearances during a routine dorm fire drill.
3. Take up knitting. It's a hobby you can carry over either when the strike ends or when you have babies — whichever comes first.
4. Finally catch up on all those series you've been wanting to watch, but never had the time or motivation: "Friday Night Lights," "30 Rock," "The Wire" and please already, "Freaks and Geeks" and "Arrested Development."
5. Devote the same amount of

time to your studies as you did to watching television. See your grades go up faster than those of a kid on "Hooked on Phonics."

6. Just watch all those "America's Next Top Model" marathons on VH1 because, really, what other television is there?

7. Join a campus publication — just not "Scholastic" or "The Irish Rover."

8. Learn all the words to the "Notre Dame Victory March" — not just the chorus, but that beginning part too. It's really about time you pretend like you go to this school.

9. Start a dorm-wide letter-writing campaign to the Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers asking them to justly compensate writers for all of their work. Death threats are not necessary since you need to worry about finals and not prison.

10. Curl up into the fetal position and cry. Who knows when this strike will be over, and you're really not emotionally stable enough to handle that.

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## Shows that have shut down production:

- "The Office" (NBC)
- "Desperate Housewives" (ABC)
- "Carpoolers" (ABC)
- "The Big Bang Theory" (CBS)
- "Two and a Half Men" (CBS)
- "Rules of Engagement" (CBS)
- "The New Adventures of Old Christine" (CBS)
- "Back to You" (FOX)
- "Til Death" (FOX)
- "Everybody Hates Chris" (CW)

Note: Does not include late-night talk shows



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## MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS

# Keenan's run game poses challenge to Ramblers

No. 2 seed Siegfried one step away from the Stadium; Green Wave look for revenge against top-seed Stanford

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI and  
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Sports Writers

After a narrow 6-0 victory over Zahm in the quarterfinals, No. 2 seed Siegfried hopes to reach Notre Dame Stadium when the Ramblers take on No. 3 seed Keenan on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field.

The Ramblers (3-0-1) avenged a week-three tie with the Rabid Bats with their victory last Sunday. The victory, however, left senior captain Tom Martin a little nervous.

"It was definitely nice for us to be able to get past that one blemish on our record," Martin said. "But we really didn't feel like we played to our potential. We made lots of mental errors, and there are lots of things we need to improve on."

The "mental errors" to which Martin refers include several dropped passes against Zahm — including a well-designed flea-flicker that could have gone for a touchdown — and a muffed punt in the first half that gave Zahm its best starting

field position of the contest.

After the win, Martin admits, the team realized that it needed a lot of practice if it was going to beat the Knights. Keenan's powerful rushing attack led the Knights to a 21-14 overtime victory over Morrissey in the quarterfinals.

Thanks to junior running back Alex Gonzalez and senior fullback Joe Pappas, the Keenan running game racked up well over 200 yards against the Manor defense. Martin said Siegfried focused on stopping Keenan's ground game in practice this week.

"[We're hoping that] we can force them to pass a little more," he said. "We have a pretty strong secondary that few teams have been able to do anything against during the season."

Offensively, the Ramblers will look to use their running game early to open up the field as the game goes on, a task that Martin also admits will be a challenge.

"Our line is going to have to come out hard," he said. "We struggled against Zahm first half. We're going to have to be very physical. Hopefully the run will open

up some passing, but with their size and speed on defense we'll have to come out [strong]."

## Fisher vs. Stanford

Fisher will try to avenge last year's playoff loss to Stanford and take down the Griffins on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Both teams pulled off dramatic wins last week to make it to the semifinals. Stanford won in overtime against Dillon last week on a fourth-down play that gave the Griffins the winning touchdown, while Fisher won 14-7 against St. Ed's, showcasing its offensive skills.

Stanford had an anemic offense last week against Dillon, but captain Rob Hut was confident Stanford can change that this week.

"We need to establish our run game early, and although we struggled a bit in the passing game, I believe that our receivers will bounce back," Huth said.

He believed that as long as his team stays disciplined, they have a good chance at winning against Fisher.

"I want all of our guys to come out, fly around, and get



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Ramblers running back Marcus Young breaks off a run during Siegfried's 26-6 win over Fisher on Oct. 17.

to the ball," Huth said. "If we come out and hit while remaining discipline, we can beat anyone."

Fisher picked up numerous long third downs against St. Ed's last week because of the Stedmen's undisciplined

play. Stanford's defense, which was able to hold Dillon to one field goal last week, will be a greater test.

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## WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS

# Chaos and Finest meet for third time this season

By MIKE GOTIMER and  
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Sports Writers

Cavanaugh and Farley each have a win against the other this season. And in the third matchup, Sunday at 2 p.m. on Riehle Field, the victor wins not only the series but a trip to the championship.

The Chaos upset No. 3 seed Pangborn last week.

"We're coming off a pretty big win and our best game of the season," Cavanaugh senior captain Tarah Brown said. "We're peaking at the right time, and hopefully our momentum will carry all the way through the stadium."

Last week, Cavanaugh was impressive on both sides of the ball. Its 18-point performance

was its best of the season. Junior quarterback Katie Dunn threw for two touchdowns and ran for another last week in the win.

The Cavanaugh defense was equally impressive. It constantly pressured the opposing quarterback and shut down opposing receivers. The defense yielded a late touchdown that accounted for Pangborn's only points of the game.

Farley comes into this week's game fresh off an upset of its own, as the Finest took down previously undefeated Walsh in the quarterfinals, thanks in part to a safety.

"Our team did great last week against Walsh," Farley captain Jenny Rolfs said. "They were undefeated, and we knew we had to step it up to beat them, and we did just that."

Rolfs believed the key to the

game would be tenacity, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"This week, we're looking to stay aggressive on the line to keep pressure on their quarterback," Rolfs said. "This week is going to be a hard-fought game, but we're an aggressive team, so we should be able to hold our own."

The Farley defense is led by its strong secondary, featuring seniors Anna Pursley and Kim Crehan at safety and sophomore Caitly Shepherd at cornerback. In addition, junior linebacker Brigid McGann has a few interceptions, and freshman Alek Koryzno has contributed a few sacks.

Like Cavanaugh, Farley also had its best offensive game of the season last week. The Farley offense is led by Rolfs at receiver,

freshman quarterback Emily Murphy and freshman receiver Kelly Weber.

## Welsh Family vs. Pasquerilla West

Welsh Family looks to keep its winning streak and its stadium dreams alive as the Whirlwinds take on last year's defending champion Pasquerilla West at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Riehle Field.

While the Whirlwinds shut out Lyons 14-0 in the first round of the playoffs, the Purple Weasels barely squeaked by Howard 13-12.

The Whirlwinds have been on a roll all season, racking up a 6-0 record — including four shutouts.

Pasquerilla West, on the other hand, came in with some new faces but maintained its winning ways with a 4-2 record in the

regular season. One of those losses came earlier in the year against Welsh Family. The Whirlwinds beat the Purple Weasels 6-0 in their first meeting and the upcoming game looks to be a similar, hard-fought game.

Both teams have tough defenses with the capability to shut opponents down. The key for Welsh Family will be to get in an offensive rhythm, and if junior quarterback Jenni Gargula can continue her offensive dominance, the Whirlwinds will be tough to stop.

The Purple Weasels will look to fix some of their mistakes in execution from the close game with Howard to try to return to the stadium.

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## NFL

### AFC East

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
New England	9-0	1.000	W9	5-0
Buffalo	4-4	.500	W3	4-1
NY Jets	1-8	.111	6L	0-5
Miami	0-8	.000	8L	0-5

### AFC North

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
Pittsburgh	6-2	.750	2W	3-2
Cleveland	5-3	.625	3W	4-1
Baltimore	4-4	.500	2L	2-3
Cincinnati	2-6	.250	2L	1-4

### AFC South

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
Indianapolis	7-1	.875	1L	4-1
Tennessee	6-2	.750	3W	4-1
Jacksonville	5-3	.625	1L	3-2
Houston	4-5	.444	1W	2-3

### AFC West

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
Kansas City	4-4	.500	1L	3-2
San Diego	4-4	.500	1L	3-2
Denver	3-5	.375	2L	1-4
Oakland	2-6	.250	4L	1-4

### NFC East

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
Dallas	7-1	.875	2W	4-1
NY Giants	6-2	.750	6W	5-0
Washington	5-3	.625	1W	3-2
Philadelphia	3-5	.375	1L	2-3

### NFC North

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
Green Bay	7-1	.875	3W	4-1
Detroit	6-2	.750	3W	4-1
Minnesota	3-5	.375	1W	2-3
Chicago	3-5	.375	1L	2-3

### NFC South

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
Tampa Bay	5-4	.556	1W	2-3
Carolina	4-4	.500	2L	2-3
New Orleans	4-4	.500	4W	4-1
Atlanta	2-6	.250	1W	2-3

### NFC West

team	record	perc.	streak	last five
Seattle	4-4	.500	1L	2-3
Arizona	3-5	.375	3L	2-3
San Francisco	2-6	.250	6L	0-5
St. Louis	0-8	.000	8L	0-5

## NCAA Men's Basketball Preseason Coaches' Poll

	team	last yr.	previous
1	North Carolina	31-7	5
2	UCLA	30-6	3
3	Memphis	33-4	7
4	Kansas	33-5	5
5	Georgetown	30-7	4
6	Louisville	24-10	20
7	Tennessee	24-11	18
8	Michigan State	23-12	NR
9	Indiana	21-11	NR
10	Washington State	26-8	17
11	Duke	22-11	NR
12	Marquette	24-10	NR
13	Oregon	29-8	8
14T	Gonzaga	23-11	NR
14T	Texas A&M	27-7	9

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### NBA

Nuggets at Wizards  
8 p.m., ESPN

### NCAA FOOTBALL

Rutgers at Army  
8 p.m., ESPN2

## NHL



Former NHL MVP Eric Lindros announced his retirement from professional hockey Thursday in his hometown of London, Ontario. Lindros played for 13 seasons and is expected to join the staff of the NHL Player's Association.

## Former NHL MVP retires after 13 seasons

Associated Press

LONDON, Ontario — Former NHL MVP Eric Lindros retired Thursday in his hometown, ending a career derailed by a series of concussions and other injuries.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound power forward had 372 goals, 865 points and 1,398 penalty minutes in 760 games for Philadelphia, Toronto, the New York Rangers and Dallas.

He won the Hart Trophy as league MVP in 1995 and was part of the Canadian Olympic team that won gold in 2002. He also won silver for Canada in 1992.

The 34-year-old center made it through 13 seasons despite the concussions and other injuries that eventually limited his playing time. The injuries restricted him to an average of only 58 games a season, but he was an impact player when healthy.

Lindros was a free agent and hadn't played this season. He's expected to join the staff of the NHL Players' Association.

Lindros also donated approximately \$5 million to the London (Ontario) Health Sciences Foundation, where Lindros was treated during his career.

"My decision to retire from professional hockey is something that I have been considering for some time, and did not come easily," Lindros said. "I will miss the day-to-day activity of being a member of a team, and the camaraderie that I developed with my teammates will never be forgotten."

"I played with the best, I played against the best — it was a blast. It really truly was," he said. "I enjoyed myself immensely."

Lindros helped lead the Flyers to the 1997 Stanley Cup Finals, but his once-tight relationship with general manager Bob Clarke.

Lindros said Clarke was his childhood hero — began to unravel by the end of the 1990s. Clarke had a problem dealing with Lindros' meddlesome parents — his father, Carl, was his agent — and it slowly deteriorated over the years.

The boiling point came when Lindros criticized the team's medical staff for failing to diagnose his second concussion of the 1999-2000 season. Clarke then stripped him of his captaincy, and the star was ostracized from the team until he returned for Games 6 and 7 of the conference finals against the Devils.

## IN BRIEF

### State of Larry Johnson's foot in flux

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Running back Larry Johnson's injured right foot "has made significant improvement," the Kansas City Chiefs said Thursday.

Johnson, who rushed for more than 1,750 yards each of the past two years, was injured in the fourth quarter last week of Kansas City's 33-22 loss to Green Bay. Coaches have said he would almost certainly not play this Sunday against Denver.

A Denver television station reported earlier this week that Johnson has a broken foot and is out for the year. The Chiefs have insisted all they know is he has a mid-foot sprain and will probably not play this Sunday.

A news release by the Chiefs said Johnson had "less swelling and pain in his injured right foot."

### MLB base coaches to wear head protection next season

ORLANDO, Fla. — Baseball wants to prevent another tragic accident like the one that killed Mike Coolbaugh.

General managers decided Thursday that first- and third-base coaches will wear some sort of head protection next season, a move that came four months after Coolbaugh was struck in the neck by a line drive during a minor league game.

Coolbaugh, a former major league player, was a coach for the Colorado Rockies' Double-A team in Tulsa when he died July 22. He had been hit by a liner as he stood in the first-base coach's box during a Texas League game at Arkansas.

Some major league coaches responded by wearing helmets the rest of the season.

### Eleven free agents questioned by steroids investigation

ORLANDO, Fla. — No more than 11 players from this year's free-agent class were asked to speak with George Mitchell as part of his investigation into performance-enhancing drugs in baseball, a union official told agents this week.

Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel, made the statement Wednesday to agents attending a meeting in New York, two people with knowledge of the session said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the remarks were intended to remain private.

The Boston Globe's Web site Thursday afternoon reported agents were told at the meeting that 11 current free-agent players are named in Mitchell's report, but Weiner said the union didn't know whether any names would be included, those with knowledge of the meeting told The Associated Press.

## MLB

# 'Rays': New name, new unis

*Tampa Bay shortens name, changes colors*

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays are gone. Trying to reinvent itself, the perennial last-place team officially shortened its nickname to simply "Rays" during a celebration that brought a crowd of about 7,000 to a downtown park Thursday night.

New team colors and uniforms also were unveiled during a fashion show featuring current players, as well as manager Joe Maddon, senior advisor Don Zimmer and former Tampa Bay stars Wade Boggs and Fred McGriff as models.

Navy blue and light blue have replaced green and black as the primary colors. The club's new logo, as well as the home and road uniforms for next season, feature the word "Rays" in navy blue lettering with a light blue shadow.

Team officials and local fans have routinely referred to the club as "Rays" for much of the expansion team's existence, however it wasn't until Stuart Sternberg took over as principal owner two years ago that consideration as given an actual name change.

"I think this gives us as an organization an identity."

Sternberg said, noting that many of the team's employees have joined the club since he took control from former managing general partner Vince Naimoli.

"We were tied to the past, and the past wasn't necessarily something we wanted to be known for. Nobody's running from it or hiding from it, and we're proud of certain aspects of it, but this is something the organization was able to really put their arms around. I hope and expect the fans who come out will see it as a new beginning."

Sternberg said the team began with more than 1,000 suggestions for a new name and whittled the list down to about 80.

Rays was the owner's first choice, however the organization considered others like Cannons, Stars, Wave and Dukes before settling on Rays and developing a logo featuring a bright yellow sunburst.

"We strayed a little bit. But after looking at everything, it was pretty clear that this was the one," Sternberg said.

Carl Crawford, Scott Kazmir, Rocco Baldelli, B.J. Upton, Delmon Young, Edwin Jackson

and Al Reyes were among the players modeling the uniforms. The evening was capped by a concert featuring actor Kevin Costner and his band, Modern West.

Sternberg said he actually had hoped to have the new nickname, team colors and uniforms ready for last season. He's happy he didn't rush and wind up with a final product he didn't like.

"I think it worked out well this way because I feel really confident that the team's performance on the field next year is going to take a very giant step forward," the owner said.

The team didn't abandon every aspect of the uniforms worn for the

franchise's first 10 seasons.

An updated Devil Rays patch is on the left sleeve of the new jerseys. The club also will continue to operate a popular touch tank filled with cownose rays during games at Tropicana Field.

"I'm still a nostalgic sort of guy," Sternberg said. "And while I don't want to look back to the past, I think the region should be proud of having a major league baseball team and

*"We were tied to the past, and the past wasn't necessarily something we wanted to be known for."*

**Stuart Sternberg**  
principal owner  
Tampa Bay Rays

## NHL

# Zubrus' two goals put New Jersey over Flyers

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils followed their worst loss of the season with one of their best efforts.

Veteran Dainius Zubrus scored his first two goals of the season and rookie Rodney Pelley got the first of his career in a three-goal flurry to help New Jersey beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-1 on Thursday night.

"We responded in the right way," Devils coach Brent Sutter said. "There was a lot of emotion tonight on our end. I thought we were mentally strong the whole game."

After Monday night's 5-0 thrashing at the hands of Pittsburgh, Sutter put players through grueling practices Tuesday and Wednesday. He has not been shy about publicly criticizing players in the season's early weeks as the defending Atlantic Division champions limped to a 5-7-2 record.

For one night at least, the tough love worked.

Playing like the Devils of old, New Jersey choked off Philadelphia's attack and outshot the Flyers 39-14. Martin Brodeur was barely tested by the Flyers, who were playing the final game of an eight-game road trip.

"We came out flat from the get-go," said Flyers defenseman

Mike Richards. "They turned the puck over a lot with their forechecking and we didn't match their intensity. We didn't have our legs out there, but you have to battle through that and we didn't."

New Jersey signed Zubrus in July to help fill the void created by Scott Gomez' departure to the New York Rangers, but the 11-year veteran had managed only six assists in the first 14 games.

While Sutter praised Zubrus' work ethic, the effort wasn't translating into goals until Thursday.

"Obviously it hurts your confidence a little bit and it's in the back of your mind, but you know the goals are going to come," Zubrus said. "Playing in the league for 11 years, you just try to bring a consistent effort every night and not get too high or too low."

Zubrus and Brian Gionta scored within 18 seconds of each other in the first period after spotting Philadelphia a 1-0 lead, and Zubrus scored late in the period to give New Jersey a 3-1 lead.

The struggling Devils entered the game having won just two of their last eight games, but found their offensive rhythm and equaled their combined goals for the last three games with Pelley's score.

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## MLB

# Boras campaigns for Rodriguez at GM meetings

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez is prepared to meet and greet.

Agent Scott Boras used this week's general managers' meetings to give teams his sales pitch for A-Rod and was pleased with how it went.

"With regard to Alex, we got some very clear direction from clubs as to where their interest is," Boras said Thursday after

the four-day session ended.

Given that Rodriguez terminated a record \$252 million, 10-year contract to seek even greater riches, this won't be a deal signed off on at the GM level.

"I fully expect that with this type of player, that the owner will want to sit down and talk with him," Boras said.

When the New York Yankees asked for a meeting before Rodriguez opted out, Boras

told them they'd have to make a \$350 million offer just to speak with Rodriguez.

The Los Angeles Angels said they're interested in A-Rod, who appears likely to win his third AL MVP award this month. Other possible suitors, such as the Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets, are taking a more wait-and-see approach with their public comments.

The players' union said

Thursday it was concerned with "reports stating that the commissioner is attempting to influence the market for at least one player," and a person familiar with the union's statement said the player in question was Rodriguez. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the statement didn't refer to A-Rod by name.

Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor relations in the commissioner's office, denied that there was any improper conduct.

There was only one trade at the meetings: The Philadelphia Phillies acquired closer Brad Lidge and infielder Eric Bruntlett from Houston on Wednesday night for outfielder Michael Bourn, pitcher Geoff Geary and minor league third baseman Mike Costanzo.

But other deals are percolating at various levels. Florida dangled All-Star third baseman Miguel Cabrera, who interests the Yankees and perhaps the Angels and Dodgers.

Several teams would want two-time AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana, but the Minnesota Twins say he's not available and they're trying to work out an extension before he can become a free agent after the 2008 season. If he becomes available in a few weeks, the Mets likely would be interested.

"I don't think people are waiting for something to happen. You can't wait around too long in this marketplace," Mets general manager Omar Minaya said.

Before leaving town, GMs decided base coaches will wear some sort of head protection

next season, a move that came four months after Mike Coolbaugh was killed by a line drive while coaching first base in a Double-A game.

"There was a sentiment that as a concept this was a good idea," said Joe Garagiola Jr., senior vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office.

GMs will decide on the exact form of protection when they meet next month at the winter meetings.

"We're going to come back in Nashville with some options: liners, hard caps, helmets without flaps, helmets with flaps," Garagiola said.

New Dodgers third base coach Larry Bowa understands the decision.

"They're just trying to take safety measures," Bowa said. "I prefer to wear an insert. With an ear flap, I would definitely think it would be a hindrance, it would get in the way."

The more interesting action at these meetings occurs in the lobbies, lounges, hallways and suites, where GMs talk with each other and agents.

Yankees GM Brian Cashman, needing to replace Rodriguez at third, has interest in Cabrera and Joe Crede of the Chicago White Sox. But with the start of spring training more than three months away, he doesn't expect to fill the spot soon. Cashman said the meetings had a "predictable feel."

"Sometimes it will take more time for us to be willing to do certain things that we're unwilling to do, or vice versa, to match up with somebody else and kind of get them interested in other aspects from their initial offer," he said.

Cashman received repeated inquiries about young pitchers Phil Hughes, Joba Chamberlain and Ian Kennedy, all of whom could be in the Yankees' rotation next year. Cashman called pitching "the keys to the kingdom" — and it wasn't a reference to nearby Disney World.

"I understand why people are asking. I'd ask," he said. "For the most part, we're going to try to stay the course and build around our young pitching as we move forward. But talk is cheap. Actions speak louder than words, so let's see where I'm standing come February."

Assessing the one trade made by division rival Philadelphia, Minaya thought the deal "makes them a better team already." He said the Mets could have gotten involved in trying to acquire Lidge but "the price for us at the time was a little bit too rich."

He did have one desire for the marketplace.


"I'd like to see a lot of guys, free agents, go to the American League, if possible," he said. "Forget the Phillies — the more guys that go to the American League, the better."

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## ND SWIMMING

# Women look for second straight dual meet win

*Men in search of first victory at Pittsburgh*

By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

When a team is as successful as the defending Big East champion Notre Dame women were last season, it's natural for other teams to jump at the chance to beat them.

The Irish will face one such Big East foe today when they head to Pittsburgh to try and pick up their second straight dual meet win.

"I think we always have a big bullseye on our foreheads going into a Big East meet," Irish coach Carrie Nixon said. "[Big East opponents] will always bring their 'A' game, so it's important that we make a statement this weekend and send ripples through the conference."

The women (1-2) have received contributions from experienced swimmers and divers, especially senior Caroline Johnson and junior Christa Riggins, in their first three meets. Freshmen Katie Casey, Sam Maxwell, Lauren Sylvester and Amywren Miller have added youthful depth to the Irish roster, and they all played a big role in last week's win over Purdue.

The Irish will take on a Panthers squad that has posted three dominant victories over St. Bonaventure, Syracuse and Cincinnati in its first three meets of this season. Like the Irish, Pittsburgh has succeeded due to solid performances from experienced swimmers coupled with a wealth of new talent.

Last year, Notre Dame beat the Panthers 188-112 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center, while Johnson, junior Claire Hutchinson and sophomore diver Natalie Stitt turned in winning performances.

The women's schedule gets a little meatier following this meet, and Nixon wants to make sure the Irish are running on all cylinders as soon as possible.

"This is a chance for us to really work on our races and

iron out some of the things we've been working on in practice," Nixon said.

After falling to the Boilermakers, the men will join the women on the trip and try to grab their elusive first win.

The men currently stand at 0-3 after experiencing tough losses to USC, Purdue and Texas A&M. Sophomore John Lytle swam impressively last weekend, picking up a second-place finish in the

200-yard freestyle, and he will have to do more of the same if the Irish can notch their first victory of the year.

Like the Panthers women, the men have looked impressive in defeating St. Bonaventure, Syracuse and Cincinnati soundly.

Irish men's head coach Tim Welsh sees added significance this weekend because Pittsburgh has proven to be a consistent performer in the Big East.

"Pittsburgh is a very worthy opponent," Welsh said. "They have been team champions in the Big East many times, and they have been wonderful hosts to us in the past."

The Irish defeated the Panthers last year 172-126. Lytle and fellow sophomores

Ross Moore and Mackenzie LeBlanc had first-place finishes against the Panthers last year.

Notre Dame comes into the meet against Pittsburgh in a much different position than it was a year ago. Last season, the win over the Panthers moved Notre Dame's record to 4-0, which was the best start for the men since the 1992-93 campaign. This time, however, the Irish will try to notch one in the win column, while Pittsburgh will look to get its fourth-straight victory.

"Something is going to give tomorrow," Welsh said. "One of these streaks is going to continue, and we certainly feel we have a chance to win the meet."

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## NBA

## Chicago pulls out first win

Thomas has double-double; Wallace scores 36 points in Pistons' loss

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The push and the extra motivation the struggling Chicago Bulls needed came from the team that eliminated them from the playoffs last spring.

After a surprising 0-4 start, Chicago beat the Detroit Pistons 97-93 on Thursday night, riding 19 points and 14 rebounds from Tyrus Thomas for that elusive first victory.

"It just feels a lot better. We got a quality win over one of the best teams in the league," said Chicago's Kirk Hinrich, who had 14 assists. "Now we've got to play better basketball and be more consistent."

The Bulls had to overcome a 36-point night from Rasheed Wallace — his most in a Pistons' uniform — to send Detroit to its first loss after opening with

three wins.

No one could stop Wallace's assortment of shots — post-ups on the inside, 3-pointers from the perimeter — although he missed two key shots in the final minute.

"Regardless of my game, it ended in an 'L,'" Wallace said. "I'm old school so it didn't matter what I did, the team lost the game."

Luol Deng added 17 points and Ben Gordon had 16 for the Bulls.

Richard Hamilton scored 18 points for the Pistons, who eliminated the Bulls in six games in the Eastern Conference semifinals last spring.

"Hopefully getting a win against a good team like Detroit will give us some confidence," Gordon said, relieved that the early losing streak is finally over. "It was definitely a bur-

den."

Hamilton drove the lane for a sweeping basket as the shot clock went off, cutting the Bulls lead to 94-93 with 1:35 to play. After the teams traded turnovers, Chicago's Joe Smith missed a jumper and the Pistons had a chance to retake the lead. But Wallace's short bank shot wouldn't stay in and the Bulls rebounded with 33 seconds to go.

Gordon then made the first of two free throws after being fouled by Hamilton to give the Bulls a 95-93 lead with 26 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, Wallace's turnaround attempt over Thomas hit the rim and came off with 13 seconds to go.

"This was a hard one to lose," Wallace said. "The shots I got down the stretch couldn't have felt better. You're just going to

## NBA won't return to Seattle if Sonics leave

Associated Press

PHOENIX — NBA commissioner David Stern warned Thursday that if the SuperSonics leave Seattle he sees no way the league would ever return to the city.

"I'd love to find a way to keep the team there," he said, "because if the team moves, there's not going to be another team there, not in any conceivable future plan that I could envision, and that would be too bad."

At a news conference following his announcement that the 2009 All-Star game would be held in Phoenix, Stern criticized the city of Seattle and the Washington legislature for its handling of the issue of funding a replacement for Key Arena.

Stern repeated earlier criticism of the mayor and city council for promoting a measure, overwhelmingly passed by voters, that requires any funds to help build an arena earn money at the same rate as a treasury bill.

That measure simply means there is no way city money would ever be used on an arena project, Stern said.

He also lamented that the state legislature refused to even consider continuing a tax that helped fund Seattle's baseball and football stadiums.

"To have the speaker of the house say well, they just spend too much money on salaries anyway, so we need it

for other things," Stern said, casts aspersions on the whole league's operations. "We get the message. Hopefully, maybe cooler heads will prevail."

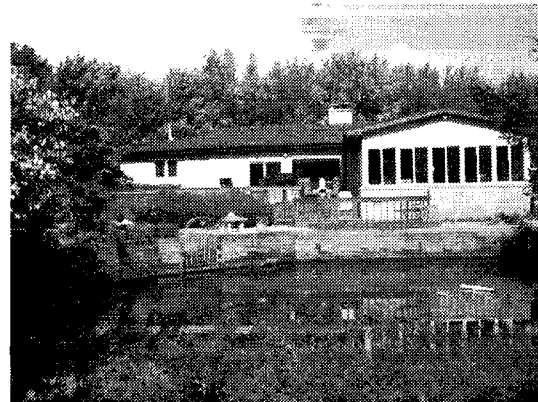
He was referring to a remark by House Speaker Frank Chopp last February when funding for a new arena in the Seattle suburb of Renton was proposed.

"They ought to get their own financial house in order when their payroll is over \$50 million for, what is it, 10 players? I think that's a little ridiculous," Chopp said at the time. "They need to get their own financial house in order and if they did, they wouldn't have to ask for public help."

Stern's comments were much tougher than the ones he made last June, when he said he believed the issue was "just going to work itself out."

SuperSonics owner Clay Bennett told the NBA last Friday that he plans to move the team to Oklahoma City. When that move would occur depends on outcome of litigation with the city over the franchise's Key Arena lease. The lease calls for the team to play in Seattle through the 2009-10 season, but Bennett wants out sooner.

As the issue becomes more and more contentious, Stern said he hopes "that a white knight that hasn't existed before, somebody who has a building plan of how to keep the team there, will step forward."



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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

# NCAA bids on the line at Great Lakes Regional

*Irish will race 10k for first time this season*



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

**Notre Dame runners rush to the front of the pack at the National Catholic Invite on Sept. 14.**

By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men and women will try to secure spots in the NCAA Championships with strong performances Saturday at the Great Lakes Regional Meet in Bloomington, Ind.

For the men, who captured fourth in the Big East meet, junior Patrick Smyth and senior Jake Watson will look to follow up their all-Big East performances from two weeks ago.

In last year's regional meet, Smyth finished eighth overall, while Watson placed 40th on the individual leaderboard. Smyth has run at the front of the pack all year long, and he will lead the Irish again this weekend against some stiff competition.

Aside from No. 22 Notre Dame, three ranked teams will compete in the meet: No. 4 Wisconsin, No. 23 Michigan and No. 30 Ohio State.

Wisconsin has dominated this event since regional meets began in 1972. The Badgers won their sixth straight Great Lakes title and their 22nd overall last year. They have qualified for the NCAA Championships in all 35 years the regional meets have been held.

Either Irish team can guarantee itself a spot in the NCAA field with a top-two finish on Saturday. The first two finishers from each region automatically qualify, and 13 at-large bids are distributed after the regional meets.

Head coach Joe Piane stressed the need to grab one of those two positions.

"It's phenomenally important," he said. "This is the first time we've run 10 kilometers all year, but it's what we've been training for. If you don't run well in this competition, then there is no NCAAAs."

Last year, the Irish men did just that, finishing second in a 31-team field to lock up an automatic bid for the seventh time in eight seasons. They will attempt to make it eight out of nine on Saturday, employing a little bit of strategy along the way.

"We're going to run relatively conservative early," said Piane. "And we'll try to make sure we can close well in the last 2 kilometers."

On the women's side, freshman Marissa Treece and sophomore Lindsey Ferguson will

lead the way. Ferguson is coming off her all-Big East performance in Notre Dame's sixth-place finish two weeks ago.

The women's region also boasts some top-level teams: No. 8 Michigan State, No. 9 Michigan and No. 23 Wisconsin.

Last year, the Irish women placed fifth out of 30 teams and did not receive a bid to the NCAA Championships.

Both the men's 10k and women's 6k races will take place on Indiana University's rolling, wooded golf course. The men's race is set to begin at 10 a.m., while the women will take off at 11:15.

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## NHL

# Rangers down Pittsburgh

*Avery draws key penalty, scores first multipoint game of season*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sean Avery's stick caught up with his mouth, making the notorious agitator that much tougher for the Pittsburgh Penguins to tolerate.

Avery goaded 20-year NHL veteran Gary Roberts into a four-minute penalty that led to a goal, and posted his first multipoint game of the season in the New York Rangers' 4-2 victory over the Penguins on Thursday night.

Playing for the fourth time since returning from a 10-game absence due to a shoulder injury, Avery slapped home a power-play goal — his first tally this season — 9:40 into the second period to give the Rangers a 3-1 lead.

"I'm kind of used to the unnerving part, so getting the first (goal) out of the way I think was bigger," Avery said. "I definitely think teams want me to do poorly, they probably want me to get hurt, and want me to take penalties and generally not play well."

"That's part of the thing that motivates me."

His annoyance of Roberts, who has 432 NHL goals, created a long power play that produced Michal Rozsival's power-play goal that put the Rangers ahead for good late in the first.

"The young guys, they're a little dumb. They don't really know what's going on half the time," Avery said. "So a guy like that, they take it a little bit more of an insult after you dis-

respect them and all they've done for the game and how great they are."

Avery's offense along with Brandon Dubinsky's first NHL goal paced New York's best scoring output since opening night.

"Juggernaut," Rangers coach Tom Renney said. "The guys were saying that on the bench. It was a huge night for us."

Scott Gomez netted his fourth, scoring off an assist from Avery, and helped set up Rozsival's goal for the Rangers. New York won its fifth straight at home and snapped a run of four straight two-goal games.

"The other guys scoring the goals are more relieved than I am," said Henrik Lundqvist, who made 26 saves, "I'm just trying to do my job."

New York, which started the season with a 5-2 win over Florida, scored more than two

goals for the third time in 12 games, but have six victories in eight games. The Rangers, 8-2 at home and 0-5-1 away from Madison Square Garden, will open a four-game road trip Saturday in Toronto.

Sergei Gonchar got the first puck past Lundqvist, bringing the Penguins into a 1-1 tie in the first. Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby earned his 15th assist to extend his career-best point streak to 15 games. Evgeni Malkin was credited with the second helper, the 16th this season, his ninth straight game with a point.

Mark Recchi added a power-play goal 4:22 into the third, with Dubinsky in the box, to cut the deficit to 4-2.

Pittsburgh outshot New York 14-7 in the final frame but couldn't get any closer.

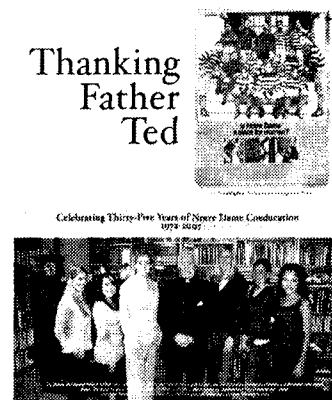
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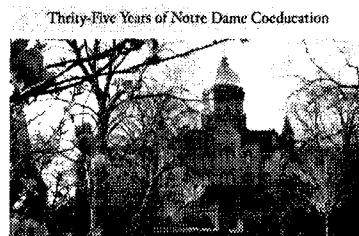


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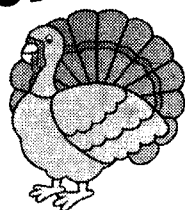


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# Irish seek tourney bid in final games of season

Team faces Cincinnati and Louisville at home

By PAT O'BRIEN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (11-12, 7-5 Big East) is tied for fifth in the Big East, and while it hasn't clinched a spot in the league's eight-team tournament, its two final foes of the regular season, Cincinnati (17-9, 8-4) and No. 17 Louisville (19-4, 12-0) have already secured two invitations.

The final eight teams may not be determined until the last games of the regular season have been played on Sunday. Implications of their final two games remain huge for the Irish. Notre Dame plays Cincinnati today at 4 p.m. in the Joyce Center and hosts Louisville at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"We try to treat every match we play as the most important one, but I really do think that these are probably matches that are the most important matches of the season," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesi said. "They are crucial to the rest of our season."

Notre Dame took on the Bearcats twice last season in Cincinnati, and the last match-up was a 3-2 decision in favor of Notre Dame in the first round of the Big East tournament. The first match was a lopsided 3-0 win in favor of the Bearcats.

This year, however, Cincinnati has been streaky. It has won its last three matches, but before that they dropped five in a row. And before that skid, the Bearcats were victorious in seven straight outcomes.

The Irish, coming off of home victories over

Georgetown and South Florida, are captained by senior Adrianna Stasiuk, who leads the team in service aces and is second in kills. Fesi said her team hopes to ride its recent wave of success to another victory.

"I think we're definitely going to use the momentum from last weekend to help us for this weekend," Fesi said.

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**Megan Fesi**  
Irish outside hitter

"Those two wins changed our prospective and gave us a little bit of hope. [The wins] made us have a really strong week of practice."

The Bearcats will be led by junior middle blocker Jessie Nevittm, who has recorded 350 kills and 124 blocks this season and looks to place herself on the first team all-Big East for the third year in a row.

Louisville has dominated the last two seasons in the Big East. The Cardinals not only won the Big East championship over Notre Dame last season by a final of 3-2, they defeated the Irish in the regular season in Louisville as well by a tally of 3-0.

This year, they have won all their Big East matches, with only four of them by the score of 3-1 — the other eight were all shutouts. This weekend's matches will be the final home games for Notre Dame this season.

"Hopefully we will have great crowds both days. I'm pretty confident that a lot of people know about our [matches]," Fesi said. "I think that having a huge, loud gym full of Irish fans is really going to help us."

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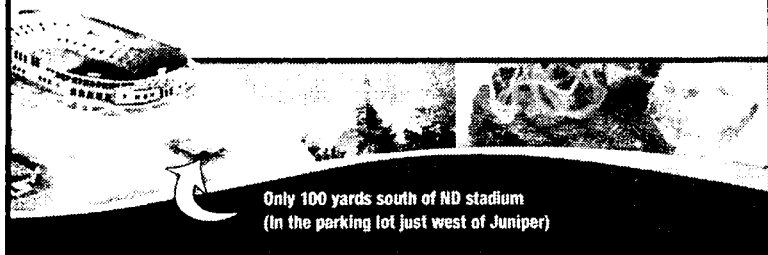
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season for the Irish. The only spot up for grabs in the preseason was the position battle for center between sophomore Erica Williamson and senior Melissa D'Amico. McGraw said going into the preseason games that she was evaluating the two centers based on a variety of categories, including rebounds, effort, defense, passing and scoring.

"I think Erica had just a little advantage in every category," McGraw said. "So I think she earned the spot."

Even though D'Amico lost her starting position from last season, McGraw said she will remain an important part of the team's offense coming off the bench. She

added that the bench is an important part of the team's strength.

"I just think it makes us stronger and harder to defend when you keep getting good off the bench," she said.

The Irish also have one other center in the mix, just not for the starting job — freshman Devereaux Peters. McGraw said at this point she is not entertaining the idea that Peters will be a starter but liked her versatility.

"I like her at the center right now, she's doing a lot of good things in there. But she can play on the perimeter," McGraw said. "So she just needs to get comfortable in one spot, so we picked the center because it is easier."

Peters, who is one of the team's top defenders, notched five blocks in the Hillsdale win.

"She's a little quicker defensively so she can get to balls. She's a

quick jumper; she can get off her feet and block some shots," McGraw said. "It changes our defense completely. We go from maybe a little more conservative to a team that can take some risks because the team knows that Devereaux is behind them to block the shot should they get beat."

In the backcourt, seniors Tulyah Gaines and Charel Allen return and sophomore Ashley Barlow earned the starting job after being named to the all-freshman Big East team.

The team also returns junior Lindsay Schrader, who sat out last season with a knee injury. McGraw said that not only is she back in the lineup, but she is at least as good as she was her freshman year — especially in the way she distributes the ball.

"I couldn't be happier with her game right now, and the thing I

am really excited about right now is her passing," McGraw said. "Her assists have been tremendous; she has just thrown in some spectacular passes ... If she can pass like that all year long, we are going to be a tough team to guard."

The RedHawks counter Notre Dame's four-guard set with a three-out, two-in set led by guards Amanda Jackson and Jenna Schone — the team's two leading scorers last year. Jackson had 17.2 points per game with 4.7 rebounds, while Schone had 11.8 points and 4.5 assists a game.

"They're guards are outstanding. Jackson is their best player, and she's going to be really hard for us to guard," McGraw said. "They're really good three-point shooters, they are going to put the ball on the floor, and they are just strong on the perimeter."

McGraw said she doesn't know yet how she will defend Schone and Jackson or whether she will go with her standard five or a bigger lineup.

"So we've got to decide what we're going to do with that, if Lindsay is going to have to guard the bigger kid, or if we are going to be able to play our normal defense," she said.

## Notes:

◆Gaines remains questionable for Friday's game after spraining her right elbow in the second half against Hillsday Monday. Gaines was hit in the lane on a layup attempt and fell hard on her arm. If Gaines cannot start, McGraw said sophomore Melissa Lechitner will start.

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Gray, six other runners head to Regional meet

By MATT GAMBER  
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After a fourth-place team finish at the Oct. 27 MIAA Championships ensured this season would be the best in school history, seven Saint Mary's runners will now shift their focus to individual goals heading into Saturday's Division III Regionals.

Seniors Megan Gray and Olenka Bilyk, junior Caitlin Brodmerkel, sophomore Megan McClowry, and freshmen Sam Wiezorek, Catie Salyer and Claire McVey will all compete

Saturday at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. The top two teams in the 36-team field will advance, as will an at-large team and the seven highest finishing individuals not on one of the advancing squads.

Gray, who placed second overall at the MIAA Championship, represents the Belles' best chance to qualify for the Division III Championships, held Nov. 23 at St. Olaf's in Northfield, Minn. Last year, Gray became the Belles' first-ever national qualifier after finishing 10th at Regionals.

"Megan has continued to look

strong since Championships, so I believe she is ready to have an awesome race," coach Jackie Bauters said.

Though Saturday could be Gray's final race with Saint Mary's, she has refused to place any added pressure on herself.

"It could be my last college cross country race, but it's definitely not my last race," said Gray, a two-time all-MIAA performer. "That's one of the greatest things about this sport: It never has to end. So as far as having my back against the wall, I'd say no. I just want to run. Run and feel strong."

Bauters expects her team to improve on last year's 20th-place finish at the regional meet, and both Bauters and Gray knows that if the Belles do, it won't be just because of the seven girls competing tomorrow.

"This team is special," Bauters said. "They came together as a unit at camp, and their cohesiveness is one of the main ingredients for this season's success. Every day they push each other, hold each other accountable and encourage each other to be the best they can be. And, if they need it, they are always there as a shoulder to lean on for a team-

mate — we are a family."

And this family has continued to support one another, even after most of the Belles' runners have seen their seasons end.

"It's amazing to have girls still coming to practice that don't have to. I think it shows their dedication to and their support of this team," Gray said. "But really, while only nine women are allowed to travel with the team to Calvin on Saturday, it's taken this entire team to get us there."

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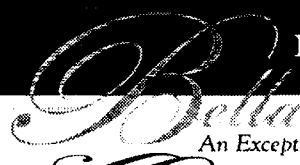
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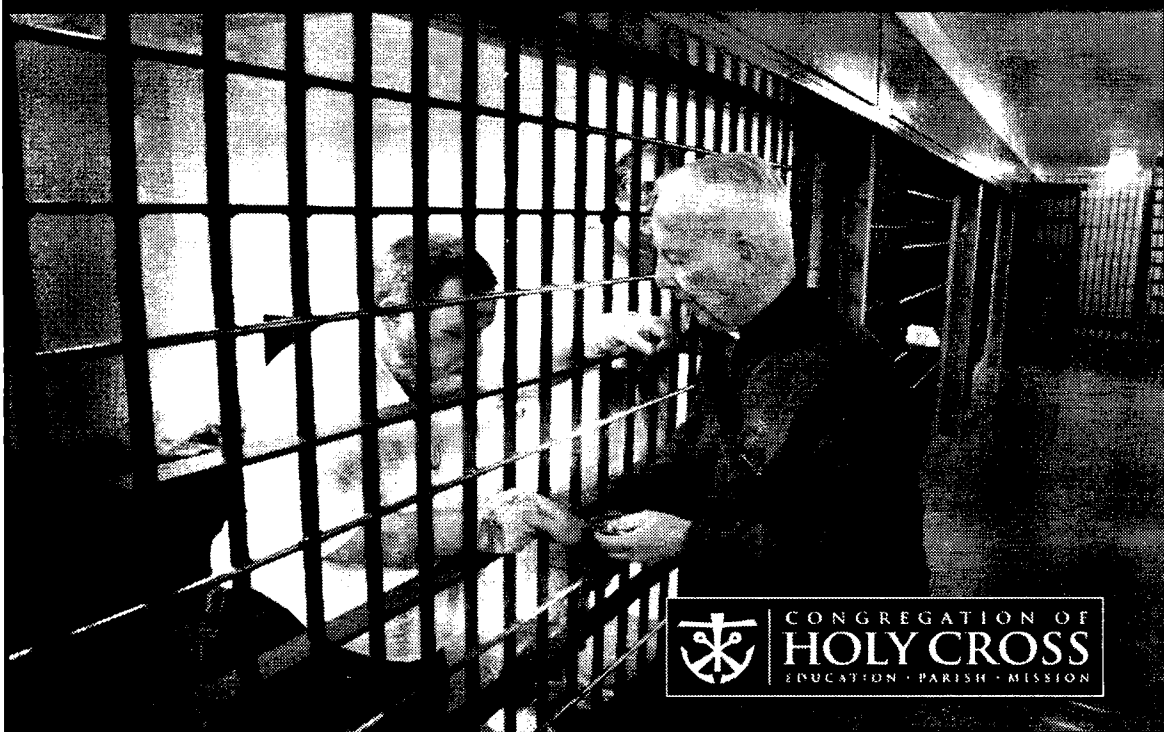
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## St. John's

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you want to finish as the top team in your league," Clark said. "Your next goal is to win the [Big East] tournament, and your final goal is to win the NCAA Tournament."

Beating St. John's might also help Notre Dame advance toward that ultimate goal. Much like conference tournaments for college basketball, NCAA Tournament seeding for soccer rests partly on the outcome of conference tournament games.

"Every game you win now will boost your RPI (ratings percentage index) and hopefully your seeding," Clark said. "If you can win a few games in the Big East or win the Big East, you could be looking at a top-four seed [in the NCAA Tournament], but we have to take it one game at a time."

Before the Irish can think about a top-four NCAA tournament seed, they'll have to advance past the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament — something they've been unable to do the past two seasons. In 2005, the Irish were knocked out by St. John's in the quarterfinals round. That match was the last time the squads faced off.

The 2007 Red Storm come to Notre Dame as the No. 3 seed in the Big East's Red Division, and St. John's earned the right to play Notre Dame after defeating Seton Hall 3-2 in penalty kicks on Wednesday.

On offense, St. John's (9-6-5, 6-3-2 Big East) boasts a balanced attack: Four players have scored three or more goals this season and none have more than four goals.

"They have a pile of very talented players," Clark said. "St. John's is always one of the most talented teams in the Big East, and they have a storied history. It's got all the makings of a fantastic game."

One advantage the Irish will be able to count on is the familiar grass of Alumni Field.

Notre Dame earned the right to host a quarterfinals game thanks to its No. 2 seed in the tournament. Notre Dame's Big East tournament losses have both come on the road in the past two seasons, and Clark recognizes the benefit of playing at home.

"Statistically, around the world, the home team wins more often than not," Clark said. "It's a familiarity. From our team's consideration, it lets them settle down a bit, especially when the last three games have been on the road."

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## Hoyas

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like a championship game this season anyways, so it's not really much of a change," freshman defender Julie Scheidler said.

Scheidler and the rest of the freshmen are part of an Irish program that is formidable in the Big East tournament. In the semifinals alone, Notre Dame is 10-1-0, averages 3.9 goals per game and allows 0.27 goals per game. The Irish take 11.3 shots on goal per game and allow 1.7 per game on defense.

Junior forward Kerri Hanks has eight goals and six assists in 11 Big East tournament games, and senior forward/midfielder Amanda Cinalli

has eight goals and two assists in 17 games. Senior keeper Lauren Karas is 4-0-0 with a 0.22 goals against average in the Big East tournament.

Still, Irish coach Randy Waldrum cautioned against taking the game lightly.

"Looking back at the video, they had a couple of good chances early against," Waldrum said. "They are much improved; they're well coached. It's not going to be an easy one at this point."

Freshman midfielder Ingrid Wells leads the Hoyas with six goals and 13 assists.

"I think [Wells] will probably be the Big East rookie of the year," Waldrum said. "She's a girl we recruited; unfortunately we didn't have enough scholarship money for her."

Wells could give the Irish trouble, Waldrum said.

"She's kind of the key to their team," he said. "She's somebody we've got to pay attention to."

Waldrum said sophomore forward Toni Marie Hudson, who "has some pace" and senior midfielder Sara Jordan will

also cause Notre Dame problems.

After losing to Louisville at home to end the regular season, Georgetown defeated Connecticut in the quarterfinals to advance. Wells converted a penalty kick late in the second half to give the Hoyas the 1-0 victory.

Notre Dame extended its win streak to 11 when it defeated Rutgers 2-0 Sunday. Hanks had a penalty-kick goal, her 16th in postseason play, and a corner-kick assist in the game. Hanks passed 2005 graduate Katie Thorlakson to earn the school record for postseason goals.

The streak and success against Georgetown have not affected the way the team approaches the game. Focusing only on the Hoyas is "kind of more just assumed,"

Scheidler said.

"We all know that we need to take care of business and focus on our first game," Scheidler said.

At this point, Scheidler said, the Irish need to remember what they prioritized this season: the next game.

"We need to take it like every other game and just put everything on the line," Scheidler said. "I think as long as we play our game nobody can really stop us."

### Notes:

♦ Junior Brittany Bock and senior Ashley Jones are under consideration for Academic All-America honors. Both were named first-team Academic All-District players by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The group also awarded senior Susan Pinnick and sophomore Amanda Clark second-team Academic All-District honors.

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## Scott

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If injuries dictate it, Scott could still see the floor this season, Brey said. But if the Irish stay healthy, he would like to preserve an extra year of eligibility for Scott.

The other freshmen on Notre Dame's roster — guard Ty Proffitt, forward Tyrone Nash, forward Tim Abromaitis, and walk-on guard Tom Kopko — will remain active, Brey said.

Brey said he considered preserving a year of eligibility for Abromaitis, but decided to keep

him active because of his ability to shoot outside.

"Because Abromaitis is [a good shooter], and with what we lost [in guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter], we're still trying to find how to replace that. I think he needs to stay in the mix," Brey said.

The Irish defeated St. Ambrose last Friday and St. Edward's Wednesday in two exhibition games to kick off their season. Their next game is against Long Island on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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## Miami

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"A year ago [against Boston College], with all the veteran players, it was pretty easy to step into the systems."

Notre Dame lost eight players last season, and this year it has freshmen and sophomores up and down the lineup. It swept its first series last weekend at home against Lake Superior State but split in each of the three weekends prior. The power play has fluctuated from good to downright awful, and lines and defensive pairings are being mixed up every game.

Enter the RedHawks.

Miami has sole control of the CCHA and the top spot in the nation, and its closest margin of victory came in its last game when it came from behind to defeat Northern Michigan 3-2.

Nathan Davis, Miami's leading scorer from last season, has played in only one game this season, but that hasn't slowed down the RedHawk offense, which is first in the nation with an average of five

goals a game. Jackson said he believes Miami is holding Davis back with what he thinks is a shoulder separation in order to err on the safe side.

"It isn't really public as far as his health," Jackson said. "So it's really difficult to say. I would expect to see him."

Expect to see Irish junior Jordan Pearce in net for Notre Dame tonight as Jackson said the goalie, who is second in the nation in minutes played, will get the start. Last Saturday night against Lake Superior State, freshman Brad Phillips started, but he didn't make the trip this weekend due to the flu. Sophomore goalie Tom O'Brien could see time Saturday, Jackson said.

"You never know," he said. "Never say never."

This week was the first time this season that the Irish have had a full week of practice. In their first four weeks, they were loaded with mid-week games, which significantly reduced their chance to teach their systems well to the younger players.

"It improved some parts of our game — our forechecking

and faceoff situations," Jackson said about the full week. "You can never spend enough time working on special teams."

The Irish offense, which started to gel last weekend when several lines were shaken up, must push the puck to the front of the net to get the prime scoring chances that will beat the RedHawks goalie tandem of Charlie Effinger and Jeff Zatkoff, Jackson said.

"We can't overextend ourselves because they have a great transition game," Jackson said. "We're going to have to be really disciplined with the puck."

The series against the nation's top team comes two weeks further into the season than last year's upset of Boston College. But if it came three months from now, it wouldn't make a difference to Jackson.

"Every weekend is important," he said. "I don't look at this any differently than Ferris State or Lake Superior State. It's more a matter of us working to get better every week."

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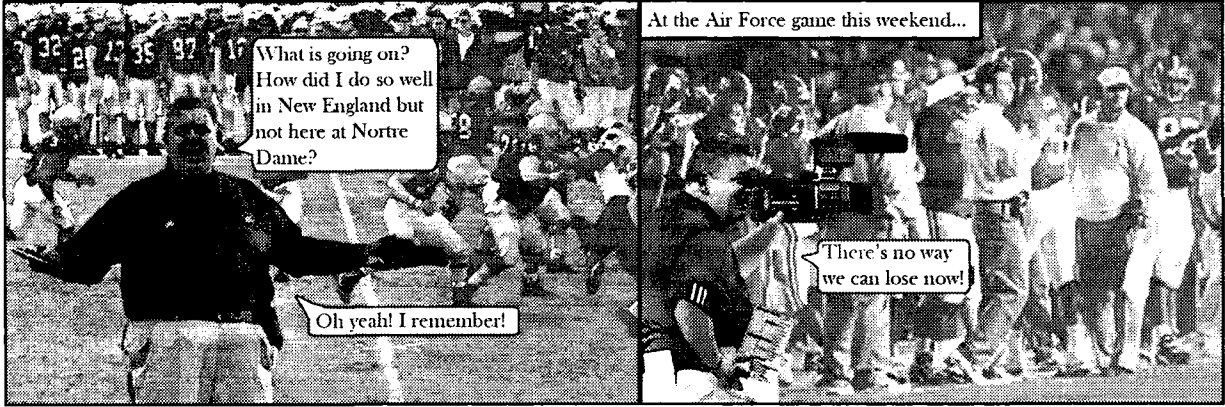
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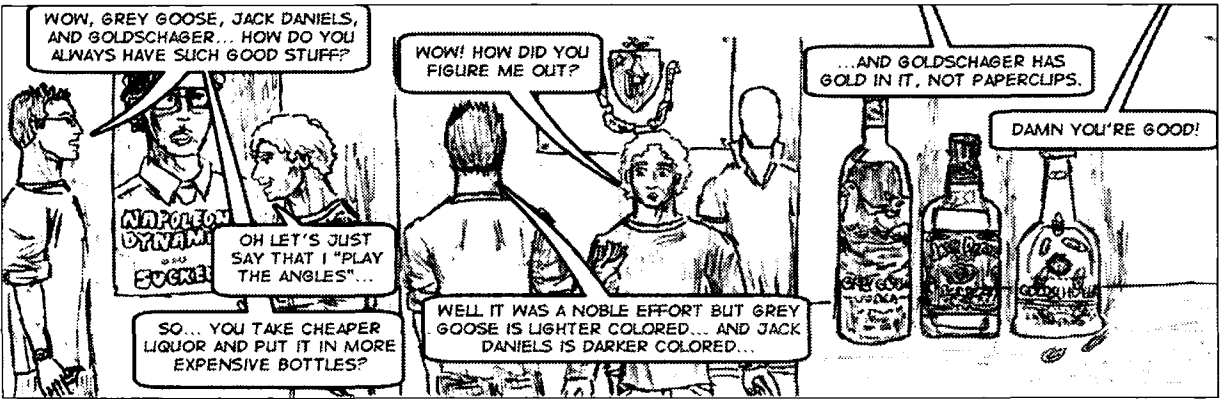
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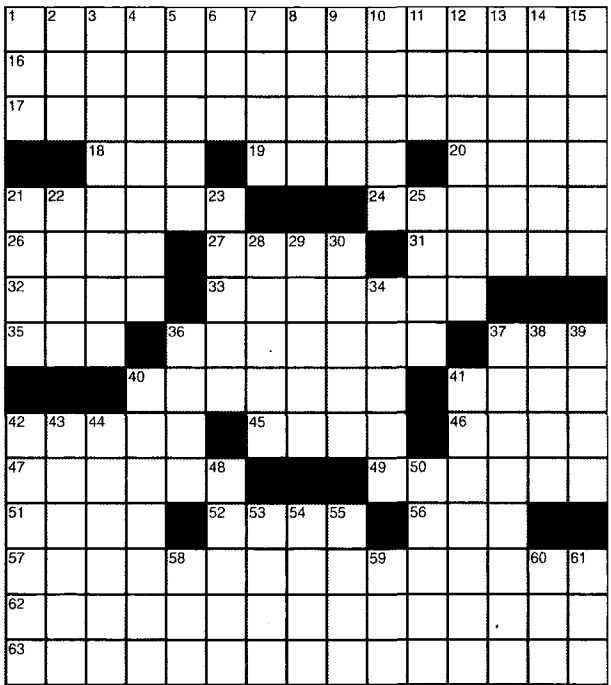
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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take action but stay calm. Getting upset or angry will not get you the results you want. Be direct but not pushy and focus on what you can do to improve your situation. 3 stars

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Odds in their favor

*Numbers on ND's side headed into Big East tournament semifinals*

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has to like its prospects in Morgantown, W.Va., where it will play Georgetown today in the Big East tournament semifinals.

The Irish lead the all-time series against the Hoyas 13-1-0. In those games, Notre Dame (14-4-1) scored 82 goals, while Georgetown (14-6-0) has just seven. Notre Dame is 11-0 in conference play this season, while Georgetown is just 6-5. And the Irish beat Georgetown 3-0 on Oct. 12.

For the freshmen that play regularly, the pressure of their conference win streak accustomed them to the demands of the postseason.

"It's definitely exciting, but we've been taking every game

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Irish defender Julie Scheldler passes during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14. Notre Dame has won its last 11 games and will face Georgetown today in the Big East tournament semifinals.

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

## MEN'S SOCCER

# Irish host St. John's in quarters

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

Every team enters a season with certain goals, but few have a realistic chance to accomplish them. Notre Dame is one of the few.

This weekend, the Irish will take an important step in accomplishing one of their three main goals for the season — winning the Big East tournament.

After checking off the first goal on their list by finishing in a tie for first place in the Big East regular season, the No. 9 Irish will try to take another step toward their second goal of winning the Big East tournament when they take on St. John's this Sunday at 1 p.m. in the quarterfinals at Alumni Field.

"When you start any season,

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## HOCKEY

# Icers hungry for upset against No.1 Miami



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Irish right wing Ryan Thang controls the puck during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Lake Superior State on Nov. 2.

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went into No. 1 Boston College's house in October of last season and slaughtered the Eagles 7-1 with a team picked to finish no higher than the middle of the conference.

The Boston College beat-down ignited the Irish, who rocketed to No. 1 in the country two-and-a-half months later and won the CCHA regular season and playoff championships later that year. And now No. 13 Notre

Dame (6-3, 4-1 CCHA) is looking at a similar situation.

The Irish will play No. 1 Miami (8-0, 6-0 CCHA) tonight in the RedHawks' new Steve Cady Arena in the first of a two-game series that will pit a talented, but young, Notre Dame squad against the top team in the nation, whose leading scorer from last season has played in only one game this year.

"We're just now starting to get where we want to be, but I'm not sure we're there yet," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Scott to sit out freshman year

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

Coach Mike Brey announced Thursday he will preserve a year of eligibility for freshman Carleton Scott by not playing him this season.

All NCAA athletes, once they enter college, have five years to complete four years of participation in a sport. A sixth year can also be granted to athletes based on extenuating circumstances.

Scott's ability to obtain a fifth year will be dependent upon approval from Notre Dame's Faculty Board of Athletics, which means he must be in good academic standing when he applies for the fifth year.



Scott

Brey said the extra year will give the 6-foot-7 Scott more time to develop this season behind the three big men currently ahead of him — sophomore Luke Harangody, senior Rob Kurz and junior Luke Zeller.

"I think that's best for him in getting stronger, and it's always a good decision academically," Brey said. "He can still practice every day against [Harangody, Kurz, and Zeller]."

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# McGraw fills holes in lineup for NTT

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Associate Sports Editor

After dominating two preseason opponents in exhibition games, Notre Dame finally starts its season with the Preseason NIT against Miami of Ohio tonight at 9 p.m.

Notre Dame left the preseason with only one main question mark left in its gameplan — defense. Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she was disappointed with it in their second preseason game Monday against Hillsdale. This week, McGraw said her team went back to basics and placed more of an emphasis on individual defense.

One of the questions that was answered is who will start this



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Irish sophomore guard Ashley Barlow drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 54-51 loss to Indiana on Dec. 3, 2006.

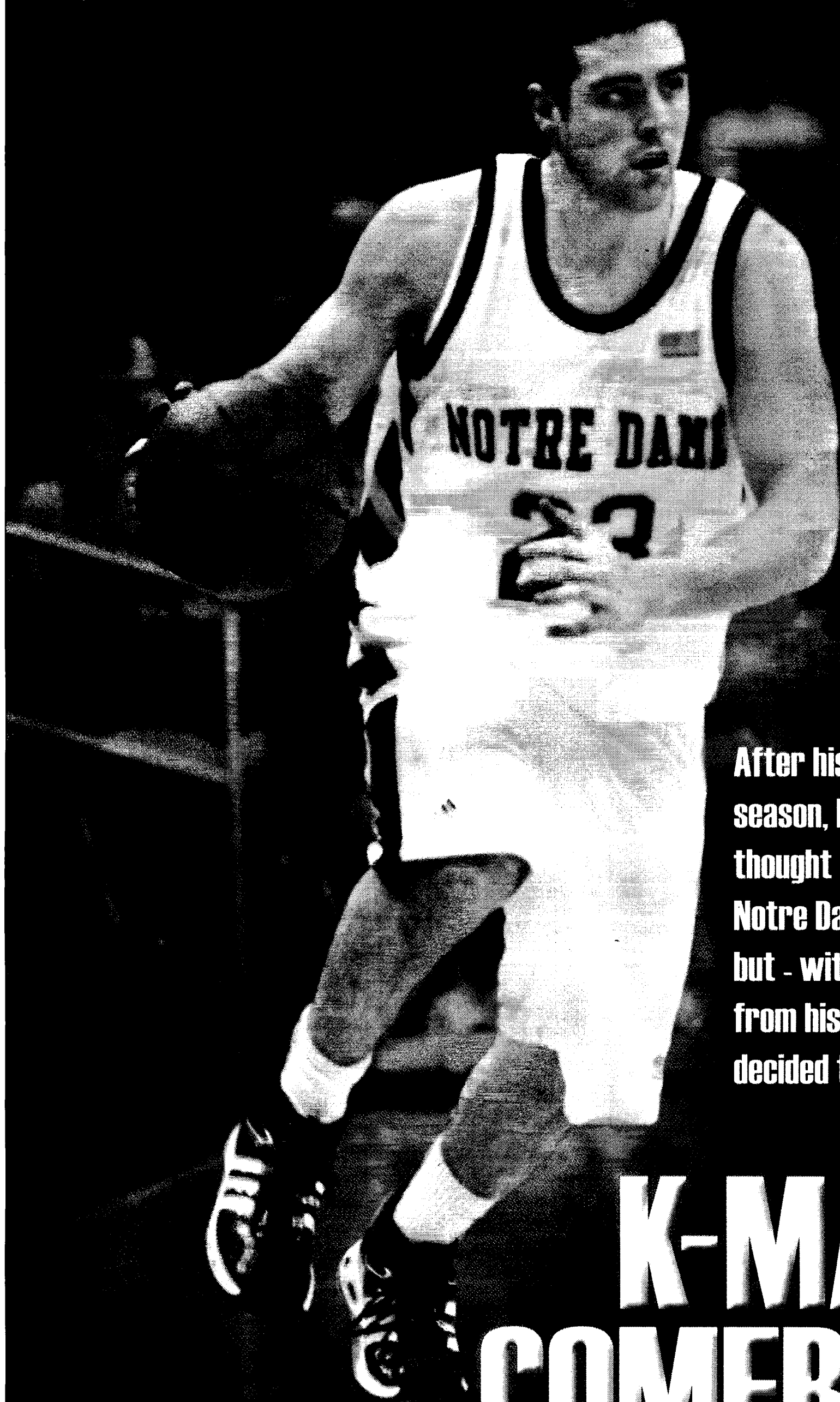
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After his suspension last season, Kyle McAlarney thought about leaving Notre Dame for good, but - with a little push from his coach - he decided to return.

## K-MAC'S COMEBACK

# Irish look to avenge first-round tourney loss

Last March, Notre Dame trudged off the court after a frustrating and stunning loss to Winthrop in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The post-game locker room was like a funeral parlor, with players answering reporters' questions in hushed tones. An exciting season that had seen a resurgence of Irish basketball had come to an abrupt end.

Kyle McAlarney wasn't with the team that day and hadn't been with it since his suspension for the season in mid-January. The most he could do was watch his team's agony on television.

But that's the great thing about sports. A few months go by and you get to start all over. It's the dawn of a new season, and Notre Dame is back on the court, ready to use last year's momentum to get back to the NCAA Tournament — and this time win a few games once they get there.

Guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter have departed, and with them went nearly 30 points per game and the clutch performances fans grew to expect from

both of them.

But much of this team's nucleus is still intact, with seven players who saw the court that day against Winthrop.

In addition, the Irish will feature a refocused and rededicated McAlarney, committed to showing that Notre Dame basketball can be a player not only in the Big East, but also nationally.

Falls' coach-on-the-floor leadership and Carter's crowd-pumping enthusiasm will be missed, but the Irish have two players ready to step into those roles. Lone senior and captain Rob Kurz is a floor leader, directing traffic within coach Mike Brey's scheme. Meanwhile, sophomore point guard Tory Jackson's infectious smile and love for the game reflect onto his teammates.

It is already evident that this team has chemistry. They supported McAlarney through his ordeal, then welcomed him back this summer. They hang out off the court and spend extra time together on it perfecting their skills. During scrimmages, they know where their teammates are and aren't reluctant to pass the ball.

That chemistry makes for a fun team to watch. The Irish will go up and down the floor, swing the ball around the perimeter quickly and cut to the basket when they see an opening. And unlike past Notre Dame squads that relied on the 3-pointer, the

2007-08 team can drive to the basket and finish. To cap it off, the Irish have won 20 straight at home.

Of course, there are still questions. Junior Ryan Ayers will become a full-time starter at small forward, and he's going to need to show more aggressiveness. Sophomore forward Luke Harangody will return from his thumb injury sometime in the coming week, but will it continue to nag him throughout the season?

Finally, the Irish play a weak non-conference schedule, with only a game against Kansas State at Madison Square Garden and a potential match-up with Georgia Tech — in the Paradise Jam tournament in the Virgin Islands — as real tests. Will this hurt them come the Big East conference season or NCAA tournament selection time?

Possibly not, but last year Clemson started out 17-0 thanks to a weak schedule and ended up falling apart and not making the Big Dance.

But as long as Notre Dame wins consistently, none of that will matter. And this is a motivated team that knows it can win and win big. They have fun together and love playing the game.

Last season represented a big step for this program, but its ending left a sour taste in the players' mouths. They've been chomping at the bit to get back

## MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

11/02/07	St. Ambrose (Iowa)	Joyce Center
11/07/07	St. Edward's (Texas)	Joyce Center
11/12/07	Long Island	Joyce Center
11/16 - 11/19	Paradise Jam Tournament	U.S. Virgin Islands
11/19/07	Final Round	Charlotte Amalie
11/24/07	Youngstown State	Joyce Center
11/26/07	Colgate	Joyce Center
12/01/07	Eastern Michigan	Joyce Center
12/04/07	Kansas State	New York, N.Y.
12/08/07	Northern Illinois	Joyce Center
12/22/07	San Francisco	Joyce Center
12/29/07	Brown	Joyce Center
12/31/07	North Florida	Joyce Center
01/03/08	West Virginia	Joyce Center
01/05/08	Connecticut	Joyce Center
01/12/08	Marquette	Milwaukee, Wis.
01/15/08	Cincinnati	Joyce Center
01/19/08	Georgetown	Washington, D.C.
01/26/08	Villanova	Philadelphia, Pa.
01/31/08	Providence	Joyce Center
02/02/08	DePaul	Joyce Center
02/06/08	Seton Hall	Newark, N.J.
02/09/08	Marquette	Joyce Center
02/13/08	Connecticut	Storrs, Conn.
02/17/08	Rutgers	Princeton, N.J.
02/21/08	Pittsburgh	Joyce Center
02/24/08	Syracuse	Joyce Center
02/28/08	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
03/02/08	DePaul	Chicago, Ill.
03/05/08	St. John's	Joyce Center
03/08/08	South Florida	Tampa, Fla.
03/12 - 03/15	BIG EAST Championship	New York, N.Y.
03/20/08	NCAA Tournament Begins	

on the court, and now that time has come. It's November again, and the post-Winthrop mourning is over.

It's time for Irish basketball to take the next step.

*The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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# Zeller heads Down Under in search of higher purpose

## Irish big man makes summer trip with Athletes in Action

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

Irish junior forward Luke Zeller traveled to Australia with the Athletes in Action (AIA) team in August to take on several Australian professional teams in an eight-game tour.

The AIA squad was comprised of 10 college players focused on improving their play against top-tier competition.

But for Zeller, the trip was about much more than working on his game or even spending time on the Australian beaches. Zeller said his primary reason for heading Down Under was to grow spiritually.

"The first priority in my life is having God first," Zeller said. "[I was] being called to something greater, something above just playing for your coach or teammates."

AIA was founded in 1966 in order to "build on society's great love of sports and utilize the platform given to the athletes to reach the world for Jesus Christ," according to its Web site.

It was the second straight summer that Zeller participated in the program. But Zeller said this trip trumped his 2006 journey to Taiwan.

"[Australia] was amazing, the best trip I've ever been on," Zeller said. "Last year I went to Taiwan, and learning Chinese was just a mess."

While in Australia, Zeller

and his teammates visited a juvenile detention center, attended church services regularly and shared stories about the impact of God on their lives. In his diary of the trip, the Indiana native repeatedly thanked his readers for their prayers.

Zeller said the religious aspect of the trip helped him and his teammates form bonds greater than those holding most teammates together.

"To have guys that had the same [spiritual] focus over there was a great environment to be in," Zeller said. "Playing for the Lord is something that's a greater purpose than just to play to win."

But Zeller's focus on spiritual development certainly did not prevent him from also growing as a basketball player. During the eight-game tour, Zeller averaged 11.3 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

"Playing against guys that are better-experienced helped out a lot," Zeller said. "Playing against guys who have been playing pro ball since they were 18 — and now they're 35 — was just a great experience."

In the AIA team's final contest, a 93-87 loss to the Sydney Kings of Australia's National Basketball League, Zeller scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Despite his busy basketball and religious schedule, Zeller sometimes managed to be a tourist.

In his diary, Zeller described a day the team spent at "the most beautiful beach" he had ever seen. He also detailed his struggles of



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Irish junior forward Luke Zeller posts up during Notre Dame's 109-53 exhibition win over St. Ambrose Friday at the Joyce Center. Zeller played in an eight-game tour of Australia in August.

learning to use a boomerang and adjusting to Australian vocabulary.

Zeller also said he bought gifts for all the donors that allowed him to participate in the AIA program.

"[The trip] was completely

financed by people — friends and family — just people who helped out along the way," Zeller said.

Zeller said he was grateful for the opportunity to make this trip and said he hopes to embark on more just like it.

"[Serving God] is something I love and it's what I want to do with my life," Zeller said. "That's where my heart's at."

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# The black jersey

*A timely visit from Mike Brey persuaded Kyle McAlarney to return to Notre Dame this season*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

Late last January, Irish coach Mike Brey flew to Staten Island to visit an angry, lonely and confused Kyle McAlarney, who, just days earlier, was suspended after his arrest on charges of marijuana possession.

McAlarney said he was angry with himself and his punishment, lonely because he was missing an opportunity to have a special season with his teammates, and confused about whether to spend his future at Notre Dame or elsewhere.

"Oh, man, I think I was as close as anyone could get to transferring," McAlarney said.

"I called Coach Brey and told him I was thinking about transferring. That was when I was home. I only had a certain window to decide if I was going to transfer and a lot of schools jumped on board, and I was as close as you could get to transferring. I had visits set up."

But those visits wouldn't be necessary.

Brey used a lot of words during his visit to persuade McAlarney to come back, but it was one gesture that left the biggest impression.

"I think he sold the deal on my mother, actually," McAlarney said. "He brought my black jersey. He just took it out of his bag as a little recruiting tool that he uses. He took the jersey out of the bag, put it on the table and walked out the door. He left the jersey there, and the jersey's still at my house and my mom will wear it. At that time, I was closer to transferring than I was if he didn't come visit."

In the end, McAlarney decided to stay with the coach who refused to abandon him during his troubles.

"For him to just fly in like that, I thought about that night. I don't think too many coaches would do that," McAlarney said. "Coach Brey is just such a great guy. Besides all the things he does on the court for me and helps me grow as a

player each day, for him to just show that he cares that much about his players is just huge. I had a great relationship with my high school coach and no matter what team I'm on, I want to have a good relationship with my coach. That's the kind of player I am."

"So, for him to do that, how can I play somewhere else when we have such a great relationship?"

## Waiting is the hardest part

The day after his arrest in December, McAlarney had to summon the courage to go into Brey's office and tell him what happened.

"I didn't know what to expect," McAlarney said. "So I didn't have any expectations

as to what he was going to say, but I think he was as good as any coach could ever be in that kind of situation. He was as helpful as possible and we started talking right away about what we can do to fix it."

After his arrest, but before the University's Office of Residence Life passed down its ruling, McAlarney still practiced with the team, but was suspended indefinitely from games. That, he said, was the hardest part of the process.

"I came to practice every day and, I'd go up to [Brey's] office everyday and ask him if I could play the next game and I would never know the answer and every time he was just like, 'no,'" McAlarney said. "Coming out of this tunnel in street clothes and having to sit on the end of the bench and watch my team play the first couple games of the Big East season, it was so hard."

McAlarney watched Notre Dame have success early in the Big East, but his inability to play and the uncertainty of his future caused him pain.

"No matter what anybody said or what anybody did, I still felt alone, so alone, me against everybody in the arena," McAlarney said. "But my teammates just included me in things like going out to eat. Little things like that really helped me go through it."

## Sorting things out

The University made its decision on Jan. 23 to suspend McAlarney for the rest of the spring semester, and therefore, the rest of the season. McAlarney received the news while the team was on the road at St. John's, and right away, he gathered his belongings and began a long, solitary drive back to New York, stopping in Cincinnati to visit family.

"As soon as I got suspended, I packed my bags, got in the car and I left," McAlarney said. "That ride was very emotional. I was by myself. It was kind of relieving in a way. When you go for a long drive like that, you get in these kind of modes and you contemplate everything, and I think that drive actually helped me come back to school because that drive helped me think everything through."

But once he was home, McAlarney was not so sure he was going to come back to the Irish — until Brey's visit.

"Once he came to visit, laid the jersey down, I think it started to become fresher in my mind how good this place is," McAlarney said.

During the days after he was suspended, McAlarney had limited contact with his teammates, and most of them had no idea how close he was to transferring.

"We didn't know until we talked about it when he got back," said junior forward Ryan Ayers, McAlarney's roommate. "I'm just so glad he's back."

McAlarney stayed in contact with teammates through the Internet, phone and text messaging, but it was another four months until he could rejoin them on campus, and nearly 10 months until he could suit up to play again. To keep himself in shape, McAlarney had his own workout routine and had the key to his high school gym anytime he wanted to practice. He attended class at the College of Staten Island, and was even inspired to change his major to American Studies with a focus in history after taking a class about World War II.

While at home, McAlarney spent time with his best friend from grade school, Antonio Betalia, who happened to be going through a similar situation at the time — he had just been expelled from Saint John Fisher University. Betalia is now in the Navy.

"I got suspended and a week later he gets thrown out of [school]," McAlarney said. "He's a character, but he's in the Navy now. I give a lot of credit to him for being in the Navy because he got thrown out of school and didn't have any direction in his life. He was home the whole



Observer File Photo

Irish point guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles upcourt in Notre Dame's 90-45 win over Winston-Salem State on Nov. 29, 2006.

time I was home, so having him there, he's a character."

Joking about his arrest helped McAlarney get through those days away from his teammates. Notre Dame would go on to grab fourth place in the Big East and earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament without him.

"It gave us more motivation that we were one man down," Ayers said. "But we were going to play like he was still on the team. He was cheering for us, and gave us support."

But the team's success was bittersweet for McAlarney. With every broadcast of a Notre Dame game came a reminder of his mistake. Even a brief mention of his arrest by the announcers brought back a flood of emotions that tortured him and made the games unwatchable.

"They would always bring it up," McAlarney said. "Then, when they bring it up, everything just kind of revisits my mind. You know, it's like, here it is again ... I would be lying if I said it wasn't hard watching them have success without me. At the same time, they are like my brothers so I was happy for them in a way, but at the same time, I would've loved to be there."

"There were a lot of games that I just wouldn't watch. I would let my mother just tell me after the game what happened. It's just hard, and it would only make me upset and angry and I did everything I could not to bring myself to that point. There's something in the back of your mind that's telling you, 'I don't want them to win,' but it was great to see them win all those games and make the Tournament."

## Back in the groove

Notre Dame's season ended with a loss to Winthrop in the first round of the NCAA

Tournament and, eventually, so did McAlarney's wait to get back on campus. He enrolled in summer sessions at Notre Dame in late May and began working with his teammates again. He played in his first game for the Irish since last season in Notre Dame's 109-53 thumping of St. Ambrose on Nov. 2, scoring 11 points and handing out five assists.

*"I had chills when he was announced in the starting lineup the other night."*

Mike Brey  
Irish coach

"It's awesome," Brey said. "I had chills when he was announced in the starting lineup the other night. I had chills on my arm and the back of my neck because it's a great story. I'm so proud of him."

Ask Brey or any of McAlarney's teammates how it feels to have him back, and a smile lights up their faces before they answer the question. Nobody feigns enthusiasm, and that means a lot to McAlarney.

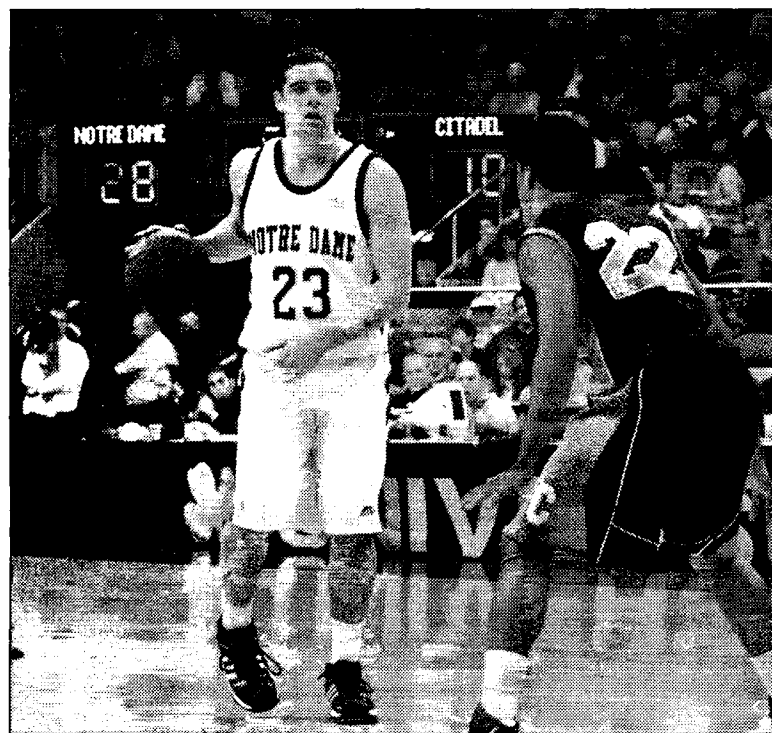
"I'm so close with these guys and if anything happened to them like it happened to me, I think I would react the same way if they came back to school," McAlarney said.

McAlarney said going through the pain of being away humbled him as a person and made him glad he had friends and family that understood his situation and stuck by him. McAlarney could have left this incident behind him forever and moved on to another school, but he came back for a chance to play for a coach and teammates who never left his side.

"I was close as you get to transferring," McAlarney said. "And no one was going to blame me, but there was something inside of me saying, 'Go back.'"

For all his days of pain and indecision, all it took was a black jersey to remind him of what he would have left behind.

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Observer File Photo

Irish point guard Kyle McAlarney looks to pass during Notre Dame's 74-50 win over The Citadel on Nov. 19, 2006.



# Jackson credits his family for leadership skills

*Point guard wears Biblical tattoo in honor of grandfather*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

Even though his grandfather, Joe Jones, passed away 11 years ago, sophomore guard Tory Jackson will always take a piece of advice Joe gave him wherever he goes.

Jackson has his grandfather's favorite Bible verse — 1 Corinthians 4:2 — tattooed on his chest: "Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."

Over the past year, Jackson became a trustworthy steward for this Irish. He earned the trust of his teammates and coaches and became, along with senior forward Rob Kurz, one of the leaders of this year's squad.

"Even though he's still only a sophomore, there's nobody in the classes ahead of him that he's not afraid to get on or challenge," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "That's a healthy thing. He is unbelievably respected and has earned that."

Whether he's running the offense, communicating on defense or picking up a teammate, Jackson is constantly talking, constantly trying to make his team better. For Jackson, it all comes with the territory of being a "natural-born leader." That's a trait he developed under the guidance of his mother — "the leader of almost everything in church" — and

deceased grandparents.

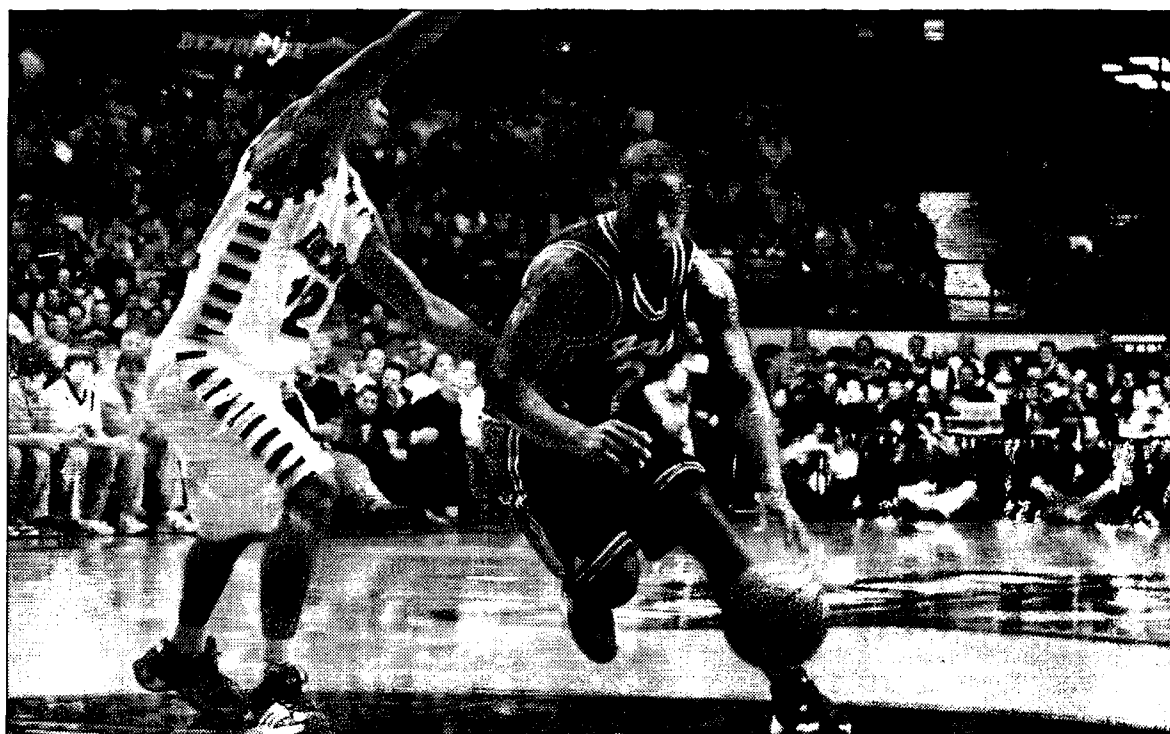
"I kind of look at them," Jackson said. "They passed it down to me. So, I was a leader when I was young. On elementary teams, I was the captain when I came out. I aspire to be a great leader from them."

At Notre Dame, Jackson's leadership skills were put to the test immediately. During Jackson's freshman campaign, Brey put Jackson in the starting lineup after the University suspended starting junior guard Kyle McAlarney for the spring semester because of his arrest for marijuana possession in December. Jackson entered the lineup with guard Colin Falls and Russell Carter, Notre Dame's two leading scorers, and had to make sure both players got their chances to score.

"Having players like that — they're great players and either one of them, they both want the ball," Jackson said. "But they can't both shoot at the same time, so I took the blame for a lot of it. That was just me because I was a leader. So if I can take the blame, everyone else, they can transition and it makes it easier for everybody else. Once I take the blame, I know what to do with it. I brush it off."

Brey said Jackson made it his duty to take responsibility when Carter and Falls weren't happy with what was happening on the court, and that had a calming effect on the team.

"It was always [Jackson's] fault; even if it wasn't, it was always his fault," Brey said. "That's how good a diplomat he is."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish point guard Tory Jackson drives to the basket during Notre Dame's 78-54 victory over DePaul on Feb. 20 at the Joyce Center. Jackson grew into a team leader last season as a freshman, Irish coach Mike Brey said.

Brey said Jackson was a solid defender from the moment he arrived on campus but that his offensive game took more time to develop. By the end of last season, Jackson developed into a dangerous weapon thanks to his ability to penetrate and score in the face of multiple tall defenders.

Jackson's offensive development culminated during Notre Dame's 84-82 loss to Final Four-bound Georgetown during the semifinals of the Big East tournament on March 9. With Notre Dame trailing 76-69 late in the game, Jackson took Madison

Square Garden by storm, scoring the next seven points with a dizzying array of reverse lay-ups to help the Irish tie the score. But even after Carter's three-point attempt to win the game missed, Jackson kept the heart-breaking loss in perspective — thanks to his family.

"After that performance and we lost in the Big East tournament, I thought about my grandparents and my mom at that time," Jackson said. "They always tell me to pray before the game. And I always wonder why we lose sometimes, but you can't win every game. I called my

mom after that and I was frustrated, but she helped me bounce back.

"... That's the Mecca of basketball, New York. Just playing on that stage, getting out there with them lights, man, it's like you're playing on a stage. The adrenaline is always going. I want to get back there and I want to win."

Jackson has three more seasons to lead the Irish back to New York and — with a little inspiration — beyond.

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## RALLYING AROUND ROBERT

In Hughes' darkest hour, he was able to lean on the support of his coaches and teammates.

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COMMENTARY

# Weis' career more than just this year

Take yourself back to November 2004. You remember, when all the kids were (regrettably) getting "crunk" thanks to Usher and Lil' John, everyone and their mom was quoting "Napoleon Dynamite," and Notre Dame had a mediocre football team.



Chris Hline  
Sports Editor

Imagine a dejected Notre Dame fan from 2007 traveling back in time to tell you that the University would fire Tyrone Willingham at the end of the season, Charlie Weis would replace him and lead the team to two BCS Bowl appearances, recruit as well as anyone in the country, and have one bad season.

You probably would've looked at this dejected 2007 fan and said, "Why are you sad? I'd give up my kids if Notre Dame could be that successful again." Well, maybe you wouldn't give up your kids, but I can't be so sure of that after judging the reaction fans had on the radio, Internet and the Viewpoint section of The Observer the past few weeks.

The old football cliché says that a quarterback needs to have short memory to be successful. If Irish quarterbacks Jimmy Clausen and Evan Sharpley need help developing a short memory, maybe they should turn to the crowd at Notre Dame Stadium and ask for help.

Some of the same fans that speculated how many championships Weis would win during his tenure now "boo" him during the "1812 Overture." Humans, especially fickle Notre Dame fans, are very good at forgetting the past and losing context in the face of a present crisis. What happened last year and two years ago doesn't seem to matter to them.

Yes, the team is 1-8, there's no getting around it. Weis has admitted he hasn't done a good job this season and that's a consensus right now among even his staunchest supporters. Some of Notre Dame's enemies also predicted this could be a

down year for the Irish.

"Three years ago, you could see it coming," USC coach Pete Carroll said after the Trojans defeated the Irish 38-0 on Oct. 20. "They had all the juniors that played and started and they had a really good team and they played all the seniors the next year. They were fortunate to keep a few of those guys around that could have left. It's just all about recruiting, and if you're able to restock, but that's hard to recover from all of those losses from those experienced players."

This statement is almost more remarkable for what Carroll didn't say than for what he did. Carroll had an opportunity to kick Weis when he was down and say Weis was doing a terrible job, but he didn't. He knew it would be hard for Notre Dame to succeed once Quinn and Co. left. Still, some fans couldn't care less that Weis is trying to fix Notre Dame's lack of depth by recruiting well — they want to see results now.

During the Georgia Tech game, I stood in the student section by a clearly drunken undergraduate who kept yelling obscenities at the players and Weis. Each obscenity followed the same pattern: "What have you done for

me in the past six months, you [expletive followed by name of player or coach]."

Now why this kid only cared about the last six months, I'll never know, and I didn't bother to ask him. Maybe this was the full capacity of his inebriated brain and he couldn't remember beyond last Valentine's Day.

But six months, or even the last three months is not the correct time frame to judge Weis' impact on Notre Dame. He made Notre Dame fans believe again, and maybe that's part of the reason why 1-8 is so hard to take. When signing day rolls around and the recruits sign their letters of intent, you'll remember why Weis is still at Notre Dame. Soon, the thankful fan of 2009 will look back on that dejected fan of 2007 and say, "What the hell were you thinking?"

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## 2007 Irish opponents

	Last week	This week
	(5-4) L, 3-27, Va. Tech	at Duke
	(7-3) W, 26-19, Purdue	at Temple
	(8-2) W, 28-24, MSU	at Wisconsin
	(5-5) L, 24-28, Mich.	at Purdue
	(7-3) L, 19-26, Penn St.	vs. Mich. State
	(5-4) L, 27-34, Arizona	vs. Arizona St.
	(8-1) L, 17-27, FSU	at Maryland
	(7-2) W, 24-3, OSU	at California
	(5-4) W, 46-44, ND	at North Texas
	(7-3) W, 30-10, Army	at Notre Dame
	(1-8) L, 10-47, Clemson	vs. Georgia Tech
	(3-6) L, 9-27, Wash.	vs. Wash. State

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# There when he needed them

*After Robert Hughes' brother was killed last week, his coaches and teammates rushed to his side*



Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes breaks away from Michigan State defenders in Notre Dame's 31-14 loss to the Spartans on Sept. 22. Hughes' brother Tony was killed last week. KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Associate Sports Editor

Three years ago, Irish running back Robert Hughes was in a relay race in a rodeo with his brother Earl "Tony" Hughes. Tony lost his footing on his horse and started to fall. So Robert rode up to Tony, and Tony jumped onto Robert's horse.

"The whole idea of me saving my brother and us being together on the horse and him not being hurt or anything; that was one moment that I'll never forget," Robert Hughes said at a news conference Tuesday.

That was how close Robert and Tony were. That is what Robert lost.

When Tony Hughes was murdered last week in Chicago, Robert lost more than a brother. He lost a trainer.

He lost a mentor.

He lost a best friend.

## A normal life

Robert Hughes was a dominant running back in high school.

As a freshman, he ran for 1,000 yards and then matched that with 1,034 yards the next season. Hughes had his breakout season as a junior, when he had 1,920 yards with 19 touchdowns. Hughes played both ways that season and notched 71 tackles with five sacks as Hubbard High School's starting nose tackle.

Hughes said he and Tony were both running backs in high school and that his older brother would always push him to improve.

"Yeah, a lot of times it was just going to the park, running through the park, throwing the football," Hughes said. "He was a running back in high school,

and he was always a level ahead of me telling me I had to get bigger, faster and stronger. We were always working on different things and doing different stuff. Yeah, he basically trained me."

Coming out of high school, Robert was one of the top players nationally, according to most recruiting lists. He was one of 11 Irish signees on the ESPN top-150 and was ranked 96th overall, good enough for the 15th best running back, according to The Sporting News.

Hughes entered Notre Dame this fall in an already packed running back corps, along with freshman Armando Allen, sophomore James Aldridge and seniors Travis Thomas and Junior Jabbie. Weis said Hughes' role is to be the team's power back, and that he runs hard in between the tackles.

Hughes had his biggest game this season against Michigan State when he had six carries for 33 yards and a touchdown. His family was in the stands for that game, and Tony was able to see his little brother score his first collegiate touchdown — something that helped Robert last week against Navy, when he scored his second touchdown.

"I just felt like he was looking down on me [on Saturday], and I knew wherever he is, he is smiling and saying congratulations," Hughes said. "He was at the Michigan State game when I scored my first touchdown, and I seen how happy he was

so all I could do when I scored this one this game, I just went back and related to [Michigan State] when that happened."

## Tragedy strikes

On Oct. 29, Chicago police found the body of Earl "Tony" Hughes near the neighborhood of Lockwood.

He was shot in the head by an unknown assailant, but police speculated that the incident was because of a woman.

"Since it happened, nothing has been normal," Hughes said. "I'm just

moving forward and whatever comes, I'm taking it one step at a time."

Irish coach Charlie Weis said when Hughes' mother called to tell Weis about the murder, she wanted the coaches to break the news to Robert. Weis called in Mike Haywood (Hughes' position coach), Rob Ianello (the person who recruited Hughes) and Corwin Brown (Weis' "Chicago specialist") to break the news to Hughes.

"It was pretty traumatic because that was his best friend," Haywood said.

Haywood said telling Hughes about his brother was one of the most difficult things he has had to do as a coach, but that Hughes has done a good job of slowly accepting the reality.

"It's one of those things that you've probably never experienced as a coach before, but you just learn how to deal with it," Haywood said. "He's becoming stronger everyday, and he talks about his feelings a little more often. He's getting back into the main stream of things right now."

Hughes said losing Tony was especially traumatic because of their relationship.

"Everything that I stand for today was because of my

brother," he said. "He pushed me and taught me everything I know as far as growing up. As a young guy playing pee-wee ball, we always worked out together. He was such a motivator for my life and what I stand for today."

After he learned the news, Hughes said he mostly felt confused.

"So much stuff on my mind the past couple of days when I got the information of what happened," he said. "A lot of stuff ran through my mind. I have just been trying to get back into the swing of things. I try to turn to my family because I know that's what [Tony] would have wanted."

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Robert Hughes  
Irish running back

"health issues" in the 1990s.

Weis has been one of the most supportive members of the staff since the murder. He drove Hughes to Chicago Thursday night to talk with the player's family and offer consolation. He also jumped through NCAA hoops to get two buses to take any players that wanted to go to Tony's funeral there.

"It showed me how much he cared about all his players on his team. It was real huge for me to just talk to him and express the way I was feeling," Hughes said.

Hughes returned to practice every day last week, using the game as an escape from reality. The culmination of that escape was his three-yard touchdown run against Navy.

"It was really huge for me and my family, especially coming off the loss of my brother," Hughes said. "Me getting back here and scoring a touchdown was pretty big. It was my mother's birthday so it kind of made her day a little bit."

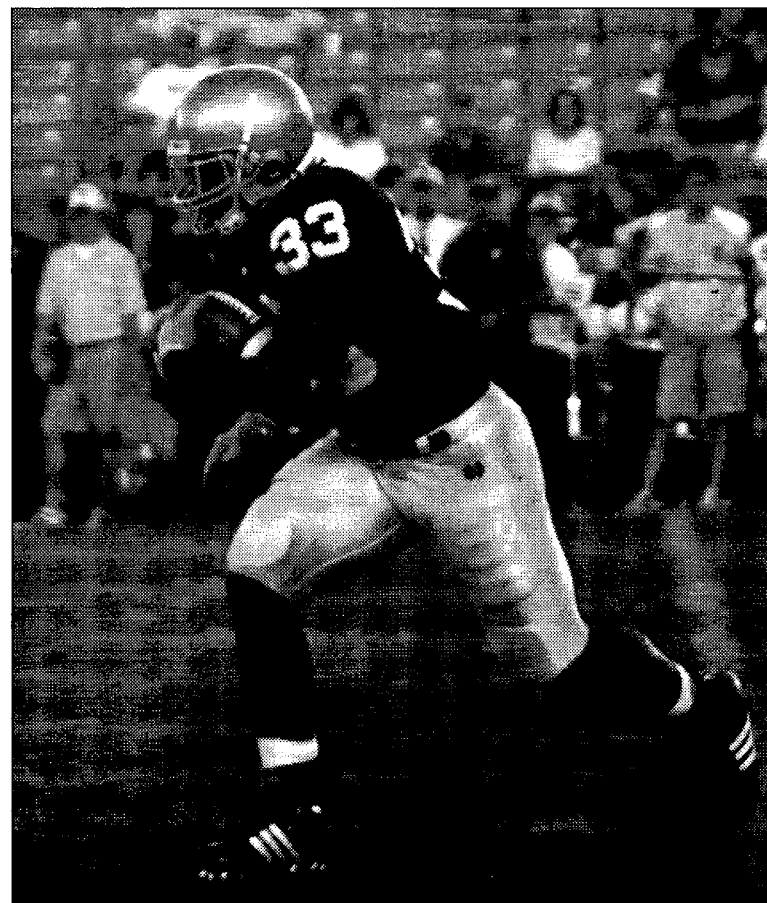
After the run, Hughes gave the ball to Weis so that it could go to his family, who was also at the game to get away from reality for a while.

"Before the game, I asked my mom if she was coming so I could put her on my ticket request. She said she needed to come and wanted to come," he said. "So it was a good trip to get out of Chicago and to come here and see the game and get the whole Notre Dame atmosphere."

Without his family at Notre Dame, Hughes said he would not have been able to recover from this tragedy.

"Everyone here stands for goodness," he said. "Especially when guys like this go through situations like this."

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Irish running back Robert Hughes runs during warmups before Notre Dame's 31-14 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 22. DAN COOPER/The Observer

# Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 1-8  
AP: NR  
Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis  
head coach

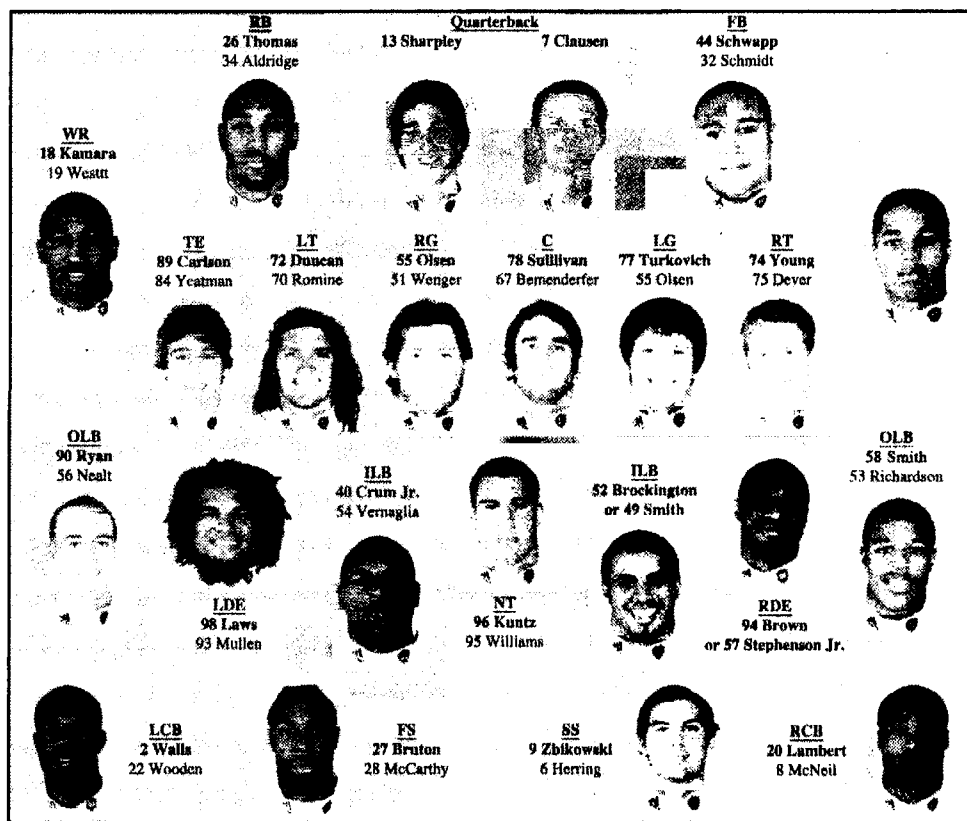
Charlie Weis  
Third season at  
Notre Dame.  
career record:  
20-14  
at Notre Dame:  
20-14  
against AFA:  
1-0

## 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
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	194	SO
25	Munir Prince	DB	5-10	184	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	216	SR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	207	JR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	207	JR
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	203	SO
29	Jake 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 Jabbe	RB	5-11	205	SR
38	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	183	SR
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	196	SO
39	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	JR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	230	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-4	235	JR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	241	JR
43	Eric Maust	P	5-10	177	SO
43	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	JR
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	261	JR
45	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	JR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
47	Aaron Nagel	LB	6-1	229	FR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	245	SO
50	Steve Paskorz	LB	6-2	235	FR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	287	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-2	240	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	244	SO
54	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	234	SR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	303	SO
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	245	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	272	SR
58	Brian Smith	LB	6-3	233	FR
59	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	339	SO
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-5	306	JR
67	Tom Bemenderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
70	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	279	FR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-6	305	SO
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	308	JR
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
74	Sam Young	OL	6-8	310	SO
75	Taylor Dever	OL	6-5	289	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	DL	6-5	292	FR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	301	JR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	303	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	209	SO
83	Mike Ragone	TE	6-5	230	FR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	264	SO
85	Sam 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	Dorell Hand	DL	6-3	287	JR
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	290	SO
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	261	SR
95	Ian Williams	DL	6-2	300	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-3	285	JR
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	257	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	296	SR

## Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 GA. TECH — L  
Sept. 8 at Penn State — L  
Sept. 15 at Michigan — L  
Sept. 22 MICH. ST. — L  
Sept. 29 at Purdue — L  
Oct. 6 at UCLA — W  
Oct. 13 BC — L  
Oct. 20 USC — L  
Nov. 3 NAVY — L  
Nov. 10 AIR FORCE  
Nov. 17 DUKE  
Nov. 24 at Stanford



## COACHING

## QUARTERBACKS

## IRISH RUSHING

## IRISH PASSING

### NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis' poor in-game coaching cost the Irish dearly against Navy. In less than a calendar year, he has gone from genius to on the hot seat. His team must show improvement over the next three games to have momentum for next year.

Either Evan Sharpley or Jimmy Clausen may start for the Irish, and both might see the field. Neither has been particularly effective this season, throwing six touchdown passes and eight interceptions between them, while leading one of the nation's worst offenses.

Notre Dame had by far its best rushing output of the season last week against an outmanned Navy front. James Aldridge and Armando Allen combined for over 200 yards, and Travis Thomas scored three touchdowns.

Notre Dame was able to get yards through the air against Navy, but not nearly as many as it should have been able given the Midshipmen's defensive struggles in previous games. Duval Kamara is emerging as a go-to receiver for the Irish.

### AIR FORCE

Troy Calhoun took over a program that had lost at least seven games in each of the past three years and he has led them to a 7-3 record in his first season, although the Falcons have not played any teams from BCS conferences yet this year.

Sean Carney has been running Air Force's option offense for years. This season, he is averaging 40 yards rushing and 120 yards through the air per game. He distributes the ball well and makes quick decisions on option plays.

The Air Force front is severely undersized and has been pushed around by several teams this season, although it is not nearly as bad as Navy's. The Falcons switched to a 3-4 defense when Calhoun took over, and it is just now gelling.

Air Force has had a solid defense against the pass this year, allowing around 200 yards per game against very pass-happy opposition. The Falcons have intercepted 14 passes this season, including six by Carson Bird.

### ANALYSIS

Calhoun has the confidence of the players, students and fans at his alma mater. Weis has lost the confidence of the players, students and fans at his. Calhoun's team is hot, while Weis' team is reeling. Weis needs to think less and lead more.

Carney is experienced and plays his role in Air Force's offense to perfection — and he is his team's unquestioned leader on the field. Clausen and Sharpley have been inconsistent at best and completely ineffective at worst.

Notre Dame's running game was solid against Navy, but Air Force represents a step up in competition. The Irish have been stopped cold on the ground by every decent defense they have played. Has the running game turned the corner or not?

If Notre Dame couldn't take advantage of Navy's secondary, things seem pretty hopeless for the Irish passing game. Air Force isn't the best secondary Notre Dame has faced, but it should be enough to shut down the Irish through the air.

## Irish experts



Ken Fowler  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is in the dumps, and Air Force is ready for a victory. The Irish defense actually played quite well last week, holding a proficient Navy attack to only three touchdowns. But that performance is unlikely to be enough against the Falcons, whose defense will hold the Irish offense in check better than the Midshipmen did. Just another bad Saturday for Notre Dame.

**FINAL SCORE: Air Force 24, Notre Dame 21**



Chris Khorey  
Sports Editor

This week's game will be very similar to last week's. Both teams will run the ball effectively and the number of possessions will be limited. Late in the game, Notre Dame will tie the score at 28, then force the Falcons to punt for one of the first times all day. A gutsy Tom Zbikowski punt return will put the Irish in good field position and this time, with the clock winding down, Charlie Weis will kick the field goal.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, Air Force 28**

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## Air Force Academy Falcons



### Air Force 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 S.C. STATE — W  
Sept. 8 at Utah — W  
Sept. 13 TCU — W  
Sept. 22 at BYU — L  
Sept. 29 at Navy — L  
Oct. 6 UNLV — W  
Oct. 13 at Colo. State — W  
Oct. 20 WYOMING — W  
Oct. 25 at New Mexico — L  
Nov. 3 ARMY — W  
Nov. 10 at Notre Dame  
Nov. 17 San Diego State

**Air Force**  
**Falcons**  
Record: 7-3  
AP: NR  
Coaches: NR

Troy Calhoun  
First season at  
Air Force.  
career record:  
7-3  
at AFA:  
7-3  
against Notre  
Dame: 0-0



Troy Calhoun  
head coach

### Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Chad Hall	WR	5-8	180	SR
2	Carson Bird	DB	5-11	190	SR
3	Nathan Smith	DB	5-10	190	SR
4	Julian Madrid	LB	6-1	220	SR
5	Shaun Carney	QB	5-10	190	SR
6	Kevin Rivers	DB	6-0	195	JR
7	Mark Root	WR	6-2	195	SR
8	Reggie Rember	CB	5-7	190	FR
9	Eric Herbolt	QB	5-11	185	SO
10	John Rabold	LB	6-4	235	SR
11	Devin Hart	WR	5-9	170	JR
12	Bobby Giannini	DB	6-2	210	SR
13	Ryan Harrison	K	6-1	190	JR
14	Shea Smith	QB	5-11	190	JR
15	Jim Ollis	RB	5-11	200	SR
16	Matt Davis	WR	5-11	185	JR
17	Kip McCarthy	RB	5-10	200	SR
18	Davon Ford	QB	5-9	180	SO
19	Will McAngus	QB	5-11	180	JR
20	Ty Paffett	WR	5-11	180	JR
21	Dan Hill	LB	6-1	230	SO
22	ryan Williams	FB	5-9	210	SR
23	Brenton Byrd	RB	5-10	190	SO
24	Aaron Kirchhoff	DB	6-1	205	JR
25	Chad Smith	RB	5-10	190	SR
26	Todd Newell	FB	5-10	210	JR
27	Spencer Armstrong	WR	6-1	195	JR
28	Trey Eaton	WR	6-2	195	JR
29	Dal Shealy	WR	6-2	195	JR
30	Luke Hyder	DB	5-11	195	JR
31	Luke Yeager	DB	6-0	195	JR
32	Patrick Hennessey	LB	6-2	215	FR
33	Hunter Altman	LB	6-0	215	JR
34	Drew Folwer	LB	6-2	240	SR
35	Chris Thomas	DB	5-11	205	SO
36	Chamberlain Herndon	LB	6-4	230	SO
37	Andre Morris	LB	6-3	230	FR
38	Tony Norman	DB	5-11	205	SR
39	Kevin Van Hook	RB	5-8	175	SO
40	Garrett Rybak	DB	5-11	180	SR
41	Scott Peeples	FB	5-10	225	SR
42	William Keuchler	LB	6-0	200	FR
43	Savvier Stephens	RB	5-11	190	FR
44	Justin Moore	FB	5-11	215	SO
45	Boston McClain	DB	6-0	205	JR
46	Jon Falgout	LB	6-0	230	SO
47	Eric Collins	DB	5-8	170	FR
48	Reinhold Leicht	LB	6-0	230	SO
49	Brandon Reeves	LB	6-1	230	SO
50	Ryan Gonzales	LB	6-3	300	SO
51	Scott Howley	DL	6-0	205	JR
52	Aaron Shanoer	LB	6-1	235	SR
53	Austin Randle	LB	5-11	230	SR
54	Ken Lamendola	LB	6-3	230	FR
55	Blaine Hainbach	LB	6-1	230	FR
56	Clayton Bryant	LB	6-1	205	SO
57	Jared Marvin	DL	5-11	265	JR
58	Nick Charles	OL	6-4	285	SO
59	John Dolan	DL	6-1	210	SO
60	Chris Campbell	OL	6-3	270	SO
61	Andrew Anderson	OL	6-3	240	SO
62	Peter Lusk	OL	6-3	275	SO
63	Andrew Pipes	OL	6-1	265	JR
64	Blaine Guenther	OL	6-2	270	SR
65	Michael Hampton	OL	6-2	275	SO
66	Ben Leung	OL	6-3	286	FR
67	Tyler Weeks	OL	6-1	270	JR
68	Kyle Knight	OL	6-1	275	SO
69	Caleb Morris	OL	6-2	285	SR
70	Matt Markling	OL	6-6	270	FR
71	Austin Fallin	OL	6-2	275	SO
72	Richard Meldrum	OL	6-3	285	SO
73	Dan Holder	OL	6-6	275	SR
74	Chris Monson	OL	6-4	265	SR
75	Anthony Schelstrate	OL	6-5	280	SO
76	Stephen Larson	DL	6-1	240	JR
77	Bryce Waller	OL	6-4	300	SO
78	Rick Ricketts	DL	6-3	260	FR
79	Keith Williams	DL	6-6	275	JR
80	Anthony Hemphill	WR	6-2	195	SO
81	Sean Quintana	WR	6-2	205	SO
82	Michale Krogh	TE	6-3	240	SR
83	Kyle Halderman	WR	5-11	175	FR
84	Steve Shaffer	TE	6-4	230	FR
85	Kieth Madsen	TE	6-3	230	JR
86	Chris Evans	TE	6-2	245	SR
87	Josh Cousins	WR	6-0	200	SO
88	Travis Dekker	TE	6-4	245	JR
89	Ryan Kemp	DL	6-5	255	JR
90	Myles Morales	DL	6-3	250	SO
91	Chad Gross	K	6-2	175	FR
92	Ben Garland	DL	6-5	270	SO
93	Zack Bell	K	6-2	180	FR
94	Jake Paulson	DL	6-5	265	JR
95	Adam Page	DL	6-1	255	SO
96	Josh Clayton	DL	6-4	265	SR
97	Brandon Geyer	P	6-4	200	SO
98	Garrett Gilbertson	DL	6-4	250	JR

### FALCONS RUSHING

The Irish have struggled defending the run this year, allowing almost 200 yards per game. The Notre Dame front seven is undersized and has been bitten by the injury bug. Nose guard Pat Kuntz is not expected to play after suffering an injury against Navy.

### FALCONS PASSING

Notre Dame's pass defense has been its strength this season, although Matt Ryan and Mark Sanchez had good days against the Irish. Notre Dame's defensive backs will need to improve their tackling to help out against the option.

### SPECIAL TEAMS

The Irish special teams have suffered massive breakdowns at times this season. Against Navy, Charlie Weis has so little confidence in his kickers that he passed up what would have been a game-winning 43 yard field goal.

### INTANGIBLES

The Irish are 1-8 and suffered a heart-breaking loss to a team they hadn't lost to in 43 years last week. It can hardly get any worse, but what is left to motivate this team? At this point they're just playing out the season.

The Falcons have one of the best rushing attacks in the nation, although it pales in comparison to Navy's. Air Force will try to get the ball to the corner with Chad Hall as the wide man on the option. The Irish struggled to cover the pitch man last week.

Carney is a better passer than Kaipono-Kaheaku-Enhada, and the Falcons pass more often than the Midshipmen. Notre Dame was burned by play action last week, including for the winning touchdown in overtime.

Chad Hall returns both kicks and punts for the Falcons and, while is dangerous, he has yet to return either one for a touchdown this season. Kicker Ryan Harrison is 14-for-22 this year on field goals, including 8-for-10 inside 40 yards.

Air Force is 7-3 under its new coach and is confident in its scheme. The Falcons haven't beaten Notre Dame since 1996, but they have come close, losing in overtime in 2000 and falling by just a touchdown in 2002.

Air Force's offense is slightly different than Navy's, but it still poses many of the same challenges. Notre Dame struggled to cover the outside option last week, and Hall has the speed to take advantage unless the Irish improve dramatically.

Air Force's passing game will probably be a non-factor in this game. Either Notre Dame will shut it down, or the Falcons will rarely be in third and long — or both. Air Force might try to find success with play action, as Navy did.

Against Boston College, it was a bad punt snap. Against USC, it was a blocker on a punt return getting hit by the ball for fumble. Last week, it was a lack of reliable placekicking. What will go wrong next for Irish special teams?

This game is a chance for the Falcons to show on national television that they have turned around under Calhoun. Meanwhile, Notre Dame's season was lost weeks ago and there is little left to motivate the Irish.



Chris Hine  
Sports Editor

Like the Navy team that they lost to early in the season, the Falcons will be determined to knock off the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium. Air Force comes out and plays inspired against a 1-8 Notre Dame team. The Falcons should have no trouble moving the ball up and down the field. The Irish will score points of their own, but not enough of them.

**FINAL SCORE: Air Force 28, Notre Dame 20**



Jay Fitzpatrick  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame can't be any worse at this point. Doesn't that mean it has to be better? Evan Sharpley will get the nod at quarterback and does a good job spreading the ball to the wide receivers and tight end John Carlson, while the running backs run hard against the Falcons undersized line. Notre Dame's defense will be better this week than it was against Navy.

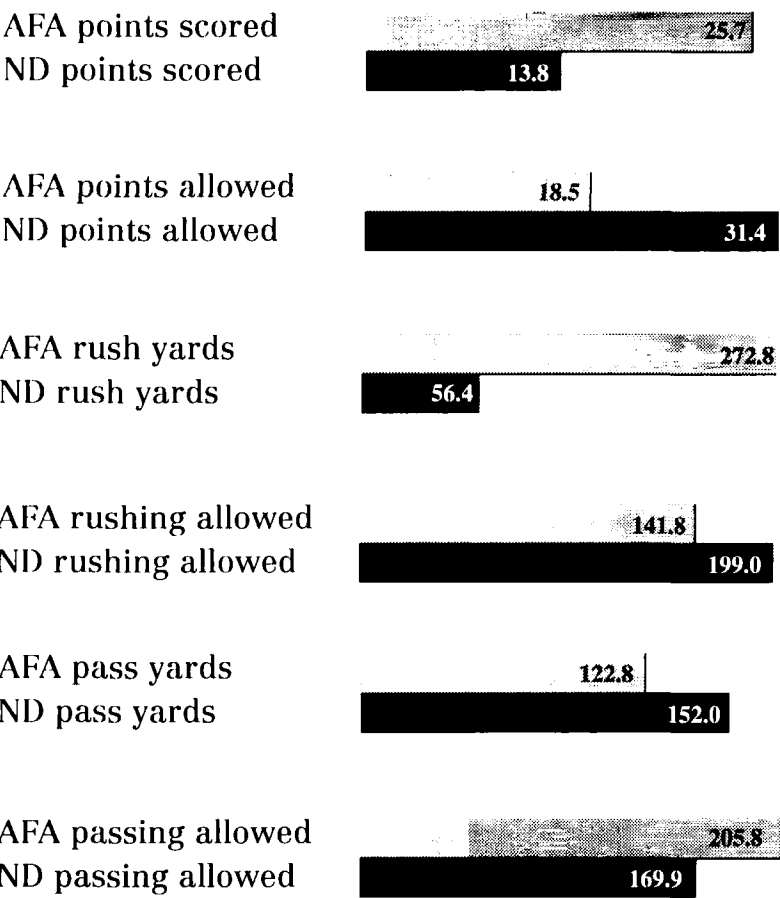
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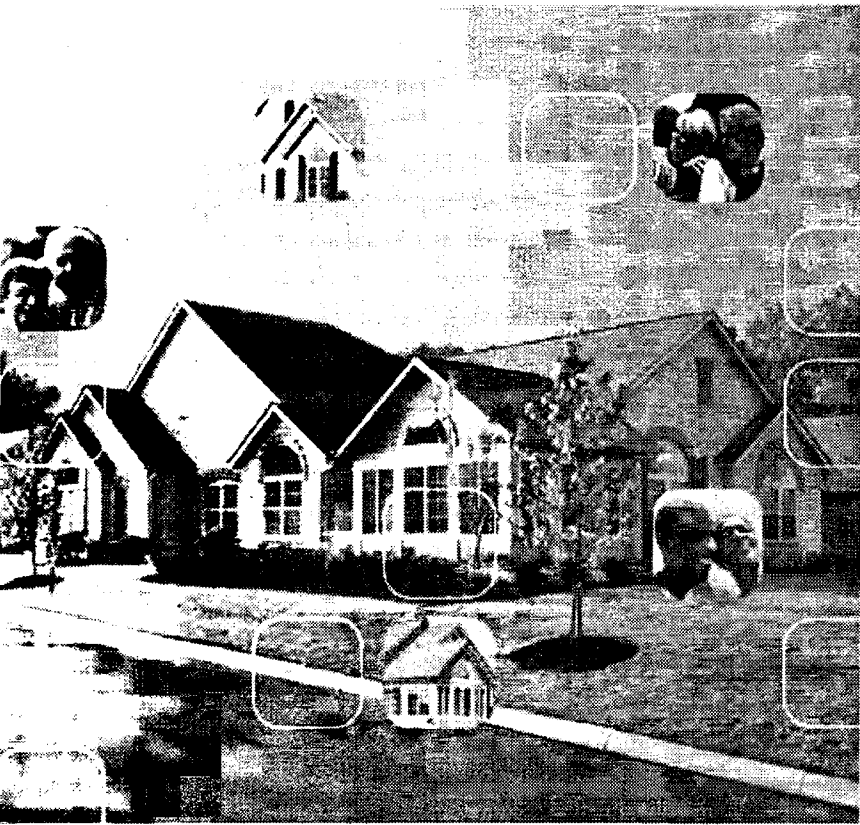
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Louisiana Tech at No. 2 LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
No. 4 Kansas at Oklahoma State	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
Baylor at No. 5 Oklahoma	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.	Okla.
Texas A&M at No. 6 Missouri	Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou	Mizzou
No. 8 Boston College at Maryland	BC	BC	<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Maryland</b>
No. 9 Arizona State at UCLA	ASU	<b>UCLA</b>	ASU	ASU
No. 18 Auburn at No. 10 Georgia	Auburn	Georgia	Auburn	Georgia
Florida State at No. 11 Virginia Tech	Va Tech	FSU	FSU	Va Tech
No. 12 Michigan at Wisconsin	<b>Wisc.</b>	Wisc.	Mich.	Mich.
No. 13 Connecticut at Cincinnati	Cincy	UConn	Cincy	Cincy
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No. 15 Florida at South Carolina	Florida	S. Car	S. Car	Florida
Fresno State at No. 16 Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii
No. 17 USC at California	Cal	Cal	Cal	USC
No. 19 Virginia at Miami	Miami	UVa.	Miami	UVa.
No. 20 Boise State at Utah State	BSU	BSU	BSU	BSU
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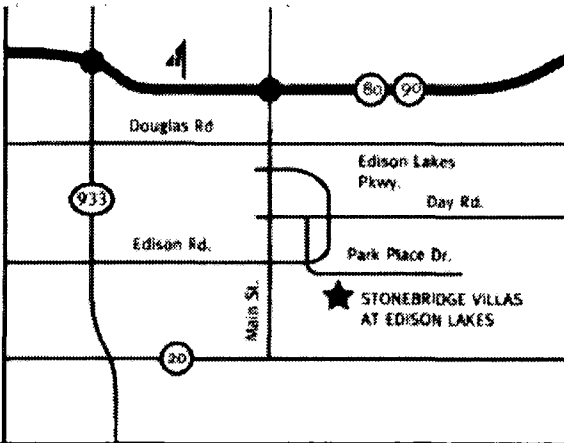
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# Brown feels part of 'something special'

*Despite 1-8 record, coach wants to be nowhere but ND*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Corwin Brown doesn't appear to be the kind of man who likes to hide things, not even his feelings.

A week ago, Notre Dame's first-year defensive coordinator began to cry during his speech at the Joyce Center pep rally. He was saying how an acquaintance wanted to get on his case about Notre Dame's troubles this season. As the Irish were dealing with the apparent murder of Earl "Tony" Hughes, the brother of freshman tailback Robert Hughes, Brown said he realized that "everyone wants to be part of something special."

"Being part of something special" — a team whose players rallied around one of their own — got Brown choked up.

Days after Notre Dame's first loss to Navy in 44 years, Brown once again played it straight.

A reporter asked Brown how he

would judge his "learning curve." Brown, who switched Notre Dame's defense from a 4-3 to a 3-4 personnel package, offered a blunt response.

"It's like this: We're 1-8 right now, and we've given up far too many points," Brown said Wednesday after practice. "That's how I look at it."

Notre Dame surrendered at least 30 points in its first five games this season and again in its last two. A large part of that, however, can be attributed to the ineffective Irish offense. Notre Dame is last in the nation, averaging 208.4 yards per game.

The Irish, who dominated time of possession in Charlie Weis' first two years as head coach, have had the ball for five minutes less per game than their opponents; only seven teams have been worse.

That, combined with previous lackluster recruiting classes and what many expected to be a bumpy transition from one scheme to another, could offer a strong explanation for the Irish defensive woes.

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Irish defensive coordinator

Not for Brown.

"I love our players," he said. "I'll take my players any day. And what I have to do, I have to coach better. That's probably the biggest thing. ... So whoever we have, that's the right personnel."

And then there was Brown's analysis of last Saturday's game against Navy. The Midshipmen entered with a top-20 scoring offense but managed only three offensive touchdowns in regulation against Notre Dame.

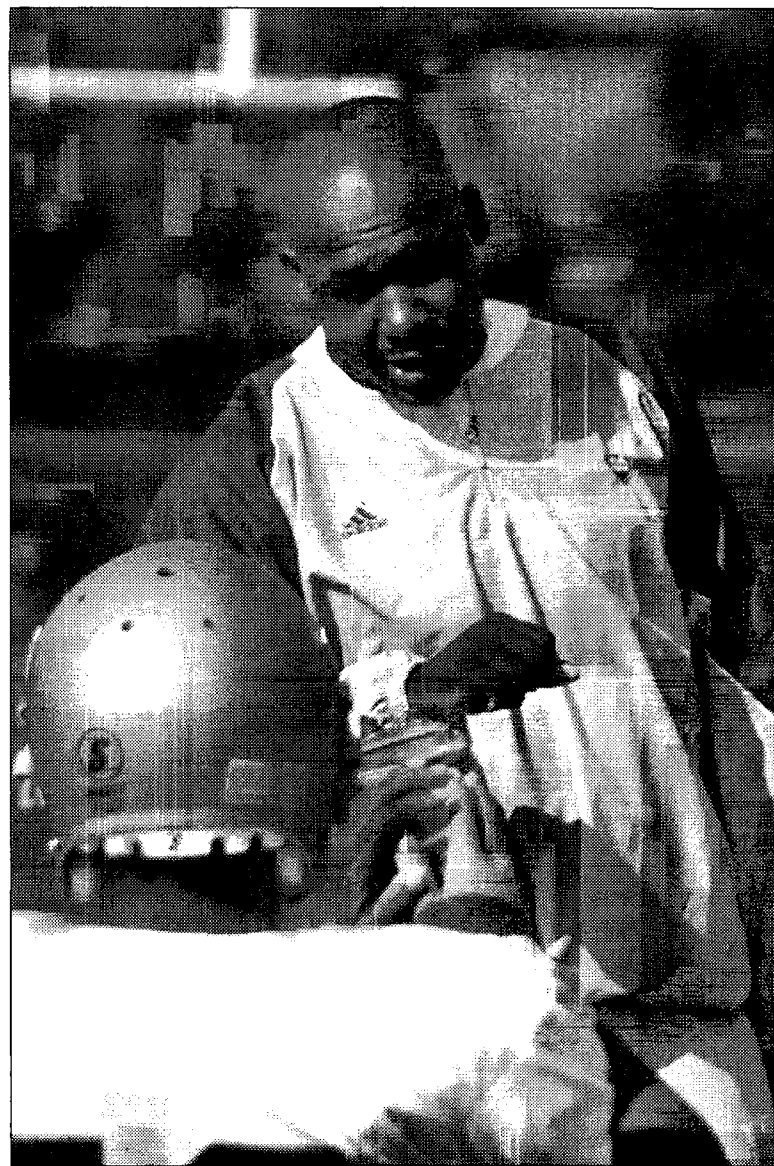
But there were also the long drives, the third-down conversions and the missed tackles. Most important to Brown was the final score.

"We didn't keep them from scoring enough, even with the three touchdowns," Brown said. "Because the only thing that matters is, at the end of regulation, that we have more points than they do."

But isn't it good that a team averaging 36.9 points per game scored only 22 on offense in four quarters?

"No silver lining," Brown said. "Because if they had scored five touchdowns and we would have won, I would have felt good about winning."

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Notre Dame defensive coordinator Corwin Brown instructs players at practice on Aug. 28. Brown is in his first year with the Irish.

# Calhoun brings success back to alma mater

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor

It's not easy to replace a legend.

But that's exactly what Troy Calhoun is attempting to do after replacing Fisher DeBerry as head football coach at the Air Force Academy. DeBerry coached the Falcons for 23 seasons, amassing a 169-107-1 record and winning 14 Commander-In-Chief Trophies.

But after three straight years with at least seven losses, the

winningest coach in service academy history retired and the Academy hired one of its own to replace him.

Calhoun, a 1989 Air Force graduate, is the first alumnus to ever coach the Falcons — and in his first season, he has already reversed the team's fortunes. Air Force is 7-3 this season and already has its most wins in a season since 2003.

The Falcons still run the option, as they did under DeBerry, but Calhoun has opened up the offense, using

his experience at his last job — offensive coordinator of the Houston Texans.

Air Force has increased its passing output by 20 yards per game and its total offense by nearly 70 yards this year.

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said he has been impressed by how the Falcons have used formations to confuse defenses this year.

"With one personnel group, for example, they have three different formations to run an option," he said.

One player who has benefited from Calhoun's new offense is wide receiver Chad Hall. Hall is Air Force's leading rusher and receiver this year with 112 yards on the ground per game and 46 through the air.

"They're finding more ways to get the ball in his hands," Weis said. "Last year, he was primarily just a running back that would get the ball. Now they're using him there, and a lot of times he's at wide receiver."

But even with the new wrinkles, Calhoun's play calling still respects Air Force tradition. The Falcons average nearly 300 yards on the ground per game.

"They have a lot of confidence in their running game,"

Weis said.

On the other side of the ball, Calhoun and new defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter have completely overhauled the Falcons' defensive plan. Air Force switched to a 3-4 scheme and have been much more aggressive.

"Last year they weren't using this 3-4 scheme," Weis said. "They've turned into a big blitz team, which wasn't really the case last year."

Air Force is not on any future Notre Dame schedules, but

is fitting the Irish into the Falcon's schedule, which already includes commitments to play eight Mountain West Conference games as well as Army and Navy.

"At the Air Force Academy, we have only two games a year that we get to choose," he said.

"The other ten are all set for us."

This year, the Falcons

used those slots to play South Carolina State and make the trip to South Bend — the first time Air Force has visited Notre Dame Stadium since 2000.

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Air Force coach Troy Calhoun instructs his team during practice. Calhoun is 7-3 in his first season in Colorado Springs.

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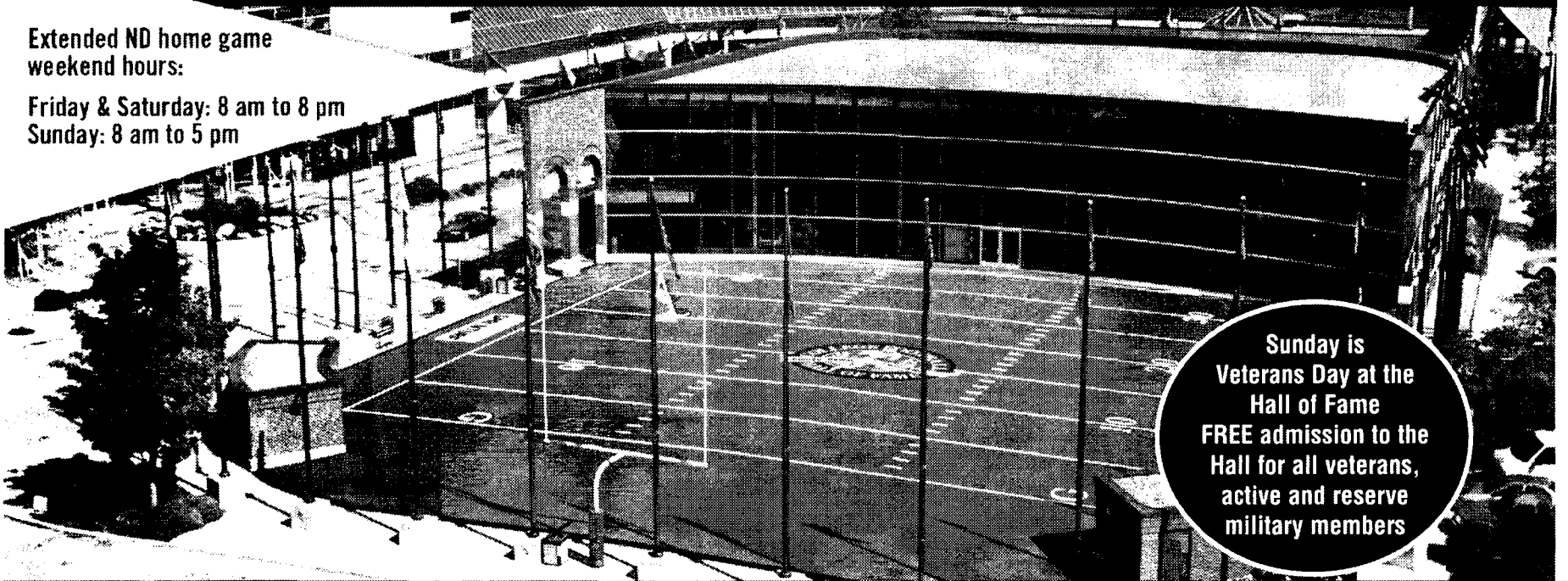
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