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ROTC holds Veterans Day ceremony

University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh expresses gratitude to armed forces

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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On a rainy Veterans Day at Notre Dame, University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh told a standing room only crowd in the auditorium of the library that bears his name that he stands "in awe, respect and gratitude to our armed forces."

"Because if we stand high in the councils of the world today," he said, "it's because we've had the kind of people who could stand behind our flag and out in front of our

nation, giving us stability, order and a sense of heroic dedication even at a time of much self-indulgence."

Hesburgh, who was president of Notre Dame for 35 years, was the guest speaker Tuesday at the Notre Dame ROTC Tri-Military Veterans Day Ceremony. The commemoration of those who have fought in the armed services of the United States, an annual event, began at Notre Dame a day earlier. Starting Monday at 4:30 p.m., alternating members of the Notre Dame ROTC pro-

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Members of the ROTC program took part in the ROTC Tri-Military Veterans Day Ceremony Tuesday.

Holocaust interview rescheduled

White Rose Society commemorates victims

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students, faculty and administrators who tried to attend yesterday's lunchtime showing of senior Sarah Testa's personal interview with Holocaust survivor Jacob Hennenberg may have been disappointed that the event was cancelled without any prior warning.

The event was supposed to be part of Saint Mary's chapter of the White Rose Society's commemoration of the 70th anniversary of Kristallnacht, when over 20,000 men were sent to concentration camps. Kristallnacht, or the Night of the Broken Glass, is known as the event that marked the beginning of the Holocaust.

Testa, the founder and president of the Saint Mary's chapter, first met Hennenberg when she was 13 and this past summer he agreed to preserve his personal story on tape for the White Rose Society.

The video of the interview was supposed to have been shown in the Student Center lounge Monday and Tuesday; however, Testa said she

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Priest discusses Catholics and the environment

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Even though it may be perceived to be the opposite, Catholics have a responsibility to respect and be stewards of the environment, Father John Pearson said during a Conversation on Catholicism event at Saint Mary's Tuesday.

"It is a common statement that Christians are the enemy of the environment," Pearson said.

In some ways that is true, he said, but Christians should not be singled out because they were as unconcerned with the environment as everyone else was in the past.

"It's a recent phenomenon, a burgeoning movement of environmentalism," Pearson said. "Christians made up the majority of people in Europe so they get a lot of the blame [for things that occurred in the past]. But that statement stretches things a lot."

Pearson said people who say Christians are not friends of the environment oftentimes claim that the book of Genesis and the Creation story found within teaches Christians to dominate society because it states "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon

the earth."

This passage, though, has been further interpreted to mean that humans are called to "cultivate and care" for the Earth, Pearson said.

Pearson laid out six different thought processes that people may have to explain why they consider themselves and environmentalist. He said the list he was presenting was not exhaustive, but it contained the reasons he could think of to be an environmentalist off the top of his head and expressed them in simplified way.

The first idea on his list was that "a nematode, a mosquito or a rat has as much of a right to live as a Saint Mary's stu-

dent." He said people with this attitude have the idea that all things are equal and all have the same right.

The second attitude he presented was that humans "are on a spaceship called Earth with no help in sight."

Pearson said people with this attitude think that the Earth is a limited, closed system and if humans mess up that system they cannot fix it so environmentalism is a type of self-defense.

The third viewpoint he brought up is that humans "owe it to [their] children, but maybe [they] shouldn't have children."

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Speaker explores civil resistance

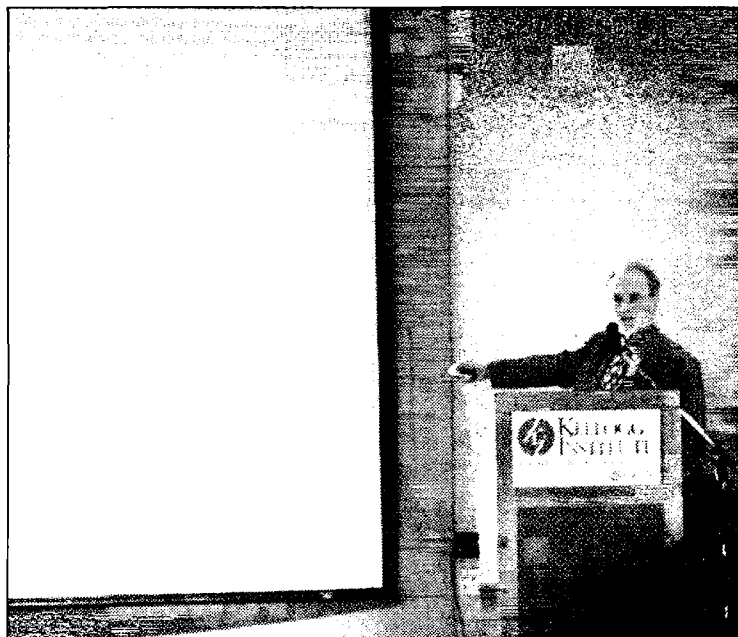
International Center on Nonviolent Conflict director spoke against violence

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

In today's aggressive world, it is possible to have revolutions without resulting to violence, said Jack DuVall, the founding director of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Tuesday.

The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict is a nonprofit foundation that promotes the use of nonmilitary strategies to establish and defend human rights and justice. DuVall gave two talks at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies about using civil resistance as an alternative to violence.

DuVall, who has interacted with activists from all over the globe, said that civil resistance, that is using nonviolent means to achieve



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Jack DuVall, director of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, discussed peaceful revolutions Tuesday.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group considers new off-campus Web site

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed the creation of a Web site centered on life off-campus at their meeting Tuesday.

The Web site, which would be based off models used by Boston College and Georgetown, would include a number of resources, possibly including a guide to student safety and a list of restaurants in South Bend. The Web site is scheduled to launch sometime in March and is being funded by the Student Activities Office.

"[The site will contain] anything pertaining to off-

campus so that it will all be in a centralized location," said Nicole O'Connor, the student government Parliamentarian and chair of the Task Force on Student Safety. "It will help students be aware of everything that is going on."

Student body president Bob Reish said it is important to include elements on the site that will encourage students to visit it.

"I would hate to spin our wheels if this is something students aren't going to use," he said.

Off-campus president Billy Lyman said the inclusion of the University's policies

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INSIDE COLUMN

Let 'em play coach

This weekend 60 Notre Dame athletes in the prime of their lives donned the blue and gold and came out ready to fight. They laced 'em up with fire in their eyes, gnashed their teeth into their mouth guards and shoved their ponytails out of the way.

No, senior defensive tackle Pat Kuntz hasn't pulled out his eighth new hair style of the season, I'm not talking about the football team. Anyone who saw Saturday night's loss to Boston College should know that. I'm talking about the Irish Women's Boxing Club's annual Baraka Bouts tournament.

The literal Fighting Irish spend three hours a day, six days a week working out in a hot, dingy basement for their seven minutes of glory once a year. Workouts consist of thousands of jumping jacks, hundreds of push-ups and sit-ups, and more than a handful of bloody noses.

These girls don't get scholarships. They don't get their faces plastered all over television. They don't get pampered with every possible advantage a college student could have and they certainly will never make a dime from all their hard work. So why the hell do they do it?

Simple — For the love of the sport. For the satisfaction of a hard day's work and the feeling of accomplishment after the fight — win or lose.

Charlie and his boys should take notes.

The Irish football team came out Saturday night without an ounce of fight in them. Maybe there was a lack of motivation. Maybe a quadruple overtime loss the week before, five straight losses to one of your biggest rivals, and a shot at bowl eligibility weren't enough. Maybe not.

Notre Dame showed up in Boston flatter than Howie Long's haircut. Maybe the reason was that they lost their love of the sport. It's about as simple as Weis' offense is complicated.

Weis comes from an NFL background with one of the most complex and successful offenses in league history. The problem is, just like those 60 young ladies who left their hearts in a boxing ring Friday night, Weis' players are college students. They're not professionals and everyone needs to stop pretending they are.

College football, in my book, is the greatest sport in America. The rivalries, the unpredictable ups and downs and the pure emotion that it is played with make it great.

Coach Weis comes from an atmosphere where finely-tuned athletes doing their jobs creates success. In his press conference after Saturday's loss, he said that the offense struggled because players were trying too hard to make the big play. Weis said if they had done their jobs they would have been more successful.

Coach, you aren't talking to Tom Brady anymore. You are talking to a pack of teenage superstars. Of course they are going to try to play outside their ability, most of them don't even know what their ability is yet. It's time to simplify things and just let the kids play ball.

Over the past three years Weis has consistently brought in the best high school athletes in the country. There is no doubt that he is about as good of a recruiter as there is. I guess slapping a handful of Super Bowl rings on the kitchen table has that kind of power. But it's time to let all that work start paying the dividends.

Last weekend Texas Tech toppled the No. 1 team in the country and moved to an unprecedented 8-0. How'd they do it? With ten seconds left on the clock and the score tied, all four Red Raider receivers ran straight lines down the field. They had their smart, strong quarterback throw it up in the air to their best young receiver and he made the play.

No one in the Western Hemisphere would tell you that Tech recruits better than Notre Dame. The Irish have the talent to play with any team in the country; they just have to let them play.

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

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Sports Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SCANDALOUS CELEBRITY?



Meghan Corley

senior
off-campus

"Sarah Palin.
'Nuff said."



Shauna DiBari

senior
off-campus

"Mary-Kate
Olsen because
who doesn't
love MK?"



Phil Whelan

senior
Carroll

"Mike Tyson
because he
talks funny."



Avery Ambrose

senior
off-campus

"Paris Hilton.
I want to be her
BFF."



Kimberly Blaeser, an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, reads from her book "Apprenticed to Justice" at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Man allegedly steals communion wafers from priest

JENSEN BEACH, Fla. — Police in said they arrested a Connecticut man after he tried to steal communion wafers during a church service. The Martin County Sheriff's Office said 33-year-old John Samuel Ricci, of Canton, was cornered by fellow churchgoers when he grabbed a handful of wafers from the priest during communion services Saturday.

The Stuart News reported that Ricci was being held down by six or seven offended parishioners when deputies arrived at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Jensen Beach. Police say two parishioners, ages 82 and 61, received minor injuries in the scuffle.

Man calls cops but leaves pot pipe in plain sight

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — A 28-year-old man reporting a burglary faces drug charges after responding officers say they found a marijuana pipe in his bedroom. A criminal complaint filed Tuesday said officers saw the pipe in plain view in Justin Luecke's bedroom and found marijuana stems and seeds in the living room.

The complaint said officers later returned with a search warrant and found additional marijuana as well as a scale and marijuana packaging.

Luecke faces charges of felony marijuana possession and several misdemeanor counts.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Student Government is hosting the first installment in the Last Lecture Series today at 8 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Lounge. Professor of Anthropology James McKenna will deliver the lecture.

Notre Dame campus ministry will host "If You Come To a Fork in the Road...Take It. Discernment as a Way of Life" as part of the Theology on Tap events at Legends at Notre Dame tonight at 9. Food is free and there will be a cash bar.

"Faith, Democracy and Values: The Challenge of Moral Formation in Families, Schools and Societies" is part of the Association for Moral Education's (AME) 34th annual conference. The conference aims to examine moral education and the ways it informs and, in turn is informed by, faith and political perspectives in a diverse and complex global community. The event is to be held all day Thursday in McKenna Hall and is sponsored by the Center for Ethical Education (CEE).

Flipside is holding a screening of "The Breakfast Club" in the Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune Friday at 11 p.m. Breakfast food will be served. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Notre Dame Hockey Team will host Lake Superior State at the Joyce Center Friday at 7:35 p.m. Ticket information is available at und.cstv.com/tickets/nd-tickets-hockey.html.

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

CORRECTIONS

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	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 43 LOW 35	HIGH 47 LOW 45	HIGH 53 LOW 45	HIGH 48 LOW 32	HIGH 37 LOW 28	HIGH 40 LOW 25

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found out on Friday the group would have to reschedule.

"I was working with a faculty committee for the events this week and I was under the impression that we had a space in the student center lounge to show the film, especially since it was on the fliers [publicizing the week's events]," she said. "I talked to special events late on Friday afternoon about something else, and they brought up that if we wanted to show the interview in the lounge we would be unable because of events relating to admissions."

Testa said that since the week is busy in special events they couldn't reschedule it to

be shown in the lounge during the week.

However, Testa said she wanted to reschedule it somewhere because she knows a lot of people expressed an interest in seeing it.

The group managed to reschedule it to be shown on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in Vander Vennet theater in the basement of the Student Center.

Carrie Call, director of the Office of Civic and Social Engagement and the White Rose Society's advisor, will be sending an e-mail to the student body informing them of the change this week.

Testa said she also plans to show the film during the second semester around important dates in Holocaust history.

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towards off-campus conduct would be critical for many students who currently feel the policies are very arbitrary.

"Right now people don't really know what the University policy is," he said. "It seems kind of arbitrary."

Sophomore Class Council president Cynthia Weber said it is important for the Web site to include more than just basic safety information and suggested the creation of a database for South Bend restaurants.

"It is important to have some other elements on the Web site besides just good neighbor information to attract people to the site," she said.

Lyman suggested including a database of available student housing in the South Bend area. He said the listings would help students find alternatives to the traditional landlords and possibly lower

costs.

"I think housing listings could be a helpful thing," he said.

Lyman also said he would like to create a temporary Web site as soon as possible before the official one is launched.

"We want a temporary solution in place as soon as possible," he said.

In other COR news:

Weber said she has been contacted recently by a number of transfer students interested in joining Sophomore Class Council, but was unsure of how to include them. She said she was currently considering a shadow program where they could follow current members of student government.

Student Union Board (SUB) president Pat Gartland said he welcomed anyone interested in joining his organization.

"Anyone interested in SUB is more than welcome anytime," he said.

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People who subscribe to this thought process believe that they owe it to the next generation to be environmentally friendly but if the Earth is so destroyed right now maybe humans shouldn't have children, he said.

The fourth was that the Earth is a destroyed vessel and humans need to respect the Earth or they won't be able to live.

Along the same lines as the fourth, Pearson said the fifth thought process that people have towards environmentalism is that the "Earth is on loan and we have no right to mess it up."

The sixth and final viewpoint that Pearson presented in his conversation was the thought that "how do you know that the species you drive to extinction doesn't contain the cure for cancer or another big disease."

He said that Catholicism and Christianity would most identify with his third idea that human beings owe it to their children to be environmentally friendly, though they would get rid of the second half saying they shouldn't have children.

"We have the right to use the Earth within reason for our survival but we have to cherish it," he said.

The stance of the Catholic Church is that humans live on an Earth provided by the Lord for our sustenance, he said.

"We have a duty to be concerned that whatever is done on Earth is done with a sense of duty, responsibility and stewardship," Pearson said. "We have to cherish it for the sake of those who live on the Earth both now and in the future."

Pearson provided the fact that the Vatican recently installed solar panels on the roof of the Paul VI Audience Hall, which generate enough electricity to provide all the heating, cooling and lighting needs of the building throughout the year as an example of the Catholic Churches dedication to environmentalism.

"It seems to me that the church is equally passionate [about environmentalism] in its own way in that all things relate to one another in a way that creates this thing that we are on this planet," he said. "It's all a very good sign of where the future lies."

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Veterans

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grams stood watch in dress uniforms at the Clarke Memorial Fountain, more commonly known as Stonehenge. They stood sentry over a 24-hour period when temperatures hovered at and around freezing and rain and ice fell intermittently.

Hesburgh praised the tradition of ROTC at Notre Dame, a tradition he said goes all the way back to Notre Dame founder Father Edward Sorin.

When Hesburgh began teaching at the University after World War II, he said the school was "practically a navy camp," with the large influx of Navy veterans into the student body.

During his time as president of the University, Hesburgh said there were, at times, feelings of anti-military sentiment in the country. Hesburgh said he never shared those feelings. And when other colleges dropped their ROTC programs, Notre Dame kept theirs.

Hesburgh said he is proud of the men and women in Notre Dames' ROTC program.

"You represent the best of the Notre Dame tradition and the best of the American tradition," he said.

Hesburgh told the ROTC members sitting or standing in the auditorium, clad in their dress uniforms, that he prayed for them every day.

Veterans Day, he said, is a day to pray for men and women, including those who



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University president emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh spoke at the ROTC Tri-Military Veterans Day Ceremony Tuesday.

went to Notre Dame, who gave their lives in military service to their country.

"It's also a day when we are especially proud of all of you young cadets and airmen and marines," he said. "It's a wonderful day when we can say there are still young people in this country who are willing to stand up and face the powers of evil."

Hesburgh, who spoke for nearly thirty minutes, told the audience a story about the time when President Jimmy Carter arranged for him to ride in the SR-71 Blackbird. Hesburgh had done a favor for Carter, and in exchange, he told the president that he wanted to beat the world speed record for aviators.

So he took the necessary tests, passed and when Hesburgh went up in the air in the SR-71, the plane set

the world speed record for aviators.

Hesburgh said he was proud to say he has flown higher and faster than all but about 10 pilots in the U.S. Air Force.

At the end the Veterans Day ceremony, members of the ROTC program presented Hesburgh with a model of the SR-71, placed atop a base with a plaque inscribed "the fastest priest on Earth."

Rep. Joe Donnelly, a Democrat recently re-elected to represent Indiana's 2nd District, spoke briefly following Hesburgh. He thanked the members of ROTC for their pledge to service on behalf of the people who live in his congressional district, an area that includes Notre Dame.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British man charged with terrorism

SAQQARA, Egypt — Archaeologists have discovered a new pyramid under the sands of Saqqara, an ancient burial site that has yielded a string of unearthed pyramids in recent years but remains largely unexplored.

The 4,300-year-old monument most likely belonged to the queen mother of the founder of Egypt's 6th Dynasty, and was built several hundred years after the famed Great Pyramids of Giza, antiquities chief Zahi Hawass told reporters in announcing the find Tuesday.

The discovery is part of the sprawling necropolis and burial site of the rulers of ancient Memphis, the capital of Egypt's Old Kingdom, about 12 miles south of Giza.

All that remains of the pyramid is a 16-foot-tall structure that had been buried under 65 feet of sand.

"There was so much sand dumped here that no one had any idea there was something buried underneath," said Hawass.

Chemical tanker hijacked by pirates

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Pirates hijacked a Philippines chemical tanker with 23 crew near Somalia, bringing the total number of attacks in waters off the impoverished African nation this year to 83, a maritime official said Tuesday.

The tanker was heading to Asia when it was seized Monday in the Gulf of Aden by pirates armed with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades, said Noel Choong, who heads the International Maritime Bureau's piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur.

In Manila, Foreign Ministry spokesman Claro Manibabal said the Philippine Embassy in Nairobi and the ship's operator identified the chemical tanker as the MT Stolt Strength.

NATIONAL NEWS

Obese children at risk, study finds

NEW ORLEANS — Obese children as young as 10 had the arteries of 45-year-olds and other heart abnormalities that greatly raise their risk of heart disease, say doctors who used ultrasound tests to take a peek inside.

"As the old saying goes, you're as old as your arteries are," said Dr. Geetha Raghuvier of Children's Hospital in Kansas City, who led one of the studies. "This is a wake-up call."

The studies were reported Tuesday at an American Heart Association conference.

About a third of American children are overweight and one-fifth are obese. Many parents think that "baby fat" will melt away as kids get older. But research increasingly shows that fat kids become fat adults, with higher risks for many health problems.

Woman killed at Ku Klux Klan ritual

COVINGTON, La. — An Oklahoma woman invited to a rural Louisiana campsite for a Ku Klux Klan initiation ritual was shot and killed after she asked to be taken back to town, the sheriff of a New Orleans suburb said Tuesday.

Eight people were arrested after authorities found the woman's body hidden under some brush, on the side of a road several miles from the remote campsite where the initiation was planned.

Investigators found weapons, several flags and six Klan robes at the campsite, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Jack Strain said in a news release.

LOCAL NEWS

Transplanted organs spread cancer

INDIANAPOLIS — Transplanted organs from a single donor spread skin cancer to two recipients who then died, claim two medical malpractice complaints against the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

Anthony Taylor, 45, of South Bend received the liver and one kidney from the recipient in October 2006 and died nine months later. James Fell, 53, of Fort Wayne received the other kidney and died Sept. 30, 2007, or nearly a year after his transplant, The Indianapolis Star reported Tuesday.

ELECTION 2008

Obama not attending world summit

Global leaders to meet in Washington on economy, Obama staying in Chicago

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Leaders around the world flooded Barack Obama with congratulatory calls when he won the presidency last week. But they'll have to wait a while for personal visits.

The president-elect has no plans to meet with any foreign dignitaries when they travel to Washington this weekend for an economic summit hosted by President Bush.

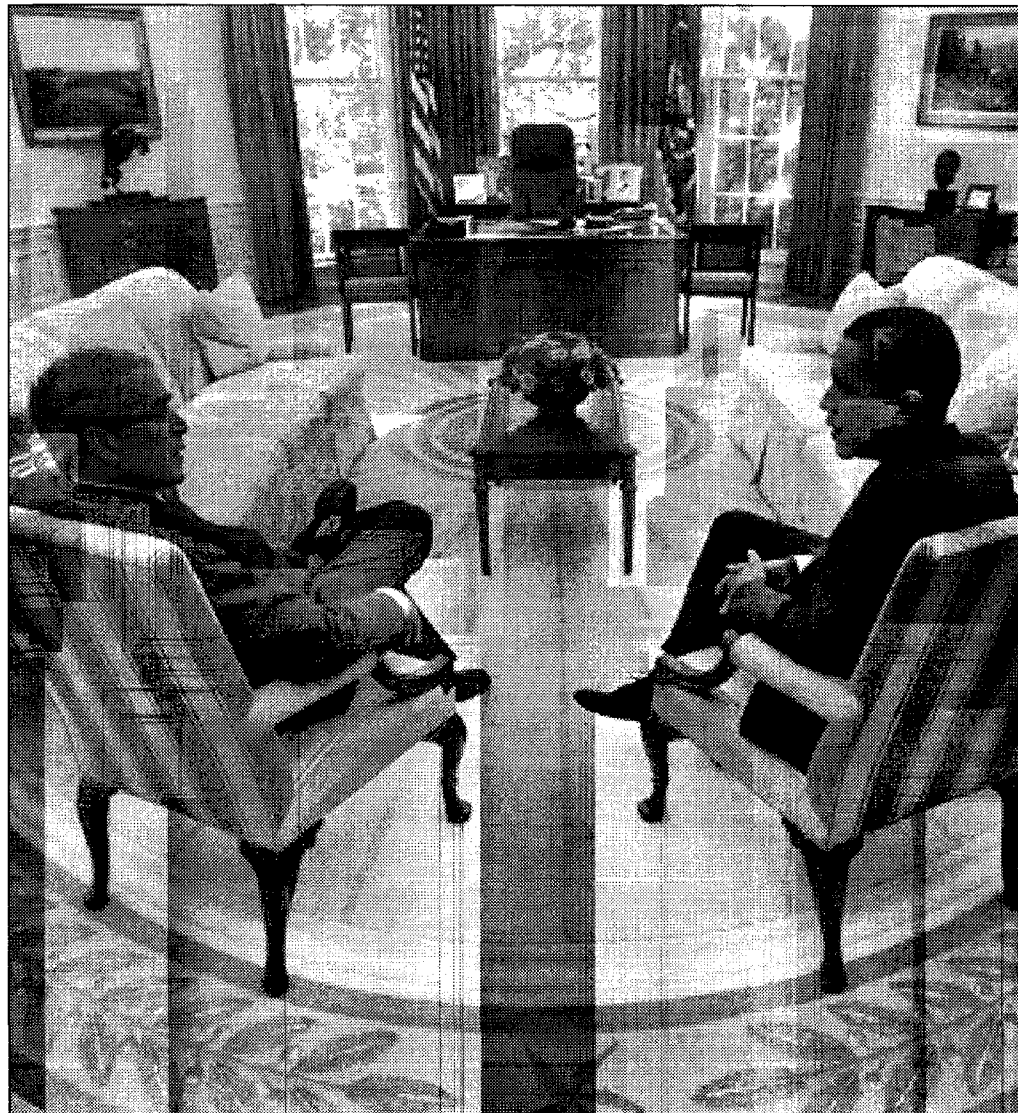
Obama plans to stay in Chicago to prepare for January's transfer of power, even though Washington is a quick flight away and world leaders are clearly interested in his economic views. No meetings are scheduled in either city. Obama's aides plan to keep tabs on — and possibly participate in — the summit where world powers hope to craft remedies to the global financial crisis.

"We have one president at a time, and it's important that the president can speak for the United States at the summit," John Podesta, Obama's transition chief, told reporters Tuesday. Podesta, however, noted that Obama had urged such a summit during the presidential campaign.

Before the election, Bush announced that the world's 20 largest industrialized nations and emerging economies would meet in Washington this Saturday; Obama has consistently said not to expect his presence.

Advisers repeatedly stress that Obama won't be president until inaugurated on Jan. 20. Left unsaid are other possible motivations for him to stay in Chicago this weekend.

"He wants a clean, clear demarcation between the Bush administration and the Obama administration," said Thomas Mann, a scholar at the Brookings



President George W. Bush and president-elect Barack Obama meet in the Oval Office in the White House on Monday.

Institution public policy center.

Obama assailed Bush throughout his campaign for pushing "failed policies" and the Democrat pledged that he would bring a new direction after eight years of GOP rule. Obama will inherit the worst economic conditions in the United States since the Great Depression, and keeping some distance from Bush will allow him to chart his own economic course.

"The last thing he wants to do is get pulled into that summit and, more generally, be pulled into a situation where he's called upon to make early commitments

and express opinions on matters before he's got his economic team fully together and before he has the authority of the office," Mann said.

Obama backs coordination between major economic powers to address the troubles. Campaigning in Richmond, Va., he said, "Our financial markets are so interwoven at this point, that we can't operate in isolation."

"I don't think it's going to be resolved in one meeting," he said of the global crisis.

Leaders attending the G-20 meeting are certainly interested in Obama's eco-

nomics stance.

In phone calls last week, Obama accepted congratulations from leaders of countries including Canada, France, Italy, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Spain. The global financial crisis was among the topics he discussed with key U.S. allies.

The president-elect held his first news conference Friday after he and Vice President-elect Joe Biden met privately with economic advisers. Obama's message: "We are facing the greatest economic challenge of our lifetime, and we're going to have to act swiftly to resolve it."

ISRAEL

Mayoral race shows religious divide

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A voter survey released after polls closed predicted victory for a secular businessman against a powerful ultra-Orthodox Jewish leader in Jerusalem's mayoral race Tuesday, a contest that again exposed the deep divide between religious and secular Israelis.

Israelis voted around the country, picking mayors and city councils, but local issues and strong independent

candidates overshadowed clashes between the major parties three months before national elections. In Jerusalem, the three largest parties failed to field candidates for mayor for the first time, leaving the race to representatives of two of the city's three distinctive and often squabbling groups.

The telephone survey of people who voted conducted by Israel TV, released just after balloting ended at 10 p.m., showed that secular candidate Nir Barkat defeated Meir Porush, 50 to 42 percent. The mar-

gin of error and other details of the poll were not released. Such surveys have generally reflected outcomes but have occasionally been inaccurate.

Porush, 53, an imposing figure on the ultra-Orthodox national political scene for years, his trademark bushy red beard going gray now, faced Nir Barkat, a venture capitalist in his second try for the mayor's job.

Official results were expected early Wednesday. Leading candidates needed to win 40 percent of the vote to avoid a runoff in two weeks.

PAKISTAN

Taliban fighters attack U.S. trucks

Associated Press

PESHAWAR — Suspected Taliban fighters hijacked trucks carrying Humvees and other supplies for U.S.-led troops in Afghanistan, authorities said Tuesday after a brazen attack near the Khyber Pass that underscored the militants' grip across key mountain strongholds.

The assault highlighted the vulnerability of a vital supply route for the 65,000 U.S. and NATO forces battling a resurgent Taliban in landlocked Afghanistan. A significant amount of supplies for the Western forces go through Pakistan.

Attacks on convoys carrying food, fuel and other supplies are common on the road. But Monday's raid was especially large and well-organized. It also could further strain U.S.-Pakistani relations over rooting out Taliban and al-Qaida militants along the border, which remain entrenched despite military offensives and U.S. missile strikes.

Some 60 masked militants blocked the route at several points before overpowering the convoy, said Fazal Mahmood, a government official in Khyber tribal region. He identified the attackers as members of Pakistan's Taliban movement.

Security forces traded fire with the gunmen, but were forced to retreat, he said. The militants took about 13 trucks along with the drivers, who were believed to be Pakistani.

A U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan confirmed the thefts late Tuesday.

"There were some U.S. military materials that were taken — Humvees and water tank trailers," said Maj. John Redfield.

Later Monday, a separate group of insurgents halted a truck carrying what appeared to be a NATO jeep, setting the military vehicle on fire, Mahmood said. NATO officials could not immediately be reached for comment on that incident.

In the past, U.S. and NATO officials have played down their losses along the pass.

But earlier this year, NATO said it was trying to reduce its dependence on the route by negotiating with Russia and other nations to let it truck "non-lethal" supplies to Afghanistan through Central Asia.

Security forces, backed by helicopter gunships, hunted for the missing trucks and drivers. The military said late Tuesday it had recovered some of the stolen materials but would not specify what.

"We are using all resources to trace and recover the hijacked trucks, some of which were carrying vehicles for the allied

forces in Afghanistan," Mahmood said.

Most of the supplies for U.S. and other foreign troops in Afghanistan arrive by ship at Pakistan's port of Karachi in unmarked containers. They are then taken by colorfully decorated trucks to places like Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, the Afghan capital.

NATO and U.S. officials have denied to say if the trucks carry weapons and ammunition. They have in the past suggested that ordinary criminals — not an orchestrated campaign by militants — are the main problem.

The Khyber Pass, a stretch of about 30 miles, has long been an important trade route and militarily strategic area traversed for centuries by armies, from Moghul warriors to British colonial forces. It abuts the main northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar.

In a bid to eliminate militancy in the border region, the U.S. has stepped up unilateral missile strikes there, a move condemned by Pakistani leaders who say it only deepens anti-American feelings among civilians.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari was headed to the United States Tuesday for a U.N. conference on interfaith relations. He was expected to broach the subject of the missile strikes with U.S. officials.

Pakistan's prime minister, Yousuf Raza Gilani, issued a statement after a meeting Tuesday with a U.S. congressional delegation saying there was a "need for restoration of trust between" the two nations and that there must be "complete respect for Pakistan's territorial integrity."

Pakistan has pursued its own military offensives against insurgents, including ones in the Swat Valley and the Bajaur tribal region. The U.S. has praised the operations, but the militants have staged a wave of suicide attacks, apparently in retaliation.

A suicide bomber blew himself up Tuesday outside a stadium hosting athletes from around the country, killing at least three people and wounding 17 while narrowly missing some top government leaders, officials said.

The bomber struck outside the main gate of the Peshawar Sports Complex, which was decked with lights for the closing ceremony of the Inter-Provincial Games. Officials had promoted the games as a way to improve the northwest's violent image.

The province's information minister, Mian Iftikhar Hussain, said he was just a few feet away from the site of the explosion when it happened, and that the province's governor had left the scene only 15 minutes before.

Proposition 8 draws criticism

Gay-rights activists are angry after same-sex marriage ban passes

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California's gay-rights movement has been beset by infighting and finger-pointing since the defeat of gay marriage at the ballot box, with some activists questioning the campaign's mild tactics, including the decision not to show same-sex couples in ads.

The movement's leaders "were very timid. They were too soft," said Robin Tyler, a lesbian comic who created a series of celebrity public service announcements with the slogan "Stop the Hate, No on 8" that were rejected because they were deemed too negative. "We were lightweights on our side."

Proposition 8, a measure to stop gay marriage in California, passed with 52 percent of the vote last week in a painful defeat for gay rights activists. The ban overrode a California Supreme Court ruling last spring that allowed 18,000 same-sex couples to tie the knot over the past four months.

Some gays are complaining that their leaders failed to organize a visible and vigorous defense of same-sex marriage. In particular, they say the movement failed to counter a series of hard-hitting ads warning that the ban on gay marriage was needed to prevent children from learning about gay relationships in school.

Leaders of the campaign in favor of gay marriage say they made a strategic decision not to highlight gay new-

lyweds or same-sex couples with children in their ads for fear of alienating undecided heterosexual voters.

The movement's first commercial, aired in late September, starred a couple with an adult lesbian daughter. Later ads included a fictional woman with a lesbian niece, California's public schools chief, and Sen. Dianne Feinstein saying, "No matter how you feel about marriage, vote against discrimination."

Geoff Kors, executive director of the gay rights group Equality California, defended the choice of advertisements.

"Lesbian and gay people were everywhere in this campaign — as spokespeople, on YouTube, our Web site. For the television advertising, the best messengers were the messengers that were used," he said.

But Michael Petrelis, a veteran AIDS activist in San Francisco, said the absence of gay couples in the media campaign was a fatal error.

"We were seen more as a liability," Petrelis said. "When you have that kind of attitude, it's no wonder there was little community buy-in."

The criticisms extend to beyond how the campaign was run to how people are responding to the ban's passage.

In the past few days, demonstrators have hit the streets in California, sometimes clashing with police and snarling traffic. They have rallied outside Mormon temples to protest the church's major role in banning gay marriage.

Plans have been made for a demonstration outside a Mormon church in New York City on Wednesday, and outside city halls in every state on Saturday.

Some gay rights leaders have encouraged the heated gatherings, while others worry they could backfire and offend churchgoers and others.

Evan Wolfson, executive director of New York-based Freedom to Marry, raised no objection to the protests but said it is important that they be carried out peacefully.

"Peaceful protest is important, time-honored way of mobilizing people to action for justice," he said. "It's completely understandable that people would be expressing their sadness and determination."

Gay marriage is now legal in Massachusetts and Connecticut only, with Connecticut holding its first same-sex weddings on Wednesday.

Exit polls in California showed that the gay marriage ban received a majority from black voters, which has prompted some gay leaders to complain that they were abandoned by a minority group that should understand discrimination.

Kathryn Kolbert, a black lesbian who is president of People for the American Way, a Washington-based group that monitors the religious right, was so worried about a backlash that she wrote a memo to colleagues, warning it is wrong and self-defeating to blame black voters for the outcome.

Bishops to oppose abortion

Catholic leaders condemn the Obama administration's pro-choice position

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops vowed Tuesday to forcefully confront the Obama administration over its support for abortion rights, saying the church and religious freedom could be under attack in the new presidential administration.

In an impassioned discussion on Catholics in public life, several bishops said they would accept no compromise on abortion policy. Many condemned Catholics who had argued it was morally acceptable to back President-elect Obama because he pledged to reduce abortion rates.

And several prelates promised to call out Catholic policy makers on their failures to follow church teaching. Bishop Joseph Martino of Scranton, Pa., singled out Vice President-elect Biden, a Catholic, Scranton native who supports abortion rights.

"I cannot have a vice president-elect coming to Scranton to say he's learned his values there when those values are utterly against the teachings of the Catholic Church," Martino said. The Obama-Biden press office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Archbishop Joseph Naumann of the Diocese of Kansas City in Kansas said politicians "can't check your principles at the door of the legislature."

Naumann has said repeatedly that Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, a Catholic Democrat who supports abortion rights, should stop taking Holy Communion until she changes her stance.

"They cannot call themselves Catholic when they violate such a core belief as the dignity of the unborn," Naumann said Tuesday.

The discussion occurred on the same day the bishops approved a new "Blessing of a Child in the Womb." The prayer seeks a healthy pregnancy for the mother and makes a plea that "our civic rulers" perform their duties "while respecting the gift of human life."

Chicago Cardinal Francis George, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is preparing a statement during the bishops' fall meeting that will press Obama on abortion.

The bishops suggested that the final document include the message that "aggressively pro-abortion policies" would be viewed "as an attack on the church."

Along with their theological opposition to the procedure, church leaders say they worry that any expansion in abortion rights could require Catholic hospitals to perform abortions or lose federal funding. Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Chicago said the hospitals would close rather than comply.

During the campaign, many prelates had spoken out on abor-

tion more boldly than they had in 2004, telling Catholic politicians and voters that the issue should be the most important consideration in setting policy and deciding which candidate to back.

Yet, according to exit polls, 54 percent of Catholics chose Obama, who is Protestant. The new bishops' statement is meant to drive home the point in a way that cannot be misconstrued.

"We have a very important thing to say. I think we should say it clearly and with a punch," said New York Cardinal Edward Egan.

But some bishops said church leaders should take care with the tone of the statement.

Bishops differ on whether Catholic lawmakers should refrain from receiving Communion if they diverge from central church beliefs. Each bishop sets policy in his own diocese.

"We must act and be perceived as acting as caring pastors and faithful teachers," said Bishop Blase Cupich of Rapid City, S.D.

Dr. Patrick Whelan, a pediatrician and president of Catholic Democrats, said angry statements from church leaders were counterproductive and would only alienate Catholics.

"We're calling on the bishops to move away from the more vicious language," Whelan said. He said the church needs to act "in a more creative, constructive way, to end abortion."

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Stocks

Dow Jones 8,693.96 -176.58

Up: 674 Same: 71 Down: 2,889 Composite Volume: 795,891,349

AMEX	1,369.81	-58.21
NASDAQ	1,580.90	-35.84
NYSE	5,634.37	-167.68
S&P 500	898.95	-20.26
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	8,656.67	-152.63
FTSE 100 (London)	4,246.69	-157.23

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-3.09	-2.86	89.77
FINANCIAL SEL SPDR (XLF)	-3.48	-0.48	13.32
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-2.18	-0.67	30.10
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-3.66	-0.41	10.80

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-0.13	-0.005	3.755
13-WEEK BILL	-2.50	-0.005	0.195
30-YEAR BOND	-0.14	-0.006	4.208
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.04	-0.001	2.503

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-3.08	59.33
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-13.30+0.4	733.20
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	8-0.03	84.68

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IN BRIEF

Pelosi urges auto industry bailout

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called for "emergency and limited financial assistance" for the battered auto industry on Tuesday and urged the outgoing Bush administration to join lawmakers in reaching a quick compromise.

Four days after dismal financial reports from General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., Pelosi backed legislation to make the automakers eligible for help under the \$700 billion bailout measure that cleared Congress in October.

In a written statement, the California Democrat said the aid was needed "in order to prevent the failure of one or more of the major American automobile manufacturers, which would have a devastating impact on our economy, particularly on the men and women who work in that industry."

"Congress and the Bush administration must take immediate action," she added. Administration officials have concluded that the bailout bill that passed earlier does not permit loans to the auto industry, but lawmakers are expected to return to the Capitol for a brief postelection session beginning next week.

Costa Rica ready to join CAFTA

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Costa Rica is finally ready to join the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

The country signed the accord in 2004 along with the rest of Central America, the United States and the Dominican Republic.

But its implementation has been stalled for four years by opposition lawmakers who didn't want to open Costa Rica's powerful state-run telecommunications and insurance industries to competition. Others felt the required intellectual-property laws dictating jail time for violators were too strict.

Costa Ricans voted for the trade deal in a national referendum a year ago, moving it forward. But then it became stalled again as congress squabbled over the enabling legislation dealing with 13 different aspects of the deal.

On Tuesday, lawmakers overcame the final intellectual-property hurdle by allowing schools and universities to copy some materials and by reducing prison time for those guilty of selling pirated goods.

Officials offer new mortgage plan

Borrowers to get reduced rates or longer terms, critics say it's not enough

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Once again, the government has offered another plan to help troubled homeowners. Once again, critics say it doesn't go far enough.

The plan announced Tuesday by federal officials and mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac sounds sweeping in its approach: Borrowers would get reduced interest rates or longer loan terms to make their payments more affordable.

But there's a catch. The plan focuses on loans Fannie and Freddie own or guarantee. They are the dominant players in the U.S. mortgage market but represent only 20 percent of delinquent loans.

Sheila Bair, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said the plan "falls short of what is needed to achieve wide-scale modifications of distressed mortgages."

With the government spending billions to aid distressed banks, "we must also devote some of that money to fixing the front-end problem: too many unaffordable home loans," Bair said in a statement.

Democrats on Capitol Hill aren't satisfied, either. "When the loan is chopped up into a million pieces and any investor can block a modification from happening, a program like this will only scratch the surface of the mortgage crisis," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

The economic crisis is still unnerving Wall Street. Stocks fell again as investors found few industries safe from the consumer spending slump. With Starbucks Corp. and luxury homebuilder Toll Brothers Inc. both posting disappointing quarterly results, the Dow Jones industrial average closed down nearly 180 points.

The financial crisis took



California resident Troy Courtney stands outside of his home on Nov. 1. His family is moving due to foreclosure.

on a new dimension on Capitol Hill. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called for "emergency and limited financial assistance" for the battered auto industry and urged the outgoing Bush administration to join lawmakers in reaching a quick compromise during a postelection session of Congress.

The new mortgage assistance plan was announced by the Federal Housing Finance Agency, which seized control of Fannie and Freddie in September, and other government and industry officials.

Officials say they hope

the new approach, which takes effect Dec. 15, will become a model for loan servicing companies that collect mortgage payments and distribute them to investors. These companies have been roundly criticized for being slow to respond to a surge in defaults.

James Lockhart, director of the housing finance agency, urged investors to "rapidly adopt this program as the industry standard."

Still, government officials had no estimate of how many homeowners would be able to qualify. Fannie and Freddie own

or guarantee nearly 31 million U.S. mortgages, or nearly six of every 10 outstanding. But they have far lower overall delinquency rates — under 2 percent.

To qualify, borrowers would have to be at least three months behind on their home loans and would have to owe 90 percent or more than the home is worth. Investors who do not occupy their homes would be excluded, as would borrowers who have filed for bankruptcy.

Qualified borrowers would get help in several ways: The interest rate would be reduced so that

Spending worries send stocks lower

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street got another dose of painful reality Tuesday and sent stocks diving as investors recognized that few industries are safe from the consumer spending slump — whether they're building homes, making cars or selling coffee. The Dow Jones industrial average lifted off its lows of the day, but still closed down nearly 180 points.

It became clear to investors that it's going to be hard to rely on the average consumer to pull the economy out of its downturn. Late Monday, Starbucks Corp. reported lower sales across the coffee chain, and early Tuesday, Toll Brothers Inc. posted a sharp drop in revenue and said it was

too difficult to predict what the luxury homebuilder's profit would be next year.

Wall Street was also jittery as the nation's feeble automakers hope for a bailout from the federal government similar to the one given ailing insurer American International Group Inc. General Motors Corp., whose shares have plunged to 60-year lows, said late Monday it would cut 1,900 factory jobs on top of the 3,600 cuts it announced Friday.

Stocks did recover from deeper losses after a media report that quoted a BlackRock executive as saying a \$30 billion Bear Stearns mortgage portfolio could be worth more than its market value suggests. And in another promising sign for mortgages, the government announced the largest

moves yet to help homeowners renegotiate hundreds of thousands of delinquent loans held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

But the market ultimately ended lower, acknowledging that although the mortgage crisis that spawned the current economic deterioration is being addressed, the economy remains extremely troubled.

There were no economic reports released Tuesday, since the government and bond markets were closed for Veterans Day. Investors didn't need government data to see that the economy's slide isn't over, though — the litany of troubling corporate news was enough. Wall Street has been anticipating grim results from corporate America, but it cannot gauge yet how bad they could get.

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Engendering conflict

I returned home on Saturday night, after our crushing defeat at the hands of Boston College, and realized I had to soothe my ruffled feathers. Normally when I'm in such a mood I decide to watch a movie, a movie that will either make me laugh or make me cry depending on just how bad of a mood I'm in. And this past Saturday was no different from any of those other days.

As I flipped through my DVD binder trying to decide which movie would help me through the troubled time, I came across many titles that would have been extremely helpful in this situation. "Rudy" — a Notre Dame classic that always brings a tear to my eye. But how could I watch Rudy when the last thing I wanted to think about was Notre Dame Football? "Heavyweights," the earliest and arguably best of all of Judd Apatow's movies, always lightens my day. But a petty argument with a friend who also likes the movie has soured "Heavyweights" for me for the time being.

I was running out of options and then I saw it. The perfect movie for my current mood. Not only could I watch it but I could sing along to it and even get up and dance if I felt the need. "West Side Story." The timeless tale of Romeo and Juliet writ large on the landscape of 1950s New York City. Yes, "West Side Story."

But I became troubled about midway through the movie. As Tony and Maria begin serenading each other during "Tonight" I realized that if I hadn't been by myself I probably would not have been able to watch or even suggest

"West Side Story." Why? Because I'm a man and men don't like musicals.

At least that's what our culture would have you believe. It's not cool to be a man who likes musicals. Musical have singing and dancing. Men don't sing and dance. We grunt and drink beer. Musical have whimsical plotlines. Men don't like whimsical plotlines. We like John Wayne and Burt Reynolds. Liking musicals is akin to liking the ballet or the opera.

Now, a typical male response to the suggestion of watching a musical would be: "What?! You want to watch a musical?! That's so lame. Why can't we watch 'Escape from New York' or 'Demolition Man?'" With all due respect for the work of Kurt Russell and Sylvester Stallone, I argue that there is a time and a place for watching musicals: all the time and everywhere. Think about it, all you males out there, all you manly men who disown musicals: I have heard you sing along to Disney tunes at parties. I have seen you dress up as Aladdin and Magic Carpet for Halloween. I have watched you watch Family Guy and The Simpsons and appreciate every time they break into a big, Broadway number. So don't tell me that you don't like musicals.

The counter to this — "We only like those things in an ironic way. When we sing along to 'A Whole New World' we're doing it because it's not cool to do it, and we know it's not cool to do it, but by us knowing that it's not cool and doing it anyway we're making it cool. It's ironic." Nay, I say to you. A thousand times nay. If you really wanted to treat musicals in an ironic fashion you would choose a song that nobody's ever heard of from an obscure musical, probably something approximating Philip Glass, and you would make it your ring tone. You wouldn't thrash around a party as soon as "Circle of Life" comes on or belt out "I Just Can't Wait to Be King" at the top of your lungs.

I want all the men at this University to be able to say, "I am a fan of musicals." It's unfair that such a gender bias exists: we can't openly and happily admit our love of a toe-tappingly delightful show-tune. Women are privileged. Sure, in recent years men have been able to overcome the romantic comedy barrier, but the Great Wall of Musical cannot be conquered by our small and insignificant pro-musical front.

There is some hope for us musical-loving men. Trey Parker and Matt Stone understand the power and beauty of a musical and how it can make a truly great cinematic experience. It can in fact be solidly argued that these two South Park creators heralded in the new age of movie musicals with "South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut." Without that movie, maybe we wouldn't even have "Hairspray" or "Mamma Mia!" on the big screen.

But even though musicals are now more prevalent in theaters, men still cannot go in alone. I had to see "Hairspray" with my sister and "Mamma Mia!" with a female coworker because of a latent fear my friends would laugh at me for doing so. And that's not right.

We need to refocus the discussion of gender on this campus. Sure, there are latent gender issues that plague our community. But one that never gets mentioned is the inability for men to like musicals publicly.

As a step in the right direction, I invite all my friends to an open viewing of "My Fair Lady" in my room this coming Friday afternoon. If nobody shows up, it won't matter. With the door open I'll be singing, "I Could've Danced All Night" with pride.

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The Roads
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning to laugh

"Tropic Thunder" was far and away the funniest movie of this summer, surpassing the likes of "Pineapple Express," "Step Brothers" and more. From its opening sequence of pseudo-advertisements to its uproarious finish, the movie was as enjoyable as any I've seen in recent times. I was elated at learning the movie would be showing with SUB movies, as I knew very many of my friends had missed the opportunity to experience the hilarity of this movie.

Thus, I cannot disagree more with Mary Forr's opinion in "Tropic Thunder: not so funny" (Nov. 11). I certainly do not mean to downgrade any of the great challenges those with disabilities encounter. However, I do debate her Letter's repeated claim that the film "degrades" those with disability. Again and again, Forr makes this statement, but only once does she offer any backing to it, likening the disabled-related humor to making fun of Jewish or black people. I hate to break the news, but many comical movies do have jokes concerning race and religion, where most people generally understand the difference between making a joke and "degrading" a specific people.

Consider, for instance, the 2002 movie, "Van Wilder." The main humor in the character, Taj, draws from the fun poked at his Indian heritage and the resultant culture clash. By Forr's standards of humor, isn't this an unfair and "degrading" portrayal of the Indian culture? Likewise, in the 2001 movie, "Legally Blonde," the entire

premise of the movie's humor relies heavily on the characterization of blondes as air-headed. Shouldn't we be equally outraged at the "degrading" image of blonde haired individual the movie portrays? Best yet, consider 2006's "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." Doesn't this movie both misrepresent the American people and degrade our idea of the Kazakhstani people to that of a backwards country?

My point, then, is this. Nearly every comedy can seem "degrading" or offensive if viewed in some manner. The key is to understand the difference between poking fun and making fun. "Tropic Thunder" is not a movie intent on the degradation of those with mental handicaps, but offers jokes of all varieties, whether based on culture (Alpo Chino's Booty Sweat ad), ethnicity (the backwards nature of the Asian drug lords), race (Kirk Lazarus's skin pigmentation) or mental capacity. By all means, I do not mean to put down the trials and challenges that those with mental disabilities encounter and incredibly surpass. On the contrary, I think a little humor only serves to highlight these great challenges. All it takes is the right perspective. As Forr mentions, Notre Dame is named after our Blessed Mother ... and I'm sure she had a sense of humor as well.

Colin Keeler
freshman
Stanford Hall
Nov. 11

Too soon for 'Weis watch'

Monday, Neil Hayes of the Chicago Sun Times wrote an article entitled "Weis Watch" has begun at ND". The article doesn't need to be read for the gist of it to be understood: Coach Charlie Weis is on borrowed time. It was all over ESPN at around 3 pm Monday, discussed on "College Football Live," "Around The Horn" and "Pardon The Interruption." Weis' winning percentage, winning record against winning teams and all the negative statistics are thrown around.

One ESPN reporter (Joe Schad) said that the biggest reason Weis won't be fired is the buyout on his contract. Campus is groaning with discontent and frustration. And it's all understandable. Why write a letter to point this all out?

Because it needs to stop. Being a fan doesn't mean unabashed green Kool-Aid drinking. It does mean supporting your team and every part of it, but is not mutually exclusive from being critical. I'm tired of hearing the groans even though I agree with a fair chunk of them.

I, too, want the nasty team we were promised. It's hard to watch our running game flounder while a team in East Lansing — the now proud little brother in that state — runs smash mouth football behind a 3-star running back from Dayton, Ohio that the previous regime didn't even take a crack at recruiting. I thought this team grew up faster than we all expected.

Ah, yes. Expectations. Remember at the start of the year, when everyone, including people here on campus, expected us to go 7-5 or 8-4? Why is it that this is now unacceptable to people? What did everyone expect our young team's growing pains to look like? What did everyone expect our losses to look like? Close losses are now unacceptable, as is being shut-

out by a team with a Top 10 defense, and games that we admittedly gave away. Did we, as fans, expect too much after some glimmers of what will be against teams who aren't very good?

The losses are met with calls for the coach's head and that the players don't have the heart or will to win. You, the reader of this letter, probably know a player. Ask him how much he enjoys losing. I'd be willing to bet that he'd rather win. A lot more. As for the coach, who inherited a myriad of recruiting problems, has hauled in three great-to-stellar recruiting classes, with a fourth on the way.

People expect all of our freshmen to be Michael Floyd, and they all can't be that. He's a freak. But how about the most underrated player on our team, Mike Turkovich, a senior who is just now making serious contributions on the field and has been a rock a left tackle. I didn't expect it when I, at all of 5'10", attempted to post him up in bookstore basketball last year. Some people take time to mature. Most do, in fact.

Meanwhile Coach Weis is holed up in his "bunker" trying to get ready for Navy and secure another top recruiting class. Let next year be the one in which judgment is passed. Next year, it will be his players and the team will no longer be "young," with a junior quarterback leading the way. Realize these are the growing pains you knew were coming at the beginning of the year, but somehow forgot about along the way. Because sophomores and freshmen can't lead a team. Not yet.

Keep the faith. After all, patience is a virtue.

Nathan Bernardi
senior
off campus
Nov. 10

ND football disappoints

We have all been here before. We were here in 1985 when Miami beat Notre Dame 56-irrelevant, in 2000 when Oregon State took Notre Dame to the woodshed and in 2004 when BYU embarrassed ND in the opener. And yet again, we find ourselves at that same familiar place after the recent ND football no-show in Boston.

We are at that familiar point in time when we know, beyond any reasonable doubt, the fate of the Notre Dame football coach. The performance in Boston was such a gross distortion of Notre Dame football, that there can be no other way forward, other than a complete purge of those who produced this version of the Irish. Some within the University will wave their hands for awhile and show you statistics to indicate that there has been improvement in passing yards per game and sacks allowed per game, etc., but those are ruses to distract you from reality. The reality is that those of us who were blessed to witness Notre Dame football under Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Lou Holtz can attest that this Notre Dame team is light years away from the historical standard. I cannot even imagine what those who witnessed Leahy's teams must be thinking.

So, once again, we will all go through the usual drill: Thousands of alumni are writing their letters to Fr. Jenkins, Mr. Swarbrick and Mr. Notebaert, withholding their annual donations to the University, stadium attendance will begin to look like a men's basketball game, bookstore sales will go down and the NBC ratings will reach the lower limit of detection, as alumni like myself decide to take my kids to the park rather than do penance for five hours every Saturday. And we will all wait and watch to see what Charlie, Jack and Fr. Jenkins are going to do in the next Act.

At some point, perhaps at the end of this season, or the end of the next, a change will be made in the Notre Dame football head coaching position and we will cast our lots with yet another hopeful

saviour for America's once-finest sporting team. It should be noted that I admire Charlie Weis and what he has accomplished in his life personally and professionally and for his unyielding public devotion and defense of Notre Dame. Since he is a fellow alumnus and loves Notre Dame as much as any of us, I suspect he will put Notre Dame above any personal life-illusions and will yield the chair if he thinks it is for the betterment of his alma mater.

I also trust that Mr. Swarbrick and Fr. Jenkins appreciate that, as we enter into our 16th year of non-competitiveness, it is more than possible for Notre Dame football to become permanently irrelevant, save a radical change in course. Don't let the NBC contract fool you. That contract has wrought the worst possible malady upon Notre Dame and its leadership: complacency, the misguided sense that all is well with the Notre Dame "brand" when, in fact, the "brand" has been critically ill for 15 years.

And what of the rest of us? We continue to grasp more and more tightly onto the illusion that Notre Dame football will someday be great once again. Much like the protagonist in "The Great Gatsby," many of us came so far to Notre Dame and have felt such exhilaration at how Notre Dame football proudly represented us in the past, it seems nearly impossible to believe we cannot grasp the same greatness now.

Notre Dame football is our "green light, the orgastic future that year by year recedes before us." Notre Dame football, as we once knew it, has eluded us for two decades. But just like Gatsby, "that's no matter — tomorrow we will run faster, stretch out our arms farther ... And one fine morning — So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past."

John Chute, M.D.
alumnus
Class of 1986
Nov. 10

Offensive comics are back

This letter regards the Nov. 10 edition of the comic "The Dome Piece."

The text for the comic reads: "The Cleveland Browns announced that rookie QB Brady Quinn will be starting for their game against the Bills next Monday. In related news, you just got an erection."

I am astonished that this particular comic strip made its way into our dear Observer. I can only assume that the comics page editor was overtired that day. David Cavadini, you have offended

my sensibilities and insulted your readers' intelligence. Did you think that this strip could pass unnoticed?

Cavadini, you copy-pasted that first panel to create the second panel. Shame on you. Son, you have a trackball mouse and MSPaint at your disposal — don't be ashamed to use them.

Robert Scully
senior
Alumni Hall
Nov. 14

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The Dispute

A Fresh Take on The Ancient Battle of the Sexes

ANALISE LIPARI

Scene Editor

Imagine a world where you have no idea that anyone else exists, other than your two mysterious caretakers. Then, suddenly, you're plunged into the outside world, seeing yourself and others for the very first time. What would you do? How would you act? And, as "The Dispute" asks its characters and its audience, which sex might deceive the other first? Who is more prone to adultery?

The latest Main Stage show from the Film, Television and Theater department at Notre Dame, Pierre Marivaux's "The Dispute" is an exercise in experimentation. A wealthy young royal (Kevin Stein) proposes a scenario to a group of friends: Eighteen years before, the same discussion breaks out at his father's court. The King decides to test the question by raising two babies of each sex in complete isolation, and "The Dispute" details what ensues when those four "experiments" finally meet.

Director Siiri Scott and her able-bodied cast do very well with what could feel like dated material. The battle of the sexes is, no doubt, an eternal discussion between women and men. But with a play whose lifetime is more than ten times that of the actors? FTT deserves praise for keeping the material feeling fresh and relevant.

The production team for "The Dispute" has transplanted Marivaux's 1744 French play to a set that feels like it's straight out of AMC's "Mad Men," or maybe a Rock Hudson-Doris Day comedy. "Pillow Talk" could have easily jumped to this stylized, seemingly desert-set building, with angularly constructed stone and steel. The music playing before and after the performance, and at occasional moments during the production, reinforces the scenario, with strains of "Come On-a My House" and "Volare" coming through. It's an interesting effect.

Occasionally the language and the set feel a bit too far apart, but those moments are rare.

The actors are clearly well-prepared for what might have been a daunting task. Matt Goodrich and John Maltese are the two male innocents in the king's experiment, and each succeeds at capturing a blend of physical comedy and eager, goofy masculinity. At one point, Goodrich's Azor slams into the ground, and you can't help admiring their commitment to the physicality of their roles. Their exchange when they first meet is a priceless moment. "Do you eat food?" Goodrich asks, hesitant; "Every day," Maltese emphatically replies. "Awesome!" Agreed.

Their female counterparts are both good, as well, and all four succeed with adapting themselves to Marivaux's adaptation of the commedia dell'arte style. The girls' obsessions with their own reflections play well for laughs — watch for the scene with a pair of compact mirrors.

The play's play on social and gender dynamics are intriguing for the innocents, their wealthy spectators, and the audience watching "The Dispute" alike. It raises questions about which sex is more guilty for the indiscretions of love, commitment and adultery. At one point, Stephanie Newsome's Carise, one of the two caretakers of the four innocents, tries to persuade an innocent not to cheat: "Consult your heart! You'll loathe your infidelity." Newsom and Edward Velazquez, her male counterpart, are both amusing as the exasperated pair who carry out this great social experiment. The final fate of the quad is interestingly staged, as well.

"The Dispute" is surprisingly short, but very well done.

If you don't have an answer in the question of who wins the battle of the sexes, check out "The Dispute." Visit performingarts.nd.edu for more information.

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AT DEBARTOLO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



An Interview with The Stars of "The Dispute"

JORDAN GAMBLE

Scene Writer

Besides their roles in Pierre Marivaux's "The Dispute" this weekend in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, junior Stephanie Elise Newsome and senior Molly Key are no strangers to the Notre Dame stage. Newsome has been in several Notre Dame Mainstage productions as a theatre major, and Keys has acted in Loyal Sons and Daughters twice, and several other productions, including "Spurt of Blood" this fall. But both of them admit the specific performance style dictated by Marivaux's script, commedia dell'arte, has been a learning experience. The pair had the chance to speak to the Observer via e-mail about the production.

What exactly is commedia dell'arte?

Key: Commedia is a highly stylized type of Italian theatre. Masks can be used, although in this production we are not using masks. Commedia uses stock characters (inammati or lovers, zanni or servants, etc.) to tell a story. Commedia involves using the whole body to create specific movements, including the spine, which can be difficult. For example, as a lover, I walk with my heart forward, because the lovers are guided by their heart. It was a pretty difficult style to get a good grip on, because if you don't commit with your whole body, you just look silly. The whole process of learning commedia was fun though, because as a cast we had to learn to really trust each other.

What is the play about?

Newsome: "The Dispute" centers around one basic chicken or egg question: "Who is more unfaithful in love, men or women?" This question drives a Garden of Eden type experiment that attempts to find an answer through an observation of nature. Carise and Mesrou have been raising four children (two boys and two girls) for about 18 years in complete isolation from each other and the world in order to set this experiment in motion.

Key: When they turned 19, Carise and Mesrou set up meetings between the four. One of the boys (Azor) and one of the girls meet (Egle) and fall in love, and the same happens with the other two characters (Adine and Mesrin). Carise then allows the two girls to meet and they end up hating each

other and plotting to steal the other girl's lover. The two boys meet and become friends, but then they meet the other boy's lover and can't help falling in love with her.

What is your role in the play? What parts of it have been difficult, easy, or eye-opening for you?

Newsome: I play the role of Carise, who is a caretaker and scientist in the experiment. We began the rehearsal process with an intense, week-long workshop on Commedia dell'arte. While it was difficult to get full training on an entire style of theatre, the workshops gave me some helpful tools and vocabulary to approach the text of the play in a new light.

Key: I play Adine, one of the four lovers in the play. The most interesting part of this process has been teaching myself to see everything for the first time. The four lovers all grew up in complete isolation, except for their caregivers, so every experience they have is a new experience for them... It makes me feel like a little kid again.

What are some funny or memorable moments from the rehearsal process?

Key: We had a commedia workshop the third week of rehearsal, and the whole process of getting used to the style was quite funny. We got to try on commedia masks and basically make fools of ourselves. One exercise we do sometimes in rehearsals is we perform a scene, or once even the entire play, without words. It's exhausting but it really pays off because you have to commit your entire body to it, and some great stuff has been found during those exercises.

Newsome: The play says that... these two caretakers had no help in raising these four children from infancy. During a rehearsal one day, we decided to explore that interaction between two parents and four babies in four different locations. We did an improvisational exercise where the four children sat in four different corners, and Eddie Velazquez (who plays the caretaker Mesrou) and I had to run around the room, trying to keep four bratty babies happy all at the same time. While being hilarious to watch, it also gave me a lot of insight into Carise's character because she has been working nonstop for 18 years to prepare for this moment of the experiment.

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KEVIN SMITH EXPLORES SEX AND LOVE IN

ZACK & MIRI MAKE A PORN



JAMES MCGUIRE

Scene Writer

It's a precarious situation. What would you do if you are infinitely behind on your bills, stuck in a dead-end job, and need to turn things around in any way that you can?

Well, if you are a resourceful slacker like Zack (Seth Rogen of "Knocked Up") or his roommate Miri (Elizabeth Banks of "W."), you set out to make an amateur adult film (with a less-than-printable title) with a rag-tag group of locals in hopes of breaking the bank. While this might sound like an abhorrent idea to some, it is (in light of the current economic situation) a hilarious look at the lengths to which people are willing to go to in the hope of living the American dream.

Admittedly, "Zack and Miri" is not a film for everyone. Writer/director Kevin Smith of "Clerks" and "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" fame does not disappoint in his bold style, in which nudity, foul language and indecent situations abound (you will never think about frosting a cake without feeling dirty ever again).

Like many of Smith's films, though, it is a romantic (or "bromantic") comedy of sorts, and, while the film does not apologize for its sex-charged subject matter, one does walk out of the film with a deep connection to the characters and a sense of real life even if it is a life you would not want to find yourself in.

Zack and Miri are life-long friends who live in a dingy apartment in Pittsburgh struggling to get by. Then, one snowy Thanksgiving, one bill too many has gone past due, and they end up without any utilities and on the verge of eviction. Zack, after having a conversation with a man at their high school reunion who stars in films with all-male casts (played by a truly ridiculous Justin Long), gets the idea that he and Miri should make their own adult film and sell it to reap the profits. Miri agrees, and the two set off to finance, cast and produce the next great erotic film.

After pulling together their less

Zack and Miri Make A Porno

Director: Kevin Smith

Starring: Seth Rogen,
Elizabeth Banks, Jason
Mewes, & Justin Long



than stellar cast (including characters played by ex-adult star Traci Lords and Jason Mewes, i.e. "Jay" of "Jay and Silent Bob" fame), the group begins to shoot the film, and hilarity (along with some really gross sight-gags) ensues.

Everything goes according to plan until Zack and Miri shoot their scene together, and the bottled-up feelings they've had for each other for years finally come out.

While all the raunchy silliness in "Zack and Miri" would probably be enough for your average high school boy, Smith kicks it up a notch and makes the dynamic between Zack and Miri really something the audience roots for.

The movie ends up being a time-tested tale of long-time friends finding love in the most unlikely of situations, no matter how uncouth that situation might be. Smith has a field day poking fun at the absurdity of sex and how pornography has, for better or worse, become a part of American popular culture, but he also recognizes something a more judgmental mind might not. Porn might be porn, but there is something to be said for finding love and knowing the difference between real life and X-rated fantasy.

The foul-mouthed and clever Seth Rogen fits in well with the equally incorrigible Kevin Smith's style, and we get something that will make you laugh hysterically and give you something to think about at the same time.

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THAI FARE ON COLLEGE BUDGET

JAY FITZPATRICK

Scene Writer

Notre Dame may have found its next great student restaurant: Thai Lao Food.

Nestled among other more well-known eateries like K's Grill, Between the Buns and J.W. Chen's is this small Asian restaurant that seems perfect to cater to college-aged patrons.

Although the restaurant does offer a menu, the best bang for your buck is likely the buffet, which sits in the corner of the small dining room.

The buffet offers several items found on the menu — including Thai barbecue chicken, chicken curry and Pad Thai — in addition to some Asian restaurant staples, like egg rolls and vegetable stir fry.

Off to the right-hand side of the buffet are two rice cookers, one with fried rice and the other with white rice.

The food, while simple, is also delicious. The different types of chicken — all dark meat (legs and thighs) — were cooked to perfection and were very tender. They were also seasoned well, and were not as spicy as Thai food often is. (If you do like your food a little hotter, Thai Lao has a variety of hot sauces near the buffet to add to your dish).

The Thai barbecue was the best chicken dish at the buffet, which is not the say that the other dishes were not also good. The sauce was savory, mostly because it was not overpowering. Similar to the hot sauce, there was additional barbecue sauce available.

The most pleasantly surprising thing about the food at Thai Lao was that they did the little things right, like rice and egg rolls.

The egg rolls — actually more like spring rolls — were not as greasy as they can be at other restaurants, while still maintaining a strong flavor.

Also, both kinds of rice were a perfect complement to the chicken dishes. The fried

rice had a perfect amount of vegetables to contribute to the flavor of the rice without being overpowering. The sauces used to stir-fry the rice was delicious, adding a lot to the rice's flavor. The white rice was about as good as white rice can be, but what added to it was its texture. Unlike many white rices at restaurants, Thai Lao's is stickier, making it easier to eat with a fork or chopsticks (both of which Thai Lao offers).

Although you can easily fill up on the main dishes at the buffet, try to save some room for dessert: a rice-based dish from the Philippines called cassava, which tastes like rice pudding covered in caramel.

While the food was very tasty, perhaps the best part of the buffet is the price. At \$5.99 for weeknights and \$6.99 for weekends (prices are the same for lunch and dinner), the Thai Lao buffet compares favorably with other off-campus eateries, like Chipotle (\$6.25 for a burrito) or Golden Dragon (\$6.35 for most dinners).

The decor, while sparse, fits the restaurant. The walls are decorated with only a few pieces, and the theme of the art — if there is one — is elephants. There are some traditional pieces of décor in the room, such as a bamboo screen just inside the door, but otherwise the dining room is Spartan, with just a few tables and chairs.

One of the things that makes Thai Lao Food a perfect college hangout, however, was what was on the two televisions — one in each in opposite corners. At first, Adam Sandler's movie "The Waterboy" was playing, followed by "Project A," a 1987 Jackie Chan movie from his Hong Kong days.

Overall, the food combined with a relaxed atmosphere and affordable price to make Thai Lao Food a great off-campus choice.

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NBA

Williams returns to lineup as Jazz top Sixers

Anthony scores 18 of 25 points in second half as Nuggets beat Bobcats, stay unbeaten with Billups in lineup

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Utah Jazz played really well without star point guard Deron Williams, winning five of their first six games.

They're thrilled to have him back.

Williams played for the first time this season to lead the Utah Jazz past the Philadelphia 76ers 93-80 on Tuesday night. He had seven points and nine assists after missing the first six games because of a sprained left ankle he suffered in a preseason game Oct. 18 against Chicago.

Williams averaged a double-double last season — 18.8 points and 10.5 assists — and was part of the United States' gold medal-winning men's basketball team at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

"I didn't know what was going to happen," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "It was the first time he's played in six games. We thought he'd play five minutes or so but he played longer. It kind of depends on him how much he can play."

Williams played 31 minutes and shot 1-of-8 from the field.

"Every day, I've gotten a lot stronger," Williams said of being able to return.

Carlos Boozer led Utah with 19 points and 16 rebounds. Andrei Kirilenko and Ronnie Brewer added 16 points apiece for the Jazz, who

improved to 6-1 and lead the Northwest Division. Brewer scored all of his point in the fourth quarter after missing his first nine shots.

"At halftime, I was really down on myself," Brewer said. "My teammates told me to hang tough and keep my head up."

Andre Miller scored 25 points, Andre Iguodala had 15 points and 10 rebounds and Elton Brand added 13 for the reeling Sixers, who lost their third in a row and fell to 2-5.

"It's a disappointing start," Brand said. "We have to fight through it."

Samuel Dalembert and Thaddeus Young each added 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who shot just 38 percent from the field.

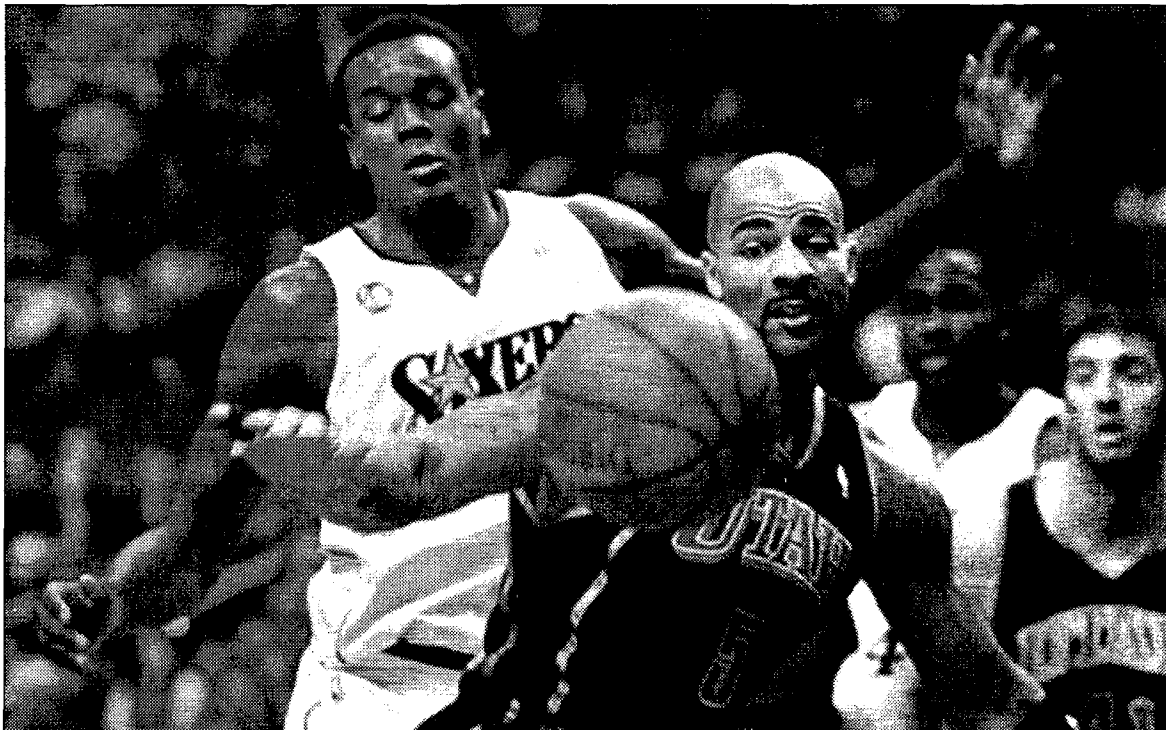
"We've just got to find ways to keep working hard and turn this around," Iguodala said.

The Jazz scored 13 of the first 15 points in the fourth quarter — nine by Brewer — to take a 76-69 lead. His 3-pointer with 4:11 remaining extended Utah's lead to 83-73 and sealed the win.

Philadelphia never got closer than five the rest of the way.

"I just think our offense is out of sync," Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks said.

The Sixers trailed by as many as 13 points in the third quarter. Facing a 57-45 deficit, Philadelphia went on a 16-2 run to take a 61-59



Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, right, pursues a rebound trailed by Sixers center Samuel Dalembert during Utah's 93-80 win over Philadelphia Tuesday.

advantage on a layup by Miller, who scored 10 points during that stretch. The Sixers led 67-63 at the end of the third.

Utah jumped out to a 49-37 lead at halftime thanks in large part to Boozer's 15 points and 10 rebounds as well as 11 Philadelphia turnovers.

The Jazz played without All-Star forward Mehmet Okur, who returned to his home country of Turkey on Monday because of an illness in the family. Okur is averaging 15.5 points per game, second on the Jazz.

Nuggets 88, Bobcats 80

Carmelo Anthony scored 18 of his 25 points in the second half, Chauncey Billups added a key three-point play late and the Denver Nuggets held off the Charlotte Bobcats 88-80 on Tuesday night to stay unbeaten with Billups in the lineup.

It was Billups' second trip to Charlotte in just over a week. He had a much more pleasant day this time around. A week after he abruptly left town before the game when Detroit traded him, Billups calmly guided his new team, finishing with 16 points and five assists as Denver moved to 3-

0 since he replaced Allen Iverson at point guard.

After an 11-point fourth-quarter lead was sliced to 75-73, the undermanned Nuggets turned to Billups and their defense. Charlotte went six straight possessions without a point, while Billups found Nene for a thunderous dunk before Billups' driving layup and free throw on the next possession made it 80-73 with 2:56 left.

The Bobcats couldn't recover, sending coach Larry Brown to his fifth loss in seven games with his newest team.

Jason Richardson scored 23 points and Adam Morrison added 16 for the sloppy Bobcats, who committed 18 turnovers and shot 40 percent.

Despite dressing only nine players, Denver rallied from a sluggish start to give coach George Karl a win in the coaching matchup of North Carolina alums.

A day after Antonio McDyess was waived, forward Kenyon Martin missed his second straight game with a sprained right wrist. He joined a lengthy injury list that included centers Chris Andersen (ribs) and Steven Hunter (knee), and guards

Chucky Atkins (knee) and Sonny Weems (groin).

The Nuggets trailed by as many as 10 points in the second quarter before Anthony took over in the third.

With a combination of fade-away jumpers, fastbreak layups, mid-range shots and free throws, Anthony scored 14 points in the quarter, the last two coming on a jumper over Morrison that put Denver ahead 68-59.

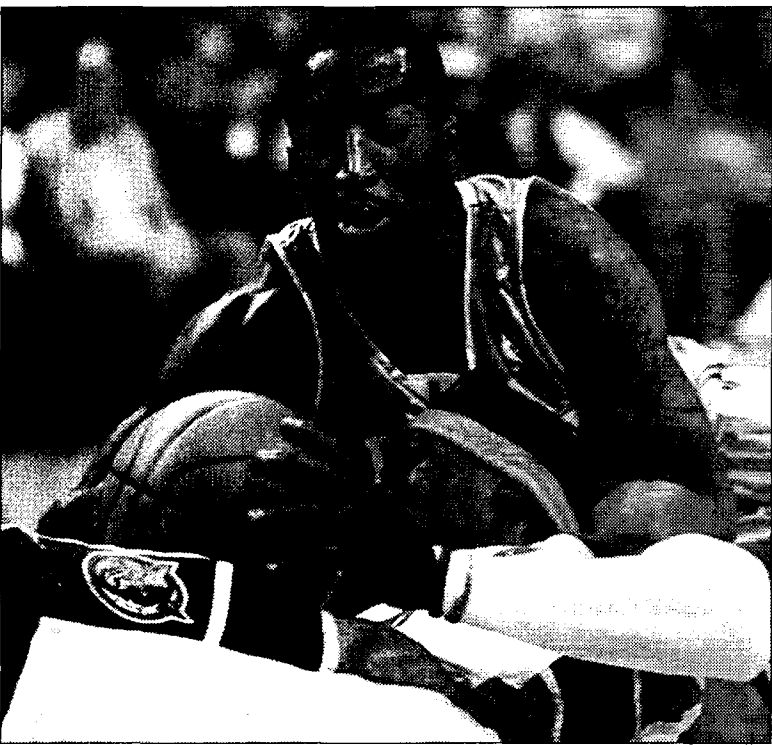
Anthony's jumper early in the fourth quarter made it 73-62 before Charlotte rallied.

Morrison's 3-pointers and Richardson's reverse layup capped a 9-0 run to cut the lead to 75-73. But with Raymond Felton on the bench with five fouls, the Bobcats couldn't sustain the run with rookie D.J. Augustin struggling running the point in Felton's absence. Augustin shot 1-for-9 with three assists and four turnovers.

Even Sean May's return to the court couldn't prevent Charlotte from dropping to 1-2 on its season-high six-game homestand.

May was active for the first time since the opener, when Brown criticized his conditioning following knee surgery. May started the fourth quarter and missed a jumper 13 seconds later. He went to the bench with no points or rebounds two minutes later and didn't return.

Anthony hit 10-of-19 shots and grabbed six rebounds.



Nuggets guard J.R. Smith, top, fights with Bobcats guard Gerald Wallace for a loose ball during Denver's 88-80 win Tuesday.

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Men's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	North Carolina	1,800	1
2	Connecticut	1,661	16
3	Louisville	1,638	13
4	UCLA	1,487	3
5	Pittsburgh	1,319	17
6	Michigan State	1,311	18
7	Texas	1,259	7
8	Duke	1,250	9
9	NOTRE DAME	1,243	15
10	Gonzaga	1,162	24
11	Purdue	1,099	20
12	Oklahoma	987	NR
13	Memphis	977	2
14	Tennessee	920	5
15	Arizona State	645	NR
16	Marquette	592	25
17	Miami (FL)	570	NR
18	USC	414	NR
19	Florida	403	NR
20	Davidson	347	23
21	Wake Forest	312	NR
22	Georgetown	311	8
23	Villanova	256	NR
24	Kansas	233	4
25	Wisconsin	196	6

Women's Basketball AP Top 25

	team	points	previous
1	Connecticut	1,124	1
2	Stanford	1,018	4
3	Maryland	1,005	5
4	Oklahoma	946	14
5	Rutgers	914	7
6	North Carolina	892	2
7	Tennessee	857	3
8	Duke	815	9
9	California	769	10
10	Louisville	726	19
11	Texas A&M	624	8
12	Vanderbilt	546	21
13	Texas	501	NR
14	Oklahoma State	442	13
15	Virginia	437	24
16	NOTRE DAME	374	15
17	Arizona State	364	NR
18	Ohio State	359	25
19	Baylor	353	12
20	Auburn	239	NR
21	Florida State	204	NR
22	Xavier	170	NR
23	Purdue	148	NR
24	LSU	133	6
25	Old Dominion	124	11

NCAA Swimming CSCCA Rankings

Men	Women
1 Texas	Arizona
2 Stanford	Georgia
3 Arizona	Stanford
4 Michigan	Texas
5 Florida	Florida
6 California	California
7 Auburn	Auburn
8 Tennessee	Texas A&M
9 Georgia	Indiana
10 Minnesota	Tennessee

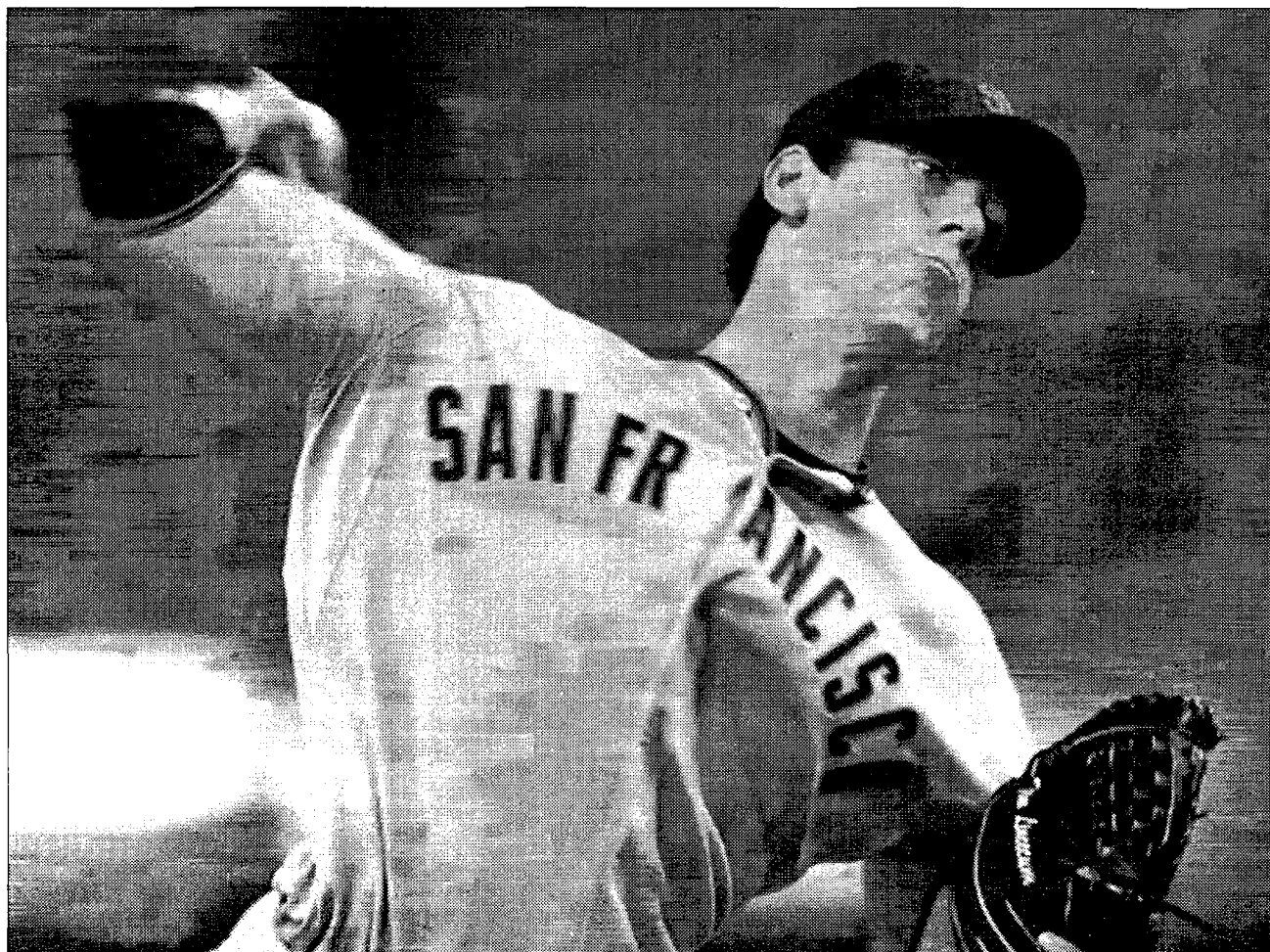
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MLB



San Francisco pitcher Tim Lincecum delivers a pitch during the first inning of a game against San Diego on Sept. 13. Lincecum takes home pitching's highest honor in only his second major league season.

Lincecum wins NL Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tim Lincecum was a big winner on a woeful team, which fit him perfectly.

Firing 97 mph fastballs from his miniature frame, the National League Cy Young Award recipient is an anomaly in almost every way.

Lincecum joined Mike McCormick (1967) as the only San Francisco Giants to win the Cy Young, taking home pitching's highest honor by a comfortable margin Tuesday following his second major league season.

"I was definitely surprised. I thought it was going to be a

lot closer," Lincecum said.

The slender kid with the whirling windup received 23 of 32 first-place votes and 137 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Brandon Webb of the Arizona Diamondbacks got four first-place votes and finished second with 73 points.

Listed at 5-foot-11 and 160 pounds, tiny by today's standards for a big league pitcher, Lincecum defied detractors — and the laws of physics — by overpowering one hulking slugger after another.

"I don't remember anybody in my time who had that style of pitching, who put that kind of torque on

his body," McCormick said on a Giants conference call. "I think that article in Sports Illustrated that called him a freak probably sums it up."

Lincecum was 18-5 with a 2.62 ERA and a major league-best 265 strikeouts, remarkable numbers for a fourth-place club that finished 72-90.

In fact, Steve Carlton was the lone Cy Young winner to pitch for a team that was worse. The Hall of Famer was an incredible 27-10 with a 1.97 ERA for the 1972 Philadelphia Phillies, who went 59-97.

Lincecum led the NL in winning percentage (.783), ranked second in ERA and was third with 227 innings.

The 24-year-old right-hander made his first All-Star squad, but an illness prevented him from appearing in the July 15 game at Yankee Stadium.

New York Mets ace Johan Santana, who led the league in ERA (2.53) and innings (234 1-3), also garnered four first-place votes and came in third.

The other first-place vote went to Milwaukee lefty CC Sabathia, last year's AL winner who was traded by Cleveland into the National League on July 7. He went 11-2 with a 1.65 ERA and seven complete games in 17 starts for the Brewers, pitching them to their first playoff berth since 1982.

IN BRIEF

Nationals get Olsen, Willingham from Marlins

WASHINGTON — Starting pitcher Scott Olsen and outfielder Josh Willingham were traded by the Florida Marlins to the Nationals on Tuesday in a five-player deal that signals the start of Washington's efforts to revamp its roster after a major league-worst 59-102 season.

The Marlins received second baseman Emilio Bonifacio and two minor leaguers: second baseman Jake Smolinski and right-hander P.J. Dean.

Each player the Nationals got is entering his first year of salary arbitration.

Olsen went 8-11 with a 4.20 ERA in 2008, his third consecutive season with at least 31 starts — he has never been on the disabled list. The left-hander is 31-37 with a 4.63 ERA in the majors.

Willingham, who will be 30 on opening day, hit .254 with 15 homers and 51 RBIs this year, when he missed 50 games with a herniated disk in his back.

Brady back at work in Patriots training room

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady is back with his Patriots teammates, laughing and talking with them — and, more importantly, rehabilitating the injured left knee that ended his season in the very first quarter.

Brady underwent surgery on Oct. 6 and said on his Web site on Oct. 18 that he had another operation on the knee after it became infected. The Boston Herald reported that he had two more procedures since then to fight an infection and that he was on a six-week course of intravenous antibiotics. The team has not commented on those details.

The star quarterback was back in Foxborough on Nov. 4 and has been working in the Gillette Stadium training room beside teammates who are busy preparing for games. He has not been seen in the locker room during the period when it is open to the media. A black knee brace was on the chair at his locker Tuesday.

Contract dispute likely ends Hoffman's run in San Diego

SAN DIEGO — Trevor Hoffman's record-setting run as San Diego Padres closer is almost certainly over after the team withdrew its contract offer for 2009.

Hoffman, baseball's career saves leader and the face of the franchise since Tony Gwynn retired following the 2001 season, was upset with the abrupt, impersonal way the club ended contract talks, agent Rick Thurman said Tuesday. Thurman doubts negotiations can be rekindled.

Hoffman's appearances out of the bullpen were announced by the ominous gongs from AC/DC's "Hells Bells." The Padres apparently rang out the Hoffman era when they pulled their offer of \$4 million for 2009 and a \$4 million club option for 2010. Thurman said the club also refused the closer's request for a meeting with top executives, who appear to be slashing salary because of owner John Moores' difficult divorce.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Spurrier dismisses Florida storyline

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The last time Steve Spurrier brought South Carolina to The Swamp to face his old school, Florida's national championship run was nearly derailed by their beloved former coach's team.

Much was made of Spurrier's return to Gainesville, Fla., for that game in 2006. It was the first time the ol' ball coach, who won a Heisman Trophy as a player and a national championship as a coach for the Gators, had faced his alma mater at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

The game ended up being better than the subplot. Florida needed a late blocked field goal to win 17-16 on its way to winning the national championship under coach Urban Meyer.

Spurrier brings the Gamecocks back to Florida on Saturday, again with a chance to dash the Gators' national title hopes. Another Spurrier homecoming isn't much of a story line this time.

"I don't think it'll be a big deal," Spurrier said about the trip. "It'll just be the Gamecocks against the Gators."

But there's no question Spurrier's presence on the sideline opposite the Gators has made a series dominated by Florida more intriguing.

In 2005, Spurrier's first game against Florida, the Gamecocks beat the Gators for the first time since joining the SEC in 1992.

Last season was a more typical Florida-South Carolina game. Tim Tebow accounted for seven touchdowns and 424 total yards and the Gators won 51-31.

These fourth-ranked Gators have already clinched a spot in the SEC title game against No. 1 Alabama, but need to get there without another stumble to have a chance at playing for the national title.

No. 24 South Carolina is a 21-point underdog and has never won at Florida.

"We certainly go down there with the attitude that we really don't have anything to lose," Spurrier said. "We're pretty huge underdogs, which is OK, but we're going to go down there and pitch it around and line up and see how our defense, our No. 1 defense, ranks against the No. 1 offense."

South Carolina's defense,

ranked first in the SEC and third in the country, faces its toughest challenge this year. Since losing to Mississippi, the Gators have averaged nearly 49 points a game during a five-game winning streak.

"I would say Florida has a better team this year than they had two years ago that won the national championship," said Spurrier, who led the Gators to six of their seven SEC titles.

Meyer likes to remind his players of Florida's football history at the beginning of the year, pointing out the list in the south end zone of the Gators' SEC and national championships.

"I'm not sure how much our guys are into history. They're into the present, the future, which is fine. I don't think it's a big deal to our guys at all," Meyer said.

Tebow threw for 304 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 120 yards and five more scores in last season's meeting, on the way to winning the Heisman Trophy.

"I had the opportunity to stand on the sideline and watch him just rip us to pieces," said linebacker Jasper Brinkley, who was injured for last year's Florida game. "You want to go back out this year and prove a point that we are capable of playing with these guys."

Spurrier had a chance to meet Florida's third Heisman Trophy winner when Tebow won the award last year. Spurrier admires Tebow's talent and toughness.

"He can shake a one-arm tackle and those guys run in there and hit him and they almost bounce backward," Spurrier said.

Spurrier doesn't have

big plans for his latest trip to Florida. The team will stay at a hotel about 40 miles from Gainesville on Friday night. After the Gamecocks arrive for Saturday's game, Spurrier said he will chat with athletic director Jeremy Foley and some of the old security guards, trainers and team doctors. Other than that, it will be just another SEC road game.

"When you're coaching one team, that's where your mind is. Trying to get some plays ready, trying to get your quarterbacks, offense, team, decisions — just coaching a ball game," Spurrier said. "Sometimes when you're coaching a game, you don't even know who the opponent is."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC wants revenge for 2007 loss

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's 13 months later, and Southern California defensive end Kyle Moore still feels the pain.

No doubt Pete Carroll does as well, although the Trojans' coach wasn't eager to discuss one of the biggest upsets in college football history Tuesday at his weekly meeting with reporters.

That's understandable, considering his team was the victim.

Somehow, 41-point underdog Stanford rallied to beat then-No. 2 USC 24-23 last season, snapping the Trojans' 35-game winning streak at the Los Angeles Coliseum and ultimately knocking them out of contention for the BCS championship game.

The teams meet Saturday at Stanford, and the Cardinal (5-5, 4-3 Pac-10) has another chance to spoil USC's hopes for a national title. The sixth-ranked Trojans (8-1, 6-1) are favored by 23 points this time despite Stanford's 4-0 record at home.

"It's been discussed," Moore said regarding last year's shocker. "That was a very depressing loss. It's revenge this weekend. It's still on our minds, the guys who were here last year."

"We're ready. This is an exciting game for all of us. They beat us by 1 point last year, it was pretty much a fluke loss. There are a lot of emotions going into this game."

Stanford was coming off three one-sided losses entering last year's game, including a 41-3 setback to visiting Arizona State the previous week. Tavita Pritchard made his first collegiate start against USC as a fill-in for T.C. Ostrander, who had a seizure six days before the game.

USC dominated Stanford statistically, rolling up 459 yards of total offense to 235, but committed five turnovers while forcing only one.

The game turned late in the third quarter, after the Trojans had taken a 16-7 lead. Not counting their final possession, when they took a knee with the game in hand, the Cardinal gained 186 yards and scored 17 points the last three times they had the ball.

Pritchard threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Mark Bradford on fourth-and-goal with 49 seconds left and Derek Belch's PAT provided the winning points.

"We're not supposed to lose at the Coliseum, that hurt the most," Moore recalled with a sigh. "It was a horrible feeling, being booed by the home fans, very depressing. We have to get that win back, feel like we got something back from last year, get some emotion out at their place."

Carroll said the Cardinal is improved from last year, adding: "We had all we could handle last time around. So we're going to try to get right and put together a great game here."

Asked which team might benefit from what happened in last year's game, Carroll replied: "I don't know, you'd have to ask them how they feel about it. But anytime that we get beaten, particularly in the conference, it's just a reminder of how critical every game is and how you have to get ready and right every single time you go, and you have to play well and do things right, and not do the kinds of things that can beat you."

Carroll specifically mentioned the five turnovers. Four came after halftime on interceptions

thrown by John David Booty, who played the whole game despite breaking a bone in the middle finger of his throwing hand in the second quarter. Carroll has since acknowledged on several occasions that he made a mistake by not replacing Booty, who sat out the next three games.

"They came through, made the plays they had to make, and it was a great finish for them," Carroll said. "It wasn't for us."

Tight end Anthony McCoy said he believes the Trojans simply weren't ready to play on that October night. He promised it will be a different story Saturday.

"The press is going to blow it up, that we're going to try and look for revenge. It will be a little bit of that, but it's just another game, that's what they teach us. We're going to go into Stanford, see signs, 'Remember Last Year.' We've just got to focus on the game," he said. "Nothing's easy."

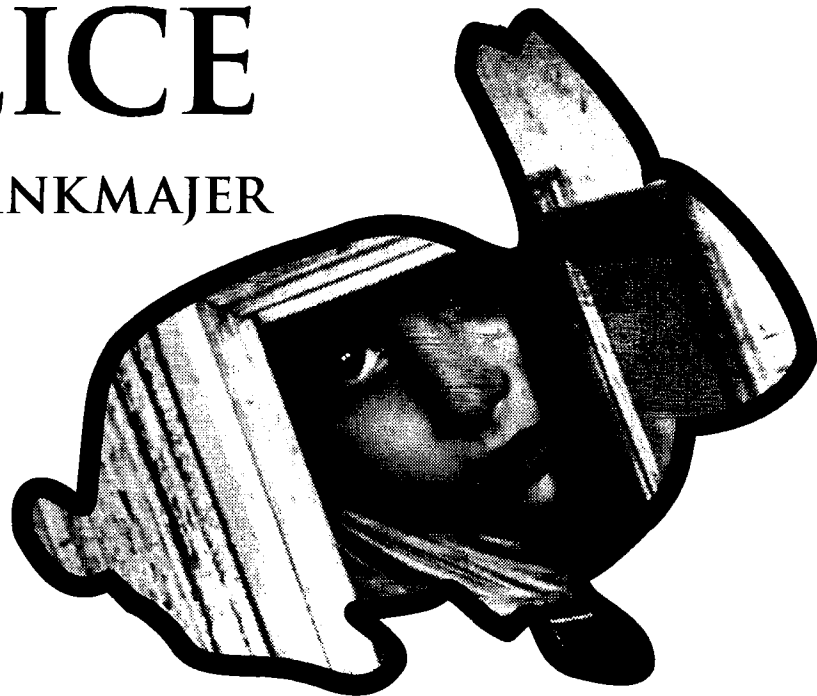
USC's only other loss last year was a 24-17 setback at Oregon in the final game Booty missed. Had that been their only setback, the Trojans probably would have played in the national championship game.

The Trojans have won six straight, outscoring the opposition 231-23 since losing 27-21 at Oregon State on Sept. 25. USC leads the country in scoring defense (6.4 points) and total defense (206.4 yards), and is 25-0 in November games since Carroll became coach in 2001.

"The fact that we're coming down to the end of the Pac-10 challenge, this is right where we'd like to be," Carroll said. "We're playing for championships each week, and we're going to take it as such and put together a fantastic week."

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NFL

Saints can't pass the competition

Associated Press

METairie, La. — Drew Brees could very well set the NFL's all-time record for yards passing in a single season — while playing for a losing team.

History shows that's a hard thing to do. Then again, the New Orleans Saints have found creative ways to disappoint their long-suffering fans before.

Brees threw for 422 yards in New Orleans' 34-20 loss to Atlanta on Sunday, which dropped the Saints to 4-5 and marked the second time this season Brees has thrown for more than 400 yards in defeat. Against Denver in Week 3, Brees threw for 421 yards in a 34-32 loss.

Brees has a league-leading 2,985 yards, putting him on pace for a record-setting 5,309.

Dan Marino set the record with 5,084 yards back in 1984 with the Miami Dolphins. Second place belongs to Kurt Warner, who threw for 4,830 with the St. Louis Rams in 2001. In third is Tom Brady, who threw for 4,806 yards last season with the New England Patriots.

Surely, everyone remembers where those teams ended up — playing in a Super Bowl.

True, all three teams lost in the Super Bowl, but there's a big difference between losing a championship game and failing to make the playoffs at all.

New Orleans isn't out of the playoff picture yet, but the Saints trail every team in the NFC South

Division by no fewer than two games. They'll likely have to string together five or six victories in their last seven games to have any hope of a postseason berth.

At this point, New Orleans has yet to win two in a row, which has Brees feeling a little hollow about his gaudy passing numbers.

"I really don't care" about leading the league in passing, Brees said Monday. "The fact that we haven't been able to put two good consistent games together in a row is frustrating."

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Drew Brees
Saints quarterback

Brees' passing totals are in part a reflection of coach Sean Payton's play-calling. Payton, who also played quarterback in college and very briefly in the NFL, subscribes

to a "West Coast" style of offense in which short passes are similar to runs.

Brees never threw for more than 3,576 yards in a single season during his first five years in the NFL with San Diego. His lowest total in his first two full seasons in New Orleans was 4,418 in 2006. Incidentally, the Saints made the NFC championship game that season, when they also ran the ball more effectively than they have since. Deuce McAllister rushed for more than 1,000 yards and Reggie Bush added 565 yards on the ground.

Last year, when McAllister missed all but three games with a knee injury, Brees threw for 4,423 yards — but New Orleans' running totals fell by about 300

yards and the Saints finished 7-9.

Despite his preference for passing and involving Brees' accuracy and decision-making in as many plays as possible, Payton said he is taking a hard look at the way he manages the game plan.

"As the head coach, I have to be mindful of how we do things and be just as critical of myself as we ask our players to be critical of themselves," Payton said. "We're always evaluating, trying to internalize. We know we need to be able to run the football more, for instance."

Payton said he intended to unleash a slew of running plays against the Falcons, but was forced to change plans after the Saints had to settle for field goals on early drives and fell behind by double digits.

Brees ended up with three interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown. The woeful play of the Saints' injury-depleted defense only made matters worse, but Payton was not ready to blame one unit over another.

"We're going to have to play better defense down the stretch to do some of the things we're talking about doing, but that also starts with us on offense in possessing the ball," Payton said.

The Saints will be challenged to improve. Three defensive starters — defensive end Charles Grant and cornerbacks Mike McKenzie and Tracy Porter — have been lost for the season to injuries in the past six weeks. Defensive end Will Smith and McAllister both could be suspended four games later this season because diet pills they took included a substance banned by the NFL.

NFL

Jets have much to prove vs. Patriots

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Brett Favre gripped the sides of the podium as he spoke, his camouflage cap and shorts making him look as though he were preparing for his latest hunting expedition.

Well, truth is, he is.

This week is the reason the New York Jets brought him in to be their quarterback on that shocking summer night in August, and he knows it.

The New England Patriots have been the hunted in the AFC East — heck, the entire AFC for that matter — for a long time. Favre gets another shot at chasing down the Patriots in a big spot, with first place on the line Thursday night.

"I know exactly what this game means, the weight it carries," Favre said. "I'm well aware of what New England has done over the past decade or so. It just comes down to football."

He makes it sound so simple, and maybe it is. After all, Favre spent the previous 17 seasons in the NFC, so he wasn't here when Bill Parcells bolted the Patriots for the Jets, and took Curtis Martin along with him.

Nor was he here when Bill Belichick scrawled a note into a napkin saying, "I resign as HC of the NYJ." He wasn't around when Eric Mangini left Belichick to become the coach of the Jets, creating a rift between the student and teacher that came to a head with the Spygate scandal of last season.

Still, Favre knows of New England's dominance in this decade, with the Patriots 13-3 in the series since the Jets won both meetings in 2000.

"Until we beat these guys or until anyone beats these guys and knocks them off from the top, then they're always going to be the team to beat," Favre said. "We know that."

The Jets came close in Week 2, falling 19-10 at home, but Favre was still trying to figure out the offense and learn his receivers' names. The revamped offensive line with Alan Faneca and Damien Woody was still jelling, and the defense still developing.

Nine weeks later, New York is a much different team than the one Matt Cassel beat in his first start at any level since high school.

"I don't want to say we didn't feel good about our team the second week," Favre said. "With each week, I feel like we're getting better and better."

The Jets have played like juggernauts the last two weeks, blowing away the Bills and routing the Rams by a combined 73-20. They're off to their first 6-3 start since 2004, lead the AFC in scoring, have one of the league's toughest run defenses and routinely introduce opposing quarterbacks to the turf.

Now comes the big test for the Jets, and it still comes down to this: They've got to beat the Patriots.

Forget the matchup with the undefeated Tennessee Titans in two weeks. In order to move forward, the Jets must exorcise the

red, white and blue demons that have haunted them for so long.

And with Favre leading the way, New York believes the time is now.

"To get this win this week," cornerback Darrelle Revis said, "would be huge for us."

Favre has been far from fantastic this season, but the Jets knew what they were getting when they traded for him and jettisoned the efficient Chad Pennington. One of the game's greatest gunslingers has been incredible at times — his six-touchdown performance against Arizona — and incredibly shaky at others — his three-interception game against Kansas City. But his presence alone has given the Jets a mental edge they haven't had in years, especially in a game of these proportions.

"I haven't really thought about it," he said with that big, familiar grin. "That may be true. Then again, it may not be. That may have been why we brought Kris Jenkins in. Let's put it off on Kris."

He might be right, based on the dominant performance by the defense so far. But, to a man, the Jets have acknowledged that they never feel they're out of any game as long as Favre is back there throwing.

That element of confidence, maybe more than anything he actually does on the field, has been his most valuable addition.

Let's face it, since Joe Namath led the Jets to the Super Bowl in 1969, this is a franchise that has put its hopes for a return trip on the arms of guys like Richard Todd, Ken O'Brien, Boomer Esiason, Neil O'Donnell, Vinny Testaverde and Pennington. They were all pretty good quarterbacks at times, but none brought the intangibles Favre does.

Sit in on a press conference with Favre, and you can feel the intensity. He'll look directly into the eyes of his questioner and come back with a 5-minute answer that's usually so good and detailed, it's hard to believe it wasn't rehearsed.

The players say he's the same in team meetings and even more so in the huddle. Sure, he's 39 now and doesn't have the rocket arm he had when he helped Green Bay to consecutive Super Bowl appearances 10 years ago. He still has every bit of the passion, though, and that has been good enough so far for the Jets.

Think some of the Packers don't wish Favre was still their quarterback now? He led them within a win of the Super Bowl last season, and Aaron Rodgers looked good early but he and Green Bay have slumped to 4-5.

Meanwhile, the Jets are playing their biggest game since their playoff loss at New England in 2006, with a chance to put past failures far behind them.

"Having Brett speaks for itself," Revis said. "He runs the offense well, he's a leader. We just let Brett handle what he handles because we know he does a great job. I'm just happy to have him on my team."

And for the Jets, that might just be enough to help the hunters finally come out on top.

"I know exactly what this game means, the weight it carries."

Brett Favre
Jets quarterback

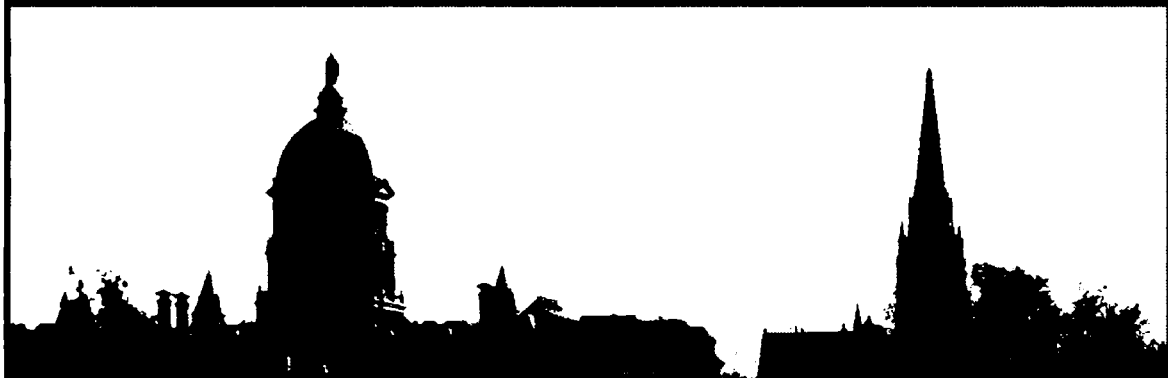
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FOOTBALL

Winless Wizards not yet concerned

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Maybe it's because they know they made the playoffs after an 0-5 start last season.

Maybe it's because they know they have two past All-Stars in the starting lineup and figure a third, Gilbert Arenas, eventually will return.

Maybe it's because they know they can't possibly continue to lose and lose and lose, over and over and over again.

Whatever the reason, the Washington Wizards profess they are not worried, even if they are the only NBA team without a victory this season. Even if a loss to the Northwest Division-leading Utah Jazz on Wednesday night would drop Washington to 0-6 for the first time in franchise history.

"It's early," co-captain Antawn Jamison said after practice Tuesday. "Not even close to pushing the panic button."

Really?

There isn't any concern about the season slipping away?

"No. Never. There's too many games. If we were at this point a month from now and I'm saying, 'Hey, we're 0-20,' I would tell you, 'Yeah.' I couldn't be as positive as I am right now," said Caron Butler, Washington's other captain and 2007-08 All-Star.

"But 0-5? We're cool. (If we were) 0-20? Yeah, I'm in Tahiti right now, mentally. But we're fine right now."

Actually, coach Eddie Jordan believes very little is OK at the moment.

"The young guys have to stop making mistakes. The older guys have to stop making mistakes," Jordan said. "It's everybody."

His team has failed in close games, such as an overtime loss to the Milwaukee Bucks, and has been blown out, such as a 25-point loss to the Orlando Magic. Jordan sees problems on both offense — which certainly suffers from the absence of Arenas — and defense — which might be suffering even more from the absence of injured center Brendan Haywood.

Heading into Tuesday, the Wizards ranked last among the NBA's 30 teams in both of the major defensive statistical categories: opponents' points per game (108.8) and opponents' shooting percentage (50.2).

The Wizards' defense had taken a step forward last season under the tutelage of new assistant coach Randy Ayers, and much effort was made to funnel foes toward the 7-foot Haywood in the paint. But he is out four to six months after surgery on his right wrist.

"He was the anchor of the whole defense," reserve forward Darius Songaila said.

"He was right there at the back. Everybody knew he was there. He was always talking and pointing and affecting shots and changing shots."

As if missing Haywood and leading scorer Arenas — no one seems to be sure when he'll be back from his third knee operation in 1½ years — weren't enough, the Wizards also could be without Arenas' primary backup, Antonio Daniels, against Utah.

Daniels missed Saturday's rout at Orlando because of a sore right knee, and he skipped practice Tuesday, instead riding a stationary bike and doing stretching exercises.

Meanwhile, Butler tested some goggles Tuesday to protect the nasty gash that was glued together right above his left eyelid. He was hurt when he bumped heads with Orlando's Mickael Pietrus.

"We're going through our pain and agony right now," Butler said. "This is a low. We're going to have many highs this season."

Perhaps.

A year ago, after all, five consecutive losses to begin the season were followed by six consecutive victories.

"I hate to say it, but five games in, we still haven't played with that fire and that energy we normally play night in and night out with. That's something that definitely needs to change, and we need to do it as soon as possible," Jamison said.

"There's a certain swagger about ourselves that we've been playing with for the past couple of seasons that so far hasn't been there," he added.

The numbers haven't been there, either.

Jamison, for example, is shooting only 42 percent from the field, including 22 percent on 3-

pointers, and averaging 17.6 points and 7.2 rebounds after being one of only two Eastern Conference players to average 20 and 10 last season.

One bright spot so far is second-year guard Nick Young, whose 16.6-point scoring average put him second in the league among NBA reserves entering Tuesday.

"Some of our players have probably done better than expected up to this point, so you have to feel good about that," team president Ernie Grunfeld said. "But basketball's a team game, and if you're going to win, you need contributions from all your players, and we're not getting that right now."

As the defeats have started to pile up, at least one player admitted he has had to deal with some ribbing.

Young is getting an earful from a certain someone about his winless Wizards.

"I hear it from my mom every day: 'You going to get a win?'" he said. "After we lose: 'What happened?'"

US SOCCER

Donovan named player of year

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Landon Donovan wants another chance to succeed in Europe.

A bust with Bayer Leverkusen during two prior stints in Germany, Donovan began training with Bayern Munich on Tuesday — the same day he was voted U.S. player of the year for a record fifth time.

"This has been an interesting week for me," Donovan said by telephone. "This opportunity was too good for me to pass up."

Donovan also won the Honda Award in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2007. The 26-year-old forward led Major League Soccer this year with 20 league goals for the Los Angeles Galaxy, playing alongside David Beckham. With 37 goals in 105 international appearances, Donovan became the American career scoring leader.

His previous stints in Europe were failures. After signing when he was 16, Donovan never got into a match when he was with Leverkusen from 1999-01. Following four seasons with the San Jose Earthquakes, he returned to Leverkusen in 2005. He lasted just a few months, failing to score in seven Bundesliga appearances and two more in the

European Champions League.

He played poorly in a Champions League match against Liverpool, grew homesick for then-girlfriend (now wife) Bianca and returned to MLS three weeks later, joining the Galaxy.

"I'm a different player than I was then, competing for a spot," Donovan said. "While at the time it seemed like everything was against me, the reality was I just wasn't ready yet."

Now I know I'm ready and want the chance to prove myself. In my mind, I just want to know if it's possible."

He is training for 10 days with Bayern, coached by former California resident Juergen Klinsmann, the former coach of Germany's national team.

"For me, it's just an opportunity to see how I stack up, doing some training with some very good players and kind of getting a feel for possibly going forward," Donovan said.

Klinsmann also is a former technical adviser to the Galaxy.

"He is a great guy, a very

good player and a big personality in U.S. football," Klinsmann said on Bayern's Web site.

Donovan finished with 297 points in this year's voting by a nationwide panel of journalists, followed by Everton goalkeeper Tim Howard (249) and Fulham forward Clint Dempsey (176).

"Landon is a presence," Howard said by phone from England. "When you line up in the tunnel to go onto the field and you see Landon there, it gives you confidence."

For Donovan to play for a club in Europe, an agreement would have to be worked out with MLS and the Galaxy.

"In a perfect world, if it was up to me, I would love to

go somewhere," he said. "I will do my part and take advantage of this opportunity and see what happens. If nothing comes of this, it's still a good opportunity for me."

His agent, Richard Motzkin, said it was premature to speculate whether Donovan will have a chance to play for a European club.

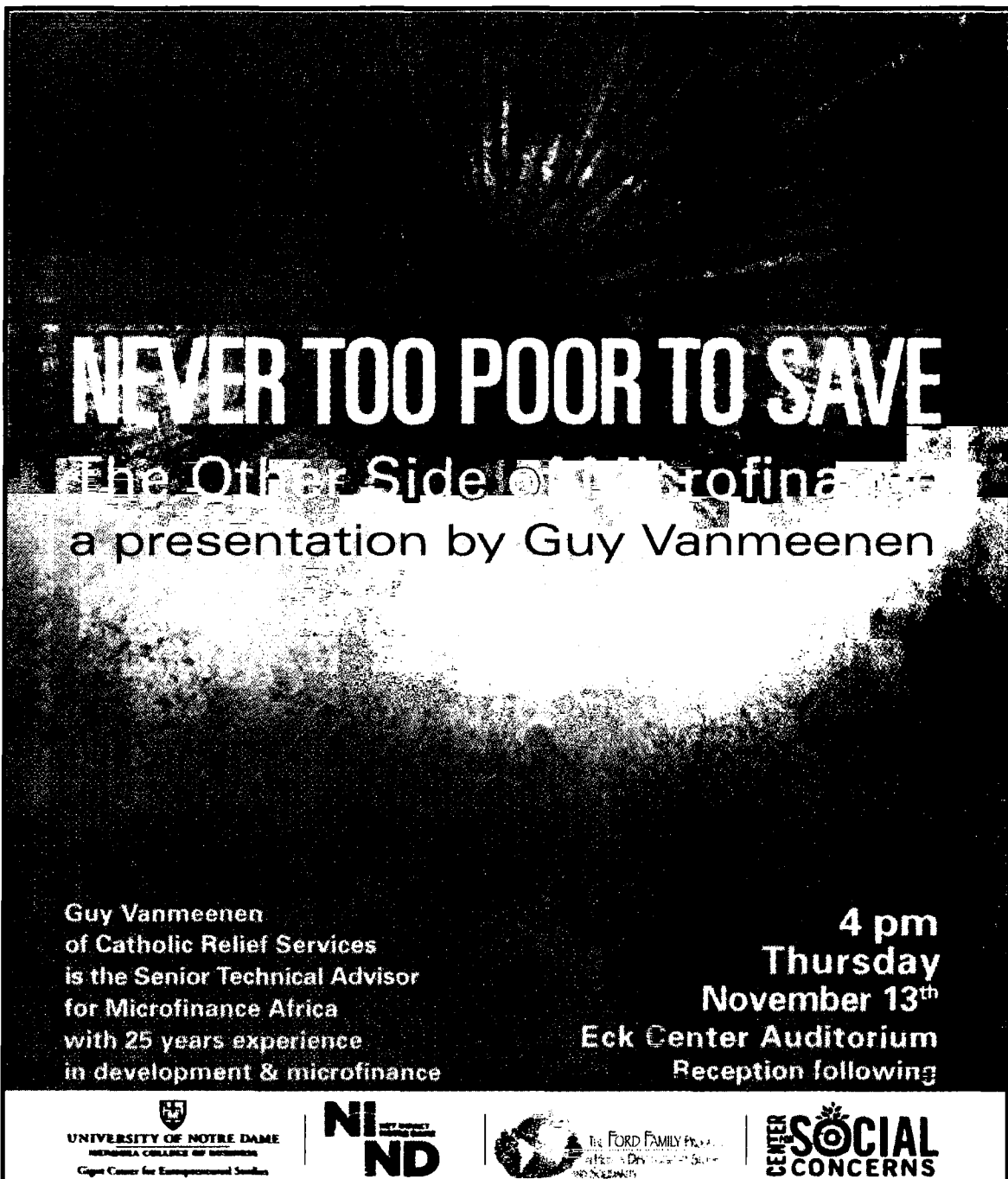
"It's a situation where Juergen and Landon had known each other for years. It was an opportunity to go over to train and stay fit and it made sense for everybody," Motzkin said.

"He is a great guy, a very good player and a big personality in U.S. football."

Juergen Klinsmann
Bayern Munich coach

"This has been an interesting week for me."

Landon Donovan
Galaxy forward



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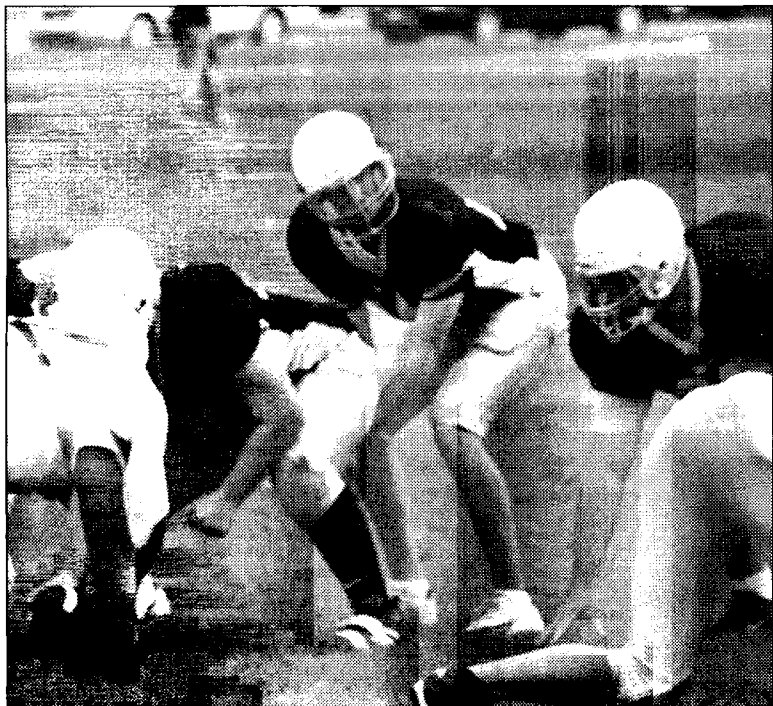
The development of a running game has added a new dimension to McBrayer's dangerous repertoire of skills. The Chicago native and the dynamic Morrissey offense have kept

defenses off balance all year with a steady diet of hard-nosed running and timely passing.

As McBrayer's interhall football career at Notre Dame comes to a close, he believes his team has all the pieces in place to win another championship.

"This is the best team I've ever played on," McBrayer said. "We have our eyes on the Stadium."

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Senior quarterback Joe McBrayer lines up under center in 2007. McBrayer is finishing his third season with the Manorites.

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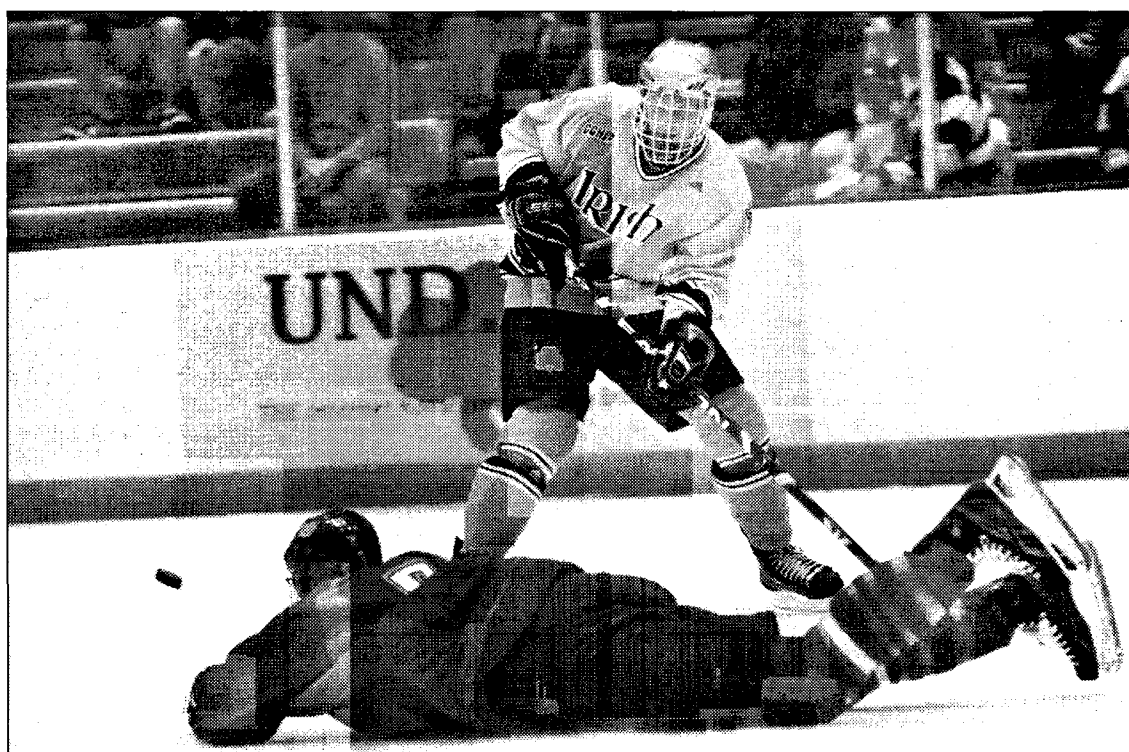
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Senior center Justin White receives a pass during Notre Dame's 7-0 win against Sacred Heart on Oct. 18. White had three assists this weekend on the road.

Regan

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next night at Providence on a rebound off a White shot. He made it 2-0 midway through the second when White knocked Guentzel's shot out of the air and deflected it to Regan, who put it home.

"Coach told us we were going to need some big shifts right away against BC so he'd have confidence to let us keep going," White said. "We had a couple good shifts right off the bat and were just trying to focus on little things, getting opportunities when we could. We were fortunate enough for Garrett to get a goal there to give the team a boost and give us as a line a boost, too."

The three linemates have developed a clear chemistry, but it hasn't happened just in Notre Dame's first eight games. Regan and White had

played together at times in the past, both in games and practice over the past three years, and Guentzel and White played on the same line for much of last year.

Regan and Guentzel go way back, though — the two were linemates at Hill-Murray High School in Maplewood, Minn., when Regan was a senior and Guentzel a sophomore.

"They created a lot of energy for us and changed the momentum of the game twice on the weekend."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

"[Guentzel's] a great passer," Regan said. "Anyone is lucky to play with him, being on the receiving end of his passes. We knew each other coming in and have grown to be even better friends, so it's been fun to play with him."

Guentzel added: "He was one of the top hockey players in Minnesota at the time, so just playing with him then was a big boost to my confidence, and it was an honor ... It's nice that we continue that right now."

And the trio's individual strengths have helped to form one cohesive unit.

"Playing with those guys is great because I feel we each bring something different," said White, who is known for his ability to control the puck. "Garrett's got a lot of speed and really pushes the defense back, and Guentzel's got really good vision."

While scoring outbursts like last weekend's might be rare, Regan said he and his linemates have come to understand and appreciate their roles on the ice.

"The fourth line is always looked on to be an energy line," Regan said. "We're going to be looked on to get out there and hit and get down and cycle. That's the biggest thing — if you can grind out their 'D' and get a couple chances here and there, you're doing your job as the fourth line."

The line's emergence will afford Notre Dame's top players additional rest and provide different looks for opponents to try to handle, Jackson said.

"Our lines are all a little bit different, and that's not a bad thing," he said. "It's good to have different styles of lines — maybe a grind line, a transition or speed line, and a little bit of a cycle line that can protect the puck and play really good down low offensively ... It allows us to be a four-line team, which is our strength."

Not all teams are as deep as the Irish, though, and many squads use their fourth lines sparingly, if at all. The fact that the threesome has had to compete for playing time has played a part in their development and improvement as a line, Guentzel said.

"When we get out there, we've just got to do the best we can," he said. "I know sometimes our shifts might be limited, but if we're given the opportunity to play, we've got to take advantage of it."

And they did just that over the weekend, Jackson said.

"There's no question, when they're playing the way they were playing, I have the confidence to use them against a team's first or second or third line," he said. "And I thought they did a great job ... They created a lot of energy for us and changed the momentum of the game twice on the weekend."

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Haywood

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learn how to deal with adversity."

Weis did not give any indication that the decision to take over the calls was based on the shutout loss to Boston College last Saturday. He also said that Haywood seemed fine heading into Saturday night's game despite the news.

"He came in and told me Friday morning. He was okay, we talked about it and we said we would revisit it on Sunday," Weis said.

"Having gone through a death during a football season myself at one time, you show up for the game but you are kind of in a fog. You're there but you're kind of not there at the same time."

Haywood started calling plays at the beginning of this season because Weis said he wanted to be able to focus more on what was happening on the field at all times.

Weis also said that the position at this point was only for Navy and he would not discuss any future plans until after the game.

"We decided not even to go there. Let's just try to get through this week and get through Navy," he said.

Haywood is scheduled to leave for Houston tonight and the funeral is scheduled for Thursday.

In the meantime, Weis has started to take control in offensive practices and meetings.

"I've been involved with the game plan, with Michael in there of course, as of Monday morning," Weis said.

Weis isn't exactly unfamiliar with the role. Prior to this season Weis called all of Notre Dame's plays and before that he also called play as the offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots.

"The one thing that I'll do is the guys will know very early in the week what we're going to call in the game," Weis said.

He said that the key against the Midshipmen was to have the offense play within their means. Navy has the 30th best run defense in the country and has been able to eliminate the deep ball effectively so far this season.

However, they have been willing to give up passing yardage underneath.

"As a play-caller you have to take what the defense gives you," Weis said.

Haywood said that he encountered the same challenge against Boston College and in the second half against Pittsburgh.

"The philosophy has now changed where all defenses are saying, 'you're not going to beat us with the deep ball,'" Haywood said.

Haywood said he plans on meeting the team in Baltimore and coaching in Saturday's game. He said that the absences of play calls would allow him to focus to calculate what is happening on the field and allow him to make better situational suggestions to Weis.

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

Peters

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Then in February, Peters tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), an injury that kept her from playing for the rest of the season. Now, Peters said her knee is close to full strength, thanks to her rehab over the summer.

"It was rough. It was a tough road doing rehab, it sucks," she said. "If you really are passionate about basketball you just gotta get through and keep pushing because you want to still play."

Peters said the rehab consisted of basic exercises to rebuild the strength in her quad as well as stability exercises. She said she would jump off of a chair and practice landing correctly, or jump to touch a backboard and focus on coming down straight on her knee.

Watching the team finish the remainder of the season while powerless to help, Peters said, bothered her.

"It was tough at the end when you know you couldn't help your team, and you wanted them to get all the way and you know you couldn't help them besides cheering," she said. "I knew if I did what I'm supposed to do in the offseason I'd be able to help them next year."

The toughest part of the ordeal, Peters said, was knowing her knee was healing but remaining unable to aid the team.

"Even though [I felt] a lot better and I'm able to walk and stuff like that, but still not being able to play," she said.

Her knee has not reached the 100 percent point, Peters said, but is getting there. She said she wants to return to the point where she was last year.

"Mainly I just want to get

back to the point I was at, and some," Peters said. "I'm just trying to work hard and get to that point. Maybe less fouling so I can stay in a little longer."

A lot of her fouls, she said, were small errors like reach-ins or attempting to block every shot taken close to her. Aside from "Not hitting people," Peters said she needs to be smarter on defense.

Besides her resolve to return to her previous form, Peters said she talked to former guard Charel Allen, who graduated in

May, about the injury.

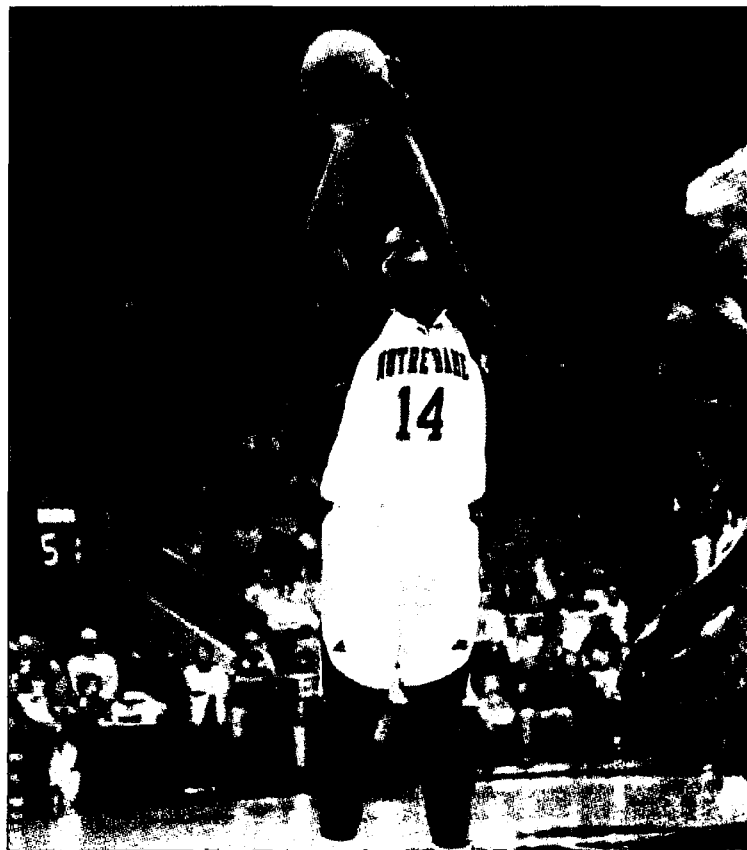
"A lot of it was just that I have to be mentally tough, it's going to be a long road," Peters said of her talks with Allen.

"Sometimes you're going to feel like you want to give up because it's tough, but if it's what you want then you gotta go through and just push yourself. There will be bad days, but you just have to push through it."

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Devereaux Peters
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Irish forward Devereaux Peters missed the last 11 games of her freshman season. She is back on the court this year.

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FOOTBALL

Calling the shots

Weis will take over offense against Navy in Haywood's absence

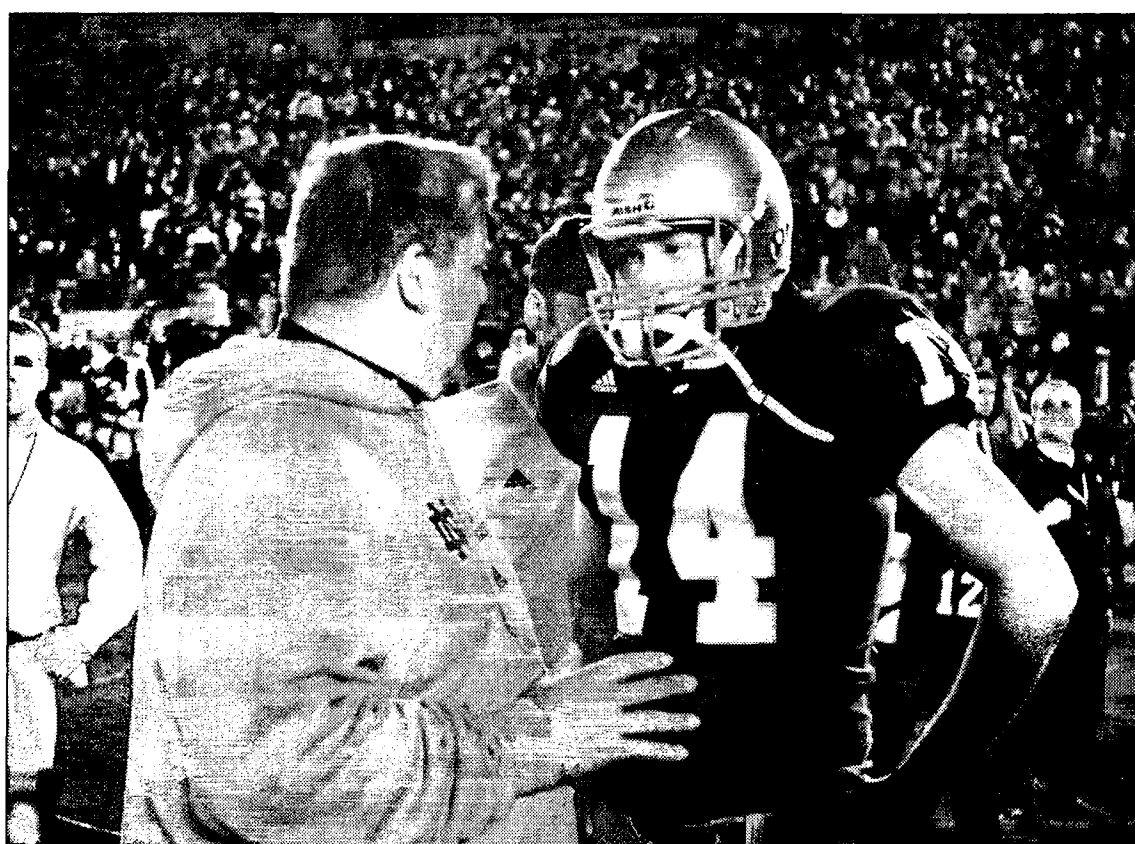
By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Irish coach Charlie Weis announced in his regular Tuesday press conference that he would be taking over the play-calling responsibilities for at least this week against Navy in Baltimore.

Weis said he made the decision because offensive coordinator Mike Haywood, Notre Dame's regular play-caller, will not be at practice this week. Haywood will spend the week at home in Houston dealing with the death of his cousin Clarissa Francis. According to Weis, the death was somewhat unexpected after a long battle with disease.

"Whenever there is something with family, everything stops," Haywood said. "You

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Irish coach Charlie Weis talks to Brandon Walker following Notre Dame's 41-38 loss to Pitt on Nov. 1. Weis announced Tuesday that he call plays during the game against Navy this Saturday.

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SMC TENNIS

Campbell signs on as new coach

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary's announced Tuesday that Dale Campbell will take over as its next head coach.

Campbell takes over for Chuck Rubino who coached the Belles to ten consecutive winning seasons before stepping down earlier this year.

Campbell also bring a successful past to the Belles. He coached several sectional and nationally ranked players during his ten years as the head pro at the South Bend Racquet Club. He left South Bend in 1998 and became the owner of Lakeland Athletic Club in Niles, Mich.

He played collegiate tennis at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Miss. where he earned the No. 1 spot on the team. He was also named team captain and MVP in his senior season.

He currently lives in Granger, Ind., with his wife and three kids.

MEN'S INTERHALL

McBrayer hopes to end long Morrissey career in stadium

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

As the Morrissey interhall football team vies for an opportunity to play in the stadium, senior captain Joe McBrayer leads the Manorites for the last time in his memorable career at Notre Dame.

McBrayer, the starting quarterback for the Manor for the last three years, has taken the

Manorites from playoff contenders to favorites during his tenure at Morrissey.

Thrust into the starting quarterback position as a sophomore, McBrayer needed no time at all to adjust to a new team and a full interhall season.

"We had great leadership from our seniors that year," McBrayer said. "My R.A., who was also on the team, took on the role of mentor. I relied on him for support and advice."

Joe led the team to the Stadium, where the Manorites cruised to their first championship in recent memory.

"That team could do just about anything on a football field," Joe said. "We could run, throw, tackle, you name it. Our guys took away any pressure that was on me."

The Manor appeared in the playoffs the following year, but was ousted in the first round in overtime by Keenan. Morrissey

has responded well to adversity in the past, and McBrayer expects his team to do the same in the playoffs.

"Losing to Keenan left a bad taste in our mouths for a year," Joe said. "We know what it's like to win it all and what it's like to lose it all. We want to relive that experience of winning in the Stadium again."

With a number of returning players from the championship team, Morrissey is poised to

make its return to the stadium.

The McBrayer of 2008, however, is a different quarterback than the one that won the championship in 2006. Adapting to a new team with a different style of play, McBrayer says that he's changed as a player from past teams.

"I can honestly say I've underperformed in terms of throwing the ball well this year. But what

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Peters returns to the court

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Notre Dame got a taste last season of what Devereaux Peters could do, but injury ended her contributions before she could display her full potential.

Peters, a sophomore forward, brought some teeth to the front of the Fighting Irish full-court press, getting her long arms and 6-foot-2 frame in the way of opposing players and obstructing their views and passing lanes. She struggled with foul trouble, but still averaged nine points and 5.3 rebounds in 20 minutes a game and led the team with 45 blocks.

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Irish sophomore Devereaux Peters goes up for a lay-up in Notre Dame's 81-64 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 27.

WU YUE/The Observer

HOCKEY

Fourth liners pulling their weight on the ice

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

The trio of Garrett Regan, Justin White and Ryan Guentzel may be listed as Notre Dame's fourth line, but Irish coach Jeff Jackson is sick of hearing about it — especially after Regan earned CCHA Player of the Week honors after scoring three goals in two 4-1 wins over the weekend while his linemates combined for five assists.

"Everybody keeps on saying it, but I don't look at them as being our fourth line," Jackson said. "You've got two

seniors [Regan and White] that have both been pretty effective players for us over the first three years and a real good sophomore [Guentzel] on that line. I think our lines are fairly balanced — if you look at our scoring right now, it's hard to really say we have a fourth line."

The line got off to a hot start Friday at No. 2 Boston College, as White and Guentzel assisted on Regan's first goal just four minutes into the game.

Regan put the now-No. 9 Irish (6-3-0, 2-2-0-0 CCHA) ahead 1-0 late in the first the

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