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## MBA program jumps six spots in rankings

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By ELLYN MICHALAK  
News Writer

The MBA program in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business advanced six spots in *BusinessWeek* magazine's biennial survey of MBA programs nationwide, from a No. 26 ranking in 2006 to No. 20 in 2008.

The survey ranks the top 30 MBA programs and the top 10 non-U.S. MBA programs. The University of Chicago's Booth School of Business earned the No. 1 spot, followed by Harvard Business School, Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management,

the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and the Stephen M. Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

Two year MBA candidate Mirjam Wit said she was pleased to see Notre Dame move up in the rankings.

"It definitely feels good to pay money and have my degree get more value as I continue my education here," she said.

*BusinessWeek* Magazine uses surveys of students and corporate recruiters as well as an intellectual capital rating to determine its rankings. The 45-question student survey is

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## Teaching program recruits students

By LAURA McCRYSTAL  
News Writer

Teach for America recruitment director Patrick Herrel told Notre Dame students Monday night that they can become involved both before and after graduation to solve "America's greatest injustice."

Teach for America recruits college undergraduates across the nation to spend two years on its teaching corps in public schools in 29 regions across the United States. Notre Dame, with 75 graduates currently teaching in the program, is one of the top 10 universities with the highest participation in the program, Herrel said.

Herrel, who taught in Charlotte, N.C. with Teach for America before he became a recruiter, spoke to a group of over 30 students at the information session targeted at sophomores and juniors. He said he was excited because it was the first time that the organization had hosted an event at Notre Dame specifically for underclassmen.

He said Teach for America is important because it allows recent college graduates not only to teach for two years, but also to commit themselves to

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## ND Votes pushes for sustained discussion

*Campaign wraps up activities and hopes that 'interest will extend beyond the election'*

By JOHN TIERNEY  
News Writer

Although ND Votes '08 will cease to exist following Election 2008, the organizers of the Center for Social Concerns-based initiative hope that political discussion will continue on campus.

"ND Votes may not have any official events, but our main goal was to facilitate political interest," ND Votes student co-chair Mallory Laurel said. "We hope that that interest will extend beyond the election."

The short-term goal of ND Votes was to increase student participation in the 2008 election, and the organizers hope

that the initiative has "stirred up the kind of political and civic participation that can be continued seven days a week, 365 days a year," Laurel said.

ND Votes was organized out of the Justice Education division of the Center for Social Concerns. Laurel said this justice division, which "is in some ways an extension of the interests of ND Votes," will continue to be active in promoting political discussion on campus.

"The student justice part of the CSC will have some sort of events that remind students that although we have enacted our right to vote, we must hold can-

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JESS LEE/The Observer

Howard Lerner, right, a former advisor to Sen. Obama's presidential campaign, speaks at an Oct. 28 ND Votes session.

## Recital features world dance, song

*Saint Mary's students perform international pieces at annual event*

By MEGAN LONEY  
News Writer

For the fourth year in a row, the Little Theatre was filled with the sounds of music from all over the world, as students performed a variety of international songs and dances as part of the Modern Language Recital.

"This showcase began as an end-of-semester assignment for my students to present to their class," said Saint Mary's professor Marianne Hahn, the founder of the recital. "One year, I had three sopranos in my class, and I thought that they should perform for an audience and not just for the other students in the class."

Hahn had her students per-

form as part of the recital that year and has continued it ever since.

But she did not have any students connected with the music department this year, so she contacted the department to see if any of the students would be willing to perform as part of the Modern Language recital this year.

Senior McKayela Collins, a music major with a focus on vocal performance, was interested and organized the entire music portion of the recital and sang a German piece by composer Clara Schumann. Collins is familiar with singing in other languages, as her major requires her to be proficient in singing in Italian, French and German. She sometimes does pieces in Spanish or

Russian.

"I chose this song because I wanted it to benefit students taking [German]," Collins said. "I thought it would be good for them to hear it and challenge themselves to understand the lyrics."

This piece is one of the songs Collins will perform in her February recital of all-female composers.

The first part of the recital, organized by Collins, consisted of music sung and played by Saint Mary's students. These students were recommended to Collins from various professors in the music department.

Nine students enrolled in Chinese 101 sang "You and Me," the theme from the 2008 Beijing Olympic games.

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## RHA recognizes residence leaders

By LIZ HARTER  
Saint Mary's Editor

The Saint Mary's National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) has been accepting nominations for induction into the organization for the second year since the beginning of November.

The NRHH, which is part of the College's Residence Hall Association (RHA) is an organization that acknowledges the people that make residence halls a great place to live, senior and NRHH president Shannon Egan said.

RHA first discovered the NRHH at the Great Lakes Association of Colleges and University Residence Halls (GLACURH) last year, RHA president Maura

Clougherty said. Since RHA is part of a national organization they attend yearly conferences like the GLACURH to learn ideas and develop programs they can bring back to the College. RHA decided that the NRHH is a good program because of the uniqueness of the residence halls.

"By bringing an NRHH chapter to our campus, we are able to formally acknowledge those people that make our residence halls a wonderful environment, and home, to our students," she said. "We extended our reach as RHA, so that on-campus students can directly recognize the people they see making an impact in their day-to-day lives."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Clothed in class

In the past three and a half years, I have not taken any classes that included nudity as a requirement.

This morning, I registered for classes for the last time in my college career and I'm fairly certain that I'll be keeping my clothes on next semester. I haven't seen the syllabi, but I'm pretty sure that nudity is not a requirement in classes like "Advanced Fiction Writing" or "American Political Parties."

Kaitlynn Riely

Associate News Editor

My sister, Kelly, has not been so lucky. She's a sophomore at a college in Pennsylvania, studying nursing.

She walked into one of her nursing classes in August and her professor told her to pick a partner she'd be comfortable with and make sure she wears clothes to class that are easy to take off and put on.

So while I was reading Moby Dick and writing a paper about the Democratic and Republican conventions, Kelly was giving, and receiving, a breast exam from her classmate, as the professor walked around the classroom to make sure everyone was performing them correctly.

Next semester, when I'm reading about political parties and the writings of 20th century American women writers, she'll be giving her classmate a sponge bath, and then getting a sponge bath from this same classmate. (The professor says they can wear bathing suits for this one, but still. The closest I've ever come to performing sponge baths in class is .... no, I've never come close.)

In my three and a half years at college, I've had some fairly tough assignments. I've written long papers, taken difficult tests and given some class presentations.

But the whole time, I was wearing clothes. School has seemed a lot easier and less stressful this semester since I realized I could be in the buff in DeBartolo.

I'm usually chilly enough in those classrooms as it is.

The nearest I've come to combining nudity and schoolwork at Notre Dame have been the unfortunate occasions when I was studying for final exams in the library and the bun runners of Alumni Hall ran by.

But I'm using Kelly's classroom experiences of undress as a motivating agent for the rest of my semester. And as we move into the end of the term and the beginning of the biannual college tradition of competing in complaining about who has it worse, consider thinking about my sister and her naked classmates.

You have two 20-page papers due on the same day? Did you have to write them in a hospital dressing gown?

You have three tests in one week? Do any of the tests involve feeling under your classmate's clothes?

I'm pretty sure they don't.

So when you head off to class the next few weeks, tackling your end of the semester work, bundle up. Wear multiple layers. Dress yourselves in a complicated array of clothes that can't be taken off or put on easily.

And enjoy not seeing your classmates in their birthday suits.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO FOR THE SOUTH BEND SNOWFALL?



Allan Jones

freshman  
Keenan

"Snowball fight."



Collin McCabe

junior  
Carroll

I went ice-fishing for compliments.



Harrison Chilton

senior  
Siegfried

I took a snowboard off the roof of the Siegfried Mansion."



Jenni Ross

senior  
off-campus

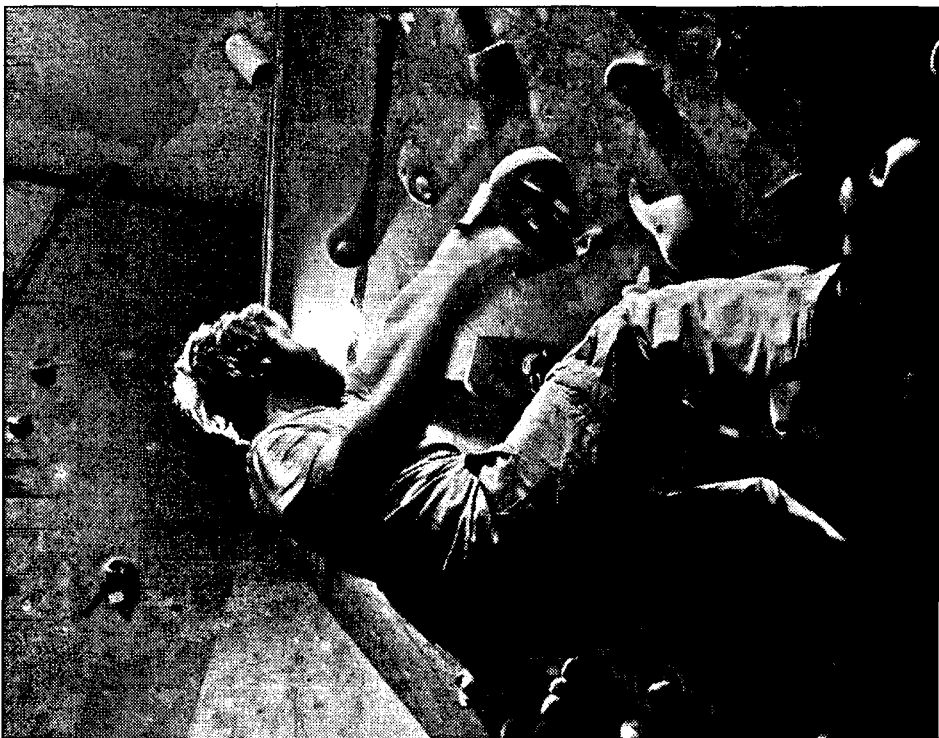
I created a life-sized replica of my roommate, Jess Lee, out of snow — mostly coal."



K. Sawyer Negro

senior  
off campus

"What snow?"



JESS LEE/The Observer

On a campus absent of mountains or hills, junior Collin McCabe scales the rock wall at Rockne Memorial Monday night.

OFFBEAT

Man loses 140 pounds to join military

LEWISTON, Maine — Army and Navy recruiters took one look at 330-pound Ulysses Milana and told him to forget about joining. "You've got to lose weight," Milana remembers them saying. But Marine recruiters were willing to work with him as he began his weight-loss journey in December 2007.

Now, 11 months later, Milana is 140 pounds lighter as he leaves Monday for Parris Island, S.C., to begin boot camp.

It wasn't easy, Milana said, but he managed to slim down through exercise, healthier eating habits and forgoing an occasional beer after work. The 23-year-old said he even refused a beer at his going-away party Saturday night.

Hand model sues Martha Stewart, Kmart

DES MOINES, Iowa — A hand model, magician and actor blames a Martha Stewart-branded lounge chair for snipping off a bit of his livelihood.

In a lawsuit filed Monday against Kmart

Corp. and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Patrick Albanese said he was moving the Martha Stewart Everyday lounge chair on a deck in June when the front tubular legs collapsed, crushing his right index finger between one of the chair legs and a tubular bar on the base of the chair.

The lawsuit said the fingertip fell beneath the deck but was later retrieved by a relative.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Zhigang Suo, professor of engineering and applied sciences at Harvard University, will present a seminar on the thermodynamics of large deformation in soft active materials today at 3:30 p.m. The topic has applications in medical devices, robotics, energy harvesting, microfluidics, and oil wells.

G.F. Michelsen will read from his latest novel, "Mettle," at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore tonight at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program and is open to the public.

Estampas Portenas, a tango group from Argentina, will dance at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tomorrow at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and can be purchased online or at the Ticket Office.

This month's Evenings of Prayer from Around the World will feature Muslim prayer. The service will be held at 7 p.m. tomorrow in 330 Coleman-Morse. Students of all faith traditions are welcome to the Campus Ministry-sponsored event.

The Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film "Boy A" at 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Thursday. In the film, a man who committed a terrible crime as a child is released from jail as an adult into a world he has never been part of.

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	LOW	18	LOW	20	LOW	27	LOW	23	LOW	24	LOW	31

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# ND development director wins Emmy award

George Keegan honored for work as co-creator of animated television series, "The Adventures of the Young Thomas Edison"

Special to The Observer

George Keegan, the University of Notre Dame's director of foundation relations, has an interesting connection to the famous inventor and business-  
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T h o m a s  
E d i s o n, and that connection, as well as a similar entrepreneurial spirit, recently earned Keegan, of all things, an Emmy Award, the highest honor of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.



Keegan

Keegan is co-creator of the animated television series "The Adventures of the Young Thomas Edison," which won the 2008 Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for Children/Youth/Teen Program or Special after airing on New Jersey Network Public Television. The show teaches creativity and innovation through the scientific method.

"I kept hearing about how science and math standards had been dropping," Keegan said. "And then I read a report that said if you don't

capture students' interest in math and science by fifth grade, you've lost them for life. I wanted to make an impact by inspiring kids to ask questions and think differently. The series is something that parents have been looking for because it's completely different."

Keegan, accepted his "dream job" at Notre Dame in February, leaving behind a career that many people might consider the same thing. He served as the executive director of the Edison Innovation Foundation in Newark, N.J., which is committed to educating the next generation of great innovators through Edison and his Invention Factory. Keegan worked alongside his father John, chairman and president of the Charles Edison Fund, from which the foundation was created, and remains a trustee of both the foundation and the fund.

The connection to the Edisons began with Keegan's father. A 1961 Notre Dame graduate, John Keegan was one of the attorneys who oversaw the estate of Edison's son Charles, who assisted his father in running the business, as well as serving as secretary of the Navy and governor of New Jersey. He didn't have any

children, so he left all of his money to his estate for historical preservation, medical research and higher education. Currently valued at around \$200 million, the fund, incidentally, has a long history of support for science and engineering at Notre Dame.

A 1995 Notre Dame graduate, Keegan earned a master's degree through the University's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, as well as an MBA from the University of Florida. After serving as the assistant fiscal manager for the Diocese of St. Augustine in Jacksonville, Fla., Keegan joined the Edison Innovation Foundation.

"Back in 1998, the board of the Charles Edison Fund felt Thomas Edison's legacy was not being preserved the way it should be," Keegan explained. "So, they set up the foundation to concentrate directly on his life and legacy and began a marketing campaign that would license Edison's name around the world."

Keegan's idea for the children's series and, consequently, its Emmy, has given the marketing campaign a huge boost, and he says the concept took root years before.

"When I was in business school I had a concentration in entrepreneurship and innovation, and that's when I really started talking to my father about Edison and what he did," Keegan said. "Besides wanting to combine my two master's degrees in education and business, that's when the light bulb really went on for me." (No pun intended)

Keegan partnered with Randall Rossilli Jr., producer and founder of Nightstand Creations, and in 2006 his idea blossomed into a pilot. The pilot was produced in only nine months, which is unheard of in children's animation, and, as Keegan admits, "especially for two guys who have never had any producing experience."

Now, eight months after a

"great opportunity presented itself" at Notre Dame, Keegan remains protective of "Young Thomas Edison." He still reviews all creative content for the show, which is committed to air next fall on participating PBS stations. The pilots already have airing commitments in New York, Mississippi and Florida, as well as New Jersey, and there are DVDs of each show, story books and animated music videos.

"It's surreal," Keegan said. "Everyone is kind of shocked that a pipe dream of one of their employees could be Emmy-worthy. It's a nice recognition, but, to me, what really needs to be done is to reintroduce Edison to the next generation of kids to allow them to think the way he thought."

Although he has "discussed the series with a lot of folks in Hollywood," Keegan doesn't want to sell out to someone who won't look after the initial purpose of the show, and he intends to stay at Notre Dame.

"The Emmy is simply a validation of a concept that I thought would work," he said. "I'm not planning to be the next Walt Disney. My skill set is more conducive to helping raise monies for Notre Dame."

## Notre Dame Marketing Club Event

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*Where?* Mendoza College of Business L014B

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didates we elected accountable," she said.

The future CSC events will help inform students of different ways that they can hold their elected official accountable, and will "show students that they can still be participants in the political arena in an off year," Laurel said.

Laurel, who co-chaired ND Votes along with Christine Romero, hailed the Pizza, Pop and Politics roundtable series as ND Votes' most successful event.

The series featured unbiased, non-partisan discussions of different policy issues of relevance in the election. Topics of conversation included energy, social issues, the economy and foreign policy and national security.

"I think we chose really relevant topics that many students were interested in," Laurel said. "We managed to garnish a large number of students to engage in conversation and participate in discussion."

"Facilitating interest was the main goal" of the discussion roundtable series, she said.

Panelists at Pizza, Pop, and Politics events were generally professors at the University. Choosing Notre Dame professors for the panel helped in keeping the discussions non-partisan, according to Laurel.

"Most professors, especially political science professors, aren't open about partisanship," she said. "We encouraged them to address the issues of both candidates."

Although ND Votes was organized out of the Center for Social Concerns, Laurel said the Pizza,

Pop and Politics events were not designed to reflect Catholic Social Teaching solely.

"We tried to keep the approach to the topics just political," she said.

However, she cited the discussion on social and moral issues as an event that was "devoted to the negotiation of the issues and a Catholic identity."

"That would be the event that we really tried to incorporate the Catholic Social Teaching that gets discussed so much on campus," Laurel said.

Laurel said that the voter registration drives ND Votes conducted on campus were successful. That success was "mainly because of our interaction with ND Votes dorm commissioners, who were really helpful registering students within their dorm, in addition to our own registering we would do at events," Laurel said.

ND Votes also sponsored lectures featuring guest speakers who come from the world of politics. The speakers included Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, a Republican who is currently rumored to be under consideration for a post in President-Elect Barack Obama's cabinet; Matthew Dalek, a former speechwriter for former House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt; and Michael Gerson, former speechwriter to George W. Bush and a columnist for The Washington Post.

The initiative was also responsible for the Popcorn and Politics film series, which featured films such as "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington."

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solving education inequity in other careers after their teaching experience.

Katy Janik, a senior political science major and campus campaign coordinator for Teach for America, also spoke and described ways that Notre Dame students can become involved with Teach for America as undergraduates.

"What we really want to do is get the word out to as many people as possible," she said.

She encouraged students to sign up to help post flyers, plan events, give presentations to classes and student organizations, and document information about prospective corps members. Janik has given over 50 presentations to Notre Dame students about Teach for America, which Herrel said is more than any other campus campaign coordinator. She said she became involved with Teach for America because she is passionate about education policy, and she also hopes to join the teaching corps.

Teach for America received 200 applications from the Notre Dame class of 2008, of which approximately 50 were accepted, Herrel said.

"We are looking for incredibly high-achieving individuals," which he said can be apparent through multiple areas of involvement. "We know incredibly high achievers take that achievement

into the classroom and expect the same from their students."

Herrel said that the "punchline" for Teach for America is whether or not its teachers are making a difference for their students.

He cited studies, such as the Teach for America National Principal survey, which found that 61 percent of principals said Teach for America's teachers were more effective than other beginning teachers in their impact on student achievement. He credited the program's success with the community of support that it creates for its teachers.

"When you inevitably fail and struggle and it's stressful and difficult, you've got a support system," he said.

Je'Rell Rogers, a member of the class of 2008 is in his first year with Teach for America. He teaches eighth grade English Language Arts in Houston and testified to both the challenge and the support in the program.

"Everyone will tell you how rough it is but you cannot possibly imagine how rough until you have stepped inside the classroom," he said. "It is easy to lose your focus and sometimes motivation. Thankfully, Teach for America provides you with a lot of resources and tries to make things as nice as possible. It is not an easy job, but there is a dire need, and in the end, I am confident that I will see the fruits of my labor."

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## NRHH

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The people that are nominated are people who often-times aren't recognized on a daily basis as contributing to the residence hall environment, like residents, resident advisors and staff members at Saint Mary's, Clougherty said.

Last year, the first year the organization was on campus, Egan thinks there were over 100 nominations and she said the NRHH will probably receive about as many this year.

Being nominated is only half the honor though, because the NRHH then reviews the nominations and decides who to induct into the organization, Egan said.

"Last year, we had 14 student inductees and three building services inductees, for a total of 17 honorees," she said.

Egan said this year's inductees will be informed of the honor and invited to a banquet honoring them on Dec. 5.

Inductees from last year will also be invited to the banquet, she said.

The NRHH is accepting nominations at lunch and dinner in the Student Center atrium at a marked table, as well as at nomination boxes at the front of each residence hall and at [rha@saintmarys.edu](mailto:rha@saintmarys.edu).

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## MBA

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conducted online via e-mail, and in 2008 BusinessWeek surveyed 7,264 students.

The survey asks students to rate the teaching quality, career services, alumni network and recruiting efforts of their MBA program. BusinessWeek averages all of the answers and calculates a student survey score for each school. Students also get the chance to give personal opinions on their school's program.

BusinessWeek posted the anonymous responses of some of the survey-takers on its Web site:

"The MBA program [at Notre Dame] and school as a whole has a very deep sense of community and purpose," one survey respondent wrote. "The quality of the education and classes are very good, and the program's focus on problem solving and social responsibility are a great mix. Finally, the alumni are incredibly supportive."

BusinessWeek gave the Mendoza College of Business' MBA program an "A" for its career services, and an "A+" in the teaching category.

Notre Dame currently offers both a one-year and a two-year MBA program. The one-year program offers a year-round curriculum and requires undergraduate prerequisite course hours in mathematics, accounting, economics, finance, marketing and management. The two-year program consists of four semesters of classes and a summer internship between the first and second year study. An inter-term in every semes-

ter permits students to enroll in one-week courses to broaden field expertise. During fall and spring break weeks, the program offers inter-term studies in China and Europe.

Wit graduated from Boston College with a degree in marketing and a minor in International Politics through Boston College's Faith, Peace and Justice program. She served in the Peace Corps and then decided to return to business and enroll in an MBA program. She said she looked at the rankings before selecting Notre Dame for business school.

"I looked at a combination of ranking and supplemented that with the Web site BeyondGreyPinstripes.org that ranks schools according to how they incorporate social and environmental values into their program. Because of their scores in both these aspects, Notre Dame was one of the schools I selected to apply to." Wit said. "I ended up looking at mostly higher ranked schools such as Michigan, Darden [The University of Virginia's Graduate School of Business Administration] and Duke. Notre Dame's financial aid package ultimately persuaded me to come here."

BusinessWeek announced the rankings last Thursday. The list will be featured in the magazine's Nov. 24 edition.

In BusinessWeek's March 2008 survey, Notre Dame's undergraduate program in the Mendoza College of Business ranked No. 3 behind Wharton and the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia.

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Peter Christman, ND '09 Political Science, Consulting/Global Energy/Global Internet

Melissa Fisher, ND '07 Spanish/Political Science/Peace Studies, Univision Television Group

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Somali pirates hijack Saudi tanker

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — In a dramatic escalation of high seas crime, Somali pirates hijacked a Saudi supertanker loaded with crude hundreds of miles off the coast of East Africa — defeating the security web of warships trying to protect vital shipping lanes.

The takeover demonstrates the bandits' heightened ambitions and capabilities: Never before have they seized such a giant ship so far out to sea. Maritime experts warned the broad daylight attack, reported by the U.S. Navy on Monday, was an alarming sign of the difficulty of patrolling a vast stretch of ocean key to oil and other cargo traffic.

The MV Sirius Star, a brand new tanker with a 25-member crew, was seized at about 10 a.m. Saturday more than 450 nautical miles southeast of Mombasa, Kenya, the Navy said. The area lies far south of the zone where warships have increased their patrols this year in the Gulf of Aden, one of the busiest channels in the world, leading to and from the Suez Canal, and the scene of most past attacks.

### Taliban reject Afghan peace talks

KANDAHAR — Taliban militants rejected an offer of peace talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, saying Monday there would be no negotiations until foreign troops leave Afghanistan.

Karzai offered Sunday to provide security for reclusive Taliban leader Mullah Omar if he enters negotiations and said the U.S. and other Western nations could leave Afghanistan or oust him if they disagree.

But Zabiullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, said there could be no talks while foreign troops are in the country.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Astronauts hitch crate to space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Astronauts hitched a giant shipping crate full of home improvement "goodies" to the international space station on Monday, a critical step for boosting the population in orbit.

It was the first major job for the crews of the linked space station and space shuttle Endeavour, and highlighted their first full day together.

"We're here to work," the space station's skipper, Mike Fincke, called down. "This is the can-do crew."

### Schwarzenegger hosts global summit

LOS ANGELES — Scientists, environmentalists and government and industry officials from around the world meet this week for a summit on greenhouse gas emissions that their host, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, hopes will highlight the economic benefits of pursuing green technologies.

The conference, which begins Tuesday in Beverly Hills with some 700 participants expected, is an attempt by the Republican governor to influence a U.N. gathering in Poland next month. Schwarzenegger has said he wants the summit to inform negotiations over a new global climate treaty, which the U.N. hopes to finish by December 2009.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Indiana keeps 'God' license plates

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Court of Appeals upheld the constitutionality of the state's "In God We Trust" license plate Monday, rejecting a claim that people who buy the plates should have to pay a \$15 administrative fee charged for other specialty plates.

In its 12-page ruling, the appeals court found that state lawmakers acted correctly in creating a license plate classification system that exempts people who purchase the "In God We Trust" plate from paying the administrative fee.

# Residents return to ruined homes

*Nearly 500 homes destroyed, 120 saved in affluent mobile home park*

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Stacks of charred bricks, blackened shells of cars and burned tree trunks were all that remained Monday in much of the community some residents once called the "Beverly Hills of mobile home parks."

The mostly retired residents returned to see what was left of their homes at Oakridge Mobile Home Park, where winds with hurricane intensity blew a wall of fire through nearly 500 manufactured homes and set them ablaze so quickly that even firefighters had to drop their hoses and run.

"It looks like a war zone — no trees, no buildings," said Michele Warneck, 54, who burst into tears after returning from the park. She had watched her two-bedroom house burn on the television news. "Everything that was porcelain just blew up."

Once considered a paradise with swimming pools and tennis courts, the park was now roamed by cadaver-sniffing dogs in search of anyone who didn't escape.

The inferno destroyed 484 homes in the park Saturday. Firefighters were able to save about 120 homes, but many were badly damaged.

The fire was one of three that have destroyed about 1,000 homes and apartments and burned 41,000 acres, or 64 square miles, forcing thousands to flee.

Most evacuation orders were lifted by Monday, when clear skies and calm winds allowed firefighters to make some gains, but officials warned of another bad air day and classes were canceled at dozens of schools near fire zones in Orange County.

In Sylmar, scores of residents stood in line outside a high school gymnasium for tours of the charred mobile home park where retirees once played tennis, took a



Firefighters hose down a hot spot in the remains of a home in the Oak Ridge Mobile Home Park on Saturday.

dip in a jacuzzi and played Mah-Jongh and poker.

Those whose homes were destroyed were shuttled through the neighborhood in a black van. Police were still investigating the fire, so people weren't allowed to get out and sift through the ashes for scraps of their belongings.

"It's gone," said Ed Hurdle, 82, after taking one of the first park tours. "The car is gone. The house is gone. It's twisted metal. It's totally charred there. There's no hope at all. Nothing. Nothing. Nothing."

A separate set of white police vans ferried residents whose homes were still standing so they could gath-

er medication and other essentials.

"My house was in great shape. All it was was dirty," said Betty Glassman, 78. "I feel like I'm in a dream. Pinch me."

Cadaver dogs have been searching the burned units, but so far have only found the cremated remains of a man who died several years ago.

Animal control recovered several dead animals and three live cats. Los Angeles County Assistant Coroner Chief Ed Winter said the cats could have been hiding under one of the units that wasn't damaged.

Neighbors huddled together inside the gymnasium,

which has been turned into a Red Cross shelter for evacuees, hugging each other and comparing notes about what they saw and what they were able to salvage.

"It's a disaster. It looks like Hiroshima," said Joan Costa, carrying plastic bags filled with makeup and medicines she had pulled from her home.

Elsewhere, the largest of the fires has burned more than 28,000 acres in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties and has destroyed more than 250 homes and apartment units. San Bernadino became the fourth county declared a state of emergency.

## ELECTION 2008

# Obama, McCain vow to cooperate

Associated Press

CHICAGO — No longer foes but not yet allies, President-elect Barack Obama and John McCain buried their bitter campaign in public smiles and searched for common ground in private on Monday, discussing possible collaboration on climate change, immigration, Guantanamo Bay and more.

The 40-minute session at Obama's transition headquarters, their first meeting since Nov. 4 when Obama handily defeated McCain, was just the latest effort by the president-elect to heal wounds from the long and bitter campaign and seek help from his for-

mer rivals. On Friday, he quietly met here with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, his toughest rival for the Democratic nomination and now a possible choice for secretary of state.

McCain's meeting with Obama was less furtive, and aides to both men said no Cabinet post is envisioned for the Arizona senator. Obama has said he plans to invite at least one Republican to join his Cabinet.

Like Clinton, McCain knows that returning to the 100-member Senate will impose limits and frustrations after the heady two years of the presidential campaign. For both, a friendly relationship with the new president might open new opportunities in

Congress or elsewhere, though they exchanged harsh words with him not long ago.

For Obama, cordial ties to two of the nation's most famous and successful politicians might smooth the launch of an administration confronting an economic crisis and two wars.

Before Monday's meeting, Obama said he and McCain would talk about "how we can do some work together to fix up the country." He thanked McCain "for the outstanding service he's already rendered."

In a joint statement after the meeting, they vowed to work together to reform government and promote bipartisanship in Washington.

# Recital

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These students learned the song during their Chinese language class.

"We learned the song in the first couple of weeks in class," freshman Maria Spyhalski said. "After our professor told us about the showcase, some of us volunteered to perform the song."

Spyhalski began studying Chinese this year was excited to sing in the language.

"I love the spotlight," she said. "And I love Chinese. I know that nobody probably understood what we were singing, but it was a very exhilarating experience. I will absolutely participate next year."

There were a total of seven songs sung in Chinese, French, Italian and German and one traditional Chinese song played by sophomore Chen Chen on the guzheng, a Chinese musical instrument.

Freshman Molly Wilson attended the recital to receive

extra credit for her language class, but enjoyed herself.

"I came to get extra credit for Italian class, but it was an enriching experience," Wilson said. "My favorite part was the Chinese musical instrument. I had never heard anything like it before."

The second portion of the recital featured five dance numbers from around the world: Mexico, China, Myanmar and Spain. Sophomore Jingqiu Guan organized this part of the recital and performed a Chinese classical dance titled

"The Color of Beauty."

Guan, who has been dancing since the age of three, said she thought cultural events such as this one are important.

"I think the most important thing is to broaden the audience's mind," Guan said. "It is important to the people who are learning languages because culture is a major part of the language."

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*"My favorite part was the Chinese musical instrument. I had never heard anything like it before."*

Molly Wilson  
Saint Mary's freshman

# Lieberman likely to hold chair

Senator under pressure by Democrats after supporting McCain

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Lieberman appears increasingly likely to hold onto his prized chairmanship of the Senate Homeland Security Committee as he meets Tuesday with Democratic colleagues unhappy over his vocal support for GOP nominee John McCain during this year's presidential campaign.

Not long ago, Lieberman's hold on his chairmanship seemed to be slipping as Democrats sought to punish him for boosting McCain and criticizing President-elect Barack Obama during the long campaign.

Now, according to several Democratic aides who demanded anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, it appears that Lieberman will receive a lesser sanction, such as losing a subcommittee chairmanship on the Environment and Public Works Committee.

Anger toward Lieberman seems to have softened since Election Day and there's strengthening sentiment that taking away his chairmanship might drive him from the Democratic caucus and send the wrong signals as Obama takes office on a pledge to unite the country. Lieberman has signaled it would be unacceptable for him to lose his chairmanship.

Lieberman, who was Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore's running mate in 2000, was re-elected in 2006 as an independent after losing his state's Democratic primary. He remains a registered Democrat and aligns with the party inside the Senate.

Lieberman faces a vote of his



Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn. walks through the Capitol basement in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 6.

Democratic colleagues on a secret ballot Tuesday after making his case at a closed-door caucus. While he appears likely to emerge without harsh sanction, his presentation and the reaction of colleagues could affect the outcome.

Obama has reportedly told Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada it would hurt the message of unity that he wants for his new administration if Lieberman leaves the Democratic caucus. Reid met with Lieberman last week and was initially inclined to strip him of the Homeland Security Committee chairmanship, according to a Senate Democratic aide.

"I was concerned and was upset about what happened earlier this year," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said on "Fox News Sunday." "But you know what? We turn the page."

On the other side are senators who feel that one of the

requirements to be installed in a leadership position is party loyalty.

"To reward Senator Lieberman with a major committee chairmanship would be a slap in the face of millions of Americans who worked tirelessly for Barack Obama and who want to see real change in our country," Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said in a statement on Friday. "Appointing someone to a major post who led the opposition to everything we are fighting for is not 'change we can believe in.'"

Reid has been working to find a compromise with Democratic supporters of Lieberman, including Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. Dodd and Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., have said it would be a mistake if any punishment by the party causes Lieberman to bolt to the Republican side.

# Woman charged with leaving corpse in home



Tammy D. Lewis makes an appearance in Juneau County Circuit Court, in Mauston, Wisc. Monday, Nov. 17.

MAUSTON, Wis. — A member of a religious sect pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor Monday after being accused of leaving another member's corpse in her bathroom so the group could collect her Social Security checks.

Tammy Lewis, 36, was fined \$350 for obstructing an officer, while prosecution was deferred on the more serious charges against her. She'll receive mental health treatment and testify against sect leader Alan Bushey at his trial in April, District Attorney Scott Southworth said.

Prosecutors accuse Lewis and Bushey of leaving 90-year-old Magdeline Middlesworth's body on the toilet in Lewis' home after she died there in March.

A criminal complaint says Bushey led the Order of the Divine Will sect and told Lewis that God would revive Middlesworth. The decaying body was found in May after Middlesworth's family expressed concern.

Prosecutors say they believe

Bushey and Lewis wanted to go on collecting Middlesworth's Social Security payments.

The other charges against Lewis, including felonies of hiding a corpse and causing mental harm to a child, will be dismissed in two years if she cooperates and follows other court orders involving her children, Southworth said.

"We view her as a victim as well of Alan Bushey," Southworth said. "We also understand the power, the mental power, that Alan Bushey was exercising over her, the coercion he was exerting over her."

Lewis' attorney, Dan Berkos, said his client turned to Bushey and the sect for support about three years ago, after she separated from her husband.

The attorney said Lewis is "very relieved" her case has been resolved. "She has made some really great progress emotionally and even physically. She is looking forward. She is no longer looking backward at how things should have been different."

## A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

# The Future of Democracy in CENTRAL AMERICA



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former President, Honduras

**Ottón Solís**  
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Stocks			
<b>Dow Jones</b>	<b>8,273.58</b>	<b>-223.73</b>	
Up: 899	Same: 73	Down: 2,769	Composite Volume: 1,241,429,521
<b>AMEX</b>	<b>1,308.38</b>	<b>-0.40</b>	
<b>NASDAQ</b>	<b>1,482.05</b>	<b>-34.80</b>	
<b>NYSE</b>	<b>5,323.36</b>	<b>-129.27</b>	
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>850.75</b>	<b>-22.54</b>	
<b>NIKKEI (Tokyo)</b>	<b>8,366.61</b>	<b>-155.97</b>	
<b>FTSE 100 (London)</b>	<b>4,132.16</b>	<b>-100.81</b>	
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-1.33	-1.15	85.47
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-2.10	-0.61	28.37
FINANCIAL SEL (XLF)	-6.36	-0.81	11.92
CITIGROUP INC (C)	-6.62	-0.63	8.89
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.76	-0.066	3.684
13-WEEK BILL	-30.77	-0.04	0.09
30-YEAR BOND	-0.57	-0.024	4.206
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.79	-0.042	2.305
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-2.09	54.95	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-0.50	742.00	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.60	84.70	
Exchange Rates			
YEN		96.4250	
EURO		0.7930	
CANADIAN DOLLAR		1.2317	
BRITISH POUND		0.6684	

## IN BRIEF

### Mark Cuban charged with inside trading

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators on Monday charged Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban with insider trading for allegedly using confidential information on a stock sale to avoid more than \$750,000 in losses.

Cuban disputed the Securities and Exchange Commission's allegations and said he would contest them.

In a civil lawsuit filed in federal court in Dallas, the SEC alleged that in June 2004, Cuban was invited to get in on the coming stock offering by Mamma.com Inc. after he agreed to keep the information private.

Cuban owned 6.3 percent of Mamma.com's stock at that time and was the largest known shareholder in the search engine company, according to the SEC. The agency said Cuban knew the shares would be sold below the current market price, and a few hours after receiving the information, he told his broker to sell all 600,000 shares before the public announcement of the offering.

### Industrial output rebounds in October

WASHINGTON — Industrial output posted a bigger-than-expected rebound in October after plunging in September by the largest amount in over 60 years.

The Federal Reserve said Monday that industrial output rose 1.3 percent last month, reflecting a return to more normal operations following hurricanes and a strike at aircraft manufacturer Boeing Co. the previous month.

Those disruptions along with the weak economy caused industrial production to fall by 3.7 percent in September, the biggest one-month drop since a 5 percent plunge in February 1946.

The 1.3 percent increase in October was bigger than the 0.2 percent rise that economists expected, but the September decline was worse than the 2.8 percent drop originally reported. The government attributed the steeper fall to revised data showing that Hurricanes Gustav and Ike had a bigger impact on the chemical industry than initially thought of the way

# Citigroup makes severe job cuts

53,000 jobs cut as Citigroup prepares for leaner future, gets back to basics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Citigroup, widely seen as the sickest Wall Street bank, will make some of the most severe cuts in the history of U.S. business — 53,000 jobs — as it tries to slash costs and get back to basics before it's too late.

The cuts, which will leave Citi about 20 percent smaller, are the latest step in a stunning remaking of the American banking landscape since the financial meltdown, an upheaval that has included the demise of storied investment houses and the conversion of others into commercial banks.

Citigroup CEO Vikram Pandit met with employees Monday and laid out the bank's strategy in stark terms: "We are a bank. What does a bank do? A bank takes deposits and puts them to work by investing and making loans."

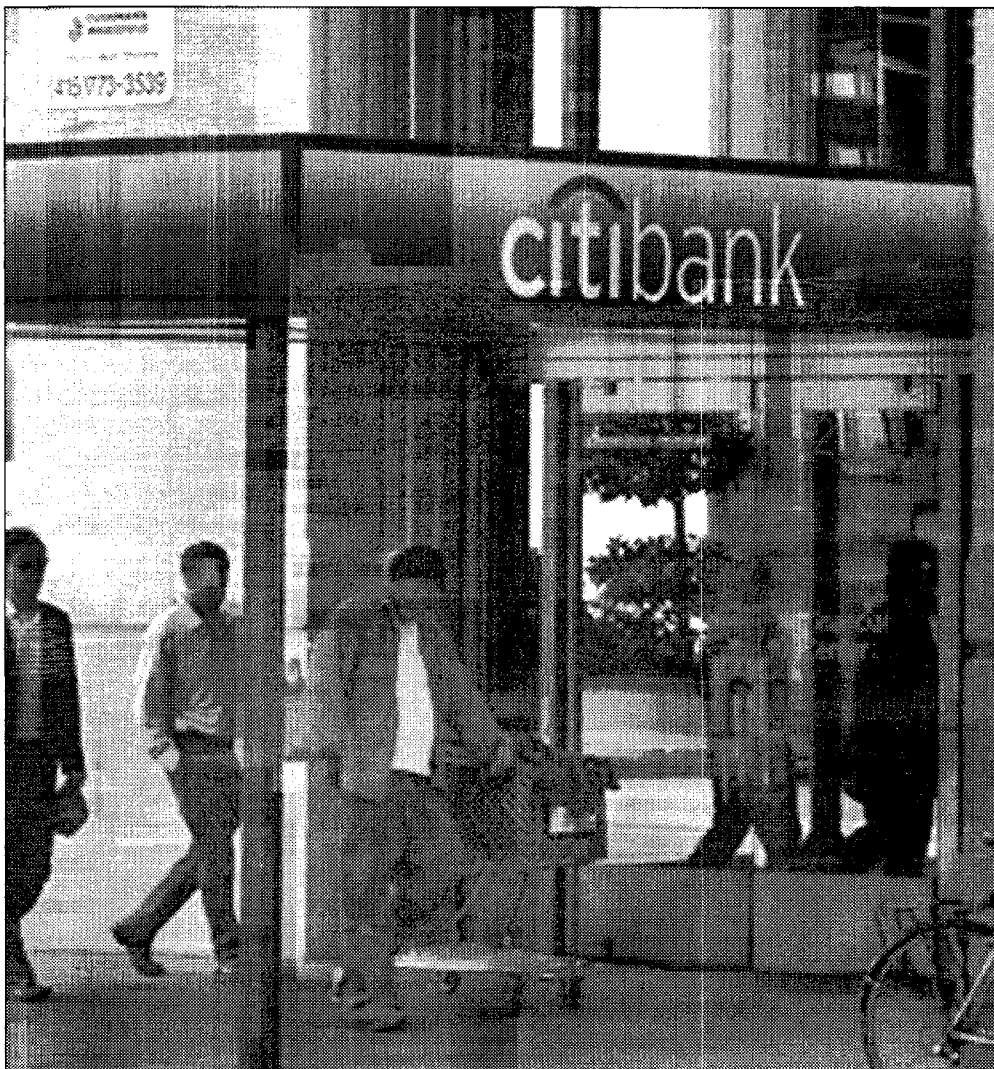
Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., which has tracked downsizing since 1993, said Citi's cuts are the second-most on record. IBM announced in July it was cutting 60,000.

At its peak in 2007, Citi had 375,000 employees.

About half the cuts are expected to come from selling off parts of the business. The bank has already said it would sell Citi Global Services and its German retail banking businesses, and it plans to unload more, a spokesman said. The rest of the cuts are expected to come from layoffs and attrition.

As investors digested that news, financial stocks had a bad day. Citigroup stock fell 63 cents, or more than 6 percent, to \$8.89. The Dow Jones industrials, nearing their lowest close since the financial meltdown began in September, lost nearly 224 points to close at 8,273.58.

The government invested \$25 billion in Citigroup as part of the financial rescue package. On Monday, the Treasury Department announced it had given



Pedestrians walk past a Citibank branch office in San Francisco on Monday. Citigroup has announced plans to make cuts that will make the company 20 percent smaller.

another \$33.6 billion to 21 banks in a second round of payments from the program.

Still, the Bush administration has told lawmakers it does not plan to use at least half of the \$700 billion bailout fund, congressional officials said. That would leave President-elect Barack Obama to decide how to use the money when he takes office in January. The Treasury Department said no decision had been made on whether to spend the rest of the money before Bush leaves office.

For Citi, the simple, leaner plan is a noticeable change from earlier in the decade, when banks were making a huge chunk of their profits

from complex structured-finance products based on risky debt, like subprime mortgages.

Now those revenues have all but dried up, and Citi is trying to extract itself from exotic debt instruments.

"The shocking thing is that the Wall Street business model, prior to September, is effectively gone. We don't have any more independent investment banks," said Lee Pinkowitz, an associate finance professor at Georgetown University Business School.

Pandit told workers the bank was not giving up on investment banking, citing emerging markets as a place that can deliver growth. But the riskiest investment

banking businesses are now so slow they can't support thousands of employees.

As Pinkowitz said, the financial crisis took "what was muscle at one point and created fat."

Citigroup, which built up through rapid acquisitions over the past two decades, has long been criticized as too sprawling and difficult to manage.

"Why the heck do they need 350,000 people to start with?" said Robert Howell, a finance professor at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "It's always been way overstaffed. They should've woken up to that fact a year ago when they had way too many people to begin with."

# Chances of aid slim for automakers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prospects dimmed on Monday for the \$25 billion bailout that U.S. automakers say they desperately need to get through a bleak and dangerous December.

Though all sides agree that Detroit's Big Three carmakers are in peril, battered by the economic meltdown that has choked their sales and frozen loans, the White House and congressional Democrats are headed for stalemate over how much government money should go toward helping them.

Behind the logjam is a troubling reality for the car companies: Bailout fatigue has set in at the White House

and on Capitol Hill, where many in both parties have spent the past few weeks being berated by constituents for agreeing to the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue.

The new debate comes as the financial situation for General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC grows more precarious. GM has said it could run out of cash by year's end without government aid.

A Senate auto bailout bill unveiled Monday noted that 355,000 U.S. workers are directly employed by the auto industry, and an additional 4.5 million work in related industries. That doesn't count the 1 million retirees, spouses and dependents

who rely on the companies for retirement and health care benefits.

Still, not only has President George W. Bush made it clear he doesn't want to dole out any new aid for the automakers, congressional officials say his administration has privately informed top Democrats it won't even use at least half of that huge rescue fund approved last month to aid the financial industry.

The Senate Democrats' measure would carve out a portion of the Wall Street bailout money to pay for loans to U.S. automakers and their domestic suppliers, but aides in both parties and lobbyists tracking the plan privately acknowledge they are far short of the votes to pass it.

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## Capital punishment still an issue

When former President Jimmy Carter and Bob Barr, the 2008 Libertarian candidate for President, agree on anything, we should take notice. Both recently urged the Georgia Board of Pardons and Parole to reverse its decision to deny clemency to Troy Anthony Davis, sentenced to death for the 1989 murder of police officer Mark MacPhail.

Davis was charged with two counts of aggravated assault, one for shooting Michael Cooper at a party, and the other for striking, two hours later, a homeless man, Larry Young, on the head with a pistol. Davis was charged with murder for shooting Officer MacPhail, moonlighting as a security guard at a bus station. As charged, MacPhail chased Davis after the assault on Young. Davis fired at MacPhail who was shot in the face and fell. Davis, it was charged, walked over to MacPhail and shot him twice again. The pistol was never found, but shell casings at the scenes showed that the same pistol was used to shoot Cooper and MacPhail. The jury convicted Davis on all counts.

Davis has sought a new trial on the grounds that he is innocent, that seven of the nine witnesses who testified against him have recanted their testimony and that evidence implicates another person as the killer. The Georgia Supreme Court, in a 4-3 ruling in April, 2008, denied Davis a new trial. The Supreme Court of the United States denied review. Further proceedings are pending.

Courts properly give less weight to a recantation, whether sworn or unsworn, than to the witness' testimony before the judge and jury at the trial. The Georgia Supreme Court majority last April found the recantations insufficient to overturn the jury's verdict because they lacked materiality as to innocence or failed to show the witness' testimony at trial to have been the "purest fabrication." The three dissenters said the majority's approach "is overly rigid and fails to allow an adequate inquiry" into the question of

whether an innocent person might have been convicted and might be put to death.

An innocent person should not be imprisoned for a day, let alone executed. The finality of execution adds urgency to any claim that a person sentenced to death is innocent. On the entire facts, Davis' entitlement to a new trial is far from a sure thing. It is doubtful at best. But whatever the outcome of his claim, it should prompt us to ask: Does it make sense to impose the death penalty even for an aggravated murder such as this? Thirty-six states, plus the United States government, have the death penalty, with 1,129 executions since 1976. As of Jan. 1, 2008, 3,350 persons were on death row in the United States. The passage of two decades and more between the crime and the execution is not unusual. Numerous studies show that the imposition of the death penalty costs taxpayers far more than it would to imprison the defendant for life without parole.

Since 1973, at least 130 persons have been released from death row with evidence of their innocence of the crime for which the death sentence was imposed. The death penalty, however, should be reconsidered for reasons more basic than the possibility of executing the innocent. The clearest exposition of those reasons is in the recent teaching of the Catholic Church.

No one, including the state, ever has authority intentionally to kill the innocent. The state, because it ultimately derives its authority from God, has authority to kill intentionally in two cases, the just war and the death penalty.

The "primary aim" of punishing a criminal is retribution, "redressing the disorder introduced by the offense." Catechism, no. 2266. The other purposes of punishment are rehabilitation of the offender and deterrence of the offender and of others.

In Evangelium Vitae (EV) and the Catechism (CCC), John Paul II reaffirmed the authority of the state to impose the death penalty. But he gave us a new criterion for the use of that penalty. Neither retribution, nor any other purpose, will justify the use of the death penalty unless it "is the only possible way of ... defending human lives against the unjust aggressor." In other words, it has to be the only way to keep this criminal from killing

again. The fact that the death penalty may deter others from killing is not enough. Nor does the horrific nature of the crime justify execution.

This restriction arises from the importance of the conversion of the criminal. St. Augustine and St. Thomas agree "for a just man to be made from a sinner is greater than to create heaven and earth." S.T. I, II, Q. 113, art. 9.

"[N]on-lethal means," said John Paul, "are more in keeping with... the common good and ... the dignity of the human person. Today, ... as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for... rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm — without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself — the cases in which... execution... is an absolute necessity 'are very rare, if not practically non-existent.'" Catechism, no. 2267, quoting EV, no. 56.

Whether execution is an "absolute necessity" depends on a prudential judgment as to the ability of the prison system to confine this prisoner securely. But the Church's limitation on the use of the death penalty is a universal, and not a prudential criterion. It applies everywhere and in all states. Use of the death penalty could be permitted under this criterion in some cases, for example, if a life inmate, already in maximum security, murders another inmate or a guard; or if the state is unable to confine inmates securely.

In our culture the intentional infliction of death has become an optional problem solving technique. The ultimate perversion is seen in those who oppose the death penalty for criminals and support it for the innocent unborn child. As John Paul said, "[I]n the name of God, respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life!" EV, no. 5.

If Troy Anthony Davis is innocent of murder, he should not be executed or imprisoned for that crime. For the more basic reasons advanced by the Vicar of Christ, he should not be executed even if he did murder Officer MacPhail.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Always remember others may hate you but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself."

Richard M. Nixon  
former U.S. president



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Going green?

I'm writing this letter as I sit next to my heater with the window wide open. You may be asking yourself why I'm doing this, but it's actually quite simple: it's because most of the heaters in Dillon (and I'm assuming in most of the other older dorms) don't operate correctly. In my room, we have no control over the heater. Depending on whether the main valve is turned on, the heater is either turned to full blast or is not turned on at all. And because we have no control, we are forced to open the window to counteract all of the heat. Just yesterday, I was given three new fluorescent light bulbs to conserve energy — which I think is a great idea. However, shouldn't we be tackling the bigger issues such as the heaters? I don't know how much it would cost, but if the Notre Dame community wishes to conserve our energy, then we should be less focused on fluorescent bulbs and more focused on all the energy that is being wasted DAILY.

Ryan Renacci  
sophomore  
Dillon  
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### English is the issue

While issues with the movie, "Tropic Thunder", and the repeated use of a certain r-word, which literally means slow, have dominated the Viewpoint pages these past few days, the issue itself is not the movie. Popular culture has made differences bad, with everything from the negative connotations of the word "retarded" to the use of "gay" as an insult. The message to me of this Viewpoint skirmish is not the problem with the movie, "Tropic Thunder" itself, but a problem with ourselves. I wage a battle with myself relatively regularly, as gay and lesbian jokes come up among my friends, or the antiquated idea of a problem with learning disabilities surface in jokes and media. (Yes, by the way, based on traditional definitions, people with common learning disabilities such as forms of dyslexia qualify as "retards," myself included). The challenge I come away with is one to become more accepting in my language and reactions, checking for offensive language and expressions. I challenge my fellow students to do the same.

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### Acceptance should apply to all

Yesterday, I was shocked and saddened by Liz Froehlke's gross misjudgement ("Lack of acceptance an issue of ignorance," Nov 17) of what is considered an acceptable subject to "poke fun at." I have not seen a more patronizing or mean-spirited article in the time since I arrived here at Notre Dame. The first paragraph (half of the whole article) seems exclusively devoted to doing what you claim to most deplore, and attacking someone else for no good reason. If, as seems readily apparent, she cannot air her views without resorting to numerous ad hominem attacks on the person, morals, age and intelligence of Colin Keeler, then I implore her to not air them at all. I don't want to hear her personally attack a person who is new to this school and, in her own words "just a freshman." I am also "just a freshman" but I can certainly understand and be extremely indignant when she patronizes one of my classmates. This is doubly true when it is someone I both know and respect for his intelligence. If she thinks this little of him, I dare not ask what she thinks of me.

Obviously, Ms. Froehlke disagrees very strongly with Colin. It just so happens that I come down in the middle of this issue, by and large. There is a place for satire, especially when the target is Hollywood, but I still object to the method Stiller chose to use. The fact is, Hollywood exploits all manner of disabilities in its quest for profit and acclaim. However, the end does not justify the means. Stiller resorted to tactics even more blatant and deplorable than the Hollywood norm, in an effort to discredit the Hollywood norm. Though Hollywood deserved to be discredited, I believe Stiller could certainly have made an attempt to find a more reasonable method. Satire, on some issues, is just too harsh.

The same argument applies just as easily to Ms. Froehlke's letter, however. Her argument is something that I largely agree with, after the first paragraph is through. However, in that first paragraph, she chooses to insult Colin Keeler simply because he disagrees with her, and to insult all freshmen, simply because Colin Keeler is one. I found it very difficult to sit down and read the remainder of her letter, or acknowledge that it has merit, because of the sheer hypocrisy with which it began. She is a senior in college, and clearly believes herself more intelligent and mature than Colin, and presumably than myself. She should prove it.

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### Weis accountable

Although we have long been skeptical of Charlie Weis' ability to be a successful college head coach, my roommate and I have tried to remain quiet as others attempted to identify specifically what the problem has been. This latest debacle of a football game against Navy has proven to finally break our silence. So why is our football team performing so poorly? The bottom line is that our head coach makes horrible decisions at horrible times. Let's recap some of these decisions, specifically those Coach Weis made during this weekend's stroke-inducing victory over Navy.

In no particular order, there was the QB-read sneak on 3rd & 4 (note that even if successful, this play usually goes for 2-3 yards, still short of the first down); running the Wildcat offense for the first time this year on a 3rd & 5 with Golden Tate taking the snap (who, as much as we love his playmaking ability, has never been a passing threat); putting in our second string players with 9 minutes left and only a 20 point lead (a 5-4 team should never be that confident); and finally going for it on 4th & 3 from Navy's 48-yard line (with said second string players still in the game) giving Navy a shorter field to drive down and score than if we had punted. It was also painfully obvious during all three of Navy's onside kick attempts that our team has not practiced the proper way to defend against such a kick. Our players stood still, waiting to get run over instead of charging the ball and jumping to meet it at its highest point.

How about some other notable decisions from the past four years: a pass on 4th and 1 (from midfield) in a tie game against Pittsburgh with 50 seconds left; the fake punt against LSU in the Sugar Bowl on 4th and 13 from our own 30 yard line on the first drive of the game; not attempting a 43-yard field goal against Navy last year; and last, but not least, he once even started Demetrius Jones. Furthermore, there is the noticeable lack of discipline our team displays each week — arguably the only thing a head coach truly has control of. We watch dumbfounded each Saturday, as our team commits mental mistakes ("False start, number 74 offense," anyone?) and personal fouls (Toryan Smith's endzone dive, or perhaps Harrison Smith's late-hit against Pitt after a 3rd down stand, a huge momentum swing). What's worse is that these infractions go unpunished. The players get their 10-second lecture then they're on their merry way and back playing in the next series. Charlie Weis has simply lacked the ability to coach, which in the barest sense of the word is the ability to teach others about the game of football.

Yes, his recruiting classes have been spectacular. Unfortunately, that doesn't matter if you can't develop that talent into something useful. We thought he had this ability when Brady Quinn's 50 percent completion percentage his sophomore year turned into a 65 percent rate his first year under Weis. However that just means maybe he would be an amazing quarterbacks coach. As far as head coaching goes, he just doesn't have what Notre Dame is looking for. Three years later Charlie's signature game is still a 31-28 loss to USC.

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### The Catholic vote

In his perceptive commentary on the Catholic vote, Professor Rice asks why so many Catholics voted for Obama. The answer, I suggest, is that they simply do not accept the Church's teaching respecting the personhood of the fetus. Oh, they may say that they do and go on about "balancing" other "life" issues and the like. Some may even believe they do. But, demonstrably, they do not. Consider this analogy: The Supreme Court rules that a mother has a Constitutional right, under the privacy rubric, to direct the humane killing of her child within 24 hours of birth if a doctor determines that the infant suffers from a major disability. A Presidential candidate declares support for this ruling, opposition to any efforts to limit or undo it and endorsement of federal funding to underwrite these infanticides. Obama is that candidate unless that infant's claim to life is stronger than a fetus's.

Obama and most, if not almost all, of his supporters assert that it is. But a Catholic voter cannot make that distinction and at the same time proclaim adherence to the Church's teaching respecting the sanctity of life in the womb. The elaborate calibrations of prominent pro-abortion Catholics who purported to follow the bishops' guidelines were, accordingly, transparently infirm. A Catholic who genuinely accepts the Church's central teaching as to the moral personhood of the fetus cannot in conscience vote for an Obama any more than he or she could support the infanticide candidate of the hypothetical. It matters not whether the candidate's program might somehow result in a reduction of abortions or infanticides in the future. The deliberate taking of innocent lives today cannot be "balanced" by the saving of other lives tomorrow, whatever the numbers. Not, at least, in any Catholic moral equation. This, of course, does not mean that a Catholic should have voted for McCain. That is a different question.

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## CARTEL &amp; CITIZEN COPE

Draw Large Crowds  
and Mixed ReactionsBy PATRICK GRIFFIN  
Scene Writer

The complementing styles of Cartel and Citizen Cope provoked contrasting opinions from a large crowd at the Stepan Center last Friday night.

The concert, arranged by the Student Union Board, was a dual headlining show. Cartel promptly opened the show at 9 p.m. to a curiously small crowd for such a high profile concert.

It was for this reason, perhaps, that the band initially seemed somewhat distracted. Will Pugh, Cartel's lead singer and guitarist, had little to say as the band took the stage for the first time. Part of the responsibility of a performer is to connect with the audience, not just during the music, but also between songs. The band did this on but few occasions early in the night. Some felt at times that the band did not realize that there was an audience in front of them.

"I came here as a huge Cartel fan, and was a little disappointed," sophomore Mike Matheson said. "I love their recorded music, but something seemed like it was missing from their performance."

Fortunately, as more students trickled in, Cartel seemed to find their niche, delivering a solid musical performance. The band's energy seemed to build as well, inciting mosh pits and crowd surfing that was quickly suppressed by security, to the chagrin of many students.

Nevertheless, students sang along and pumped their fists to Cartel's pop-punk songs. The band lineup included three guitars, a bassist and a very lively drummer.

"I really like Cartel," sophomore Robin Brown said. "They did a good job."

Cartel was able to include many singles from both of their albums: Chroma (2005) and Cartel (2007). "Say Anything (Else)", "I

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Will Hide Myself Away" and "Honestly" were just a few of the many songs the quintet was able to fit into their hour long set. The band also performed a cover of Oasis's "Wonderwall."

After a wait of nearly an hour, Citizen Cope finally took the stage, opening with his hit "Hurricane Waters." Cope's musical ambience encouraged plenty of dancing and head nodding.

Cope was also able to perform many of his hits, including "Bullet and a Target" and "Penitentiary," before closing the concert with "Son's Gonna Rise" and "Sideways."

Cope's mixture of blues, folk music and hip-hop made for a very unique show. His backing band featured dual pianos as well as a bass guitar and

drums, which provided the smooth driving melody to Cope's slack-jawed vocals.

Many students, especially those who were unfamiliar with Citizen Cope, reveled in the performer's genre defying style.

"I didn't know much about Citizen Cope at the beginning of the night, but now I'm definitely a fan," Matheson said.

Others were somewhat disappointed in Cope's performance. "I didn't think that Citizen Cope performed to

their potential," Brown said.

All students, however, approved of the new seating format in the Stepan Center. Unlike previous shows at Stepan, Friday's concert featuring general admission standing areas in front of the stage and seating on the sides.

"I thought it was better that we didn't have chairs. The performers were able to engage the audience and the crowd was able to get closer to the stage," Brown said.

Despite mixed reactions, the performances drew a large crowd and introduced students to a concert format that was received enthusiastically.

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## to be good OR NOT TO BE GOOD?

Imagine, if you will, a scene that's often typical for Domers of a certain age on weekend nights. The setting? The elegant Linebacker Inn, a haven for both sophisticated types and their low-brow brethren. The beverage? Some variation on the typical American brew. The company? Locals and students alike.

*Analise Lipari*

*Scene Editor*

On this particular night not too long ago, a good friend and I have visited the deejay's booth two or three times to request a particular song. He rotates through various hip-hop standards, classic pop tunes and even the occasional Christmas song (This is Catholic Disneyland, after all, and the sooner we can get to Christmas, the better). Finally, mere minutes before we, feeling defeated by his cruelty, were planning to leave, he indulges our request. Suddenly, a voice rings out above the crowded dance floor.

"Cause you're hot, then you're cold! You're yes, then you're no!"

Needless to say, we were pretty excited. Our dance tune o' the month, Katy Perry's "Hot N Cold," was finally getting some air time. The song is a pitch-perfect blend of frothy pop, catchy lyrics and that intangible quality known as "danceability." In short, it's a fun song — and you can dance to it. I'll be the last person to claim that Katy Perry is a practitioner of high art in any sense, or that "Hot N Cold" will still be in steady rotation on my iPod (or its futuristic equivalent) when I'm raising my own band of rugrats. But for right now, it's a great dance tune, and I like it. No shame in that. Or is it?

I recently relayed this story to a friend, a guy friend (which might have influenced his opinion) who groaned at the mention of Katy Perry. His objection to "Hot N Cold,"

minus a philosophical disagreement with the use of the letter "N" as a substitution for an actual word in the title, was that it just wasn't good. It's one thing, he said, to be able to "dance" to a song — a word that, we both agree, is used loosely with whatever the heck it is our generation does on the dance floor. It's another thing entirely for a song to actually be good.

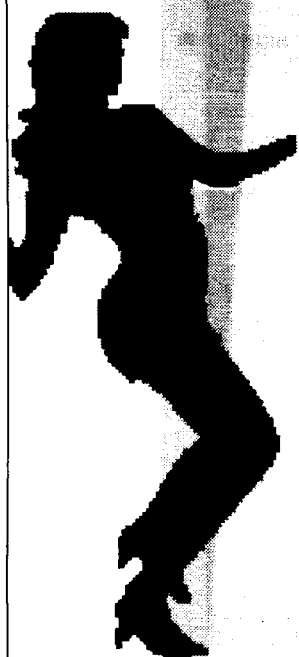
I'll also never claim to be a dance expert of any kind. But I know a good dance tune when I hear one. Whether it's some classic Kanye, a solid 80s hit (hem, Duran Duran) or Britney Spears' "Womanizer," dance music is dance music. All you need is a catchy tune (or, in Kanye's case, a catchy sample) and some semi-repetitive lyrics and you've got a hit that's bound for the dance floor.

I could try to argue that these songs hold artistic merit, and variably, they do. "I Wanna Dance With Somebody" is a chance for Whitney Houston to dazzle listeners with her outrageous vocal range, and the benefits of "Livin' on a Prayer" need no elaboration.

Even current pop dance hits have their merit. Take "Hot N Cold," for example. Sure, the melody just goes up and down, up and down, but to me, the song is an educational exercise: Katy Perry Teaches You Opposites. Hot and cold; yes and no; in and out; up and down — the girl could have her own segment on Sesame Street.

In the end, I can't help hedging my bets on the side of ridiculous dance tunes. Sure, it's not all award-winning, but who says it should be? All I know is that if a song's got a good beat, I'm there. Especially if it's playing at the Backer.

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## The Hold Steady in concert

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When The Hold Steady and the Drive-By Truckers played at the Riviera Theater in Chicago last Friday night, the Windy City seemed anything but tired. The two bands comprised the "Rock and Roll Means Well" tour, and they proved that rock music is still alive and kicking.

The crowd may have seemed a bit heavy with paunchy, 30-something men, but there was no lack of youthful energy in this small concert venue. All the high school and college aged kids were up in the front, pounding their fists in the air and shouting along to the choruses, while the more reserved older crowd stayed back closer to the bar but seemed to enjoy themselves no less. The crowd's diversity was a testament to the widespread appeal of these two bands. Their straightforward rock and roll styles and truthful lyrics cross the gaps of generation, race, and gender.

The Drive-By Truckers, who played first, have a southern-tinged rock sound, but their songs transcend the usual subjects of girls, booze and tractors. They kept the crowd on its

toes with the interchange of three lead vocalists, two male and one female and with a surprisingly varied set of songs. One minute they would be playing a mellow country jam, and then in a flash they were bringing the lights down with a hard guitar rocker. The guitar solos hearkened back to a day when music was heartfully performed, not just synthesized.

As fun as the Drive-By Truckers were, though, the show was stolen by The Hold Steady and their vibrant front man, Craig Finn. The Hold Steady plowed through a set that consisted mainly of their most powerful rock anthems, only relenting for a few brief songs. Although short and somewhat nerdy looking in his black-rimmed glasses, Craig Finn spat out his lyrics in his usual gruff drawl, a voice that didn't seem to match his body. He was constantly dancing and moving around, doing funny little tap dance numbers on the stage when he had nothing else to do. More than anything, he never seemed to stop smiling. He was obviously having the time of his life, which he attested to at the end of the show, yelling, "There is so much joy in what we do!"

This kind of exuberance is perhaps what sets the Hold Steady apart from and above most

other rock groups today. While the songs touch on the hardships of life and the darker side of human nature, their message is overwhelmingly hopeful. The name of the band and the title of their last album — "Stay Positive" — are clear enough.

Finn, the lyrical genius behind the band, writes with a poetic preciseness about gritty places and beat-down people. His scope encompasses the often overlooked, uglier sides of both the city and the suburbs. He recognizes both the joy and the pain that can come from alcohol and drugs. Overall, his songs resonate with the uncanny feeling of truth.

The Hold Steady's vision is not one of destruction and impending disaster, but instead one of unification and rapport, especially among the youth. Finn's message speaks directly to young people everywhere, and he earnestly believes that rock music can bring us all together and inspire us towards the path of positive progress.

He reminds us that the direction that music takes, and the direction that we take at the start of this new millennium, is up to us.

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## NFL

# Reid takes blame for overtime rule confusion

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Tie? What tie?

Thanks to Donovan McNabb, players around the league now must know there doesn't have to be a winner or loser in every regular-season game. Yes, there are ties in the NFL. They just don't happen too often.

A day after the Philadelphia Eagles and Cincinnati Bengals played a 13-13 tie—the league's first since 2002—the focus wasn't on how poorly the teams performed on the field. Instead, everyone wanted to know how it's possible some professional football players, especially a 10-year veteran such as McNabb, don't know simple rules about overtimes games.

"I'm sure there are plenty of rules that guys don't understand, but I don't think that has any factor whatsoever to do with the outcome of this game and how they played in the overtime," Eagles coach Andy Reid said Monday. "I think that's absurd. You play to win in that time, whether you think you have another overtime period or you don't. And you play your heart out to win it in that time, and that's how we approached it and that's

how the players approached it."

Reid ignored the point. Whether the players' ignorance about the overtime rule affected the outcome is debatable. It's inconceivable and embarrassing that some of them didn't know a game can end in a tie.

"I'll take the responsibility for that," Reid said.

Reid deserves plenty of blame for the Eagles' struggles this season and their inability to beat the lowly Bengals (1-8-1), but coaches shouldn't have to walk up and down the sideline telling players that overtime is do-or-die.

The Eagles (5-4-1) now have played 12 OT games, including one in the playoffs, since McNabb joined the team in 1999. Yet, the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback didn't know ties were possible until his desperation pass fell incomplete at the end of the fifth quarter.

"I've never been a part of a tie. I never even knew that was in the rule book," McNabb said after the game. "It's part of the rules, and we have to go with it. I was looking forward to getting the opportunity to get out there and try to drive to win the game. But unfortunately, with the rules, we settled with a tie."

The overtime rule isn't an obscure one. It was adopted fully by the NFL in 1974 and 17 games have since ended tied. The Eagles have been involved in four of those games.

"I guess we're aware of it now," McNabb said. "In college, there are multiple overtimes, and in high school and Pop Warner. I never knew in the professional ranks it would end that way. I hate to see what would happen in the Super Bowl and in the playoffs."

Uh, they keep playing if it's tied in the playoffs or Super Bowl. But McNabb apparently didn't know that, either.

In his defense, McNabb wasn't the only one oblivious to the rules. Several of his teammates were just as clueless.

"Me and Greg Lewis were discussing it on the sideline, so we asked one of our trainers and he told us it ends in a tie," running back Correll Buckhalter said.

"I found out while we were in OT," rookie wideout DeSean Jackson said.

"I thought we kept playing," linebacker Omar Gaither said.

McNabb was unavailable to reporters on Monday. A spokesman for the QB said McNabb told him he wished he



Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb fumbles the ball during Philadelphia's 13-13 tie at Cincinnati Sunday.

knew the rule and wasn't going to make any excuses for not knowing it.

McNabb's comments took some of the heat off a miserable performance. He tied a career high with three interceptions, lost a fumble and completed fewer than half his passes (28-for-58).

Still, the Eagles remain in the NFC's playoff picture, though they hardly look like a team worthy of playing in January. Philadelphia is a half-game behind Washington, Dallas and Atlanta for the final wild-card spot with games against the Redskins and Cowboys the last two weeks.

## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## No. 6 Pittsburgh starts second half strong, cruises to win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pitt's players sported Band-Aids on their non-shooting arms following an unexpectedly easy victory over Miami (Ohio), the result of some post-game flu shots.

The way Miami coach Charlie Coles was talking, the wrong team got patched up after his RedHawks played a physical opponent that did most of the pushing around.

Jermaine Dixon hit two 3-pointers while scoring eight points during No. 6 Pittsburgh's 16-2 run to start the second half and the Panthers went on to beat Miami 82-53 on Monday night.

Levanec Fields had 12 points and a career-high 12 assists and Sam Young and Dixon scored 14 points each as Pittsburgh (2-0) avoided the tight game that former Panthers coach Ben Howland's No. 4 UCLA Bruins had against

Miami (1-2) five nights before. Miami led by five points late before losing 64-59.

Coles was asked which Top 10 team he liked better, UCLA or Pitt. He wouldn't say initially, then changed his mind the longer he talked.

"Dixon, boy, did he have a game? That's what we weren't counting on," Coles said. "That hurt us. The front line? Whoa, Pitt, Pitt, Pitt. It would appear Pitt is a little bit better. They're a Top 10 team and I don't know who would be a whole lot better. They're strong and physical — they're not dirty — but they're physical and they enjoy playing together. And they're good."

Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said playing the RedHawks is "like two hours in a dentist's chair," because they grind out relatively low-scoring games, but this one proved to be a painless, in-and-out visit. Except for the flu shots.

Pitt took a 9-0 lead in the opening 4 1/2 minutes, saw its lead trimmed to as few as three points late in the first half, then opened up a 51-32 lead when Dixon finished off the second-half run with a steal and drive. Dixon hit a 3-pointer that started the half and another that made it 45-32.

"I know they need me to knock down shots," said Jermaine Dixon, who sometimes returns to the Petersen Events Center late at night to work on his outside shooting. "I've got to come out and play defense, but I also need to knock down shots."

Dixon, a 6-foot-3 junior college transfer and the brother of former Maryland star Juan Dixon, is starting because small forward Gilbert Brown is sidelined with a stress fracture in his foot.

DeJuan Blair had 10 points and nine rebounds and Tyrell Biggs added 10 points for Pitt,

which shot 59.3 percent (32-of-54) — 64.3 percent (18-of-28) in the second half — to Miami's 31 percent (18-of-58).

Kenny Hayes scored 18 points and Tyler Dierkers had 12 for Miami, which is playing its first six games on the road.

Coles was hoping the familiarity between the UCLA and Pitt would help — much of Howland's defensive system was retained by Jamie Dixon — but the RedHawks never solved Pitt's smothering man-to-man.

"I was thinking, if we could just get a basket when it was 35-32," said Coles, who was 1-1 against Pitt as a player with Miami. "We took a shot that wasn't what we wanted. Then they went crazy, they went wild. We never got it back."

With Pitt shutting down leading scorer Michael Bramos, the RedHawks couldn't mount a run to get back into their first game against Pitt since a 66-42 Miami victory 40 years ago that

attracted 639 to Fitzgerald FieldHouse. Now, Pitt draws nearly 20 times that for home games.

Bramos, averaging 17.5 points and coming off a 22-point game against UCLA, missed all six shots and didn't score until making two free throws for his only points with 11:36 remaining and Pitt up by 20.

Despite the presence of Ben Roethlisberger, the former Miami quarterback who now plays for the Steelers, Pitt won a school-record 30th consecutive non-conference home game and its 79th in its last 80. Pitt had lost its last five to Miami, but all those games were played in the 1960s.

The RedHawks' frustration became evident early in the second half when they began rushing shots, with Bramos once throwing up an off-balance 3-pointer that missed by several feet.

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	team	points	previous
1	North Carolina	1800	1
2	Connecticut	1674	2
3	Louisville	1635	3
4	UCLA	1475	4
5	Michigan State	1362	6
6	Pittsburgh	1355	5
7	Texas	1304	7
8	NOTRE DAME	1243	9
9	Gonzaga	1185	10
10	Duke	1176	8
11	Purdue	1116	11
12	Oklahoma	1028	12
13	Memphis	968	13
14	Tennessee	941	14
15	Arizona State	653	15
16	Marquette	653	16
17	Miami	591	17
18	Florida	460	19
19	USC	398	18
20	Wake Forest	349	21
21	Davidson	339	20
22	Georgetown	265	22
23	Villanova	261	23
24	Kansas	207	24
25	Wisconsin	187	25

## NCAA Men's Ice Hockey USA Today Rankings

	team	points	record
1	Minnesota	510	6-0-4
2	Boston University	463	7-2-0
3	Colorado College	430	7-2-3
4	Boston College	394	6-3-1
5	Northeastern	318	7-2-2
6	NOTRE DAME	309	7-3-1
7	Miami (Ohio)	276	6-3-3
8	Princeton	250	5-1-0
9	Michigan	241	8-4-0
10	Denver	222	6-4-1
11	Minnesota State	147	5-3-2
12	Air Force	193	10-0-0
13	New Hampshire	138	4-4-3
14	Cornell	118	2-0-2
15	North Dakota	19	4-6-0
16	UMass	17	5-3-1
17	Harvard	16	4-2-0
18	Nebraska-Omaha	16	7-2-1
19	Maine	13	6-2-2
20	Vermont	13	5-3-2
21	Yale	13	4-3-1
22	UMass-Lowell	6	5-2-1
23	Dartmouth	3	4-1-2
24	Ferris State	3	4-4-2
25	St. Cloud State	3	5-3-0

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Men	Women
1 Oregon	Washington
2 Oklahoma State	Oregon
3 Stanford	Florida State
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### MLB



Cardinals outfielder Albert Pujols bats during a September game against the Cubs in St. Louis. It was announced Monday that Pujols had won the National League's Most Valuable Player award for the second time in his career.

## Pujols wins second NL MVP

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Albert Pujols views MVP voting a little differently these days.

"You have to consider everything. You have to put all the numbers together," the St. Louis star said Monday after powering past Philadelphia slugger Ryan Howard to win the award for the second time.

Pujols won despite the Cardinals finishing in fourth place, the lowest spot for an NL MVP winner since Andre Dawson and Chicago Cubs wound up sixth in 1987. Howard led the majors in home

runs and RBIs for the World Series champs.

The result surely will renew a debate that Pujols once raised himself: What qualifies as "most valuable"?

In 2006, a month after leading the Cardinals to the World Series crown, Pujols carped when Howard — whose Phillies missed the playoffs — captured the coveted award.

"I see it this way: Someone who doesn't take his team to the playoffs doesn't deserve to win the MVP," Pujols said at that time.

Shortly thereafter, Pujols clarified his

remarks and said Howard certainly was worthy of the award.

"I think the writers made the right choice in 2006," Pujols reiterated Monday. "He did deserve it."

Just as Pujols believed he earned it this year.

"I wasn't surprised at all," he said.

Pujols hit .357 with 37 home runs and 116 RBIs while playing with a sore right elbow that required surgery. Howard hit 48 homers with 146 RBIs for the Phillies.

Voting was completed before the playoffs began.

"I'm happy I didn't have to make that decision,"

Pujols said on a conference call from his St. Louis home. "What you do for your team. The players who take their teams to the playoffs should have some consideration."

Los Angeles outfielder Manny Ramirez and Milwaukee pitcher CC Sabathia, who both led postseason pushes after being traded by AL teams in July, also drew strong support.

Pujols got 18 of the 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America and had 369 points. Howard drew 12 first-place votes and 308 points.

### IN BRIEF

#### NBA disciplines Garnett, Shaq for separate incidents

NEW YORK — Boston Celtics star Kevin Garnett has been suspended for one game and Phoenix center Shaquille O'Neal has been fined \$25,000 for separate incidents over the weekend.

The NBA announced on Monday that Garnett will be suspended for hitting Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut in the face on Saturday.

Bogut didn't get off, however, with the league also upgrading the foul he committed that started the altercation to a Flagrant 1.

The incident happened late in the fourth quarter of the Celtics' 102-97 overtime win in Milwaukee.

Garnett will sit out Tuesday's game against the New York Knicks in Boston.

O'Neal was fined for verbally abusing an official and failing to leave the court quickly after being ejected Sunday night against Detroit.

#### Hall of Fame basketball coach Newell dies at 93

BERKELEY, Calif. — Pete Newell, the Hall of Fame basketball coach who won an NCAA championship and Olympic gold medal and later tutored some of the game's greatest big men, died Monday. He was 93.

His death was confirmed by the University of California, the school Newell coached to a national title in 1959. Newell, who had been living near San Diego, had a serious lung operation in 2005.

Newell coached for 14 years at San Francisco, Michigan State and California before doctors advised him to give it up because of the emotional toll. His final coaching job came in the 1960 Olympics, when he took a U.S. team led by Oscar Robertson, Jerry West and Jerry Lucas to a gold medal in Rome.

Newell later returned to prominence with his famous "big men" camps.

#### AL champion Rays will raise ticket prices next year

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — It will cost more to see the Tampa Bay Rays next year.

Coming off their first winning season, the AL champion Rays announced Monday that single-game tickets will rise anywhere from \$1 to \$5, depending on location at Tropicana Field, where prices range from \$10 to \$210 for most home dates in 2009.

Prices range from \$16 to \$270 for 21 dates designated as "prime" games, including the home opener against the New York Yankees and three games in June against the Philadelphia Phillies, who defeated Tampa Bay in the World Series.

The Rays, who had never won more than 70 games in a season before winning 97 and making the playoffs for the first time this year, also are introducing what the team is calling "marquee" games — 11 Saturday dates that will include a postgame concert or "premium" giveaway promotion.

## NHL

# Rangers edge Senators in shootout for home win

*Bruins hand Leafs home loss; Red Wings dominate Oilers with shutout; Islanders sneak by Canucks in shootout*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nikolai Zherdev scored the only goal in a shootout and Henrik Lundqvist denied all three Ottawa shooters, giving the New York Rangers a 2-1 victory Monday night over the Senators.

The Rangers opted to shoot first and Zherdev beat Alex Auld between the pads. That left it up to Lundqvist to stop Jason Spezza, Jarkko Ruutu and Antoine Vermette for his NHL-leading 12th win.

Fredrik Sjoström scored for the Rangers in regulation as the Eastern Conference leaders stretched their winning streak to three.

Daniel Alfredsson had the lone goal for the Senators, who lost their fifth straight. They've scored only five goals during that span.

The Senators had a 9-8 shot advantage in an evenly played, scoreless first period.

Thanks to a pair of power plays, the Senators dominated the first half of the second period, but could not break through against Lundqvist. Alfredsson had the best chance on the first power play, unloading a hard shot from the left dot. Dany Heatley had a solid chance at the side of the net on the second.

Ottawa had eight of the first nine shots in the period. The persistence paid off with 3:47 remaining when Alfredsson got his first goal in 11 games. The Senators captain picked up the puck in the left corner and wheeled into the slot to beat Lundqvist with a wrist shot.

In the third, Lundqvist made a blocker stop on Vermette's short-handed breakaway in the opening minutes to prevent Ottawa from expanding its lead.

The save was a turning point, and the Rangers evened the score on Sjoström's tally at 7:17. Marc Staal unloaded a hard shot from the point and Sjoström knocked in the rebound for his second goal.

That set the stage for overtime.

New York's Michal Rozsival had the only shot in overtime, a sharp-angle bid in the final seconds. The Senators outshot the Rangers 28-27 heading into the shootout.

## Bruins 3, Maple Leafs 2

Michael Ryder, Phil Kessel and Matt Hunwick scored, leading the Boston Bruins to a victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs on Monday night.

Marc Savard and Milan Lucic each added two assists

for the Northeast Division-leading Bruins, who handed Toronto a loss in its return from a weeklong road trip.

Jason Blake and Mikhail Grabovski scored for the Maple Leafs, who have only two wins in their last eight games.

The Leafs returned home from a swing through Western Canada about 24 hours before the game and it showed during a sluggish start.

They didn't get much help from goalie Vesa Toskala, either. He was particularly shaky during the first period, letting a soft shot from Kessel go through his legs at 9:40 and giving up a big rebound to Hunwick before he scored his first NHL goal at 13:18.

Suddenly, Boston had a 2-0 lead and the game appeared headed for a blowout.

But Blake gave the Maple Leafs some momentum late in the opening period. He took a nifty bank pass off the end boards from Ian White and fired a shot over Tim Thomas at 17:51.

Toronto had several chances to tie it during the second period. The Maple Leafs were given three straight power plays — including 21 seconds with a 5-on-3 advantage — but couldn't get another shot past Thomas, who made saves while flopping all over his crease.

A nice individual rush by Ryder restored Boston's two-goal lead. The former Montreal Canadiens sniper dragged the puck around Leafs defenseman Pavel Kubina and beat Toskala high at 14:11.

Toronto found its legs in the third period after Grabovski scored his ninth goal of the season at 8:53 to make it 3-2. Niklas Hagman made a nice move to beat a defender and the puck found its way to a wide-open Grabovski at the side of the net.

Bruins defenseman Aaron Ward took a late penalty and the Maple Leafs pulled Toskala, but Thomas stood tall during a late flurry.

## Red Wings 4, Oilers 0

Ty Conklin made 20 saves for his fifth career shutout, Jiri Hudler and Niklas Kronwall each had a goal and an assist and the Detroit Red Wings beat the Edmonton Oilers on Monday night.

Mikael Samuelsson and Johan Franzen also scored for Detroit, which has won five of its last six. Henrik Zetterberg added two assists for the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Dwayne Roloson stopped 37

shots for Edmonton.

Kronwall had a power-play goal in the first and Detroit added two more in the second. Samuelsson tipped in Brett Lebda's pass out of the corner for his fourth of the season and Hudler's pass from the right circle deflected in off the leg of Edmonton defenseman Sheldon Souray at 14:18.

Franzen added his ninth goal with 9:56 left in the game. He has scored in each of the last four games after missing five contests with a knee injury.

Detroit's offense was more than enough for Conklin, who played for the Oilers for three seasons.

## Islanders 2, Canucks 1 (SO)

Roberto Luongo made 34 saves against the team that let him get away, but couldn't stop Frans Nielsen in a shootout as the New York Islanders beat the Vancouver Canucks Monday night for their season-best third straight victory.

Nielsen scored on the first shot of the tiebreaker, and Joey MacDonald turned aside all three Vancouver shooters — ending the game with a poke check against Alex Burrows. MacDonald stopped 31 shots through overtime.

Luongo, the Canucks captain, could've been the Islanders' prized possession after he was taken with the No. 4 pick in the 1997 draft. He appeared in 24 games with New York during the 1999-2000 season, but was traded

when the team made goalie Rick DiPietro the face of the franchise.

Luongo kicked off Vancouver's four-game road trip with his 13th straight start and 17th in 18 contests.

Pavol Demitra gave the Canucks a 1-0 lead in the opening minute, and it stood up until Doug Weight tied it with a power-play goal in the second period.

Luongo is on an amazing run, one that recently featured a team-record shutout streak of 242 minutes, 36 seconds. During the just-completed homestand, Luongo went 4-1-1 and allowed only six goals — five on power plays.

Tim Jackman, who had three prime scoring chances on Luongo in the second period, drew the penalty the Islanders turned into their goal. Jackman stole the puck from Mason Raymond while New York was short-handed and skated in alone. Raymond slashed him from behind just before he got off a drive.

On the power play, Weight moved the puck from the left point down to captain Bill Guerin, who returned it. Weight let go a hard drive that appeared to hit the stick blade of defenseman Shane O'Brien before finding its way past Luongo with 5:25 left.

It was the first goal Luongo allowed before the third period in six games, dating to his previous regulation loss Nov. 2 against Detroit. Luongo rebounded from that defeat with three straight shutouts

and two outings in which he allowed a total of three goals before Monday. He lost a 2-1 shootout to Colorado last Wednesday.

The Islanders outshot the Canucks 10-0 early in the middle period, in which they enjoyed three power plays, and 18-10 overall in the frame. For a while, it seemed as though New York might become Luongo's latest shootout victim.

Less than five minutes into the second, Luongo flashed his left pad to kick out a good shot by Sean Bergenheim, and then denied Jackman seconds later after the forward was set up on the doorstep.

MacDonald was sharp on the other end, too, as he gets more comfortable in the starting role in place of injured regular DiPietro — the man the Islanders drafted No. 1 overall in 2000 on the day they traded Luongo to Florida.

MacDonald made his seventh straight start and 10th in the past 11 games. Just 12 seconds in, he turned aside Vancouver's 2-on-1 and had to avoid teammate Andy Hilbert, who crashed into the net and then had the cage fall on top and trap him inside by the end boards.

The Canucks kept coming and grabbed a 1-0 lead at 49 seconds when Demitra took a return pass in the right circle from Daniel Sedin and fired in his third goal. Demitra played in only his eighth game of the season, after missing nine due to a rib injury.

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NBA

# Rockets win game, lose All-Star McGrady

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Tracy McGrady feels like he's back to square one with a troublesome left knee that gave out on him again. At least his Houston Rockets seem able to pick up the slack if he's going to be sidelined.

Luis Scola scored 23 points, Yao Ming added 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Houston made a second-half surge without its injured seven-time All-Star to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 100-89 on Monday night.

Offseason pickup Ron Artest also had an injury scare, but the Rockets still had enough firepower to hand the tumbling Thunder their eighth straight loss.

"We have depth. We have guys that we trust and guys that really can play. They went out there and we all played together, kept fighting hard and sustained a lead and came away with the victory," point guard Rafer Alston said.

McGrady left the game in the opening minute of the second half after aggravating his left knee, which was operated on this offseason to have loose bodies removed. He didn't return.

"Tonight I went back to square one, even before surgery, is how my knee is feel-

ing right now," McGrady said.

The two-time NBA scoring champion came in averaging only 16.7 points and left after scoring eight points in the first half. Even without him, the Rockets were still able to mount a 14-3 run powered by Scola and Yao to start the second half.

Artest extended the lead to 77-58 when he stepped behind Kevin Durant's back to knock the ball away and set himself up for a right-handed dunk.

All McGrady could do was watch from the bench, where he draped a towel across his shoulders. He planned to have an MRI on Tuesday.

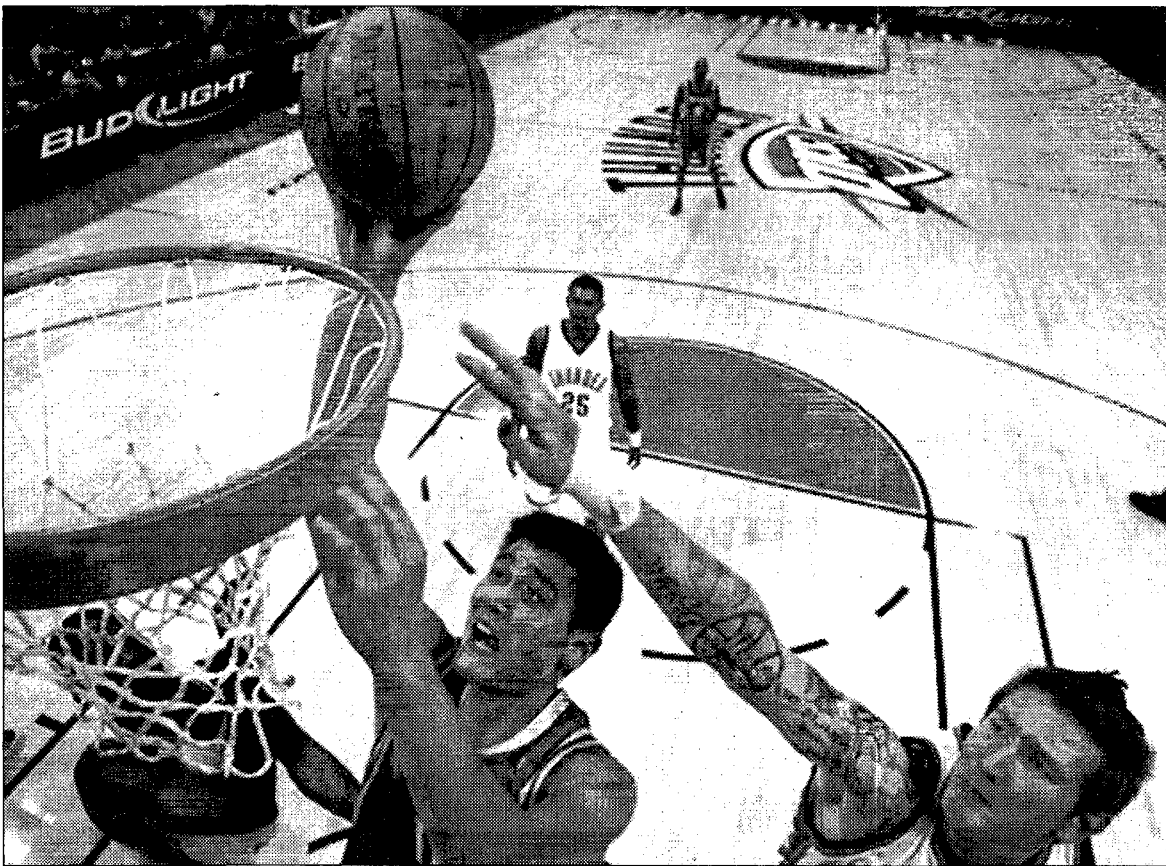
"I want to play, man. I want to play. Just to get off to this start, for me personally this is a bad start," McGrady said.

"To have to play your way through an injury that I've never had before and a surgery that was my first surgery is very frustrating. My game is really based on athleticism, and that's something that I don't have right now."

Yao and Artest both thought they'd be OK after joining McGrady on the bench late in the game. Artest was hurt on a drive to the basket in the final minute, and he ended up clutching his right ankle in a group of photographers on

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**Rafer Alston**  
Rockets guard



Rockets center Yao Ming attacks the rim during Houston's 100-89 win over the Thunder in Oklahoma City on Monday.

the baseline.

He remained in the training room for a while after the game before limping heavily on his way to his locker.

"People sprain their ankles all the time," said Artest, who had 17 points and 11 rebounds. "It's not broke."

Yao left with 3:29 to play after a hook shot that gave Houston a 94-78 lead.

The injury song sounds all too familiar to Rockets faithful, who've watched Yao miss

a year's worth of games over the last three seasons because of various injuries and McGrady get dinged up, too.

"We don't need all of them hurt. Sometimes teams with three players like that, you may deal with one maybe having an injury because injuries are part of the game," Alston said. "But to have three of them down? We need these guys to be healthy."

The Rockets still were able to withstand a 14-3 run by Oklahoma City that closed the deficit to 82-74 on Russell Westbrook's basket inside with 10:42 to play. Yao started a six-point spurt with a hook shot in the lane, and the lead was back to 16 when he hit another one before leaving.

Durant had 29 points to lead the Thunder. Jeff Green scored 16 and Westbrook added 14 points. Oklahoma City has lost eight in a row for only the 10th time in franchise history. That includes an 0-8 start and a 14-game losing streak later last season in Seattle. They're now 1-10 this season.

"We just have to put two halves together. Tonight we

played a great first half and not a very good second half," Green said.

McGrady said before the season that the knee was healing slower than he had hoped, and that it would likely be a month into the season before he was back at full speed. He was still about two weeks shy of that point when it failed him again.

"I've never had any relief because I've just been trying to work my way into playing shape and strengthen my leg. I've never been 100 percent," McGrady said. "I've just been trying to play, hoping that playing on it will take me over the edge and I don't have any more pain. It hasn't worked in my favor."

McGrady said he was told he'd be pulled right back out of the game if he was seen limping, and he didn't think he'd be able to play without doing that.

"It's sharp pain," McGrady said. "It almost just seems like I never had surgery. I'm feeling the same pain."

Yao was able to find a silver lining to all the injuries from the past few years.

"I have experience in this," Yao said. "I know how to take care of my body."

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## CLUB SPORTS

# Rowers finish fall season at Frostbite Regatta

## Volleyball team wins silver medal in Mich.

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame traveled to Grand Rapids, Mich. Saturday for its final event of the fall season, the Grand Frostbite Regatta.

Hosted by Midwest rival, Grand Valley State University, the regatta was a success for the Irish, yet it also lived up to its namesake with blustery conditions and scattered snow showers. The Irish proved their toughness earning second, fifth, sixth, eighth, eleventh and thirteenth overall in a field of sixteen crews from Notre Dame, Grand Valley State and Michigan State. The day's racing consisted of a 1,500-meter upstream head race, followed by two downstream sprints of 1,500 and 1,000 meters, concluded by a 500-meter upstream sprint. The final places were decided by each boat's total time over the course of the four events.

Notre Dame's top boat used a unique "bucket rigged" lineup consisting of coxswain Michael Lehmann, stroke seat Michael Maggart, Nick Springer, Greg Flood, Andrew Haynes, Chuck Talley, Sean Gibbons, Michael Wagner and Liam Leyden. The crew's 14:27.3 time was less than ten seconds behind the total score of GVSU's top boat. The two teams fought hard throughout all four races, but the Irish came up short despite winning the final 500-meter sprint.

The combination of coxswain Melissa Welch, stroke seat Patrick Collard, Tim Parks, Robert Ray, Graham Boechler, Zach Stackhouse, Charlie Hunter, Peter Feist and David Loughery finished fifth overall with an overall time of 15:24.6.

Five seconds behind them were Kevin Quigley, Phil Brunner, Cliff Roberts, Karol Grzesiak, Rob Bowen, Matt Dobbertien, Stick Cumberworth, Tomas Castillo and coxswains Bryce Chung, Lisa Folkerth and Paige Norris in sixth place.

This regatta marks the close of the 2008 fall season, and the oarsmen of Notre Dame will now head indoors for their winter training. Between now and spring break, the Fighting Irish will be hard at work on the erg porch in Loftus Field house six days a week.

### Men's Volleyball

The Irish competed this weekend in the biggest fall tournament in NIRSA, the Back to the Hardwood Classic at Michigan State.

The Irish came in as the third seed in their pool, and opened the tournament against the No. 2 team in the tournament, Ohio State.

Notre Dame came out strong despite poor serving, with senior Ryan Doherty blocking Ohio State's best player multiple times. ND finished the game with a 25-22 win. The Buckeyes came back and dominated the second and third sets to take the win.

Next up for Notre Dame was College of Dupage, a young but

strong team. The Irish started the match slowly, and could not fight back in the first game, losing 19-25.

This seemed to light a fire under the Irish, and they came back blasting, with junior middle hitter Mike Nejedly slamming home kill after kill. Behind valiant hitting and superb blocking, the Irish dominated the second set and got the win, 25-20.

In the third set neither team took a clear lead and the score went back and forth. Dupage eventually outlasted the Irish for a 15-13 win.

The Irish finished pool play with a defeat of Western Michigan 25-12, 25-19 behind brilliant setting from freshman Josh Rehberg.

The Irish needed a win against Wisconsin-Milwaukee to make it into Sunday's Gold Bracket.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee jumped out to an early lead and held on for a 25-15 win in the first game. Notre Dame bounced back strong, taking game two

with authority, 25-7. The Irish rode their momentum into the rubber match and opened up a 12-7 lead. The game went to eight extra points in the win-by-two rules, but eventually the Irish fell 23-21.

The Irish were forced to play in a one-and-done bracket Sunday. They started strong with a win over Central Michigan 16-25, 25-23, 15-10. Notre Dame's next opponent, Air Force, left and forfeited. So the Irish advanced to the Silver Championship.

The team came out flat against Miami of Ohio. Freshman Josh Rehberg again tried to save the match with excellent setting, and even despite a great show of offensive play from freshman Kevin Padden and junior Jason Gott, the Irish fell 22-25, 21-25.

The finish put the Irish in 18th overall. They are next in action on Nov. 24 in the Loyola Tournament, where they will play not only club teams, but varsity level teams in preseason action.

## NFL

## Lynch hangs up his cleats

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — No more bone-jarring tackles for John Lynch.

The hard-hitting, nine-time Pro Bowl safety retired Monday, saying it was time to begin a new phase of life after 11 seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and four more with the Denver Broncos.

He felt so strongly about the relationships he built with both clubs that he decided against stepping down in the colors of either team.

Nevertheless, returning to Tampa for the announcement spoke volumes.

"I played 11 years here. We won a Super Bowl. But much more important was the journey and the way we did things," Lynch said.

"I'm proud to be a part of this organization, just like the Broncos. I'm proud of the way I played my career. You don't give yourself a pat on the back too much. But at the end of the day, I'm filled with pride and thankfulness."

A third-round draft pick of the Bucs in 1993, Lynch was part of a core of young players—along with Derrick Brooks, Warren Sapp, Mike Alstott, Warrick Dunn and Ronde Barber—who helped transform Tampa Bay from a laughingstock into a championship team.

The 37-year-old made five trips to the Pro Bowl as a Buccaneer and four as a Bronco after Tampa Bay released him following the 2003 season in what generally was viewed as a cost-cutting move, even though Lynch was willing to take less money to stay.

He left Denver on more pleasant terms in July after being bumped from his starting role and signed with New England during training camp. The Patriots cut him two weeks later, and Lynch had been pon-

dering retirement ever since.

"I knew in my heart I was done when I walked out of there," he said during a news conference attended by several former teammates, including Brooks, Dunn, Barber and Alstott, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

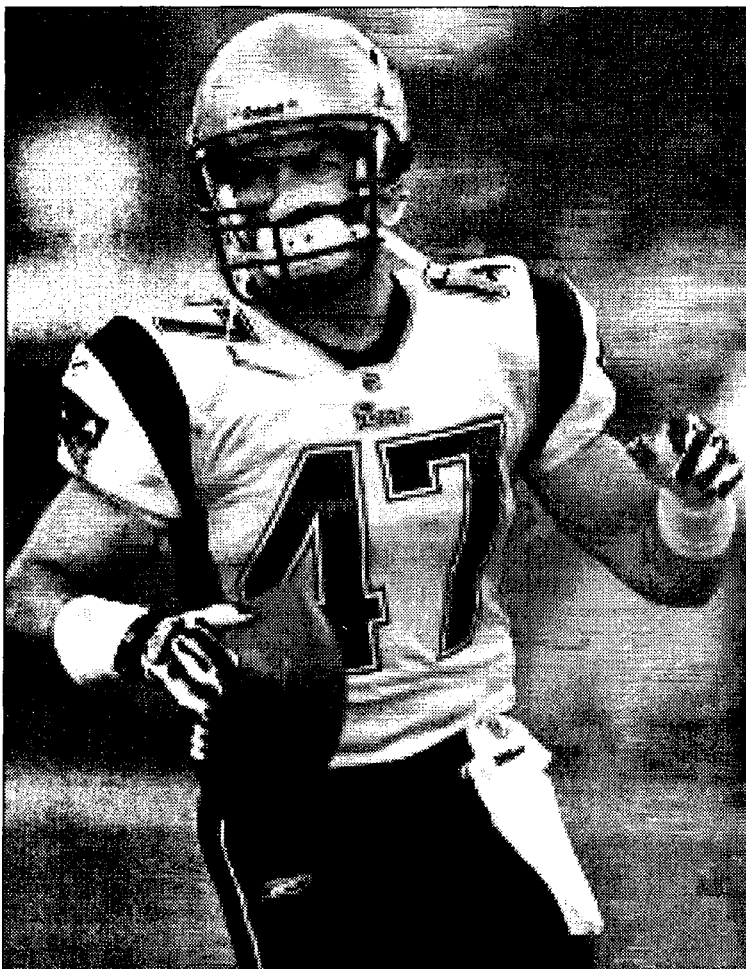
Lynch finished with 1,277 tackles, 100 pass breakups and 26 interceptions in 224 regular-season games.

"I remember a core group of players, coaches and owners here believing we could change a culture of losing. We were the 'Yucks.' We were the worst franchise in football," Lynch said. "But having a belief and looking each other in the eye

and saying we can change this thing, and we're going to change this thing, it made it so sweet when we eventually did."

In addition to thanking the Bucs and Broncos, who sent a representative to Tampa for the occasion, Lynch paid homage to the four coaches—Sam Wyche, Tony Dungy, Jon Gruden and Mike Shanahan—he played for in the NFL.

He also mentioned four former Tampa Bay assistants—Herman Edwards, Mike Tomlin, Rod Marinelli and Lovie Smith—who are currently head coaches and talked about Bill Belichick granting his wish to play all of New England's pre-season finale.



NFL veteran John Lynch announced Monday that he was ending his football career after 11 years in the league.

## NFL

## Vikings linemen face suspensions this week

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — As three Minnesota defensive linemen travel to New York this week to meet with the NFL, they could be bringing the Vikings' playoff fate with them.

Jared Allen, Pat Williams and Kevin Williams all will meet with league officials in hopes of avoiding suspensions that would gut the team's biggest strength.

The Williams Wall will appear to discuss testing positive for a weight-loss diuretic that is on the list of substances banned by the league. They face four-game suspensions for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Allen will be there to talk about a hit on Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers two weeks ago that could leave him vulnerable to a suspension because it came two days after he was fined \$50,000 for hits on Houston's Matt Schaub.

Losing three of their biggest—literally and figuratively—stars would be a devastating blow for a team currently tied with Chicago and Green Bay atop the muddled NFC North. Allen leads the team with eight sacks and Kevin Williams is second with seven. All three play a pivotal role in the team's second-ranked run defense as well.

All three players were unavailable for comment Monday following a 19-13 loss

at Tampa Bay on Sunday.

Kevin and Pat Williams declined comment after the game against the Bucs. When Allen was asked by reporters what he will discuss with league officials, he replied, "I have no clue. I'll find out when I get there."

Coach Brad Childress was asked about the situation Monday.

"I understand the question and I wish I could give you some insight, but those things are going to be between the league and who the league deals with," he said. "So it's difficult for me to comment on that."

On top of it all, starting end Ray Edwards could face a fine for a late hit on Tampa quarterback Jeff Garcia in the second quarter.

Allen has said all season he never intentionally tries to hurt another player.

"We play a violent sport. We know that and we willingly sign up for it," Allen said earlier this season when talking about the fines being issued by the league. "We don't ever purposely go out to hurt anybody, ever."

"I know for myself, I have the utmost respect for everybody who plays this sport. But at the same time, it's like you can't make rules to tame it down. This is what we do. We're grown men. We make the decision to do what we do."

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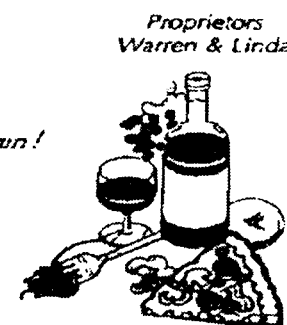
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## Tourney

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game winning streak.

"It helps that we just played them," Brown said. "It would be different if we played them earlier in the year, but we know exactly what to expect."

The Huskies come into the tournament very hot, the loss to the Irish being the only real stumbling block towards the end of the season. The loss to Notre Dame was only the second loss Connecticut has suffered since Oct. 18.

The key to defeating the Huskies again will be to bring back the strong offensive play to complement the good defense.

"We need to be much more efficient with our hitting," Brown said. "I think the key to us being able to win will be to get our offense in a better place where we have more options."

In the event that the Irish defeat Connecticut, they would play the winner of No. 1 St. John's and No. 8 South Florida.

Assuming that the Red Storm

avoid the upset, the Irish would once again play a team that they faced this past weekend in round two. Notre Dame played on of their best games of the year against St. John's despite the loss, according to Brown, and she expects another strong outing in the event of the teams meeting down the road.

Although the attitude is different in the locker room because it is officially tournament time, the Irish still must hold on to an approach that emphasizes one game at a time.

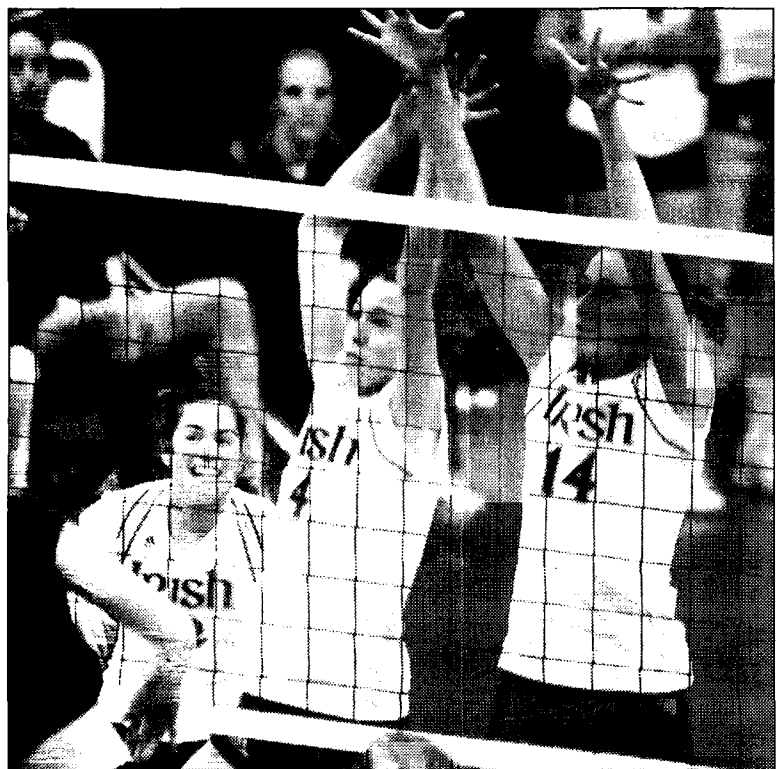
"We can only take it one game at a time if we want to win," Brown said.

Despite this, there is something special in the attitude for the team when it gets to be Big East Championship season.

"It's win or go home time," Brown said. "We know that this is it, and none of us want to go home."

The Big East Championship begins this Friday in Pittsburgh and a champ will be decided by Sunday night.

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Notre Dame's Justine Stremick, right, and Serenity Phillips both play big roles in the quickly improving Irish defense.

## Ramblers

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ahead, 7-0, and giving the Ramblers a lead that they were able to keep for the remainder of the game.

A few minutes after, Morrissey was able to counter the touchdown with one of its own. Senior quarterback Joe McBrayer passed to wide receiver Carl Anderson for the score, but the Siegfried defense was able to block the extra-point.

"Our offense played well for most of the game," Morrissey junior middle linebacker Phillip Yuhas said. "But Siegfried flied around and forced some takeaways, which really swung the momentum their way at some crucial points."

The game carried on in a 7-6 stalemate to halftime, but after several second-half interceptions, Siegfried was able to carry out a win in an exciting finish. Senior running back Marcus Young added an insurance touchdown to bring the game to a final score of 14-6.

Morrissey's season is over, but they are still looking to what future classes can bring them in seasons to come.

"We have a good foundation for next year, and our defense is still intact," Morrissey's freshman center Peter

Teneriello said.

Siegfried will have one more week of practice to prepare for its long-awaited championship game appearance.

"We have a bunch of guys who have given their time and became committed emotionally," Rambler offensive coordinator Rob Kelly said. "It's elating to them to finally make it this far."

### Keenan 14, Stanford 8

The rematch of The Battle for the Chapel resulted in a win for Keenan and an opportunity to play Siegfried in Notre Dame Stadium next Sunday for the interhall championship.

The game started out well for the Knights, who scored on a long opening drive with a sweep running play to the left to running back Alex Gonzalez. However, for the remainder of the game, the Stanford defense did an excellent job shutting down the Keenan offense, particularly through pass defense.

"We had a little trouble passing the ball and the weather was really cold," Keenan captain Barton Dear said. "We made some mistakes."

The Stanford defense capitalized on some of those mistakes, giving the offense plenty of opportunities to put points on the board. Unfortunately, they were unable to do so, thanks in part to four inter-

ceptions thrown by Stanford. The Griffins' only points came from a blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown. Stanford then completed a two-point conversion to give them an 8-7 lead.

Much later in the game, Keenan took the lead with a pass to Jim Zenker, making the score 14-8.

Stanford got the ball back with little time remaining, but pulled off a great hook-and-ladder play that put them near Keenan's forty-yard line. Unfortunately, time ran out on Stanford, giving Keenan the win and eliminating the Griffins from the playoffs.

Keenan has one more week of practice to prepare for the top-seeded Ramblers.

"Obviously Siegfried is a good team. They're undefeated, so we're going to have to come out and play a good game," Dear said.

Although Keenan will play for the interhall championship in their game against Siegfried, their win over Stanford was a significant win for them.

"It was great everyone was really excited after the game," Dear said. "We've played a lot of games with them over the last few years and it was nice to get a win."

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## NBA

# Cuban investigated by SEC

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators on Monday charged Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban with insider trading for allegedly using confidential information on a stock sale to avoid more than \$750,000 in losses.

Cuban disputed the Securities and Exchange Commission's allegations and said he would contest them.

In a civil lawsuit filed in federal court in Dallas, the SEC alleged that in June 2004, Cuban was invited to get in on the coming stock offering by Mamma.com Inc. after he agreed to keep the information private.

Cuban owned 6.3 percent of Mamma.com's stock at that time and was the largest known shareholder in the search engine company, according to the SEC. The agency said Cuban knew the shares would be sold below the current market price, and a few hours after receiving the information, he told his broker to sell all 600,000 shares before the public announcement of the offering.

By selling when he did, Cuban avoided losses exceeding \$750,000, the SEC said in its lawsuit.

Cuban, 50 and a multibillionaire, is a tech entrepreneur who sold his Broadcast.com to Yahoo Inc. in 1999 at the height of the dot-com boom.

He bought the Mavericks in 2000 and spent heavily to improve the roster.

He is the best known figure to be accused by the SEC of illegal insider trading since its case against Martha Stewart in 2002 for allegedly using advance knowledge of negative news for a company to sell her shares and avoid \$45,673 in losses. The homemaking diva

*"It is fundamentally unfair for someone to use access to non-public information to improperly gain an edge on the market."*

**Scott Friestad**  
SEC Deputy Enforcement Director

paid about \$195,000 and agreed not to serve as the director of a public company for five years under a 2006 settlement with the SEC.

Cuban's fury at referee calls on the basketball court is

legendary, and his verbal outbursts at referees, National Basketball Association officials and sports reporters have raised his profile. He has been fined more than \$1 million by the league for a series of episodes dating back to 2000 and suspended from a few games.

"It is fundamentally unfair for someone to use access to non-public information to improperly gain an edge on the market," Scott Friestad, the SEC's deputy enforcement director, said in a statement. The agency alleged that Cuban acted with "scienter," a legal term indicating knowledge of wrongdoing.

The SEC is seeking a court judgment against Cuban finding that he violated the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws, an injunc-

tion against future violations, an unspecified civil penalty and restitution of the losses Cuban allegedly avoided.

While the stock offering in question occurred more than four years ago, the SEC didn't learn about the specifics of the case until early 2007, according to agency attorneys.

Cuban's lawyer said in a statement that the SEC's case "has no merit and is a product of gross abuse of prosecutorial discretion."

"Mr. Cuban intends to contest the allegations and to demonstrate that the (SEC's) claims are infected by the misconduct of the staff of its enforcement division," Ralph Ferrara wrote in a note posted on Cuban's blog.

Cuban, in his own statement, said, "I am disappointed that the (SEC) chose to bring this case based upon its enforcement staff's win-at-any-cost ambitions. The staff's process was result-oriented, facts be damned. The government's claims are false and they will be proven to be so."

Maureen Coyle, an NBA spokeswoman, said the league does not comment on such matters.

Cuban is one of the richest people in the world, according to Forbes magazine, which pegged his net worth at \$2.3 billion as of March 2007. Besides the Mavericks, he owns Landmark Theaters, a large national chain dedicated to independent films, and the HDNet cable television channel.

Cuban also runs a Web site called Sharesleuth.com, which bills itself as providing "independent Web-based reporting aimed at exposing securities fraud and corporate chicanery."

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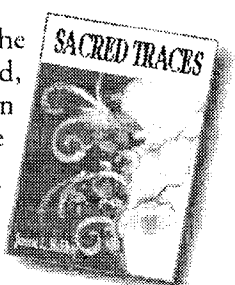
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## Defense

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came in with an idea of really putting a block of eight players back and keeping them tight and compact and then hoping to counter-attack," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said after the game.

But, like every previous Notre Dame opponent this season, the Spartans came up short. The Irish defense was even more impenetrable than Michigan State's and sophomore Rose Augustin was eventually able to punch one in during the second half.

The conditions at Alumni Field were sloppy and proved to be yet another obstacle for the Irish on a day one of their most physical players — forward Brittany Bock — was sidelined due to an injury.

But in the end, Notre Dame discovered another way to win when that no longer seemed possible. During their current 23-game winning streak, the Irish have come from behind, blown teams out and won with defense. On Sunday, they showed they could triumph in sub-par conditions against a gritty Big Ten opponent.

"Randy [Waldrum] probably said this to everyone millions of times: 'Good teams find a way to win, whether it's in the first five minutes or the last second

of the game,'" Irish forward Kerri Hanks said.

Hanks epitomized the determination that eventually gave Notre Dame the edge Sunday. Before setting up Augustin's game-winner, she threw off the leg brace she had been wearing on her injured knee.

"She ditched the brace," Waldrum said with a laugh. "I'm gonna be hearing that one from the doctors, I'm sure."

Waldrum praised Hanks' doggedness, saying it is what sets her apart from other talented players.

"She's chasing every loose ball and even when she doesn't have a real shot at getting it, she's chasing and putting pressure all the way to the 90th minute," he said. "That's why she's the player that she is."

The Irish took their cues from Hanks Sunday, fighting until the final whistle — which sounded infinitely more pleasant to fans than the car alarm had earlier.

Now Notre Dame prepares to take on Minnesota and asks the question, will the dream season continue?

There might be an even better question. How will the Irish find a new way to win this one?

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**Kerri Hanks**  
Irish senior

## Welsh

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score, and Davies added the extra point with a run of her own.

After Welsh's subsequent failed drive, it looked as though the Purple Weasels would go into halftime up 7-0. But with 38 seconds left in the half, Whirlwind quarterback and captain Jenni Gargula made three long passes over the middle, with the third landing in the hands of receiver Meghan Mulhern for a game-tying touchdown.

Late in the second half, the Whirlwinds added seven more on a touchdown pass to Caroline Shakour.

The Purple Weasels needed a score on their next drive, and as they marched methodically down the field, hope was high on the Pasquerilla West sideline. A

pass interference call prolonged the drive and gave the Purple Weasels first and goal from the five-yard line. However, Welsh Family defender Katie Rehberger shut the door on the Purple Weasels' comeback with an interception in the endzone.

With only seconds left, the Whirlwinds could take a knee and start their celebration as they had once again reached the Stadium.

"Even though we got down

early, we stayed composed," Gargula said. "We didn't get down on ourselves and we knew we would win the game."

The Whirlwinds will play for the championship next Sunday against McGlinn.

### McGlinn 12, Farley 7

No. 2 McGlinn held off No. 3 Farley 12-7 Sunday afternoon, becoming the first Shamrocks' team to ever reach the championship game.

Farley looked sloppy out of the gates, as quarterback Emily Murphy's first pass of the day was intercepted by Casey Robertson, giving McGlinn prime field position.

The Shamrocks capitalized on the turnover as team captain and quarterback Sarah deGroot quickly connected on four of six passes for 40 yards, including a five-yard touchdown pass to Robertson. The extra-point attempt was unsuccessful, and McGlinn led 6-0.

On the ensuing possession, Farley threatened, led by Murphy, who broke down the Shamrocks defense on the ground, running twice for 41 yards.

Faced with a fourth-and-four, Murphy threw an incomplete pass, but the Finest got new life when defensive pass interference was called. Murphy took advantage, capping off the drive with a 3-yard touchdown pass. The extra point attempt

was successful, and Farley surged ahead for a 7-6 lead.

McGlinn fought right back, as deGroot connected on back-to-back deep throws, a 31-yard pass to Kathleen Stanley and a 36-yard touchdown pass to Lauren Miller. Again, the Shamrocks couldn't convert the extra point, but reclaimed the lead, 12-7.

On its next possession, Farley quickly turned the ball over as Murphy's first pass was picked off again by Robertson, who had an outstanding overall performance for the Shamrocks.

"Everyone was really proud of her," McGlinn captain Sarah deGroot said. "She has been really clutch for the team the whole year."

The first half ended with McGlinn still clinging to a five-point lead.

Farley's defense valiantly kept the Finest within striking distance in the second half, but their offense was unable to muster a second half rally.

Desperate to score, Farley resorted to using all four downs on their final three possessions, but the Finest were constantly thwarted by the stellar play of the Shamrocks' defense, and McGlinn held on for the 12-7 victory.

With their victory, the Shamrocks now move on to the biggest stage — Notre Dame Stadium to fight for the championship, where they will face No. 1 seed Welsh Fam.

"We're all pumped to go to the Stadium," deGroot said. "We couldn't be more excited."

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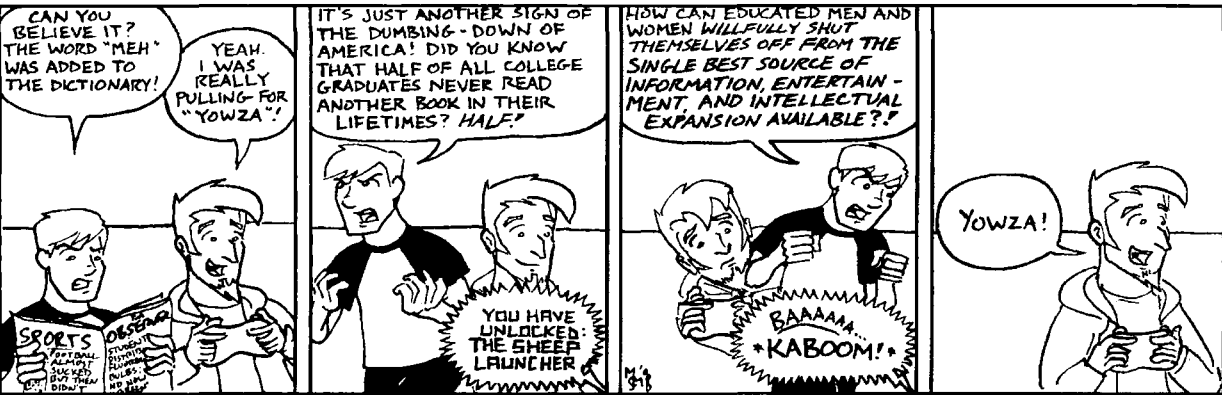
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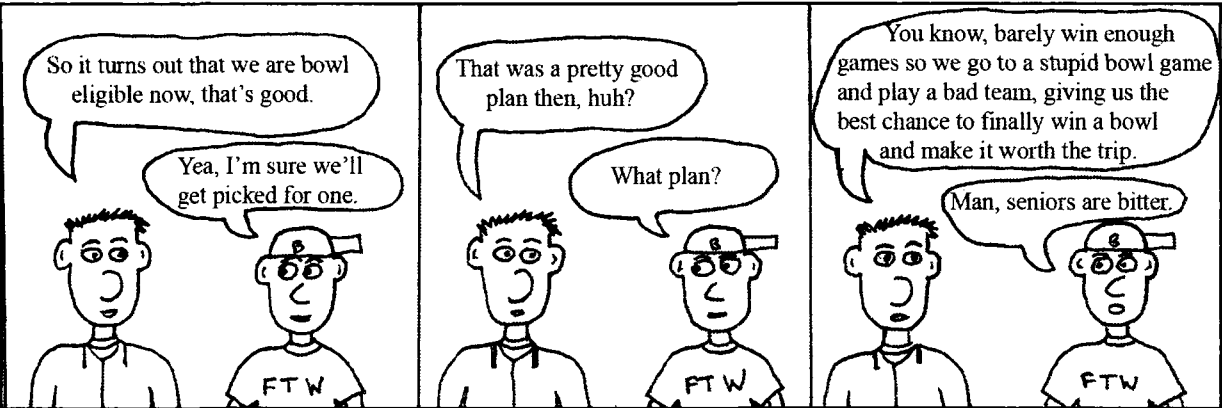
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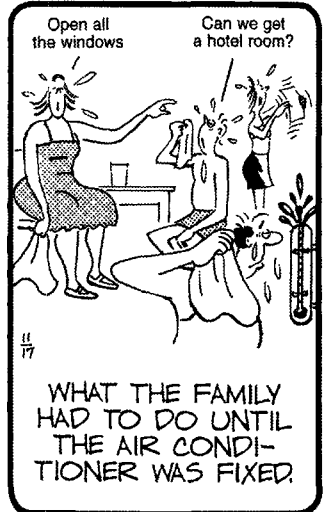
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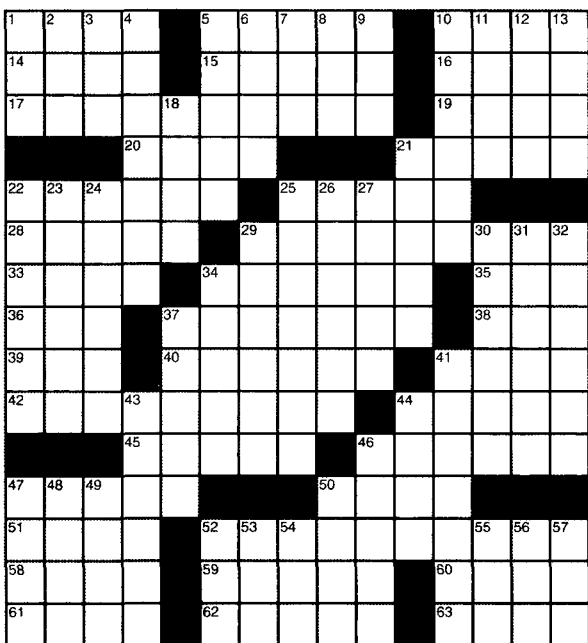
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Rely on yourself if you want to get things done. Someone you love will have a hard time understanding what you want, so be patient. Put more time and effort into your financial situation — set a budget and stay within it. ★★

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**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't be fooled by someone who is complaining. Make an attempt to raise your profile and to advance. If you don't see a bright future where you are, look for a position that has growth potential. Overspending will lead to problems at month's end. ★★

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## INTERHALL FOOTBALL

# Heading to Rock's house

*Keenan and Siegfried set to play in Stadium*

By MOLLY SAMMON and  
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Sports Writer

### Siegfried 14, Morrissey 6

Siegfried is moving on to the championship game with high spirits, as Sunday's 14-6 victory over Morrissey gives the Ramblers a shot at glory in the Stadium.

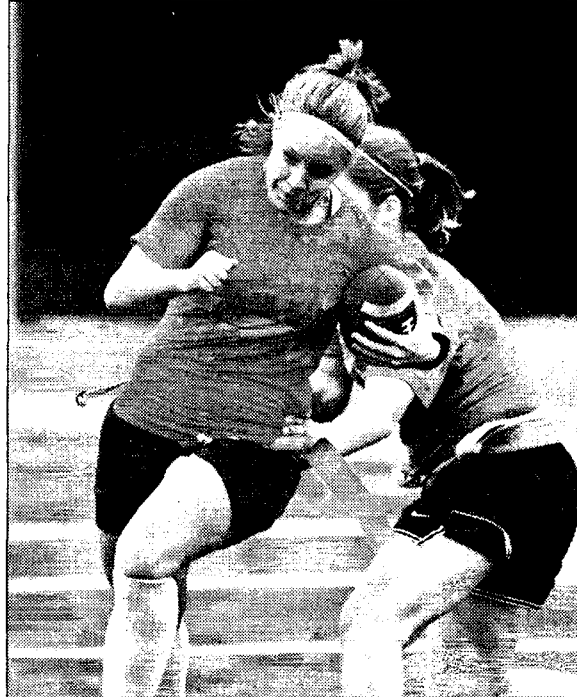
"It was tough and cold out, and these are two really physical teams," Siegfried coach P.J. Zimmer said. "But fortunately, we were able to execute when we needed to."

The Ramblers were the first to put points on the board, as senior quarterback Max Young ran the ball in early in the first quarter, putting Siegfried

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Left: Siegfried's Dex Cure breaks tackles in the Ramblers' 14-6 win Sunday. Right: Kristin Szczepaniec takes a hand off during Welsh Family's 14-7 win over Pasquerilla West.



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*Welsh Fam one win from defending title*

By CHRIS MICHALSKI and  
KYLE SMITH  
Sports Writer

### Welsh Fam 14, Pasquerilla West 7

Same scenario, same result.

On another cold November Sunday, top-seeded Welsh Family eliminated fourth-seeded Pasquerilla West from the playoffs, just like they did last year.

This game, though, was much closer than last year's, and came down to the last drive to decide the winner.

The Purple Weasels came out tough, scoring on their first offensive drive. Quarterback and captain Cara Davies found receiver Cynthia Curley in the left corner of the endzone for a

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Irish on top of their game as post-season gets started

By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

It is win or go home time for the Irish.

With their win over Connecticut on Sunday, the Irish (14-13; 9-5 Big East) secured the fifth seed in the Big East Championship, putting them in decent position to make a run at winning the Big East title and qualifying for the NCAA tournament.

"I think we have a really good chance at winning the tournament," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We have been doing some things very well lately and I am very optimistic."

Earning the top seed in the tournament was St. John's (21-8; 12-2 Big East), followed by Cincinnati (25-5; 12-2 Big East), Louisville (15-10; 11-3 Big East), and Connecticut (21-8; 10-4 Big East). Rounding out the tournament qualifiers behind the Irish were Syracuse (17-14; 8-6 Big

East), Pittsburgh (16-13; 8-6 Big East) and South Florida (17-12; 7-7 Big East).

The team is maturing and coming together at the right time of the year, according to Brown, who has seen the team improve as the year went on.

"Over the last couple weeks, we have been doing some very good things," Brown said. "We played a very good game against St. John's and managed to find a way to win against Connecticut this past weekend. We have a

whole new outlook right now."

The offense has been the strong suit for the Irish this year, led by a bevy of strong outside hitters. Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin leads the Irish with a 3.2 kills per set ratio, followed by freshman outside hitter Kristen Dealy (2.68 kills/set), sophomore outside hitter Kellie Sciacca (2.4 kills/set) and junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips (2.52 kills/set).

Brown said the key to the team's late season success can

be attributed to the improved defensive play of the team.

"I was very pleased with how the defense played against Connecticut," Brown said. "We held them to a very low hitting percentage."

In earning the fifth seed, the Irish will get a second crack in the opening round at the Connecticut team that they defeated last weekend in five sets to end the Huskies' seven

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Finding ways to win games

Throughout much of the second half of Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Michigan State Sunday, a car alarm blared just outside Alumni Field. The noise — coupled

with the bitter-cold temperature — certainly annoyed the fans in attendance. But not nearly as much as Michigan State irritated the Irish.

By packing eight players into the defensive half of the field for much of the contest, the pesky Spartans gave the Irish offense one of the best tests it has seen all season.

"I thought Michigan State



Fran Tolan

Sports Writer



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Junior forward Michelle Weissenhofer breaks up a play during Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Michigan State Sunday.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Team picks up No. 12 seed in NCAA tourney

*ND earns first round bye and home game*

Observer Staff Report

For the eighth year in a row Notre Dame is headed to the NCAA Tournament.

Head coach Bobby Clark has brought his troops to the tournament every year since taking over in 2000.

The Irish learned Monday that they would be the No. 12 seed this year. Notre Dame finished the regular season ranked ninth in the country, but slipped slightly because of a 2-1 loss to South Florida in the Big East semi-finals on Sunday.

The 16 top teams in the 48-team tournament all receive first round byes. This is the fifth time that the Irish have sat out the first round.

Last year Notre Dame was the No. 10 seed and advanced to

the quarterfinal round before a 1-0 overtime loss to eventual champion Wake Forest.

The first round bye also insures at least one home game for the Irish in the tournament. Notre Dame will take on the winner of the Northwestern-Loyola (Ill.) game to be played this weekend.

The winner of that game will travel to Alumni Field next Tuesday night. Notre Dame is undefeated at home this year with a 9-0-1 record. They currently have a 13-game unbeaten streak on their own turf, that dates back to a 3-2 loss to Indiana on Oct. 17, 2007.

Four other Big East teams will join Notre Dame in the tournament this year.

St John's was awarded the No. 3 spot and South Florida was given the eighth seed.

Wake Forest once again led the way this year picking up the No. 1 seed.