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University strategic plan still evolving

Notre Dame is five years into 10-year plan; Executive Vice President says research, financial aid are priorities

By MADELINE BUCKLEY News Editor

In August 2003, then-University President Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy finalized a 10-year strategic plan for the University to direct its development in the upcoming years.

Now roughly five years into the plan, the document is still evolving as University leaders continue to think ahead into the future, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said.

Affleck-Graves said the document, "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise" was Malloy's vision for the University in the year 2010 and beyond. Although several priorities in the strategic plan have been altered because of the economic downtown, he said many goals in the report have been achieved.

"At the time you draft it, you are trying to guess how things will be 15 to 20 years later and things change in unexpected ways," Affleck-Graves said. "So now we are five years into the plan and [University President Fr. John Jenkins] has been undertaking a review of what we have done, what we need to do still and what we need to change."

names research, residence and campus life, diversity in the faculty and student body and the University's Catholic identity as priorities as the University heads into the future.

Affleck-Graves said these focuses still remain central to the University, so the budget has been adjusted to build facilities for research and attract endowed faculty to The original strategic plan Notre Dame.

Despite the past year's recession, Affleck-Graves said the University's faculty has been growing.

"The first thing is continuing to get outstanding faculty, and then it's providing an infrastructure of support for that faculty to do research," he said.

Since the plan was drafted, the University has added the

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Right to Life stages demonstration

By KATIE PERALTA Assistant News Editor

Students walking through South Quad Thursday were met with more than just the usual diagonal paths and fields of grass. Instead, passersby witnessed a display of hundreds of small white crosses as well as thousands of pink and blue flags throughout the Quad.

Notre Dame Right to Life (NDRTL), a pro-life student organization, set up the display as a "visual means of keeping perspective of the scale of abortion in the United States," senior John Gerardi, president of NDRTL, said.

The display is called the Cemetery of Innocents and will be exhibited today as

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A project of Notre Dame Right to Life, crosses and flags, meant to represent abortion numbers, stretch across South Quad Thursday.

Students produce comedy mini-series

By MOLLY MADDEN News Writer

Meet Spot. He's a junior English major who has dreams of becoming a writer. Unfortunately, it's not going so well. He's in love with a girl who doesn't seem to know who he is and his best friend might be having feelings for him. He's the quintessential loveable loser. He's also fictional.

Spot is the title character of a six episode comedy mini-series

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New center examines science of networks

By LAURA McCRYSTAL News Writer

Notre Dame's Interdisciplinary Center for Network Science and Applications (iCeNSA), established last year, is looking to expand and reach out to more faculty and students, David Hachen, co-director of the center and professor of sociology, said.

iCeNSA is devoted to the study of networks in various disciplines. It includes faculty and students from the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Science and Engineering.

When students think of networks, they typically think of social networks such as Facebook, Hachen said.

Yet networks are apparent in all aspects of life. Examples include weather networks,

ecosystems, **See Also** food chains, business "Lecture distribution explains networks, financial networks" networks, page 4 electric power grids

"There's networks across all physical and social walks of life," Hachen said. "The tools

and the network of the human

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ND awarded 'B' sustainability grade

By MADELINE BUCKLEY

News Editor

The University is a grade greener this year.

The College Sustainability Report Card, a project of the Sustainable **Endowments** Institute that evaluates the environmental impact of national universities, awarded Notre Dame a B grade Wednesday, up from last year's grade of B-.

The scoring is broken down into nine categories with a grade for each one. The overall score is the average grade from each area.

Notre Dame was given an A in Administration, Student

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SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	C

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Inside Column

Weather: why we endure it

The last thing I want to write about is the weather, but in light of today's wonderful temperate climate and the fact I stood outside in it for two hours without any jacket, I feel it must be addressed. Being from Texas,

my idea of cold weather came once a year when my family would go to Colorado for two weeks each Christmas. One year it got into the teens. It

Carly Landon

News Wire **Editor**

was awful. Another year I can remember playing an agonizing lacrosse game where the temperature was in the 30s and it was sleeting. I never thought it would get any worse than that.

When I started looking at colleges, I wanted big sports and a large body of water nearby, preferably a warm body of water. Then I wound up at Notre Dame. Don't get me wrong though, I love Notre Dame.

At first, I even loved the weather. I liked South Bend's version of summer. It was a pleasant change from the heat of Texas. I loved when the leaves changed. I was the first one outside for the first snowfall. And the second. But that was when it was still relatively warm and the snow was still new enough to be seen as beautiful.

At Christmas, I raved to my friends about the seasons, how winter was not at bad as we'd been warned. It was 80 degrees at home the day I left for spring semester, at the time I couldn't wait to get back to the beautiful winter wonderland of Notre Dame.

That's when the real winter came. Where the 20s, the 30s, even the teens really were an oasis of warmth. There were mornings I'd wake up and the temperatures were lower than I imagined was possible outside of Antarctica.

One night as I walked home I wore both my guy friend's and my parka. It was negative 40 with windchill that night. Lovely. It was a little after midnight and campus was dead. It was the fastest I've ever made it from North Quad to South. I might have even set a record. Too bad everyone else was smarter than to venture out or else they might have witnessed my amazing dash.

This year as the weather steadily descends on its downhill slope towards the worst weather and each day grows a little colder, I fill with dread. I still love Notre Dame. I hate the weather, but I love thee Notre Dame. Why do we do endure the cold though?

My answer came last week. After the Washington game, a game ringing true to South Bend's charming weather, I saw a little boy crying as his mom attempted to usher him out of the stadium. She begged him to stop crying so they could get to the car, saying, "You just got over pneumonia. I let you stay the whole game but I am your mother and now I say its time to go. You don't want to be sick do you?" He replied, "I'll never make it to Notre Dame if you make me leave, I have to be the last one here. I don't care if I'm sick."

Notre Dame students are very much like this little boy. We endure the weather. Not just for the games, but also for the school. To many, Notre Dame was a dream and now its finally come true. To others, they came and fell in love despite the weather. Still even if you aren't on the bandwagon, you aren't sure you love Notre Dame or can endure the weather, you take it. You take it because it's Notre Dame. And really, deep inside, you know its worth it. Notre Dame is infectious. You can't help but love it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Carly Landon at clandon1@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

The photo that appeared on page two of Oct. 8's paper was a picture of Jesse Polen, not Don Jarnell, with Taylor Swift.

An Oct. 8 Observer article titled "Moreau box office begins Web ticket sales" misspelled Chris Sallak's name. The article also misidentified Mr. Sallak as a female. He is a male. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT FROM 'THE OFFICE' LAST NIGHT?



Jessica Spiewak

junior Pasquerilla East

"Kevin's sexy hair and box shoes."



Chris Gill

senior off campus

"When Andy tore his scrotum, clearly."



Tara Scannell

sophomore Le Mans

"The procession down the aisle."



Lauren Vela

sophomore **Howard**

"When Jim says, I bought those tickets the moment I saw that video."



Lizzie Schwegman

junior Breen Phillips

"Cutting off the tie because it was risky but doable."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



GRACE KENESEY/The Observer

Pamphlets lay around campus Thursday supporting veganism and encouraging people to cut down on their consumption of meat.

OFFBEAT

Zoo paints donkeys like zebras to attract visitors

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Gaza City zookeepers have found a creative way of drawing crowds to their dilapidated zoo - by painting their donkeys. The Marah Land Zoo's only two zebras died of hunger earlier this year when they were neglected during the Israel-Hamas war.

The popular animals were too expensive to replace, so the keepers decided to design a pair of donkeys with black and white patterns instead.

Ahmad Barghouti says a professional painter used French-manufactured hair coloring to make the donkeys

look like zebras.

Hasan Yaseen said Thursday since his three children have never seen a real zebra, they enjoy the Gaza version.

North Dakota dog may be tallest in the world

CASSELTON, N.D. — Boomer may be a buster: Measuring 3 feet tall at the shoulders and 7 feet long from nose to destructive wagging tail, he might be the world's tallest living dog. Owner Caryn Weber says her 3-year-old Landseer Newfoundland keeps all four paws on the floor when he drinks from the kitchen faucet in her family's eastern North Dakota farm house. Boomer stares into car win-

dows eye to eye with drivers. A 20-pound bag of dry dog food lasts the 180-pound canine a couple of weeks.

Weber says her furry black and white dog "comes into the house and his tail is so high everything gets knocked around."

Weber plans to send Boomer's measurements to Guinness World Records. The previous record holder was a nearly 4-foot-tall Great Dane that died this summer.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Pat Ward, vice president and CFO of Cummins, Inc., will deliver a lecture today at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is part of the Boardroom Insights **Executive Speaker Series** sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business. The event is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men's and women's swimming teams will host the Dennis Stark Relays today at 5 p.m. at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Notre Dame hockey team will play Alabama-Huntsville tonight at 7:35 p.m. and Saturday at 7:05 p.m. at the Joyce Center Ice Rink. For ticket information, call the athletic department ticket office at **574-631-7356**.

Sorin will host the 121st annual Sorin College Talent Show tonight at 8 p.m. in front of Sorin. The event is free.

The Notre Dame Rugby Club will play Indiana University at 1 p.m. Saturday on West Quad.

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team will play Cincinnati at 2 p.m. Saturday Jovce the Center Fieldhouse. For ticket information call the athletic ticket office at 574-631-7356.

The Domer Doggie walk will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. on South Quad.

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

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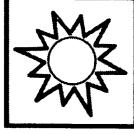
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New group promotes international development

International Development Research Council assists students in pursuing overseas study and internships

By AMANDA GRAY News Writer

International Development Research Council (IDRC) is a new student-created and student-led group on campus, dedicated to bringing students together toward the pursuit of international development, IDRC President and Notre Dame senior Paul Jindra said.

The group's main purpose is to point students toward grant opportunities and strengthen applications for grants to travel and experience developing countries first hand, Jindra said.

"I believe IDRC fills a hole in Notre Dame's current academic environment," Katy Smith, Second Vice President and Notre Dame senior, said. "Many students want to do research or complete an internship abroad, but aren't quite sure of where to start or, can't nail down a specific research question, or can't find contacts in their country of interest or the grant money to get there. We can help them connect the dots.

"There are so many opportunities for students, but they don't know about them."

The IDRC is currently working with the Center for Social Concerns, the Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement, the Kellogg Institute, and various other postgraduation fellowships to help

students, Jindra said.

Discussion is an integral portion of IDRC, she said. IDRC is divided into five geographical regions that meet separately for discussion. Each group is directed by a student that has traveled abroad and is familiar with the region they are leading, Jindra said. At the meetings students discuss viewpoints and ideas.

"IDRC facilitates interdisciplinary discussion so students can confront issues they didn't know existed," Jindra said. "There really are roles for every major, ever student. The effort stretches across lines of where we study and what we're interested in."

"One of the amazing things about ND students is that they're so passionate about combating worldwide poverty and injustice," John Firth, First Vice President and Notre Dame senior, said. "IDRC harnesses that passion and helps students put it to use on the ground all over the world. Any student at this university has the potential to make a difference whether his or her interests are in business, engineering, the liberal arts, the sciences, or architecture. The philosophy underlying IDRC is that if we talk to each other and combine our efforts, we can prove to be more than the sum of our parts.

"The University mission statement calls students to put their education into action 'as learning becomes service to justice.' IDRC facilitates the discussion, the con-

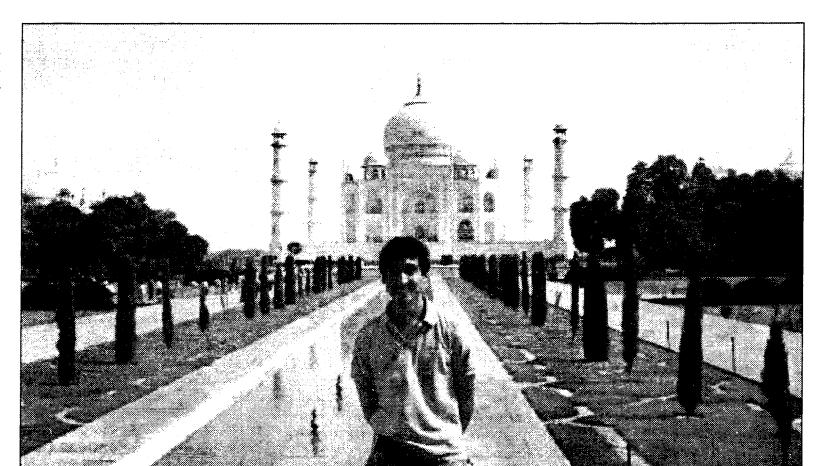


Photo courtesy of Paul Jindra

IDRC Working Group Chair Andrew Hebert in India, where he worked at a school for mentally disabled students.

tacts, and the resources so that students are able to truly live out what they have learned and believe," Laura Cassel, IDRC's Working Group Chair and Notre Dame senior, said. "Through IDRC, students can bring the knowledge they've learned in the classroom into a real world context."

IDRC has been in the works for some time, Jindra said. The idea

for IDRC came, in part, from Jindra's personal experience abroad in Uganda with the Ford program.

"Coming back, I had made contacts to go again, but other students didn't have that opportunity," Jindra said.

Now the group is hoping to build networks and connect students easily to grants, Jindra said. The working group chair, Laura Cassel, is responsible for sending out opportunities and helping students develop ideas and applications

IDRC is always taking new members, Jindra said. Group meeting times and locations are available at the IDRC Web site, www.nd.edu/~idrc.

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iCeNSA lecture explains theory about social networks

By ALEX TOOMBS **News Writer**

Professor Katherine Faust, of the University of California-Irvine's sociology department, was the first speaker in a series of lectures on the dynamics of social networks and their applications initiated by the new iCeNSA intercollegiate program.

"Individuals ... directing communications or actions toward one another," was Faust's underlying premise for the classification of a network as being a social network.

Faust explained her theory through her analysis of networks among both humans and animals.

According to Faust, ties and groups are "at the crux of what it means to be social."

These ties and groups were shown in a hypergraph, an elaborate graph that contained both nodes and bonds between nodes.

At one point, Faust pointed out the similarities in the social network hypergraphs of cows licking each other and of politicians co-sponsoring bills together.

They illustrated connections that arise among social beings,

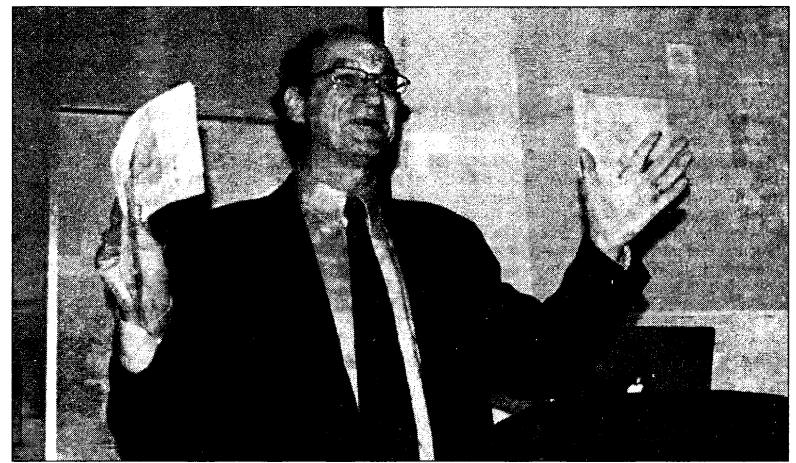
such as people, in the same setting. Each node had a property of degree measuring its involvement in the network. Faust explained the different methods for analyzing a social network that spanned many different disciplines. The structure of the network is nearly synonymous with the relations than run between each actor involved in the grouping.

Empirical and graphic representations, along with computational models, are valid ways of both analyzing and representing social networks.

The property of "multiple individual interactions in the same place, at the same time" is defined as the property of social networks known as sociality, according to Faust. Networks wherein the individuals are "reacting to each other," and are "very public and observable" have the property of sociality.

The consequences of sociality were illustrated with diagrams of the interactions of different animals. These consequences described social phenomena like linear hierarchies, bystanders, interventions and coalitions.

"The emergence of things like linear hierarchies depends



GRACE KENESY/The Observer

David Hachen, sociology professor and co-director of the Interdisciplinary Center for Network Science and Applications (iCeNSA), speaks at a Thursday lecture delivered by Katherine Faust.

upon the presence of third party bystanders," Faust said.

Essentially, linear hierarchies wherein one individual was dominant over another were formed differently or did not emerge at all dependent upon the presence of a thirdparty observer.

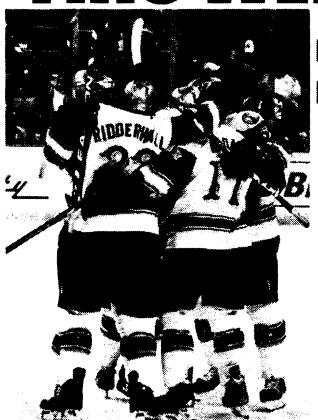
Interest in social networks from other fields like computer science, physics and biology renew Faust's question of just what is social about social networking.

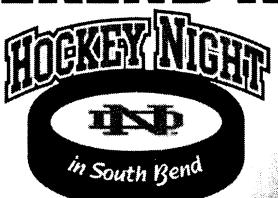
However, the interaction of these new fields together yields interesting possibilities for future career paths.

Some incarnations already emerging from these co-operations are the ever popular Web sites, Facebook and MySpace, she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Caribbean leaders target malaria SANTO DOMINGO — The leaders of Haiti and the Dominican Republic agreed Thursday to cooperate in a campaign aimed at eradicating the last vestiges of malaria from the islands of the Caribbean by 2020.

What remains uncertain is how to fund the roughly \$250 million effort, which also aims to eliminate lymphatic filariasis, on the twonation island of Hispaniola. Former President Jimmy Carter, who helped spur the deal, said he is confident a "constant commitment" from the two countries will wipe out the two diseases.

Woman smuggles immigrants CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands

 A ticket agent contractor who worked for Delta Air Lines in the U.S. Virgin Islands has pleaded guilty in a conspiracy to smuggle illegal immigrants into the United States.

Felicia Browne was accused of helping three migrants bypass security and escorting them to a U.S.-bound plane in May 2008. The indictment said she allegedly received \$5,000 from each migrant in

Another contract ticket agent, Diana Telemaque, and airport luggage handler Daniel Confidente are awaiting trial on simi-

Delta has said the two contract employees were paid by another company and have been dismissed.

A judge accepted Browne's guilty plea Wednesday. Sentencing was set for January.

NATIONAL NEWS

Calif. herbal doctor arrested

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors brought fraud charges Thursday against a doctor accused of promising terminally ill cancer patients in their darkest hours that they would be cured with an herbal treatment.

Using her influence as an ordained Pentecostal minister, Dr. Christine Daniel tapped into the vessel of faith to entice people from across the nation to try her regimen. She even appeared on cable's Trinity Broadcasting Network in 2002 touting her cancer cure and its 60 percent success rate, according to federal investigators.

Gun-toting Penn. mom found dead

LEBANON - A suburban mother who fought in court for the right to openly carry a loaded handgun at her daughter's youth soccer game was fatally shot Wednesday along with her parole-officer husband in an apparent murder-suicide at their home in Pennsylvania Dutch country, authorities

Police released scant details about the deaths of Meleanie Hain, 31, and Scott Hain, 33, but said more information would be released Friday after their autopsies.

"I'm devastated. I lost my daughter. I lost my best friend. The children lost their parents," Jenny Stanley, Meleanie Hain's mother, told WGAL-TV. Stanley added that the three children, ages 2, 6 and 10, are "hanging in there."

The children were at a neighbor's house by the time police arrived to answer 911 calls from neighbors, said Lebanon City Police Chief Daniel Wright.

LOCAL NEWS

Record number take the PSAT INDIANAPOLIS — A record number of Indiana high

school sophomores have signed up to take the PSAT. The state Department of Education says about 82 percent of Indiana sophomores registered to take the PSAT on Oct. 14. That's a big increase from last year, when 49 percent of 10th-graders took the test.

State schools Superintendent Tony Bennett hopes the exam will spur more students to take rigorous classes and pursue higher education.

Educators say the PSAT also gives students a leg up when taking the SAT. Indiana graduating seniors who took the PSAT scored an average of 150 to 250 points better on the SAT last year compared to students who didn't take the PSAT.

ITALY

Allies may decide Premier's fate

Plagued by scandal, Berlusconi's future may be determined by political supporters

Associated Press

ROME — From cruiseship crooner to billionaire media mogul to Italy's dominant political figure, Premier Silvio Berlusconi has achieved an improbable rise to power.

Now — dogged by a sex scandal and ordered back to trial this week to face corruption and fraud charges — he's staring into the abyss of a spectacular downfall.

But this master of selftransformation has bounced back from scandal countless times in the past, and the Constitutional Court's decision Wednesday to lift his political immunity as premier may be just another chink in the leader's Teflon armor.

With the opposition in disarray, the Italian people still behind him and almost inexhaustible avenues for appeal, Berlusconi's fate ironically rests with his political allies. The most dangerous are key figures of his own coalition: one the boisterous head of a xenophobic party, the other a cool-headed former neo-Fascist who considers himself the media magnate's successor.

Despite setbacks that would have cost other leaders their jobs long ago, the 73-year-old leader says he has no intention of stepping down and intends to serve the final 3 1/2 years of his

He has launched into combat mode, denouncing the high court judges as "leftists" and implying that the president — a dignified figure who has sought to be a voice of reason — is a communist stooge.

There's little question the high court's decision to remove Berlusconi's immunity as premier — clearing the way for his corruption trial to resume — is a massive political blow that could hobble his premiership if he holds onto power.

Preparing for court appearances and defending



Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi gestures as he leaves the Palazzo Grazioli residence in Rome Wednesday. An Italian court recently overturned a law granting him immunity.

attacks will prove a major distraction from such critical issues as Italy's economic crisis and Afghanistan, where six Italian troops recently were killed in a bombing.

Stefano Folli, a commentator for the business daily newspaper Il Sole 24 Ore, calls this the "most critical moment of his political life."

But Berlusconi is never quite so alive as when he's battling his critics — and the Italian public often appears to applaud the spectacle of the premier sneering and snarling as he fends off his accusers.

Berlusconi's enduring popularity may lie partly in the way he's seen by millions as the living embodiment of their dreams — a

ing to become Italy's richest and most powerful man, wielding the reins of state even as he parties on yachts with starlets.

As a businessman, he's shown a genius for tapping into powerful national obsessions.

In a soccer-crazy nation, he owns AC Milan, one of Italy's most successful clubs. And his media empire has fed Italy an endless stream of glitz that has helped the masses vicariously live "la dolce vita" the sweet life.

Polls have shown that Berlusconi, who has ruled for seven of the past eight years, enjoys broad support despite repeated scandals. His wife has accused him of having inappropriate rela-

himself against political leader who rose from noth- tionships with far younger women — one was 18 and a self-described call girl said he spent a night with

> Berlusconi savs he is "no saint" but has denied ever paying anyone for sex or having any improper relationships.

> The premier said Thursday he will go on TV and appear in courtrooms to prove that corruption and tax fraud charges in two trials against him are false.

"These two trials are laughable, they are a farce which I will illustrate to Italians also by going on TV," Berlusconi said. "I will defend myself in the courtrooms and ridicule my accusers, showing all Italians ... the stuff I am made of."

Gay women more likely to be expelled

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Women are far more likely than men to be kicked out of the military under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy against gays in uniform, according to government figures released Thursday that critics said reflect deep-seated sexism in the armed

Women accounted for 15 percent of all active-duty and reserve members of the military but more than one-third of the 619 people discharged last year because of their sexual orientation.

The disparity was particularly striking in the Air Force, where women represented 20 percent of all personnel but 61 percent of those expelled. That is a significant jump from the previous year and marks the first time women in any branch of the military constituted a majority of those dismissed under "don't ask, don't tell," researchers said.

Nathaniel Frank, a researcher at the Palm Center, a University of California, Santa Barbara, center specializing in gays and the military, said one partial explanation is that homosexuality is more common among women in the service than among their male com-

But Frank and some women who served in the military said the gap could also be a result of "lesbian-baiting" rumors and investigations that arise when women rebuff sexual overtures from male colleagues or do not meet traditional notions of feminine beauty.

"Often times the lesbians under my command were under scrutiny by the same men who were also sexually harassing straight women, so it was this kind of sexist undercurrent of 'You don't belong here," said Anuradha Bhagwati, a former Marine who founded the Service Women's Action Network, an advocacy group.

Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said officials would not speculate on why women accounted for a disproportionate share of those dismissed for being gay, adding that even inquiring about it might run afoul of "don't ask, don't tell."

Economist addresses poverty in developing world

Lecture by advisor to Ford Family Program focuses on the use of natural resources to overcome poverty

By ANN-MARIE WOODS News Writer

When addressing the problem of extreme poverty in developing countries, economist Paul Collier emphasized the importance of harnessing the natural resources of the modern world for the benefit of the poor, focusing on four integral links in the chain of the ethical custody of resources.

Invited to serve as a special advisor to the Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity, Collier presented the lecture "The Plundered Planet and Restoring Natural Order in the Bottom Billion" Thursday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

In the lecture, Collier identified the necessary steps to employ the world's natural resources in order to bring developing countries out of poverty and into positions of strength and utility.

"Paul's research and service are motivated by deep respect for the inherent dignity of the human person and, because this a core value at Notre Dame, we are extremely happy that Paul has joined us as special advisor," director of the Ford Program Fr. Robert Dowd said.

Professor of Economics and director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, Collier has devoted his career to researching the many causes of poverty and developing innovative ways of creating tangible solutions to the many economic and social problems facing developing areas of the world.

When addressing the need to maximize natural resources to bring them to development, Collier continually focused on an analogy of links that make up a decision-making chain.

"There is a whole chain of decisions that have to go right,"

Collier said. "If any of the links in that chain break the whole chain is broken."

Central to any discussion of poverty is an important ethical component that addresses not only the people involved but also the natural resources being used to bring about a solution to poverty in developing countries, Collier said.

"The right message for the ethics of the natural world is that nature is there for us to use, but to use responsibly, not just for ourselves, but for the future, not just for the few but for the many," Collier explained. "This is the ethics of custody or stewardship."

Finding the natural resources and determining their utility are the first links in Collier's chain of ethical stewardship, and forms of plunder are pivotal to the failure of this chain. For Collier, the two main forms of plundering occur when the few steal from the many and when the present steals from the future.

"Use [the resources], we can," Collier said. "But if we use them we should use them productively and bequeath to the future something of equal or greater value."

While the known natural assets of the developed world value \$125,000 per square kilometer, the known subsoil assets of Africa value approximately \$23,000 per square kilometer. The disparity in values highlights the important concern that there have not been enough discoveries and harnessing of natural resources in places like Africa, Collier said.

The second link in the chain is how to sell and tax the resources for the benefit of the individual countries.

Citing specific developing countries' failed experiences with revenues and taxation, Collier emphasized the need for greater transparency in the transactions

of natural resources.

"The resource extraction process shouldn't be sold by secret negotiations between a company and a minister but by transparent auctions," Collier said. "The true value is revealed in an auction, but this is very seldom done."

The question of consumption versus investment of revenues is the third link in the chain of responsible custody of resources.

When examining the best solution for developing countries, Collier studied the comprehensive wealth of a nation, derived from natural resources in addition to manmade revenues.

"Over the past 30 years, the

comprehensive wealth in Africa has been cut in half," Collier said. "Natural resources depleted and accumulation of other assets have been built up, yet living standards have been very low."

Collier suggested saving and investing in the nation itself as the best model for developing countries to economically and socially advance themselves.

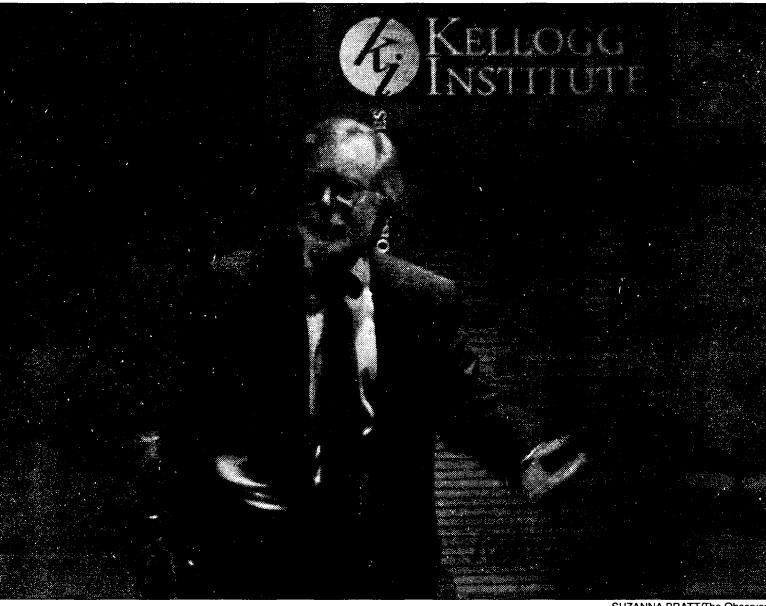
"They need to invest the money in the country, using the savings for domestic investment," Collier said.

The fourth and final link is learning how to invest revenues properly and efficiently to yield the greatest outcome, which necessitates the development of international standards that teach nations how to use the opportunities created by natural resources effectively, Collier said.

Collier said it just takes one generation, adhering to the ethical custody chain of decisions, for change and prosperity in the developing world.

"This is a long chain, and all the links have to hold, and not just hold for the moment but have to hold again and again," Collier said. "There are no quick fixes to bring a poor society to prosperity, but it only takes a generation."

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SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer Paul Collier, economist and special advisor to the Ford Family Program, delivered a lecture about using natural resources to solve poverty on Thursday.

Journalist speaks at SMC on misconceptions about media

Richard Halloran, former New York Times reporter, talks about seven myths that the public often believes

By ALICIA SMITH News Writer

Former New York Times and Washington Post journalist Richard Halloran spoke at Saint Mary's Thursday to discuss a variety of myths that the public holds about the media.

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Halloran covered seven particular myths about which he felt the public should be aware.

"This is not a happy time for journalism for our country. Let me turn to what I call the seven myths of the m e d i a , "Halloran said. "The first myth:

that there is an institution called media; the second myth: most people get their news from television; the third: the myth about the power of the press; the fourth: the press and TV report only bad news; the fifth: liberals dominate the media; the sixth: media jeopardizes national security by printing leaks and unauthorized disclosures; and seven: Internet has changed the media's coverage."

There is no institution called the media, he said. Instead, there

are various outlets to cover the news, Halloran said.

"It is impossible to generalize from this conglomeration of newspapers, magazines, radio and TV outlets," Halloran said.

Halloran also discussed which outlets the public utilized to obtain the news. The community believed that television is the most

vision is the most common way to attain information is by the use of television.

"The audience for television networks has been falling sine the early 1980s," Halloran said. "The Columbia Journalism Review reports that only 11 percent of Americans consider television to be their primary source of news."

Another common misconception is that the media has power when in reality the media simply has the capacity to influence it's audience. According to Halloran, there is a distinct difference between power and influence.

"Myth number three is the ancient slogan about the power of the press. Ladies and gentlemen, the press has no power. What we do have is influence," Halloran said. "Power means you have the moral and the legal authority to make something happen. I have no power. I do have the influence, which means the capacity to persuade. Even that is limited."

Another common fallacy when attempting to understand the media stems from the idea that the press only reports "bad news," Halloran said.

"The good news bad news thing is also far more in the eye of the receiver than it is in the fingers of the writer," Halloran said.

aid. Many also worry that the media is dominated by liberal ideals.

"The point is that the criteria for judging the political stance of a paper or a TV news program is

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in the copy, not in the résumé of a writer or a news anchor," Halloran said.

Halloran also discussed the problems among unauthorized disclosure, or leaking information that should not be realized to the public.

"What the reading and the viewing public does not see is the number of

times the press and TV pull their punches instead of sensitive information," Halloran said.

The final myth Halloran spoke about the effect of the Internet in the world of news," Halloran said.

"It used to be that if your newspaper had an Internet outlet, you wrote your story for the print version and then they took it and put it in the Internet version," he said. "Now people who are daily reporters are asked to write their stories for the

Internet and then touch it up a little bit and put it in the print edition."

Halloran closed the lecture by challenging the public to learn to understand the news industry before criticizing

"Let me sum up. There is a lot going on with the news game today, and much that could be improved."

improved," he said. "But first and foremost there needs to be a hard look at journalism. If you are going to demand that newspapers improve, you've got to understand how they operate and what they're doing."

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Monsanto accused of antitrust

ST. LOUIS— The Justice Department is investigating whether Monsanto Co. violated antitrust rules in trying to expand its dominance of the market for genetically engineered crops.

Monsanto has provided interviews and documents to the Justice Department over the past two months, company spokesman Lee Quarles said. He said the department has questioned Monsanto about its marketing tactics in the biotech seed industry, which have become a target of criticism.

Quarles said Monsanto has done nothing illegal and is cooperating with the department. "We definitely stand behind our business," he said.

At issue is how the world's largest seed company sells and licenses its patented genes. Monsanto has licensing agreements with seed companies that let those companies insert Monsanto genes into about 96 percent of U.S. soybean crops and 80 percent of all corn crops.

Lenders use debt to buy newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Secured creditors of Philadelphia's major daily newspapers can use the \$300 million debt they're owed to bid for the company in a bankruptcy auction, a judge ruled Thursday.

The ruling could determine who takes over The Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Daily News and the Philly.com Web site.

CEO Brian Tierney and other company officials had hoped to block creditors from making a credit bid in the bankruptcy auction they proposed.

"All eyes are now on Citizens Bank, the Agent (for senior lenders). Who will they support?" the company said in a statement. "We will continue fighting for our newspapers and for our employees."

Creditors had complained in court that the company drew up a contorted bankruptcy reorganization plan designed to exclude credit bids and keep Tierney and his team at the helm. The plan includes a proposed auction along with an opening or "stalking horse" bid of \$67 million in cash and real estate from a new ownership group that includes two of the existing owners.

Hummer brand to be sold

General Motors set to sign sales agreement with Chinese manufacturer

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Co. is poised to sign a deal to sell its Hummer brand to a Chinese heavy equipment manufacturer as early as Thursday afternoon, a person briefed on the deal said.

Representatives of Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Industrial Machinery Corp. have been in the U.S. for the past nine days working on final details with GM, and both sides hope to sign a definitive sales agreement on Thursday or Friday, said the person, who asked not to be identified because the deal is not final.

The purchase price was not known, but GM said in its bankruptcy filing that Hummer might bring \$500 million or more.

Hummer, whose smallest model gets 16 miles per gallon in combined city and highway driving, sold well until the middle part of this decade when fuel prices began to rise. Through September, GM has sold only 8,193 Hummers in the U.S. this year, down 64 percent from the same period last year. In September, only 426 Hummers were sold nationwide, according to Autodata Corp.

GM, which spent 40 days in bankruptcy protection during the summer and has received about \$50 billion in U.S. government aid, plans to sell its Hummer and Saab brands and scrap Pontiac and Saturn as it tries to streamline its operations. The company wants to focus on four brands: core Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick and GMC.

Once the deal is signed, it still must be approved by the U.S. and Chinese governments, and Chinese regulators initially expressed reservations about Tengzhong's ability to run such an enterprise.

GM already has seen one similar deal blow up at the last minute. Last week,



In this June 2, 2009 photo, a Hummer H2 vehicle is seen for sale at a GM Superstore in Dublin, Calif. General Motors is expected to sign a deal to sell its Hummer brand.

auto dealership magnate Roger Penske's bid to buy the Saturn brand fell apart just before the deal was finalized when a contract to make vehicles was rejected by the Renault board.

Hummer spokesman Nick Richards in Detroit would not comment on the timing of the deal.

In June, Sichuan Tengzhong announced that it had a tentative agreement with GM to buy the brand, which features large off-road vehicles that initially were developed for military use.

The consumer version of the Hummmer H3 and H3T pickup are assembled at the GM plant in Shreveport, La., which is slated for closure no later than June 2012. The larger H2 was made under contract with South Bend, Ind.-based AM General LLC, which also makes military versions of the vehicles. The work-horse military vehicles used in Iraq and Afghanistan are not a part of the deal.

The deal with Sichuan Tengzhong has long been expected. The Michigan Economic Development Authority in September approved a \$20.6 million state tax credit over 10 years for Hummer to build a headquarters in the Detroit area.

The tax credit is contingent on Sichuan Tengzhong closing the deal for Hummer with GM, although a memo to the economic development

authority said all definitive documents for the sale have been signed by the companies.

The headquarters would house global design, engineering, product planning, purchasing, sales, service, marketing and financing, Richards said. The company plans to invest \$9.4 million over five years, he said.

The memo says the Hummer headquarters also would create another 641 jobs with other companies and generate \$36.6 million in additional revenue for the state through 2019, excluding the tax break costs

The company will decide on the headquarters' location by Oct. 31, the memo says.

U.S. to impose regulations on Ticketmaster

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Regulators in the U.K. and U.S. appear likely to impose conditions on the merger of concert promoter Live Nation Inc. and ticket-selling giant Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc. now that British authorities came out against the deal Thursday.

The U.K. Competition Commission said that combining Ticketmaster and Live Nation "could severely inhibit the entry of a major new competitor, CTS Eventim, into the U.K. ticketing market." The British regulators have until Nov. 24 to determine what actions to take.

Antitrust experts said the ruling makes it more likely that U.K. and U.S. authorities will coordinate a

response. That could mean Ticketmaster and Live Nation will be forced to sell off assets, or forced to sell some concert tickets through a competitor.

Live Nation shares fell nearly 6 percent Thursday, while Ticketmaster shares fell more than 4 percent.

"I think the writing is on the wall that the deal is not going to happen without some fix," said Mark Ostrau, an antitrust lawyer with Mountain View-based Fenwick & West LLP.

Several antitrust lawyers also noted that the J.S. Department of Justice has taken unusually long to give a green light to the deal that was announced in February.

"The fact that the U.K. regulators acted puts the U.S. more on the spot," said Kevin Arquit, an antitrust lawyer

and former director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition. But he added there was "no obligation" for U.S. authorities to follow the British lead.

Before the merger plan was announced, Bremen, Germany-based CTS Eventim AG had agreed to provide ticketing services for Live Nation's music events in Britain. CTS also has enabled Live Nation to run its own ticketing platform, which currently competes with Ticketmaster, in the U.S. since January.

The commission said if the merger were to proceed, Live Nation would have an incentive to inhibit CTS's business in the U.K. by minimizing the number of tickets it gave CTS to sell. That could lead to higher ticket prices, the commission said.



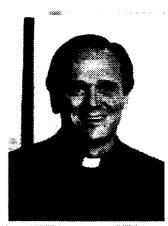
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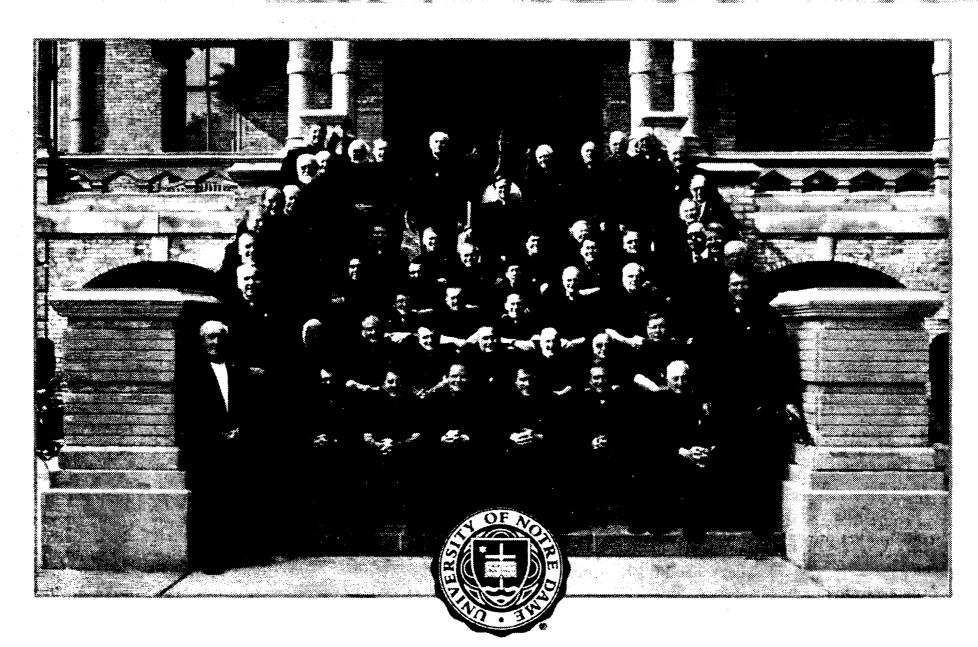


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SMC raises cancer awareness

By ALISON MEAGHER **News Writer**

The Saint Mary's Health and Wellness Department is promoting breast cancer awareness this month at a booth in the Student Center atrium.

"Girls here need to realize that [breast cancer] can happen to them," said Cathe DeCleene, director of Women's Health at Saint Mary's College. "It doesn't just happen to old women."

In honor of National Breast Cancer Month, The American Cancer society is hosting a "Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk" Oct. 10 at Howard Park in South Bend.

At the booth, students can sign up for the "Belle Brigade,"

the team representing Saint Mary's.

Registration is free and students can also sign up online at www.cancer.org/stridesonline. Donations will be accepted at booth, the online or at the walk.

Over 30 stuhave dents already registered for the walk.

The booth also offers pamphlets to students about mammograms and self-breast

DeCleene said students should also inquire about their family's history with the disease, because this could indi-

cate a higher risk factor of having breast cancer.

"In general, [student's bodies] are changing as they mature. Students should practice good health habits and be aware of changes the and abnormalities," she said.

In addition to promoting the walk and rais-

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Cathe DeCleene director Women's Health

realize that [breast cancer] can happen to them."

> dedicate ducks to a person they know who has struggled with breast

port of breast cancer awareness. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Besides the booth, Saint Mary's is raising awareness

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about breast cancer in other ways.

The Saint Mary's volleyball

team sponsored "Dig for the Cure," a charity event that raises money for The Susan G. Comen Foundation Tuesday. The event took place Angela Athletic Facility in the team's game against

Calvin College. Participants donated a flat rate, or offered a fixed donation for every dig the

team made. The gym was decorated with pink slips written in memory or honor of cancer victims, and the team sold pink shirts at lunch on Tuesday in order to raise additional funds.

The shirts will be on sale in the bookstore until the end of October.

DeCleene said many Resident Advisors are also helping to raise awareness by organizing events for their sections that educate students about breast cancer prevention.

Pamphlets explaining how to conduct a monthly breast selfexamination were also hung in showers throughout the cam-

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College holds 5k for children's hospital

By HILARY BENGSSTON News Writer

Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon will host its second annual 5K Trot for Tots to benefit the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

The event will be held Sunday and participation is open to the public. All proceeds from this event will be given to the Riley Hospital for Children — one of the only comprehensive children's hospital in Indiana.

"The Riley Hospital for Children affects the lives of many children and families throughout Indiana. The Trot for Tots 5K is a great way to support the local community and raise money for an excellent cause," said Kelly Deranek, Dance Marathon president.

As a comprehensive hospital, the Riley Hospital for Children is capable of treating all forms of illness, serving families from every region of the state, including the greater South Bend area. The hospital admits all sick children, regardless of a family's ability to pay for treatment, according to the Hospital's Web site.

Check-in begins at Saint Mary's Angela Athletic Facility at 7:30 a.m. The registration fee of \$25 for the 5K and \$10 for the "fun run" on the day of

the race includes a black, long-sleeved t-shirt and refreshments following the race.

The 5K run or walk will begin at 9 a.m. Participants will follow a course on the nature trails surrounding Saint Mary's campus. A half-mile children's "fun run" will be held at 10 a.m.

Saint Mary's Dance Marathon is beginning its fifth year as a student organization by hosting the event. The purpose of the group is to raise money for the Riley Children's Hospital throughout the year, leading up to their final fundraising effort — a twelve hour dance marathon March 26-27 from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

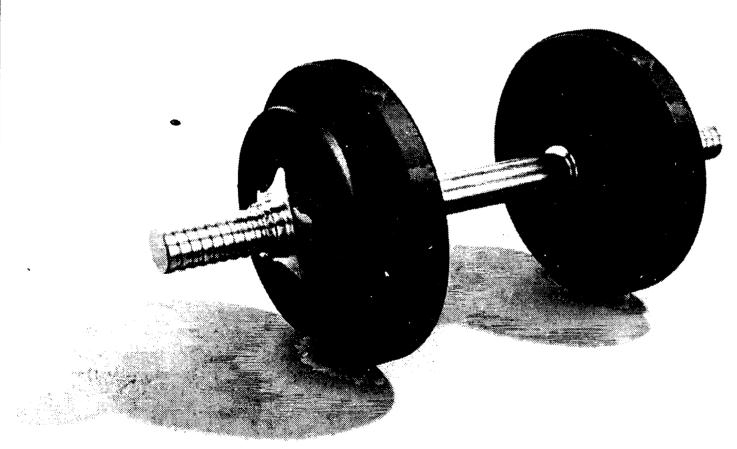
Last year, Dance Marathon raised just over \$90,000 for the Hospital. Within the last four years, over \$245,000 has been raised to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Hospital.

Saint Mary's is one of 113 colleges and universities to host a Dance Marathon for the Children's Miracle Network of Hospitals.

"The Children's Miracle Network of Hospitals give every child who walks through their door the best treatments and professional care available," Deranek said.

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named "Spot On" that airs on NDtv on Tuedays at 11 p.m. The series, which was filmed last year, was written, directed and executive-produced by juniors Paul Dechant, Javi Zubizarreta and Lora O'Shaughnessy. The three Film, Television and Theater majors, who also act in the series, came up with the original idea for "Spot" during their freshmen year.

"I really wanted to do a TV show that would have a strong story," Zubizarreta said. "Paul and Lora got involved with me and we wrote the episodes over the summer before sophomore year; there was a lot of iChatting involved."

After casting the nine actors for the series, the show went into production at the beginning of the fall 2008 semester. The three producers did not realize how much work that they had in front

"We thought that we'd have it all done by Fall Break," Zubizarreta said. "We were still filming as we began spring finals. On the days that we filmed we'd be filming anywhere from four to 12 hours a day with each scene taking us about two hours to

Dechant said the amount of time it took to film the show took him by surprise as well.

"We were new to the experience," he said. "When you watch a show you don't realize how much goes into a two-minute scene; you have to re-shoot it several times from different shots. It took time but we got what we wanted."

The three all share writing credit for the episodes and the characters. While they all said writing was a rewarding experience, it didn't come without its own set of frustrations.

"I think I now understand the saying that goes 'you sit down, open a vein and that's writing'," O'Shaugnessy said. "But it was so exciting to see our ideas come to life, especially the first time we heard the actors read what we had written."

The producers drew on real experiences and people in their own lives to help create situations and characters for the series.

"There's a scene in the first episode where Spot has a bad meeting with his college advisor," Zubizarreta said. "This was based on a meeting I had with my freshmen advisor who told me film was a waste of time and if I wanted a job I should go into business."

Some of the characters in the story are also based on real people or the producers themselves.

"I think we all put a lot of ourselves into Spot," O'Shaughnessy said. "All three of us had our own ideas and the they combined to make the final product."

Dechant said some characters started with a specific attribute that developed into a fully fleshed personality.

"Each character started with a little quirk that we drew from real experiences," he said. "Felix, the character that I play, is always wearing a knitted cap; that little trait is part of his bigger personality.'

Zubizarreta said developing the characters and making them into "real" people was his favorite part of the whole "Spot" process.

"We got to see these characters go through a whole evolution," he said. "Every character changed so much; at one point I wanted Spot to be on drugs but that got thrown out."

A year after beginning filming and a week after watching the first episode air, the three executive producers can look back at. their work on Spot On and reflect on their creation.

"I'm excited that it's now finished and that we have people that enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed making it," O'Shaughnessy said. "I can watch it now and see the little things that we put into it."

Watching the first episode with friends was something that provided a sense of accomplishment for Dechant.

"I think my favorite thing was that the viewers laughed at what we had meant for them to laugh at," he said. "That's something I proud of. We put a lot of work into this because we wanted it to be a quality product."

Zubizarreta said hopes that "Spot" will not only entertain viewers but also allow the audience to identify with the characters on the screen.

"Hopefully people watch it and hopefully they'll laugh," he said. "But I hope that they identify with the characters and the relationships. I hope that they can take something serious out of it along with the comedy."

On the other hand, Dechant has a much smaller desire of the audience.

"I just want everyone to think that Felix is the sexiest man alive," he said.

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Dean Woo participates in U.N. symposium

Special to The Observer

Carolyn Y. Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, served this week as a keynote speaker, along with professors Hans Küng and Jeffrey Sachs, at a high-level United Nations symposium dedicated to establishing business ethics in the global marketplace.

The event, held Tuesday at the U.N. headquarters in New York, also launched a new manifesto titled "Global Economic Ethic Consequences for Global Businesses."

"The current economic crisis emphasized the need for a broad consensus on business ethics worldwide," Woo said. "Efforts such as this event hosted by the United Nations, which brings together key global players, are critical if business is to be a force for good that improves the way of life for the human community.'

The symposium was jointly organized by the Swiss Mission to the U.N., the U.N. Global Compact Office, the Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development and the Global Ethic Foundation. It included practitioners from

the business, science and diplomatic communities.

The manifesto, development of which was led by Swiss-German theologian Küng, the president of the Global Ethic Foundation, aims at laying out a "common fundamental vision of what is legitimate, just and fair" in economic activities. First signatories include former President of Ireland and former U.N. Human Rights Commissioner Mary Robinson; Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University; and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop emeritus of Cape Town, South Africa.

The document will be open for signature to individuals globally. Signatories of the manifesto commit to "being led by its letter and its spirit in their day-to-day economic decisions, actions and general behavior."

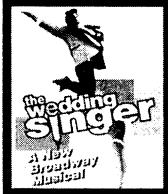
Building on the 1993 Parliament o f World "Declaration Religions' Towards a Global Ethic," the manifesto outlines five universally acceptable principles and values: the principle of humanity; non-violence and respect for life; justice and solidarity; honesty and tolerance; and mutual esteem and partnership.



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well.

Gerardi said the some 500 planted crosses represent the number of abortions in the United States during a three-hour period, roughly the duration of one college football game.

The flags, he said, which amount to about 4,000, represent the number of daily abortions in the United States. The pink and blue flags represent aborted females and males, respectively, he said.

Although the exhibit may be shocking, Gerardi said he believes it is significant in reminding people of the impact of abortion nationwide.

"We don't even stop to consider those lives," he said.

Although the Cemetery has been exhibited for many years, it continues to have an impact on the community, former NDRTL president and current vice president Mary Kate Daly said.

"I myself am affected each year it goes up," Daly, a senior, said.

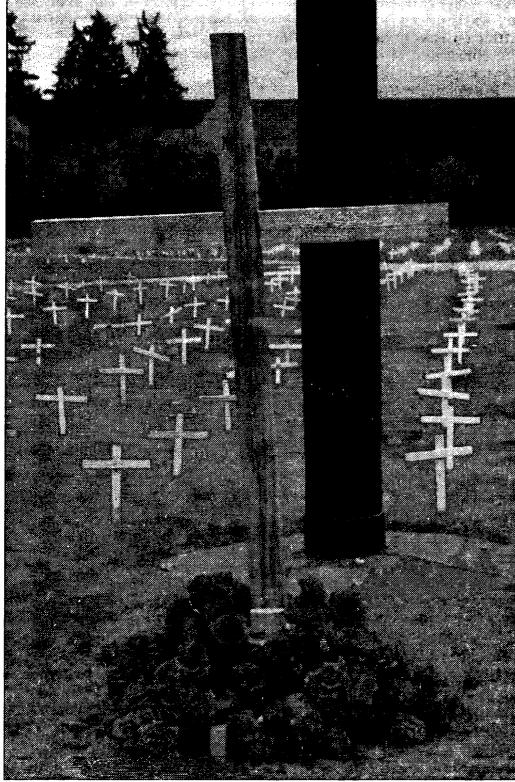
She said she has been involved with NDRTL since her freshman year.

Gerardi and Daly said the display is controversial in the Notre Dame community each year.

"People say it's weird or morbid," Gerardi said.

"Some people feel it may alienate those whom abortion has affected," Daly said. "It does affect people, but we try to recognize the women affected by abortion as well. We sympathize with their concerns."

Daly said the display has also undergone vandalism such as defacement in recent



SUZANNA PRATT/The Observer

Crosses stand on South Quad Thursday to represent abortions throughout the United States.

years.

"Usually though people are pretty civil," she said. "It's a University approved display."

The Cemetery of Innocents display is a part of Respect Life week, an effort to call attention to the discussion of abortion and its impact on the national community.

Along with the display,

Daly said, Theology Professor Adrian Reimers will give a lecture today about the theology of the family and sexual relations.

A Respect Life Mass will take place in the Basilica Saturday.

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you use to study networks can be used in all domains, and insights gained in one domain can be used to help people in all domains."

Nitesh Chawla, co-director of iCeNSA and professor of Computer Science and Engineering, said the Center itself is a network of faculty and students from different disciplines who collaborate together.

"We focus on fundamental methods, advances related to each of the fields," Chawla said. "Together we also combine our forces so that the whole is greater than the sum of the products."

Hachen said as a social scientist, he finds collaboration with people in the fields of Physics and

C o m p u t e r Science particularly useful.

"It looks like networks are easy things to understand, but it turns out the mathematics and the computations to understand networks are very complicated," he said. "Usually we study things

independently, but that's not the way networks are — they're highly interactive."

Before iCeNSA was created, Chawla said there was a Center for Complex Network Research, which operated out of the physics department.

"We wanted to create a center that was multidisciplinary across all the colleges," he said. "We've been trying to build the center as people interested in networks and network applications."

During its first year, iCeNSA focused on finding grants for funding. Chawla said the center received \$3.7 million in the past year and received recognition from the Army Research Lab, a distinction that has only been granted to a few other universities.

The center is currently looking to incorporate business into its research and involve faculty and students from the business school, Chawla said.

iCeNSA is also hosting a distinguished speaker series on social networks this year, which Hachen said is aimed at exposing students to iCeNSA and the study of networks. Katherine Faust, a professor from the University of California, Irvine, delivered the first lecture, "What is social about social networks?" Thursday.

"Although the subject is

social networks, we expect that the talk will have all applicability," Hachen said.

Chawla said the center launched a Web site, icensa.nd.edu, also with the goal of spreading the word about iCeNSA.

Faculty and students at the center are currently involved in several network research projects. One project studies social networks and the use of cell phones, Chawla said. Hachen said other projects involve the application of network science to climate change, health and disease and the brain.

"Really it means we are bridging across all these areas and learning from each other," Hachen said.

There are already several professors, undergraduate students and graduate students working on network research through iCeNSA, Chawla said,

"It looks like

networks are easy

things to understand

but it turns out the

mathematics and the

computations to

understand networks

are very

complicated."

David Hachen

iCeNSA director

but he hopes to see the center continue to grow and devel-

"We plan to grow and be more aggressive in bringing in more grants and writing quality papers," he said.

The Center's goals for the future include involving more s t u d e n t s, Hachen said.

Last year, iCeNSA applied for but did not receive a grant to create a graduate program in network science, but Hachen said he hopes that they will eventually achieve that goal. He also said iCeNSA may develop an undergraduate concentration in network science.

In the more immediate future, iCeNSA will try to attract undergraduates through the lecture series as well as classes taught by professors who work with the cen-

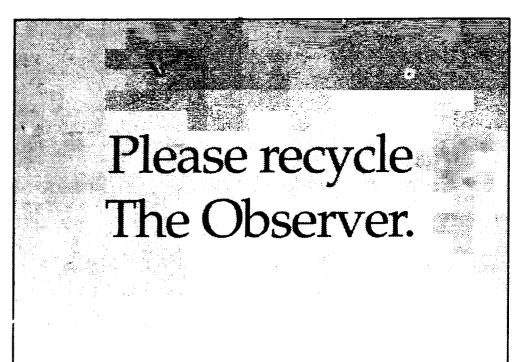
"I'm a little bit planning to throw the ball in the undergrads' lap as we evolve and looking at what they want to do [for network research]," Hachen said.

Hachen said there are endless possibilities for research in the area of network science, and iCeNSA will continue to unite various disciplines under network research.

"It turns out there's a lot of people that are interested in networks ... but they don't really know that there's other people on campus, that we're doing the same research as well," he said. "We want us to be a resource for faculty, graduate students, undergraduates, and also internationally."

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new Law School, and the new engineering facility, Stinson-Remick Hall will be ready this year.

The University is waiting on funding for a Social Sciences building and a multidisciplinary research center.

"I think the faculty are absolutely essential to our teaching and research mission, so they are a very important priority for us," he said.

While strong faculty and state-of-the-art research facilities have been a steady focus since the original plan was drafted, Affleck-Graves said financial aid emerged as a high University budgetary priority in the past year.

"We're in a very difficult economic time and more of our students need financial aid and those that need it, need more," he said. "On the student side without a doubt that is one of our biggest priorities. We are still fully need-blind and committed to that."

Student priorities indicated in the 2003 plan are over-crowding in the dorms and the size of LaFortune Student Center.

"Relative to our own campus residency rate, LaFortune Student Center should be at least twice its current size," the plan said.

However, as new priorities

have emerged and the economy has limited some funding, Affleck-Graves said plans for the construction of a new student center, originally slated to stand near Stepan Center, have been pushed to the side until the University can come up with the money.

The report also states a need to "alleviate overcrowding in the existing residence halls, accommodate undergraduate students in at least four new residence facilities."

Affleck-Graves said Ryan and Duncan halls were built in response to this concern, and the University is currently seeking funds to possibly build two other residence halls.

"We always have to reallo-

cate; it's part of the process," he said. "The University is always responding to what we see is the greatest priority and we do change those and sometimes only some priorities get funded."

Along with the student and faculty focuses in the strategic plan, Affleck-Graves said Geddes Hall, the new center for the Institute for Church Life and Center for Social Concerns, is a visible sign of the commitment to the University's Catholic mission as stated in the plan.

"Geddes Hall is such a great feature of undergraduate life at Notre Dame. I think we feel really good about it," he said. "I think the University would like to feel that it's a very attractive place for the leading catholic scholars in the country to have as their academic home."

As the University is moving into the 2009-2010 school year, Affleck-Graves said Notre Dame has made good progress in developing the goals outlined in the report, but Affleck-Graves said the plan is just that: a plan, and leaders are constantly reassessing it.

"We've lived the plan and we're about halfway through," Affleck-Graves said. "It's an evolving, living document. We just kind of grow with the plan."

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Grade

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Involvement and Investment priorities. The lowest categories were Shareholder Engagement, which received a C and Endowment transparency, which received a D.

The Report Card cites an increase in the use of "environmentally friendly paper products," efforts of GreeND and the Office and Sustainability and the LEED-certification of many of the newer campus buildings as reasons for the University's higher grade.

The D grade is because the University does not have a public list of holdings and the shareholder voting record is kept private, according to the

site.
University Sustainability
Programs Coordinator Erin
Hafner said she believes Notre
Dame's commitment to purchasing paper products that
have been recycled was a large
part of the higher grade award-

ed this year.

"Through a collaboration with Office Depot's corporate sustainability program, Notre Dame's Procurement Services and the Office of Sustainability, the University was able to realize a 70 percent increase in purchases of recycled-content paper," she said.

Hafner said the University also decreased the demand for electricity on campus, the result of a University project that increased heating and cooling efficiency in 24 buildings across campus.

But she said student involvement was invaluable.

"Student initiatives like the CFL bulb exchanges and several energy awareness campaigns have contributed to behavioral change as well," Hafner said.

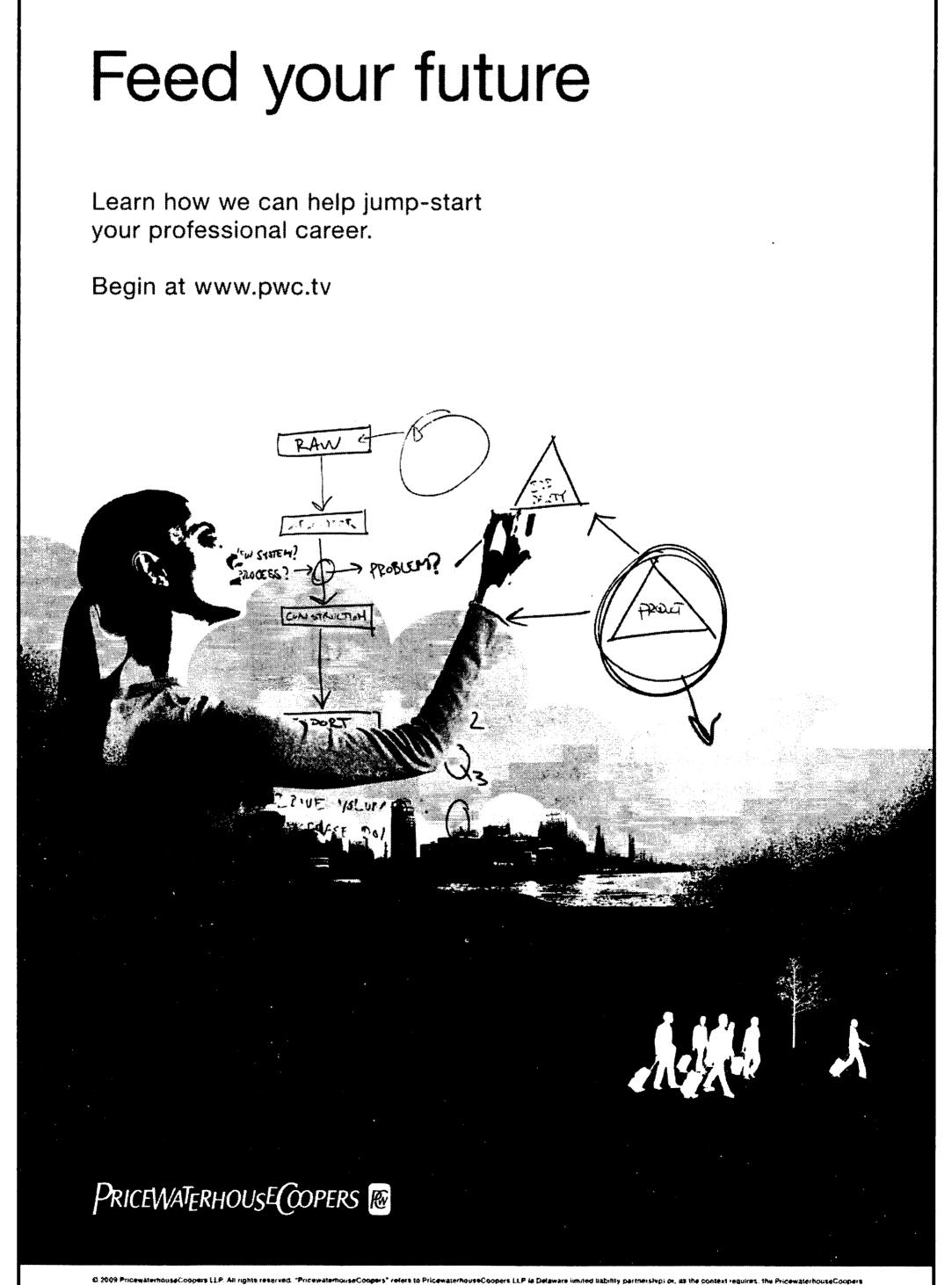
She said the University has also reduced carbon emissions by 7.5 percent this year. A large part of the decrease is due to a push to use LED lighting on campus.

The University's grade in the College Sustainability Report Card rose for the third straight year, according to a University press release. Last year's B-was an improvement on the D-grade the University received in 2007, one of the lowest the report card awarded.

Hafner said the Office of Sustainability is always working to improve the environmental impact of the University.

"The Office of Sustainability will continue to focus on campus energy use and energy efficiency projects," she said.

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Spielberg receives Liberty Medal

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Awardwinning filmmaker Steven Spielberg, long recognized for his artistic achievements, was honored with the Liberty Medal on Thursday for his compassion and humanitarian work.

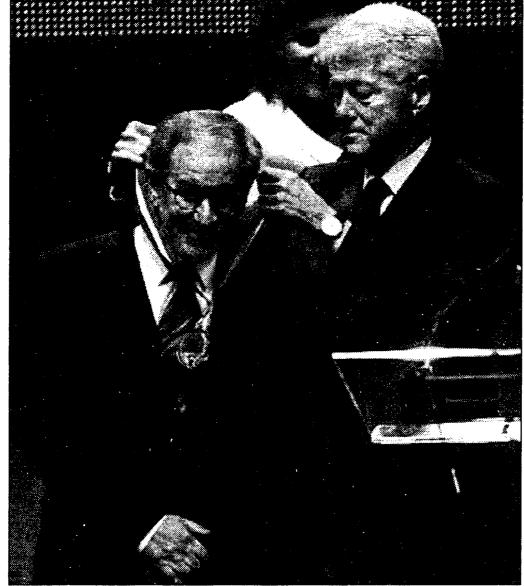
Former President Bill Clinton presented the medal to Spielberg at the National Constitution Center, which offers history-based exhibits focused on the U.S. Constitution and gives the annual award to those whose actions represent the founding principles of the United States.

"We honor a man today who has always been able to make a simple story and make it scary, make a simple story and make it interesting and make a simple story and remind us of the greatness in us all," Clinton said.

Spielberg's movies include the Holocaust drama "Schindler's List" and the World War II epic "Saving Private Ryan," which both landed him Academy Awards.

"Art is and should endeavor to be among the human enterprises that contribute to the building of good and free societies," said Spielberg, whose other projects include "Amistad," about a slave ship mutiny, and the HBO series "Band of Brothers," about a company of soldiers during World War II.

In choosing Spielberg for the award, the center said he "presented stories of the struggle and triumph of humanity over tyranny, informing and inspiring millions to better understand the abiding call of liberty."





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UCLA student stabbed in lab

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A female UCLA student was hospitalized Thursday after a fellow student slashed her throat in a chemistry lab on campus, authorities said.

The suspect, a male student, was arrested in the same chemistry building shortly after the stabbing.

UCLA spokesman Phil Hampton said the victim and suspect were both 20-yearold seniors taking an organic chemistry class along with other students who were in the undergraduate teaching lab at the time.

The woman underwent surgery for multiple stab wounds at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, and was in stable condition Thursday night, Los Angeles police said.

Cyril Baida, a teaching assistant who was working in a lab across the hall, said he saw the victim stagger out of the lab while another teaching assistant applied pressure to her neck, Baida said.

"The poor girl was completely drenched with blood. She was talking at first but then she started fading away," he said. "We told her she was going to be fine and to keep breathing so she didn't pass out. I told the other TA that he was doing great so he didn't faint either.'

Baida said he did not know

the victim or the suspect, but was told that they were lab partners or had worked together in a small group on projects in their lab section.

Los Angeles city police and campus police interviewed about 30 witnesses who were in or near the lab and might have seen the attack, Campus Police Assistant Chief Jeff Young said. No names have been released, and the motive is under investigation.

"Her TA — that guy deserves a medal. He had his hands around her wounds and was yelling, 'Call 911,'" said Baida, a 26-year-old biochemistry graduate student. "I called 911 and told him to bring her into our lab. He kept holding her so she wouldn't bleed until the paramedics arrived."

Baida said the organic chemistry lab where the attack took place is a demanding class.

"All my students have taken it and they hate it. Usually people bond during classes like that because they have to study together. I don't think it was so tough that it makes people go crazy," he said. "It's awful, but things like this can happen anywhere."

UCLA Chancellor Gene D. Block said the campus community was shocked by the attack and "wishing for the speedy recovery of the young woman who was injured."

High number of H1N1 patients to go to ICU

Associated Press

One quarter of Americans sick enough to be hospitalized with swine flu last spring wound up needing intensive care and 7 percent of them died, the first such study of the early months of the global epidemic suggests. That's a little higher than with ordinary seasonal flu, several experts said.

What is striking and unusual is that children and teens accounted for nearly half of the hospitalized cases, including many who were previously healthy. The study did not give a breakdown of deaths by

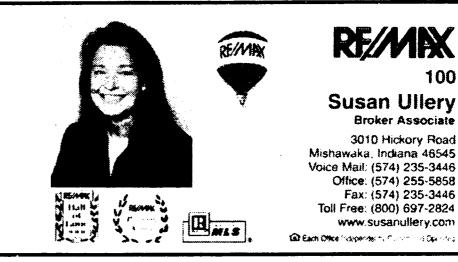
"Contrary to the perception among many people that this influenza, novel H1N1, is mild, these data vividly demonstrate that influenza can make you very, very ill," said Dr. William Schaffner, a

Vanderbilt University flu expert and spokesman for the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

"Clearly, the best way to protect yourself and your family is to get vaccine as soon as it becomes available," said Schaffner, who had no role in the study but has consulted for swine flu vaccine makers.

The study was done by researchers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, working with hospitals and state and local health departments. Results were published online Thursday by the New England Journal of Medicine.

A second study released by the journal revealed that swine flu had a profound effect on intensive care units in Australia and New Zealand from June through August winter months and the normal flu season in the Southern Hemisphere.



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Participation in respectful dialogue

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Allow us to use Colin Sullivan and Sean Mullen as a prism through which to examine the issue of respect. Not because of their actions, but because of the responses to them.

Colin made a joke about women. Sean advocated a policy towards homosexuals. And without a thought, many students reacted in the way they deemed appropriate.

Comparing women to South Bend weather was clearly facetious, probably meant more to poke fun at the responses it elicited than a serious attack on the sta-

tus of women. And while instituting a "don't ask, don't tell" policy goes against common decency, Sean's arguments were rooted in Catholic doctrine.

But what were the responses? Long, ranting diatribes against the writers' reasoning and the writers as individuals.

We don't deny the remarks were inflammatory. But students claim they want people to show respect, either for homosexuals or women. So show respect for those who disagree with you.

It's more than respect. It's being open-minded, willing to accept and consider new ideas. This goes for the original writers and those who responded. The phrase "think before you speak" exists for a reason.

To those who responded to the letters by researching Catholic doctrine, reading the non-discrimination clause

and arguing Sean's points, you've lived this ideal. Whether intended or not, the letter sparked your intellect and created meaningful dialogue about an important issue.

To those who looked up the authors on Facebook for dirt to put in their letters, you've missed the point. You're not showing them the respect you yourself ask for. Instead, you're stooping below their level to fire off some cheap shots, hoping that by making them look foolish you'll win.

And to those who read these comments or their responses and wished the "other side" would keep to themselves, you, too, are on the wrong track. Hateful remarks, in any fashion, are unacceptable. But ultimately, this is an issue of freedom, and both sides of the debate want to repress the other. But silence achieves nothing.

An intelligent conversation, one of mutual respect, and one which gives both sides the ity to learn something, should be the ultimate

opportunity to learn something, should be the ultimate goal.

This four-year period presents a time where students can learn and experience more than they ever have before. Embrace it. Because in life you'll find plenty of opinions, positions or thoughts you don't agree with. You won't always change your views; instead, you'll have to deal with disagreement, either by rational argument, discussion or, if the situation calls for it, ignorance.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Shouldn't ask, shouldn't matter

If someone says he or she has nothing against homosexuals but agrees with the Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality, it is a lie. The stance of the Catholic Church is overtly anti-homosexual. To tell a homosexual that it is okay to be gay, but that one cannot act upon those feelings, is an explicit slap in the face.

As if the Catholic Church's teachings about sexuality were not tyrannical enough, the rules about homosexuality are nearly evil. While heterosexuals are at least permitted to have sex once in a while (under only the most specific of circumstances), homosexuals are never allowed that same opportunity. Why not? "Because it is not procreative," goes the official answer. The honest answer: it's weird. Were Notre Dame to adopt a "don't ask, don't tell" policy as suggested by Sean Mullen's letter (Oct. 7), it would not only be morally wrong, but also weaken the university.

In the same way this policy has excluded many competent soldiers from serving in the military, a similar prohibition in this case would repel many intelligent students who are not (and should not be) ashamed of their sexuali-

ty. Such a policy would certainly not promote the growth of a great university with greater aspirations.

It is argued that adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause will only further secularize Notre Dame. While the word "secular" carries negative connotations for many religious people, let us all momentarily step out of our box and realize that a secular humanity is making progress in morality and human rights.

On the other hand, the Catholic Church is playing catch up as usual while it continues to hold on to ancient prejudices. Rather than condemn those Notre Dame students who disagree with the Church's stance on homosexuality, we should encourage them. Perhaps some of these bright Catholic minds can one day help to revise and improve the Church's faulty and outdated reasoning on this issue

Andy Hills sophomore Carroll Hall Oct. 7

Don't ask me not to tell

I'll start by saying I have nothing against straight people. I'm not someone easily offended, I laugh it off when friends poke fun of me for being gay, but I am offended when someone displays childlike ignorance and makes derogatory remarks.

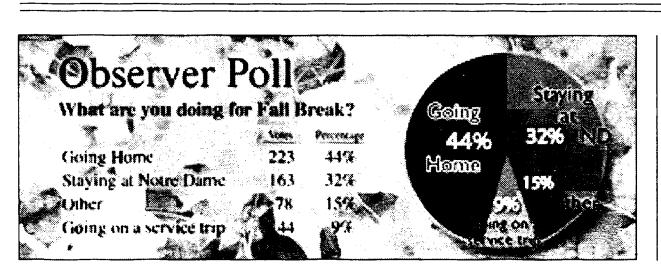
I'm awestruck how people can warp religious views to make others feel less than human. It's true the church teaches that it's ok to be gay, but that it's a sin to act on those feelings. However, being able to tell your peers that you are gay and being intimate with someone of the same sex are two completely different things. Being gay isn't "practicing" some kind of hobby, it's a lifestyle that the majority of us didn't ask for. Most of us are no different from any other straight person, besides who we go home to (although we may be a little better dressed and have whiter teeth). I was born and raised Catholic, and I thought the core Catholic social teaching is "Treat others the way you want to be treated," not abortion is wrong and punish the gays.

Adding homosexuality to the non-discrimination clause won't change anything; we aren't some cult dressed in pink

robes going from building to building re-arranging furniture. No, the only thing it would change is the disrespectful attitude students on this campus seem to have towards gays. No one passes judgment when straight people have premarital sex (which is a sin), but when someone admits to being gay they are shunned.

We are at a top 20 University, and if Notre Dame wants to break into the top 10 they need to be able to recruit all types of students. It's sad that many students spend their four years here hiding their sexuality because they fear their peers will cast them out if they "come out." So the next time you want to rant about how gays are evil, immoral, (insert adjective) perhaps you should stop and look at the group you're addressing; there's a good chance someone in that group is gay but too afraid to admit it.

Joseph Deters junior Duncan Hall Oct . 7



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have always felt that a politician is to be judged by the animosities he excites among his opponents."

Sir Winston Churchill British politician

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Understanding the Obama haters

We routinely complain that we hate this or that in our everyday conversations. Sports fans of rival teams famously disdain each other, so much so that in Europe, for example, their "football"

fans regularly riot in the stands. I personally hate that song the University of Southern California band quickly plays during their football games constantly at each pause of action on the field. For me, it's repetitive and monoto-



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

nous tone is like Chinese water torture: Da, da, da-da, da, da, da-dum, da-da da, da-dum.

That said, I do not truly hate Coach Pete Carroll or the USC fans. I just don't like them. I have little in common with them. I live a different lifestyle on the east coast, and I never tan for as long or as golden brown as they appear to be upon arrival at Notre Dame in late October. However, I must admit that I admire the way Carroll transitioned from the pro football ranks to the college game as a multiyear national champion and contender, infinitely much better than Notre Dame's head coach, Charlie Weis.

Not too long ago — around the year of birth for today's high school sophomores

— national politics deteriorated to a level of incivility. In 1994, Republican house leader Newt Gingrich strategized a way for his party to gain a majority status in Congress. He correctly reasoned that the only way to convince the American public to vote for Republicans was for him to tear down the political status quo on Capitol Hill through a national political campaign. However, he carried his war-like campaign outlook into his style of governance as the new Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. It was an action that polarized the political process from one of dislike to hate. His rule of governance simply rejected compromise, the operational status quo for decades, to a principal that he was always correct, and his opposition was always nefarious.

Gingrich poisoned the well of political discourse by refusing to compromise in an institution founded on serving the public through consensus. In the process, he began to cleanse his own party of the "Rockefeller Republicans," moderates named after former New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. Gingrich ignored a tradition that for half a century, ever since World War II, treated the minority political party as the "loyal opposition." Thus, under Gingrich's rule, Republican Party policies evolved into a more homogeneous and less tolerant political vision. To them, Democrats had become their enemies.

That change in Gingrich's outlook,

combined with a dwindling of moderate Republicans, also ended the traditionally civil level of disagreement a party voiced against their opposition party's president.

Instead, Republicans displayed an absolute rancor against President Clinton. Since the days of Franklin Roosevelt, presidents had enjoyed a modicum of respect from the "loyal opposition." Even Richard Nixon, who became ensnarled in a congressional impeachment, could work with the Democratic majority to create new environmental initiatives and change foreign policy to include opening diplomatic relations with Communist China. But under Gingrich, feelings of hatred for Clinton and Democrats replaced civil expressions of disagreement.

Today President Obama reaches time and again to the Republicans in an effort to solve problems in a bipartisan manner. Reminiscent of the Democrat's 40 years of majority status prior to Gingrich, Republican leaders like Gerald Ford and Bob Michel or Everett Dirksen and Bob Dole shared a slice of the legislative pie through compromise. Some argue that they perpetuated their minority status by not drawing dramatic distinctions between themselves and the Democratic majority like Gingrich had done. Polls show that the American public as a whole seems to prefer action in Washington, but when further polled, individually reject specific solutions from the opposing political party.

Obama's opposition also stems partly from a 24-hour news cycle reduced to hourly segments on cable channels that feature more partisan perspectives. The media stage has become an entertainment theater catering to like-minded audiences. Those audiences cling to certain beliefs which in turn encourages others to find supporting facts regardless of the truth. It is now possible for some to say absolute falsehoods in hopes that it becomes accepted as truth if repeated enough times.

Perhaps critics of the president, like Ann Coulter, really believe the meanspirited accusations spurting from their mouths. Or do they posture on the political stage to create television drama? In days past, no media personality dare espouse vile comments like Rush Limbaugh blurts with regularity in an effort to discredit Obama and wish the president's failure. But we are living in the post-Gingrich world of politics where Obama's opposition can be as bad as getting that damn USC song stuck in my

ad.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students stand up to discrimination

When I first read the letter "Don't ask, don't tell" (Oct. 7) I felt sick and frustrated with this university where somehow archaic beliefs proven inconsistent with the Church can continue. However, reading today's Observer gave me hope when all the letters to the editor were united in exclaiming how incredibly misinformed and misguided Sean Mullen must be.

The Notre Dame Spirit of Inclusion states: "We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality, for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we desire to be treated. We value gay and lesbian members of this community as we value all members of this community." I am glad that people are willing to speak out for these students who should not be treated like a minority or fringe group on this campus.

However one has to question whether or not gay and lesbian students really are included if they are not given the

same rights of other students I specifically refer to SAO's continued denial to give permission for the formation of groups and organizations for support and community. Why is including homosexual students in the Notre Dame community openly considered acceptable by the University and yet acknowledging the existence of a club for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and allied students considered not? Sometimes it feels as though Notre Dame's desire to maintain a specific image to the outward world is more important than the needs and desires of the students who are here. Try to keep their seniors within the security of the Notre Dame campus. Instead of pursuing plans to build another new dorm, please consider the option of building a seniors-only residence like Saint Mary's.

> Ellen Rolfes senior off campus

> > Oct. 7

Drunken homophobia

Sean Mullen, I am interested to know more about your state of mind when you wrote this. Your bigoted tirade can only be the result of A) a complete misunderstanding of Catholicism, education and logic or B) black-out drunkenness. You repeatedly used the term "openly practicing" in your letter. As far as I know, the only means by which someone could "openly practice" homosexuality is by having sex out on the quad and, in four years, I have yet to see that (homosexual or otherwise).

You claimed Obama is the "biggest pro-choice advocate in the world." I appreciate this comment in that it discredits most of what you say. Your use of hyperbole is exactly what Father Jenkins criticized in his own address. As a "hard-hitting Roman Catholic" (or so Facebook says), you probably know, but misunderstand, that the name of the nation that God created, Israel, translates to "he struggles with God." Varying perspectives facilitate that struggle.

I also assume that you've heard, and misconstrued, the Great Commandment: love thy neighbor as thyself. Asking someone to hide a legitimate aspect of themselves is not loving.

Your last misconception lies in the

Catechism, which condemns the sexual acts and not any public admission of homosexuality nor homosexuality itself.

Finally, I object to your reference to "gays." Gay is an adjective, not a noun; it describes one facet of an individual. Please show minimal respect to people who are different than you are. At the very least, I would expect an Arts and Letters major to understand the difference between a noun and an adjective.

You are a modern day Pharisee. People like you distance Notre Dame from its Catholic identity with narrowminded beliefs that starkly contrast the open-mindedness that marked Jesus' life. Prostitutes, tax-collectors and lepers; these are the people with whom Jesus spent his time; in other words, the marginalized. I am embarrassed that you speak your hateful words under the name of the faith that I love. I am embarrassed to be affiliated with you. Your understanding of Catholicism is objectively wrong and I can only hope that it was the result of many shots of tequila.

> Beth Daley and Tati Estrada seniors off campus Oct. 7

What would you fight for?

There comes a time in everyone's life where they are witness to something that violates everything they believe in.
Whether it is racism, fascism, abortion, etc., we face a challenge to which we are summoned, summoned by some higher power to speak out, to rise against tyranny and oppression. This University pushes us to become leaders and stand up for our beliefs. They ask us every week, "What would you fight for?"

For the first time in my four years at Notre Dame, I have been challenged and refuse to go gentle into that good night. On October 11, Saint Edward's Hall will attempt to defend its honor and title as Interhall Dodgeball Champion, but a major rule change has set the dodgeball world ablaze.

Kerry Kemp, in his first year as
Assistant Director of Intramurals, has
decided to change one of the core rules of
dodgeball. This season, when a player
catches a ball, one of his teammates is
not allowed to enter the playing field.
This not only defiles the sport, but robs it
of the emotion that goes into a catch. If a
team is outnumbered, a catch provides a

momentum swing which can fuel an epic comeback. The risk of attempting a catch is too great if there is no comparable reward.

The rule change is comparable to an interception in football being ruled an incomplete pass. As a student of the game I am outraged by the rule change and livid from Mr. Kemp's indignant demeanor. Kemp is ending a tradition. He claimed he was making changes in response to feedback from previous years and, in his words, preventing teams from cheating by allowing their best players to

skip the line and come back in. However, the order of the line is the responsibility of the team, not RecSports.

Never in my three years has this been a problem. This is not first grade PE, this is collegiate dodgeball, a six-on-six test of pride and valor, and I will not stand by and watch it be debased by Kerry Kemp. I will fight for dodgeball.

Adam Fonseca senior St. Edward's Hall Oct. 7

THE OBSERVER CENE



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MYTHOLOGY

The Kraken def. the Nymph

The Nymph successfully gained entry into the tricky Mythical Bracket but was soon overwhelmed by the Kraken, who used his sheer size on the path to victory.

Each side played to their strengths early, the Kraken staying immersed in the water section of the field while the Nymph majestically wandered the forest and rivers. Despite an early attempt to seduce the Kraken with its beauty, the nymph was quickly demolished by a variety of menacing tentacles.

Cerberus def. the Minotaur

In an early battle of the bruisers, Cerberus came from behind to end the championship hopes of the Minotaur.

The mythical monsters started the battle at full sprint, both attempting to engage the opponent at a disadvantage. Both landed blows, Cerberus with his teeth and claws and the Minotaur with his axe. The Minotaur was slow to rise due to its hooves and thus took a few bites and scratches on its way up.

After circling each other, the Minotaur held its axe toward Cerberus but failed to maintain its balance and Cerberus snapped at its clenched wrist, forcing the Minotaur to lose its weapon and engage Cerberus with its only remaining option hand to paw combat. After grappling on the ground and rolling to and fro, it was Cerberus who was able to inflict lasting damage on the Minotaur, who soon had nothing left to give.

The Manticore def. the Pegasus

In what came as no surprise, the range and close-combat monstrosity the Manticore easily poisoned the Pegasus' chance for mythical immortality.

Utilizing both its aerial and land attacks, the Manticore simply had too many weapons for the Pegasus to keep track of, and defeated the Pegasus easily.

def. the Harpy Scylla The terrifying Scylla stunned the equally ugly Harpy into fear-

ful submission, tearing the flying beast apart on her way to victo-

ry.
"I can't believe the creature had never seen anything as terrifying as I am," Scylla said after an impressive one sided defeat.

Medusa def. the Cyclopes

Using her most potent power, Medusa petrified the Cyclopes in a single glance on her way to

After the match, the Cyclops blamed his depth perception for the loss.

"She just blended in so well with her surroundings. Also no one clarified that she could turn me to rock with a single glance," the Cyclopes said. "I just ran into the area, knocked over some trees, looked around to find my opponent and bam! That was it."

Sphinx def. the The Cockatrice

The clever Sphinx outwitted the enormous, but much less intelligent Cockatrice in a battle of both wits and brawn.

Speed, intellect and claws were a dangerous combination, something the bird-brained Cockatrice learned in its first round matchup.

The Griffin def. the Chimera

The agile Griffin de-wings the Chimera early and claws into an upset victory.

The Griffin's clever first strike was to assault the Chimera's wings from above, but after a fall from grace the Chimera was forced to resort to ground-based attacks. The Griffin swooped and bit at the Chimera from every direction until the Chimera was tired and could no longer defend itself from the onslaught, giving the Griffin an upset victory.

The Hydra def. the Faun

The Faun attempted to distract the Hydra with his flute, but the Hydra gobbled him up in a single bite.

The Faun gave a valiant effort but could not save himself in this mythical mismatch. The second ranked Hydra prepares for its second round matchup.



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FOLKLORE

Paul Bunyan def. Jack Frost

Paul Bunyan, trekking from the great northern tundra, towered over the arena, painting an imposing picture which lingered in the mind of his opponent on his way to victory. Jack Frost, an icy, elemental force, made the first offensive strike, nipping at the nose of Bunyan. With one fell swoop of the ax, Frost's head was sheared from his body, leaving a bloody stump and a victorious lumberjack.

The Boogeyman def. El Chupacabra

In a close match between two terrors of the night, El Chupacabra, despite his physical gifts, was quickly driven mad by the nightmares found in the eyes of the Boogeyman. Left cold and alone in the middle of the ring, El Chupacabra was carried away to spend the rest of his days in an asylum.

The Werewolf def. the Hodag

While sharing many similar features, such as razor sharp talons and grotesque teeth, the Werewolf used his distinct size advantage to overcome the Hodag.

Suffering only minor injuries, the Werewolf tore the Hodag limb from limb, shaming the entire state of Wisconsin in the process.

face their devil in the first—snapping of bones.

round," the Werewolf said.

The Gremlin def. the Loch Ness Monster

In the first matchup of the bracket which involved a sea creature, the Loch Ness Monster was unable to use this advantage to gain victory against the duplicating Gremlin.

Nessie forced his opponent to enter the water to engage in combat, but was unaware of the first rule of Gremlins: don't let them get wet. The Gremlin quickly multiplied, overtaking the Monster as one became thousands, leaving only bones at the bottom of the lake.

The Yeti def. the Jersey Devil

Because of its ability to fly, the Devil was able to hold out much longer than it has any right to, but in the end, using its strength to overcome, the Yeti was victorious.

The Jersey Devil was shrouded in mystery as it made its appearance in the ring. At an underwhelming three and a half feet tall, he was far from the expected imposing figure.

"I expected a much larger Devil," said the Yeti. "When I saw how scrawny he was, I knew I had the victory in the bag."

Swooping circles punctuated with sharp kicks from his hooves gave the Jersey Devil an early lead, but the match spiraled to an end when one dive swung too close, which allowed the Yeti to latch onto his "New Jersey should be count- enemy's wing, ending in an imploing its blessings that I didn't sion of blood, cartilage and the

The Leprechaun def. the Tiyanak

The Tiyanak, a heavily favored three seed, turned in the most disappointing performance of the first round, falling to the inebriated Leprechaun.

Seeing only a small chance at victory, the Leprechaun prepared for the match by getting excessively drunk. As the match commenced, the Leprechaun, in his drunken stupor, started to remove his clothes. While the Tiyanak waited, the Leprechaun then replaced his clothing, but in his impaired state, he unintentionally put them on inside-out. Confused by its only weakness, the Tiyanak wandered into the water and drowned, leaving the Leprechaun both victorious and unconscious.

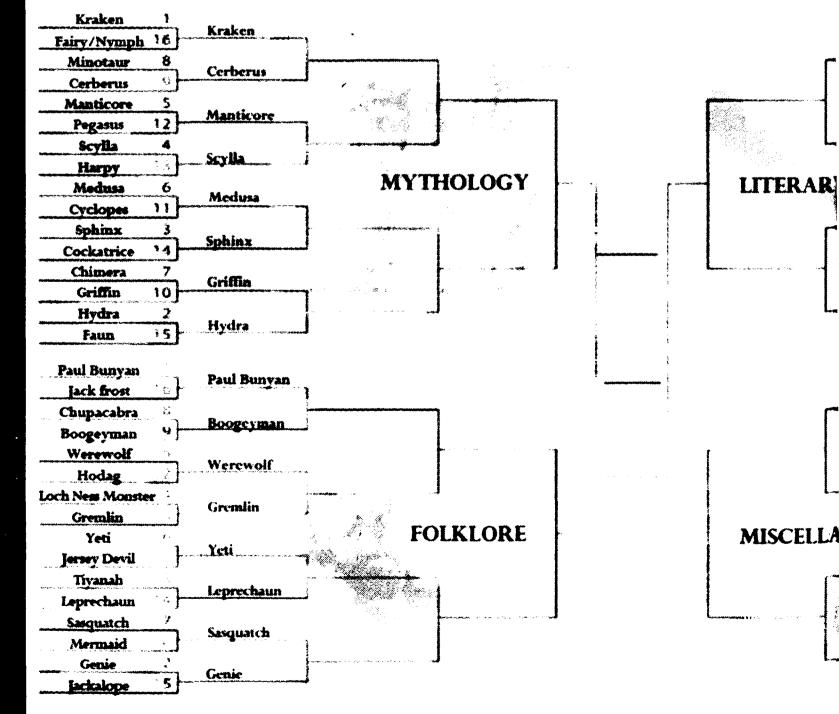
The Sasquatch def. The Mermaid

In another highly anticipated match at the water, the Sasquatch was able to defeat the Mermaid surprisingly quickly.

The Mermaid, attempting to stab with its trident, was ripped from the stream. Then, displaying all the agility of an elephant seal the Mermaid was quickly ended by a heavy rock thrown by the victorious Sasquatch.

The Genie def. the Jackalope

The Jackalope, an abomination in the eyes of God, stood no chance against the Genie's phenomenal cosmic powers. Seconds after the fight began, only a wisp of smoke and a lamp remained.



THE OBSERVER CENE

H-UPS: ROUND 2



LITERARY

The Balrog def. the Sparkly Twilight Vampire

In the most fulfilling victory in the first round, the Balrog dominated the Sparkly Twilight Vampire, capitalizing on the S.T.V.'s weaknesses.

The Balrog had trouble at first with the S.T.V.'s quickness, but was able to capture him using the fire whip as the S.T.V. was distracted by a nearby butterfly which tore at his emotions. Once in his grasp, the S.T.V. had no way to escape, and was defeated soundly.

The Giant def. the Phoenix

Using his height, the Giant was able to overcome the Phoenix's flying ability on his way to victory.

The Phoenix took off immediately and attempted to gouge out the Giant's eyes with his iron talons, but the Giant grabbed the Phoenix out of the air, crushing it between his palms before depositing it in the lake. The Phoenix soon rose from the dead, but the Giant had already been ruled

"In short, I'm not pleased with the judge's decision," the Phoenix said after the match.

The Ent def. Frankenstein

The overpowering Ent acted

his secret weapon.

"My plan was to make a fire, something that, coincidentally, I discovered soon after I was given life," Frankenstein said. "He just reacted too quickly, and I had no chance against those huge limbs."

Merlin def. the Dwarf

Magic was might for Merlin as his spell-casting ability was more than enough to lead him to victory over the physically stronger but far less powerful Dwarf.

The Dwarf tried to use brute strength right from the start, but Merlin used some quick staff work to bind the Dwarf and suspend him off the cliff until he conceded victory.

"I felt disrespected by the 4seed," said Merlin. "I think this performance proves that I'm a force to be reckoned with."

The Centaur def. the Vampire

In one of the best-fought battles of the first round, the Centaur was able to avoid the Vampire's fanged attach and defeat him.

"The Vampire is so hard to kill," the Centaur said. "I had to make a specially crafted arrow from a wooden stake and aim my shot carefully, right into the heart."

The Vampire turned into a quickly and used his size and bat, attempting to get near strength to seal his victory, not enough for a bite, but the allowing Frankenstein to use Centaur's speed and bow and

arrow accuracy was too muchfor him to overcome.

Grendel def. the Gnome

Using speed and brute strength much like that of a bear, Grendel was able to rip the Gnome limb from limb in one of the most dominating performances of the first round.

"After Beowulf, that little thing was nothing," Grendel said.

The Elf def. the Basilisk

Outwitting the terrifying king of the serpents, the Elf eliminated the Basilisk's most dangerous weapon before defeating it.

Intelligently, the Elf hid in a tree in the dense forest, forcing the Basilisk to use his sense of smell to try to discover his whereabouts. The Elf then fired two well-placed shots into the Basilisk's eyes, removing the threat of petrification. The blinded Basilisk was then an easy target for the highly accurate Elf.

The Dragon def. the Goblin

In the quickest battle of the first round, the Dragon scorched the Goblin with its fire-breath only seconds after the match had begun.

"Who's next?" the Dragon said, while enjoying his overly crispy dinner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Godzilla def. the Dust Bunny

Godzilla overcame an early weakness to blow away the underprepared Dust Bunny.

The showdown commenced at high noon in the plains area of the arena, where the Dust Bunny remained motionless throughout the fight and watched as Godzilla was wracked with severe allergies. In end the dust Bunny's potent offense turned against it as a watery eyed and stuffy Godzilla let out a whale of a sneeze, scattering the Dust Bunny to the four winds.

King Kong def. the Skeleton

King Kong showed little weakness, easily handling the skeleton in round one.

In one of the shortest matches of the first round, King Kong swiped once and the skeleton was spread across the field like butter across golden brown toast. The judges scrambled to find the remains, and are still searching for the left femur and most of the right hand.

Predator def. the Zombie

Showing amazing hunting prowess, Predator killed the Zombie in four ways at the same time.

Invisibly creeping up behind the Zombie, Predator simultaneously cut off its head, stabbed it, hit it with the energy cannon and ripped out its brainstem.

"I was just looking for a challenge," Predator said. "Hopefully I find one at some point in the tournament."

The Hellhound def. the Monty Python Rabbit

The Hellhound took advantage of its arcane knowledge to dispense of the Monty Python Rabbit.

Lacking the Holy Hand Grenade of Antioch, things looked dark for the Hellhound throughout the early stages of the fight. It disappeared and reappeared constantly, staying barely one step in front of the relentless rabbit. The tide finally turned against the rabbit when the Hellhound brought the C-4 of Babylon into play, and the match was over soon after.

The Wookie def. the Unicorn

The Wookie took advantage of its superior technology to power past the under-armed Unicorn.

In a battle that had the potential to be closer than any analyst would have imagined, the Wookie's energy bowcaster quickly reminded viewers why the Wookie deserves its fifth seed. After several minutes of stalking through the woods, the Wookie fired a shot and stunned the unicorn. "ARRGRGRGRG," the Wookie said as he ran up and finished off the majestic creature, ending the contest.

Alien def. the Poltergeist

Alien adapted to new its environment to oust the incorporeal Poltergeist.

When the Alien was sucked into a new dimension by the Poltergeist, it looked like curtains for the double-mouthed beast. It seems, however, that not only acid, but also ice runs through its veins. Quickly adapting to this new environment, the Alien ripped into the Poltergeist, shredding its ectoplasm and sending it to its final rest.

The Gargoyle def. the Banshee

The Gargoyle utilized its ears of stone to triumph over the Banshee.

The Banshee came out of the gates screaming, carrying out an impressive offensive attack Unfortunately it fell on deaf ears, and with no soft tissue to scramble with its piercing yell, the Gargoyle flew out of the sky, catching the Banshee unaware and ending the match with a sickening crunch.

The Succubus def. the Mummy

The Mummy used a surprise army to annihilate Succubus in the highly anticipated first round match.

With its sex drive long dead by a few millennia — the Mummy sidestepped the Succubus's most potent advantage, its ethereal beauty.

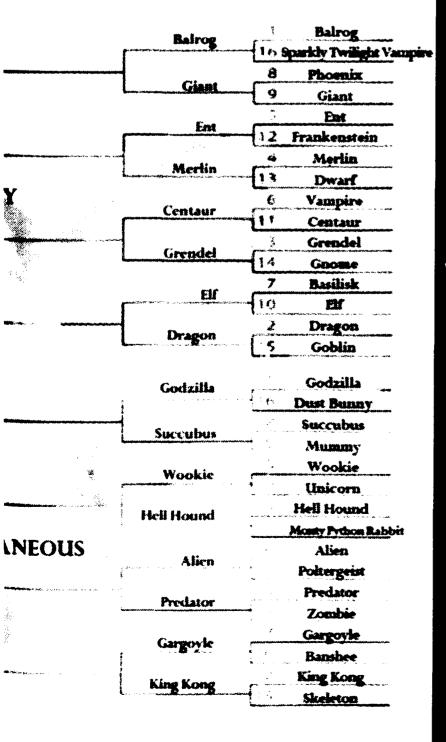
"She just wasn't that appealing to me," the Mummy said.

After avoiding her one trap, the Mummy summoned the Armies of Anubis, and the jackal headed warriors made short, bloody work of the Succubus.



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Mythical Showdown Playlist

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> Every epic battle of Herculean proportions requires its own thrilling soundtrack, and Scene's mythological creatures showdown is no exception. While the matches were being held in the Observer staffroom, here is what was blasting over the stereo system. You can make use of this playlist the next time you hold a vicious death match in your dorm room, or just put it on whenever you are really jacked up on Mountain Dew and blasting some alien guts in "Gears of War."

MLB

Rockies take down Phillies to even out series

Holliday's dropped catch late in the ninth gives Dodgers a two-run rally to win over the Cardinals

Associated Press

By the time Cole Hamels rushed off to be with his pregnant wife, his streak of postseason dominance was long over.

Yorvit Torrealba hit a tworun homer, Aaron Cook pitched effectively into the sixth inning and the Colorado Rockies beat Hamels and the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 Thursday to even their NL playoff series at a game apiece.

Huston Street pitched out of trouble in the ninth to secure the win for Colorado. He retired Shane Victorino on a soft liner to second to leave the potential tying run — Game 1 winner Cliff Lee — at second base.

"It was definitely a huge game for us," Cook said. "It's huge to go back home with the series tied."

Hamels, the World Series and NLCS MVP last year, looked nothing like the guy who was brilliant during Philadelphia's championship run last October. The left-hander allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. He didn't stick around after being pulled for a pinch hitter, heading to the hospital to join his wife, Heidi, who was in labor with the couple's first child.

Was Hamels distracted on the mound?

"It could've bothered him, yes," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "He was concerned about his wife and his child. It's an exciting time, something you look forward to. It was probably on his mind."

The best-of-five series shifts

to Denver for Game 3 Saturday. Jason Hammel (10-8) will start for the wild-card Rockies against a yet-tobe-announced pitcher. Manuel said he'll use Joe Blanton or Pedro Martinez . J.A. Happ was a can-

didate before getting injured. Blanton pitched one inning in relief, allowing a run. Happ got knocked out of the game when Seth Smith hit a hard liner off

the lower part of his left leg. Xrays were negative.

"He was trying to stay out there, but he wasn't able to pitch," Manuel said. "I think he'll be fine."

Making his third start since a shoulder strain sidelined him for most of September, Cook allowed three runs and seven hits in five-plus innings. The right-handed sinkerballer got

12 of his 15 outs on grounders or strikeouts.

"His sinker was downhill and he was really working both sides of the plate," Torrealba said.

After Lee turned in a masterful performance in his playoff debut Wednesday, the Phillies were counting on Hamels to give them a commanding 2-0 series lead. But Hamels hasn't been the same pitcher since going 4-0 with a 1.80 ERA in five postseason starts last year. He was 10-11 with a 4.32 ERA this year, and now is 0-7 in day games.

"His stuff was good," Manuel said. "He threw some close pitches. He was around the plate. His command could've been better."

The Phillies are trying to become the first repeat champions since the New York Yankees won three World Series in a row from 1998-2000. No NL team has done it since the Cincinnati Reds in 1975-76.

For the second straight day, the Phillies had the largest crowd in the six-year history of Citizens Bank Park. There were 46,528 fans packed in the ballpark, waving their white-andred "Fightin' Phils" towels. Now, there's no guarantee they'll see another game this

Jayson Werth 's solo homer off Rafael Betancourt in the eighth got the Phillies within a run and whipped the fans into a frenzy.

But Franklin Morales came in and retired Raul Ibanez on a sharp grounder. Street, who

"It's huge to go back

home with the series

tied."

Aaron Cook

Rockies pitcher

was 35 for 37 in save chances in the regular season, started the ninth.

He walked pinch-hitter Matt Stairs with one out. Lee, who became the first Phillies pitcher to steal a base in the

postseason in Game 1, ran for the slow-footed Stairs. After Miguel Cairo flied to right, Jimmy Rollins singled to right. But Street got Victorino to end

"It's huge," Torrealba said. "Going back to Denver, that was our goal, if we can win at least one game here — and we did."

Trailing 4-0, the Phillies finally got going in the sixth. Victorino led off with an infield single and advanced to second on second baseman Clint Barmes 'throwing error. Chase

Utley followed with a single and Ryan Howard lined an RBI double into the right-field corner, chasing Cook.

Jose Contreras came in and struck out Werth. But Ibanez followed with a two-run single to cut it to 4-3.

After Happ was forced out in the seventh, Scott Eyre came in with the bases loaded and nobody out. He struck out Carlos Gonzalez before Dexter Fowler 's sacrifice fly made it 5-3. Eyre retired Todd Helton to end the inning.

The Rockies took a 3-0 lead in the fourth when Torrealba Hamels. connected off Torrealba had just two homers in 213 regular-season at-bats, but he ripped a hanging curve into the seats in left.

Rockies manager Jim Tracy flip-flopped his top two hitters and it paid off right away. Gonzalez led off with a single. He stole second on an attempted pickoff, easily beating first baseman Howard's doubleclutch throw.

Gonzalez advanced to third on Fowler's sacrifice and scored on Helton's 20-foot dribbler down the first-base line, giving the Rockies their first lead of the series.

Gonzalez singled his next time up in the third and was picked off again, but this time Howard quickly fired to second to get him.

After Cook hit a one-out single in the fifth, Gonzalez lined a double to right-center. Fowler followed with a sacrifice fly to left to make it 4-0.

Dodgers 3, Cardinals 2

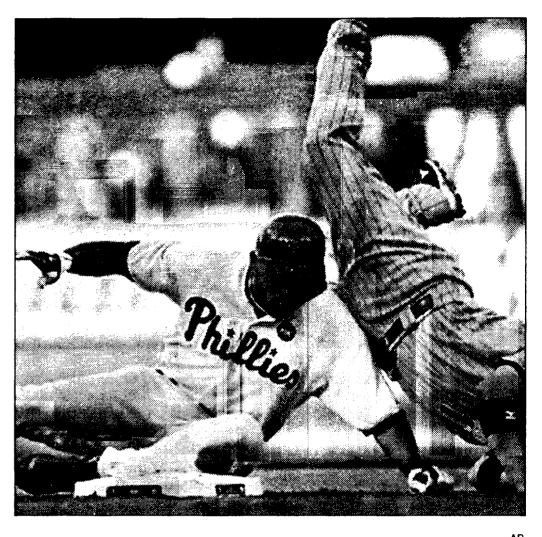
A sinking line drive sailed through the chilly evening air toward Matt Holliday. All he needed to do was make the catch, and St. Louis would have a series-tying victory.

Instead, the ball smacked him in the gut and dropped to the grass — and the Cardinals never recovered.

Holliday's crucial error with two outs in the ninth inning led to a two-run rally that gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 3-2 victory Thursday and put the Cardinals on the brink of playoff elimination.

"I didn't see the ball," Holliday said. "Obviously, I can catch a ball that's hit right at me. It's very difficult to swallow. We had a chance to win the game. It was unfortunate that it happened when it did."

Ex-Cardinal Ronnie Belliard and pinch-hitter Mark Loretta came through with RBI singles off All-Star closer Ryan Franklin, giving the Dodgers a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five



Rockies second baseman Clint Barnes, right, flips over Phillies' Pedro Feliz after forcing him out at second base in the sixth inning.

series. They can close it out with a sweep in Game 3 on Saturday in St. Louis.

Holliday, who homered in the second inning, was a huge reason the Cardinals won the NL Central. Acquired from Oakland in a July trade, his hitting tear helped them cruise to the division title. Along the way, he committed one error in 63 regular-season games with his new team.

But his fielding gaffe Thursday cost the Cardinals dearly.

"It's about as tough a loss as you can have, except we still have an opportunity to play Saturday," manager Tony La Russa said. "Right now I think it's important to get upset about the game that got away. We did a lot to win that one and didn't win it. Turn the page too quickly means you don't care."

The Cardinals got a stellar performance from starter Adam Wainwright, who left with a 2-1 lead after eight innings. Still, St. Louis went home empty-handed after opening the series with two Cy Young Award contenders on the mound: Chris Carpenter and Wainwright.

With the bases empty in the ninth, Holliday charged in on James Loney's shot to left field. But he couldn't make the play, allowing Loney to reach second.

"That ball got lost in 50,000 white towels shaking in front of Matt's face," Wainwright said. "It doesn't really seem fair that an opposing team should be able to allow their fans to shake white towels when there's a white baseball flying through the air. How about Dodger Blue towels?"

Franklin walked Casey Blake before Belliard singled up the middle, scoring pinch-runner Juan Pierre. A passed ball moved runners up to second and third, and Franklin walked Russell Martin on four pitches to load the bases.

Loretta, batting for reliever George Sherrill, was 0 for 15 in his career against Franklin before fisting a soft single to center that drove in Blake. That triggered a huge celebration, with teammates jumping on Loretta in a pile between first and second base.

"Unfortunately, I did know the numbers," said Loretta, who signed with the Dodgers as a free agent in the offseason. "I really didn't have a lot of nerves. I felt like all the pressure was on them at that point. I was fortunate to find a little bit of fairway out there.'

The late rally was nothing new for the Dodgers. They won 23 regular-season games in their final at-bat, most in the National League, according to STATS LLC.

"Until that last out, nobody ever gives up," Loretta said. "That's sort of been our modus this year. We started off 13-0, we had a bunch of these lastminute wins, so it obviously gives us some confidence in that situation."

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Kevin: What does a bean mean?

Pam Beesly: Why aren't there any beans on this very old, frizzy-haired picture of me?

Kevin: Michael, what does a bean mean.

Pam Beesly:Jim?

Jim Halpert: I was just trying to be unbiased.

Kevin: WHAT DOES A BEAN MEAN.

Oscar:Would someone please explain to Kevin?

just as valuable as yours.

Meredith: Why can't you? My time is

Phyllis:Not according to the beans.

NCAA Men's Soccer NSCAA **Division I Rankings**

	team		previous
1	Akron		1
2	North Carolina		5
3	South Florida		6
4	UCLA		4
5	California		7
6	Wake Forest		3
7	UC Santa Barbara		11
8	Harvard		8
9	Duke		14
10	Monmouth		10
11	Maryland		2
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13	Virginia		12
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15	Charlotte		22
16	Boston University		16
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19			23
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21	Northwestern		25
22	Drake		RV
23			20
24	Dartmouth		RV
25	UMBC		18

NCAA Women's Soccer NSCAA Division I Rankings

	team		revious
1	Stanford		1
2	North Carolina		2
3	UCLA		3
4	Portland		4
5	Florida State	e e e	5
6	Boston College		6
7	South Carolina		8
8	NOTRE DAME		10
9	Purdue		12
10	Rutgers		13
11	Wake Forest		9
12	Virginia Tech		RV
13	LSU		23
14	Florida		7
15	Santa Clara		11
16	UCF		21
17	Texas A&M		16
18	Georgia		22
19	Maryland		24
20	Arizona State		19
21	California		14
22	St. John's		17
23	Southern California		RV
24	Connecticut		RV
25	Ohio St.		15

NCAA Women's Volleyball **AVCA Division I Coaches Poll**

team		points
1	Penn State	1485
2	Texas	1441
3	Washington	1394
4	Hawaii	1320
5	Minnesota	1207
6	Florida	1090
7	Stanford	1073
8	Michigan	1046
9	Nebraska	952
10	Kentucky	883

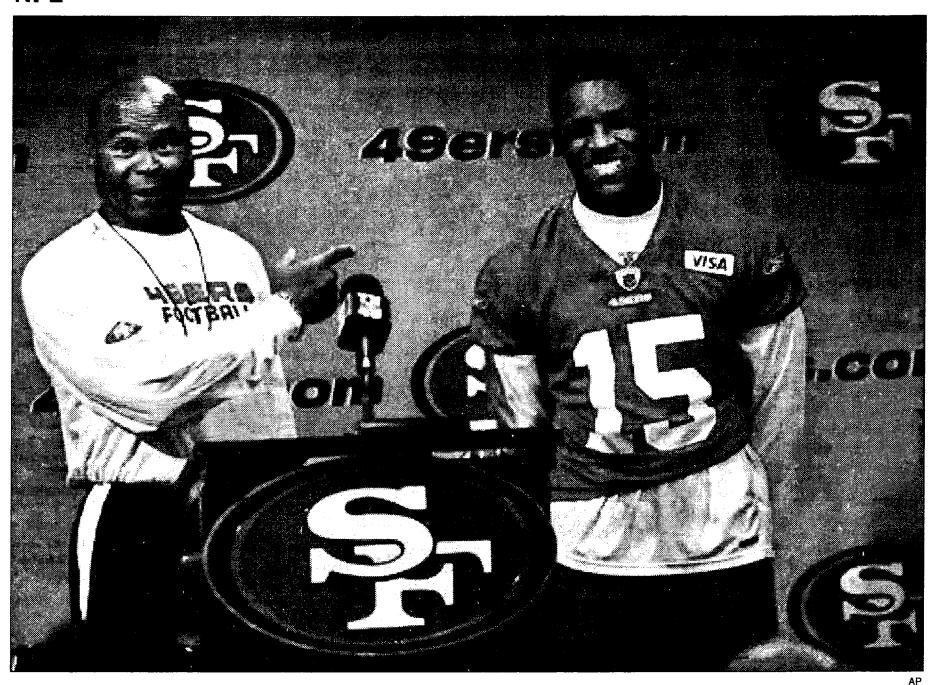
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NFL



San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Michael Crabtree, right, smiles with head coach Mike Singletary, left, during a news conference in Santa Clara, Calif. Crabtree agreed to a six-year contract after several months of difficult negotia-

Crabtree signs six-year deal with 49ers

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Michael Crabtree is confident he can play a big role for the San Francisco 49ers as a rookie even though he's months behind. He will get his chances in an offense that could really use him.

Crabtree signed a six-year contract early Wednesday after a drawn-out negotiation process that had some wondering whether the star wide receiver would ever show up this season.

"It's a lot of relief off my shoulders," Crabtree said when formally introduced at team headquarters.

While specific terms of the deal, which was completed around 2 a.m. Wednesday,

were not disclosed. Crabtree will receive nearly \$17 million in guaranteed money, according to a person familiar with the contract. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the details weren't made public.

Crabtree headed out Wednesday for his first practice as the 49ers prepare for Sunday's home game against Atlanta.

"Everybody came to a reachable agreement and it happened," Crabtree said, sporting a red No. 15 practice jersey and charcoal gray sweats. "I'm just glad I'm past that part. I'm very humble right now, man, it's a very humbling experience. Just getting a chance to sit back and better myself as a

person, as a player, as a teammate. ... I feel like going through that it made different way, look at my teammates a different way. Hopefully it will work out for the best."

The agreement was first reported by ESPN.com. Coach Mike Singletary called it a "fair deal for both parties involved."

The former Texas Tech star was the only draft pick who hadn't signed — and even rapper MC Hammer got involved to finally make it happen.

Crabtree could provide the game-breaking receiving threat the 49ers have been lacking, assuming he can quickly learn the

offense after missing all of training camp. The 10th pick overall, he also sat out me look at the world in a offseason minicamps and organized team activities while recovering from a foot injury, but was a regular presence at the team's training facility.

Before Wednesday, Singletary had spoken to Crabtree just once since breaking offseason workouts in June.

Crabtree and his agent, Eugene Parker, met with three top 49ers officials Tuesday to work through his contract impasse. Crabtree balked at a long-standing offer of approximately five years and \$20 million, with a reported \$16 million guaranteed.

IN BRIEF

NHL fines Maple Leafs for tampering violation

NEW YORK — The NHL fined the Toronto Maple Leafs an undisclosed amount after ruling that coach Ron Wilson was guilty of tampering when he expressed interest in Vancouver Canucks forwards Henrik and Daniel Sedin before they reached free agency.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly announced the penalty Wednesday in a news release. Wilson made reference to the Canucks twins during an interview when they were still under contract with the Canucks. Both players reached new deals to stay with Vancouver.

A separate charge by the Canucks against the Maple Leafs was dismissed by the NHL.

Vancouver general manager Mike Gillis was upset after a recent Leafs TV segment showed Toronto GM Brian Burke talking about a rumored Vancouver-Tampa Bay trade."

Hasselbeck probable for Jacksonville start at

RENTON, Wash. — All signs are pointing toward Matt Hasselbeck returning to quarterback the reeling Seahawks on Sunday against Jacksonville.

The three-time Pro Bowl passer looked sharp while completing a second consecutive practice Thursday. It's his first work since he broke a rib Sept. 20 on a dive for the goal line at San Francisco.

The team officially listed him as limited on the daily practice report it filed to the league. Hasselbeck took the majority of snaps with the firstteam offense, with backup Seneca Wallace left with only a few.

Hasselbeck didn't look very limited to top receiver Nate Burleson. He expects Hasselbeck to be throwing to him Sunday.

"Yeah, he wouldn't be taking as many reps as he has this week if he wasn't," Burleson said.

Bradford still questionable for start against Baylor

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops is waiting another day to make a decision on whether Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford will play against Baylor on Saturday.

Stoops had said at the start of the week that he didn't plan to announce whether Bradford would play until Thursday. But Sooners spokesman Kenny Mossman said Thursday that Stoops had put off the decision until Friday.

Bradford has missed the past three games for No. 19 Oklahoma (2-2) with a sprained AC joint in his right, throwing shoulder.

Redshirt freshman Landry Jones has started in place of Bradford, winning back-to-back shutouts against Idaho State and Tulsa before a 21-20 loss at Miami last week.

Bradford has said he hoped to play this week to prepare for next week's game against No. 2 Texas.

MLB

Tigers' GM upset with Cabrera

Associated Press

DETROIT — Tigers general manager Dave Dombrowski spoke to the media for more than an hour Thursday about last season and next year.

The first question and many more that followed were about Miguel Cabrera's infamous weekend.

"We know he made a mistake. He knows he made a mistake," Dombrowski said. "I feel confident that he going to address the issues he needs to address to take care of the problems that he has. Those issues will remain personal and private."

Cabrera, the slugging first baseman with a \$152 million contract, got drunk enough between Friday night's game and Saturday morning to have what police said was 0.26 blood-alcohol reading and a bruised and cut left cheek.

Authorities said he got in a fight with his wife, who called 911. He was taken to a police station, where Dombrowski picked him up.

Dombrowski acknowledged being angry and sad to get a call at 7:30 a.m. Saturday — in the middle of a key series against Chicago with the American League Central title largely Detroit's for the taking -- to pick up Cabrera.

Still, he said it wasn't unprecedented in baseball or elsewhere.

"This isn't the first time this

has happened, not with him but fielding Polanco hopes to with players, it's just that you don't know about the other ones," Dombrowski told reporters. "I would gather there's probably somebody out here that has come to work and had a little bit of a hangover at some time."

Cabrera likely still had some alcohol in his system when he played the White Sox on Saturday night — going 0-4 with runners on base for each at-bat — but Dombrowski said the team stands by putting him in the lineup.

"The feeling was that he was capable of playing in the game," Dombrowski said.

The Dombrowski-led Tigers have some key decisions to make in the offseason.

Closer Fernando Rodney, second baseman Placido Polanco and shortstop Adam Everett are all eligible for free agency.

"We have some good players that are becoming free agents," Dombrowski said. "We still have to sit down with the owner on what we're going to do there. We have a complicated formula this year because we have a lot of dollars spent, and some young players we think are ready to step in and help us."

"We are not going to be able to keep all of our players," Dombrowski added. "But I'm not ready to declare who we are and who we are not going to pursue."

The clutch-hitting, strong-

return to play for the Tigers, but he might have to go elsewhere for more than a oneyear contract.

"I would love to come back, but I do not control the situation," Polanco said Thursday in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I had a great time on and off the field with the Detroit Tigers.'

Dombrowski said if Polanco isn't back, prospect Scott Sizemore likely will be Detroit's second baseman.

The Tigers aren't sure if they have a player in their organization who could be a closer next year, but they might not be able to afford to keep Rodney after he had 37 saves in 38 chances.

"It only takes one club to give tremendous deal." Dombrowski said.

The Tigers had a seven-game lead with less than a month left in the season and became the first team to miss out on the playoffs after having a threegame lead with four games left. Detroit's season ended Tuesday night at Minnesota with a 6-5 loss in 12 innings in the division tiebreaker.

Dombrowski said he never thought the 2009 Tigers were a powerhouse, but acknowledged it was tough to come so close to winning the division.

"When you're in first place from May 10th and you lose on the last day of the season, it's heartbreaking," Dombrowski said.

NCAA FOOTBALL

OSU WR ruled ineligible

Bryant did not disclose interaction with former NFL player

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY -- All-America wide receiver Dez Bryant has been ruled ineligible by Oklahoma State, four days before the 15th-ranked Cowboys' first Big 12 game.

The university announced Wednesday that Bryant "failed to openly disclose to the NCAA the full details of his interaction with a former NFL player not affiliated with OSU.'

Oklahoma State (3-1) said it had already begun the process of asking the NCAA to reinstate Bryant for the violation of bylaw 10.1(d), which prohibits players from knowingly providing false information to the NCAA regarding a possible rules violation.

However, NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn said no student-athlete reinstatement request had been received from OSU. She said it is NCAA policy not to comment on current, pending or potential investigations.

The NFL player was Deion Sanders. Sanders told the New York Times the suspension stemmed from a day he and Bryant spent together last summer. They met at an athletics center in Frisco, Tex., and later had dinner at Sanders's home in Prosper,

"I made a mistake by not being entirely truthful when meeting with the NCAA," Bryant said in a statement released by the university. "I sincerely regret my mistake

and apologize to my teammates, coaches, OSU fans and the NCAA."

A top NFL prospect, Bryant caught 87 passes for 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns last season while also scoring twice on punt returns. He's the only one of last year's three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award that is still in school.

"We are certainly

disappointed, but we

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season."

Mike Gundy

Oklahoma State Coach

This season, Bryant leads the team with 17 catches for 323 yards and four touchdowns. Нe left Oklahoma State's 41-24 win against after Rice taking a hard hit and sat out a 56-6

win against Grambling State two weeks ago.

The Cowboys were off last week and open conference play Saturday morning at Texas A&M (3-1).

Bryant's availability for Saturday's game was uncertain, though coach Mike Gundy has declined to comment on specifics of the receiver's injury.

"We are certainly disappointed, but we are moving forward as we would with any challenge during the season, Gundy said in a statement.

Oklahoma State said the situation "does not involve anyone associated with the OSU football or athletic department staffs, any employee of the university, alumni, donors, or any third-party affiliated with

Beyond that, the university said it would have no further comment.

Without Bryant, Oklahoma State's receiving corps is made up of unproven players who had combined for only five catches prior to

> season. this Former starters Jeremy Broadway and Damian Davis were kicked off the team after last season, and Bo Bowling was suspended after being charged with possession of marijuana and an anabolic steroid. He has pleaded

not guilty and is awaiting trial. That has forced a group of inexperienced players, including sophomore Josh Cooper, junior college transfer Dameron Fooks and redshirt freshmen Isaiah Anderson and Justin Blackmon to help an

offense that's also been without all-Big 12 tailback Kendall Hunter (ankle).

"When it's their time, they've got to do it. Defenses are going to play you a little bit different with or without Dez, or with or without Kendall and where they're playing (quarterback) Zac (Robinson)," offensive coordinator Gunter Brewer said earlier this week.

NFL

Jets' WR fitting in with teammates

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Braylon Edwards spent most of his first few hours with the New York Jets meeting his new teammates and coaches and digging into the playbook.

Just over 24 hours after being traded from Cleveland. the wide receiver was on the practice field for the Jets and already feeling like one of the

"It's just a fresh start for me being in a situation where everything is moving in the right direction," Edwards said Thursday. "It's great for me to be a part of something like this. It's good for me, for my mental, for my physical, and I'm expecting to play well in this system."

Edwards, wearing a white No. 17 jersey, caught passes from rookie Mark Sanchez, as well as backups Erik Ainge and Kevin O'Connell in early drills.

"He looked tall," coach Rex Ryan said of the 6-foot-3 Edwards. "He's big, fast; he's everything."

He's at least everything the Jets had been missing in their receiving corps. Sorely in need of a big deep threat, New York acquired Edwards

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Jerricho Cotchery in New

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night at Miami. Ryan is excit-

ed about how his new receiv-

er's presence will open things

guys down there or eight guys

down there, then we have a

chance to run Cotchery and

him straight down the field,"

Ryan said. "We've got one-on-

one matchups and we like

Edwards, in his fifth season,

had 10 receptions for 139 yards and no scores for the

winless Browns. He has

familiarity with the Jets'

offensive system because it's

similar to what former

Browns offensive coordinator

Rob Chudzinski ran. Jets

offensive coordinator Brian

Schottenheimer worked for a

few years in San Diego with

"That's the big thing coming

over to a new system. Can

you get it? Can you learn it?

It went real well today. I feel

Schottenheimer said he has

no concerns that Edwards

will be ready to go against

"He's a really sharp guy,"

Schottenheimer said. "He's

ahead, just because a lot of

the stuff that we call things

he's heard it called the same

thing before. It's not 100 per-

cent, but there's quite a bit of

"It went well with the terminology," Edwards said.

Chudzinski.

pretty confident."

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them on both sides.'

"If you're going to put nine

up for the entire offense.

Braylon Edwards Jets wide receiver

carryover." And, that comfort level showed.

"He was really pretty smooth, to be honest with you, for a first day," tight end Dustin Keller said. "It seemed like he had been doing this for a little while. We know he's just going to get that much better and open things up for us."

Edwards' best season came in 2007, when he had 80 catches for 1,289 yards and 16 touchdowns. He hopes to return to that elite status, and thinks the first step is developing a solid rapport with Sanchez.

"Mark is the guy here," he said. "Mark's calling the shots. The big thing for me is to just stay on his page, see how he likes to call plays, how he likes to throw passes, his hots, his sights. I really want to get a feel for him."

Edwards said he met Indianapolis wide receiver Reggie Wayne at the Pro Bowl following the 2007 season and asked him what the key to his success with Peyton Manning was. Wayne told him that he and Manning spent so much time together they "know each other like the back of our hands."

"For us two young guys," Edwards said,

"that's what we need to do."

Edwards has one year remaining on his existing contract, and the Jets have said they won't offer a new deal during this season. Edwards said that's fine with him.

"I think the biggest thing for me is knowing that right now I'm just playing through the end of this season," he said. "There's nothing guaranteed. It's not about a contract. It's about going out there and proving every play that I deserve to be here and I deserve to be the guy that he's throwing the ball to."

Edwards' character has come under fire because of a series of off-field problems, including his alleged involvement in a nightclub fight early Monday morning in Cleveland. His unhappiness with losing with the Browns, and questions about his desire to play football also dogged him.

"I don't even want to talk about what I've experienced because that's over with," he said. "Cleveland is Cleveland and now I'm in New York. It's just fun."

Lapses in concentration also led to Edwards dropping some passes in games, a reputation he's trying to eliminate.

"He had one drop today, so I'm sure we'll focus on that," Ryan said with a laugh. "He caught about 50 balls and dropped one. It was funny because right when he did drop one, I was like, 'Oh, boy.' He's going to drop some passes. He's human, just like anybody else, but I don't think we need to be overly concerned if he drops a ball."

NBA

Shaq trying yoga in offseason

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Shaquille O'Neal has made a career out of twisting around opposing centers.

Now he is doing it to himself.

After a summer of boxing, football, beach volleyball and swimming, Shaq has a new hobby — yoga. He attended his first class at a suburban Cleveland studio Wednesday night.

"I'm the worst yoga student in the history of yoga," O'Neal said Thursday.

His massive 7-foot-1, 325pound frame needed two mats, according to Tami Schneider, owner of Cleveland Yoga in Beachwood. She was O'Neal's instructor for the class and is special ordering a 100-inch mat for her new student, who promised he'll be

"He's got some tight hamstrings," Schneider said. "He's obviously a big, strong man. He told me he doesn't stretch very often and that was pretty apparent. I'm looking forward to working with him to get him into some deeper stretches."

O'Neal was interested in Schneider's "hot yoga" class, which is practiced in a room heated to between 85 and 90 degrees. It's designed to purify the body and make the body sweat, release toxins and enhance stretching.

That's important to O'Neal, who needed some modifications for a few of the exercises, like crossing one thigh over the other.

"His thighs are gigantic and so strong, they're as big as my whole body," Schneider said. "So he was able to cross his ankles and that was just fine."

For a forward bend, students are instructed to reach down to the ground in front of them. O'Neal needed blocks to bring the floor closer to him.

Still, Schneider said O'Neal is not the worst yoga student she's seen in her 12 years.

"Not at all," she said. "He came in just like a regular guy. He was alone, which was nice, and he seemed to feel right at home at the studio. He fit right in."

O'Neal spent the offseason filming his reality show "Shaq Vs," in which he competed against various top athletes in their sports. He traded punches with Oscar De La Hoya, intercepted Roethlisberger passes and

gold medalist Michael Phelps. Teammates already have remarked that O'Neal looks to be in terrific shape, which he credits to a summer in the pool.

even swam against Olympic

Now the 37-year-old wants to work on his flexibility.

"You just want to stay loose. You have to do different

things to stay loose," O'Neal said. "I have a lot of time on my hands because I'm new to the city and I don't have any hangout spots yet."

O'Neal was traded to the Cavaliers over the summer and already likes what he sees on his new team. He has won four NBA titles, but thinks this Cavaliers team could be the best yet.

"It's probably the best team I've ever played on, on paper anyway," O'Neal said. "I've always been on management to get me the power forward I've needed and the shooters I've needed."

With O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, the Lakers went 67-15 and won a championship in 2000.

The Cavaliers won 66 games last season, but added O'Neal, Anthony Parker and Jamario Moon after losing to Orlando in the Eastern Conference finals.

O'Neal said he likes having guys like Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Anderson Varejao with him in the post, along with shooters like LeBron James and Mo Williams.

"When the big fella talks, you have to listen because he's been around a long time and his resume speaks for itself," coach Mike Brown said. "He's been on a lot of teams. If he says that, it's something that has to be

NFL

Patriots' Taylor sitting out at practice, game

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Oftinjured running back Fred Taylor is sidelined again and could need surgery on his right ankle after leading the New England Patriots in rushing this season.

Taylor is expected to miss Sunday's game at the Denver Broncos after sitting out his second straight day of practice Thursday amid an ESPN.com report that he needs surgery. He would play again this season unless there are complications, the report said.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James said he was not aware that Taylor needs surgery. Taylor's agent. Drew Rosenhaus, did not respond to a phone call and e-mail from the Associated Press.

Taylor, in his first season with New England after spending 11 with the Jacksonville Jaguars, was hurt on his final carry of Sunday's 27-21 win over the Baltimore Ravens, a 3-yard run with 5:09 left in the game. He limped off the field.

Taylor finished that game with a team-high 25 yards on seven carries one week after gaining 105 yards on 21 attempts in a 26-10 win over the Atlanta Falcons.

He has 201 yards on 45 carries as part of a four-man backfield rotation with Sammy Morris, Laurence Maronev and Kevin Faulk. Another running back, BenJarvus Green-Ellis, has been inactive for three of the Patriots' four games but could play Sunday.

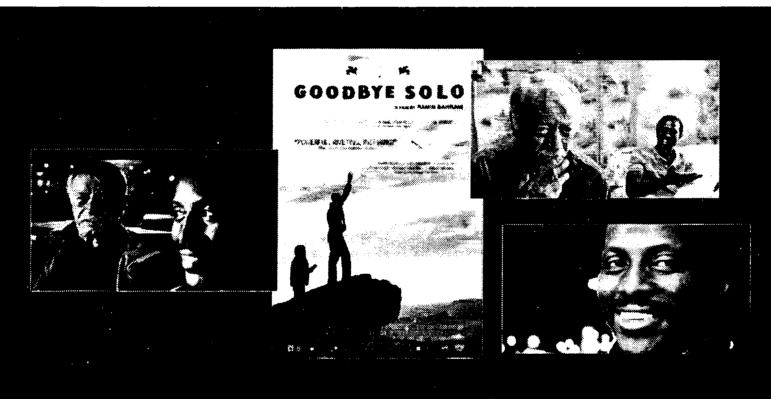
The Patriots signed Taylor in the offseason as a free agent after he and Maurice Jones-Drew shared time with Jacksonville. On the first day of training camp July 30, Taylor discussed his past injuries.

"I really never worried about the naysayers," he said. "I used it as motivation. When I would go behind closed doors, I'd work a little harder, thinking that they called me Fragile Fred. I knew I was never fragile. I had a little bit of misfortune, that's about it."

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NFL

Manning sitting out, Carr ready to play

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Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — With 79 career starts, David Carr knows how much Eli Manning wants to be on the field calling the plays when the New York Giants meet the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

Manning's teammates say he's a competitor who will play if he's able. Carr wants

to be out there just as much, and his chances of playing this weekend seemingly improved when Manning missed his second straight practice on Thursday with an injured right heel.

After practice, coach Tom Coughlin declined to predict whether Manning would be able to

start his 83rd straight game, saying only that that inflammation in Manning's heel was feeling better.

A decision on whether Manning plays may not be made until Sunday.

The No. 1 overall draft pick in 2002, Carr isn't worried. He told himself that he was going to be the starter after Manning was hurt last Sunday in a win over Kansas City, and the worst that can happen is he doesn't.

"You have to prepare yourself one way or you are going to be riding a rollercoaster all week," said Carr, who last started a game in 2007 for the Carolina Panthers. He was 10 for 22 for 95 yards passing and two interceptions in a loss to

He came to the Giants as Manning's backup last season and has been mostly an understudy. He appeared in three games last season and two this year, all off the bench.

New Orleans.

"I am sure he wants to play really bad, probably as bad as I want to play,"

Carr said of Manning. "It's the same for every competitor, every guy who wants to be on the field. Everybody gets hurt. We're down a lot of guys now and I think everyone on the side wants to be out there to help the team."

Giants offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride has no doubts about Carr. He said the eight-year veteran knows the Giants offense, but he might not be as familiar with some of its subtleties as Manning, who has been the starting quarterback since midway through the 2004 season.

"I expect him to do well," Gilbride said. "I would be disappointed if he doesn't play well."

Gilbride said the biggest difference is that he and Manning are on the same

page after working together the past six years. He said he can look at Manning and the quarterback can almost immediately sense what is wrong and go back on the field and act like a coach in the huddle, conveying Gilbride's concerns to the offense.

Carr's most extensive play with the Giants came in the final regular-season game

last year. He took over in the second half against Minnesota and was 8 for 11 for 110 yards and a touchdown.

"It's got to be frustrating for a guy that started to just be on the sidelines, and now he has a

chance," Gilbride said. "So I think if I was him, and what I have observed looking at him, he seems genuinely excited about this opportunity."

For the first two days of practice, Carr has gotten the chance to throw to Steve Smith and Mario Manningham, to hand off to Brandon Jacobs and to play behind a first-team offensive line that has started 36 straight games.

"It's nice to play with the toys," Carr said. "Sometimes you feel like the brother who doesn't get to play with all he cool stuff."

Carr admits he has come a long way since his rookie season with the Houston

Texans, when he was sacked 76 times, an NFL record. "It's not

even close for me mentally," Carr said. "I feel like a totally different quarterback as far as what to expect, my preparations, how I go

about the game is a whole lot different than then. I guess it's what you learn going through the things I have gone through, except I'm a better player."

He also has a solid offensive line, so there is no need to duck and cover after every pass.

"If my number is called I will go out there and have lot of fun," Carr said. "We have a lot of great players on this team. We are on a win streak. Guys are feeling good and I want to be a part of it. It was good to get out there and throw some ball with those guys and sweat. It kind of felt like the old days."

The difference from his days in Houston, of course, is that if Carr starts for the 4-0 Giants, he'll be expected to win.

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GOLF

Americans in lead as Presidents Cup begins

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — One putt changed everything except the lead Thursday in the Presidents Cup.

The Americans were poised to seize control in the opening session of foursomes at Harding Park, already assured of the lead and on the verge of winning the final match for a two-point advantage.

Justin Leonard had a 3-foot birdie putt to win — a putt he first thought had been conceded — and was stunned when the putt caught the right edge of the cup and spun away.

The match was halved, and the Americans had to settle for a 3 1/2-2 1/2 advantage.

"We wanted to get out of the day with pretty close to a push, and I'm very, very happy," International captain Greg Norman said.

He was fortunate for that.

Tiger Woods and Steve Stricker were dominant from the start, playing bogey-free in the difficult alternate-shot format and teaming up for six birdies in a 6-and-4 victory over Geoff Ogilvy and 18-yearold Ryo Ishikawa.

Phil Mickelson and Anthony Kim came to life late, closing with four straight birdies to give the Americans the first point of the matches with a 3and-2 victory over Mike Weir and Tim Clark.

The momentum switched to American red on the score-board late on the cloudy, cool afternoon on this public course south of San Francisco. The final push figured to come from Leonard and Jim Furyk, who made a furious rally in the middle of the match and surged ahead of Retief Goosen and Y.E. Yang, 2 up with two holes to

Goosen holed a birdie putt on

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the 17th to send the match to the par-5 18th, and the South African missed the green to the right. Leonard hit a splendid fairway metal to the middle of the green, setting up what appeared to be a two-putt birdie

Furyk lagged to 3 feet, the International team got up-and-down for birdie, and Goosen looked over at Furyk as if wondering why Leonard even needed to putt. Eventually, the South African realized the putt meant something.

Did it ever.

The Americans were ready to celebrate another point. The International team was prepared for another big deficit.

"I just hit a bad putt," Leonard said. "I knew I was going to need to make that little putt. Unfortunately, I missed it"

Norman said there was no gamesmanship on Goosen's

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"He thought the match was over," Norman said. "He didn't concede the putt, he just thought the match was over. It was a legitimate mistake, and no intent or malice. It was just the intensity of the game."

Next up are six more matches Friday, this time fourballs.

Two years ago, the International team failed to win a match in the opening session and fell five points behind. This is one time a tie — the halve in the final match — felt far better. It goes into the second round with a fighting chance.

Both teams and captains were around for the finish, and Norman couldn't help but notice how Leonard went from hitting a clutch shot from the middle of the fairway to missing a short putt for the victory.

"It's a cruel game," Norman said.

In the seven previous

Presidents Cup, only once has a team trailing after the first session gone on to win — the U.S. team in 2005. The Americans also trailed by one point in 2003 in South Africa, where the cup ended in a tie.

Ishikawa had said he and Ogilvy would be facing the Americans' best team, and he was right. Woods and Stricker proved to be a tough combination of Woods' pure iron shots and Stricker's sure putting.

Woods got them going with an 18-foot birdie putt on the opening hole, while Stricker closed out a flawless front nine with a 30-foot birdie putt on the par-3 ninth.

Weir and Clark, the only partnership that failed to make a single birdie, still managed a 1-up lead through 12 holes because of the wild play of Kim, who is missing some of his swagger from the Ryder Cup last year.

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NFL

Bucs' Jackson practicing again

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay's Tanard Jackson is practicing again after serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

The third-year safety is eligible to be activated for Sunday's game at Philadelphia, however coach Raheem Morris said Thursday a final decision has not been made on whether he'll play against the Eagles.

A fourth-round draft pick in 2007, Jackson is the only defensive player in franchise history to start every game in his first two seasons. His suspension was announced during training camp and further weakened a secondary that was already relying on two new young starters.

While he was out, the Bucs lost veteran safety Jermaine Phillips for the season with a broken thumb and have yielded six pass plays of 40-plus yards—five of them for touchdowns.

"I'd like to think I could have made a difference," said Jackson, who returned to practice on Wednesday.

"It's good to see him back. I'm sure it was hard enough on him watching this team lose football games without being here," Morris said.

"We don't have to make a decision until the end of the week whether he's going to be up this week or not. We've got the one-game exemption. But we'll go to the end of the week and see whether he's ready to play or not, and how good a shape he's in."

When Jackson rejoins the lineup, sixth-year pro Will Allen will return to the bench and restore some of the depth the Bucs have lacked safety since Phillips, who began training camp at weakside linebacker, was injured on Sept. 20.

The 24-year-old said he split time between Tampa and Syracuse, where he played in college, during the suspension. He declined to discuss the specific reason he was disciplined, saying he had apologized to teammates and family and is eager to move on.

"I could sit here and go on forever as to how much I learned. The main thing is that this is what I love to do, this is what I'm blessed to do," Jackson said, adding that it was extremely tough watching the games on television.

"I definitely felt I let my team down. I disappointed myself, but your actions affect others around you, and that's one thing that hit home," Jackson said.

Morris, who was Tampa Bay's defensive backs coach before becoming the NFL's youngest head coach in January, picked Jackson up from the airport this week and had a long conversation with the safety.

The coach said the player paid for his mistake. Now, it's up to Jackson to make the most of the opportunity to resume his

"He apologized before he left and told us he was going to come back and clean up his life and do everything that needed to be done," Morris said.

Jackson described the conversation with Morris as a long positive talk.

"He is just happy to have me back," the safety said. "Just as happy as I am to be back."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish take on Cincinnati, Louisville at home

Notre Dame looking to continue its undefeated conference record in back-to-back matches this weekend

By CHRIS MASOUD Sports Writer

Normally the fourth conference game of the year in the beginning of October is not a date Irish fans mark on their calendars. But with sole ownership of first place in the Big East and an undefeated conference record on the line, Saturday's matchup against Cincinnati should turn some heads in the direction of the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame (9-4, 3-0 Big East) will face its toughest test of the season when it welcomes conference foes Cincinnati (12-7, 3-0) and Louisville (9-7, 2-1) for a weekend of elite action. The Irish are off to their best start since 2005 when the team recorded 12 wins through the first 13 matches of the season.

"It's been a combination of several things," coach Debbie Brown said. "I think we have a really strong work ethic on the team, which over time the team is just going to get better and better. I think our preconference schedule definitely prepared us well for anything we're going to see in the Big East."

Losses to LSU, No. 19 Florida State and No. 8

Michigan may not make the highlight reel at the end of the year, but the Irish are certainly showing that they are better off for having played topranked opponents outside of the conference.

The Bearcats have yet to play a top-10 team this season, but they are more than capable of holding their own against the Irish. Led by junior outside hitter Stephanie Niemer, the Big East Volleyball Player of the Week, and freshman setter Megan Turner, the Freshman of the Week, Cincinnati currently shares first place in the conference with the Irish.

"It's just really important for us in terms of what we want to accomplish this year," Brown said. "Cincinnati's undefeated, [and] we're undefeated, so it could come down to this match in terms of who wins the conference. We know that in order to be in contention or to have a chance to win it outright, it's important for us to win.'

The task ahead does not get any easier Sunday, as the Irish take the court against a Cardinals team that was predicted to finish with a second consecutive Big East title in the Preseason Coaches' Poll. The match will be nationally

televised on ESPNU.

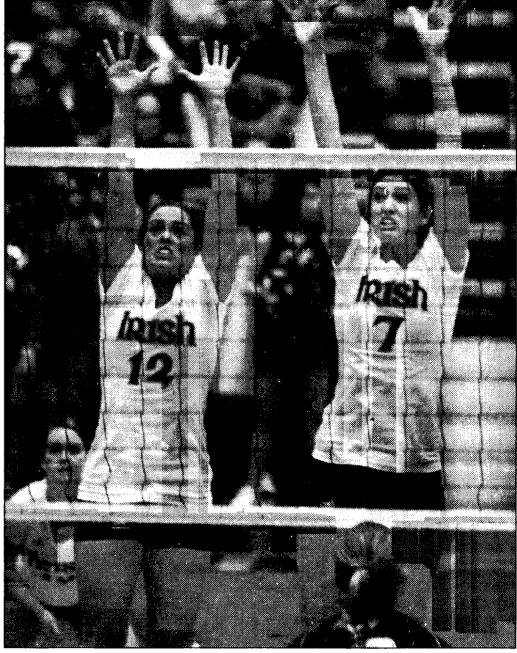
"I think we'll for sure be mentally prepared," Brown said. "It's a big match for us. Louisville has been our strongest conference rival since they joined the Big East. Traditionally the matches have been very close and very competitive, and we have every reason to believe that it'll be the same way this year."

The Irish lead the lifetime series against Louisville 16-7, but fell to the Cardinals last season in the Big East Championship 3-1. In the end, supremacy in the conference may come down to leadership and experience, two qualities this year's Irish squad has relied upon all season.

"I think we're getting a really good team effort, but for sure the strongest leader we have is [senior setter] Jamel [Nicholas]," Brown said. "She's just been doing an outstanding job keeping everybody focused and playing with a lot of poise and confidence."

The Irish will face Cincinnati at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Louisville at 5 p.m. Sunday in the Joyce Center.

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Irish senior Jamel Nicholas and junior Kellie Sciacca show their skills at the net in the Notre Dame win vs. Villanova on Oct. 4.

Men's Tennis

Irish head to Harvard Invite

By KATE GRABAREK Sports Writer

After having a couple weeks off for practice, Notre Dame will head back to the courts this weekend at the Harvard Invitational.

The Irish will face a top 15 squad a year ago in Alabama, a top 25 squad a year ago in Minnesota, and the best of the Ivy League schools, Harvard, at the Invitational.

"The format is 'hidden dual' and will give our guys a chance to compete with teams that are usually factors in the NCAA tournament," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

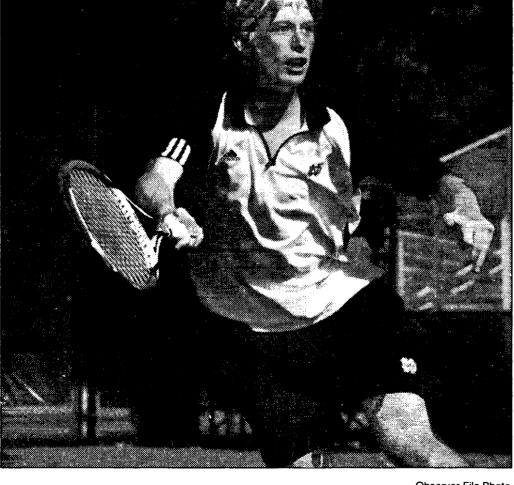
The Irish are working on being more cohesive in doubles and finding the right combinations to produce more wins to earn the crucial doubles point, as well as working on being more consistent from the back of the court, Bayliss said.

Notre Dame is coming off a strong showing at the Illini Invitational in late September that showed some of the team's promise in the singles lineup.

Sophomore Casey Watt stepped up big for the Irish, earning three wins in the tournament and proved he is a front runner to take over the number one singles spot this year.

"Casey played very well in most of his matches," Bayliss said. "He served consistently at close to 120 m.p.h. in his match against Christian Blocker of Miami and really hit some big ground strokes as well.

"Against Connor Roth (Illinois) he competed as hard as I have ever seen him, ripping winners from both sides off the



Sophomore Casey Watt returns a volley in last season in a **Notre Dame victory.**

ground. He fought off match points and finished with an unreturnable forehand. If he learns to finish better at the net and defend better with his slice backhand he can really move up and enhance our chances to become an elite team this year," Bayliss said.

The Irish coaching staff has seen improvement in many of their players already this fall including freshman Blas Moros.

Bayliss said Moros has impressed him with his ability to compact his swing on the forehand side and really attack off the ground.

Overcoming the young group

of guys that the team has will be a challenge for Bayliss, while many have much varsity experience Bayliss said that many of them have only have low levels of varsity player under their belts.

"Many of our guys are locating their second serves better," Bayliss said. "I see improvement each week and that is what motivates me most - seeing the proverbial 'ugly duckling' become a swan."

The Irish will open play today in Cambridge, Mass.

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Irish host annual 45th Dennis Stark Relays

By MOLLY SAMMON Sports Writer

The Irish will commence the 2009-10 season Friday by hosting five teams at the Rolfs Aquatic Center for the 45th annual Dennis Stark Relays, the first of seven home meets this season.

With eleven relay events and two diving events for some of the best regional competition. Friday's meet will feature the best swimmers on the Notre Dame roster.

"The addition of the University of Michigan is a major addition to the Meet," men's coach Tim Welsh said. "Michigan is one of the leading men's teams in the nation. We will be proud to have them here at our meet."

Illinois State, Valparaiso, Oakland, and Cleveland State will also be competing against the Irish and the Wolverines.

Last year the Irish won both the men's and women's competitions, as the men set meet records in the 200 and 400 Free Relays and the women swept all 10 relays and both diving events

As this is the first event of the season for the Irish, all the team has in terms of measuring itself against its opponents is roughly one month of structured team practices.

"We are in a major work phase of training right now, both in the pool and in the

weight room and dry land," Welsh said. "That training has continued this week."

Last year, the climax of the Irish men's swim season was their close upset win over Louisville at the Big East Conference meet. This year, they have set the bar higher with hopes of reaching the NCAA Championship meet at the end of the season.

"We want to evaluate where we are in the middle of all this hard work by looking at our meet results from Friday," Welsh said. "In academic terms, [The Dennis Stark Relays] are like an early quiz, not yet a final exam."

The meet is named after former Notre Dame coach, Dennis Stark who will be in attendance on Friday. Stark, a 1947 graduate of Notre Dame, began both the Irish men's and women's swimming programs, and coached for 27 years.

The Dennis Stark relays start at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Note:

◆ Welsh recently was voted and named the President of the American Swimming Coaches Association. As he enters his 35th season as a collegiate swim coach, Welsh took the position to advocate leadership in coaching positions and improving the swimming community.

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SMC Soccer

Belles host Alma, honor seniors

By ALEX BARKER Sports Writer

The Belles will hold senior day when they play host to conference foe Alma Saturday as they look to get back in the win column after a loss to Calvin earlier this week.

Saint Mary's (4-8-1, 1-2 MIAA) will return to action after having played one of its best games of the season earlier this week when it pushed the heavily favored Knights to the brink before falling 1-0 in the final minutes.

"We played a great match [against Calvin]," coach Ryan Crabbe said about Tuesday's contest. "Our approach to the game was to defend first and try to eliminate the space where Calvin's team speed could hurt us. The

team committed to the plan and played very well. We gave ourselves a chance to tie or win by keeping the game close for 90 minutes."

Although it was their most complete game of the season, Crabbe admitted that there are still quite a few areas where improvement is needed.

"The one item I would like to have seen changed was not letting the other team's best player beat us," he said. "Prins is the top player in our conference. We should have made it come from their second, third or fourth option on the field."

The Belles began conference play earlier this season with a 3-0 loss at Adrian before notching a 6-0 victory over Trine.

While their record is somewhat of a disappointment so far this season, Crabbe said

likes the progress his team is making and is looking forward to seeing more complete performances from his team

"We showed that we could execute a plan and stay committed to it," he said. "Additionally, there were players that showed a lot of maturity by sacrificing playing time because the style of play did not suit some of [them]."

With the Scots coming to town, Crabbe stressed the importance of getting conference wins so as to not fall too far out of the playoff race.

"The need for a win is absolutely imperative," he said. "It has less to do with a third conference loss and more to do with moving up the standings and staying inside the top-six in the conference. We have to play for a spot in the post-season tournament."

After being shut out in each of their first two conference losses, Saint Mary's will look for an early goal against Alma to break the scoring slump they have faced throughout much of the season.

"We need to score first," Crabbe said. "I have challenged our players to play with the lead. Playing from behind only makes it more difficult to get results."

Saint Mary's showdown with Alma is scheduled to kickoff at noon Saturday.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take on MIAA teams a second time

"I am hoping that we

will play our game

and focus on what we

can control out on the

court."

Toni Kuschel

Belles coach

By CHRIS MICHALSKI Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team will get a second chance this weekend against two teams that they previously lost to this season. The Belles will face Trine today and Adrian on Saturday.

After the Calvin match on Tuesday, the Belles had played everyone in their conference once, and will now begin the second round of games. With an MIAA

record of 3-5, the Belles have a distance to climb in the standings to reach last year's fourth seed in the conference tournament.

Belles Coach Toni Kuschel was happy with her team's performance on Tuesday against a very talented No. 11 Calvin team, despite losing 3-0, which encouraged her for this weekend.

"I am hoping that we will play our game and focus on what we can control out on the court," Kuschel said. "If we can do those things I think we have a great chance."

Kuschel should also be encouraged with how close the losses were back in September, where both

matches went to a dramatic fifth set. Furthermore, Adrian has been struggling all season, and is currently on a 13-game losing streak. Nonetheless, Kuschel is not taking any opponent lightly.

"This is a very strong conference that we compete in," Kuschel said. "No team in the

> conference is just going to give us a win. We have to go out there and take it."

Trine
University,
today's opponent, is currently 4-4 in
the league and
coming off a
dominating 3-

O defeat of Olivet College. Freshman middle hitter Betsy Irwin leads The Thunder with 294 kills on the season. The match will be played tonight at 7 p.m. in Hershey Hall on Trine's campus.

Saturday, the Belles will return home to face the Bulldogs, whose last win was against Saint Mary's College. That match will begin at 1 p.m. in Angela Athletic Facility.

The two matches this weekend are part of a string of a nine straight MIAA matches, which continues on Wednesday against Alma.

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MLB

Angels shut out the Red Sox in Game 1

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — With Torii Hunter hitting the rocks and John Lackey rolling through the Boston lineup, the Los Angeles Angels finally got on top of the Red Sox in the playoffs.

Lackey pitched superbly into the eighth inning and Hunter hit a three-run homer off the rock pile in center field, leading the Angels to a 5-0 victory over their longtime playoff nemesis in their first-round opener Thursday night.

Hunter's shot broke open a scoreless game and appeared to topple any mental barriers Los Angeles might have faced against the Red Sox, who ended three of the Angels' past five seasons in the division series, winning nine of 10 games.

"[Lackey] went out there and set the tone early," Hunter said. "Man, we were so pumped up from then on. I'm excited about this start today."

Boston didn't manage an extra-base hit while getting shut out in the playoffs for the first time since Game 2 of the 1995 division series against Cleveland. The shutout was the first in the Angels' 53-game postseason history.

Game 2 is Friday night at Angel Stadium, with Boston's Josh Beckett facing Jered Weaver

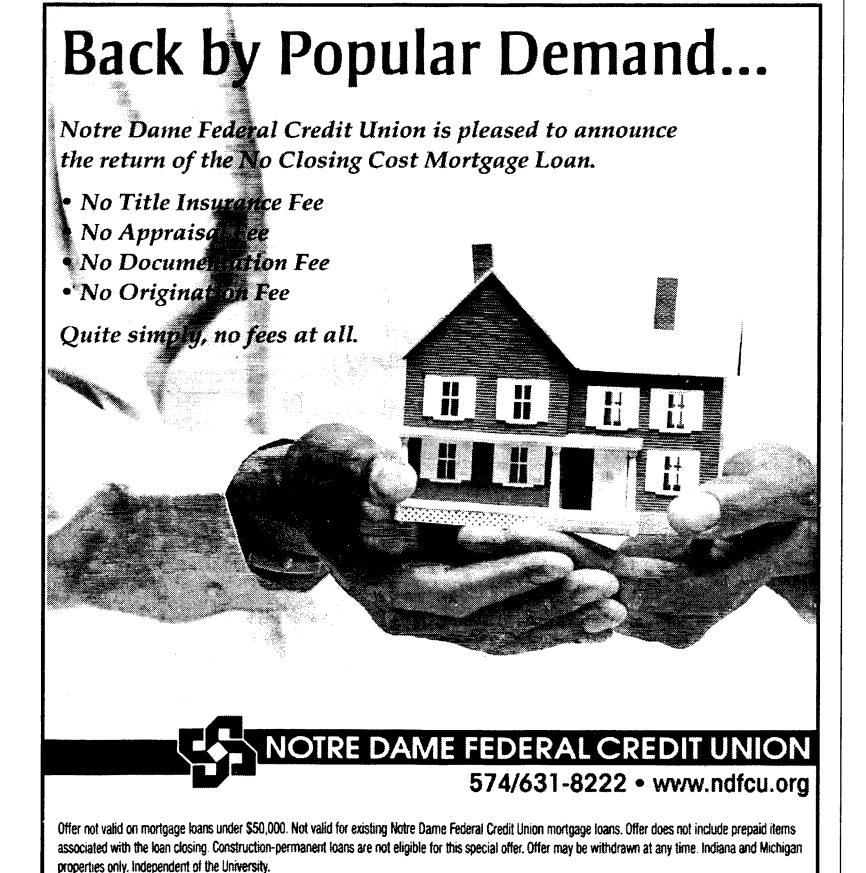
The AL West champion Angels snapped a six-game home playoff losing streak behind Lackey, who dominated his first playoff victory since 2002 with fine control and good defense behind him. After striking out four and allowing four singles over 7 1-3 innings, he doffed his cap to a standing ovation.

"Even in the bullpen, I knew my arm was feeling good," said Lackey, who pitched just once in the previous 11 days. "The extra rest that I had really helped me out. I really felt like my arm was pretty live tonight."

Darren Oliver finished up with 1 2-3 innings of hitless relief.

Jon Lester allowed four hits over six innings for the wild-card Red Sox, who had won five straight playoff series openers. Lester wasn't as sharp as Lackey during his second loss since July 19, but he avoided trouble until the fifth.

Erick Aybar started the rally with a leadoff double down the left-field line. After Bobby Abreu walked, Hunter smashed Lester's second pitch off the Disneyland-esque artificial rock pile, with fireworks bursting from it at the moment of impact.



Men's Interhall Football

Manor takes shot at revenge in unbeatens' clash

Dillon defense looks to stifle Keough; Alumni hopes for first win; Stanford looks for win over Angry Mob

By KEVIN BALDWIN, CHRIS ALLEN, JOHN HELMS, MEGAN FINNERAN and MATTHEW ROBISON Sports Writers

Morrissey and Siegfried meet Sunday with both teams hoping to follow up big wins last week.

This will be a grudge match for the undefeated Manor, whose playoff run last year was ended by the same Ramblers squad that went on to win the championship.

Morrissey, which beat Duncan 15-0 last weekend, will hope to maintain its undefeated season with a balanced offense, led by senior quarterback Danny Deveny.

"We've used a successful aerial attack, but we'd like to mix it up with a run-pass mix to utilize talent more efficiently," Morrissey senior Phil Yuhas said.

The dynamic Manor defense was essential in shutting down the Highlanders last week, and even some freshmen stepped up and made play, including defensive end Taylor Stein and tackle Sean Baur.

Siegfried will counter with an effective offense that routed Alumni last week 34-0.

Junior Matt Meinert is a dual threat at quarterback, with a proven ability to both pass and run with great skill. Ramblers senior captain Dex Cure emphasized teamwork and coordination as fundamental to the Siegfried game plan.

"We're going to play hard, play as a team," Cure said. "That's what we do".

Siegfried has a solid defense known for their speed and putting up impressive numbers, which will challenge the Morrissey offensive line on every play.

The defending champions are certain to be a formidable threat to the Manor's undefeated season, intensifying an already heated rivalry. It will be a test of will for both teams and a hard earned victory for whoever comes out on top.

"We're pumped," Yuhas said. "We lost to them in the playoffs last year so this is a huge motivation for us".

Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Field.

Dillon vs. Keough

As the playoffs draw nearer, Dillon and Keough face off Sunday in a match-up that could be crucial to playoff positioning.

"We know it's going to be a tough test," Dillon junior captain Jordan Smith said. "The winner's probably going to be in the playoffs and the loser's probably out. We have to be ready and come out and meet the challenge."

If Dillon meets the challenge, it will likely be with its defense that has been stout all season. The Big Red gave up 12 points in last week's loss to Stanford, but early-season opponents struggled to score a touchdown against them.

them.
"We've had a good defense for a few years now, and our

upperclassmen have helped to carry over that tradition," Smith said. "The freshmen have also been flying all over the place and hitting people real hard all season."

Keough will need to concentrate on its running game if it hopes to make a dent in the impenetrable Dillon defense.

"A win against Dillon would definitely help our effort to make the playoffs," Keough sophomore captain Ryan Cordell said. "We want to go out and try to establish our running game. We've been making strides in that department each week and we're going to have to continue to improve there to make the playoffs."

The game will likely be physical as both teams see themselves as strong in the trenches. Keough will look to block its way to a playoff spot.

"We're going to go out there and play our game. It all starts up front with us," Cordell said. "If we can win the battle in the trenches, we should be in good shape"

The two teams will face off in a fierce battle for a remaining playoff spot Sunday.

Alumni vs. Knott

Knott and Alumni meet on the field Sunday coming from different directions in terms of their record.

Knott (1-0-1) has started off the season well so far, and looks to continue their success coming off its bye week.

"We've had a very encouraging season thus far," Knott senior captain Aidan Fitzgerald said.

The Juggerknotts are one of three undefeated team in the blue division so far this year, along with Morrissey and Siegfried. In their last game two weeks ago, Knott tied the defending champion Ramblers in a tense rivalry game

"We were a little disappointed we couldn't pull off the win, we had a couple of opportunities that slipped by," Fitzgerald said. "I'm sure they were too. Both teams had their chances."

The Dawgs (0-2-1) on the other hand are still in search of their first win of the season. Last week Siegfried dismantled Alumni 34-0 in the Dawgs' worst loss of the sea-

The Ramblers' big win over Alumni puts added pressure on the Juggernauts, in a division where every win is crucial. With Morrissey and Siegfried undefeated, the Juggernauts are fully aware that one of the three will be on the outside looking in. A loss to the Dawgs, currently at the bottom of the division, would significantly hurt the Juggerknotts' chances.

"We've got to win. This is a big game for us," Fitzgerald said. "Every game is so important with such a short schedule."

In their third game and fourth week of the season, Fitzgerald believes the team is just hitting its stride.

"So far we've all clicked, it just hasn't been at the same

time," he said. "I think we finally got it together. It's bound to happen sooner or later."

Kickoff is 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Riehle Fields.

Sorin vs. Carroll

After a bye week for Sorin and a narrow win against Zahm for Carroll last weekend, the Otters and Vermin appear ready for this weekend

Sorin (2-0) comes into this game with little doubt of their capabilities. Carroll (2-0-1) is also confident, but still remembers their loss to Sorin last season.

"We plan to minimize the mistakes," Carroll junior captain Nick Ruof said about their game plan to take on the Otters.

Looking at past games, the Sorin offense has already proven itself to be a powerful one. Both of their wins have racked up double digits, which is more than Carroll's offense has been able to do in any of their three games thus

The Otters rely on freshmen Ted Spinelli at quarterback, freshman Ryan Robinson at tight end, and sophomore Bobby Felden at running back on the offensive side. Together these three have shown their ability to work together and convert to score.

"We don't really know what defense Carroll runs, but if things go as they should, our offense should be fine," junior Sorin captain Michael Browder said.

While Carroll's offense may not have scored as much as Sorin so far, its defense has stepped up, keeping its past three competitors to seven points or less. Junior defensive back Odaro "Nigerian Nightmare" Omusi and junior linebacker John Ashley lead the Vermin defense. These veterans have set up a powerful defense in hopes of setting

of Sorin's pass-heavy offense.

If the Carroll offense can step up its game one last time before playoffs and continue its powerful defense, it has a good chance of ending the Otters' undefeated streak. But if the Otters continue to perform as they have been, the Vermin may not be able to stop them.

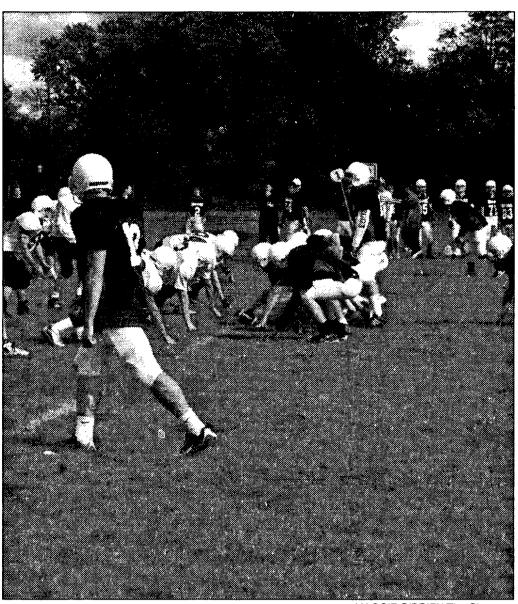
Both teams are currently undefeated, but after this matchup, which kicks off 1 p.m. Sunday at Riehele Fields, either the Vermin or the Otters will have to chalk one up in the loss column.

Zahm vs. St. Edward's

With only one game left before playoffs after this weekend, Zahm and St. Edward's are both looking to shake up the results.

St. Edward's (1-1) is a stronger team than its record may show, with its only loss being to Carroll by one point. The Gentlemen hope to improve their standings against Zahm (0-2) Sunday.

The Gentlemen return multiple key players from last year, including junior quarterback Matt Abeling, junior wide receiver Sean Reed and senior tight end Joe DeMott.



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observe

The Dillon offense lines up for a play against Stanford Sunday. Dillon won the game and will play Keough this week.

The entire team is excited to take on Zahm and ready to come one step closer to playoffs. A win here will put them in a good place for the final week of the regular season.

"We've been meshing like the Mighty Ducks. To get ready for Zahm, we have been feeding the pythons at Rolfs to really get in beast mode," senior Andy Nester joked.

After its victory over Fisher last week, St. Edward's is looking for another win.

The Rabid Bats may be 0-2, but they are not ready to give up just yet.

"In all essence we have been beaten off of a handful of plays. This week we return some key players and all we can do now is win this game and make the play-off scenario a little bit more interesting," senior Jarred Carter said.

Last week, freshmen cornerbacks Sam Beres and Roberto Aran shone through against Carroll, and this week with the return of juniors Xavier Murphy and Dylan Fernandez, Zahm hopes to turn over a new leaf.

"In order to win this week we must correct the mistakes that have taken place thus far," Carter said.

The Rabid Bats have already improved since their first game, narrowing their loss from 20-0 against Sorin to 6-0 against Carroll. With the veteran team of junior Greg Bennett and Carter, the team hopes to pull together to come out with a win.

Zahm and St. Edward's will face off Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Stanford vs. O'Neill

Heading into the matchup between Stanford and O'Neill Sunday, the two squads could not have more different experiences in the past two weeks.

Stanford has dominated in its first two outings, defeating Keough 16-0 and Dillon 12-7.

O'Neill, on the other hand, has struggled out of the gate 0-2.

The Mob is still confident in their ability to put up a strong performance against the Griffins, however.

"If we go out and play hard, we can come away with a win," sophomore wide receiver Julian Murphy said.

The Griffins have hopes of playing in the Stadium and are looking to keep an undefeated season alive.

"We're looking to go out and take care of business and secure a playoff spot," senior cornerback and captain Christopher Gill said. "It'd be nice to go into the last game against Keenan and know that it's nothing more than a game for playoff positioning."

Stanford will look for its defense to make the difference this week, as it has proven stingy so far, not even allowing a point.

"If the defense can continue dominating opposing offenses, I'm confident our offense can get a few scores and put us in a position to win," Gill said.

O'Neill may have a few tricks up its sleeve, however, that Stanford might be unprepared for.

"We put in some new plays," Murphy said. "Hopefully we'll be able to catch them off guard."

To their credit, the Angry Mob is using the slow start as motivation.

"The 0-2 start just makes us prepare harder," said Murphy. "It makes us hungrier for victory."

The Griffins and the Mob will meet on the Riehle Fields at 3 p.m. Sunday.

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Wildcats

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be reckoned with on offense for the Wild Women, and one of the keys to victory for Ryan will certainly be shutting her down.

Because of Walsh's blowout victory over Lyons, they had the opportunity to play some freshmen and give them valuable game experience.

Hadley acknowledges that beating Ryan will not be an easy task for the Wild Women.

"We just need to go out there and do what we've been doing," Hadley said. "We're looking to improve the passing game and bring the same intensity that's been there for us all season."

The two teams will meet Sunday at 4 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Pangborn vs. Badin

Both Pangborn and Badin have their work cut out for them for the rest of the season, but each hopes to take a step towards the Stadium when they face off this Sunday.

The Phoxes have been working on both their offense and defense this past week, and sophomore captain Julie Cooney really feels like they are starting to click.

"We've been working on speeding up our plays," Cooney said, "and our quickness at flag pulling."

Pangborn is ready for Sunday, and feel that after playing in the rain last week they can take anything weather-wise. Even though Pangborn lost that game they still feel the weather will not be a problem.

"We played through the rain

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and mud at Stepan last week," Cooney said. "And we'll step up again if need be. And though we lost, we tried hard to not let the weather get the best of us, adjusting our strategy to minimize errors due to weather."

The key Phox players to look out for are junior quarterback Gabby Tate, receiver Liz Pawlak and center Annie Kotz. These three are a force to be reckoned with and will try to take any of the Badin defenders down.

Badin has also been putting in the work this week with sharper routes on offense and keeping pressure on pass plays on defense. The Bullfrog offense has not been clicking the past few games, but senior captain Kelley Daniels has had these girls working to fix that.

"On offense, we sharpened our routes and threw in some specific o-line calls," Daniels said.

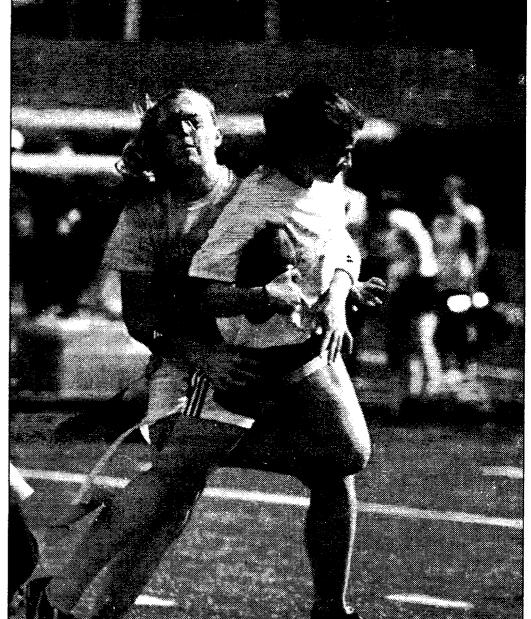
Their defense has also been working hard on getting to the flags quicker and getting to the quarterback. One of the key defenders for the Bullfrogs is sophomore Rachel Cink. Captain Daniels also has a lot of speed to get to the quarterback on defense.

"We worked a lot on defending the run and keeping pressure on pass plays." Daniels said. "Our goal on defense is not merely to make stops, but to create turnovers and get the ball back to our offense."

Welsh Family vs. McGlinn

West Quad dorms Welsh Family and McGlinn square off in a rematch of last season's women's interhall championship game.

Both teams are struggling to repeat last year's success and have gotten off to slow starts. Welsh Family (1-2) won their first game of the season last Sunday and hopes the victory will be a jumpstart to their



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Farley defensive back Katie Smith pulls the flags from McGlinn receiver Megan Scheilin during Farley's victory Sunday.

season.

"We have lots of talented players and have been adjusting our team," senior captain Tara Schimpf said. "We want to get back to our winning ways."

In order to regain last year's form, the Whirlwinds must to get their talented sophomore wide receivers Charlotte Seasly and Natalie Baldasare involved. The duo will need a big game to beat McGlinn.

The Shamrocks (0-1-1) are still looking for their first win of the season. McGlinn's hopes remain high for the season said senior captain Emily Dore.

"We're progressively improving and have had a lot of good practices lately," Dore said. "We're really starting to come together as a team."

Senior quarterback Lauren Miller leads the Shamrocks. The dual threat quarterback looks to keep the Whirlwind defense on their heels by delivering the ball to the talented receiving corps of junior Kathleen Stanley and sophomore Kate Tucker. Stanley and Tucker will need big games if the Shamrocks are to capture their first win of the season. They know it won't come easy against the Whirlwinds.

"We know they would love to beat us," Dore said. This is a great rivalry and hopefully we'll come out and surprise some people."

Both a chance to return to last season championship form and West Quad supremacy are on the line Sunday when McGlinn and Welsh Family kick off at 3 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Pasquerilla West vs. Lyons

Lyons hopes to get its season back on track with an upset against undefeated Pasquerilla West, but the Purple Weasels will not give up their perfect record easily.

"We are extremely confident in our team," Pasquerilla West senior co-captain Alyssa Moya said. "We will not let up even though we are undefeated."

The Lions will certainly have a lot to overcome. After the Purple Weasel offense was relatively quiet against Ryan and Pangborn in the early stages of the season, they exploded against Cavanaugh Hall for 30 points. The key to this offensive resurgence has been the offensive line, led by the consistent play of sophomore center Grace Concelman and the fierce play of senior Kelly Schumacher.

And while the Purple Weasels have finally established their potent offense, it was their defensive prowess carried them to their first two victories. Senior linebacker Cynthia Curley and senior defensive lineman Lindsey McMann lead the defense. McMann has been the driving force, consistently reaching the backfield of the opponent.

Lyons Hall counters with a strong quick defense, led by sophomores Kat Rodriguez and Carolyn Henderson. They hope to shut down the Purple Weasel offensive attack. Offensively, the Lions feature a strong complement of receivers led by sophomore Caroline Maroney. However. they are searching for a quarterback to get them the ball after senior quarterback and team captain Claire Connell down because of a sprained knee and senior backup Maria Petnuch will be unavailable for the game Sunday.

That leaves freshman Erica Miller to lead the Lions offense.

Lyons is the obvious underdog, but they feel they still have a chance.

"I expect us to come out with a lot of heart and a strong desire to win on Sunday," Lions Connell said. "I'm confident the with all the talent on our team we can turn our season around with a big win against Pasquerilla West."

But the Purple Weasels won't take the game lightly.

"We play against every team as if they are better than us," Moya said. "Their record does not matter to us. We just take it one game at a time."

Pasquerilla West plays Lyons at 6 p.m. at Reihle Fields.

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HOCKEY

Phillips steps into big skates

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Players have come and gone during Jeff Jackson's tenure at Notre Dame, but solid goalkeeping has been a constant. First David Brown, then Jordan Pearce. Now, it's junior Brad Phillips'

turn to carry the torch.

Phillips first broke on the scene in 2007 when, as a highly recruited freshman, he was one of the three candidates, along with Pearce and

senior Tom O'Brien, to replace Brown.

Pearce ended up winning the job, but Phillips played in five games that year, posting a 1.53 goals against average. Jackson said he had planned on Phillips playing in about 10 games last season, but a leg injury kept him out for the entire season.

"It's not where it was before, still a little pain," Phillips said. "When you're out on the ice you don't even notice it. When you get off you just have to ice

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said he didn't notice any significant difference in Phillips' play.

"I know he's full strength," Jackson said. "He looks good. There's no signs of any issues with him right now."

Even though he didn't play in any games last season, Phillips

> said he learned a great deal watching Pearce.

"I think it helped me a lot mentally,' Phillips said. "Just rehaband bing watching Pearce play well the whole

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Jeff Jackson

Irish coach

Phillips said the one thing he took away from Pearce's play was his consistency.

"He didn't really let in any soft goals and helped the team every night when the team needed him," Phillips said.

In addition to Pearce, Phillips said Jackson, who has a history of developing goaltenders, has been invaluable as a teacher.

"Going out there once a week and doing goalie drills before practice, he helps me

out a lot," Phillips said. Now that it's finally Phillips' turn, he said it's a mixture of

emotions.

"I'm excited and kind of nervous," he said. "It's good to be nervous I think. I haven't played a game in a couple of years so it should be fun.'

The last time Phillips did play, it was in a 5-1 loss to Michigan at the Palace at Auburn Hills on Jan. 19, 2008. Phillips gave up four goals in two periods before being replaced by Pearce. Despite the rough outing, Phillips said he had put it behind him.

"I don't really think about that," he said. "It's in the past."

Phillips also said he's grown up since that game, both mentally and physically.

"I'm more mature now," he said. "I think I got stronger as well as far as leg strength and moving side to side."

Jackson also noted Phillips' newfound maturity, and said he was more than confident in his junior goaltender.

"I remember the kid that I recruited," Jackson said. "I recruited him to win us a championship.'

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son and preseason a little bit," senior captain Ryan Thang said. "But once the puck drops Friday night we'll kind of forget about it."

When the Irish hit the ice tonight, there shouldn't be any thought of the shocking first-round upset Bemidji State handed Jeff Jackson's heavily favored squad in March. Notre Dame lost only two of its top 10 scorers from last year's 31-win team, and while the Irish will surely miss Erik Condra and Christian Hanson, this group could be the most talented one in program history, between its accomplished veterans and differencemaking youngsters.

Even with all Notre Dame's talent, however, there very easily could be some growing pains and early bumps along the road.

No man on the ice is more important than the heavily armored one stationed between the pipes, and any time a team has to replace one of the nation's best goaltenders, there will always a question mark. But junior starter Brad Phillips had the opportunity as freshman to watch Notre Dame's transition from David Brown to Jordan Pearce take place and should be ready to replicate the success Pearce enjoyed in his two years as the Irish netminder.

It may not happen from

Day 1, but Phillips has all the tools — athleticism, natural ability and a talented team in front of him — to become a rock-solid backstop for Notre Dame. In fact, there's probably less concern about goalie turnover this year than there was two years ago, when the unknown Pearce had to battle the freshman Phillips for the starting gig for an Irish program that had just recently emerged as a national power.

With the winning culture Jackson and Co. have installed over the last few seasons with three straight NCAA Tournament berths, and with two veteran defensive pairings and a couple of established scoring lines in place, it won't be about Phillips winning games early in the season. It will be more about Phillips developing the composure and confidence in October that he'll need to keep the Irish alive in March and April.

What I'm most interested in is how Jackson will mix and match his veterans and rookies to create a balanced lineup. As we prognosticated on our Irish Insider Podcast last night (sorry, I hadn't plugged it yet), it would seem that only one line is set, while Jackson will likely try different combinations, both in even-strength and man-up situations, in the early going to figure out what will click. Whether that happens immediately or instead takes some time will determine how Notre Dame

looks this weekend.

In any case, this is a team with solid veteran leadership that knows how to deal with the grind of the longest season in college sports. While postseason aspirations are always on the minds of the nation's top teams, the Irish know they have a long way to get there — five months, in fact.

Thang and classmates Kevin Deeth and Kyle Lawson, two of Notre Dame's three alternate captains, have been looked at as leaders since their sophomore seasons, and with a slew of experienced juniors — particularly on the blue line, with Ian Cole and alternate captain Teddy Ruth — this is a team that will be able to bounce back in the even if it does struggle early.

That isn't meant to take any importance away from this weekend's series against Alabama-Huntsville or next weekend's matchups with Providence leading up to a non-conference, top-five showdown at Boston University.

But considering last year's team started 2-3 before rattling off a 20-game unbeaten streak that lasted 2-1/2 months, I don't think anyone will be pushing the panic button if the Irish don't look dominant on the ice tonight.

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though, said that game is behind this team.

"I don't think about it," Jackson said. "It's in the past. This is a new season, a new team."

This weekend will be Jackson's first look at this year's squad in a game situation. He said that a good part of the weekend would be spent analyzing his roster and seeing which players belong where.

"For me, these games are also about giving guys opportunities to see what they can do in different situations," Jackson said.

"I've got some set lines going in there, but we'll be juggling things.'

The two most notable names are freshmen right wing Kyle Palmieri — the 26th overall pick in this year's NHL draft — and center Riley Sheahan. Jackson said the duo, as well rookie defenseman Sam Calabrese. would play this weekend, but that he was also excited about players who were on the roster last season but didn't receive a good deal of playing time.

"To me this is more about some of the sophomores than the freshmen," Jackson said. "We've got some guys who were great contributors last year, just not in game situations.

He specifically noted left wing Kyle Murphy, center Patrick Gaul and defensemen Nick Condon and Eric Ringel.

As for the Charger squad Notre Dame will be facing this weekend, Jackson said he expects to face a wellcoached, hungry team.

"I think they're very hardworking and I think they'll come at us and play physical," he said.

Most Irish fans probably Alabamaremember Huntsville from the NCAA Tournament in 2007. The fourth-seeded Chargers took the top-seeded Irish to double overtime before Ryan Thang

scored a game-winner to send Notre Dame into the next round, where a tired Irish squad lost to Michigan

The Irish also faced the Chargers in 2007, a 4-1 win in the Rensselaer Hockey Tournament. Despite the loss, Alabama-Huntsville's thenfreshman goalie Cameron Talbot made 27 saves, and Jackson said the Irish would have to work hard to get pucks past Talbot this week-

"We saw him two years ago in the RPI Tournament when he was a freshman and he stood on his head," Jackson said.

As far as momentum goes, Jackson said a pair of wins this weekend would be nice, but isn't the be all, end all of Notre Dame's season.

"Last year we had some bumps early on, then we went on a great run. But it varies. I always like to see us get off to a good start."

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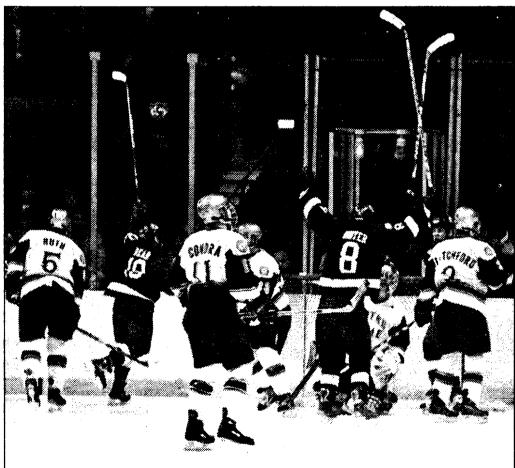
◆ Jackson announced that senior left wing Ryan Thang would serve as captain for the Irish this season.

"It means a whole lot. It's something I've been striving for since I got here," Thang said. "To follow in the footsteps of Erik Condra, Mark Van Guilder and T.J. Jindra is just an honor."

◆ The CCHA announced that they will change the point structure this season regarding shootouts. This year, wins in regulation or overtime will garner three points, a shootout win will earn two points and a shootout loss will be worth one point. Previously, all wins, in regulation, overtime or shootout, were worth two points. This way, all games will award three points in some fashion.

"Everybody gets the same amount of points for every game, which is probably a smart way to go," Jackson said.

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Bemidji State celebrates as time expires in its upset over Notre Dame in the first round of last year's NCAA tournament.

Remember to listen to the Irish Insider podcast previewing the upcoming hockey season at www.ndsmcobserver.com/podcasts

WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Farley looks to keep perfect record against Babes

Playoff picture begins to come into focus for teams as season hits midpoint after two full weeks of games

By TIM SINGLER, LEX DENNIS, ANDREW OWENS, KELLY ZENERE, COLIN KING and BARRICK BOLLMAN Sports Writers

Coming off of a disappointing shutout loss last week, Breen-Phillips will hope to bounce back against Farley Sunday.

After not scoring a single point last week, the Babes anticipate coming out strong and putting some points on the board this week. With a lot of youth on the team, the Babes hope to gain more experience with each game played.

Breen-Phillips will hope to use their young players as a surprise to upset the undefeated Finest. The Finest have yet to lose a game this year and are still hungry to revenge last year's finish.

"We were eliminated in the semifinals last year," Farley sophomore Katie Smith said. "We will be taking the season game by game."

A remarkable point on Farley's unblemished record so far this year lies in their ability to have key players step in and fill important positions.

"We really had some players step up in big places this year," Smith said.

The Babes, though, aren't afraid to take on Farley just because the Finest are undefeated.

They hope to take advantage of their raw talent and surprise the Finest.

Farley knows not to overlook their opponents as last week

they experienced a scare. The Finest needed to fight back to win the game.

That being said, though, Smith said her team was confident heading down the home stretch.

"We feel that we can take on any team we face," Smith said. Kickoff is Sunday at 2 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Lewis vs. Howard

Flags and feathers will be flying as the Chicks and Ducks are set to square off Sunday.

Both Lewis and Howard are fresh off huge wins and this is sure to be a great match-up.

Lewis experienced an important victory over Breen-Phillips, which incited much excitement for the Chicks. At practice this week the team concentrated on reviewing the offensive playbook, which worked well against the Babes.

"Our team is looking to keep improving," sophomore Brandy Cerne said. "We plan to channel the excitement and momentum we established last week and translate it into a victory on Sunday."

Howard is also lining up a solid team on the other side of the ball. The last game the Ducks played was against defending champions McGlinn. Howard held the Shamrocks

scoreless with a stellar performance on both sides of the football.

"Our defense really stepped up," junior captain Kayla Bishop said. "We had four or five interceptions and our offense was firing on all cylinders."

Howard put in a great workout at practice this week. Hands were the main focus both on offense and on defense.

"Hand-eye coordination was a point of concentration this week," Bishop said. "We worked on catching and flagpulling, and generally getting our hands ready for the game this weekend."

Two spectacular offenses and two iron defenses are ready to collide in what's shaping up to be a great game.

The battle of the birds begins Sunday at 1 p.m. at LaBar Fields.

Walsh vs. Ryan

Following its first win in dorm history against Lyons, Ryan will now try to knock off undefeated Walsh.

Ryan's defense led the way last week in a 19-0 victory over the Lions in a rainstorm.

"It was really exciting and an all-around fun time," senior captain and quarterback Kenzie Bowen said. "We definitely need to bring our best game Sunday in order to win. Everyone is going to have to play their role."

The girls of Ryan may have come from different dorms, but they are playing as one unit and the team chemistry is very good.

The girls celebrated their 19-0 victory with a team slide in the mud.

Following this Sunday's battle with Walsh, Ryan will conclude the regular season by playing Cavanaugh and Badin in consecutive weeks. They hope to ride their current momentum and reach the playoffs in their inaugural season.

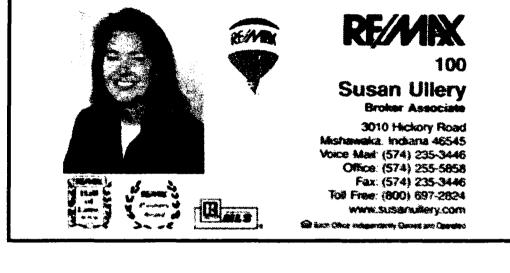
Walsh, meanwhile, took one more step towards a playoff berth with their 29-6 win over Badin.

The Wild Women will conclude the regular season next week against Pasquerilla West and have their eyes on the playoffs.

"We have a good team," senior captain Meghan Hadley said. "We have a good mix of veterans and enthusiastic freshmen. We're built around teaching young players how to play."

Hadley has been a force to

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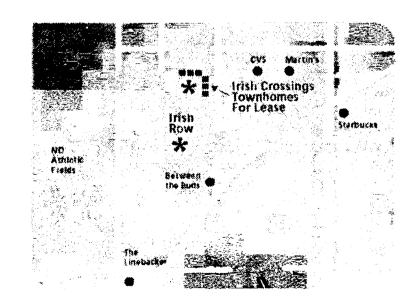
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tackles.

"You're going to go through some growing pains when he's going to be out there that much," coach Charlie Weis said Sunday. "But his speed and athleticism covered for a lot of the things right there, and I thought he was very active and involved in a whole bunch of plays."

Te'o said his speed covered his mistakes sometimes, but that mistakes got swept up in the enjoyment of the game.

"You don't really want to make a mistake, but the fun of the game kind of takes away from that," he said.

When he does mess up, defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta makes sure he hears about it. But then the other linebackers, namely Brian, Scott and Toryan Smith, step in and pick him up.

"They're like parents," he said. "They've been there. They've done that."

Tenuta can't be too hard on him, though, because he hangs

Rutgers

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Knights also presents the Irish

with another chance to take

down a top 10 foe, as they

couldn't do against Stanford

or North Carolina, who rank

No. 1 and 2 respectively in the

current NSCAA poll. Waldrum views the match as an oppor-

tunity for the team to evaluate its progress at this point in the

"I think we've definitely moved forward since those games and the progress has

been steady," Waldrum said.

"West Virginia was a good indicator. Although their

record isn't as good this year, they're still one of the top

teams in the conference and I thought we played very well

against them on Friday night.

I think it's a great opportunity in another big game setting

After their showdown with Rutgers on Friday night, the

Irish will travel north to Seton

Hall for a Sunday afternoon contest to complete their Garden State road trip. Although Notre Dame's matchup with the Pirates will be overshadowed by their contest with the Scarlet Knights,

Waldrum says his team still knows that they have to get it

done against a conference

"I think one of the good things is that we realize [Friday] night's game is the

one to worry about and we haven't really talked about [the Seton Hall game],"

Waldrum said. "If we take care of things on Friday, we can focus on it on Sunday and

prepare. I think we know that we need to win every game." Notre Dame holds a 14-1-0 advantage all time against Seton Hall (4-7-1), who

remain winless in conference play. The Pirates are led on offense by junior midfielder Nicki Gross who has scored a

team high four goals and three assists for 11 points.

Notre Dame kicks off against Rutgers at 7 p.m. on Friday in Piscataway, N.J., before traveling to South Orange Sunday.

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on Tenuta's every word. "I'm always listening," he said. More than one sentence started with "Coach Tenuta says..."

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Manti Te'o

Irish linebacker

said. "You'd be a fool not to listen to him." For example, regarding what

regarding what technical aspect of play he needs to improve on:

"Coach Tenuta always says use your eyes," Te'o said. "I just

have to follow what my eyes tell me."

Some instructions from the coaching staff aren't so nebulous. What did the coaches tell the defense about tackling, a weakness thus far?

"Get better at tackling," Te'o said. "Don't miss so many tackles.

"Coach Tenuta says use your shoulder pads, that's what they're for."

He's adjusted to game speed just fine; the weather is another story. After the Washington game, when it was cold and rainy, he said he hugged his parents — then got off the field.
"It was a big relief to get out of the cold," he said.

His iPhone app showing the weather in Hawaii next to the

weather in South Bend, he said, doesn't help.

Adjusting to college life also took some getting used to.

"It's very time-consuming. You've got to know how to manage your

time," he said. "That comes with maturity."

Te'o, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, has found a second home at church. The people there welcome him, he said, and ask about the games. He's still considering taking a mission, but hasn't decided. He said the success of the team would not factor into his decision.

"It's always on my mind," he said. "It's football right now."

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Powers

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Big East) hope to add a third game to that streak when they take on Providence (5-4-1, 2-3-1 Big East) at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Glay Field in Providence, R.I.

Powers and Maund returned to the team this week after representing the U.S. at the Under-20 World Cup in Egypt, where the U.S. team was eliminated in the first round with a 1-2 record. Their absence, coupled with the loss of senior defender Cory Rellas to injury in the season opener, left a hole that Notre Dame spent much of the early going trying to fill.

"Losing Cory Rellas 10 minutes into the first game of the season was a factor [in our struggles]," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "Not so much his play but his experience and leadership. He was the 'old head' at the back and, although [senior defender] John Schaefer has come in and performed superbly well, there was a little bit of uncertainty and this was compounded when we lost Maund, our other central defender, to the Under-20 World Cup in Egypt."

Providence comes into Saturday's match after a 4-0 loss against Connecticut. Generating offense has been a struggle for the Friars, who are averaging only 0.80 goals per game.

However, senior goalkeeper Timothy Murray's 0.62 goals against average has allowed Providence to stay competitive. Still, Murray should face one of the stiffest challenges of the season when facing the Irish's high power offense on Saturday.

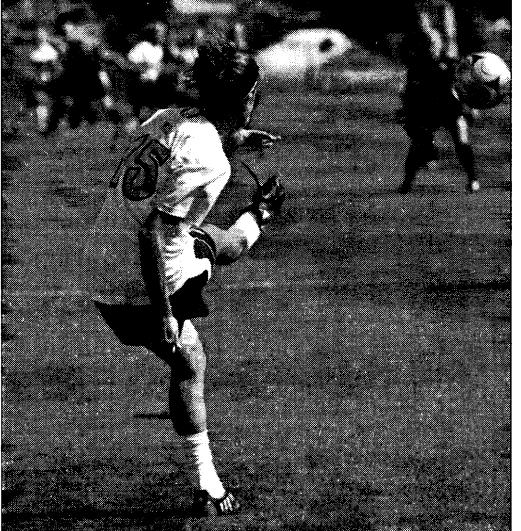
Clark cited his bench as one of the key factors in his team's relentless attack, pointing to senior Tamba Samba's goal early in the second half against Marquette as an example.

"Tamba Samba was the player who provided the early spark," Clark said. "I feel that we are consistently dominating the second periods of every game and this is often due to the players who come on. [Samba], [junior] Steven Perry, [sophomore] Michael Rose, [sophomore] Brendan King, and [sophomore] Adam Mena have been superb in this capacity."

Notre Dame, who routinely plays one of the toughest slates in the country, has struggled at times this season with consistency on both sides of the ball. Clark hopes that his team's efforts will prepare them for a run at the Big East crown and the NCAA Tournament.

"We play a very demanding schedule so there is always the danger, especially early on, that we have a little bit of a roller coaster," Clark said. "Hopefully, we can find some rhythm in the latter part of the season. Having said that, I feel these losses have now prepared and deepened the squad for the run in."

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Junior forward Rose Augustin kicks the ball against Louisville Sept. 27. Augustin and the Irish won the game 1-0.





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Aries — I'm sorry you missed Taylor Swift. It would have been cool, of course, but in general, good call avoiding the source of the frantic screams. It could have been a zombie attack! Then again... she does have pretty weird eyes. Verdict: "It's a zombie story, baby just stay dead"

Taurus — You're a bull. Good luck with that. Verdict: TORO0000000

Gemini — If you're from Africa, why are you white? Verdict: God Karen, you can't just ask people why they're white.

Cancer — So, you've fallen off your workout plan. At least your lack of washboard abs won't be on Perez anytime soon. Verdict: "I wouldn't write a song about any of these uggos"

Leo — Students, be nice to your professors. Professors, have some sympathy and let us sleep this weekend? Please? Maybe? Verdict: Midterms blow hard.

Virgo — Pam and Jim got married. You should start working on your fairytale ending. Verdict: 3.5 stars.

Libra — What happened to Hanson?

Scorpio — You should work on your sense of humor. Verdict: Colin Sullivan

Sagittarius — Embrace your inner star and burst out in song. But not in public, of course. Verdict: You ARE the star.

Capricorn — Just because there isn't a game tomorrow, doesn't mean you can't be belligerent by three. Verdict: 4 stars.

Aquarius — It's beginning to look a lot like UGG-NorthFace-sweatpants-pale Season! Verdict: Damn.

Pisces — Just for the record, Fran loves the gays, almost as much as Fran loves Fran. Verdict: Take a Viewpoint chill pill.

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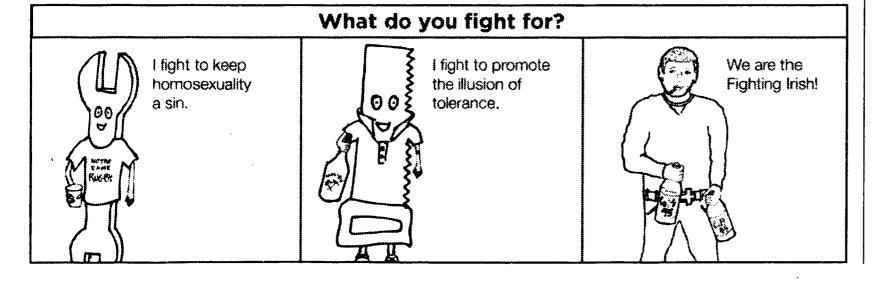
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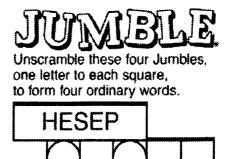


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JEFF KNUREK MIKE ARGIRION

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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THE OBSERVER SPORTS

HOCKEY

Return to the Ice

Irish host Alabama-Huntsville to open 2009-2010 campaign

By SAM WERNER Associate Sports Editor

After a six-month hiatus, Notre Dame will finally drop the puck on its 2009-10 season Friday

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steps in at

qoalie."

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night when the Irish take on Alabama-Huntsville.

The last time Notre Dame took the ice, it

was in a disappointing first-round NCAA Tournament loss to Bemidji State. Coach Jeff Jackson,

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Current senior Ryan Thang attacks with the puck in a 2-1 defeat to Michigan Jan. 31. Thang and the Irish open this season tonight against Alabama-Huntsville at 7:35 p.m.

Notre Dame looks to return to NCAA's after first-round exit

It may seem a bit early for the start of the college hock-

ey season, but tonight's season opener against Alabama-Huntsville can't come soon enough for No. 5 Notre

Dame.

Matt Gamber

Sports Editor

"[Our NCAA firstround exit last season] was good motivation in the offsea-

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ND Women's Soccer

Irish travel to New Jersey for two conference matches

By MIKE GOTIMER Sports Writer

After three weeks of conferswing in New Jersey in what may prove to be the Big East's premier match-up of the season and Notre Dame's biggest

threat to extending its NCAA record 57 match conference unbeaten streak.

Although the Irish (8-3-1, 4-0-1) hold a 16-1-2 record allence play, No. 9/8 Notre Dame time against the Scarlet traveling to Tampa for a shutouts, and a 0.41 goals prepares to take on No. 10/11 Knights (9-1-3, 3-0-2), they scoreless tie with South against average into the Rutgers on an East Coast face a Rutgers team holding its highest NSCAA ranking in school history and the only other Big East team that remains undefeated in confer-

ence play.

Rutgers is fresh off of a grueling road trip in which they defeated Marquette 3-1 on Friday in Milwaukee before carries a 9-1-2 record, seven Florida on Sunday. On offense, the Scarlet Knights are led by junior forward Ashley Jones who leads the team with 19 points on a Big East high eight

goals and three assists. Senior goalkeeper Erin Guthrie, who has started all but one match for Rutgers and match, anchors the Scarlet

Knights superb defense. Despite the magnitude of the match, Irish coach Randy Waldrum didn't think that his

team did anything different to

"I don't think we've done anything different," Waldrum said. "We have to focus on paying attention to details on offense and finish. The key for this weekend is to focus on the small details."

The match with the Scarlet

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FOOTBALL

Rookie Te'o learning role quickly

By BILL BRINK Sports Writer

Manti Te'o made a tackle. He doesn't remember the play, or even the game, but he remembers looking up into the stands and seeing his parents smiling.

For the freshman linebacker, who speaks of his family as the most important influence in his life, there's nothing better than that. Especially because they live five time zones away, time spent with them becomes more important.

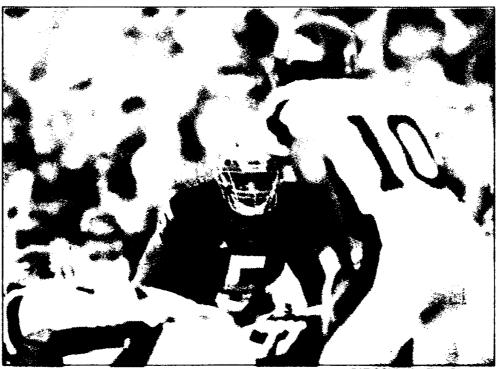
"There is nothing I can do that will bring them closer," he said. "The only thing I can do is honor them by the way

I play and conduct myself.

Te'o was the No. 2 recruit in the 2009 recruiting class, the middle linebacker who can revolutionize Notre Dame's defense over the next four years. Until the Washington game, he received limited playing time, but shined when he did play. He sacked Purdue quarterback Joey Elliott in the final minutes to help Notre Dame secure a close victory and used his speed to keep coverage breakdowns from becoming big plays.

But against Washingon, he started and played significant minutes. He used them well, coming away with 10

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer Freshman linebacker Manti Te'o eyes Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick during the 35-0 Irish victory Sept. 5.

Men's Soccer

ND hopes to continue win streak

By MICHAEL BLASCO Sports Writer

After a rollercoaster first half of the season, the Irish seem to have found what they needed.

The return of defenders freshman Dillon Powers and sophomore Aaron Maund to the lineup has given Notre Dame its first winning streak of the season with consecutive victories over Seton Hall and Marquette. The Irish (6-4-1, 4-2)

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