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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Baron leads debate on activities fee increase

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed a proposed $15 student activities fee increase — designed to fund both the implementation of the College Readership Program and additional student programming — at its meeting Monday.

Chris Harris, chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, justified the proposed increase to the group. He cited both the decreasing real value of student activities fees, which have remained constant since the 2002-03 school year, and the popularity of the College Readership Program among students surveyed last spring.

A project run by USA Today, the College Readership Program provides college students with daily newspapers that are paid for upfront via student fees.

"When you chart historical raises in student activity fees along with annual tuition increases and inflation rates, we see that today the real activity fee should be $88," Harris said. "We're losing buying power for student activities."

Student activity fees — collected on students' University bill each semester — are approved by the Financial Management Board. Students have initiated increases in the past, student body president Dave Baron said.

"One criticism that could arise is our recommendation of $5 of additional funding towards student groups, but a strong outlook for The Shirt next year will also contribute to funding," Harris said.

Half of The Shirt profits up to $200,000 are made available for the Financial Management Board, as well as 40 percent of profits earned in excess of $200,000.

Baron said if the activities fee increases, almost $50,000 in additional funds would be allocated for clubs and organizations.

The proposed implementation of the College Readership Program was supported by a four-week study last spring in which students were supplied with free copies of the New York Times, USA Today and the Chicago Tribune, Harris said.

"At the study's end, 82 percent of students surveyed at distribution locations said they would support a fee increase to support the College Readership Program," he said.

The proposed student fee increase would provide 1,600

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Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell, left, and student body president Dave Baron meet with members at the COR meeting.

Battalion entrenches in fall training exercises

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

While most Notre Dame students were parked in front of a big screen watching the football game, chowing down at a tailgate in West Lafayette or celebrating the Irish victory Saturday, a small section of the student body was hard at work without a television or hot dog in sight.

The Notre Dame Army ROTC "Fightin' Irish" Battalion held its annual fall Field Training Exercise (FTX) during the weekend in Fort Custer, Mich. The event was

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Photo courtesy of CORRIE BRISSON

Notre Dame Army ROTC members participate in the annual fall Field Training Exercises in Fort Custer, Mich. Saturday. Cadets put in five weeks of solid planning to organize the weekend.

Motorist nearly hits policeman

Mishawaka man had been drinking alcohol

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The Mishawaka man whom police arrested last Thursday after a high-speed car chase that ended on Notre Dame's campus was allegedly driving under the influence, St. Joseph County Police spokesperson Jaimee Thirion said Monday.

In what was the second arrest made on campus in three days, St. Joseph County police officers arrested Ronald Henning, Jr. at the intersection of Juniper Road and Bulla Road following a 17-minute pursuit that reached speeds of 80 miles per hour.

Thirion said Henning was driving "at a high rate of speed" southbound on Mayflower Road north of State Road 23 around 10 p.m. Thursday. He attracted attention when he crossed the centerline and nearly hit a police officer driving in the opposite direction.

"The officer pulled to the side of the road to avoid getting hit," Thirion said. "After the vehicle passed, the officer activated his emergency lights. The driver stopped and turned around coming toward the officer northbound."

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group creates task force to examine hall taxes

By MARY KATE MALONE

Frustration with the use of dorm funds for charity purposes spurred intense debate at the Campus Life Council (CLC) meeting Monday, resulting in the creation of a new task force charged with investigating the issue.

Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer said he was tired of being asked to donate money from hall taxes to causes that were not directly affiliated with the dorm.

"If someone is going to have an activity, they should get money from the University in some other way instead of using hall taxes," Meyer said. "We have hall presidents who say they need 80 bucks, then they need 90 bucks, and pretty soon our hall tax is gone and we can't provide for our students."

Some members suggested creating a rule requiring that students ask for charity money through Hall Presidents Council instead of going dorm-to-dorm looking for funds.

"But [Hall Presidents Council] doesn't have all the funds in the world either," Hall Presidents Council co-chair Dan Zenker said. "We need to try to make sure that it is known that donating

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Lewis Hall senator Katie McHugh, left, and Social Concerns committee chair Jacques Nguyen listen at the CLC meeting.

Inside Column

Notre Dame, Country, God

Marcella Berrios

Wire Editor

I went on the very first retreat of my life this weekend, an experience I postponed until now because I was convinced I should not attend one unless I actually felt the timing was right.

After a spending my summer in a Catholic worker house, I felt the need to have an encounter with Christ.

NDE #87 provided me with the opportunity to have such an encounter. However, I almost did not turn in my application because I was reluctant to take the weekend off and leave homework behind. I stopped rationalizing every action, though, and decided to just go and worry about studying later.

The retreat proved to be one of the most reflective weekends of my life. I'm happy to have met such wonderfully blessed young people. I don't mean to preach, but one of the things I kept thinking of was how often I put other things ahead of my spiritual growth.

I've come to enjoy daily Mass, but if I have too much homework due or if I'm distracted doing something else, I forget about it. It just slips my mind.

This is an upsetting thought because no matter what I'm doing, I never forget to watch the fabulous Kiefer Sutherland Monday nights on "24."

Similarly, Notre Dame students tend to place academics above all else. There isn't a single candle that is not lit in the Grotto during the week of final exams, but what about the rest of the year?

By no means am I the girl in the candle spot, but I do remember praying really hard to God, asking that it please be His Will that I get accepted into Notre Dame. I thought ND — with its strong sense of Catholicism — would inspire me to become a better Christian.

Yet upon arrival, I prayed at the Grotto only once during my freshman year — and this was an exceptional occasion. The Pope was dying.

Overall, my faith did not grow in the least and I did not thank the Lord every night, as I had promised, for granting my wish to attend my dream college.

NDE #87 was a hiatus from my routine, a time to stop and reflect on what my priorities should be. I strongly recommend all students to take that break from their lives, too.

I know I should be in Mass right now, but I am not. I'm trying not to condemn myself too much, though. After all, the road to Christ is a lifelong journey, and today I am at a better place in my life than I was last week.

It is hard to keep the first commandment. To love God above everything else, to put Him before everything else — before tests, friends and Notre Dame football — is truly a challenge. I realized this weekend that NDE retreats are scheduled in a way they will not interfere with home games. Now isn't that something to think about?

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

Corrections

In Monday's Irish Insider, The Observer mistakenly wrote the 49-point performance was the team's highest single-game output since 1997. Notre Dame scored 57 points on Nov. 29, 2003 against Stanford. The Observer regrets this error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Question of the Day: *Do you feel safe on campus? Why or why not?*

Chris Schenkel
senior
Alumni

"I take full advantage of the Safewalk Escort Service."

Kathleen O'Rourke
junior
Lyons

"I feel perfectly safe here in my little bubble."

Shawn Kotoske
senior
off-campus

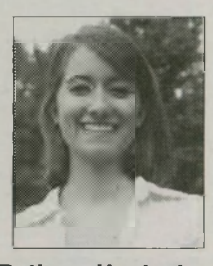
"I'm in ROTC. All your guns are belong to us."

Lourdes Long
freshman
BP

"You can't even leave my dorm without setting some alarm off."

Carolyn Plou
sophomore
PW

"NDSP officers make me want to la-la."



Bethany Hoelscher
sophomore
PW

"I feel like I can leave my brass knuckles at home."

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Senior Kathryn Malkovsky, left, Director of International Student Services & Activities Ireneo Bong Miquiabas, middle, and junior Lance Chapman participate in the forum "The Contributions of the Arts & Letters Major to Society, Business and Global Relations" Monday sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters and the Career Center.

Offbeat

Chinese chimp quits smoking after 16 years

BEIJING — A chimpanzee in a northwest China zoo has quit smoking after 16 years with the help of her keepers, official media reported.

The staff, worried about her declining health, weaned 27-year-old "Ai Ai" off tobacco by distracting her with entertainment and a tastier diet, Xinhua news agency said.

"The zoo keepers tried every way to divert the chimp's attention from cigarettes: a walk after breakfast, a music session after lunch and gym after dinner," Xinhua said.

She also got fried dishes and dumplings, as well as the usual diet of milk, bananas and rice, said one zoo keeper.

"I also put earphones on her so that she could enjoy some pop music from my walkman," he said.

Man scales landmark to impress girl

TOKYO — A Japanese man made his way to a spot about 330 feet above ground on a famous Tokyo landmark Sunday in what may have been a reckless attempt to impress a girl.

Japanese private broadcaster TV Asahi showed footage of a man standing on an iron frame on the exterior of the 333-meter Tokyo Tower and unfurling a banner adorned with a large red heart and words that appeared to be the name of a girl.

"Maybe he intended this as a message for someone... I suspect that's the case since it had a heart on it," a police official said.

The man came down after being persuaded by police, and was arrested for trespassing, the police official said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Cass Sunstein, Karl N. Llewellyn Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Chicago Law School, will give a **lecture** on his recently published book, **"Radicals in Robes: Why Extreme Right-Wing Courts Are Wrong for America"** at **4 p.m. today** in the **Notre Dame Law School Courtroom**.

The **Department of Film, Television and Theatre** (FTT) will open its 2005-06 theater season with Arthur Kopit's **"Wings" Tuesday to Saturday** at **7:30 p.m.** and **Sunday** at **2:30 p.m.** in the **Decio Mainstage Theatre** of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The 13th annual American Cancer Society **Great Lakes Symposium** will be held **Friday** from **9 a.m.** until **4 p.m.** at Notre Dame's McKenna Hall. Titled **"Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer,"** the event is open to the public.

Bernd Sturmfels, professor of mathematics and computer science at the University of California at Berkeley, will give a lecture titled **"Algebraic Statistics for Computational Biology"** at **5:30 p.m. Friday** in Hayes-Healy Hall at Notre Dame.

José Miguel Insulza, secretary general of the Organization of American States, will be the keynote speaker at a conference titled **"Democratic Governance in Latin America" 4:45 p.m. Friday** in the Hesburgh Center auditorium at Notre Dame.

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

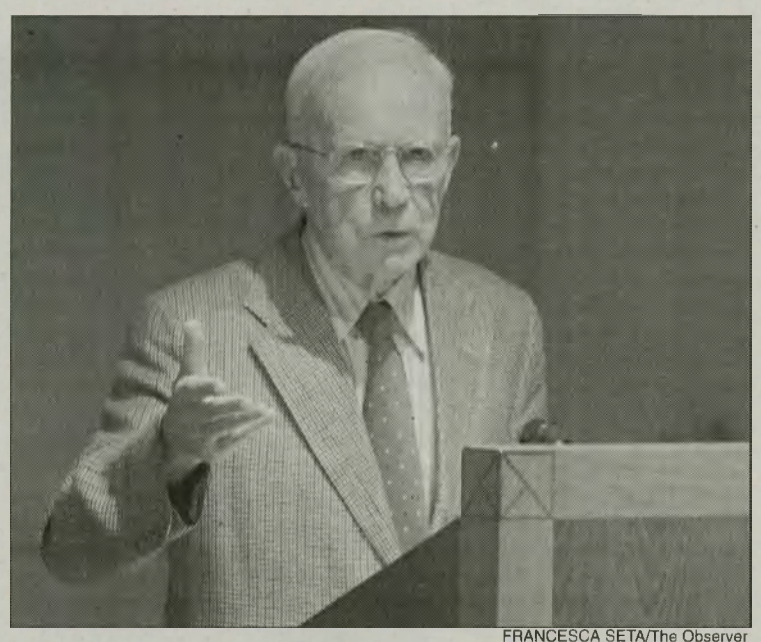
Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH	85	70	78	55	58	60
LOW	68	65	45	35	37	43

Atlanta 80 / 64 **Boston** 78 / 62 **Chicago** 86 / 68 **Denver** 77 / 41 **Houston** 90 / 72 **Los Angeles** 84/ 60 **Minneapolis** 79 / 51
New York 82 / 66 **Philadelphia** 82 / 64 **Phoenix** 97 / 73 **Seattle** 60 / 47 **St. Louis** 89 / 66 **Tampa** 88 / 74 **Washington** 80 /62

Erasmus lecture draws crowds

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Louis Dupré, a professor emeritus at Yale University, was the guest speaker at the 2005 Erasmus Institute lecture series.

The 2006 Erasmus Institute lecture series began its sixth annual installment yesterday with an address by Louis Dupré on the historical and philosophical approaches to the intersection of faith and modernity.

Dupré, professor emeritus of the Department of Religious Studies at Yale University, will give eight lectures this year on the topic "Religion and the Rise of Modern Culture."

Previous Erasmus lecture subjects have included Islam and Christianity and the development of Catholic moral teaching.

Dupré – a distinguished author of 15 books and more than 200 published articles – has been celebrated for his comprehensive study of religion that extends into fields of archeology, social theory, philosophy and science.

"You will hear a lot of what you will say has nothing directly to do with religion," Dupré said. "My position is [that] religion penetrates all aspects of life and culture – or it doesn't work."

Dupré focused on the early seeds of modernity Monday, describing the difficult task of reconciling the notion of forms with Christianity for the Greek philosophers and other intellectuals, including St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, Dante, Descartes and Galileo.

Dupré said theories of nominalism, which denied that universals existed, and humanism, which focused on the individual, contributed to later doubts about God.

"Have you ever paused to think why is it that in the 17th century, a number of ideas for explications of God were invented? Because it was no longer obvious," he said.

Dupré criticized the attempt to impose a modern concept of scientific criticism on the reflection on faith, and challenged historians who view philosophical developments as a cohesive entity throughout history.

"It is totally inadequate to look back and say, 'Where does this come from?' as if the past held the secrets of the futures," he said, "Yes, there is continuity but it doesn't explain the facts within themselves."

The next lecture, which Dupré will deliver on Oct 5., is entitled "The Breakdown of the Union of Nature and Grace."

In the first half of his lectures this fall, Dupré will speak about the waves of modernity — earlier humanism movement in Italy, the Enlightenment and Baroque periods and the French Revolution and Romanticism in the 19th century.

All lectures are at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Erasmus Lectures are free and open to the public.

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Power outage leaves campus in the dark

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The thunderstorm that blew through Notre Dame's campus Saturday disrupted power to about 40 percent of the University's electric system – leaving some students in the dark for up to 30 minutes.

The outage affected various buildings including several residence halls and the Main Building around 3:50 p.m., Notre Dame Director of Utilities Paul Kempf said.

No outages were reported at Saint Mary's, SMC Director of Facilities Rick Linio said.

The outage occurred when lightning struck an American Electric Power power line, Kempf said. The University receives nearly half of its power supply from AEP.

"AEP had an fault on their transmission line, and we disconnected from them, resulting in a need to interrupt power service to a portion of campus equal to that being supplied by AEP," Kempf said.

Kempf said the utilities department prioritizes which buildings on campus get outage protection depending on the time of day, day of the week or special events. Since the outage took place on a Sunday afternoon, priority was given to residence halls rather than administrative or classroom buildings.

Kempf did not say exactly which buildings were affected but confirmed that the Main Building did lose power as part of the outage.

"This type of outage is the most common to occur," Kempf said. "This happens when a lightning strike hits an overhead transmission line.

Typically the lightning strike is cleared in an instant, resulting in outages that are short –15 minutes or so – based on the time it takes to resynchronize with AEP, and then everyone is back up and running."

Kempf said Notre Dame has a highly reliable electric system. Outages like the one on Sunday are the uncontrollable result of Mother Nature, Kempf said.

A similar outage occurred on March 30 during a thunderstorm. Kempf said there have been slightly more instances of power loss in the last year than in previous years.

"It's not up to me how many outages there are. It's up to the weather and the random strikes of lightning. If you could tell us how to stop lightning, we'd fix it."

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NetID Passwords

Only the Strong Will Survive

Why you must change your existing NetID password to a Strong Password

Q What is a strong password?
A Strong Password is a difficult-to-guess password that you use with your NetID to access insideND, Notre Dame email and shared storage spaces, such as NetFile. It is at least eight characters long, and is made up of upper and lowercase random letters, numbers, punctuation marks and other keyboard symbols.

Q What is a weak password?
A weak password is one that is short and easy to guess.

Q What's an example of a weak password?
Your first name followed by your dorm room number is an example of a weak password.

Q What's an example of a Strong Password?
myPWis1Uwg

Q How can I remember a password that complex?
It's a "passphrase" derived from "my password is one you won't guess." Remember the phrase; remember the password.

Q How do I change to a Strong Password?
Go to https://password.nd.edu, and follow the instructions.

Q Why should I change to a Strong Password?
(1) Weak passwords put sensitive and personal information at risk that can be used by identity thieves (you don't want strangers guessing your password and pretending to be you) ;
(2) If you do not change to a Strong Password, your existing password will expire, disrupting your access to Notre Dame networked applications, including email and shared storage.

Q Will all existing passwords expire at the same time?
No. Passwords that have not been changed (to Strong Passwords) since July 5, 2005 will be randomly tagged for expiration sometime between now and the spring of 2006.

Q How will I know that my password is set to expire?
You will receive an email from the OIT, and you will have 30 days from the day of receipt to change to a Strong Password. Once you change your password to a Strong Password, you won't have to change it again for another 180 days.

Q When it comes to Strong Passwords, will the University make exceptions for some campus computer users?
No exceptions will be granted.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group discusses slow Internet speed time

By ALLISON RIDER
News Writer

Director of Information Technology Keith Fowlkes attended the Saint Mary's Board of Governance meeting Monday in response to an article in The Observer Monday about the College's "sluggish" computer connections.

Fowlkes addressed the issue and explained the current situation with the school's Internet connection to Board members.

"The administration is aware of the problem," Fowlkes said. "We know what to do, we just need the money to do it."

Information Technology currently spends roughly $25,000 a year for Internet connections. Expanding the school's pipe in order to increase speed would add an extra $15,000 to $17,000 per year to this expense.

Much of the problem can be traced to services aside from academics, including music downloading — legitimate and illegal. Fowlkes urged students to "be as frugal with [the] connection as possible," until further action can be taken.

Student body vice president Susan McIlduff introduced a project in which SAC gathers the syllabi from every professor so they can be viewed when registering for classes.

Admissions commissioner Annie Davis also informed the Board that the annual "Fall Day on Campus" would take place this Sunday.

"Fall Day is one of the biggest days of the year for admissions," Davis said.

On this day, prospective high school seniors are able to come visit and see the Saint Mary's campus first-hand.

Elections commissioner Danielle Lerner said Freshman Board elections were supposed to take place Monday, but were suspended until Tuesday because there was "speculation that some first years were voting more than once and that non-first years were voting."

Finally, athletics commissioner Bridget Grall said since Saint Mary's swim coach resigned last week, school athletic director Lynn Kachmarik is acting as the new swim coach.

In Other BOG News:

◆ Relay for Life will take place this weekend. Activities begin at 6 p.m. Friday and will go until 10 a.m. Saturday.

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SMC poetry reading enlightens

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

A series of poetic readings by Saint Mary's professor Cornelius Eady kicked off "English Week" at SMC in Haggar Parlor Monday.

"At this point, I have no language, no tongue, no mouth. I am not me yet. I am just an understanding," read Eady, a professor of graduate studies in creative writing at Notre Dame.

Eady has authored six works of poetry including the critically acclaimed "Brutal Imagination," "Victims of the Latest Dance Craze" and "Autobiography of a Jukebox."

Audience members found Eady was engaging and theatrical throughout his readings, which included anecdotes from his life as an English major and stories of how he became a poet.

The introductions to his personal poetry were meant to either inspire or deter audience members from following in his footsteps as an English major, Eady said.

"English has provided an adventure for life," he said. "At some point you read something that knocks you out so much that the only response you could have was to pick up a pen and write."

The poetry reading was the first activity in a weeklong focus on English at the College. The Student Academic Council sponsored English Week as part of its campaign to promote academic development and recognize academic excellence in the SMC community.

CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Cornelius Eady speaks to students Monday as part of "English Week" at Saint Mary's.

Each year, every academic department has the opportunity to plan activities for a week to build awareness about its area of study and to provide ways for students to further explore the department.

The English department worked with English club members to plan an eventful week that will include a screening of "The Merchant of Venice" at 7 p.m. today in Vender Vannet Theatre in the basement of the Student Center.

On Wednesday, there will be a Bagel Breakfast in the English Corridor of Madeleva Hall from 7 to 9 a.m.

The week will culminate with the English Department's annual costume party Thursday at 7 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge. Students are encouraged to dress as a favorite literary character.

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DIJON, FRANCE

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EUROPEAN STUDY PROGRAM
GREECE STUDY TOUR
KOREAN CULTURE STUDY
HONDURAS STUDY PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ulcer researchers win Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Australians Barry J. Marshall and Robin Warren won the 2005 Nobel Prize in medicine Monday for showing that bacterial infection, not stress, was to blame for painful ulcers in the stomach and intestine.

The 1982 discovery transformed peptic ulcer disease from a chronic, frequently disabling condition to one that can be cured by a short regimen of antibiotics and other medicines, the Nobel Prize committee said.

Thanks to their work, it has now been established that the bacterium Helicobacter pylori, which the new Nobel winners discovered, is the most common cause of peptic ulcers.

Palestinian police storm Parliament

GAZA CITY — More than three dozen Palestinian police officers broke into the parliament building in Gaza City on Monday, firing in the air to protest a lack of bullets and equipment in what they said was a humiliating confrontation with Hamas.

The protest came a day after the worst internal fighting in Gaza in nearly a decade and underscored Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' difficulties in taking control of the unruly coastal strip.

On Sunday, Hamas gunmen attacked a local police station with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades. The deputy police chief of the Shati refugee camp was killed in the fighting, along with two civilians, and at least 50 people were wounded.

NATIONAL NEWS

NY teachers' union gets new contract

NEW YORK — The public school teachers union reached a contract with the city that gives them 15 percent raises over four years, officials said Monday, ending an impasse that threatened the nation's largest school system with a strike.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who is running for a second term in next month's election, and the United Federation of Teachers announced the deal after several days of renewed talks. Until this round of meetings, negotiations had stalled for nearly a year.

The tentative agreement extends the school year by two days and requires teachers to work 50 minutes more per week giving pupils extra help.

The New York City school system is the nation's largest, with 1.1 million students.

Starting teachers now earn $39,000, with a maximum base pay of about $81,000, and the union has long argued that city teachers' pay lags far behind that of their suburban counterparts. Under the deal, pay would increase to about $42,000 to start, with a maximum base of $92,000.

Commandments judge enters 2006 race

GADSDEN, Ala. — Roy Moore, who became a hero to the religious right after being ousted as Alabama's chief justice for refusing to remove a monument of the Ten Commandments from the courthouse, announced Monday that he is running for governor in 2006.

Moore's candidacy could set up a showdown with Gov. Bob Riley, a fellow Republican, and turn the Ten Commandments dispute into a central campaign issue in this Bible Belt state.

The Republican primary is June 6.

Death toll in Lousiana reaches 964

NEW ORLEANS — The search for Hurricane Katrina victims has ended in Louisiana with a death toll at 964, but more searches will be conducted only if someone reports seeing a body, a state official said Monday.

State and federal agencies have finished their sweeps through the city, but Kenyon International Emergency Services, the private company hired by the state to remove the bodies, is on call if any other body is found, said Bob Johannessen, a spokesman with the state Department of Health and Hospitals.

"There might still be bodies found — for instance, if a house was locked and nobody able to go into it," Johannessen said.

Seats slid to the side before boat capsized

Unfastened seats may have contributed to tip the boat; 20 passengers dead

Associated Press

LAKE GEORGE, N.Y. — The passengers aboard a tour boat that capsized on Lake George, killing 20 people, were sitting in portable, plastic seats that slid sharply to one side of the vessel just before it flipped over, authorities said Monday.

Wayne Bennett, State Police superintendent, said that investigators still do not know what initially caused the Ethan Allen to tip. But he said survivors reported that the unfastened plastic, slat benches moved rapidly to one side before the boat went over in the chilly mountain lake.

"And that of course would automatically mean an even bigger shift of weight," Bennett said.

The captain of the boat told authorities it was hit by waves from at least one other vessel and turned over as he tried to steer out of them, authorities said earlier Monday. The boat flipped so fast that none of the 47 passengers could put on a life jacket. Eight people were hospitalized.

There was no immediate confirmation that another boat that could have kicked up waves was in the area, and survivors were giving investigators differing versions of what happened, authorities said.

Gov. George Pataki said licenses for two other boats operated by the Ethan Allen's owner, Shoreline Cruises, have been suspended while the investigation into Sunday's accident continues. He and others, however, said people should not draw any conclusions about the operator.

"I do not believe there is any criminal culpability on any of the parties we have spoken with," said Sheriff Larry Cleveland.

AP

A survivor of a capsized tour boat is loaded into an ambulance in Lake George, N.Y. Twenty senior citizens were killed when their tour boat flipped over.

A survivor, 76-year-old old Jeane Siler of Trenton, Mich., said she saw a wake coming and the boat turned into it. She said she stood up and was either thrown or jumped into the water, where she found herself surrounded by other passengers.

"I touched something," she said at Glens Falls Hospital, where she was treated for broken bones in the spine, a broken finger and bumps on her head. "It might have been another body, I don't know."

Virgil Chambers, executive director of the National Safe Boating Council, an organization for recreational boaters, said he was not familiar with the specifics of the Ethan Allen but said investigators would probably examine how weight was distributed within the boat.

"If all the people were on one side, maybe to look at something, and if the operator were to take the boat over a wave at a particular angle, it could cause the boat to roll," Chambers said.

Chambers said he also expected investigators to look into whether there were any modifications to the covered, glass-enclosed craft, such as the addition of a canopy structure, that might have made the boat less stable.

New York state boating regulations require a life jacket for every person on a boat, but people do not have to wear them.

ITALY

Authorities execute anti-terrorism drills

Associated Press

ROME — With simulated blasts outside the Colosseum, in a bus near Piazza Navona and in a downtown subway station, Italians on Monday prepared for the possibility the Eternal City may be the target of a terrorist attack.

More than 500 police took to Rome's streets in the second in a series of anti-terrorism drills as helicopters whirred overheard and ambulances snaked through morning rush hour traffic. Another is still to come in Turin — the site of the 2006 Winter Olympics in February.

Italy raised its security alert after the July 7 suicide bombings on London's transit system, stepping up measures at airports, government buildings, foreign embassies and monuments. Premier Silvio Berlusconi's government has also said it is taking seriously purported threats by Islamic militants on the Internet, who say Italy — like Britain — could be attacked because it has troops in Iraq.

The drill began with a simulated suicide bombing outside the Colosseum. The area had been previously cordoned off, so there were no passers-by around.

Shortly after, firefighters and other rescue teams wearing yellow vests reading "drill" worked in heavy rain to put out fires and deal with feigned casualties near the ancient monument.

The government's top official for Rome, Prefect Achille Serra, said he was pleased with the drill.

"We found some problematic points. We can cut [our reaction time] by a few minutes but overall I am very satisfied," Serra said.

The Colosseum drill was followed 10 minutes later by a simulated explosion on a train at Rome's deepest subway station, Piazza Repubblica, where officials evacuated passengers from the train and escorted them above ground as smoke poured out of the station.

A third drill was performed with a controlled explosion of a backpack left on a No. 64 bus near Piazza Navona, a square in central Rome usually packed with tourists. The bus — usually filled on its route from the central station to the Vatican — was made to crash into two cars as part of the exercise.

In all, there were around 25 simulated deaths and more than 120 simulated injuries.

ROTC

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completely planned and executed by cadets, a task Cadet Battalion Commander Tanner Fleck said took at least "five solid weeks of planning" by seniors.

"The first week before school let in, we had freshman orientation going on, but all the seniors also got working on this FTX," Fleck said. "We had to reserve and coordinate with the National Guard to use all the facilities ... It's really a lot of work.

"We had to go up there and GPS all the points up there so that when the cadets go up they don't get lost [during land navigation exercises]. It's a lot of coordination."

Senior cadets were also in charge of personnel issues, accountability, supplies, communications, arrangement of a medical evacuation plan in case of emergency and the set up for training underclassmen during the weekend.

The cadets left for Fort Custer Friday and trained from the time they departed to Sunday afternoon, when they returned to Notre Dame. Cadets were trained and evaluated in small unit leadership, night and day land navigation and squad situational tactics. They also learned to set up what are known as Tactical Assembly Areas (TAA), or "bivouacs." These areas consisted of tents pitched in a field, where the cadets slept. But on Friday night, the cadets could not close their eyes for long.

"It was challenging because we had a brief explanation on what the [obstacles] were, and those brief explanations didn't really make much sense."

Allie Carrick
freshman

After setting up TAAs for the night, the cadets had several classes in land navigation, in which they learned compass and map skills. The cadets were then sent out into the night to apply their new skills.

"We were given grid coordinates and our compasses and we had to go out and find an eight-digit grid coordinate," freshman Allie Carrick said.

Carrick, who had never attended an FTX before, said the night land navigation was her favorite part of what she said was a "unique" experience.

Carrick also said for most freshmen, the most difficult event of the weekend was the "sticks lanes," a full day of Squad Situational Tactics Exercises Saturday which required teams of 10 to 12 cadets to employ their tactical and technical skills to successfully complete obstacles.

"It was challenging, because we had a brief explanation on what [the obstacles] were, and those brief explanations didn't really make much sense," Carrick said.

Junior cadets, who served as squad leaders, gave the briefs and guided their squad through lanes to complete missions like reconnaissance, knocking out bunkers, ambushes and other unexpected battlefield obstacles.

"For the freshmen, it's kind of like an introduction," Fleck said. "They team up with upperclassmen. They are there for the experience, so there's not quite the pressure to meet the standard and get evaluated, like the juniors are."

"As Battalion Commander, prior to leaving I put forth key tasks — what i want to see from the battalion when we get back."

Tanner Fleck
Battalion commander

Fleck said cadets are evaluated on these activities at camp after their junior year, and referred to the annual fall FTX as "their big chance" to prepare for assessment this summer.

"This FTX is the only time during the entire semester that we actually get to do that, because we don't have sticks lanes [at Notre Dame]," he said. "This is their only preparation for the semester that we have. This first [FTX of the year] especially, they get to see where they are and what they need to work on."

Fleck said the junior cadets, or MSIIIs, performed well and all earned "Satisfactory" evaluations.

"We want to get them up to 'Excellent's, or 'E's, before they get to camp," he said. "So there's a lot of pressure on the MSIIIs to show us what they've got."

While the focus was mainly on evaluating junior cadets, Carrick said she felt the freshman class learned a lot as well.

"I wasn't sure what to expect. It was a huge learning experience, and it was fun in a unique way," Carrick said. "It's really interesting because you're learning – and it's a new exposure, like nothing I've ever experienced before."

Photo courtesy of CORRIE BRISSON

An ROTC cadet participates in an exercise during the Army's Field Training Exercises on Sunday.

Fleck said the weekend was "very much" a success.

"As Battalion Commander, prior to leaving I put forth key tasks – what I want to see from the battalion when we get back," he said. "We achieved all objectives. From the training point of view, it was a success."

Fleck said cadets from all classes thought the event was a success, especially due to elements added this year for the first time like the battalion barbeque Saturday night and the return to campus Sunday afternoon instead of at night so students had more time to study. Fleck said all cadets are students first, and that an event like this is difficult training for students.

"It's our capstone event for the semester because is the only time we can take the cadets out in to the field for training," he said. "I don't think the rest of the student body realizes what a big deal this really is. The training [the cadets] did over the weekend was actual Army training that you would do with your unit. We're not soldiers yet, we're ROTC kids. And the training they went out and did this weekend ... for a student to go out and do that on top of their studies is really amazing."

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NASDAQ	2,155.43	+3.74
NYSE	7,626.23	-6.75
S&P 500	1,226.70	-2.11
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,646.12	+120.84
FTSE 100(London)	5,501.50	+23.80

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NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	+0.25	+0.10	39.56
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IN BRIEF

U.S., Oman sign free trade agreement

WASHINGTON — The United States and Oman announced Monday they have successfully completed negotiations on a free trade agreement to eliminate trade barriers between the two nations. The Bush administration said it marked another milestone in its goal to establish a free trade area throughout the Middle East by 2013.

"This is a high-quality, comprehensive free trade agreement that will contribute to economic growth and trade between both countries," said U.S. Trade Representative Rob Portman.

Portman's comments came in a joint teleconference with Maqbool bin Ali, Oman's minister of trade and industry, who participated from Oman.

The agreement is expected to have little trouble gaining congressional approval given that two-way trade between the United States and Oman, a small country bordering Saudi Arabia with a population of 3 million, is slight — only $748 million last year.

The Bush administration is seeking free trade agreements with a number of Middle East countries in hopes that opening up the world's largest economy to unrestricted trade will provide economic support for movement toward greater democracy in the region. All of these actions, Portman said, are "important steps on the path to implementing the president's initiative to create a U.S.-Middle East Free Trade Area by 2013."

Cornmeal company announces recall

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — White Lily Foods Co. on Monday announced a recall of self-rising cornmeal mix containing undeclared wheat flour that could cause an allergic reaction to sensitive consumers.

The mix was sold under the "Three Rivers" brand and distributed in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Ohio, Tennessee, Indiana, West Virginia and Virginia through grocery stores and wholesalers.

The recall involves five-pound bags marked with use-by dates of March 29, 2006, through June 20, 2006, and two-pound bags dated May 18, 2006, through June 26, 2006.

Knoxville-based White Lily said no illnesses have been reported and it expects about half of the 180,000 recall bags probably have already been consumed.

Companies use Katrina as excuse

250 employees join worker's group, spurred by reduction of hours, schedule changes

Associated Press

AP

Traders surround the Tempur-Pedic post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The mattress company slashed year forecasts, blaming Hurricane Katrina.

NEW YORK — When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast, women across the country crimped their cosmetics spending. Or at least that's what companies like Avon Products Inc. and Estee Lauder Co. want investors to think.

Katrina also caused mattress sales to slide, according to Tempur-Pedic International Inc. Same goes for business at Books-A-Million Inc. stores and Diebold Inc.'s automatic teller machines.

With the third-quarter earnings season kicking into gear next week, the blame-it-on-the rain excuses are starting to pile up across corporate America. It's a challenge for investors to sort out fact from fiction in those reasons.

There is no doubt that many companies were hard hit by Hurricane Katrina, and in some cases, Rita, too. Given the size of those storms and the paralysis of business along the Gulf Coast, there will certainly be some legitimate costs for business there.

Insurance companies are getting clobbered, as is any business that used New Orleans as a major port. Many retailers with large operations along that coast have also seen significant damage to their stores.

But many excuses lately seem murky, and more are expected as companies report their quarterly results in the coming weeks. Are the storms really hurting business or are they being used to divert attention from more serious problems?

Avon, for instance, slashed its earnings forecast last month in part due to Katrina, and said that higher gas prices are hurting both its sales representatives and its customers. But the company's problems aren't new, according to Fulcrum Global Partners analyst Alice Beebe Longley, who said many are attributable to a "deterioration in management control."

Spice maker McCormick & Company Inc. highlighted Katrina as one major reason for its earnings to fall short of forecasts. Its Zatarain's line of flavored rice and other products is based just outside of New Orleans.

That, though, really wasn't the driving force behind its earnings miss. During a conference call with analysts, the Sparks, Md.-based company said that only about 25 percent, or 2 cents to 3 cents, of its 8-cent earnings shortfall came from the hurricane. The remaining amount was due to continued weakness in its industrial business.

A way for investors to size up whether companies are just doling out excuses or if problems really exist is to watch how their competitors deal with such issues.

If the hurricanes are plaguing Avon, then other cosmetics and consumer product companies should also be warning of trouble ahead. Estee Lauder noted the "continued negative impact" of Katrina when it said it would miss its profit targets, but similar red flags haven't come from giants like Proctor & Gamble Co., one of the largest manufacturers of mass-market cosmetics and beauty supplies.

FDA sets warning on ADD drug

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co. said Thursday it will add a black-box warning to its attention deficit medication Strattera that the drug could increase suicidal thoughts among youths.

Lilly will add the warning to label worldwide for Strattera, for which the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a health advisory Thursday after reviewing clinical trial data submitted by the company.

Lilly said that reports of suicidal thoughts by children and adolescents taking the drug were rare. Details on the labeling are being worked out with the FDA, along with regulators in Europe and Australia.

FDA officials said in addition to the black-box warning — the most prominent of medication warnings — the Indianapolis-based company will also have to develop a medication guide for patients and health care providers.

Dr. Thomas Laughren, director of the FDA's division of psychiatry products, said in December the federal government asked Lilly to review 13 clinical trials conducted on children to assess a suicide risk.

"The risk for any individual patient taking this drug is quite low, but from a public health standpoint, four [cases] per thousand is a fairly big signal, given there are tens of thousands of patients taking this drug," Laughren said. "We do think that prescribers and patients need to be aware of this risk that we've just discovered."

About 3.4 million patients — adults and children — have been prescribed Strattera since it became available, with Lilly officials saying about 75 percent of those taking the medication are children.

Company officials stressed the incidence of suicidal thoughts among children were rare, the benefits of the drug continue to outweigh its risks.

"It is uncommon and it is about thoughts, but it is something we want people to be aware of," said Dr. John Hayes, vice president of Lilly's research laboratories.

Lilly submitted to the FDA results from Strattera clinical trial that found five Strattera-treated youths had increased suicidal thoughts out of 1,357 patients, while none of 851 patients taking a placebo showed such changes. The company said one youth attempted suicide during its Strattera trials, but that researchers saw no signs of increased suicidal thoughts among adults.

Strattera won praise from some doctors and parents when it became available in late 2002 as an attention deficit disorder treatment because, unlike Ritalin, it is not a stimulant, a class of drug that can be addictive.

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papers a day – a potential problem since the study's pattern for demand reached an equilibrium at a little more than 2,000 papers. To address this shortfall, papers would be distributed only at the dining halls and at a specified off-campus location, Harris said.

"We are really going to promote recycling of papers," he said. "We would have bins in the dining halls where you can put your paper [for other students to use.]"

Student Union Board Manager Jimmy Flaherty challenged the proposal to increase fees in light of the inefficiency of budget allocation within student government.

"I think it's incredibly irresponsible to raise student activities fees when we're not even using the money we're given," he said. "There's an ever-increasing carry-forward budget each year."

Judicial Council president James Leito suggested student government conduct studies on where students want fee increases to go.

"I've always been a big fan of increasing student activity fees," he said. "Have you guys done any research about student opinions of increasing fees for other activities? They might also say yes for programming."

The student fee increase will be proposed to the Student Senate on Wednesday.

In other COR news:

◆Jennifer Keegan was approved without opposition as the College of Engineering's Representative on the Academic Council, where she will serve as a non-voting member with speaking privileges. Keegan cited her experiences working with both students and college deans while running the career fair for Engineering Industry Day and events for the Society of Women Engineers as evidence of her qualifications.

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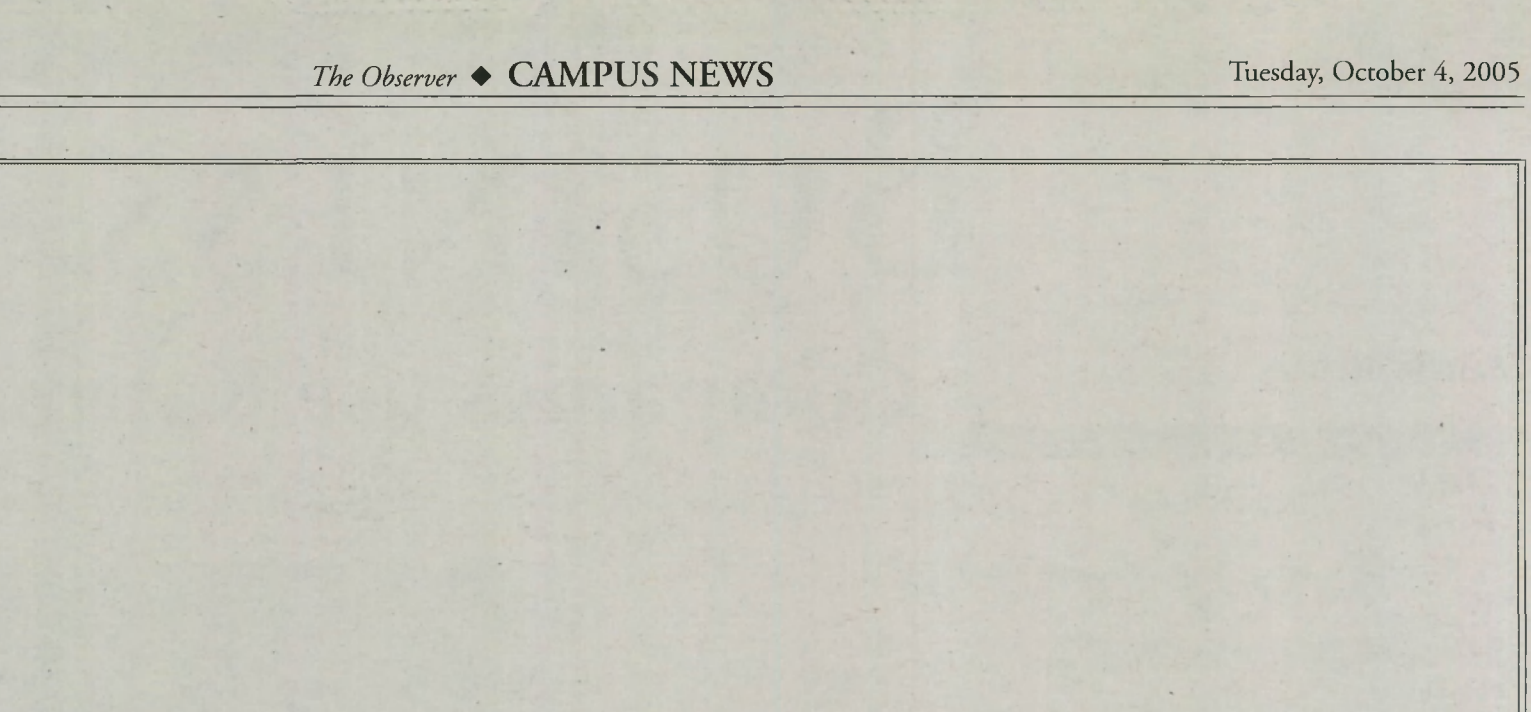

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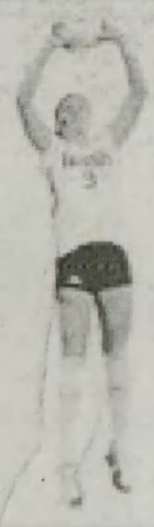

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money is not mandatory. It's up to each specific dorm. They have the right to know because it looks good for the hall to get involved as much as they can."

Meyer did not agree.

"For me, it brings up a moral issue," Meyer said.

He said when students pay their hall tax, they are not told their payments might be supporting University-wide issues – such as charity events – and this is not morally fair.

"If that's happening, where the budgets are padded too well, there's a problem with the Club Coordination Council."

Joyce Randall
Diversity Council representative

Discussion about funding brought to light the yearly process of allocating funds.

"Being on the Financial Management Board last year, I see how unfairly funds are distributed," Lewis Hall senator Katie McHugh said. "Clubs know they have to request $10,000 even if they only need $2,000. They have to over-budget to get money. It's ridiculous."

Diversity Council representative Joyce Randall said student organizations should not be getting away with asking for more money than their budgets demand.

"If that's happening, where budgets are padded too well, there's a problem with the Club Coordination Council [which distributes club funds]," Randall said. "CCC needs to scrutinize budgets more effectively then."

The council decided a task force was needed to examine the Student Union constitution to see if residence halls have any restrictions on where their hall tax is distributed.

In other CLC news:

◆ Student body president Dave Baron asked for updates on CLC's task forces.

Social Concerns Committee chair Jacques Nguyen told members of his task force's plan to reach out to non-Catholic students at Notre Dame.

"Our task force has discussed changing booklets in chapels and updating the phone directory. Campus Ministry Web site needs to add more links to different religious services in the area."

Campus Grounds and Structures chair James Leito said his task force has found an ally in a Senate committee also charged with pursuing campus beautification and vandalism.

"I'm meeting with the person spearheading the committee to see if she wants her group to meet with ours," Leito said.

"The rectors' areas of concern seemed to be lawnmowing before 9 a.m. around residence halls."

James Leito
Campus Grounds and Structures committee chair

Leito sent a survey to rectors to gather feedback about campus grounds.

"The rectors' areas of concern seemed to be lawn mowing before 9 a.m. around residence halls," Leito said.

He said the rectors also wanted to develop a procedure for mail workers delivering packages so they can get in and out of residence halls with less difficulty.

◆ Baron also said he investigated the status of a resolution created last spring that called for an off-campus crime newsletter to be distributed to students.

Though Baron expressed concern that the newsletter could further detach Notre Dame students from the South Bend community, he promised members he would schedule a meeting with Phil Johnson, Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security/Police, to determine how the newsletter might be implemented.

◆ Zenker updated members on student attendance at football pep rallies. He said he will be meeting with Joyce Center officials later this week to discuss the issue. At the last CLC meeting, several members expressed dissatisfaction with the procedure for letting students into pep rallies.

Meyer said he does not think the issue was only due to poor communication between pep rally organizers and dorm presidents.

"To get 3,000 students through two doors in 15 minutes is an impossibility," Meyer said. "The University can figure out that you can open more doors. It doesn't take much to do it."

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Although the officer pursued the vehicle northbound on Mayflower with his sirens and lights activated, Henning did not pull over, Thirion said. The officer followed the vehicle onto the US 20 Bypass and the 80/90 Toll Road.

Thirion said Henning drove through two tollbooth gates. He got off the toll road, turned southbound on State Road 933 and then turned eastbound on Douglas.

At this point, South Bend Police and Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) became involved, Thirion said.

Henning turned south on to Ivy Road where it turns into Edison Road, Thirion said.

"South Bend Police laid stop sticks out to deflate the suspect's tires," Thirion said. "It then slowed him down to speeds of 15 to 20 miles per hour as he turned on Juniper Road."

Henning was stopped at Bulla Road and taken to jail. He was charged with resisting arrest and DUI and was in jail Monday on a $1,500 bond.

Last Tuesday, NDSP arrested a South Bend man wanted on warrant on South Quad after he stole a backpack from North Dining Hall, associate director of NDSP Philip Johnson said.

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Study says obesity is part of getting old

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Just when we thought we couldn't get any fatter, a new study that followed Americans for three decades suggests that over the long haul, 9 out of 10 men and 7 out of 10 women will become overweight.

Even if you are one of the lucky few who made it to middle age without getting fat, don't congratulate yourself — keep watching that waistline.

Half of the men and women in the study who had made it well into adulthood without a weight problem ultimately became overweight. A third of those women and a quarter of the men became obese.

"You cannot become complacent, because you are at risk of becoming overweight," said Ramachandran Vasan, an associate professor of medicine at Boston University and the study's lead author.

He and other researchers studied data gathered from 4,000 white adults over 30 years. Participants were between the ages of 30 and 59 at the start, and were examined every four years. By the end of the study, more than 1 in 3 had become obese.

The study defined obesity as a body mass index, which is a commonly used height and weight comparison, of more than 30.

The findings, published Tuesday in the Annals of Internal Medicine, show obesity may be a greater problem than indicated by studies that look at a cross-section of the population at one point in time. Those so-called "snapshots" of obesity have found about 6 in 10 are overweight and about 1 in 3 are obese, Vasan said.

The findings also re-emphasize that people must continually watch their weight, Vasan said.

The research subjects were the children of participants in the long-running and oft-encited Framingham Heart Study, which has been following the health of generations of Massachusetts residents.

Dr. Elizabeth G. Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, which supported the study, said the findings show "we could have an even more serious degree of overweight and obesity over the next few decades."

Susan Bartlett, an assistant professor of medicine and an obesity researcher at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, said the study was one of the first to look at the risk of becoming overweight.

"The results are pretty sobering, really," said Bartlett, who was not involved in the research.

While the health risks of being obese are much more severe than being overweight, those who are overweight are much more likely to go on to become obese, Bartlett said.

The study shows Americans live in an "environment in which it's hard not to become overweight or obese. Unless people actively work against that, that's what's most likely to happen to them."

Obesity raises the risk of heart disease, some cancers, diabetes and arthritis, and being overweight raises blood pressure and cholesterol, which in turn can raise the risk of heart disease.

The number of deaths linked to obesity has been heavily debated. Earlier this year the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said obesity caused only about 25,814 deaths annually in the United States — far fewer than the 365,000 deaths the agency had earlier reported. Other scientists have disagreed with the revised conclusion, while organizations representing the food and restaurant industry think weight-related ills have been overstated.

As for the Framingham study, Mark Vander Weg, a Mayo Clinic psychologist who researches obesity but was not involved in the study, said it is one of a few to track a group of individuals over an extended period.

"What's particularly concerning is that these results actually may underestimate the risk of becoming overweight or obese among the general population" because minorities, who are at increased risk for obesity, were not included in the study, Vander Weg said.

Recent trends also suggest that people currently coming into middle age may be even more likely to become overweight or obese than those who were studied, Vander Weg said.

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Liberals aren't

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Live and Let Live or Die

Thus succinctly proclaimed the bumper sticker on the back of my old car. It was a message that boggled the minds of conservatives and liberals, both of whom would stare blankly with the "I don't get it" expression on their faces.

Liberals aren't.

Rush Limbaugh will forever be cemented in my memory, declaring on my grandparents' radio that "the liberals" were taking over the country. In recent decades, the word "liberal" has become synonymous with big-government "progressives" who believe that expanding the power of the federal government is "progress." However, the word "liberal" did not always mean what it means today. In fact, "liberal" used to mean something completely different.

The word itself is defined as "broad-minded; tolerant of the ideas and behavior of others." Thus, a liberal was someone who was, above all else, tolerant: a person whose principle goal in life was to live peacefully and let others do the same. The liberals of the 19th century, now referred to as "classical liberals," held a political and ethical philosophy that was grounded in the Enlightenment; they believed in individual liberty, minimal government, private property rights and free trade.

Liberals were, for all intents and purposes, libertarians.

Today, "liberal" is the term the Left has commandeered to sanctimoniously describe itself. Liberalism in the modern western world connotes an almost worship of the centralized welfare state: of "progressive" social engineering in the form of expansive federal power and economic interventionism at all levels. "Liberal" no longer means "tolerant," it means "left-wing."

It is not uncommon for right-wing conservatives to bemoan the criticisms of the Left, which often pigeonholes the Right as intolerant and dogmatic. The conservatives usually retort that the Left is not as tolerant as they would have us believe. Of course, this is a terrible defense on the conservatives' part, but it is also true.

For example, at Cornell University, a right-wing newspaper recently published an article about race and crime. Shortly thereafter, the paper was condemned by individuals in the administration and many left-wing students filed "bias reports" in order to censor the paper. I should also mention that many left-wing students collected up another conservative newspaper in 1997 and held a Nazi-style mass burning. The administration, which condemned the free speech of the right-wing newspaper, remained silent.

Is that "liberal"?

It has become a goal in my life to reclaim this abused word from the clutches of the Left. The word "liberal" should not connote pseudo-socialism. It should not convey the belief that the government — that wonderful creation that has brought us such gems as slavery, women's non-suffrage, war and the Postal Service — should control health care, gas prices, retirement, the War on Poverty, and whatever else. These insidious "progressive" institutions have no place in a true liberal society; and yet, alas, here they are.

Because no grand social programs could exist without the threat of state intervention, today's liberals are content to ignore the fundamental reality of "progressive" government programs: for example, income taxation — enforced by the Internal Revenue Service — is unyieldingly compulsory, and with coercion comes aggression.

True liberals condemn the growth of aggression, whether committed by individuals, corporations or governments. Left-wing liberals, however, often do the opposite: they call for more spending, more regulation and more government power.

The 19th century classical liberal Lysander Spooner, a brilliant man and American abolitionist, said it best: "[T]he real motives and spirit which lie at the foundation of all legislation — notwithstanding all the pretenses and disguises by which they attempt to hide themselves — are the same today as they always have been. They whole purpose of legislation is simply to keep one class of men in subordination and servitude to another."

This statement perfectly sums up the fundamental principle of today's modern liberalism: liberals embrace rhetoric about civil rights and social justice, all the while compelling their fellow citizens to support corrupt and ineffectual government programs.

The irony is, of course, that most liberals truly believe that their beliefs would lead to a better world, despite the violence that is inherent in their post-New Deal philosophy. The U.S. Constitution has morphed into a "living document" within the circles of today's liberal intellectuals, which is a feeble attempt to legitimize the mixed socialist system now entrenched in this country. The Constitution is not perfect, but if it truly is some kind of "living document," it should "live" to even further restrict the government's powers to meddle. Unfortunately, we are headed in the wrong direction.

Someday, the word "liberal" will again mean what it should. The "liberals" of today will eventually have to recognize that tolerance does not ground their ideology; that they implement their political will through the barrel of a gun, whether they want to admit it or not.

Someday, liberals will finally realize that they aren't.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday."

Abraham Lincoln
former U.S. president

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

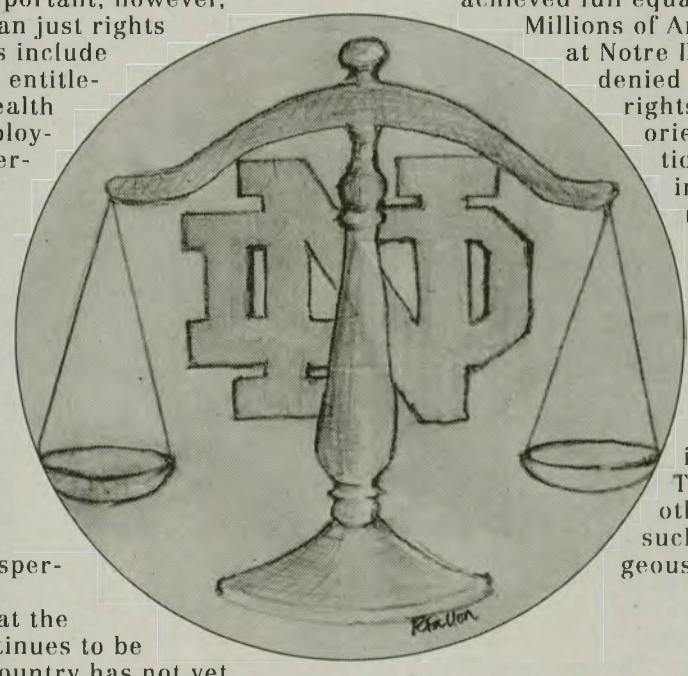
Gay rights: more than just marriage

Issues of social justice are far too important to be deadlocked in semantics. When people hear "gay marriage," many immediately close their minds and hearts to the overall discussion of gay rights because this single issue is the deal-breaker.

As a gay Notre Dame alumnus, I am incredibly proud of my alma mater for its steadfast commitment and recent progress in bringing the dialogue of gay rights to campus. It is only through this ongoing civil and educational dialogue that all the other, pertinent issues of gay rights get the discussion they deserve.

First, there is the issue of gay marriage. For many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender couples, marriage is not about undermining religious doctrine but rather about gaining access to thousands of civil benefits that legally protect and honor their committed union. While moralists claim that this goes against God, I fail to see a clearer example of morality than two people solidifying their bond through legal and spiritual mechanisms. I agree with Andrew Nessi in his Monday, Oct. 3 letter in which he says that "religious justifications for discrimination are never adequate."

While this issue is important, however, gay rights are more than just rights to marriage. Gay rights include the issue of basic, civil entitlements like receiving health care benefits from employers for domestic partnerships and civil unions. Gay rights include the issue of hate crimes and the need for specific legislation that protects people of any sexual orientation from falling victim to terrorists and other hate-driven criminals. Gay rights include the ability of loving and committed couples the opportunity to adopt a children who are in desperate need of a home.



The bottom line is that the issue of gay rights continues to be an issue because our country has not yet achieved full equality for all of its citizens. Millions of Americans, including some at Notre Dame, continue to be denied basic privileges and rights based on their sexual orientation. The conversation about gay rights must include more than just the marriage issue because there is plenty more at stake.

I am proud of Notre Dame for bringing more discussion on the various issues of gay rights to campus, thereby opening minds and raising awareness. Through The Observer or through other venues, I encourage such sustained and courageous dialogue to continue.

Ken Seifert
alumnus
Oct. 3

U-WIRE

A chance for new leadership

Matthew Nickson
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The indictment last Wednesday of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay on a state conspiracy charge is another disturbing development in a scandal-plagued political career.

Whether DeLay is guilty of the charge or not, he should permanently relinquish his post as majority leader, in hopes that a more conciliatory and forbearing successor — other than Rep. Roy Blunt — may replace him.

Judging from the evidence presented in the grand jury indictment, DeLay, along with his associates John Colyandro and James Ellis of the political action committee Texans for a Republican Majority, may have unlawfully funneled corporate campaign contributions to seven Republican legislative candidates. DeLay helped found the committee to enable Republicans to gain control of the state House of Representatives in the 2002 general elections.

In September of that year, Colyandro allegedly sent a constituent organization of the Republican National Committee (RNC) a check for $190,000 encompassing donations made to the Texas committee by six corporations. Ellis allegedly directed an RNC official to distribute the money to the seven Texas House candidates.

These activities are under scrutiny because Texas law — specifically, chapter 253 of the Texas Election Code — places stringent limitations upon campaign contributions made by corporations and labor unions. In some circumstances, corporations may — to cite a few examples — contribute money for the purpose of communicating with employees or shareholders and registering and encouraging them to vote; defraying certain expenses incurred by political parties; and supporting or opposing votes on political measures. Yet the general rule, set out principally in section 253.003, is one of prohibition.

Our law arises out of historical struggles over control of the state government, pitting ranchers against bankers and robber-barons. The election code serves to prevent powerful interests from buying legislators with donations that, at the very least, create the disillusioning appearance of quid pro quo arrangements. It aims to level the political playing field. The election code is not on the books just to feel good about. Justice requires that it be rigorously enforced.

No doubt, Colyandro, DeLay and Ellis are innocent until proven guilty. The U.S. Constitution requires proof "beyond a reasonable doubt" to obtain a criminal conviction. A "reasonable doubt" is frequently defined in jury instructions as "a doubt that would cause a reasonable person to hesitate to act in the most important of his affairs." This burden of proof is the highest in American law, and it rightly demands conclusive evidence of guilt.

The prosecution will have to prove the elements of conspiracy as to each. District Attorney Ronnie Earle will also have to show that the contested funds are satisfactorily traceable from the six corporations all the way to the seven candidates.

A probable challenge to convicting DeLay, who was indicted over two weeks after Colyandro and Ellis, will involve producing sufficient evidence to link him to the conspiracy.

Regardless of whether he is convicted, this affair has already cast doubt upon DeLay's fitness for public office. The money transfer need not amount to a crime to appear wholly inappropriate. Besides, DeLay's generally uncivil temperament — he once tussled with a Democratic congressman on the House floor — and the repeated admonitions directed at his conduct by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct in 1997, 1999 and 2004, demonstrate that he lacks adequate judgment and leadership ability.

Hopefully, the worst part of the latest DeLay affair is not yet to come. On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would review cases challenging the constitutionality of a Vermont law that strictly limits campaign contributions and candidate expenditures in state elections, as well as another case attacking a portion of the federal McCain-Feingold law.

Nobody knows how the new Roberts Court will interpret past precedents, especially Buckley v. Valeo, the lengthy 1975 decision that, among other things, construes the First Amendment to permit federal limitations on campaign contributions but not on candidate expenditures.

If DeLay's attorneys — chief among them Dick DeGuerin — challenge the constitutionality of applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code, and if appellate review becomes necessary all the way to the top, the Court could conceivably strike the provisions down, for any of a potentially infinite range of theoretical reasons.

Notwithstanding the outcome of complex constitutional litigation and courtroom drama, what America really needs now is refreshing leadership. We need a new House majority leader who can inspire confidence.

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Same-sex unions: Law grants representation

Staff Editorial
The Lantern
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A new law allowing same-sex civil unions took effect Oct. 1 in Connecticut, which becomes the first state to legalize civil unions without outside pressure or interference from the courts.

The law grants all legal rights of marriage, in particular health care benefits, to same-sex couples, but defines marriage as between a man and a woman. The law prohibits heterosexual couples from entering into civil unions.

In previous gay marriage and civil union struggles, the courts have been active in forcibly establishing gay rights into the community. Those rulings have often been met with fervent disapproval, and many have been overturned in higher courts.

Vermont, which has spearheaded the charge for same-sex unions, seems for the moment to have found a middle ground in the continuing struggle for gay rights. Although the Connecticut law might be viewed as a flashback to separate but equal, it is one of the first of its kind that guarantees gay rights with the backing of a public voice. Separate but equal, in the case of marriage and civil unions, is inherently equal. Both institutions are afforded the same health care benefits, adoption and child care responsibilities and enjoy recognition by the state.

Marriage has always been closely defined as the union between a man and a woman. Regardless of political stance, the fight for gay rights has always been the fight to define the word marriage. The Connecticut law, however, circumnavigates the marriage argument, and relieves the state's duty to define the word by providing equal representation and recognition to both heterosexuals and homosexuals in separate institutions.

Other states have granted gay rights over the past several years. Massachusetts allows gay marriages and Vermont recognizes civil unions because of lawsuits, but Connecticut's law is the first glimpse into what the majority of Americans feel about gay rights — equal representation for homosexuals through civil unions, not marriage. Connecticut passed the law without court oversight, and utilized its elected officials and legislative process to speak for its citizens.

Both opponents and advocates of gay rights will undoubtedly take a hard look at Connecticut's new law in the upcoming months. The law is a good one, and could be the first step in quelling the harshly dividing viewpoints of gay rights.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Ingram Hill brings Southern pop-rock to ND

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Writer

There are certain songs that connote the feeling of cruising down wide-open country roads — songs that almost require windows down and a full view of the down-home countryside that stretches ahead. With their emotionally driven, sing-out-loud lyrics, powerful guitar interplay and lead singer Justin Moore's distinctive southern accent, band Ingram Hill invited Notre Dame students to take just such a journey Saturday at Legends.

The four-piece band hails from the South and even found the inspiration for their name along a Mississippi highway.

"There was an exit sign along the highway, and it actually says 'Ingram's Mill,' but I misread the sign as 'Ingram Hill,' and when we were deciding what to call ourselves, we liked the name and where it came from, so we decided to use it," Moore and guitarist Phil Bogard said in an interview before their performance. "After we had the name for a while and told people where it came from, they were like, 'You idiots — it's Ingram's Mill.'"

"Someone once said that if there was a southern pop category, we'd own it. I like that."

Justin Moore
Ingram Hill lead singer

However, fans have since overlooked the Memphis-based band's geographically-incorrect name. To date, Ingram Hill's success consists of two album releases, radio play, television appearances and the song "Will I Ever Make It Home" appearing in both the movie and on the soundtrack of "13 Going on 30."

Additionally, after opening a variety of headliners, from Maroon 5 to Lisa Marie Presley, Ingram Hill made enough of an impression on the road that they were able to headline themselves on a second tour through cities across the country.

This success paved the way for their recent full-length album debut, "June's Picture Show." The album features what the band has branded "pop-rock with a southern twist," and the band draws upon influences as diverse as the Black Crowes and Tonic.

"We're a rock 'n roll band," said Moore during the interview, "and we want to have guitar solos, but we also write songs ... Someone once said that if there was a southern pop category, we'd own it. I kinda like that. We're proud of where we're from, and we're proud of what we do."

However, their album presents more than simply a unique sound from the band.

"This album is a kind of blueprint of our lives as emotional beings," Bogard said. "It's about everything that's affected us up to this point — the major pains and the good things as well."

These strong emotions are not only expressed in lyrics of songs like "On My Way," a catchy anthem that centers around post-breakup bitterness and "Almost Perfect," which describes an agonizing love triangle, but surface in Moore's sincere and powerful vocals.

Unsurprisingly, the inspiration for a number of these tracks stemmed from the breakup of a personal relationship with Moore.

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Ingram Hill, with lead singer Justin Moore, performed this past Saturday at Legends. Their unique country-pop-rock was a delight to students.

"I was devastated when it ended, but I'm thankful for it now," Moore said. "It's provided me with tons of material. I look at it as an emotional investment. We'd all been through some issues with women, and boy, that's the easiest thing to write about, I'll tell you what. And it seems like people relate to it."

Currently the band is in the process of a nearly non-stop tour across the country, and their ambitions remain unhampered by their hectic schedule. "I don't want to sound arrogant, but I would love to end up something like U2," said Moore. "Something that's huge and lasts forever — that would definitely be the ultimate goal."

Ingram Hill brought their southern style to Legends' stage last Saturday at 10 p.m. For those who missed them, visit www.ingramhillmusic.com for music samples and more information about the band.

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Swing Club offers students swinging Mondays

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Writer

Everyone knows that life "don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing." And the Notre Dame Swingers, Notre Dame's swing dance club, set out last night to make sure the students' lives had plenty of significance.

Thrown in the LaFortune Ballroom from 8 to 10 p.m., the Swing Club's open dance was free to all who wanted to try their moves, circa 1920. Students wore their zoot suits, or maybe just whatever happened to be left in their closet, and danced the night away to swing classics and other songs ranging from "I'm A Believer" to, of course, "It Don't Mean a Thing" by Duke Ellington.

Though the crowd was small at the beginning, a few brave souls dared to venture out to try their moves. By the end of the evening the floor was so packed, dancers had to avoid colliding with each other as they spun and jumped across the dance floor.

"It's something really fun, not expensive, where you can learn something that will make people just say 'awesome.' I love it."

Nicole Dorner
junior

The dance was even entertaining for those taking a small break, as they watched their peers let loose and perform impressive swing moves.

"[Students] should come out, have a good time and learn some moves," said Swing Dance Club President Nick CaJacob.

The music for the dance was provided by the swing club's extensive collection.

As dancers changed partners throughout the night, students were told not worry about finding a date. Half of the couples on the floor had never danced together, but they had just as much fun as partners that had worked together for years.

"It's all about your partner," sophomore Evan Buntrock said.

Even those that hadn't danced a single swing step in their life were encouraged to come to the dance. The swing dance club's talented instructors, recognizable by their trademark black-and-white saddleback shoes, lent a hand whenever needed, whether a dancer forgot an unfamiliar step or wanted advice on style and technique. All the regular swing dancers at the club's weekly lessons are just as enthusiastic.

The room is always packed with beginners willing to give every step a try, no matter how unfamiliar or unusual it seems, and more experienced dancers visit to get in a little extra practice.

"It's something really fun, not expensive, where you can learn something that will make people just say 'awesome.' I love it," junior Nicole Dorner said.

Senior Michael Quisao added, for the gentlemen, that it's "a great way to meet girls."

Swing dance lessons are held every Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. followed by an open practice until 10:30 in the second floor dance room of the Rock for $3 a lesson. It is also possible to pay by semester.

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The swing club instructors take a break to pose for the camera. Lessons are held every Monday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. for $3, followed by an open dance.

As the swing club's posters advertise, where else can you get a workout, meet guys/girls, and learn to dance? The songs will keep on playing and the dancers will keep jitterbugging and spinning throughout an evening of informal fun.

The final dance of the semester will feature the Notre Dame Jazz Band on a date to be determined, but it's sure to be a 'swinging' event.

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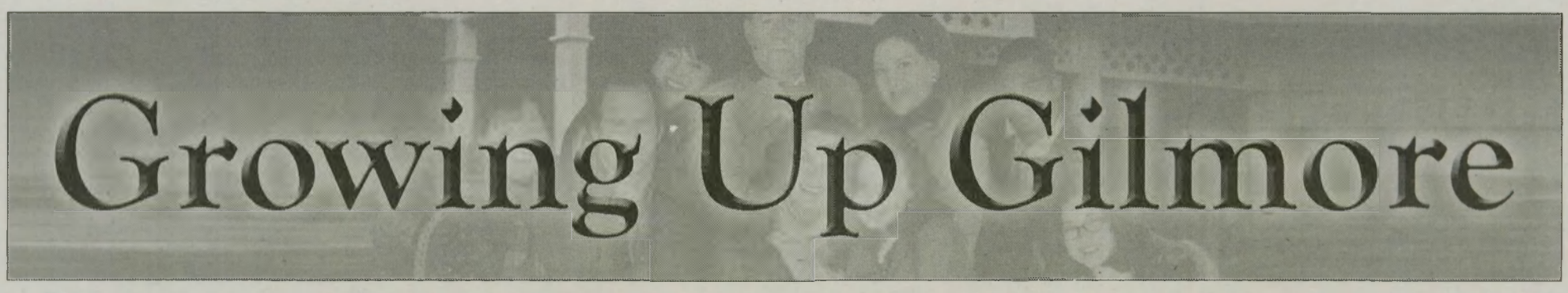

Growing Up Gilmore

MEET THE GILMORES

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Writer

"Luke, will you marry me?"

This short, shock-inspiring last sentence of the fifth season of the popular WB series "Gilmore Girls" left fans begging for more of the series' signature witty repartee and emotional range. At this moment, Lorelai Gilmore (Lauren Graham), one of the series' two main characters, had made up her mind as to where her romance with local diner owner Luke Danes (Scott Patterson) would be headed in the near future. Luke's reply, however, was left unanswered for the three months preceding this latest season's opener, which aired just three weeks ago.

This is but one of a plethora of complicated and endearing plotlines for which "Gilmore Girls" has become famous over its multiple-season run. Despite its unfortunate presence on the often critically-ignored WB network, the show has developed both a faithful, growing audience and critical support and praise.

Gilmore Girls
When: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
Channel: WB
Starring: Lauren Graham, Scott Patterson, Alexis Bledel

"Gilmore Girls" focuses on the mother and daughter pair of Lorelai and Rory Gilmore (Alexis Bledel). Where Lorelai is fun, goofy and astronomically well-versed in cultural minutiae, Rory is rational, studious and often the more responsible of the two. The show derives its core from their relationship, and the often 80- to 90-page scripts reflect their (and the show's) fun, gab-heavy nature. The two Gilmores live in the fictional Connecticut town of Stars Hollow, a haven for the series' multitude of quirky and fun supporting cast members. It's in these kinds of details that the show truly shines.

The basic premise of "Gilmore Girls" lies in the close bond between these two women. This can be attributed to their closeness in age, as a central pillar of the plotline lies in Lorelai's becoming pregnant with Rory at sixteen and doing so as an unwed teenage girl with a rich background and a somewhat rebellious nature.

Lorelai's choice to run away from her childhood home after Rory's birth, baby in tow, led inevitably to a major rupture in her relationship with her parents, the wealthy and domineering Richard and Emily Gilmore. Throughout the show's six seasons, the three generations of Gilmores have run the gamut of emotions, from distrust and anger to love and reconciliation.

The sixth season's opener proved no exception to the show's reputation for excellence in acting and writing. Luckily for anxious fans, the first scene immediately picked up where the previous season finale had concluded. Luke, to the relief of all, unquestioningly accepted Lorelai's spur of the moment proposal.

The writers of the show, Amy Sherman-Palladino and her husband, Daniel Palladino, have since hit the pair's relationship with several challenges. From an icy town-wide reception of the unorthodox manner of their engagement, to the couple's dealings with their home's new contractor, Luke's brother-in-law, TJ, Luke and Lorelai have successfully overcome these obstacles.

Despite this happiness, Lorelai's relationship with Rory has suffered what could be a permanent blow. During the previous season's final episode, twenty-year-old Rory, after being rejected from her dream job as a journalist for an up-and-coming newspaper, threw her previous senses to the wind and attempted to steal a yacht from a nearby marina.

Her story opened this season with a Hartford court judge sentencing her to 300 hours of community service. This coincided with her decision to drop out of Yale University, where she had spent the past two years as a successful undergrad.

This choice has been something of a source of turmoil for both Lorelai and the show's fan base. However, it's these and other creative and complex storylines that keep the Gilmores' faithful fans coming back each Tuesday night.

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DVD REVIEW

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Critic

Following the current trend of television series coming out on DVD, Warner Brothers has recently released the fourth season of its popular hit, "Gilmore Girls." The series, featuring the mother and daughter duo of Lorelai and Rory Gilmore, reached what some regard as a creative slump in this season, arguably the worst of the five that have aired in their entirety so far. However, despite a slight drop in creativity during the season's midsection, its season finale is considered to be one of the finest in the series' repertoire of episodes.

Opening with the Gilmore's return from a summer backpacking in Europe in the season premiere, "Ballrooms and Biscotti," the DVD of all twenty-two episodes is a well-done compilation of both the season itself and some fun bonus extras. These include "Who Wants to Get Together," a compilation of the season's most romantic scenes, as well as deleted scenes and a "Stars Hollow Challenge" trivia game, among others. With each disc's main menu supplemented by the show's traditional "La la la" soundtrack, this disc set is decidedly and delightedly Gilmore through and through.

The fourth season's main plot opens with Rory beginning her Yale career. Having recently both graduated valedictorian from her prestigious private high school and broken up with her boyfriend, Luke Danes' nephew, token bad boy Jess Mariano, Rory's life has its share of new beginnings. However, one tie to her old life remains, as she arrives at Yale to discover that her high school rival, Paris Gellar, is one of her new roommates. Throughout the course of the season, Rory deals with new and old friends, tough classes and professors and the increasing attentions of her other ex-boyfriend, the now-engaged Dean Forrester.

Lorelai also deals with new challenges, as she is faced with an empty nest for the first time since Rory was born. In addition to this difficult change, she finds a new romance with an old childhood friend, Jason "Digger" Stiles, who is now her father's latest business partner. While the romance with Jason was often criticized by fans as a dud, the show's faithful saw it as a necessary step in reaching the season's romantic conclusion.

Gilmore Girls
Complete Fourth Season
Warner Home Video

Yes, Stars Hollow's star-crossed lovers, Lorelai and Luke, finally came to terms with their mutual feelings in the final episode of this season. After four years of fan frustration, this DVD set concludes with one of the show's most gratifying episodes for devout watchers.

For Rory, the season closes just as dramatically. Despite his recent wedding to local girl Lindsey, Dean and Rory make the decision to sleep together. While this also caused criticism from fans, showing the more human (thus erring) side of Rory, often the goody two-shoes type, was a daring choice for the show's creator, Amy Sherman Palladino.

The special features on the Season Four DVD set are fun and unique in that they reflect the nature of the show itself.

As the series is known for its rapid-fire humor and quick-witted cultural references, the DVD features, including a "Pop-up Video" style treatment of episode seventeen, "Girls in Bikinis, Boys Doing the Twist," keep up that tradition. This feature, the "Gilmore Goodies and Gossip" segment, is both informative and hysterical, as the trivia tends to go on random tangents, just as Lorelai and Rory do in each episode's verbose conversations.

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Rory Gilmore, right, studies as mother Lorelai tries to tackle a difficult subject. Their relationship has grown significantly since their first season.

Photo courtesy of tvacres.com

The Gilmore girls pose for the camera during season 5. The show is now moving on to its sixth season.

SMC SOCCER

Belles follow big win with home match vs. Kalamazoo

Saint Mary's has won five of its last six, beat Tri-State 9-1 Saturday

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The opponent may be faster and more skilled, but the Belles will stick to the tried and true and get the ball to brush the back of the net.

The Saint Mary's soccer team will host Kalamazoo College in an MIAA conference game on Tuesday afternoon where the Belles will look to advance into the upper echelon of the division with a win.

The women are on a roll, winning five out of their last six games, including the last two in a row.

The Belles latest win, a 9-1 victory over Tri-State University, was a cakewalk against the MIAA's weakest member, but they hope the final score shows what is to come.

"On the games we have lost, we haven't put the ball in the back of the net at all," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "That's something we're going to have to work really hard to sort out. Your defense can only take so much battering without some aid from the attacking end of the field."

In the current six-game stretch Saint Mary's has forwarded twenty-one goals, while the stingy defense has only surrendered five.

But three of those five goals came in a shutout loss to Calvin College, who currently is in first place.

This lack of production in crucial games has Mackenzie slightly worried, but she is confident in her team's ability to persevere and play the role of the underdog spoiler.

"In a couple of our road games, I don't think that the score was indicative to some of the things we were doing on the field," Mackenzie said. "If we are going to be successful, we have got to find a way to be more consistent on scoring goals against our opponents."

Kalamazoo was only able to Tri-State 2-0.

The Hornets have struggled mightily on offense after they have put five goals into the net in MIAA play, while allowing seven.

The Hornets have managed three MIAA wins against Tri-State, Adrian and Alma. The Belles defeated all three teams with a 16-goal differential between goals forwarded and goals allowed, while Kalamazoo produced a paltry plus-five differential.

This home game is a necessity to win, for the Belles next host Hope College in a re-match of a 2-0 Saint Mary's defeat to open the MIAA season. The Kalamazoo game also marks the halfway point for the Belles' season, and a win would cap the half season with a 6-2 record and possible move to second place.

The game will be played at 4 p.m. on the Belles' field. The match-up is the fifth out of eight home games on the year for Saint Mary's.

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NBA

Stoudemire signs 5-year extension with Suns

Phoenix will pay star forward the league maximum $73 million dollars; deal has opt-out clause after 2009-10

Associated Press

Amare Stoudemire signed a five-year contract extension Monday with the Phoenix Suns worth about $73 million.

The deal is the maximum allowed under the NBA collective bargaining agreement for the forward who jumped from high school to stardom. The exact figures won't be known until next year's salary cap is set, Suns president Bryan Colangelo said.

The extension kicks in after this season and has an opt-out clause after the 2009-10 season.

"What I've achieved now is something that I always figured I would as a kid," Stoudemire said. "I've had that type of determination since I was a youngster playing around the playgrounds, getting dirty after school."

He signed the contract a month shy of his 23rd birthday as the Suns gathered for media day preceding the start of their training camp in Tucson on Tuesday.

The 6-foot-10, 245-pound power forward played out of position at center and dominated opponents last season for the high-scoring, fast-breaking Suns.

Known for his breathtaking slam dunks and uncanny quickness, Stoudemire averaged 26 points per game, fifth-best in the league, as a key member of a Phoenix team that won an NBA-best 62 games.

"It's huge for the franchise," said teammate and last season's MVP Steve Nash. "He's the cornerstone of this franchise."

Stoudemire, the No. 9 pick in the 2002 draft, won the Rookie of the Year award over Yao Ming in 2002-03 and has improved each season. He averaged just under 30 points a game in last year's playoffs _ 37 against Tim Duncan in the Western Conference finals.

The signing follows a lucrative deal with Nike last month.

"I've just been working on my game the whole summer to try to take us to the top," Stoudemire said. "This has been a $100 million summer for me, so I'm very proud of that. I'm just looking forward to bringing the championship home right here in Phoenix."

The Suns never have won an NBA title.

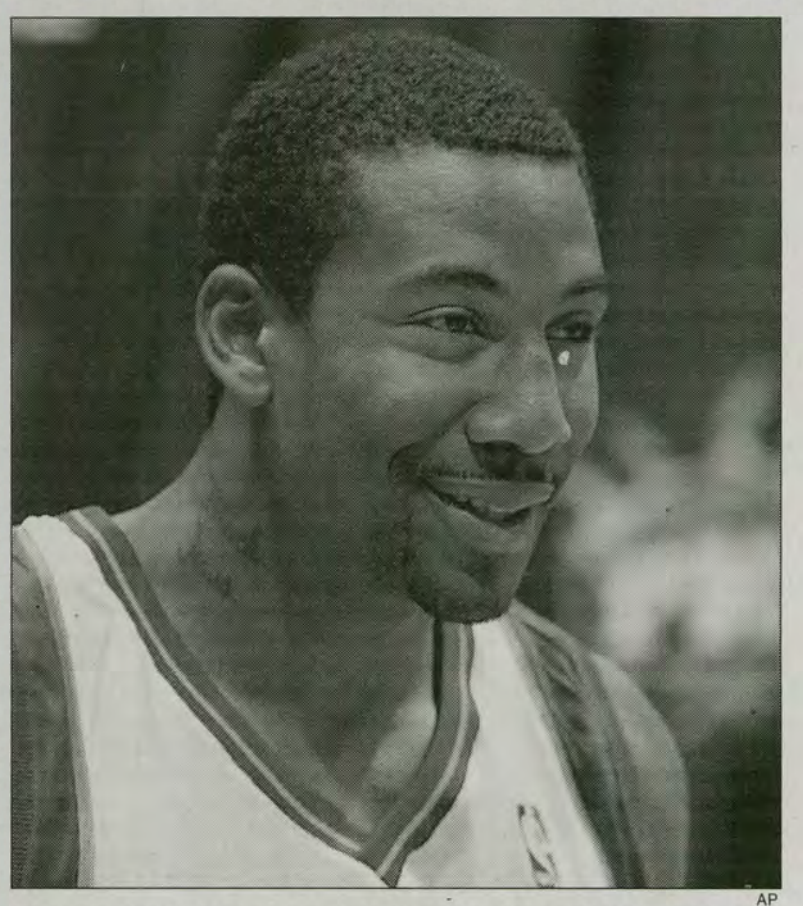
Stoudemire is one of basketball's great success stories. He was 12 when his father died, and his mother was in and out of jail. His older brother is in federal prison. But Stoudemire never has been in trouble.

"My main thing is I just stay focused on my all-time goals, and that's to become a role model for my family and also become the best basketball player I can be," he said.

Moments after he saw the then 19-year-old work out before the 2002 draft, Suns chairman Jerry Colangelo told fellow team officials "this is our guy."

"Someone asked me a short time ago `You know, Amare's accomplished so much what do you think his upside is?'" the elder Colangelo said on Monday. "And I said, `If you recognize how far he's come in his game, you combine God-given talent with a work ethic that is terrific and a heart to be the very best, I don't know how high is high.'"

Stoudemire has been a familiar companion of team owner Robert Sarver this summer, accompanying him on trips to try to lure free agents. He even got to ring the opening bell, with Sarver at his side, at the New York Stock Exchange.



AP

Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire talks to reporters after signing a five-year contract extension Monday.

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NFL

AFC East

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New England	2-2	.500	87	108
Buffalo	1-3	.250	48	69
N.Y. Jets	1-3	.250	47	73

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Cincinnati	4-0	1.000	104	38
Pittsburgh	2-1	.667	81	37
Baltimore	1-2	.333	30	52
Cleveland	1-2	.333	45	64

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4-0	1.000	78	26
Jacksonville	2-2	.500	62	64
Tennessee	1-3	.250	59	106
Houston	0-3	.000	24	65

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Denver	3-1	.750	80	68
Kansas City	2-2	.500	91	91
San Diego	2-2	.500	127	88
Oakland	1-3	.250	76	89

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Washington	3-0	1.000	43	37
N.Y. Giants	3-1	.750	136	98
Philadelphia	3-1	.750	112	68
Dallas	2-2	.500	88	88

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Chicago	1-2	.333	52	39
Detroit	1-2	.333	36	58
Minnesota	1-3	.250	64	107
Green Bay	0-4	.000	72	92

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4-0	1.000	77	45
Atlanta	3-1	.750	86	57
New Orleans	2-2	.500	68	87
Carolina	2-2	.333	103	96

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	2-2	.500	89	76
St. Louis	2-2	.500	97	111
Arizona	1-3	.250	74	110
San Francisco	1-3	.250	76	132

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1	NOTRE DAME	4-1-0	12
2	Georgetown	3-1-1	10
3	Villanova	2-0-3	9
4	Louisville	3-2-0	9
5	Seton Hall	2-3-0	6
6	Cincinnatti	1-3-1	4
7	Rutgers	1-4-0	3
8	DePaul	0-3-2	2

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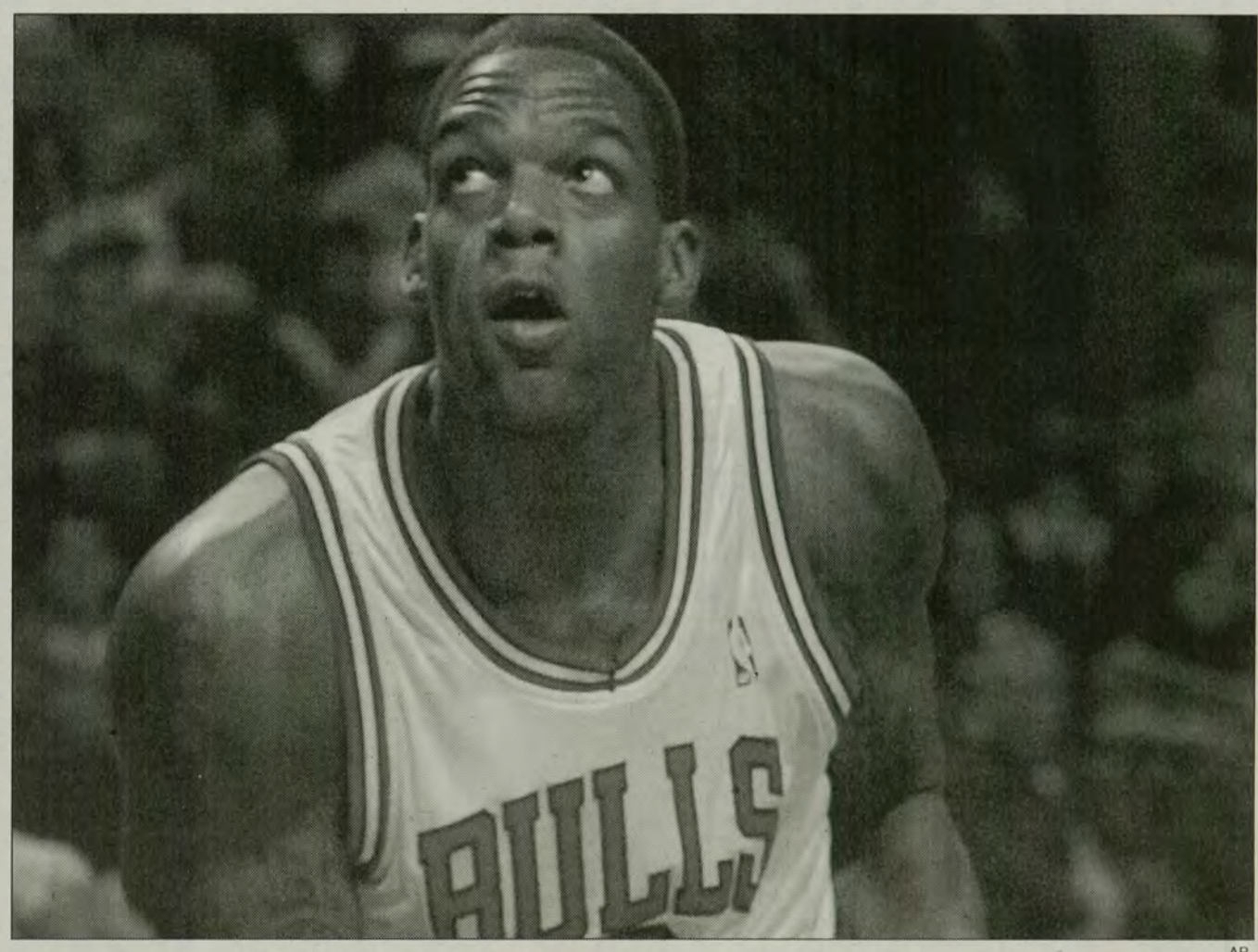


AP

Eddy Curry, above, of the Chicago Bulls looks to go up for a lay up in a regular season game last year. The Bulls traded Curry to the New York Knicks for players to be named later, Chicago general manager John Paxson said.

Bulls, Paxson trade Curry to Knicks

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — The Bulls dealt center Eddy Curry to the New York Knicks on Monday, ending a contentious negotiation in which Chicago insisted the restricted free agent take a DNA test over a heart problem.

In making the announcement, an obviously frustrated Bulls general manager John Paxson did not specify what Chicago got in return and he did not field questions.

"We will have an announcement tomorrow morning," Bulls public relations director Sebrina Brewster said Monday night. "All we can say right now is we traded Eddy to the Knicks."

Knicks spokesman Jonathan Supranowitz said the team declined comment on Paxson's announcement.

The Bulls had insisted that Curry take a DNA test to determine whether he's susceptible to a potentially fatal heart problem. Curry, who missed the final 13 games of the regular season and the playoffs after experiencing an irregular heartbeat, balked, saying it violated his privacy.

"I would never put a player on the floor in a Chicago Bulls uniform if I didn't do everything in my power to find out all the information that was available," Paxson said. "You can debate genetic testing 'til you're blue in the face. But from what I know, from what I've learned over the last six months, that test could have helped us determine the best course of action."

Paxson said. "Our intention through that whole process was to show him that we did care about him and that we were concerned about his well-being."

Curry's agent Leon Rose did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

Paxson said he resented insinuations that the Bulls were on a sort of witch hunt, trying to find information on Curry.

The general manager started by asking reporters to "let me ramble a minute." After a long pause, he said, "This has been about as uncomfortable and unusual a situation I could ever imagine. We've attempted from Day 1 to do the right thing, and I'm absolutely confident that we have in every way we went about it."

In Brief

76ers pick up free agent Lee Nailon

PHILADELPHIA — Forward Lee Nailon signed with the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday after averaging a career-high 14.2 points last season with the New Orleans Hornets.

The 6-foot-9, 238-pound free agent will be joining his sixth NBA team.

He was a member of the 1994 Indiana high school championship team at South Bend Clay.

The former TCU player has averaged 8.9 points and 3.1 rebounds in five seasons with Charlotte-New Orleans, New York, Atlanta, Orlando and Cleveland. He averaged 4.4 rebounds in 68 games last season for the Hornets.

The 76ers also signed free agents Steve Castleberry, Olu Famutimi, Herve Lamizana, James Thomas and Ime Udoka.

Leyland next in line to coach Detroit

DETROIT — Soon after Alan Trammell was fired Monday morning as manager of the Detroit Tigers, Jim Leyland was en route to the Motor City as the leading candidate to replace him.

Tigers president and general manager Dave Dombrowski planned to have interviewed Juan Samuel and Bruce Fields, both from Trammell's staff, before discussing the opening with Leyland about 24 hours after the regular season ended.

"I am driven to move quickly because I think there could be a lot of interest in Jim Leyland," said Dombrowski, adding his search could end as soon as Tuesday.

Trammell was fired after three seasons in which he failed to turn around a franchise without a winning record since 1993. to make a name for themselves."

Vick will be ready to go next Sunday

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Michael Vick is expected to start against New England this week after an MRI confirmed Monday that he did not seriously injure his right knee Sunday in Atlanta's victory over Minnesota.

"It confirmed that it was just a mild sprain of his MCL, and he is day-to-day," coach Jim Mora said. "That ought to put that to rest for a least two or three minutes from now when someone asks another question about it."

Matt Schaub replaced Vick and played the rest of the game. The Falcons had a two-touchdown lead when Vick walked slowly off the field with a slight limp.

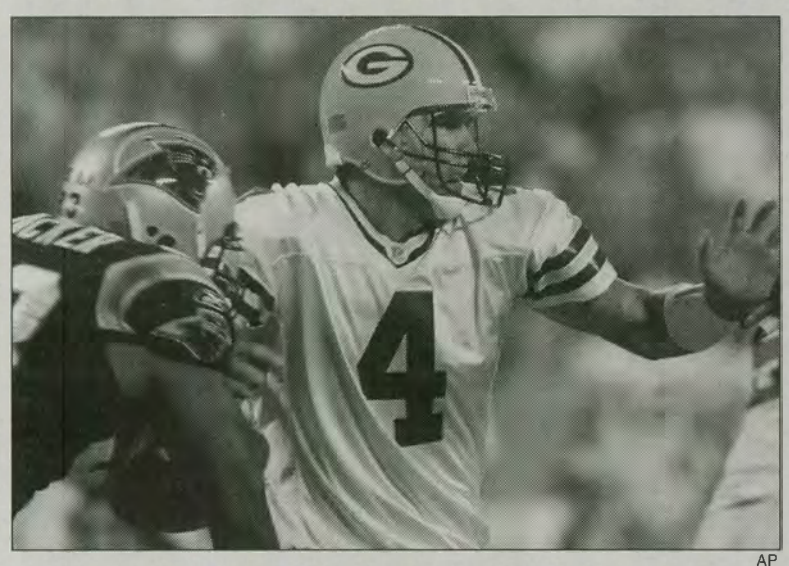
The injury occurred with the Falcons ahead 21-0 and all but eliminated the chance that Vick would return.

"Just because I got injured doesn't mean that my confidence level is going to go down," Vick said. "The same thing happened to me against Seattle, and I came back and had one of my best games against Buffalo. Injury doesn't scare me."

Vick tweaked his left hamstring at Seattle in Week 2 and left the game.

NFL

Packers' comeback not quite enough



AP

Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre loses the ball Monday against the Carolina Panthers. The Panthers won, 32-29.

Favre throws four TD passes but falls short at Carolina, 32-29

Associated Press

Brett Favre showed he still has some Monday night magic _ just not enough to prevent the Green Bay Packers from getting off to their worst start in 17 years.

Favre threw four touchdown passes but couldn't overcome two early turnovers that the Carolina Panthers used to build a big lead and then held on for a 32-29 victory.

The Packers fell to 0-4 for the first time since 1988.

Rallying Green Bay from a 19-point third-quarter deficit, Favre threw two touchdown passes and for two 2-point conversions in the fourth quarter and had the Packers in position to possibly win the game on their final drive.

But with running back Ahman Green on the sidelines with an injured knee and no timeouts left, Favre had to do it all on his own when Green Bay got the ball back with 1:58 to play. He completed two passes before Carolina (2-2) stopped the Packers on a fourth-and-2.

Favre threw the ball to Donald Driver past the first down line but Chris Gamble knocked the ball out of his hands and it fell incomplete.

Favre, a 15-year veteran and future Hall of Famer who is possibly playing his final season, stood alone at the 44-yard line. Soon, Carolina tight end Kris Mangum, a fellow Mississippian, walked over and patted the dejected Favre on the helmet. Mike Wahle, the left guard who spent seven seasons protecting Favre before signing with Carolina, embraced him.

The Panthers let out a sigh of relief after nearly giving one away.

Mexican expansion a possibility

Future franchise in Mexico City only "a generation" away

Associated Press

Expansion to Mexico still is a generation away despite the success of the NFL's first regular-season game staged outside the United States.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said the Arizona Cardinals' 31-14 victory over the 49ers in Mexico's capital lent credibility to the league south of the border. A record 103,467 fans packed cavernous Azteca Stadium on Sunday night, the largest regular-season crowd in NFL history.

But Tagliabue said the size of the crowd wasn't the key factor.

"I think this game lets the fans here in Mexico, the athletes here in Mexico and businesses and everybody else know that we're for real," he said during a question and answer period Monday before the American chamber of commerce in Mexico City. "It was an element of legitimacy."

He said the key to the future will be scheduling additional regular-season games in Mexico, and developing players in this country who can make it to the NFL and cultivate a strong fan base back home.

"We will get there — here and in other parts of the world — more quickly than most people appreciate because the athletes are out there," Tagliabue said, adding that Rolando Cantu, a Mexico-born guard on Arizona's practice squad, will likely make an NFL roster in the future.

Tagliabue said before kickoff Sunday that things already had gone so well in Mexico City that he believed the game would be the first in an annual tradition on foreign soil. Toronto and London are top candidates for next season.

He reiterated that expansion of the 32-team league within the United States was unlikely anywhere but Los Angeles, and said there was no time frame for a Mexican franchise.

"I think it will happen, probably in our lifetime, but I'm hoping to live a long time," he said, adding that players who might be concerned about living and working in Mexico City could be a potential hurdle to expansion here.

The league generates just under $6 billion in revenue, with 1 percent of that coming from overseas sources such as NFL Europe. The approximately 1,800 players make $3.6 billion.

Tagliabue acknowledged that while the NFL successfully had become an international league, it could not compete with soccer's global appeal.

"Are we ever going to catch soccer?" he asked with a smile. "Not for 100 years."

He also acknowledged that soccer is the undisputed king of Mexican sports, as evidenced Sunday night when the loudest cheer came when the scoreboard flashed Mexico's under-17 national team's 3-0 victory over Brazil to capture the world championship in Lima, Peru.

AP

San Francisco quarterback Tim Rattay tackles Arizona Cardinals cornerback Eric Green in Mexico City Sunday. The NFL is considering someday expanding to Mexico.

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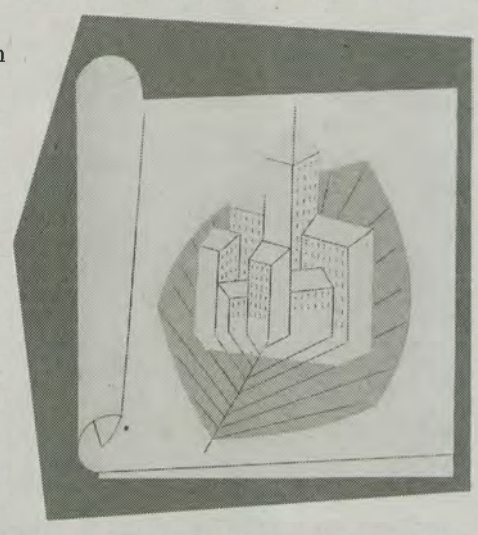

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Vermin

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rivalry game every year and stays in the dorm until the two teams meet again.

Tassanari's first touchdown catch came early in the second half as he dove into the corner of the endzone to haul in Wilmot's pass. Wilmot had a career day, throwing for four touchdowns and over 100 yards. The key to the passing success was spreading the ball out well. In the first quarter six Vermin receivers had catches on 11 attempts.

The dominant pace of this game was established early on when Carroll opened up with a score after running only six plays. The drive culminated with a pass to Mike Johnson, who also kicked the extra point to make the score 7-0. Johnson did it all for the Vermin this week — on top of his kicking duties and 62 yards of receiving, the big defensive back also had two interceptions to stop key Fisher drives.

Running back Mark Bennett had the other Vermin score on a 40-yard catch and run. Fisher was able to block the extra point try, but it was of little consolation as the struggling Big Green offense now had a 13-point deficit to overcome. They seemed to have something going after the score as quarterback Pat Gotebeski was able to scramble and pass his way into Carroll territory. However time ran out, ending their drive and the half.

In the second half the Fisher running game could not get going, and once again the Vermin were able to shut them out. The Big Green had three turnovers on the day and never seemed to get comfortable. Gotebeski attributed the hard times to a lack of focus.

"We had too many mental mistakes to overcome this week," he said.

With this loss, Fisher drops to 1-1 with two tough games left on its schedule.

The Vermin, on the other hand, look poised to make their mark in the postseason with this second impressive win of the season. But the team wasn't too concerned with the rest of the season after Sunday's game. They were much more excited to be able to return to their dorm with the Cricket Stick once again.

Siegfried 10, Sorin 0

Siegfried's offense finally scored a touchdown Sunday afternoon in a 10-0 win against Sorin, as freshman Marcus Young punched it in from 11 yards out to lead the Ramblers.

The running back's third-quarter touchdown was the team's first of the season, as they were finally able to sustain a drive.

On the drive, there were two key third-down conversions, one coming on a quarterback sneak and the other on a third-down pass to receiver Marcus Boldin.

The drive culminated with the 11-yard run by Young to give Siegfried the 10-0 lead.

"Our offense has been close all year," Siegfried captain Kyle Rice said. "We finally had some rhythm today, but we still have a long way to go."

It looked like the Siegfried offense would again struggle to put points on the board early in he game.

In the first quarter, a bad snap on an attempted Sorin punt gave the Ramblers the ball on the Otter 10-yard line, but Siegfried was unable put it in the endzone.

A 27-yard Pablo Diaz field goal gave them an early 3-0 lead.

Siegfried's defense, which has been dominant all year, completely shut down Sorin's offense.

Sorin quarterback Stu Mora, working out of the shotgun all game, never had enough time to find his receivers as the Rambler defense applied constant pressure.

"They did a good job shutting down our receivers, and our offensive line didn't do a good job of picking up their blitzes," Sorin coach Matt Young said.

The Otter offense couldn't put together any sustained drives all game. The only time they were inside Siegfried's 30-yard line was because the Otter defense forced a turnover. Sunday's result leaves Siegfried (2-1) in very good shape to make the playoffs, as a win will guarantee a playoff berth and a loss still may give the Ramblers a spot in the postseason.

Sorin, however, needs to win next week against Fisher in order to have a chance to make the playoffs.

"Next week is basically the first week of the playoffs for us," said Young.

Zahm 29, St. Edward's 0

Theo Ossei-Anto's seven carries for 175 yards lead a Zahm offense that put up 240 yards of total offense, en route to a 29-0 victory over St. Edward's.

The Bats' defense was just as impressive in holding the Stedsmen's attack to 31 yards, while putting constant pressure on quarterback John Brewis.

The unit tallied five sacks on the day, and never allowed St. Ed's inside the red zone.

But despite the stellar defensive effort, the story of the game was the Zahm ground game, led by Ossei-Anto.

The freshman tailback dismantled the Stedsmen defense, as he took four carries for over 25 yards.

In Zahm's third touchdown drive, one that spanned 99 yards, Ossei-Anto gained 91 yards — on just two carries.

First, the speedy back took an option pitch from quarterback Sean Wieland and sprinted right for 37 yards. On the next play, he ran left through a gaping hole for 54 yards to the St. Ed's eight.

Two plays later, Jake Richardville pounded it in from five yards out to give Zahm a 22-0 lead.

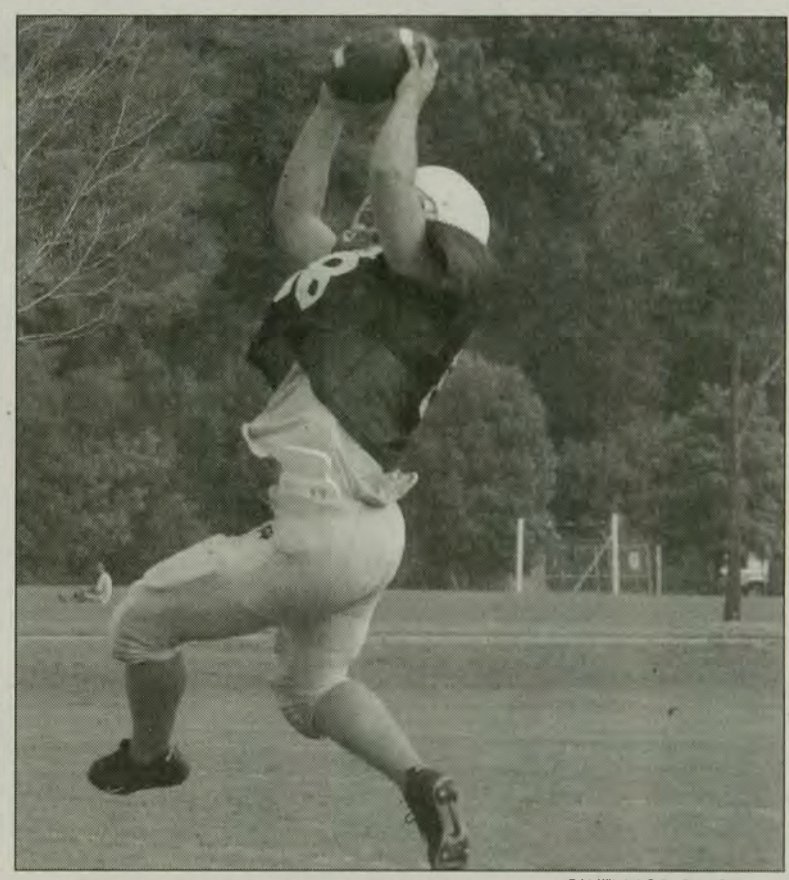
Ddespite the career day, Ossei-Anto, who also rushed for a 41-yard touchdown in the second quarter, deferred the credit from himself.

"I just trusted in my line today," the freshman acknowledged. They were really opening up the holes for me. I really didn't do anything special."

Tell that to the Stedsmen defense, who could seemingly never get off the field. In the first half alone, Zahm outgained St. Ed's 115-15, with only one pass attempted. Quarterback Sean Wieland, who had provided most of the scoring through the air this season, only needed to attempt three passes on the day.

He finished 1-of-3 for 20 yards, but also ran for Zahm's final score from 5 yards out. Wieland didn't need to throw, because the rushing game was too busy piling up the yardage.

In all, Zahm gained 220 yards on the ground, rushed for four scores and physically dominated the game.



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

A Carroll receiver goes up for a pass in Sunday's 28-0 win over Fisher. Fisher moved to 1-1 on the season.

Team captain Pat Gourley had nothing but praise for his offense.

"They stepped up again today," Gourley said. "I think both offensively and defensively, we straight-up out-powered them. Our offensive line was playing together today. We're really building team chemistry."

"We finally had some rhythm today, but we still have a long way to go."

Kyle Rice
Siegfried captain

Once again, Gourley pointed to his team's superior conditioning as a reason for their success. Zahm dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball.

The defense was just as impressive as the run game, forcing seven plays of negative yardage, thoroughly shutting down the Stedsmen's offense. Dan Ward, the St. Ed's captain, admitted that he was surprised that the game turned out so lopsided.

"This was a learning experience for our team. We really thought that we were mentally prepared for this game, but we had a hard time getting enough guys for practice, because many were busy with exams and projects."

Ward noted that despite the bye week, his team only managed to have one practice.

With regard to Zahm's destruction of his team's run defense, Ward said, "There's no reason for them to have that much success. We definitely need to concentrate on this in practice."

Perhaps the only bright spot for the Stedsmen came on special teams when punter Oliver Gamez blasted a 59-yard punt that pinned Zahm at its own one.

Any advantage gained by that play was quickly nullified as the Bats went the full 99 yards in four plays for the score.

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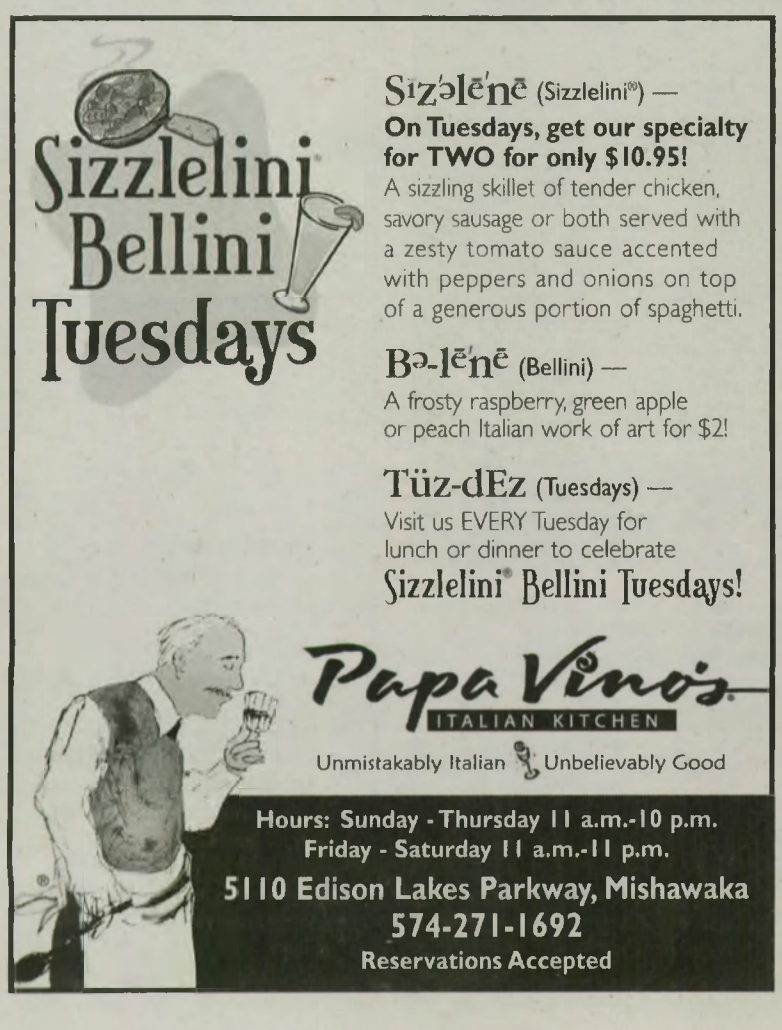

CLUB SPORTS

Ostberg leads Notre Dame

The Irish scored 31 points, 12 behind the leading Boilermakers

Special to The Observer

In their season opening show at Saint Mary's of the Woods this weekend, Notre Dame's equestrians earned Team Reserve High Point Honor.

Their 31 points placed the squad second behind Purdue, with 43 points.

Kelly Ostberg took first in open fences, with Alie Minnis in fourth. Molly Schmiege also garnered a first in intermediate fences, with Caitlin Landuyt third and Lauren Desrosiers sixth.

The Irish swept novice fences, with Megan Murphy, Mary Dorgant, and Brittany Gragg finishing first, second and third, respectively.

Julia Burke and Landuyt tied for second in open flat, with Ostberg and Minnis finishing fourth and fifth.

Desrosiers took first in intermediate flat, and Murphy, Dorgant, and Gragg again finished first, second and third in novice flat.

Laura Hale placed fourth in walk-trot-canter, while Courtney Hofman also earned a fourth place in walk-trot.

Landuyt and Dorgant qualified for Regionals with their overall performances.

Squash

James Zhang captured first place in the St. Louis MPM Open Squash Tournament in the 4.5 Division.

Zhang, a former member of the Malaysian national junior team and captain of the Notre Dame squash club, edged Jeff Tomberg of Florida 3-2 in the first round, then swept through Bob Neff of Lakeshore Club Chicago, 3-1; Tray Brown of Oklahoma Univ., 3-0; and W. Chipo of the MAC St. Louis club, 3-0, in the finals.

Zhang's final match was played in glass wall court, the St. Louis Galleria. (Pictures below are from the finals match, Zhang wearing the head bandana.)

Zhang also entered the top Open level, 5.5, where he defeated Hassan Ahmed of the University Club in Chicago, 3-0, before falling to Conor O'Malley of the University Club, 3-1.

Teammate Phil Moss also represents Notre Dame in the 3.5 Division. Moss won his first round 3-0 before dropping a 3-1 second round contest.

INTERHALL FOOTBALL — WOMEN'S BLUE LEAGUE

Lyons looks for upset over Cavanaugh tonight

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Tonight at Rihele fields at 7 p.m., the Cavanaugh Chaos (4-0) will hope to continue their winning ways against the Lyons Lions (1-3), who hope to finish the season with an upset.

For the Chaos, last week's win over the Wild Women of Walsh nearly cemented their dominance over the Women's Blue League, as the Chaos were left as the only undefeated team left in the women's division.

Cavanaugh proved their dominance on Sunday by shutting out Walsh in a rematch of last year's championship.

Cavanaugh has still not surrendered a point to their opponents this year and has not lost in the past two seasons.

In addition to being dominant on defense, the Chaos offense has provided enough points each game to ensure the win for Cavanaugh.

On both sides of the football, Cavanaugh has made few mistakes, either mentally or physically, and has been overpowering at times.

The main goal for the Chaos this week has to be to remember that the season is not over yet.

Mental mistakes near the end of the season could prove disastrous for the Chaos, as an aggressive Lyons team needs every chance it can against the dominant Chaos.

If Lyons hopes to win, they will have to somehow contain quarterback Lisa Ruffer, who has the ability to beat defenses with her arm or her legs.

Ruffer has consistently thrown the ball well and has also run the option and quarterback draws to near perfection.

Lyons needs to somehow return to their level of play at the beginning of the year, when they recorded their one win.

"We had a lot of young talent earlier in the year," said Lions quarterback Kim Murphy. "It just didn't come together in the end."

For this game, Lyons has worked to get back to the basics, including getting quarterbacks and receivers more in tune with each other, so that they can improve for next year.

"We know that we can play well, it's just tough against teams like Walsh [who Lyons played in their last game] and Cavanaugh," Murphy said.

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The Wild Women came in averaging more than 17 points a game, but were facing a Cavanaugh defense that has yet to allow a point this year.

The Chaos defense smothered Walsh quarterback Mary Sullivan, intercepting her three times and forcing turnover-on-downs three times as well.

"They have very good athletes, and they're well-coached," Wild Women coach Brian Burkavage said of the Chaos defense. "They always seem to be in the right place, and they made plays while our receivers didn't."

The multiple turnovers gave Cavanaugh a short field to work with, and Chaos quarterback Lisa Ruffer took full advantage, connecting on 11-of-23 attempts for 110 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

After Ruffer completed a two-yard touchdown pass to Byrne for a 6-0 lead, things took a nasty turn for the Wild Women. On Cavanaugh's ensuing two-point conversion attempt, Ruffer's follow-through came down on Walsh captain Mary Ellen Botta. Immediately, Botta collapsed to the ground and did not get up until 20 minutes later, when she was taken off the field by an ambulance.

The Wild Women tried to motivate themselves after the long break, but Cavanaugh held fast with another quick interception and touchdown to put them up 12-0.

"Mentally, it's hard to stay focused after an injury, but we focused, played within ourselves, and it worked out for us," said Byrne.

Going into the second half with a 12-0 lead, the Chaos ran a methodical offense that seemed to pick up first downs at will, giving the Wild Women little time to make a comeback. Cavanaugh ran 33 plays from scrimmage and converted seven first downs, while Walsh snapped the ball 26 times and moved the chains just three times during the game

"In the second half we just wanted to slow down the tempo so they'd feel rushed when they had the ball," Byrne said.

With the much-anticipated game now behind them, Burkavage is already looking forward to the next time they will meet.

"This is just one game. Hopefully we'll get another shot at them in the playoffs, when it really matters," Burkavage said.

Byrne was just as focused on the future.

"It was nice, but now it's over, and we need to focus on the playoffs because it all starts over fresh, and if we meet them again we need to be just as focused. We can't afford to be complacent," Byrne said.

Howard 6, Badin 6

On her birthday, Catherine Krug gave a present to the rest of her team. The Howard defensive back returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown, allowing the Ducks to force a 6-6 tie with the Badin Bullfrogs.

Badin opened the scoring on its first possession with a touchdown pass from quarterback Katie Rose Hackney to Courtney Rains. Hackney made two solid runs on the drive set up after Howard was forced to punt on its first possession.

On Howard's subsequent possession, they once again got a first down, but then were forced to punt. The Bullfrogs marched the ball up the field, but Howard began to show its strength as a red-zone defense and made Badin turn the ball over on downs. Howard was then three and out, and after a fifty-yard punt return by captain Meg Charlebois, the Bullfrogs had excellent field position with time running down. After a twenty-yard completion to Rains, Hackney threw the interception to Krug.

Krug's score came after Badin captain Meg Charlebois returned a punt 50 yards to give the Bullfrogs excellent field position. Hackney then threw a 20-yard pass to Rains, but the fun stopped when Krug picked off the pass.

In the second half, Badin's offense started strong with another big pass to Rains, this time for 35 yards before Howard got another timely interception.

However, the Duck offense continued to struggle as they punted or turned the ball over on downs their remaining four possessions of the game. Badin had two more chances to score, but going for a big play, Hackney throw another interception. The Duck defense held when it counted and moved Howard one step closer to its first win this season.

"We will be looking for our first win next week," captain Callie Whelan said.

The Ducks hope quarterback Shenna Ketchum will be ready, as she was injured in the last seconds of the game.

Meanwhile, Badin Coach Doar said, Badin is also eager for the rest of the season.

"We look forward to doing well against Lewis and getting a chance to make the playoffs," Badin coach Charles Doar said.

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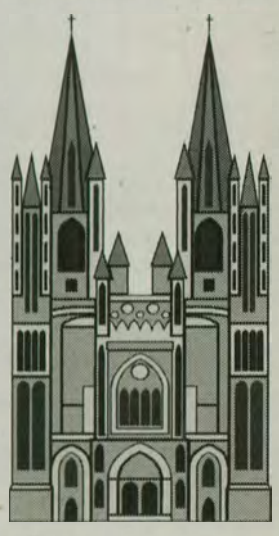

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Morrissey dominates in win over Keough

Klein rushes for 141 yards on 18 carries as the Manorites roll

By JAMES FEGAN and JIM BRADY
Sports Writers

Nick Klein's last run of the game was a 17-yard touchdown, capping a dominant afternoon for the Morrissey captain who finished with 18 carries for 141 yards and two second-half touchdowns in the Manorites' victory.

Klein and the Morrissey offense ran early and often, racking up 184 yards rushing as a team and slowly withering Keough's stout defense. Their powerful rushing attack put distance between them and Keough when it appeared the Kangaroos had gained momentum.

After leading 7-0 at the half, Morrissey appeared to be in control of the tempo, but Keough's defense had kept them in range.

Morrissey lost the momentum when Keough wide receiver Matt Belton broke free from his man and caught quarterback Faustin Weber's deep pass in stride, running 80 yards to the score.

Looking to snatch the lead, Keough went for two but came up empty when halfback Mike Anello was knocked out of bounds just as he tried to reach the ball towards the pylon.

The referee's ruling that Anello was out of bounds was a great source of controversy, but it soon became irrelevant when Klein scored touchdowns of 14 and 17 yards to put Morrissey up 21-6 and seal up the game.

Morrissey established the running game early with a touchdown on its opening drive.

The drive consisted entirely of running until quarterback Mike Spencer caught the Keough defense off guard with a 7-yard play action pass to fullback Steve Klein in the front corner of the end zone.

Keough looked to answer when Weber completed a deep pass, but as the receiver raced to the end zone, Morrissey defensive back Dan Keyesa ripped the ball away, possibly saving a touchdown.

Keyesa later added an interception in the second half.

"We only made one mistake on defense all game, and our offense made up for it, the offensive line in particular," Klein said.

The loss puts Keough's playoff hopes in jeopardy as they fall to 0-2-1, and Morrissey has opened with a 2-0 start.

Keough believes there is reason to keep hopes alive, with the manner in which passing game succeeded early against a tough Morrissey defense.

"We made a few mistakes," Keough player-coach Brian Lange said. "But the passing game was good today. We have to get the running game back on track though."

Keenan 21, Stanford 0

As expected, "the Battle for the Chapel" was hard-fought again this year. But in the end, Keenan prevailed over Stanford in a 21-0 decision that was closer than the final score indicated.

The Keenan dynamic duo of quarterback Rob Coly to wide receiver Dan Zenker accounted for all three touchdowns.

"[Dan Zenker was] unstoppable, he was amazing," Stanford captain Phil McNicholas said.

Keenan's running back Alex Staffieri ran well early to open the passing game.

A banged up Keenan defense also did a great job of stopping the attacking Stanford offense, with players such as Joe Pappas filling in for injured starters.

Throughout the game, Stanford was able to move the ball, but it was unable to put any points on the board.

On the final drive of the game, Stanford was moving the ball when receiver Dave Sonderman suffered a serious leg injury that caused a game stoppage.

Sonderman broke two bones in his leg, and although Stanford decided to continue the game, the Griffins could not score — they were stopped on the 4-yard line with no time on the clock.

Both teams came out with a large level of intensity, but it was Keenan who was able to ultimately pull out the win, moving the Knights to 2-1 on the season.

Stanford drops to 1-1 after winning its season opener and will look to rebound quickly in order to put its playoff hopes back on track.

The great competition this game provided left the spectators dreaming about what kind of team they would have if these dorms connected by a chapel combined forces on the football field.

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road games and four games against ranked opponents. After finishing that stretch with a 4-1 record, including Saturday's 49-28 drubbing of Purdue, first-year Irish coach Charlie Weis likes what he sees.

"My whole party line walking in the door was a mentality that I wanted the team to take, and I'd say more than anything else the team has taken that mentality," Weis said on Monday, one day after he usually holds his press conference. "That pleases me as much as wins and losses; that your team is going out there, playing hard, expecting to win every time you go on the field."

Weis said this week will be devoted to three things: getting the starters rest, getting the second team some playing time and both scouting USC and recruiting high school players.

"For the guys who play most of the snaps, I want this to be more of a week to heal their bumps and bruises," Weis said. "That means that you put pressure on them mentally but you don't put any pressure on them physically. You put as little physical pressure on them as you can."

Players that have been hurt include two starters — offensive lineman Bob Morton and wide receiver Rhema McKnight, who both did not play Saturday. Morton dressed for the game but did not play, and McKnight has not seen time since injuring himself against Michigan on Sept. 10. In addition, no players are available to the media this week, just Weis and assistant coaches.

Weis said he and his staff not only have more time to prepare for USC, but he also has time to send coaches on the road to recruit.

"Wednesday night, seven of [the assistant coaches] are hopping on a plane and flying out there because two of the six days we are using for recruiting are going to be Thursday and Friday of this week," Weis said of his staff, which numbers nine assistant coaches in total. "So seven of our staff members will be on the road recruiting on Thursday and Friday. We'll have a skeleton screw in here for Thursday's practice."

Meanwhile, while Notre Dame is off, the defending national champions, who have won 26 games in a row, will face Arizona (1-2) at home on Saturday. The Trojans, led by last year's Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart and running back Reggie Bush, have scored 63, 70, 45 and 38 points, respectively, in their first four games.

USC has had the best of this rivalry in the past three years, winning last season at the Coliseum 41-10, the year before at Notre Dame Stadium, 45-14, and in 2002, 44-13.

This year's USC team is not much different from the teams that have beaten the Irish for three straight seasons.

"As long as the system is the same, you definitely watch all of last year's games," Weis said. "So even though their offensive coordinator [Norm Chow, who now coaches for the Tennessee Titans] left, the system is still the same. And Pete [Carroll] is the defense coordinator, so that didn't change. So when you are watching both sides of the ball, as long as the system stay the same there's a lot of value in watching the previous year and then you always watch your own team play against them for personnel matchups to see how those went based on who was there ... But there's definitely in this case both offensively and defensively, a lot of carryover from the previous year."

Weis said he will need all the time he can to not only prepare for the Trojans, but to determine how the Irish are going to attack them.

"As far as game planning, I like it, because by this time I have already watched a bunch of Southern Cal tape and this is two weeks before we play them," Weis said. "I am going to have to watch a whole bunch of more, but the good thing is before we get through the middle of this week I will have watched everything I have needed to watch.

"Now the question [of] whether or not you can come up with enough good stuff to find what they do isn't as big a problem as finding what you are going to do against them. That's the bigger problem."

Notes:

◆ Weis said Monday that defensive lineman Trevor Laws will be the special teams captain for the game against USC after blocking a field goal at Purdue on Saturday.

◆ After Brady Quinn's career day on Saturday (440 yards, three touchdowns, one interception), Weis was quick to praise his quarterback.

"I would be remiss if I didn't talk about the performance of the quarterback because he was outstanding," Weis said Monday. "And I don't say that very often. I don't use that word very often. I hope I am using it more often, but I thought he was just exceptional, the way he managed the game and I thought he played very well."

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Travis Thomas carries the ball in the fourth quarter against Purdue. Thomas scored for the second straight game Saturday.

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ND Women's Tennis

Thompsons take the court as singles Thursday

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Christian and Catrina Thompson have made history on the doubles court.

Tuesday, the sisters will look to make a name for themselves on the singles court when they take on the field in the qualifying round of the ITA All American Championships in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The tournament is the first of three collegiate tennis grand slams and features the nation's best players. The weeklong competition features three stages — a pre-qualifying round, a qualifying round and a final round, which starts Thursday.

The Thompsons finished second in the doubles draw last year. Their high ranking — second in the ITA — allowed them to skip the first two stages of the tournament.

The sisters will begin doubles play Thursday in the final stage's round of 16.

Singles action began this weekend for Christian Thompson, who advanced out of the pre-qualifying stage in singles. The junior won three matches in straight sets, defeating Emily Kirchem of Colorado State, Natalie Braverman of Colorado State and Kelly Anderson of Georgia Tech. All three players were ranked between 100 and 125 in the ITA. Thompson, who entered the tournament unranked, lost just 14 games in her three victories.

Assistant coach Michelle Dasso credited Christian Thompson's success over the weekend to improved conditioning.

"Her knee was bothering her a lot last year," Dasso said. "She lost a lot of confidence. Now she's staying healthy and has been playing very well out here. Her conditioning has helped her a lot, especially with the heat out here."

Christian Thompson will begin play Tuesday morning when she faces Nika Koukhartchouk of Mississippi. She could face the tournament's No. 7-seed Sabrina Cappannolo of Arizona State in the second round. Both Christian and Catrina Thompson will have to win three matches over the next two days to advance to the final stage of the singles tournament.

Dasso was optimistic about Christian Thompson's chances of advancing through the draw.

"I think she's got a great chance," Dasso said. "She gained a lot of confidence this weekend, and I think it was good for her to play those matches early this week. She's at her best when she uses a variety of shots, mixing it up with slices and top spins like she did this weekend."

Christian's sister Catrina did not have to play the pre-qualifying round because of her No. 27 national ranking. She will be taking to the court for her first match of the year Tuesday when she faces Berecz Boglarka of Florida.

Catrina Thompson, the number two seed in the qualifying tournament, will not have to face another seeded player until the third round. Dasso said that Catrina will look to use her strong groundstrokes to overpower her opponents this week in singles.

Coach Dasso said that doubles will be the sisters' focus this week. However, she felt that playing singles could only help their doubles game later in the week.

"They both have a great chance in the singles," she said. "It will help them in doubles too. The longer you are out here and the more comfortable you get, the better off you are."

Dasso's outlook for the sisters in doubles kept the level of competition in perspective.

"They are playing well, and they have improved since last year. They are mentally tougher. But this is one of the best tournaments of the year. It's very competitive and there are no easy matches."

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The Thompson twins prepare themselves for a match last April with William & Mary. They will play solo matches Thursday.

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Club Sports

Irish travel to compete in Kyle Mcgarity Invitational

Special to The Observer

This past weekend Notre Dame's No. 15 mens water polo club traveled to Miami University (OH) to compete in the Kyle Mcgarity Invitational.

The Irish were placed in a bracket with Indiana and No. 1 Michigan State.

On Saturday morning, the Irish first dispatched the Hoosiers easily, 14-5, with a high-powered offense led by two-meter man Matt McNicholas, freshman Patrick Connors, and junior Steve Shepard.

The next game matched the Irish against the undefeated Spartans. The squad battled MSU for four quarters, leading for most of the first half, until a Spartan scoring run in the third period put the Irish three goals behind going into the final period.

The Irish were able pull within one twice, but ran out of time, losing to MSU 13-11.

Coming out of bracket play 1-1 meant the Irish would be matched against No. 11 Miami (OH) for the third game of the day.

Coming off a tough loss gave the Irish the motivation to go out in front of the big Miami home crowd and make a statement.

At the end of the game, that statement was a 14-7 thrashing of the host team.

Seniors Mike Silhasek and Greg Szewczyk led the Irish to the win with several breakaways and some tough perimeter defense.

Sophomore Colin Dunn was huge in two-meter defense as well.

That win placed the Irish in the fifth place game against the favored No. 6 Michigan Wolverines.

Entering the game, no Irish team in the history of the program had defeated U of M. However, this Irish team cared little for that history, instead writing a little of their own as they beat the Wolverines 8-6.

Once again, McNicholas was brilliant at two-meters, as Shepard, Connors, and sophomore Zhan Wei Khaw also scored.

Consistent with his play all weekend, senior goalkeeper Scott Tagwerker stuffed the Michigan attack at several key moments as the contest was winding down, keeping the Irish on top.

With great play and results like this, the 9-3 Irish now look to be ranked among the top five or six teams in the nation, and are definitely looking forward to their rematch with the Spartans next weekend at the Northwestern Invite.

Field hockey

Notre Dame's field hockey club won one of three contests this weekend at the Virginia Tech Invitational.

The eight-team field was comprised of the best teams in the region. The Irish were unable to convert several scoring opportunities and dropped their opener, 4-0, to James Madison.

In the second game, a North Carolina State team featuring a coed squad jumped out to an early lead, scoring in the opening five minutes.

Irish Freshman Lynda Pearl then evened the score with a highlight film move. As the ball caromed off the goalie's pads, Pearl fired a reverse stick slap shot into the far corner of the goal.

This ignited the Irish and sophomore Danielle Fedele scored a few minutes later on a cross in front of the NC State goal for a 2-1 halftime lead.

An early offensive rush in the second half forced the Wolfpack goalie to cover the ball, giving the Irish a penalty stroke.

Sophomore Marie Chervanick scored as her shot found the bottom-right corner of the goal post. Later in the half, Chervanick assisted junior Meredith Gluck who riffled home a shot to the goalie's weak side making the final score 4-1.

An exhausted Irish squad playing with only a two subs throughout the weekend, fell in the last game to the host Hokies, 3-0.

Catherine Duffy made several outstanding saves to keep the score close for most of the contest.

Women's running

Members of the Notre Dame women's running club competed as individuals in this weekend's Salmon Chase Run in South Bend.

Jen Richard and Laura Cass finished 1-2 in the women's event, while Anne Marie Fayen captured first in the 19-24 field.

In the 14-18 field, Marie Bader and Beckii Dorner finished a strong 1-2 as well.

Several members of the club also assisted RecSports in conducting last weekend's successful Domer Run.

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injury has kept him from playing defense this year, but he has been suiting up at running back for his 6-0 team.

Despite the injury, Walls says he will be back for the state playoffs and ready to go next season, when he expects to have a chance at playing as a true freshman.

"I think he really likes [Irish coach Charlie] Weis and the rest of the staff."

Mike Frank
Irisheyes.com

Most recruiting Web sites, including Scout.com and Rivals.com, believe Walls had his choices narrowed to Pittsburgh and Notre Dame before he made his announcement Monday.

However, Frank believes Notre Dame was in front from the beginning. "I think [Walls] kind of knew where he wanted to go since spring," Frank said. "I think he really likes [Irish coach Charlie] Weis and the rest of the staff. They did a fantastic job recruiting him."

Walls made his official visit to Pittsburgh during the weekend of the Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game on Sept. 3. He has not yet made his official visit to Notre Dame but is scheduled to come Oct. 15 when the Irish take on Southern California. He has visited campus several times on unofficial visits, most recently last June.

Notes:

◆ Brown is listed on Scout.com as a "soft verbal," but the 6-foot-2, 190 lb. safety from Proviso East High School in Maywood, Ill., says he is intent on signing with the Irish in Feb. However, he is scheduled to take visits to LSU, Minnesota, Nebraska and Illinois while also visiting Notre Dame on Dec. 2.

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Club Sports

Irish take home fifth at Michigan State

Special to The Observer

A split squad permitted Notre Dame's sailing club to compete in two events this weekend.

The Irish claimed fifth place in Michigan State's Cedarfest Regatta.

Skipper Chris May and crew Amy Becker took fourth in the A Division, while skipper Tricia Hughes and crew Kerry Killbourn finished sixth in the B Division.

The host Spartans won the event, followed by Ohio State, Wisconsin, Miami and Notre Dame in the top five.

John Carrroll, Purdue, Michigan Blue, Michigan Maize, Bowling Green, Northwestern, Iowa, Hope and Western Michigan completed the fourteen-team field.

Michigan also hosted a fourteen-team field at the Cary Price Intersectional at the Grosse Point Yacht Club.

The Wolverines claimed overall first place, followed by Minnesota, Wisconsin, Texas, Miami OH, Notre Dame, Purdue, Northwestern, Ohio, Cornell, Indiana, Western Michigan, Ohio State and Washington.

Irish skipper Tim Roy and crew Dave Coviak finished ninth in the A Division, while skipper John Dailey and crew Paul Cordes took fourth in the B Division.

Ultimate

Michigan played host this weekend to the Best of the Midwest Tournament in Ann Arbor in both men's and women's action.

Vasili Karas, Ryan Butler, and Andrew Sheehan led the Irish to a third place finish in the men's event, while captains Lizzy Shiel and Chrissy Hedges posted impressive performances in leading the women to three wins in four contests.

In men's opening day pool play, a stringent Irish defense featuring Sean McCarthy, Dave LeDonne and Mike Flolrack, limited opponents to only nine points on the day.

Ryan Gorman and Daniel Reimer controlled the skies in the end zone all day as the Irish defeated Eastern Michigan, 13-2, Michigan B, 13-3, and Purdue, 13-4.

The Irish opened play Sunday against powerhouse Ohio State and after falling behind early, rallied for a 13-6 victory, setting up the showdown with No. 9 ranked Michigan.

In a see saw contest that found both teams scoring early and often, the game came down to game point, tied at 9-9. The Wolverine offense slowly worked the disc into the end zone for their 10-9 victory.

The women's competition was just as exciting and played at an equally high level. Freshmen Katie Bilek and XiuTian Khaw moved the attack quickly as the Irish opened with a 13-1 win over Case Western.

The second round proved the highlight for the Irish as the stellar play of Chris Dube on attack and freshman Adi Nott on defense propelled the squad to an 11-9 win over defending Great Lakes Region champion Purdue, 11-9.

The Irish did not fare as well against Michigan in the third game, falling 12-6. Shiel's and Hedges' curving deep throws to receivers in the end zone and Kasey Farrel's sharp cuts for her handlers and her solid short passes kept the Irish close through much of the contest.

In their fourth match, the Irish triumphed over Ohio Northern, 13-4. Sophomores Shields, Duss and Shannon Morrison showed their handling skills with strong passes downfield to classmate Loretta Brown.

The Irish wrapped up the tournament with a 13-5 victory over Michigan Team II, to finish 4-1 and second in the event.

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have some friendly bragging rights on the line.

"Not only the players go at it, but the coaches [do] also," Mainieri said.

First-year assistant coach Cliff Godwin will coach the Gold, and veteran Terrey Rooney will lead the Blue.

Mainieri called the series "intense and pressure-packed."

"It's a little World Series that really creates a lot of high drama and high pressure," he said.

The draft happened, and the sides are set. This afternoon junior Jeff Manship will take the mound for the Gold, and heralded freshman David Phelps — from St. Louis' Hazelwood High — will take the hill for the Blue.

Mainieri is excited about the upcoming spring season due to a nearly injury-free fall season, which has allowed for competitive scrimmages and drills.

The only off-season injuries the Irish have had to deal with were sophomore third/second baseman Brett Lilley's back injury, which will keep him out until the spring, and junior pitcher Dan Kapala's season-ending shoulder injury.

Lilley will have surgery this Thursday to fix an aggravation that occurred during the regionals last spring and hampered him when he traveled to play summer ball. He will then rehabilitate for about eight weeks, Mainieri said.

Kapala injured his shoulder in the final week of the Cape Cod Summer League after playing well for most of the summer. Mainieri compared his injury to former Irish pitcher Grant Johnson's shoulder strain during his Notre Dame career. Johnson recovered and finished a stellar career with the Irish.

Still, with nearly every position player returning and loads of experience, Notre Dame has great depth.

The Irish lost first baseman Matt Edwards from last year's regional championship club that fell to eventual national runner-up Florida, but senior Craig Cooper will replace him.

Cooper played first base at times last season and also played in the outfield. His offensive power is one of his biggest assets. And Mainieri said Cooper is looking "really good over there" at the first base bag.

In another shift, senior Matt Bransfield has moved to left field. He also saw quality time last season. Throughout his career, Bransfield has played catcher, designated hitter and a few other positions.

Each of those seniors hit over .300 last season. Cooper hit .325, while Bransfield hit .313. Cooper was second on the team in runs batted in with 58.

Despite Kapala's absence, Mainieri likes what he sees from his pitching staff, also. He believes this could be one of the toughest ever.

"I think that Manship, [Jeff] Samardzija and [Tom] Thortnon will just be an outstanding rotation," he said. "I expect them to be our rotation.

"I'm so pleased with the way our pitchers have played in fall practice. We've really developed a deep pitching staff. The guys that are returning really showed a lot of improvement. And we've got some freshmen pitchers who are really going to help a great deal also."

Manship was 2-1 with a 3.97 earned run average after sitting out for part of last season after recovering form "Tommy John" surgery. Samardzija finished 8-1 with a 3.89 earned run average. Thornton finished 6-6 with a 4.69 earned run average and was the workhorse with 96 innings pitched.

Today and Wednesday, the games will be five innings long, and Thursday's rubber match will be seven innings in order to limit the pitch counts.

"Both teams are using our pitchers," Mainieri said. "It's 17 innings, like playing 34. So a pitcher will pitch no more than five innings or 55 pitches. We have to be smart about it and make sure nobody gets hurt."

Just in case the average fan is looking for the newcomers later today, the freshmen will not have their names and numbers because they haven't been ordered yet, Mainieri said.

Overall, Mainieri said he couldn't be more pleased with the team's progress in fall practice.

"We've had some great competition the entire fall. We've got some freshmen position players that are really competing hard. Our depth is so much better.

"It's really created a nice, healthy competitive situation. I couldn't be more pleased with the way fall practice has gone. I think we're ready to have an outstanding season in the spring."

Besides the aforementioned depth of the Irish and their competitive side, their attitude has also been excellent.

"The attitude of the players has been tremendous, the focus," Mainieri said. "They're energetic and playing very passionately, very fundamentally sound. I really do believe that we'll play at the level that is commensurate of our abilities ... to have a good season in the spring."

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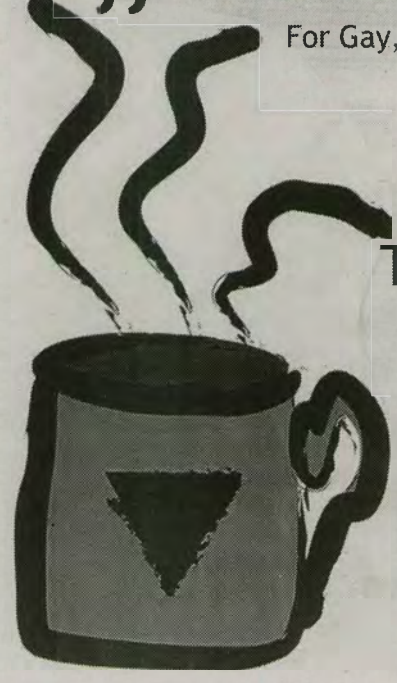
Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame



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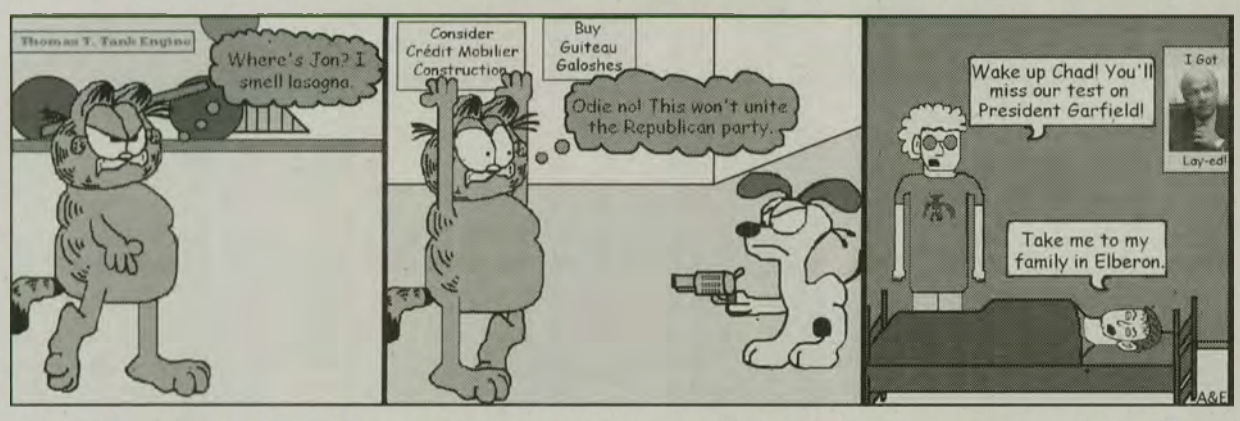

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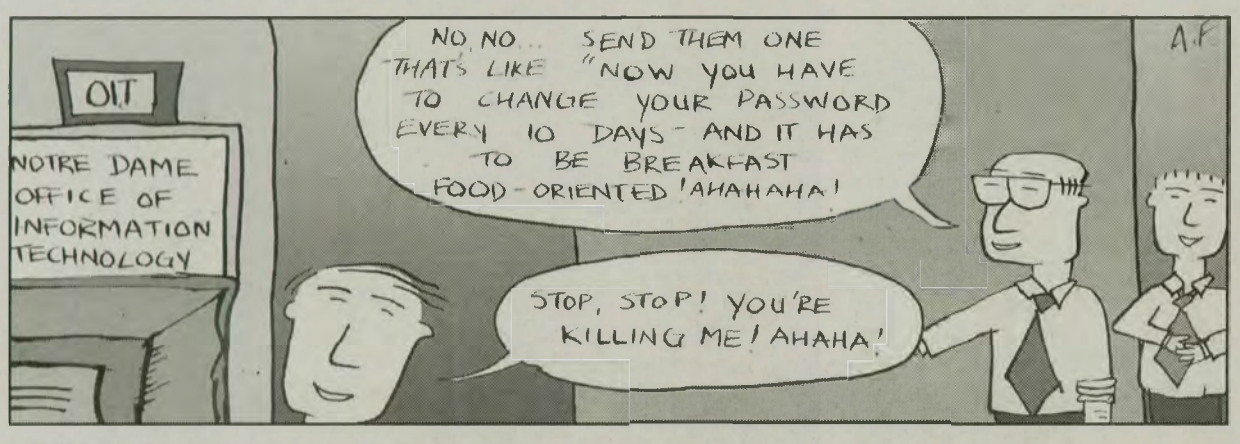

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: COUPE KHAKI SNITCH SONATA
Answer: For the champ, it was a good night for — "KNOCKOUTS"

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

ACROSS
1 Bit of dandruff
6 Drivers' aids
10 Captain of the Pequod
14 Debussy contemporary Erik
15 Cart part
16 "Damn Yankees" vamp
17 Document shown at border patrol
19 Writer Harte
20 Prefix with duct
21 Yeats or Keats
22 Cape Canaveral event
24 California observatory
26 Salon jobs
27 Fixation indication
31 Meager
33 Served up a whopper
34 Magic org.
35 Feathery scarves
36 Very humble home
38 Score for a 34-Across player
39 Satisfied sighs
40 1952 Hope/Crosby "Road" destination
41 Pool part?
42 Rubbernecker at the Ritz, perhaps
46 Fuss with feathers
47 Zilch
51 Celestial Seasonings alternative
53 Gin flavorer
54 "So there you ___!"
55 Long stretches
56 Part of a suit of armor
59 Derby
60 "I smell ___!"
61 Perfect places
62 Took it on the lam
63 Candied tubers
64 Like Vikings

DOWN
1 Shutterbug's setting
2 Caterpillar, for one
3 Internet commerce
4 Opposite of military: Abbr.
5 Button one's lips
6 Pub
7 Off-ramp
8 Raised railroads
9 Denver is way above it
10 Philatelists' books
11 Interrupts
12 Knighted Guinness
13 The Wife of ___ (Chaucer story teller)
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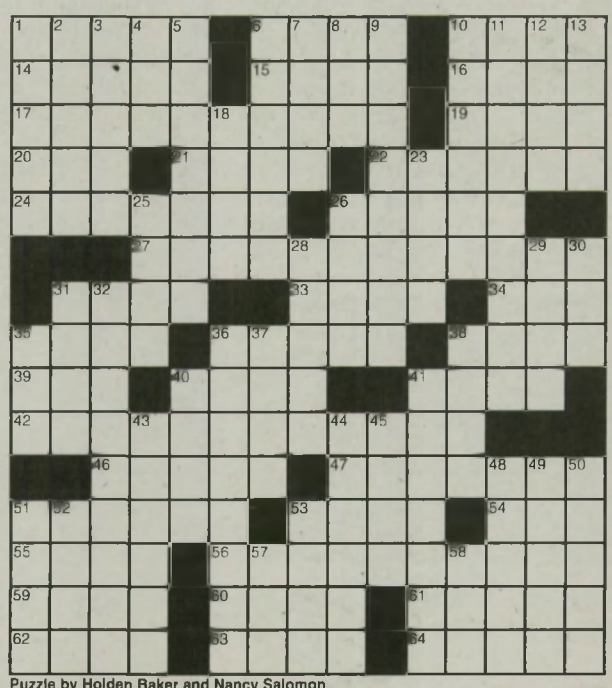

Puzzle by Holden Baker and Nancy Salomon

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31 Arty Manhattan district
32 The cellar
35 "Balderdash!"
36 Participate in decision-making
37 Lena of "Chocolat"
38 Sister and wife of Zeus
40 Ran in the wash
41 Settled a score
43 Rubbed out or off
44 Estuaries
45 Labor saver
48 More despicable
49 Steam items
50 Abrupt
51 Lowly laborer
52 Asia's fast-shrinking ___ Sea
53 Ore deposit
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58 Words of commitment

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Happy Birthday: A chance to catch up and take on some fabulous new projects looks awesome for the coming year. You should be able to take whatever you have learned over the past couple of years and apply it to your career objectives. Advancement and financial gain are in the stars if you put in the effort and stick to a budget. Your numbers are 10, 13, 25, 31, 39, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Changes made at home will do you a lot of good. You will have an excellent eye for pulling things together with fabulous results. Your money situation will stabilize and a real estate opportunity looks promising. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get busy managing any difficult matters at work. You can make a jump from one job to another if you strategically manipulate your move. A unique approach to whatever you do will bring support. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something for yourself. A new outfit, look or even a little cosmetic manipulation will help you build your confidence back up. You may want to book your next vacation to an exotic location. Love is looking good. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful how you handle personal issues today. Not everyone will see things your way, and chances are very good you will end up doing things alone if you are too pushy. Make changes to yourself instead of trying to change others. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A short trip will lead you in a new direction. You will be able to pick up valuable information that confirms you are doing the right thing. A partnership will turn out to be more unique than you imagined. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything will depend on what you are doing to earn your living. The more you depend on others, the less likely you are to be able to make changes. You need to move in a direction that will allow you to expand your horizons. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use your creativity to help you through this rather hectic and confusing day. The more versatile you are, the better you will do. Think outside the box and you will grab other people's interest. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will have to take a totally different approach in order to get around some of the obstacles you face. It's hard to make people with less vision see things your way. Work quietly behind the scenes. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have to network if you want to get ahead. Career moves will be advantageous. Concentrate on getting ahead in the business world by connecting with people in the industry. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick to what you know and do best. You will be criticized if you make even the slightest mistake today. Don't get involved in gossip or stretch the truth. Be prepared to defend yourself. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will learn so much today if you listen to people with experience. A love connection can be made with someone who will change your future. Re-evaluate your motives regarding your personal and professional life. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The emphasis will be on money, health and legal matters today. Take care of any pending problems. A chance to make a financial gain is present. Changes may not be welcome but they will be good for you. ***

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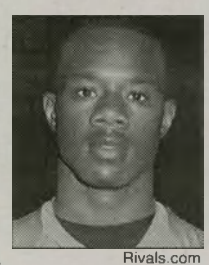
FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Defensive back Walls verbally commits to Notre Dame

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame landed one of the most sought-after recruits in the nation Monday morning when Woodland Hills (Pa.) cornerback Darrin Walls verbally committed to the Irish, bringing their total number of commitments to 19.

He is the second verbal commitment Notre Dame has secured since last Tuesday, when Maywood (Ill.) defensive back Sergio Brown announced his intention to play for the Irish.


Rivals.com
Walls

Players are not allowed to sign binding letters of intent until February.

Walls, rated the No. 1 cornerback in America by Rivals.com, made his announcement at a 9 a.m. Monday press conference at Woodland Hills High School in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh and Michigan were the two other schools that Walls seriously considered.

He enjoyed the football atmosphere at all three schools but said Notre Dame was on a higher level because of its academics.

"I would say their 98 percent graduation rate is what made [the Irish] stand out," he said in an interview with The Observer Monday.

Mike Frank of Irishyes.com believes this commitment is "huge" for the Irish, especially with a secondary that ranks No. 112 nationally.

"Notre Dame has struggled to land the elite corner prospects in recent years," Frank said. "So this is a big pickup. He's a guy who can take over a game. The type of guy you put on your best receiver."

Frank mentioned that Notre Dame's first three cornerback offers this season were Walls, Raeshon McNeil and Asher Allen. McNeil committed to Notre Dame Aug. 15 while Allen is headed to Georgia.

Walls also talked about Irish coach Charlie Weis having a major impact on his decision.

"[Weis] said they'd love to have me," Walls said. "He said I was his No. 1 guy."

Walls recorded 52 tackles and four interceptions last season for Woodland Hills. A shoulder

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Carroll and Cavanaugh roll opponents

The Vermin defeated Fisher, 28-0, led by QB Kory Wilmot

By DAN MURPHY, GREG ARBOGAS and COLIN REIMER
Sports Writers

Midway through the fourth quarter, Carroll's Kory Wilmot lofted an 18-yard fade to Paul Tassanari for his second touchdown reception of the game. The grab gave Carroll a 28-0 lead and sealed the win over Fisher.

For the second year in a row, the Vermin have come out on top and will keep possession of the Cricket Stick. "The stick" is awarded to the victors of this

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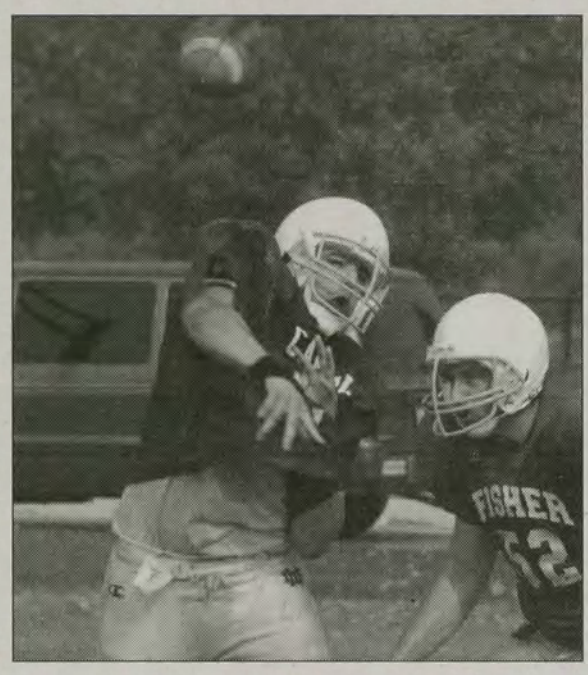

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At left, Carroll quarterback Kory Wilmot throws a pass in Sunday's 28-0 win over Fisher. At right, a Badin receiver makes a catch in Sunday's victory against Howard.

Rematch of title game sees dominance from reigning champions

By JACK THORNTON and BEN VINCENT
Sports Writers

In a rematch of last year's championship game, Cavanaugh made a statement Sunday afternoon, shutting out previously undefeated Walsh 18-0.

"Ever since we lost to them in the championship game, we've been waiting for a chance to beat them," Chaos captain Rachel Byrne said. "It felt good to prove that we can play with them, and even above them."

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BASEBALL

Coaches draft teams for intrasquad game

Annual contest will take place the next three days at home

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

For the next three days, at 4 p.m. each afternoon, the Irish baseball team will hold its annual "Blue, Gold Intrasquad Series" — a unique off-season practice.

Unlike other sports' off-season scrimmages, two of the baseball team's top assistant coaches drafted this week's competing squads from the roster. That means the games will be more evenly matched, more realistic.

"We've been doing this every year," said head coach Paul Mainieri, entering his 12th season at the team's helm. "We have a draft, so there are 13 guys on one team and 14 guys on the other. It's a very intense series, and everyone's very passionate about it."

The coaches have a healthy rivalry and the teammates

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FOOTBALL

Bye's timing appropriate

Irish need the break to prepare for Oct. 15 against Southern Cal

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

With five games under their belt, the Irish get a quick and timely breather before taking on No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 15 at Notre Dame Stadium.

No. 12 Notre Dame has this week off after a five-game stretch that consisted of four

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer
Charlie Weis, center, watches Notre Dame's 49-28 win over Purdue Saturday. Notre Dame plays USC on Oct. 15.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Catrina and Christian Thompson will take the court seperately in singles matches on Thursday.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Morrissey 21
Keough 6

Morrissey dominated Keough Sunday, as Nick Klein rushed for 141 yards and two TDs.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Lyons looks to upset Cavanaugh in tonight's game against last year's champions.

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NFL

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said that an expansion to Mexico is possible in the future but is still "a generation away."

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NFL

Panthers 32
Packers 29

Carolina prevailed in a Monday night game against Brett Farve's Green Bay Packers.

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's plays at home today against Kalamazoo in an MIAA matchup.

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