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Anxiety grows amidst dorm thefts

Students caught off-guard by robberies in multiple dorms

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

A growing wave of concern about theft and trespassing is sweeping campus as police, rectors and students testify to a disturbing increase in crimes committed this year by people outside Notre Dame.

Unlocked doors, stolen items and suspicious sightings have led to student unrest, leading the residents of one men's dorm to

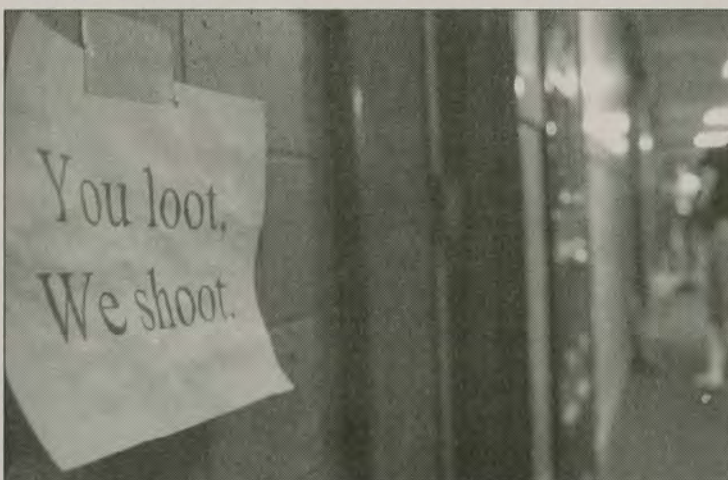
prominently display their outrage. "It seems like some people are targeting us this year," Zahm rector Father Dan Parrish said, adding residents are so inflamed that they have posted signs in the hallways and bathrooms warning of one frequent intruder.

Zahm is just one example of a campus-wide trend noticed by Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Phil Johnson.

"I'm concerned," Johnson said. "We've had several burglaries, a few arrests already [this year]."

In both recent cases with suspect descriptions, the perpetra-

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

A sign displayed in Zahm Hall warns potential thieves that residents are on high alert after several burglary reports.

University celebrates Rosa Parks

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's tribute to the late civil rights icon Rosa Parks was one that began and ended in song.

"Lead me, guide me along the way. For if you lead me, I cannot stray," Chandra Johnson, associate director of campus ministry and director of cross-cultural ministry, sang at the opening of Wednesday's remembrance service in LaFortune Ballroom.

Johnson, who spoke about Parks' deep faith and commitment to serving God, led attendees in singing Notre Dame's "Alma Mater" and "We Shall Overcome" at the conclusion of the service.

The service was held on the day Parks was laid to rest at Greater Grace Temple Church in Detroit, Mich., the city where she died Oct. 24 at age 92.

"The beautiful reality of this tribute is that students developed the concept, and they called us together ... to honor the life of a woman they know affected their lives," Johnson said. "You will make a difference because it's the right thing to do. You must. We must."

The service was held to celebrate Parks and tell the story of the "mother of the civil rights movement," senior Ericka Smith, president of the Notre Dame chapter of the NAACP, said.

"History is only important in terms of how we choose to remember things," she said.

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Alleged assault reported

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

A Saint Mary's student reported she was sexually assaulted in a Notre Dame residence hall this past weekend, College officials said Wednesday.

The student is acquainted with her alleged assailant, according to a crime alert posted on the Saint Mary's home Web site Tuesday afternoon.

Director of marketing communications Nick Farmer declined to specify the day or time of the alleged assault or whether the alleged assailant was a Notre Dame student. He also declined to specify in what dorm the alleged assault

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STUDENT SENATE

Building resolution reviewed



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Senators discuss a proposal for the expansion or supplementation of LaFortune Student Center at Wednesday's meeting.

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Ideas regarding plans to expand or supplement the LaFortune Student Center — which many students complain is too cramped — swirled at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

The Residence Life committee, chaired by Mark Seiler, presented findings from meetings and senator-conducted focus groups, as well as a "Resolution in Support of a Discussion of an Expanded Student Center," ultimately sent back to the committee for revision.

The issue surfaced after Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman spoke to senators at the beginning of the

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FACULTY SENATE

Insurance premiums increase substantially

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Director of human resources Denise Murphy presented the overview of 2006 benefits to members of the Faculty Senate Wednesday, revealing consistent, double-digit insurance premium increases across the board.

Some members expressed displeasure with the numbers, citing a disparity

between increases in insurance payments and increases in salaries for faculty and staff. But associate vice president of human resources Robert McQuade insisted he is looking for input on ways to improve the situation.

"The big issue is considering changing people's premiums based on income," McQuade said. "We will consider anything. At the end of the day, all I can tell you is

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Comps exemplify arduous work

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

It's that time of year again, when seniors around campus at Saint Mary's become scarce. Not because of the imminent frigid weather for which South Bend is notorious, but because of rapidly approaching due dates for many of their senior comprehensive projects.

As a culmination of their career at college, students are required to complete a comprehensive project with varying requirements, depending on their major of



KATE FENLON/The Observer

English professor Ted Billy, back center, leads students in their Senior English Literature Seminar in Madaleva Hall Wednesday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Quizzical
quiz

In an apparent attempt to help high school-aged girls make a great choice in a higher educational institution, CosmoGIRL! has posted a College Guide on its Web site for the past several weeks.

Included in the fragments of advice is mention of women's colleges accompanied by a picture of a group of sweet-looking girls gathered in a cozy room.

"What do Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright and Cathie Black (the head of CosmoGIRL! and a bunch of other magazines!) have in common?" the site asks enthusiastically. "They went to an all-women's college! Find out if you should, too."

It then invites visitors to the site to click on a link to a four-question quiz to determine if indeed you should consider a women's college.

"Does having boys in your classes keep you from doing your best work?" it begins. "Do you think that your school's clubs don't provide enough opportunities for girls like you?" it continues. "At college, are you willing to limit your chances of meeting guys mainly to off-campus activities?" It then wraps up with my personal favorite — "Are you are lesbian? If not, are you comfortable around lesbians?"

It is no wonder the Saint Mary's admissions office struggles to construct a class of 400 each year. One careless person such as Marty Nemko, the author of this quiz, can erase the work of an office full of diligent recruiters with four brief questions.

He might as well have tagged it "Want to hear some reasons not to attend a women's college?" Or maybe "Want to affirm your decision not to apply to a women's college?" Or even "Some good insults for women's colleges students and alumnae."

Really, considering Nemko is a "College and Career Counselor" one would think he would have a little more educated perspective on women's colleges and the experiences they offer their students.

The contradictions are obvious. Neither Hillary Clinton nor Madeleine Albright, two of the most powerful and accomplished women in American history, seemed to have suffered much from their limited chances to meet guys. And neither of them are lesbians as far as I know.

And Cathie Black, what's her excuse? Apparently she graduated from such an institution. But perhaps she was too busy choosing the next 'hunk of the month' to notice what low quality product was running under her magazine's name.

You might wonder why I care what some stupid quiz, squeezed between Neutrogena face wash ads and printed by a publication I outgrew nearly a decade ago, has to say about all-women's education.

I care because it perpetuates stereotypes — stereotypes I heard from my high school classmates when I selected Saint Mary's three years ago. Stereotypes I continue to hear, unfortunately, from students from other institutions today.

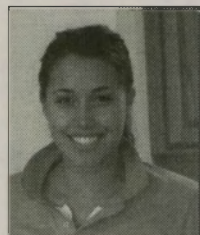
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Megan O'Neil

Saint Mary's
Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU WRITING YOUR SENIOR COMP. ON?



Danielle Lerner

senior
Opus Hall

"I am writing a very long but enjoyable mystery story."



Cammie Johnston

senior
Opus Hall

"National League of Nursing Exam."



Ginger Francis

senior
Opus Hall

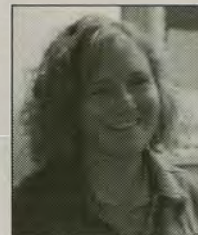
"Literature review in psychology on the complexity of trauma and coping mechanisms following sexual assault."



Jasmin Abbatiello

senior
Opus Hall

"Racial and ethnic stereotypes in humor, in particular the Dave Chappelle show."



Jess Eaton

senior
Holy Cross Hall

"Student teaching first grade."



Kim Zigler

senior
Opus Hall

"Strategic case analysis for Nike."



KATE FENLON/The Observer

Senior Amanda Caddy, a member of Feminist United, makes a presentation Wednesday in the Saint Mary's Student Center theater following the showing of the film "Mean Girls." The event was part of Feminist United's Love Your Body week which runs through Friday.

OFFBEAT

Man glued to toilet seat
sues Home Depot

BOULDER, Colorado — A hardware retailer Home Depot has found itself in a sticky situation, defending a lawsuit filed by a man who claims the chain's Louisville store ignored his cries for help after he fell victim to a prank and was glued to a toilet seat.

Bob Dougherty, 57, of Nederland, said he became stuck to a bathroom toilet seat on which somebody had smeared glue on Oct. 30, 2003, and felt "tremendous panic" when he realized he was stuck.

"They left me there, going

through all that stress," Dougherty told The (Boulder) Daily Camera. "They just let me rot."

His lawsuit, filed Friday said Dougherty was recovering from heart bypass surgery at the time and thought he was having a heart attack. A store employee who heard him calling for help informed the head clerk via radio, but the head clerk "believed it to be a hoax," the lawsuit said.

Woman puts home, hand-in-marriage up for sale

DENVER — For \$600,000, a 40- to 60-year-old man

can buy a house in a trendy Denver neighborhood that comes complete with a bride.

Deborah Hale, 48, has placed an ad on eBay offering to sell her home in the Washington Park area to a compatible man who wants to spend his life with her. She also has her own Web site outlining the deal.

"I'm looking for my soul mate," Hale told the Rocky Mountain News Tuesday. She did not immediately return a telephone message left at her home Wednesday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Ana Garcia Rodicio, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled "Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda" at 4:15 p.m. today at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Graphic designer Michael Beirut will give a lecture at the Snite Museum of Art today at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Michael Beirut at Notre Dame—Finally."

The film "Merce Cunningham on Film," directed by Elliot Caplan, will be show today at 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema.

The sophomore class council is hosting Comedy Sports — an improvisational comedy act — in Washington Hall Friday at 8 p.m.

"Open Doors to the Physics Labs" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Nieuwland Science Hall. Professor Chris Kolda will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 in room 118 on "God's Dice: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgewood Kilns to the Uncertainty Principle."

Blak Images — the Black Cultural Arts Council's signature event — will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at Washington Hall. Performances from First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith and Troop ND will highlight the event.

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

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D.C. program jump-starts careers

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

While many undergraduates opt to spend a semester in a foreign country, Saint Mary's political science majors have the option of studying "abroad" in one of the world's most politically-charged cities right here at home — Washington D.C.

The Saint Mary's College Washington Semester Program provides students the chance to gain valuable work experience and establish a professional network, all while working toward a degree in political science.

Begun in the early 1970s, the program is run by American University and is comprised of two main parts — an internship and a seminar series.

Through their internships, students have the opportunity to work at a multitude of institutions and organizations including ABC News, the Pentagon and Congressional offices.

Senior Therese Beaulieu worked in the Department of Commerce's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs during her semester in Washington. There in the midst of the Bush-Kerry presidential campaign in the fall of 2004, she had a front row seat to one of the most exciting functions of American politics.

"Through [my internship], I was able to learn about other things going on in D.C. and follow up on a lot of important issues from my job," Beaulieu

said.

Senior Sarah Staley worked for Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) while in the capitol. She was responsible for working on grants, answering constituent phone calls and occasionally giving tours of the Capitol building. She once attended a foreign policy meeting at which former secretary of state Henry Kissinger made a presentation.

"I would go to meetings or hearings and report back to a legislative aide in the office," Staley said. "[My duties] pretty much changed everyday."

The seminar series component of the program requires participants to attend seminars relating to their internships three days per week at American University. The seminars are not a lecture in the traditional sense, according to political science chair Sean Savage, because field trips and guest speakers from almost every political affiliation and career in the American political system are a major part of the seminar series.

"We had a class in a senator's office," Beaulieu said.

Senior Jenny Mayer was a part of the Washington Semester's Law Enforcement program, one of several different tracks of study participants can select. Because of this, she would take many field trips for her seminar.

"We would actually go to the FBI and learn about it, instead of just reading a book," Mayer said.

For the women involved, the Washington Semester Program

is not just an amazing opportunity to work in the heart of the American political system, but it gives students the chance to start creating one's own professional network.

Staley went back to Washington over fall break to visit her old office. She said that one woman in her office told her "if I was looking for a job to come find her right away."

"We've had a number of students who ended up getting paying jobs in Washington because of the connections they made through the program," Savage said.

The Saint Mary's D.C. Alumnae Club welcomed the participants to the area and created connections for high-profile events for the young women, Beaulieu said.

"Saint Mary's is definitely known in Washington, D.C.," Beaulieu said.

The semester in Washington, D.C. requires sacrifice and sometimes additional work on the part of students.

For Mayer, the experience of working in the Pentagon meant she had to add a political science major, and she now takes 21 credit hours every semester. Despite the sacrifices she had to make, Mayer strongly encourages others to participate in the Washington Semester.

"I want to work in the government someday, and what better place in world is there to start than in Washington, D.C.?" Beaulieu said.

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Mendoza requires Web design classes

By JACLYNNE MADDEN
News Writer

Business is not just about money anymore.

The ever-evolving world of technology has revolutionized the business industry, and the Mendoza College of Business is taking measures to ensure their students keep up by making computer classes a requirement.

Information Technology (IT) Management and Operations is a course required of all sophomore Business majors. This class, which is an introduction to the technological processes in which students will be more involved later on in their careers, is divided into two components, MGT 20600 and MGT 21600.

MGT 20600 is a lecture segment, which teaches technology fundamentals and the managerial uses of software, such as Excel, Access and Dreamweaver. During the lab portion of the class, MGT 21600, students are given a hands-on opportunity to use this specific software. Two primary requirements of the lab are to create a personal Web site and a commercial Web site.

"The students are going through an integrative process by being in this course," because students use Access databases and Dreamweaver to create their Web sites, said professor Bruce Wood.

The first Web site requirement is one in which students design their own Web page. The individual nature of this project allows students to learn the basics of how to struc-

ture a Web site. Individual Web sites are also available for others to view, especially prospective employers who can observe the technological abilities and creativity students possess.

Design and implementation of an e-commerce Web site, or a commercial Web site, is the second required project for business students. A group of five students work as a team in completing this assignment and are given a case study as the basis of the project.

The case study for making this second Web site asks students to pretend they are interns within a corporation; this corporation has given them the task of developing a Web site that reflects the corporation itself. After the Web site is completed, students must give a presentation of their project to both faculty members and other students.

The implementation of the Web site project, which began in 2000, has been a combined effort among faculty members within the Mendoza College of Business. Professor Deborah Ballou teaches the lecture component of the course, while Wood and Professor Barbara Miller teach the lab component.

"Students really seem to like this project," Wood said. "Students repeatedly come back and offer suggestions. It is also really rewarding to see the creativity that comes out of them. It gives students the opportunity to shine and some of the [Web site] results are very impressive," he said.

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study. In most departments, the comprehensive consists of an extensive research project, the results of which are the basis for a paper, and is completed with presentations of the project to a panel of faculty from the student's major department, as well as fellow students and friends. Each major is unique in its specific requirements for the comprehensive, as is each topic on which students decide to focus.

According to biology professor Richard Jensen, senior biology majors are required to develop a proposal for an independent research project during the spring of their junior year. They then present it to faculty for approval and complete it with the assistance of a professor or an off-campus advisor during the fall of their senior year.

In the spring, students and faculty attend a research symposium where each student presents her project as if attending a professional meeting.

Jensen believes this is an important experience to have before graduation.

"I think we believe students should have some sort of defining experience in the major," Jensen said. "We look at it as something really important for students in the sciences because they get a feeling of what it's like to do research."

Jensen said that many alumnae have contacted him and informed him that they felt the senior comprehensive is one of the most valuable experiences at Saint Mary's because it gives students an edge when applying for jobs or admission to graduate schools.

Kirsten Fantom, a biology and psychology double major, is currently working on two comprehensive projects and feels that the experience will be a help to her in her future career. Both of her projects are centered on animals.

For biology, she designed a project in veterinary science looking at canine dental records and how they correlate with renal failure, while her psychology experiment consists of observing the benefits nursing home patients gain from being in the presence of animals.

"I think they are beneficial because we are able to design our own study and learn the proper way to do research, investigate a topic, and present it to peers and experts in the field," she said. "I feel I will be ahead of the game."

Similar to the biology department, students who major in communications also complete a research based project. Associate professor of communications Vince Berdayes said the senior comprehensive in communications is a two-course sequence that takes place in the spring of junior and fall of senior years, which lead up to a final project presented to the public

during the fall of senior year.

"In communications, the idea is that when a person graduates from Saint Mary's, they're right at the point where they can do professional-level research," Berdayes said, "so what we're trying to do is ensure the person can write well, is familiar with the material and that they are capable of work on the professional level that could conceivably be published."

According to Mary Connolly, associate professor and chair of the mathematics department, seniors majoring in math are also required to do extensive research for their comprehensives.

"Seniors in the math department do independent research for the senior comprehensive," she said. "They study a topic not covered in any of the courses they have taken and work under the direction of an advisor. Seniors present two preliminary talks on their work to their peers in the senior seminar. They then write a formal paper on their work and give a final talk, open to the public. At the final talk, they answer questions posed by three faculty members who have read the paper."

Research projects are required for many but not all majors as a part of the senior comprehensive.

According to the Web site for the history department, students are given a choice of completing an objective examination and a four-hour written examination, or an objective examination and an essay for their comprehensive. Other departments, like philosophy, state on their departmental Web sites that students can have a choice between taking a comprehensive examination or completing a research project with a faculty member similar to other departments.

Religious studies majors actually choose their own material for the two essay examinations they are required to complete for their comprehensives. According to the religious studies Web site, students choose four texts each semester and work closely with faculty advisors to develop a bibliography. For the examination, students are given 24 hours to complete an open-book essay examination about their selected texts.

Although each department is unique in its requirements for senior comprehensives, students and faculty agree that whatever the requirements, students benefit from the work that is required.

"My comprehensive consisted of many long nights meeting with my team of five," senior business major Bridget Boyce said. "We researched Target and Target's competitors, Wal-Mart and Costco. We spent many hours figuring out a strategy for Target. We are hoping this strategy will increase their net revenue and increase market share. It was a good experience. Hopefully our hard work will pay off."

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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Members discuss parking issues

By MAGGIE HYDE
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The Graduate Student Union convened for its monthly meeting Wednesday and discussed the improvement of parking for off-campus graduate students, the formation of an appeals committee, the invitation to join a group Indiana graduate students from other universities and the raising of the student activities fee for graduate students.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to construction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commitments" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins.

The D2 parking lot is due north of Hesburgh Library and provides parking for some undergraduate and graduate students. Some members of the Graduate Student Union said they

would like to see the lot freed up for those that drive to school daily to prevent cars from parking there for long periods of time.

Other solutions to the parking problem included opening the library parking lot earlier, assigning D2 parking spots to graduate students, changing the visitors' lot to graduate student parking and reissuing "G-stickers."

These stickers would allow graduate students to park in reserved sections. These solutions, Robbins said, are nowhere near to being implemented, but Johnson and

others who deal with parking policy on campus are discussing them.

Robbins said Johnson did not view the shortage of parking as an immediate problem, yet many graduate students feel that it is not a simple issue of inconvenience, but a "respect issue."

GSU President Misty Schieberle announced the Notre Dame Graduate Student Union was invited to

join a fledgling league of graduate students from other Indiana Universities including Indiana University, Purdue University of Indianapolis, Purdue University and Indiana State University.

Union members voted not to join because of the existence of a similar organization, the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS).

The Graduate Student Union will be hosting the Midwest Regional Conference for NAGPS this coming spring.

The GSU will also be involved in the forming of an appeals committee for graduate student affairs. This committee will handle appeals from all the graduate departments.

The GSU will be allowed one non-voting member on this committee.

"This forces all departments to come up with a written policy on appeals," Graduate Council Member Tim Schoenharl said.

The student activities fee was also raised \$5 from its current \$55 to compensate for a decrease in funding from Student Activities and still allow for a generous travel fund.

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Assault

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occurred.

The alleged victim does not intend to file charges at this time, College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said.

"She is seeking counseling, and certainly counseling is going to do as much for her as they can," McDonald said.

McDonald said she did not know whether the student remains on campus.

"Certainly we have to respect the desire for privacy,

and she has expressed a desire for privacy," McDonald said.

Although he said he did not know when the student contacted College officials, Farmer said the larger College community was notified as soon as sufficient information was available.

"Any time a student reports anything to an authority on campus, that's when the College follows through and shares it with the College," Farmer said.

The College is required to disclose information about campus crimes by the Jeanne Clery Act, Farmer said.

The alleged incident does not appear on the Notre Dame Security/Police crime blotter on Oct. 29, Nov. 1 or Nov. 2.

The crime alert did not specify whether alcohol was a factor in the alleged assault. It did conclude by encouraging students to be vigilant about personal safety.

"Be aware of your surroundings," the alert said. "And, as always, if you are consuming any type of beverage, pay particular attention to your own drink and do not let it out of your sight at any time."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistan death toll reaches 73,000

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's official earthquake death toll jumped by 16,000, and officials warned Wednesday that it is likely to rise further as relief supplies fail to reach thousands of victims stranded in remote parts of the Himalayas.

The announcement, which puts the official toll at 73,000, brings the central government figures closer to the number reported by local officials, who say the Oct. 8 quake killed at least 79,000 people in Pakistan.

"Just imagine how many villages and towns became a heap of rubble and how many people got buried," said Maj. Gen. Farooq Ahmed Khan told reporters.

Khan said 73,276 people have been confirmed dead in Pakistan and Pakistani-controlled Kashmir, up from the official count of 57,597. In India's portion of Kashmir, an additional 1,350 people died.

Troops rescue four electoral officials

KINSHASA, Congo — Congolese troops rescued four electoral workers from their militia captors in a raid that set off a battle that killed dozens of militiamen and one soldier, officials said Wednesday.

Mayi-Mayi fighters had kidnapped the officials Oct. 23 at Burondo in North Kivu province in northeastern Congo, and the army freed them late Sunday, military spokesman Jean-Willy Mutombo told The Associated Press.

"Some 40 Mayi-Mayi militiamen were killed by the army," Mutombo said. "One soldier was killed and three others injured."

A spokesman for a United Nations peace-keeping force, Col. Thierry Provendier, confirmed the rescue.

NATIONAL NEWS

Administration reveals flu strategy

WASHINGTON — A flu pandemic that hits the United States would force cities to ration scarce drugs and vaccine and house the sick in hotels or schools when hospitals overflow, unprecedented federal plans say.

The Bush administration's long-awaited report Wednesday on battling a worldwide super-flu outbreak makes clear that old-fashioned infection-control will be key.

Signs that a super-flu is spreading among people anywhere in the world could prompt U.S. travel restrictions or other steps to contain the illness before it hits America's shores.

Daschle calls for troops to leave Iraq

WASHINGTON — Former Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle says all U.S. troops ought to be withdrawn from Iraq by the end of 2007.

The South Dakota Democrat, defeated for re-election last November, made the comment in a foreign policy speech set for delivery in Chicago on Wednesday, three days before a planned visit to politically pivotal Iowa.

Daschle has raised his public profile in recent weeks and has not ruled out a presidential run in 2008.

In an advance text of the speech, obtained by The Associated Press, Daschle said terrorism and AIDS had become greater threats under the Bush administration. He accused President Bush of giving rise to "a world opinion that now holds America in lower esteem than ever before."

LOCAL NEWS

Woman's body found in corn field

HOWE, Ind. — Investigators believe a body found buried in a corn field is that of a Michigan woman who had been missing since September.

A farmer harvesting a corn field near the Indiana-Michigan state line partially unearthed the body Tuesday afternoon, police said.

Investigators believed its the body of 79-year-old Rosemary Reinel of Sturgis, Mich., who was reported missing Sept. 22. The site where the body was found is only a few miles from Reinel's home.

Rosa Parks honored at funeral

Thousands, including former President Clinton, Jesse Jackson, attend service

Associated Press

DETROIT — Perhaps it wasn't the most fitting memorial for Rosa Parks: dozens of prominent speakers and thousands of mourners at a seven-hour funeral that followed lavish remembrances in Alabama and Washington.

Parks would have been shocked, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said, "because this wasn't what she was about. ... She wasn't about being a big shot."

But there was too much gratitude, too much respect Wednesday in Greater Grace Temple for the mourners to let this quiet woman go quietly. Many of them had accomplished great things in their lives, things they knew might have been impossible if, 50 years ago, a tailor's assistant hadn't decided she had had enough of being treated as something less than a human being.

"Thank you for sacrificing for us," said Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who hadn't been born when Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in an act that would catapult the civil rights movement. "Thank you for praying when we were too cool and too cute to pray for ourselves. ... Thank you for allowing us to step on your mighty shoulders."

Parks was described during the service as both a warrior and a woman of peace who never stopped working toward a future of racial equality.

"The woman we honored today held no public office, she wasn't a wealthy woman, didn't appear in the society pages," said Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. "And yet when the history of this country is written, it is this small, quiet woman whose name will be remembered long after the names of senators and presidents have been forgotten."

Those in the audience



Rosa Parks' funeral casket is carried into Greater Grace Temple in Detroit on Wednesday. The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Parks "allowed the rebirth of hope," while former President Bill Clinton called what she did "a single, simple act of dignity."

held hands and sang the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome" as family members filed past her casket before it was closed in the funeral's first hour.

"Mother Parks, take your rest. You have certainly earned it," said Bishop Charles Ellis III of Greater Grace Temple.

Philip Robert Cousin, a senior bishop of the AME Church, eulogized Parks as "a diamond that had been polished in the hands of God. ... She formed the rock on which we now stand."

The funeral, which stretched four hours past its three-hour scheduled time, followed a week of remembrances during

which Parks' coffin was brought from Detroit, where she died Oct. 24; to Montgomery, Ala., where she took her famous stand in 1955; to Washington, where she became the first woman to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda.

Singers Wednesday included Aretha Franklin and mezzo-soprano Brenda Jackson, who sang a soaring version of the Lord's Prayer.

Members of Congress, national civil rights leaders filled the pews. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa spoke, as did former presidential candidate John Kerry, Ford Motor Co. Chairman and CEO Bill Ford and U.S. Sen. Hillary

Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y.

"The world knows of Rosa Parks because of a single, simple act of dignity and courage that struck a lethal blow to the foundations of legal bigotry," said former President Clinton, who presented Parks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson likened Parks to an eagle.

"You allowed the rebirth of hope," he said, after calling for a White House conference on civil rights. "You gave us confident protection. You showed us how to fly."

Long before the funeral, the line to get one of the 2,000 available public seats at the church extended for blocks.

IRAQ

Bomb kills twenty near Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber detonated a minibus Wednesday in an outdoor market packed with shoppers ahead of a Muslim festival, killing about 20 people and wounding more than 60 in a Shiite town south of Baghdad. Six U.S. troops were killed, two in a helicopter crash west of the capital.

Also Wednesday, the U.S. command confirmed moves to step up training on how to combat roadside bombs — now the biggest killers of American troops in Iraq. At least 2,035 U.S. military service members have died

since the Iraq conflict began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The suicide bombing occurred about 5 p.m. in the center of Musayyib, a Euphrates River town 40 miles from Baghdad. On July 16, nearly 100 people died in a suicide bombing in front of a Shiite mosque in Musayyib.

Witnesses said the latest attack took place as the market was crowded in advance of the three-day Eid al-Fitr holiday that marks the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Many women and children were

feared among the dead and wounded.

"They want to kill people before the feast," said Nagat Hassoun, 50, who lived a few hundred yards from the blast site. "They want people to stay at home and live in a tragedy. The aim is to cause sabotage. They're targeting the Shiites."

The town police chief, Lt. Col. Ahmed Mijwil, said 22 people were killed and 61 wounded. But officials warned the figures could change as rescuers frantically searched the area of meat and vegetable stalls, shops and cafes.

Parks

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"Rosa Parks didn't give up her seat because she was tired ... beyond that one day in 1965, Rosa Parks was still a remarkable woman."

Parks, who became a symbol of the civil rights movement after she refused to give up her bus seat in Montgomery, Ala., was a woman of faith — a woman once referred to as a "humming Christian light," Johnson said.

"Rosa Parks once confessed 'God is everything to me,'" Johnson said. "Mrs. Rosa Parks was lead by her God ... living her faith as only a true woman of God can."

At the time of the bus boycott, Parks was "emotionally and psychologically tired" and compelled to become a catalyst of social change, said junior Kyree Blackwell.

"We don't see too many white heroes who were victims of abuse," Richard Pierce, chair of the Africana Studies department, said. "[Parks'] lesson is not one of abstinence or fatigue ... it was one of preparation," Pierce said.

Parks was educated and was taught not just how to protest, but why to protest, Pierce said.

"It wasn't the first time she had been kicked off that bus ... by that very same driver," he said. "The difference on Dec. 1 was that when she was kicked off the bus, people followed ... she prepared herself and tried to prepare other for the freedom movement."

Senior Rhea Boyd, chair of the

minority affairs committee on the student senate, said Parks' war was one waged against a color — black.

"It was also not so long ago that a seamstress decided to confront [racism]," Boyd said.

Parks' war triggered a more-than-yearlong boycott of the bus system by blacks, organized by civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

"She had the courage to act not knowing if people could follow ... the courage that you will have to manifest to act on behalf of your beliefs," Pierce said.

Blackwell echoed Pierce's point and said that Parks laid out an example of education and faith that should be followed.

As a woman who was more comfortable behind the scenes than in the front, Parks was active in more than just the civil rights movement, Pierce said.

Parks was a vocal opponent of apartheid in South Africa and formed the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development in Detroit, which offers career training to teenagers.

Donald Pope-Davis, associate vice president for the graduate school, called attendees to look around the room at "people who you perceive as being culturally different than yourself."

"In this space and in this time,

each and every one of you ... make history," Pope-Davis said.

Pope-Davis connected the time of Rosa Parks' bus boycott to Notre Dame at that same time — where people of color and people of different genders "were not part of the current community."

Because of Parks' action, Pope-Davis said the community is called to lead, to take chances and to rise as people of faith to change the environment.

"In those moments when you think you cannot go on in this place ... recognize that you occupy this space and time because you stand on the shoulders of those who came before you," he said.

Pope-Davis challenged the community not only to look at Parks as part of history, but as a groundbreaker for those who followed her.

To do so, Boyd said one must use the classroom as the battlefield and engage in issues of equality and justice — just as Parks did when she brought

the "struggle of a movement to the conscience of an individual," she said.

"It is not sufficient simply to be present here and be counted among us," he said. "The challenge is to do more than that ... the challenge of history is not to forget it ... stand up or sit down, as the case may be, and engage in the conversation."

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"Mrs. Rosa Parks was lead by her God ... living her faith as only a true woman of God can."

Chandra Johnson
director of cross-cultural ministry

Senate

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semester about the University's interest in and research on ways to improve residential life.

Zahm senator and Residence Life committee member Pat Knapp presented the findings, drawn primarily from student surveys conducted in the dorms.

"So far, the input has focused on the student body as a whole," Knapp said. "What we're doing now is airing out the ideas in front of all the student leaders, to get your feedback."

Most students surveyed did not support renovating LaFortune, Knapp said, instead favoring "separated complimentary facilities."

Students wanted to see this proposed additional student center somewhere on central campus, Knapp said.

He said nine of the 13 focus groups supported Crowley Hall as the best location.

"Crowley Hall's existing office space and proximity to LaFortune are major advantages," the committee's preliminary report read. "Though Washington Hall was discussed as a possible location to expand student center services, there is a clear sentiment among the Notre Dame student body that Washington Hall is highly valued as performing arts space for student productions."

While senators did not argue the concepts presented in the preliminary report, they responded with questions regarding its implementation.

"Is Crowley [Hall] up for

grabs?" Morrissey senator Brian Klein asked.

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, said the building would be available if the music department relocated.

"It's like when they were building the [DeBartolo] Performing Arts Center," Coughlin said, noting how different groups moved out of Washington Hall and left vacant space.

In response to Lewis senator Katie McHugh's concern that Crowley might not be "big enough" — the report requested the addition of more than 15 meeting rooms and offices — Knapp said Crowley would be serving as an additional, not the only, student center.

And, he said, it's hard to meet everyone's demands.

"For the most part, we want it all," Knapp said. "If we want it all, we probably won't be bothered by using a separated complementary facility with Crowley."

Other questions surfaced about the project's timeframe — a point that did not concern student body president Dave Baron.

"We do, foot for foot, have much smaller space than [many peer institutions]," Baron said. "We are talking long term here. That's okay."

The report also recommended that Crowley Hall, if chosen as the site of the second center, be redesigned in LaFortune's gothic architectural style.

In other Senate news:

Judicial Council president James Leito and vice president for Judicial Council's Peer Advocacy program John Trippi addressed senators at the beginning of the meeting,

asking them to hang posters publicizing the peer advocacy program in their dorms.

"We're trying to spread the word ... it's a good resource for students," Trippi said.

Peer Advocacy offers help to students facing Residence Life disciplinary conferences or hearings. While the program has been a part of the Student Constitution for a while, it is not widely known — something Judicial Council hopes to change this year.

"It's a worthwhile program helping your fellow students," Trippi said.

◆Baron said student government was pursuing measures along with the Office of Residence Life and Housing and local landlords to help the six students involved in eviction proceedings from Turtle Creek Apartments find housing.

"So that's a good sign the Notre Dame family is coming together to help these students," Baron said.

He stressed that student government was "definitely not advocating that students break the law," but would continue to assert its opposition to last summer's amendment to the disorderly house ordinance, passed by the South Bend Common Council on July 25.

◆Eating Disorders Week will take place next week, Gender Relations committee chair Ali Wishon said.

"This is just huge," Wishon said. "We're starting out with our biggest event."

Wishon was referring to "internationally recognized" media images expert Jean Kilbourne, who will speak at 7 p.m. Monday in DeBartolo.

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Faculty

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we are willing to listen. This affects everyone at the University."

The insurance premiums are the same for every staff member from professors to maintenance staff, Faculty Senate Chair Seth Brown said.

Engineering professor Timothy Ovaert questioned whether or not there was a fixed allocation from the University's overall budget for faculty and staff benefits.

"Maybe the Board of Trustees needs to consider budget realignment," Ovaert said. "I'd be happy to talk.

Perhaps their business models are not appropriate. We need to look at the billions we have sitting in a pot instead of pinching the employees."

Murphy defended the allocations.

"I hear what you're saying," Murphy said. "But our goal is to have options for everyone."

The student affairs committee of the Faculty Senate met and discussed three key issues during their meeting: the Leprechaun Legion, student involvement in University affairs and academic freedom.

The Leprechaun Legion has faced criticism from the Faculty Senate in recent months for student chants at the basketball games — specifically the use of the word "sucks" when players from the opposing team are introduced before the game.

Student Affairs committee chair Philippe Collon received a letter from student body president Dave Baron and student body vice president Lizzi Shappell in which they clarified that "sucks" did not "imply a sexual vulgarity

but rather implies a low-grade condemnation."

But committee member marketing professor John Gaski said the Senate needs to make sure students understand how to be enthusiastic without "embarrassing" the University.

"Sure, be as enthusiastic as you want, but be a little bit smarter about it," Gaski said. "I just don't think they're doing it in a way that's smart enough. We

can challenge them to upgrade their antics."

The group briefly discussed the North Central Accreditation report, which evaluated the University's progress on the issue of student-faculty relations and student-administration communication.

"We need to ask the students what they think," committee member and history professor Gail Bederman said. "It's hard to tell how this works out in practice. Is there a clear understanding of communication back and forth?"


Bederman said the committee on student voice and input in the Campus Life Council will continue to evaluate the situation and work to improve it.

Members also discussed the definition and role of academic freedom at Notre Dame, especially in regard to campus films and performances like the Vagina Monologues and the Queer Film Festival.

"A lot of people see discussion as good," Bederman said. "I think discussion should be broader at a Catholic university. Events like Vagina Monologues are a way to talk about issues and Catholic views when they differ from the mainstream. We'd do students a disservice to say we don't discuss it."

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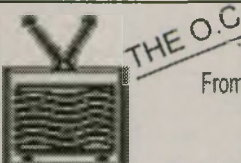
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AMEX	1,681.21	+28.62
NASDAQ	2,144.31	+30.26
NYSE	7,509.82	+84.64
S&P 500	1,214.76	+12.00
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,894.78	+26.92
FTSE 100(London)	5,358.60	+14.30

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	+1.31	+0.51	39.35
SYMANTEC CP (SYMC)	-19.29	-4.63	19.37
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-3.09	-0.12	3.73
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+1.93	+0.50	26.46
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Treasures			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+0.72	+0.33	46.10
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.69	+0.31	44.97
3-MONTH BILL	-0.65	-0.25	38.37

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Guidant Corp. deal uncertain

Johnson & Johnson considers backing out of \$25.4 billion purchasing agreement

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Johnson & Johnson warned Wednesday it might pull out of a \$25.4 billion deal to buy Guidant Corp. because of potential liability arising from the medical device maker's sweeping product recalls and a regulatory investigation. But Guidant officials said J&J was legally bound to go through with the deal.

"Recent product and communications issues have certainly had an impact on our business in the near term," Guidant chief executive Ronald W. Dollens said in a statement. "However, we believe that the fundamentals of our business are strong and our markets and products have attractive prospects for growth."

Meanwhile, analysts said J&J, which makes health care products ranging from baby lotion to drug-coated heart stents, might be turning its focus to Guidant's rival, St. Jude Medical Inc., in its quest to diversify.

"J&J needs something like Guidant to revitalize its growth," said Jan Wald, an analyst with A.G. Edwards & Sons. "People are now thinking that if J&J does walk away, St. Jude is in their scopes."

St. Jude Medical, which makes pacemakers and defibrillators, is based in St. Paul, Minn.

St. Jude spokeswoman Angela Craig said the company does not comment on speculation.

Indianapolis-based Guidant shares sank \$2.70, or 4.3 percent, to close at \$60.40 on the New York Stock Exchange where it had fallen to a 52-week low of \$59.25 during the day. J&J shares lost 60 cents to finish at \$61.30 on the NYSE.

St. Jude Medical stock rose \$2.10, or 4.3 percent, to close at \$50.44 after briefly reaching a new 52-week high of \$50.70. At Wednesday's closing price,



A Guidant Contak Renewal 3 defibrillator is held in a 2004 picture. Since June of this year, Guidant has recalled or issued warnings about 88,000 defibrillators.

St. Jude Medical is worth about \$18.4 billion.

Wednesday's market speculation and corporate posturing came as the Federal Trade Commission gave conditional approval for the New Brunswick, N.J.-based J&J to acquire Guidant, which is based in Indianapolis.

J&J quickly issued a statement saying recent recalls of Guidant-made implantable devices and regulatory investigations have had a "material adverse effect" on Guidant and that it was not required to close the acquisition. J&J officials said negotiations to restructure the terms of the proposed buyout had not yielded a compromise.

"Johnson & Johnson cannot assure that the companies will resume those discussions or, if discussions do resume, whether they will be able to reach agreement on revised terms that would allow Johnson & Johnson to proceed with the transaction," the statement said.

Pulling out of the agreement could cost J&J \$700 million, according to the merger agreement. But if J&J can prove the recalls have adversely affected Guidant, it won't have to pay the termination fee, said Randy Katz, an attorney specializing in mergers and acquisitions with Bryan Cave LLP in Irvine, Calif. He reviewed the agreement

with The Associated Press.

Since June, Guidant has recalled or issued warnings about 88,000 heart defibrillators — including its top seller, the Contak Renewal 3 — and almost 200,000 pacemakers because of reported malfunctions. The company faces multiple lawsuits from patients and shareholders, as well as a reported criminal investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Federal prosecutors in Boston and Minneapolis last week issued separate subpoenas seeking documents about Guidant's devices and its Ventak Prizm R 2 and Contak Renewal R 1 and 2 defibrillators.

IN BRIEF

Futures prices fall as oil supply grows

NEW YORK — Crude-oil futures ended slightly lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly government petroleum inventory data and continued taking cues from the markets for refined products like gasoline.

The inventory report showed continued improvements in the country's supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"The bearish factor for the market was a lower-than-expected draw in distillate inventory," said John Kilduff, energy analyst at Pimat USA Inc., a New York-based brokerage firm. "That coupled with an extended forecast for moderate temperature has pushed the entire complex down."

The December contract for light, sweet crude oil futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange ended at \$59.75 a barrel, down 10 cents, after falling as low as \$58.75, the lowest level since late July.

December heating oil ended down 2.21 cents at \$1.7829 a gallon, rebounding from the session's low of \$1.7500 a gallon.

December gasoline fell as low at \$1.5525 a gallon to end at \$1.5691 a gallon, down 3.45 cents.

Changes made to Medicare payments

WASHINGTON — Final federal rules issued Wednesday will cut Medicare's reimbursement rates for doctors next year by 4.4 percent while increasing payments for most hospitals by at least 3.7 percent.

Doctors have said that such a cut in their reimbursement rates would prompt many to stop seeing Medicare patients. Congress has indicated a willingness to address their concerns; the Senate Finance Committee last week approved a bill that would give physicians a 1 percent increase in their rates next year.

Officials at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services say they lack the power to change that formula that sets the reimbursement rate.

Medicare is the federal program that provides health care to some 42 million older and disabled Americans.

"The existing law calls for a decrease in payment rates for physicians in response to continue rapid increases in use of services and spending growth, and Medicare does not have the authority to change this," said the centers' administrator, Mark McClellan.

Lower fuel prices cause stock gains

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks moved sharply higher Wednesday on strong earnings from Time Warner Inc. and declining oil prices. A big upswing in tech stocks lifted the Nasdaq composite index well over 1 percent.

With three-quarters of third-quarter earnings reported, the Standard & Poor's 500 are poised to post a 14 percent year-over-year quarterly gain. Traders continue to watch earnings while they wait for details on the economic outlook from the Federal Reserve, which raised its benchmark interest rate to 4 percent Tuesday, its 12th consecutive

rate hike.

"Interest rates are still rising, but for the moment, we have great corporate profits," said Charles H. Blood Jr., senior financial markets analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. "It's like a race between interest rates and profits. One day interest rates seem to win, the next day profits seem to win."

The result is a market where large-cap stocks are nearly flat for the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 65.96, or 0.63 percent, to 10,472.73.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.00, or 1 percent,

to 1,214.76. The Nasdaq, boosted by companies including Apple Computer Inc. and Black Box Corp., rose 30.26, or 1.43 percent, to 2,144.31.

Oil futures fell. A barrel of light crude was quoted at \$59.75, down 10 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil's decline widened after the Energy Information Administration reported oil and gas reserves that were in line with analysts' expectations.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.60 percent from 4.58 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar rose against major currencies in European trading. Gold prices rose.

Alito's confirmation path looking brighter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 14 centrists who averted a Senate breakdown over judicial nominees last spring are showing signs of splintering on President Bush's latest nominee for the Supreme Court.

That is weakening the hand of Democrats opposed to conservative judge Samuel Alito and enhancing his prospects for confirmation.

The unity of the seven Democrats and the seven Republicans in the "Gang of 14" was all that halted a major filibuster fight between GOP leader Bill Frist and Democratic leader Harry Reid earlier this year over Bush's lower court nominees.

The early defection of two of the group's Republicans, Mike DeWine of Ohio and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, could hurt if Democrats decide to attempt a filibuster of Alito, the New Jersey jurist Bush nominated Monday to replace retiring Sandra Day O'Connor.

If Democrats do filibuster, Frist wants to change the Senate rules to eliminate the delaying tactic — something the centrist group blocked in May.

But a filibuster "based on a judicial philosophy difference, or an ideologically driven difference," Graham said Wednesday at a news conference. "I don't believe that, with all sincerity, I could let that happen."

DeWine also made clear Tuesday after meeting with the judge that he would vote to ban a Democratic filibuster. "It's hard for me to envision

that anyone would think about filibustering this nominee," he said.

Graham said he would use the group's next meeting on Thursday to "inform them of my view."

The centrist Democrats plan to urge their GOP colleagues to withhold judgment, since Alito's nomination is not even officially at the Senate yet. The defection of even two members of the group — which decided earlier in the year to support filibusters only in "extraordinary circumstances" — would virtually ensure that Frist, R-Tenn., would win a showdown.

"The truth of the matter is that it's way too early to talk about extraordinary circumstances," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., a founding member of the group. "I'm not hearing any of my colleagues talk about it, and I'd rather not hear any of my colleagues on the other side talk about it as well."

The loss of Graham and DeWine makes the "Gang of 14" less influential.

Republicans hold 55 seats in the Senate, and while confirmation requires a simple majority, it takes 60 votes to break a filibuster.

However, Frist needs only a simple majority — 51 votes — to eliminate the stalling tactic.

That means he needs two members of the centrist group to join the rest of the GOP to meet his goal. With a 50-vote tie in the Senate, Vice President Dick Cheney would cast the tie-breaking vote for the Republicans and Alito could be confirmed with



Judge Samuel Alito meets with Senator Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on Capitol Hill Wednesday to discuss Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court.

majority support.

Bush announced Alito's nomination after the nomination of White House counsel Harriet Miers collapsed, undermined by conservatives.

The 55-year-old Alito — who has served for 15 years on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after being a government lawyer and U.S. attorney — got rave reviews from the Republicans he met Wednesday.

The Senate's No. 2 Republican, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, called Alito a "very, very impressive intellect and a very well qualified nominee." Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas added, "Unless something very different comes out that we don't know about, I

certainly would intend to support him."

After a flurry of filibuster talk immediately following Alito's nomination, Senate Democrats now are taking a wait-and-see stance.

"I don't know a single Democrat who is saying that it's time for a filibuster, that we should really consider it," said Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, after meeting with Alito on Wednesday. "It's way too early."

Nelson said Alito had assured him "that he wants to go to the bench without a political agenda, that he is not bringing a hammer and chisel to hammer away and chisel away on existing law."

Durbin said the judge never refused to answer any of his questions — as Miers and John Roberts had during their private interviews — and that Alito told him he saw a right to privacy in the Constitution, one of the building blocks of the court's landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade abortion rights decision.

Alito said that when it came to his dissent on Planned Parenthood v. Casey, a case in which the 3rd Circuit struck down a Pennsylvania law that included a provision requiring women seeking abortions to notify their spouses, that "he spent more time worrying over it and working on that dissent than any he had written as a judge," Durbin recounted.

Terrorism defendant confessed, FBI claims

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — After confessing to FBI agents that he joined al-Qaida and discussed plans to assassinate President Bush, an American student wrote a letter to his parents saying that "everyone makes mistakes."

"I know this will be difficult for you ... but I've been detained here in Saudi Arabia for some charges of terrorism," wrote Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 24, who is on trial in federal court for conspiracy to assassinate the president, providing support to al-Qaida and other charges.

"It seems like I will spend some years in jail. I know that you raised me to be a good person, but everyone makes mistakes, and the best people are the ones that learn from their mistakes," he wrote.

Jurors at Abu Ali's trial heard excerpts of the letter during testimony Wednesday, but were told nothing of the confession he made to the FBI before writing the letter. The September 2003 confession is inadmissible because FBI agents, who had traveled to Saudi Arabia to question Abu Ali, ignored his request for a lawyer.

Prosecutors are relying instead on a confession Abu Ali

gave to the Saudis shortly after his arrest in June 2003 in Medina, where he was attending college.

Defense lawyers contend Abu Ali gave a false confession after being tortured by Saudi security forces. The government denies that Abu Ali was mistreated.

Abu Ali volunteered to write the letter at the end of his four-day interrogation, and asked FBI agent Luke Kuligoski to deliver the letter to his parents in Falls Church, Kuligoski testified Wednesday.

The letter contains no explicit admission of guilt by Abu Ali, but prosecutors believe the letter is evidence that Abu Ali was not coerced into confessing.

Also Wednesday, FBI agents testified that they found numerous suspicious items in Abu Ali's bedroom in the family's Falls Church apartment, including a book written by Osama bin Laden's top deputy Ayman al-Zawahri, a magazine devoted to handguns and an article praising the Sept. 11 attacks.

Prosecutors learned late Tuesday and early Wednesday that they could not present testimony from several witnesses, including an expert on al-Qaida and a cryptographer with expertise in decoding secret al-Qaida messages.

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Theft

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tors were men. Johnson speculated this could be the reason men's halls seem to be the theft targets.

"Perhaps as men, [the perpetrators would be] more out of place in a women's hall," he said.

A South Bend man, previously arrested by NDSP for illegally entering Alumni, was arrested again Monday for criminal trespass and false information after police found him in possession of belongings stolen from Dillon residents, including laptop computers, jewelry and DVDs, Johnson said.

A student inside Alumni spotted the man knocking on a door in attempts to enter the dorm just before 10 a.m., Johnson said.

The student recognized the man — arrested on Aug. 23 for criminal trespass and served a trespass notice on Jan. 5 — and immediately called NDSP, Johnson said.

Officers arrested the man just south of Alumni, near the Morris Inn. Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle said the possessions were all identified returned to Dillon residents.

"It's a tough combination when we're all so trusting, when we open doors for people and leave our own door unlocked," Doyle said. "This is our home. We don't expect this but it happens."

And it's something Zahm residents can attest to.

Johnson reported "suspicious activity" in Zahm on Oct. 27, where students watched a man enter an unlocked room. Suspensions aroused, the students approached the man, who said he was "looking for George." Since they didn't know anyone by that name, the students called NDSP, Johnson said.

By that time, however, it was too late. Johnson said the man — described as "a male, white, 40 to 50 years old, with brown and gray hair, slightly balding with a

widows peak and mustache, wearing gold-rim tinted sunglasses, a brown Carhart jacket, a blue shirt and blue jeans" — fled Zahm and rode off on a bike.

"The investigation is continuing," Johnson said Tuesday.

But for Zahm residents, the investigation has been going on for a while. The man in question is known around the dorm as "WD40," or "white d—bag age 40."

"Everybody knows him," said junior Pat Knapp, who explained that the same man had been seen wandering around the dorm several times before this latest incident.

Posters warning residents of WD40 are tacked through the halls and in the bathroom stalls.

While this man is not directly linked to this year's rash of thefts — which Parrish said include five laptops, over \$500 in cash, a number of wallets and DVD players — students suggested he could be a suspect.

"I probably should have taken [the signs] down," Parrish said. "I left signs up because the guys were really upset."

Resident assistant Chris Bodington said he had never seen the "lurking" man, but had heard rumors.

"It's just weird that somebody from off campus is wandering around the dorm," he said. Bodington recalled the story of a second-floor resident who went across the hallway for 20 minutes and came back to his room to find money stolen.

"Zahm's kind of a place with an open-door policy," Bodington said.

But Wednesday night, there were a lot of shut doors. Bodington said he has begun to lock his doors, all the time.

"Even if I'm just going to the fourth floor," he said.

The locked-door policy is spreading across campus.

"There's more locked doors ... definitely they're locking their doors," Morrissey rector Father Ronald Vierling said. "We're a



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Sophomore James Costa reads a sign posted on Zahm Hall's main entrance door Wednesday. The warning came as a result of a string of thefts that have occurred on campus in recent weeks.

very welcoming community, not that we want to live this way behind locked doors, but we've got to respond to situations accordingly and create conditions so theft decreases."

There have been two thefts this year in Morrissey, Vierling said. He said the first incident involved a bicycle, and the other involved laptop computers, a wallet and watch.

While only in his first year as Morrissey's rector, Vierling still spoke to a trend of increasing theft.

"From what I understand, this is the first time we've been hit this way," he said.

Keenan is also experiencing more problems this year, rector Father Mark Thesing said.

"This stuff seems to run in cycles. We've had more [thefts] this year than in past years," Thesing said. "I'm a little concerned myself about the continuation of [these crimes]. Often the

rectors on the edges of campus — at places like Alumni, Dillon or Knott — have more of a problem than at places like Keenan where you have to walk in a bit [to reach the dorm]."

Thesing said four thefts — including two laptops, a cell phone, a wallet and an iPod — occurred in Keenan during mid-to-late September.

Despite these crimes, Thesing doesn't see any change in safety measures practiced by students.

"The individuals from whom the items were stolen were visibly upset, however there has not been a general consensus [of anger] within the hall," Thesing said. "They aren't more vigilant and these incidents have not changed their behavior. There are those students who always lock their doors and then there are those students who never lock their doors."

Alumni rector George Rozum, who said he didn't consider theft

or trespassing to be a bigger problem in his dorm, agreed with Thesing about the issue of students not locking their doors.

"What can you do?" Rozum said. "You tell people to lock their doors and be careful who they let in the outside doors, but people usually leave many doors unlocked anyways."

This attitude, Johnson said, is exactly what NDSP wants to combat.

"Don't let people you don't know in the residence hall. Notre Dame students are very polite, judicious," Johnson said. "Don't prop open locked doors or defeat security measures. Lock your room when you sleep or are away for a few minutes. If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately."

"We really need student help to stop burglary."

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Associated Press

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The diplomatic changes are part of a government shake-up by ultraconservative President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that includes putting Islamic hard-lin-

ers in key posts at security agencies. Some Iranians worry the president will bring back strict social policies.

Ahmadinejad has steered the Persian state into a more confrontational stance in its dealings with other nations, particularly in facing suspicions about whether Iran's nuclear program is illicitly trying to develop nuclear weapons, a charge the regime denies.

The president also raised a storm of international criticism last week by calling for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

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The progression of euthanasia

"If you allow it to occur," said Dr. Chris Feudtner of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "it will occur in cases where it is not ethical, period." Feudtner was referring to the Netherlands' legalization of euthanasia of newborns and infants pursuant to the Groningen University Protocol. The Protocol prescribes the killing procedures. The child must be in "hopeless and unbearable suffering," so that "the parents and the physicians ... concur that death would be more humane than continued life." The Protocol codifies the informal Dutch practice under which newborns had been euthanized, usually for spina bifida, with no physicians prosecuted.

The Netherlands were the first nation to legalize euthanasia for adults, allowing the physician to "terminate life on request or to provide assistance with suicide." That law, which took effect in 2002, allows a person of 12 years or older to be killed if he had made an advance written request for termination of his life if his suffering becomes "unbearable" with "no prospect of improvement." If the patient is between 12 and 16, the parent or guardian must agree to the killing. If the patient is between 16 and 18, the parent or guardian must be consulted.

The Dutch get undeserved credit as trail-blazers in euthanasia. The United States may be the front-runner, even though our law does not permit a physician to kill the patient. Oregon allows assisted suicide, but that merely allows the physician to give the patient the means by which the patient can kill himself. While the law in the United States stops short of legalizing inten-

tional, direct and active killing of patients, as permitted in Holland (and Belgium), it broadly permits intentional killing by terminal sedation or by withholding food and water.

In 1997, in *Vacco v. Quill*, the Supreme Court upheld New York's prohibition of assisted suicide but gave the green light to physicians to provide "aggressive palliative care," in which the physician is supposed to intend only to relieve the patient's pain. His undisclosed intent, however, may be to kill the patient by "terminal sedation." Palliative care can be morally justified even if it unintentionally shortens life. But, in the absence of exceptional proof of intent, the law cannot effectively determine whether the physician acted with the intent to relieve pain or to cause death.

If the family and physician concur that the patient should die, terminal sedation, under the guise of pain relief, can be a convenient and practically undetectable means of homicide, beyond the effective reach of the law.

The second, and legal, form of homicide of patients is withdrawal of nutrition and hydration. In American law, a competent adult has the legal right to refuse to take food and water whether administered normally or artificially. Incompetent patients may be denied nutrition and hydration if they had, when competent, expressed their desire to be so denied or, in some states, if such denial is in the best interests of the patient. In cases where the family and the physician agree that the patient should die, the issue never gets to court and the patient can be quietly starved and dehydrated to death.

We have not formally legalized it, but we are further down the slippery slope of euthanasia than are the Dutch. We have, in effect, legalized homicide of patients by starvation and dehydration, when the family and physicians agree, without even the minimal procedures

required in the Netherlands.

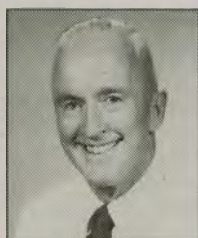
Moreover, we have progressed beyond the allowance of private killing to killing by order of the state. In *Roe v. Wade*, the Court authorized the mother to kill her unborn child. The law does not mandate the killing. In the Terri Schiavo case, the state itself, in the person of Judge Greer, ordered that Michael, her husband, "shall cause the removal of nutrition and hydration" from Terri. The court mandated Terri's execution. The only reason we heard about the Schiavo case is because Michael Schiavo and Terri's parents disagreed and the court became involved. What Michael did to Terri happens routinely, without public notice, when the "caregivers" agree that the patient should be killed.

As this practice becomes embedded in the culture, we can expect judges to rule that defective, incurable or even simply aged patients, can be presumed to desire what the Nazi theorists called a "merciful release." We can expect that sedation, starvation and dehydration will give way to the painless injection. And Schiavo already establishes that PVS, the persistent vegetative state, is an accepted excuse for execution of a patient whose consent can be inferred even from the testimony of a hostile witness. We can expect the justifications to go beyond PVS.

So the Dutch may be the amateurs here. We are smarter, allowing the killing of the burdensome or unwanted without even the paperwork required in Holland. And maybe we will be smart enough to explain it all to our final Judge, who has a soft spot for babies and helpless people.

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nobody realizes that some people expend tremendous amounts of energy merely to be normal."

Albert Camus
philosopher

Saints are people too

We have just celebrated the feast of All Saints. Because this great festival is celebrated in conjunction with All Souls Day, there is a temptation to consign All Saints Day only to those men and women who have been recognized in a special way by the Church through their beatification or canonization. After all, this is the way the Church acknowledges the holiness of life of a man or woman or adds their name to the canon or list of those declared to be in heaven with God.

Father Richard Warner

FaithPoint

But we all know saints who have come into our lives and whose holiness and closeness to God are easily recognizable. And since the call to holiness is part and parcel of what it means to be a follower of Christ, each one of us is also called to be holy.

On Nov. 1, 1982, a Holy Cross priest who was consecrated as the first bishop of Fort Portal, Uganda, died. He was buried in the Holy Cross Community Cemetery on Nov. 4.

Father Vincent McCauley joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in order to

serve some of the poorest people on earth in Bangladesh. Shortly after he arrived at his mission station, he was told by doctors that he had little time to live, and was told by his superiors that he had to return to the United States. McCauley spent some time at Lourdes on his way home, not to pray for a cure but rather to promise Mary that he would serve the Church as a Holy Cross priest in whatever way he could as long as he was alive.

McCauley did not die, but spent several years raising money for the missions in Bangladesh. Rather late in life, he was appointed the superior of the then-new Holy Cross mission in Fort Portal, Uganda, and several years later, was consecrated as bishop of that new diocese. His simple cathedral was at Virika, which roughly translated to Our Lady of the Snow — a curious title for a place in equatorial East Africa. I asked him about this, and he showed me the permanent ice cap on the far distant Ruwenzori Mountains, and told me that for many rural East African farmers, precipitation was a sign of God's pleasure and blessing. This was

true, he said, even if it rained on a couple's wedding day.

During the remainder of his life, McCauley served the East African Church and especially the poor constantly. He received victims of the brutal Amin regime and assisted them with money and in every other way he could. He knew that some of these people were taking advantage of a man known to be generous, but explained that he would rather be duped by a person taking advantage of his generosity than to deny help to someone who truly needed the money.

And, for years, he suffered from a face cancer which caused serious disfigurement as a result of more than 40 operations. But he accepted his fate, happy to be able to fulfill the promise to Mary made at Lourdes as a young man.

McCauley was buried on Nov. 4, which was a chilly but sunny fall day. As the final prayers were said before his body was lowered into the ground, a small black cloud passed over the campus, and there were 15 or 20 seconds of very light snow flurries. I knew it was a clear sign of Our Lady

of the Snows welcoming her faithful son into her Son's home.

This Sunday is Mission Sunday on campus when money collected at the Basilica is given in its entirety to support Holy Cross missions in Africa and Asia, including some of those place where McCauley served God's people.

And while the power of All Saints Day still lingers, it is important for us to realize that we know people who are holy, and we could describe the signs of grace that are part of their lives — accepting hardships or illness with a contagiously upbeat spirit, living out commitments with faithfulness when it was not easy to do so, showing special concern for students or for the poor, incorporating service into their lives or becoming people of prayer.

We, too, are called to be holy people.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Self-segregation not just racial

Is Notre Dame dubbed a self-segregated campus because Asians have a propensity to hang out with other Asians, or Hispanics with members of their own ethnic minority group, and so on? I am not about to deny that this takes place. Yet I don't see anything inherently wrong with this.

If you take a look at the bigger picture, you'll notice that birds of a feather indeed flock together, even outside the racial spectrum. Football players enjoy spending time together, just as musicians find comfort and joy in each other's company. It's only natural. Would you label this self-segregation? I wince at the word, with its negative connotation. I don't believe that people who clump together do so

with the intent of shunning people dissimilar to them. They just happen to find common ground and a strong foundation by which to form their relationships.

As a minority myself, I understand the value of discussion among members of one's ethnic group. People of the same ethnic heritage tend to have similar experiences and are consequently more likely to understand each another. Dialogue in this setting about one's culture and outlook facilitates a greater understanding and acceptance of oneself. College is a time to cultivate one's self-knowledge, which entails a certain degree of understanding in regards to one's roots. This is why I find it not only

acceptable, but valuable for ethnic minority groups to come together.

That isn't to say that people of the same ethnic background should always spend time with each other — it's important to branch out and meet others who might disagree with one's beliefs or culture. After all, this is where learning in its most natural form takes place.

Last year, I remember being somewhat annoyed when I would see minority groups isolating themselves from others, perhaps because it seemed as though they were alienating others. Now, however, I understand the need for some people to do this. Can you imagine how hard it would be to live in a foreign country,

stripped of your family and the comforts of the food, music and culture you've been used to your whole life? It's no wonder some minority students seek each other out and inevitably "self-segregate" themselves.

If you truly want to learn about another culture and get to know people from other backgrounds and walks of life, take the initiative. Next time you pass by an ethnic minority group at the dining hall, ask to join them. You just might learn something about yourself.

Stephanie Yoshida
sophomore
Howard
Nov. 1

Beyond media impressions

Nov. 1's editorial cartoon featured a bloated body with two heads, labeled "Scalia" and "Thomas," with an open spot for a third head labeled "Alito." Presumably the cartoonist meant that all three jurists were interchangeable clones who advanced identical (and evidently unacceptable) views.

Whatever that insinuation's value as a political slam, as a legal matter it is simply incorrect. Alito has not always followed Scalia. Although Alito dissented in Casey, he later voted against a New Jersey limitation on abortion he considered inconsistent with precedent. In Thomas v. Precommissioner, Alito allowed a fired employee to sue her former employer for discrimination. Scalia sharply reversed Alito's decision.

Nor would Scalia always vote with Alito. Justice Scalia cast the tiebreaking vote finding a ban on flag-burning unconstitutional, limiting the protections of the

Free Exercise Clause to religious believers, and striking down mandatory prison sentencing. Those decisions dismayed political conservatives and were probably inconsistent with Scalia's own opinions. But Scalia ruled as he believed the law required which shows he is not the right-wing hack some suggest.

If confirmed, perhaps Alito will disagree with Scalia on these issues; perhaps he will not. No doubt the men will often vote together. But they will not always vote together, nor will they always vote the way political conservatives might like. Reject Alito or another judge if you must. But first respect them as individuals and evaluate them fairly by studying all of their cases, rather than resorting to petty and inaccurate stereotypes.

David Mathues
graduate student
Off-campus
Nov. 2

Appreciating, seeking continued student support

I want to take a minute to thank the over 800 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross for their attendance at and enthusiastic participation in last Friday night's Fighting Irish Hockey game against Princeton. In addition, the outstanding performance from our Hockey Pep Band and the energy and support of the "Stanford Syndicate" were greatly appreciated by the team. While Friday's result on the ice was disappointing, I was proud of the way the team bounced back the next night to beat Princeton 2-0. With your continued support, many more victories lie ahead of us — both at the Joyce Center and elsewhere.

This Friday night, the Irish will face the strongest challenge of this young season when the Michigan Wolverines, currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, enter the JACC Fieldhouse. In previous years, free student admission to the biggest games has been limited to only 400 seats — but not this year. While the game will be sold out, an additional 400 tickets (total of 800) have

been purchased for the exclusive use of ND, SMC, and HCC students for this game. Will you be among the 800 students to cheer the Irish to victory? As an extra incentive, I have arranged with our promotions department to guarantee that four students will win a round trip flight to Las Vegas or Orlando on Allegiant Air, and one student will have the chance to win free books for a semester from the Hammes Bookstore on Friday night.

Thank you for coming out last weekend to cheer on the Irish Hockey team! Now, this Friday night at 7:30 p.m., when the Notre Dame Fighting Irish take on the Michigan Wolverines, come out again and prove that there is no finer, louder, more enthusiastic college hockey student section than the JACC O'WACCOS at Notre Dame!

Go Irish!

Jeff Jackson
Notre Dame head hockey coach
Nov. 2

CD REVIEWS

Antony's album a voyage of self-discovery

By MICHAEL FRENCH
Scene Critic

If the cover art for this album isn't striking enough, the uniqueness of Antony's voice in the first two lines of "Hope There's Someone" — the album's first track — should be sufficient to draw in any listener. The first thought that comes to mind when listening to the album is the beauty of its vocals, followed closely by the question of whether it is a male or female singing those lyrics.

Androgyny is Antony's specialty, and walking the line between male and female makes up a great part of the album's thematic substance. Case in point of this would be "For Today I Am a Boy," a song in which his voice is accompanied solely by a simple piano melody that, by the end of the song, powers alongside one of the scant appearances

of a drum set to create one of the more memorable tracks on the album. Lines like "One day I'll grow up, I'll be a beautiful girl / But for today I am a child, for today I am a boy" emphasize the lack of gender and question of gender categorization that pervades throughout much of the album.

The sheer splendor of Antony's voice and deep, haunting, yet hopeful lyrics are sufficient to put together an outstanding album, yet the band employs a series of guest stars to add, at times, indispensable depth to their tracks.

While Devendra Banhart and Lou Reed—who's played shows with Antony on numerous occasions—are featured briefly at the beginning of "Spiralling" and "Fistfull of Love" respectively, it's the cameos of Boy George (that's right, Boy George) and Rufus Wainwright that have the greatest impact on the album. "You Are My Sister," features Boy George turning in an incredibly powerful

performance, perfectly complementing Antony's lead. Wainwright sings lead on "What Can I Do?" a song that checks in at less than two minutes but proves to be another highlight on an album that is markedly devoid of lowlights.

In spite of the numerous cameos, it is an



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Antony, of Antony and the Johnsons, grew up in California, but relocated to New York City in 1990. He thought the new location would be more accepting.

album unmistakably dominated by Antony's voice and his deeply introspective lyrics. While the tone of the album is founded primarily upon the combination of sparse piano melodies and Antony's quivering vocals, the pinnacle of the album comes on the aforementioned "Fistfull of Love," which deviates from the simplistic structure of the other nine songs. After Lou Reed's short spoken-word verses, it opens up as the other tracks do, with gentle guitar lines backing the ever-present piano. This, however, is the end of the softness, as the song quickly picks up the pace and employs the bombast of trumpets, trombones, Reed's noodling guitar riffs and the only dominant drum line of the album. The lyrical strength of the song lies in the

juxtaposition of Reed's sincere opening lines with Antony's symbolic violence — "And I feel your fists / And I know it's out of love ... And I feel your burning eyes burning holes / Straight through my heart."

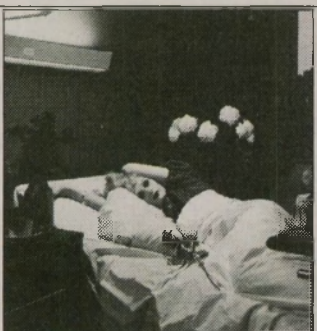
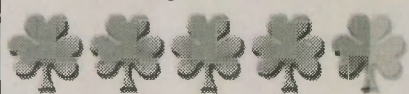
The album's chilling finale, "Bird Gerhl" completes the voyage of self-discovery that progresses from the first words of the first track. Antony's trembling vibrato takes center stage once again, proclaiming "I've been searching / For my wings some time / I'm gonna be born / Into soon the sky / 'Cause I'm a bird girl / And the bird girls go to heaven."

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I'm a Bird Now

Antony and the
Johnsons

Secretly Canadian



Recommended tracks: 'Hope Theres Someone,' 'For Today I am a Boy' and 'What Can I Do?'

Chicago pop-punk band still overshadowed

By TREVOR GASS
Scene Critic

If a figurative snapshot were to be taken of MEST's latest release, "Photographs," the result could be summed up as following — three chords, one theme.

The ten-year-old Chicago-born pop-punk band is frequently compared to other big fish in the genre including heavy weights like Blink 182, Good Charlotte and Green Day — a testament to their inability to form a readily recognizable identity of their own. "Photographs" takes a turn from their previous albums (with the help of producer John Feldmann, vocalist from the group Goldfinger) into the angst-driven realm of hopeless troubles and love gone wrong, all delivered under a guise of cheerful chords and repetitive melodies.

"Photographs" develops a darker image of MEST, pushing it more towards the emo side of the pop-punk spectrum. Almost every song on the twelve-track

list revolves around dark images of nightmares and death, a majority of these moments being products of some past or current heartbreak. The lyrics contain a few dry metaphors and, while not entirely bad, repeat the same theme over and over throughout the 43-minute duration of the CD. Whether it is their unusual coupling with some of the more upbeat riffs or Tony Lovato's whiny voice, something is left to be desired.

Each song follows the same general format, alternating between verse and chorus with a short interlude, before ending on a variation of the chorus or a repeated phrase that modulates the piece to a close. The vocals are solid enough, but not worthy of special attention, which ends up hurting the songs where they are the sole melodic element strewn over top of bare guitar chords and drums. The same style of vocal harmonization is found in every song, which helps fill out the sound, but is distracted by the over use of reverb and techno effects, a major disruption in the track "Tonight Will Last Forever."

Though the listener may be left wanting more, MEST still manages to create a number of simple yet addictive riffs, a trait highly sought after and hungrily consumed in today's pop marketplace. Melodies from several songs manage to imbed themselves into your head (for



Photo courtesy of maverick.com

MEST band member Tony Lovato (right) thought of the name while looking at a case of Milwaukee's Best beer. They released thier album on Oct. 18.

better or for worse). Some of the catchier tunes can be heard in "Photographs" and "This Time." Though the attractive melodies from songs like "Last Kiss" may manage to nestle themselves into your head, the actual lyrics, "Stare at you as you slit my wrists and as we share our last kiss / Hold me as we die" are probably not something you want to be caught singing to yourself while waiting for a professor to start class.

Accompanying the CD is a bonus DVD that trails the band during its cross-country tour. The DVD provides several suggestions on how to get yourself arrested — the tasteless antics of some of the band members are in a league with what you might expect from Tom Green.

Critics may debate whether or not you can have too much of a good thing, but

what happens if you get too much of something mediocre?

"Photographs" is one example. Lack of variation is what kills this album more than anything else, along with the empty feeling it leaves (in your pocketbook) when the realization sets in that nothing noticeably innovative has occurred. With some sounds found in "Photographs" reminiscent of Alkaline Trio, MEST, though displaying a knack for creating catchy melodies, is still overshadowed by its more popular cousins. For those who are fans of the above listed bands that MEST emulates, their earlier album "Destination Unknown" (2001) would be a good way to test the waters before plunging into "Photographs."

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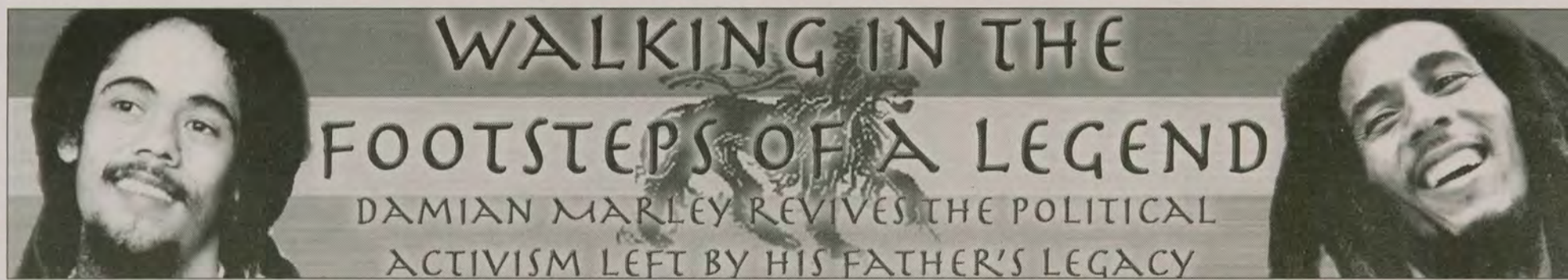
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Recommended tracks: 'Tonight will last forever,' 'Last Kiss,' 'Photographs' and 'As His Heart Dies'



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By BOB COSTA
Scene Writer

In the music industry, a famous last name does not always guarantee success. The somewhat dismal careers of Ben Taylor (son of James) and Sean Lennon are a testament to how coming from a heralded legacy can have its own pitfalls.

Yet for Damian Marley, 27, the youngest son of Bob Marley and former Miss World Cindy Breakspeare, success and talent have come quite easily. Fame and global recognition are just beginning to come into his life, though, especially after the recent release of his new album, "Welcome to Jamrock."

A close musical family

Damian Marley has had immeasurable help from his brother Stephen Marley, a well-respected producer and performer in his own right, who co-produced "Welcome to Jamrock" with Damian Marley. Their collaboration shows on the CD, which is both scathing and wide-ranging in subjects addressed and diverse in the musical styles represented and explored.

Stephen Marley has often been joining Damian Marley on his recent fall tour, which has been highlighted by numerous opening tour dates with U2. Damian Marley and his father are perhaps the world's best-known politically conscious and concurrently popular artists known today. During Damian Marley's recent tour stop in Philadelphia before his first time opening for U2, he spoke with The Observer via telephone.

"Most of the shows we do with some brothers or siblings," he said. "I have at least one brother with me on stage ... you have more energy with your best friend. I don't have to go too far in my life to find great musicians or people to work with. I've been surrounded by a very musical family and support my entire life."

The memory of Bob Marley

Although Damian Marley was three when his father passed away, he feels that he still continues his father's musical legacy in spirit, especially since he is constantly working with his siblings on challenging and experimenting with reggae and roots music.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of

uplifting Rasta influence. I say that the old-school style [of reggae] is coming back, and we're creating a multi-generational feeling," said Damian Marley.

Marley's Jah-conscience songs on the record are full of incisive chants against the corruption and sadness that permeates modern Jamaica. Already a controversial release in his home country, "Welcome to Jamrock" has come to be viewed as an antithetical collection of anthems for the current reggae and dancehall communities — eschewing the lightweight ganja influenced ramblings of artists like Elephant Man and Shaggy in favor of the substance of political commentary and melodic rage.

"Some songs start with just ideas ... may just be with one line. Sometimes I take good topics, things I feel and see, and use the vibe for the majority of lyrics. But, many are also written to the beat, so we get a centered beat, with a dancehall feeling. You can't come up with a plan or device with inspiration for music, it has to be natural," said Damian Marley on the conception of the music of "Welcome to Jamrock."

Continuing the tradition

"Welcome to Jamrock" is Damian Marley's third studio album, following "Mr. Marley" in 1996 and "Halfway Tree" in 2001, for which he won a Grammy Award. Although "Halfway Tree" was highly praised by music critics, it never really caught on commercially in the United States, mostly due to its lack of an infectious single. In "Welcome to Jamrock," Damian Marley made sure to fix that problem by writing the title track and first single, titled "Welcome to Jamrock," which has been called the "reggae song of the decade" by the New York Times.

The first single, "Welcome to Jamrock," is about the side of Jamaica that often goes unmentioned. It speaks to the people of the ghettos, the downtrodden and all of those in Jamaica behind the plush tourist facades that have come at

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**Damian Marley
musician**

times to define the country's image. Even though Damian Marley acknowledges that he did not have a childhood like the impoverished he describes in his songs, or even like his father's in the villages of Kingston — he still feels that he can speak out against the cultural and political forces hurting his brethren.

"The majority of citizens don't live a luxurious part of life, so that song [the single] is depicting people who think they know about Jamaica, but really don't," he said.

After the "Welcome to Jamrock" single began to receive major radio airplay during the summer of 2005, the anticipation for Damian Marley's upcoming album of the same name became huge. Rumorsspread in the reggae community that Damian Marley, the youngest child of the legend himself, could be releasing the most aware and innovative record from a Marley family member in years.

When "Welcome to Jamrock," the full-length album, was finally released on September 13, it entered the Billboard Top 200 Albums chart at No. 7, which was the biggest opening week ever for a reggae artist in the United States. A powerful record founded upon epic lyrical observations of society and violence, it has found a fan base that none of his previous work was able to. Damian Marley has worked tirelessly to bring a newfound sense of intelligence and history to the current reggae community, and even the pop community, by not straying from subjects that seem a bit uncomfortable.

"My music is about Jah, but it's about life, it's about finding the way to look at things and say here is what exists, here is why, here is why we must see and understand," he said.

Fresh addition to the Marley Canon

Although Damian Marley is now the heir to the Marley name, it does not mean that his new album is an instant classic. Lyrically, "Welcome to Jamrock" is just as powerful as "Trenchtown Rock," but its droning dancehall vibrations hinder

TOP FIVE MARLEY ALBUMS

1. "Exodus" - Bob Marley and the Wailers
2. "Halfway Tree" - Damian Marley
3. "Jahmekya" - Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers
4. "Live!" - Bob Marley and the Wailers
5. "Lion In The Morning" - Julian Marley

it from exploring the dark corners of Jamaican culture like his father's early albums did.

However, Damian Marley doesn't venture into pop territory like his brother Ziggy Marley did during the 1990s either, nor does he copy much of anything his family has done in the past. In looking to the present reggae scene, Damian Marley has presumably found a comfortable niche. Preferring to blast vocal rhythms at numerous subjects instead of holding a guitar, Damian Marley is able to redefine Marley-style reggae, but at times just adds to the noise being created in reggae's current hip-hop/dancehall craze.

Listeners looking for crazy beats should look to Kanye West's recent "Late Registration" or Sean Paul's "The Trinity." Co-producers of "Welcome to Jamrock," Damian and Steve Marley, are hardly reggae's answers to Dr. Dre. Still, this Grammy Award winner (for 2001's "Halfway Tree") does bring the verbal rants to some phenomenal crescendos on songs like "Pimpa's Paradise" and "The Master Has Come Back."

An album that will make you get up, stand up and dance, "Welcome to Jamrock" is a fresh addition to the Marley canon, even though it's more about "Top 40" accessibility than Marley-esque gravitas.

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On Sept. 13, Damian Marley, the youngest son of Bob Marley, released his third full-length album, "Welcome to Jamrock." It addresses Jamaican social issues.



Photo courtesy of wnyw.org

Each of Bob Marley's five sons is helping to preserve his legacy. Damian and Stephen Marley co-produced "Welcome to Jamrock" and often tour together.

NBA

Iverson scores 31, but Philly falls in Detroit

James nails half-dozen three pointers as Cleveland rocks Charlotte 109-87

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The only difference was the coaches.

Richard Hamilton scored 37 points to lead the Detroit Pistons past the Philadelphia 76ers 108-88 on Wednesday night in a game that looked a lot like their first-round series six months ago.

With Flip Saunders taking Larry Brown's place in Detroit and Maurice Cheeks replacing Jim O'Brien, the Pistons were still too tough on defense and balanced on offense for the Sixers.

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson scored 31 points, but he didn't have much help — much like in Detroit's 4-1 series victory en route to its second straight trip to the NBA Finals.

Chris Webber had 16 points, but he was scoreless in the third quarter, and the other three starters failed to score more than eight.

The Pistons unveiled their 2005 conference championship banner before the game, then took control for good in the first quarter.

Detroit, which never trailed, led by 10 midway through the quarter while holding the Sixers to 2 of 13 shooting and main-

tained the cushion easily throughout its season opener.

Philadelphia lost to Milwaukee 117-108 in overtime at home on Tuesday night, opening night in the NBA.

Cavaliers 109, Hornets 87

The first one caused a stir, the next two a commotion. And when LeBron James sank his fourth straight 3-pointer in less than two minutes, everyone in the building was on their feet begging for more.

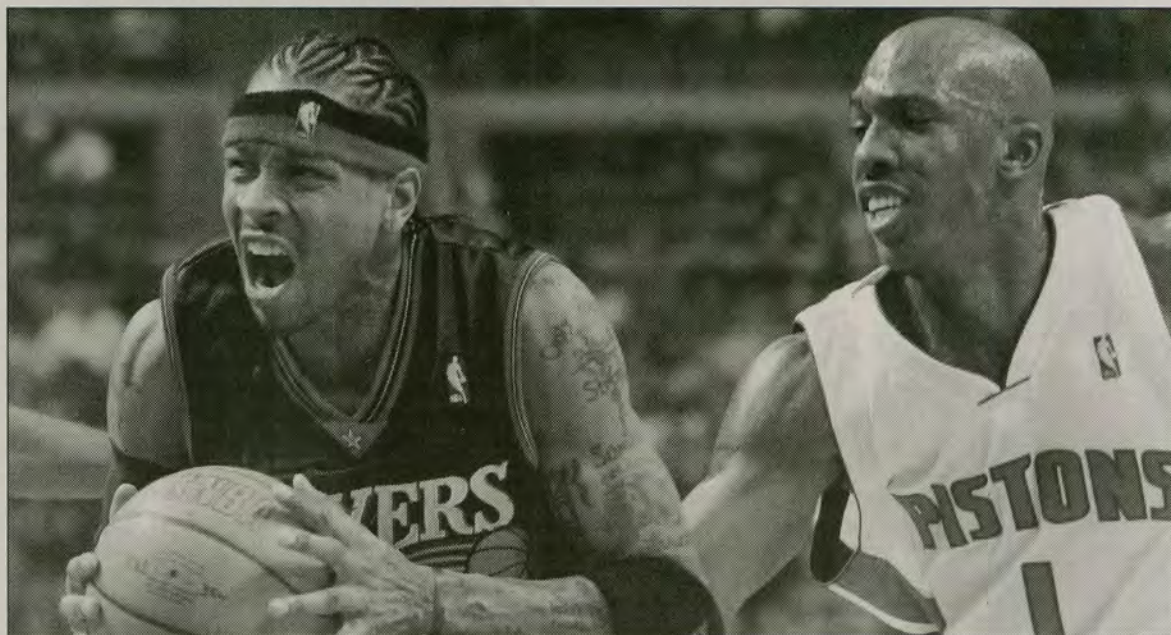
"It was amazing," Cavaliers forward Donyell Marshall said. "We were just like the fans, we wanted him to keep shooting, too."

James, playing his first regular-season game with new teammates brought in to help get him to the playoffs, made six 3-pointers and scored 31 points as Cleveland won its season opener over the New Orleans Hornets on Wednesday night.

Bucks 110, Nets 96

Michael Redd says he doesn't feel the need to carry the Milwaukee Bucks as much as last season. In the first two games, that's exactly what he's done.

A night after scoring 30 points



Pistons point guard Chauncey Billups, right, tries to knock the ball away from 76ers guard Allen Iverson, left, in the first half of Detroit's 108-88 win over Philadelphia Wednesday night.

in an overtime win at Philadelphia, Redd scored a career-high 41 as the Bucks beat New Jersey Wednesday night.

With point guard T.J. Ford back after missing last season with a spinal cord injury and No. 1 draft pick Andrew Bogut showing promise in the middle, Redd said he doesn't feel the pressure to carry the load every night.

Celtics 114, Knicks 100

Ricky Davis scored nine of his 27 points in overtime, when the Boston Celtics went on a 9-0 run to beat New York in the season opener on Wednesday night and spoil Larry Brown's debut as Knicks coach.

Paul Pierce had 30 points and 12 rebounds, and Delonte West had 14 points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the defending Atlantic Division champions. Stephon Marbury scored 22 and Eddy Curry had 19 points and eight rebounds in his first game since learning of a heart problem that led to his trade to New York.

Jazz 93, Mavericks 82

Although he didn't start in his NBA debut, Deron Williams had a nearly perfect finish.

Utah's rookie point guard had 18 points and three assists, and played the entire fourth quarter while the Jazz rallied to beat the travel-weary Dallas Mavericks Wednesday night.

"I just feel comfortable being in those type of situations," said

Williams, the third overall selection in the 2005 draft. "I've been in them a lot in college and I don't see why it should be different now."

The last game Williams played in that counted was the NCAA championship, when North Carolina beat Williams' Illinois team for the national title. He made his first NBA shot — a 3-pointer — in the second quarter Wednesday and beat the third-period buzzer with a 61-foot shot.

Rockets 98, Kings 89

Houston Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy called Jon Barry at home on Tuesday and delivered a terse, motivational speech over the phone.

If Van Gundy keeps getting these kinds of results, he might be calling more of his players.

Barry scored 24 points, outscoring Houston stars Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady and leading the Rockets to a win over the Kings on Wednesday night.

Van Gundy told Barry he was disappointed in the veteran guard's effort at recent practices.

Bulls 109, Bobcats 105, OT

Chris Duhon had the first triple double of his career, and the Chicago Bulls rallied from a 25-point deficit to an overtime victory over the Charlotte Bobcats on Wednesday night.

Duhon finished with 18 points on 5-of-9 shooting, 12 assists and

10 rebounds in the season opener for both teams.

Tyson Chandler scored 11 points, including two shots in overtime that gave the Bulls a four-point lead, and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Darius Songaila hit a 3-pointer that tied it in the final seconds of regulation and finished with 11 points.

The Bobcats led by 25 in the third quarter and were ahead 89-68 going into the fourth only to see it disappear.

Duhon hit a 3-pointer from the corner with 34.1 seconds left in regulation, and Songaila hit one from the top of the key to tie it at 98 with 5.1 remaining.

Gerald Wallace then inbounded the ball from the sideline to Raymond Felton, who missed a three from the top of the key as time expired.

Lakers 99, Nuggets 97, OT

Welcome back, coach!

Kobe Bryant welcomed Phil Jackson back to the Lakers in style Wednesday night, sinking a 23-foot jumper with 0.6 seconds left in overtime to lift Los Angeles to a victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Bryant, who finished with 33 points, swished home the game-winner, then ran with clenched fist to the other end of the court, chest-bumping with Devean George and celebrating a victory in Jackson's first game back with the Lakers.



Cleveland's LeBron James looks through several New Orleans defenders during the Cavaliers' 109-87 win over the Hornets Wednesday.

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College Hockey Top 20

	team	record	Prev.
1	Colorado College	7-1-0	3
2	Maine	7-1-0	5
3	Michigan	5-1-1	1
4	Cornell	1-1-0	2
4	North Dakota	5-2-1	6
6	Vermont	6-0-0	11
7	Minnesota	3-2-1	7
8	Michigan State	3-1-1	10
9	Wisconsin	4-1-1	12
10	Denver	3-3-0	9
11	Boston College	2-2-1	8
12	New Hampshire	2-2-1	13
13	Ohio State	2-3-1	4
14	Northern Michigan	5-1-0	14
15	Harvard	1-0-0	NR
16	Miami	3-1-0	19
17	Alaska-Fairbanks	3-2-1	20
18	Bemidji State	5-1-0	15
19	Boston University	1-2-0	16
20	St. Lawrence	4-2-0	18

Men's Fencing Coaches' Poll

	team	Prev.
1	Ohio State	2
2	Penn State	1
3	St. John's (NY)	3
4	NOTRE DAME	4
5	Harvard	6
6	Columbia	5
7	Princeton	7
8	NYU	8
8	Pennsylvania	10
10	Air Force	9

Women's Fencing Coaches' Poll

	team	Prev.
1	NOTRE DAME	1
2	Ohio State	2
3	Penn State	3
4	Harvard	4
5	Columbia-Barnard	5
5	Northwestern	6
7	Pennsylvania	7
8	Princeton	8
9	St. John's (NY)	10
10	Duke	NR

Women's Cross Country

	team	points
1	Duke	390
2	Stanford	377
3	Michigan	361
4	NOTRE DAME	353
5	Arizona State	339
6	Illinois	325
7	BYU	306
8	Columbia	299
8	North Carolina State	284
10	Colorado	274

MLB



New Philadelphia Phillies general manager Pat Gillick, left, surveys Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, Pa. with the team's president, David Montgomery. Gillick replaces Ed Wade, who never took the team to the playoffs.

Phillies contract new GM in Gillick

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pat Gillick has turned losing teams into winners everywhere he's been. His job now is to build a champion from a team that hasn't been able to get over the top.

Gillick, whose resume includes two World Series titles and nine playoff appearances with three teams, signed a three-year contract Wednesday to become the Philadelphia Phillies' new general manager. He replaces Ed Wade, fired after failing to get the team into the play-

offs in eight years on the job.

"We found the right person," Phillies president David Montgomery said. "He's an outstanding leader."

Gillick is joining an organization that has lost more games (8,831) than any U.S. major professional team and hasn't been to the playoffs since 1993 — when the Phillies lost the World Series to Gillick's Toronto Blue Jays.

Philadelphia went 88-74 this season and finished one game behind NL wild-card winner Houston. It was the Phillies' third con-

secutive winning season and fourth in five years, but they missed the playoffs for the 12th straight year and 21st time in 22 seasons.

"The challenge here is to win five more games than last year," Gillick said. "Ed Wade put together a good foundation, and they've been winning in the 80s the last four years. Usually you come to a club that needs major rebuilding, reconstructing, remodeling, whatever you want call it. That's not the case here."

The 68-year-old Gillick was chosen over former

Houston Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker, Phillies assistant general managers Ruben Amaro Jr. and Mike Arbuckle, and Cleveland Indians assistant general manager Chris Antonetti.

Amaro and Arbuckle will remain in their roles along with manager Charlie Manuel and the rest of the baseball staff.

"Charlie's a good baseball man and he's been around the game for a long time," Gillick said. "He can evaluate players mentally and physically. A lot of managers can't do that."

IN BRIEF

Willingham happy at UW

SEATTLE — At a distance, Tyrone Willingham's once-sailing career appears to be plunging into the Pacific Ocean.

His Washington Huskies, not long ago the kings of the Pac-10, are 1-7 and last in conference. They have lost 13 consecutive Pac-10 games entering Saturday's home game against Oregon State.

Now Willingham is at the bottom of big-time college football in the same week his Notre Dame successor, Charlie Weis, signed a 10-year extension to become a fixture at the sport's most storied program.

But Willingham sees what others do not.

"Obviously, the record says more than anything else. And, obviously, I am not doing well," he said. "But if you are saying [how is] Tyrone Willingham? He is at peace with himself."

"He's at a great university that has great leadership, that has great tradition, and whose fans have great

passion for Husky football. So, I think I am in a great place."

Maddux nabs 15th Gold Glove, Vizquel earns 10th

NEW YORK — Chicago Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux won his 15th Gold Glove on Wednesday, one shy of the record shared by pitcher Jim Kaat and third baseman Brooks Robinson.

Maddux set a record for Gold Gloves won in the National League — Kaat won 14 in the AL and two in the NL. It was the second straight Gold Glove for Maddux and 15th in 16 seasons.

San Francisco shortstop Omar Vizquel won his 10th Gold Glove, his first in the NL after the nine straight he earned with the Cleveland Indians from 1993-01.

"I was doubting that people were going to vote for me again," said Vizquel, who moved past Luis Aparicio into second place for Gold Gloves won by a shortstop, trailing only Ozzie Smith's 13. "I think this has been the most emotional Gold Glove."

Pacers, Artest solid in win

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ron Artest behaved perfectly in his return to the NBA on Wednesday night. He played pretty well, too.

Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-78 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Artest started 1-of-7 from the field but shook off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense. He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 6-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers — all in a 2-minute span late in the quarter — that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 19 points. Austin Croshere added 16 and the Pacers were 7-of-19 from behind the 3-point line.

Steve Francis led the Magic with 15 points, nine rebounds and seven assists

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC, UCLA on an undefeated collision course

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The city of Angels has been a perfect college football town this fall.

Two of the nation's five unbeaten teams are separated by a 20-minute freeway trip, depending, of course, on crosstown traffic between Southern California near downtown and UCLA over in Westwood.

"It's a great thing for our city of Los Angeles," USC offensive

guard Fred Matua said.

Top-ranked USC and No. 7 UCLA have 8-0 records and are on a collision course. They'll meet at the Coliseum in early December with much more than just city bragging rights on the line.

The Pac-10 championship, a spot in the national title game and even the Heisman Trophy could all be riding on the outcome.

The Trojans and Bruins haven't gone into the rivalry

game with perfect records in more than a half-century. Both were 8-0 when they met in 1952, a 14-12 USC victory. But the Trojans lost to Notre Dame the following week.

"It would be awesome to go a couple more games and have a chance to be in a position like that," USC coach Pete Carroll said of the Dec. 3 showdown. "I know their fans and their followers have just got to be loving it."

The Bruins, who have lost six

straight to their crosstown rivals, realize they're still relegated to second billing on the college football marquee in Tinsel Town.

"We're a good team, but we're not good enough to make any claims," said coach Karl Dorrell, who went 12-13 in his previous two years at UCLA before the Bruins' breakout.

"We're young, still growing as a team and we need to keep people focused on the task at hand."

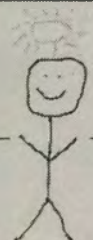
"We're excited about being in this position, having the recognition we have right now. But now we have to prove each and every week that we deserve to be in that position."

Along with the shiny records, the Trojans and Bruins have star power.

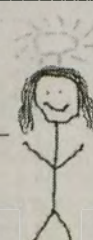
USC quarterback Matt Leinart, the 2004 Heisman winner, again is a leading contender, although backfield-mate Reggie Bush might be the front-runner.

FAITHPOINT

Thursday, November 3, 2005



LIVE IT!!



Rachel Thelen is this week's example of a Notre Dame student's passionate commitment to their faith and to serving others. Rachel is a Theology and Sociology major with a minor in Education, Schooling and Society. Rachel has made service a cornerstone of her Notre Dame experience during her four years here. She has participated in the Urban Plunge, a CSC seminar to Appalachia, and a Summer Service Project at the Holy Family Shelter in Indianapolis, IN. This past summer Rachel worked with High School students from all over the country at NDVision. She worked as a small group leader with students as they sought to deepen their faith and discover their vocation. This school year Rachel has continued her service to others in two distinct and important ways. Rachel serves as a Catechist for 8th grade students at St. Pius X parish. Rachel's help is especially important since these students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring. With all that written, this article still has not even brushed the surface of Rachel's most important ministry this year. Rachel is also a proud RA of Walsh Hall. She is a leader in the Hall and specifically of a floor of young women as they progress and grow through their college years. This final ministry of Rachel's is truly unceasing as she makes herself available to help in whatever way Walsh residents need. Thank you Rachel for sacrificing so much of your time, and devoting so much faith and energy to helping the Notre Dame community.

Let us know who out there is making a difference!

Send nominations to Brian Vassel at bvassel@nd.edu

Catholic Q&A - Is there anything that I can do to make the Mass a more welcoming experience for my Protestant friend who's never been before?

You have hit on a point of particular importance to the Catholic Church today...how we can better welcome people into the Catholic community, beginning with their first visit. Now, before you Catholics claim that the Church does a fine job of welcoming folks already because we have a few greeters at the door, I challenge you to think through the Mass from the perspective of one who has never attended one before. You may then be able to see why the Catholic Church does not have the reputation of being a particularly welcoming Church to the average "outsider." Compared to the worship service in many Protestant communities, where handouts provide an "order of worship" (which may vary from week to week) and offer guidance in every response and prayer, the Mass can seem very complex, foreign, and unfriendly. When a visitor comes to Mass for the first time, they often can't help but feel inadequate or even dumb: not knowing the correct responses, actions, and musical "Mass parts" that are recited or sung with little-to-no apparent thought; ignorance of when to change posture (fyi...there 15 posture changes in the average Mass); and a general fear of what to do when it comes time for Holy Communion. By pointing this out, I don't mean to say that something should be eliminated from the Mass in an effort to be more welcoming; rather I mean to make YOU, the "average Catholic," aware of this perception by non-Catholics so that you can make the Mass more inviting to those who are perhaps looking in through the proverbial stained-glass windows.

So, when you bring someone to Mass for the first time, try the following. Before Mass begins, explain to them that the Mass will probably be unlike any other worship experience they've had, and encourage them to just follow along to the best of their ability. Explain the reason for the ritual present in the Mass: that the prayers, actions, readings, and Eucharist we celebrate come to us from the earliest Christians and are a means of uniting ourselves in common worship with the other billion Catholic Christians in the world. Let the visitor know that it's O.K. for them not to do everything, especially if they don't yet know WHY they'd be doing it (e.g., kneeling, making the Sign of the Cross, etc). Prepare your friend for the lengthy Nicene Creed (the text of which is in the *Gather* hymnal, #139), and for the Lord's Prayer by telling them to cut off after the "and deliver us from evil" part, so that they aren't the only one continuing on when the priest interjects. Also, while you're explaining to them the Church's limitation of Holy Communion to Catholics (more to come in next week's Q&A), offer them the option of going up to the Communion minister to receive a blessing.

Once Mass begins, if they see something they don't understand (and trust me, they will), offer to explain it after Mass. (NOTE: This of course puts the burden on the Catholic to know why you do the things you do, and if you don't know, to at least know where you can find the answers...and never hesitate to ask a priest or Campus Minister for more info!) If you're able to do so quietly during Mass, coach your friend along by giving them a "heads-up" on what's coming next in the Liturgy.

Through these small but meaningful gestures, all of us can begin to make the Catholic Church and her Liturgy a more hospitable place for visitors, following the welcoming example of Jesus Christ.

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MLB

Epstein downplays bad relations with Lucchino

Associated Press

BOSTON — Theo Epstein fled Fenway Park in a gorilla costume on his last day as Boston Red Sox general manager. It was Halloween, and the TV paparazzi were none the wiser.

Yes, Epstein said, it was inconvenient to have reporters camped out at his home. But he didn't give up what had been his dream job because of the sometimes suffocating interest in the local baseball team, a fascination that became a frenzy after Epstein helped build the Red Sox into World Series champions in 2004.

It was "unfortunate," he added, that details of his contract negotiations with longtime mentor Larry Lucchino leaked out. And it's true that the Red Sox lowballed him — the most successful general manager in franchise history — as if he were still a kid.

But that's not why he left, either.

A "multitude" of reasons, taken together, persuaded Epstein to step down as Red Sox GM on Monday, just one year after ending Boston's 86-year title drought. In his first public comments on the decision, Epstein would not say exactly why he quit but said a breakdown in the "process" convinced him he couldn't stay.

"You have to be all-in," he said. "You have to believe in

every aspect of the job and the organization and your ability to stay and do the job the right way, with your whole heart and your whole soul. And in the end, it just wasn't the right fit. It wasn't right."

Now 31, Epstein was an 18-year-old Yale undergrad when Lucchino hired him in Baltimore as an Orioles intern. He followed Lucchino to the San Diego Padres and then to Boston before the Red Sox made him, at the time, the youngest general manager in baseball history.

The move paid off with three straight playoff appearances — unprecedented in franchise history — and the '04 championship. But, along the way, the boy GM outgrew the father-son dynamic. Some accused Lucchino of pushing his protege out in a grab for greater glory.

"If there are reports of a power struggle or meddling on behalf of Larry, that really wasn't the case," Epstein said. "Essentially, I felt like I had pretty much a free hand to run the baseball operation the way I saw fit."

"We've had a very successful

working relationship. I think Larry and I like each other. As with any long relationship, there are complexities. ... But in the end, I want what's best for Larry."

"He's done a lot for me. I owe him quite a bit, and I take that to heart. Thirty years from now, when I look back on my relationship with Larry Lucchino, I'm going to see it as a positive influence in my life."

Lucchino did not attend Wednesday's event — the only member of the management group known as "Theo and the Trio" to skip it. Owner John Henry acknowledged Lucchino's absence and said he wanted to defend his chief executive personally.

"Larry Lucchino has turned this franchise around in every way, shape, or form," Henry said. "We are all too willing to blame him for this. ... I think that's wrong. I think that's inaccurate."

"I've seen him blamed for everything under the sun. I don't know how anyone can legitimately think that the principal owner is not ultimately responsible for what happens

"If there are reports of a power struggle or meddling on behalf of Larry, that really wasn't the case."

**Theo Epstein
former Red Sox
general manager**



Red Sox owner Larry Lucchino, left, and general manager Theo Epstein, right, speak during a press conference on Nov. 25, 2002.

with the general manager. This was not Larry Lucchino pushing Theo out. I hold myself wholly responsible."

On the verge of tears at one point, Henry was effusive in his praise of Epstein and called him "a remarkable young man" who selflessly tried to hire Moneyball maestro Billy Beane for the GM job before it was given to him.

"I may not 100 percent agree with his decision. But I believe that a very large part of his decision is driven by a love for the franchise," Henry said. "This is a great, great loss. I have to ask myself, maybe I'm

not fit to be the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox."

Epstein's three-year deal expired on Monday, leaving the team without a general manager or assistant GM heading into the offseason; Epstein's No. 2 man, Josh Brynes, is now the GM in Arizona. The team resigned reliever Mike Timlin on Wednesday, but the announcement did not say which Red Sox official negotiated the deal.

The Red Sox need to plug holes in the starting rotation and bullpen that led to a first-round playoff sweep by the eventual World Series champion Chicago White Sox.

NFL

Redskins fight injuries and prepare for Eagles

Defensive end Joe Salave'a injured in game against Giants

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — After Phillip Daniels sprained his ankle, he was in so much pain he dropped to his knee between plays. His teammates were getting concerned.

"They were telling me to go out," Daniels said. "I said, 'Naw, we don't have nobody else.'"

Joe Salave'a said the only time his foot wasn't in pain was when he was "taking a drink on the sidelines." Still, he looked out onto the field, realized the defense was running out of players and went back in.

"I didn't think it was a macho thing. Our numbers were down," Salave'a said. "You

don't want to put your teammates in that predicament, so I was able to go back in, hobble around and make a couple of more plays."

Perhaps someone should be taking a roll call of healthy limbs when Washington's defensive line has a meeting. Starters Daniels, Salave'a and Cornelius Griffin did not practice Wednesday after limping off the field for some or most of Sunday's 36-0 loss to the New York Giants. Backups Cedric Killings and Aki Jones are also banged up. The Redskins' defense had to borrow offensive linemen just to get through practice.

"I told them we need a sign-up sheet at the end of practice: 'Sign up and try out for D-line,'" said Renaldo Wynn, the only healthy starter.

Griffin lasted only two plays

against the Giants with a hip flexor and is listed as questionable for Sunday night's game against Philadelphia. Daniels is probable with his ankle problem, while Salave'a is questionable but plans to play even though he needs several weeks of rest.

The injuries are coming at a tough time.

Every body — able or not — will be needed for the crucial division game against the Eagles.



The loser will fall into last place in the NFC East.

"We're about as short as I think I've ever seen a group of guys," said defensive tackle Brandon Noble, who has stayed around as an ad hoc assistant coach after season-ending knee surgery in September.

"There are guys that are not going to have a choice."



LaVar Arrington celebrates after a third-quarter tackle against the 49'ers on Oct. 23. The Redskins face the Eagles this week.

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NHL

Ottawa dominates Buffalo, earns 10-4 win

Havlat's four goals too much for Sabres

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Daniel Alfredsson has an intimidating message for the rest of the NHL.

"I don't think we hit our peak yet," he said after Ottawa's 10-4 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday night. "I think we can get better."

Alfredsson and Martin Havlat each scored four goals, and Dany Heatley added two more for the Senators, who won for the ninth time in 11 games. They are off to their best start since entering the league as an expansion team in 1992.

Alfredsson tied a pair of team records and set career highs with four goals and six points. It was the first career four-goal game for Havlat as well, and the third time in three games a Senators player has scored four times. Heatley had four goals in an 8-0 win over Toronto on Saturday.

"When the team plays well, good things happen for the individuals as well," Alfredsson said. "I got some good breaks tonight and was able to put them away."

It was also the first time in franchise history that Ottawa had two four-goal scorers in one game. The 10 goals were a season high and the second-most in franchise history.

Alfredsson's comments aside, it's hard to imagine Ottawa playing much better, especially after its offensive display against the Sabres.

"To have two guys score that many goals, I don't know if I've ever been around that type of thing," Senators coach Bryan Murray said. "It is amazing and different, and doesn't happen very often."

Heatley extended his club-record point streak to begin a season to 11 games, and Jason Spezza had a career-high four assists.

It was the fifth career hat

trick for both Alfredsson and Havlat.

Blackhawks 6, Blues 5

Brent Seabrook will certainly savor his first NHL goal.

The rookie scored 35 seconds into overtime, giving the Chicago Blackhawks a victory Wednesday night over the slumping St. Louis Blues.

"It's awesome," Seabrook said. "I'm thrilled right now. I'm going to keep that puck."

Martin Lapointe had a goal and two assists, and rookie Pavol Vorobiev added a goal and an assist for the Blackhawks, who blew a three-goal lead in the third period but recovered to snap a four-game skid that included three consecutive losses to Detroit.

Chicago (4-9-0) won for only the second time in eight games and improved to 1-6 against Central Division foes.

"The guys deserve a lot of credit," Blackhawks coach Trent Yawney said. "I mean, they calmed down and went back and played for the win. They played to win as opposed to playing not to lose after a lucky goal goes in. To keep our poise and composure like we did was impressive."

Seabrook hit a wrist shot from the right circle to the low left corner of the net after taking a pass from Vorobiev for the game-winner.

"Pavol made a great pass," Seabrook said. "I was trying to get open and he found my stick."

Kings 6, Stars 3

The NHL's new rules allow defensemen to be more involved on the offensive end, and Lubomir Visnovsky is taking full advantage.

Visnovsky scored three goals for his first career hat trick, and rookie Jason LaBarbera made 29 saves to lead the Los Angeles Kings past the Dallas Stars Wednesday night.

Sean Avery, Jeff Cowan and Pavol Demitra also scored for the Kings, 6-2 in their last eight games. Visnovsky leads



Daniel Alfredsson nets one of his four goals Wednesday night in a 10-4 win over Ottawa. He joined teammate Martin Havlat in the offensive outpour, as each scored four times in the victory.

NHL defensemen with 18 points on six goals and 12 assists.

"It's more of an open game," he said. "It's better for offensive [defensemen]. I'm getting more chances."

Visnovsky had six shots on goal, and while he contended that he was "lucky" to score three times, his teammates said there's also a lot of skill involved.

"He's in the zone where he's

really feeling it," Kings center Craig Conroy said. "He shoots it and it goes in the net. He could probably close his eyes and score. It's pretty to watch."

LaBarbera improved his record to 7-1-0, beating Dallas for the second time this season.

The Pacific Division rivals met for the third time this season, all in Dallas. The Kings have won the last two, outscoring the Stars 13-5.

"Sometimes teams have your

number and they're winning a lot of games against you," Stars defenseman Philippe Boucher said. "They're clearly outplaying us right now. We see them five more times this year. It's something that needs to be addressed."

Jussi Jokinen, Mike Modano and Martin Skoula scored for Dallas, 3-4-1 at home.

Stars coach Dave Tippett went with backup goalie Johan Hedberg over Marty Turco.

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Players have mixed reactions to playoff plan

Commissioner Finchem introduces NASCAR-like points race called FedEx Cup

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods walked wearily across the parking lot in twilight Wednesday, recalling the year he played eight consecutive weeks as he wrapped up his record-setting 2000 season.

"I was wiped out at the end of the year," he said.

Woods might want to get used to playing long stretches under a new PGA Tour schedule in 2007 that commissioner Tim Finchem said would include the "most impactful series of events in the history of our sport."

It includes a season-long points race called the FedEx Cup. It features three blockbuster events leading to the Tour Championship, which would end in September, with a payoff that Finchem said likely will be the largest of any playoff system in sports.

About the only thing missing were the details.

Finchem delivered a skeletal sketch of the new season, conceding that he has not figured out where all the pieces fit and how the points race will work. The idea was to make golf look like other sports at the end of the year.

"We're really the only sport that doesn't have a stronger finish than our regular season," he said.

Top players rarely compete

in the same tournaments once the major championships end in August. Four of the top five players in the world — Woods, Vijay Singh, Phil Mickelson, Retief Goosen and Ernie Els — played together in four tournaments before the Masters.

Goosen skipped a World Golf Championship last month, while Mickelson is not at the Tour Championship.

Under the new model, the Bridgestone Invitational at

Firestone would precede the PGA Championship. One week later would be the start of the Championship Series, in which points accrued since January would be prorated going into three straight

tournaments, with the top 30 eligible for the Tour Championship.

"If you want to win the cup series, you're going to have to play those events," Woods said. "It's going to be a lot — six out of seven events at the end of the year, then probably a Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup. That's a lot of golf, but after that, you're pretty much done, which is great."

It is similar to the Chase for the championship that NASCAR began last year, in which the top 10 drivers of the season compete in the final 10 races for the title.

"We go so far into the football season, and so far into the



Tiger Woods follows his tee shot on the 18th hole during the Fungal Classic on Oct. 22. Woods and the other PGA players will complete in a new playoff, the FedEx Cup, beginning in 2007.

fall, that we haven't been able to get the kind of strength we see in other sports," Finchem said. "We're the only major sport that doesn't have a playoff system."

The first step is taking the model to TV negotiations, expected to begin later this month.

"We have given a general flavor of the direction we're

going with our television partners," Finchem said. "They see the possibilities in terms of strengthening our overall product."

Some players still expressed concerns.

Chris DiMarco noted that Singh, who has missed the last two cuts, might not be eligible for the Tour Championship. Woods also missed the cut the last time he played, two weeks ago at Disney.

Even if a player were to win all four majors, it's conceivable he would not win the FedEx Cup or even make it to the Tour Championship.

"What's the worse-case scenario? That our Super Bowl doesn't have all the marquee players," David Toms said.

Finchem did not say how many players would be eligible to win the FedEx Cup, although he said the three events in the Championship Series would have 144 players.

The Associated Press first reported the new model in July, and tour officials have been tweaking the concept since. They still are unsure how the points system will work, and Finchem said there was much work left.

"I've met with Tim five times, and I've heard five different things," Woods said.

Multiple sources involved in the discussion, all speaking on condition of anonymity because the tournaments have not been announced, have

said the three events leading to the Tour Championship would be the Barclays Classic in New York, the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston and the Western Open. The Western Open is still dealing with sponsorship issues and a decision on where to play.

Golf World magazine reported last week that the Western Open might be rotated among such markets as Minnesota, Indianapolis, Chicago and St. Louis. Finchem mentioned that Bellerive outside St. Louis was supposed to host the American Express Championship, an event canceled because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The heart of the season will be shorter.

But for those tournaments concerned they might get knocked off the schedule, Finchem said there would be six or seven other events after the Tour Championship in which players could try to earn their tour cards for next year.

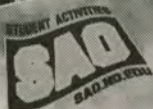
That section of the season would be called the "Quest for the Card," although Woods said he would not play any of those tournaments, and other top players also would be taking time off.

Still, Finchem believes a season-long points race, coupled with a Tour Championship in September, would mean more top players in the same tournament.

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new coach is confident in his ability to adjust to his new position, despite not having any experience at the college level.

"Other than the shot clock, the only thing I have to change is teaching the girls the new game plan," Bender said.

Bender's new plan is an overhaul on both offense and defense. The Belles will utilize a new motion-style offense to score quickly with multiple defensive looks in order to contain their opponents.

Saint Mary's also has been working on its team speed to convert defensive stops into quick turnovers. Bender has worked this fast-paced transition offense into practices, focusing on fast break points at most practices.

One of the biggest advantages Bender has in implementing his new schemes is the amount of freshman playing for the Belles — six in total. Bender was left with only three returning starters from last season's team — senior Bridget Boyce, junior Bridget Lipke and Sophomore Allison Kessler.

But with the freshman players, including starting center Nicole Beier, Bender can shape their college games with his strategy.

"The main thing that has to be done is to get them used to up-tempo college basketball," Bender said.

Even though tonight's game is only a scrimmage, it still is important for the team,



Observer File Photo

Bridget Lipke, right, plays defense in a game against Alma last season. She is one of three returning starters this season.

according to Bender.

"The team needs to improve over Saturday's intra-squad game. We want [Bethel] to expose our weaknesses," he said.

Boyce, last season's second leading scorer and the highest-scoring player returning this season, understands the importance of the Bethel scrimmage.

"This is going to be a great learning experience for all the freshman on the team," Boyce said. "I think we are going to

surprise a lot of people out there with our new offense."

Despite a disappointing season last year, the Belles cannot wait to start playing at 7 p.m. tonight to prove how much better they are. Boyce is confident the Belles will win and continue to succeed throughout this season.

"We know that we will be the team to beat this year," Boyce said.

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our own mistakes with the takeaway, which is our No. 1 job — to take the ball away. You don't like to do it always like that, all the way backed up and put the offense in bad field position, but that beats the alternative of lining up for an extra point."

Irish head coach Charlie Weis also addressed this issue, emphasizing how he used last week's bye to focus on the details Minter alluded to.

"There's a lot of things that we need to clean up — like penalties, like ball possession," Weis said. "Some of the things that were glaring errors in the BYU game. When you have a normal 20-hour work week, it's tough to spend extra time on a couple of facets, because you have installation to deal with as well."

Notre Dame was penalized 11 times for 77 yards in its 49-23 win over BYU Oct. 22.

Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski said cleaning up mistakes has been a focus of practice this week.

"I know for the linemen, if they jump offsides, they got to start running," Zbikowski said. "The coaches are looking on and making sure they don't jump offsides. Luckily I don't have that problem."

During Zbikowski's 83-yard interception return for a touchdown against the Cougars, he extended the ball outward on his way to the end zone. But Weis and he both agree that will not happen against Tennessee.



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Anthony Fasano, front, is tackled during Notre Dame's 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22.

"Yeah I've been carrying the ball with two hands this week for [Weis]," Zbikowski said.

Notes:

♦ The Irish will not be traveling to Tennessee's 104,759-seat Neyland Stadium, famous for being a loud environment. But Weis is still focused on getting on top early — even without an opposing crowd to quiet.

"Any time you're playing a tough opponent, the advantages of getting on top early are great," he said. "It puts pressure on the whole mentality of the whole team. Conversely, if you get behind early, now you're putting

some extra pressure on yourself. I'm always big on trying to get on top early."

♦ In the wake of Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry's comments regarding the lack of African Americans in his program, Weis was asked for his take on the issue of race in college football.

"I learned a long time ago, long before I got into the business world, to be color blind," Weis said. "I think that anyone who's a success in life better practice that philosophy."

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MLB

Reds owner sells team to local group

Carl Lindner's share of team believed to be priced at \$270 million

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Carl Lindner agreed Wednesday to sell his controlling interest in the Cincinnati Reds to a group of area businessmen, keeping baseball's first professional franchise in local hands.

The group is headed by Robert Castellini, chairman of a Cincinnati-based produce company, and relatives of a family that owned the team when it became the Big Red Machine in the 1970s. The sale must be approved by Major League Baseball.

Most sales take between three months and a year to get approval from baseball owners, the timeframe usually depending upon the number of parties involved.

Several groups showed an interest after three limited partners put their shares — representing 51.5 percent of the team — up for sale in March. Lindner said then that he wanted to keep control.

He changed his mind and agreed to sell his controlling shares as well. Castellini's group will buy between 70 percent and 80 percent of the team, valued at \$270 million, said one of the parties involved in the sale.

Castellini's group was the last to show an interest, getting involved only a month ago, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity because baseball has barred comment on the deal until it is approved.

Two other groups made similar bids, but Lindner felt most comfortable with Castellini's group.

"Carl knew them well," said another party involved in the deal, also speaking on condition of anonymity because of baseball's order. "That's got a lot to do with it. They're Cincinnati."

Castellini's business was

founded in 1896 — 27 years after the Reds started playing — and grew into one of the largest distributors of fresh fruits and vegetables in the country.

When the Reds played at Riverfront Stadium starting in 1970, clubhouse attendants would get cabbage leaves from Castellini's nearby produce warehouse and soak them in ammonia so players could wear them under their caps and keep cool on scorching days. Castellini sold the warehouse and land for more than \$30 million in the 1990s to make way for a football stadium for the Bengals.

The 86-year-old Lindner knows Castellini from their business, civic and philanthropic dealings. Joe Bride, a corporate spokesman for Castellini, declined comment because of baseball's order.

"It's always been important to Mr. Lindner and the rest of the current owners to have a very strong local face on the new ownership," said Stephen Greenberg of Allen & Co., which was hired by the team's limited partners to arrange the sale.

The sale adds to the Reds' legacy of local ownership.

Broadcasting pioneer Powel Crosley Jr. bought the Reds in 1934 and put his name on the team's field. Local businessmen William and James Williams were part of the club's ownership group in the 1970s, when it won two World Series and became known as the Big Red Machine.

Two of the Williams' descendants — Thomas and William Jr. — will be part of the new ownership group with Castellini, who would become the team's chief operating officer. All three are part of the St. Louis Cardinals' ownership group led by Bill DeWitt Jr. and would have to sell their interests in that club.

The Williams family was part of the ownership group that sold control to local car dealer Marge Schott in 1984, setting up one of the club's most turbulent periods.

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Irish take care of Billikens

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The maintenance crew at the Joyce Center didn't have much cleaning to do Tuesday night as the No. 5 Irish swept another opponent on their home court — defeating St. Louis 30-13, 30-23, 30-23.

It was the sixth time in nine home matches that the Irish won in three straight games.

Coach Debbie Brown kept her team ready after two huge Big East wins over the weekend.

They were not about to take the Billikens lightly, but Brown wasn't sure how her team would start the non-conference match after the high-emotion weekend.

From the looks of the 30-13 score, the Irish came ready.

"It was a really good first game," Brown said. "We executed well. We served really tough."

"I think St. Louis wasn't really sure what to expect, and then I think they played a little bit better in games two and three."

Notre Dame had five players with eight or more kills. Senior outside hitter/middle blocker Lauren Kelbley led the way with 14, and fellow senior Lauren Brewster added nine. Sophomore outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk pounded 13. In total, the Irish had 54.

Notre Dame hit for a .417 percentage in the match.

Senior Meg Henican once again led the way defensively with 14 digs. The Irish also had 10 blocks on the day.

Notre Dame won its 14th straight match. They're in the top five — likely headed for the No. 1 seed in both the Big East and NCAA tournament.



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Senior Carolyn Cooper goes up for a spike in Wednesday's win over St. Louis. The Irish won in three straight games.

But Brown says to hold on.

"We've talked about where we are right now, and we've talked about not getting ahead of ourselves," she said. "[We're] taking it one match at a time and [still] enjoying it along the way because it's not like it's not happening because it's really fun."

"We've had some great wins. We're working really hard, so we're trying not to get ahead of ourselves. We're putting ourselves in a really good position to finish strong and finish well, and that's what we want to do."

There's plenty of work to do.

This weekend the Irish will hit the road for the first time after playing at home since Oct. 21. Considering they are the defending Big East regular season and tournament champions, and given their No. 5 rank in the nation, the Irish expect the

best from their opponents.

"West Virginia will be challenging for us," Brown said. "Any time you play in the Big East, we always have a big target on our backs, so the teams play up for us for sure."

"We're on the road, so that's a little more of a challenge too. Pittsburgh is one of the top teams in the conference. They've got very good outside hitters. We'll have to get a good practice in and a good film session in and be on the road and play well again."

One more practice and the Irish will be ready to go again. They have something special going this season.

Later this week, they hope to keep rolling.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Thompsons continue dominance in ITA's

Tennis twins will play in their second grand slam of season

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Catrina and Christian Thompson's assault on the Notre Dame women's tennis record book will continue today at the second grand slam of the season, the ITA National Indoor Championships.

The Thompsons are attempting to become the first team from any school to win both the ITA All-American Championships and the National Indoor doubles titles in the same year.

The twin sisters, winners of the doubles title at the first grand slam last month, the All-American Championships, are the No. 1 seed in this weekend's tournament. It is the first time Notre Dame has ever earned the top seed in a grand slam tournament.

Assistant coach Michelle Dasso, who coached the sisters at the All-American tournament, said she has seen them become more focused since they won the first grand slam in Irish history.

"Winning that tournament helped their mental confidence," Dasso said. "They know they can win, but they also know everyone is gunning for them. They have been taking each match one at a time, and I hope that's how they approach this weekend."

"This is the toughest draw in the country and they can't get ahead of themselves."

While the All-American Championships were played in the California heat, this weekend's action will take place inside the Columbus Racquet Club at Ohio State University.

Dasso felt the indoor courts would be an advantage for the Thompsons.

"A big positive for us is that the good West coast teams have to come play inside," Dasso said. "It's usually hard for us to make the adjustment to the outdoors when we play them out there,

but we won't have to worry about that. They'll be adjusting and playing on our surface."

Catrina Thompson was an at-large qualifier to the singles draw for the Indoor Championships and will take to the court to face fifth-seeded Robin Stephenson of Alabama today.

Catrina Thompson is coming off a semifinal appearance at the Midwest Championships and has shown her ability to compete with some of the top players in the nation.

"It's a great opportunity for her," Dasso said. "She's definitely a top player, and she'll have the chance to take on some other top players this weekend. She has an advantage on the fast courts and could really put up some good singles wins."

Dasso also felt that the singles play might help Catrina Thompson's doubles game, as it would offer more competition and a chance to improve her intensity.

While the Thompsons will be competing in Columbus, Ohio, the rest of the No. 24 Irish will travel to Urbana, Ill., to play in the Midwest Blast, hosted by the University of Illinois.

Play will begin Friday in a simulated dual format. The Irish will play Illinois, Louisville and Wisconsin in dual matches, but team scores will not be kept.

Results will count for individual ranking purposes.

"There are good teams there, and it will be a good test for us as the fall season ends," Dasso said. "It will help the freshmen get used to the dual match format, and everyone will get to play a lot of matches. It's good for everyone to get match experience in the fall."

Without the Thompson twins, the rest of the Irish will have the opportunity to play up a few spots in the lineup.

Dasso was excited that the team would be able to play better competition at the higher positions. She also said that she would most likely shuffle the lineup between matches to get different players playing different positions in the lineup.

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Catrina Thompson anticipates a shot in a March 22 match against Purdue. Thompson will play this weekend at Ohio State.

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only each other," Quinn said before Tuesday's practice. "It'll be exciting to suit up against someone else."

The last time the two teams met, Lewis University was Lewis College. In the first of two exhibition games, Notre Dame will take the court at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center with the same name but with a drastically different face from last season.

Point guard Chris Thomas has graduated, and the team has welcomed four promising freshmen to a roster filled with players who either expect or are fighting for serious playing time.

"There's probably more moving parts at this time of year than any of my other years as far as combinations and looking at a lot of different things and not having a predetermined rotation," Irish coach Mike Brey said Tuesday. "Thinking even further, the only guy I know I'd start Thursday would be Chris Quinn. After that, let them all fight for it."

Brey was half-joking, because he acknowledges he will rely sometimes on guard Colin Falls' shooting. He understands center Torin Francis is his tallest body in the post. But Brey also knows guard Russell Carter can be explosive from the perimeter or on the drive. He said forward Rick Cornett has worked hard in the offseason to increase the minutes he saw last season.

The coach repeatedly has said Notre Dame has 10 to 11 players who all could, and most likely will, factor into the rotation from November to March. And the quickest way for players to earn minutes — and for the Irish to improve — is to buckle down defensively, Brey said.

"I think my biggest concern is what's our defensive identity," Brey said. "Is it more man than zone? Is it both? Personnel will dictate some of that. And it could be something that's changing throughout the year given personnel and given different styles of play — especially in our conference."

"I think offensively we know what to do with it down there. It's just digging in and having a physical presence on the defensive end and then consistently rebounding the ball."

Notre Dame's defense gave up an average of 64.1 points per game last season (fifth among Big East teams), but the

Irish only had the ninth-best field goal percentage defense in its conference — teams shot 42.4 percent against them.

Last season, Notre Dame had lost the services of lockdown man-to-man defender Torrian Jones to graduation, and Brey experimented with zone defense. But Thomas and Quinn both started, and coupled with Falls playing one corner, Notre Dame's 2-3 zone was small and unimposing.

"Against [Boston College], I don't know how we stole that night because we were really small," Brey said of a 68-65 win on Feb. 8 in which Notre Dame played zone. "We're bigger up front [now], so I think that can help us. And then we'll do some three-quarter-court stuff, some delay pressure, things like that. I think it's just a matter of different mixtures and different guys playing together."

Brey said Carter, a junior, has been playing better defense in practice and will be an asset for matchups against athletic guards, of which the Big East has plenty. Forward Rob Kurz is one of the more physical defenders in the post, Brey said, and Omari Israel has the length needed to shut down scorers.

And then there are the freshmen. The bench keeps going.

"I think Luke [Zeller] and Kyle [McAlarney] especially can step in and help us," Quinn said. "Zach Hillesland has been a guy who, throughout the summer and the preseason, has surprised some people. And I think he'll be able to step in for us and play a role for us."

Notre Dame is 4-0 all-time in its series with Lewis University. The Irish won the games in four consecutive years in games all played at the Joyce Center from 1964-67.

Lewis, nicknamed the Flyers, plays in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. It is located in Romeoville, Ill.

Notes

Forward Rick Cornett is nursing a sprained left ankle he injured last week in practice. Brey said Tuesday Cornett should be ready to go against Lewis tonight barring any setbacks.

"Everybody should be available," Brey said. "We should have everybody healthy. Rick's got a little bit of that sore ankle, but he's working his way back. I sense he should go today, and we should have everybody available."

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thinking about making the shot.

"It's definitely exciting. I probably couldn't have asked for a better first goal of my college career."

Clark had striker Justin McGeeney take the first penalty shot. Cavicchia guessed wrong, and McGeeney sent a goal into the left corner for a 1-0 Irish advantage.

Syracuse freshman Pete Rowley then beat goaltender Chris Cahill to even the score, but midfielder Ian Etherington immediately answered with a blast into the top right corner of the net, giving the Irish a 2-1 lead.

Syracuse failed to convert on its next two shots, as sophomore Brad Peetoom hit the right post and Mike McCallion missed high. Kurt Martin, Notre Dame's third shooter, gave the Irish a commanding 3-1 lead when he beat Cavicchia to the right.

Lapira had a chance to end the match for the Irish, but Cavicchia made a terrific save diving to his right. Collings then sent one past Cahill to keep Syracuse alive before Besler's final goal ousted the Orange from the tournament.

The Irish entered the penalty kicks confident thanks to Cahill's strong play on the season.

"I'm going to tell you why we are confident — because of Chris Cahill," Rellas said. "Having Cahill in goalie, I think we have an advantage over any team [in a shoot out]. He's a good goalkeeper. He's very long."

Notre Dame started the game off slow.

Syracuse pressured hard from the opening whistle and controlled much of the action

early in the first half, outshooting the Irish 11-8 in the period.

Clark made a key adjustment early in the second half. The coach inserted often injured senior captain Dale Rellas in at centerback and moved junior captain Greg Dalby up to center midfield. The switch allowed Dalby to help coordinate the Irish offensive attack and solved key defensive problems from the first half.

"We weren't handling the high balls," Clark said. "The balls were coming into the box and nobody was getting a hold of them really. Dale is very good in the air."

Rellas, who had not seen action since suffering a high ankle sprain in a game at Providence on Oct. 19, proved up to the task, cutting off the Orange's aerial attack in the second half. The senior, who practiced Tuesday for the first time since his injury, was thrilled to be back in action.

"I got off the injured reserve a little bit early, but I was so happy to actually help the team on the field," Rellas said. "I haven't been able to do it in awhile."

Notre Dame quickly seized control of the game. The Irish outshot Syracuse 22-6 in the second half and two overtime periods.

"The second half and the overtime it was just total dominance," Clark said. "We just absolutely killed them."

The Irish had numerous scoring opportunities that they failed to capitalize on, however. Sophomore forward Joe Lapira consistently got behind the Syracuse defense and logged 11 shots, but could not seem to

find the back of the net.

"We had our chances," Rellas said. "We just couldn't put it away."

Syracuse had some scoring opportunities of its own, but the Irish defense held strong.

The Orange's best chance came with just 2:25 remaining in the second half. Sophomore forward Isaac Collings collected the ball and fired a rocket from the far left wing. 6-foot-6 Irish keeper Chris Cahill jumped and tipped the ball just enough to cause it to ricochet off of

the crossbar. Cahill recorded five total saves on the night for his seventh shutout of the year.

The win certainly helps Notre Dame's chances of receiving an at large bid to the NCAA tournament. Unfortunately for the Irish, though, a shoot out victory is officially counted as a tie, meaning Notre Dame still only has 10 victories on the year in the eyes of the selection committee. The Irish may need another victory in Sunday's second round match at St. John's to guarantee a spot in the NCAA tournament.

"If we could get that, I think we'd almost be a lock for the NCAA's," Clark said. "We've still got a good chance as it stands, but that would make us a lock."

But St. John's, one of the top programs in college soccer, rarely loses at home. The Irish have never won in New York in Clark's five year tenure. The coach is hoping that streak will come to an end Sunday, though.

"We're still alive and kicking and there is a bit of soccer left in this team yet," Clark said.

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On Wednesday, the Irish slipped a little to a round score of 300, but not because of the play of sophomore Jane Lee. Lee led Notre Dame with a two-under-par 70.

"[Lee] had a great closing round," King said. "But as a team, we did mediocre the last day. We were hoping we wouldn't lose any ground with a 300, but we did. It was tough losing to Oregon and Missouri by just two shots."

The Ducks and Tigers finished with team scores of 892, good enough for an eighth place tie.

King said the Irish were able to adjust to the desert terrain surrounding the fairways in Las Vegas, but not until after some

early trouble.

"It was definitely different," King said. "They didn't really have a rough, they just had desert. There were sand and rocks and boulders and cactuses. But it wasn't too much of a problem. The only time we had a problem was on two holes on the first day."

UCLA, led by Hannah Jun's 70-70-66 (206), won the tournament with a 24-under-par team score of 840. They blew away their nearest competition, Kent State, by 27 strokes. Pepperdine finished third, followed by Arizona, UNLV, Arkansas and Southern Methodist University. Colorado State, University of California Irvine, Texas Christian University, Brigham Young, Oklahoma and Eastern Washington finished No. 11 through No. 16 respectively.

The Irish missed their flight home Wednesday when the third round ran long. Because of the delay, the players will miss an additional day of classes Thursday.

To add to the problem, Notre Dame will play in the Lady Jaguar Invitational in Augusta, Ga., Monday through Wednesday of next week.

"It's stressful for them, but up until this point, since Labor Day, they've only missed two days of school," King said. "Plus after next week in Augusta, we're done [for the winter], so they will have a chance to get caught up."

After the Lady Jaguar, Notre Dame will not compete again until Feb. 19 in the Central District Classic in Parrish, Fla.

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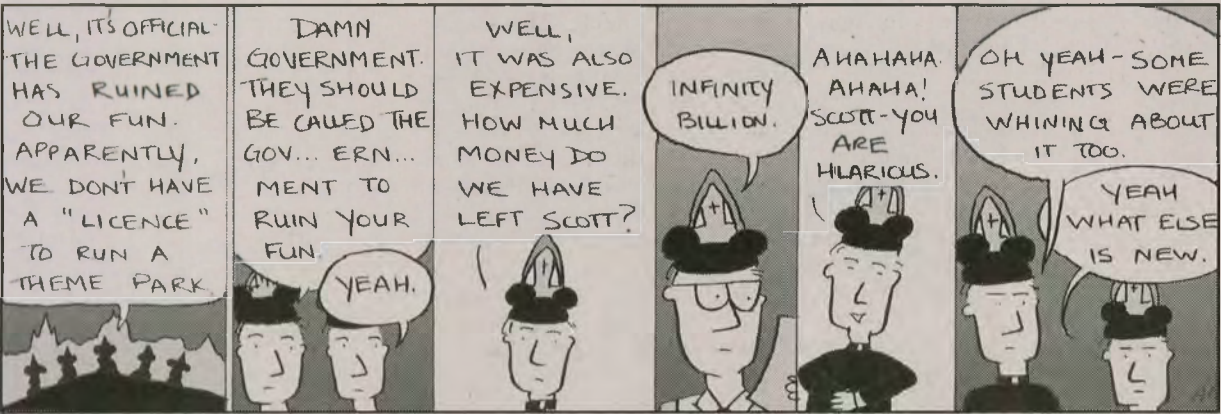
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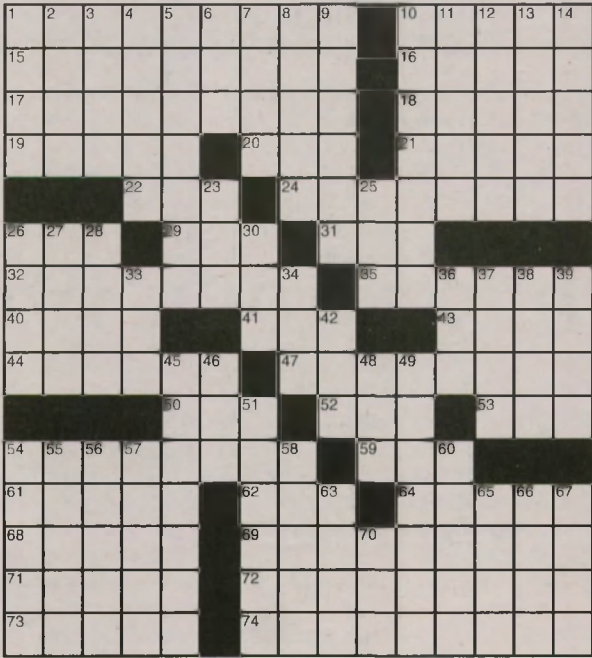
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have to play a bit of a cat-and-mouse game today, especially if you are dealing with authority figures. Don't lay all your cards on the table -- hold back and see what everyone else is doing first. ***

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MEN'S SOCCER

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Notre Dame defeats Syracuse 4-2 on penalty kicks to advance in Big East

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Freshman Matt Besler's first career goal certainly was a big one.

After Notre Dame and Syracuse battled through regulation and two, 10-minute scoreless overtime periods, the teams settled their first round Big East Tournament matchup on penalty kicks.

With Notre Dame leading the shootout 3-2, head coach Bobby Clark called upon the young Besler to take Notre Dame's fifth and final shot. The freshman came through, beating Syracuse goalkeeper Robert Cavicchia and pushing the Irish into the second round of the tournament.

"I really wasn't thinking about winning the game for our team," Besler said. "I was just



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Nate Norman, left, fights for the ball Tuesday in a win against Syracuse. The Irish won 4-2 on penalty kicks after 110 minutes of scoreless action.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Bender is prepared for season

First-year head coach looks to improve last year's sub-.500 team

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis isn't the only new coach in South Bend trying to turn a down-and-out program around this year.

First-year head coach Steve Bender took over the Saint Mary's women's basketball team this season, and he wants to improve the Belles' 11-15 record from last year.

Before coming to Saint Mary's, Bender worked for 25 years at Buchanan High School in Michigan at various basketball coaching positions. The

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Gebauer leads Irish to strong finish in Sin City

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

It was the second-lowest three-round score the Notre Dame women's golf team had posted all year, but it wasn't enough to avoid a tenth place finish out of 16 teams in the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown Wednesday.

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The 894 shot by the Irish represented the third-best score in school history, and only the second time in school history Notre Dame has shot three consecutive rounds at 300 or below.

Still, with a field highlighted by No. 3 University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), No. 4 Pepperdine, No. 5 Arkansas and

No. 13 University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), the Las Vegas Showdown was a test that even an Irish squad playing at their historic best couldn't pass.

Notre Dame head coach Debby King said playing top-25 competition is a way to build the program.

"We're getting invited to tougher events," King said. "We

could go to the same events as we did last year and win them all, but that wouldn't help our rankings."

The Irish had three different leaders in each of the three rounds. In round one on Monday, junior Noriko Nakasaki led the team to a round score of 299 with an even par 72.

On Tuesday, senior Lauren

Gebauer shot a 72, leaping from 60th place to 37th and leading the Irish to a team score of 295.

King said the team, which was in eighth place at the time, was excited about their low scores.

"Lauren Gebauer said to me, 'We're living in the 200s, coach,'" King said.

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FOOTBALL

Coaches not satisfied with current results

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

With its 5-2 start this season, Notre Dame has exceeded many expectations from fans and preseason publications. The two Irish losses have come by a total of only six points, falling 34-31 to No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 15 and 44-41 in overtime to Michigan State on Sept. 17.

But despite this, the Irish aren't totally satisfied with their play this season.

"Well if you ask me how good are we, I don't think we've played real great this year," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter said at Wednesday's press conference.

Minter pointed out the way Notre Dame has given up several big drives but has come up with a turnover before the opponent can score.

"We've played hard, and we've played solid," he said. "We've covered up some of

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

D-II Flyers soar into Joyce

Notre Dame opens its preseason with home game against Lewis

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Notre Dame plays Division II Lewis University tonight for the first time since 1967. To Irish point guard Chris Quinn, it feels like it's been just as long since the Irish played anybody.

"We've been here since the middle of June playing against



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

Omari Israel, left, Russell Carter, center, and Chris Murphy relax during basketball media day Oct. 12.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 5 Notre Dame defeated St. Louis Wednesday 30-13, 30-23, 30-23 at the Joyce Center.

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Christian and Catrina Thompson will play in the ITA National Indoor Championships today at Ohio State.

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Carl Lindner agreed to sell his controlling portion of the Cincinnati Reds to a local business group.

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**Pistons 108
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Allen Iverson scored 31 points, but Detroit easily beat Philadelphia.

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**Senators 10
Sabres 4**

Daniel Alfredsson and Martin Havlat each scored four goals in the Ottawa victory.

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**Lakers 99
Nuggets 97 (OT)**

Kobe Bryant drained a 22-foot game winner in overtime to give Los Angeles the win.

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