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## FACULTY SENATE

# Cultural competency discussed



Rhea Boyd, chair of the Student Senate Minority Affairs committee, discusses the resolution Tuesday.

*New diversity awareness resolution called 'vague'*

By KATIE PERRY  
Assistant News Editor

A proposal to establish a committee to evaluate and implement cultural competency at Notre Dame was hotly debated at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting, where members said the plan was too "vague" and last-minute for them to make an immediate decision.

Members of the Student Affairs committee, one of the four subcommittees of Faculty Senate, cited the resolution's inability to present a clear-cut definition of the term "cultural competency" — and how such a practice would be integrated

— as well as a lack of time to think over the issue as reasons for postponing action until their next meeting on Feb. 1.

Rhea Boyd, chair of Student Senate's Minority Affairs committee, said the resolution speaks to Notre Dame's "biggest initiative" — the question of how to incorporate diversity into campus life. Boyd said the issue is best resolved by making exposure a direct part of the college curriculum.

"The biggest thing is the definition of cultural competency," Boyd said. "As defined by the American Heritage Dictionary, 'competence' is a specific range of skill, knowledge and ability. When we precede that with 'cultural,' we hope Notre Dame students will have a knowledge or ability to successfully navi-

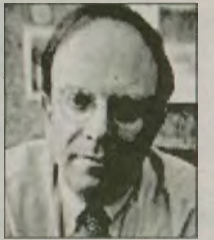
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# Storin to leave position

*Former Boston Globe editor will continue to teach at University*

By CLAIRE HEININGER  
News Writer

After serving as associate vice president of news and information the past three and a half years — making him Notre Dame's mouthpiece during a rare presidential transition and a controversial football coaching change — University spokesman Matt Storin



Storin

will step down at the end of this calendar year.

Storin, a 1964 Notre Dame graduate who was the editor of the Boston Globe for eight years before coming back to work at the University, said he decided last February that this would be his last semester in the post.

"I love being at Notre Dame, and I've enjoyed the job," Storin said Tuesday. "I'm very fond of [University President] Father [John] Jenkins, so [stepping down] is really based on personal considerations."

Since many of his friends and family live on the east

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# Students use 11 printers installed in dorms

*Student Senate works to monitor program and evaluate pilot run*

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
News Writer

The test run of the printer program — which brought printers to five dorms last spring to determine their feasibility and necessity in dormitories — was enough to convince Carroll sophomore Josh Kempf that he no longer needed his own personal printer in his dorm room.

"They told us they would have it up and running this year, so I didn't even bring it back," Kempf said.

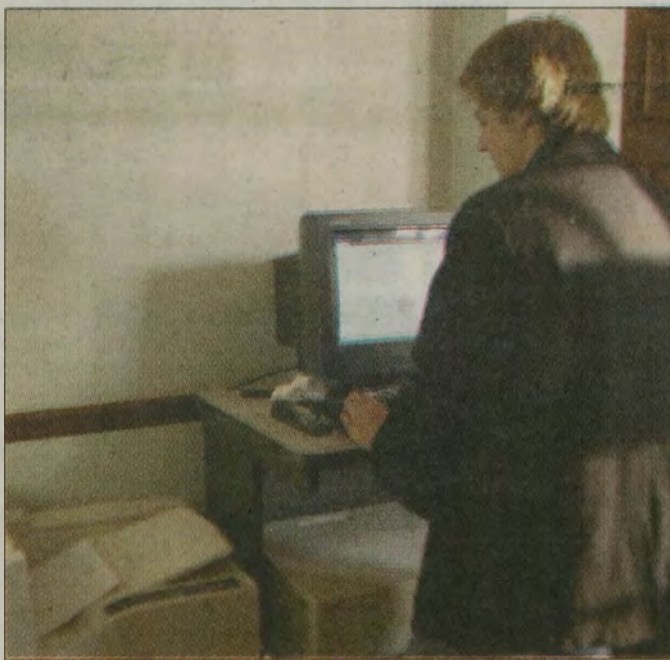
Thanks to the success of the pilot program, organized by the student senate last March, the University began the printer pro-

gram in 11 dorms on campus — Carroll, Dillon, Farley, Lewis, Lyons, O'Neill, Pangborn, Pasquerilla West, Welsh Family and the lobby connecting Keenan and Stanford. Each of these dorms received one printer at the beginning of the school year.

Mark Seiler, chair of the Student Senate's residence life committee, and senator Ben Guntz worked with Gordon Wishon, assistant vice president of the Office of Information Technologies, to get printers installed in the dorms.

"The first year for the pilot program was last academic year, and the program went well," Seiler said. "The program indicated that the printers in the dorms were getting ample usage. This academic year a few more printers were added to dorms. As far as I know, the program continues to go well."

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Sophomore Eric Natke uses a printer in Dillon Hall Monday. The printer program was set up by Student Senate this fall.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

# Professor consults for 'The Da Vinci Code'

By KATE ANTONACCI  
Associate News Editor

Theology professor Father Richard McBrien is helping "crack the code" — as promotional ads for "The Da Vinci Code" movie say — as a consultant for the Sony Pictures film based on the widely popular and controversial novel by Dan Brown.

"According to the terms of



McBrien

my contract, I'm not at liberty to discuss my role as a consultant to 'The Da Vinci Code' film, other than to confirm that I am, in fact, a consultant and that I have been in touch with [director] Ron Howard and others involved in the production of the film," McBrien said Tuesday.

"The Da Vinci Code" book, released in April 2003, immediately became the subject of much conversation and furious religious debate for its claim that Jesus may have been married to Mary Magdalene, a figure often depicted in art

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# College changes start date

By KELLY MEEHAN  
News Writer

An unusually long winter break will give students a four-week escape from the rigors of college work, but the return to campus may prove extra challenging for Saint Mary's students.

The College's semester classes typically began on a Tuesday, but this year students will find themselves in the classroom on Monday, Jan. 16.

"I think that starting classes on Monday instead of Tuesday next semester will be a difficult adjustment," junior Leda DePalma said. "Having that Monday off makes the transition between the long Christmas break and settling back into the routine of classes much easier."

The decision to begin classes on

Monday instead of Tuesday was made at the April 18 meeting of the academic affairs council. The council passed a resolution that stated classes would begin on the first Monday of the spring 2006 semester, and every semester thereafter. This change was implemented to narrow the time imbalance that previously existed between classes that convened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and those that met on Tuesday and Thursday, the council said.

"[The resolution] really makes sense," communications studies professor Andrea Rogers said. "If I had one Monday, Wednesday, Friday class and one Tuesday, Thursday class that were identical, it would be difficult to balance the work load and remain fair to the students."

College registrar Lorraine Kitchner said the implementation

of a study day prior to finals week, which resulted in the cancellation of a Friday class, was part of the reasoning behind the resolution.

"Faculty Assembly sent the recommendation to start classes on Monday to the Academic Affairs Council in an attempt to balance the overall Monday, Wednesday, Friday meeting times with Tuesday, Thursday meeting times — especially in the spring semesters," she said. "This change will not make the meeting times equal, but it will bring help close the gap."

Although students will start class a day earlier, they still will not be permitted to return to their residence halls until Sunday, Jan. 15, residence halls director Michelle Russell said.

Russell said she feels students

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Arizona dreaming

No matter how many papers I have to write, no matter how many finals I have to study for, there's just one thing I can't stop thinking about: the Fiesta Bowl. But it's for a different reason than one might think. Despite being the overzealous football fanatic that I am, it's not the dream matchup between the Irish and the Buckeyes that I'm salivating over, nor is it the delicious tortilla chips that will most certainly be advertised during the event. The reason I'll be certain to pick up a lottery number today is because the game will be played in toasty warm Tempe, Ariz.

This is my first Midwestern winter, and while I thought I would be prepared for it, it has still come as a shock to me. What surprised me most was how quickly it came. It was comfortable and mild throughout October, and I figured all that I'd heard about how cold and depressing South Bend was must have been an exaggeration, but sure enough, after waking up at 7:57 a.m. for an 8 a.m. test one morning in mid-November, I realized, while sprinting across south quad in a T-shirt, that everything was covered in snow. Now, just a year ago, that amount of snowfall would have equated to a day off from school for me, but, alas, Notre Dame is not really a commuter campus. So I plodded slowly back to the dorm to get ready for my first class, thinking that I'd never get to experience the pure elation of a snow day again. Sure enough, I was fortunate to check my e-mail before heading out again and found that my first class had been cancelled because my professor's wife had gone into labor that morning, which after a quick congratulatory reply, I was free to relax and enjoy the morning's winter scenery.

But I have found that this round of snow, accompanied by blistering cold and gale-force winds, isn't so quaint and enjoyable as the first time.

No other time have I been so thankful for my dorm's close proximity to South Dining Hall, and the occasional excursions to North I took this fall have been ruled out. Many trips to the library have been forsaken. And don't expect me to call you back: I don't get cell phone service in my dorm room and I sure as hell am not going outside.

Last week a friend entertained me with the tale of his older brother, who after walking against the wind, arrived at class unaware that he had lines of snot frozen to the sides of his face. Just yesterday on the way to breakfast, I avoided this fate when one of my nostrils literally froze closed before anything my nose could run.

So while I'll likely be waiting for a few hours in the cold today to get my lottery number, I'll be facing the frigid temperature by thinking of football, salsa and Arizona. And even if we go home for break to a place where it isn't much warmer in January, we can at least go to sleep with visions of Tempe and nachos dancing in our heads.

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

### CORRECTIONS

In an article in the Dec. 2 edition of The Observer, a pull quote was mistakenly attributed to American Studies major Jennifer Lucetta. Political science major Adam Russell was the actual speaker.

Lucetta also was misrepresented when references to her friends were taken out of context. The Observer regrets these errors.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK?



**Beth Hagerty**  
sophomore  
Breen-Phillips

"Christmas in the Caribbean and soaking up the sun."



**Molly Dawes**  
sophomore  
Breen-Phillips

"Moving to Houston and getting a tan."



**Meghan Newcomb**  
sophomore  
Breen-Phillips

"Finding an Irish pub where I can watch my Irish beat OSU!"



**Katie Palumbo**  
freshman  
Lewis

"Going home to Phoenix."



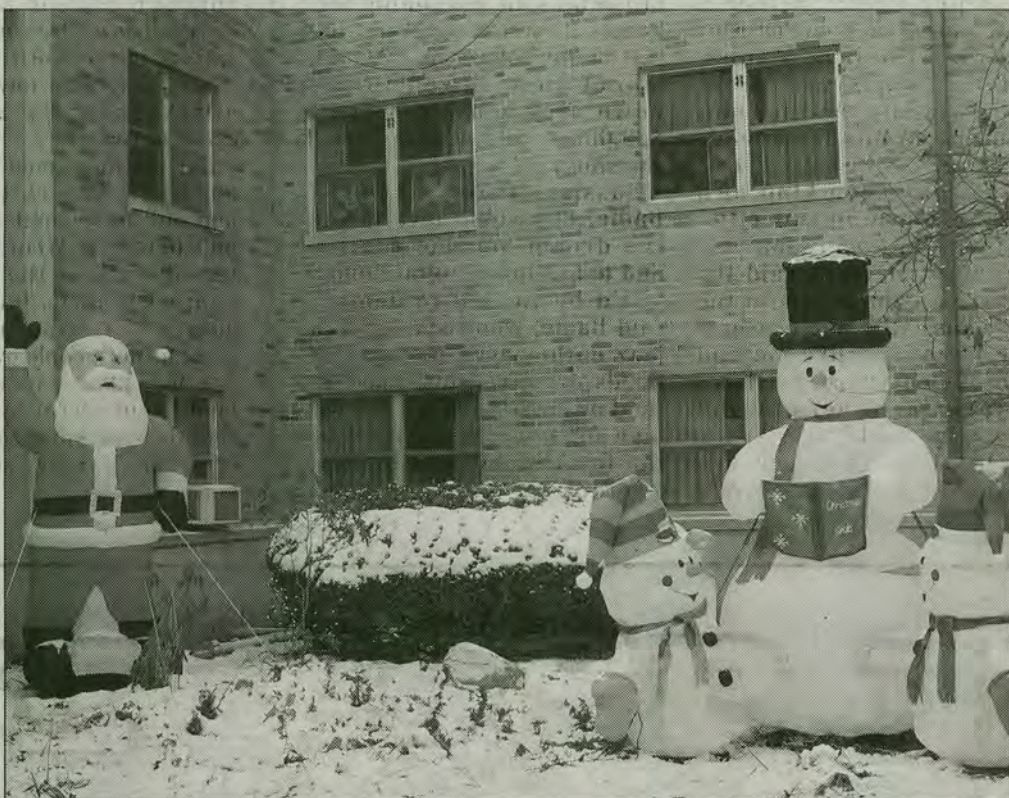
**Kaitlin Jensen**  
freshman  
Lewis

"Going to Katie Palumbo's house for the game."



**Tom Mazzacavallo**  
freshman  
Zahm

"Going to Katie Palumbo's house for the game."



Inflatable Christmas decorations are set up outside of Stanford Hall. Students have helped decorate the outside of their halls since returning from Thanksgiving break.

### OFFBEAT

#### Woman allegedly hires hit man for cheese

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — In an unusual case of mistaken identity, a woman who thought a block of white cheese was cocaine is charged with trying to hire a hit man to rob and kill four men. The woman also was mistaken about the hit man. He turned out to be an undercover police officer.

Jessica Sandy Booth, 18, was arrested over the weekend and remains in jail with bond set at \$1 million on four charges of attempted murder and four counts of soliciting a murder.

According to police, Booth

was in the Memphis home of the four intended victims last week when she mistook a block of queso fresco cheese for cocaine - inspiring the idea to hire someone to break into the home, take the drugs, and kill the men.

An informant described the plot to police, who arranged a meeting between Booth and the undercover officer.

#### Man jailed after biting head off gecko

PORT JERVIS, N.Y. — A 19-year-old man was behind bars Tuesday after allegedly biting the head off

a gecko as part of a bet.

Derrick Ford was being held in the Orange County Jail after being charged with felony animal cruelty, police said.

Ford was at a friend's home Sunday when someone bet him \$10 that he wouldn't bite the head off a gecko, the Times Herald-Record of Middletown reported.

Though Ford won the bet, it wasn't long before police showed up and placed him under arrest, the newspaper said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

### IN BRIEF

A "Christmas at the CoMo" benefit concert will be held tonight in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman Morse Center from 8 p.m. to 9. ND Celebration and instrumentalists will perform, and the public is invited to attend.

In anticipation of the film premier of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," Father Charles Gordon will give a talk entitled "Anticipating Narnia" Thursday at 8 p.m. in room 102 DeBartolo Hall.

A panel discussion entitled "The Social Security Puzzle: Dispelling Myths, Discussing Solutions" will take place Friday at 3 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in Mendoza College of Business. Panelists will objectively examine the government's economic assistance program, analyze common misconceptions and seek practical solutions. The discussion is open to the general public.

For those students interested in walk-on tryouts for next year's Notre Dame football team, information sheets are available from the football office in the Guglielmino Athletics Complex. Students interested should fill out the information sheet and return it by Jan. 18 if they are interested in trying out. A meeting will then be held on Jan. 23 at 5 p.m. in the Guglielmino Complex for those who turned in the sheets.

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

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## Village planned for musicians

*Music center at the hub would offer lessons and show performances*

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Singer Harry Connick Jr. and saxophone player Branford Marsalis are working with Habitat for Humanity to create a "village" for New Orleans musicians who lost their homes to Hurricane Katrina.

More than \$2 million has been raised for the project dreamed up by Connick and Marsalis — a neighborhood built around a music center where musicians can teach and perform, said Jim Pate, executive director of New Orleans Area Habitat for Humanity.

The first \$1 million came from benefit concerts in New York three weeks after the storm, said Quint Davis, the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival producer who helped arrange the concerts.

"The money being used to build these homes for New Orleans musicians was raised by New Orleans musicians. Our pact with them was to help New Orleans' musical community," Davis said at a news conference Tuesday.

In a telephone interview Monday, Connick said he and Marsalis — both honorary chairs for the national Habitat's hurricane rebuilding program — returned to their hometown several

weeks after the storm and were trying to think of ways to help.

"I had been kind of coming up blank. The problem is so massive, it's hard to know where to begin," Connick said. "As we talked, we both realized we should really stick to what we know, which is music."

Connick said four or five of the 16 musicians in his own band lost their homes. "There's a ton of musicians who have no place to go," he said.

Pate said Habitat hasn't decided on a location for the village, but is looking at three older, predominantly black neighborhoods in New Orleans.

He said \$7.5 million to \$15 million is needed for the project, which would include a music center named for Ellis Marsalis, the jazz pianist, educator and patriarch of the musical family that includes Branford, Wynton, Delfeayo and Jason.

"Ellis has been kind of a rock for music in this city," Mayor C. Ray Nagin said.

Branford Marsalis said the project is a thank you to the musicians "who made it possible for people like me and my brother Wynton and Harry Connick Jr. to get out and spread the word."

Habitat cannot reserve houses for a specific group,

and non-musicians would also live in the village, Pate said. However, musicians who lost their houses and have no or too little insurance — and will provide labor for a Habitat house — will be asked if they'd like to live there.

"We'd hope some of our musician partner families could do some of their sweat equity by doing performances or concerts for some of our volunteers who are coming from all over the world," Pate said.

It's a fantastic idea, said Banu Gibson, who sings '20s and '30s jazz.

"So many musicians have moved out of town, and a lot of the good ones, too, which is really depressing," she said.

Gibson is back in her own house, but two of the seven musicians in her band lost homes they had bought in the last couple of years. "All the money they raised to put down as a house payment, \$25,000 to \$35,000, is gone," she said.

Bassist Peter "Chuck" Badie, 80, would love to see the dream become reality, and to live in a Habitat home.

"I'd be tickled to death," said Badie, who's staying at a jazz enthusiast's home after floods destroyed his house in the Lower Ninth Ward. "A village for musicians would be the finest thing. But build it where?"

## Former professor is acquitted of charges

Associated Press

TAMPA — For more than five months, jurors in the case of a former professor accused of helping lead a Palestinian terrorist group reviewed hundreds of documents, heard from dozens of witnesses and watched videos in which the defendants appeared to speak glowingly of suicide bombers.

But it wasn't enough. Sami Al-Arian was acquitted Tuesday on nearly half the charges against him, and the jury deadlocked on the rest in a stinging defeat for the federal government. His case was seen as one of the biggest courtroom tests yet of the Patriot Act's expanded search-and-surveillance powers.

Al-Arian and three co-defendants were accused of being the communications arm of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, spreading the word and raising money that went toward suicide attacks that have killed hundreds in Israel.

But the jury could not convict any of the four on the charges laid out in a complex, 51-count indictment. Al-Arian was acquitted of eight of the 17 counts against him, including a key charge of conspiring to maim and murder people overseas.

A male juror, whose name was being kept secret by the court, said the case came down to lack of proof: "I didn't see the evidence."

Al-Arian, 47, wept after the verdicts, and his attorney Linda Moreno hugged him. He will remain jailed until prosecutors decide whether to retry him on the deadlocked counts.

Two co-defendants, Sameeh Hammoudeh and Ghassan Zayed Ballut, were acquitted of all charges. A third, Hatem Naji Fariz, was found not guilty of 25 counts, and jurors deadlocked on the remaining eight.

"While we respect the jury's verdict, we stand by the evidence we presented in court," Justice Department spokeswoman Tasia Scolinos said.

Al-Arian's wife, Nahla, celebrated with relatives and supporters outside the courthouse. "I'm ecstatic," she said. "My husband is an outspoken Palestinian activist who loved this country, believed in the system, and the system did not fail him."

Moreno said she hoped prosecutors would take into account the "overwhelming number of not-guilty verdicts" against the defendants in deciding whether to try him again. She said she will ask the court soon to release Al-Arian from jail.

Al-Arian, a former University of South Florida computer science professor, was considered one of the most important terrorist figures to be brought to trial in the United States since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorism attacks.

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## Printing

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OIT and the Office of Residence Life and Housing were responsible for overseeing the project, which has been successful thus far, said Pamela Lay, ResNet program support manager at OIT.

Last spring, OIT conducted a test pilot program to see if the printers would work and to see if students would use them.

The most-used printers are in Welsh Family, Lewis and Keenan-Stanford, Lay said. The Pasquerilla West and Farley printers are the least utilized. Lay believes this may be because residents either do not realize the printers are available or because they cannot connect to them.

OIT informed students about the availability of the printers through insideND early in the fall semester. In Farley, OIT has placed posters in the halls to raise awareness of the new printing option.

Use of the printer is not limited to the residents of the host dorm, Lay said. Any student on the NOMAD network can download the printing software and pick up their print job at one of the available dorms.

Some students have said they run into problems staying connected to the printer. Lay said this problem is usually seen in computers with XP Home Edition, which have more difficulty maintaining the path to the printer than the XP Professional Edition.

Sophomore Christina Ginardi said she frequently uses the printer in her dorm, Welsh Family, but she has had some problems with printing.

"Sometimes you need to reconnect with it," she said.

Lay said there are currently no plans to expand the printer availability into other dorms.

"If anyone has a request that they want printing ability expanded, they need to talk to [the Office of Residence Life and Housing]," Lay said.

Jeffrey Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing, said the reason Notre Dame did not originally put a printer in every dorm is because there was not funding for one in every hall.

"We tried to do it at various locations where they would be accessible, not all clumped together in one quad," he said.

Lay said she did not know if there has been a significant drop in personal printers since the installation of printers in dorms. If there hasn't been a drop, she said this could be due to the late notification that printers would be available in dorms this year.

"I doubt that there would have been a reduction this year," Lay said. "However, there could be a reduction next year with the printers now available."

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## Da Vinci

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and literature as a prostitute. She is depicted in the Bible, however, as a devoted follower of Jesus and the first witness to Jesus' resurrection.

The film on this book will be in theaters May 19, 2006.

McBrien commented on the novel in the ABC Documentary "Jesus, Mary and Da Vinci," which aired Nov. 3, 2003.

"I did comment on the novel in an ABC documentary that has been re-aired several times," McBrien said. "It was my original appearance on that documentary two years ago that led the producers of the film to approach me to become a consultant for the film version of the novel."

McBrien wrote two of his

weekly columns for the Catholic press about the ABC documentary.

"A mere discussion of such an hypothesis is guaranteed to bring some people out of the proverbial woodwork, and it did. Reactions to the documentary, even before it was actually aired, were intensely emotional," McBrien said in a Nov. 24, 2003 column.

McBrien said he received reactions "across the religious spectrum" about his appearance in the documentary.

"I think what bothered most critics was the fact that the question [of Jesus being married] was even being raised and that I was open to dis-

cussing it," he said in his Dec. 1 column.

McBrien said he did receive positive reactions, as well.

While McBrien said in his Nov. 24 column that Jesus could in fact have been married, there is no evidence in "the New Testament or in Christian tradition that he was."

In McBrien's Catholicism book, he said there is no evidence that Jesus was married and that "what evidence does exist undermines such a claim," according to the

Dec. 1, 2003 column. McBrien also said Jesus' divinity still would not be compromised if he had, in fact, been married.

"As St. Paul reminded us in

the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus was like us in all things except sin (4:15). The sexual expression of love within marriage is not sinful," McBrien said in the Nov. 24 column.

Brown's book has been on the New York Times Best Seller List for Hardcover Fiction for 138 weeks. "The Da Vinci Code" was named book of the year at the British Book Awards in April 2005.

In addition to Howard, Oscar-winners Akiva Goldsman (a screenwriter) and Brian Grazer (a producer) are also involved in the film. Actors Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou and Ian McKellen star in the film.

"I won't see the final product until everyone else does when the movie comes out in May," McBrien said.

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**Richard McBrien**  
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Bombers attack police academy

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two suicide bombers struck Baghdad's police academy Tuesday, killing at least 43 people and wounding 73 more, U.S. officials said, while Al-Jazeera broadcast an insurgent video claiming to have kidnapped a U.S. security consultant.

The suicide attackers were wearing explosives-laden vests and a U.S. contractor was among those wounded, a U.S. military statement said. U.S. forces rushed to the scene to provide assistance, the statement said. The military initially said the bombers were women but later retracted the statement.

"We were sitting in the yard when we heard an explosion," said police Maj. Wisam al-Heyali. "Seconds later, we were hit by another explosion as we were running. I saw some of my colleagues falling down and I felt my hand hit, but I kept on running."

### Israel reacts to Palestinian attack

JERUSALEM — Israel clamped an open-ended closure on the West Bank and Gaza Tuesday, banning virtually all Palestinians from Israel, and arrested 15 Palestinian militants in a first response to a suicide bombing that killed five Israelis outside a shopping mall.

Israeli officials also said the army would target Islamic Jihad operatives in the West Bank, both through arrest raids and targeted killings of operatives, and renew airstrikes in the Gaza Strip in response to any Palestinian rocket attacks.

"We decided to operate in a much broader, much deeper and more intensive manner against the Islamic Jihad infrastructure, and I hope that we will be able to prevent such attacks in the future," Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz told Army Radio after a late-night meeting of security officials.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### House will vote to secure borders

WASHINGTON — The House is to vote next week on legislation that strengthens border security and requires workplace enforcement of immigration law but does not offer a guest worker program, a goal of President Bush and many in Congress.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who crafted the bill, said he supports a guest worker program, which would provide temporary visas for unskilled labor. Some guest worker proposals would allow illegal immigrants already in the country to participate, although Sensenbrenner has not stated a position on that issue. But he said that without a clear consensus on what that program would entail, "I believe it is wise to move cautiously."

### Citizenship office changes test

WASHINGTON — Questions on the nation's citizenship test will be revised to focus on basic civics and won't be the sort that would stir academic debate, the head of the federal citizenship office said Tuesday.

Alfonso Aguilar, chief of the U.S. Office of Citizenship, said the agency plans to have a study done by next month on whether the test must be redesigned or merely revised. He said that although nothing is definite yet, "We are inclined to revise the current test, rather than totally redesign the test."

The changes should be completed by January 2007 and in use by January 2008, Aguilar said.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Democratic senator Lutz to retire

INDIANAPOLIS — State Sen. Larry Lutz, a Democrat who has represented southwestern Indiana for more than 20 years, announced Tuesday that he will not seek re-election next year.

Lutz, D-Evansville, was first elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1983. He was appointed to the Indiana Senate in 1999 to fill the term of State Sen. Joseph O'Day, who died after the November 1998 election.

Lutz, 67, said in a statement that he was honored to served Senate District 49, which includes portions of Gibson, Posey and Vanderburgh Counties.

## IRAQ

# Al-Jazeera broadcasts video of captives

*Kidnappings seem intended to coincide with Hussein's trial and upcoming elections*

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Al-Jazeera broadcast a video Tuesday claiming insurgents kidnapped a U.S. security consultant, and the militants displayed a blond, Western-looking man sitting with his hands tied behind his back.

The video also bore the logo of the Islamic Army in Iraq and showed a U.S. passport and an identification card.

The authenticity of the video could not be immediately confirmed.

If true, the man would become the second American taken hostage in the last two weeks. A U.S. citizen was among four Christian peace activists taken hostage on Nov. 27 by a group calling itself the Swords of Righteousness Brigade. Two Canadians and a Briton were also part of that group.

Last week, Al-Jazeera broadcast a videotape and statement in which the Swords of Righteousness Brigade threatened to kill those hostages unless all prisoners in U.S. and Iraqi detention centers were freed by Dec. 8.

The Christian activists — Tom Fox, 54, of Clear Brook, Va.; Norman Kember, 74, of London; James Loney, 41, of Toronto, and Harmeet Singh Sooden, 32, also of Canada — had been warned by security officials they were taking a grave risk by moving around Baghdad without bodyguards.

A French engineer was also taken hostage in Baghdad on Monday and a German aid worker was abducted near Mosul on Nov. 26.

Police Maj. Falah al-Mohammadawi said



Tom Fox, center, an American member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams aid group, was one of four Western peace activists taken captive on Nov. 26.

Tuesday he didn't have any new information about the kidnapping of the French engineer, Bernard Planche, but that the interior ministry had distributed Planche's photo to all the checkpoints around Baghdad.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on Monday encouraged the kidnappers of the Briton to make contact, saying "We stand ready to hear what they have to say."

The British Broadcasting Corp. cited a Western diplomat in Baghdad as saying direct contact had been made with the hostage-tak-

ers. It did not name the diplomat.

Straw, however, underlined the British government's refusal to negotiate with kidnappers or pay ransom.

There is no evidence the kidnappings were coordinated, but the incidents seem timed to coincide with Saddam Hussein's trial or the Dec. 15 elections.

Mustafa Alani, director of security and terrorism studies at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, said he thinks the sudden increase is not an accident.

"There is some sort of

policy to go back to kidnappings," he said. "The elections are coming and these groups want attention and publicity. That way their political statement will get a priority in the Western media."

Iraq was swept by a wave of kidnappings and beheadings of foreigners in 2004 and early 2005, but such attacks fell off in recent months as many Western groups have left and security precautions for those who remain have tightened.

Insurgents, including al-Qaida in Iraq, have seized more than 225 people, killing at least 38.

# Katrina survivors describe response as racist

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Black survivors of Hurricane Katrina said Tuesday that racism contributed to the slow disaster response, at times likening themselves in emotional congressional testimony to victims of genocide and the Holocaust.

The comparison is inappropriate, according to Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla.

"Not a single person was marched into a gas chamber and killed," Miller told the survivors.

"They died from abject neglect," retorted community activist Leah Hodges. "We left body bags behind."

Angry evacuees described being trapped in temporary shelters where one New Orleans resident said she was "one sunrise from being consumed by maggots and flies." Another woman

said military troops focused machine gun laser targets on her granddaughter's forehead. Others said their families were called racial epithets by police.

"No one is going to tell me it wasn't a race issue," said New Orleans evacuee Patricia Thompson, 53, who is now living in College Station, Texas. "Yes, it was an issue of race. Because of one thing: when the city had pretty much been evacuated, the people that were left there mostly was black."

Not all lawmakers seemed persuaded.

"I don't want to be offensive when you've gone through such incredible challenges," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn. But referring to some of the victims' charges, like the gun pointed at the girl, Shays said: "I just don't frankly believe it."

"You believe what you want," Thompson said.

The hearing was held by a special House committee, chaired by Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., investigating the government's preparations and response to Katrina. It was requested by Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., a member of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"Racism is something we don't like to talk about, but we have to acknowledge it," McKinney said. "And the world saw the effects of American-style racism in the drama as it was outplayed by the Katrina survivors."

The five white and two black lawmakers who attended the hearing mostly sat quietly during two and a half hours of testimony. But tempers flared when evacuees were asked by Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., to not compare shelter conditions to a concentration camp.



## Culture

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gate through cultural experiences or comprehend different cultural people."

Some faculty members expressed concern with the ambiguity of the term, but Boyd said the word "cultural" is meant to be a bit vague — "that's an issue."

"[The Minority Affairs committee] does not have the authority or jurisdiction to define what 'cultural' should be," she said. "We want to leave it up to this [proposed] committee to determine what it should be."

History professor Gail Bederman said adversity faced when attempting to define such a term transcends the Notre Dame community.

"American academics as a whole has been debating this 'what do you call this' — diversity, culture ... It seems like we're chastising the committee for dealing with something that has been [debated] in many universities," she said.

Marketing professor John Gaski said the term's vagueness leads to "a lot of assuming."

"What if the Notre Dame student body is the most culturally competent student body in the country?" he asked. "Isn't there some kind of measure? Maybe we'll find out we're in the 99th percentile — shouldn't that be investigated?"

But members said it would be difficult — if not impossible — to measure how culturally competent Notre Dame students are currently, and how culturally

competent they would presumably be after the proposed institutional improvements were implemented.

East Asian languages and literatures professor Xiaoshan Yang said from personal experience, "the majority of Notre Dame students do not have a lot of cultural exposure."

"If they go abroad, they go to Dublin, they go to London, they go to Australia," he said. "My gut feeling is yes, our students are less exposed."

Student activities committee chair and physics professor Phillippe Collon said the term cultural competency can be "wide," and therefore difficult to measure.

"If I compare our students to those students who run around at Berkeley, I'd say yes, we are a more homogenous group," he said. "[But] a metric is impossible when we don't say what we mean by it."

Boyd said questions about the measurability of a cultural competency requirement have been considered by the Minority Affairs committee.

"We really don't have the authority to [determine] how to evaluate cultural competency," she said. "We are looking for something every student has to take ... [but] at this point we are not advocating a requirement. We're looking to see how the committee thinks it can be done."

Boyd said the Minority Affairs committee is seeking the help of outside sources — like Faculty Senate — to establish a committee that would assess the feasibility of adding another course to the curriculum and other institutional changes.

"At this point we really just want to centralize conversations and realize a concrete way [to do this]," she said. "The Minority Affairs committee feels that what would be best is something formal — students should take it seriously."

Members said added requirements might hamper students who already bear heavy course loads, but Rhea offered the possibility of a "double requirement" that would tie in cultural competency credit with other University or college requirements.

Student body president Dave Baron said the minority affairs committee members identified "50 or so" classes they thought might count in the requirement — but weren't certain on the feasibility.

"I'd like to be a fly on the wall of the committee who's going to determine [what counts]," Gaski said.

Boyd said the "biggest thing" the Minority Affairs committee identified is that every Notre Dame student should in some way be exposed to other cultures.

"If you don't make it available to every student, it's very possible for students to surround themselves in classes and with people very much like their own background," she said.

Bederman said Notre Dame's status as a Catholic university is simultaneously a strength and a weakness.

"Our mission as a Catholic university encourages our students to be American, Catholic — and that's great — but it also limits the num-

ber of folks here," she said. "As a less racially and religiously diverse [institution], it wouldn't kill us to have a requirement [like this]."

Vice President and Associate Provost Jean Ann Linney said one of the problems is that people are "dancing around the issue."

"Are we going to address this or are we going to back away from it? We need students and faculty groups to engage together," she said. "In [University President Father John Jenkins'] inaugural address, he said diversity is part of our Catholicity — and we need to talk about it more seriously, think about it more and address it more seriously."

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## Change

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will enjoy their time away from dorm life.

"I think it's nice for the students because they have a longer winter break to relax or earn money for school," she said.

The College's academic calendar is developed from a perpetual calendar established by Notre Dame many years ago, Kitchner said. This year the calendar allows for an additional week because Christmas falls on a Sunday.

Notre Dame registrar Harold Pace said the University's academic calendar rules dictate that the fall semester always begins on the fourth Tuesday in August and that the spring semester commences on the second or third Tuesday in January — based on the fact that graduation will fall on the third Sunday of May.

These are the same calendar regulations that Saint Mary's follows, but the College now begins semesters on Monday, has one fewer study day during finals week and holds commencement on the third Saturday of May.

"I am really excited for the long break. It has been a tough semester, and I think all the students should be able to take advantage of it," Saint Mary's junior residence advisor Laura Cucco said. "As an RA, I am not so happy

about the school starting on Monday because it is just going to be a mad rush around campus with the students only being able to return on Sunday [Jan. 15]."

Saint Mary's junior Bridget Green agreed and said she typically takes advantage of the class-free Monday to register, purchase books and look up additional information on her classes.

"I know that, like most people, I return to campus Sunday night," Green said. "I usually use that Monday to get back in the swing of things. I just think now there will be lots of confusion on campus."

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<b>AMEX</b>	1,750.22	+11.88
<b>NASDAQ</b>	2,265.16	+7.52
<b>NYSE</b>	7,787.19	+27.95
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,264.97	+2.88
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5-YEAR NOTE	-1.58	-0.71	44.21
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## IN BRIEF

### Ford pulls some ads from gay publications

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday its luxury Jaguar and Land Rover brands will no longer advertise in gay publications, but the nation's second-largest automaker denied that it made the decision under pressure from conservative Christian groups.

"The decisions with regard to advertising was a business decision," Ford spokesman Mike Moran said. He said Ford's Volvo brand would continue advertising in gay publications. Ford has not advertised its Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands in those publications, Moran added.

Moran said Jaguar and Land Rover, which are part of Ford's money-losing Premier Automotive Group, have decided to cut back on their advertising everywhere because of difficult market conditions. The Premier Automotive Group reported a pretax loss of \$108 million in the third quarter.

"They feel pressure on their marketing budgets, so they decided to streamline marketing across the board," Moran said. "They're not supporting as many publications and events as before in 2006."

### Submarine builder to cut 2,400 jobs

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Submarine builder Electric Boat will cut up to 2,400 jobs next year and warned that it could eliminate half of its work force in coming years as it faces a dwindling submarine market and a Navy policy directing repair work to its own shipyards.

President John Casey said the decision to cut up to 20 percent of his work force next year was a "despicable task" but said the future of the company is at stake.

Most jobs will be cut at the Connecticut shipyard in Groton, but between 500 and 600 will be eliminated from its Rhode Island facility.

Electric Boat, a division of General Dynamics Corp., employs 11,800 people.

After 2006, company spokesman Bob Hamilton said, the numbers get murky, but he said company projections include a 50 percent reduction if new contracts aren't awarded. That would mean a work force of about 6,000 in a region where submarine building is a way of life.

# NYSE approves \$9 billion deal

*NYSE acquires Archipelago Holdings Inc. and becomes for-profit enterprise*

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Seat owners of the New York Stock Exchange voted Tuesday to acquire Archipelago Holdings Inc. in a \$9 billion deal that will turn the 213-year-old Big Board into a for-profit enterprise with high-tech computerized trading capabilities.

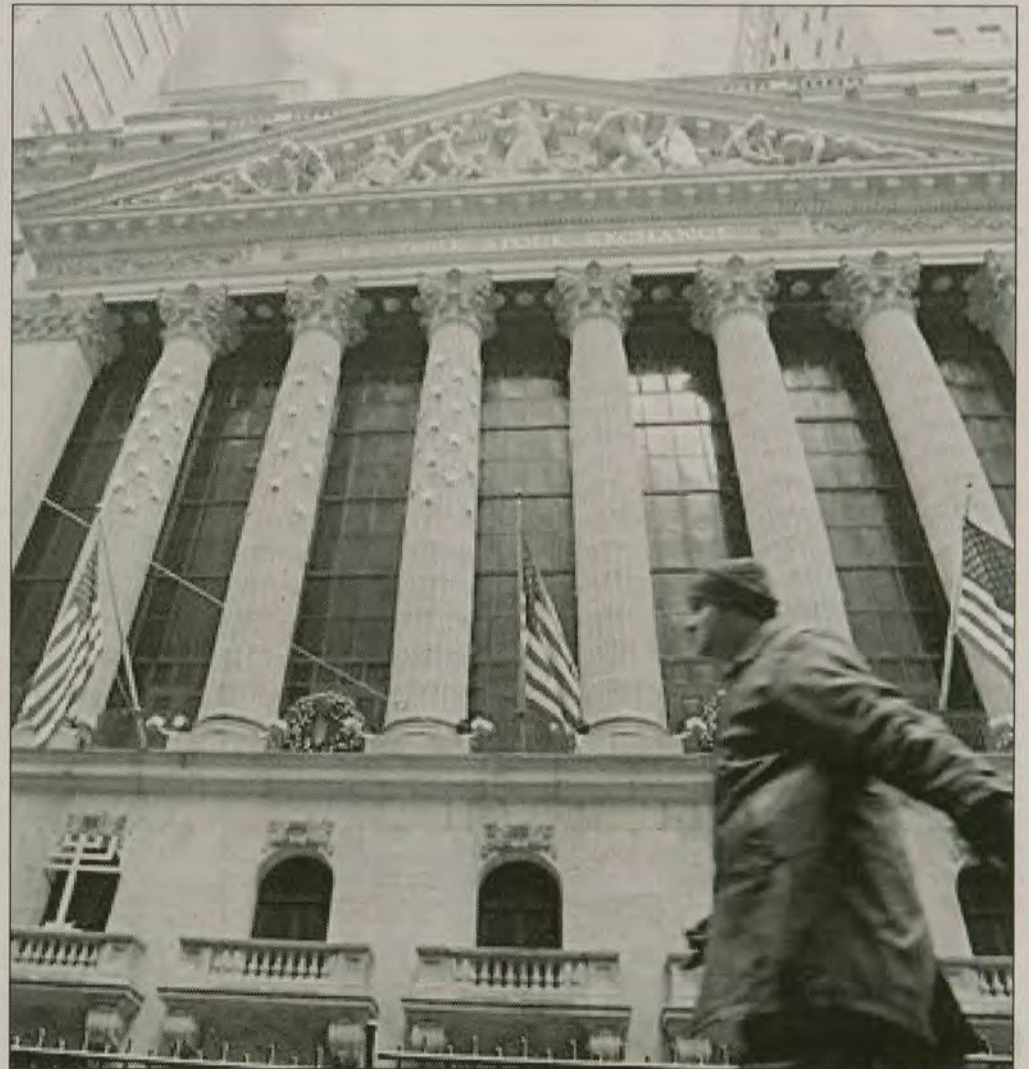
As expected, more than 95 percent of the seat owners who voted approved the deal, according to the exchange, with more than 90 percent of members voting. There are 1,366 seats on the exchange.

"This is a truly historic day for the New York Stock Exchange and an event of great importance for our future and that of our customers and Americas capital markets," NYSE Chief Executive John Thain said in a statement. "This transaction gives the NYSE a strong platform for future growth, value creation, and competitive positioning on a global basis."

Archipelago shareholders, meeting in Chicago, approved the deal Tuesday morning, the company said in a statement. A spokeswoman for Archipelago said the company did not plan to release a vote tally.

Under the agreement, NYSE seat owners will receive more than \$5 million for each seat, though only \$300,000 of that will be in cash. The rest will be stock in the new company, which seat owners will be restricted in selling for up to three years. Archipelago shareholders will have their shares transferred to the new company, to be called The NYSE Group Inc., on a one-for-one basis.

The new company will have the capability to not only trade stocks listed at the NYSE, but also Nasdaq-listed and over-the-counter



A man walks by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on Dec. 6. The NYSE voted Tuesday to acquire Archipelago Holdings Inc.

stocks through Archipelago's all-electronic trading system. The deal also increases the exchange's market share in exchange-traded funds and derivatives trading.

While NYSE seat owners roundly approved the deal, a small group of dissidents, led by longtime seat owner William Higgins, had fought the deal in court, saying Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s involvement in advising both Arca and the NYSE led to severe conflicts of interest.

Higgins settled last

month after the NYSE agreed to have Citigroup author a fairness opinion on the deal. Citigroup concluded that the deal was fair to all involved.

Archipelago shareholders have seen the value of their stock quadruple since the merger was announced April 20, while the value of seats on the exchange rose from \$975,000 in January to a record \$4 million last week. Two more seats sold for that amount Tuesday before the vote.

As the NYSE prepares to take on all-electronic rival

Nasdaq Stock Market Inc., investors are likely to benefit from better transaction speeds as well as lower fees as the two major markets compete for business.

The deal, if it goes through, would dilute Boston Scientific's cash earnings per share through 2007, the company said. Moody's Investors Service said it was reviewing Boston Scientific for possible downgrade, and Fitch Ratings placed Boston Scientific on a ratings watch while downgrading Guidant.

## NBC and Apple team up to sell shows online

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — NBC Universal has inked a deal with Apple Computer Inc. to become the second network to sell television shows a la carte on Apple's online iTunes store, the companies announced Tuesday.

More than 300 episodes from about a dozen prime time, cable, late-night and classic TV shows are now available for \$1.99 apiece, viewable on computers or downloadable on the latest, video-capable iPod.

The programming spans from the 1950s to the present, including shows from "Alfred Hitchcock Presents," "Dragnet," USA Network's "Monk," the Sci-Fi Channel's "Battlestar Galactica," and NBC's hit series "Law & Order." Sketches from "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" are also for sale.

Apple unleashed a dramatically different way of distributing television programs when it debuted videos for sale on its iTunes Music Store on Oct. 20 with Walt Disney Co.'s ABC as its first network partner. Customers have since downloaded more than three million videos.

The latest deal expands Apple's TV catalog from five shows to 16.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

For NBC, the move is part of its growing digital distribution strategy to be "as ubiquitous as possible," Jeff Zucker, president of General Electric Co.'s NBC Universal Television Group, said in a phone interview.

The network recently signed a deal to begin selling replays of its most popular shows on an on-demand basis through satellite TV provider DirecTV Group Inc., and last month

announced it is collaborating with Sprint Nextel Corp. to make Leno's monologue and comic sketches available on mobile phones.

NBC had been in talks with Apple's chief executive Steve Jobs since the beginning of the year as Apple was developing its new video-playing iPod, Zucker said.

"Seeing how well it's been received by the consumer has given us a lot more comfort and confidence with it," Zucker said of the downloadable TV shows. "As long as our content is protected from piracy, then there will be no barriers."

"There's certainly more to come," he said.

Videos sold on iTunes are wrapped in Apple's copyright-protection technology, which allows users to store their purchased content on up to five computers and transfer them to iPods. Users cannot copy the TV shows to a CD, DVD or the Internet.



## Storin

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coast and he and his wife recently built a home in Maine, Storin said he would like to spend summers there, which would be impossible while remaining associate vice president.

The University has not yet named a permanent replacement for Storin, whose retirement is effective Dec. 31 but may wait until after Notre Dame's trip to the Jan. 2 Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., he said.

Associate Director of News and Information Dennis Brown — who, along with candidates external to the University, is a candidate to succeed Storin — will take over Storin's duties in the interim, Storin said.

Storin will continue to teach one course per semester at the University, adding a fall course on the role of news in American life to the spring Media Ethics course he has taught since 2004.

"[Teaching] opened a whole new world to me," he said. "The students here are pretty special, both intellectually and in who they are, and I think that coming [to Notre Dame] in this particular point in my life ... was probably the best decision I've made in my career."

"The thing I enjoyed about being editor of the Boston Globe was working with young reporters, so here I've been able to do a little bit of that — and it's very, very important that students of the kind we have here at Notre Dame enter the field of journalism."

Speaking for Notre Dame was not always easy, Storin said.

In addition to heading the News and Information Department and responding to campus, local and national media, he also regularly corresponded with alumni concerned about the direction the University was taking amidst the recent national culture wars — a delicate and often trying task.

"That was the most wearing aspect of the job," Storin

said of addressing fears that Notre Dame had "lost its way in terms of its Catholic character."

"The great thing about Notre Dame is that everyone wants Notre Dame to be his or her Notre Dame — in other words, as he or she idealizes it," Storin said. "Sometimes you're dealing with very passionate and articulate people. It's always interesting, but sometimes frustrating."

That same passion — and plenty of national scrutiny — surfaced last winter when the University fired then-football

coach Tyrone Willingham, who had been Notre Dame's first black head coaching hire in any sport. Facing heated allegations of racism from various critics, Notre Dame needed to explain its choice and protect its image — which placed Storin at the center of the storm.

"Definitely the most difficult period [of my time here] was the transition in the coaching area, but it was also the most interesting in some ways," Storin said. "It was a time when you felt you were in a bunker to some extent, but I learned a lot, and in looking back on it, as with any challenge, you take a lot away from it."

Other challenging times, such as the winter 2002 disappearance and death of freshman Chad Sharon and the spring 2003 resignation of then-Executive Vice President Father Timothy Scully, were balanced by chances to raise national awareness of Notre Dame's academic prestige, Storin said. Recent articles in the Chronicle of Higher Education, New York Times and Chicago Tribune showed

Notre Dame in a positive light, Storin said, particularly the favorable coverage given the University amidst the controversy surrounding the revoked visa of Muslim professor Tariq Ramadan in the fall of 2004.

After making the transition from working in journalism to responding to journalists' requests, Storin said he generally had positive exchanges with his former counterparts.

"With I'd say the exception of some of the coverage of the Willingham episode, I've had very good experiences

*"I think if I accomplished anything internally, it was to make some University officials realize that with good preparation and forethought you can often use media to your advantage, and that it's wrong to consider reporters to always be antagonistic and potentially sinister."*

**Matt Storin**  
associate vice president  
News and Information

with reporters here, not least of which were frequently the reporters from The Observer," he said. "Generally they knew more about Notre Dame to start with, and of course, in all honesty, student reporters are invested somewhat in Notre Dame and they're anxious — to the extent that they can do so within their professional responsibilities — to portray the school in a good light."

"And sometimes that means telling hard truths, speaking truths to power, but nevertheless it's been a good experience."

Switching to his News and Information position from the journalism field also

allowed Storin to ease tensions between some administrators and the media, he said.

"I think if I accomplished anything internally, it was to make some University officials realize that with good preparation and forethought you can often use media to your advantage, and that it's wrong to consider reporters to always be antagonistic and potentially sinister," he said.

Storin retired from the Globe in July 2001 after eight years as its editor and a total of 21 years at the newspaper, where he covered news from Tokyo to Washington, D.C. He has also worked for U.S. News and World Report, the Chicago Sun-Times, the New York Daily News, the Maine Times and his hometown paper, the Daily News of Springfield, Mass. Following his retirement, Storin took six months off before joining a program at Harvard's Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy in the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He began working at Notre Dame in August 2002, and said Tuesday he planned to continue teaching here for "a few years."

"I like it, I really enjoy it," he said. "As long as my health is good and my long-suffering spouse continues to like South Bend ... it could be a good long time, we'll see. Really, for 41 years with a couple of short breaks I've had to spend most of every workday in an office ... I won't mind having a more flexible life, and I think it's time for that."

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## Professor to lecture on star


Special to The Observer

Grant J. Mathews, director of the Center for Astrophysics at Notre Dame, will present a lecture titled "What and When was the Christmas Star?" at 7 p.m. Friday in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library. The lecture is free and open to the public.

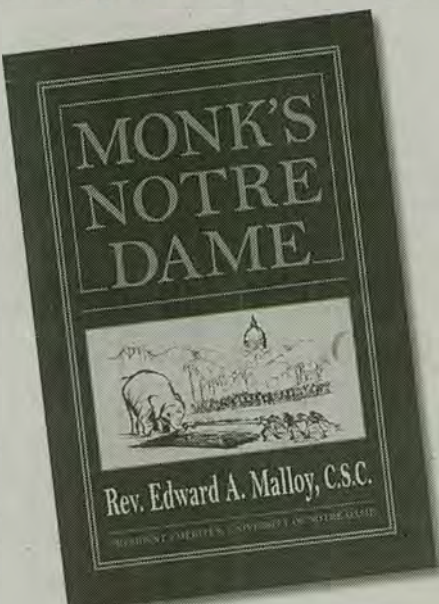
The Gospel of Matthew records a peculiar astronomical event that occurred at the birth of Christ. For centuries, astronomers and theologians have debated the nature of the Biblical light that led the Magi to the newborn Jesus. Some have suggested it was a nova or a supernova, others suggest some other transient stellar burst.

Mathews will review the many astronomical postulates for the Christmas star and discuss recent evidence that points toward likely answers as to the nature and time of appearance of this special event. He also will discuss if this recent evidence may shed new light on the Christmas story.

The lecture is part of the Department of Physics' observance of the World Year of Physics, a global celebration of physics and its importance in our everyday lives. The observance celebrates the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's "miraculous year" in which he published three revolutionary papers on special relativity, the photoelectric effect and Brownian motion.



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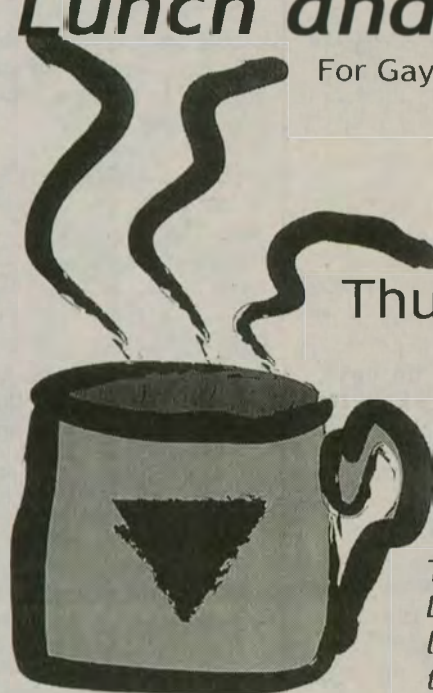
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# Israeli institute pays tribute to Austrians

85 people recognized  
for helping the Jews  
in the Holocaust

Associated Press

VIENNA — Israel's Yad Vashem institute paid tribute Tuesday to 85 Austrians who risked their lives to save their Jewish friends and neighbors during the Holocaust.

Among those recognized for their courage in defying the Nazis were Hermine Riss, who hid a Jewish woman in her Vienna home between 1942 and 1945, and Danuta and Ewald Kleisinger who saved the lives of several Jews by giving them sanctuary in their Warsaw home.

Riss was honored posthumously with the title "Righteous Among The Nations" — joining the Kleisingers and 82 other Austrians already so recognized. The Kleisingers were additionally given honorary memorial Israeli citizenship, an honor Danuta Kleisinger accepted from Israeli Ambassador Dan Ashbel on behalf of herself and her late husband.

Austrian President Heinz

Fischer emphasized the significance of the event in a ceremony held at the Vienna Jewish Community building. He linked it to the long process that finally replaced decades of denial with the recognition commonly held today that Austrians shared responsibility for the Holocaust.

"We have moved away from a one-sided theory of being victims," he said, alluding to the long-held claim by Austrian officialdom that the country was the first nation to fall to Adolf Hitler's Germany through annexation in 1938.

Instead, said Fischer, Austrians have "learned to see things more honestly and properly and to arrive at the public acknowledgment that there were victims and aggressors, aggressors and victims under the Austrians."

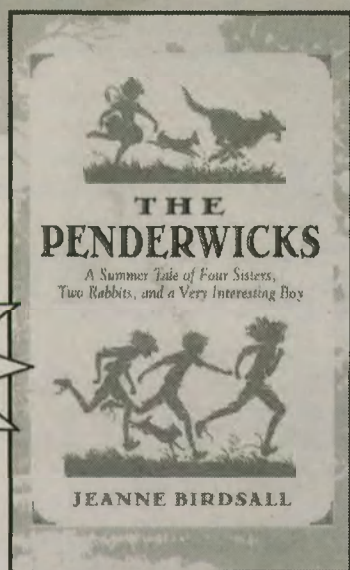
Ashbel, alluding to Monday's suicide bombing in the Israeli town of Netanya, condemned those exploiting "hate [and] anti-Semitism to reach their goal of creating a 'Jew-free' region and maybe even a 'Jew-free world.'"

The 85 Austrians are among the 20,757 non-Jews recognized as "Righteous Among the Nations" by the foundation.

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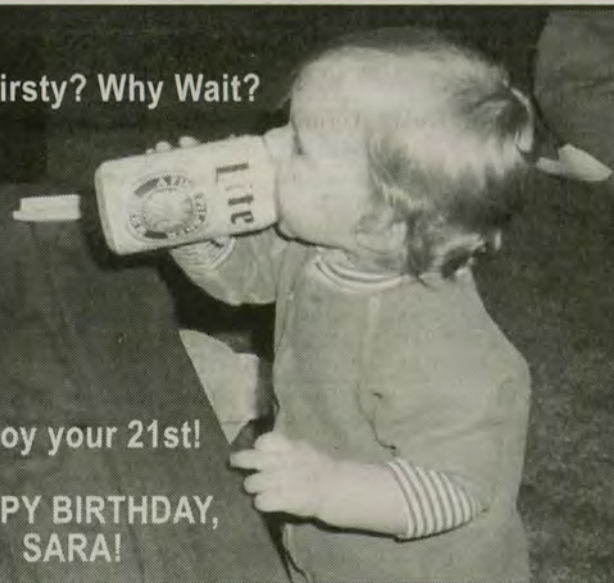
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# Fallen police officer mourned in New York

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"It was simply his nature to want to help others," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said of 35-year-old Dillon Stewart.

Stewart, shot though the heart during a Nov. 28 traffic stop, was remembered as an extraordinary man who made an extraordinary

decision to quit his accounting job and join the NYPD at age 30.

"I feel truly blessed and honored to have married such a wonderful man. His life was just begun," Stewart's widow Leslyn told friends, family and others who gathered at the cavernous 1,500-seat New Life Tabernacle Church. "I will always love him with my whole heart."

The Stewarts' children, 6-year-old Alexis and 5-month-old Samantha, sat with friends.

Kelly was joined by Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who hailed Stewart for his dedication to both family and job.

# Court leaning toward military

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared ready Tuesday to rule against colleges that want to limit military recruiting on campus to protest the Pentagon's policy on gays.

New Chief Justice John Roberts and other court members signaled support for a law that says schools that accept federal money also have to accommodate military recruiters. The justices seemed concerned about hindering a Defense Department need to fill its ranks when the nation is at war.

"There's the right in the Constitution to raise a military,"

Roberts said.

Law school campuses have become the latest battleground over the "don't ask, don't tell" policy allowing gay men and women to serve in the military only if they keep their sexual orientation to themselves.

A group of law schools and professors had sued the Pentagon, claiming their free-speech rights are being violated because they are forced to associate with military recruiters or promote their campus appearances. Many law schools forbid the participation of recruiters from public agencies and private companies that have discriminatory policies.

E. Joshua Rosenkranz, the

lawyer for the schools, told justices: "There are two messages going on here and they are clashing. There is the military's message, which the schools are interpreting as 'Uncle Sam does not want you,' and there is the school's message which is 'we do not abet those who discriminate. That is immoral.'"

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said: "Your argument would allow schools to exclude anybody in a uniform from a cafeteria."

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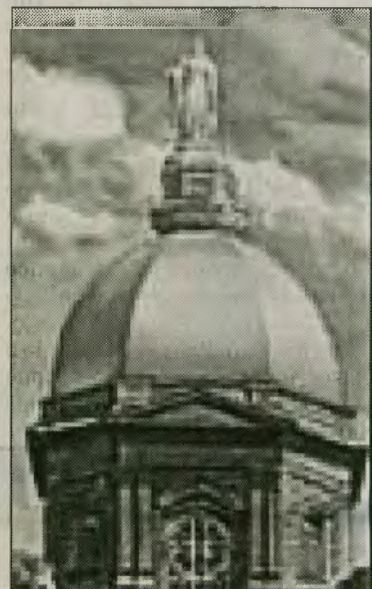
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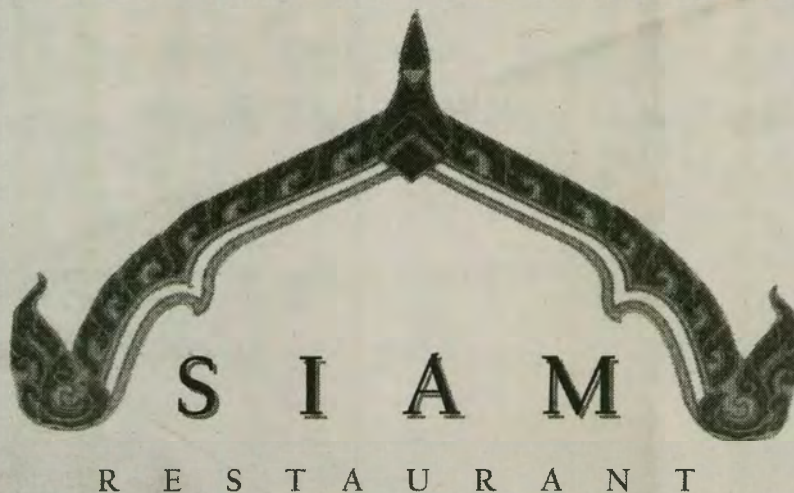
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## ROMANIA

## Rice secures new rights for base

*German Chancellor claims U.S. admitted detention mistake*

Associated Press

BUCHAREST — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice tried Tuesday to allay European suspicions about U.S. practices in the pursuit of terrorists, even as she secured new rights for American use of a military base suspected to have housed a secret CIA prison.

She refused to say whether the base ever served as a clandestine holding pen or interrogation center for terror suspects, and she stepped carefully around questions about a German citizen who sued the CIA on Tuesday over his seizure and detention by U.S. authorities.

She also would not address an ABC News report that prisoners were whisked away from the Mihail Kogalniceanu base in Romania shortly before Rice arrived in the country.

"I am not going to talk about whether such activities take place," Rice said when asked about the Romanian base. "To do so would clearly be to get into a realm of discussion about supposed or purported intelligence activities and I simply won't do that."

Romanian President Traian Basescu insisted, as he has done repeatedly since the CIA prisons

allegations surfaced in news reports last month, that Romania never hosted such a site.

Allegations that the United States violated human rights and European law by running clandestine jails in Europe to interrogate suspected terrorists have clouded a diplomatic trip to European capitals this week.

Rice began her trip Monday with a lengthy defense of U.S. terrorism policies that she contended had saved European lives as well as American.

Before traveling to Romania on Tuesday, she said in Berlin that it is important that "friends be able to talk about issues of concern."

"It is also important, though, that any debate have a healthy respect for the challenge that we face when we face an enemy that operates from within our societies" and is intent on killing innocent civilians, she added.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the United States has admitted that Khaled al-Masri's detention was a mistake, but Rice would not say so outright.

U.S. officials said they cannot discuss the German's case in detail because it is in court.

"I did say to the chancellor that when and if mistakes were made we will work very hard and as quickly as possible to rectify them," Rice said.

As for secret prisons, suspicion fell on Romania's Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base near the Black Sea and Poland's Szymany

Airport after Human Rights Watch said it had flight records indicating that aircraft with links to the CIA landed repeatedly at both facilities in 2001-2004.

The Romanian base, which was heavily used by U.S. forces after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks for operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, was among several installations covered in a defense cooperation pact signed Tuesday by Rice and Foreign Minister Mihai Razvan Ungureanu.

Officials opened the base to AP journalists last month, and the sprawling base appeared virtually deserted.

Romania's military and the Pentagon say U.S. forces, which at one point numbered about 3,500 at the base, were withdrawn in June 2003 and since have returned only briefly for training exercises, most recently in September.

Yet some officials acknowledged that parts of the installation were off-limits to Romanian authorities, and the country's main intelligence service, SRI, has said it had no jurisdiction there.

"There were some bases we put at the Americans' disposal. We can't know what happened there," former Prime Minister Adrian Nastase, who served 2001-2004 and now heads the Chamber of Deputies, said Tuesday. He added, however: "For us, it's clear there was no secret agreement" allowing covert U.S. activity.

## IRAQ

## Hussein vows not to return to next trial

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein sat stone-faced and silent as a woman accused his agents of beatings, torture and sexual humiliation. But after hours of testimony and another two witnesses, the caged defendant who once dominated Iraq finally exploded in anger.

Waving a finger and pounding his desk, Saddam told the judges to "go to hell" and vowed not to return to court Wednesday.

Dressed again in a dark suit and white shirt and clutching a Quran, Saddam complained that he and the seven other defendants were tired and had been deprived of opportunities to shower, have a change of clothes, exercise or go for a smoke.

"This is terrorism," he declared.

Throughout the trial, which began Oct. 19, Saddam has repeatedly staged confrontations with the court and attempted to take control of the proceedings with dramatic rhetorical flourishes.

Saddam and the others are charged in the deaths of more than 140 Shiite Muslims in retaliation for

an assassination attempt against him in the town of Dujail in 1982. Saddam accused Iran of ordering the attempt on his life.

Five witnesses — two women and three men — testified Tuesday in the fourth session of the trial, all of them hidden from the public view and with their voices disguised to protect their identities.

The most compelling testimony came from the woman identified only as "Witness A," who was a 16-year-old girl at the time of the crackdown. Her voice breaking with emotion, she told the court of beatings and electric shocks by the former president's agents.

"I was forced to take off my clothes, and he raised my legs up and tied my hands. He continued administering electric shocks and whipping me and telling me to speak," Witness A said of Wadah al-Sheik, an Iraqi intelligence officer who died of cancer last month while in American custody.

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## What makes a good Viewpoint?

This is the last edition of The Observer that will be published this calendar year. Therefore, despite the fact that there are several issues of significance that could (and should, and in the case of the Vatican's new Instruction, which merits rather more analysis than I can give it in one week's time, will) be drawing my attention, I have opted instead to set aside these troubles and pursue a little end-of-the-year reflection.



Lance Gallop

*Tidewater Blues*

After only a few weeks of reading The Observer, it is not difficult to tell that every columnist in this paper has a slightly different methodology when it comes to choosing topics. It is possible, however, to lump us into a couple of general categories.

There are the reactionary columnists, who get most of their material from watching CNN or parsing the opinions of others, and who try to ride the brief waves of anger or interest that surrounds a piece of breaking news. The value of this type of writing is measured by the number of people who begin to care about, or at least react to, the issue in question. However, the biggest problem with this tactic is that the ultimate value of a columnist's words depends largely on factors beyond her control. It is easy to miss your mark while riding the waves of public opinion.

At the polar opposite of this style lie the static columnists. They pick a single, narrow area, such as politics, ethics or

liberal shock proclamations, and over the course of a year proceed to pound it to death. Static columnists, I think, view themselves more as preachers than anything, but from the point of view of most everyone else they are just really, really irritating. The hallmark of this style is a column that emerges from nowhere, and has almost nothing to do with either contemporary issues or the present state of campus, and indeed is useless to almost everyone.

Behind each of these schools of thought lies a distinct perception of what an opinion column is supposed to be. Static columnists write foremost for themselves (or their ideologies), to express their own views and moreover to sway people to them. Reactionary columnists write in the hopes of stirring up a hornet's nest of replies and thereby gaining some notoriety, or at least a sense of accomplishment.

Unfortunately neither of these styles provides any real value to the column's readers, who, especially in an intellectually and politically charged environment such as Notre Dame, cannot be herded like sheep. Indeed, both of these styles ultimately do a disservice to the community of readers and to the community of writers.

If the columnist recognizes the flaws in these, the two most popular schools of thought, then she will focus less on providing an opinion column for herself, and more on uncovering those actual services that only she, through her words, is in a position to provide. For the columnist, above all else, must serve her readers by giving them something that stark journalism, however valuable, can never supply.

There can be many faces to this serv-

ice. Some of the most significant are the columnist's honesty (which is a great weapon, for many people do not know how to deal with it), her perspective and her unique pool of human experiences, though all of these must be mitigated by the firm realization that the vast majority of her opinions are, in fact, only of interest to her and to her bedfellows. This is a disappointing but unavoidable truth, and a sign of maturity as a writer to recognize it.

Above all else, the columnist who understands these things realizes that she is in the privileged position of expressing reality, articulated and yet naked, to those who may have forgotten what it looks like, and thus has the difficult but critical job of saying not what she wishes to say, but rather that which must be said. Thus, the columnist who serves the reader is persuasive, but only insofar as the truth itself is persuasive, and is mocking, but only insofar as perspective shows something that deserves being mocked and is emotional, but only insofar as experience shows that emotion is essential.

As one professor once explained to me, discussion — honest, open, brutal, intimate, truthful and painful — is the origin of all change. It is also the seat of all empathy. It is a great honor, therefore, to be able to serve discussion for its own sake, and to lead you further into it.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Maintain clarity about academic freedom

Tuesday's story about Fr. Jenkins' appointment of a special committee to examine the relationship of the principles of academic freedom generally accepted by American Universities to the special conditions associated with the artistic expression of opinions at odds with the mission of a Catholic University provided most faculty with their first notice of the existence of that committee.

A key issue raised by Bishop D'Arcy's letter to the South Bend Tribune on related topics last February is that of the distinction of academic freedom as it is generally understood by universities in the United States, and the religious freedom of institutions such as Notre Dame. The distinction is familiar, clear and long standing.

The University will not be well served if the distinction is blurred or ignored in the course of constructing local academic policy. Our peer institutions, which no longer include other Catholic Universities, will not be sparing in their critique of policy modifications designed to avoid controversy or to obey ecclesiastical authority at the expense of well-settled professional standards.

Edward Manier  
professor  
Philosophy department  
Dec. 6

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Niccolo Machiavelli  
Italian political philosopher



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Revisiting 'deep-rooted tendencies'

Christian Hoefel ("Close reading elicits positive response," Dec. 5) has some problems with my interpretation of the Vatican's recent Instruction on homosexual priests. He claims that I did not read the document carefully and that I am guided by emotion rather than "theological fact," which is, needless to say, a category with which I am unfamiliar. At the risk of being argumentative, I must say that it is Christian who seems not to have read the document closely, and I only bother to say this because I think the interpretation of what is meant by Rome by "deep-rooted homosexual tendencies" is the focal point of what this document actually does.

I gave, in my last letter, an interpretation of the phrase rooted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and how, to my reading, the phrase "deep-rooted homosexual tendencies," when used there, has usually been interpreted to refer to what is commonly called a "homosexual orientation": a stable, consistent attraction to persons of the same sex.

Thus we get the important Catholic distinction between acts and orientation, though the Vatican still seems unwilling to use the word, for it would imply a natural, unchosen state that one cannot change — thus casting a rather disparaging view on the Church's arguments against homosexual acts based upon natural law. And since Hoefel alleges that one disagreeing with this non-dogmatic, non-infallible teaching is, nonetheless, "heretical," I would like to go deeper into that issue but, alas, due to space constraints I cannot. Thus, I would like to offer what I believe to be the clear meaning of "deep-seated homosexual tendencies" as defined within the text of the Instruction itself, particularly in light of extensive footnote No. 8.

Footnoting the section dealing with exactly what "deep-rooted homosexual tendencies" are, the document cites the following from the earlier magisterial document "Homosexualitatis problema" — "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered to an intrinsic moral evil [namely, having sexual intercourse with a person of the same sex — note the Vatican's insistence to

reduce homosexuality to a matter of genital activity only]; and thus the inclination itself must be seen as intrinsically disordered." A close reading of this seems to affirm that "inclination" and "tendency" can be read as synonymous terms; this is particularly evident due to the placement of the note in the "tendency" section of the document. According to the above line, people who have these tendencies or inclinations are defined as a "homosexual person." Here is the only place where I see myself making any logical jump, but to me it follows: a homosexual person is someone who I would define — and who would usually define him or herself — as having a homosexual orientation. By banning those who have these tendencies, the Vatican is banning any and all homosexuals.

Further, if the interpretation that Hoefel wants to give is correct, why have a document singling out homosexuals at all? After all, the need to live celibately, be well-integrated emotionally and affectively and not support the undefined "gay culture" are things that would be required of any priest. Why single out homosexuals? Further, there are only three categories of homosexual that exist in this document: those who practice,

those with "deep-rooted tendencies" and those with a transitory tendency. The well-adjusted celibate with a permanent homosexual orientation that Hoefel describes would fit into none of these categories as he describes them. Where is this person thus addressed in Catholic teaching, since even the Catechism speaks only of acts and those with "deep-rooted tendencies?" Why do they single out those with "transitory tendencies" as being admissible to the seminary, but not the man Hoefel describes? It seems to me that Occam's Razor would apply here: the simplest answer to all these questions is that the celibate homosexual who Hoefel describes and affirms is included in this document under "those with deep-rooted homosexual tendencies" and is therefore banned from ordination.

Let me be clear: I do not write this simply to establish that I am right on this. Nor am I happy about the conclusions I come to. If anyone can give me a convincing analysis of and from the text itself that demonstrates my

error in this regard, I would be grateful. But so long as it seems to say what it seems to say, the issues go far, far deeper than a mere ban. My letter of Nov. 30, I hope, demonstrates how this is so, as does the truly excellent and moving letter published today by E.S. Emme ("Vatican document carries dire consequences," Dec. 5) and the reflections offered by Matt Hamilton ("Breaking the bread? 'Gay? Fine by Me' shirts at Mass," Dec. 5). Fortunately, many bishops of the United States seem to be practically ignoring what the document actually seems to say, making it clear that affectively mature homosexual men are eligible still for ordination in their dioceses (sadly, our own Bishop John D'Arcy is not among their number — see John Allen's "Word from Rome" last Friday on natcath.org). This approach is, however, also problematic. By ignoring what the Instruction is really doing, and pretending — as Hoefel asserts but does not defend — that it is only a ban on those homosexuals who cannot live celibately or are somehow obsessed with their orientation, they do a disservice to the homosexual members of their flocks. They do a disservice by letting the Vatican get away with it.

If the bishops and superiors of religious orders are truly willing to admit that an outright and blanket ban on homosexuals in the ordained ministry is wrong, then I sincerely wish they would have the moral wherewithal to stand up and call the Vatican on the carpet for what it has done — it has unjustly banned homosexual priests, and in my diocese, I will not put that ban into effect. An unjust law is no law at all. This is what is going to practically occur I suspect, but I also believe that, in the words of Richard John Neuhaus (with whom I disagree on practically everything else), "Those who try to make [this] argument should have the honesty to admit that they are not interpreting but rejecting the directives of Rome." In doing so, homosexual Catholics would finally see real discussion going on about their plight in the Church at the highest levels, not simply restatements of the same old condemnations. And real discussion, especially in this matter, can only benefit all.

Andy Buechel  
graduate student  
off-campus  
Dec. 5

## Seniority rules

In my four years — well, more like three and three-quarters — at the University of Notre Dame, I have been part of many a fiasco (see: ResLife File Cabinet "P"). But I have never been part of a ticket debacle like the one we are about to encounter at 6 p.m. this evening.

Apparently, the Fiesta Bowl has decided that out of the 73,000 seats in Sun Devil Stadium, there will only be 15,000 tickets allotted to Notre Dame students, alumni, etc.

From those 15,000 tickets, the University is only entering 2,500 into the student lottery, which allocates each student who has a winning lottery number two tickets. So for all of you who also grew up watching breakfast-time PBS programming, this letter is brought to you by the number 1,250.

After a quick comparison between our featured number and the Notre Dame student body, I have one response, "Underclasspeople (I'm trying to stick to that policy of 'Viewpoint political correctness'), please refrain from picking up lottery numbers today."

Let me break it down for you a little bit.

Juniors, do you remember coming into Notre Dame with a new head coach and going 8-0 only to drop a 14-6 loss to Boston College (of all teams), get CRUSHED by Southern Cal in the final game and then embarrass ourselves against N.C. State in the Gator Bowl? No.

Sophomores, do you remember winning a thriller in overtime against Washington State only to be blown out by Michigan (shutout), USC and Florida State (shutout) by a combined score of 115-14? No. Not to mention going 5-7 with losses to B.C., Purdue, Syracuse and almost ending our winning streak over Navy.

Do you even know what Syracuse's record is this year? Well, let's just say Oregon's win over Division I-AA Montana probably helps their strength of schedule more than our win over Syracuse this year.

Finally, Dear Freshpeople (holding onto that "PC" still), you owe us one. It is we seniors who have taught you the ropes so that you know your way to Clover Ridge, seeing as you have no recollection of the truly good times in Turtle Creek. It is we who have hosted and hoisted you, depending on whether it was your turn for a Diet-Cherry-

Vanilla-Dr.-Pepper-Stand, in our homes, even if we had to kick one gender out at midnight, \*wink\*.

Yet, it is also we seniors who will not be able to watch Mr. Weis (yes, you should call him Mister, as well, from that atrociously golden section) ever again. I would probably let Mark May be the godfather to my first child for one more year of Weis' football, seeing as even you juniors have a legitimate shot at the title next year.

So, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen (yah ... I got tired of it), save your money for a trip to the Rose, Orange or Sugar Bowl and let us seniors take care of the Fiesta. So since the University, who will be seeing about as many donations from the Class of 2006 after this farce as from the re-gilded-Dome-loving Class of 2005, can't seem to give us priority, we're calling on you, underclassmen, to give us seniority.

Uel Pitts III  
senior  
off-campus  
Dec. 6

## Bowl ticket allotment unfair

On behalf of the Notre Dame student body, I would like to tender my heartiest thanks to the administration for your incredibly generous allocation of 1,250 ticket winners for our 8,000 members. Not only does this move show your continuing commitment to put undergraduate students first in the priorities of the University, but it silences detractors who claim that you do not concern yourselves with the welfare of the average student.

Far be it from me to question leaders who are obviously more concerned with the image of the University,

*It is perfectly obvious that Notre Dame continues to honor its well-documented, though utterly pragmatic commitment to its undergraduates. Rest assured that when I am gainfully employed the University will not have to reserve any of its donation-assumed ticket packages for me.*

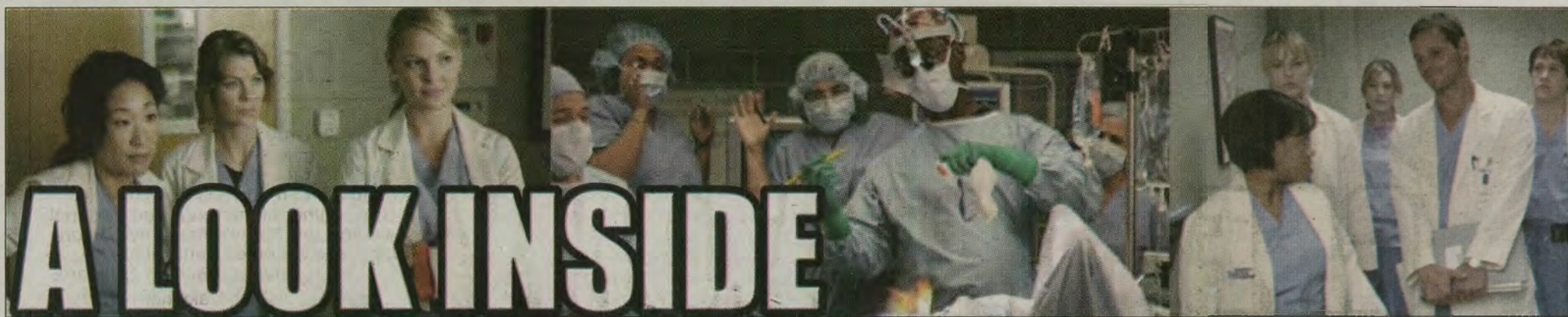
and that image's revenue-generating power, than they are with any or all of the students. It's not as if those students have invested their hearts and souls in supporting the football team, and the various endeavors of the University. As we all know, the University has absolutely no need for the students. All the University needs is the loyalty of various corporations and foundations. I am sure that none of those contributors will be receiving generous ticket packages at the same time that many of our lady,s seniors will be desperately awaiting the

results of their slim lottery chances.

I would like also to apologize for those of us who feared that the University's decision to re-gild the Dome during the last year's graduation was made without any regard for last year's senior class. It is perfectly obvious that Notre Dame continues to honor its well-documented, though utterly pragmatic commitment to its undergraduates. Rest assured that when I am gainfully employed the University will not have to reserve any of its donation-assumed ticket packages for me.

Jamie Holland  
senior  
St. Edward's Hall  
Dec. 6





## TV SHOW REVIEW

## 'Grey's Anatomy' building momentum in first season

By MARY SQUILLACE  
Scene Critic

The juxtaposition of red high heels against the sterile backdrop of a hospital room during the opening credits tells it all. From the first moments of the show's unconventional title sequence, it is clear "Grey's Anatomy" isn't just another high-adrenaline doctor drama.

Sure, Seattle Grace Hospital — employer of surgical intern Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo) — provides its staff with their share of heart-pounding, race-against-the-time type challenges. But it also is the perfect venue for the lust and love triangles that audiences love to watch.

When the show (10 p.m. Sundays) first aired last March, viewers watched as Grey scrubbed in on her first surgeries, struggled to adjust to new roommates and succumbed to an illicit romance with Dr. Derek Shepard (Patrick Dempsey).

At the end of the season, her life became infinitely more complicated when Shepard's wife, Addison (Kate Walsh), showed up. Now, alongside her peers and superiors, she continues to try to survive her complicated personal life while meeting the strenuous demands of the hospital.

Surprisingly, even set among illness and death, hilarity often ensues. The show's witty dialogue, constant stream of zany patients and a number of humiliating (but humorous) situations keep the show from plummeting into the potentially depressing world of medical TV.

Likewise, "Grey's Anatomy" satisfies by feeding the audience's appetite for scandal with a steady diet of one-night stands, sexual tension and even a mysterious case of syphilis that strikes Seattle Grace.

The show also has to offer its ever-popular (and quotable) voiceover wisdom, which assigns each episode a theme that subtly unfolds across the characters' various storylines. The brief monologues that air over the opening and closing of the show are both witty and salient. Here, the viewer has the opportunity to identify with Grey and some of her sentiments —

"Intimacy is a four-syllable word for, 'here's my heart and soul, please grind them into hamburger, and enjoy."

But it's more than Grey's clever words of wisdom that have captivated so many viewers. The characters act as a virtual iron lung for the show, preserving its vibrancy with the way in which they complement and collide with each other.

So far, the cast has proven itself worthy of embodying the quirky and complex staff of Seattle Grace. Particularly notable performances have been given by Sandra Oh (who starred in last year's "Sideways") as the hilarious Cristina and T.R. Knight as the bumbling, but adorable, George O'Malley.

Pompeo also holds her own as the protagonist who suffers under

the weight of her emotions but desperately tries to fulfill her professional aspirations.

Another defining feature on "Grey's Anatomy" is its soundtrack. The ultra-dramatic compositions created out of heart-monitor beeps and shouts for ce's of saline heard on shows like "E.R." are used sparingly. Instead, episodes feature salient musical selections to accompany the action in order to heighten the show's emotional effects.

Additionally, the performers featured on the show are hip independent artists. The official soundtrack features the likes of the Postal Service, Mike Doughty and Ben Lee.

"Grey's Anatomy" is like a steady, hour-long morphine drip — effectively numbing the painful transition into a week of academics.

Currently the program is midway through its second season, but prospective viewers, fear not. The storylines are relatively easy to pick up on and the show's official Web site (<http://abc.go.com/primetime/greysanatomy/>) features a synopsis of every episode up to the present. The synopses are well worth checking out as a valuable supplement to the show itself.

As one of the best shows on television, "Grey's Anatomy" comes highly recommended.

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## 'GREY'S ANATOMY' ON CAMPUS

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Assistant Scene Editor

A show like "Grey's Anatomy," which falls squarely into the medical television mold, would initially seem to have little to offer to the genre. It's not as groundbreaking as "E.R.," as melodramatic as "General Hospital," as ironic as "Scrubs" or as topical as "M\*A\*S\*H\*."

But "Grey's Anatomy" has become a surprise hit and a popular and critical success.

Positive word-of-mouth, coupled with the show's impressive consistency and talented cast, have turned "Grey's Anatomy" into a bonafide smash hit, especially here at Notre Dame.

"I never miss an episode," said Anna Rodriguez, a junior PLS major. "If I can't be home to watch it, I make sure my roommate tapes it for me."

What is it about "Grey's Anatomy" that sets it apart from similarly themed medical shows?

"You have those other medical shows, like 'E.R.' and 'Scrubs,'" said Caitlin Hildebrand, a freshman pre-professional studies major. "But 'E.R.' is really serious and 'Scrubs' is really funny. 'Grey's Anatomy' finds a happy medium."

Unlike shows like the long-running series "General Hospital" and "E.R.," "Grey's Anatomy" depends on its solid cast and charismatic characters. Though Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo) is nominally the show's star, the intertwining storylines and ensemble cast theatrics contribute a great deal to the program's popularity. Like many great television shows, "Grey's Anatomy" relies heavily on its strong characterizations. The show boasts a wealth of talent that includes Sandra Oh ("Sideways"), Ellen Pompeo ("Law and Order") and Isaiah Washington ("Exit Wounds"), all of whom have substantial acting chops and experience.

"The cast has a very good chemistry," Rodriguez said. "There are a variety of personalities, and I think most people could relate to at least one of them."

Additionally, "Grey's Anatomy" features a genuine breakout actor in Patrick Dempsey, whose heartthrob good-looks and status as a rising star has become one of the show's major draws.

The show features solid screenwriting, which balances seriousness and comedy, and also makes the lives of the characters intertwine with the medical cases presented.

"The medical cases are a metaphor for the plot," Rodriguez said. "I like how they relate so well to what's going on with the characters."

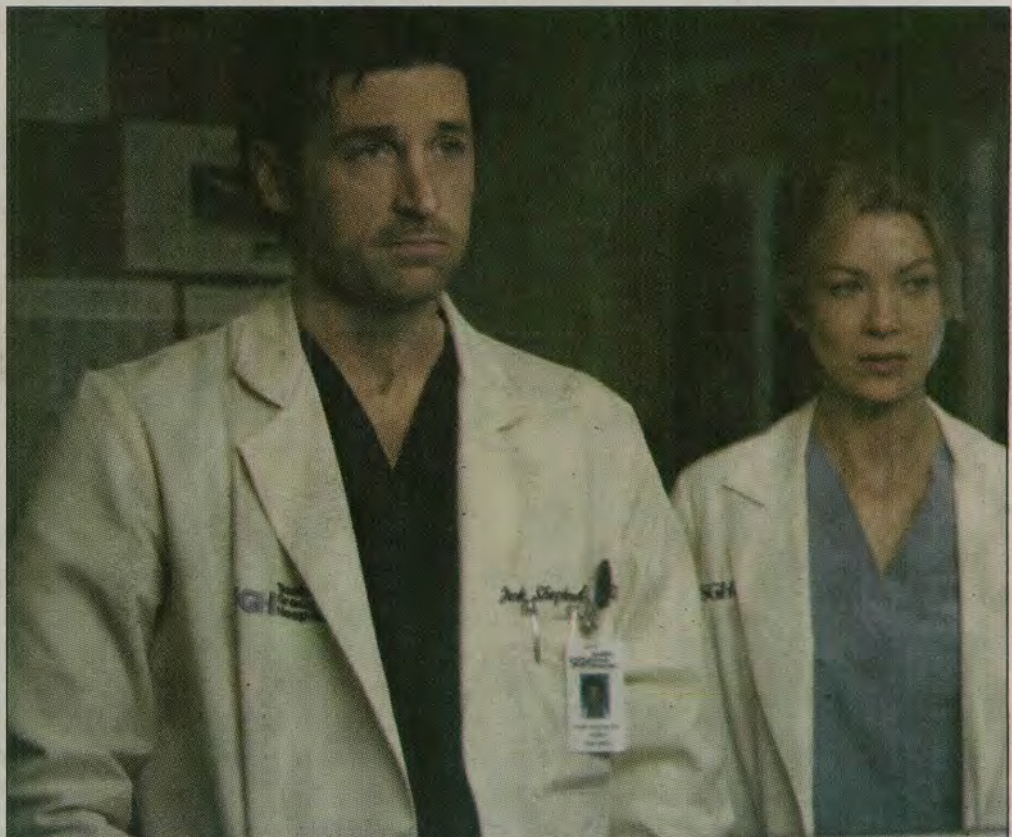
These medical cases, while sometimes bizarre, are surprisingly accurate, especially when compared to the hyperbolic drama of "E.R."

"Obviously, it's not completely accurate," Hildebrand said. "Every episode has to have some dramatic medical case to appeal to audiences and get people to watch, but they do a good job of presenting the medicine aspect of the show. I think they do a better job than a lot of other doctor shows out there."

Whether or not "Grey's Anatomy" is capable of maintaining the momentum and popularity it has garnered thus far remains to be seen, but so long as the cast and writers continue their high level of excellence, the show should remain a Sunday night cornerstone. If anything, "Grey's Anatomy" should continue to rise in popularity as its reputation increases.

"I think word gets around when there's a good show," says Hildebrand. "'Grey's Anatomy' is really good and will probably get more popular as more people find out about it."

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Dr. Shepard (Patrick Dempsey), left, and Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo) talk about their personal and professional lives in ABC's latest hit "Grey's Anatomy."

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## DOCUMENTING THE MEDICAL SHOW

By MOLLY GRIFFIN  
Assistant Scene Editor

"Grey's Anatomy" is part of a long tradition of medical television dramas and comedies. The human drama of life in hospitals is appealing to both networks and viewers alike. The shows vary in how realistically they portray medical life — as well as in their focus on humor or drama — but their huge popularity reveals how the intense and emotional lives of doctors are great fodder for television.

Some shows, while set in hospitals, focus very little on actual medicine. One long-running example is the soap opera "General Hospital," which is technically about doctors, but in which their external dramas are much more central.

Medicine often seems like a deeply serious specialty, but some shows manage to show the humorous side of this solemn profession. A classic example is "M\*A\*S\*H," which managed not only to find humor in medicine but also in war. The series focused on a group of nurses and surgeons who were part of the Medical Army Surgical Hospital and in the midst of the Korean Conflict. They used humor and pranks to cope with the difficulties and tragedies that surrounded them. "M\*A\*S\*H," which ran from 1972 to 1983, actually lasted longer than the Korean Conflict — which lasted from 1950 to 1953 — that inspired it.

A more recent show that combines humor and medicine is "Scrubs," which focuses on a group of interns at the Sacred Heart Hospital. Zack Braff plays Dr. "J.D." Dorian, and the show follows his introduction to life as a doctor through a humorous and sometimes slapstick manner. Most medical series usually fall to dark humor, if they show any at all, because of the seriousness of the subject they deal with. "Scrubs" uniquely approaches medicine with a

sense of levity, and this separates it from the pack of shows about doctors.

"M\*A\*S\*H" and "Scrubs" are the exception rather than the rule when it comes to medical shows. Most programs about medicine focus on the natural drama that hospitals contain, and many of them also focus on the relationships that various hospital staff members have with one another.

"St. Elsewhere" was set in a decaying urban hospital, and it was one of the first medical shows to reveal the grittier side of medicine and the imperfect natures of many doctors. It contained its share of controversial moments — it was the first networks show to feature an AIDS patient, it showed a doctor's naked backside long before "NYPD Blue" made it "de rigueur" and five main characters died unexpectedly during the show's 1983-1988 run. The show established the realistic style, interlocking stories and conscious effort to break traditions that would become the staple of most medical dramas.

The David E. Kelly drama "Chicago Hope" ran from 1994 to 2000 on CBS. The show focused on surgeon Dr. Jeffery Geiger and his surgical colleagues, and it presented their personal and professional problems. The show suffered from cast and producer reshuffling, as well as competition from another medical drama — "ER." The pilot episode of "Chicago Hope" debuted the day before "ER," and for a brief time the two shows were in a competing time slot before "Chicago Hope" was moved.

NBC's "ER" is the most famous medical show in recent memory. It was created by Michael Crichton, best known for novels like "Jurassic Park," and produced by John Wells, who also worked on "The West Wing." Each episode follows a day in a Chicago-area emergency room, and reveals the life-and-death decisions they must make in the hospital and in their own lives. The show, which started in

1994 and is still on over a decade later (eons in television time) is known for its rotating cast. It made actors like George Clooney, Noah Wyle and Anthony Edwards famous, and has included William H. Macy, Mare Winningham and "M\*A\*S\*H" alumnus Alan Alda. The current cast of doctors includes Mekhi Phifer ("8 Mile"), Parminder K. Nagra ("Bend It Like Beckham") and Shane West ("A Walk to Remember").

Two recent medical shows, "House" and "Grey's Anatomy" seek to balance the tragic and comic elements in medicine, rather than focusing almost exclusively on humor or on reality.

Fox's "House" follows the adventures of Dr. House, played by Hugh Laurie, who has almost no bedside manner to speak of and suffers from his own constant pain. While his antisocial tendencies make him difficult to deal with, his extensive ability to diagnose diseases makes him respected. The cases he solves are often bizarre and sometimes comical, but the show presents the notoriously tricky diagnostic side of medicine as an integral part of saving lives.

"Grey's Anatomy" combines the humor and pathos of medicine in a Seattle hospital. The show combines personal drama, professional competitiveness and unusual medical cases while trying to balance the humor and tragedy.

The world of hospitals is natural fodder for television. Medicine deals with the balance between life and death, and hospital cases can run the gamut from tragic to humorous. Doctors, at least on TV, usually have intense personalities and must balance life with their consuming careers. Medical shows have been a part of television since its beginnings, and new shows will continue to find ways to express this difficult and respected profession with unique twists.

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"Grey's Anatomy," the latest in a long line of television medical dramas, is anchored by a veteran ensemble cast. Strong characterization and solid writing have made the show a genuine hit. It airs on ABC on Sunday evenings.

## Characters

**Meredith Grey (Ellen Pompeo)** — When Grey enters her first year at Seattle Grace, she is known as the daughter of renowned surgeon Ellis Grey, author of the renowned (fictional) medical text "Grey's Anatomy." Before long, she becomes romantically involved with Dr. Shepard, who breaks her heart.



Her sincerity and empathy allow her to make connections with her patients.

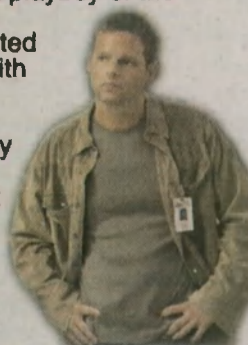
**Cristina Yang (Sandra Oh)** — Cristina is bold, commitment-phobic and unapologetic, which has recently complicated her romance with Dr. Burke. The witty cracks that come from her mouth, even at the bedside of her patients, are flawlessly entertaining.



**Izzie Stevens (Katherine Heigl)** — Izzie hails from humble, small-town beginnings, and managed to pay her way through medical school by modeling lingerie. At the hospital she is extremely driven, but encounters some distractions in the form of Alex, her quasi-boyfriend.



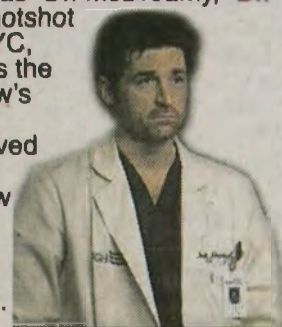
**Alex Karev (Justin Chambers)** — The other interns were initially slow to warm to Alex and his arrogant front. He is the resident playboy of the group, which has recently complicated his relationship with Izzie. While he usually means well, he constantly gets himself into trouble in and out of the hospital.



**George O'Malley (T.R. Knight)** — George is both awkward and endearing. He manages to perform well in the hospital, but suffers under the weight of his silent crush on Meredith.



**Derek Shepard (Patrick Dempsey)** — known to fans as "Dr. McDreamy," Dr. Shepard, the hotshot doctor from NYC, clearly clinches the roll as the show's heartthrob. Formerly involved with Meredith, Shepard is now attempting to make amends with his estranged wife.





## LEGENDS SPOTLIGHT

# Crowe's 2000 classic showing at Legends

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Assistant Scene Editor

Cameron Crowe is a director of modest pleasures. His filmography — full of low-key melodramas ("Jerry Maguire," "Singles") and coming-of-age stories (the 1988 teen classic "Say Anything") — has established him as one of Hollywood's most acute and upbeat storytellers.

"Almost Famous" (2000) may be his best, or at least more archetypal, film, an intensely personal low-key coming-of-age melodrama about a teenager drawn into the seedy world of 1970's rock and roll.

The film follows 15 year-old William Miller (Patrick Fugit) as he follows the fictional rock band Stillwater as a Rolling Stone journalist in 1973. Despite the apprehension of his mother Elaine (Frances McDormand), who at one point claims "rock stars have kidnapped my son," William falls under the spell of guitarist Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup) and groupie Penny Lane (Kate Hudson). Along the way, he witnesses the band collapse, relationships collapse and his own life start to fall into shambles. That William emerges from the chaos still a good kid is a minor miracle unto itself, but Crowe's well-honed insight lends the entire plot a surprising credibil-

ty. The bizarre love triangle that becomes one of the film's key themes is based loosely on Billy Wilder's "The Apartment," demonstrating Crowe's clear indebtedness to past filmmakers (Wilder and Capra chief among them). At once a road movie, a music movie and a sweetly sincere coming-of-age movie, Crowe balances these themes through a witty and memorable screenplay and slick, smart directing.

"Almost Famous" is the writer/director's most autobiographical film, as he was a real-life 15 year-old journalist for Rolling Stone in the 1970's. As such, it wears itself on its sleeve, with most of Crowe's typical touches (great soundtrack and cast, simple, effective filmmaking technique) permeating throughout. And though

Stillwater is a fictional band (albeit one that performs original songs penned by the rock band Heart), the rock landscape they traverse is littered with real-life musical references and allusions, including Led Zeppelin (after whom Stillwater was allegedly based), David Bowie and Humble Pie.

If nothing else, the soundtrack is unforgettable, featuring music by The Who, Simon and Garfunkel, Jimi Hendrix and, in one indelible scene, Elton John.

As is to be expected from the director who coaxed star-making from great actors like John Cusack and Renee Zellweger,



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Journalist William Miller (Patrick Fugit) and groupie Penny Lane (Kate Hudson) watch a performance of fictional band Stillwater backstage in "Almost Famous."

Cameron Crowe gets strong performances throughout "Almost Famous." Patrick Fugit is appropriately starry-eyed as the naive young journalist William, Frances McDormand is commanding as ever as William's overbearing but loving mother, Kate Hudson is bewitchingly charming as the enigmatic groupie Penny Lane, Billy Crudup is boldly charismatic as the rock star Russell and Philip Seymour Hoffman turns in one of the film's most memorable performances as gonzo rock journalist Lester Bangs.

In a world in which "teen-movie" means raunchy fare like "American Pie" and "Old

School," a sweetly sentimental picture like "Almost Famous" is a rarity. At once nostalgic and insightful, the film achieved all its goals and then some. Cameron Crowe has made some pretty bad movies over the years ("Vanilla Sky," anyone?), "Almost Famous" solidifies his talents as a good filmmaker and an observant commentator on what it means to be 15.

"Almost Famous" will be shown on Thursday as part of Legends' "Brew and View" series.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# Latest 'Pride and Prejudice' adaptation is a winner

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

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Jane Austen's novel "Pride and Prejudice" opens with the line, "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." The 2005 film adaptation of the book keeps this central focus on marriage, but it adds a fantastic cast, gorgeous scenery and costumes and an emotional heart that will satisfy old fans and win over new ones.

Like many of Jane Austen's novels, "Pride and Prejudice" deals with the business of marriage and the trials of love. The five Bennet sisters — the lovely Jane (Rosamund Pike), the studious Mary (Talulah Riley), the clever Elizabeth (Keira Knightley), the immature Kitty (Carey Mulligan) and the wild Lydia (Jena Malone) — are the heart of the novel.

Mrs. Bennet (Brenda Blethyn) works constantly to make advantageous marriages for her daughters, but her efforts increase when the family learns that their property will be inherited by a distant cousin — not by someone within their immediate family. The arrival of Mr. Bingley (Simon Woods), a wealthy bachelor who moves into a nearby country estate, begins the always rocky road to love and marriage that exists in Austen's books.

Mr. Bingley and Jane mutually fall for one another, but Elizabeth doesn't get

off on the right foot with his friend, Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen). They're clearly meant for each other, but life throws a number of complications into the mix before they're allowed to find happiness.

Elizabeth meets a dashing soldier, Lt. Wickham (Rupert Friend), and is pursued by a dull reverend, William Collins (Tom Hollander), who is a convenient match for the family since he is the one who will eventually inherit the Bennet estate. The love lives of all the Bennet sisters grow complicated and they find themselves with broken hearts and wounded pride, but they end up with happiness.

The costumes and scenery in "Pride and Prejudice" give it a sense of rustic English beauty. The producers decided to set the movie in the 18th century, which is when the books is

set, rather than in the 19th century when it was published. This gives the film a less stiff and formal feel, which allows the film to take on looser and slightly more modern airs. Several scenes in the film are gorgeously costumed and well-shot, particularly the country dance sequence where Elizabeth meets Mr. Darcy.

The best thing about the film is the great work done by the ensemble cast. Knightly proves that she is more than just a pretty face with her lively and engaging Elizabeth, and she and MacFadyen's Mr. Darcy have a dynamic and believable relationship onscreen. The whole Bennet family is engaging,

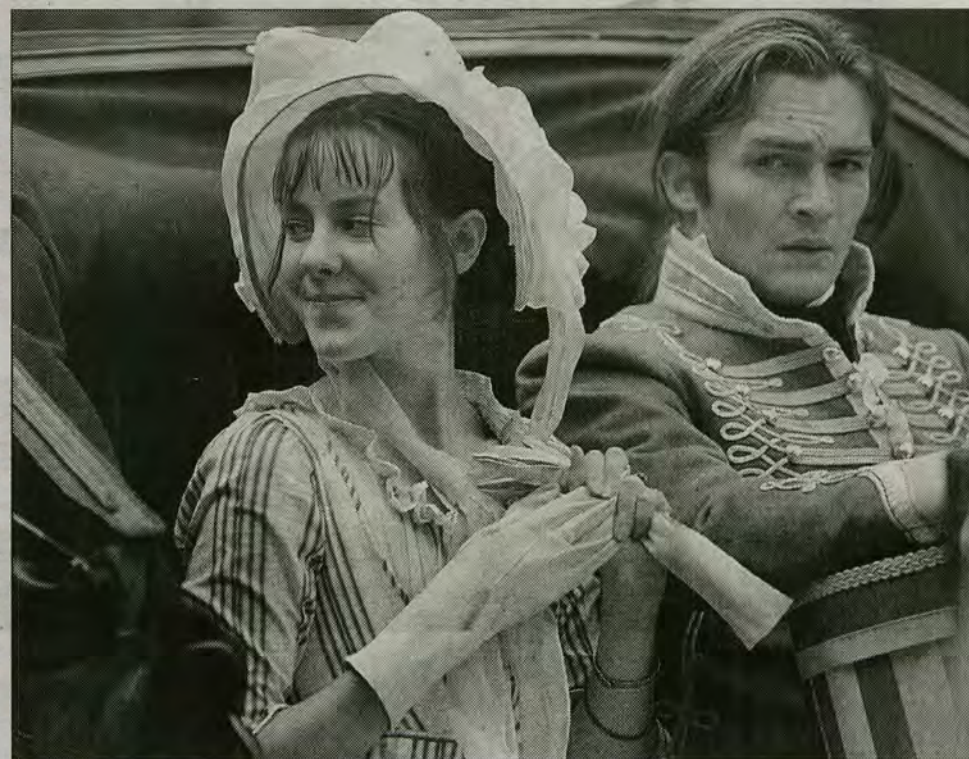


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Lydia Bennet (Jena Malone) and Lt. Wickham (Rupert Friend) star in Joe Wright's "Pride and Prejudice," based on the popular novel by Jane Austen.

and the relationship between Blethyn's emotional mother hen and her laconic husband, Mr. Bennet (Donald Sutherland), is particularly amusing. Even small characters like the dull but forceful Rev. Collins or Judi Dench's aggressive portrayal of a society matron add great depth and entertainment value to the movie.

Surprisingly, this is only the second big-screen adaptation of "Pride and Prejudice." The first was a 1940 release starring Greer Garson and Lawrence Olivier. Other films, such as

"Bridget Jones' Diary" have adapted the plot but put a more modern twist on the book.

This version of "Pride and Prejudice," while not the chapter-by-chapter adaptation of the BBC miniseries version of the book, is a beautiful, well-acted and moving film. The scenery and costumes and the great ensemble cast should appeal to Jane Austen aficionados and neophytes alike.

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## Almost Famous



**What:** Brew and View

**Where:** Legends

**When:** Thursday, midnight

## Pride and Prejudice



**Director:** Joe Wright

**Writer:** Deborah Moggach

**Starring:** Keira Knightley, Matthew MacFadyen and Donald Sutherland



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## NBA

# Nowitzki's double-double too much for Pacers

## Bryant regains shooting form, hits 14-of-24 as Lakers beat up on the Bucks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points and 11 rebounds and the Dallas Mavericks pulled away in the closing minutes for a victory over the Indiana Pacers.

The Pacers, playing their first game at home after a five-game trip out west, cut a 14-point Dallas lead to 75-71 with under 4 minutes remaining.

But Adrian Griffin, Nowitzki and Marquis Daniels hit consecutive baskets for the Mavericks, and after a basket by Indiana's Ron Artest, Nowitzki put the game out of reach with a 3-pointer with 58 seconds remaining. Sarunas Jasikevicius finished the scoring for the Pacers with a pair of free throws.

Devin Harris added 15 points and Keith Van Horn had 11 for Dallas. Jermaine O'Neal led Indiana with 25 points and 13 rebounds, and Artest added 15 points and five steals.

The Pacers, appearing tired from their longest road trip of the season, missed 11 of their first 14 shots and were constantly beaten to the boards and loose balls.

Nowitzki had 17 points in the first half, including four in an 8-2 run that put the Mavericks in control midway through the first quarter. The Pacers, who never led and managed only one tie, went more than 6 minutes without a field goal and trailed by eight before the first basket by O'Neal, who missed his first five attempts.

Indiana cut the lead to five points early in the second period, but a fast-break basket and free throw by Harris and two more free throws by Van Horn pushed the Mavs' lead to 33-23.

### Washington 119, Toronto 111

Jarvis Hayes broke out of a shooting slump with a season-high 21 points, including six in overtime, and Gilbert Arenas scored 16 of his 37 in the final

12 1/2 minutes to lead the Washington Wizards over the Toronto Raptors.

Hayes didn't score in the Wizards' loss to Milwaukee on Friday, and he had gone 7-for-24 from the field in his last five games, but he opened the game with three jumpers and made two more in the extra period. He finished 8-for-15 with a season-high eight rebounds and made two key defensive plays in overtime, including a steal with 37 seconds remaining when the Raptors were trying to set up a game-tying shot.

Arenas went 13-for-24 from the field and had nine assists. He was the force in a close fourth quarter as the up-and-down Wizards survived an up-and-down streetball-paced game. Washington's record has been 5-5, 6-6 and 7-7, and now it's 8-8.

Antawn Jamison added 26 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists for the Wizards, and Jared Jeffries had 14 points and 10 rebounds for his first career double-double.

Chris Bosh scored 27 points, and Morris Peterson had 21 for the Raptors, who were trying to build a three-game road winning streak for the first time since February 2004. After a 1-15 November, Toronto opened December with wins at Atlanta and New Jersey. Jose Calderon had eight points, nine rebounds and a season-high 13 assists.

Peterson forced overtime with sheer hustle. With Toronto down by three with 12 seconds left, Peterson got the inbounds pass and launched a 3-pointer from the top of the key. He missed, but chased down the long rebound and dashed to the left corner and tried again, this time swishing the basket with 5 seconds to go.

The Wizards had time to set up the final play of regulation, but Arenas missed a contested 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Points were aplenty from the opening tip in a game between

two teams that in no way will be mistaken for defensive powers. Uncontested jumpers and clean drives to the basket were the order of the day, with the Wizards shooting 62 percent in the first quarter and the Raptors hitting 50 percent.

### LA Lakers 111, Milwaukee 92

MILWAUKEE — Kobe Bryant scored 33 points to lift the Los Angeles Lakers to their ninth straight win over the Milwaukee Bucks, on Tuesday night.

Lamar Odom added 24 points, Smush Parker had 20, and Chris Mihm scored 13 as the Lakers beat the Bucks for the 18th time in the last 20 meetings.

Bryant went 14-of-24 from the field, a game after shooting just 9-of-30 in a sluggish win over the Charlotte Bobcats on Sunday. The Lakers shot 48 percent (43-of-89).

"Right now, we need to focus on who we are as a basketball club," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said before Tuesday's game. "I don't live with expectations, so there's nothing there I can say I expected. We're just out here kind of treading water as a basketball team right now. We're neither hot nor cold, neither fish nor fowl."

Michael Redd scored 21 points for Milwaukee, which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Parker scored 15 points in the first quarter. He hit two buckets in a row to give the Lakers a 76-61 lead midway through the third quarter and the Lakers stretched the lead to as many as 19 in the fourth.

### Memphis 89, New Orleans 73

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Paul Gasol scored 29 points and grabbed 15 rebounds Tuesday night as the Memphis Grizzlies beat the New Orleans Hornets for their sixth straight victory.

Gasol shot 7-of-13 from the field and also hit 15-of-19 free



Wizards Antonio Daniels, right, and Jarvis Hayes deny Joey Grahame the basket in Washington's overtime win on Tuesday.

throws, tying a franchise mark for most attempts. He added three blocks.

Reserve guard Bobby Jackson scored 21 points and Eddie Jones added 11 for Memphis, which held a 21-point lead in the second half.

By the early stages of the fourth period, the Hornets' starters left the game for good and watched from the bench as the reserves finished New Orleans' second straight loss.

New Orleans shot 39 percent from the floor. P.J. Brown, leading scorer Chris Paul and reserve guard Speedy Claxton missed a combined 22 of 26 shots.

Desmond Mason and David West led New Orleans with 15 points apiece, while J.R. Smith

and Kirk Snyder each scored 10. Memphis, which struggled early from the field, eventually got untracked thanks to Jackson, building an 11-point lead in the second period and taking a 50-39 lead at the break as Lorenzen Wright hit a 10-footer at the horn.

New Orleans chose not to double-team Gasol down low, and the Memphis leading scorer had 17 points and eight rebounds in the first half. Mason scored 13 to lead the Hornets in the first half, and Smith added all 10 of his points.

Brown was only 1-of-6 for two points. Meanwhile, Paul was held scoreless until a layup with less than a minute left in the third period for his only points of the game.

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### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
NY Rangers	18-8-3	39	7-3-0
Philadelphia	15-6-4	34	4-3-3
New Jersey	13-10-2	28	7-3-0
NY Islanders	13-12-1	27	6-3-1
Pittsburgh	7-14-6	20	2-7-1

### Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Ottawa	25-21-4	42	8-2-0
Buffalo	28-17-10	35	8-1-1
Montreal	27-15-7	35	3-4-3
Boston	28-15-10	33	6-3-1
Toronto	29-10-14	25	3-7-0

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Carolina	16-8-2	34	4-5-1
Tampa Bay	15-10-3	33	8-1-1
Atlanta	10-15-3	23	3-5-2
Florida	9-15-4	22	3-6-1
Washington	9-15-2	20	3-5-2

### Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	18-8-2	38	3-6-1
Nashville	17-4-3	37	8-2-0
Chicago	10-14-2	22	4-4-2
Columbus	7-19-0	14	2-8-0
St. Louis	5-13-3	13	3-7-0

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Vancouver	17-9-2	36	6-4-0
Calgary	16-9-3	35	7-2-1
Edmonton	15-11-2	32	6-3-1
Colorado	14-10-3	31	5-4-1
Minnesota	10-12-4	24	2-6-2

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Dallas	17-7-1	35	8-2-0
Los Angeles	16-11-1	33	4-6-0
Phoenix	15-12-2	32	7-3-0
Anaheim	12-11-4	28	5-5-0
San Jose	10-12-4	24	2-5-3

## Men's Swimming Coaches Poll

	team	points
1	Georgia	200
2	Auburn	192
3	Stanford	184
4	Florida	176
5	Arizona	167
6	Cal	161
7	SMU	148
8	UCLA	148
9	Wisconsin	135
10	Texas	128
11	USC	117
12	Penn State	114
13	Texas A&M	106
14	Purdue	96
15	Michigan	84
16	Tennessee	80
17	Florida State	76
18	Indiana	60
19	Hawaii	59
20	Virginia	49
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23	Kansas	21
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Miami at San Antonio

8:00 p.m., ESPN

## MLB



Toronto Blue Jays general manager J.P. Ricciardi, left, and team president and CEO Paul Godfrey present pitcher A.J. Burnett with his team jersey during a press conference at the baseball winter meetings on Tuesday.

## Toronto signs ex-Marlin Burnett to deal

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Toronto Blue Jays kept up their spending spree on Tuesday by agreeing to terms with starter A.J. Burnett on a five-year, \$55 million contract.

The deal was announced at baseball's winter meetings just hours after the Blue Jays gave general manager J.P. Ricciardi a three-year contract extension. The Blue Jays, who already gave B.J. Ryan the richest contract ever for a reliever, then reeled in Burnett, the best starter on the free agent market.

"He's got one of the best arms in baseball," Toronto manager John Gibbons

said. "On any given night, he can shut out. I just think he'll fit in perfect."

It was the second major free agent signing this off-season for the Blue Jays, who gave closer B.J. Ryan a \$47 million, five-year deal last week.

"One thing about the free-agent game is if you're going to get in it, you can't get in it halfway," said Ricciardi, whose own deal takes him through 2010. "Either you're going to be a player or you're not."

A 28-year-old right-hander with a 98 mph fastball and a no-hitter on his resume, Burnett was also coveted by the St. Louis Cardinals; they would only

offer four years.

Burnett is 49-50 in his career, all with Florida. He had reconstructive elbow surgery and missed almost all of the 2003 season, then went 12-12 with a 3.44 ERA last year before being banished from the team in the final week after criticizing manager Jack McKeon and his coaching staff.

"Sometimes there's personality conflicts," Gibbons said. "He was frustrated. Things were said he probably regrets."

Burnett declined to comment on his departure from Florida, which has shipped out most of its best players in a salary purge. Josh Beckett, Mike Lowell

and Guillermo Mota went to Boston; Carlos Delgado and Paul Lo Duca went to the New York Mets and Luis Castillo went to Minnesota.

"I'm glad I'm not down there any more. Fire sales are always tough," Burnett said. "They'd better teach Dontrelle [Willis] how to play all nine positions."

Although most teams have gone away from five-year deals, especially for pitchers, Ricciardi said he was willing to make a long-term commitment because Ryan and Burnett are still in their 20s. They are believed to be the first five-year deals for pitchers since the Rangers signed Chan Ho Park in 2001.

## IN BRIEF

### Former Boston manager Little hired by Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Former Boston Red Sox manager Grady Little was hired Tuesday to manage the Los Angeles Dodgers, who had been without a field boss for more than two months.

The 55-year-old Little beat out Jim Fregosi, John McLaren, Manny Acta and Joel Skinner for the job. He succeeds Jim Tracy, who parted ways with the Dodgers on Oct. 3 — the day after the club completed its second-worst season since moving west from Brooklyn in 1958.

Little managed the Red Sox from 2002-03, compiling a 188-136 record. He was second-guessed for leaving starting pitcher Pedro Martinez in too long in Game 7 of the 2003 AL championship series, which the New York Yankees won in 11 innings.

In the fallout, Little's contract was not renewed. But Red Sox president Larry Lucchino was glad that didn't prevent Little from getting another job.

"I think that's terrific for Grady, and wish him great good luck," Lucchino said at the winter meetings in Dallas.

### Virginia coordinator Golden in as head coach at Temple

PHILADELPHIA — Al Golden is used to winning seasons, sellout crowds and bowl games.

One victory would be progress for Temple.

Golden, who spent the past five years as defensive coordinator at Virginia, was hired by Temple on Tuesday to lead its forlorn football program, ending a search that began two months ago when head coach Bobby Wallace said he wouldn't return to the school.

"I don't care what's transpired in the past," Golden said, addressing the players gathered at his news conference. "When we meet, we're going to start a new era, you guys are going to start with a clean slate."

The 36-year-old Golden has a difficult task trying to turn around

decades of futility. Temple went 0-11 this year, its first winless season on the field since 1959.

Temple was 19-71 during Wallace's eight years as coach, and was booted out of the Big East Conference.

### U.S. loses seeding in World Cup to Argentina, Italy

WINTER GARDEN, Fla. — The United States came within a point Tuesday of being one of the seeded teams for next year's World Cup.

Under the draw procedure approved by the FIFA World Cup Organizing Committee, the U.S. team wound up just behind Argentina and Italy.

U.S. coach Bruce Arena wasn't surprised to miss out.

"I thought all along the draw is going to be difficult. The field is extremely strong," he said. "I think it's considerably stronger than what we saw in 2002."

The Americans can't meet a team from Asia in the first round of next year's tournament in Germany. There's a good chance they will get two European opponents.



## NCAA FOOTBALL

# One last goal awaits Young in Pasadena

*Houston native overcame a tough childhood to lead the Longhorns back to the Rose Bowl*

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Seventh-grader Vince Young toiled away in his yard, raking leaves and piling them in bags. Each time he finished, his mother would dump them out and tell him to do it again.

It was his punishment for participating in a gang fight, and it was torture.

Felicia Young wanted him to hate it. Having struggled with drugs and alcohol for years, and with Vince's father's in jail most of her son's life, she was trying to scare the kid straight.

"She told me I'd end up dead or in jail," Young said, recalling his childhood in Houston, "walking with the wrong crowd and getting gunshots shot at you, trying to avoid a bullet."

"When I was raking those leaves, I thought about that," he said. "I started really working on football and school more, and that was that."

"That" became the unleashing of an elusive, strong-armed quarterback who became a local legend in a city as big as Houston and has become an even bigger star at the University of Texas.

Young has led the No. 2 Longhorns to 19 straight wins and a Rose Bowl showdown with No. 1 Southern California for the national championship. He's done it in such a spectacular way that on Saturday he'll likely be in New York as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy, trying to join Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams as the only Longhorns to win the award.

His top competition comes from the guys Texas will have to stop Jan. 4 — Trojans running back Reggie Bush and quarterback Matt Leinart, who won the award last season.

Young's supporters see him as the best of both. As a quarterback, he's the team's leader, like Leinart, yet as a phenomenal athlete capable of making eye-popping plays, he's every defensive coordinator's nightmare, like Bush.

"At this level you see a few guys with capes and S's on their chest and Vince Young is one of them," Colorado coach Gary Barnett said — before Young passed for three touchdowns and ran for another against the Buffaloes in a 70-3 victory in the Big 12 title game last Saturday.

Young's won 29 of 31 starts, passing Bobby Layne — a college and pro Hall of Famer who set the standard for Texas quarterbacks back in the 1950s — for the most victories.

He's accounted for 78 touchdowns in his career, breaking the school record of 76 set by Williams, the 1998 Heisman winner. His 8,705 yards of total offense is also a school record.

Funny thing is, midway through last season, critics wanted him to play another position.

Following a shutout loss to rival Oklahoma, Young was derided as a great runner whose

awkward sidearm motion was too inconsistent.

"He HAD to move to receiver," Texas coach Mack Brown recalled recently.

Instead of benching him or moving him to a new position, Brown left the team in the hands of a 6-foot-5, 230-pound project, flaunting his size and speed as Texas bullied teams with a punishing rushing attack.

The Longhorns haven't lost since.

Young's breakout game was the last Rose Bowl when he ran for 20, 60, 10 and 23 touchdowns and threw for another in Texas' 38-37 win over Michigan.

"Vince Young is the finest athlete I've ever been on the field with," Wolverines coach Lloyd Carr said afterward.

As a passer, Young silenced his critics with 2,769 yards and 26 touchdowns this season. He's also run for a team-high 850 yards and nine TDs in an offense that scored 50 or more points seven times. His pass efficiency rating is 168.6, the best in the nation.

"We take for granted now what he does," Brown said. "He does whatever he needs to do to win."

Young's arm got Texas its biggest win of the season, a 25-22 victory at Ohio State, with a late-game touchdown pass to Limas Sweed.

Then the season really started rolling.

Texas ended five years of frustration against Oklahoma. Young was the center of the post-game celebration, leading thousands of fans in singing the "Eyes of Texas."

Three weeks later, he saved Texas' season with 506 total yards — 267 on the ground, 239 through the air — in a 47-28 win at Oklahoma State. Texas trailed 28-9 in the second quarter and Young's 80-yard touchdown run at the start of the third turned the game.

"When the chips are down, he can pull something from nowhere," offensive tackle Justin Blalock said.

Young is just as important a leader off the field as on it.

He leads the pre-game, behind-the-scenes "flow sessions" of music and dancing that keep the players and coaches loose. To get in better touch with his players, Brown downloaded hours of hip-hop music into his iPod.

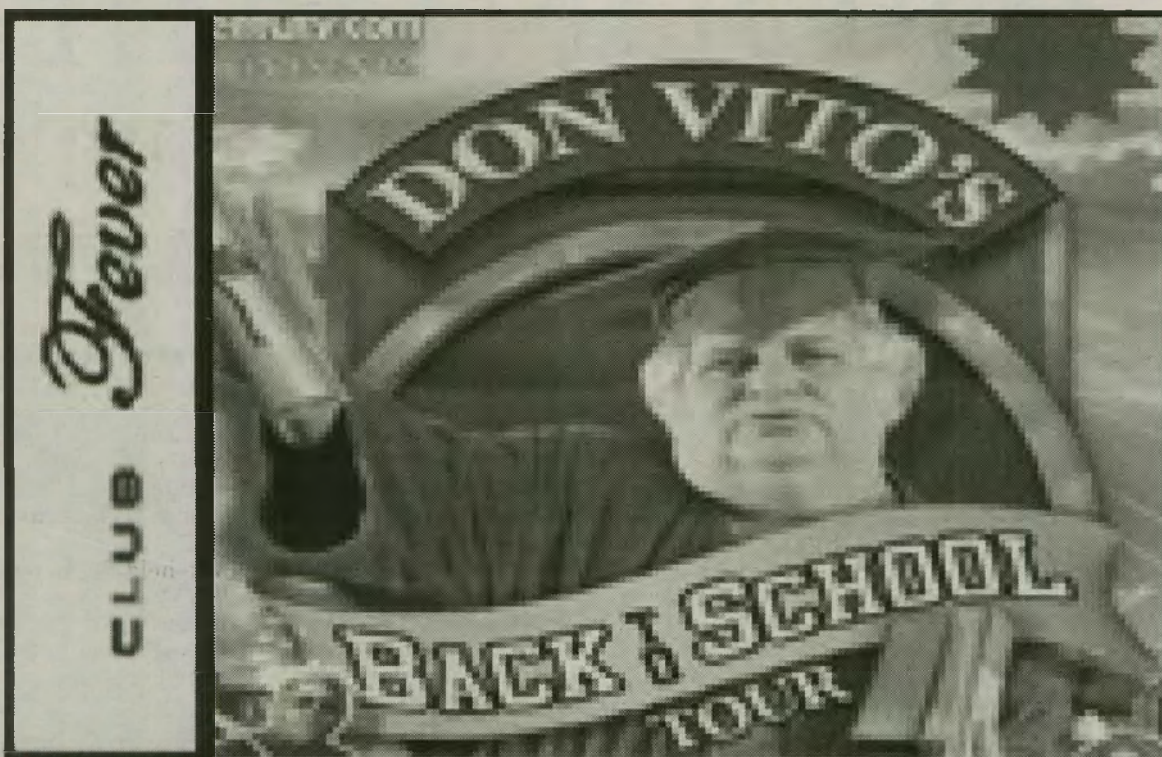
"I was telling him [Brown] sometimes what 50 Cent be saying, it's similar to some of our guys' lives," Young said. "We talk to each other like we're best friends. I knew our relationship would be good, but not like it is now. We've been together a looonngg time. It's let me grow into a man."

Since midseason, Young has maintained that he plans to return for a senior season, even if his family could use the riches of an NFL contract.

"It's my decision and right now my decision is to come back to school," he said before Texas beat Colorado for the Big 12 title.

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NFL

# Bengal blues have disappeared in Cincinnati

*Lewis's 9-3 Bengals can clinch a playoff berth with a win*

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The usual December question around these parts — how low can the Bengals go? — has been replaced by one from a bygone era.

This year, everyone is wondering: How deep can the Bengals go ... in the playoffs?

At 9-3, the Bengals are all but certain to win the AFC North. They're two games ahead of Pittsburgh and can clinch their first playoff appearance since 1990 with a victory Sunday over Cleveland and a Steelers loss to the Bears.

Even if the Steelers win the rest of the way, the Bengals can clinch the title by beating the Browns (4-8) and the Lions (4-8) in the next two weeks. Cincinnati would have the tiebreaker over the Steelers.

Then what? "You ride it as hard as you can, as fast as you can, and see where we get at the end of things," defensive end Justin Smith said.

There are three reasons to think that Cincinnati's long-awaited return to the playoffs

could be more than a one-and-done deal.

1. The offense has Carson. Quarterback Carson Palmer has surpassed all expectations, developing into one of the NFL's best passers in only his second season running the offense. He leads the league in completion rate (68.7 percent) and touchdowns (26) and is second to Peyton Manning with a 106.6 passer rating.

These days, he resembles Manning in more than just the numbers. The Bengals have relied on their no-huddle offense in the last three games. With Palmer calling plays at the line the way Manning does, Cincinnati has piled up 37, 42 and 38 points against respected defenses — Indianapolis, Baltimore and Pittsburgh.

Even with screaming Steelers fans doing their best to disrupt Palmer's calls, the Bengals stayed with the no-huddle last Sunday and prevented Pittsburgh from substituting an extra defensive back or pass rusher.

The Steelers were coming off a 26-7 loss to Indianapolis and had practiced against the no-huddle for two weeks, so they were well-prepared. It didn't matter — they gave up 30 points for the first time all season.

Even the best defense can

have problems keeping up with an unfamiliar, fast-paced approach.

"We're tired, but we always know that they're three times more tired than we are because they're chasing the football," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "It speeds the game up."

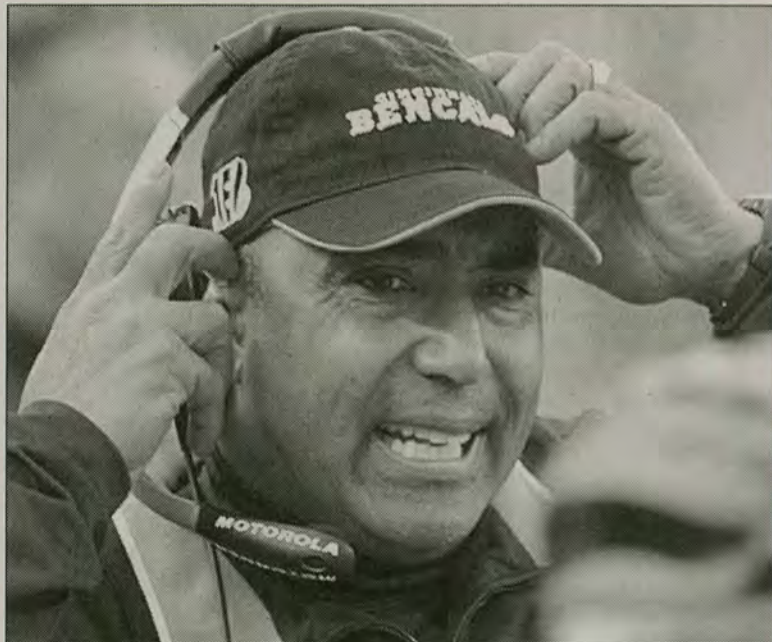
2. The defense has a craving for turnovers.

The defense held the Bengals back the last two years, forcing them to settle for 8-8 finishes. This year, it has found a way to overcome its shortcomings.

Interceptions. The Bengals lead the NFL with 26 interceptions, 10 more than anyone else and eight shy of the franchise record. Cornerback Deltha O'Neal leads the league with eight, rookie middle linebacker Odell Thurman has five, and cornerback Tory James has four.

The defense gives up a lot of yards (ranked 28th this week) and a lot of points (105 in the last three games), but has gotten turnovers that set up the high-scoring offense.

"For us this year, it seems they've been coming in bunches," linebacker Brian Simmons said. "Once one happens, two or three more are soon to follow. For whatever reason, that's kind of how it's going for us this year."



Bengals coach Marvin Lewis reacts to a call against the Steelers on Dec. 4. Lewis has led his team to the top of the AFC North.

Which brings up the third point:

3. The tiger stripes have good karma this year.

The Bengals have gotten plenty of breaks — and make no mistake, those matter in how things turn out.

A couple of significant injuries can knock a team out of contention. Think Pittsburgh isn't wondering where it would be if Ben Roethlisberger hadn't messed

up both knees and the thumb on his passing hand? What could Green Bay have done if Brett Favre didn't lose his top two running backs and three receivers to injuries?

The Bengals have been fortunate that way. Safety Madei Williams has been the most significant loss on defense. The offense has stayed intact, playing through the bruises and strains that crop up with every team.

## GOLF

# Woods wins player of the year award, again

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods won the PGA Tour player of the year award Tuesday for the seventh time in his nine full seasons, the final prize in a year that featured two major championships among his six tour titles.

It was the fifth time Woods has swept the three major awards — the Jack Nicklaus Trophy as player of the year, the Arnold Palmer Award for leading the money list and the Byron Nelson Award for having the lowest scoring average.

"It's not about winning player of the year awards," Woods said at the Target World Challenge. "It's about winning tournaments that allow you to get these awards."

Woods previously won player of the year from the PGA of America, which is based on points. The tour's award is a vote of the players, although tour officials have refused to release vote totals.

Dana Quigley, who won the money title on the 50-and-older circuit, won the Champions Tour player of the year, while Jason Gore was the Nationwide Tour player of the year having won three times to earn an instant promotion to the big leagues.

Sean O'Hair was voted PGA Tour rookie of the year. He earned his card at Q-school, won the John Deere Classic in July and finished his season at 18th

on the money list with more than \$2.4 million. He had never played in a PGA Tour event until this season.

Olin Browne was voted comeback player of the year on the PGA Tour, returning from nagging shoulder and back injuries and retooling his swing in his mid-40s to win the Deutsche Bank Championship and qualify for the Tour Championship for the first time.

Other awards announced Tuesday:

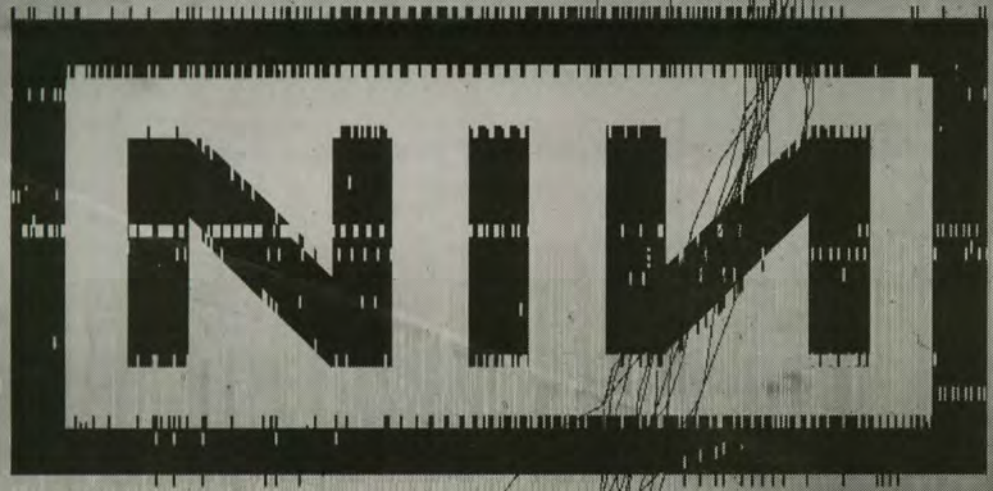
◆ Jay Haas was rookie of the year on the Champions Tour, winning twice in only 10 starts.

◆ Peter Jacobsen was comeback player of the year on the Champions Tour, winning the Senior Players Championship.

Woods has failed to win PGA Tour player of the year only twice since his first full season in 1997 — both times while overhauling swing in 1998 and in 2004. He won only one tournament each of those years.

He started this year with a victory in the Buick Invitational, outlasted Phil Mickelson in a tense duel at Doral, then captured his fourth green jacket with a playoff victory over Chris DiMarco in the Masters. He essentially clinched the award with a wire-to-wire victory in the British Open.

Woods said the award was a product of winning, but his first player of the year was far more significant. That was in 1997, when his four victories included a 12-shot win in the Masters.




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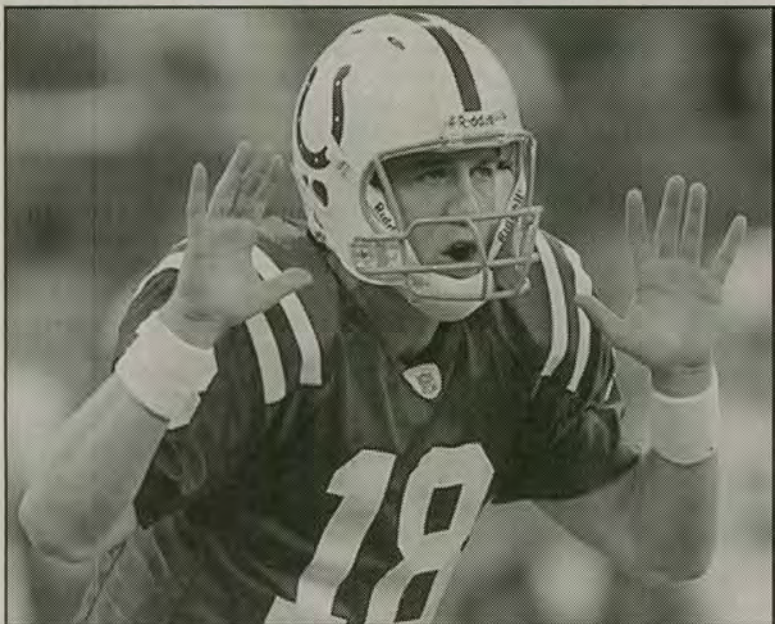
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## NFL

## Colts' face tough challenge in Jags



Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning calls out a play in Sunday's win over the Titans, which extended Indianapolis's streak to 12.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — History can wait for the Indianapolis Colts.

Sure, they're one of only five NFL teams to go 12-0 and are getting deluged daily with questions about staying undefeated.

But this week, the Colts insist, there are more pressing concerns.

A win over their toughest AFC South rival, Jacksonville, would wrap up the division title, give them a first-round bye, possibly even home-field advantage through the playoffs. Coach Tony Dungy has instructed his players to forget about anything else.

"We definitely want that bye because that's not something we've had since I've been here," said Dungy, in his fourth season with Indianapolis. "Those are big things for us, things we started thinking about before the season began."

This week's message is simple: Focus on the short-term and let others worry about Indy's quest over the final month to match the 1972 Miami Dolphins' unbeaten record.

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Outside the Colts complex, the Colts can't avoid talk of their unbeaten record.

Everyone wants to know who, or if, one of the remaining teams on Indy's schedule can end this remarkable run. No team has been unbeaten this late in the season since the 1998 Denver Broncos, and the Colts have given no indication that they're about to trip now.

Seven of their past nine wins have come by at least 17 points. They lead the NFL in scoring, averaging more than 35 points over the past nine weeks, and have yielded the second-fewest points in the league. Only three teams — Cincinnati, St. Louis and New England — have scored more than two touchdowns against the Colts all season.

Conventional wisdom suggests the Colts are unlikely to lose at home, where it still plays San Diego and Arizona. That leaves games at Jacksonville and two weeks later at Seattle, in what will

likely be hyped as a Super Bowl preview.

Jacksonville does have a history against the Colts. The teams have split the last two season series, and the Jaguars have traditionally given Indianapolis more trouble than most opponents.

The Colts' 10-3 victory in this season's first meeting was the only time this year the Colts trailed in the fourth quarter. So Dungy might not have to do much to keep his players' attention.

"They've played us as well as anybody in the division, and they're as hot as anybody," Dungy said. "We always play close games, so we're expecting a great game with a lot of intensity. It should be great for the NFL."

But the Jaguars also are playing with a backup quarterback, David Garrard, and the Colts have been equally as proficient on the road as at home. Under Dungy, the Colts are 23-7 in the RCA Dome and 23-7 on the road.

All the Colts want to do, with the ongoing circus around their complex, is keep things in perspective.

"We get the opportunity next week to go down there and win the division," two-time MVP Peyton Manning said after Sunday's latest rout. "It's nice to secure a playoff spot, but now we want to go try to win the division."

While Dungy will let others talk about a perfect season, he believes the Colts do have the perfect combination.

♦ There's Manning, the studious quarterback who has never missed a start and almost never misses a read. With his mastery of this offense and keen ability to adapt to any defensive formation, the Colts rarely lose yardage.

♦ There's Edgerrin James, the two-time NFL rushing champ who has become the Colts' sledgehammer. He's carried the ball 275 times already this season, has the most runs of between 5 and 9 yards in the NFL and has shown no sign of slowing down. Besides, he wants to prove he's worthy of a long-term contract since he could become an unrestricted free agent next year.

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## NFL

# Saints, Texans keep promise to Katrina victim

## Four NFL players visit contest-winning third grader Paul Kohnke in Houston

Associated Press

HOUSTON — If New Orleans' famed French Quarter had a kids club, this is likely how it would look. The scene made third-grader Paul Kohnke, displaced by Hurricane Katrina, feel at home, if only for a moment.

Children with multicolored Mardi Gras beads around their necks joined a duo of New Orleans Saints dancing wildly to the pulsing beat of a Zydeco band in between bites of beignets and king cake

Tuesday at Houston's Fay School.

"This is so cool," Paul said. "I can't believe it. It reminds me of home."

Paul, who loves the Saints, won the "NFL Take a Player to School" contest this summer. But when his name was drawn, Katrina had already ravaged New Orleans, and the NFL couldn't find him. The Kohnkes, who relocated to Houston, eventually returned to check on their home in the Uptown section of the city and found the package announcing

the good news.

Instead of waiting until Paul could return home, the NFL, Saints and Houston Texans decided to throw an early Mardi Gras celebration for him at his new school.

Saints defensive ends Tony Bryant and Charles Grant, wearing T-shirts that read "Be A Saint," escorted Paul and his brother James, 11, to school in a limo. Quiet and shy, Paul, clad in Grant's No. 94 jersey, waited several minutes before haltingly asking the players a question.

"Who is the hardest quarterback to sack," Paul asked, drawing a chuckle from both players, but no answer.

Paul has been able to quickly mesh with his classmates and get on track at his new school. His teacher, Laurie Dreyfuss, said he's a great student and is so conscientious that when told to wear a Saints jersey to school on Tuesday, he worried that he'd get in trouble for violating the school's dress code.

Bryant applauded Paul for adjusting to his new school and said changing schools was his biggest fear as a child.

"I thought the worst thing that could happen was to go to another school and have to make new friends," Bryant said.

"It was kind of hard at first," Paul said. "But I did it."

During the ride, Bryant and Grant chatted with Paul, James and their mother, Beth Kohnke, about how they missed the food and flavor of New Orleans. Paul told the players about his football team winning a championship after slight prodding from his mother.

Beth Kohnke said the family will likely have to stay in their cramped apartment in Houston until the spring when repairs to their house in New Orleans should be finished. Her husband has been commuting from Houston to New Orleans for his real estate job.

"I wish my friends in New Orleans could see this," Paul said, chest puffed up, as he got out of the limo with Bryant and Charles to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Paul introduced the players to his classmates and was surprised when Travis Johnson and Donovan Morgan of the Houston Texans joined the party. Gumbo, the Saints mas-

cot, and Texans mascot Toro also milled throughout the crowd.

Paul stood gawking at the 6-foot-3, 290-pound Grant as the easygoing player talked to the crowd while resting a huge hand on Paul's slight shoulder.

"You opened your arms to Paul," Grant told the students. "Helping people builds character, leadership, family. America needs a lot of family and friends. Without family and friends, America wouldn't turn the way it turns."

Morgan, a receiver for Houston, related to Paul because his family was also displaced from New Orleans by Katrina. The Texans organization helped his family members find housing in Houston after the storm.

"I've been through the experience, and I know how important it is to have support," he said. "My teammates were there for me."

The players asked if anyone had questions and quickly learned that these third-through fifth-graders weren't afraid to ask anything.

"Y'all haven't been winning very much," 7-year-old Bess Krasoff said, sending the players running for cover. "What are you going to do to win?"

Later they tossed footballs and ran around outside with the children while Grant implored his group to start a chant of "Stay in school!"

Before the party died down, Paul got up on stage and played the washboard with the band. Grant gave Paul a high-five when he was done, and his mother looked wistful as she softly tousled his hair.

"I love hearing the music," she said. "But it makes me homesick."

*"This is cool, I can't believe it. It reminds me of home."*

**Paul Kohnke**  
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SMC BASKETBALL

# Belles look for MIAA wins before Christmas

By TIM KAISER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will take on Adrian College tonight in the Belles' last home game of 2005. The Belles (1-5) are coming off of a narrow defeat to North Park University, and will look to get back on track with a win against the Lady Bulldogs (2-3).

The Belles know they beat themselves in their last game by shooting just 23 percent from the floor, and so are focusing more on improving their game in practice this week than on Adrian.

"We're watching film tomorrow, about a half an hour before game," said senior captain Bridget Boyce. "[All we] know [is] they tend to go to the basket more than shoot threes."

The Belles will mostly be working on their inconsistencies from the past few games in order to put together a more complete game against Adrian.

"We've been playing really tentative on offense," Boyce said. "We're working on taking the ball to the basket, drawing contact and finishing shots. We're a strong free throw shooting team — getting to the line is a benefit for us."

Boyce said the team feels that it is not only improving on the physical aspects of the game, but pulling together as well.

"Having a younger team, it is an up-and-down season," Boyce said. "We've really taken our mistakes to heart and learned from them. We've gotten better

from more experience, and now we're taking things in stride, working more as a unit."

After tonight's game, Saint Mary's will hit the road for its last game before Christmas, making the four and a half hour bus trip to play Alma College in Michigan. Despite the long ride, the team is looking forward to the trip.

"Yeah, it's four and half hours," Boyce said, "but we've done better away. Actually, we really don't mind [traveling]. We traveled six [hours] to Hanover, and we traveled really well. We have a really good time on the bus, we don't dread it."

After Alma, the players have Christmas to look forward to.

"Definitely the freshmen, as well as upperclassmen but especially freshmen, are looking forward to spending time with families," Boyce said. "We have a few practices during finals, then a week to a week and a half off, and then on the 26th, we go to the Clark Tournament in Iowa. Then we get New Year's off, and a few days after that."

But the Belles won't let Christmas or finals distract them from their game. They feel they are prepared and ready to win.

"Our focus is taking the ball to the basket, and playing as a team," Boyce said. "[We've got to] come in strong, from warm up, and carry it through the first and second halves to win this game."

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## Trick

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needed to play on the road because the things that hurt us on the road in the past, the special teams, were there."

The Irish scored two power play goals and limited the Mavericks to one man advantage goal on seven chances.

With well under a minute left in the game and the score knotted at 2-2, T.J. Jindra won the faceoff in the Mavericks' zone and drew the puck back to Wes O'Neill on the point. O'Neill slid the puck over to Trick on the high left side and Trick let off a blast that was deflected into the net off of Minnesota State goalie Mike Zacharias' pads.

The Irish took their second lead of the game 14:47 into the second period on a Josh Sciba goal, assisted by Erik Condra (goal and an assist) and O'Neill (three assists) to put the game at 2-1. The

goal was the second successfully converted power play on the night when Sciba flipped the puck over a prone Zacharias off of a rebound.

The lead would not stand, however, as Minnesota State converted a power play of its own 5:57 into the third on a Mick Berge rebound to tie the game at 2-2.

"We held the fort, we had a couple of penalty kills to kill off," Jackson said of the third period after MSU tied the game. "The PK made the difference, Jindra and [Mark] Van Guilder were outstanding on PK in the third. They gave us a chance to win it on the last faceoff."

Condra got his second goal of the year and the Irish on the board first with a power play tally at 7:00 into the first period on a rebound assisted by O'Neill and Sciba. The Mavericks cancelled the Irish lead only

four minutes later when Rob Rankin tucked the puck past Irish goaltender Dave Brown for the 1-1 tie.

Zacharias was solid in net for Minnesota State with 19 saves as he held off the potent Irish attack. Brown stopped 27 out of 29 Maverick shots on the game and secured his second straight win between the pipes, including last Saturday's 3-0 shutout of Western Michigan. Rankin's first period goal snapped a 91:20 shutout streak for Brown that dates back to the second period of the Nov. 26 loss to Ohio State.

"He was instrumental in the PK being as effective as it was," Jackson said of Brown's performance. "He made some key saves at important times. He was a big part of our success."

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## Fencing

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viduals not connected to any collegiate team.

"Whether they go to [the meet] is up to the fencers," Bednarski said. "I will go as an observer, just to see how they compete."

Several of the 17 Irish fencers expected to compete in the tournament are favorites to place highly. Bednarski mentioned women's saber competitors Mariel Zagunis and Valerie Provenza as two of the top-rated Notre Dame fencers traveling to Pittsburgh.

"For some, like Zagunis [a 2004 Olympic gold medalist], they will fight to be winners," Bednarski said. "For some others they will fight for higher rankings."

Irish fencers competing in the tournament on the men's side will be Greg Howard, Patrick Gettings and Jesse Laeuchli in the epee; Frank Bontempo and Mark Kubik in the foil; and Bill Thanhouser, Patrick Ghattas, Matt Stearns and Nicolas Diacou in saber.

For the women, Zagunis and Provenza will compete in saber, Adrienne Nott in foil and Amy Orlando, Rebecca Chimahusky

and Kimberlee Montoya in epee.

The Irish individuals enter the national competition after a strong team performance in the Northwestern Duals held Nov. 20 in Evanston, Ill. Both squads finished with 6-0 records, headlined by the women's 21-6 victory over the host Wildcats, who Bednarski considers one of the better squads in the nation.

"We were very, very surprised by how quickly we demolished the Northwestern team," Bednarski said. "We fenced well. We very quickly got a lead and very quickly finished off the competition."

Zagunis and foilist Emilie Prot swept through the duals without a loss as the Notre Dame women won 84 percent of their bouts in wins over Johns Hopkins (26-1), Stanford (22-5), 21-6 over Northwestern and California-San Diego and 23-4 over both North Carolina and Cal State Fullerton.

The men were equally impressive in the duals, winning 77 percent of their matches. Howard, Ghattas and Stearns combined for a record of 37-7 in wins over Northwestern (25-2), North Carolina (22-5), Stanford (15-12), California-San Diego (21-6), Johns Hopkins (18-9) and Cal State Fullerton (24-3).

Notre Dame's next team event



Observer File Photo

Frank Bontempo, left, competes in a foil event in last year's ND Duals, held on Feb. 26. Bontempo is one of many strong veterans returning for the Irish this season.

will be the NYU Duals in New York City on Jan. 22. By then, the national standings should be out and the Irish expect to be highly

ranked.

"We have a lot of hard workers and a lot of very talented kids," Bednarski said. "We're very

excited for the season."

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## Tourney

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Brown said. "It's not a false confidence. It's an earned confidence."

The Irish will need to be confident in their seventh all-

time meeting with Wisconsin, which comes into the tournament leading the all-time series with Notre Dame 5-1. The Badgers swept the Irish 3-0 in last season's NCAA Tournament. They also knocked off the Irish the last time the team advanced to the Sweet 16, winning in four

games in the 1997 NCAA Tournament.

However, the Irish have thrived in big games this season.

"We've stepped up in big matches and made big plays and had some really solid wins," Brown said.

Those wins include a sweep

against eighth-seeded Florida (32-2), a five-game triumph over Texas (24-5) and a four-game victory over 12th-seeded Southern California (17-11).

Although Wisconsin is a formidable challenge, the other side of the College Station bracket isn't any easier.

It includes third-seeded Washington (28-1) and 14th-seeded Purdue (25-8). The two will square off at 8 p.m. Friday. Notre Dame and Wisconsin face off at 6 p.m. Friday in the opener at G. Rollie White Coliseum on the campus of Texas A&M University, where the Irish are 1-1 this year. They swept Tulane and fell to Louisiana State in five games in the Nokia Sugar Bowl Classic.

The Friday winners will clash Saturday at 6 p.m. for a berth in the Final Four, which will also take place in Texas — Dec. 15-17 in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Overall, in Texas, the Irish are 4-1 this season. They are 3-0 in the Alamodome, where they won the University of Texas San Antonio's Dome Rally. This has helped add to

the attitude the Irish are taking with them to Texas.

"Everyone has more confidence," outside hitter Adrianna Stasiuk said, comparing this year's team with last year's, which lost 34-36, 16-30, 16-30 to the Badgers in Madison, Wisc. "To put the ball away or do certain things."

Senior All-American Lauren Brewster agreed this year's team is different.

"We know we can do it," she said. "We've done it before."

Last year's squad didn't have quite the resume this year's group has.

Last year, the Irish lost twice to a solid Nebraska team. One was a five-game loss after leading 2-0.

However, the Irish have experienced phenomenal success this season, and are ready to get down to business in College Station.

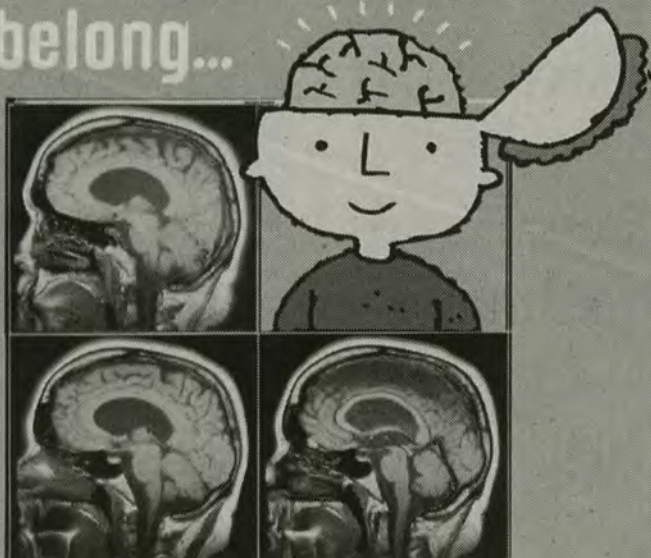
"We just think we can do some really special things this year," Brown said after the Irish beat Northwestern last Friday to advance to their first Sweet 16 since 1997.

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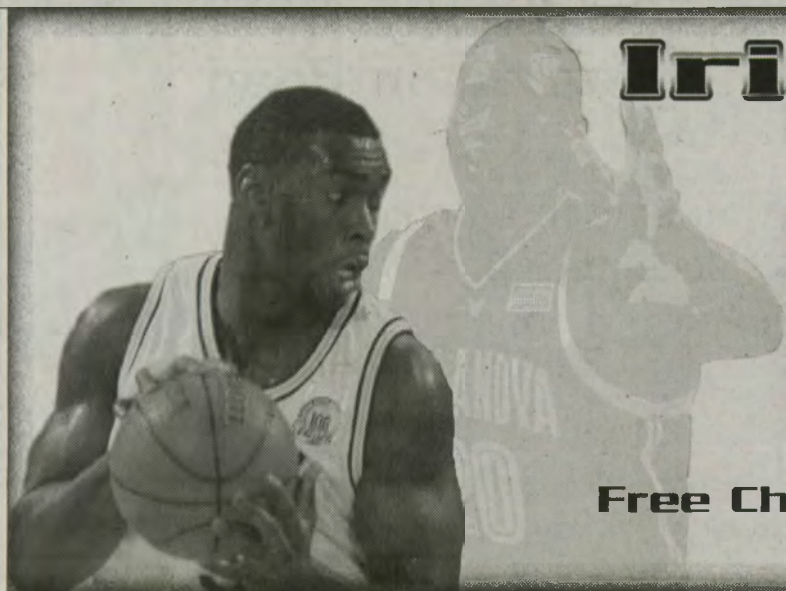
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## Purdue

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said of McGraw. "She'll be fine. She'll be back soon."

Washington said she has tried to make life without McGraw as normal as possible for her players. Her efforts have paid dividends. Notre Dame downed Iona 74-55 at the Joyce Center on Nov. 29, and the Irish won 77-72 at Wisconsin Dec. 4.

"[McGraw] has a tremendous system in place, and I don't have to do any juggling or adjusting," Washington said. "I'm just trying to keep things going along as they would be if she were here. And she's set a very high standard of practice for the players and for ourselves as a coaching staff. We're just going along and keeping things going the way she would do it if she was here."

Washington said she is proud of the way her young team has handled McGraw's extended absence. Notre Dame has just two seniors and two juniors on its 12-player roster.

"I think it's been tough, but I think they've really risen to the challenge," Washington said. "I think they understand that the best thing that they can do in the situation is to play better, to play smarter, to play harder, to give more than they've give before. And as long as we continue to do that as a team, I think we'll be ok and we'll be able to compete."

Purdue will be led by its two stars, junior guard Katie Gearlds and junior forward Erin Lawless. Gearlds, a two-time first team all-Big Ten honoree, leads the Boilermakers in

scoring, averaging 12.8 points per game. Lawless, who led the team in scoring a year ago, is close behind, posting 12 points per contest.

But Washington said Notre Dame must be wary of concentrating too heavily on Purdue's top two players.

"They've got a lot of weapons both offensively and defensively," Washington said. "If you think you can just come in and shut down one or two people and you can beat them, you are mistaken. We've got to have a very well-rounded defensive attack if we are going to be in this game."

Notre Dame will be playing its second road game against a Big Ten opponent in the past four days. The Irish edged Wisconsin Sunday in Madison thanks in large part to the play of senior captain Megan Duffy, who scored 20 points and dished out five assists in the game. Duffy has been coming up big for the Irish all year, averaging 18 points and 4.8 assists per game.

Notre Dame has never won a game at the Mackey Arena in seven chances.

### Notes:

♦ Duffy and freshman guard Lindsay Schrader were both selected to the Big East Conference Weekly Honor Roll Monday. In addition to her performance against Wisconsin, Duffy recorded 23 points and three assists against Iona Nov. 29. Schrader, who is the first freshman this season to be named to the Honor Roll, averaged 13.5 points and four rebounds in the two games.

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## Bama

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improve game-by-game with the goal of containing the Crimson Tide's rebounding and inside scoring.

Irish coach Mike Brey said Tuesday it is crucial that his team controls rebounds against Alabama, whose starting front-court of power forward Chuck Davis and center Jermareo Davidson averages 32 points and 17.4 rebounds combined per game.

"We gave up two put-backs late in the game against Michigan," Brey said, referring to a pair of Graham Brown field goals late in the Wolverines' 71-67 victory. "And Alabama's strength is on the backboard ... we've got to pressure and not let them play volleyball on the backboard."

The Irish are currently out-rebounding opponents 38.8 to 32.2, but the Crimson Tide (4-1) are cause for concern inside the lane. Only shooting guard Justin Jonus (11 points per game) averages double-figure scoring numbers in addition to Davis

and Davidson.

"It's definitely important for our guards to help our big men," Irish point guard Chris Quinn said.

Notre Dame practiced Tuesday afternoon before flying south at night.

Thus far in the season, the young Irish have set goals heading into games in the hopes of improving steadily but surely for Big East play in January. Most recently, they accomplished their goal of involving center Torin Francis more in the offense against Michigan. Francis scored 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, albeit not receiving the ball down the stretch in the second half.

But Quinn saw the team grow Saturday despite the defeat.

"I think we definitely improved from the N.C. State game [a 61-48 loss] to the Michigan game," the co-captain said. "We moved the ball a lot better. It's just hard sometimes to see the improvements when you lose."

Brey, Quinn and shooting guard Colin Falls all admitted to tinkering with the offense following the Michigan game to free Falls up for more open

looks at the hoop.

Though the Irish improved their scoring output from the previous game dramatically, Falls took just three shots and could not get open to prevent Notre Dame from making just 6-of-20 from behind the arc.

"We put in some different screening looks," Falls said. "I think our offense got so repetitive sometimes, teams knew what we were doing."

Notre Dame could use the win for strength of schedule purposes, as well. The Irish will not play another team currently ranked in the AP top 25 until they host No. 4 Villanova on Jan. 28.

Alabama's only loss came to Memphis, 87-76, in the second round of the Preseason NIT in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Crimson Tide only managed a 60-57 win over Winthrop Saturday, but they also put up 105 points on Alabama State Nov. 20.

Alabama will re-dedicate Coleman Coliseum at halftime. The arena, originally opened in January 1968, has undergone a recent \$28 million renovation.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Lewis edges Fasano for Mackey

Associated Press

MANHASSET, N.Y. —UCLA's Marcedes Lewis won the John Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end after leading the

Bruins in catches and receiving yards.

Lewis, a senior, set career highs with 58 receptions, 741 yards and 10 touchdowns, all UCLA records for a tight end.

The other finalists were Maryland's Vernon Davis and Notre Dame's Anthony Fasano.

The Mackey award will be presented by The Nassau County Sports Commission in May.

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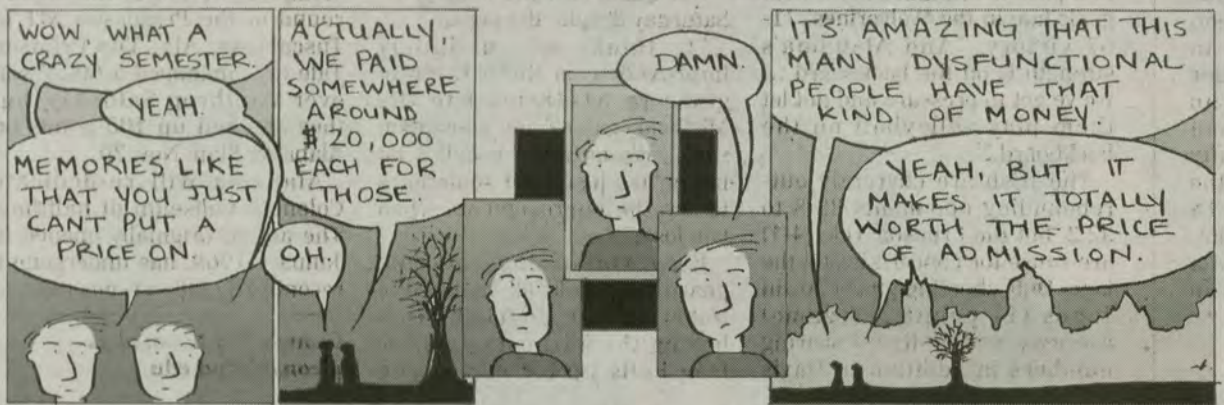
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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

Answer here: A " " (Answers tomorrow)

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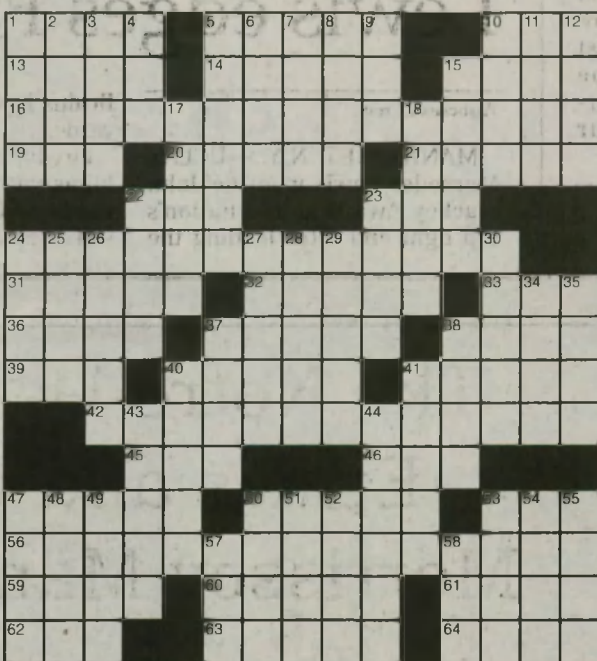
CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Auto parts giant
  - 5 They may be vaulted
  - 10 Sharp or flat, say
  - 13 Does in
  - 14 Timely benefits
  - 15 Cap- (from head to foot)
  - 16 Bureaus
  - 19 It may have electroreceptors
  - 20 Dances with chairs
  - 21 Rhinestone feature
  - 22 Goosey stuff
  - 23 Co. that offers I.M.'s
  - 24 It usually starts "How many ...?"
  - 31 Puts out of work
  - 32 Like "Green Acres"
  - 33 Bushy 'do
  - 36 Appear
  - 37 Glass ingredient
- DOWN**
- 1 "Good one!"
  - 2 Have a hankering
  - 3 Floor it, with "out"
  - 4 Long-eared equine
  - 5 Take in
  - 6 D
  - 7 Soft seat
  - 8 There are two in a loaf
  - 9 Part of an empire up to 1991: Abbr.
  - 10 Crude group?
  - 11 Send packing
  - 12 Suffix with slug
  - 15 Win in (triumph easily)
  - 17 "\_\_\_ Amore"
  - 18 "What \_\_\_ Believes" (Dobie Brothers hit)
  - 22 Classic 1954 sci-fi film
  - 23 Comet competitor
  - 24 Telephone book, essentially
  - 25 \_\_\_ fixe
  - 26 Flash of light
  - 27 Husband of Bathsheba
  - 28 Slow times
  - 29 City of Brittany
  - 30 Violinist
  - 34 Fury
  - 35 Straw in the wind
  - 37 Sunris, e.g.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SAT KRILL TILTS  
PER INDIA ICAHN  
IRE LASTSAMURAI  
EIEIO HERB ANT  
LESTWFORGET  
SABE ORANGE  
CHA TRAIT COED  
LISTTOSTARBOARD  
ARIA TONER HEY  
DESIRE TAUS  
LOSTHERSHEEP  
STA OSHA SARGE  
LUSTFORLIFE ORE  
ABASE EASEL DEL  
PAPER ESTES ETS



- Puzzle by Adam G. Perl
- 38 Hog, so to speak
  - 40 Condoleezza Rice's department
  - 41 New England catch
  - 43 A de Mille
  - 44 Set off
  - 47 \_\_\_ cell research
  - 48 Reduce to carbon
  - 49 Word with fine or visual
  - 50 "Dang!"
  - 51 Make over
  - 52 "\_\_\_ example"
  - 53 Popular computer operating system
  - 54 "Hold everything!"
  - 55 Concerning
  - 57 Ltr. addenda
  - 58 "But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_ ..."

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EUGENIA LAST

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Lindsay Price, 29; Janine Turner, 43; Peter Buck, 49; Tom Hulse, 52

**Happy Birthday:** Times are changing and you have to keep up. Be progressive, the first to try new methods, ways of doing things or even a new lifestyle. Set a goal that you've been saying you are going to achieve, and plan your strategy. This is the year to do what you say. Your numbers are 10, 17, 23, 31, 39, 45

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will blow everyone away with the powerful way you take charge. You will have the chance to start something new, and it is essential that you promote it. It's time to rebuild and step back into the fast lane. \*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Not everyone will understand what you are trying to do. In fact, someone is likely to stand in your way. Don't neglect what's important because you are spending too much time with one person. You can't let your responsibilities slip. \*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You have everything and everyone under control, so make your move and get what you want. A new look or way of doing things will bring you compliments. You can make a career move or position yourself for a promotion. \*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't get all worked up over nothing. You will take things the wrong way. Take a moment to do something nice for yourself. A partnership may need an adjustment -- show greater understanding. \*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll stop at nothing, and that's exactly why you will get what you want. Your bold actions and good ideas will show everyone you have something worthwhile to offer. Confidence will make your day. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't take on so much that you may fall short. Too much, too fast can result in a situation that will leave you feeling worried about your future. Don't expect anyone to come to the rescue. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Take on whatever you want. You will master whatever you try and prove how capable you are to those waiting for you to fail. If you want to ask for something, now is the time to do it. \*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** It will be difficult for you to keep things in perspective today. Don't let anyone upset you. His or her comments will not be based on fact. Concentrate on a creative project, and ignore anyone trying to sabotage you. \*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You really need to get away. Changes at home may not be your idea of a good time, but you may be pleasantly surprised how you feel about the end results. \*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Someone you have known for a long time may help you out financially. An older relative may be confused and unable to make a decision for him- or herself. A day trip may help you sort out important family issues. \*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Someone you respect will make you think twice about your personal life. A look at what you have done in the past, where you are now and where you want to be is necessary if you want to make your life better. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Once you realize that change is actually a good thing, you will find it much easier to get things done. Nothing is forever, and with that in mind, you should be able to open up to new people and new surroundings. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are emotional, caring and eager to pitch in and help. You are a crusader with leadership qualities -- industrious, intuitive and intent on doing what's right.

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## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Sweet spot

*Confident ND squad fears no one in Texas*

By TOM DORWART  
Sports Writer

When the sixth-seeded Irish head to College Station, Texas later this week for their Friday Sweet 16 match against 11th-seeded Wisconsin (25-6), they'll be loose and confident — certainly not intimidated by the team that eliminated them in the second round of last year's tournament.

"It comes from the wins that we have," Irish coach Debbie

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Lauren Brewster, who was named one of ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-Americans this week, spikes against Dayton in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Dec. 1.

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## HOCKEY

# Irish snap road streak in victory

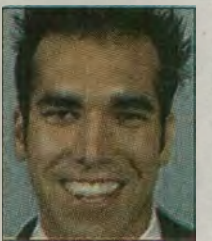
*Trick's goal lifts team over Minnesota State*

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

It was Irish trickery at its finest.

After two blown leads, Chris Trick's goal gave the team a 3-2 victory over Minnesota State Tuesday to end its road losing streak that dated back to last season.

Trick pocketed the lone Irish even-



Trick

strength, and winning, goal with :09 left in the game to help Notre Dame match last season's win total of five, boosting its overall record to 5-9-1. The last-second victory erased a 17-game road winless streak (0-15-2) for the Irish that dated to Nov. 26, 2004 when the Irish beat Alaska-Fairbanks by an identical 3-2 score.

"Maybe the only way to get over that hump is to get out of that kind of situation," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of taking the season's first road game in the last seconds. "We played the way we

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Team faces tough in-state showdown



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Point guard Megan Duffy holds her dribble against an Iona player in a 74-55 drubbing of the Gaels on Nov. 29.

By KEVIN BRENNAN  
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame (6-0) will take its undefeated record on the road tonight to face No. 20 Purdue (4-2) at 7 p.m. at the Mackey Arena in West Lafayette.

Notre Dame assistant head coach Coquese Washington said her team is excited to square off with one of its top rivals, but acknowledged the Irish must be prepared for a very difficult game.

"This is one of our biggest rivals. We always have very good games," Washington said.

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## FENCING

# Team has high hopes for USFA tournament

By MIKE GILLOON  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's best fencers will venture out of the realm of collegiate competition this weekend when they travel to Pittsburgh for the United States Fencing Association (USFA) North American Cup.

The meet, beginning Friday at 10 a.m. at the Lawrence Convention Center, features a field of the top national competi-

tors looking for a spot on the USFA national team.

"This tournament is very important because they will fence against the best in America," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It is a very high class tournament. It's a step up in their experience."

Since the tournament is run by the USFA and not the NCAA, Irish fencers have to pay their own way and are competing as indi-

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish looking to roll Tide

By PAT LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame let a close home game slip away on Saturday, and now the Irish turn around to play No. 22 Alabama on the road in their first-ever trip to Tuscaloosa, Ala.

When the teams face tonight at 7 p.m. EST (ESPN) in a renovated Coleman Coliseum, Notre Dame (2-2) will continue its quest to



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Irish guard Colin Falls drives against Michigan in a 71-67 loss to the Wolverines on Dec. 3.

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Adrian at Saint Mary's Today, 7:30 p.m.

The Belles hope to get back on track today against the Bulldogs.

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NFL players visit Katrina victim

Members of the Saints and Texans spent the day with a third-grade refugee in Houston.

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### NFL

Colts face tough challenge in Jags

The undefeated Colts won't catch a break against Jacksonville this week.

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### PGA

Woods takes Player of the Year

Woods swept the three major awards of golf for the fifth time in his career.

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### NCAA FOOTBALL

Vince Young is back in Pasadena

The Texas star has made national headlines for his outstanding play this season.

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Lakers 111 Milwaukee 92

The Lakers' Kobe Bryant scored 33 points in a blowout victory over the Bucks.

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