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## New Web site offers help for pregnant students

By MAUREEN MULLEN  
News Writer

The Notre Dame Office of Student Affairs launched a new Web site this week dedicated to providing support to students facing unplanned pregnancies.

Ann Firth, associate vice president for Student Affairs, played an instrumental role in creating the site, which explains the University's policy concerning pregnancy and

offers information on counseling resources and assistance programs for pregnant students. Firth, along with a committee of individuals from the Office of Student Affairs, representatives from the University's Counseling Center and Health Center and students from Notre Dame Right to Life collaborated to produce the site.

Firth said the site was not created due to any recent increase in student pregnancy, but simply as "an attempt to

give students more information." It is important that this information be accessible to students online, she said, because the Internet is the place students might first go for information.

"Oftentimes people don't know where to turn," she said.

Student Affairs has frequently run "Don't Go It Alone" ads for pregnant students in The Observer, and the new Web site "seemed to be the next logical piece," Firth said.

Firth said the construction of

the site was motivated by a desire to "better articulate what the University believes" — to dispel false understandings of the University's pregnancy policy.

"I think there is the common misconception that pregnant students could be kicked out of Notre Dame. That," Firth said, "is completely false."

Notre Dame's student handbook, duLac, states that "in keeping with its mission as a

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## Library upgrade planned

*Cluster relocation to first floor considered*

By AMANDA MICHAELS  
Assistant News Editor

Keeping with the tide of technological improvements that has recently swept the University, the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) is now looking to give the Hesburgh Library computer cluster a major facelift.

In conjunction with University Libraries staff, OIT is making plans to move the cluster — currently tucked away on the building's second floor — to an open area on the first floor, directly to the left of the current Reference Desk.

The move, however, will mean a lot more than just that.

"Based on the planning stage so far, we wouldn't just be moving what's there," said Nigel Butterwick, University librarian and associate director for User Services. "We'd be effectively opening a much improved facility on the first floor."

Butterwick explained that while the physical area allotted for the new cluster is not larger than that of its current location, the types of technology and study spaces available will be far more varied. Plans include not only the

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## D.C. program numbers declining

*Football effect deters fall semester applicants; internship opportunities missed*

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL  
News Writer

Of the 53 percent of Notre Dame students who participate in an international study program, most make plans to view Incan ruins, Michelangelo's masterpieces and Egyptian pyramids.

For just a small number of students studying "abroad," the White House tops the sightseeing list.

Six students are studying this fall in Washington, D.C. as part of the Office of International Studies' only domestic program. The program's current capacity is 15 students, but lack of interest means sending six this fall and 13 this spring.

Liz LaFortune, academic coordinator of the Washington Program, attributed some of the dwindling interest to confusion — a domestic program is not "abroad" in the traditional sense — and to the physical

movements of the office in the last few years.

LaFortune named another factor, however, as a more influential deterrent from spending a semester in Washington: a strong football season.

"We call it the 'Charlie Weis effect,'" LaFortune said. "The Office of International Studies has seen a decrease in fall applications across the board."

As far as football is concerned, the program is unique because students can squeeze in trips to South Bend — junior Dan O'Connell said he returned to campus twice during his stay in the nation's capital last spring. Students studying overseas likely would not have the same opportunity.

With studying abroad nearly synonymous with traveling across the continent, the Washington Program offers students a very different experi-

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Courtesy of the Office of International Studies

Only six Notre Dame students are studying in the Washington Program this fall, though it has a capacity of 15.

## Relay raises money for cancer research

By AARON STEINER  
News Writer

The University community will gather tonight to celebrate the progress of cancer research and raise money to advance the fight against cancer in Notre Dame's fourth annual Relay for Life. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Stepan Center and stretches until Saturday at 10 a.m.

The two-day, one-night event is one of thousands of Relays that happen nationwide and serve as fundraisers for the American Cancer Society.

Last year more than 1,000 students, faculty and staff

raised roughly \$100,000. This year, Dee Dee Sterling and Jessica Brookshire — two of the event's four co-chairs — expect a similar turnout, but the goal is to exceed last year's total donations.

In terms of both participation and money raised, Brookshire said Notre Dame ranks "probably in the top 10" of all other college Relay events.

Relay teams, including residence halls and academic departments, raised funds in creative ways, Brookshire said. One team of Holy Cross priests put on an event called "Priests on Wheels" which

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## Journalist discusses poverty

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
News Writer

A cardboard roof and blanket of newspapers are quintessential images of poverty, but when the U.S. government counted more than 37 million people living below the poverty line in 2005, that figure encompassed a much larger segment of the population than the homeless.

Pulitzer Prize recipient David Shipler, a renowned journalist and scholar, spoke Thursday night in the Jordan Auditorium about the millions of families who may sleep in brick houses, but are nonetheless on the breadline — and overlooked — in a lec-



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Pulitzer Prize recipient David Shipler speaks Thursday night in the Jordan Auditorium about America's working poor.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Living in the 'armpit'

When I heard on our local news in Scranton, Pa. that NBC was going to adapt the classic British comedy "The Office" for American television — and set it in Scranton — I did not know what to expect. So, I did a little research and found that some websites compared Slough, the setting for the British version, to an armpit. Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant purposely picked a depressing city to underscore the characters' humdrum lives.

I feared the worst, like the producers making fun of our economically depressed, Gerry McNamara-loving area where you need to know someone who knows a guy in order to get a good job. The material was there, but how would they use it?

"Life moves a little slower in Scranton, and that's the way we like it," is the harshest I've heard after 33 episodes. That's not to say they are wrong in depicting Scranton as an armpit, but it is nice that they restrain themselves. The above comment is mostly correct, except life doesn't move slower in Scranton — it is static.

The character of Jim is a graduate of Bishop Hannan high school and now works in "The Office." One Scranton resident in an interview with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette said, "I can just see him graduating from Bishop Hannan and getting a job at a local Scranton company. That is what we do here."

Our grandparents established our family roots there and went to work in the coalmines. Some left after the coalmines went out of style, but many stayed. People complain about how depressing of a city it is, but they never leave. There's something about Scranton that keeps you there. Like any other town, your family and friends are there. For how boring and mundane life may be, it's our home.

"The Office" has recently put Scranton back on the map and has been a bright spot for the city. Each episode is filled with references to Scranton landmarks like the coalmines or the Steamtown Mall. Rumor has it the producers plan on coming to Scranton to film an episode about our St. Patrick's Day Parade, one of the largest in the country.

When some of my friends from campus came to Scranton this summer, I felt an odd sense of pride as we drove through Scranton and got our picture taken by the "Scranton Welcomes You" used in the opening credits to the show. I couldn't wait to show them what Scranton was like.

And before "The Office," I'd never felt pride for my hometown like that.

Even if it is an armpit.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT BUILDINGS DO YOU THINK ARE HAUNTED ON CAMPUS, AND WHY?



Katie Waid  
junior  
Farley

"The steam tunnels, because a janitor died there. It also explains why nobody can get into them."



Trevor O'Brien  
freshman  
Alumni

"All of Saint Mary's, because my friend's been terrorized by ghosts there."



Andy Huffman  
sophomore  
Stanford

"Galvin ... I'm pretty sure I've seen a dead baby preserved in a jar there. That's gotta cause some kind of evil spirit."



Camila Bernal  
junior  
Cavanaugh

"Washington Hall, because the Gipper lives on."



Valerie Gadala-Maria  
sophomore  
Pasquerilla West

"Main Building, because ResLife's in there."



Jake Fergus  
freshman  
Keough

"Washington Hall, because I was told someone died there ..."



Students heap Colombian cuisine onto their plates at "Colombian Food for Thought," hosted by sophomore Camila Escallon for Welsh Family Hall.

OFFBEAT

School boots 3 girls in 'Underpants'

LONG BEACH, N.Y. — A high school principal has decreed that Captain Underpants has no place in an institution of learning.

Three 17-year-old girls were told to leave Long Beach High School on Wednesday after they showed up on Superhero Day costumed as the subject of the best-selling children's books.

"I didn't know which superhero it was, not that it mattered," said Principal Nicholas Restivo.

The girls depicted this superhero — who has bat-

tled, among other things, talking toilets and the infamous Professor Poopypants — by wearing beige leotards and nude stockings under white briefs and red capes.

"Yes, I know they weren't naked," Restivo said. "But the appearance was that they were naked."

Woman wallops intruder with cooking pot

MUNCIE, Ind. — A woman watching television in her nightgown raced from her bedroom and attacked a man with a cooking pot after he stole golf clubs from her porch, police said.

Sabrena Davis said she first grabbed a knife after a neighbor yelled to tell her that a man had taken the clubs, but then decided to instead attack him with a 10-inch cooking pot.

"I started beating him with it. He asked for it," she said.

Davis' attack slowed Timothy A. Simison, 27, until police arrested him outside her home Tuesday morning shortly after she had whacked him in the head and shoulders with the pot.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform tonight at 8 in Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$6, \$5 faculty/staff, \$4 seniors and \$3 all students.

The bands Angel Melendez and 911 Mambo will perform tonight at 10 at Legends. The concert is free for ND, SMC and HCC students.

Relay for Life will begin at 6 p.m. today and conclude at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Stepan Center.

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company will perform "The Tempest" at 7:30 tonight in Washington Hall. General tickets cost \$7 and student tickets are \$5 and are available through the LaFortune box office by calling 631-8128.

Legends will be hosting a Navy gamewatch at noon Saturday. The event is free and open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College students.

Lyons Hall's annual Mara Fox Fun Run — a 5k Run or Walk — will take place Saturday at 10:30 a.m. The race begins at the lake running path behind Lyons Hall.

The Asian International Society will host an Asian Spicy Food Festival taking place from 9 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the Keough Hall common room.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
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## Irish set sail for game vs. Navy in Baltimore

*Fans flock to Maryland for annual matchup*

By MEGHAN WONS  
News Writer

It's more than 600 miles away, and the results are fairly predictable — the Irish haven't lost a football game to the Navy Midshipmen since 1963.

Nonetheless, Notre Dame students say they are excited to set sail for the land of blue crabs and the Chesapeake Bay and cheer the Irish on to victory.

Senior Chris Peterson is driving the 600 miles to Navy with friends and roommates.

"It's a lot of driving for the weekend, but it will be worth it," Peterson said.

Peterson actually received an appointment to the Academy and considered attending. But his loyalties are not divided — he said he is definitely hoping for an Irish victory.

He is staying with a friend who attends Loyola College in Maryland and hopes to check out Baltimore's inner harbor over the weekend.

Also driving to the game with friends is junior Matt Mattare. Originally from Allentown, Pa., Mattare is meeting up with some friends from home while back on the East Coast.

"My best friend actually goes to Navy," Mattare said. "She is

actually cheering for Notre Dame because of me and is going to be sitting with us in the Notre Dame student section. We are going to put her up for pushups every time Notre Dame scores."

Unfortunately, his best friend can't host guests at the Academy — "she's kind of on lockdown," Mattare said. Instead, he's staying with friends at Loyola College.

Before he returns to Notre Dame on Sunday, Mattare said he hopes to experience a little bit of Maryland culture.

"Crab cakes and football, that's what Maryland does. I'm going to have to experience both," he said.

Senior cheerleader Katy Marvin is excited to be making the trip to Maryland with the Fighting Irish squad.

"I feel really lucky I get to fly there," Marvin said.

The Irish will play the Midshipmen in Baltimore at the M&T Bank Stadium — home field of the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.

When the game kicks off on Saturday at 12:12 p.m., Notre Dame will attempt to add another victory to its 42-game winning streak, the longest of its kind in college football. Notre Dame has not lost to Navy since 1963, and leads the series 69-9-1.

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## SMC dads come to campus

*Casino night, tailgate on agenda for weekend*

By MANDI STIRONE  
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Fathers of Saint Mary's women are descending upon campus today, ready to begin the annual Senior Dads' Weekend.

"I think it's important because it is a time that you and your dad get to spend with each other," Senior Dads' chair Meghan MacKinnon said. "He is able to see his daughter at her school. He can experience first hand the life she holds at her home away from home."

Tonight's "Casino Night" in the Student Center kicks off the weekend. Fathers and daughters will play casino games from Blackjack to Texas Hold 'Em. There will also be a live auction and Saint Mary's a cappella group Bellacapella will be performing throughout the night, MacKinnon said.

MacKinnon also said that after Friday's activities fathers and daughters will attend a tailgate for the Notre Dame-

Navy Game at the College Football Hall of Fame, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday and lasting until after the game. There will also be a Chinese auction during the tailgate, MacKinnon said.

The weekend concludes with an 11:15 a.m. Mass at the Church of Loretto on Sunday, MacKinnon said.

After the Mass, Saint Mary's students and their fathers are free to do whatever they want.

"We will also have alternative events that include golfing specials at Blackthorn Golf Club and discounts at Chippewa Bowl," MacKinnon said.

MacKinnon and her committee of Sophia Nechvatal, Kathryn Nussbaum, Helen Casey and Nicole Leach began planning Senior Dads' Weekend last year. In April of 2006 they reserved locations and dates, and they honed in on details after summer break, MacKinnon said.

The event was sponsored by the Senior Board, of

which MacKinnon and her committee are all members. Senior Board, however, isn't actually donating any money; funding relies entirely on the fee that the fathers pay, MacKinnon said.

MacKinnon said their main goal was to plan activities that every senior would enjoy, not just a particular group. She and her committee were still working on last-minute details Wednesday.

"I am excited for my dad to really meet my friends and to spend time with them," MacKinnon said. "I want to show him just how much this school means to me and how he, with my mom, make that all possible."

Even seniors whose fathers can't make it, like Lisa Hannewyk, are looking forward to the weekend. Hannewyk said one of her friends' fathers is going to "adopt" her for the weekend.

Of course, seniors whose fathers are coming are excited as well.

"[My dad] had a lot of fun when he came with my sister four years ago so I'm looking to kind of show her up," senior Britni McElligott said.

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## ATTENTION, all LAW, MBA, and GRADUATE students:

Student Affairs and the Graduate School want your feedback. In the next couple of days, you will receive an e-mail invitation to complete an on-line survey about your experiences as graduate and professional students at the University. Please take the time to participate in this important survey. *Your responses will help to shape the future of graduate and professional student life at Notre Dame.*

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  - ▶ Computers
  - ▶ \$100 gift cards to the DPAC
  - ▶ \$50 gift cards to Papa Vino's
  - ▶ \$50 gift cards to the ND Bookstore
  - ▶ Meal passes for a week (14 meals) to either dining hall



## Library

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traditional desktop computers and workspaces, but also casual chairs with foldout desks for laptop use.

Group use is also being emphasized in the design, with the addition of desks at which several students can work together, and an area with a data projector and screen where groups can practice presentations.

"This is an experimental set-up to some degree, because we'll be wanting to see how the different furniture arrangements are used, whether students find the informal or formal desks more useful and whether they use the presentation area," Butterwick said.

He also explained that while current plans feature an open design — as opposed to the currently enclosed cluster — the potential noise of groups working together has been accounted for.

"The way we have designed it, the nearer the part of the facility is near to Reference desk, the more noisy it's like-

ly to be," he said. "So the quieter part of the cluster [without the group study and presentation areas] would be towards the windows, which will still have the traditional individual study seating."

The cluster will also feature another technological step forward on OIT's part — the substitution of laptops instead of desktops for many of the University's computing offerings. Students will be

able to borrow laptops for use in the cluster or the greater library, according to Butterwick, allowing them greater mobility than the current desktop-only facility provides.

"We know a lot of students have laptops of their own,

but even they use the clusters from time to time," Butterwick said. "So for the sake of convenience and innovation, we want to make laptops a major way of providing access to University computers."

Chair of the Student Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Jim Grace has seen the early plans, and said he considers the improvements to the technology and study spaces beneficial to students.

"A lot of students don't

want to carry their laptops all over campus, so an opportunity to borrow one to work with at the library is a positive thing," Grace said. "And, especially for business majors, a place to practice presentations will be nice."

Butterwick called the project "a meeting of the minds" between OIT and University Libraries staff, with talks between the two groups starting around a year ago during which both agreed "the current cluster was dated in appearance."

And while no construction timeline has been set, he said he would be "disappointed" if they hadn't garnered sufficient funding for it by summer 2007 — though none has been raised so far, and he could not provide a cost estimate.

Nevertheless, Butterwick was positive about the project, describing it as a chance for the library staff and OIT to work together to provide students with valuable resources.

"From our perspective, we see this as an opportunity to work side by side with OIT, so that students using this facility will be able to get reference help from reference librarians, who will be working right alongside the cluster's OIT staff," Butterwick said. "So it'll hopefully be like a one-stop shop of assistance."

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## Study

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ence.

"I did feel like I was missing out on something compared to an international program, since I was still in the [United States]," senior and Washington Program alumnus Joe Dosch said. "However, the internship opportunities in D.C. can't be matched by any of the study abroad programs, so for me that outweighed the benefits of going abroad."

O'Connell was one of three students who paired the Washington Program sophomore year with a parliamentary internship in the London program during junior year. This option allows students to "spend a semester right in the heart of the political action," as O'Connell put it, and to spend another overseas where cultural differences are acute.

The 20-25 hour-a-week internships are the cornerstone of the Washington program, which is unique in offering each student a chance for real work experience, LaFortune said. While language and cultural immersion characterize the

experiences of many students overseas, the Washington program is focused on what one student deemed a "real-life immersion," LaFortune said.

"The program offers a unique opportunity to live, learn and work in the nation's capital," she said. "Students combine coursework with public policy visits and with internship experiences."

Once accepted to the program, the coordinators help students apply for eight to 10 internships.

The experience of preparing a resume, interviewing and then working four days a week among the nation's leaders is a huge advantage for students in the job search, LaFortune said. There may be more preparatory work for this program than others in this regard, she said, but the lack of language barrier cuts down on the prerequisites.

Students last year had opportunities to intern with senators, representatives, Meet the Press, the United Nations Information Center and the Democratic National Committee, among others.

O'Connell interned with Senator Chris Dodd and felt the experience was invaluable.

"It's a definite advantage to essentially live the life of a Congressional staffer before going into the job market," he said. "It gives you real world experience while you're still in college, which is a great benefit when I'm looking for a job after."

In an attempt to increase applications for 2007, LaFortune said the program has made a strong effort this year to reconnect with

academic departments and to aggressively recruit with advertisements. She emphasized close work with teachers of entry-level political science courses, especially since the program encourages those of all majors to apply and a wide array of students take the entry-level courses.

While applications may be down, participant enthusiasm is certainly not diminished.

"For people who have even a slight interest in politics, it's a great experience, especially when you add classes with professors who come directly out of the fields in which they teach," O'Connell said. "I'd encourage anyone who is thinking about it to go."

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## Relay

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featured team members riding tricycles for donations. Different departmental and staff teams have organized Blue Jean Fridays, and Food Services again held a Pie Sale as a fundraiser. Online donations through the event's Web site also constitute a significant part of the funds raised, Sterling said.

With incentives such as a free semester of books for the student who raises the most money, and a pair of free round-trip airline tickets for the staff member with the most funds raised, fundraising has always been successful for this event, the co-chairs said.

Substantial support from the University has also con-

tributed to the event's success, Sterling said. Notre Dame has many ties to the American Cancer Society, Brookshire said, noting that Provost Thomas Burish sits on the Cancer Society's National Board of Directors.

Students and staff support the cause for many different reasons, Sterling said.

"[Cancer] hits all of us in a different way," she said, whether participants are fighting cancer, know someone with the illness, are survivors, or know someone who has lost a battle with cancer.

Relay for Life is one way for these people affected by cancer to gather and support the fight against the disease.

"The event provides a great visual of people caring," Sterling said.

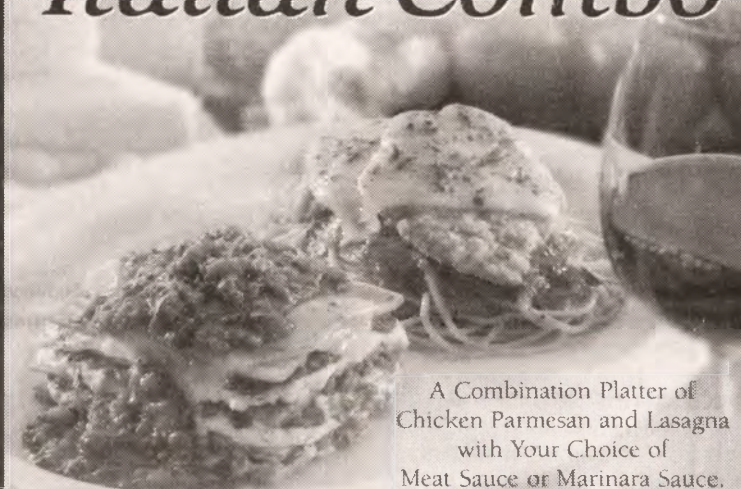
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Ethiopian civilian protesters killed

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethiopia acknowledged Thursday that security forces killed 193 civilians protesting election fraud last year but insisted excessive force was not used.

The figure — three times an earlier official toll — had been revealed last week by a senior judge who accused the government of trying to cover up the findings.

Mekonnen Disasa, the newly appointed head of the inquiry board, was the only member to appear before reporters Thursday. He refused to take questions after his presentation, during which he said security forces used reasonable force to quell post election disturbances.

### Iranian officials condemn bombing

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — An Iranian envoy said Thursday that Argentine prosecutors' accusations linking former high-level Iranian officials to the 1994 bombing of a Jewish cultural center were unfounded and an attempt to find a "scapegoat" for the attack.

Mohsen Baharvand, Iran's charge d'affaires here, told The Associated Press that his government still vigorously condemns the bombing that killed 85 and wounded 200 others, calling it a "horrible act."

On Wednesday, two Argentine special prosecutors asked a federal judge to order the arrest of former Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani and seven others for the bombing.

Special Prosecutor Alberto Nisman said the decision to attack the center "was undertaken in 1993 by the highest authorities of the then-government of Iran." He also alleged that the actual attack was entrusted to the Lebanon-based group Hezbollah.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Rumsfeld: no demands for progress

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Thursday that anyone demanding deadlines for progress in Iraq should "just back off," because it is too difficult to predict when Iraqis will resume control of their country.

During an often-combative Pentagon news conference, Rumsfeld said that while benchmarks for security, political and economic progress are valuable, "it's difficult. We're looking out into the future. No one can predict the future with absolute certainty."

He said the goals have no specific deadlines or consequences if they are not met by specific dates.

"You're looking for some sort of a guillotine to come falling down if some date isn't met," Rumsfeld told reporters. "That is not what this is about."

### Early Colorado blizzard hits hard

DENVER — The biggest October snowstorm to hit Colorado in several years dumped more than 2 feet Thursday, grounding flights, closing highways, knocking out electricity — and jump-starting the ski season.

The storm began late Wednesday and turned highways wet and slushy across the state. At one point, snow was falling at a rate of about 3 inches an hour in Denver. A 125-mile corridor from Colorado Springs to the New Mexico line was under a blizzard warning.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Man pleads guilty to fraud scheme

INDIANAPOLIS — A man charged with lining up investors for what prosecutors say was a \$4.2 million mortgage-fraud scheme has agreed to plead guilty, his attorney said.

Federal prosecutors on Thursday charged John Wagner, 46, of Indianapolis, with money laundering and conspiracy to commit mail fraud. The charges stem from loans obtained from ABN-AMRO of Michigan between late 2000 and early 2002 for houses in low-income neighborhoods of Indianapolis.

## IRAQ

# War's death toll hits monthly high

At least 96 troops dead so far this month, equaling October 2005 total

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — American troop deaths in Iraq hit their highest monthly total in a year on Thursday but as U.S. forces clamped down on the capital militants struck in a city to the north, where 30 police and gunmen were killed in a series of shootouts.

The latest U.S. deaths — a Navy sailor and four Marines — all were killed Wednesday in volatile Anbar province, west of Baghdad and a hotbed of the Sunni resistance to U.S. forces and their Iraqi government allies.

At least 96 U.S. troops have died so far this month, equaling the level for the whole of October 2005 — a factor in rising anti-war sentiment in the United States that has prompted calls for President Bush to change strategy. There have been only three months in which more U.S. forces died in Iraq: 107 in January 2005; at least 135 in April 2004, and 137 in November 2004.

However, U.S. officials have linked October's higher death toll to a historical spike in violence during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, additional U.S. military vulnerability because of the security drive in Baghdad and the coming American midterm elections.

The U.S. military spokesman, Gen. William B. Caldwell, said the capital's spiraling murder rate had eased since the end of the Ramadan early this week — possibly because of the massive deployment of U.S. troops searching for a missing soldier.

Ramadan ended on Sunday for Sunnis and Monday for Shiites. Since then, murders in parts of Baghdad where security forces have established a firm presence have fallen by 10-20 percent, Caldwell said at a weekly news briefing.

"We did in fact see a tremendous downturn in



Soldiers pay respect at Spc. Daniel V. Winegeart's funeral, who died in Iraq this month. October's death toll is the war's fourth highest.

the number within our clear areas which we are trying to watch very closely," Caldwell said. "It could be a multitude of things that are bringing down the level of violence."

Fighting shifted on Thursday from the capital to Baqouba, a chaotic city north of Baghdad, where 30 police and militants were killed and 42 people were wounded in gunbattles.

The fighting around Baqouba, 35 miles from the capital, marks the latest outbreak of bloodshed involving militants believed to be members of the Mahdi Army militia loyal to hard-line anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Ghassan al-Bawi, police

chief of surrounding Diyala province, said those killed included 12 police officers and 18 gunmen.

The clashes followed fighting this week between the Mahdi Army and police aligned with a rival Shiite militia, the Badr Brigade, in the southern city of Amarah. At least 31 people were killed, including six police officers who were dragged out of their houses.

Mahdi militiamen have recently moved aggressively into several mixed areas around Baghdad, killing some Sunnis and forcing many others to flee their homes in a form of sectarian cleansing. Militia killings last week in Balad, near Baqouba, forced U.S. troops to

return to the area after Iraqi security forces were unable to stem the bloodshed.

In Najaf, south of Baghdad, authorities temporarily closed Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine after receiving a tip that suicide bombers wearing explosives belts had infiltrated city. The shrine was reopened several hours later.

In the northern city of Mosul, authorities extended an overnight curfew until 3 p.m. Friday after Sunni gunmen distributed leaflets proclaiming the mixed Sunni-Kurdish area a part of an Islamic state declared earlier this month by an insurgent umbrella group, the Mujahadeen Shura Council.

# Calif. arsonist wildfire kills four

Associated Press

POPPET FLAT, Calif. — A wind-whipped wildfire started by an arsonist killed four firefighters Thursday and stranded up to 400 people in an RV park when flames burned to the edge of the only road out, officials said.

"Everybody is hunkered down here. They're fighting the fire around us. It's across the street from us," said Charles Van Brunt, a ranger at the station at the entrance to Silent Valley Club, the recreational vehicle park near Palm Springs. The residents were in no immediate danger, he said.

Authorities asked people in the RV

park to stay put to leave the roads clear for firefighters. Hundreds of others in the area were forced from their homes.

Fire officials said the fire was deliberately set around 1 a.m. and had blackened 10,000 acres within 12 hours. Fire Chief John Hawkins said the arson "constitutes murder."

It was the deadliest wildfire firefighting disaster in the United States since July 10, 2001, when four firefighters were killed in Washington's Okanogan National Forest. They died after becoming trapped by flames on a dusty dead-end road in a remote canyon.

The Forest Service crew was trying to protect a house as dry desert winds of 25 mph or more blew a wall of flames down on them in the hills northwest of Palm Springs.

"They had left their truck to do structure protection when the fire overran them," said Forest Service spokesman Pat Boss, adding the flames came down so quickly they had no time to retreat to their engine or use protective sheltering.

Three firefighters died at the scene and two were hospitalized in critical condition. One of those two died several hours later. The other had burns over 95 percent of his body, Boss said.



## Site

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Catholic university, Notre Dame is committed to life and to offering students resources that support the choice of life. Therefore, the University will make every effort to provide pregnant students with caring, non-judgmental, professional assistance and support."

The new Student Affairs Web site elaborates on duLac's explanation of University policy by providing a list of assistance programs on campus. The names and contact information for individuals in Campus

Ministry, the Counseling Center and Health Services are available on the site as resources for students — pregnant, or simply affected by pregnancy — to contact.

The site features a Frequently Asked Questions page that, Firth said, "presents information in a more user-friendly way." "Where can I go to get a free pregnancy test?" is one question included on the FAQ page. The answer: Notre Dame Health Center or the Women's Care Center of South Bend. The page stresses confidentiality in all medical and counseling visits.

The Web site names Firth as one of the University's three

Pregnancy Support Advocates — a position that provides confidential information and counseling assistance to students. Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Affairs Sister Sue Dunn and Sister Jean Lenz are Notre Dame's other Support Advocates.

Lenz, who served as Farley Hall's rector for 10 years, still lives in Farley and has long been a campus counseling resource for students facing unplanned pregnancy.

"I have taken a pastoral role in trying to help an individual that is pregnant," she said.

Lenz said throughout her time at Notre Dame, it has always been a priority of hers

to ensure that pregnant students be provided proper medical care, counseling and support.

"That is why we are there — to help in any way we can," she said.

In addition individuals on University staff, Lenz said a number of students from Notre Dame Right to Life played a large role in the creation of the Web site.

"Students were critical to our discussion," she said.

Members of the pregnancy resource sub-committee of the Right to Life Club compiled a 20-page proposal for the pregnancy assistance Web site and presented the proposal to

Student Affairs last spring, said sophomore Jessica Hagemann, the committee's commissioner.

Hagemann said included in their proposal were examples of other Catholic colleges across the nation who provided pregnancy support Web sites to students.

"We hoped it would persuade Notre Dame to create a similar site," she said. "Our reasoning was that Notre Dame, as a Catholic institution, needed to present our women with pro-life options on campus so that they wouldn't feel helpless and be pushed to other options."

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## Poverty

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ture bearing the name of his latest book: "The Working Poor: Invisible in America."

"The first step is to see the problem, and the first problem is the failure to see the people," Shipler said. "I'm talking about the guy who washes the cars but doesn't own them, and just stands on the edge of an affluent society."

The cause of this phenomenon can be traced back to Benjamin Franklin's promise and the deeply embedded myth that in the U.S. dedication and integrity will lead any man to prosperity, Shipler said. While this mentality can be a source of motivation, he said, it may also be detrimental and biased against people who aren't able to succeed despite their efforts.

Poverty, he said, is not merely the result of laziness or lack of enthusiasm among the lowest class.

"Poverty behaves like an ecological system, where the fate of the individual depends on his interactions and his relationships with the community and the economic environment and other institutions," Shipler said.

He illustrated his explanation with the story of Lisa Brooks, a woman he encountered when he was conducting his research.

Brooks was a single mother earning the minimum wage who couldn't afford to make significant improvements to her house.

As a result of the mold and dust bites in her home, her son became ill with asthma and was rushed to the hospital a couple of times.

Brooks' health insurance took care of the hospital bill but didn't cover the ambulance expenses. She was unable to pay them out of her pocket, and soon her credit record was stained.

When she tried to take out a loan for a new car, she was rejected numerous times — forcing her to buy a dubious used car within her immediate budget.

Shipler said that in many cases like Brooks', "Housing can actually contribute to malnutrition and illness."

In fact, when families are pressed to make the obligatory rent, insurance and utilities payments, the only expenses that can be reduced and squeezed are those related to nutrition.

"When the children aren't properly fed, you will begin to see learning problems develop," Shipler said.

He said approximately 25 to 50 percent of the children he interviewed while preparing "The Working Poor: Invisible in America" admitted they usually didn't understand what their teachers said during class.

Soon, a cycle begins, Shipler said.

"When you don't understand what is happening in the classroom, you won't find joy in learning, and you will feel stupid and inadequate in school, and soon you will be asking yourself what is the point of staying there," Shipler said.

He said a person without a high school diploma will earn approximately \$260,000 less over his lifetime, which means he will also pay about \$60,000 less in taxes than someone who graduates from high school — which only places heavier burdens on the rest of the taxpayers.

Shipler once again reminded the audience that the poverty of one is in reality the poverty of many.

"When someone succeeds [and improves his standard of living] everything has to line up perfectly."

He spoke of another woman he knew, a drug addict who was able to overcome her dependence with the simultaneous help of different institutions — including the court that decided to give her the opportunity to change instead of locking her in a prison cell, the federal government that sponsored her rehabilitation program, the company that decided to hire her and train her despite her marred police records and the Church that helped her regain confidence in herself.

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David Shipler  
Pulitzer Prize recipient

"If any of these factors had n't worked out perfectly, I think she would've fallen back," Shipler said.

But he recognized the difficulty in aligning those key players in favor of the underprivileged.

"I'm waiting impatiently for business leaders to invest heavily on public education, and public health and housing programs," he said.

"... Employers keep complaining they don't have enough skilled workers, and that some of their workers can't even find intersections on maps or calculate a 10 percent discount."

While that may not be the path towards sustaining a competitive advantage in a global economy, Shipler said the country's business leaders were slow to see beyond next quarter's earnings and invest in the future of their workforce.

The responsibility to make poverty history in the U.S., however, also falls on individual citizens, Shipler said.

He asked his audience how many people would be willing to pay slightly higher taxes if they were sure that money would really improve a public school or hospital.

More than half of the people in the auditorium raised their hands.

Shipler then asked how many of those people had informed their congressmen or their senators of their willingness.

Just 10 people in the room raised their hands a second time.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Shipler said, "this is a time and a situation that requires civil action."

Junior Nate Serazin appreciated Shipler's take on the poverty issue.

"So often we view poverty as being merely a problem of lack of wealth," he said. "It's nice to be reminded that poverty is so much more complicated than that ... it's a problem that requires a complicated solution — a team effort to address issues such as health care, education, and housing."

A panel of three professionals responded Shipler immediately following his lecture.

Jennifer Warlick, chair of the economics and policy studies department, praised Shipler's conclusion that the ingredients of poverty in North America are "part financial, part psychological, part societal, part personal, part past and part present."

Dawn Chapla, a community service liaison from United Way, spoke about poverty in St. Joseph County. There are currently more than 2,000 grandparents acting as sole caregivers, putting children in vulnerable positions and unstable home environments.

Chapla said the number of single mothers has also increased in the last decade, from 6.9 percent to 8.6 percent of the population.

Joe Holt, director of the Executive Education Program in the Mendoza College of Business, commented on the relevance of Shipler's studies in light of "Economic Justice for All," a pastoral letter on Catholic social teaching and the U.S. economy prepared by U.S. bishops in 1986.

The lecture, in recognition of the 20th anniversary of that letter, was sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, the department of theology, the department of economics and policy studies, and the Masters in Nonprofit Administration.

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<b>NYSE</b>	8,845.32	+49.56
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,389.08	+6.86
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	16,813.41	+1.81
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	6,184.80	-29.80

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## IN BRIEF

### CEO's salary increases at time of layoffs

NEW YORK — As if Countrywide Financial Corp.'s CEO isn't getting paid enough, the mortgage lender's board is taking the unprecedented step of lavishing him with \$10 million in retirement money.

And he isn't even retiring.

Countrywide is spinning it as a "reimbursement" because Angelo Mozilo agreed to stay on at the helm until 2009 instead of retiring this year as was expected. That will come on top of the hefty salary he will get to stay at work.

The company released details of Mozilo's financial package on the same day it announced plans to lay off 2,500 Countrywide employees. Talk about tone-deaf timing.

Mozilo has long drawn flak for his pay, which the Calabasas, Calif.-based company has defended as appropriate since under Mozilo's watch Countrywide has become the nation's largest mortgage lender.

### Dow closes with fourth straight record

NEW YORK — Wall Street extended its rally Thursday as robust earnings at Exxon Mobil Corp. and Aetna Inc. helped ground investors as they tried to reconcile divergent economic data.

The Dow Jones industrials, lifted in part by component Exxon Mobil, had their fourth consecutive record high close. The generally upbeat earnings reports of the past two weeks have helped power the blue chips as well as the rest of the stock market; Thursday's batch of earnings also helped investors digest a pair of government reports that suggested an economic soft landing might be harder to achieve.

The market was initially inspired by Commerce Department durable goods data that indicated capital spending jumped by the most in more than six years. But stocks then fell on a report from the department that new home prices plunged at its steepest pace since 1970.

Investors were particularly wary after the Federal Reserve said Wednesday it remains concerned about inflation even as the economy is slowing.

"Things on the horizon are becoming less and less visible," said Hugh Moore, a partner with portfolio manager Guerite Advisors.

## Exxon Mobil earns record numbers

Second-largest quarterly profit set by a publicly traded U.S. company

Associated Press

DALLAS — Oil industry behemoth Exxon Mobil Corp. said Thursday its third-quarter earnings rose to \$10.49 billion, the second-largest quarterly profit ever recorded by a publicly traded U.S. company. Its shares rose to a 52-week high.

The report comes as high crude prices this year have fueled record profits in the oil industry, triggering an outcry from consumers who were being asked to pay about \$3 a gallon for gasoline in early August.

The largest quarterly profit ever was Exxon Mobil's \$10.71 billion profit in the fourth quarter of 2005.

They may beat that next quarter, said Howard Silverblatt, Standard & Poor's Senior Index Analyst. "Then in all likelihood they will be at that \$40 billion mark for the year."

That would put the company on track for the highest annual profit ever by a U.S. company. Exxon Mobil holds that record with a 2005 profit of \$36.1 billion.

Although crude oil prices began to decline toward the end of the third quarter, the average market price for crude held at around \$70 a barrel in the period after peaking above \$78 per barrel in July. Oil futures prices have recently traded near \$61 a barrel, and gasoline prices have dropped to an average of about \$2.43 a gallon.

Exxon Mobil, the world's biggest public oil company said its net income amounted to \$1.77 per share for the July-September period, up from \$0.92 billion, or \$1.58 per share, a year



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The results surpassed the expectations of Wall Street analysts. On average, analysts expected the company to earn \$1.59 per share in the quarter.

Exxon Mobil shares rose \$1.32, or 1.8 percent, to a new 52-week high of \$72.33 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Revenue fell to \$99.59 billion from \$100.72 billion from a year ago, which saw then-record oil prices because of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Another major international oil company, Royal Dutch Shell PLC said its third-quarter profit fell 34 percent to \$5.94 billion even as revenues rose 10 percent to \$84.3 billion. But the Anglo-Dutch company's operating profit rose as higher oil prices outweighed worsening refining margins.

Earlier this week, ConocoPhillips reported its profit rose 2 percent to \$3.88 billion in the third quarter while another major oil company, BP PLC, said its earnings

fell 3.6 percent to \$6.23 billion.

A fifth major oil company, Chevron Corp., is expected to report its results Friday.

High oil prices helped Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil realize earnings from its oil and gas drilling activities of \$6.49 billion, up 13 percent from the prior year. The company also saw stronger earnings from its refining operations and gas stations, and profits at its chemicals segment more than doubled.

## IBM's mainframe revenue increases

Associated Press

BOSTON — Cheap little servers handle so much of the Internet's dirty work that giant computers known as mainframes, which debuted 50 years ago and often cost more than \$1 million, are supposed to be passe.

When Hoplon Infotainment, a start-up video game company in Brazil, let it be known that it uses a mainframe to operate its signature online game, "People would actually take a step back and say, 'What? Did I hear correctly?'" said Tarquinio Teles, Hoplon's CEO.

Yet mainframes are inspiring new ways of doing things at organizations like Hoplon. The trend is driven by and anxiously watched at IBM Corp., which makes the vast majority of the world's remaining mainframes and continues to be hugely reliant on them.

After dropping nearly 8 percent in 2005, IBM's mainframe revenue is up 10 percent this year. That includes a 25 percent gain in the most recent quarter. Mainframes were IBM's fastest-growing hardware segment after the microchip division, which is enjoying a nice ride making microprocessors for the top three video game consoles.

IBM does not release precise figures, but analysts estimate mainframe revenue at roughly \$2.3 billion in the first nine months of 2006. While that is a small chunk of IBM's overall sales of \$65 billion so far this year, mainframe revenue is especially precious because the machines drive huge software and maintenance deals, making them IBM's most profitable line of hardware.

Of course, the huge third-quarter boost is unlikely to be sustained. IBM is benefiting from having released two

new mainframes in the past year, and sales eventually should taper until an upgrade comes, at least a year from now. Such ups and downs are typical: Unisys Corp., a much smaller vendor, has seen mainframe sales drop this year, but spokesman Brian Daly said the numbers strengthened in the third quarter with the release of a new model.

Still, for IBM to be having success with mainframes at all is somewhat surprising. Because if you were to break modern computing history into its simplest terms, it would go something like this: There was the centralized-mainframe era, and then there was the distributed-computing era. And the latter ended a while ago.

Mainframes emerged in the 1950s as room-sized hubs that did it all. They crunched numbers, administered transactions, ran simulations and stored data.



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# Pigs may be source of spinach contamination

*E. coli outbreak causes sickness, 3 deaths*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Wild pigs may have spread deadly bacteria onto a California spinach field, sparking an outbreak that killed three people and sickened more than 200 others nationwide, investigators said Thursday. They also said the outbreak appears to be over.

No one has become ill from eating contaminated spinach since Sept. 25. "All evidence points to this outbreak having concluded," said Dr. Kevin Reilly of the California Department of Health Services.

State and federal investigators have narrowed their focus to the ranch, where boar trampled fences that had hemmed in a spinach field.

Samples taken from a wild pig, as well as from stream water and cattle on the ranch, have tested positive for the same strain of *E. coli* implicated in the outbreak, Reilly said.

Still, investigators continue to look at three other ranches in the areas in seeking the source of the contaminated fresh spinach.

"We are not saying this is the source at this point," Reilly said of the ranch.

The outbreak sickened 204 people in 26 states and one Canadian province, he said.

Wild pigs are one "real clear vehicle" that could explain how *E. coli* spread

from cattle on the ranch to the spinach field less than a mile away, Reilly said. The pigs could have tracked the bacteria into the field or spread it through their droppings, he said.

Investigators also are looking at runoff, flooding, irrigation water, fertilizer and other wildlife, including deer, as possible sources.

Investigators first recovered the same strain of bacteria earlier this month from three cattle manure specimens collected on the ranch. On Thursday, Reilly said the strain had been isolated from six other samples collected on the ranch, including from cattle.

The finds mark the first time that investigators have identified a possible source for any of the multiple *E. coli* outbreaks linked to the heavily agricultural area.

Reilly refused to give a location for the ranch, other than to say it's in a valley in the area of San Benito and Monterey counties.

Investigators have taken roughly 750 samples from the four ranches. They've found generic *E. coli* on all four ranches — the bug is commonly found in cattle — but turned up the particular strain involved in the outbreak on only one.

"We have no evidence to suggest people should not be eating spinach from other places — except from these four ranches," said Jack Guzewich, of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

## NICARAGUA

# Congress bans all abortions

*Women's groups rally against new measure*

Associated Press

MANAGUA — Nicaragua's Congress voted Thursday to ban all abortions, including those that could save a mother's life.

If signed into law by President Enrique Bolanos, the measure would eliminate a century-old exception to Nicaragua's abortion ban that permits the procedure if three doctors certify that the woman's health is at risk.

Fifty-two lawmakers voted for the measure. Nine lawmakers abstained and 29 others did not attend the legislative session.

Bolanos has proposed increasing prison sentences for illegal abortions — currently around six years — to 10 to 30 years for women who have the procedure as well as those who assist them.

But it was unclear whether he would sign the bill approved

Thursday after lawmakers decided not to increase the penalties in this predominantly Roman Catholic country.

The bill has drawn protests from women's rights groups, and the Women's Autonomous Movement has said it was prepared to seek an injunction to block the measure if it passed.

Congress approved the bill despite a letter from European Union diplomats and U.N. representatives asking lawmakers to hold off on voting on the issue until after the Nov. 5 presidential elections.

U.N. official Rebeca Grynspan, who is in Nicaragua this week, told reporters, "It's very difficult that this (be determined) during an electoral period."

Nicaragua's medical association also urged legislators to postpone the vote, saying the issue had become politicized.

Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega, who was a supporter of abortion rights as a young revo-

lutionary, has said he has become a devout Roman Catholic and now opposes abortion.

Ortega's socialist government of the 1980s had a contentious relationship with the Catholic church, but Ortega recently has established warm ties with leading church figures in Nicaragua.

Congressman Wilfredo Navarro, of the ruling Liberal Constitutionalist Party, said the exception to Nicaragua's ban had allowed for cases in which healthy women who did not want to have their babies had convinced doctors to say an abortion was needed for health reasons.

Aside from Cuba, which permits abortions in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, Latin America has some of the world's most restrictive anti-abortion laws.

El Salvador and Chile also ban all types of abortions.

## Bush to issue exercise guidelines

*Officials hope advice will combat obesity*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There's a food pyramid to help guide people's eating habits, so why not one for exercise?

The Bush administration said Thursday it would develop guidelines for physical activity.

When the guidelines are ready in late 2008, federal health officials hope they will

help people live healthier lifestyles, which in turn, could slow soaring health care costs.

"Obesity is an epidemic, and chronic disease inevitably follows. It has become a major quiet killer," said Mike Leavitt, the health and human services secretary.

More than half of adults in the United States do not get enough of the kind of physical activity that actually benefits them. One-quarter are not active at all in their leisure time. Overall, more than 60 million adults are obese, Leavitt said.

The lack of exercise contributes to the \$2 trillion that people spend on health care in this country, Leavitt said. About three-quarters of that

amount goes toward the treatment of chronic disease.

Every five years, the government updates dietary guidelines that are designed to tell people what they should eat and how they should prepare food to keep it safe and wholesome. The food pyramid is a separate document, put out by the Agriculture Department and based on those dietary guidelines.

Leavitt said the government has a compelling national interest in promoting healthy choices. But he made it clear that the steps he envisions are less forceful than others might consider necessary. For instance, New York City is considering strict limits on artificial trans fats in restaurant meals.

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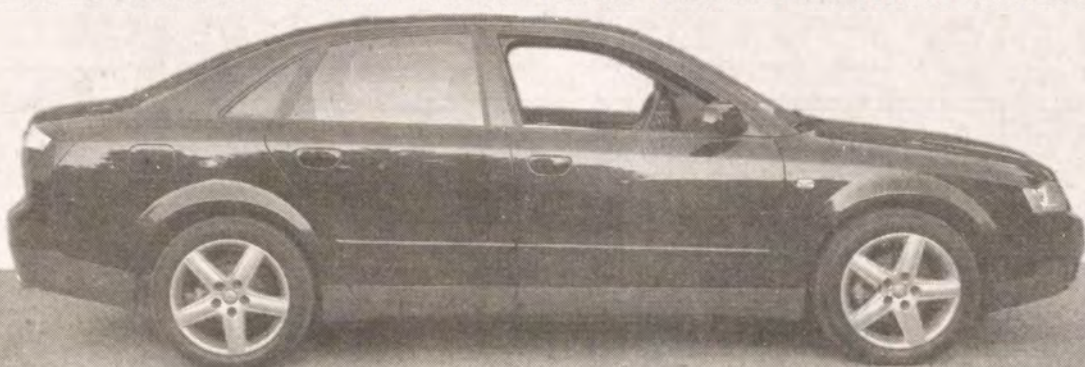
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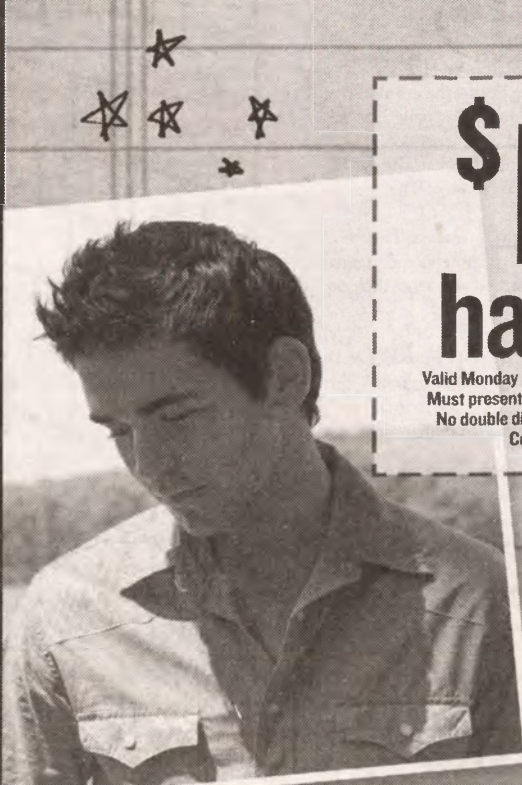
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## Research emphasis essential

For many high school seniors, there isn't a better choice than Notre Dame. The University boasts solid academic programs and impressive athletic teams — and it has that Catholic identity no other U.S. college is able to truly match.

While the University may attract the nation's top undergraduates, it lags far — sometimes stunningly far — behind its peers in Ph.D. programs and research, Provost Thomas Burish told faculty members earlier this week.

His frankness was unusual at a school that all too often tends to sugarcoat its problems. But if Notre Dame focuses its resources on research, it won't be a problem.

To find a solution, graduate programs should look no further than residence halls on campus. Notre Dame undergraduates are some of the most desirable graduate school applicants in the country. Why not keep them here?

University founder Father Edward Sorin said Notre Dame would one day be a "powerful force for good in this country." Right now, University graduates are all over the country — and the world — running companies, curing diseases and serving others. And one of the main reasons graduates are so successful is their strong undergraduate background.

To a certain extent, undergraduate education trains students

for life after college. If Burish is successful in his push for stronger Ph.D. programs, the University will send even more students out ready to be that powerful force for good, armed with an extra few years of Notre Dame education under their belts.

It's going to take a lot of money. It's going to take a group effort. And it's going to take time — but as Burish was correct to emphasize, it's got to happen now. Notre Dame doesn't want to become Harvard or Stanford — something University officials are quick to articulate. Right now, however, its best graduates are doing research at Harvard and Stanford.

As the University prepares to tackle what Burish calls its "momentum challenge," it's important to not overemphasize research to the point where it undermines undergraduate student life. Burish acknowledged that issue, and it's a danger that should always be kept in mind.

Change can chip away at an institution's identity, or it can build upon it. The financial resources needed for this project — which will undoubtedly be hefty — must be raised by Notre Dame, not diverted from its current programs and departments.

If all goes according to Burish's plan, those Stanford undergraduates will someday pin their hopes on a Notre Dame Ph.D.

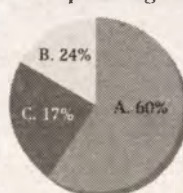
### Editorial

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### OBSERVER POLL

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything."*

**Mark Twain**  
author



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Club leaders discuss global health crisis

I am writing this letter in response to the series of guest columns calling for student action in response to this year's Global Health Crisis Academic Forum.

These columns emphasized the need for the student body to come together and act as one in response to the crisis. And these columnists are right.

So what do we do now? How do we act? Recently, leadership of the Accounting Association, Economics Club, the Class of 2007, Student Government, Student Union Board, Amnesty International, the Accounting Association, Notre Dame Peace Fellowship and other student organizations have been meeting in an attempt to answer this question.

We did not come with a flawless plan, but we decided on a direction: to come together and co-sponsor a series of post-forum events and initiatives focused in five categories. These areas are fundraising, continuing education of student body, curriculum, political action and faith. We developed specific goals that we would like to meet in each concentration that are too detailed to fully list in this article.

We now request and encourage all lead-

ers of university sponsored clubs and organizations to come to a discussion on Nov. 8, at 10 p.m. in the Notre Dame room at the LaFortune Student Center. Students representing the various organizations that were involved in previous discussions will present the ideas we have come up with so far and request the support and co-sponsorship from all organizations that attend. Any interested persons are also more than welcome and encouraged to attend.

Again, we would like all types of clubs — whether they are an academic, cultural, service, athletic, media, residence hall, religious, business, special interest or government related organization — to join us.

We are excited about the possibility that together we can make Notre Dame history and unite students from all organizations to work for a single cause. Once united, we can address the global health crisis and help people affected by it on a scale we individually might never have dared dream possible.

Amanda Golbabai  
co-president  
Economics Club  
Oct. 26

### Downtown display inappropriate

The rare Notre Dame Student who makes it off campus today and into downtown South Bend might notice a racy display: thousands of bras strung across a public square to attract attention for breast cancer treatments and research.

"Bras Around the Bend" has, like many activities of its nature, a laudable goal: raising awareness to generate donations for women's causes. In no way should this objective be diminished in principle. However, the means employed by this particular effort bring into question whether any sense of decency should be preserved in the public arena.

The bra display operates on the premise of an equivocation. In one context the bra is meant merely to symbolize the physical genesis for the cancer. In another, and perhaps all-too-culturally-familiar context, the bra is a provocative symbol for sex (see, e.g., Victoria's Secret ads.)

While the former meaning might be the innocent intent, it's not impossible that the latter connota-

tion is also being invoked to "raise the awareness." The fact that the event is sponsored by U93 (how many times is it possible to play the "Buttons song" in one day?) gives reason to believe that something more than innocent intentions are the motivating factor here.

For those who feel uncomfortable or embarrassed by the sight of the display, you are not alone and you are not unjustified. Bras, being the intimate sort of apparel that they are, belong under shirts, not as decoration for the city plaza.

By all means, go to The Vine for the "Think Pink" fundraiser, buy pink ribbon bagels at Panera and donate money to Riverbend Cancer Services. But ladies, please respect yourselves and the men in you lives: keep your extra braziers in the underwear drawer.

Lauren Galgano  
grad student  
off campus  
Oct. 26

## U-WIRE

### U.S. neglects students as lenders make a killing

The indignities of student life take on a certain glamour after a while — call it poverty chic. But it's not just for undergraduates anymore.

Chances are, you'll be living that way for a long, long time.

Since 2001, tuition at public universities has shot up by 35 percent, more than three times the rate of inflation. Meanwhile, the average family's income has fallen. So has funding for Pell Grants and other forms of student aid. As college costs more and more,

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Americans are making less and less — but somehow, enrollment keeps rising. What's the catch?

Debt, naturally. Students are borrowing like never before — in fact, we're borrowing more than universities and the federal government can spare. That's why private education lenders, which didn't even exist when our parents went to college, now provide about 20 percent of all student loans. That's bad news.

Banks charge higher interest than the people in Criser Hall, of course — sometimes as much as 19 percent. But that's just the tip of the iceberg. Unlike nonprofit

lenders, they also turn away students with bad credit. And forget about consolidating your debt after graduation — private loans aren't eligible for that.

Unfortunately, some students can't pay for school without turning to predatory lenders for help. Politicians from both parties talk a good game about "valuing education" and "investing in the future" — but instead of removing the limits on federal Stafford Student Loans, for example, they sit back and watch as their constituents sell themselves into bondage. Thanks, guys.

With congressional elections in less than two weeks, you'll be hearing about plenty

of domestic issues: gay marriage, property taxes, insurance — and did we mention gay marriage? But it seems student debt isn't high on anyone's list of priorities. Keep that in mind on Nov. 8, when the lectures about poor turnout among young people start.

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### Republicans straying from fiscal responsibility

Last week I wrote an article about an artist who put an elephant in a room to make a point. This article is about that elephant.

Midterm elections are around the corner and are consuming a considerable amount of politicians' attention and energy. The issues that have been talked about in this campaign are important, like the depth of the Mark Foley page scandal or the off-color comments by a Senatorial candidate in Virginia. Ultimately though, "this too shall pass." Many topics that are discussed today are transient issues that will soon be forgotten.

On the horizon of the next two to six years, though, lie several hurdles that will define the way America views its two chief parties. One of those hurdles, the federal deficit, looks more like an elephant. In President Bush's remaining time in office and during the next President's first term, leaders, future leaders and the American electorate must define their beliefs on this important topic.

Conventional wisdom, since the big government era of Roosevelt's New

Deal, has been Democrats like big government and Republicans prefer small government. If the last two presidencies are any indication of the current status of the two parties' manifestos, conventional wisdom has been thrown out the door. Democratic President Clinton boldly declared, "The era of big government is over." For eight years it appeared his analysis was correct. A Republican Congress and a moderate Democrat seemed to come to a common ground founded on the belief that a low deficit could help America be more competitive abroad and more productive at home.

That belief was accurate. Lower deficits meant America did not have to rely on foreign governments, such as China and Japan, to buy treasury bonds to finance its debt. It meant the children of America had a more secure future. It meant our dollar was strong; therefore, America's citizenry could travel abroad easily and experience the world. It meant interest rates were low; people felt free to spend and invest their money. It meant mortgage rates were low; people could buy their own home. When citizens purchase freely they buy rugs, furniture, televisions, stereos, refrigerators and any other accou-

trements that accompany a home. The door of owning one's own home was opened to a new portion of Americans.

Greater access to success fulfilled John Locke's notion that one is intrinsically tied to one's democracy and is interested in its prosperity when one owns property. The middle class grew and America's economy was strong. By the end of the Clinton administration, America had seen three consecutive budget surpluses and experienced the longest sustained growth in American history. The biggest issue of the 2000 campaign season was how to spend the \$237 billion available in extra revenue. In the words of a friend of mine, "it appears the tables have rolled." Under a Republican President and Congress, America's youth must confront the reality that our country is buried under \$8.5 trillion in debt. Fiscal year 2006 saw a budget deficit of \$247.7 billion, and the Republican President called it a victory. A victory?

As a Republican I would not argue that the Democratic Party now stands for fiscal conservatism and the Republican Party for increased spending. The reality is neither party is willing to accept what works — fiscal conservatism. The notion of "bringing home

the pork" by spending grand amounts of money on a politician's constituency is too enticing. Democratic leaders have forgotten their lessons learned during the Clinton years and Republican leaders have forgotten their values that propelled them to success in 1994.

I am angry that my party has abandoned one of its most important beliefs. I am angry that a Republican president will not express distress or veto budgets that endanger my future. Over the next six years the burden of proof lies with Republican leaders. Will we see a return to fiscally responsible government? If so, they must lead the way as they did in winning the Congress in 1994. If not, the party that currently dominates American government (represented, ironically, by the symbol of the elephant) will lose its idealism and a large part of its following.

I am angry that this elephant of fiscal irresponsibility is in the room.

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## FROM HALLOWEEN

## HOLLYWOOD'S BEST SCARY MOVIES

STORIES BY BRIAN DOXTADER AND

Horror comes in all forms, from psychotic slashers, to evil demons, to aliens and monsters. Over the last century, numerous films in the genre have been made — some genuinely scary, some just cheesy and boring. For anyone looking for a good fright this Halloween, here are some classics — the scariest movies in one of the most popular film genres.

## THE SLASHER MOVIE

**Halloween (1978, John Carpenter)**

The film that unleashed the William Shatner-masked Mike Myers on the world and launched a spawn of imitators, "Halloween" remains the original and the best in the genre. Myers stalks his prey, especially Laurie Strode (Jamie Lee Curtis), over the course of a brief, scary 93 minutes. Though the countless followers and its own less-than-stellar sequels have diluted its impact, "Halloween" remains an indispensable classic.

Memorable moment: When Mike Myers attacks Laurie when she's in the closet.

**Friday the 13th (1980, Sean S. Cunningham)**

"Friday the 13th" was something of a follow-up to "Halloween," and its financial success firmly established the teen slasher genre as a film phenomenon. A psychotic killer hunts teenagers at summer camp, with all the right clichés in all the right places. Cunningham's direction is tense and taut, though anyone looking for Jason Voorhees needs to wait on the sequels — he's nowhere to be found in the original, a bit of trivia that's often forgotten.

Memorable moment: An axe-in-the-face murder.

**Scream (1996, Wes Craven)**

More of an homage (or even parody) than a legitimate horror film, "Scream" has achieved classic status for its playful deflation of horror movie norms. Wes Craven, one of the founding fathers of the slasher film, completely revolutionized the horror genre for contemporary teenagers. Surprisingly, "Scream" is a scary and fun picture that collects horror movie clichés and celebrates them. A game cast, led by Neve Campbell and Skeet Ulrich, makes "Scream" as effective as a "real" slasher film, though "Scream" is clearly a much better made movie.

Memorable moment: Drew Barrymore's brief appearance at the opening of the film — "Do you like scary movies?"

**The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974, Tobe Hooper)**

A cult classic upon its original release, "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" helped revolutionize the horror genre. A low-budget film made in a documentary style, it follows a group of teens who stumble into the lair of Leatherface, a chainsaw-wielding psychopath. Its stark, realistic style and sudden violence was divisive in 1974, but the influential "Chainsaw Massacre" continues to resonate with audiences, precisely because the film is so visceral and disturbing.

Memorable moment: The first appearance of Leatherface, one of the screen's greatest villains.

**A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984, Wes Craven)**

Created after the success of both "Halloween" and "Friday the 13th," "A Nightmare on Elm Street" quickly developed into one of the most successful horror franchises, spawning not only numerous sequels but a television show as well. Freddy Krueger (Robert Englund) is the star of the show as the child molester who was burned to death by the parents of the children he attacked. He comes back to the nightmares of those related to his killers, vowing to kill them in their sleep.

Unlike the slashers who came before him, Freddy is scary and funny at the same time, having plenty of actual dialogue and banter with the other characters. His burned and mutilated face and long knives where fingers should be create one of the perennial images of horror. Also noteworthy is a young Johnny Depp starring in his first feature film.

Memorable moment: "One, two, Freddy's coming for you. Three, four, better lock your door. Five, six, grab your crucifix. Seven, eight, gonna stay up late. Nine, ten, never sleep again."

## THE SUPERNATURAL MOVIE

**Rosemary's Baby (1968, Roman Polanski)**

A disturbing and affecting examination of late 1960s paranoia, "Rosemary's Baby" was adapted by Ira Levin's bestseller. The story of the pregnant Rosemary Woodhouse (Mia Farrow) and her actor husband Guy (John Cassavetes), "Rosemary's Baby" is a film about the occult, as Rosemary begins to learn the satanic truth about her titular child-to-be.

Memorable moment: Rosemary's disturbing, hallucinogenic dream sequence.

**The Exorcist (1973 William Friedkin)**

Easily one of the most famous horror films of all time, William Friedkin's 1973 classic about priest Father Karras (Jason Miller) and his run-in with a demon possessing the child Regan (Linda Blair). Featuring some fantastic performances by Ellen Burstyn as Regan's mother and Max Van Sydow as the exorcist, Father Merrin, "The Exorcist" is still a shocking and scary film, despite being over 30 years old.

Memorable moment: "The power of Christ compels you!"

**Carrie (1976, Brian DePalma)**

Based on Stephen King's first novel, "Carrie" follows the eponymous character (Sissy Spacek), a shy and repressed teen whose supernatural powers come to vengeful fruition during the iconic high school prom. As much a film critiquing the social class system as it is about the scares themselves, "Carrie" remains equally effective for its portrayal of high school politics and religious guilt. Also noteworthy is a young and poorly-acting John Travolta.

Memorable moment: The epic shower of pig's

blood during the prom's fateful final moments.

**The Shining (1980, Stanley Kubrick)**

Kubrick's classic, based on the Stephen King novel of the same name, is about the haunted (and fictional) Overlook Hotel in Colorado and its effects on writer Jack Torrance (Jack Nicholson). With its bravura performance by Nicholson and creative and creepy use of the camera, "The Shining" is superior cinema, as well as a superior horror film.

Memorable moment: "Here's Johnny!"

## THE MONSTER MOVIE

**Alien (1979, Ridley Scott)**

Claustrophobic and atmospheric, "Alien" ushered in a new era of outer space horror. Profiling the last voyage of the starship Nostromo, "Alien" follows Ellen Ripley (Sigourney Weaver) and the crew of the Nostromo as they try to stop the alien (frighteningly and memorably designed by H.R. Giger) that has invaded their ship. Followed by an equally classic sequel (directed by James Cameron), "Alien" remains a gold standard of monster horror to this day.

Memorable moment: the literally chest-bursting appearance of the alien.

**Jaws (1975, Steven Spielberg)**

"Jaws" was more than a movie, it was a cultural phenomenon. Enhanced by John Williams' legendary score, it follows police chief Brody (Roy Scheider) of the idyllic Amity Island, as he hunts down a shark terrorizing the beaches. Though filled with its share of scary moments, "Jaws" cuts to the center of the horror genre by concentrating on character, specifically the three terrified men on a small boat.

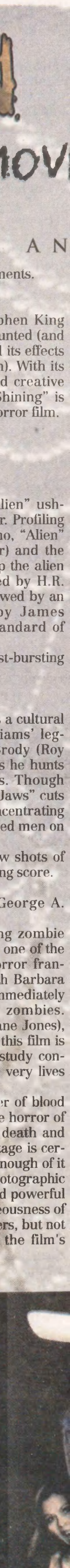
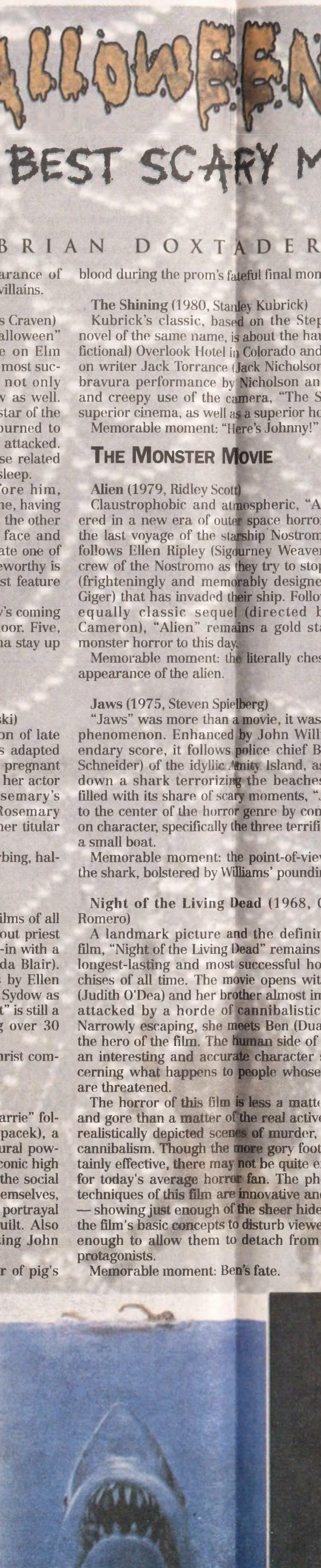
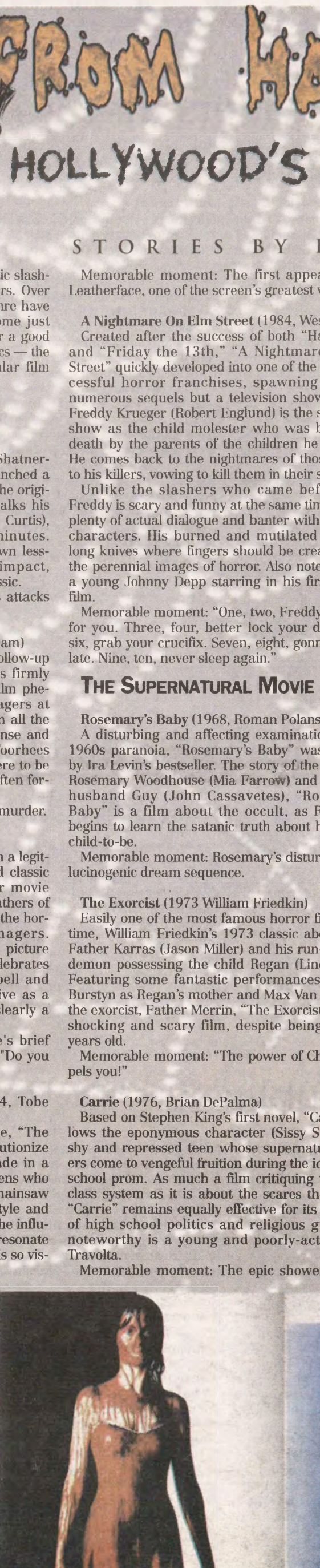
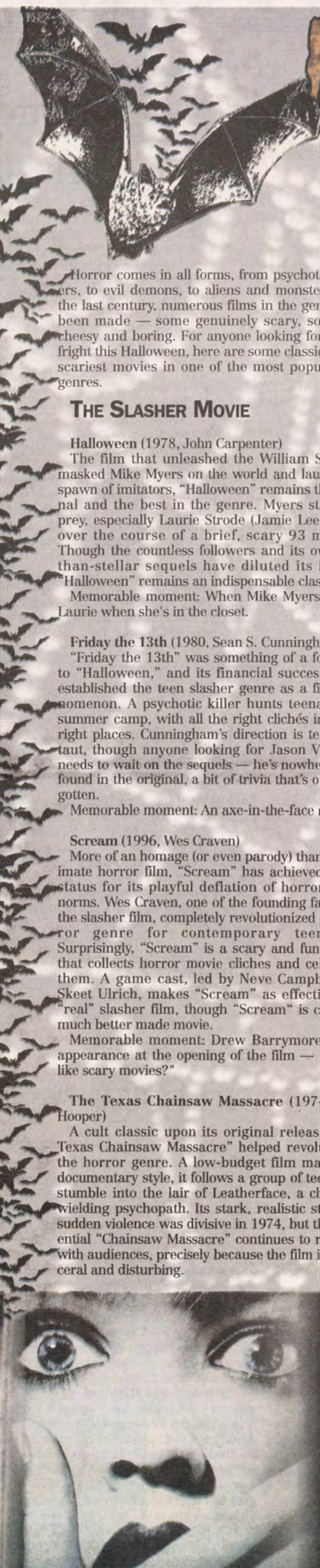
Memorable moment: the point-of-view shots of the shark, bolstered by Williams' pounding score.

**Night of the Living Dead (1968, George A. Romero)**

A landmark picture and the defining zombie film, "Night of the Living Dead" remains one of the longest-lasting and most successful horror franchises of all time. The movie opens with Barbara (Judith O'Dea) and her brother almost immediately attacked by a horde of cannibalistic zombies. Narrowly escaping, she meets Ben (Duane Jones), the hero of the film. The human side of this film is an interesting and accurate character study concerning what happens to people whose very lives are threatened.

The horror of this film is less a matter of blood and gore than a matter of the real active horror of realistically depicted scenes of murder, death and cannibalism. Though the more gory footage is certainly effective, there may not be quite enough of it for today's average horror fan. The photographic techniques of this film are innovative and powerful — showing just enough of the sheer hideousness of the film's basic concepts to disturb viewers, but not enough to allow them to detach from the film's protagonists.

Memorable moment: Ben's fate.





## TO HORROR IES FROM A TO Z

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**The Evil Dead Trilogy** (1983 - 1992, Sam Raimi)

The first "Evil Dead" movie was a low-budget cult classic about five teens who accidentally unlock an evil spirit deep in the woods. By "Army of Darkness," the third film in the series, it had become a joking, stylish homage to, and parody of, the classic zombie movie. "Evil Dead" was effective because of its simplicity — Raimi depends on the camera and the paranoia of the atmosphere, which drove the series throughout its three-film run.

Memorable moment: the flying eyeball in "Evil Dead 2."

### THE CLASSIC MOVIE

**Psycho** (1960, Alfred Hitchcock)

Among Hitchcock's most famous film, "Psycho" is responsible for one of Hitchcock's most famous creations, Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins) of the Bates Motel. "Psycho" set new standards in horror, as it pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable in 1960. With its Oedipal overtones and Perkins' genuinely scary portrayal, "Psycho" remains the gold standard in modern psychological horror.

Memorable moment: the shower scene, perhaps the most famous sequence in Hitchcock's storied career.

**Nosferatu** (1922, F.W. Murnau)

When "Dracula" was first put on sale for movie rights, one of the first men to pursue the text was F.W. Murnau. Although he failed to get the rights, Murnau had already started production on the film. To get around the rights issue, they cut out the name Dracula and replaced it with Count Orlok, or Nosferatu (the vampire). What separates "Nosferatu" from others of its time is that most of the film was shot on location in Eastern Europe — the production hardly used any studio sets. It is difficult to find any surviving original copies because when the film was released, Florence Stoker (widow of Bram) pursued the rights case relentlessly and in July 1925 a German court ordered all prints of the film to be destroyed.

Memorable moment: Nosferatu's first appearance on screen.

**Frankenstein** (1931, James Whale)

An obsessed scientist creates a living being from parts of exhumed corpses. No longer so much a movie as it is a genuine part of popular folklore, the film itself shows its age, particularly in the absence of a musical score. But the performances by Colin Clive and particularly the great Boris Karloff as the Monster are the whole show here, forgoing a multitude of creaks and groans and more than compensating for any lulls in the narrative.

Memorable moment: When Dr. Frankenstein yells, "It's alive!"

**Dracula** (1931, Todd Browning)

Before Bela Lugosi was relegated to starring in Ed Wood films, he was in this career-defining title

role. While this version of "Dracula" is far from being the most definitive version of Stoker's famous novel, it is quite possibly the most memorable one — due in large part to the presence of Bela Lugosi. Born in what is now Romania, Lugosi brings to the character the flavor of his homeland, making him more believable than any of his predecessors. His performance alone is reason enough to watch this monster movie classic.

Memorable moment: Lugosi's deliverance of the infamous line, "I am Dracula."

### THE HALLOWEEN-ORIENTED MOVIE

**The Nightmare Before Christmas** (1993, Henry Selick)

This Tim Burton-written classic tells the story of Jack Skellington (Chris Sarandon, Danny Elfman), the pumpkin king of Halloween Town who is bored with doing the same thing each year for Halloween. One day he stumbles into Christmas Town, and is so taken with the idea of Christmas that he tries to get the resident bats, ghouls and goblins of Halloween Town to help him put on Christmas instead of Halloween. In typical Tim Burton fashion, they just can't seem to get it right, putting their own creepy spin on the beloved holiday.

Memorable moment: Jack discovering Christmas for the first time.

**Hocus Pocus** (1993, Kenny Ortega)

In the year 1693, three sisters, Winifred, Mary and Sarah (Bette Midler, Kathy Najimy and Sarah Jessica Parker) were executed for practicing witchcraft. Just before their execution, Winifred made a curse — that when a virgin lights the black flame candle on Halloween night, the three will return. Fast-forward to 1993, 300 years later, when newcomer Max (Omri Katz) decides to light the candle in order to scare his irritating sister Dani (Thora Birch) and his wannabe girlfriend Alison (Vinessa Shaw). Together they have to find a way to stop the Sanderson sisters from taking the children of Salem, Massachusetts. "Hocus Pocus" is an instant, fun classic with an outstanding cast, especially the three sisters.

Memorable moment: Bette Midler's performance of "I Put a Spell on You"

**It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown** (1966, Bill Melendez)

Faithful "Peanuts" companion Linus believes in the "Great Pumpkin," the Santa Claus of Halloween. He misses out on Halloween to stay in the local pumpkin patch, waiting for the Great Pumpkin to select his particular patch as the "most sincere." Meanwhile, Charlie Brown and the gang get invited to Violet's Halloween party. The gang decides to go trick-or-treating, while Sally keeps Linus company as he waits in the pumpkin patch. A classic since it initially aired, "The Great Pumpkin" has ushered in Halloween for many a child.

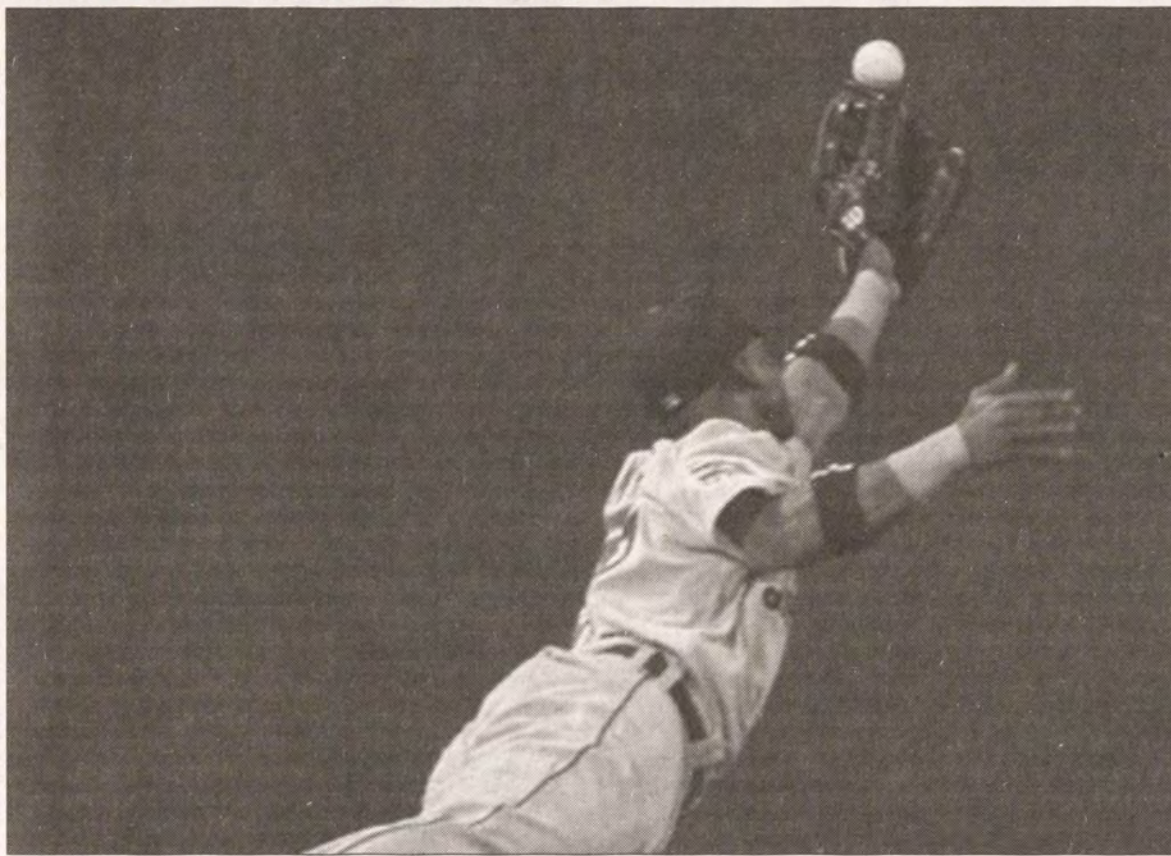
Memorable moment: When Charlie Brown gets a rock in his trick-or-treat sack.





## MLB

## Sloppy defense allows Cardinals to slip by Tigers 5-4



Tigers left fielder Craig Monroe misses a ball hit by Cardinals shortstop David Eckstein in the eighth inning of Game 4. Eckstein's go-ahead hit lifted St. Louis to a 5-4 victory and 3-1 lead in the Series.

### St. Louis pulls within win of championship

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — With some help from a soggy field and two big hits by little David Eckstein, the St. Louis Cardinals took control of the World Series with a wild comeback win.

Eckstein's tiebreaking double glanced off the glove of a diving Craig Monroe in left field in the eighth inning, and the Cardinals capitalized on Detroit's sloppy defense for a 5-4 victory Thursday night in Game 4.

"He's the toughest guy I've ever seen in a uniform," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said, praising his scrappy shortstop.

After Curtis Granderson slipped in center field on a key play trying for an earlier ball hit by Eckstein, rekindling memories of Curt Flood in the 1968 Series between these teams, St. Louis took a 3-1 lead to move within one win of its first championship in 24 years.

Jeff Weaver can wrap it up Friday night at Busch Stadium when he pitches against rookie Justin Verlander. Each lost his first start in this Series.

"The fans here are unbelievable. They come out every single

night supporting us and it would be a real honor to do something for them," Eckstein said.

One word of caution, Cardinals rooters: St. Louis had a 3-1 lead in '68, too, before Detroit rallied to win behind lefty Mickey Lolich.

The decisive hit that time came when Flood, a Gold Glove center fielder, slipped on Jim Northrup's two-out, two-run triple off Cardinals ace Bob Gibson to break a scoreless tie in the seventh inning of Game 7 — right across the street, where the old Busch Stadium stood.

This time, the 5-foot-7 Eckstein hit three doubles and a single as St. Louis overcame an early 3-0 deficit to close in on its 10th World Series title. The last team to squander a 3-1 Series lead, however, was the 1985 Cardinals against Kansas City.

After a rainout Wednesday night, only the second World Series washout in 20 years, showers were expected again Thursday. But the heavy stuff stayed away on a 53-degree night and much of the back-and-forth game was played in a light mist that obscured the Gateway Arch beyond center field.

The mist got heavier in the sixth, however, and the Tigers began to struggle with the elements.

With St. Louis trailing 3-2 in the seventh, Eckstein hit a drive

to right-center that Granderson appeared to have in his sights before he slipped to the slick turf, kicking up a huge divot. The ball fell for an easy double.

"If I had stayed up, I catch it easily," Granderson said. "It wasn't too much of a cut. As soon as I planted, it went underneath me."

"It wasn't just wet," he added. "It was wet and soft."

Pinch-hitter So Taguchi dropped down a sacrifice bunt, and reliever Fernando Rodney rushed an off-balance throw over the head of Placido Polanco covering at first base, allowing Eckstein to score the tying run.

It was the fourth error by a Tigers pitcher in four games, a record for one pitching staff in the World Series.

"Obviously, it was a little bit of a freak inning," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "It's not our best fielding in the world, but that's baseball."

After an intentional walk to Albert Pujols and two strikeouts, Preston Wilson singled to left against Rodney to give St. Louis a 4-3 lead.

But Ivan Rodriguez opened the eighth with a double and Brandon Inge tied it with a double off rookie closer Adam Wainwright, who avoided further damage by striking out pinch-hitter Alexis Gomez and Granderson.

That set the stage for St. Louis' final rally. Yadier Molina drew a leadoff walk from Joel Zumaya before Aaron Miles beat out a potential double-play ball.

Miles moved up when strike three to Juan Encarnacion got past Rodriguez for a wild pitch, and Eckstein hit a drive to left-center.

Monroe sprinted to his left and laid out with a desperate dive, but the ball ticked off the tip of his glove. The left fielder lay prone on the grass as Miles scored the go-ahead run.

"Facing Zumaya, you want to make sure you don't try to over-swing," Eckstein said. "I got a fastball and was able to get on top just enough, just barely out of the reach of Craig Monroe, who almost made one heck of a catch."

Wainwright set down Detroit in order in the ninth to the delight of the red-clad crowd.

With NL championship series MVP Jeff Suppan on the mound for St. Louis, one sign read: Cold Night. Hot Supp.

Suppan allowed three runs in six innings.

The right-hander, sporting his full, dark beard, was quite a contrast to the boyish-looking Jeremy Bonderman, who made his Series debut for Detroit only two days shy of his 24th birthday.

Making his first start in 12 days, Bonderman was staked to

a three-run lead and was visibly steamed when he was pulled after 5 1-3 innings with the score 3-2. He slammed his glove and hat on the bench, knocking over a full cup, and kicked the ground.

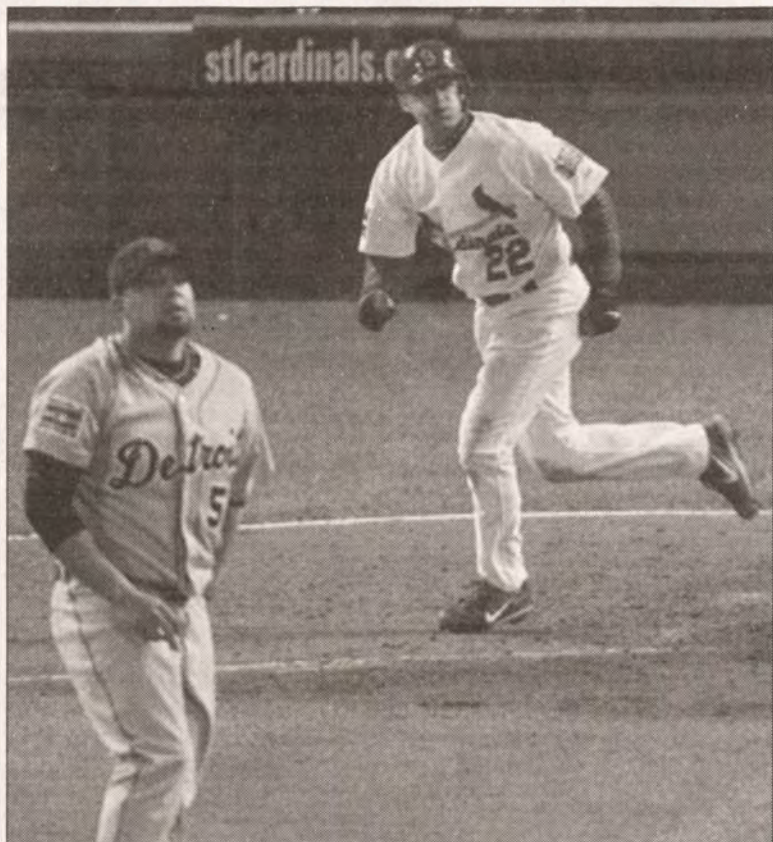
But Rodney preserved the lead — for one inning, at least — when he struck out Miles and pinch-hitter John Rodriguez with runners at the corners.

Rodney whiffed Rodriguez with a 97 mph fastball as catcher Ivan Rodriguez popped out of his crouch and pumped his fist.

In the second, Sean Casey golfed a 1-0 pitch into the Cardinals' bullpen in right field for his first career postseason home run. It also was the first homer off Suppan this postseason. Rodriguez then grounded a single to right, ending an 0-for-23 slump since Game 1 of the ALCS.

Granderson doubled to start the third, his first hit in 15 World Series at-bats, and scored on Casey's two-out single. Rodriguez followed with an RBI single, making it 3-0.

But La Russa stayed aggressive, calling for a hit-and-run with Suppan batting in the third. Suppan swung through a strike, but Miles stole second against Rodriguez, an 11-time Gold Glove winner who led major league catchers by throwing out 46 percent of attempted basestealers this season.



Tigers reliever Joel Zumaya watches Eckstein's go-ahead double in the eighth inning of Game 4.

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## NHL

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Pittsburgh	5-3-0	10	25
New Jersey	4-4-1	9	25
NY Islanders	3-3-2	8	22
NY Rangers	4-5-0	8	32
Philadelphia	1-6-1	3	15

### Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Buffalo	9-0-0	18	46
Toronto	4-3-3	11	33
Montreal	4-2-2	10	27
Ottawa	4-4-0	8	25
Boston	2-4-1	5	15

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Atlanta	7-1-2	16	38
Florida	5-5-1	11	33
Carolina	4-4-2	10	33
Washington	3-2-3	9	29
Tampa Bay	4-4-0	8	

### Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Nashville	4-3-1	9	28
Detroit	4-4-1	9	22
St. Louis	3-3-2	8	20
Chicago	4-5-0	8	32
Columbus	2-4-1	5	17

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Minnesota	8-1-0	16	29
Vancouver	6-4-1	13	29
Edmonton	6-3-0	12	27
Colorado	4-4-2	10	33
Calgary	3-4-1	7	21

### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	GF
Dallas	8-1-0	16	29
Anaheim	7-0-2	16	30
San Jose	7-3-0	14	33
Los Angeles	3-6-2	8	23
Phoenix	2-8-0	4	19

## USA Today/American Hockey Magazine Top 15

	team	record	points
1	Maine (31)	5-0	507
2	Wisconsin (3)	3-1-2	461
3	Minnesota	4-1	430
4	Boston University	2-0-1	397
5	Boston College	2-1	340
6	Michigan	3-1	331
7	Miami Ohio	4-2	293
8	New Hampshire	2-0	267
9	North Dakota	3-3	234
10	Michigan State	1-1	220
11	NOTRE DAME	3-1	136
12	Harvard	0-0	123
13	Denver	3-3	85
14	Clarkson	4-1-1	79
15	Cornell	0-0	63

## SOCCER



Juergen Klinsmann speaks with German women's head coach Tina Thuene-Meyer at practice Oct. 8, 2003. Klinsmann is in informal talks with the U.S. Soccer Federation about taking over as head coach of the men's national team.

## U.S. Soccer engages Klinsmann in discussion

Associated Press

Former German national team coach Juergen Klinsmann is engaged in informal talks with the U.S. Soccer Federation that could lead to him taking over as coach of the American national team.

Klinsmann, who coached his native Germany to a surprising berth in the World Cup semifinals this summer, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday that he's been speaking with USSF president Sunil Gulati.

"We've had a couple of conversations. I'm evalu-

ating everything that comes up," Klinsmann said. "I'll stay in touch with Sunil and see what it leads to. It's a very casual and relaxed correspondence."

Klinsmann resigned as Germany's coach three days after the tournament, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family. He lives in suburban Los Angeles with his American-born wife and is regarded by many as the favorite to replace Bruce Arena, who was told by Gulati in mid-July that his contract would not be renewed.

"Sooner or later, I have

to get back into coaching," Klinsmann said.

Gulati, who has refused to comment on his talks with any potential replacement, repeated Thursday that he hopes to have a new coach in place by the end of the year.

Klinsmann is a close friend of Arena's and attended some U.S. team practices when the players worked out in California. He said there isn't any timetable on his talks with Gulati.

"Obviously, those are discussions that will continue, and we'll see where they lead," he

said.

In announcing Arena's departure, Gulati said his successor should have "some knowledge of American soccer, experience, leadership, a track record of success."

"Does Juergen Klinsmann have those qualities? He probably does," Gulati said then. "He's had success with the German team; he has a much better handle on American soccer scene than someone who hasn't spent time here; he's inquisitive. He's an intelligent guy, multilingual with a lot of very positive qualities."

## IN BRIEF

### Cowboys assistant to sue McDonalds over dead rat

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys assistant coach Todd Haley is suing a suburban McDonald's, claiming his wife and the family's live in baby sitter found a dead rat in their salad.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in state district court seeks \$1.7 million in damages. The Dallas Morning News reported on its Web site.

In addition to Haley, the Cowboys' passing game coordinator who got in a well-publicized shouting match with Terrell Owens earlier this month, the suit was also filed on behalf of his wife Christine and the family's au pair, Kathryn Kelley.

A message left for McDonald's Corp. spokesman Walt Riker on Thursday evening was not immediately returned.

According to the lawsuit, Christine Haley and Kelley had eaten part of the salad purchased June 5 at a McDonald's in Southlake before the

dead rodent was uncovered.

### Sheffield upset over Yanks decision to exercise option

NEW YORK — Gary Sheffield is angry that the New York Yankees plan to exercise his \$13 million option for next season rather than allow him to become a free agent.

While the Yankees have until Nov. 5 to decide on the option, Sheffield told USA Today that he has been told it will be exercised.

"This will not work, this will not work at all," he was quoted as saying in Thursday editions. "I don't want to play first base a year for them. I will not do that."

If the Yankees exercise the option, included as part of the three-year contract Sheffield negotiated before the 2004 season, they likely would trade him. By exercising the option, they can prevent him from winding up with the Boston Red Sox.

Sheffield was New York's right

fielder before he was sidelined from May 29 to Sept. 22 with an injured left wrist that required surgery. When he returned, he played first base for the first time in his major league career.

### Miami receiver to receive felony charge for altercation

CORAL GABLES — Miami receiver Ryan Moore is expected to face a felony charge for his role in an August altercation with two women, and will not accompany the Hurricanes to Georgia Tech for their game Saturday.

The felony charge is not why Moore isn't traveling to Atlanta on Friday, Miami coach Larry Coker said.

"I probably know a lot more about it than you do right now and I won't go into that," Coker said.

"But I will say that he will not travel."

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## NHL

# Fans trash Garden as Boston loses to Montreal

*Hedberg's 29 saves lead Flyers to win*

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Bruins didn't even make it to the final buzzer against the Montreal Canadiens on Thursday night.

Andrei Markov scored the tiebreaking goal with 1.2 seconds left Thursday night, giving Montreal a 3-2 victory over Boston and prompting a shower of garbage from the Bruins fans that convinced the officials to call the game with two ticks left.

"When you see the bottles with liquid being thrown from 20 rows up, you worry about your head or face being hurt. The referees did the right thing to end the game," Montreal captain Saku Koivu said. "It was a huge win. It feels a lot bigger when you steal it in the last few seconds."

Markov took advantage of a power play that came when Matt Lashoff, who was making his NHL debut, was called for holding with 45 seconds left. The Montreal defenseman got the puck to the

left of Tim Thomas and put it between his legs for the winner.

While Montreal players — and some of their vocal fans in the Boston crowd — celebrated, others in the stands began throwing cups and other trash onto the ice. After about a minute, and a futile announcement from the public address announcer, the clock started and the buzzer blew while both teams were still at their benches and the ice crew was cleaning up.

"There's no fun way to lose," Bruins coach Dave Lewis said, complimenting Lashoff on his overall game in spite of the costly penalty.

"He moved the puck, has good vision. He thinks the game. Everybody will take penalties; he reacted," Lewis said. "We've got to kill that penalty. That's what penalty-killers do. You bail out your teammate."

Cristobal Huet stopped 34 shots for Montreal, which has won eight of nine against its longtime rival, including the last six in a row. Michael Ryder and Chris Higgins also scored for the Canadiens.

Thomas made 26 saves for Boston, making a sprawling save on Mike Johnson with 3:25 left to temporarily preserve the tie. He fell to 1-6 against Montreal in his career.

Zdeno Chara scored his first goal since joining the Bruins in the offseason as one of the top prizes on the free agent market. Phil Kessel scored and Glen Murray and Patrice Bergeron had two assists apiece for Boston.

The Canadiens lost forward Alex Kovalev in the second period when he whacked his stick across the glass after drawing a penalty for jostling with Boston defenseman Milan Jurcina. Kovalev was given two minutes for unsportsmanlike conduct and a game miscon-

duct.

"As you saw, the refs screwed up the whole game, and then they tried to fix it at the end. I wish, if they were going to decide to have a bad game, they would be bad for both teams," said Kovalev, who complained that opponents have tried to take out his knees in three straight games. "I have to ... protect myself."

While he was out, Craig Rivet picked up a double minor for hooking and slamming his stick. The Bruins used the two-man advantage to tie it up on Chara's slap shot with 91 seconds left in the second.

## Flyers 3, Thrashers 2

Peter Forsberg and Simon Gagne each scored in a shootout, lifting Philadelphia to a win over the Atlanta Thrashers on Thursday night, making Flyers coach John

Stevens a winner in his NHL coaching debut.

After Johan Hedberg had 29 saves in regulation and overtime for the Thrashers, he was pulled for Kari Lehtonen. The Flyers jumped all over the goalie change, with Gagne and Forsberg scoring on the Flyers' first two shots.

Vyacheslav Kozlov, who scored in regulation, had the only shootout goal for Atlanta on its first shot. No one else could slip one past steady Antero Niittymaki, who had 27 saves.

This was the boost the Flyers desperately needed five days after Stevens was promoted from first-year assistant to coach, hoping to nudge them out of last place.

The Flyers entered with the worst record and fewest points in the NHL, a shaky start that resulted in one of the most drastic shakeups in team history. Longtime general manager Bob Clarke resigned and coach Ken Hitchcock was fired Sunday with the Flyers on their first five-game losing streak since 2002 and off to their worst start in 17 years.

Forsberg, Gagne and Niittymaki ensured the losing streak wouldn't stretch to six. And while 2-6-1 hardly sounds promising, the win was a strong start to a five-game homestand.

Still bothered by a sprained left wrist that kept him out of one game, Forsberg delivered when needed in an already-big early-season game. Not only that, he scored on a power play.

The Flyers were a measly 4-for-55 on the power play this season, 0-for-15 the last three games, and squandered their only other opportunity against Atlanta. With Andy Sutton still in the box from a second period holding penalty, Forsberg knocked the puck off Hedberg's pads from close range only 56 seconds into the third for a 2-1 lead.

Forsberg raised his stick in celebration and finally got a rise of a surprisingly smaller crowd than the traditionally packed arena the Flyers are used to.

Vyacheslav Kozlov, though, tied it 2-all midway through the



Boston's Yan Stastny (43) fights with Montreal's Mike Johnson (20) during the second period of their game in Boston. Montreal won 3-2 on a third period goal by Andrei Markov.

period with slapshot that stunned Niittymaki.

Playing at home may have been a spark for the Flyers. The Flyers played six of their first eight games on the road, including a 9-1 loss at Buffalo that convinced chairman Ed Snider he needed to fire Hitchcock after three-plus seasons without a Stanley Cup finals appearance.

Though Stevens said he expected some pregame jitters, he appeared relaxed behind the bench, his hands behind his back, watching many of the same players he coached to a minor-league title two seasons ago.

The Flyers got an early lift about 2 minutes into the game when Mike Knuble snagged the loose puck down the right side just past the blue line and made a nice feed to Randy Robitaille who scored for a 1-0 lead.

Atlanta came back about 5 minutes later when Kovalchuk was left all alone and streaked down center ice for an easy breakaway goal, tying the score at 1.

## Sabres 3, Islanders 0

The Buffalo Sabres are making their historic start look easy.

Maxim Afinogenov pumped in a goal and assist, Ryan Miller stopped 29 shots, and the perfect Sabres beat the New York Islanders Thursday night to win their 10th straight game and match the best start the NHL has ever seen.

Afinogenov set up Ales Kotalik's first-period goal and scored one in the second. Miller did the rest for the Sabres, who tied the 1993-94 Toronto Maple Leafs — the only other NHL team to jump out 10-0.

The Sabres can break the record at home against Atlanta on Saturday. Buffalo, which fell one win shy of the Stanley Cup finals last season, has a team-record 15 consecutive regular-season victories.

By the time Jason Pominville stretched the lead to 3-0 early in the third period, the sparse crowd of 8,861 at Nassau Coliseum had already grown frustrated with the home team. Boos and groans were easily heard, as were the many saves that thumped off Miller's pads

and blocker.

The Sabres have quickly become the flashiest offensive team in the NHL, posting 49 goals in their first 10 games. But they used a methodical attack against the Islanders, scoring once in each period to back Miller's strong goaltending. The 26-year-old American improved to 8-0 and posted his third career shutout.

Kotalik provided the only offense Buffalo would need with a power-play goal in the

opening period.

Jaroslav Spacek and Afinogenov worked a two-man game on the right side of the Islanders zone. Spacek then slid a crossing pass to Kotalik, who ripped a shot from above the left circle past Rick DiPietro that smacked the back of the net and caromed back out at 6:09 — 47 seconds into Buffalo's 5-on-3 power play.

The only downside for the Sabres was they converted only one of seven power plays.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Virginia Tech handles Clemson

Branden Ore rushes for 203 yards to lead Hokies over Tigers

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG — Branden Ore shredded Clemson for 203 yards rushing yards and two touchdowns and Virginia Tech held the No. 10 Tigers to 76 yards in the last three quarters in the Hokies' 24-7 victory Thursday night.

Virginia Tech (6-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), beaten soundly in its last two ACC games by Georgia Tech and Boston College, showed the Tigers what it felt like.

Clemson (7-2, 4-2) had just three first downs in the last three quarters, and the third one came in the final minute, not long before the final gun sounded and Hokies fans streamed onto the field, surrounding the team and celebrating around midfield.

Ore carried a career-high 37 times for his second consecutive 200-yard performance. He had 207 five days earlier in a rout of Southern Mississippi, and this time upstaged the Tigers' vaunted two-back tandem of James Davis and C.J. Spiller. They came into the

game averaging 185 yards between them, but finished with just 71 yards on 22 tries.

The Hokies, leading 10-7 at halftime, padded their lead early in the third quarter after Xavier Adibi intercepted Will Proctor's pass at the Clemson 35. Ore did the rest, carrying on five consecutive plays, the last an 11-yard, second-effort run for the TD.

Later in the period, he essentially put the game away, breaking off a 21-yard run to get the ball inside the Clemson 5, then carrying two more times to get it to 24-7. Sam Wheeler also had a big play in the drive, a 41-yard reception from Sean Glennon.

Glennon came in expecting to yield to Ike Whitaker at times to boost the running game, but it never happened. Glennon finished 9-for-15 for 108 yards and ran for a TD.

The Hokies dominated the second quarter on defense and led 10-7 at halftime.

Clemson ran just 12 plays — for 21 yards — in the quarter as Virginia Tech kept the ball for nearly 10 minutes.

Brandon Pace's 37-yard field goal with 11:36 left in the half made it 10-7 and was his 14th consecutive successful field goal.

Clemson was in great position to at least tie it when C.J. Gaddis stripped the ball from a scrambling Glennon and Gaines Adams recovered for the Tigers on the Tech 25.

Three plays later, however, Proctor never got the handle on the third-and-9 snap and Hokies defensive end Barry Booker jumped on the loose ball to end the threat.

The teams were like mirror images in the first quarter.

Both started with three-and-outs, and then the Tigers drove 77 yards in 11 plays to Davis' 17th rushing touchdown of the season, a 6-yard burst around the left side.

The Hokies countered by driving 84 yards in 12 plays, highlighted by Glennon's 2-yard sneak on fourth-and-1 from the Hokies 36, and Ore's 40-yard burst through the right side to the 6-inch line. Two plays later, Glennon dove it in.

## SMC VOLLEYBALL

## Squad to face off against Adrian

Belles play Bulldogs in final MIAA match

By SARAH LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will have the opportunity to knock off MIAA No. 3 Adrian College at home Saturday in the final game of the regular season.

Coming off a big win against MIAA foe Tri-State Tuesday, the Belles (16-8, 9-6 MIAA) will play their final match before the MIAA tournament. Adrian holds a 16-8 overall record and 11-4 mark in the conference.

Saint Mary's 16-8 record overall is tied with Adrian's, but SMC is now fifth in the MIAA.

Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said that she believes in her team, but she knows the Belles will encounter problems if they don't improve their fundamentals.

"We will be working on our net game a lot these next two days — blocking, attacking, as well as coverage," she said. "Adrian has

a very strong offense. We need to be ready to stop them at the net.

"Our floor defense has been strong all season so, of course, we need to maintain that as one of our strengths. Our front line is going to have really rise to the challenge."

Schroeder-Biek will be looking to her seniors to lead their team to a final regular season victory.

"Our seniors have done a nice job on the court all year," she said. "They have also been great leaders both on and off the court."

The Belles coach is very happy with how the season played, and is proud of her team.

"We have had a nice balance of players this season," she said. "If one player is having a rough game, someone else picks it up. That has been a huge reason for our success this year."

"We are not dependent on one player to carry the team."

The Belles host Adrian at 11 a.m.

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## Broncos defense to take on high-octane Colts offense

Manning and undefeated Indianapolis travel to Mile-High City to face league's stingiest defense in key AFC matchup

DENVER — A blizzard covered the Mile High City during the week, so maybe it's not too early in the NFL season to start talking about really significant games.

And Indianapolis at Denver is about as colossal as an October game can get.

"I love a game like this because it doesn't get any bigger," Broncos wide receiver Javon Walker said. "It reminds me of back in college with Florida State getting ready for Florida or Miami. It's a big game. It's going to be magnified. People are talking about it."

Despite some flaws on one

side or the other, the Colts (6-0) and Broncos (5-1) are so good at what they do well that they're harkening to the league's formative days of leather helmets and two-way players.

The Colts can become the first team to start 7-0 in consecutive seasons since the 1929-31 Green Bay Packers, who did it three straight years. No one else has done it twice.

The Broncos have already made history, becoming the stingiest team to start a season since the 1934 Detroit Lions shut out their first seven opponents.

Denver has allowed just two

oh-by-the-way touchdowns this season, both coming in the fourth quarter after they had built 17-0 leads on New England and Cleveland. They've held their last five opponents to single digits, a franchise best.

Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer, the biggest beneficiary of Denver's stifling defense, which has taken some heat off his season-long poor play, said this one feels like a playoff game.

"Any time you have an undefeated team coming to your place and we're 5-1, it's a big game," Plummer said. "Winning it sends a statement. It doesn't mean you're going to

win the Super Bowl by any means, but it just sends a statement to everybody that you can beat the good ones, too."

Plummer's job got harder this week when left tackle Matt Lepsis was lost for the season with a knee injury, leaving Adam Meadows, Erik Pears or right guard Cooper Carlisle as candidates to face Colts star defensive end Dwight Freeney.

The Colts have their own injury issues, with defensive tackle Montae Reagor (eye socket) missing his second straight game and safety Mike Doss being placed on injured reserve with a torn knee ligament. The Colts expect to have

Pro Bowl safety Bob Sanders (knee) back for the first time in a month.

The Colts are averaging 28 points; the Broncos are allowing just seven a game.

"We believe we can score on anybody, and I'm sure they like to believe they can stop anyone," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "Everybody's going to focus on that matchup, but special teams, our defense against their offense is going to be just as critical."

What everyone really wants to see, however, is Indy's prolific offense going against Denver's dominant defense. Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark vs. Al Wilson, Champ Bailey, Darrent Williams, John Lynch and Ian Gold.

"They are just playing excellent fundamental defense right now," said Manning, who spends most of his waking hours dissecting defenses and has found few flaws to exploit in this one. "Their tackling is exceptional. That's one thing that just jumps out at you."

In many ways, the Broncos have the Colts to thank for their defensive dominance, the seeds of which were planted following the 2003 and '04 postseasons when Indianapolis spanked the Broncos by a combined 56-point margin.

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Belles get ready for last meet of season

## MIAA championship awaits team Saturday

By BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writer

The Belles head into the MIAA championship meet Saturday in Alma, Mich. with renewed confidence after recent impressive performances.

In their last meet of the season, the Manchester College Invitational, the Belles finished third out of nine teams, and Megan Gray took the individual title. In the previous meet, the Eagle Invitational, Gray took fourth individually and the team took fourth overall.

"The team looked stronger than most other teams during the second half of the race and ran well together," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said of the Manchester Invitational.

In preparation for the MIAA meet, many of the team members stayed around campus for fall break.

"[It] benefited the team and allowed them to stay more in the flow of the season, rather than being totally out of sync a

week before the championships," Bauters said.

For the final week of practices, Bauters emphasized group goals, while the runners discussed how to improve the teamwork that helped them in the Manchester Invitational.

The Belles hope to improve on last year's fifth-place finish in the MIAA standings. Last year at the MIAA championship, Sara Otto was the squad's best runner with a time of 24:15 on the 6K course.

Fellow senior Katie White recorded her best finish last year at the MIAA championship as well, where she finished 33rd, clocking in at 24:45.

Bauters is optimistic about the conference meet this time around.

"This season has been wonderful thus far, and I believe the team is ready for a great race this Saturday," she said.

The main competition for the Belles will be last year's MIAA champion Calvin College, Hope and Albion. But the most important thing is, Gray said, "for everyone to just go out there and have fun, run their race and enjoy it."

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## NFL

# Ravens prepare to take on Saints

New Orleans looks to remain unbeaten in Superdome Sunday

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The last time the Baltimore Ravens came to town, it was two days before Hurricane Katrina blew apart the Superdome's roof.

Apathy defined the ambiance of a half-full arena during the Ravens' 21-6 preseason victory over a Saints squad that was about to endure four months of displacement and a lot more losing.

This season, visiting teams have yet to win in the rebuilt Superdome, where the revamped Saints (5-1) have delighted sellout crowds — not to mention sympathetic television audiences — with victories over Atlanta, Tampa Bay and Philadelphia.

"Obviously, they are the sweethearts of the league, everybody loves (them), and deservedly so," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said this week. "You go in and beat them, you might as well go and beat up on Mother Teresa — you know? 'You scums, what are you doing here?'"

"But, that is what we are going to try to do."

The Ravens (4-2) can hardly afford to be polite guests, having lost two straight going into last week's bye.

The week off came at a good time, primarily because quarterback Steve McNair needed the rest after being knocked out of Baltimore's last game with a concussion and strained neck.

McNair practiced this week with the first team and expected to be ready.

"He is ready to go," tight end

Todd Heap said after seeing McNair practice this week. "You couldn't tell anything about any concussion. ... It was basically like the normal Steve out there."

It also gave Billick more time to take over the offense after he fired offensive coordinator Jim Fassel. Billick will call the plays for the first time this season in a stadium where crowd noise has disrupted visiting teams.

"This will be like nothing they have ever heard," Billick said of his players. "I have been in that building when it has been cranked. ... The noise doesn't go anywhere. It is as hard a dome to play in as there is."

But recent history shows Baltimore has done well coming off a week's rest, having won the next game after a bye four seasons running.

Past trends matter little to the Saints, who seem to have entered a new era under rookie coach Sean Payton. But Payton does have memories of facing the Ravens, and they aren't good.

He was the Giants' offensive coordinator in Super Bowl 35, when the Ravens shut down the Giants in a 34-7 romp.

"That's a bad horror movie for me," Payton recalled.

These Ravens, like that Super Bowl team, are known for defense, led once again by line-backer Ray Lewis, who has a team-high 39 tackles and has assisted on 11 more.

The Baltimore defense is allowing only 11.5 points per game, the third-lowest average in the league. The Ravens have 19 sacks, most of them by line-

backers executing a confusing array of blitzes from a 3-4 defense.

They may present the toughest challenge of the season for New Orleans' revamped offensive line, which has new starters at every position from last season, including rookie guard Jahri Evans and right tackle Jon Stinchcomb, who never started before this year.

"This defense challenges you before the ball is even snapped, just recognizing your assignment," Stinchcomb said. "We've seen a lot of film where there's been some confusion on the offensive line. Second, they've got a great group of athletes. So, one is recognizing who you've got to block, and two is getting the job done, which is not an easy task."

So far, the Saints' new line has allowed only six sacks, even shutting out a Philadelphia defense that had 23 coming into the Superdome two weeks ago.

Quarterback Drew Brees has taken some pressure off by throwing quickly and accurately to receivers Joe Horn and Marques Colston, as well as running back Reggie Bush, who catches the ball coming out of the backfield or lining up as a receiver. The Saints also expected receiver Devery Henderson, who missed the last three games with a shoulder injury, to be back this weekend.

Meanwhile, Deuce McAllister has averaged 4.9 yards a carry, the only question with him being how well he has recovered from a minor hamstring injury against Philadelphia.

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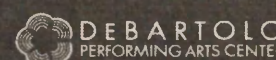
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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

# Irish look for three-peat

Runners travel to Boston to compete in Big East Tournament

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

After weeks of preparation, the races are finally starting to matter.

Notre Dame will compete against the best its conference has to offer today in Boston at the Big East tournament.

The Irish men are one of the favorites to win again this year. Notre Dame has won the conference tournament the last two years and six of 12 Big East titles since joining the conference in 1994.

That history is compounded with Notre Dame's success this year, knocking off higher ranked opponents in each of its last two races — the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Tournament.

Despite Notre Dame's history at the event and in recent tournaments, the Irish are still faced with some tough competition for the conference title. Three teams join No. 12 Notre Dame in the USTFCCA Top 30 — No. 16 Georgetown, No. 20 Providence and No. 23 Louisville — meaning the competition will be very stiff for this year's crown.

"I think we've got as good a shot as anybody. Last year we were the heavy favorite but this year we're definitely not," said senior All-American Kurt Benninger. "There's three other

teams that have a good chance as well. It's going to come down to just a couple of points."

One team with a grudge against Notre Dame is Georgetown, who was a close runner-up for last year's conference title.

"Georgetown always wants to beat us, especially since we beat them by only a single point last year," Benninger said.

Georgetown also competed in the Pre-National Meet Oct. 14, but ran in the Blue Division while the Irish were in the White.

Even so, the Hoyas ran a strong race their last time out, finishing fifth but dropping in the polls.

The top two striders for Notre Dame will be Benninger and sophomore Patrick Smyth, who have led the Irish climb in the polls in the last month with great finishes in each of their two races on the season. Benninger has had continued success against Big East competition, finishing in the top 10 in his other two Big East tournaments.

"There's a lot of good guys that are going to be up there so we're going to just go up there and see what happens," he said.

Although the stakes are a lot higher for this race than they have been for Notre Dame's other races, practice has been business as usual for Irish coach Joe Piane.

"I wouldn't say [Piane has] done anything special at all [in practice]," Benninger said. "Everything since the beginning of the year has been geared toward this part of the year. Everybody's known what we need to do to take the Big East and then Regionals and the NCAAs."

The women's team is also running the Big East tournament, but it will have a much harder time if it hopes to succeed. With disappointing finishes in the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Meet, Notre Dame's chances rest with its veterans, namely junior Sunni Olding.

Olding finished 18th in the Pre-National Meet, but she was the only Irish female in the top 50.

This destroyed any chance the Irish had of doing well in the race, meaning Notre Dame will have to have its other runners try to stay near the top for it to succeed.

The Irish will also face two ranked teams — No. 12 Providence and No. 18 Georgetown.

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## NFL

## Barber brothers to face each other for last time

*Tampa tries to continue two game win streak*

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD — A little less than two months after kicking off the season with the Manning Bowl, the New York Giants have another brotherly matchup: the Barber Bowl.

Unlike the opener that pitted Peyton and Eli Manning in the first NFL game featuring brothers as the starting quarterbacks, Ronde and Tiki Barber will be meeting for the fifth time as pros when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2-4) and Giants (4-2) play Sunday at Giants Stadium.

While not as hyped as the Manning matchup, this game is just as special because it might be the last time the twins run into each other — literally.

Barring a change of heart, Tiki plans to retire after this season to pursue a television career.

"It's pretty set," the Giants halfback said. "It is set. I have tons of other things that I am interested in and eager and excited to get to doing. Obviously, the last 10 games of the season are first on that list. But, beyond and the rest of my life, there's a lot."

Ronde isn't surprised, but the Bucs cornerback refused to write off his brother entirely for the 2007 season.

"I think he's had a feeling for a year now, at least, and I saw it, to tell you the truth, in the offseason when we were working out," said Ronde, who hopes to play for another five years. "He just wasn't the same. The passion to get up and get ready wasn't the same."

Luckily for the Giants, Tiki hasn't lost his passion for the regular season. In fact, the twins are both having spectacular seasons.

Tiki leads the NFL in rushing with 647 yards, and is a major reason the Giants have turned around their season with three straight wins.

Ronde had a career game last Sunday, returning two interceptions for touchdowns in an improbable 23-21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles, a win

nailed down on a 62-yard field goal by former Giant Matt Bryant as time expired.

During one of their telephone conversations this week, Ronde didn't hesitate to let Tiki know his two touchdowns are two more than Tiki has this season.

"My brother and I have always been competitive, and we've rarely done the same things," Tiki said. "For instance, in track he was a hurdler, and I was a long jumper. Football, he played defense, and I played offense. But we always competed against each other's successes."

"For instance, when he would win, I would say, 'There's no way I'm not winning,' Tiki added. "I'm not going home without something if he won." And I think that's driven us all the way through, even now into the National Football League."

As much as they compete personally against each other, the Barbers played on the same teams from their days in Pop Warner football through the University of Virginia. The only times they weren't on the same teams were in neighborhood pickup games.

"If we were on opposite teams, we hated each other," said Ronde, who also leads the Bucs in tackles. "We both wanted to win so fervently. I think that's probably the only time I've really disliked Tiki. For the most part, sports was just a way for us to get after people together."

Even in those 'hated' moments, there was a bond.

"When we would get into fights with a teammate playing in the backyard or something, as soon as they would gang up on one of us, we all settled back on the same team again, so it was kind of cool," Tiki said.

The Barbers both intend to bring families and friends to the game, which is important for both teams.

After impressive wins against Washington at home and on the road at Atlanta and Dallas to take the lead in the NFC East, the Giants can't afford a let-down. They were in a similar position last year. They won three in a row to get to 6-2 and then lost to the sub-.500 Minnesota Vikings at home on a late field goal.



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## ND VOLLEYBALL

## Irish to play rival Louisville

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame and Louisville square off Sunday in Kentucky in a rematch of last year's Big East championship and for sole possession of second place in the league.

The Irish (13-8, 7-1 Big East) fell out of first place in the league Sunday with a 3-0 loss to St. John's and are currently tied with the Cardinals (14-6, 7-1 Big East). Louisville must face DePaul a day before the match, and the Irish play Saturday at Cincinnati (15-5, 5-3 Big East).

The Louisville match will be televised nationally at 1 p.m. Sunday on ESPNU amidst an already sold-out Cardinal arena.

"We expect it to be a very loud crowd and a fun environment to play in," Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

The Irish and Cardinals last met Nov. 20, 2005 when No. 8 Notre Dame defeated No. 7 Louisville 3-2 for the Big East title. The Cardinals had won the regular season match.

Brown said that Louisville is adept with net play, attacking and blocking due to their height.

"We will have to serve very tough to keep them out of [their] system," Brown said. "They're very physical and very big."

Freshman Tatyana Kolesnikova (Tashkent, Uzbekistan) leads the Cardinals with 218 kills, while Svetlana Dukule (Riga, Latvia) is second with 174. There are six international players on Louisville's 11-woman roster.

As important as Sunday's match will be, the team refuses



The Irish huddle up for the alma mater following a 3-0 win over Syracuse Oct. 8. The team plays two league games this weekend.

to look past middle-of-the pack Cincinnati. The Bearcats are in their second Big East season, along with the Cardinals, after moving from Conference USA.

"I honestly don't think that it would be possible to look past [Cincinnati]," Brown said. "We've done special drills to get ready for them. Coming off a loss, we're not going into any match thinking we got this one."

Serving is the key to an Irish win Saturday against Cincinnati, Brown said. The Irish served no aces in their last match.

"Cincinnati is a good blocking team," Brown said. "It's important for us to be really smart with our shots. We need to make sure we're not going up and just powering it through their block. We have to hit smart."

The Irish have rebounded

well from Sunday's loss to St. John's, Brown said. Players have come early to practice to spend extra time on their blocking and passing in preparation for this weekend's key conference showdowns.

"We just continue to work on the fundamental skills," Brown said. "Our group is so motivated and so resilient it's not like we have to come back in and muster up motivation or feel sorry for ourselves."

And with only four matches left in the regular season after this weekend, the Big East regular season title is still up for grabs.

"It's going to be a battle to the end," Brown said. "We have to play well every night we go out."

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## SMC SOCCER

## Belles ready to start conference postseason

Team will face fifth-seeded Kalamazoo

By DAN MURPHY  
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The first MIAA postseason tournament kicks off this Saturday with four first-round matchups, one of which includes Saint Mary's.

The Belles finished in fourth place and drew a home game against Kalamazoo that will be played at noon.

The fifth-seeded Hornets finished the year at 3-3-2 in conference play — two points behind the Belles.

The two teams met Sept. 30 on a cold, rainy afternoon. Saint Mary's managed to scratch out a 2-1 win, despite not scoring an offensive goal. The Hornets put two balls into their own net, one in each half, allowing the Belles to squeak by and collect their second conference win of the year.

"We have a really good chance to win," senior Colleen Courtney said. "They are a good team and it is going to be an evenly fought game."

Freshman Paige Howell scored Kalamazoo's goal less than eight minutes into the game to even the score at 1-1, but the Hornets offense was unable to get anything else going for the remainder of the game.

Seven different Kalamazoo players contributed to the team's nine conference goals for a very balanced offensive attack.

Leading the way for all games on the season was sophomore Kelly Lepper (nine goals, nine assists). Lepper was named MIAA offensive player of the week twice this season.

Goalkeeper Cassandra Johnston was also given MIAA honors the week of Oct. 5 for her work between the posts. The freshman made 14 saves in a 0-0 double-overtime game with Olivet, and followed it up with another shut out two days later as the Hornets took down Franklin College 5-0.

"We have been working of finishing a lot in practice so hopefully that will carry over into the game," Courtney said.

Johnston finished the season with seven shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.20.

Saint Mary's will need to put plenty of shots on net in order to have a chance of advancing to the second round. The Belles managed to get off a season-high 41 shots in the final regular season game with Tri-State Wednesday.

Sophomore forward Lauren Hinton led the way with seven shots, one of which found the back of the net. Senior captains Ashley Hinton and Courtney also looked on top of their games in the season finale with a goal each.

"Every game counts now so I just have to play my best and hope it is enough to come away with a win," Courtney said.

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## Wave

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captain Brandon McLeod said. "But I am disappointed with the outcome. The team feels that we were a lot better than our 2-2 record for the season."

The Griffins will have a tough time this weekend against the Green Wave. Fisher ended its season with a big win over their rivals from Carroll Hall, and the team is hoping it will be able to maintain that momentum deep into the postseason.

While Fisher is optimistic about its chances in the playoffs, it suffered a major setback at the end of the regular season. Against Carroll, Fisher quarterback Kevin Rabil was carried off the field in an ambulance. Rabil broke his ankle and is out for the rest of the season.

The Green Wave is counting on their back-up quarterback, Pat Gotebeski, to step up. Gotebeski showed he is ready to take on the role when he sealed the victory over Carroll with a 49-yard touchdown drive.

"The team has been practicing more this week to make sure that we are as prepared as possible going into Sunday's game," Rabil said. "We don't want to leave anything on the table."

Stanford, who lost to Alumni and Keenan, knows this weekend's game will be tough, but the team thinks it is ready for the challenge. The Griffins have been working hard to prepare for the big game, and if the offense can dominate the

tempo of the game, they are confident in their chances to upset Fisher.

"Fisher is a really good team — very sound offensively," McLeod said. "And they have a very disciplined defense. I think our size, aggressiveness and overall team speed will be the advantage for us."

The two teams will play on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. on the Riehle Fields.

### Zahm vs. Morrissey

Can momentum trump talent?

Zahm has the two-game winning streak. Morrissey has the better record and a size advantage. One will prevail Sunday, when the Rabid Bats face the Manorites at 2:30 p.m. on Riehle North Field.

Morrissey's size has not escaped Zahm captain Sean Wieland's eye.

"We need to have a balanced attack," he said. "They're big, so we need to be able to run the ball so we can open up other facets of our offense. Their tight end is pretty tall, so we'll definitely keep an eye on him."

Zahm, at 2-2 with the No. 6 seed, is looking for the upset. Morrissey, who at 3-1 has the No. 3 seed, comes into the playoffs fresh off a loss to Keenan.

"We worked on being consistent in what we had," Manorite captain Steve Klein said. "We had some miscommunications in the Keenan game, so we've worked on that."

The success of both teams will hinge on the play of their linemen. Zahm must find a way to win the battle in the trenches against a larger Morrissey front to stay in this game.

"We need to stop them up front," Wieland said. "The battle will be on the line."

Morrissey has confidence in both its offensive and defensive lines and for good reason.

"Our offensive line has been great," Klein said. "It's given us options on offense and allowed us to pass. Our defense has played well across the board all season, especially our line and linebackers."

Morrissey's offensive line will have its hands full. Zahm's defensive front four have had success this year in locking up their man and preventing them from reaching the backfield.

"We need to play the way we've played the last two weeks," Wieland said. "We'll do the same stuff."

### O'Neill vs. Carroll

Neither the Mob nor the Vermin have a clear advantage on Sunday, when Carroll squares off against O'Neill at 1:30 p.m. on Riehle South Field.

Both by chance — the two teams were 3-1 in the regular season. And by design — Carroll, the No. 4 seed, plays O'Neill, the No. 5 seed — this game is the closest match-up of the first round of the playoffs.

Carroll's only loss came against No. 1-seeded Fisher. O'Neill lost to second-seeded Keenan. The winner will play Fisher or Stanford in the second round.

Both teams know the importance of the game, but they trust that the strategies that got them to the playoffs will continue to be successful.

"Nothing special," Carroll captain Mike Versagli said, when asked

what his team focused on this week. "We've prepared the same way. We'll run plays that we feel we're best at."

O'Neill captain Pat Conley said the same thing.

"We haven't worked on anything special," Conley said. "We're doing what we've been doing. We've been working on offense, working on defense, getting ready to play."

Carroll hopes to get its pass offense on track after its loss to Fisher.

"We need to play better than against Fisher," Versagli said. "We need to get our passing game on track and go from there."

O'Neill, on the other hand, views the running game as the important factor of offensive success.

"We need to establish the run," Conley said. "We'll take what the defense is giving us, but we really need to establish the run."

O'Neill's defense has been strong all season, and Conley doesn't expect any less on Sunday.

"Our defense has been pretty solid," he said. "We've had a few shutouts, and that's what we're looking for, is a shutout."

### Keenan vs. Siegfried

The Keenan Knights will look to continue their push for a return trip to Notre Dame Stadium when they face off against the 2-2 Siegfried Ramblers.

The game will be played Sunday at 2:30 p.m. on Stepan Fields.

However, while Keenan was the runner up last season, team captain Matt Gibson said that game is the farthest thing from his team's mind.

"This is a new year," he said. "We

can't focus on the past. This is not the same team as last year."

Keenan rolled through the competition this fall en route to a 4-0 record. It knocked off highly-touted Morrissey in its final game of the season to clinch the Gold League regular season title.

Meanwhile, the Ramblers are reeling after a heartbreaking 14-13 loss in the final seconds to Zahm.

Siegfried will look to establish the run early with running backs Pat Manning and Matt Wopperer. This dual threat was a point of emphasis for Gibson and his team during the week.

"We have to stop their rushing attack," he said. "This game will most likely be decided by the play of the lines."

Each team's most recent game was prior to Fall Break, over three weeks ago.

"The break was good to get guys rested and healthy," Gibson said. "We got back to the grind as usual this week."

One interesting thing to watch will be the head-to-head battle between the Knights' starting back, Alex Gonzalez, and the Ramblers' tandem of Wopperer and Manning.

Gibson also pointed to his linebacker trio of Adam Fisher, Joe Pappas and Alex Staffieri as potential game-changers.

On the flipside, Pablo Nava, Siegfried's kicker, is close to automatic. If the game is decided by the special teams, he will be an asset.

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## Walsh

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need to keep our team chemistry up."

Spring admitted that there were aspects of the game that will present challenges.

"Our team has never seen Walsh play, so we're going in a little blind," she said. "And we'll need to just play to the best of our abilities."

So what does Walsh need to do on Sunday to pull off the upset?

Senior Wild Woman Laurie Wasikowski believes she knows the answer to that question.

"The key is execution," she said.

The winner of the game will advance to the second round, where they will match up against the winner of Welsh Family versus Breen-Phillips.

### Cavanaugh vs. Farley

No. 4 Cavanaugh, once the top-ranked team in the Blue League, will battle No. 5 Farley Sunday in the opening game of the playoffs Sunday at 2 p.m. on West Quad.

Chaos captain Kerri Bergen believes her team is entering the postseason with momentum,

thanks to a 7-0 win over Lyons in Week 5. The win helped to erase the bad taste that resulted from two consecutive midseason losses.

"The final game can definitely set the tone for how we mentally go into the first game of the playoffs," Bergen said. "And I think it's going to help tremendously that we came off with a win."

Cavanaugh quarterback Katie Dunn led the Chaos against Lyons. She passed for a touchdown on the first drive of the game while the defense held on to preserve the victory.

It was Cavanaugh's second win of the year and its second shutout of the season. However, it also marked the second time that the Chaos offense scored seven points or fewer, which could be a concern.

Bergen said that her team can win the battle in the trenches on both sides of the ball.

"The offensive and defensive lines have been working hard all year and have done a tremendous job," she said. "They don't get credit often, but they've been a major factor in our wins so far this year."

As with Cavanaugh, Farley enters the postseason on a high note, following two consecutive

wins to close out the regular season. The Finest turned their season around in Week 4, with a forfeit win over McGlinn.

The Finest then went on to defeat Lewis, 26-6, the following week.

Despite Farley's initial displeasure with beating McGlinn by forfeit, the Finest clearly benefited from the win, which helped to strengthen the squad's late playoff push. The following week's dominant victory over Lewis guaranteed that the Finest would enter the postseason on a roll.

Neither team has played a game since the Sunday before Fall Break, but Bergen is not concerned.

"We had practice the week before the break, and we've had a couple practices already this week to prepare for Sunday," she said.

The Chaos appears to be taking the high pressure of the playoffs in stride.

"We want to have fun, but we're not taking this lightly," Bergen said.

### Breen Phillips vs. Welsh Family

The Breen-Phillips Babes return to the postseason for the first time since 2004 when they face Welsh Family on Sunday at

4 p.m. on West Quad.

At 6-0, the Whirlwinds look to spoil the Babes' (2-3-1) hopes of a Cinderella run to the Stadium.

Welsh Family captain Brittany Scott identified the importance of getting a good start to demoralize its inexperienced opponent.

"We'll definitely try to get an early lead," Scott said. "We don't want to have to play from behind."

Scott also downplayed the notion of "looking ahead" to a potential matchup with defending champs Pasquerilla West.

"We're going to treat this like any other game," she said. "We have to take it one game at a time to get to the Stadium."

Meanwhile, Breen-Phillips has quietly been one of the more surprising teams this season. Behind the leadership of captain and quarterback Melissa Meagher, as well as receivers Meghan Ohlenforst and Tara Johnson, the Babes rebounded from a disappointing season last year to edge out Howard for the final Gold League playoff spot.

Meagher counts on her team's energy and desire to keep the Babes in position to win.

"We are excited to play, and we have a lot of confidence that if we play our game, we will beat Welsh [Family]," she said.

"We know that they have a lot of talent, but we are excited to play."

Both teams may come out sluggish as a result of the Fall Break layoff, but Scott said that her Whirlwind team would not be affected.

"We've had more than our usual number of practices this week, so it shouldn't be to our disadvantage," she said.

Meagher agreed.

"It probably wasn't good to have the week off, but we practiced a couple times this week and we should be ready," she said.

Meagher said solid fundamentals and focus was a priority for her team, while Scott said that forcing three-and-outs will be a point of emphasis.

"We've lost one of our defensive stars for this week," Scott said. "But everyday it's someone different who makes a big play. So we'll just have to see who it is against BP."


### Notes:

♦ Pangborn will play Badin Sunday at 1 p.m. on West Quad.

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tougher this season. If the Scarlet Knights played in the Blue Division, they would have finished in sixth place out of eight teams.

But Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark knows that Rutgers is a formidable opponent.

"It's difficult to judge teams unless you play them, but there's no question they're going to be a good team," Clark said. "Everyone I've spoken to says they're a contender to win the Big East."

The two teams play contrasting styles — Notre Dame known for its offensive prowess and Rutgers respected for its stingy defense. The Irish, led by junior forward Joseph Lapira, who leads the nation in goals and points, have averaged 2.5 goals per game over their last 10 contests.

Rutgers, winner of eight of its last 10 games, has ridden a stingy defense that has allowed only .5 goals per contest over the 10-game stretch. The Scarlet Knights have not

conceded two goals in a game since a 2-0 loss to Providence on Sept. 10.

"I reckon they're overdue to lose some goals, and it's up to us to find a way to do that," Clark said. "I don't think too many things will change. We'll play our game regardless."

Defensively, the Irish will have to contain Rutgers play-making junior midfielder Chris Moore, who leads the Scarlet Knights in both assists (five) and points (nine).

If Notre Dame is able to get past Rutgers, a potential rematch looms with No. 4 West Virginia, the only team to beat the Irish in their last 11 games. The Mountaineers narrowly defeated Notre Dame 2-1 Oct. 18 in Morgantown.

Clark, who has repeatedly preached the mantra of taking it one game at a time this season, is not worried about his team looking ahead to the later rounds.

"We've been very good on not looking ahead this season," Clark said. "One game at a time, that's our motto. Right now, we're very focused on Rutgers."

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*"Everyone I've spoken to says [Rutgers is] a contender to win the Big East."*

**Bobby Clark**  
Irish coach



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Irish forward Joseph Lapira fights off Georgetown's Mark Zeman during a 4-1 win over the Hoyas Oct. 7. Notre Dame plays Rutgers on the road in the Big East quarterfinals Saturday.

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8:05 p.m. in order to determine the tournament champion.

The Black Knights (3-0-1) are currently in first place in the Atlantic Hockey Conference after a pair of weekend wins over Connecticut. Seven of the team's 12 goals were scored while the Huskies were shorthanded.

"They have the best power play in the country right now, no game in college hockey is an easy one," senior defenseman Wes O'Neill said.

O'Neill, along with the rest of the Irish penalty-killing unit will be tested this weekend. Through four games, Notre Dame has held opponents to only three power play goals on 28 attempts.

The two teams have met 15 times in the past and the Irish currently hold a slight advantage with eight wins and seven losses.

The other Academy in the tournament, Air Force, comes into the weekend with a 2-4 record. Junior Eric Ehn is averaging two points a game (8 goals, 4 assists) to lead the Falcons in the early part of the season. The winger is on pace to crush his previous career high of 14 goals in his sophomore year.

Air Force's first-round opponent, Alabama-Huntsville, has one win in its first six games. The Chargers came out on top of a 4-2 decision over Wayne State Oct. 20.

"We just have to go out and do what we did last weekend," Irish captain T.J. Jindra said. "A great team goes out and plays every weekend no matter who they are up against, and that's what were trying to be here."

Notre Dame took a big step in the right direction last weekend with wins over No. 1 Boston College and Providence. The Irish outscored their Hockey East opponents by a total of 13-2 to bring their season total to 21 goals scored and six allowed.

The Irish will not play at home again until Nov. 10 against Bowling Green.

### Notes:

♦ Jackson would earn his 200th career win with a sweep of the Lightning Classic this weekend. The second-year Irish coach is 198-72-29 in eight years behind a college bench.

He ranks 22nd in all-time wins among active collegiate coaches and has the best winning percentage (.711) among those with at least five years behind a bench.

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especially relying on assistant coach and son Ben Waldrum this week to analyze that tape.

"I don't know much about [St. John's]," Waldrum said. "The rest of this week we're going to get as much info on them. Ben pretty much gathers the information on all the opposition and breaks those teams down. I concentrate on our team with game preparation."

Judging by the Storm's record alone, which includes a 0-0 tie against third-seeded Rutgers and a 3-1 regular season win over Seton Hall, Waldrum said he expects a challenge.

"They've had some really good results and held their own in conference, which tells me they've got to have some ability to finish where they are," Waldrum said. "They've had some good results against some good teams."

*"We would expect any team late in the season to play their best soccer."*

**Randy Waldrum**  
Irish coach

Styles aside, Waldrum knows his squad must come motivated to enter the single-elimination tournament, especially considering an NCAA Tournament berth is at stake for their opponent and home field advantage is on the line for the Irish.

"We would expect any team late in the season to play their best soccer," he said. "They're a team you clearly can't take lightly. A couple years ago, [the] University of Miami came here and took us into overtime. You just can't take it lightly in a playoff game because you don't get a second shot at it. Our approach won't be any different than approaching a [North] Carolina or Santa Clara or someone of that caliber."

The Irish enter Sunday's contest on a four game winning streak after suffering their only blemish this season, a 0-0 tie at Connecticut Oct. 13.

Notre Dame concluded the regular season with a 3-0 victory over Cincinnati Tuesday, squashing the Bearcats Big

East tournament hopes. Sophomore strikers Kerri Hanks and Brittany Bock and freshman forward Michele Weissenhofer all scored goals as the unit has solidified itself as one of the fiercest attacks in the country, with Hanks' 15 goals ranking fourth in the nation and Weissenhofer's 15 assists ranking first. That balance up front is crucial to their tournament success, according to Waldrum.

"I think if you've got it spread out like that, it means the team is playing well as a group," he said. "All three are so different in the way they play. When they're all playing well like that, it's very difficult to shut all of them down."

Eyeing its ninth Big East championship, Waldrum says Notre Dame is ready to take on the second half of the season.

"With this team, in the history of the program, the playoffs are really what you get excited about," he said. "It's good to get into that part of it. Now you have to step it up another notch. We're looking forward to it."

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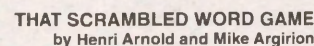
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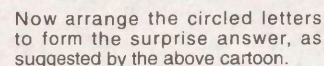
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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Knights of the pitch

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

After an efficient 2-0 victory over DePaul Wednesday night in the first round of the Big East tournament, No. 8 Notre Dame travels to Piscataway, N.J. to take on Rutgers in the quarterfinals this Saturday.

With its conference record of 6-4-1 during the regular season, Rutgers earned the No. 2 seed in the Big East's Red Division, which qualified the Scarlet Knights for a first round bye in the tournament.

Despite Notre Dame's superior conference record of 8-3-0, the Irish played a first round game because they finished third in the Big East's Blue Division behind Connecticut and West Virginia. The top two teams from both the Red and Blue Divisions received byes.

It's no secret as to which of the two divisions has been

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Irish junior forward Joseph Lapira beats out a DePaul defender and cuts upfield during Wednesday's 2-0 victory in the first round of the Big East tournament.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

## WOMEN'S INTERHALL

# Walsh, PW primed for playoff tilt

By ANDREW KOVACH, JOHN TIERNEY and COLIN REIMER  
Sports Writers

Sixth-seeded Walsh Hall hopes to score an upset Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on West Quad when it meets the No. 3 Pasquerilla West Purple Weasels in the first round of the Women's Interhall playoffs.

The Purple Weasels' only blemish on the season came against top-ranked Pangborn. On the other hand, after a slow start Walsh was able to finish 4-2 and secure a spot in the post season.

Both teams will not be satisfied this season unless they leave West Quad with a playoff victory. PW is still hungry after losing the nail biter to Pangborn early in the year, while Walsh captain Mary Claire Sullivan knows that the Wild Women still haven't completed their goals.

"We went 4-2 this season, but we definitely had a slow start and haven't met our full expectations," Sullivan said. "We have room to improve."

PW captain Mo Spring, though disappointed her team couldn't pull off a perfect run, is confident going into the playoffs based on the Purple Weasel's performance in October and November of last season.

"We're a pretty strong returning team, so we're not going to change anything drastic in the playoffs," Spring said. "We just

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## HOCKEY

# Icers surf to Florida for Lightning tournament

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

Not a single player on the Irish roster was alive the last time Notre Dame won a mid-season tournament.

No. 11 Notre Dame travels to Tampa, Fla. this weekend in hopes of changing that at the first annual Lightning College

Hockey Classic, hosted by the Irish.

On Dec. 30, 1981, the Irish captured the Great Lakes Invitational with an 8-3 win over Michigan Tech. Since then the trophy case has remained untouched.

"I knew that at some point I wanted to create an environment for our team to play in a big venue," Irish coach Jeff Jackson

said.

Jackson, who already has four CCHA titles and two national championships, played a big role in starting the tournament in order for his team to get accustomed to a high-pressure, post-season atmosphere.

The second-year coach also hopes to use the location as a recruiting tool for future players when the tournament is moved

to Christmas next season.

"I'd rather be in Tampa for Christmas than Detroit, or Minneapolis or Madison," Jackson said.

Air Force, Alabama-Huntsville and Army, Notre Dame's first opponent, will join the Irish. The winners of the two Friday night contests will face off Saturday at

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## MEN'S INTERHALL

# Green Wave awaits Stanford

By KATE DONLIN, BILL BRINK and COLIN REIMER  
Sports Writers

The stage is set for a defensive showdown this weekend, as Stanford looks to upset top-seeded Fisher in the opening round of the playoffs.

The Griffins enter the postseason with an overall record of 2-2, while Fisher's consistent domination on both sides of the ball made it the only undefeated team in the Blue division.

"For the most part, I am happy about our team's efforts," Stanford

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A Fisher running back looks for a hole Oct. 11 against Siegfried. Fisher plays Stanford at 1:30 p.m. Sunday on Stepan Fields.

## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Top-ranked Notre Dame cruises into postseason

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writer

After sprinting through its non-conference and Big East regular season 18-0-1 as the nation's only undefeated team, No. 1 Notre Dame begins the third leg of coach Randy Waldrum's professed four-phase journey when it hosts its Big East quarterfinal 1 p.m. Sunday at Alumni Field as the top seed.

The Irish welcome fourth-seeded St. John's (10-4-4, 5-3-

3 Big East) after they beat fifth-seeded Seton Hall 2-0 Thursday in the first round of the tournament.

St. John's is one of only four Big East teams Notre Dame hasn't faced this year, along with Syracuse, South Florida and Marquette. Since the Irish did not play St. John's last year, either, Waldrum and the staff are still waiting to look at tapes of the Red Storm today to break down their style.

Waldrum said he will be

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### ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish travel to Cincinnati and Louisville for two crucial weekend Big East matches.

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### SMC SOCCER

#### Hornets at Belles

Fourth-seeded Belles play Kalamazoo in first ever MIAA postseason tournament.

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### ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish look to threepeat as Big East champions this weekend in Boston.

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### SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles ready to compete in final meet of the season at the MIAA championships in Alma, Mich.

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### SMC VOLLEYBALL

#### Adrian at Saint Mary's

Belles play final match of the year at home 11 a.m. Saturday.

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### NCAA FOOTBALL

#### Virginia Tech 24 Clemson 7

Tech's Brandon Ore rushes for 203 yards and two touchdowns.

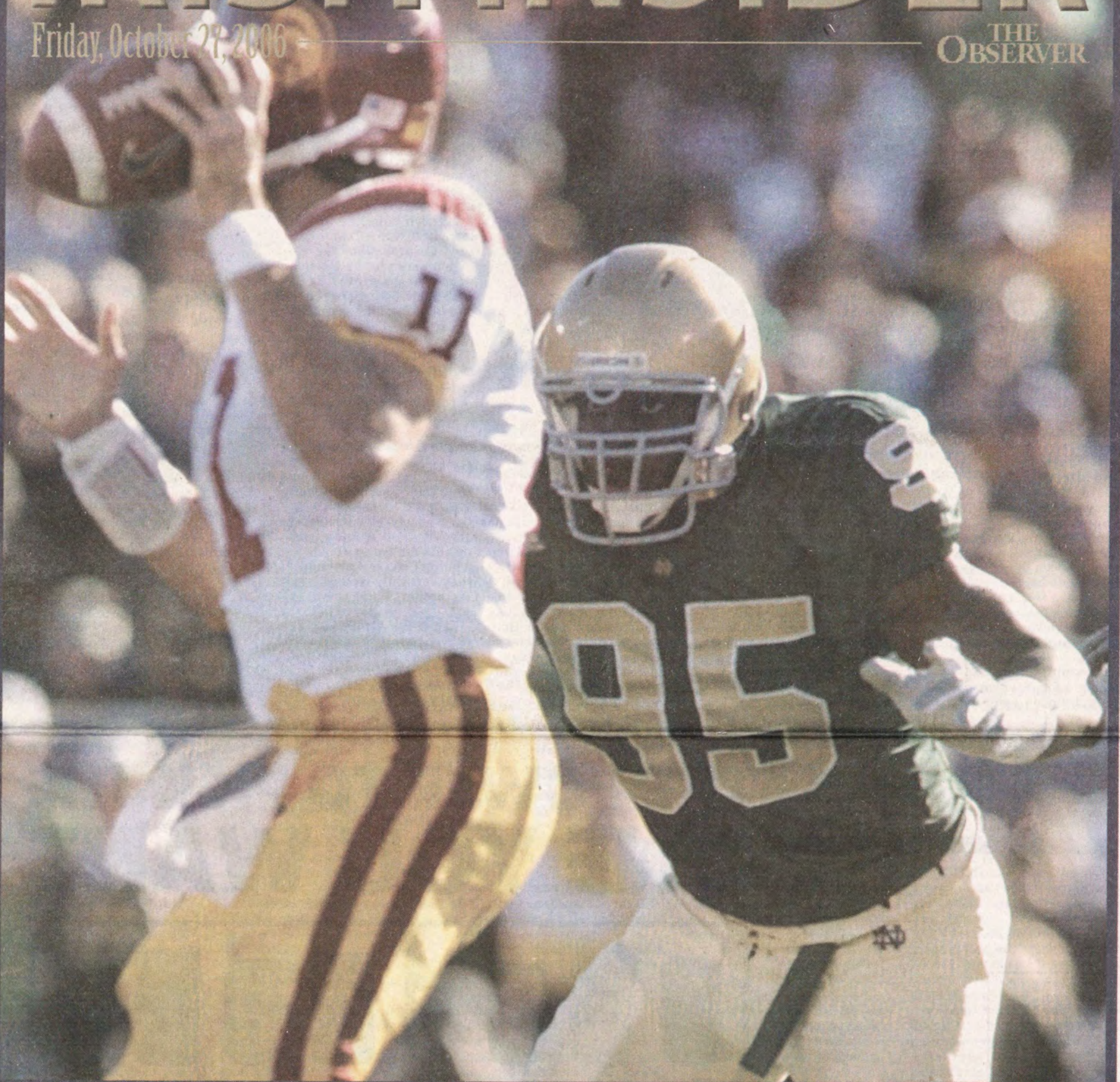
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## FEARED AND REVERED

Victor Abiamiri is a terror for offenses on the field –  
but that's just one side of his split personality.



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# Notre Dame can handle the option

All of you fretting and sweating over Notre Dame's pitiful running game against UCLA, calm down.

All of you obsessing about whether Brady Quinn can steal the Heisman Trophy away from Troy Smith, lighten up.

And those of you — you know who you are — worried that Notre Dame won't escape the service academy stretch of its schedule without a loss, chill out.

They won't lose to Air Force in a few weeks. They certainly won't drop one at home to Army. And the Irish won't lose to Navy.

Next year? Maybe. But Saturday, with seniors and size to spare, the famed winning streak over the Midshipmen won't end.

It won't be without a few bruises. The academies — especially Navy — love to outhit, outhustle and outsmart opponents.

This philosophy has worked for Navy coach Paul Johnson, who has

turned some of the most successful students and leaders in this nation into winners on the football field.

It just won't happen this weekend in Baltimore. Notre Dame has superior speed and superior size and plays with its fair share of intelligence as well.

And that's what makes this one — a game that should be in Irish hands well before the final 27 seconds — so much fun to watch.

Why? Because of two words and one offense — the option.

Remember? It's the same system Nebraska perfected in the mid-90s; the same system Tony Rice ran for Notre Dame's last national title; the same system that gives the service academies the ability to play major college football.

Without the option, Navy would be stuck in I-AA, nowhere near the bowl game they're almost assured this year.

With the option, Navy makes life interesting.

Former Notre Dame and current New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck said it's the toughest

offense he's ever prepared for. It's also the most beautiful.

The idea is simple — force an intentionally unblocked defensive end to choose between tackling a quarterback with the ball veering toward him or a trailing running back.

If the end chooses the quarterback, ideally he will pitch to the running back right before he's hit. If the end goes after the running back, the quarterback keeps the ball and heads upfield.

It's not supposed to matter that the defensive end is a quick 270-pounder named Victor Abiamiri. It's not supposed to matter that the quarterback is a second-stringer with average weight, average height and a not-so-average name — Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-

Enhada.

If the option deceives that defensive end and a couple of linebackers, it can slice defenses apart. Think 1990s Nebraska.

If the defense is disciplined and fast enough to track down slower ball carriers, the option isn't very effective. Think what will happen for the Irish against Navy Saturday.

Many of those planning to attend Saturday's contest in Baltimore hope to see Navy knock off Notre Dame for the first time since the Midshipmen had a Heisman winner at quarterback. But with their own Heisman candidate calling signals, the Irish are too good.

So why bother buying tickets to a game Navy has no chance to win?

Because if the Midshipmen cared about fat sports writers, they wouldn't suit up this Saturday, they wouldn't hit so hard and they certainly wouldn't run the option.

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## game hype



Charlie Weis  
Irish coach

*"You really have to play physical, fundamental, sound football when you're playing a team like Navy."*

*"I'm sure that was probably the number one priority in their football program. 'God, how are we going to beat Navy?'"*



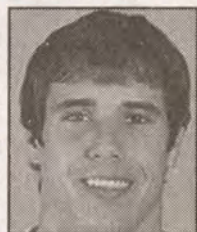
Paul Johnson  
Midshipmen coach

*"You have to be doing your job on every single play. You slip up one play it's going to be a touchdown."*



Tom Zbikowski  
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# Man of promise

*Defensive end Victor Abiamiri was a prep standout in Baltimore. Four years later, he's back to show how far he's come with the Irish.*

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

Victor Abiamiri has made a name for himself.

His attitude is fierce and pointed, his intelligence sharp and his football knowledge top notch. He draws double teams because one man simply isn't enough.

NFL scouts drool when they see a 6-foot-4, 270-pound defensive end with the Irish senior defensive end's foot speed and power. His body size and weight are perfect for the position, and what NFL teams see is upside — something people have always seen in him.

A native of Randallstown, Md., a Baltimore suburb, Abiamiri returns to a home crowd for the contest Saturday following two games in which opposing quarterbacks often found themselves looking at dirt, then turning up to see a white "95" bulging from a deep blue jersey.

But Abiamiri didn't first pick up any of his coveted traits from a whistle-blowing drill sergeant or a pull-your-teach coach. Abiamiri's path to football stardom started with a head coach and defensive coordinator who had a simple mantra: "Fifty men working together, loving each other, cannot be beat."

## Growing up Gilman

Abiamiri and Ambrose Wooden never met until August of 1999. They've gone to school together ever since.

Wooden, now an Irish cornerback, remembers when he first encountered the hulky Abiamiri in football practice at the beginning of their freshman year at Gilman School on Baltimore's northern end.

"He was probably the same size he is now, maybe 40 pounds lighter. I saw him and he said he dunked in fifth grade," the 5-foot-11 Wooden says with a smile. "I was like, wow, I can't even dunk now."

The two would spend the next four years under the tutelage of two men — Gilman head coach Biff Poggi and volunteer defensive coordinator Joe Ehrmann. The two have a unique coaching style that stresses brotherhood over competition.

Their focus on teaching players how to become men — is so different than other programs that Abiamiri calls Gilman "probably the only place in the world" to get the kind of coaching he did. And he soaked it up.

Abiamiri says Poggi and Ehrmann have been "father figures" to him.

"They're probably some of the best influences I've had in my life," he says. "They, and my own father, turned me from a boy into a man."

Wooden remembers his teammate Abiamiri starting at safety as a freshman, all 6-foot-4 and 215 pounds of him roving in the secondary, ready to make a play. The big man was then known as "Ookie Rock" — a nickname Wooden says comes from Abiamiri's dancing. Abiamiri jokingly said he will haunt Wooden (called "Mo" since childhood) for remembering it.

One day "Ookie Rock" intercepted a pass and started running

down the sideline.

"We were going crazy," Wooden says.

He remembers the "big and goofy" Abiamiri looking toward the end zone.

"He didn't make it," Wooden says with a chuckle.

## The personality switch

His teammate would become a defensive end with a mean streak that stands in stark contrast from his otherwise soft, intelligent persona. Off the field, he seems more peace-seeker than quarterback hunter.

Brady Quinn laughs about Abiamiri's Jekyll and Hyde. "Vic," he says, is "one of those guys that's a lot of fun to be around."

"It's tough to put into words," the Irish quarterback said with a smile. "He's one of those big, mean guys that really doesn't like to be mean. I think that's why he kind of likes playing football because he's able to go out there on the field and dish it out on the field and be happy."

For Abiamiri, it's simple. When he's on the football field, he's looking to scare opponents. Off the field, he's the man Poggi and Ehrmann helped form.

He says he applies the lessons he learned from Poggi and Ehrmann "in the locker room, in the dining hall, in the dorms." Abiamiri says he makes sure any teammates who are upset or down know they can turn any situation around with hard work.

Yet when inches away from an offensive tackle before the ball is snapped, all he's trying to do is intimidate.

"I actually don't think it's that tough to change your mentality," he said.

Gilman School's motto is simple: "Turning Boys of Promise into Men of Character."

Abiamiri has always had a lot of promise.

## The position switch

Poggi and Ehrmann moved Abiamiri to the defensive line after his freshman season, a move that Baltimore high school football would never forget. As a junior, he had 17 sacks. As a senior, he recorded 12 more and threw in an interception, for old time's sake.

For colleges across the country, he was the defensive line stud of his graduating class.

"He was everyone's No. 1 at defensive end out of high school," said Tom Lemming, a longtime national recruiting analyst. "Basically every school in the country was going after him."

After a long recruiting period and at least one report of recruiters trying so desperately to get Abiamiri that they flouted NCAA rules, the academics at Notre Dame lured one of the nation's top prizes to South Bend in 2003.

"Teams saw his size and speed," Lemming said. "He had long arms and long legs, and he was explosive off the ball."

Playing defensive end, a tough image can help, too. Abiamiri has

*"He's one of those big, mean guys that really doesn't like to be mean. I think that's why he kind of likes playing football."*

Brady Quinn  
Irish quarterback



Irish defensive end Victor Abiamiri, right, leaps over a pile to ensure that Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards, left, doesn't escape a tackle in a 31-10 win over the Cardinal Oct. 7.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

earned that on the field, with 17 career sacks, including six this season and eight in 2005.

Even before he had any, Abiamiri was confident. Just ask former Irish weak side end and current New York Giant Justin Tuck, who Abiamiri says took him under his wing during their two years together at Notre Dame.

"He came in and was about six-four, 250 as a freshman — about the same size I was as a junior," Tuck said. "He told me he would compete with me for playing time."

That year alone, Tuck had 13.5

sacks. Nonetheless, Abiamiri saw significant action. The freshman started five games and played in all 12; he registered 22 tackles, including four for losses, and a sack.

"There are two things you have to be to play as a freshman — talented and smart," Tuck said. "And he was both."

## Eye on the motor man

More than 40 games after Abiamiri first suited up for Notre Dame, pro teams from across the country are once again looking at his promise and potential.

Projected by some to be a first-round pick, Abiamiri is playing under the careful eyes of scouts. Like he did during his senior year of high school by announcing his commitment after the season finished, Abiamiri is pushing any NFL Draft talk aside.

Like every other Irish player — and most in college football — he says it would be too much of a distraction. Thinking about the weekly jumps and bumps from analysts like ESPN's Mel Kiper would be overwhelming.

It would keep him from his mental preparation, he says — keep him from doing what he needs to do to help his team win now.

And one of the best ways Abiamiri can help his team now is by freeing up other Irish defenders when he faces double teams.

"Victor has put himself in a position now where teams — when we go against anybody, they know where Victor is," Irish coach Charlie Weiss said. "I think that he's drawn some special attention."

A lot of that special attention

comes from big games, like the two he's had against Stanford. In 2005, he recorded four sacks in the final game of the regular season. This Oct. 7, he added another three against the Cardinal.

"All you can do is help yourself by focusing on the game at hand every week," he says.

If Abiamiri stays as focused as he has been, it'll help the Irish in the short term and — come April — pad his wallet.

After his performance against Stanford and then his sack and two more quarterback hurries against UCLA last Saturday, Kiper has Abiamiri shooting up to No. 10 in his "Big Board" list of the best draft prospects in the nation.

Weiss credits much of Abiamiri's success to his ever-churning legs and forceful body push — and that, the coach says, is something NFL scouts love about the senior just as much as his physique.

"The one thing I do know about [Abiamiri] that I didn't know when I got here is that he has a very, very, very high motor that goes with his athletic ability," Weiss said. "There are a lot of people with athletic ability that don't have a high motor [but] he goes high on every play. It presents a problem week in and week out for any [offense] that we go against."

## The home option

Abiamiri will try to be a problem once again Saturday in an important game for the senior. He says he managed to get 15 to 20 tickets for family members in the Baltimore area to see his first —

and only — collegiate game in the area.

"It's awesome to be able to go home and play in front of family and friends," he said.

But against an option team, his job is a little different.

He will have to replace his bull rushes and swims with mental focus and sharp discipline. As offensive tackles block toward the center of the line and fullbacks come full-steam-ahead toward the corner, Abiamiri's task will be much different.

"We might not even block ol' Victor, much less double him," Navy coach Paul Johnson said Tuesday. "We will read him on the option."

That means Abiamiri will be forced to wait out Midshipmen quarterback Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada as he scurries to the corner. If Abiamiri takes the wrong angle or bites at the wrong time, Navy could run right through the Irish defense.

"It's the most frustrating offense in all of football," Tuck said, glad no NFL teams run it against the Giants. "You need a lot of mental preparation."

Abiamiri thinks he has that. He thinks he'll be able to stick to his man on every play and be patient.

For most defensive ends, that patience is tough. But for one who's used to being as calm off the field as he is fearsome between the sidelines — maybe not.

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## by the numbers

Consecutive games between Notre Dame and Navy, making this the longest intersectional series in the nation.

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42 Consecutive victories the Irish have had during the series. A win Saturday will extend the streak to 43.

Locations where the Irish and Midshipmen have faced off — South Bend, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, East Rutherford (N.J.), Orlando, Philadelphia, Rajon (Md.) and Dublin, Ireland.

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1961 Last time the Irish lost a game played on Oct. 28.

Average rushing yards Navy racks up per game.

316.6

119.3 Average rushing yards Notre Dame gives up per game.



# Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 3-1  
AP: 12  
Coaches: 14



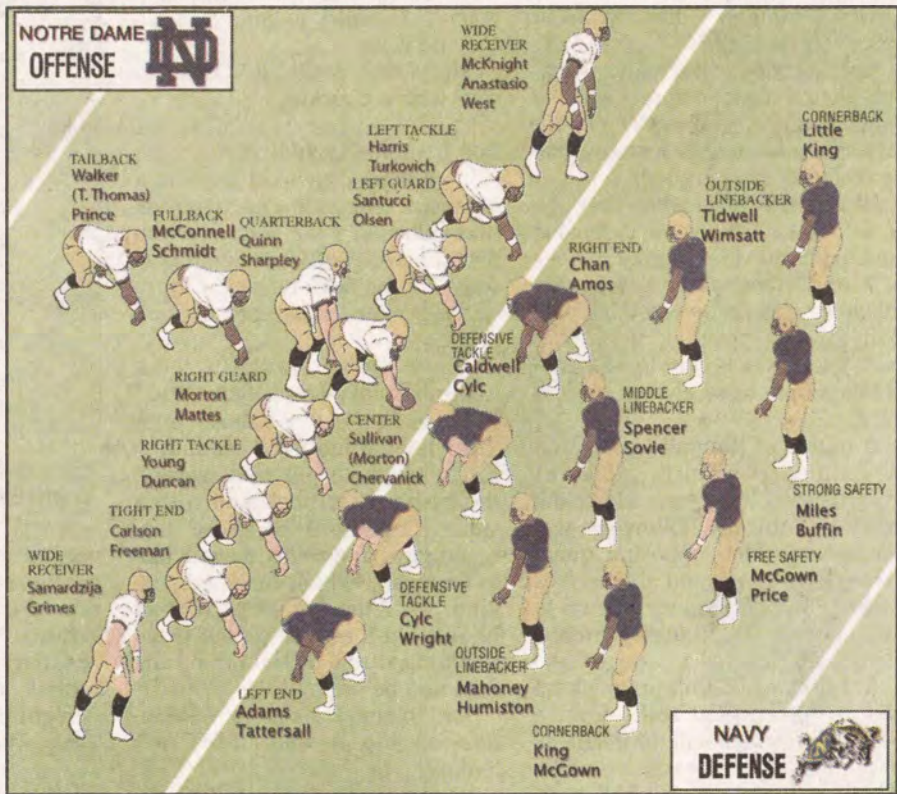
Charlie Weis  
head coach

Charlie Weis  
second season at  
Notre Dame  
career record:  
15-4  
at Notre Dame:  
15-4  
against  
Navy: 1-0

## Notre Dame Fighting Irish

### NOTRE DAME 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2	at GT — W
Sept. 9	PSU — W
Sept. 16	MICHIGAN — L
Sept. 23	at MSU — W
Sept. 30	PURDUE — W
Oct. 7	STANFORD — W
Oct. 21	UCLA — W
Oct. 28	at Navy
Nov. 4	UNC
Nov. 11	at Air Force
Nov. 18	ARMY
Nov. 25	at USC



#### Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	192	SO
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	175	FR
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	208	JR
4	Demetrius Jones	QB	6-4	202	FR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	212	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	189	SO
7	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	170	SR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	175	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	227	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	SO
12	Zach Frazer	QB	6-4	215	FR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	SO
14	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	SR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	JR
16	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
17	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	SO
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	SR
19	George West	WR	5-8	179	FR
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	188	JR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	175	FR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	SR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	JR
24	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	SR
25	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	JR
26	Munir Prince	RB	5-10	175	FR
27	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	JR
28	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	SR
29	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	SO
30	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	SR
31	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	SO
32	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	195	FR
33	Jake Richardsville	WR	6-0	180	SO
34	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
35	Sergio Brown	DB	6-1	184	FR
36	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	230	FR
37	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
38	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	209	FR
39	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	SR
40	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	SR
41	Dex Cure	RB	6-1	215	FR
42	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-11	190	JR
43	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	JR
44	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	185	FR
45	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	230	FR
46	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	JR
47	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	SO
48	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	231	SO
49	David Costanzo	WR	5-9	170	SO
50	Eric Maust	P	6-1	180	FR
51	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
52	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	SO
53	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	174	SO
54	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	SR
55	Michael Planalp	TE	6-4	230	SO
56	Kyle Charters	LB	5-11	195	JR
57	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	SR
58	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
59	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	SR
60	Toryan Smith	LB	6-0	230	FR
61	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
62	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	285	FR
63	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	SR
64	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	228	FR
65	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	JR
66	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	290	FR
67	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	SR
68	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	SR
69	Chris Steward	OL	6-5	340	FR
70	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	SR
71	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	JR
72	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	SO
73	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
74	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
75	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	SR
76	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	260	JR
77	Bartley Webb	OL	6-7	290	FR
78	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	SO
79	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	288	FR
80	Sam Young	OL	6-7	292	FR
81	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
82	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
83	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	SO
84	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	SR
85	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
86	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	200	FR
87	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	JR
88	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	185	FR
89	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	SR
90	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	250	FR
91	Mike Taleric	TE	6-5	245	JR
92	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
93	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	239	FR
94	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
95	John Ryan	DL	6-5	240	FR
96	Travis Leitko	DL	6-7	270	SR
97	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	SO
98	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	265	FR
99	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	JR
100	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	SR
101	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	SO
102	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	220	FR
103	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	SR

#### COACHING

Charlie Weis admitted making some questionable calls and decisions to go for it on fourth down against UCLA. Against a well-coached Navy team, bad decisions could lead to another barn-burner for the Irish. But then again, Weis still is the premier playcaller in college football.

Paul Johnson has gotten Navy closer to beating the Irish on more occasions than any other coach of the Midshipmen since Kennedy was president. Johnson manages the offense as a hybrid between the run-and-shoot and the wishbone, maximizing the potential of Navy's smaller players.

After tough losses, both Johnson and Weis have said they don't accept the notion of "moral victories." Weis has the best record through 19 games of any Irish coach since Ara Parsegian, and Johnson has compiled a .742 winning percentage at a school where .600 is tough to achieve.

#### QUARTERBACKS

Brady Quinn once again led his team to a dramatic comeback in the final moments of the UCLA game. But his efficiency is not limited to the final minutes of a contest. Quinn had a quiet day against the Bruins before the final drive, going 24-for-42 with a touchdown.

Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada has started one game in his career, losing 34-0 to Rutgers. Kaheaku-Enhada replaced Brian Hampton, who broke his leg in Navy's 24-17 win over Air Force Oct. 14. Kaheaku-Enhada has completed just 4-of-11 throws and is rushing for 2.1 yards per carry.

Weis said he was impressed with Kaheaku-Enhada's play in Navy's spring game, but few first-team quarterbacks in the country compare favorably to Brady Quinn, let alone backups. Quinn runs a much different offense than Kaheaku-Enhada, but he runs it well, especially late in games.

#### IRISH PASSING

The biggest problem in the Irish passing game right now is the offensive line. But if Notre Dame wins the battle in the trenches, Quinn has five legitimate targets Navy must cover — Samardzija, McKnight, Carlson, Walker and Grimes, who had a career-high eight catches against UCLA.

Rashawn King and Keenan Little, Navy's starting corners, are 6-foot and 5-foot-11, respectively. They both have good speed and the ability to flock to the ball, but only Little has an interception. Of Navy's three other picks, two have been by free safety Jeremy McGown and the last by backup safety DuJuan Price.

With all their targets, the Irish may have the best receiving corps in the nation. McKnight and Samardzija are tied for second on the all-time Notre Dame receptions list (143), and Darius Walker leads all Irish receivers (92). With Grimes' performance against UCLA, Quinn adds yet another reliable target.

#### IRISH RUSHING

Notre Dame had some serious problems in its ground game against UCLA. The offensive line didn't open holes for Darius Walker, and Walker wasn't able to make anything happen. The Irish finished with 41 net rushing yards and just 76 yards gained, discounting the Bruins' five sacks.

Navy switches between a 3-4 and a 4-3 at times, but the Midshipmen linemen are always fairly light. Left end Tye Adams is 6-foot-3 and 225 pounds, nose guard Larry Cyle is 6-foot-2 and 280 pounds and right end John Chan is 6-foot-1 and 249 pounds. They are fast and can shoot gaps with solid efficiency.

With the recent play of the Irish offensive line, almost any front seven would be happy to face Notre Dame. Unless the Irish see a dramatic turnaround across the board, it could be another tough day at the office for Darius Walker and any other running back who sees action.

## Irish experts



Mike Gilloon

Editor in Chief

As much as Navy coach Paul Johnson (and most of college football) would love to see the Midshipmen break Notre Dame's 42-game win streak in the series, it just won't happen. Not with this receiving corps and not after a close win over UCLA that must have scared the Irish into taking every team seriously. Navy's ground game will keep the clock moving and the scoring low, but Brady Quinn's ability to score at will against the Navy secondary ensures Notre Dame of No. 43.  
**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 28 Navy 7**



Bob Griffin

Asst. Managing Editor

The Irish need to start getting some respect in the national rankings. And given Weis' reaction to Notre Dame's drop from No. 10 to No. 11 after beating UCLA, concerns regarding the postseason are beginning to creep into his mind. The Irish front seven continue to gel, and there are some big double digit tackle games for the linebackers against a tough run-based offense. Quinn's four touchdowns lead the offense as Troy Smith's Heisman Trophy begins slipping from his grasp.  
**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 42 Navy 14**



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## Navy Midshipmen

**Navy**  
**Midshipmen**  
**Record: 5-2**  
**AP: NR**  
**Coaches: NR**

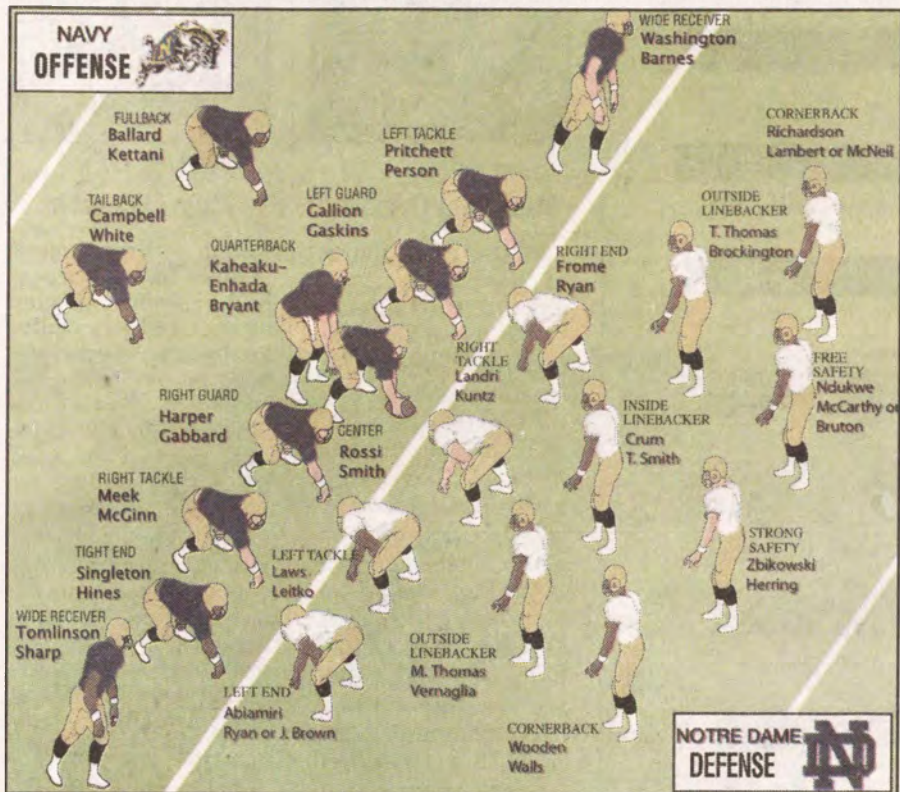
Paul Johnson  
 fifth season at  
 Navy  
 career record:  
 95-33  
 at Navy:  
 33-23  
 against Notre  
 Dame: 0-4



Paul Johnson  
 head coach

### Navy 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2	ECU — W
Sept. 9	U. MASS. — W
Sept. 16	at Stanford — W
Sept. 23	TULSA — L
Sept. 30	at UConn — W
Oct. 7	at Air Force — W
Oct. 14	RUTGERS — L
Oct. 28	NOTRE DAME
Nov. 4	at Duke
Nov. 11	at Eastern Michigan
Nov. 18	TEMPLE
Dec. 2	ARMY



#### MIDSHIPMEN PASSING

Navy doesn't pretend to have a lethal passing attack, but it can catch teams off-guard. Slot back Reggie Campbell leads the team in receptions (eight) and yards (124). The Midshipmen's best way to throw the ball against the Irish will be roll-out option passes that draw the safeties toward the line of scrimmage.

Terrail Lambert overtook Ambrose Wooden for the No. 1 spot at field corner, even though Wooden is healthy and cleared to play. That helped the Irish, as Lambert's second-quarter interception kept UCLA from building momentum. Against a run-heavy team, the Irish secondary will seldom be tested.

Notre Dame has the clear advantage when Navy chooses to pass, but Johnson knows enough not to rely on a passing game with his team. If the Irish stay aware of the seldom throw, they should keep the Navy offense in check all Saturday afternoon.

#### MIDSHIPMEN RUSHING

After the loss of Brian Hampton, the Midshipmen ground game suffered, but Navy still enters the contest averaging 5.4 yards a carry. After Hampton, fullback Adam Ballard is the leading rusher for Navy, with 600 yards on just 104 carries. Slot back Reggie Campbell is the most explosive back with a 9.1-yard average.

Notre Dame's front seven had its best game of the year against UCLA. Inside linebacker Maurice Crum had eight tackles, while his outside counterparts, Joe Brockington and Travis Thomas, each had seven.

The Irish defensive line also combined for four tackles for loss.

No matter how well a defense is playing facing Navy's offense is always a tall task. The Midshipmen runners never stop moving their legs and never shy away from contact. Navy should be able to command a solid running game, but perhaps not enough of one to make up for its air attack.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS

Geoff Price has had some wobbly punts lately, but he still averages over 45 yards a boot. The Irish punt return and kickoff return games have been less than mediocre this year. Ryan Burkhart still has work to do on kickoffs, and any time Carl Gioia comes out for a field goal, it's a question mark.

Navy place kicker Matt Harmon has eight touchbacks and five field goals — all shorter than 40 yards — this season. Reggie Campbell is averaging a solid 26.5 yards per kickoff return for good field position, and Jason Tomlinson has a 7.5-yard punt return average.

Notre Dame's only bright spot on special teams is Price the Punter. While his boots can change field position significantly, the rest of the Irish special teams have been only fair. Navy's speed will pose a significant problem on all Notre Dame kicks.

#### INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame has won this annual contest 42 straight times. The Irish have been able to do what they need in order to win, no matter how late they have done that. Brady Quinn carries a certain aura about him, and it rubs off on the team. They've survived road games so far this season.

Navy has lost just once in consecutive games since Paul Johnson became head coach. The Midshipmen are 11-1 avenging losses in the last four years, and they will have the support of a vocal, enthused crowd that nearly helped them pull off an upset in Baltimore in 2002.

Notre Dame has been struggling to start games well, and Navy will take every opportunity it can to take down the Irish early. This is a game in which Navy has nothing to lose, while the Irish have everything riding on every game.

#### NOTRE DAME NAVY ANALYSIS

#### Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Blake Carter	QB	6-0	184	FR
2	Joey Taylor	QB	6-0	184	FR
3	Brad Bryant	QB	6-0	184	FR
4	Brian Hampton	QB	6-0	184	FR
5	Keenan Little	QB	6-0	184	FR
6	Jerome Miles	QB	6-0	184	FR
7	Dell Robinson	QB	6-0	184	FR
8	Greg Ziegler	QB	6-0	184	FR
9	Reggie Campbell	QB	6-0	184	FR
10	Jesse Iwui	QB	6-0	184	FR
11	Jeremy McGown	QB	6-0	184	FR
12	James Dryden	QB	6-0	184	FR
13	Matt Hurst	QB	6-0	184	FR
14	Greg Gaudin	QB	6-0	184	FR
15	David Dawson	QB	6-0	184	FR
16	K. Kaheaku-Enhada	QB	6-0	184	FR
17	Michael Speciale	QB	6-0	184	FR
18	Ketjic Bufin	QB	6-0	184	FR
19	Joe Taylor	QB	6-0	184	FR
20	Troy Goss	QB	6-0	184	FR
21	Clay Carter	QB	6-0	184	FR
22	Matt Garcia-Brigiel	QB	6-0	184	FR
23	Jeff Deliz	QB	6-0	184	FR
24	Cory Finnerty	QB	6-0	184	FR
25	Kashawn King	QB	6-0	184	FR
26	Left Walcott	QB	6-0	184	FR
27	Scott Oswald	QB	6-0	184	FR
28	Trey Hines	QB	6-0	184	FR
29	Casey Nichols	QB	6-0	184	FR
30	Adam Ballard	QB	6-0	184	FR
31	Kerwin Scott	QB	6-0	184	FR
32	Mike Matthews	QB	6-0	184	FR
33	Frank Rizzo	QB	6-0	184	FR
34	Greg Suddarth	QB	6-0	184	FR
35	Duffian Price	QB	6-0	184	FR
36	Luke White	QB	6-0	184	FR
37	Shun Wager	QB	6-0	184	FR
38	Scott Simpson	QB	6-0	184	FR
39	Zerbin Singleton	QB	6-0	184	FR
40	Ross Pospisil	QB	6-0	184	FR
41	Greg Shingee	QB	6-0	184	FR
42	Greg Veteo	QB	6-0	184	FR
43	Arnold Taylor	QB	6-0	184	FR
44	Stephen Trapp	QB	6-0	184	FR
45	Eddie Martin	QB	6-0	184	FR
46	Bobby Doyle	QB	6-0	184	FR
47	Kevin Snyder	QB	6-0	184	FR
48	Matt Hall	QB	6-0	184	FR
49	Matt Nechak	QB	6-0	184	FR
50	Byron McCoy	QB	6-0	184	FR
51	Craig Shafer	QB	6-0	184	FR
52	Eric Kettani	QB	6-0	184	FR
53	Ethan Gouge	QB	6-0	184	FR
54	Darius Terry	QB	6-0	184	FR
55	Ram Vele	QB	6-0	184	FR
56	Michael Walsh	QB	6-0	184	FR
57	Joey Butler	QB	6-0	184	FR
58	Colin Woods	QB	6-0	184	FR
59	David Mahoney	QB	6-0	184	FR
60	Scott Reid	QB	6-0	184	FR
61	Jack Hatcher	QB	6-0	184	FR
62	Jack Lytram	QB	6-0	184	FR
63	Brian Smith	QB	6-0	184	FR
64	Patrick Shannon	QB	6-0	184	FR
65	Kevin Adams	QB	6-0	184	FR
66	Kevin Campbell	QB	6-0	184	FR
67	Clint Sovie	QB	6-0	184	FR
68	Tyler Tidwell	QB	6-0	184	FR
69	Nic Reddith	QB	6-0	184	FR
70	Nic Jesse	QB	6-0	184	FR
71	Jordan Reagan	QB	6-0	184	FR
72	Matt Oberlander	QB	6-0	184	FR
73	Jim McMenamin	QB	6-0	184	FR
74	Joe Cyle	QB	6-0	184	FR
75	Austin Milke	QB	6-0	184	FR
76	Anthony Piccioni	QB	6-0	184	FR
77	Jeff Lenar	QB	6-0	184	FR
78	Curtis Bass	QB	6-0	184	FR
79	Jordan Eddington	QB	6-0	184	FR
80	Alex Horne	QB	6-0	184	FR
81	Josh Week	QB	6-0	184	FR
82	Matt Wimsatt	QB	6-0	184	FR
83	David Brown	QB	6-0	184	FR
84	Case Asante	QB	6-0	184	FR
85	Irv Spencer	QB	6-0	184	FR
86	Jordan Young	QB	6-0	184	FR
87	Richard Marshall	QB	6-0	184	FR
88	Rob Caldwell	QB	6-0	184	FR
89	Ryan Burke	QB	6-0	184	FR
90	Peter Guidera	QB	6-0	184	FR
91	Jon Alvarado	QB	6-0	184	FR
92	Jake Genuia	QB	6-0	184	FR
93	Zach Gallion	QB	6-0	184	FR
94	Jesse Scheff	QB	6-0	184	FR
95	Joe Breaux	QB	6-0	184	FR
96	Andy Lark	QB	6-0	184	FR
97	Antron Harper	QB	6-0	184	FR
98	Michael Von Bargaen	QB	6-0	184	FR
99	Sander Gossard	QB	6-0	184	FR
100	Paul Bridges	QB	6-0	184	FR
101	Penetokoso Peau	QB	6-0	184	FR
102	Ryan Roeling	QB	6-0	184	FR
103	Ricky Moore	QB	6-0	184	FR
104	James Rossi	QB	6-0	184	FR
105	Josh Novotny	QB	6-0	184	FR
106	Reyn Kaupiko	QB	6-0	184	FR
107	Mike McClarin	QB	6-0	184	FR
108	Anthony Gaskins	QB	6-0	184	FR
109	Bayard Roberts	QB	6-0	184	FR
110	Chad Peterson	QB	6-0	184	FR
111	Ben Gabbard	QB	6-0	184	FR
112	Andrew McGinn	QB	6-0	184	FR
113	Andrew Burger	QB	6-0	184	FR
114	Joe Person	QB	6-0	184	FR
115	Sean Kearney	QB	6-0	184	FR
116	John Moddix	QB	6-0	184	FR
117	Jordan Stephens	QB	6-0	184	FR
118	Cole Smith	QB	6-0	184	FR
119	Matt Pritchett	QB	6-0	184	FR
120	OJ Washington	QB	6-0	184	FR
121	Nick Henderson	QB	6-0	184	FR
122	Tyler Wagner	QB	6-0	184	FR
123	Will Scarle	QB	6-0	184	FR
124	T.J. Thie	QB	6-0	184	FR
125	Joseph Proffitt	QB	6-0	184	FR
126	Zach Middleton	QB	6-0	184	FR
127	Curtis Sharp	QB	6-0	184	FR
128	Jason Tomlinson	QB	6-0	184	FR
129	Artie Pauls	QB	6-0	184	FR
130	Tyree Barnes	QB	6-0	184	FR
131	Matthew Harmon	QB	6-0	184	FR
132	Zach Weatherington	QB	6-0	184	FR
133	Ryan Griffith	QB	6-0	184	FR
134	Chris Lohar-Pitters	QB	6-0	184	FR
135	Casey Hebert	QB	6-0	184	FR
136	Rick Amos	QB	6-0	184	FR
137	John Chan	QB	6-0	184	FR
138	Andrew Tattersall	QB	6-0	184	FR
139	David Wright	QB	6-0	184	FR
140	Larry Cyle	QB	6-0	184	FR



Ken Fowler

Sports Editor

Forty-three. Notre Dame will make it 43 straight wins against one of the most respected programs in college football, even if not one of the best. The Irish will run the ball a lot, as will the Midshipmen, but neither team will have outlandish averages on the ground. Brady Quinn will throw for three touchdowns, and Notre Dame will cruise to an easy victory that stays relatively close.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 35  
 Navy 14**



Kate Gales

Associate  
 Sports Editor

All tradition aside — and it's great tradition — Navy is a solid and well-coached football team, particularly compared to the Division I-AA schools and minor conference schools other Top-25 teams have faced. Granted, the loss of Brandon Hampton hurt the Midshipmen, and this should be an easy win for the Irish. But the triple option isn't an easy offense to defend, and Navy runs its with the best. The Irish will need to play hard for 60 minutes to post a respectable win.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31  
 Navy 10**

**Irish  
 experts**



# Sizing up the Irish and Midshipmen

	Notre Dame	Navy
Points Scored	28.9	24.9
Points Allowed	22.7	20.6
Total Yards Gained	375.3	370.2
Total Yards Allowed	332.7	348.2
Rushing Yards Gained	97.4	316.6
Rushing Yards Allowed	119.3	128.9
Passing Yards Gained	277.9	53.6
Passing Yards Allowed	213.4	219.3
Turnovers Lost	8	12
Turnovers Recovered	11	14

## KEY MATCHUP



**NAVY**  
**RUSHING OFFENSE**

In the first quarter of Navy's last game against Rutgers, the Midshipmen lost quarterback Brandon Hampton, throwing the offense into a state of disarray. After the 34-0 loss the Midshipmen had a bye week to adjust to quarterbacks Jarod Bryant and Kaiponoa Kahaaku-Enhadia (above), who have both seen time calling signals. Hampton had been leading the team in rushing, but both players have the chance to excel in the triple option. Navy's best defense is a clock-controlling offense.



**NOTRE DAME**  
**RUN DEFENSE**

Joe Brockington (above) had a career-high seven tackles against UCLA, and the linebacking corps will need to step up against Navy to keep the offense off the field. The linebackers need to force the Midshipmen out of their comfort zone and into an offense that depends more on the pass. The defensive line has been playing well lately, and if its strong play is backed up by run-stuffing linebackers the Navy offense won't have a chance. Hard tackling will ensure that Navy doesn't pound the ball for 60 minutes and will give the Irish offense chances to score.

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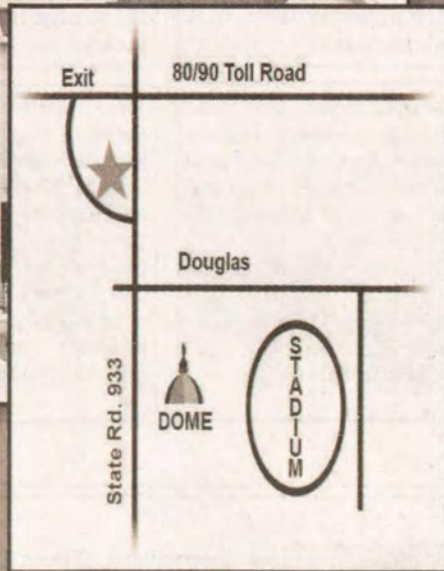


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# Linebackers link together through adversity

*After Thomas' injury, Brockington emerges as a force with Crum*

By BOB GRIFFIN  
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Predicting that a rib injury to linebacker Travis Thomas, which came in the final moments against Michigan State, would eventually yield some positives for Notre Dame's season might have been difficult to imagine four weeks ago.

Of course, the pluses stemming from the injury had nothing to do with the late game hit itself — they had to do with what resulted from the hit.

Notre Dame found its line-

backing corps.

Because with Thomas injured, senior Joe Brockington was thrown into the mix. And when Brockington played well enough to remain in the lineup, the Irish coincidentally found the unit that will likely take them through the end of the season.

Thomas returned from his injury against UCLA and played a long side Brockington — his backup heading into the season — and second-year experience, said Wednesday

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**Maurice Crum**  
Irish linebacker

led the team with eight tackles, while Brockington and Thomas each totaled seven.

"This year with Travis being a fairly inexperienced guy, just very athletic,

[Brockington] got the opportunity to play and played well — it gave us the opportunity to get them both on the field," Irish coach Charlie Weis said after practice Wednesday.

Crum, who is the unquestioned leader of the group simply because he has the most

said Wednesday

the coaches to

decide who plays. He has confidence in whoever plays alongside of him, and credits all his teammates for being prepared.

But he's also pretty excited with the current situation — especially when considering the time remaining for the group to gel. Crum has two years of eligibility left while Brockington, who is Crum's roommate on road trips, and Thomas each can return for a fifth year.

"I'm sure that would be a big positive for us as a unit, just have a core of

guys just play together for a whole year and guys who've been around each other for a while," Crum said Wednesday after practice. "I really think that can be nothing but positive for us."

But this isn't the first time Crum has played alongside Brockington, either. The two have history together on the scout team in 2004. Brockington laughed after practice Wednesday recalling some of those stories.

"When we were on the scout team together, it was pretty serious and we took our job pretty seriously," Brockington said. "We flew around and tried to put our hats on people."

"It's definitely kind of funny looking back at it. If you were to tell me back then that we were going to be playing together I would say that year, it was going to be a lot of fun."

The current lineup features Crum in the middle,

Brockington on the weak side and Thomas on the strong side. Thomas, who switched positions from running back to linebacker at the beginning of the season, was again asked to move to the strong side when he returned from his injury.

But that's just a credit to Thomas' flexibility and athleticism — something defensive coordinator Rick Minter complimented after practice Wednesday.

"He's done a nice job. He was obviously a good running back before he came over. He came

over in a time of need for us, and really responded well," Minter said. "My hat's off to him."

All three members of Notre Dame's newest linebacking corps will be instrumental in stopping Navy's rushing attack Saturday. The Midshipmen average 316.6 yards per game on the ground and have six players with over 100 yards rushing on the season.

But with the recent production from the Notre Dame linebackers, the Irish could be in decent shape this weekend against Navy.

"The biggest thing is just being fundamentally sound and making sure you are where you're supposed

to be and [not trying] to do anybody else's job," Crum said. "Whatever your key is read that, make sure you can take care of that first instead of guessing."

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Irish linebacker



Irish linebacker Maurice Crum, left, wraps up UCLA tailback Chris Markey in Notre Dame's 20-17 win Oct. 21.

## Notre Dame, Navy vying to dominate time of possession

*Time management will be crucial factor in contest's outcome*

By KATE GALES  
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Time has been on both Notre Dame and Navy's sides this season.

The Irish and the Midshipmen hold a significant advantage over their opponents in time of possession, contributing to 6-1 and 5-2 records, respectively.

Navy's clock-chomping triple-option offense holds onto the ball for 32:56 each game, eighth in the nation. The Irish come in at 32:17 per game.

Although wins and losses aren't directly correlated to this statistic, it does indicate how effectively a team uses its possessions. Navy is 1-1 in games where it lost the time of possession battle, 4-1 in games it held the edge. The

Irish are 1-1 when losing time of possession and 5-0 otherwise.

With new rule changes stopping time less, using time wisely is a crucial element addressed by Irish coach Charlie Weis and Navy coach Paul Johnson.

"Clock management to me is very, very important," Weis said. "Getting a play in on time for the quarterback to call it in the huddle, go to the line of scrimmage and be able to run an operation — to me that's clock management."

Navy's run-focused offense has allowed the team to maintain an advantage in time of possession with sustained drives. But to Johnson, the ideas of managing time are simplified into one goal — scoring.

"When you are out there you have to try and score," he said. "When they are out there you have to try and get them off the field."

Navy pulled out a 21-20 victory over Massachusetts on Sept. 9 despite holding onto

the ball for just 26:53, its lowest total of the season.

But Johnson wants to focus on end results, not one statistic, no matter how much it works in his team's favor.

"When we are playing a team as talented as [Notre Dame] you can't worry about all that stuff," he said. "You better try to do the best you can do when you can do it. It's not like we can say, 'we are going to score, but we are going to take 22 plays and run out the quarter to do it.'"

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski, who had experience running the option as a quarterback in high school, said that it's hard to stay focused on teams that rely heavily on the run, because it can exploit passes more effectively.

"It's a little more one-dimensional when they keep running for quarter and a half, two quarters straight and hit you with a pass that comes out of nowhere," he said. "That's the thing that puts you to sleep and hits you over the top for a touch-

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Navy coach

wins and losses, as the Irish proved a month ago. Notre Dame's lowest time total of the season was against Michigan State Sept. 23. The Irish had the ball for just 3:41 in the fourth quarter, when they scored three

touchdowns to take the lead for the first time in the game and eventually clinch the win.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said that efficiency would be key against a team who can control the clock.

"They have really shortened the game with the type of offense they play and the way the rules are set up this year," he said. "So you know, you've got to go out there and be extremely efficient and make every drive count."

Every drive — not just dramatic game finishes like last week's three-play, 80-yard winning drive against UCLA — counts to Weis, who said the time of the game is always on his mind.

"See, people always think of clock management just at the end of halves or at the end of the game," he said. "They don't think about the management that happens throughout the game."

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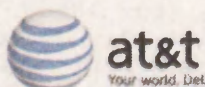
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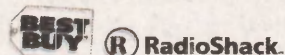
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