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## Grad students to hold lottery ticket protest

By MARY KATE MALONE  
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After being denied access to the student ticket lottery for the Nov. 25 Notre Dame vs. USC football game, disgruntled graduate students will stage a protest today outside Legends, where undergraduates will be registering for the lottery.

Protest organizers were making posters Tuesday declaring "Graduate Students are Students Too" and "My I.D. Says Graduate Student."

"Every other year we've been allowed to take part in the ticket lottery ... this is the first year that grad students,

MBA students and law students are, for lack of a better statement, not considered students," said graduate student Janice Kenney, who is spearheading today's protest, scheduled for 2 p.m. "We'd like to know why we're not considered students."

The Student Union Board's (SUB) executive board decided this fall to exclude MBA, Law School and other graduate students from away game ticket lotteries in an effort to maximize the amount of tickets available for undergraduates.

Many grad students weren't aware of the new policy until they tried to join the student ticket lottery for the Michigan

State game and were denied, said Graduate Student Union Quality of Life Chair Paul Schramm.

Since then, Schramm has had conversations with the Student Union Board, Student Activities Office (which oversees SUB), and the Notre Dame ticket office hoping to gain access to the ticket lottery for the USC game.

But the conversations were "clearly not very effective" since SUB officials refused to change their decision, Schramm said. The GSU even offered to co-sponsor and fund part of the ticket lottery to help share the cost of it, but that, too, was denied.

SUB's decision to offer the

ticket lottery exclusively to Notre Dame undergrads is consistent with its mission "to serve the undergraduate student body," Vassel said.

Since SUB is a student organization that is funded by the Student Activities Fee — which only undergraduates pay — the decision to offer tickets exclusively to them is logical, Vassel said.

Aware of the graduate student opposition, Vassel called Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss Monday to "check in" about the situation before announcing details of the ticket lottery. Moss and Vassel devel-

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## Education official to visit ND

*Swedish official will address Student Senate*

By MEGHAN WONS  
News Writer

Students are often able to engage in discussion about problems and take action to effect change on both a local and global scale, but when looking at the problem of sustainable development, just how much power lies in education?

Carl Lindberg, Sweden's deputy vice minister for education, will address this question at tonight's meeting of the Student Senate. Besides his role in the Swedish government, Lindberg is a member of the leadership for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) initiative concerning "education for sustainable development," said Lena Wallensteen of the Kroc Institute.

She said Lindberg has been "instrumental in bringing about compulsory inclusion of 'sustainable development' education into all Swedish universities and colleges" through his role in helping to develop the Higher Education Act, which governs all Swedish institutions of higher learning.

In a speech given at a United Nations Economic Commission for Europe high-level meeting of environment

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## Employers use Facebook in hiring process

### Information on Web that led employers to not hire potential employees:

- 31% Candidate lied about qualifications
- 25% Candidate had poor communication skills
- 24% Candidate was linked to criminal behavior
- 19% Candidate bad-mouthed their previous company or fellow employees
- 19% Candidate posted information about them drinking or using drugs
- 15% Candidate shared confidential information from previous employers
- 12% Candidate lied about an absence
- 11% Candidate posted provocative or inappropriate photographs
- 8% Candidate's screen name was unprofessional

By EILEEN DUFFY  
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Deftly maneuvering between news feeds and recently tagged friends, veering from wall postings to global groups, most Notre Dame students know the art of surfing the social networking Web site Facebook.com.

What many don't know is that the people hiring them are aware of it too.

When screening job candidates, one in four employers uses the Internet to acquire personal information, and one in 10 uses or has used social networking sites (like Facebook.com or MySpace.com) for the same purpose, according to a survey released by Careerbuilder.com Oct. 26.

Those figures come as no surprise to Lee Svete, the director of Notre Dame's Career Center.

"There's no question we've had employers use Facebook to do

background checks on students," Svete said. As a member of a national benchmarking association called The College and Industry Council, Svete met last April with top employers including Microsoft, General Electric, Intel, Target and Accenture, who addressed the Facebook issue.

"Students are putting inappropriate information on that Web site," Svete said. "It's one strategy [employers] use to screen out students. That's the word they use: screen out."

Of the hiring managers who used social networking sites to research candidates, the majority (63 percent) did not hire the person based on what they found, according to Careerbuilder.com's survey. The factors that deterred employers, the survey said, ranged from a candidate bad-mouthing a previous employer to them posting

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## Journalist-in-residence Smith arrives on campus

By JENNIFER METZ  
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Terrence Smith was on campus last year for a lecture named after his father, the famous sports writer Red Smith. Today, Terrence Smith is back at Notre Dame because of his own accomplishments.

Smith, this year's Gallivan Program for Journalism, Ethics and Democracy's journalist-in-residence, will appear at several functions today and this week in the first of two weeks Smith will spend at Notre Dame this year.

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1960, Smith spent 20 years as a national and for-

eign correspondent for The New York Times, and 13 years at CBS News. Currently, Smith is a special correspondent for The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

Smith came back to Notre Dame last spring for the annual Red Smith Lecture, which was given by Ken Auletta, media correspondent for The New Yorker. At the time, Smith said, he spoke with University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, who suggested that Smith return to campus for more than the weekend.

The journalist-in-residence program is planned for two weeks but due to scheduling problems, his second week

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### COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Shappell defends SUB decision



Student Union Board manager Patrick Vassel speaks at a meeting of the Council of Representatives this session.

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL  
News Writer

A spotlight on the Student Union Board (SUB), and the controversy surrounding its decision to exclude graduate students from the USC student ticket lottery, was the focus of Tuesday's meeting of the Council of Representatives (COR) in LaFortune.

Student body president Lizzi Shappell said the move was mutually agreed upon by her administration.

"I stand behind that decision," Shappell said. "In no way are we trying to be malicious towards graduate students or treat them as less than first class citizens."

SUB manager Pat Vassel and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Bob Barker:  
legend

I can imagine that almost everyone at this University who grew up within crawling distance of an American television has at one point in their life been impacted by Bob Barker.

After an amazing 35-year run as the host of "The Price is Right," Barker will be greeting his final contestant in June.

When I was growing up, a sick day from school meant heavy doses of Benadryl, chicken soup, a mound of blankets and a heavy dose of "The Price is Right" at 11:00 a.m.

I'm sure many of you experienced that same consistency, with Rod Roddy (rest in peace), the Barker Beauties, the giant wheel and Showcase Showdowns always helping to heal you from whatever illness had overtaken your young immune system.

There are lots of critical, nasty people that I read or listen to on a daily basis, but I don't think I've ever seen or heard a negative thing about Barker.

Is it the way old women, co-eds and servicemen all find him to be the most loveable person in the world? Other than the occasional rumblings of him taking liberties with the Beauties, he could do no wrong.

I feel that Barker probably could have appeared on "The Aristocrats," put all of those comics to shame and your grandma would still wear a bright red T-shirt that said "I Came 3,000 Miles To Kiss Bob!"

He didn't want a piece of Adam Sandler, he wanted the whole thing.

When Pope John Paul II passed away freshman year, we all became privy to the process needed to choose a successor.

I thought the same process should have been set up to select Barker's replacement, should the unthinkable have happened. He's the elder statesman of both daytime television and game shows — a double whammy of cultural literacy that every American recognizes. He helps little old ladies spin the wheel and consoles the poor people who just saw the Plinko chips of life bounce the wrong way. He's that extra grandfather you always wanted, who just happens to know the price of those dried dates.

But he's going out on top, retiring on June 7 at age 83. The silver fox's charm and grace will not soon be forgotten, and we can only hope that a suitable replacement (in the name of all that is holy, keep Ryan Seacrest away from the oversized microphone) will be found to carry on the torch of pricing games and "The correct retail price is ...".

Bob's legacy will never be forgotten, and it would be wrong to end this column with anything save his eternal sign-off: "Help control the pet population. Have your pets spayed or neutered."

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW OFTEN DO YOU WORKOUT AT CAMPUS GYMS?



Alex Dzurik  
freshman  
Stanford

"No, I go to the North Dining Hall, where the odds are in my favor."



Jean Whitney  
sophomore  
Cavanaugh

"Never."



Noelle Crooks  
sophomore  
Cavanaugh

"Sure."



Davide Lionetti  
sophomore  
Stanford

"I'm Italian. I don't need the gym."



Elisa Suarez  
junior  
Cavanaugh

"I'm dating gymmy right now."



Tom Mazzacavallo, dressed as a scarecrow, Kat Cummins, Karol Grzeslak, Emily Doll and Rob Bowen exit the South Dining Hall cafeteria after enjoying their Halloween dinner decked out as characters from "The Wizard of Oz."

OFFBEAT

**Happy Birthday to you, you live in a zoo**

ATLANTA — Three-year-old Cooper Lund's rendition of "Happy Birthday" included lines about living in a zoo and looking like a monkey, but the birthday boy and girl weren't insulted.

Kali and Kazi just romped about their African rain forest playground, chewing on fruit and swinging from vines. The twin western lowland gorillas' first birthday was celebrated at Zoo Atlanta on Tuesday, a significant landmark in their young lives.

About 20 percent of gorillas do not live through their first year, especially as a pair. Kali and Kazi are the only gorilla twins in the world born in captivity to be raised solely by their mother.

**Smell of pizza leads deputy to suspects**

COLUMBUS, Ind. — A sheriff's deputy sniffed out two men suspected of robbing a pizza delivery woman when he caught a whiff of pepperoni and sausage pizza at their home.

Bartholomew County Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy

Green was searching the area where the delivery woman was robbed for potential witnesses Sunday night when he grew suspicious of one man, Maj. Mark Gorbett said.

"It just didn't seem right to Jimmy, and he wanted to take it a step further and went to the witness' residence. That's when Jimmy smelled the aroma of pizza," Gorbett said. "I'm sure our K-9 unit wouldn't have hit on the pizza."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Royal Drummers of Burundi will perform at 7:30 p.m. today in the Leighton Concert Hall at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$30 for faculty, staff and seniors, and \$15 for students.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will take on Rockhurst at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center Arena.

Margaret Farley, the Gilbert L. Stark Professor of Christian Ethics at Yale University, will speak on "Gender, Faith and Responses to HIV/AIDS in Africa" at 4:30 p.m. today in the Courtroom of the Law School.

Frank Sharry, executive director of the National Immigration Forum, will speak on "Immigration and the Midterm Elections" at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the Annenberg Auditorium of Snite Museum of Art.

Father Bill Miscamble will be signing his book "From Roosevelt to Truman," from 1-3 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Tera Hunter of Carnegie Mellon University will speak on "Until Death or Distance Do You Part: Marriage and Slavery in the Nineteenth Century" at 11 a.m. Friday in rooms 210-214 McKenna Hall.

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# Archbishop describes compatibility of theology, evolution

## Polish scholar's lecture utilizes past writings

By RYAN SYDLIK  
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International scholar and Catholic leader Archbishop Jozef Zycinski of Lublin, Poland attempted to reconcile evolution and cosmology with theology and philosophy in a lecture Tuesday, delivered to a crowded room in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Zycinski, who is also the grand chancellor of John Paul II Catholic University, cited the writings of many philosophers, theologians and scientists, both historical and contemporary in his lecture titled, "Determinism and Finality in Philosophical Evolution." The lecture was part of an ongoing series by the Riley Center on Science, Technology and Values on the philosophy and theology of science.

"Ten years ago on October 26, 1996, John Paul II addressed the Pontifical Academy of Science, and in his famous address, he told there is no opposition between the

Christian interpretation of Creation and the evolutionary theory," said Zycinski, setting the tone for the rest of the lecture.

Zycinski said Pope John Paul II believed evolution was an important element to many scientific disciplines.

"The theory of evolution cannot be treated as a hypothesis, because it is much more than a hypothesis," said Zycinski, quoting John Paul II.

Zycinski said while different academic disciplines utilize different terminology, they are speaking of the same things.

"The same Mrs. Smith could be regarded as a set of whirling electrons by ... a physicist, by a biologist she could be regarded as a species of homo sapiens, and by a theologian,

as a child of God," he said. "These three visions are complimentary. The three of them should be accepted."

Zycinski was critical of the practice of giving supernatural explanations for natural events without regard for science.

"If an ... astronomer is to be a ... scientist, he cannot refer to the angels to explain the orbits

of planets because the angel is not a natural object," he said. "Secondly, if we ... introduce the angels to explain something in nature, one could always refer to the angels to explain anything ... astronomy could be reduced to applied angelology."

Zycinski was also critical of those who refused to use God to explain the realities of evolution, relying instead on simple explanations and holding to the principle of Occam's razor — which, in short, is the theory that the simplest answer is the correct one.

"Occam's Razor is methodological in nature, not doctrinal," he said. "And with Occam's razor, as with any razor, one should be cautious."

Zycinski said Occam's Razor has often played a negative role in science, citing the example of 19th century philosophers who disregarded the existence of extragalactic objects in favor of a simpler, but a very incorrect model of a one-galaxy universe.

Zycinski said Occam's Razor is sometimes useful, but in contemporary philosophy of science a "de-Occamization" is taking place.

"One should not look for the most simple solution when we need much more sophisticated mathematics, methodology and references to various factors," he said.

Zycinski spoke about teleology, in which evolution is viewed as a means to an end, rather than a completely random occurrence. He rejected a sim-

plistic version of teleology, which says human evolution is divinely influenced, because there are too many different coincidences and probabilities for it to have otherwise occurred. Zycinski did, however, embrace instead the idea that the whole universe has a purpose in proceeding toward an end.

The archbishop brought up the Netter theorem as an example of one that mixes causal and final explanations, saying that a clear opposition between causal and final explanations is a simplistic and outdated view.

"The structure of nature is such that the language of determinists and the language of teleology are mutually consistent, dependent and complimentary."

Zycinski brought up the writings of Richard Feynman on quantum field theory, which he says justifies the idea of purposefulness in nature.

The archbishop said God is not as much of a designer as He is an artist.

"When we accept the evolving concept of nature, God the creator could be understood as both a composer and a conductor," he said.

Zycinski said God is a conductor because he created the

laws of nature, and a composer because he encourages Creation to be attracted to him through persuasion, such as through human free will.

Zycinski said many authors compare the role of God to the role of attractor in physics, which is the final element that attracts to itself the evolution of what is around it.

"Cosmic evolution lasted 13.7 billion years ... Mitochondrial Eve is placed 90,000 years ago," he said.

"It means that [for] more than 99.99 percent of cosmic evolution, there was no human observer."

Zycinski said there are skeptics who argue that the universe began without humans and will continue

without them. His response to them is that the future is not determined.

"God attracts cosmic evolution to His ideas of beauty," he said. "It depends on us if we will follow His examples in expressing our freedom."

Zycinski is visiting Notre Dame as part of a lecture series on Catholic and Jewish relations, sponsored by the Nanovic Institute.

**Jozef Zycinski**  
archbishop  
Lublin, Poland

*"When we accept the evolving concept of nature, God the creator could be understood as both a composer and a conductor."*

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## Announcing a new deadline date for study abroad applications:



All programs for both semesters for the 2007-2008

Academic Year will have a deadline of **November 15, 2006**. Students must submit applications for Fall 2007, Spring 2008, and Academic Year 2007-08 by midnight of **Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** for the following programs:

Angers, France  
Athens, Greece  
Bahia/Sao Paulo Brazil  
Beijing, China  
Berlin, Germany  
Bologna, Italy  
Cairo, Egypt  
Dublin, Ireland

Fremantle, Australia  
Innsbruck, Austria  
Kampala, Uganda (semester/summer)  
London, England  
Monterrey, Mexico  
Nagoya, Japan  
Paris, France  
Puebla, Mexico

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Rome, Italy  
Rome (ICCS), Italy  
Russia Programs  
Santiago, Chile  
Shanghai, China  
Tokyo, Japan  
Toledo, Spain  
Washington, D.C.

Summer Programs will have a deadline date of Mar. 1, 2007 for all except the London Summer Program and Kampala, Uganda

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and education ministries in 2005, Lindberg addressed UNESCO's proposed key roles of education.

"Education is the primary agent of transformation towards sustainable development, increasing peoples' capacities to transform their vision for society into reality," Lindberg said. "Education for sustainable development is a process of learning how to make decisions that consider the long term future of the equity, economy and ecology of all communities."

The speech emphasized his belief that education for sustainable development must be "embedded in the whole curriculum," not viewed as a separate subject. Lindberg

also said critical thinking and problem solving need to be emphasized in sustainable development education so students can gain confidence in "addressing the dilemmas and challenges of sustainable development."

Lindberg's views about the power of education and the importance of social consciousness echo those of doctors Paul Farmer and Miriam Oponya and economist Jeffrey Sachs — panelists for the Notre Dame Forum, "The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change," held on campus this fall.

Lindberg's attendance at the Student Senate meeting is sponsored by student body president Lizzi Shappell and student body vice president, Bill Andrichik.

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# Smith

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will take place in the spring.

So far, Smith said, his experience on campus has been enjoyable, but he "hope[s] to get a little more time with students ... [to] do a little more listening than talking."

His itinerary for the week includes sitting in on classes with American Studies professors Richard Ciccone and Robert Schmuhl, director of the Gallivan program. Smith also visited the South Bend Tribune offices Tuesday after-

noon, where he met with members of the editorial staff.

As part of the program, Smith spoke to journalism students Tuesday in O'Shaughnessy Hall along with Schmuhl and American

Studies Professor Matt Storrin about the future of print journalism and opportunities for internships in the field.

Smith discussed the general decline in demand for print publications, which has accelerated over the past few years. The decrease has been

most striking, he said, in big city newspapers, like the Los Angeles Times, with declines of up to eight percent in the last six months.

"Earth to editors," Smith said. "There's a message there."

The trouble is in the industry itself, he said, which is experiencing a break between media outlets and their audience.

That doesn't mean all hope for young journalists is lost.

Interest in journalism as a field of study is increasing, Smith said, which is "encouraging."

"Journalism will be there as a front row seat to the world," he said, "offering a chance to influence others through information."

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# Protest

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oped a compromise that would hopefully satisfy the graduate students, Vassel said.

Though they are still not included in the lottery, graduate students will now have sole access to leftover tickets that are not purchased by

Nov. 8. Normally these tickets are open to the entire Notre Dame community.

But they will have exclusive access for one day only, Schramm said, and then leftovers will be available to all members of the Notre Dame community.

Kenney was unhappy that graduate students were not included in the compromise decision, while Schramm said the offering is merely an

attempt to "placate" angry grad students.

"It doesn't change our position whatsoever. ... We don't want leftovers if by chance there is a random leftover ticket. ... What if there are no leftover tickets? Then we have nothing," Kenney said.

The compromise is not the end of the road, Vassel said.

"It is my hope and my goal ... to sit down with all parties involved and see if we can

craft a more fair and more comprehensive policy on this for future years," he said.

That meeting would probably take place next semester and it's possible, Vassel said, that graduate students could regain access to the lottery next year.

However, the situation is sticky. Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students have been excluded from the away game ticket lottery since 2003, and

despite backlash from those groups, the policy never changed.

Until it does, Kenney will not be satisfied.

"There's no way graduate students will be allowed to be in [today's] ticket lottery. ... But if we get into a bowl game, we'd like to be included in that lottery," she said.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Former South African president dies

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — P.W. Botha, the apartheid-era president who led South Africa through its worst racial violence and deepest international isolation, died Tuesday. He was 90.

Botha died at his home on the southern Cape coast at 8 p.m., according to the South African Press Association. "Botha died at home, peacefully," Capt. Frikkie Lucas was quoted as saying.

The African National Congress issued a statement expressing condolences and wishing his family "strength and comfort at this difficult time."

Nicknamed the "Old Crocodile" for his feared temper and sometimes ruthless manner, Botha served as head of the white racist government from 1978 to 1989.

### Protesters erect barricades again

OAXACA, Mexico — Some of the barricades torn down by federal police went back up Tuesday as protesters regrouped, and at least one federal official acknowledged that this city besieged by striking teachers and anarchists remained outside government control.

Federal police held the central square, or Zocalo, but schools and most businesses remained closed and residents tired of five months of paralyzing strikes looked on in dismay as protesters used debris, stones and sand bags to block recently cleared streets.

Demonstrators who flocked to the capital city of 275,000 are demanding the resignation of Gov. Ulises Ruiz, whom they accuse of oppressing dissent and rigging the 2004 elections. Many residents, including several thousand who marched in protest Tuesday, just want to return to life as it was before the strikes began in May.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### More money to go to Iraqi forces

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Tuesday endorsed a proposal to spend at least \$1 billion to expand the size and accelerate the training and equipping of Iraqi security forces.

While the plan still must get final approval from the White House and the money would have to be approved by Congress, Rumsfeld's support underscores the Bush administration's effort to shift more of the burden of Iraq's security to that country's forces.

"I'm very comfortable with the increases they've proposed and the accelerations in achievement of some of their targets," Rumsfeld told reporters at the Pentagon, noting that the Iraqi government and Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, both recommended expanding Iraqi forces.

### Bob Barker retires from television

LOS ANGELES — Bob Barker is heading toward his last showcase, his final "Come on down."

The silver-haired daytime-TV icon is retiring in June, he told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"I will be 83 years old on December 12," he said, "and I've decided to retire while I'm still young."

He'll hang up his microphone after 35 years as the host of "The Price Is Right" and 50 years overall in television.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Man convicted of killing IU student

MARTINSVILLE, Ind. — A jury needed only about 50 minutes on Monday to find a 31-year-old handyman guilty in the death of Indiana University student Jill Behrman more than six years ago.

The verdict gave an answer to questions that had lingered since the 19-year-old Behrman disappeared in May 2000 while on a bicycle ride near Bloomington.

While prosecutors presented no physical evidence or eyewitnesses to link John Myers II to Behrman, her parents said the verdict gave them some relief as they thought about their daughter.

## North Korea agrees to talk again

*Nation says it will resume multi-party negotiations on its nuclear program*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a surprise turnabout, North Korea agreed Tuesday to return to six-nation disarmament talks just three weeks after rattling the world by conducting an atomic bomb test. The breakthrough came after pressure from China and a U.S. offer to discuss financial penalties already in place.

President Bush cautiously welcomed the deal and thanked the Chinese for brokering it. But he said the agreement wouldn't sidetrack U.S. efforts to enforce sanctions adopted by the U.N. Security Council to punish Pyongyang for its Oct. 9 nuclear test.

He said there was still "a lot of work to do" and the U.S. would send teams to the region "to make sure that the current United Nations Security Council resolution is enforced."

The ultimate goal is "a North Korea that abandons her nuclear weapons programs and her nuclear weapons in a verifiable fashion in return for a better way forward for her people," the president said.

The unexpected agreement to restart the talks — before year's end, U.S. officials said — was announced after envoys from North Korea, the United States and China met in Beijing, at China's invitation.

The move represented a step back from the nuclear crisis and was widely applauded, if with some reservations. North Korea has a history of walking away from the six-nation talks, only to rejoin them, then to bolt again.

"We believe that the sooner talks resume, the faster the tension around this problem will fade," Igor Ivanov, chief of Russia's Presidential Security Council, said in Moscow.

Japan's U.N. ambassador, Kenzo Oshima, called the development "a welcome first step, but there are many, many other things



U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill speaks in Beijing Tuesday. Hill said six-party talks on North Korea's nuclear program could resume as early as November. AP

that we need to closely monitor and watch." Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Aso was quoted as saying a resumption of talks "is conditional on North Korea not possessing nuclear weapons."

Just a week before contentious U.S. congressional elections, it was a diplomatic victory for Bush. Democrats gave it a qualified but skeptical endorsement.

"It may ultimately be a positive step forward, but it is clearly not sufficient to produce the goal we all want to achieve — a halt to North Korea's nuclear weapons' activities," said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada. He urged Bush to name a special envoy to Pyongyang and to engage in direct

U.S.-North Korean talks.

Republicans cast it as a sign of Bush's foreign-policy leadership. "The president's strategy has effectively isolated North Korea from its neighbors in the region and now appears to have returned that rogue regime to the negotiating table," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee.

However, China's leaning on its communist neighbor appeared to be the major factor in the progress, not U.S. diplomacy, and Bush acknowledged Beijing's role in Oval Office comments to reporters.

China, the largest supplier of oil for North Korea, has more leverage than any other country with Pyongyang. In a possible sign of Beijing's growing impatience, Chinese exports

of diesel and heating oil to North Korea dropped substantially in September from a year ago, though exports of gasoline, liquefied petroleum gas, kerosene and jet fuel rose, according to Chinese customs data.

The six-nation talks — involving North and South Korea, the United States, China, Russia and Japan — have been stalled since last November. North Korea has boycotted them, largely to protest U.S. financial sanctions that target alleged counterfeiting of U.S. currency and money laundering.

Washington has insisted those sanctions, which include a freeze on North Korean bank accounts in Macau, are unrelated to the nuclear weapons dispute.

## Mission to fix Hubble approved

Associated Press

GREENBELT, Md. — The Hubble Space Telescope, which opened Earth's eyes to an awe-inspiring universe of star births and colliding galaxies, got a reprieve from the junk pile Tuesday.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin announced a daring space shuttle flight to repair and upgrade the 16-year-old telescope in the spring of 2008 — a reversal of the previous NASA chief, who chose to let the orbiting telescope die because of safety concerns for astronauts after the shuttle Columbia disaster.

The \$900 million rehab mission, carried out in five astronaut spacewalks from the shuttle Discovery, should permit the telescope to keep taking pictures until 2013, allowing scientists to gaze even deeper into the beginnings of the cosmos.

Without this repair mission, Hubble's batteries and stabilizing machines could die near the end of the decade, making useless what has been called "the people's telescope."

"This is probably one of the most important decisions for astronomy," said Mario Livio, a senior astrophysicist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, which oper-

ates the school bus-sized instrument.

Hubble's iconic pictures, such as the towering Eagle Nebula, have touched the public in ways that science normally can't do. That's partly because Hubble went from being a failure just after launch to a roaring success, said Syracuse University science and technology professor Henry Lambricht.

"The results of Hubble, the beautiful pictures that we see Hubble produce, the images of the cosmos are gripping to everyone who looks at them," Lambricht said. "They transmit the magic of space in a way that words cannot."

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Shappell said there will be opportunities in the future for more discussion between SUB and graduate students to make sure each side is treated fairly.

On a lighter note, and in keeping with the spirit of the holiday, two Lizzi Shappells answered the role call, as student body vice president Bill Andrichik paraded as his co-leader for Halloween. The true Shappell, however, quickly restored order and introduced Vassel as the first presenter in a series of spotlights on organizations whose leaders comprise COR.

"We will be highlighting an organization each week,"

Shappell said, "to let the entire body see what each of our groups is doing."

A better understanding of the workings of each group will allow members to work as a more effective soundboard for one another, she said.

Vassel gave a brief overview of SUB's role in student government and discussed the projects and obstacles worked through so far this semester.

Toward the end of September, Vassel explained, SUB — student government's programming arm — organized a "dorm invasion tour" to publicize their events. He emphasized the importance of the wish lists passed out by SUB representatives in each dorm. Vassel said the organization always encourages student feedback and very often receives e-mails requesting particular

events, concerts or speakers.

He also explained the new mode of publicity SUB is pursuing this fall.

"We're going to try to let a random group of students know about each event in addition to the normal signs posted," Vassel said. "One hundred students will receive a flyer in the mail as another way to get the word out."

While he applauded former SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty's job of raising campus awareness

of SUB's programming, Vassel said SUB is always working to further promote the events that 60 students gather to organize each Monday night.

Programmers, graphic designers, marketing assistants, controllers and next spring, for the first time, a public relations specialist, all work together under a budget of \$217,000 to entertain and educate Notre Dame students, Vassel said.

Vassel praised the work of dorm representatives, a relatively new addition to the SUB body.

"We've seen in just a couple of years [dorm reps'] rise to promi-

nence in the organization," Vassel said.

The rest of Vassel's presentation consisted of an explanation of tomorrow's USC ticket lottery. SUB received complaints from a number of students desiring an earlier lottery date, but as Vassel explained, "SUB just received the tickets yesterday, so we couldn't have had the lottery earlier."

Notre Dame's athletic department works with the athletic department of the away school to procure the maximum number of tickets possible for Notre Dame students, Vassel said, and it is only when SUB physically possesses the tickets from the athletic department that a lottery can take place.

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**Lizzi Shappell**  
student body president

## Facebook

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information about drinking or drugs to their having an unprofessional screen name.

"What I find most often is students don't seem to realize the basic concept that it's public information," said Rosemary Haefner, vice president of human resources at Careerbuilder.com, pointing out that information online can be accessed not only by friends, but family, potential coworkers and potential bosses as well. "It's all fair game."

Haefner said while motivations vary, most employers using the Internet to screen candidates begin with innocent intentions.

"It starts out with curiosity. They wonder, 'What else can I find out?"

What's not in the resumé, what was not in the interview, what's the rest of the story?" she said. "Depending on what's up there, it can go either positively or negatively."

Facebook could be a positive thing, Svete admitted, if students were to treat it as a true "face book."

"While many recruiting laws don't allow recruiters to ask for a picture, they could use Facebook for a positive identification of a candidate," he said. "If they go to a career fair and they see 100 students, they might recognize a person's picture on Facebook — Golrish [the Career Center's job postings Web site] doesn't have pictures."

There are many other opportunities for creating a positive Internet-based identification outside of social networking sites,

Haefner said, like catchy blogs for a marketing student or portfolios for an art student.

But if social networking proves too tempting, Facebook offers users a multitude of privacy settings, allowing them to control who sees their profiles and even whether certain users can search for them.

"You'd have to be pretty good as far as hacking skills to get around those," said Aaron Wright, a tech support analyst at the Office of Information

Technologies.

But one relatively popular option is for students to make their profiles available to "everyone from Notre Dame." And that community, Svete said, is larger than students think.

"We have a high percentage of Notre Dame alumni who recruit students," he said. "When [students] make [their profiles] available to the Notre Dame community, they may very well make it available to Notre Dame

alumni who are recruiting them with their companies." Media spokespeople from

Goldman Sachs, General Electric and the Central Intelligence Agency denied that their companies use social networking sites to screen candidates, and Haefner said they are likely telling the truth.

"It's very rarely a company practice, or policy. It's just something that individuals may decide they're going to go around and look for," she said. "I wouldn't tell my recruiting team, you've got to search MySpace and see if they're up there."

Haefner said social networking sites can be fun in appropriate settings.

"Maybe after I've known somebody for awhile, they'll show me pics from the frat party," she said, laughing. "But not straight away."

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### "The Role of Religion in Peacebuilding"

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The panel will explore the constructive achievements of religiously inspired peacebuilders, and what those religious actors have done in the past to stimulate the peacebuilding capacity of people suffering in conflicts. The panel also will discuss the role of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute in supporting and promoting peace around the world.

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**Stocks**  
**Dow Jones** 12,080.73 -5.77

Up: 1,673 Same: 163 Down: 1,595 Composite Volume: 2,803,034,100

<b>AMEX</b>	1,965.35	-6.33
<b>NASDAQ</b>	2,366.71	+2.94
<b>NYSE</b>	8,774.98	+8.20
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,377.94	+0.01
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	16,339.95	-59.44
<b>FTSE 100(London)</b>	6,129.20	+2.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+0.24	+0.10	42.58
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.08	+0.08	21.34
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.12	-0.12	5.43
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.18	+0.18	28.71

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.43	-0.067	4.606
13-WEEK BILL	-0.10	-0.005	4.940
30-YEAR BOND	-1.40	-0.067	4.719
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.49	+0.069	4.568

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.37		58.73
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-0.60		606.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.15		93.73

Exchange Rates	
YEN	116.8800
EURO	0.7833
POUND	0.5242
CANADIAN \$	1.1215

## IN BRIEF

### Israel Discount Bank gets hefty fine

WASHINGTON — Israel Discount Bank of New York is paying a \$12 million fine for allegedly deficient money laundering controls that allowed illegal Brazilian money transmitters to move \$2.2 billion through its offices over the past five years, regulators said Tuesday.

The civil fine was levied by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network and the New York State Banking Department. The agencies said the bank violated federal and state anti-money-laundering laws by failing to put in place an adequate program to detect and report money laundering and other suspicious activity in accounts held by non-U.S. citizens.

Israel Discount Bank of New York, which is chartered in New York state and insured by the FDIC, is the commercial banking subsidiary of Israel Discount Bank Ltd. and the largest Israeli bank operating abroad. It neither admitted nor denied the regulators' allegations in agreeing to pay the fine.

The \$12 million is in addition to \$8.5 million that the bank agreed to pay in a related agreement last December with the Manhattan district attorney's office.

### LA Daily News fires Rafter publishing

LOS ANGELES — The company that publishes the Los Angeles Daily News has fired its publisher and announced it is cutting 21 jobs at the paper, including four in the newsroom.

Tracy Rafter, who served as publisher for more than two years, was replaced by John C. McKeon, president and chief executive of the Los Angeles Newspaper Group, which owns the Daily News and seven other daily newspapers in Southern California that are operated by Denver-based MediaNews Group Inc.

The changes were announced Monday by George Riggs, president and chief executive officer of the California Newspaper Partnership, which publishes newspapers throughout the state and is owned by MediaNews Group, Gannett Co. and Stephens Media. It was reported in Tuesday's edition of the Daily News.

The moves are "part of an overall plan to better adapt our business cost structure to the fundamental changes that are under way in the publishing industry," Riggs said in a statement.

# Stocks shaky on Kodak report

Market closes mixed two days in a row; concerns raised about consumer confidence

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks wobbled and closed mixed for a second straight session Tuesday after a dip in consumer confidence countered better-than-expected quarterly results from companies such as Eastman Kodak Co. Nonetheless, Wall Street ended an unusually strong October with solid gains for the month.

The market was uneasy after the Conference Board said its index of consumer confidence fell to 105.4 from 105.9 in September. The reading was well below the 107.8 analysts expected and raised concerns on Wall Street about the strength of consumer spending, and in turn, the economy, in the coming months.

Tuesday's trading recalled Monday's session, when stocks meandered as investors digested mixed economic data and a weak sales report from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. that also made them question consumer sentiment.

"The consumer is spooking the equity markets and driving the bond market to rally," said Andrew Richman, fixed-income strategist at SunTrust Bank's personal asset management arm. However, Richman sees the markets as being able to shrug off some of the news as hopes grow that the Federal Reserve will cut short-term interest rates next year if inflation continues to dissipate and the economy slows.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.77, or 0.05 percent, to 12,080.73. The Dow had fallen by more than 52 points earlier in the session.

Broader stock indicators were barely higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 0.01, or less than 0.01 percent, to 1,377.94, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 2.94, or 0.12 percent, to 2,366.71.

The tepid session wrapped up an extraordi-



Eastman Kodak Co., scrambling to squeeze larger profits from digital photography, posted a loss of \$37 million in the third quarter Tuesday — its eighth quarterly loss in a row.

narily successfully October on Wall Street.

Some of the market's worst days, including the 1929 and 1987 crashes, have occurred in October. An October rally is about as rare on Wall Street as an October snowstorm is in Washington, D.C. But this October was one for the record books as the Dow gained 401.66 for the month, or a 3.44 percent boost.

The Dow dominated the headlines, hitting record after record and crossing 12,000 for the first time, but broader indexes also saw impressive gains, with the Nasdaq climbing 108.28, or 4.79 percent, for the month and the S&P 500 gaining 42.09, or 3.15 per-

cent.

A sense that the economy was heading for a soft landing after more than two years of interest rate hikes and a drop in oil prices powered the rally. But the last few sessions have brought economic data that raised some doubts on Wall Street.

On Tuesday, the Labor Department said its Employment Cost Index rose 1 percent in the third quarter, the largest quarterly increase since the second quarter of 2004. Also, the purchasing managers index for the Chicago area declined to a 53.5 reading in October from 62.1 last month and was well below the 58.0 Wall Street had been expecting.

The market's own strength has also made it vulnerable to a pullback.

With the Dow up more than 12 percent for the year and the S&P 500 up more than 10 percent, investors are taking money off the table, said Brian Gendreau, investment strategist for ING Investment Management. By some measures, short-interest is now at an all-time high, as investors bet on stocks to fall.

In trading Tuesday, bonds were up sharply. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note was 4.61 percent, down from 4.67 percent late Monday. The dollar fell against other major currencies; gold prices also fell.

# Govt. ends case against Chevron

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department has dropped a claim that Chevron Corp., shortchanged the government \$6 million on royalties from some gas it pumped in the Gulf of Mexico.

The department concluded its case would not hold up before an appeals panel.

The department's Minerals Management Service had maintained that Chevron owed an additional \$6 million for gas it took under federal leases in the Gulf between 1996 and 2002 and sold to Dynegy Inc., a company Chevron partially owns.

Essentially, the government argued,

that Chevron undervalued the gas it sold to Dynegy. Chevron paid royalties based on a price that didn't represent fair market value, the government auditors said.

But last summer, the government quietly rescinded its demand for the additional royalties. That decision was reported Tuesday by the New York Times, based on documents the newspaper obtained through a freedom of information request.

MMS Deputy Director Walter Kruickshank in an interview said demand for the additional \$6 million was "based on the premise that a lot of (Chevron's) sales to Dynegy were not at arms length" because of the corporate relationship between the

two companies.

Chevron in 1996 had sold its holdings in a large number of gas processing plants to Houston-based Dynegy in return for a 28 percent holding in the company.

While the additional royalties were minuscule compared to the \$2.5 billion Chevron paid in total royalties during the six years, the company was expected to appeal the order to the department's Board of Land Appeals.

That board in a separate ruling involving another gas producer, Vastar Resources, had issued a narrower interpretation of when a transaction should be considered not at "arms length" that the one used by the government auditors.

## Investigators question convicted arsonists

*Deliberately set fire burns 63 square miles*

Associated Press

CABAZON, Calif. — Investigators looking for the arsonist who set a wildfire that killed four firefighters and burned 63 square miles interviewed convicted arsonists Tuesday and picked over the spot where the blaze started.

At the crime scene, investigators planted blue, red and yellow flags attached to wire stakes to mark the locations of possible evidence. Part of the charred hillside was marked by a grid of pegs and string.

Authorities said the fire was deliberately set early Thursday at the base of a slope in Cabazon, west of Palm Springs, as fierce winds blew through the region. Before firefighters contained it Monday, the blaze scorched 40,200 acres and destroyed 34 homes and 20 outbuildings. A portion of a highway in the fire area remained closed indefinitely for repair.

Firefighting costs reached \$9.9 million, the California Department of Forestry said.

Residents said they saw two young men leaving the area where the fire began.

On Tuesday, authorities interviewed previously convicted arsonists who live in the area where the blaze started, said James Crowell, an agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives who is leading the investigation. In California, convicted arsonists must register with the county and provide their address.

A day earlier, two people were brought in for questioning and released.

Several hours into the blaze, a U.S. Forest Service engine crew was overrun by flames while protecting a home in the San Jacinto Mountains. Killed were Mark Loutzenhiser, 43, of Idyllwild; Jason McKay, 27, of Apple Valley; Jess McLean, 27, of Beaumont; and Daniel Hoover-Najera, 20, of San Jacinto.

The lone survivor, Pablo Cerda, 23, remained in critical condition Tuesday.

## AWOL soldier turns himself in to officials

*Engineer wants to avoid 2nd Iraq tour*

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A soldier who fled to Canada rather than accept a second tour in Iraq turned himself over to military authorities at Fort Knox on Tuesday, his attorney said.

Kyle Snyder, a former combat engineer, left the U.S. in April 2005 while on leave. He said he worked as a welder and at a children's health clinic in Canada.

Snyder's lawyer, James Fennerty, said he had reached a deal with Army officials to allow Snyder to be processed back into uniform at Fort Knox, southwest of Louisville, and then be discharged. But he said Snyder told him Tuesday afternoon the Army wants to send him back to his original unit at Fort Leonard

Wood, Mo., where commanders would determine his future.

"We wouldn't have brought him back here if we knew this was going to happen," Fennerty said.

A Fort Knox spokeswoman, Gini Sinclair, said she could not comment on Snyder's case, but said deserters whose units are not fully deployed are returned to that unit.

Mike Alley, a Fort Leonard Wood spokesman, said that Snyder was scheduled to be processed there but that he had no details.

Snyder, 23, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was trained as an engineer with the 94th Corps of Engineers, but said that when he was sent to Iraq in 2004 he was put on patrol, something he said he wasn't trained to do. He said he began to turn against the war when he saw an innocent Iraqi man seriously wounded by American gunfire.

## Court weighs damages verdict

*\$79.5 million punitive award considered*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court grappled Tuesday with whether to allow a \$79.5 million verdict against a cigarette company, a case that business groups are pointing to in asking the justices to clamp down on large damage awards.

Mayola Williams was in the crowded courtroom to hear the justices discuss the judgment that an Oregon jury imposed against Altria Group Inc.'s Philip Morris USA in connection with the death of her husband, Jesse.

A two-pack-a-day smoker of Marlboros for 45 years, Jesse Williams died of lung cancer nine years ago. Mayola Williams followed through on a promise she said she made to her husband and sued Philip Morris, which makes Marlboros, for fraud. She won.

Her lawyer, Robert Peck, told the justices they could uphold her \$79.5 million punitive damage award without overturning prior rulings that limited punitive damages. Such damages are money intended to punish a defendant for its behavior and to deter repetition. The earlier cases did not involve personal injury.

The jury award was appropriate because it is punishing Philip Morris' misconduct for a decades-long "massive market-directed fraud" that misled people into thinking cigarettes were not dangerous or addictive, Peck said.

Williams, according to his widow, never gave any credence to surgeon general health warnings about smoking cigarettes because tobacco companies



Mayola Williams, whose husband died of lung cancer, leaves the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. in her wheelchair Tuesday.

insisted they were safe. Only after falling sick did Williams tell his wife: "Those darn cigarette people finally did it. They were lying all the time."

Philip Morris' lawyer, Andrew Frey, said a jury can punish the company only for the harm done to Williams, not to other smokers. The jury should have been told explicitly that other smokers, no matter how tragic their stories, would have to prove their own cases, Frey said.

"Confine the jury to its proper domain, and its domain is the case before it," he said.

The Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers and trade associations representing car and drug makers have weighed in on behalf of tighter restrictions on

damage awards.

The case also is being watched closely as a test of whether the new makeup of the Supreme Court will lead to changes in its prior rulings limiting punitive damages.

The two newest members of the court, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, gave no indication that they would support relaxing limits set out in two rulings during the past 10 years. Roberts and Alito, conservative appointees of President Bush, were not on the court when those cases were decided in 1996 and 2003.

Conservative justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas have been strong opponents of any constitutional limits on jury awards.

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## CHINA

## Law calls for high-court approval on death penalty cases

## Human rights groups praise reform efforts

Associated Press

BEIJING — China, believed to carry out more court-ordered executions than all other nations combined, took a step toward human rights Tuesday by enacting legislation that requires approval from the country's highest court before putting anyone to death.

Human rights activists

expressed hope the country will reduce its use of the ultimate penalty. The amendment to China's capital punishment law follows reports of executions of wrongly convicted people and criticism that lower courts have arbitrarily imposed the death sentence.

China is thought to put to execute hundreds, and possibly thousands, of people each year for crimes ranging from murder to such nonviolent offenses as tax evasion. Amnesty International says China exe-

cuted at least 1,770 people in 2005, but the true number is thought to be many times higher.

In a statement Tuesday, the London-based rights group cited a senior member of China's national legislature as saying some 10,000 people are executed each year. By Amnesty's figures of known executions, China was responsible for more than 80 percent of the 2,148 people executed last year around the world, including 60 in the United

States.

"Clearly the changes are going in the right direction," Mark Allison, a Hong Kong-based researcher for Amnesty, said of the new legislation, which takes effect Jan. 1. "But we're still calling for China to go further — to abolish the death penalty."

China's official Xinhua News Agency hailed the amendment as "the most important reform of capital punishment in China in more than two decades."

The change "deprives the

provincial people's courts of the final say on issuing death sentences," the agency said. "Death penalties handed out by provincial courts must be reviewed and ratified by the Supreme People's Court."

The change adopted by the legislature Tuesday enshrines last year's announcement by the Supreme People's Court that it would start reviewing all death sentences, ending a 23-year-old practice of giving the final review to provincial courts.

"It's great news. This is a big step forward for China's legal system and human rights," said Li Heping, a prominent activist lawyer.

"It's going to have a psychological effect on local judges when they are making decisions because they are going to be afraid that if they approve capital punishment, the supreme court will overrule them," Li said.

Jerome Cohen, an American expert on Chinese law, called the new law "encouraging and significant" but said the next challenge will be enforcing the change.

"The court has been working hard to recruit a sufficient number of judges. It's proving to be slow going," Cohen said. "That itself tells you what a huge burden it is to adequately review the large number of death sentences."

Details about criteria for reviewing death sentences, as well as the standards and procedures, have to be worked out, he said.

In June, Xinhua said 30 judges from lower-level courts had been selected as the first trainees for death penalty tribunals. It said they will get three months of training and be on probation for a year before receiving a final appointment.

The court was also considering lawyers and law school teachers for the tribunals, Xinhua said.

Complaints have been common that lower-level courts mishandle death penalty cases.

Last year, a woman believed murdered in the 1980s in the central province of Hunan reappeared, 16 years after the man convicted of killing her was executed.

At the time of the execution, the court reportedly said the defendant confessed. Chinese police often are accused of torturing suspects into making confessions.

The case is one of a number of high-profile cases that state media has publicized in recent years highlighting the flaws of an aggressive policy of judicial executions. Death penalty lawyers and legal scholars in China have also begun discussing more openly the need for China to establish clearer procedures for the death penalty.

There has not been any debate, however, about abolishing capital punishment.

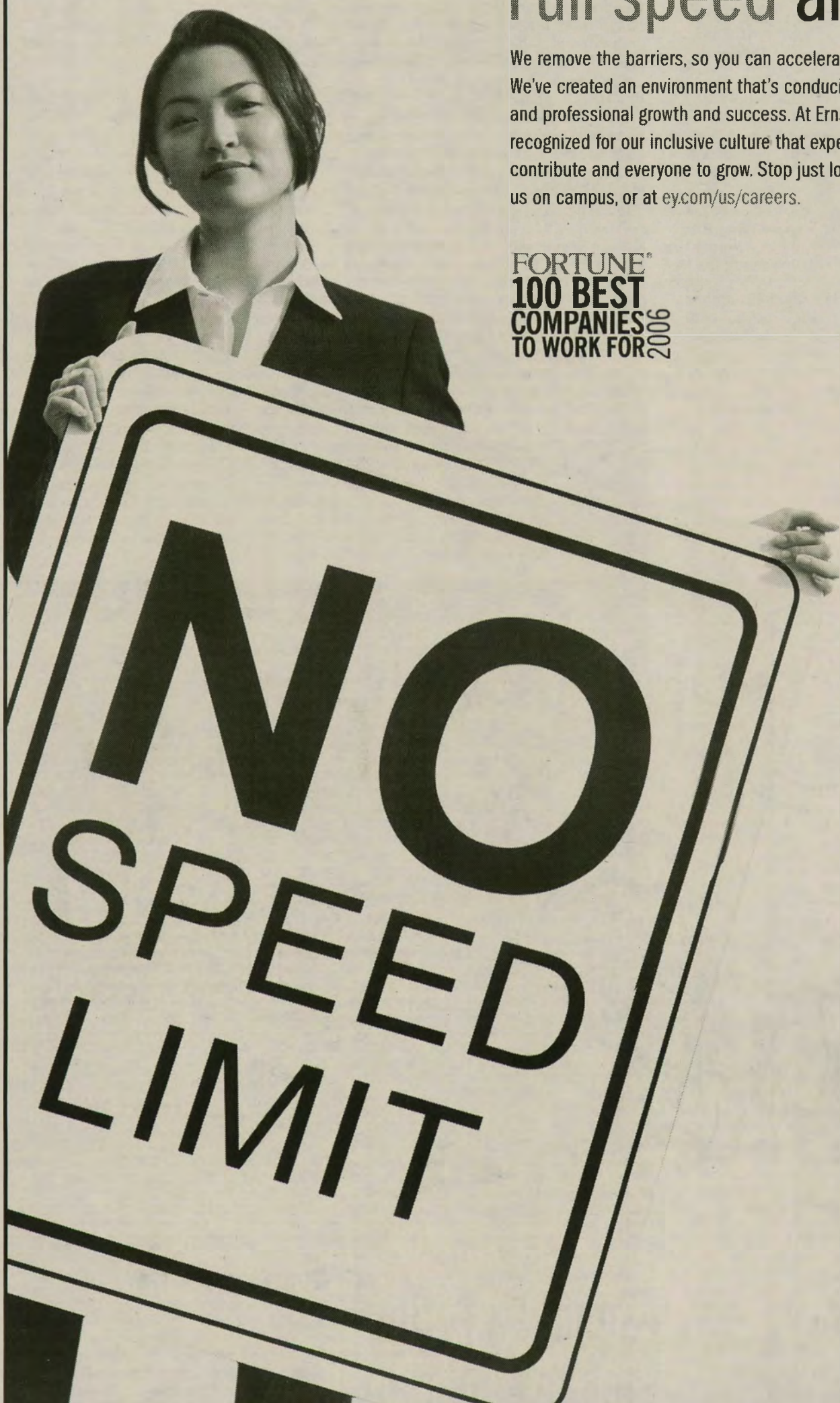
T. Kumar, the advocacy director for Asia for Amnesty International USA, said the shift came from a sense in the Chinese state media and academic community that the current system was unfair.

"There was some discussion that innocent people were being killed," he said. "They want to bring the death penalty issue under control. They were killing too many people."

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## In search of a silver ballot

If you've watched any television at all during the past month, then you know that Chris Chocola spends part of each summer setting fire to illegal aliens as they attempt to cross the border.

You also know that Joe Donnelly robbed Native Americans of their land back in 1872 and, in his spare time, slashes the tires of those scooters senior citizens drive around Wal-Mart.

So, which one deserves to win public office?

As students in South Bend, most of us come from someplace else and don't actually have to vote for either of those candidates. Good thing, too, because if you're the kind of person who takes campaign ads seriously, you know that South Bend voters can only go wrong.

If I were a South Bend voter, I'd walk in to the polling booth as though I'd never heard anything either politician has had to say, just to have some fun in this lose-lose situation. People who analyze this sort of thing say that name recognition is key to the outcome of any election, so it's reasonable to ascertain that I'd vote for Chris Chocola. The name sounds like a delicious, carbonated, chocolate-flavored beverage, bottled by a company with Christian sympathies. What more does a politician need?

I did vote in this election for real,



Kimberley Burkart

*It sounded better in my head*

while I was home for fall break. I filed an absentee ballot in the city clerk's office. It was my first time voting and I think I did a good job, considering that in general ballots are not nearly as simple as the ACT. In this case, voting required me to connect two halves of an arrow in such a way that put me in the mind of those little mazes that used to appear on Happy Meal bags — the ones where you trace one of three impossibly entangled lines to figure out whether Hamburglar should connect with the milkshake or the French fries.

In that particular election, a man named Jim Doyle is running against a man named Mark Green. Unfortunately, Mark Green has an apparent, if coincidental, advantage on this ballot, especially with voters who get all their information from T.V. ads and know only that both men are Satanist cannibals. You see, Mark Green is not only the name of a politician, but also an imperative sentence in which Mark is the verb and Green is the direct object of Mark (the subject of the sentence is the implied "you.") Mark Green comes across on the ballot as active and energetic, a real go-getter whose very name orders people to vote for him, while Jim Doyle floats just above him in passive ambiguity — an accurate analogy of how Doyle has spent his term in office, but one that is out of place.

Surprisingly enough, this might not be all good news for Mr. Green. Directly below him on the ballot is the name Nelson Eisman, candidate for none other than the Green party. I suppose that's why the ballot engineers didn't make Mark Green change his name for

the election. It could just as easily work for him as against him.

Examples of this kind of thing run rampant across the country. There's a state representative in Ohio who won his eighth term in 2004. His name is John Boehner. Here is a man who owes a lot to what I call The Snicker Factor. I mean, what otherwise uninformed voter wouldn't vote for a man named Boehner? (I won't even go into what his opponents' ads must be like.)

I will leave you with one last philosophical observation on this subject. On the ballot in my home state, the individual can vote yes or no to a proposed amendment to the state Constitution. The amendment would prevent gay marriage in that state. The catch? Gay marriage is not allowed in that state. Therefore, a vote for the amendment prevents gay marriage. A vote against it also prevents gay marriage.

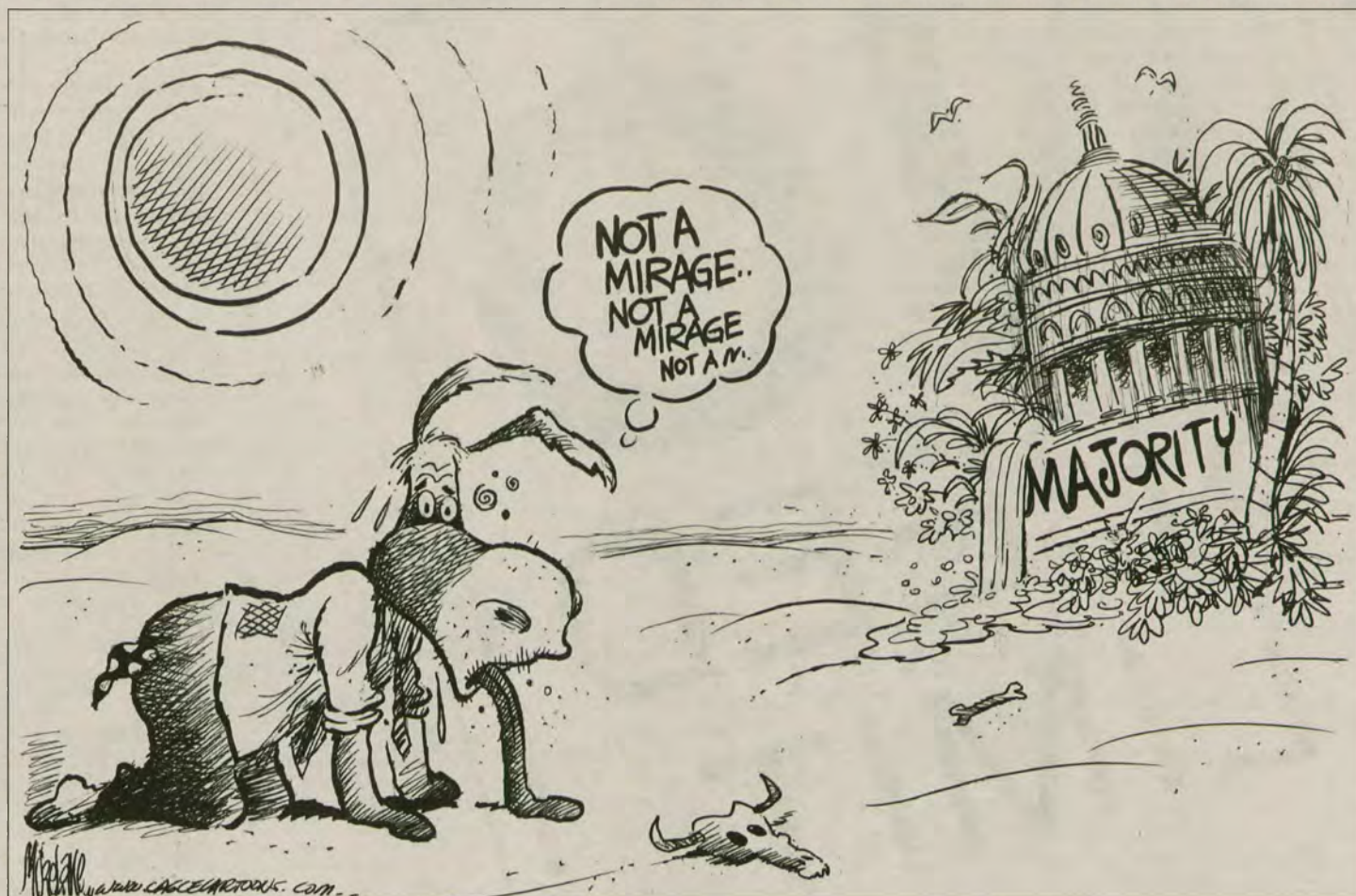
Now, the first time I heard that only 30 percent of Americans vote, I was thunderstruck. I couldn't conceive of any situation in which people just wouldn't exercise their civic duty. But that was before I found out that civic duty involves standing in line for hours at the city clerk's office, only to decide whether to vote against or against gay marriage.

Happy voting.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity."*

Louis Pasteur  
French biologist

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Grad students unhappy with lottery, treatment

#### Call for protest

Decisions by the undergraduate Student Union Board (SUB) have resulted in the exclusion of graduate students from the lottery distribution of away game football tickets. Despite meeting with the SUB and raising the issue with the ticket office, athletics, student affairs, the Graduate Student Union and student activities, graduate students still will not be able to participate in the away game lottery for USC. Come protest continued unfair treatment of graduate students in front of Legends. Bring yourself, bring your friends and, if you want, bring a sign. The lottery is today, from noon to 5 p.m. at Legends. We will be focusing our protest from 2-3 p.m. This protest is to relay the message that we are students too, and deserve to be treated as such.

Janice Kenney  
grad student  
off campus  
Oct. 31

#### 3/5 of a student?

We are writing this letter to call attention to the continued mistreatment of the graduate student population by the administration and the undergraduate student body. We feel the need to first point out that we are graduate students, to distinguish ourselves from the "real" students of Notre Dame: the undergraduates. While the direct cause of this letter was yet another stunt pulled by the SUB in the form of barring graduate students entering the lottery for USC tickets, much like every other away game this year, the full reasons for this letter have been slowly building for years.

This morning, we checked our e-mail inboxes to find a letter from the SUB. Not knowing why the SUB would send a letter to people who count as 3/5 of a student, we assumed it was in error. What could be so urgent that the SUB would need to contact second-class students like ourselves? Did someone vandalize the Basilica? Did University President Father John Jenkins move his office down the hall again? Did Jordan Hall of Science burn down? What could this emergency possibly be?

Thankfully, it was nothing so urgent. We were told undergraduates only would be able to enter the USC game ticket lottery. We wondered why this could be, why only the undergraduates? Weren't we students? We checked our car. They were in the undergraduate student lots. We checked insideND. We have student accounts, PINs and need to pass classes to

graduate. Closer inspection of our student accounts revealed a fee paid to the graduate student governing body, which unfortunately, isn't allocated any tickets. Why is that anyway? We checked our ID cards — they also said we were students. We read our graduate student handbooks — we were subject to du Lac. We checked our tickets — yup, student tickets. Are graduate students not athletes too? Ask Rhema McKnight. But it occurred to us that maybe still we weren't "really" students.

We teach classes, have office hours, grade papers and exams, work 60+ hours a week, and get taxable stipends from our grants. Were we staff? We checked our \$1,300 Megalife bill and piles of claims denials reminiscent of "The Rainmaker." We certainly weren't staff. But that's OK, dental and vision coverage are over-rated anyway. What could it have been? Did we not have the "Notre Dame Spirit"? We reviewed the timing of our cheers and our knowledge of the fight song. Off-beat and mumbled, respectively, just like everyone else. We checked our closets — plenty of officially licensed Notre Dame Adidas apparel.

We finally realized that this is yet another thing to add to our lengthy list of how graduate students are marginalized. We don't qualify as students or staff per se, but are in some nebulous grey area between at the convenience of the school. We work long hours, for little pay, and even less respect. The squeaky wheel gets the grease, unless that wheel already has a bachelor's degree — then it's just told to suck it up. Do graduate students matter to anyone at this University? What are we — students, staff, or second class citizens? We challenge anyone involved in this decision to provide even a single good reason not involving money or the informal fallacy of logic called "tradition" that graduate students are not allowed to purchase away game tickets the same way undergraduates are.

We invite all graduate students to attend a protest at Legends, today, from 2-3 p.m. (coincidentally, when and where the lottery is occurring) to show that we are serious about being given the opportunity to support our football team.

James Keith  
William Towns  
Meggan Valrance  
Elizabeth Halpin  
Thomas Durcan  
grad students  
Oct. 31

### South Bend GuluWalk raises awareness

On Oct. 22, more than 150 people from the South Bend community gathered near the campus of Indiana University South Bend to walk in solidarity with children in northern Uganda.

These so called "night-commuters" are the victims of a 20-year civil war between the government of Uganda and rebel forces known as the Lord's Resistance Army. They walk up to 12 miles every night to locations which are safe from rebels who abduct children and force them to serve as soldiers. Participants in the GuluWalk are likely feeling enlightened about the humanitarian catastrophe in northern Uganda but uncertain about their potential to take further action. They will be encouraged to hear that there is a lot of good news. The number of night-commuters is drastically down due to improved security conditions in northern Uganda. Even more important, historic peace negotiations are taking place in Juba, southern Sudan, which offer the best chance for peace northern Uganda has seen in the last 20 years.

While the talks are promising, peace negotiations are fragile processes and the Juba talks have faltered in the last few weeks. A lot of public support

for the talks from the international community, especially the United States, could rejuvenate the process and provide a catalyst for its successful resolution. Support for the talks can come in the form of logistical and financial aid, but the most urgent need is a public statement by a senior Bush administration official supporting the Juba peace talks. By supporting the GuluWalk, people have made it clear that they believe the silence by the United States on this crucial issue is unacceptable.

We are asking you to take one step beyond the GuluWalk by calling your Congressional representatives and telling them to encourage Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to release a public statement in support of the Juba peace talks. Peace is within reach in northern Uganda. Let us be sure that we do everything we can to help achieve it.

Patrick Corrigan  
President of the Africa Faith  
and Justice Network  
Lindsay Hero  
South Bend GuluWalk Coordinator  
Oct. 31

## U-WIRE

### Don't ride into the danger zone

Over the course of our acquaintance, every single one of my close male friends has found themselves at some point or another in a place I shall henceforth deem "the danger zone."

This has nothing to do with Tom Cruise in aviator sunglasses. In fact, a "Top Gun" runway with a fighter jet hurtling toward you at 180 to 200 mph might even be safer than the zone I refer to.

Sarah Carbone

This danger zone is a hazy gray battleground, filled with mines and traps and, at the same time, plenty of rewards, if you can survive long enough to get past the defenses.

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This is the perilous place between friends and more-than-friends.

The line between these two is usually well-camouflaged. Keeping a watch out for it is tricky business; in the midst of combat, you can be so preoccupied with other threats that all of a sudden you may find yourself treacherously close to the front. If you cross this line, you run the risk of being forever captured in friends mode, and you can say goodbye to any romantic potential that once kept you awake at night.

At ease, soldier. Before you go AWOL, let's strategize.

In all the relationship-oriented conversations I've had, the general consensus suggests that everyone wants to be friends first with his or her significant other before things turn romantic.

Intro psychology, the self-help section at Borders, and most likely your mother have all told you time and again that a strong, solid friendship is the best foundation for a relationship. Connections founded on lust don't have the greatest track record in terms of longevity (except for those rare few that, by luck or by divine intervention, actually endure past the so-called "smoldering embers" into posterity). In the long-term sense, what remains after the passion fizzles out? Conversation, camaraderie, attachment — in short: the elements of friendship.

We all aspire to this ideal. We're holding onto the hope that it will all play out so predictably: Meet someone. Chit-chat over coffee turns into conversations about life, love and everything in between. A warm, comfortable friendship develops, strengthens, and then, with any luck, blossoms into something more.

But if we're all so stuck on this paradigm of perfection, why is it that sometimes, when you've found yourself at the make-it or break-it point of a potentially romantic situation, the last thing you want to hear is this: "This is so-and-so, my FRIEND."

Ouch. Your hopes have just crumbled — as in, your ribcage just collapsed in despair.

"FRIEND? I'm just a FRIEND?"

This is exactly the situation in which my guy friends have found themselves (for some of them, more than once). I don't know where exactly they go awry. But it seems their utmost efforts to be the good guy and the shoulder-to-cry-on are precisely what make them cross the line into friendship-only (and sometimes even sibling-like) territory. The pain of shooting themselves in the foot doesn't compare to the shell shock of this dreaded phrase ringing in their ears:

"Aww, that's sweet? but I only see you as a FRIEND."

Then they sit in puzzlement, trying to reconcile for themselves how they fell prey to that old adage about nice guys always finishing last (they do not!).

The thing about romantic pursuits is just that: it's supposed to be a pursuit, a chase of sorts. Attempting to cultivate romance from friendship involves maintaining a balance of (un)availability, (un)certainly, and (dis)comfort during the friendship phase itself.

The spark of possibility, the "what-if" factor, can't be entirely relinquished if the hope is to eventually sway things in a romantic direction. The idea must be kept on simmer on the back-burner.

What does this look like, in terms of behavior? A reversion back to the tried-and-true methods of grade school; that is, a playful sort of antagonism that's just enough to keep the other person guessing. A little subtle teasing can be much more charming and effective than blatant, unnerving flirtation.

And "Hitch" (arguably, last year's best how-to romantic comedy) says hitting is good.

Of course, it's never impossible for romance to stem from a purely-friendly friendship. When it all comes down to it, anything's possible with relationships. But generally speaking, interaction void of any chemistry (obvious or obscure) will not conjure up romantic feelings on its own.

I understand that the battlefield is a terrifying place to be, and there's nothing more harrowing than finding oneself slipping dangerously close to the line.

So, keep an eye out. Whether it's friendship or romance (or both) that you want, keep your target in your sights, bide your time and fire when ready.

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THE ART  
OF DECEIT  
MAGIC & AMBITION TAKE CESTORIES BY SEAN  
AND RAMA

## 'THE PRESTIGE' MOVIE REVIEW

Two magicians command the open stage. One is a genius, a man of invention. The other is a showman, a man of ambition. Neither dwells on his own talents. Rather, each obsesses over the merits of the other. Their lives bear the brunt of their rivalry as they tear themselves apart.

Director Christopher Nolan's latest film, "The Prestige," is one that thrives on the cardinal sins of its two intoxicatingly dark leads. Pride, greed, lust, envy and wrath — they're all here. There is no warm epicenter to this picture, no tale of ultimate redemption. Instead the darkness extends all the way through, to a beating heart that drips melancholy.

Nolan's tale introduces Robert Angier (Hugh Jackman) and Alfred Borden (Christian Bale), a pair of talented and passionate young magicians in London at the turn of the 19th century. Under the shared tutelage of Cutter (Michael Caine), a designer of illusions, the two begin as admiring friends in search of the next great magic show. Angier is the consummate showman, an average magician who elevates his craft by dazzling audiences with his stage presence. Borden is the devoted inventor, bent on inventing a wholly original trick that's never been seen before.

But when a magic demonstration goes awry and costs the life of Angier's wife, the pair's ties are sawn in two. Jealousy and rage cloud their minds as they seek to upend each other in the frenzied journey toward achieving magical supremacy. No individual success is enough for either magician without the destruction of their rival.

The promotional material for "The Prestige" tantalizes the audience's expectations with a very simple question. "Are

you watching closely?" The filmmakers thumb this expectation in the faces of their viewers. Can you crack the film's intricate riddle? Look past the veiled exterior to the heart of the conflict?

For their part, Nolan and his crew have done their part in making sure you can't. Herein lies the film's most satisfying — and equally frustrating — quality. Designed as a cinematic sleight of hand, its unpredictability is beguiling and intoxicating. It ultimately doesn't matter whether Angier or Borden win their fateful duel. Their innocence is shattered in the very first act of the film.

All that's left is the compulsive race towards an obscure finish line as each subsequent scene further damages each character. This mutual downward spiral is wrenching, especially when considering that these two could have ruled the world of magic with their combined talents. Instead of focusing their respective talents into a near-perfect union, Angier and Borden arrogantly stick their chins in the air, begging the other to take the next shot and inflict a deeper wound.

A film such as this travels only as far as its enchanting leads can take it. Fortunately for all, "The Prestige" is blessed with an overabundance of acting talent pooled under the guidance of a focused director. Neither Bale nor Jackman are here to win the audience's hearts. Their characters become so vicious so quickly that, by film's end, it's hard to remember a time when the two weren't at each other's throats. Amidst their characters' increasing ferocity, both Jackman and Bale find new reservoirs of sadness and rage to ratchet the film's stakes to near-unbearable highs.

Both men have eclipsed their artistic peers in past films while emerging as two

of the most talented actors of their generation. "The Prestige" is as much an exercise in absorbing their acting bravado as it is a tale of revenge. Neither cedes an inch to the other, which does nothing but aid the film's twists and turns.

Just as in "Batman Begins," his previous mainstream effort, Nolan has surrounded his two leads with a diversely talented ensemble with nary a weak link. The venerable Caine imbues his character with a quiet warmth and regality, the same qualities he has perfected in his roles over the past decade. His character is pained by the knowledge that he can't stop the ultimate fates of his two protégés, despite his best efforts.

Similarly, Piper Perabo and Rebecca Hall turn in deeply affecting performances as the wives of the two rivals. Their lives are tainted by tragedy, the most direct manifestation of the vengeful actions of their beaus. Meanwhile, the actor with the most thankless task is Scarlett Johansson, who displays a fiery passion as Olivia, an enthralling stage assistant with increasingly shrouded motivations who is ferried from one magician's camp to the other.

Beautifully shot and edited, the artful "Prestige" is one of those rare period pieces that transcends its genre. Few films dare audiences to choose sides between protagonists as flawed as the ones that dominate "The Prestige." Even fewer succeed in spite of these gaping character flaws.

Despite these odds, "The Prestige" offers a remarkable, harrowing trip through the psyches of two immensely talented men, each tortured and crippled by their nightmarish fears and their dark obsessions.

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## HUGH JACKMAN: VERSATILITY MEETS CONSISTENCY

The release of the magical thriller "The Prestige" stands as a watershed moment in the career of Hugh Jackman. Although his fame mostly stems from his portrayal of the popular X-Men character Wolverine, Jackman has proven himself as a dependable and versatile Hollywood talent.

The Australian-born actor was raised Down Under, which contributed to the tough veneer for which he has become famous, much like fellow Australian actor and friend Eric Bana. Originally a stage musical actor, Jackman starred in such productions as "Beauty and the Beast" and "Sunset Boulevard." His talent for acting was quickly noticed and earned him the leading role in a London production of "Oklahoma!"

Hollywood soon came calling for Jackman thanks to his leading man-like attributes and he was selected as a last-minute addition as Wolverine in the first "X-Men" movie. The immense success of Bryan Singer's film brought Jackman much acclaim and many job offers.

After displaying a knack for the thriller

in "Swordfish" and comedic flair and timing opposite Meg Ryan in "Kate and Leopold," Jackman returned as Wolverine in the second "X-Men" movie. This truly cemented his status as a bankable actor much like a Harrison Ford or Tom Cruise.

Although his superhero role in "Van Helsing" was not received highly by critics or audiences, Jackman's popularity did not fade and he reprised his role again this past summer in "X-Men: The Last Stand" to great applause. His was one of few performances that stood out from the overdone and underwhelming third act to the "X-Men" series.

Jackman's success as an actor stems from his ability to portray a resolute and gritty hero while also managing to keep a character both humorous and sympathetic. This is manifest perfectly in his Wolverine character, a larger than life hero who uses humor and sarcasm to cover up a sensitive, tormented side of his life.

After dazzling the London stage early in his career, Jackman turned his attention to Broadway in 2004 and won a Tony

Award for his role in "The Boy From Oz." He played host at the Tonys in 2004 and 2005, winning an Emmy for his second effort.

It is this versatility that marks Jackman as an actor capable of adapting to any role and audience. A necessary trait for any modern actor, this serves Jackman well as he has a freedom to choose virtually any project which strikes his fancy.

The future looks bright for Jackman, who will soon star in a spinoff based on his Wolverine character from the "X-Men" series and will fill the lead role in the highly-anticipated Darren Aronofsky ("Requiem for a Dream") film "The Fountain" later this year. Early buzz has lauded Jackman's acting and the film as a whole to the top of many Oscar lists and possibly one of the great films of the new millennium.

The possibility of an Oscar and the certainty of continued success should mean that Jackman will continue to grace the silver screen for some time to come.

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# CEPTION

## ENTER STAGE IN 'PRESTIGE'

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### CHRISTOPHER NOLAN: TRANSCENDING THE ORDINARY

Christopher Nolan has a growing fear. "I think there's a vague sense out there that movies are becoming more and more unreal," the writer-director said in an interview with Newsweek. "I know I've felt it."

At the time, Nolan was faced with the unenviable task of resuscitating a defunct Batman franchise, one that had fallen on hard times following Joel Schumacher's bloated, neon-infused vision of Gotham City. It had been eight years since "Batman and Robin" had robbed the Dark Knight of respectability, and Warner Brothers was in need of a distinct voice to take charge of one of their most prized franchises.

Nolan threw himself into the project with vigor, approaching it the only way he saw how — with gritty realism and a stark vision he'd honed to near perfection on his first two films, "Memento" and "Following." Both of these pictures were low-budget gems, films that transcended their shoestring budgets to make Nolan the latest darling of the independent world. Though Nolan's rise to his current place among Hollywood's creative elite has been meteoric, the 36-year-old director has always shown an undeniable flair and passion for his craft.

As a boy, Christopher was shuttled back and forth across the Atlantic with a family that moved frequently. The adult Nolan speaks with a distinctly English accent, but he remains comfortable with both cultures after childhood spells in both London and Chicago. By the age of seven, Nolan was already learning the language of film, taking up his toy action figures and bringing them to life with his father's Super 8 mm camera.

Many years of practice later, Nolan debuted his first feature film, "Following," in 1996 after more than a year's worth of

work. The film focuses on an obsessed writer who tails random people on the street until he meets a thief who introduces him to the seedy world of burglary.

With a meager budget of \$6,000, Nolan shot the black-and-white film on weekends, 15 minutes of footage at a time with friends who all had day jobs. As the budget only afforded one or two takes of each shot, "Following" was meticulously rehearsed for six months before a single camera rolled. The film's narrative included scenes that were shown out of order, disorienting audiences and leaving them grasping at plot strands alongside the film's protagonist.

If this technique sounds familiar, it's because Nolan would perfect it into high art with his next film, 2000's "Memento." A dizzyingly original journey through one man's search for revenge, "Memento" would ignite Nolan's fledgling career and distinguish him from his peers.

Based on a short story written by Nolan's brother Jonathan, "Memento" employed an Academy Award-nominated screenplay that took viewers into the memory-challenged mind of Leonard Shelby (Guy Pearce), a widower hunting down the man who raped and murdered his wife. Audiences buzzed about the film's helical twists and turns, generated from a non-linear plot that left viewers as perplexed as the film's protagonist. Although the film failed to garner Nolan a much-deserved Oscar win, "Memento" remains one of the last decade's most beloved films.

Next up for Nolan was his first mainstream success, 2002's "Insomnia." A remake of a 1997 Norwegian film,

"Insomnia" gathered an impressive array of acting talent — including leads Al Pacino, Robin Williams and Hilary Swank — and allowed Nolan to take yet another plunge into the human psyche. This time,

Pacino's guilt-ridden detective searches for a killer in a remote Alaska town while dodging an Internal Affairs investigation and the accidental killing of his partner.

By the time Warner Brothers came knocking on his relatively obscure door for "Batman Begins," Nolan was ready for them. His dark, brooding Batman was everything that had been

lacking from the previously farcical installments of the Bat-franchise. The pitch-perfect casting of Christian Bale in the title role assuaged the wounded pride of fans who had given up on the dormant series. Prior to the start of production, Nolan screened Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner" for the film's cast and crew.

"This is how we're going to make Batman," Nolan would say, setting the tone for a grim new vision of a decades-old character.

With his next Batman film slated for 2008 — appropriately titled "The Dark Knight" — Nolan's future looks bright. In an era of vacuous, special effects-driven blockbusters, he has a shot at bucking the trend.

In time, he may even assuage that nagging fear he has — of being ordinary, of not making relevant films. A decade from now, he may browse his filmography and realize he's been making these kinds of films from the very beginning.

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### CHRISTIAN BALE: FROM THE SHADOWS TO THE SPOTLIGHT

The epitomy of the method actor lies within Christian Bale. The young actor thrived as a cult star for years before earning attention and fame from his roles in "Batman Begins" and the recent release "The Prestige."

Much like his "Prestige" co-star Hugh Jackman, Christian Bale began his acting career on the stage, opposite British comedian Rowan Atkinson in "The Nerd." The young Welsh actor was quickly noticed for his potential and cast in Steven Spielberg's 1987 WWII film "Empire of the Sun," which earned him a special award for juvenile actors which had never before been given.

Bale's acting prowess and knack for accents landed him in many varying roles throughout his career, including "Newsies," Disney's "Pocahontas" and "Little Women." He is famous for his in-depth approach to his method acting. For "Newsies," he spent 10 weeks learning dancing and martial arts for his musical numbers.

For one of his largest cult films, "American Psycho," he bulked up, putting

on considerable muscle weight to play the role of psychopathic yuppie Patrick Bateman. The controversial film landed Bale similar roles in such films as "Shaft" and the big-budget flop "Reign of Fire."

Soon after these pop culture films, he lost 60 pounds on a diet of salads, apples, gum and cigarettes to become the emaciated and depressed Trevor Reznik in the critically-acclaimed film "The Machinist."

This dedication to his acting and quality of work gained him the honor of being the seventh person to portray Bruce Wayne in Christopher Nolan's reinvention of the "Batman" franchise, "Batman Begins." Bale gained over 100 pounds after his role in "The Machinist" in order to portray a muscled, yet tormented Bruce Wayne in the dark and brooding film.

In spite of the big-budget blockbuster production, Bale's technique did not change. His trailer nameplate read "Bruce Wayne" instead of bearing his own name and he used only Bruce Wayne's accent in any interviews and interactions during filming.

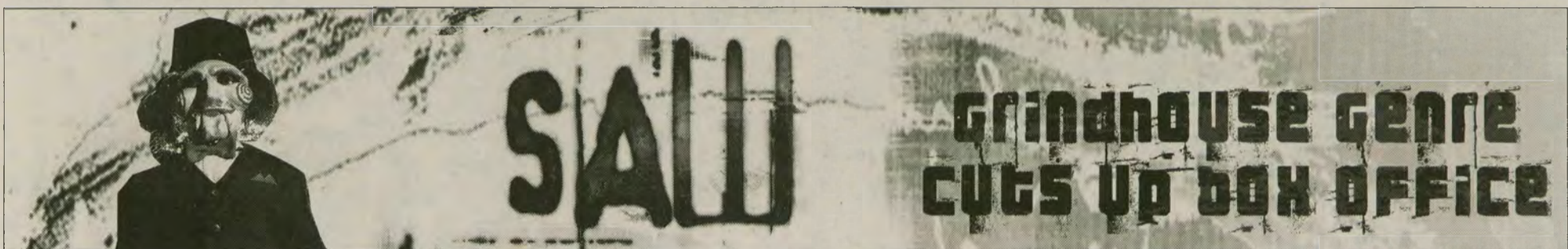
Bale's unique talent is an ability to total-

ly and completely become each character he displays on screen, giving a performance closer to real life than acting. He also lends a very cerebral and intellectual quality to his characters, something that few actors today accomplish successfully. Bale's role as Batman was his first blockbuster film, as he was something more of a cult actor prior to the comic book adaptation. Thanks to the success of "Batman Begins," Bale's star is quickly rising as a mainstream leading actor.

For Bale to associate with a film is quickly becoming considered a surefire way for it to garner not only popular support and success but critical acclaim as well. This is certainly so with "The Prestige" and will likely be the case in the future.

While Bale carefully chooses his slate of upcoming films and has few pictures currently in development, audiences can be assured that his intelligent, emotional acting will continue to draw audiences, both popular and cult.

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## 'SAW III' SICKENINGLY DELIGHTFUL

By ERIN MCGINN  
Assistant Scene Editor

Graphically slicing through a human skull. A naked woman frozen to death. A man drowning in rotting pig carcasses. Images like these can only mean one thing — the latest installment in the "Saw" franchise has been released. Although not an amazing horror movie, fans of the "Saw" movies won't be disappointed by "Saw III."

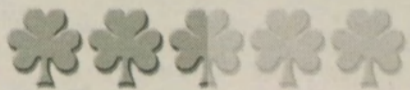
The original "Saw" (2004) was a hit with audiences due not only to its violence but also its puzzle-oriented plotting — slicing and dicing its way to lead the "grindhouse" revolution in horror. It was followed by grotesque, but less clever, "Saw II." The most recent installment, "Saw III," takes the franchise back to its roots in both the pacing and storyline.

Picking up where "Saw II" left off, the audience learns the fates of Detective Matthews (Donnie Wahlberg) and Kerry (Dina Meyer) as well as the whereabouts of the left-for-dead Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) and his protégé Amanda (Shawnee Smith). Even from his deathbed, Jigsaw still plays games with his victims.

A couple of characters from the last installment get to "play a game" with metal fasteners, explosives and flesh-eating acid. And those are just the first few minutes.

The meat of the movie follows two of Jigsaw and Amanda's victims. The first is Lynn Denlon (Bahar Soomekh), a young doctor kidnapped by Amanda and forced into performing a dangerous surgery on Jigsaw. In order to not set off the metal collar laced with explosives strapped around her neck, Lynn must keep Jigsaw alive long enough to see the end of his other game.

### Saw III



**Director:** Darren Lynn Bousman

**Writers:** James Wan and Leigh Whannell

**Starring:** Tobin Bell, Shawnee Smith, Bahar Soomekh and Angus Macfayden

His other game, and second main plot to the movie, follows Jeff (Angus Macfayden), a father bent on vengeance towards the man who killed his son, but received only a light court sentence.

Jeff meets with people associated with his son's death — the witness who fled, the judge who gave a light sentence and the drunk driver himself — who are all caught up in Jigsaw's diabolical traps. Jeff must then decide whether to kill each one of them or offer his forgiveness.

Director Darren Lynn Bousman returns for "Saw III" after a mediocre showing in "Saw II." "Saw III" is unflinchingly gory as well as visually frightening. Although "Saw"



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Jeff (Angus Macfayden) is a father driven by vengeance in "Saw III" after his son's murder. The film continues the grotesque brutality of the "Saw" trilogy.

set the "grindhouse" sub-genre in motion, movies such as "Hostel" have upped the ante. "Saw III" doesn't fail in delivering plenty of grotesque sights. It is a film meant primarily for hardcore horror fans.

Not only is the onscreen action frightening, but the story is significantly better than the previous two flicks. It not only works upon its own individual premise, but it connects back and deepens the plot developed in the first two films. As a trilogy, "Saw III" brings closure to the overall story. Although

Bousman and writer Leigh Whannell have both signed off from the franchise, Lionsgate pictures announced yesterday that a fourth "Saw" will be coming out in time for Halloween next year.

"Saw III" is definitely the best movie of its self-created subgenre. Arriving one year after the last installment, it has a surprising plot and would make an excellent series finale. Unfortunately, it's not the end.

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## SECOND 'SAW' FILM BARELY MAKES CUT

By ERIN MCGINN  
Assistant Scene Editor

"Saw" was groundbreaking in its own right and "Saw II" does little to change what was presented in the first film, but it does have a bigger budget, slightly better writing and just as much gore.

The film starts with the killer, Jigsaw (Tobin Bell), being captured by the police. As he is apprehended, he reveals a block of monitors that shows a room where Detective Williams (Donnie Wahlberg) discovers that his son and seven others are trapped with a nerve gas that will kill them. The police look on helplessly from another location not knowing how to find them.

While most people would work together to find a solution, this group is made of up ex-convicts and similarly dysfunctional people. The idea, while not original ("Cube" basically did the same thing and in a much more intelligent manner), still works because it is a larger group of people dealing with Jigsaw's puzzles and traps at the

same time.

It's clear that this time the brains behind "Saw II" had both more money and more time than the first go-round. Although the writing falls short of award-winning quality, Leigh Whannell and director Darren Bousman's co-written script is vastly improved from the first movie and better than most horror films.

While the performances are no better than expected, there is no one nearly as atrocious as Cary Elwes' portrayal of Dr. Gordon in the first film — an absence that immediately translates to a huge improvement. Wahlberg also does much better in the role of the detective than Danny Glover did in the original. The best parts of the movie easily involve the conversations and mind games between Wahlberg and Bells' characters. Although not nearly as well done, those scenes are reminiscent of those between Hannibal Lector and Clarice Starling in "The Silence of the Lambs." This film solidifies Jigsaw as a reprehensible yet entertaining serial killer, much in the same vein as Craven's Freddie Krueger.

Outside of the main characters the acting leaves much to be desired, with many of the performances decidedly overboard. Frankie G is particularly bad as a con who decides he is getting out of the house without any help from any of the others.

Television actress Beverly Mitchell ("7th Heaven") is worse than expected, and spends most of the movie doing nothing more than coughing up blood. In general, the inhabitants of the house aren't interesting — the audience just wants to see how they are connected and what happens to them.

"Saw II" kicks up the gore one more notch from the first film, with a lot more action, as it is not predominantly focused on two people stuck in a room. It's also easier to follow since it only goes back and forth between two settings — the house of horrors and Jigsaw's workshop, where he holds police hostage.

The DVD has several special features worth watching. The audio commentary by

### Saw II

Widescreen Edition

Lions Gate



the director is both hilarious and insightful and the "behind the scenes" of the torture scenes would fascinate anyone who enjoys analyzing movie magic.

Fans of interesting and clever ways to slaughter will enjoy "Saw II" more than the original. And unlike others in the slasher genre such as "The Hills Have Eyes," the people caught up in Jigsaw's game are not necessarily stupid or innocent. The movie avoids many of the typical horror clichés — making it as enjoyable as "Saw" could ever aspire to be.

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Xavier (Franky G) tries to escape the torturous madman Jigsaw in "Saw II." The success of the "Saw" franchise has spawned many sequels and imitators.

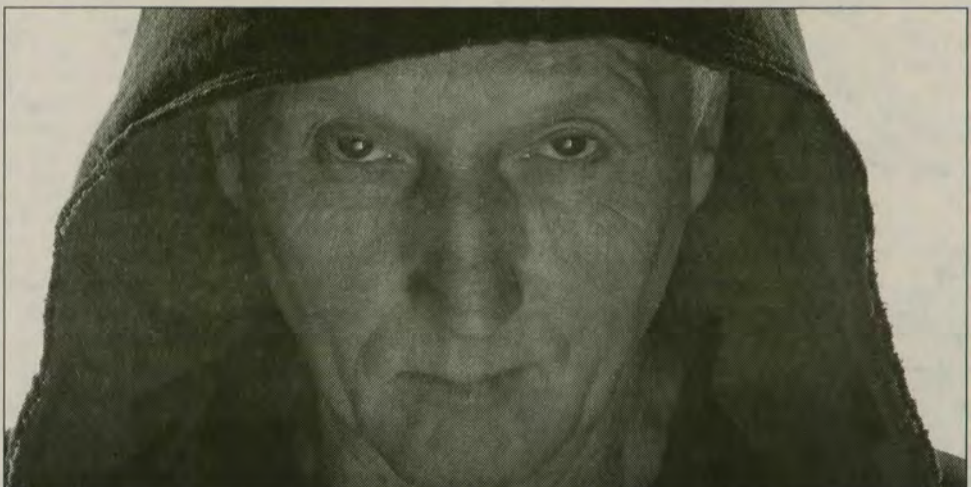


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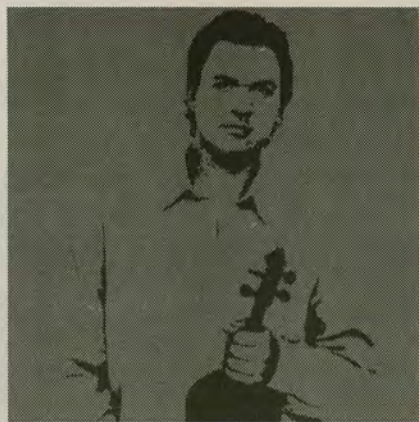
The haunting face of Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) is familiar to audiences worldwide thanks to "Saw III." Bell's acting has set new standards for horror pictures.



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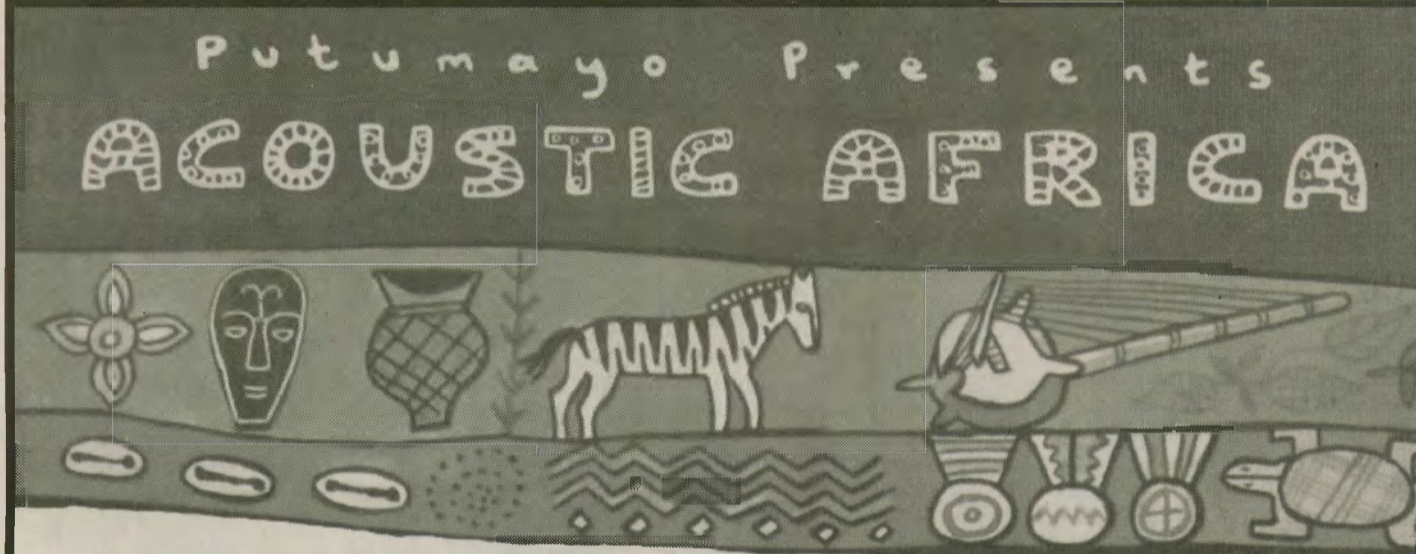
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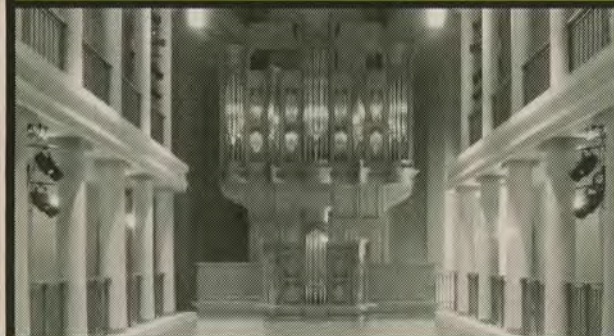
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## NHL

# Higgins' two goals lift Montreal in victory



Islanders forward Andy Hilbert, left, looks to pass after being knocked down by Blackhawks center Craig MacDonald during the second period of the New York's 5-2 win Tuesday.

## Ehrhoff's last second goal gives San Jose 2-1 win over Florida

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Christopher Higgins scored his third short-handed goal of the season and Alex Kovalev combined with his new Russian linemates for Montreal's second goal, leading the Canadiens to a 4-2 win over the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night.

David Aebischer made 31 saves for Montreal, 2-0-1 in its last three games.

Andrei Markov scored into an empty net at 18:44 of the third, and Steve Begin added his first of the season 19 seconds later, beating Ray Emery on a pass from Mike Johnson with 56.9 seconds remaining.

Aebischer, who stopped 47 shots in Saturday's 5-4 overtime loss to Toronto, lost a bid for his first Montreal shutout on Jason Spezza's goal 6:19 into the third.

Ray Emery stopped 25 shots for Ottawa, which has lost two straight after a three-game winning streak.

Senators right wing Chris Neil had to be helped off the ice after he was injured while falling behind the net as he set up Tom Preissing's goal with 8.4 seconds remaining.

The Senators, who set a franchise record with an NHL-leading 312 goals last season, have been held to two goals in the two losses after outscoring opponents 21-5 during their winning streak.

Wade Redden was out of Ottawa's lineup because of a nagging groin injury.

The Senators failed to convert on seven power-play opportunities. Ottawa has scored on only 9.4 percent of their chances, taking advantage six times in 64 chances this season. Montreal went 0-for-5 on the power play.

Higgins, who leads the NHL in short-handed goals, opened the scoring with a sensational effort with his team-high seventh goal.

With Alexander Perezhogin in the penalty box, Higgins drove in on Emery and beat him 5:30 into the second for his second short-handed goal against Ottawa in two games.

Normally a right wing, Kovalev moved to center between countrymen Sergei Samsonov and Perezhogin in the third period of Saturday's game, assisting on two late goals to draw Montreal even.

Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau kept the unit intact against Ottawa, and the move paid dividends late in the second. Kovalev redirected a centering feed from Samsonov past Ray Emery for his fourth goal at 18:32 to make it 2-0.

## Islanders 5, Blackhawks 2

Rick DiPietro turned aside 30 shots, and Alexei Yashin scored the decisive goal in the New York Islanders' victory over the slumping Chicago Blackhawks on Tuesday night.

Mike York, Viktor Kozlov, Mike Sillinger and Jason Blake also scored for the Islanders, who went 4-1-2 on their seven-game homestand. After visiting New Jersey on Thursday, New York will play two more games at home before a five-game road trip.

Jassen Cullimore and Denis Arkhipov scored for the Blackhawks, who snapped a three-game shutout streak but lost their sixth straight game. Chicago hasn't won since a 2-1 home victory over Montreal on Oct. 18. Brian Boucher stopped 19 shots but fell to 0-6.

Cullimore's goal with 4:14 left in the second period was the Blackhawks' first in 240 minutes, 56 seconds — dating to a score by Michal Handzus on Oct. 21 in a 4-3 home loss to St. Louis.

The Blackhawks outshot the Islanders 10-8 in the opening period, but New York had the better chances. The Islanders took advantage of their third power play with 1:41 left in the period when York knocked in the rebound of Miroslav Satan's right point slap shot for his third goal of the season.

In the second period, three straight Islanders penalties gave Chicago a pair of two-man advantages that lasted 19 and 48 seconds. DiPietro stopped six shots in that span to preserve the 1-0 lead.

New York made it 2-0 at 11:44 when Kozlov picked off a pass at his own blue line and sped in alone on Boucher.

He faked a forehand move, switched to his backhand, and slid the puck into the open left side.

Yashin extended the lead to 3-0 at 14:38 on a power-play slap shot from outside the left circle that beat Boucher — who was screened — between the pads. The Islanders captain has three goals and six assists in his last five games.

Cullimore ended the Blackhawks' scoring drought when his shot from the right point deflected off Islanders defenseman Alexei Zhitnik and over DiPietro's glove into the top left corner.

Chicago scored again 82 seconds into the final period. Arkhipov picked up a loose puck at his own blue line, skated to the high slot and beat DiPietro with a wrist shot to the right side.

Sillinger iced the game with 2:30 left on a wrist shot from the low right side that got

between Boucher's pads. Blake scored his 100th NHL goal on a power play from the right crease with 52.7 seconds remaining.

## Sharks 2, Panthers 1

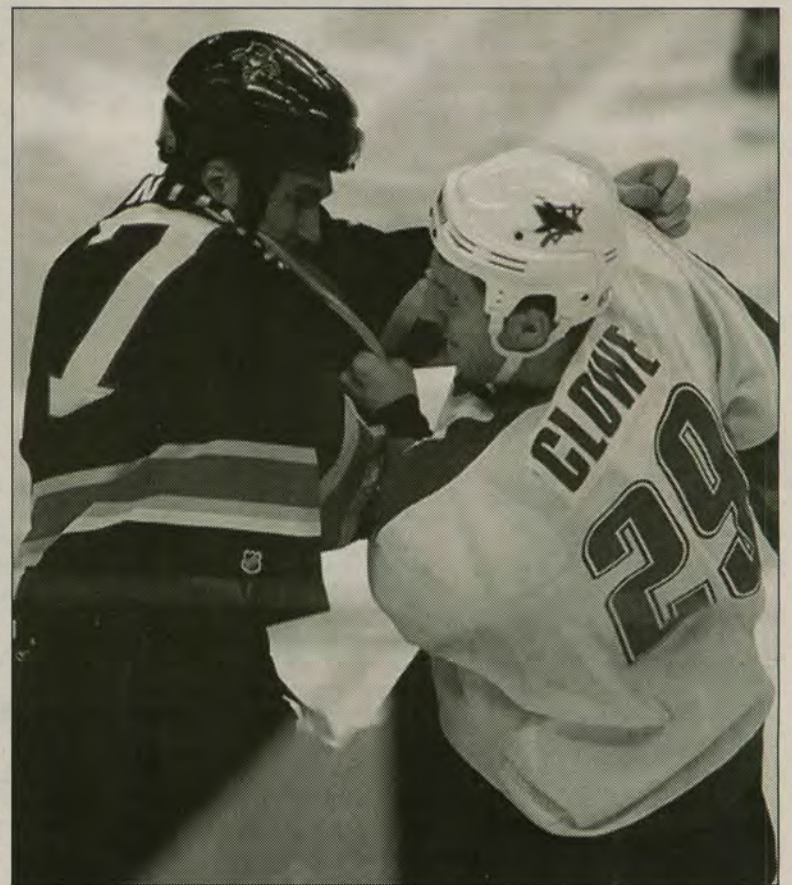
Christian Ehrhoff scored a power-play goal with 35.8 seconds left to give the San Jose Sharks a 2-1 victory over the Florida Panthers on Tuesday night.

Joe Thornton also scored for the Sharks, who extended their unbeaten streak against Florida to eight games (7-0-1). San Jose hasn't lost against the Panthers since a 4-1 defeat at Florida on Feb. 9, 2000.

Olli Jokinen scored and Alexander Auld stopped 26 shots for the Panthers, who lost their second consecutive game at home after starting the season 4-0.

Vesa Toskala made 24 saves for the Sharks. It was his first game since his franchise-record 12-game winning streak was snapped in a 4-3 loss to Nashville on Thursday night.

Ehrhoff scored when his slap shot went off the stick of Florida's Ville Peltonen near the blue line and floated over the shoulder of Auld. San Jose came into the game with the best power play in the NHL but was 0-for-4 before Ehrhoff scored.



Florida defenseman Steve Montador, left, dukes it out with San Jose forward Ryane Clowe in the Sharks' 2-1 win.

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## NCAA Men's Hockey USCHO.com/CSTV Top 20

	team	record	points	previous
1	Maine (37)	6-0-0	796	1
2	Minnesota (1)	6-1-0	739	3
3	Boston College (2)	4-1-0	732	5
4	Miami (Ohio)	6-2-0	636	7
5	Wisconsin	3-3-2	546	2
6	Michigan State	3-1-0	541	9
7	Boston University	2-1-1	536	4
8	North Dakota	5-3-0	520	10
9	Michigan	4-2-0	513	6
10	NOTRE DAME	5-1-0	409	12
11	Dartmouth	2-0-0	378	17
12	Cornell	2-0-0	359	13
13	New Hampshire	2-2-0	248	8
14	Clarkson	4-1-1	232	15
15	Denver	4-4-0	220	14
16	Harvard	0-1-0	215	11
17	St. Cloud State	2-2-0	193	16
18	Michigan Tech	5-1-0	165	NR
19	Northern Michigan	4-3-1	92	18
20	Nebraska-Omaha	3-1-2	75	NR

## NCAA Women's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Poll

	team	record	previous
11	NOTRE DAME	18-0-1	11
11	North Carolina	18-1-0	11
3	UCLA	16-2-0	3
4	Santa Clara	14-3-1	4
5	Portland	14-3-2	6
6	Florida State	13-2-3	7
7	Oklahoma State	15-2-2	10
8	West Virginia	14-2-3	8
9	Texas	15-3-1	12
10	Utah	14-4-0	11
11	Texas A&M	13-4-1	5
12	Penn State	12-4-3	9
13	Boston College	11-5-2	14
14	William & Mary	16-1-2	13
15	Stanford	13-5-1	17
16	Florida	11-4-4	15
17	Illinois	12-6-1	16
18	Wake Forest	14-5-0	20
19	BYU	13-2-3	23
20	Rutgers	14-2-3	19
21	Dartmouth	11-4-1	21
22	Louisville	13-4-2	25
23	Colorado	11-5-2	NR
24	Pepperdine	10-6-3	NR
25	Clemson	10-6-2	NR

## NCAA Football Sacks Per Game Leaders

	player	team	sacks	per game
1	Ameer Ismail	Western Mich.	14	1.75
2	Justin Hickman	UCLA	10.5	1.31
3	LaMarr Woodley	Michigan	11	1.22
4	Abraham Wright	Colorado	10.5	1.17
5	Mkristo Bruce	Washington St.	10	1.11
6	Bruce Davis	UCLA	8.5	1.07
7	Gaines Adams	Clemson	9.5	1.06
7	Ian Campbell	Kansas St.	9.5	1.06
9	VICTOR ABIAMIRI	NOTRE DAME	8	1.00
9	Kevin Hogan	Kent St.	6	1.00
11	Jameel McClain	Syracuse	8.5	.95
11	Larry English	No. Illinois	8.5	.95
13	Brian Smith	Missouri	7.5	.94
13	Victor DeGrate	Oklahoma St.	7.5	.94
15	Philip Wheeler	Georgia Tech	7	.88
15	Quinn Pitcock	Ohio St.	7	.88
15	Nathan Peterson	Oklahoma St.	7	.88
15	Derrick Harvey	Florida St.	7	.88
19	Michael Johnson	Georgia Tech	5	.83
19	Anthony Spencer	Purdue	7.5	.83

## NFL



Chargers defensive end Shawne Merriman celebrates after sacking Rams quarterback Marc Bulger during San Diego's 38-24 victory over St. Louis Sunday. Merriman will sit out four games for violating the league's drug policy.

## Merriman drops appeal in 'roids case

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers must play their next four games without outside linebacker Shawne Merriman, one of the NFL's top young stars who decided Tuesday not to appeal his suspension for testing positive for steroids.

Merriman's suspension is another blow to one of the NFL's toughest defenses, which has been hit by injuries and off-field trouble since before the season started. Nicknamed "Lights Out" because of his punishing hits, he'll be shut down for games at home against Cleveland, at Cincinnati, at Denver and at home against

the Oakland Raiders.

Merriman, who's tied for the NFL lead with 8 1/2 sacks, and his attorney have blamed a tainted supplement for the player's positive test for the steroid nandrolone. Merriman couldn't be reached for comment.

The suspension won't officially begin until after Merriman addresses his teammates on Wednesday. After that, he'll be barred from the team's headquarters until he's eligible to return on Nov. 27.

The Chargers, who were off Tuesday, vowed to press on without Merriman, a Pro Bowl starter who was voted the 2005 NFL Defensive

Rookie of the Year.

"He's upset because he let his team down, but we're OK," outside linebacker Shaun Phillips said in a phone interview. "We're behind him 100 percent. We know he's not that kind of guy, that he wouldn't do anything to boost his performance."

"We're a good team. We'll get over it," said Phillips, who moved into the starting lineup after Steve Foley was shot by an off-duty police officer on Sept. 3. Phillips missed Sunday's 38-24 win over the St. Louis Rams with a calf injury and has only a 50 percent chance of playing against the Browns.

Had Merriman gone

through with the appeal and lost, there was the chance he'd miss both games against Denver. The Chargers host the Broncos on Dec. 10. Few people expected Merriman to win on appeal because the NFL holds players accountable for knowing the contents of the supplements they take.

Word of Merriman's positive test leaked on Oct. 22. Merriman announced last Tuesday he was appealing, and matched his career-high with three sacks against the Rams. He celebrated each as he usually does, by pretending to flip a switch tattooed on his forearm followed by a spasmodic dance.

## IN BRIEF

### Astros launch Bagwell after missing all of 2006 season

HOUSTON — Jeff Bagwell's \$18 million option was declined Tuesday by the Houston Astros, who will give their career home run and RBIs leader a \$7 million buyout to complete an \$85 million, five-year contract.

The 38-year-old Bagwell missed last season because of an arthritic right shoulder, and the Astros tried to recoup about \$15.6 million in insurance.

"It doesn't mean anything at all," Bagwell told KRIV-TV in Houston. "Everyone knew this was going to happen. It is part of the business. I'm OK with it. This is not a sad day."

Bagwell's agent, Barry Axelrod, said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press that Bagwell is "a long shot" to ever play again. But Axelrod said Bagwell isn't ready to officially retire.

### Barbaro's trainer returns to Churchill Downs

LOUISVILLE — Michael Matz is back at Churchill Downs this week, scene of Barbaro's dominating Kentucky Derby victory.

The trainer's working in the same barn area and leading his horse for the Breeders' Cup along the paths where Barbaro walked.

One moment, Matz's voice breaks and tears well in his blue eyes as he talks about Barbaro, whose career ended with a devastating misstep in the Preakness. The Derby winner was supposed to be taking on Bernardini in the \$5 million Classic on Saturday, with Horse of the Year honors at stake.

The next, Matz is composed and focused on saddling 4-year-old filly Round Pond in the \$2 million Distaff.

"It's nice to be back having such fond memories from before," Matz said Tuesday. "I just hope we have the same results."

### White House: Colombian soccer men all about the coke

WASHINGTON — A Colombian soccer club was characterized by the Bush administration Tuesday as a front for one of the South American country's four most wanted cocaine kingpins.

The Treasury Department announced that it was freezing any U.S. assets of Cortulua, a second-division soccer club based in Tulua, in southern Colombia.

Cortulua was named as one of 10 companies and seven individuals allegedly operating on behalf of Carlos Alberto Renteria Mantilla, one of the four leaders of Norte del Valle, Colombia's largest trafficking cartel.

Cortulua has played in the Colombian first division as recently as 2005 and appears poised to return to the top flight next season.

The designation freezes any of Cortulua's assets in the United States and bars U.S. citizens and companies from having commercial transactions with it.

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# NCAA FOOTBALL

## West Virginia feels underestimated, prepared for Thursday



West Virginia running back Steve Slaton runs for a touchdown against Syracuse Oct. 14. The Mountaineers won 41-17 and currently have a 14-game winning streak.

### Mountaineers gear up for No. 5 Cardinals

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN — Tucked in the hills of West Virginia lies the Land of the Misfits.

It's where unwanted and overlooked football players find opportunity, where they always play as if it were the last two minutes of the half, and where birthday cakes are handed out after practice.

These Mountaineers, with an undersized running back, under-appreciated quarterback and unconventional offense, have a 14-game winning streak, the best running game in the country and a place among college football's elite entering one of the biggest games of the season.

No. 3 West Virginia plays at Big East rival and No. 5 Louisville on Thursday night, a matchup with national championship ramifications.

It's the latest step in the journey for lead misfit and Mountaineers coach Rich Rodriguez, who couldn't help but notice the similarities in his team and the characters in the Christmas cartoon "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" who end up on The Island of Misfit Toys.

"Remember how Herbie (actually, his name was Hermey) could only be a dentist in the Land of the Misfits?" Rodriguez explained recently.

"Well, maybe this is the only place in Division I where I could be a head coach. Maybe it's the only place where Pat White could play quarterback. Maybe it's the only place where Steve Slaton could be a running back."

Rodriguez returned to his homestate six years ago to replace Don Nehlen, who retired after 21 seasons at West Virginia. Born in Grant Town, W.Va., population about 400 and a 30-minute drive from Morgantown, Rodriguez knew the obstacles he'd face at West Virginia: "Location and population," he said.

There's just not a lot of Division I-A prospects around Morgantown.

Rodriguez and his staff scour the country for players, then have to sell them on living in a place some can't find on a map.

West Virginia doesn't get many blue chippers.

"We're a blue-collar team," said center Dan Mozes, whose only other scholarship offer came from Wake Forest. "We have nothing given to us. We work hard for everything we get. We're not five-star recruits. We're three to two stars — or no stars."

White and Slaton epitomize the West Virginia way.

White, from Daphne, Ala., wasn't highly recruited out of

high school, in part because many schools figured he'd play pro baseball. He was drafted by the Angels. LSU gave him a look, but wanted him to play defensive back. Rodriguez was the only one who gave him a shot to play quarterback, so it was off to West Virginia for White.

It took some explaining to his friends back home.

"A lot of people don't know that West Virginia even exists,"

White said. "I had that last year, 'Are you backing up Marcus Vick? Are you going to Virginia Tech?' Or, 'When you going back to Virginia.'"

Slaton, from Levittown, Pa., and listed generously at 5-foot-10 and 190 pounds, also

didn't get much attention out of high school. Maryland offered him a scholarship, then pulled the offer and West Virginia scooped him up.

Going into the 2004 season, White was a redshirt freshman sharing the quarterback job, and Slaton was a freshman who wasn't playing at all. By the time the season was over, they were the focal points of the offense. White ran for 952 yards and passed for 828 more. Slaton ran for 1,128 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"Definitely, I think I surprised myself," Slaton said. "I had the talent to do good things, but the

way things are going it's still like a dream. I just came into the right program at the right time."

So did White. Rodriguez called it the "perfect storm."

That storm rained down on Georgia in the Sugar Bowl last season. West Virginia's 38-35 win, with Slaton running for 204 yards and White getting 197 total yards, validated the Mountaineers' success.

West Virginia (7-0) hasn't slowed down since, averaging 319 yards rushing and 41 points per game this season with its no-huddle, spread-option attack.

"My favorite thing about the offense is the fast pace," White said.

The Mountaineers practice like they play.

"If they changed the 25-second (play) clock to 10 seconds, that would be fine," Rodriguez said.

Their practices are also loud. The pop of pads echoes throughout the empty stands at Milan Puskar Stadium. Coaches bark at players. Players yap at each other. White loudly chants "Let's Goooo Mountaineers." There's even a few chuckles sprinkled in, but never do the Mountaineers slow down.

"We're going to be loud, demanding, intense, but I also

want to laugh, too," Rodriguez said.

When the work is done — and the Mountaineers probably get more done in an hour than most teams do in two — Rodriguez gathers his team around for a speech. With the Louisville game just days away, he keeps it short.

"We got another four days of work," he said. "But in four days, we're going to have a lot of fun."

*"A lot of people don't know that West Virginia even exists."*

**Pat White**  
West Virginia  
quarterback

Then it's time to honor the day's birthday boys with a rousing Happy Birthday from the team and a small cake.

It's a tradition that Rodriguez started when he was head coach for seven years at NAIA Glenville

State in West Virginia before he went to work with Tommy Bowden at Tulane, then Clemson.

"I always used to say if I ever get a Division I job, I want to take a small college approach," he said. "Don't get hung up on the enormity of the importance of it all."

For the Mountaineers to compete with the Goliaths of college football — Ohio State, Michigan, Florida and Texas — they too must be true to their roots.

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## NBA

## Defending champion Heat burnout in season opener

*Chicago steamrolls Miami on the road*

Associated Press

MIAMI — The Chicago Bulls left the court during Miami's championship-ring festivities, then returned to emphatically spoil what was left of the Heat's celebration.

Kirk Hinrich — who signed a five-year extension just hours before tip-off — scored 26 points, Chris Duhon added 20 and the Bulls delivered a huge

stunner in beating the defending NBA champion Heat in Tuesday night's season opener.

It was — by far — the worst loss in NBA history for a defending champion on opening night; the previous low was the Los Angeles Lakers' 132-117 defeat to Golden State on Oct. 29, 1982. The Lakers went on that season to win 58 games and return to the NBA finals under coach Pat Riley, the same man guiding the Heat these days.

Chicago seized command with a 37-14 second-quarter burst, a

stretch where the Bulls connected on 79 percent of their shots — compared to 29 percent for the Heat, who simply never got rolling. The lead was 59-30 at halftime and just kept growing.

Dwyane Wade had 25 points before sitting out much of the fourth quarter for Miami, which didn't even have anyone else reach double figures. The Heat turned the ball over 23 times, leading to 32 Chicago points and were outrebounded 49-29.

Luol Deng had 12 points and Thabo Sefolosha — the league's

first player from Switzerland — added 11 on 4-of-4 shooting for Chicago.

Antoine Walker had nine for Miami, while Shaquille O'Neal had seven points and five rebounds before sitting out the final 14:01.

The Heat donned the same red uniforms they wore June 20 in Dallas when they won the franchise's first title, and got their rings in an elaborate pregame ceremony capped by raising the commemorative banner to the rafters.

The championship feel was there.

The championship play was not.

"In some cases, the home team gets their rings and goes

blub, blub, blub, blub because they're so pumped," said NBA commissioner David Stern, who handed out the jewelry to the Heat players, coaches and staff before the game. "I've been to a couple of those."

This was another one.

On a night that should have been filled with highs, the result was a franchise low — as in the worst opening-night loss in Heat history. Miami had dropped three other openers by 20 points, most recently Nov. 5, 2003, against Orlando.

The teams last met in the first round of last season's playoffs, when the Bulls frustrated the Heat often before finally falling to the eventual champs in six games.

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Gators on pace to capture SEC East

*7-1 Florida gets ready for 4-5 Vanderbilt*

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — The Florida Gators spent recent Novembers hoping for help in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division.

They needed to win out and have Tennessee tumble or Georgia stumble to make the league championship game in Atlanta. It never happened, leaving Florida out of the title game each of the last five years.

The seventh-ranked Gators are in position to end the drought. They don't need any assistance, either.

"That's a real nice feeling," linebacker Brandon Siler said. "It's hard cheering for other teams and hoping that things happen. Even though you've got to concentrate on your game, if somebody else loses, then you

know your destiny is different. It's way different now. I don't have to watch other teams play."

Florida (7-1, 5-1) can win the East with victories at Vanderbilt (4-5, 1-4) on Saturday and against South Carolina (5-3, 3-3) the following week. The Gators also would clinch the division with a win Saturday and a loss by Tennessee. The eighth-ranked Volunteers host No. 13 LSU.

"It's definitely a new feeling," senior receiver Jemalle Cornelius said. "We haven't been this fortunate around here for a while, so we're trying to make sure we don't let this opportunity slip away from us. We've got to make sure we stay focused, keep playing hard and find a way to win games."

The Gators beat Georgia 21-14 Saturday to stay on top of the division, ending a brutal four-game stretch against Alabama, LSU, Auburn and the Bulldogs with a 3-1 record.

"That was a big one," Siler said. "That's a big lump to get over. Of course, we've got to keep playing how we're playing and win on out. But that was a big lump. That was a big stretch we've been talking about and the nation's been talking about. We came out of it with one loss and we're in control of our own destiny."

But the schedule doesn't ease up much.

Although Florida has won 15 in a row against Vandy, four of the last 10 meetings have been decided by seven points or less. Last season was the biggest nail-biter. Cornerback Reggie Lewis, picked on most of the night, intercepted Jay Cutler's first pass in the second overtime to give the Gators a 49-42 victory.

Florida would prefer to clinch the division race in Nashville and not have to rely on beating South Carolina and former coach Steve Spurrier the following week in Gainesville. Spurrier's teams were 68-5 in 12 years at Florida Field, and his Gamecocks upset the Gators last season, preventing them from advancing to the conference title game.

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## Alma

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the pressure and won the game 15-11 — and the match.

"Our sheer stubbornness to not give up, was our strongest part of our play tonight," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "I also really saw my senior's leadership rise to the occasion. [The] desire to win is contagious...they don't want to let each other down."

The Belles ran into the stands to celebrate the win with the crowd after it was over.

In the first game, the Belles pulled ahead with a 17-13 lead. The Scots rallied back and kept the game close until a sudden push won the match 26-30.

The second game was controlled completely by Alma until the 22-30 final.

Senior outside hitter Kristen Playko, freshman outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski and junior setter Amanda David led the Belles.

Playko posted a match high 25 kills, while digging up 18 balls. Slupczynski helped in the effort with 15 kills and a career-best 26 digs, while David contributed a double-double with 68 assists and 11 digs.

"Everyone is doing a great job right now," Playko said. "There is always room for

improvement, we need to step it up even more on Friday. We are going into this game as the under dogs, but we know we can compete.

"This tournament is a great challenge for us, nothing is set in stone. It is about drive and desire, and who wants it more. Friday we have an awesome opportunity to show who we are and what we are all about."

Playko was pleased with her team's effort, but knows they have to work things out before Friday's game against top-seed Calvin.

"We need to work on keeping our focus and starting out strong," she said. "It is going to be a good game, but we can't wait until the third game to play. We need to do the work early and get the win. We are all out there wanting the same

thing, together we can make it happen."

Coach Schroeder-Biek agreed with the starting senior.

"We need a strong desire to win right from the start," she said. "The competition only gets tougher and we need to respond to that by bringing our best game to the court immediately."

The Belles will play Calvin Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the road.

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## ND WOMEN'S GOLF

# Senior leads 8th-place finish

*Irish close out fall season with tourney*

By CHRIS HINE  
Sport Writer

Notre Dame ended its fall season on a high note Tuesday, posting an 8-over par 296 — their best total of the season — to finish in a tie for eighth out of 19 teams at the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate Tournament in Kiawah Island, S.C.

The Irish finished 35 strokes behind tournament winner Campbell.

The team won't compete again until the spring.

Notre Dame came to South Carolina with the fifth best ranking of the teams in the tournament according to Golfstat.com, but the Irish struggled in the first two rounds with scores of 308 and 310.

Tuesday marked only the second time this fall that the Irish shot under 300 for a round.

"They went out and did what they had to do today," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "We just need to be more consistent, and they will be during the spring."

Senior Noriko Nakazaki clubbed the team's best round of the season with a 2-under 70 Tuesday to finish 3-over for

the tournament, putting her in a tie for sixth overall. Nakazaki holed 10 birdies in the tournament — fourth overall in that category.

"It was a nice feeling, shooting that last round — things went well [Tuesday]," Nakazaki said.

Sophomore Lisa Maunu also shot under par Tuesday with a 1-under 71, tying her career-best single round score. She finished 27th overall, marking the only time all fall that two Irish golfers shot under par in the same round.

"Overall I stressed course management with [Nakazaki and Maunu], which was sloppy on Monday," Holt said. "But overall it was much better on day two and they avoided the big numbers."

Junior Jane Lee fired three rounds under 80 to finish 54th overall, while freshmen Annie Brophy (82-77-78) and Kristin Wetzel (79-80-80) finished 67th and 73rd, respectively, out of the field of 99 golfers.

Holt said the freshmen went through a maturation process during their first semester on the team.

"Everytime they get an opportunity to play it helps,"

she said. "They're going to be a big part of the rest of the season. The spring schedule is going to be tough, and we need them to produce."

Holt was named Irish head coach before the second tournament of the season, after former Irish coach Debby King left over the summer.

Holt took the Notre Dame job after a successful 13-year stint as head coach at South Florida. Holt was named Conference USA Coach of the Decade for 1995-2005.

"Everytime other coaches ask me if it was a good move, I always tell them I know it is," she said.

During the winter, the Irish will have the opportunity to practice in the newly built Robert and Marilyn Rolfs Family All-Season Golf Facility, which features a driving range and a 5,000 square-foot short game area complete with a putting green and practice bunker.

"We'll be able to practice much more thanks to the new facility," Nakazaki said. "And that will make us a lot better for the spring."

Susan Holt  
Irish coach

*"We just need to be more consistent, and they will be during the spring."*

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# Opener

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Notre Dame's season.

"We've been practicing against each other for long enough," Falls said before practice Monday. "It's time to get going [against other competition]."

Rockhurst University is a Division-II school in Kansas City, Mo., and is a member of the Heartland Conference — which it founded in 1999. But despite the two programs' disparity, the Irish will treat their preseason opener like a regular season matchup.

"I think we'll take it and prepare like a game," Brey said. "We'll sub like a game, yeah you'd like to get a look at everyone but not at the expense of [establishing] a flow."

Establishing this flow, or offensive rhythm and substitution patterns, will be important for Notre Dame in its preseason and early season schedule.

With the graduations of guard Chris Quinn (17.7 points, 6.4 assists per game in 2005-06) and forward Torin Francis (11.6 points, 9.4 rebounds per game), there are clear voids in the starting lineup. But at the same time, there are also opportunities for younger players to take advantage of increased roles.

McAlarney will assume full-time point guard duties this season after being a backup last year. But the sophomore from Staten Island, N.Y. is



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

**Irish senior Colin Falls guards a Villanova player in Notre Dame's 72-70 loss to the Wildcats Jan. 28.**

ready to fill Quinn's shoes, currently playing for the NBA's Miami Heat.

"[I'm] not feeling any pressure at all," McAlarney said. "I'm very comfortable right now, we've put a lot into this."

McAlarney, combined with Falls, combo guard Russell Carter and forward Rob Kurz are expected to be the nucleus of the team, while setting examples for the nine freshmen and sophomores on the roster.

"It's clear those guys are the most experienced guys," Brey said. "All of them are doing a few new things. Those guys are going to have to be our rocks."

Outside of Carter, Falls, Kurz and McAlarney, Wednesday's preseason game

should begin to shed light on who else will be in the mix. Falls credited freshman Luke Harangody Monday for establishing a definitive post presence during practice, and Brey said sophomore forward Zach Hillesland and freshman guard Tory Jackson have impressed him early.

But above all else, the opener will let Notre Dame run its motion sets — the primary offense which the Irish use — against an opponent other than themselves.

"It would be disrespectful to say we're going to blow them out," Carter said Monday. "We want to [work on improving] but at the same time we want to win."

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# Milestone

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racking up 33 wins in his first season.

In one of Jackson's most memorable wins, the Lakers beat Michigan in an overtime game at Joe Louis Arena in 1991 to take home the CCHA crown.

"That group of 10 seniors were all my recruits as freshman, and I got to coach them in their final year," Jackson said. "Scoring that overtime goal in a great game meant a lot to me."

Jackson's other favorite game, also an overtime win, was over the Wolverines in 1994. This time the two powerhouses met in the NCAA regional round at Jackson's alma mater, Michigan State.

After six years, four CCHA titles, and two national championships with Lake Superior, Jackson decided to leave the college game to head the U.S. National Junior program, where he won a silver medal. He spent the next decade coaching major juniors in Canada and in the NHL

before the Irish signed him in 2005.

"I'm glad I did what I did," Jackson said. "I got a chance to see the world and represent my country in the game I'm passionate about. It has all been a real positive learning experience."

*"I got a chance to see the world and represent my country in the game I'm passionate about."*

**Jeff Jackson**  
Irish coach

"Coach really puts the team first," sophomore center Christian Hanson said. "He has shown us that an all star doesn't make a team — a team makes an all star."

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**Christian Hanson**  
Irish center

Hanson had the game-winning goal in Saturday's Air Force game and was also named tournament MVP.

Jackson isn't sure he will stick around long enough to catch the likes of York or Parker, 753 and 744 wins respectively, but he and his team will start this weekend by looking for No. 201 and No. 202 against Ohio State.

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## Lakers

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The Irish offense looked slow early, and the Irish and Lakers traded baskets to open up the game. A three-pointer by Lakers guard Shalyn Beauchamp put Lake Superior State ahead 6-5.

It was the last time the Lakers would hold the lead.

Gaines responded on Notre Dame's next possession to regain the lead, and a 17-5 run over the next six minutes destroyed any Lake State hopes. Notre Dame went into the locker room at halftime up 44-27.

"[Our offensive production] was a little better than I expected," McGraw said. "I thought we'd probably hit the 70's, get pretty good performances from a lot of different people."

Notre Dame kept their offense intensity high in the second half, scoring eight straight points after Jaclyn Armstrong sank a lay-up for the Lakers. This run cemented Notre Dame's lead, which grew steadily throughout the game.

Leading the Irish effort was junior guard Allen, who was 8-of-13 from the floor with 20 points — the best exhibition game of her career. Guard Breona Gray (10 points) and center Melissa D'Amico (11 points) each hit double digits for Notre Dame, while Gaines was not far behind with nine.

Even though 10 out of the 11 Irish players in the game

scored, McGraw still thought the players could each have contributed more overall — especially on the glass. Notre Dame out-rebounded Lake Superior State 51-42.

Allen led the charge with 10 boards, and had the only Irish double-double of the game. But the two Irish centers — D'Amico and freshman Erica Williamson — were boxed out all night, and combined for nine boards.

The Irish limited the Lakers on the defensive end. Lake Superior State shot 29 percent from the field (28 percent from 3-point range).

"Our three-point defense was good; our field goal defense was good — we fouled way too much," McGraw said. "If you're going to be aggressive, you're going to foul, and that's one of the things we can fix."

Notre Dame also forced 32 turnovers, mainly due to tight defense played by Gaines and Gray.

"I thought for 40 minutes it was a great effort and a lot of that has to do with [Gaines] and [Gray]," McGraw said. "When they get going and get up on the ball, it makes everybody else run and get up and guard people too."

Another key aspect of the Irish victory was the performance of their three freshmen — Williamson and guards Ashley Barlow and Melissa Lechlitner.

Despite the low rebound total, Williamson still filled in well for the veteran D'Amico, posting six points and one block in 13 minutes.

"I think coming into the game, you could probably tell by the way I played," Williamson said. "I just love the atmosphere here. The first time I went in and I heard my name, the crowd just went crazy ... It was nice to have that."

Barlow and Lechlitner each played well in their first college appearances, scoring seven and eight points, respectively, while spending time as the point and shooting guard. Barlow's performance was cut short, however, when she fell hard to the ground eight minutes into the game and left the game for further tests.

Overall, the Irish felt they succeeded in their first test against college opposition on both sides of the ball.

"I thought there were some good things," McGraw said. "I think you can see the contributions from three of our freshmen will be making and I think they have great potential."

### Notes:

♦ The game was played under new experimental rules for women's basketball. The rule changes added a 10-second backcourt violation — which was never called — and moved the three-point line back from 19-feet-9 to 20-feet-6.

"When you're out there shooting you don't think about where the line is," Gray said about the new three-point arch.

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## NCAA

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said the body governing all intercollegiate athletics should further study and seriously consider giving all athletes five years of playing eligibility, regardless of their academic status.

Weis said he feels the change would further lessen the importance of schools trying to graduate their athletes in four years. He cited the NCAA's rules governing summer school, which allow student-athletes to take six credits each summer, including the summer before their freshman year. With the opportunity to accumulate 24 credits outside the normal fall and spring semesters, Weis said, there should be no need for students to take five years to graduate.

"So then why have five years eligibility?" Weis said. "It's not to set them up for graduate school. ... There are some institutions that think the way we do, to graduate everyone in four. They call it a four-year institution, not a five."

Even though he opposes the idea, Weis said if the NCAA did pass the legislation, it would allow him more flexibility dealing with freshman.

Now, he said, he has to worry about playing freshmen who might want to save a year of eligibility.

"If I knew right now that everyone had five years of eligibility, [then I would] just load up the kitchen sink, let's go, get them all in there," Weis said. "But you have to always be considerate of the future of your program and think accordingly."

### Notes:

♦ Weis said he thought the "60 Minutes" feature that profiled him Sunday evening "was fairly realistic."

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**Charlie Weis**  
Irish coach

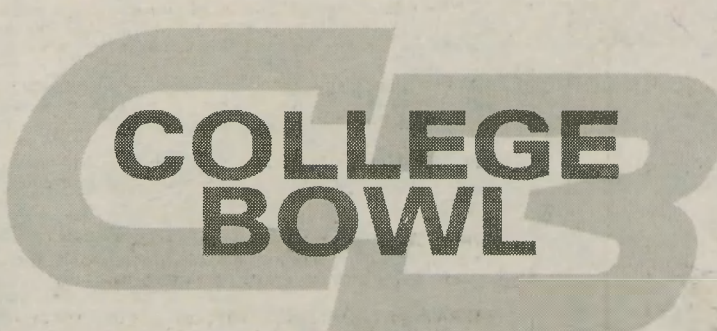
"I'm far from perfect, as we all know," Weis said. "Do I have some detriments or some flaws? Absolutely. But I think realistically it's tough to be in the coaching profession and simultaneously be a loving husband and father and be the mold-

er of young men, where at the same time your job is to win football games."

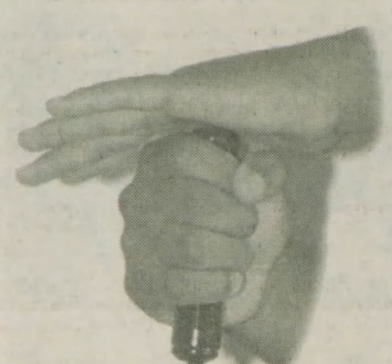


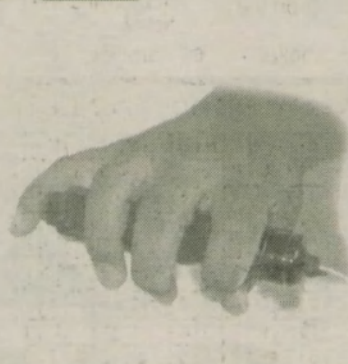
He noted that all the vulgarities he used were contained to the football field, largely thanks to his wife.

"Some of the things that you might have said or heard, you know, on the football field, are not tolerated in the Weis house by Maura Weis," he quipped.

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## ND BASKETBALL

### Tip-off Tuesday

*Women grab 82-55 win over Lake State in preseason opener*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

A little over two minutes into the second half, Irish guard Tulyah Gaines received a long pass and immediately found Charel Allen cutting to the basket, who sank the layup. Gaines' pass made the crowd erupt, and even earned her a high-five from coach Muffet McGraw in the 82-55 Irish win over Division-II Lake Superior State.

"It was really just such a great pass," McGraw said. "I just think Tulyah is really playing well. She gets me excited when she attacks the basket."

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Junior guard Tulyah Gaines drives around Lake Superior State guard Roniea Peterson during Notre Dame's 82-55 exhibition win Tuesday over the Lakers at the Joyce Center.

*Notre Dame to play exhibition game with Rockhurst Wednesday*

By BOB GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame point guard Kyle McAlarney was relaxed, coach Mike Brey was ready and senior guard Colin Falls was simply relieved before practice Monday outside the Irish locker room.

Because when the Irish open their preseason schedule Wednesday against Rockhurst at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center, it will be their first opportunity to display the results of a full offseason of improved conditioning, toughness and physicality.

And more importantly, it will be the official beginning of

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## FOOTBALL

### Weis opposes across-the-board NCAA fifth-year eligibility

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Editor

One day after NCAA President Myles Brand said he would continue exploring the possibility of changing NCAA bylaws to give all student-athletes five years of athletic eligibility, Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday he

opposes the idea.

"Our guys all graduate in four years," Weis said. "What [the proposed legislation] does is help promote a four-year institution being a five-year deal. ... I'm all in favor of guys graduating in four years. And that's what we stand for."

Presently, only student-athletes who do not participate in athletics their freshman year

or those who have season-ending injuries may play their fifth year out of high school. Most schools allow all students who retain NCAA eligibility to play in their fifth year. Some even promote a five-year path toward graduation.

At Notre Dame, student-athletes must graduate on time and apply to a faculty board

in order to qualify for a fifth year of eligibility.

"It isn't like the guys are in their fifth year and they're still eighteen hours away from graduating," Weis said. "They're either working on another major or actually taking graduate classes."

The Irish currently have nine fifth-year football players, including starting wide

receiver Rhema McKnight, who earned a fifth year due to a season-ending knee injury in 2005, and starting cornerback Mike Richardson, who did not play as a freshman.

Brand released an NCAA report Monday compiled by a task force of 48 school presidents and chancellors that

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## HOCKEY

### Win means little to Jackson

*Irish coach takes tourney and earns 200th victory*

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

Saturday night's 2-0 shutout of Air Force was anything but an ordinary win for Irish coach Jeff Jackson — and he had no idea.

The victory to take the first-annual Lightning College Hockey Classic was No. 10 Notre Dame's first in-season tournament win in 25 years. But more importantly, it gave Jackson his 200th career win.

He reached the mark with a

winning percentage of .714 — the highest percentage among all active Division-I coaches with at least five years experience.



Jackson

perspective, the two winningest active coaches in the NCAA, Boston College's Jerry York and Boston University's Jack Parker, needed 11 and 10

years, respectively, to reach the 200 win plateau.

"It's such an overrated statistic," Jackson said. "I've been behind the bench for 200 wins, and that's all the significance to it."

The humble Jackson wasn't even aware he had reached the mark until his players presented him with the game puck after the final buzzer.

Jackson's career started at Lake Superior State when he took over the head coaching job in 1990 after four years as an assistant. Jackson's Lakers won the CCHA regular season and tournament title after

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

### Belles outlast MIAA rival in playoff match

By SAMANTHA LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fought back from a 2-0 deficit Tuesday against Alma College and advanced to the MIAA semifinals after a 3-2 win.

Alma took the first two matches and looked as if it had total control in the match, but that was not the case.

The Scots started the third game with a 7-4 lead, but the Belles recovered and grabbed a 10-9 lead. They kept it the rest of the game, winning 30-

23, and cut the Scots lead to 2-1.

The Belles jumped out to a 9-6 lead in the fourth game, but the Scots rallied back. Alma maintained control until a surprise rally brought the Belles back to 27-27. The Belles took a time out and went on to win the game 30-28.

The deciding fifth game was a back-and-forth affair. The Scots came out with a 2-0 lead, but the Belles soon took over 4-3. They continued to pour on

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Notre Dame concludes fall season with eighth place finish in Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate Tournament.

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No. 7 Florida seeks to stay on pace to take SEC East against Vanderbilt this weekend.

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### NBA

Chicago 108  
Miami 66

Bulls guard Kirk Hinrich scores 26 and guard Chris Duhon adds 20 in the win.

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Undefeated West Virginia feels it gets no respect as it heads into a Thursday night showdown against Louisville.

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### NHL

Sharks 2  
Panthers 1

Christian Ehrhoff scores a last-minute power play goal to give San Jose the win.

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### NHL

Islanders 5  
Blackhawks 2

New York goalie Rick DiPietro makes 30 saves and Alexei Yashin scores the game-winner.

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