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Annan cancels Notre Dame visit

By MARY KATE MALONE
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Due to scheduling conflicts, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has canceled his planned Nov. 12 visit to Notre Dame, a Mendoza College of Business official said Sunday.

Annan was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at a peace conference Nov. 12-14 exploring how commerce can be a tool for building peace. Father Oliver Williams, the director of Mendoza's Center for Ethics and Culture and the conference's lead organizer, said he booked Annan

knowing his visit could not be assured, given the Secretary-General's full and often unpredictable schedule.

Annan will be replaced by Mark Moody-Stuart, chairman of the board of directors of the Foundation for the Global Compact, a non-profit entity that helps fund one of Annan's most well-known initiatives, the Global Compact.

The three-day peace con-



Annan

ference is titled "Peace Through Commerce: Partnerships as a New Paradigm" and will bring together intellectuals, corporate executives, representatives from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government policy makers to examine how, through economic commerce, businesses and NGOs can advance initiatives for peace.

Moody-Stuart will deliver his keynote address to an invitation-only crowd in the dining room of the Notre Dame Press Box Nov. 12.

"[Moody-Stuart is] going to talk about the need for companies — particularly large

businesses — to get involved in problems of the wider society. ... He will encourage them and probably implore companies to do more," said Williams, who sits with Moody-Stuart on the board of directors for the Foundation for the Global Compact.

In addition to his chairmanship of the Foundation for the Global Compact, Moody-Stuart is also chairman of Anglo American PLC, an international mining company. He holds a doctorate in geology from Cambridge University and, from 2001-04, was a member of the

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Soldiers request ND items

Student-run project sends care packages to U.S. forces overseas

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

For organizers of the Notre Dame Accounting Association's care package project, it is not the Gatorade mix, sunflower seeds or bannanas that they need the largest stock of — it is "something, anything to do with Notre Dame," according to senior organizer Rena Zarah.

Though the group collects everything from Christmas CDs and DVDs to beef jerky and ChapStick, it is Notre Dame memorabilia that members of the armed forces serving overseas ask for most frequently.

"We collect names and addresses of soldiers overseas serving our country. These men and women either graduated from Notre Dame, are related or are friends with a Notre Dame student, faculty or staff, or are from the Notre Dame community," Zarah said. "This is the most rewarding project I personally have ever been involved in."

The care package project, which began four years ago, started out small, sending "at most 20" packages overseas in its first year, said Zarah, who is organizing the project with junior Liz Byrum. The

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Easley discusses ethics in politics

North Carolina governor emphasizes reliance on core values when enacting public policy

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

Declaring ethics and core values in policy-making as "not optional" Friday afternoon, North Carolina Gov. Michael Easley delivered a speech in the Snite Museum on the importance of drawing upon personal values in setting the right policy.

In the talk, entitled "Intersection of Politics and Values in the 21st Century," Easley said the right policy is "the one that allows people to reach their potential so they can use their God-given gifts."

Easley, a Democrat, is the first Roman Catholic governor of North Carolina, a predominantly Protestant state. Although he

attended UNC-Chapel Hill, Easley named University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh as "one of my heroes."

Easley admitted that his "religious faith guides [his] policy," but insisted this view does not violate the separation of church and state.

"It's natural and appropriate to navigate public policy with our own internal moral compass," Easley said.

He repeatedly referred to the importance of relying on one's core values in making and enforcing policy, helping less powerful members of society.

"Small steps properly taken for noble purposes strengthen the weak among us," Easley said.

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North Carolina Gov. Michael Easley lectures on the importance of ethics in policy-making at the Snite Museum Friday.

Networking directory accessible to seniors

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Undergraduate seniors and graduate students now have the option to receive full access to Irish Online, a networking directory of more than 100,000 alumni, after a change that went into effect Nov. 1.

A result of a joint effort by Student Government, the Career Center, the Alumni Association and the Development Office, the change increases student networking opportunities tenfold — undergraduate students were previously given access to a directory of

10,000 alumni who volunteered their information, according to a student government press release. Full access to the directory was not granted to seniors until well after graduation.

"We realized students didn't have access to the full alumni network until at least six weeks after graduation and sometimes even [longer]," said student body vice president Bill Andrichik.

It didn't make sense that the full directory was not available during the "most relevant time for students to be contacting alumni for their career search," he said.

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Local bishop visits Saint Mary's

D'Arcy celebrates Mass, offers opinions, answers student questions

By ABBY RICHARDSON
News Writer

Celebrating Mass and answering questions at Saint Mary's Sunday night, South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy cited the importance of love and prayer as he addressed scripture, current events and why he became a priest.

"When the gospel is read in the Church, it is never about past events only," D'Arcy said. "It is all about love."

D'Arcy continued to stress the importance of love, referring to Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical "God is Love." D'Arcy encour-



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South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy speaks with students after celebrating Mass at Saint Mary's Sunday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Keeping our common courtesy

I'm no conservative. Terms like "family values" make me cringe, and whenever I hear mention of "traditional marriage" this election season, I want to run back to my apartment and put on my rainbow bandanna.

Steve Kerins

In spite of all that, I've always thought of Notre Dame and its surrounding community as a place where the norms of a simpler time are embraced, and where a refreshing sense of common courtesy holds the day. And while I might not always agree with Notre Dame's values, I know that they stem from a sincere desire to set right the ills of the larger world.

News Writer

This is why I'm concerned that the decency for which our University is known is under threat from the outside.

In my small East Coast hometown, our local coffee shop recently made the news following a fight over a parking space in which one driver maced another, sending her to the hospital.

Now, this is a feeling I can relate to. We've all felt frustrated when that selfish mom in the ugly hip-huggers takes up two parking spaces with her Suburban, forcing us to park illegally so we can run in to get our dry-cleaning. We all know the pain of waiting in line at the store as that fool with the comb-over pays for his \$1.50 tube of toothpaste with a debit card.

I know a Notre Dame woman who carries a "rape whistle" to defend herself in the event of an attack, which I find a bit quaint. A friend at home carries nunchucks in her purse for the same purpose.

I am frequently offended by certain local drivers, who seem to find the concept of the "fast lane" difficult to grasp. I am not at all ashamed of peppering them with obscene gestures and choice language as I zoom past them in the right-hand lane. But I try to remind myself that Notre Dame is a world unto itself, and screaming at the elderly as they wind their way to the Bookstore won't help me fit into this culture.

I love that visitors write into The Observer to tell us how nicely they were treated at football games. I love that my school has a reputation for personal conduct that precedes me wherever I go. And I hope that Notre Dame continues to set itself apart, and that its students continue to conduct themselves with class when they leave this place.

This is one rare instance in which I hope we never bend to secularizing, depersonalizing elements in the world around us.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO GET OVER 'A CASE OF THE MONDAYS'?



Julie McElroy

senior
Breen-Phillips

"Watching the movie 'Borat.'"



Laura Hamman

senior
off campus

"A grande, triple-shot, nonfat, sugar-free vanilla latte."



Mary Beth Scully

junior
Cavanaugh

"Write an angry Viewpoint letter about it."



Mauricio Rojas

senior
O'Neill

"Looking at pictures on Facebook of the weekend."



Ted Lawless

senior
Knott

"I don't know, but it involves a 9-iron, some ice and a plastic lawn gnome."



Tom Kingsbury

sophomore
Alumni

"Sleeping until Tuesday."



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Walt Parazaid, left, Keith Howland, center and James Pankow, members of the classic rock group Chicago, gear up to play with the marching band Saturday.

OFFBEAT

Police confiscate mummy from Mich. woman

PORT HURON, Mich. — Mummified human skeletal remains confiscated from the home of a woman who police say was trying to sell them on eBay likely came from an early 19th century Scottish collection, authorities said.

Police said Friday they have closed their investigation and do not plan to seek criminal charges.

The remains were confiscated Oct. 10 after being spotted on the Internet auction Web

site.

A Michigan State University anthropologist determined that remains likely date from the early 19th century and were part of a collection of anatomical specimens from Scottish anatomist Allen Burns, the Times Herald reported.

Nude couple's feud ends at Waffle House

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — No shirt, no service? What about no clothes at all? A couple that began squabbling in a motel room Friday morning carried their dispute

over to an adjacent Waffle House restaurant in the nude, police said.

The woman, who was not identified, told officers she was staying in a room with Larry Boyd when he took a hit of cocaine, started trashing their room and choked her.

She ran in the buff to the nearby restaurant and locked herself in the bathroom. Boyd, also naked, followed her into the restaurant and then fled in a car.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A conference entitled "Strategic Peacebuilding: The State of the Art," will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Faculty, staff, students and the public are welcome to attend.

Charlie Thornton, the chairman and engineer of New York's Thornton-Tomasetti Group, will lecture on "Engineering Architecture: From High-Rise Towers to Restoration Design" today from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall.

Henry Weinfield and Catherine Schlegel will be reading from their new translation of Hesiod's poems, "The Theogony and The Works and Days" in the Coleman Morse Lounge at 7:30 tonight. Following the reading, refreshments will be served and Weinfield and Schlegel will sign their book.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will take on Bellarmine in an exhibition game tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center Arena. For ticket information, call 631-7356.

The French film "Ma Vie en Rose" will be shown in room 116 DeBartolo Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Gender Studies Program's "Body and Soul — Gender, Religion and Identity" film series.

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Game-day parking benefits SMC

Crowds increase College bookstore sales; security receives no complaints

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

A \$20 bill and a vow not to tailgate can earn South Bend visitors a parking spot on the Saint Mary's campus — just 1.5 miles from Notre Dame Stadium — on a crowded football Saturday.

"[Athletic] teams help with the parking of cars, which greatly benefits their programs," Director of Security Dan Garipey said.

After games, traffic is altered — only right turns are allowed onto Route 31 going south until downtown South Bend — to make exiting campus more efficient.

"We do this because it is the fastest way to clear the campus," Garipey said.

Saint Mary's athletics are not the only ones who profit from campus parking, as sales at the Saint Mary's bookstore are also affected by the influx of people.

The Shaheen Bookstore, normally open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, opens an hour earlier to accommodate the crowds on game days. The bookstore also opens from 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays — when it is typically closed — after Notre Dame football games.

Bookstore manager Michael Hicks estimates a 20 percent increase in sales on football weekends.

"Notre Dame football adds to the local economy and we at Saint Mary's College benefit as well."

Dan Garipey
director of security
Saint Mary's

not attribute entirely to parking.

"Because the bookstore is not located near the parking area, we don't notice much casual traffic," he said.

"[We would definitely] welcome any additional traffic that would be the result of public parking at Saint Mary's."

On-campus parking is restricted to the Science Hall lot and on grassy areas

allowed by Opus Hall. No serious damage has been done to the landscape by allowing cars to park on the grass.

Although the parking may seem like an encroachment upon Opus residents, security has not received complaints from inconvenienced students.

"Everyone seems aware of the benefits," Garipey said. "Notre Dame football adds to the local economy and we at Saint Mary's College benefit as well."

Senior Opus resident Kim LaVigne arrived on campus in time for the second quarter of the North Carolina game this past weekend.

"Campus was full of cars parked on the grass and in the Science Hall lot, but I was able to find a spot for my own car without a problem," she said.

While the extra traffic is noticeable, finding parking spots for students living in Opus Hall or anywhere else on campus has not posed a large problem.

"I don't mind the extra activity at all," LaVigne said.

"[We would definitely] welcome any additional traffic that would be the result of public parking at Saint Mary's."

Michael Hicks
manager
Shaheen Bookstore

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aged the congregation to aspire to God's passionate love.

"Are you capable or are you becoming capable of real love?" he said. "A person who cannot love is a stranger to herself."

D'Arcy reiterated the story of Christ suffering on the cross. Christ took the sin upon himself, he said, with selflessness.

D'Arcy reminded his listeners that Christ showed love to all men, even sinners.

He also emphasized the importance of prayer in everyday life. When asked about how to find balance in life, D'Arcy answered, "Prayer."

"One of the most wonderful things you can do is learn to pray. Prayer is how we communicate," he said. "[Prayer] is a conversation with someone who loves us."

Offering some words of advice, D'Arcy said to enjoy life as well.

"It is always important to learn how to relax, to enjoy life," D'Arcy said. "Learn when you are young to be alone. You can't love until you can be alone."

Students raised questions on subjects often considered con-

troversial in a Catholic context, such as homosexuality.

"Everybody should be treated with dignity. We are all created by God, redeemed by Christ. We should love everyone," D'Arcy said. "But homosexual acts are sinful. We should never give impressions that homosexual behavior is okay. Because it's not."

While he justified the U.S. presence in Afghanistan post-Sept. 11, D'Arcy said he does not believe the war in Iraq is just — it is a preventative war, he said, and the threat was not facing the U.S. directly.

D'Arcy said his parents were instrumental in his decision to join the priesthood, since they provided a faithful home environment and always supported him.

He cracked a joke — "I found out early I could not hit a baseball well enough to

play for the Red Sox, so I became a priest" — and then stressed the importance of vocation.

"I became a priest because God wanted me to be a priest," he said.

D'Arcy also presented the idea that faith changes for a person over time and sometimes, is a struggle.

"As we grow, our faith gets challenged," he said. "Questioning does not mean you are losing your faith."

"As we grow, our faith gets challenged. Questioning does not mean you are losing your faith."

South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D'Arcy

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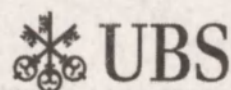
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project has continued to grow each year, sending a record number of 150 packages last fall.

The group is expecting to send fewer packages — about 120 — this year because “there has been a drop in the number of people overseas,” Zarah said. Sixty names have already been collected and Zarah expects that number to increase as the deadline approaches. All the packages should be put together and shipped overseas the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

While the number of packages has decreased, the number of supporters has done just the opposite.

“I think it’s definitely become a more school-wide project rather than just the Notre Dame Accounting Association project,” Zarah said.

After sending an e-mail to the campus community, Zarah said her inbox was “flooded” with more than 200 messages from people who want to help out or donate.

“Everyone is really supportive of it,” she said.

Some are from those asking

for packages to be sent to a particular soldier — “he has a wife and with their first child on the way at home,” one e-mail read — and others from those asking what they can do to help.

“I’m an ND [Alliance for Catholic Education] teacher in Baton Rouge, Louisiana,” read one e-mail. “I was wondering if it would be possible to have my students (10th-11th grade) write letters to the troops to be included in packages ... I think that this would be an excellent service-learning project for them.”

But help is not coming just from Notre Dame graduates; the greater South Bend community has heard about the Accounting Association’s project, and many people have expressed interest.

“A local elementary school is having the students write letters to put in the boxes,” Zarah said.

Local businesses like CVS Pharmacy on Ironwood and Meijer have donated to the cause, Zarah said.

“ND Food Services and The Shirt also give us a large amount of items,” she said.

Zarah said that sending such letters and packages is the “least we can do to demonstrate our gratitude.”

Every item in the packages

is donated, she said.

Though the process for sending the boxes is complicated — every single item in the box needs to be listed on detailed customs forms — Zarah said she receives a lot of help and discounts from UPS, who sends out the packages.

For the next two weeks beginning today, the Association will collect donations in the lobby of the Mendoza College of Business from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Zarah said monetary donations may also be given to cover the costs of shipping and purchasing items for the packages.

Other items needed for packages include: letters, non-crushable snacks, Christmas lights, decorations, cookies, microwave popcorn, copies of campus publications, magazines, sunscreen, candy, baby wipes and eye drops.

“It is important to let these men and women know that they are in our hearts and prayers, especially through the holiday season,” Zarah said.

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Seniors and graduate students will be able to view the entire alumni directory after attending a “Networking with ND Alumni” session. These sessions focus on “the proper way to use the network and how to make a professional contact,” Andrichik said. They help to alleviate any worries of network misuse, which Andrichik said was a “big hurdle” in making the change.

In test runs with select groups of students gaining access to the full directory, there have been “zero complaints from alumni,” Andrichik said.

While freshmen, sophomores and juniors will still have access to the volunteer alumni network, seniors will find that the job search may become easier with 100,000 records of alumni, regions, professions and contact information at their fingertips.

Students are “not actually contacting companies but Notre Dame alumni,” Andrichik said. “[The directory] works as a complement to companies that the Career Center brings in.”

“We realized students didn’t have access to the full alumni network until at least six weeks after graduation.”

Bill Andrichik
student body vice president

The development, Andrichik said, is a positive change for seniors wanting to take full advantage of the vast alumni networking systems Notre Dame has to offer.

“You go to Notre Dame for a lifetime,” he said. “I would find it hard to believe that other comparable institutions have as good of alumni networks, as far

as employment and networking opportunities go.”

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U.N. advisory council for the Global Compact, which brings together business and peace-keeping organizations to help create and sustain a more inclusive economy.

Companies who will be represented at the conference include: Bristol-Myers-Squibb, The Coca Cola Company, Ford Motor Company and General Electric, among others.

General Electric’s Vice President of Corporate Citizenship, Bob Corcoran, will speak about his company’s involvement with the Millennium Village Project, an initiative that aims to support villages and peoples in Africa.

NGOs that will be represented include: Oxfam, Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS and Initiative for Global Development, among others.

The conference is sponsored by

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ACE to offer degree in administration

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame will offer a new master’s degree in educational administration beginning next summer.

The new degree program is an expansion of the Alliance for Catholic Education [ACE] Leadership Program, which is itself an outgrowth of Notre Dame’s ACE, which provides college graduates an opportunity to earn master of education degrees while serving as teachers in understaffed Catholic schools nationwide. Since it began in 2002, the ACE Leadership Program has trained 82 teachers in professional administration, fostering community within schools, and spiritual formation. All of these teachers have remained in Catholic schools, 50 of them in administrative positions.

According to Father Ronald

R. Nuzzi, director of the ACE Leadership Program, the master’s in educational administration will require the addition of new courses and 11 credit hours to the curriculum of the ACE Leadership Program. The required courses include “Exceptionalities in Education,” “Educational Research and Methodology,” “Action Research,” and “The History and Philosophy of Catholic Education.”

“All of us in ACE believe that Catholic schools are at the heart of the Church,” Nuzzi said. “It is a great privilege to launch this new degree which says that Notre Dame is serious about the renewal of K-12 Catholic schools.”

Among the most ardent advocates of the new master’s program has been University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh.

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During his time as governor, Easley has taken steps to improve education and shorten the achievement gap between people of different races in North Carolina. One example, Easley said, is reducing the sizes of kindergarten classes.

“So many good and strong people in North Carolina were made weak by their lack of education,” Easley said. He explained that North Carolina’s traditional economy — based on agriculture, textiles and furniture manufacturing — made it difficult for some people to pursue higher education.

Easley said he has worked to provide more funding and scholarships to make higher education more accessible to those of lower socioeconomic levels.

Although Easley said much progress had been made on the state-level in North Carolina, he had plenty of criticism for the politics in Washington, D.C.

“Too many in Washington have forgotten their core principles and left Americans in their wake,” Easley said. In the nation’s capital, he said, there is “too much concern for party politics” and not enough concern for constituents.

“[Politicians in Washington] are focused more on future

elections than future generations,” Easley said.

He said that among other reductions, Washington has cut Federal Pell grant scholarships, despite “the clear need for a more educated population.” Whenever cuts are made on the federal level, the states have to make up for that loss, Easley said. He also criticized how Washington has been funding the war effort.

“You create the budget to fit the war effort, not the war effort to fit the budget,” he said.

Regarding foreign policy, Easley predicted that “as other powers emerge, we will be challenged more militarily than in the past.”

The U.S. must rely on core values, Easley said, because “we will no longer be able to coerce others. We will have to be able to persuade others.” He said

he believes America must be viewed “as moral and with values.”

Despite the critical tone regarding Washington, Easley insisted on the need to remain optimistic regarding the future.

“We must remain optimistic, hopeful and confident,” he said. “Confident that our people will succeed, hopeful that the words of our leaders will come with action and optimistic that values will strengthen a weakened America.”

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Michael Easley
governor
North Carolina



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran prepared to open negotiations

TEHRAN — Iran said Sunday it was open to negotiations with the United States on Iraq and other regional issues but hinted it would not drop its refusal to talk about its contentious nuclear program.

As the U.N. Security Council geared up for a protracted debate on sanctioning Iran over its nuclear program, Tehran praised Russia for its "softer" stance on the issue.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini said Iran would consider talks with the U.S. over regional issues, including Iraq, if Washington requested. He would not elaborate, and there was no immediate response from the United States on the offer.

"If there is any official request about regional issues, we are ready to review it," Hosseini told reporters.

However, he said Iran would not change its position regarding bilateral relations with the U.S., suggesting Tehran would refuse to talk about the nuclear issue.

Unrest over federal police continues

OAXACA, Mexico — Thousands of anti-government demonstrators marched through this tense colonial city on Sunday, demanding the security forces abandon camps they set up last week to end a five-month protest.

Masked police officers clutching automatic weapons watched the protesters from rooftops as they marched to a plaza about a block away from the encampments, yelling "Get out federal police!"

The leaders then formed a human chain to keep the crowd of 20,000 from confronting police, but about 400 people broke through and attacked the officers with stones and bottles. The forces raised shields to protect themselves but did not use tear gas or fire their weapons.

NATIONAL NEWS

Evangelist apologizes after dismissal

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Saying that he was a "deceiver and liar" who had given in to his dark side, the Rev. Ted Haggard confessed to sexual immorality Sunday in a letter read from the pulpit of the megachurch he founded.

The disgraced former president of the National Evangelical Association, which represents 30 million evangelical Christians, apologized and said "because of pride, I began deceiving those I love the most because I didn't want to hurt or disappoint them."

"The fact is I am guilty of sexual immorality. And I take responsibility for the entire problem. I am a deceiver and a liar," he said.

Haggard, 50, resigned last week as NEA president, where he held sway in Washington and condemned homosexuality, after a man claimed to have had drug-fueled homosexual trysts with him.

King Memorial to be built in D.C.

WASHINGTON — On a hot August afternoon in 1963, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech to a mostly black audience from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

On Nov. 13, a half-mile from Lincoln's iconic statue, a diverse group of celebrities, corporate leaders and ordinary Americans will help turn the first shovels of dirt for a memorial honoring the civil rights leader who was slain 38 years ago. It will be the first monument to an African American on the National Mall.

LOCAL NEWS

Utility: workers told of Legionnaires'

WHEATFIELD, Ind. — A spokesman for Northern Indiana Public Service Co. said the utility properly notified employees that the bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease was found at a generating station where union officials contend a worker contracted the illness.

NIPSCO spokesman Tom Cuddy said workers were notified as soon as the utility learned Oct. 5 of the positive Legionella bacteria results on samples taken Sept. 21 at the R.M. Schahfer Generating Station in Wheatfield.

"We immediately notified all employees via three separate communications and postings," he said.

Parties conclude key campaigns

Bush seeks to solidify GOP base in Plains districts; Pelosi takes on Northeast

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House control at stake, President Bush campaigned Sunday in endangered Republican districts across GOP-friendly middle America. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, hoping to become the first female speaker, stumped for Democratic challengers in the left-leaning Northeast.

"I'm optimistic," Vice President Dick Cheney said. Republicans hoped their party's acclaimed get-out-the-vote operation would prevent a Democratic rout in a campaign marked by voter fury over the Iraq war. "Things have been coming our way these last couple of weeks," Cheney said.

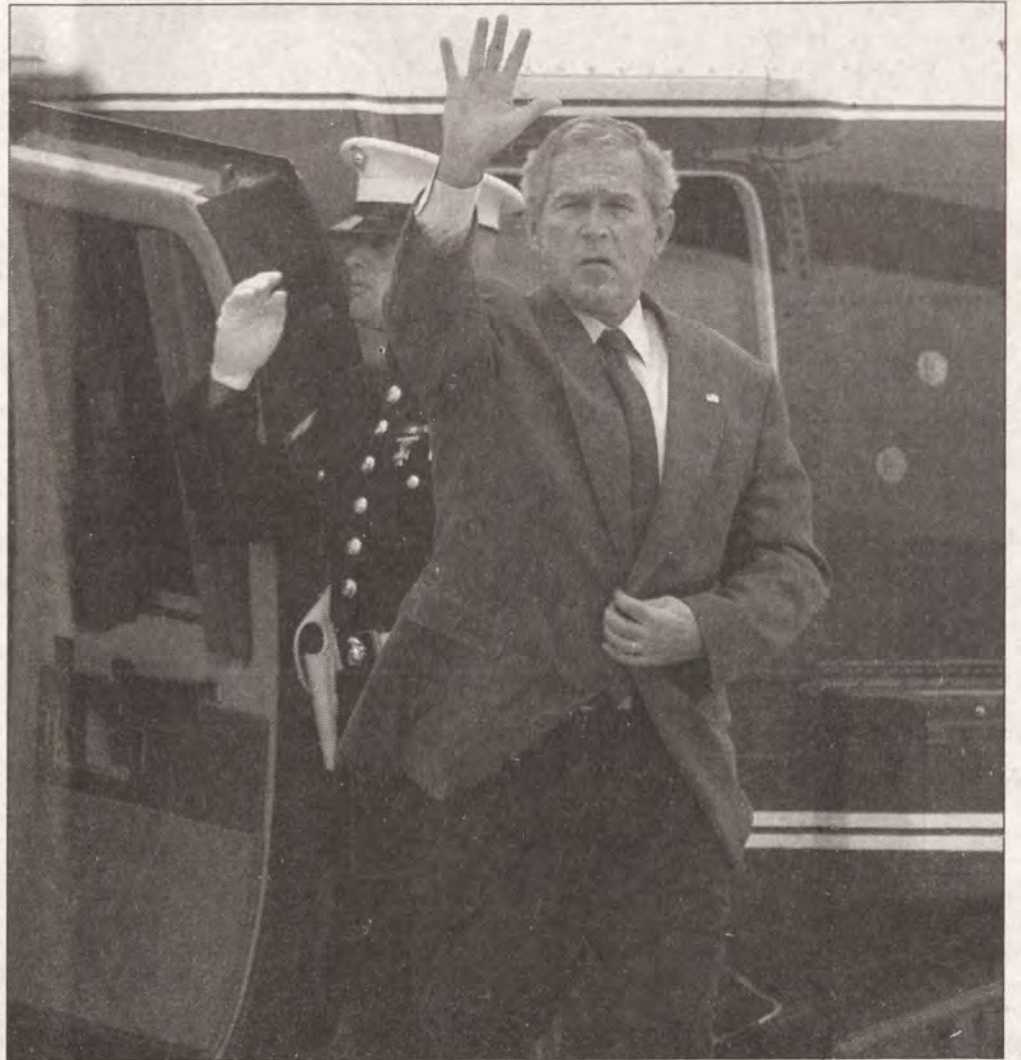
Pelosi, D-Calif., said if the election had been held Sunday, Democrats would gain the 15 seats needed to run the House. "But a lot can happen in 48 hours," she said in New Britain, Conn. "This is a tough fight."

Her party appears increasingly confident it can ride a wave of public disenchantment with the administration's policies to victory in the House, and, possibly, the Senate, too.

Two days before the election, both parties focused on turning out voters. The numbers historically are low in nonpresidential year elections, with only about 40 percent of U.S. citizens of voting age population casting ballots.

Republicans and Democrats have sent out thousands of volunteers in states with the most contested races to work phone banks and canvass neighborhoods. Both parties also have assembled legal teams for possible challengers in case of voting problems.

Candidates were making their final pitches. Republicans repeated their assertion that Democrats would raise taxes and prematurely pull out of Iraq if they controlled Congress. Democrats pressed their



President George W. Bush waves in Waco, Texas, before leaving for Nebraska and Kansas Sunday. Bush made a short statement about Saddam Hussein's conviction.

case for change, arguing that Republicans on Capitol Hill blindly have followed Bush's "failed policy."

Up for grabs are 435 House seats, 33 Senate seats, governorships in 36 states, and thousands of state legislative and local races.

In 37 states, voters will determine the fate of ballot initiatives, including whether to ban gay marriage, raise the minimum wage, endorse expanded embryonic stem cell research and — in South Dakota — impose the country's most stringent abortion restrictions.

Already, this is projected to be the most expensive election cycle ever, at \$2.6

billion.

Iraq has dominated the campaign season, and Republicans and Democrats sparred over the war again Sunday following Saddam Hussein's conviction on crimes against humanity. He was sentenced him to die by hanging; an appeal is planned.

"To pull out, to withdraw from this war is losing. The Democrats appear to be content with losing," said Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, who leads the Senate GOP's campaign efforts.

Infuriated, Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, the Democrat in charge of the party's House campaign, shot back: "We want to win

and we want a new direction to Iraq."

In his sixth year in office, the president faces the likelihood of losing GOP seats in both the House and the Senate, as well as fewer GOP governors.

Voters are agitating for change. They give both the president and GOP-controlled Congress low job performance ratings; they do not like the direction the country is headed; and they are particularly frustrated with the war as costs and casualties mount.

"It may not be popular with the public. It doesn't matter, in the sense that we have to continue the mission and do what we think is right," Cheney said.

IRAQ

Curfew ensures safety after verdict

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A round-the-clock curfew imposed ahead of the verdict against Saddam Hussein kept a relative peace in Iraq's most dangerous regions on Sunday, but the U.S. military announced two more American deaths and police said 72 people were killed or found dead nationwide by daybreak.

Iraq's government clamped the open-ended curfew on Baghdad and the restive provinces of Diyala and Salahuddin, closed the city's international airport, added checkpoints and stepped up police patrols with the U.S. military. All

leave for Iraqi soldiers was canceled.

No widespread bloodshed was reported in Baghdad, despite raucous celebrations by Shiites who defied the curfew in the capital to rejoice over the death sentence given to Saddam and angry counter-protests in Sunni regions.

The security crackdown was one of the heaviest since the February bombing of an important Shiite shrine that unleashed rampant violence between Sunnis and Shiites.

As an additional precaution, security forces closed two Sunni Muslim television stations after Saddam was sentenced to hang,

saying they violated the curfew and a law that bans airing material that could undermine the country's stability.

Brig. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf, the Interior Ministry spokesman, told The Associated Press that the Al-Zawraa and Salahuddin stations were closed on the approval of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

West of Baghdad, fighters sprayed machine gun bullets at U.S. headquarters in the former Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, a local policeman said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals. No injuries or arrests were reported.

SUDAN

Leaders deny role in latest Darfur violence

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — The Sudanese government on Sunday denied involvement in a new wave of violence in the Darfur region that killed more than 50 people, blaming "outlaws" for the attacks.

The United Nations released a report Friday accusing the government-allied janjaweed militia of raiding seven villages and a refugee camp in the Jebel Moon area of West Darfur on Oct. 29-30.

The U.N. cited witnesses saying that men clad in Sudanese military officers' garb were with the horse-mounted militia when they attacked, killing at least 27 children and about as many adults.

"At the very least, the attacks demonstrated the government of Sudan's continued failure to disarm militia in Darfur, and at worst its use of militia forces that target civilian populations," the U.N. report said.

Sudan's government dismissed the report as misleading.

"We should be cautious about these reports circulated by the western media because they contain huge amounts of lies, manipulation and lack of credibility," Foreign Ministry spokesman Ali Sadeq told the official Sudan News Agency.

"There are active outlaws in

Darfur and it is not fair to accuse the government for all the looting, killing and violence," Sadeq added.

Sudan's Arab-dominated government has long denied backing the janjaweed, a militia of Arab nomads blamed for much of the atrocities against ethnic African villagers in Darfur since 2003, when African rebels first took up arms against Khartoum.

More than 200,000 people have since been killed, and 2.5 million displaced in the conflict.

A May peace agreement between the government and one rebel group has been largely ignored and violence has escalated in recent months, with increased rebel infighting and a large army offensive in the north of the region.

The foreign ministry said that neither the Sudanese army nor regular pro-government paramilitary groups were at present fighting in Darfur, contradicting multiple reports by international observers in Darfur that the army and pro-government militia continue to regularly clash with rebels in the region.

In August, the U.N. Security Council approved a resolution that would allow the U.N. to take control of and significantly expand a peacekeeping force in Darfur, run so far by the African Union. But Khartoum opposes the move as "neocolonial."

TAIWAN

President denies embezzlement

Shui-bian refuses to resign, maintains first lady wrongly accused

Associated Press

TAIPEI — Taiwan's president refused to resign on Sunday and denied allegations that he and his wife had embezzled public money. But the opposition did not buy his defense and prepared to launch a new campaign to remove him from office.

President Chen Shui-bian's comments were his first since prosecutors indicted first lady Wu Shu-chen on embezzlement, forgery and perjury charges on Friday. She was accused of taking \$450,000 from a special diplomacy fund in 2002-06.

Prosecutors said Chen could be implicated in the case, but he cannot be indicted as a sitting president.

The graft allegations have re-energized an opposition campaign to topple Chen, who has served for six rocky years and has 18 months left in his term. Thousands of protesters marched in the streets this weekend in Taiwan's two biggest cities. They honked air horns and carried signs reading, "End Corruption."

Chen said the accusations announced Friday were painful and felt like a "political death sentence."

"How can Chen Shui-bian be that kind of person, collecting

false invoices to embezzle money?" he said Sunday in an hourlong televised address from the presidential office.

He refused calls to resign immediately but said: "If my wife is convicted, then because the prosecutors believe my wife and I act together, I cannot escape. I'm willing to resign before my term is up."

The president and his family have been dogged by corruption rumors for months, but the latest scandal blew up with Friday's indictment.

Some 4,000 protesters gathered earlier Sunday to demand Chen's resignation, and the deafening sound of blaring air horns rose from the crowd marching through downtown Taipei toward the wide boulevard in front of the presidential office.

"The prosecutor's report was crystal clear," said Tsai Wen-chih, a computer engineer. "Without concrete evidence, would any prosecutor dare to accuse the president of corruption?"

"Chen had better admit his errors," said Peter Huang, a businessman. "The longer he tries to hang on, the more catastrophic his outcome will be."

In his address, Chen denied that he or his wife pocketed

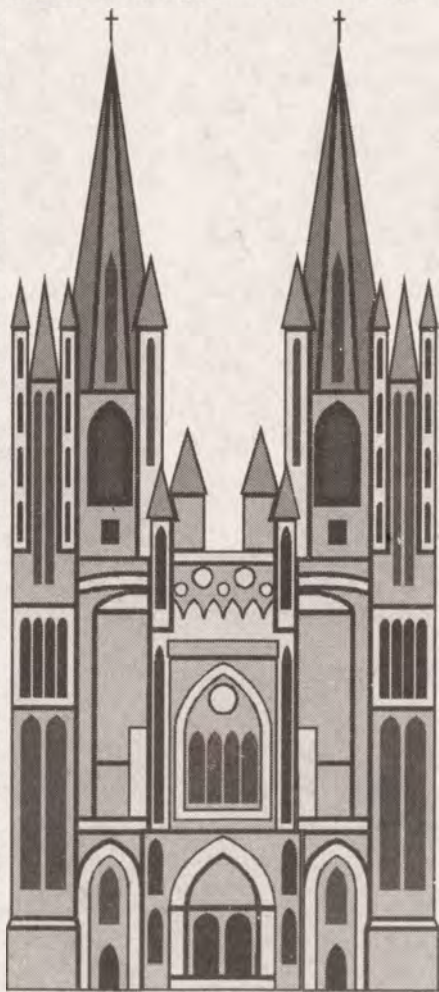
money from the special diplomatic fund and complained that the regulations for the fund were "confusing and difficult to follow." He then launched into a long, technical explanation about how the fund works, and he argued that the rules for using it needed to be more flexible.

Chen failed to convince the Nationalists, the biggest opposition party.

"It sounded like a lawyer's, not a president's defense. We still want him to resign immediately," said the party's spokesman Huang Yu-chen.

Opposition lawmakers said they planned Monday to launch their third attempt at passing a measure to recall Chen. They made a similar attempt in June and in October, but failed to muster the required two-thirds majority in the legislature needed to pass the motion calling for a referendum of Taiwanese voters on whether to oust Chen.

The opposition is hoping that ruling party lawmakers will begin defecting to their cause and give them enough votes to pass the recall measure later this month. Already, the small pro-Chen Taiwan Solidarity Union announced its 12 lawmakers would be encouraged to vote for the recall measure.



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IN BRIEF

Researchers tout new lice treatment

SALT LAKE CITY — Head lice — those nasty nuisances for schoolchildren and parents — were blown away in half an hour by a new blow dryer-like device its inventors call the "LouseBuster," university researchers report.

The device, which kills bugs and eggs by drying them out, might one day offer an alternative to the powerful delousing shampoos and literal nit-picking currently necessary for dealing with this widespread problem.

The LouseBuster results were reported in the November issue of the journal *Pediatrics* by University of Utah researchers who said the device eliminates infestations by preventing reproduction.

The study, involving 169 children in the Salt Lake area, showed the LouseBuster killed 80 percent of hatched lice and 98 percent of eggs on infested children. Enough bugs were killed to prevent remaining lice from breeding so "virtually all subjects were cured of head lice when examined one week following treatment with the LouseBuster," the scientists wrote.

"The idea would be that instead of sending kids home from school, which is a hardship on kids and the parents, a kid might be able to go to the front office and get treated" and return to class, said biologist Dale Clayton, the co-inventor and leader of the research.

Northwest seeks to recall its pilots

EAGAN, Minn. — Northwest Airlines Corp., which is working to emerge from bankruptcy, is planning to recall hundreds of furloughed pilots this year and next, more than it initially said it would recall, the pilot's union said.

Northwest, the nation's fifth-largest airline, sent letters to at least 425 pilots seeking to recall them as of Oct. 10 and expects to recall about 150 pilots more in the first half of 2007, according to a letter from Tim Campbell, a Northwest vice president.

"We have been recalling pilots for the past three months to meet our needs," Northwest spokesman Roman Blahoski told the St. Paul newspaper.

The airline, which laid off up to 729 pilots after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, reduced service and filed for bankruptcy reorganization in September 2005, said it was recalling the pilots because of increased business and to fill spots vacated by pilots who had left the company.

Google Earth aids local initiative

Environmental groups use program to display effects of mountaintop mining

Associated Press

VICCO, Ky. — Benny Campbell experiences mountaintop mining day and night. His bed is rattled by the blasting. Gray dust blankets his porch and car if a few days go by without rain. His electricity goes out repeatedly when the coal miners accidentally knock down power lines.

But the worst thing of all, he says, is that the mountain peaks that once loomed over his lifelong eastern Kentucky home have been flattened by dynamite and bulldozers.

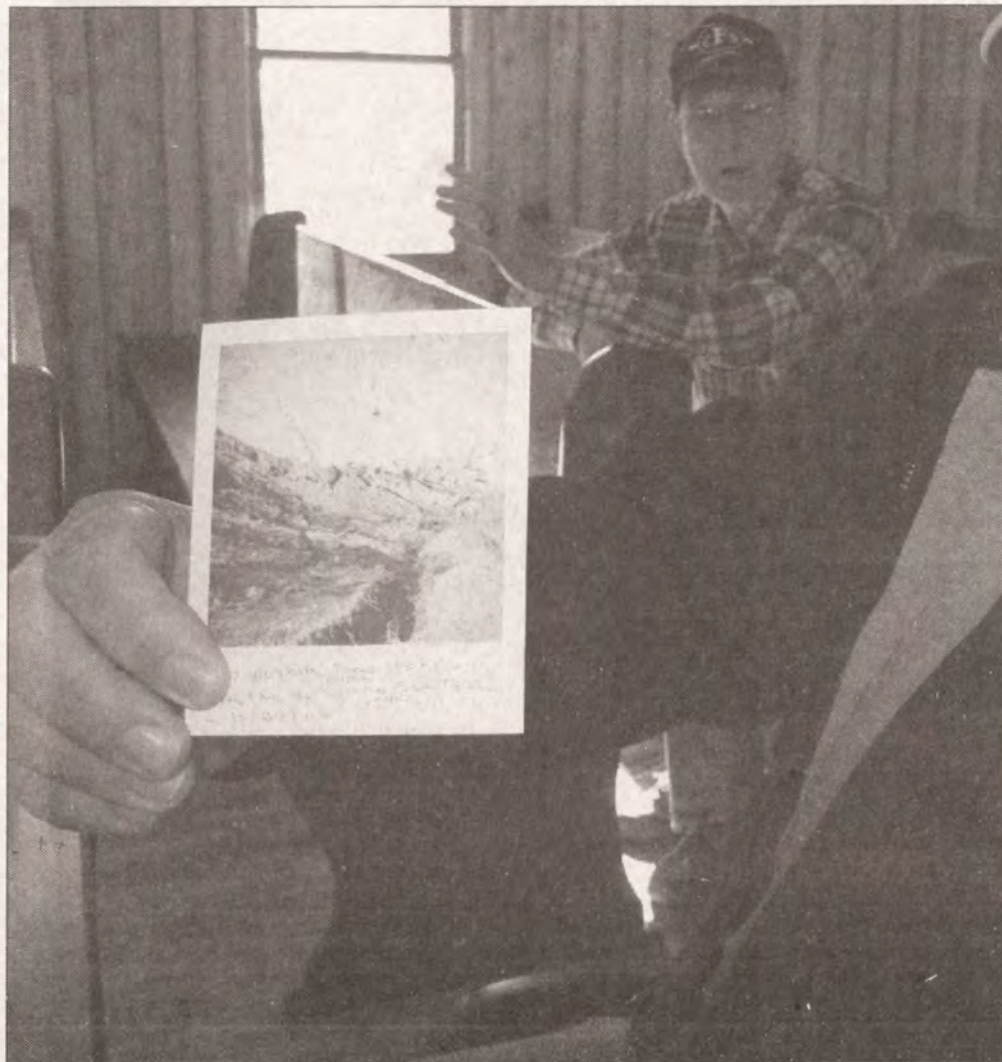
"When I was young, it was a really pretty place," said Campbell, 53, who lives in a hollow called Bull Creek near Vicco. "Now it's just a rock pile. You can't do nothing with it."

Now environmentalists have found a way to let the rest of the world see what mountaintop coal mining has done to Appalachia: They have started a Web site that uses the Google Earth database to enable people to see aerial reconnaissance photos of the scarred countryside.

"The point is mountaintop removal has gone on under a cloak of secrecy," said Mary Anne Hitt, executive director of Appalachian Voices, one of a half-dozen environmental groups involved in the Internet campaign. "Unless you have the experience of flying over the region in a small plane, it's hard to understand the scale of mountaintop removal."

Their Web site, <http://www.ilovemountains.org/>, was launched in mid-September with a link to the campaign's "National Memorial of the Mountains," which shows a Google Earth map of Appalachia. The map pinpoints areas of mountaintop removal with graphics of flags at half-staff, and a 3-d tour reveals clear views of sludge ponds, blasting holes and mountains scraped of their peaks.

The coal industry says the



McKinley Sumner, background, explains the damage mountaintop mining has caused near his Kentucky community Oct. 30, as Benny Campbell holds up a photo to illustrate.

Web site buries the benefits of mountaintop mining.

"I clearly think it's for shock value," said Bill Caylor, head of the Kentucky Coal Association. "They're playing the emotional card on us."

Caylor and Carol Raulston, spokeswoman for the National Mining Association, said the Web site is misleading because it fails to acknowledge mine reclamation projects.

"In many parts of Appalachia, these reclamation activities have provided much needed level land above the flood plain for construction of schools, government offices, medical facilities, airports, shopping centers and housing developments," Raulston said in

an e-mail.

For James Bowling, mountaintop removal has been a blessing. The 59-year-old built his dream home atop a flattened mountain called Red Oak and has 250 acres of newly leveled land to raise 80 head of cattle and vegetables.

"If it wasn't for mountaintop removal, I wouldn't be here," said Bowling, who lived in the valley below Red Oak before allowing a mine company to extract coal from his property at 50 cents per ton.

Chester Stevens of Hazard, one of the most heavily mined areas in eastern Kentucky, said mountaintop removal allowed him to build the home in

which he lived for 15 years.

"We in Hazard had no place to build," said Stevens, 58. "Mining looks bad when it's going on, but then you have some beautiful land after that and that can be used by people."

Hitt said the harm to the environment should be of greater concern than development. "We're eliminating mountains off the face of the Earth," she said, adding, "The reclaimed sites look nothing more than anemic golf courses."

Folks living near Campbell's hollow also say there's no good side to mountaintop mining and that their small community values the natural beauty of the mountains over new buildings and resorts.

Stocks fall as oil rises amid threats

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended the week with a moderate decline Friday after oil prices jumped on word of possible attacks in Nigeria near production facilities. The rise in crude prices sapped enthusiasm over a Labor Department report that the nation's unemployment rate fell to a five-year low.

While stocks overall fell for a third straight day, the Dow Jones industrial average, the best-known stock index, logged its first six consecutive day drop since June 2005. Light, sweet crude rose \$1.26 to \$59.14 on the New York Mercantile Exchange after U.S. diplomats in Nigeria warned that militants are planning a series of kidnappings and bombing attacks in the coming days in areas where oil is extracted.

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate fell to 4.4 percent last month from 4.6 percent in September, easing some concerns that the economy has slowed too quickly.

For more than a week, investors have been nervous about the strength of the economy following a stream of disappointing data. While Wall Street wants growth to cool so the threat of inflation will dissipate and the Federal Reserve can cut interest rates, a precipitous slowdown could slice into consumer spending and corporate profits.

Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist and director of asset allocation for Trusco Capital Management,

said the employment figures suggest the economy has more power than expected going into the holiday spending season but warned that the strength could make the Fed uneasy. "Investors have to digest the notion that the Fed is going to remain poised to lift interest rates as we go into 2007."

The Dow closed down 32.50, or 0.27 percent, at 11,986.04. It was the average's first close under 12,000 since Oct. 19, when it finished above that milestone for the first time.

Broader stock indicators also closed lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.04, or 0.22 percent, to 1,364.30, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 3.23, or 0.14 percent, to 2,330.79.

Diet books shown on 'Oprah' sell millions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Oprah book club has been quiet for months, but the Winfrey touch remains golden.

Just ask the publishers of diet doctors Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz.

Since an appearance last Thursday on Winfrey's television talk show, books by Roizen and Oz have occupied the top three spots on the best seller list of Amazon.com, with customers buying both the book alone and the book and DVD of their new work, "YOU: On a Diet," and the hardcover edition of a previous text, "YOU: The Owner's Manual," a million seller in 2005 thanks in part to Winfrey.

"Oprah obviously has a passion for their work. It's very exciting," said Martha Levin, publisher of the Free Press, an imprint of Simon &

Schuster that has increased the print run of "YOU: On a Diet," from 650,000 to 950,000.

Roizen and Oz specialize in easy-to-understand guides to healthy living, written with hip, simple language. The authors regard the human body as a house — the heart is the water main, the digestive system part of the plumbing and the bones the foundation.

Winfrey's support for Roizen and Oz is separate from her book club picks, which virtually guarantees hundreds of thousands of sales. Her last official selection was 10 months ago, when she chose Elie Wiesel's "Night," her longest hiatus since she suspended the club for a year in 2002-2003.

"It has been a long time," Levin told the AP on Sunday, "and publishers have been thinking about her club with nostalgia."

NBC 'Nightly News' back on top

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brian Williams has the smile of a man about to unleash a secret weapon.

Or two. He's preparing for his first election night as NBC News' chief anchor Tuesday knowing he'll be flanked on the broadcast by his predecessor, Tom Brokaw, and Tim Russert, the Washington veteran popular for his plainspoken intensity during tense nights of vote counting.

It's a formidable edge to take into competition with two other rookies in the role, CBS' Katie Couric and ABC's Charles Gibson, and could help cement his status as the most popular network news anchor.

Not that there weren't a few anxious moments around NBC News earlier this fall.

Williams' "Nightly News" was knocked from its first-place perch for two weeks by Couric's "CBS Evening News" upon her early September debut, falling perilously close to third. But NBC returned to

the top during Couric's third week, and hasn't been beaten since.

Williams got letters from regular viewers telling him they had tried Couric's broadcast, including one man who admitted his wife made him watch for a week, he said.

"As one of our executives put it, (they came) crawling home with the vague hint of cheap perfume and lipstick on their collar, crawling back after having an affair with another network," Williams told The Associated Press. "People are so loyal, is my point, that they feel the need to tell me that they've been watching someone else."

In retrospect, Williams and his executive producer, John Reiss, said they expected "Nightly News" would be hurt initially since Couric was a former colleague at NBC News.

They also said they weren't surprised that the evening-news competition quickly returned to the same pecking order that was in place for the

last few years when Brokaw, Peter Jennings and Dan Rather were on each night — NBC first, ABC second and CBS third.

"I go home each night with the confidence of knowing we did the best broadcast that evening," Williams said. "I believe the best journalism wins the most viewers on television. It finds its audience. The audience finds it. So I never for a moment thought these long-established patterns were going to be upended for the long haul."

It's probably safe now for people at NBC News to exhale, said Andrew Tyndall, a consultant who studies the content of the evening newscasts.

To upend Williams, Couric has to prove she is markedly better at the job and she hasn't done that, he said.

"His newscast is not a work in progress," Tyndall said. "It's sure of itself and has got its own rhythm so there are very few missteps in a half hour. They know what they're doing and they execute their plan."

NICARAGUA

Daniel Ortega tries to regain presidency after 16 years

Associated Press

MANAGUA — Nicaraguans hiked miles through the jungle, paddled canoes down remote rivers and waited under a searing sun to vote Sunday on whether to return Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega to power 16 years after a U.S.-backed rebellion helped push him out of office.

Ortega has his best chance in 16 years to regain the presidency, which he held from 1985-1990 when he fought a war against U.S.-backed Contra rebels who tried to oust him.

This election in the second-poorest nation in the hemisphere has become a tug-of-war between leftist Venezuela and its archrival, the United States.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez has said that aid and trade "will be endangered" if

"anti-democratic forces prevail" in the election. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has openly favored his "brother" Ortega.

Ortega faces four opponents: Harvard-educated Eduardo Montealegre, Sandinista dissident Edmundo Jarquin, ruling party candidate Jose Rizo and former Contra rebel Eden Pastora. Most polls show his closest rival is Montealegre of the Nicaraguan Liberal Alliance, a party that broke from the Constitutionalist Liberal Party of former President Arnoldo Aleman, who was convicted of corruption following his 1997-2002 term.

Results will begin to trickle in late Sunday, but officials will probably not declare a winner until Monday at the earliest. Voters are also electing a new Congress.

The race was Ortega's fifth

consecutive presidential campaign. He won a 1984 election boycotted by Sandinista opponents, and took power in 1985. He lost in 1990 to Violeta Chamorro, ending Sandinista rule and the Contra war. His next two presidential attempts in 1996 and 2001 were also failures.

But Ortega could win this election outright with just 35 percent

of the vote if he leads his closest opponent by five percentage points. Recent polls showed him with a comfortable lead over Montealegre, but just short of the votes needed to avoid a second round.

Ortega cast his vote amid a throng of cameramen, saying he was confident runoff would not be needed.

"Nicaragua wins today," he

said before climbing into his Mercedes sport utility vehicle and driving away with his wife.

Polls have shown Ortega would have trouble winning a December runoff. While he has a loyal base of support, many voters still have bitter memories of Sandinista rule, which left the country in an economic shambles and saw 30,000 killed in the war against the U.S.-backed Contras.

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Man serving life for civil rights killing dies

Associated Press

Former Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard Samuel H. Bowers, who was convicted eight years ago of ordering the 1966 bombing death of a civil rights leader, died Sunday in a state penitentiary, officials said. He was 82.

He died of cardio pulmonary arrest, said Mississippi Department of Corrections spokeswoman Tara Booth.

Bowers was convicted in August of 1998 of ordering the assassination of Vernon Dahmer Sr., a civil rights activist who had fought for black rights during Mississippi's turbulent struggle for racial equality. He was sentenced to life in prison.

"He was supposed to stay there until he died. I guess he fulfilled that," Dahmer's widow, Ellie Dahmer, told The Associated Press on Sunday. "He lived a lot longer than Vernon Dahmer did."

Booth said that the Klansman died at approximately 11:30 a.m. in the Mississippi State Penitentiary Hospital in Parchman, a sprawling prison carved out of the cotton and soybean fields in the impoverished Mississippi Delta.

Dahmer, who championed equal voting rights for blacks, died at the age of 58 after being fire-bombed outside his Hattiesburg-area home on Jan. 10, 1966. The attack came after

Dahmer announced that residents could pay their poll taxes at his grocery store, which was next to his home. The home and store also were torched.

When the Dahmer family awoke to honking horns in the pre-dawn hours that January morning, two carloads of Klansmen were waiting outside. They firebombed Dahmer when he exited the home, according to court testimony during a four-day trial in Forrest County Circuit Court in 1998.

Dahmer was able to keep the Klansmen at bay with a shotgun while his family fled, but flames had already seared his lungs and he died in his wife's arms about 12 hours later.

During the trial, prosecutors claimed Bowers ordered the attack after becoming enraged that Dahmer was trying to register blacks to vote.

Bowers' lawyers claimed he was "sacrificed to the media" to further the political ambitions of the attorney general at the time, Mike Moore.

Earlier trials for Bowers, including at least two before all-white juries, ended in mistrials. A 1968 state jury split 11-1 in favor of guilty, while a 1969 jury split 10-2 in favor of conviction.

Bowers' conviction was just one in string of civil rights killings to be successfully prosecuted in the South decades after the crimes were committed.

Marathon tough for Armstrong

Cyclist calls NYC competition 'hardest physical thing I've ever done'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — His face twisted in pain, Lance Armstrong virtually walked the last couple of steps. He slowed to a halt immediately after the finish line and bent to the ground, his green shirt soaked with sweat.

No one's more familiar with how painful achieving goals can be.

Still, not even he saw this coming.

Armstrong barely met his lofty goal of breaking 3 hours in his first marathon, but it came at a price. No Alpine climb on his bicycle had ever been as tough as Sunday's New York City Marathon, he said.

"For the level of condition that I have now, that was without a doubt the hardest physical thing I have ever done," said Armstrong, who finished 856th. "I never felt a point where I hit the wall, it was really a gradual progression of fatigue and soreness."

Armstrong's time was 2 hours, 59 minutes and 36 seconds. Afterward, he shuffled into a post-race news conference, his right shin heavily taped.

"I think I bit off more than I could chew. I thought the marathon would be easier," he said. "(My shins) started to hurt in the second half, especially the right one. I could

barely walk up here, because the calves are completely knotted up."

Armstrong's build presented a stark contrast to the elite men's runners who preceded him on the course. The cycling champion's heavily muscled legs and powerful chest set him apart from the slender Kenyans who traditionally dominate the race. Even Armstrong compared the leaders' legs to pencils.

And while there was little joy among the leaders during the race, Armstrong smiled and chatted amiably during the first half of the race. He wore a shirt saying LANCE and displaying the numbers 10/2 — the date 10 years ago on which he was diagnosed with cancer, before he began his amazing Tour de France streak.

He was paced for most of the race by former marathon champions Alberto Salazar and Joan Benoit Samuelson and middle-distance running great Hicham El Guerrouj, and said he got a lot of support from fans packed along the course.

But his body seemed to tighten and showed signs of pain and fatigue in the final few

miles. He started to fall off the pace required to break 3 hours before a final push allowed him to meet his personal goal.

"Before the race that was my goal, I wanted to break 3 hours. But if you told me with 3 miles to go, 'You're going to do 3:05,' I wouldn't have cared," he said. "Honestly, at the end I was so tired, I couldn't care. Now I'm glad I did."

About an hour after the men's and women's champions had crossed the finish line, the Central Park crowd really

started to buzz as Armstrong approached. Fans seemed much more enthused at seeing Armstrong than watching a Brazilian man and a Latvian woman win

titles earlier on a crisp autumn afternoon.

"Lance added a lot," said race director Mary Wittenberg. "He was a delight throughout. Everybody is so excited about him. He beat a lot of odds and impressed a lot of people."

So will he be back?

"Now's not the time to ask that question. The answer now is no, I'll never be back. But I reserve the right to change my mind," he said. "I don't know how these guys do it."

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Data reveals increase in school bus accidents

New research shows 17,000 children are injured each year

Associated Press

CHICAGO — New national data show school bus-related accidents send 17,000 U.S. children to emergency rooms each year, more than double the number in previous estimates that only included crashes.

Nearly one-fourth of the accidents occur when children are boarding or leaving school buses, while crashes account for 42 percent, the new research shows.

Slips and falls on buses, getting jostled when buses stop or turn suddenly, and injuries from roughhousing are among other ways kids get hurt on school buses, the data found.

Injuries range from cuts and sprains to broken bones, but most are not life-threatening and don't require hospitalization. And while the numbers are higher than previously reported, they represent a small fraction of the 23.5 million children who travel on school buses nationwide each year, the researchers said.

The researchers said the results provide a strong argument for requiring safety belts on school buses, something industry groups say is unnecessary and is more than many school districts can afford.

Safety belts, particularly lap-shoulder belts "could not only prevent injuries related to crashes," they could also keep kids seated "so they're not falling out of their seats when buses make normal turns or brake," said lead author Jennifer McGeehan, a researcher at Columbus Children's Hospital's Center for Injury Research and Policy in Columbus, Ohio.

"Our study shows that there needs to be continued vigilance

on school bus safety," McGeehan said.

The study appears in November's Pediatrics, being released Monday.

The research, involving nonfatal injuries treated in emergency rooms, is based on 2001-2003 data from a surveillance system operated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Some 51,100 children up to age 19 were injured during the study period, or about 17,000 annually, the researchers said.

Data from the government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through 2005 show that about 8,000 children are injured each year in school bus crashes but on average fewer than nine are killed — numbers that have remained stable for the last decade or so, the agency

said. The tally is based on police reports, and not all injuries resulted in emergency room treatment.

In a 2002 report to Congress, NHTSA recommended against lap-only belts in school buses because they can be risky, especially in small children, by restraining them high on the abdomen, potentially causing internal injury in a crash.

Five states — California, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey and New York — and some districts have implemented varying safety belt requirements for school buses, according to the National Coalition for School Bus Safety, a nonprofit advocacy group.

"It's an expensive proposition to outfit school buses with lap-shoulder belts, not just because of the cost of the equipment but because it also reduces seating capacity," said Robin Leeds of the National School Transportation Association, an industry group that represents school bus companies.

She said school buses are the safest way for kids to get to school, with or without safety belts.

"The study shows that there needs to be continued vigilance on school bus safety."

Jennifer McGeehan
researcher

Bush hails Saddam verdict

President celebrates sentence as milestone for Iraq's young democracy

Associated Press

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — President Bush celebrated Saddam Hussein's death sentence as a victory for "Iraq's young democracy" and U.S. security, highlighting Sunday's verdict in the last hours of an election campaign in which Republicans are suffering from public discontent with the Iraq war.

White House spokesman Tony Snow decried as "absolutely crazy" any notion that the end to Saddam's nine-month trial was timed to produce positive news on the divisive, unpopular war two days before Americans vote. The United States has always denied direct involvement in the trial, though suspicions persisted.

Snow didn't entirely set politics aside, asserting that U.S. voters "ought to be heartened" by the verdict and its broader implications about the progress the administration insists is evident in Iraq.

"This is getting the Iraqis to stand up on their own," Snow said. "You can't have civil society without rule of law."

Bush painted Saddam's conviction and sentence as vindication of the sacrifices made by American soldiers in Iraq. More than 2,800 members of the U.S. military have died since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

"They've sacrificed for the security of the United States," said the president, who spoke to reporters for two minutes in Texas before flying to campaign appearances on behalf of newly in-peril Republicans in Nebraska and Kansas. "Without their courage and skill, today's verdict would not have happened."

With the verdict a chance to recall Saddam's December 2003 capture by U.S. troops in a hole in the ground — still one of the high points of the war for Bush — he repeated these points later during campaign visits to two of America's reddest states.

"Today we witnessed a landmark event in the history of Iraq," Bush said in western Nebraska, where he was trying to boost GOP state Sen. Adrian Smith in a tightened race against Democrat Scott Kleeb. Delivered in solid Bush Country, in an arena awash in red clothing, the president's Iraq lines earned the most sustained cheering of his speech.

"My decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right decision and the world is better off for it," he said to raucous applause.

An Iraqi court convicted Saddam earlier Sunday and sentenced him to die by hanging for ordering the torture and murder of nearly 150 Shiites from the city of Dujail in 1982. Six subordinates were also found guilty of crimes against humanity, which came after what Saddam said was an assassination attempt against him.

Shiites rejoiced at the death sentence for the former dictator who terrorized their population. But Saddam's fellow Sunnis paraded through his hometown in protest. With sectarian violence already pushing Iraq to the brink of civil war, presidential counselor Dan Bartlett said Bush is confident U.S. forces and Iraqi soldiers were prepared to contain any spike in bloodshed.

Democrats — hoping for large gains that could put them in control of the House and possibly the

Senate — moved quickly to both applaud the sentence and repeat their campaign-trail argument that Bush's leadership on Iraq has been a failure.

"The scope of that failure is not lessened by the results of Saddam's trial," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., poised to become House speaker if Democrats wrest the majority from the GOP.

A history of Election Day disappointments and a constantly shifting pre-election landscape appeared to have Democrats a bit jittery. New York Sen. Charles Schumer, in charge of Democratic campaign efforts in the Senate, said, "I don't think (Saddam's) conviction makes much of a difference in this election, even though it's a very good thing that happened."

Other Republicans backed Bush's contention of the verdict as evidence of success in Iraq. "The United States and the world are safer because Saddam Hussein sits on death row, not in a palace in Baghdad plotting to harm millions of innocent Americans and Iraqis," said House Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

But at least one Republican said the news must be viewed in the context of the difficult situation in Iraq.

"Saddam Hussein's trial is a step forward because it was a result of a legal system in operation, not a dictator in operation, so that's the good news," Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said on CNN's "Late Edition." "But when you look at the institutions of government in Iraq, they're all under siege. ... We just need a strategy to provide better security to get this right."

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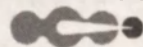
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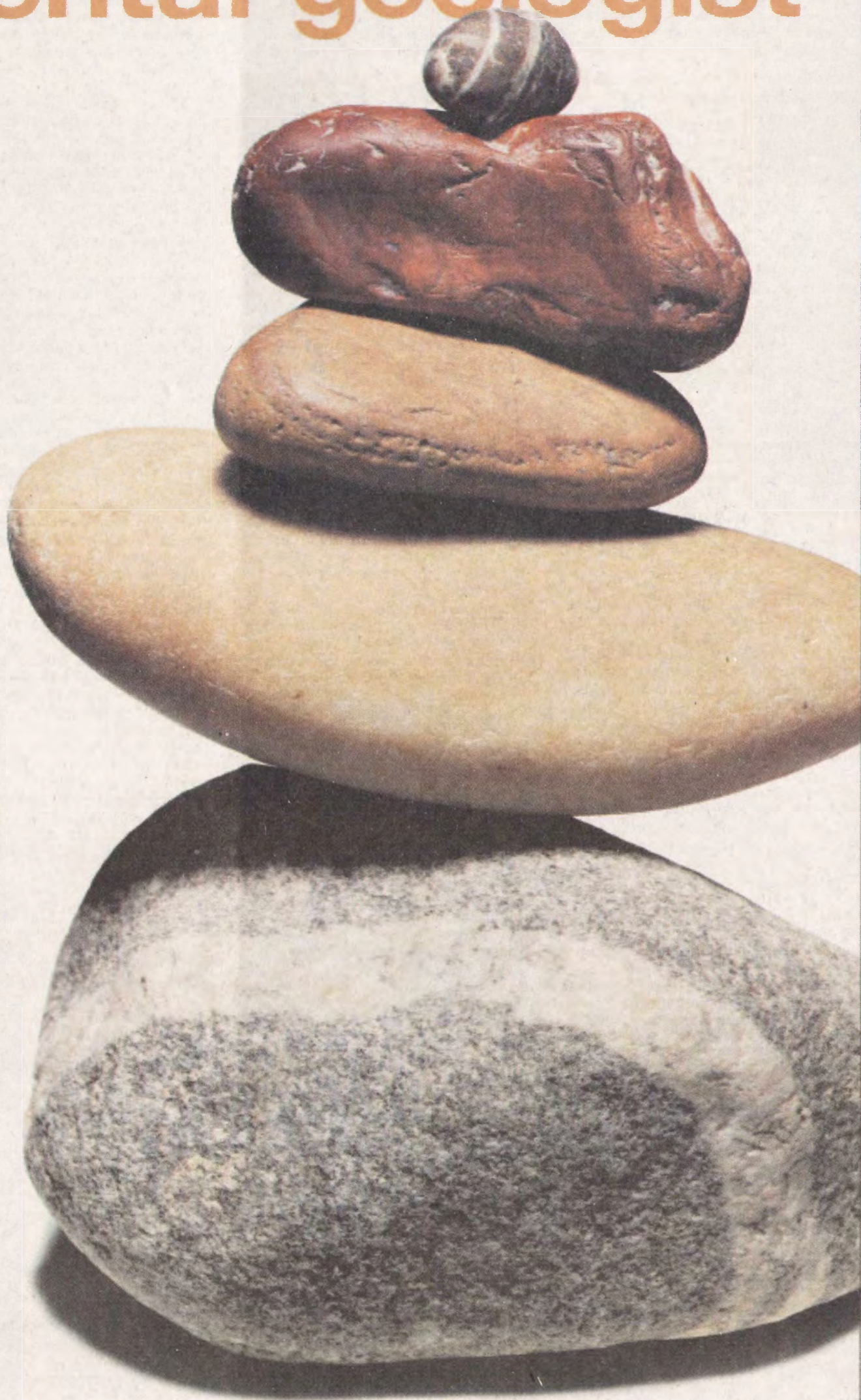


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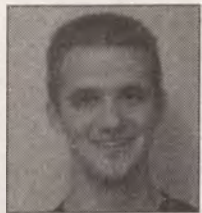
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What a cam-pain in the butt

January 2007: After sweeping to victory in last November's midterm elections, the Democratic Party regained control of the House and Senate for the first time in more than a decade. Now, only a week into the new Congressional term, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid are already up to their ears in scandals that the Republican Party so wisely forecasted in its 2006 campaign advertisements — all of which turned out to be 100-percent true.



Joey Falco

Forty Ounces to Falco

As predicted by the Republican National Committee, newly elected Tennessee Senator Harold E. Ford Jr., the first African-American Senator from the South since Reconstruction, has already converted his Russell Senate Building office into an East Coast annex of the Playboy Mansion. The scantily clad blonde who winked suggestively and said, "Harold, call me," in last fall's campaign ad has ironically been named Ford's chief mistress, and she has not wasted any time in installing hot tubs, saunas, massage tables, stripper poles and sex swings in his new office.

Unfortunately, the controversies facing the Democrats do not end with Senator Ford. Freshman Virginia Senator Jim Webb, as well, has taken heat for his attempts to pass legislation that would make his often-explicit, adult novels required reading for all students in America's public elementary schools. Webb reportedly has no concern that children will be forced to read passages like the following from his book, *A Country Such As This*: "Two North Vietnamese

nurses attended Red in the hospital, flirting with him coyly, until one day when one of them came to him, took off her top [and performed a sexual act]." According to Webb's office, the senator hopes to encourage similar erotic behavior in America's youths.

In this sadistic venture, Webb clearly has been in cahoots with Ohio's newly elected Democratic governor, Ted Strickland, who — as everyone who watched his former opponent's ad campaign knows — is a vehement supporter of man-boy love. Specifically, according to gubernatorial loser Ken Blackwell, Strickland once failed to support a resolution condemning sex between adults and children, and this history of vicarious pedophilia has certainly returned to the political forefront. Just yesterday, Strickland introduced legislation that would permit teacher-student sexual relations in Ohio's public schools — as long as the teacher is over the age of 40 and the student under the age of 13. When reached for comment from his bedroom in his parents' basement, Blackwell would only say, "I told ya so."

The situation is similar in the House of Representatives, where Pelosi clearly appears to be losing control of her party. Rep. Ron Kind of Wisconsin, whom a Republican opponent accused of "paying for sex" in a campaign ad last fall, has indeed lived up to the GOP's worst fears. Word for word from the ads criticizing him, Kind has already continued spending tax dollars to study "the sex lives of Vietnamese prostitutes," "the masturbation habits of old men," and "to pay teenage girls to watch pornographic movies with probes connected to their genitalia." What's more, Kind has pushed this reckless disregard for common decency even further by using the results of these sex studies to determine why Vietnamese hookers are the best, how many Viagra pills Kind's heart can sustain at once, and how he can get his female

interns to start watching porn with him. According to Kind, he is enjoying sticking it to the social conservatives who ran the country since 1994 by paying for sex with government dollars.

Of course, a penchant for sexual indecency and an inherent desire to corrupt the virgin minds of America's youth have not been the only criticisms of the new Democratic Congressional leadership. As predicted by an ad sponsored by Indiana Congressman John N. Hostettler, Pelosi has immediately set to work putting in motion "her radical plan to advance the homosexual agenda." In fact, for the past several days, gays and lesbians have been dancing in the streets in response to Pelosi's legislation that not only renamed traditional heterosexual marriage "civil unions," but also allocated federal funds to the production of television shows like "The Gay Bachelor," "A Lesbian Wedding Story" and "Leave It to Beaver."

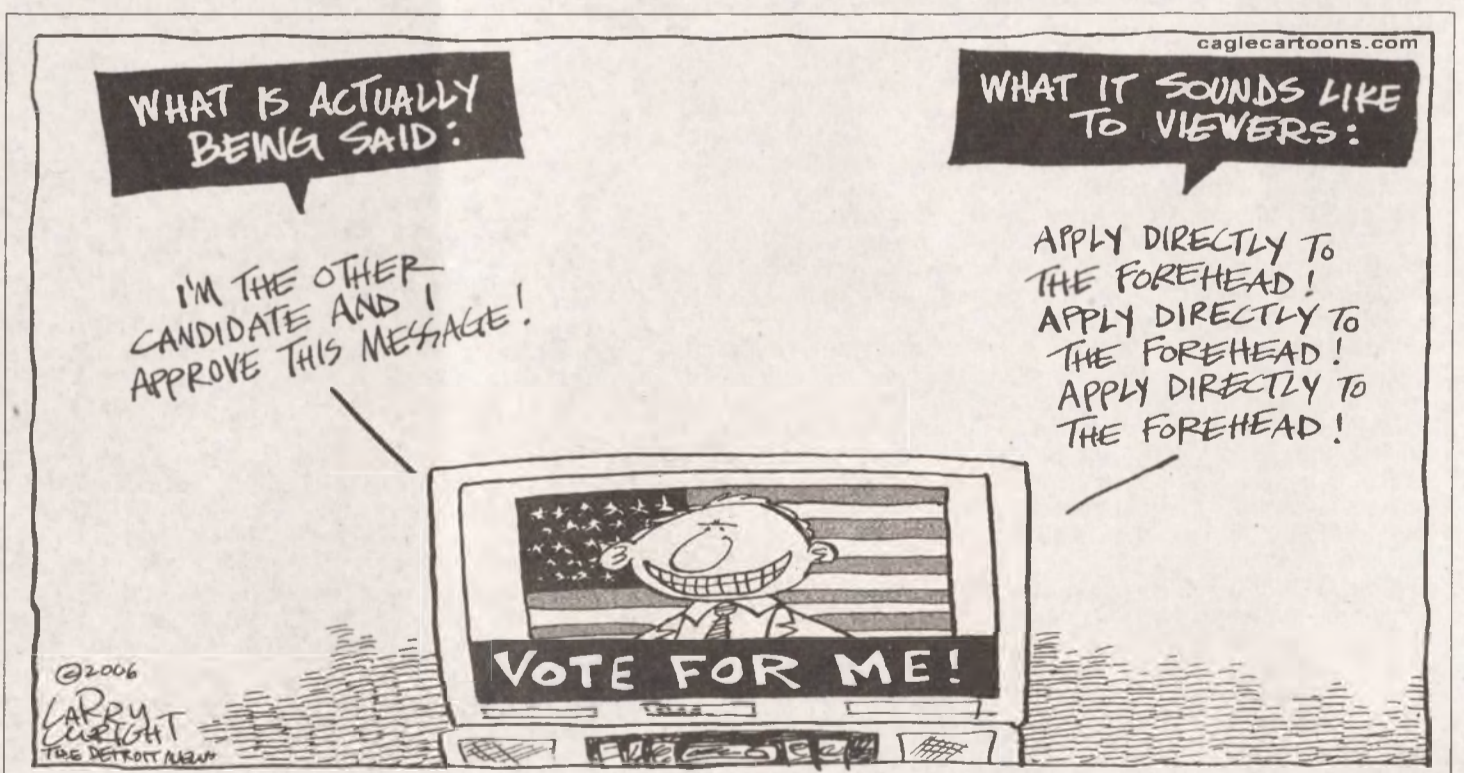
In the Senate as well, Reid has wasted no time in passing a bill that would require all American soldiers in Iraq to "cut and run" home so that they can assist in giving abortions at the country's numerous understaffed family planning clinics. Just as the Republicans predicted in their ad campaign last fall, the Democrats would like nothing more than to undermine the social well-being of America and send us all straight to hell.

Let this be a lesson to everyone who doubted the veracity and intent behind the negative ad campaigns of 2006: Mudslinging is the keystone of American democracy, and without it, we are no better than the terrorists.

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"Excellence is not a singular act, but a habit. You are what you repeatedly do."

Aristotle
philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Plan B

Since the publication of my Letter to the Editor ("Women, students deserve apology," Nov. 2), I have received several emails in the spirit of the Andrew Rosato Letter to the Editor ("Plan B destroys embryo in some cases," Nov. 3), challenging my assertions that Plan B only prevents pregnancy by preventing ovulation, and no evidence has been found that it interferes with implantation.

In light of these letters, I feel I owe my readers a slight apology, for not including citations to support these assertions; since I had no trouble finding supporting evidence, I assumed that the citations would simply be a waste of space. That assumption was incorrect, and I am sorry for making it. Please allow me to correct my mistake now. In a brief written in 2005, the Population Council cites a peer-reviewed article to support the claim that "levonorgestrel [the drug used in Plan B] did not interfere with any postfertilization process required for embryo implantation." (As of this writing, that brief can be viewed online here: <http://tinyurl.com/rkv48>.)

This year, in a summary of research on hormonal contraceptives and the copper IUD, Family Health International wrote that "There is no data available to support prevention of implantation as a contraceptive action of DMPA or any of the other currently available hormonal contraceptives, including pills and implants." (As of this writing, this source can be viewed online here: <http://tinyurl.com/yyfc3g>.)

Regarding Barr Pharmaceuticals' own Web site, as quoted in Rosato's letter, I would point out that they use the qualifier "may," do not provide citations, and use nontechnical, informal language. This makes it difficult, at best, to accurately interpret and evaluate the quoted claims. I thank you for the opportunity to correct my previous mistake.

Dan Hicks
grad student
off campus
Nov. 3

Club leaders to discuss global health crisis

I'd like to follow up with Amanda Golbabai's Letter to the Editor ("Club leaders discuss global health crisis," Oct. 27) two weeks ago and reemphasize the excitement and hope that the global health committee has towards the initiative to make a positive impact on the global health crisis through a united effort amongst student groups on campus.

However, support and co-sponsorship are needed amongst all these groups and I'm calling upon club and organization leaders, along with any other interested persons, to attend the initial meeting that will provide details with regard to our plans for action

including fundraising, continuing education, the Notre Dame curriculum, political action and faith. Please join us and find out where your club fits into this campus-wide effort on Wednesday at 10 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of LaFortune.

Once the Notre Dame student body is united, we can truly make a difference in the global health crisis on a scale we'd never dream possible as an individual. Come be a part of the difference.

Katlyn Regan
senior
off campus
Nov. 3

Ticket lottery divides students

Be fair about debate

So now that we've all aired our opposing views on the ticket lottery situation, perhaps it's time to take a step back and look at what has been said and what has been ignored. Let's establish who I am first: I am a graduate student in my fifth year, so I've seen a lot of social and justice issues being aired in this debate.

The Observer editorial made some good points but failed to offer proper context. Graduate students are removed from the social identity of the campus, but in large part that is because Notre Dame is so inwardly focused on its small families that it excludes anyone who doesn't enter into that structure their way. Don't blame or punish the grad students because they don't fit the traditional mold.

At the same time, please do not belittle us by claiming the undergraduate "identity." The reason Notre Dame is a top-notch undergraduate school is because it attracts top-notch graduate students to help teach its classes and labs. Without those graduate students, many important classes would cease to function in the way you have come to know.

That said, I think this whole argument arises from a lack of focus on the part of the graduate students who started it. While we are students by definition, we are here with a very different purpose. Most of us are here not to be traditional students, but to make the step from students to professionals.

In many cases the students raising these issues are on stipend programs, which means we don't pay tuition, and right there is the best argument for excluding us from the lottery. As I read the initial protest e-mail I was stunned by the amount of energy and intensity that people would put into even a chance to get tickets. I can only imagine what these people might be accomplishing in their research if they weren't planning protests. Maybe the saddest part of this to me is that of all the problems we as graduate students have, from healthcare costs to cost-of-living adjustments and child-care to parking, that we have wasted what little bargaining power we have on sports tickets. In my opinion it's a sad situation — there are so many positive things we could have fought for that would have united, not divided. This is just the opinion of one graduate student who has been around the block.

Take it or leave it, but let this die and solve bigger problems next time.

Chris Nicholson
grad student
off campus
Nov. 3

We are ND: grad/undergrad relations

When it comes to debating away game ticket lotteries, most students are forgetting one thing: We are ND. That means, no matter what program we are in or what degree we graduate with, we are all part of an institution that has a tradition of making every student feel welcome and a part of the Notre Dame Family.

We did this in the early 1900s by disrupting meetings of the KKK in nearby communities (which, incidentally, helped us earn the nickname "The Fighting Irish"). In the 1970s, we continued this by becoming one of America's first co-ed Catholic Colleges. And, in 1989, when Zhengde Wang (a graduate student) was paralyzed in a senseless hit and run, we

formed "The Shirt" to raise money for his rising medical costs.

We have never been like any other college in America — we have always been better. We have always been more welcoming. We have always been more generous. We have always been more inclusive. We have always seen past age, sex, race, religion, and university degree. We are — and have always been — ND. Don't let this issue break that tradition.

Shawn Ahmed
grad student
off campus
Nov. 3

Respect, not generalize

I want to make a comment regarding your opinion of graduate students at Notre Dame. I believe your comments to be misdirected and instead of trying to include and respect all students on campus as you are taught to do, you are trying to create a division.

How can you say I do not have as much passion as you do because I am a graduate student? You do not know me; you do not know what I had to go through in order to get here. Where were you when our team was losing to Michigan in the fourth quarter? I was still in the stands cheering our team on, while I saw many of the under-

graduate students leaving.

I have an incredible passion for this school and I have had to drop everything in my life to come here. I do not regret this decision because it is the only place I have ever been that makes me feel like I am at home, that I belong here. I understand the passion, the sorrows, the joys, the sweat and tears, and courage that have gone into making Notre Dame the greatest university in the world. It is by courage alone that I am here — if it were not for a priest who had the courage to follow the life God created for him, and then help others including myself to find that courage, I

would not be here today. I could never fully describe in words how deep my passion runs for Notre Dame, but understand that it is there.

I truly believe that we are all here for a greater purpose than attending school, so remember you did not choose Notre Dame, She chose you. She chose you because She knew you would go out into the world and have the courage to stand up for what is right. Please do not let her down while you are here.

ElizaBeth Little
grad student
off campus
Nov. 5

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DPAC FEATURE

Director Tony Bill returns for film screening

Notre Dame alumnus presents latest project 'Flyboys,' reflects on career in industry



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Tony Bill, left, and Digger Phelps converse at a gathering before the screening of "Flyboys." Bill graduated in 1962 and won an Oscar in 1973.



Photo courtesy of boxofficereport.com

"The Sting," starring Paul Newman, left, and Robert Redford won seven Academy Awards, but Bill says the success of the film did little to advance his career.

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Academy Award winner and Notre Dame graduate Tony Bill came back to his alma mater this weekend to screen his latest directorial effort "Flyboys." Bill has worked as an actor, director and producer over a four-decade career. His first major acting role was in the 1963 Frank Sinatra film "Come Blow Your Horn." After acting in several films, he switched to producing, and in 1973 produced the Robert Redford-Paul Newman classic "The Sting," for which he won an Oscar.

Bill graduated from Notre Dame in 1962, majoring in Art and English, and originally planned to be an actor. His first taste of acting was at Saint Mary's College, where he performed in several shows. As his career progressed, he moved away from acting (which he calls "easy") into directing (which he calls "challenging") and producing. He had a major success early in 1973's "The Sting," which remains a classic of American cinema.

"The Sting" began life as a screenplay, which was pitched by UCLA graduate David S. Ward. Ward wrote an excellent script (for which he would later win the Best Original Screenplay Oscar), which Bill agreed to fund and help make, with the effort of fellow pro-

ducers Julia and Michael Philips. He hired director George Roy Hill ("Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," also starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford), which in turn brought Robert Redford onboard in the starring role. Newman requested to be in the film, which required rewrites, since "The Sting" was written for a child, rather than an older man manifested in Newman.

"The Sting" was a great success, one of the top box office hits of 1973, and a major winner at Academy Awards. Bill, however, said the success was negligible in the long run.

"The Oscar had no effect on my career," said Bill. "At least, it didn't feel like it did."

However, Bill said that the success of "The Sting" did not, for the most part, surprise him.

"When we were making the film, we had no idea that it was going to be such a big critical and commercial hit," Bill said. "You can't think about that stuff. But when we were sitting in the award ceremony and it had already won six awards, we thought, 'yeah, it has a pretty good shot at winning.' But you never know, there was a one in five chance."

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"The film industry is, in a lot of ways, a game of chance," said Bill. "If you're lucky enough to get a good hand, and you're lucky or skillful enough to stick with it, you can succeed."

The most famous of his directorial efforts is the 1980 Matt Dillon film "My Bodyguard," a coming-of-age high school story about two unlikely friends. Bill noted that he wanted "My Bodyguard" to be a more realistic portrait of high school life, eschewing typical comedic clichés in favor of a more character-oriented approach.

Bill's latest project, the dog-fighting period piece "Flyboys," combined two of the director's passions — aviation (he is a life-long pilot) and filmmaking.

Though the film met with commercial failure, Bill takes comfort in some of the positive critical responses, and hopes for a better reception in the foreign markets. He also noted that the film's financial failure was disappointing, but his directorial work was generally praised, which alleviates some of the apprehensions about future projects. For instance, Bill sent a copy of "Flyboys" to Tom Cruise, who requested to see it and reportedly loved the film.

What makes "Flyboys" particularly unique is that it was made outside of the studio system, and was thus completely independently funded. Bill is inclined toward what he calls "the smaller film," and while he admits that "nobody wants to [work within the studio system]," he has often done it with positive results, among them "My Bodyguard" and "The Sting."

Of all the aspects of filmmaking that Bill has participated in, he noted that he enjoys directing the most.

"Directing is the most challenging, and therefore the most rewarding," said Bill.

At a master class session, Bill discussed his Notre Dame education, but was dismissive of film school as a necessary way to enter the industry.

"It doesn't matter where you go to school, and that's not the point of education," said Bill, who believes that education is about broadening the mind, rather than trying to break into a particular industry.

Although Bill does not know what his next project will be, he hopes to direct another film and is searching for the right script. Whatever he chooses, his history of critical acclaim will ensure his credibility and talent, whether or not his project is the next "The Sting."

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"My Bodyguard" starring Matt Dillon, center, was Bill's directorial debut. Bill has also directed television episodes for series like "Felicity" and "Monk."



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"Flyboys," Bill's latest project about WWI fighter pilots, proved to be a box-office disappointment but still garners critical acclaim, particularly for his directing.

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No Carolina blues

Notre Dame tops North Carolina, but Tar Heels keep Irish on their toes

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No. 11 Notre Dame had both highs and lows Saturday, but the explosive Irish offense was too much for struggling North Carolina.

Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn was 23-of-35 for 346 yards passing with four touchdowns and no interceptions as the Irish secured a 45-26 victory at Notre Dame Stadium. He compiled most of his stats early, with 148 yards and two touchdowns coming in the first quarter as coach Charlie Weis had the Irish operate out of the no-huddle offense for most of the period.

"I said all week that I was trying to control the tempo of the game, and we came out of the no huddle and [Quinn] executed very well," Weis said. "Those four touchdown passes, no interceptions, that's usually a pretty good day at the office."

Behind the steady play of Quinn, Notre Dame took a 31-13 lead into the half. Halfway through the third quarter, the Tar Heels cut their deficit to 38-26 on a 72-yard pass from North Carolina quarterback Joe Dailey to freshman wide out Hakeem Nicks.

But there would be no Tar Heel upset in South Bend.

The Irish defense clamped down, and North Carolina gained just 32 yards of offense in the final 22 minutes of the contest.

"I thought the defense came out and set the tempo of the game," Weis said. "We got after them pretty good. I think that third quarter, giving a couple big plays up, that didn't exactly lift my spirits, but I did like how hard they played."

And with the way Quinn played, the Irish defense had room to bend.

Notre Dame found the end zone early, scoring on its opening drive. Utilizing the no-huddle offense that has brought the Irish so much success this season, the senior quarterback directed a six-play, 65-yard drive in just 2:03. He hit Irish wide out Samardzija over the middle for a 37-yard gain to the North Carolina 7 and two plays later found Irish wide receiver Rhema McKnight on a quick out for the score.

Samardzija finished with 177 yards on six catches, and McKnight added 56 yards and two touchdowns on six catches



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Irish wide receiver Jeff Samardzija hauls in a 42-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Brady Quinn during Notre Dame's 45-26 victory over North Carolina Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.

of his own.

"I think North Carolina tried to get a lot of guys in the box and make us one-dimensional," Quinn said. "But if they want to play that game, we're willing to play it as well."

Tar Heels linebacker Durell Mapp, Jr., said Notre Dame's personnel weren't as good as the Irish scheme.

"Brady Quinn is a good quarterback, but [the Irish] really aren't different from what we see week-to-week," he said. "Actually, they are a little slower than most teams in the ACC. However, they run a very precise offense."

Quinn eclipsed 200 yards passing on just Notre Dame's fourth possession of the game. On a third-and-2 from the Tar Heels 45, Quinn scrambled to the outside for a 3-yard gain to keep the drive alive.

After a 14-yard intentional grounding penalty, Quinn rifled a pass to Samardzija, who went 46 yards to the Tar Heel 12 on a post pattern. Two plays later, Quinn hit McKnight for a 14-yard passing touchdown.

"I gave [the defender] a small, little move, and I guess he bit on it, and ended up slipping, too," McKnight said. "I just came wide open, Brady found me, and I got in the end zone."

Quinn's second touchdown toss of the first quarter came with 1:47 left in the period. Quinn capped a 10-play, 74-yard drive with an 11-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end John Carlson.

Carlson caught the ball four yards short of the end zone, was hit by two defenders short of the end zone and rolled over the back of one to extend the ball over the goal line. Quinn said he didn't expect

Carlson to cross the plane.

"It was a great play on his part [to] just kept driving and driving," Quinn said. "When you look at that play, and who John is as a person, that explains his persona. He's a hard-working kid, and he's going to keep working, working, working until he gets in — and he did."

But it wasn't all easy living

for the Irish. After Notre Dame took its early 7-0 lead, the Tar Heels showed they would not go down easy.

The Tar Heels lone offensive touchdown of the first half came on their second possession. Starting from its own 20, North Carolina took chunks of yardage against the Irish at a time. Tar Heels running back Ronnie McGill had runs of 11 and 35 yards on the drive, and Dailey found Jesse Holley in the near left corner of the end zone for a 12-yard score.

"There was a lot of passion out there today," Dailey said. "However, once again we beat ourselves and Notre Dame didn't beat us. We were confident in attacking them today, but we didn't make enough plays on both sides of the ball."

North Carolina's only other score in the first 30 minutes came after Carl Gioia's 27-yard field goal put the Irish up 24-7. Tar Heels kickoff return specialist Brandon Tate took Ryan Burkart's ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown, breaking tackle attempts by Irish defensive lineman Casey Cullen and cornerback Terrail Lambert in the process.

The Tar Heels had an easier time getting their offense going in the second half.

North Carolina went 83 yards on 10 plays on the first drive out of the locker room. Dailey hit wide receiver Hakeem

Nicks for a key 42-yard gain during the drive, and Dailey found Nicks again for a 13-yard touchdown on a fade route to put it in for the Tar Heels.

Hicks finished with six catches for 171 yards, including five for 150 in the third quarter alone.

"[Hicks is] a freshman player that we knew coming in had an opportunity to be a really, really good player, not only as a freshman who will really develop into a great player over time," Tar Heels coach John Bunting said. "He's got a tremendous work ethic in my opinion and ... he has a warrior mentality, which is what you need to be a good football player."

But Notre Dame responded quickly. Irish receiver David Grimes returned the ensuing kickoff 20 yards to the North Carolina 43, and three plays later Samardzija hauled in a lofted pass from Quinn on the goal line. The 6-foot-5 receiver fell into the end zone as the Irish staked a 38-19 lead with 8:10 left in the third quarter.

The touchdown reception gave Samardzija 23 for his career — all in the last two seasons — to pass former Irish wide out Derrick Mayes' for the program record.

If Notre Dame's answer was quick, North Carolina's was brutally efficient. Dailey was flushed out of the pocket on first down and found Nicks again, this time for a 72-yard touchdown pass. With that, the Tar Heels cut the Irish lead to 38-26.

"Big players step up in big time games," Nicks said. "I felt like they weren't respecting me because I was a freshman, so I wanted to make a big impact."

Irish safety and punt returner Tom Zbikowski gave the Irish a 31-13 lead with 2:54 left in the first half on a 52-yard punt return score.

Notre Dame brought 10 men to the line of scrimmage as North Carolina punter David Wooldridge set to kick from the back of his own end zone. Zbikowski caught the ball with more than 10 yards of open space, used a block and darted up the middle to the end zone.

Irish running back Darius Walker scored on 1-yard run with 11:13 left in the fourth quarter to give Notre Dame the decisive 45-26 lead.

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player of the game

Brady Quinn

Notre Dame's senior quarterback completed 23-of-35 passes with four touchdowns and no interceptions for the Irish.

stat of the game

150

Yards receiving by Tar Heels freshman wide out Hakeem Nicks in the third quarter alone.

play of the game

Jeff Samardzija's 42-yard TD catch

Samardzija adjusted in mid-air to haul in a record-breaking 23rd touchdown in his Notre Dame career that gave the Irish a 38-19 lead.

quote of the game

"North Carolina is a team that came in here with nothing to lose — what better way to validate their season than to beat Notre Dame."

Rhema McKnight
Irish wide receiver

report card

- A** **quarterbacks:** Quinn would have had even better stats if his receiver had not dropped a few passes. His three touchdowns in the first half let Notre Dame control the tempo of the game.
- B** **running backs:** Walker didn't get many attempts because of the Irish game plan, and James Aldridge looked good on his eight carries. Once again, the backfield picked up the blitz well.
- B+** **receivers:** Samardzija and McKnight each made a tough catch for a touchdown, and Carlson had another big game. The group had a few drops that cost the Irish some points.
- C** **offensive line:** Quinn had to scramble too much. Averaging 4.7 yards per carry, excluding sacks, is good but not great against a team that surrenders 200 yards a game on the ground.
- A-** **defensive line:** Abiamiri's two sacks, Landri's 3.5 tackles for losses and Laws' penetration combined to wreak havoc on North Carolina's offense. The group dominated the battle in the trenches.
- B-** **linebackers:** Crum had nine tackles — including one for a loss — but Thomas and Brockington were notably absent on several outside runs that resulted in big gains for the Tar Heels.
- C** **defensive backs:** North Carolina had three passes of 20 yards or more, including throws of 42 and 72 that went to freshman wide out Hakeem Nicks. The unit needs to do a better job keeping the ball in front of it.
- B** **special teams:** The Irish had peaks and valleys on special teams. The Tar Heels' 90-yard kick return was a major blow, but Zbikowski's score and Grimes' kick returns were pluses.
- B+** **coaching:** Weis accurately expected North Carolina to use many blitzes, and the passing game started well early. The Irish still have to do more to eliminate big plays on defense.
- 3.11** **overall:** The Irish allowed a lot of yardage on the ground, but dominated offensively and adjusted defensively for the win.

adding up the numbers

Consecutive passes thrown by Irish quarterback Brady Quinn without an interception — a Notre Dame record. **204**

57 Percent of third downs Notre Dame converted Saturday. The Irish held North Carolina to 4-of-13 on third downs.

Turnovers forced by Notre Dame against the Tar Heels. North Carolina entered the game with as many turnovers (15) as touchdowns. **0**

148 Yards passing by Quinn in the first quarter. Quinn threw for 118 yards in the second quarter to finish the first half with 266 yards.

Touchdown passes Quinn has thrown since his last interception, including his four TD passes Saturday. **17**

8 Rushing attempts by freshman tailback James Aldridge. Aldridge gained 45 yards for a 5.6 yards-per-carry average.

Punt return yards Saturday for the Irish, who had not had more than 10 yards in punt returns in a game since Michigan State. **84**

23 More offensive plays Notre Dame ran Saturday than North Carolina.



Photos by PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Left, Irish quarterback Brady Quinn searches for an open receiver. Right, Quinn scrambles past Tar Heels safety Kareen Taylor. Quinn was 23-of-35 with 346 yards and four touchdowns Saturday in Notre Dame's 45-26 win.

Quinn has 'good day at the office'

Brady Quinn spoils football fans. After passing for 348 yards against North Carolina Saturday, with four touchdowns and no interceptions, no one's really that impressed.

"There were a couple more [passes] that we had our hands on," Weis said. "Could have been a better day at the office."

As it was, Weis called it a "good day at the office."

In seven of the team's nine games this year, Quinn hasn't thrown an interception. After Saturday's 45-26 win, he has 25 touchdowns against just four picks.

He's seventh in Division I-A for both total passing yards and passing yards per game. He's also eighth in total offense, despite compiling a season net rushing yardage of -37.

It's easy to forget how much rests on Quinn's shoulders. Weis went into Saturday's game with a gun-slinging mentality — to get ahead quickly by throwing a few touchdowns and control the tempo of the game from there.

That's all well and good, but it means that a quarterback has to be nearly flawless from the moment he steps onto the turf.

The two-minute offense gives Notre Dame an edge as the team tries for an early lead. But that puts even more pressure on a quarterback — to make good decisions and to make them quickly.

One slip-up, and instead of gunning for the lead you're digging yourself out of a hole — see the end result of the Michigan game on Sept. 16.

But Quinn has been masterful out of the gate this season, particularly recently. Against Navy two weeks ago and North Carolina last week, he started out games with almost inhuman efficiency — scoring on six of the first seven possessions

against Navy and four out of the first five against the Tar Heels.

Most of the offensive production seems to come when Quinn is throwing the ball. Part of that is having talented receivers like Jeff Samardzija, Rhema McKnight and David Grimes.

Part of it is having John Carlson, a big tight end who's a formidable target across the middle.

Part of it is Darius Walker's pass-catching ability, enabling Quinn and Weis to keep drives alive with screens and draws.

But Quinn consistently puts these receivers in a position to make a big play. Sure, Samardzija's height doesn't hurt Quinn's stats. Carlson is a tough matchup for any linebacker. But Quinn gets the ball there, and that's what he did against the Tar Heels.

And that's why the Irish are 8-1. Quinn's a perfectionist, and he isn't satisfied with his performance against North Carolina either.

"I was hoping to have a little bit better day at the office, if you want to put it that way," he said Saturday night.

Maybe a better offensive line would help with that. Quinn was sacked three times and hurried four more.

On the season, Quinn has been sacked 24 times for a total loss of 178 yards and hurried another 23 times. He's taken countless hits to the ribs and been knocked down more times than Irish fans care to think about.

Maybe a better running game would help Quinn. Walker picks up blitzes and catches passes, but is averaging just 85.3 yards per game as Notre Dame's go-to back. The team is averaging just 107.1 yards per game on the ground, compared to 287.3 in the air.

So defenses can be confident —

especially in the beginning of the game — that if Weis wants to get on the board, Quinn is going to be throwing.

Under that kind of pressure, he's performed admirably. Against Michigan State, Quinn lifted the team on his shoulders and carried it as far as he could, putting Terrail Lambert in the position to ice the game with an interception returned for a touchdown.

Against Georgia Tech, he played a good defense in a hostile stadium with the calm and poise of an elite quarterback, which he is.

No one does more for his team than Quinn does. He might not be perfect. Every spiral doesn't lead the receivers. He overthrows in the end zone. No one is more aware of Quinn's shortcomings than Quinn himself.

But every time Quinn gets hit, the Irish season is on the line. Evan Sharpley is 1-of-2 in passing this season with seven yards, and Samardzija is 0-of-2. The running game isn't going to carry Notre Dame past Air Force next week.

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When he performs like the elite quarter-

back he is, there's no raise, no promotion, no bonus — it's just another day in the office.

But a little appreciation is always nice.

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Inside pressure wreaks havoc on Tar Heels

Irish seniors Landri, Laws combine for 2 blocked PATs

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For Irish coach Charlie Weis, seeing defensive tackles Derek Landri and Trevor Laws burst through the line of scrimmage to block extra points is only indicative of the way they play.

Notre Dame's two senior defensive tackles made themselves at home in the Tar Heel backfield all afternoon, stuffing rushing plays, disrupting called passes and all-in-all wreaking "havoc."

Landri finished with 3.5 tackles for losses, a half sack and, according to Weis, two blocked extra points. Laws had three tackles, a near safety in the fourth quarter and, according to the official scorekeepers, one blocked extra point.

"[Laws and Landri] are very quick off the ball, and they penetrate," Weis said. "One thing you can depend on with them is that they will always be active."

By getting penetration into the Tar Heel backfield all game, Weis said, Laws and Landri opened up holes for their fellow defensemen to the tune of eight tackles for a loss and four sacks.

"Whether [Laws and Landri] are involved pressuring the quarterback or because they are being blocked, it helps for Victor [Abiamiri] and those guys off the edge," Weis said.

The havoc created by Laws and Landri was no more evident than on North Carolina's fourth quarter series when the Tar Heels started at their own 10. The Irish were trying to put the game away, and the two men in the middle wanted a piece of the North Carolina quarterback.

On second-and-10, Tar Heels signal caller Joe Dailey dropped back towards his goal line looking for a receiver downfield when Laws broke through the line. The senior wrapped Dailey up in the end zone, but Dailey got the ball off to no one in particular. The play may have gone for a safety because of intentional grounding, but Irish junior defensive end Justin Brown got a hand on it.

"We knew it was late in the game," Laws said. "We were coming at them as much



Irish senior Trevor Laws hurries Tar Heels quarterback Joe Dailey in the fourth quarter of Notre Dame's 45-26 win Saturday.

as we could trying to get a safety, which we should have got."

While neither Laws nor Landri were able to bring Dailey down for the safety, the defensive tackles did manage to block two North Carolina extra point attempts — no small feat considering Tar Heels kicker Connor Barth had not missed a field goal or extra point attempt on the season.

"When I've tipped them in the past, they've gone in, but I just got a little bit more of the ball this week," Landri said. "Anytime we have an opportunity to stop them from putting points on the board, I think it's a play worth playing as hard as you can for."

The blocked extra points — after North Carolina's second and third touchdowns — had a big effect on the game. After Hakeem Nicks's 13-yard touchdown reception cut Notre Dame's lead to 31-19 late in the third quarter, an extra point

was all the Tar Heels needed to be within a touchdown, two-point conversion and field goal of Notre Dame. By blocking the point after attempt, Laws assured North Carolina would need at least two touchdowns to catch and surpass the Irish.

"There's a lot of defensive linemen who when it gets to be an extra point just take the play off," Weis said. "Kudos to Landri and Laws because it shows they're not taking a play off. Even though they just scored a touchdown, they're going out there like this is a field goal to win the game."

Despite their impressive performances against the Tar Heels, Laws and Landri are far from satisfied.

"I think we're still building up," Laws said. "Our goal is to peak for the bowl game and I think we're still on the rise."

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scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
UNC	7	6	13	0	26
Notre Dame	14	17	7	7	45

First quarter

Notre Dame 7, North Carolina 0

Rhema McKnight 7-yard reception from Brady Quinn with 12:57 remaining. (Carl Gioia kick)

Drive: 6 plays, 65 yards, 2:03 elapsed

Notre Dame 7, North Carolina 7

Jesse Holley 12-yard reception from Joe Dailey with 6:04 remaining. (Connor Barth kick)

Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 2:53 elapsed

Notre Dame 14, North Carolina 7

John Carlson 11-yard reception from Quinn with 1:47 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Drive: 10 plays, 74 yards, 4:17 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 21, North Carolina 7

McKnight 14-yard reception from Quinn with 11:28 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Drive: 7 plays, 57 yards, 2:47 elapsed

Notre Dame 24, North Carolina 7

Gioia 27-yard field goal with 6:33 remaining. Drive: 7 plays, 45 yards, 2:44 elapsed

Notre Dame 24, North Carolina 13

Brandon Tate 90-yard kickoff return with 6:15 remaining. (Barth kick blocked)

Notre Dame 31, North Carolina 13

Tom Zbikowski 52-yard punt return with 2:54 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Third quarter

Notre Dame 31, North Carolina 19

Hakeem Nicks 13-yard reception from Dailey with 9:43 remaining. (Barth kick blocked)

Drive: 10 plays, 83 yards, 5:17 elapsed

Notre Dame 38, North Carolina 19

Jeff Samardzija 42-yard reception from Quinn with 8:10 remaining. (Gioia kick)

Drive: 3 plays, 43 yards, 1:33 elapsed

Notre Dame 38, North Carolina 26

Nicks 72-yard reception from Dailey with 7:25 remaining. (Barth kick)

Drive: 1 plays, 72 yards, 0:45 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 45, North Carolina 26

Darius Walker 1-yard run with 11:13 remaining. Drive: 10 plays, 61 yards, 5:05 elapsed

statistics

total yards	UNC 244	ND 452
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rushing yards	UNC 31	ND 106
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passing yards	UNC 213	ND 346
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return yards	UNC 198	ND 194
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time of possession	UNC 27:47	ND 32:13
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	UNC	ND
25-31	14-24-0	9-376
rushes-yards	35-106	23-37-0
comp-att-int	5-229	1-1
punts-yards	5-35	23
fumbles-lost		
penalties-yards		
first downs		

	passing	
Dailey	14-23-0	Quinn 23-35-0

	rushing	
McGill	15-71	Walker 20-88
Rome	5-11	Aldridge 8-45

	receiving	
Nicks	6-171	Carlson 8-91
McGill	3-15	Samardzija 6-177
Holley	2-14	McKnight 6-56
Foster	2-12	Walker 2-16

	tackles	
Mapp	14	Crum 9
Worsley	7	Zbikowski 7
Rice	7	Wooden 5
Bynum	6	Ndukwe 5
Walker	5	Abiamiri 4
Taylor	5	Landri 4

Samardzija passes Mayes as top TD man

Zbikowski's touchdown makes him two return scores away from Allen Rossum's record

By KEN FOWLER
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Irish senior Jeff Samardzija set the program record for career touchdown receptions Saturday with his 23rd scoring catch.

Samardzija grabbed a 42-yard pass from Irish quarterback Brady Quinn with 8:10 left in the third quarter to set the record, previously held by former Notre Dame wide out Derrick Mayes. The play gave the Irish a 38-19 lead over North Carolina.

"It was just another touchdown out there, but I'm sure down the road it will be a cool thing to look back on," Samardzija said. "I'm just happy that it was a big touchdown the game that really pulled us away. ... I hope someone breaks it sometime soon."

All of Samardzija's touchdowns have come in the past two seasons. The 2005 consensus All-American started just one game — the 2004 Insight Bowl — and had only 24 receptions before his junior season. He has 136 in Notre Dame's last 21 games. Samardzija had 15 touchdowns last season as he replaced an injured Rhema McKnight in the team's start-

ing lineup.

"There's a guy, a perfect example of a guy who is making the most of the opportunity when it's presenting itself," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "He's running with it. He's putting himself in a position to not only have a great career at this level but go on and have a great one at the next level."

With two receiving touchdowns Saturday, McKnight tied former teammate Maurice Stovall for fourth on Notre Dame's all-time list at 18.

Defenses can't stop Quinn

Quinn extended his school-record streak of pass attempts without an interception to 204 Saturday. His last interception came in the second quarter of Notre Dame's 40-37 win over Michigan State Sept. 23 when Spartans defensive end Ervin Baldwin ran 19 yards for a touchdown on Quinn's errant pass.

"Brady Quinn is a hell of a player," Tar Heels coach John Bunting said. "I knew that coming in. They do a terrific job."

With his four touchdown throws, Quinn moved into 16th place all-time in NCAA with 83 touchdown scores for his career. His single-season

high of 346 passing yards give him 10,915 for his career, which is good for 20th in Division I-A history.

Third quarter was Nicks' time

Tar Heels freshman wide receiver Hakeem Nicks' 171 receiving yards marked the second time this year an Irish opponent recorded more than 150 yards receiving. Hicks had five catches for 150 yards in the third quarter, and his only other reception was a 21-yard catch in the first quarter.

Weis declined to comment on Nicks' play.

"I'm not talking about their players," Weis said. "I'm talking about our players. You ask them about their players."

Purdue sophomore wide receiver Selwyn Lymon had eight catches for 238 yards in the Boilermakers' 35-21 loss to Notre Dame Sept. 30.

Zibby closes in on Rossum

Irish senior safety and punt returner Tom Zbikowski's 53-yard punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter was his seventh return touchdown.

"Once I made those first two guys miss, it was all green grass ahead," Zbikowski said.

Zbikowski has three punt returns, two fumble returns

and two interception returns for scores.

He is now two return touchdowns away from former Irish cornerback Allen Rossum's NCAA record in the category.

Big plays hurt the Irish

The Tar Heels managed just 244 yards of offense on 49 plays, but 221 of those yards came on just eight plays. North Carolina had three runs of 10 yards or more and three passes of 20 yards or more, which fall into Weis' category of "big plays."

The Irish also surrendered a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown — the first time a Notre Dame opponent has scored on a kickoff since DeAndrea Cobb of Michigan State took one back 89 yards against the Irish in 2004.

Weis said he wasn't happy about the amount of large gains Notre Dame gave up but also mentioned that several players on both teams slipped at times, which helped create some openings for receivers.

"For you to have to have a good game, [opponent's big plays] have to be at a minimum because if not then you really haven't achieved your goals," Weis said.

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No POWDER PUFF

The matchup with Notre Dame was North Carolina's bowl game, and the lowly Tar Heels played with that mentality. After falling behind early, they tied the score within seven minutes. After entering the locker room down 31-13, they came right back and scored on the opening possession of the second half. But the Irish offense was just too explosive and too precise for the vulnerable North Carolina defense to contain. And any hope for a major upset faded in the dimming South Bend twilight.



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Top left, Tar Heels receiver Brandon Tate breaks a tackle on his 90-yard kickoff return touchdown. Top right, Irish wide out Rhema McKnight picks up a block from Irish quarterback Brady Quinn on a reverse. Bottom right, Irish senior Jeff Samardzija stiff-arms North Carolina cornerback Jacoby Watkins on a 37-yard reception. Bottom left, Notre Dame safety Tom Zbikowski takes a punt 52 yards for an Irish touchdown. Center, Irish tailback Darius Walker runs through Tar Heels senior Kareen Taylor.



Celebrity friendships are not wishful thinking

I'm prone to judging the worth of a celebrity on one factor alone — whether I want to be friends with him or her. Since I don't want to be friends with Lindsay Lohan, her celebrity is inconsequential to me.

However, I would love to be friends with Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson. Therefore, I greatly value this Hollywood super-couple — even though I secretly want Tom Hanks to myself.

I can imagine the three of us eating together at a bar and grill, catching the latest Spielberg and making each other laugh. Oh, how we would laugh! Slowly, I would steal Tom away and he would ask me to host "Saturday Night Live" with him. Lorne Michaels would be so impressed with my stint that he would hire me as a regular and I would single-handedly save the show from unfunniness. It would be quite glorious.

But if I may be serious, there are quite a few other celebrities that I would love to befriend for one reason or another. Perhaps I want to be friends with these people because they are the anti-Lohan. They do not seek out fame by scandalizing their image, but rather through their body of work. And they seem down-to-earth and totally for real in all their interviews. They must be legit. The following are the celebrities I

most desire to be BFFs with, but trust me, there are more.

Allison Janney. Janney portrayed my beloved Claudia Jean in "The West Wing" and a deliciously trashy woman in "Drop Dead Gorgeous." She's won Emmys for her drama, but her comedy is top-notch. She has an infectious laugh, she rocks a green gown just as much as Mariska Hargitay, and she's friends with Ellen. The three of us could have crazy cool dance parties at all hours of the day and re-enact scenes from "Finding Nemo" just for kicks.

Jenna Fischer. Who could not be obsessed with Fischer's Pam on "The Office?" Pam is sweet and funny, and as far as I can tell, so is Fischer. How do I know? Because the only reason I joined MySpace was to add her as a friend and read her blogs. Fischer has a unique relationship with her fans since she is so involved in her MySpace. She also wrote, starred in and directed a mockumentary called "LolliLove." I want to write, star in and direct a mockumentary called something else. And if we did become BFFs, she could introduce me to John Krasinski, and I could stop stalking Tom Hanks.

Kate Winslet. After seeing her in that American Express commercial, I've had the strangest desire to go flea market shopping with her. Winslet is one of those rare actresses who carefully chooses film roles and makes sure they won't embarrass her later. At 31, she's already accumulated four Academy Award nominations. I desire to be her friend not only because I respect her



Photo courtesy of Myspace.com

Jenna Fischer, star of "The Office," shows off her Halloween cupcakes on her MySpace site. Being friends with Fischer could lead to grand adventures, such as meeting John Krasinski.

talent but also because she can be the friend that brings a little culture to my life.

Maybe she'll introduce me to Thai food or we can take in a ballet. Afterwards, we can rent a good British comedy and I can help her choose movie scripts that will further empower her as an actress and maybe finally snag her that Oscar. As a thank you, she will introduce me to Colin Firth, and I can die a little bit happier.

I desperately want to be friends with these people, but for now, I'll have to find empty replacements for them in my own life. Janney, Fischer and Winslet

are among my favorite celebrities because I feel that friendship with them is not entirely impossible. Call me a creeper or call me a dreamer. I like to call me a creeper. But I'll have the last laugh when the four of us are playing Mall Madness and prank calling old grade school teachers. Maybe there will even be ice cream.

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DVD REVIEW

'Nacho Libre' fails to satiate comedic appetites

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Jack Black. The director of "Napoleon Dynamite." So read the promotional posters for this past summer's hopefully-hit comedy "Nacho Libre." It seemed certain that the pairing of this comedic duo would mean major box office success, especially with previews showing a mustached Jack Black wearing spandex and a cape crooning, "Nachooooooooooooo" to a group of Mexican school children.

Unfortunately, "Nacho Libre," now out on DVD, did not live up to these expectations and died a quick death in theaters shortly after its release. In spite of a major marketing campaign for the Paramount DVD, expect the disc to fade quickly from the spotlight and be on sale for less than \$10 fairly soon.

"Nacho Libre" stars Black ("School of Rock") as Nacho, a young man raised in a monastery in Mexico who goes on to work there as a cook. Inspired by a zeal for wrestling, he dons a mask and tights

to compete as a Luchador, or Mexican wrestler, in a tournament in order to win money for the children in his monastery.

Nacho teams with a street urchin named Esqueleto (Hector Jimenez) to win the money while he personally tries to win the favor of Sister Encarnacion (Ana de la Reguera). The rest of the film follows the exploits of the two wrestlers towards their goals in a fashion much like that of "Napoleon Dynamite."

Much of the problem with "Nacho Libre" stems from its similarity to Hess's first film. "Napoleon Dynamite" achieved its great success because John Heder was the perfect actor to play Napoleon. Hess tries to use Jack Black in the same way, but Black is a different type of actor.

Black's fame stems from his band, Tenacious D, and his ability to use "in-your-face" humor with perfect timing and effect. Trying to get Black to try the more subtle, off-beat humor found in "Napoleon Dynamite" works only so far. Several moments are quite funny, but Black shows much of his true, brazen self here, unlike in the rest of the movie.

Black's talent is clear, but the writing does not allow him to fully utilize his comedic ability in the film. Ana de la Reguera and Hector Jimenez display some talent here, but they are very young actors



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Jack Black, left, makes salad but not comedy in "Nacho Libre." The movie was a box-office disappointment and it has little chance to be redeemed on the newly released DVD.

who cannot yet hold their own in a major motion picture.

Another problem with "Nacho Libre" lies in the fact that Nickelodeon Films played a major role in its development, production and promotion. Typically known as a child-oriented film company, this moniker may have prevented creative decisions from being made that could have aided the comedy with more adult humor. As it turned out, "Nacho Libre" struggled to find an audience with both children and adults. By doing so, it did not live up to expectations at the box office.

The DVD features a sparse collection

of extras mostly trying to use Jack Black as a vehicle for humor. Some, including a spot where Jack Black sings songs from the film and a funny commercial for Nacho Libre action figures, are enjoyable, but most are a waste of time.

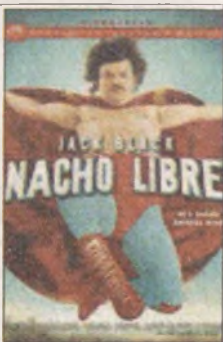
In trying to make another cult classic movie with a bigger budget and bigger stars, Jared Hess missed the mark. What resulted from a movie with much potential for hilarity was a boring piece that, like a bad joke, tried too hard to be funny and fell flat on its face.

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Nacho Libre

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NFL

Miami knocks off undefeated Bears in Chicago

Jacksonville second-string quarterback Garrard throws for three touchdowns as Jaguars rout Tennessee, 37-17

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The 1972 Dolphins can breathe a little easier. And once again, they can thank a current Miami team for it.

Although Dan Marino was nowhere to be found this time, the Dolphins once again upset Chicago to spoil the Bears' bid for a perfect season.

Ronnie Brown rushed for a career-high 157 yards and Jason Taylor forced a fumble and returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown, helping Miami beat Chicago 31-13 on Sunday. Brown carried 29 times and eclipsed his previous career-high set last season against Carolina by 25 yards.

Besides losing their first game, the Bears (7-1) saw linebacker Brian Urlacher hurt his foot when he landed awkwardly in a pileup near the end of the game. The severity of the injury was not known.

After hearing criticism from the media and members of the 1972 team, these Dolphins had their way with a team that had scored the most points and allowed the fewest. The defense constantly applied pressure as the Dolphins (2-6) snapped a four-game losing streak.

"A lot of (media) in this locker room and a lot of people in this country didn't give us a chance," Taylor said. "And I heard some of the crap that was said during the week — that questioned people's character and everything else. You always want to hand everything with class, but sometimes you can't. People come at you the wrong way, and it's good sometimes to say, 'How do you like me now?'"

Denver 31, Pittsburgh 20

The Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers never thought they would already be playing for next year halfway through a season that began with so many expectations.

Javon Walker scored three touchdowns on two receptions and a 72-yard run on a wide receiver reverse and the Denver Broncos took advantage of repeated Pittsburgh mistakes to win on Sunday.

The loss likely ended any realistic chance the Steelers had to repeat their Super Bowl title. Nearly 11 months after halting Denver's season in the AFC championship game, the Steelers may have seen this season effectively ended by the Broncos (6-2) in Pittsburgh.

"I would have bet my house before the season started we wouldn't be 2-6," defensive lineman Casey Hampton said. "I'd be homeless right now."

Kansas City 31, St. Louis 17

After backing up pregame braggadocio about dealing out the hits rather than taking them, Larry Johnson had a lot more to say.

Johnson rushed for 172 yards, becoming the second straight running back to punish the St. Louis Rams' defense in the Kansas City Chiefs' victory on Sunday. It wasn't nearly enough.

"I'm a little disappointed because I feel we did leave 200 yards of rushing on that field," Johnson said. "The way we were going out there and just pushing them backward and shakings things up, we should have done even more."

The Chiefs defense forced three early turnovers against a team that emphasizes ball security, and Kansas City capitalized en route to a 17-point cushion.

"You can't put Kansas City in a short field like that," Rams offensive tackle Orlando Pace said. "It makes it tough on us and a lot easier on those guys."

Jared Allen stripped Marc Bulger on a sack and recovered Steven Jackson's fumble for the Chiefs, who have won three in a row for the first time under new coach Herman Edwards.

Two touchdown catches by Tony Gonzalez, who broke Otis Taylor's franchise career mark, helped Kansas City (5-3) raise its record to an NFL-best 21-5 in interconference play since 1995. Damon Huard was mistake-free again, going 10-for-15 for 148 yards and three touchdowns.

Jacksonville 37, Tennessee 7

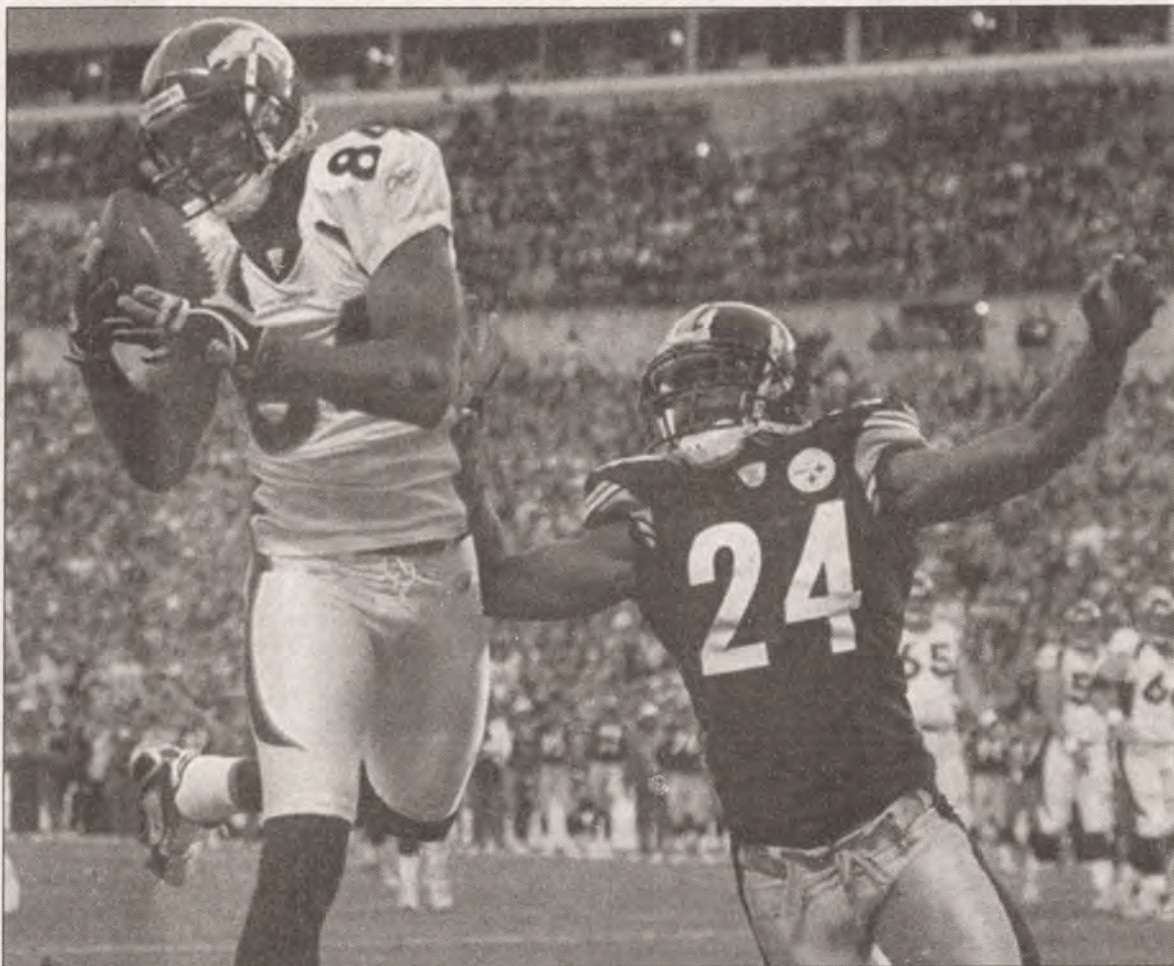
Coach Jack Del Rio's quarterback decision got a lot more difficult Sunday.

David Garrard threw three touchdown passes, led the Jacksonville Jaguars to a victory over Tennessee and won for the sixth time in his last seven starts.

Not surprisingly, Del Rio side-stepped the issue afterward. Starter Byron Leftwich, meanwhile, was nowhere to be found. As for Garrard?

"I'll just wait until Jack, Byron or my wife tells me I'm going to start," said Garrard, learned he was starting last week from his wife and this week from Leftwich.

"This is normal," he said of



Broncos receiver Javon Walker catches his first of three touchdowns Sunday against Pittsburgh cornerback Ike Taylor. Denver won the game 31-20 at Heinz Field. AP

the unsettled quarterback situation. "No one has ever told me they are handing me the reins. Byron is the starting quarterback of this team until somebody tells me otherwise."

At the very least, Garrard made the most of his second straight start.

He had an 11-yard TD pass to Ernest Wilford on the team's opening drive, then took advantage of Vince Young's first of three turnovers by connecting with George Wrihster for a 14-yard score.

Garrard was even better after halftime, completing his first four passes for 78 yards and a score. He threw a perfect fade pass to Wilford for a 22-yard touchdown that pushed the lead to 27-0.

Detroit 30, Atlanta 14

Michael Vick came back down to earth and the Detroit Lions took advantage of his ordinary day.

Detroit turned Vick's two first-half turnovers into touchdowns and Roy Williams had a sensational game, highlighted by a 60-yard TD early in the fourth quarter, in the Lions' 30-14 vic-

tory Sunday over the Atlanta Falcons.

"I guess we had a little kryptonite for him," Detroit cornerback Fernando Bryant said. "The whole key is to stay disciplined, keeping lanes and contain, and that's what we did with him."

The Lions pulled off the feat without three starters on the defensive line, including Shaun Rogers.

Atlanta's electric quarterback threw for seven TDs and averaged 262 yards passing in the previous two games, both victories, but quickly found out it would not be his day in Detroit.

Baltimore 26, Cincinnati 20

The Baltimore Ravens enjoyed an outstanding start against the Cincinnati Bengals, then spent the next 55 minutes protecting the advantage.

The Ravens prevailed, and now they'll try to maintain a commanding lead in the AFC North over the next eight weeks.

Baltimore scored two quick touchdowns off turnovers and never trailed in a victory Sunday, their second straight

since coach Brian Billick took control of the offense.

"Huge win for us in the division," Billick said. "It puts us in a position to go forward and do some good things."

Steve McNair passed for 245 yards, Jamal Lewis scored a touchdown and Matt Stover kicked four field goals for the Ravens (6-2), who took a two-game lead over second-place Cincinnati.

Since Billick fired offensive coordinator Jim Fassel and assumed playcalling duties, the Ravens have scored 61 points and McNair has played brilliantly. He was 21-of-30 against the Bengals after going 17-of-23 in a 35-22 win at New Orleans last week.

McNair fared far better than Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer, who went 12-of-26 for 195 yards. His first pass was intercepted and returned for a touchdown, and his last pass was also intercepted, ending any hope the Bengals (4-4) had of finishing a comeback from a 17-0 deficit.

"In order to win, we needed to play our best — and we didn't," Palmer said.

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NCAA Football Associated Press Top 25

	team	record	points	previous
1	Ohio State (65)	10-0	1625	1
2	Michigan	10-0	1554	2
3	Louisville	8-0	1441	5
4	Texas	9-1	1438	4
5	Auburn	9-1	1320	6
6	Florida	8-1	1314	7
7	USC	8-1	1173	9
8	California	8-1	1136	10
9	NOTRE DAME	8-1	1096	11
10	West Virginia	7-1	1024	3
11	Arkansas	8-1	1020	12
12	LSU	7-2	996	13
13	Tennessee	7-2	744	8
14	Boise State	9-0	742	14
15	Rutgers	8-0	721	15
16	Wisconsin	9-1	689	17
17	Oklahoma	7-2	667	18
18	Wake Forest	8-1	509	22
19	Georgia Tech	7-2	493	20
20	Virginia Tech	7-2	333	23
21	Oregon	7-2	308	24
22	Boston College	7-2	230	16
23	Maryland	7-2	178	NR
24	Texas A&M	8-2	137	21
25	Brigham Young	7-2	92	NR

NCAA Football USA Today Coaches Poll

	team	record	points	previous
1	Ohio State (63)	10-0	1575	1
2	Michigan	10-0	1502	2
3	Texas	9-1	1397	4
4	Louisville	8-0	1382	5
5	Auburn	9-1	1309	6
6	Florida	8-1	1255	7
7	USC	7-1	1148	9
8	NOTRE DAME	8-1	1079	10
9	California	8-1	1048	11
10	West Virginia	7-1	994	3
11	Arkansas	8-1	946	12
12	LSU	7-2	925	13
13	Boise State	9-0	769	14
14	Rutgers	8-0	742	15
15	Tennessee	7-2	710	8
16	Wisconsin	9-1	685	18
16	Oklahoma	7-2	685	17
18	Georgia Tech	7-2	480	20
19	Wake Forest	8-1	448	23
20	Oregon	7-2	400	22
21	Virginia Tech	7-2	306	24
22	Boston College	7-2	230	16
23	Texas A&M	8-2	121	21
24	Maryland	7-2	113	NR
25	Nebraska	7-3	107	NR

NCAA Football BCS Rankings

	team	record	comp. avg.	Harris
1	Ohio State	10-0	2	1
2	Michigan	10-0	1	2
3	Louisville	8-0	3	3
4	Florida	8-1	5	6
5	Texas	9-1	10	4
6	Auburn	9-1	8	5
7	USC	7-1	7	7
8	California	8-1	4	9
9	NOTRE DAME	8-1	6	8
10	West Virginia	7-1	14	10
11	Arkansas	8-1	12	11
12	LSU	7-2	15	12
13	Rutgers	8-0	9	13
14	Boise State	9-0	12	14
15	Wisconsin	9-1	11	16

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Colts defenders celebrate after a third-quarter Patriots turnover in Indianapolis' 27-20 win Sunday. Five New England turnovers helped Peyton Manning and the Colts remain undefeated.

Stout Colts defense leads way in win

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass.— Peyton Manning got help from an unlikely source — his defense — and the Colts remained the NFL's only unbeaten team.

The Patriots also were victimized for the first time by Adam Vinatieri as Indianapolis won 27-20 Sunday night. With his once adoring fans booing, he kicked two field goals in his first game against New England since leaving as a free agent.

But he also missed twice in the second half.

A steady Manning kept the crowd quiet for most of the game and threw for

326 yards and two touchdowns. The Colts, who began the game with five interceptions in seven games, intercepted Tom Brady four times. They allowed no touchdown passes, only two scoring runs by Corey Dillon and two field goals by rookie Stephen Gostkowski.

Gostkowski replaced Vinatieri, the longtime Patriots kicker whose field goals in the final seconds won two Super Bowls.

Indianapolis, (8-0), entered the game with the only perfect record after Chicago lost to Miami 31-17 earlier Sunday. The Patriots (6-2) ended a

four-game winning streak and dropped a second straight to Indianapolis after winning six in a row.

The Colts became the only team to start consecutive seasons at 8-0 since the Green Bay Packers did it three straight years from 1929-31. And for the first time in his brilliant career, Manning has thrown for 300 yards in three consecutive games.

The Patriots had one last chance after Vinatieri missed from 37 yards with 1:55 left. But on the Patriots' second play, Brady was intercepted one last time by Cato June

For the first time in six games, the Colts never

trailed as Manning threw the first of his two touchdown passes to Marvin Harrison, a 5-yarder, on their opening possession. Harrison finished with eight catches for 145 yards, just 56 yards fewer than Brady's total of 201 yards passing.

The Colts began the day tied for 21st in points allowed. But the first sign the defense would be a positive factor came when Antoine Bethea ended the Patriots' first drive with an interception in the end zone. Manning, now 4-10 against the Patriots, then drove the Colts 68 yards to his first scoring pass to Harrison.

IN BRIEF

Invasor stuns Bernardini in Breeders' Cup

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Invasor over Bernardini in the Classic. Street Sense by a record 10 lengths in the Juvenile. Ouija Board winning her second Filly & Mare Turf.

There were many glorious moments in the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs on Saturday, and plenty of heartache as well.

Pine Island's fatal breakdown and Fleet Indian's injury in the Distaff showed the sad side of racing — the second time a premier race has been marred this year. The other, of course, was Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro's devastating misstep at the start of the Preakness.

"It's just been an unbelievable summer," said Michael Matz, Barbaro's trainer who won the Distaff with Round Pond. "I've been in that situation and nobody ever likes to see that happen. It's just tragic when these accidents occur."

Bartoli sweeps Poutchkova to win Bell Challenge

QUEBEC CITY — France's Marion Bartoli routed Russia's Olga Poutchkova 6-0, 6-0 in 41 minutes to win the Bell Challenge on Sunday and close the year just as she started it — with a title.

Bartoli, seeded second, captured her first career WTA Tour title in Auckland, New Zealand, in the first week of January. Last month she won in Tokyo to crack the top 20.

"Three titles, it is great. I could not have hoped for better," she said.

Bartoli wasn't certain of playing in the final until a morning practice session, when she deemed the right forearm she hurt in the semifinals was OK.

"I didn't know if I was going to be able to play today with the pain in my arm," Bartoli said. "I went to strike balls this morning and I felt the pain wasn't as bad as yesterday."

Stewart takes second in a row at Texas Speedway

FORT WORTH, Texas — While the tense battles of NASCAR's Chase for the championship rage on, Tony Stewart is driving in a world of his own.

It just so happens that Stewart's world is way out in front of all the drama.

Having fun and driving for wins — not a championship — Stewart overpowered the field Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway, and he made this one look almost too easy: "Smoke" led 278 of 339 laps, including the five extra laps because of a late caution, and often was so far ahead that he appeared to be all by himself on the track.

Most of the action was well behind him, where Jimmie Johnson quietly grabbed away the point lead from Matt Kenseth by 17 points with a second-place-place finish. Stewart easily raced away to his second straight win.

TOP FLIGHT AUTO RACING

Goodwin charged with racecar driver's death

Trial set to begin today, 18 years after Mickey Thompson's murder

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — The 1988 murder of racing legend Mickey Thompson and his wife may be the ultimate cold case, having remained unsolved for nearly 19 years.

But Thompson's sister wouldn't let it drop off investigators' radar and the case, which involves the glamorous world of top flight auto racing and a daredevil driver allegedly caught in a feud over money, will finally come to trial on Monday.

Michael Frank Goodwin, Thompson's estranged business partner, is accused of killing the racing superstar and his wife, Trudy.

"This has been a long endurance race for justice," Thompson's sister, Colleen Campbell, said recently. "We don't plan to drop out till we get to the finish line."

Goodwin, 61, is charged with two counts of murder with the special circumstances of lying in wait and committing multiple murders. Prosecutors, however, have decided not to seek the death penalty.

His lawyer maintains there is no physical evidence or witness putting Goodwin at the crime scene or linking him to arranging the killings of the Thompsons.

"We've always maintained this case is based on baseless suspicion," said defense attorney Elena Saris. "The whole defense team feels that if the jury is allowed to hear the truth, Michael will be acquitted."

But prosecutors contend circumstantial evidence leads directly to the former concert promoter, who merged his motocross racing business with Thompson's before the pair had a bitter falling out. They say Goodwin became so consumed with anger after losing a \$750,000 judgment to Thompson that he set out to kill him.

The racer, who was 59 when he died, was inducted posthumously into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in 1990. He set hundreds of speed and endurance records and was the first person to travel more than 400 mph on land. He also built and drove racing's first slingshot dragster.

He and his 41-year-old wife were leaving for work in March 1988 when they were ambushed outside their home in the gated Los Angeles suburb of Bradbury.

The two men who shot the couple before fleeing on bicycles were never caught, and prosecutors are expected to argue they were hired by Goodwin.

Authorities say the former promoter had talked of killing Thompson rather than pay him the court judgment Thompson had won.

At a preliminary hearing three years ago, Gregory Keay said Goodwin, his cousin, told him that before Thompson could collect his money he would "have him wasted." Goodwin's former girlfriend testified that he boasted to her

that he "got away with it" after showing her a tape of the television show "Unsolved Mysteries" that focused on the case.

After Thompson's death, Goodwin and his wife at the time left the country and cruised the Caribbean on their \$400,000 boat for three years.

He ran into legal trouble after their return and was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison for lying on a loan application.

All the while, Campbell was pressing authorities to reopen the murder case and look at Goodwin as a suspect.

Campbell, a former mayor of San Juan Capistrano with wide political connections, also became an outspoken, nationally known victims' rights advocate as she pursued her brother's

case.

Goodwin was arrested in 2001 and has remained in jail since, his case delayed numerous times by legal wrangling.

Since then, Campbell has attended every one of the 70 court appearances Goodwin has made. She planned to be in court again on

Monday when Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson and Saris present their opening statements.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office has declined to comment on the prosecution's case.

"We have a jury seated and will be giving opening statements," district attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said recently. "We are very happy that this case is finally going to trial."

"This has been a long endurance race for justice."

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Thompson's sister**

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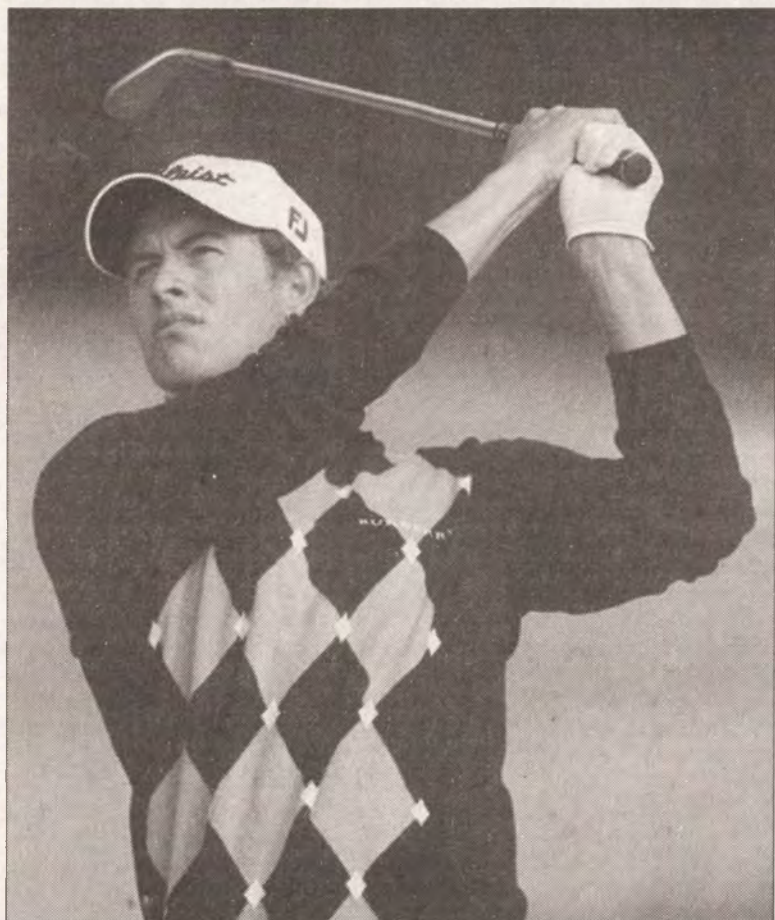
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Australian golfer Adam Scott tees off Sunday at the PGA Tour Championship. Scott won the tournament at 11-under par (269).

PGA TOUR

Scott gets first PGA victory

Australian moves to third on money list at Tour Championship

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Moving his potential closer to promise, Adam Scott had his best year in golf. He wound up third on the PGA Tour money list, and can move as high as No. 3 in the world ranking over the next two months.

None of that would have mattered without a PGA Tour victory.

Scott took care of that missing piece Sunday in the Tour Championship by holding off every challenge that came his way, closing with a 4-under 66 to win the season finale by three shots over Jim Furyk.

"You can't be that (No.) 3 or 4 player in the world without winning tournaments," Scott

said. "That shouldn't happen. I feel more comfortable in that position seeing I've won an event."

He won convincingly at the PGA Tour's version of an All-Star game.

Staked to a three-shot lead on a cool, colorful afternoon of autumn at East Lake, he sank a slick, 15-foot birdie putt on No. 3 to turn back an early threat from Vijay Singh. When he saw Furyk and Joe Durant make a move, Scott responded with three birdies in a four-hole stretch around the turn.

For good measure, he turned bogey into birdie by holing a bunker shot on the 13th.

"That was a chance for us to pick up a shot, and we ended up losing a shot," Furyk said. "A guy gets a three- or four-shot lead and he keeps making birdies, he's tough to catch."

Scott finished at 11-under 269 and earned \$1.17 million to finish his PGA Tour season

with nearly \$5 million. With tournaments coming up in Australia, he will have a chance to surpass Phil Mickelson at No. 3 in the world ranking by the end of the year.

Furyk shot a 65 to match low round of the week, but never got closer than two strokes and trailed by as many as five on the back nine.

He played bogey-free golf over his final 31 holes, and it was meaningful. Furyk captured the Vardon Trophy for the first time with the lowest adjusted scoring average on tour at 68.86.

Scott was second at 68.95.

Tiger Woods had the lowest average (68.11), but failed to play the required 60 rounds. Woods skipped the Tour Championship for the first time, although he still would have come up one round short even if he had played.

"I'm wondering if anyone is going to put an asterisk on it because Tiger didn't play enough rounds," Furyk said. "But it's a nice honor. It's icing on the cake for a good year and a consistent year."

Durant closed with a 67 to finish third at 273 and end his season with a stunning turnaround. He was worried about keeping his card three months ago, then finished the year with five straight top-10 finishes, including a victory at Disney. He wound up 13th on the money list, making him eligible for all four majors next year.

Those consolation prizes were the best anyone could hope for.

"We just couldn't get anywhere near him, really," Durant said.

Scott has been regarded as one of the game's best young players since he turned pro at age 19, but he had stretches where he vanished. His goal this year was to be more consistent, and he couldn't argue with the results. He had nine top 10s — six of those finishes no worse than third — coming into the Tour Championship.

After missing the cut last week at Innisbrook, he fixed his flaws on the range this week with coach Butch Harmon, then ran away from the 27-man field at the Tour Championship.

It was his fourth career PGA Tour victory, and it earned him the last spot at Kapalua for the winners-only Mercedes-Benz Championship that starts the 2007 season in 61 days.

"It's been a long time since I've been here, winning on the PGA Tour," Scott said. "I had to work hard for it."

The next step is contending in the majors, and eventually moving closer to Woods.

"It might take awhile," Scott said. "But I think if I was to be No. 1 in the world at some point in my career, then I think that would be maybe the best achievement I could ever do in golf, to get past Tiger Woods."

Scott's performance was so strong that hundreds of fans headed for the parking lot when he made the turn with a three-shot lead, and no one got any closer the rest of the way.

But there were plenty of people left to rock East Lake with cheers when Scott holed his bunker shot on the 13th hole, sending a message down the 14th fairway that Furyk and Durant could not ignore.



DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS SPRING 2007 COURSES

Classical Antiquity

CLAS 10200 GREEK AND ROMAN MYTHOLOGY T. Mazurek (MWF 12:50-1:40)

This course surveys the mythologies of Greece and Rome and traces their transmission and influence down to the present day. Greek and Roman myths as embodied in a wide variety of ancient media will be examined, as well as the way in which these stories and characters survive and are transformed in later literature and the visual arts.

CLAS 20100 WORDS IN TIME: GREEK, LATIN AND THE HISTORY OF ENGLISH Krostenko (TR 2:00-3:15)

Greek and Latin language and literature exercised a profound influence on the growth and development of English, affecting everything from vocabulary to literary structure. We will examine this influence, covering topics such as Greek, Latin, and English development, language borrowing, mechanics of semantic change, and translation of literary style.

CLAS 30110 DEMOCRACY AND THE GREEKS Baron (TR 9:30-10:45)

This course examines the theory, practice, and development of ancient Greek, especially Athenian, democracy. Among topics studied are the origins of democracy, its advantages and disadvantages as a form of government, Greek ideas of alternatives to democracy, and democracy as an abiding legacy of Greek civilization to the modern world.

CLAS 30220 THE ROMANS AND THEIR GODS Taylor (MWF 12:50-1:40)

An introduction to the way in which the Romans conceived of, worshipped, and communicated with the myriad gods of their pantheon. The course will focus first on conventional religious rituals and their cultural value, and secondly on the success of Roman polytheism in adapting to changing historical and social conditions.

CLAS 30315 SEX AND GENDER IN GRECO-ROMAN ANTIQUITY E. Mazurek (TR 11:00-12:15)

The differing roles and stereotypes, forms of behavior, and values associated with women and men in Greco-Roman antiquity will be examined in this course. Special attention is given to the preoccupations of the Greeks and Romans with the categories of "female" and "male" and to the dynamics of relations and relationships between men and women.

CLAS 30802 DEATH AND THE AFTERLIFE IN ANCIENT EGYPT Ladouceur (TR 12:30-1:45)

After an initial survey of historical sources, this course will focus on a wide range of texts, archaeological artifacts, and architectural remains associated with Egyptian funerary practice and conceptions of the Otherworld.

CLAS 40125 CLASSICAL GREEK TRAGEDY Turkeltaub (MWF 1:55-2:45)

The Greeks invented tragic drama to express their tragic view of life and invented philosophy to overcome it. Which prevailed? How does the perennial struggle about the deep truths of the human condition continue now? Learn about the religious drama of Aeschylus, the existential theater of Sophocles, the subversive art of Euripides, and Plato's counterattack—all fundamental to the course of Western literature and philosophy.

CLAS 40358/60358 THE ROMAN WORLD OF APULEIUS Bradley (TR 2:00-3:15)

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CLLA 20004 READING AND WRITING LATIN PROSE T. Mazurek (MWF 10:40-11:30)

This course introduces students to stylistic analysis through close readings of Latin prose authors such as Cicero and the younger Pliny. A special feature of this course is that students learn to write classical Latin for themselves.

CLLA 30014 CICERO'S SPEECHES Krostenko (MW 8:00-9:15)

The art of persuasion was an essential requirement for success in Roman public life, and no one was more persuasive than Cicero. The flexibility and complexity of Cicero's grammatical expression, the range of his styles, and the political contexts in which his speeches were delivered are all given careful treatment.

CLLA 40023 ROMAN ELEGIAC POETRY E. Mazurek (TR 12:30-1:45)

This advanced course introduces students to Latin elegy, a form of verse that served Roman poets as a vehicle for expressing and exploring personal feelings, especially those associated with love.

CLLA 40026 THE VULGATE AND RELATED TEXTS Ladouceur (TR 11:00-12:15)

Readings and critical discussion of the various layers of texts in the Vulgate Bible: 1) the old, essentially unrevised layer; 2) Jerome's revised Psalter; 3) Jerome's revised Gospels; 4) Jerome's translations from the Hebrew.

CLLA 40027 MEDIEVAL LATIN TEXTS Taylor (MWF 3:00-3:50)

A survey of Medieval Latin Texts, designed to introduce intermediate students to Medieval Latin literature and to help them progress in translation skills.

CLLA 40055/60055 CREATION, TIME AND CITY OF GOD IN AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO McCormack (W 1:30-4:00)

The dialogic writings of Augustine of Hippo will be focused on in order to understand Augustine's ideas about creation and time, and about the nature of human society and its goals. This course will seek what can be learnt from Augustine's dialogic and sometimes disputatious way of thinking, explaining and debating. Latin knowledge is not required, but useful.

CLGR 20004 READING & WRITING GREEK PROSE Turkeltaub (MWF 9:35-10:25)

This course combines a review of grammar with careful reading of classical Greek authors such as Homer and Plato. The course improves students' translating skills, introduces methods for studying Greek literature in its historical and cultural contexts, and prepares students for more advanced work in the rich literature of the ancient Greeks.

CLGR 30095 SOCRATIC LITERATURE Baron (MWF 11:45-12:35)

This course will study the character and philosophical significance of Socrates within the context of the intellectual ferment of late Fifth Century Athens. The Greek primary texts that constitute the heart of the course are Plato's *Loches* and *Lysis* and sections of Xenophon's *Memorabilia*. Issues that arise from these texts, like the ideal of rational character and Socrates' great interest in Eros, will provide opportunities for student research and classroom discussions.

CLGR 40034 PLATO Baron (MWF 11:45-12:35)

This advanced course offers accelerated reading and detailed study of the philosophical dialogues of Plato, whose writings, often radical and challenging, represent a cornerstone in the Western intellectual tradition. The development of Plato's philosophical ideas in their historical context is a key theme for discussion in the course, and attention is paid to the main features of his prose style in selections of his works.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Paterno fractures leg during game

Nittany Lions coach may need surgery to expedite recovery

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno isn't going to let a broken leg keep him from coaching his team again.

The 79-year-old Penn State coach broke his left leg and damaged a knee ligament when two players ran into him during the Nittany Lions' loss to Wisconsin, and team officials said Sunday that surgery was being considered.

Paterno's son and quarterbacks coach, Jay, said he spoke with his father Sunday and there was "no thought whatsoever of not coming back this year. ... It's not even in the discussion. There's nothing more to read into this in terms of his career."

Paterno fractured the top of his tibia, or shin bone, on Saturday, according to team doctor Wayne Sebastianelli.

The injury typically heals on its own with rehabilitation, though doctors and team officials were considering whether surgery would help the leg heal faster, said Guido D'Elia, director of communications for football.

"He wants to make the quickest fix," D'Elia said.

Paterno had some ligament damage to the left knee, though the extent was unknown, assistant athletic director Jeff Nelson said.

Paterno, who turns 80 next month, was trying to maintain his normal routine while working from home Sunday, reviewing tapes, talking to staff by speakerphone and getting ready for the next game at home against Temple.

"It was a matter of we should have done that, we should have done this," Jay Paterno said. "He had suggestions for everybody this morning."

The elder Paterno is in his 41st year as Penn State head coach and under contract through the end of 2008. Only Amos Alonzo Stagg coached as long with one school, leading the University of Chicago from 1892 to 1932.

No determination had been made about whether Paterno could return to the sideline for the Temple game or monitor

his team from the coach's box above the stands.

Fans hoped for the best. A statue of Paterno outside Beaver Stadium had a bandage wrapped around his left leg, and one fan left a sign that read, "Get well soon JoePa, we love you!" Former players such as O.J. McDuffie, Kijana Carter and Michael Robinson called or sent messages of concern.

Paterno's 360 career wins are second among major college coaches to the 364 of Florida State's Bobby Bowden.

Paterno was knocked to the turf at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis., when Nittany Lions tight end Andrew Quarless and Wisconsin linebacker DeAndre Levy barreled into him. Quarless had just caught a pass along the sideline early in the second half of the Nittany Lions' 13-3 loss to the Badgers (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten). Penn State (6-4, 4-3) lost to a ranked opponent for the fourth time this season.

Replays showed Levy colliding helmet-first with Paterno's left leg as the linebacker fell while tackling Quarless.

Paterno stood for several minutes along the sideline after getting hit before having to be helped to the bench, where he remained seated

most of the third quarter surrounded by trainers and police.

"He's a wily old rascal," Penn State defensive coordinator Tom Bradley, who filled in for Paterno in the second half, said after Saturday's game. "He's not going anywhere unless he has to. He's pretty tough."

Paterno was then carted to the locker room with less than two minutes remaining in the quarter, and flown back to State College on Saturday night ahead of his team.

It has been a rough season physically for Paterno.

Paterno had to leave the sideline in Penn State's game at Ohio State on Sept. 23 after he became ill — the first time he left the field during a game in more than four decades as head coach.

He returned briefly at half-time, then left again before coming back at the start of the fourth quarter.

In practice the following week, Paterno was blindsided by two players — one of whom was Quarless — going full-bore for a pass.

Top teams barely survive sleepers

Michigan, Ohio State get wake-up call this weekend with close games

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — This is why coaches plead with their players to take it one game at a time.

Ohio State and Michigan nearly had their perfect seasons ruined Saturday by pair of teams with five combined wins. That huge game Nov. 18 between the Buckeyes and Wolverines almost lost much of its appeal.

First, No. 2 Michigan withstood a furious rally by Ball State and hung on for a 34-26 victory at the Big House. Later, No. 1 Ohio State survived a scoreless second half and held on to beat Illinois 17-10, the closest game of the year for the Buckeyes.

Maybe all that hype is starting to distract the top two teams in the Big Ten and the nation.

"It's a reality check to all of us," Michigan offensive tackle Jake Long said. "We were close to losing, the closest we've been all year. We all have to refocus."

Michigan (10-0, 6-0) plays at Indiana (5-5, 3-3) next week while Ohio State (10-0, 5-0) travels to Northwestern (3-7, 1-5).

It's a safe bet that both the Buckeyes and Wolverines will take those games more seriously after what happened Saturday.

"We've got to keep our heads tight and just keep on playing as a team and moving forward," Ohio State wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. said. "We came out and had a dog fight. We just will come back next week and play hard."

Michigan made a couple of

early mistakes against the Cardinals (3-7), handing the five-touchdown underdogs nine points and the lead.

Mike Hart's first fumble in two years bounced through the end zone for a safety, Chad Henne threw an interception that was returned for a score and Ball State had a 9-7 lead, just the second deficit for Michigan this season.

Michigan regained control behind a powerful running game and its usual swarming defense, going up 31-12 in the third quarter. It looked as if the Wolverines would cruise, but instead they gave up a 54-yard TD pass and a 62-yard completion that led to another touchdown and the Cardinals were within eight midway through the fourth quarter.

With a chance to tie the game with a TD and a 2-point conversion, Ball State quarterback Nate Davis threw an incomplete pass on fourth-and-goal with 2:46 left. Michigan had survived. Well, not quite.

The Wolverines couldn't run out the clock and Ball State got a chance to throw up a prayer from midfield on the final play, a pass Ryan Mundy easily picked off in the end zone.

"I think guys thought this was a blow-over game," Henne said. "Ball State played their hearts out and it showed if we relax any bit, any team can beat us."

Ohio State wasn't in quite as much danger as Michigan, but the Buckeyes clearly played their worst half of the season in the final 30 minutes against Illinois (2-8, 1-5).

Up 17-0 at the break, Ohio State never got its offense going and the Illini took kept plugging away. A field goal with 8:54 left made it 17-3 and Illinois finally got into the end zone with 1:40 left on Rashard Mendenhall's 3-yard run.

The Illini were an onside kick recovery away from making pulses really pound in Columbus, but Brian Robiskie grabbed the bouncing ball for the Buckeyes. And then Ohio State had to give it back, unable to get one first down.

Illinois had one play to go 98 yards and couldn't pull off a miracle. For the first time this season, Ohio State won by less than 17 points.

"We're 10 weeks through it and hopefully we can learn a lot from what we haven't done as well," coach Jim Tressel said. "We'll grow from this game. ... We have guys who are more than willing to look at themselves with our coaching staff to find ways to get better and go from there."

Buckeyes quarterback Troy Smith didn't do much to help his Heisman Trophy campaign, throwing for 108 yards and no touchdowns in his worst game of the season.

"It's a reality check to all of us."

Jake Long
Michigan tackle

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NCAA FOOTBALL

With Mountaineers loss, Buckeyes are unanimous No. 1

Jason Whitlock of Kansas City Star ranks unbeaten Louisville No. 9, but Cardinals move to No. 3 in media poll

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's unanimous.

Ohio State received all 65 first-place votes in The Associated Press Top 25 released Sunday to become the first unanimous No. 1 during the regular season in three years.

The last team to sweep the media panel voting was Oklahoma on Nov. 30, 2003, the week before the Sooners lost the Big 12 championship game to Kansas State.

The Buckeyes have been top-ranked all season, and for the fourth straight week their Big Ten rival, Michigan, was No. 2.

The Buckeyes and Wolverines had closer-than-expected wins Saturday. Ohio State won 17-10 at Illinois and Michigan held off Ball State 34-26.

Louisville received its best ranking, moving up two spots to No. 3 after its 44-34 victory over West Virginia on Thursday. The Mountaineers had been No. 3, but their first loss of the season dropped them seven spots to No. 10.

No. 4 Texas was just three points behind unbeaten Louisville.

The Cardinals were ranked as high as No. 2 by five voters and as low as ninth by Jason Whitlock of the Kansas City Star.

"After watching the West Virginia-Louisville game Thursday night I was shocked at how poorly the defenses played," Whitlock said in an e-mail to the AP on Sunday. "I don't think either one of those teams would survive against the best teams in the SEC. So there are four SEC teams that I think are better than Louisville. I also think Ohio State, Texas, USC and Michigan are better than Louisville."

Kirk Bohls of the Austin American-Statesman had Louisville No. 2 and said the Cardinals deserve credit for having one of the nation's best offenses.

"This has got to be one of the most complex voting situations I've seen because people don't know what to make of the Big East," he said. "Style points mean everything this

time of year. When I see Michigan struggle at home against Ball State and Louisville smash third-ranked West Virginia, I think you have to give them credit for that."

No. 5 was Auburn and Florida was sixth, the Southeastern Conference rivals separated by six points.

Southern California was No. 7, right in front of Pac-10 rival California.

Notre Dame and West Virginia finished off the top 10.

Three SEC teams start the second 10, with Arkansas, LSU and Tennessee. The Tigers beat the Volunteers 28-24 on Saturday and the Razorbacks host Tennessee this week.

Unbeaten Boise State was No. 14 and unbeaten Rutgers was 15th. The Scarlet Knights get a chance to make a big leap in the ranking on Thursday night when they host Louisville.

"If Louisville beats Rutgers by two touchdowns, I might reconsider my position," Whitlock said.

No. 16 was Wisconsin, followed by Oklahoma and three Atlantic Coast Conference teams — Wake Forest, Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech.

Oregon is No. 21 with Boston College, Maryland, Texas A&M and BYU rounding out the Top 25.

Maryland and BYU were in the rankings for the first time



Buckeyes receiver Anthony Gonzalez (11) muscles past Illinois junior Antonio Steele (40) in Ohio State's 17-10 win Saturday.

this season. The Terps defeated Clemson 13-12 on a last-second field goal to move into the rankings for the first time since the middle of the 2003 season. The loss knocked Clemson out of the rankings

for the second time this season.

Washington State also dropped out of the rankings after being in for just one week. The Cougars lost 27-17 at home to Arizona.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Louisville jumps in new BCS poll

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Louisville is looking good.

The Cardinals (8-0) surged into third place in the Bowl

Championship Series standings Sunday, putting some distance between themselves and the other title contenders.

Louisville has four games left, three against teams with winning

records, and it looks as if the Cardinals are a good bet to earn a spot in the national championship game if they stay unbeaten — though not quite a lock.

Ohio State (10-0) and Michigan (10-0) remained at the top of the BCS standings, despite ugly wins on Saturday, and on course to meet Nov. 18 in Columbus with a bid to the Jan. 8 title game in Glendale, Ariz., on the line.

But the Cardinals were the big winners this week. Their 44-34 victory over West Virginia, last week's third-place team, gave them the necessary boost to jump over fourth-place Florida. And with another big game Thursday night at undefeated Rutgers, the Cardinals are in position to get another bump up with a victory.


Louisville was third in the latest Harris poll, fourth in the coaches' poll and third in the computer rankings for a BCS average of .8907. Each of those components account for one-third of a BCS average.

"I wouldn't go so far as to say (the Cardinals) control their own destiny because you never know what the voters do," BCS analyst Jerry Palm said.

Ohio State is an overwhelming No. 1 in the polls and second in the computers. Michigan is second in the polls but first in the computers.

Once-beaten Florida stayed in fourth with an average of .8017, and Texas (.7998) made a big jump from seventh to fifth, just a shade behind the Gators.

Auburn (.7814) is not far behind in sixth, followed by USC, California and Notre Dame.




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


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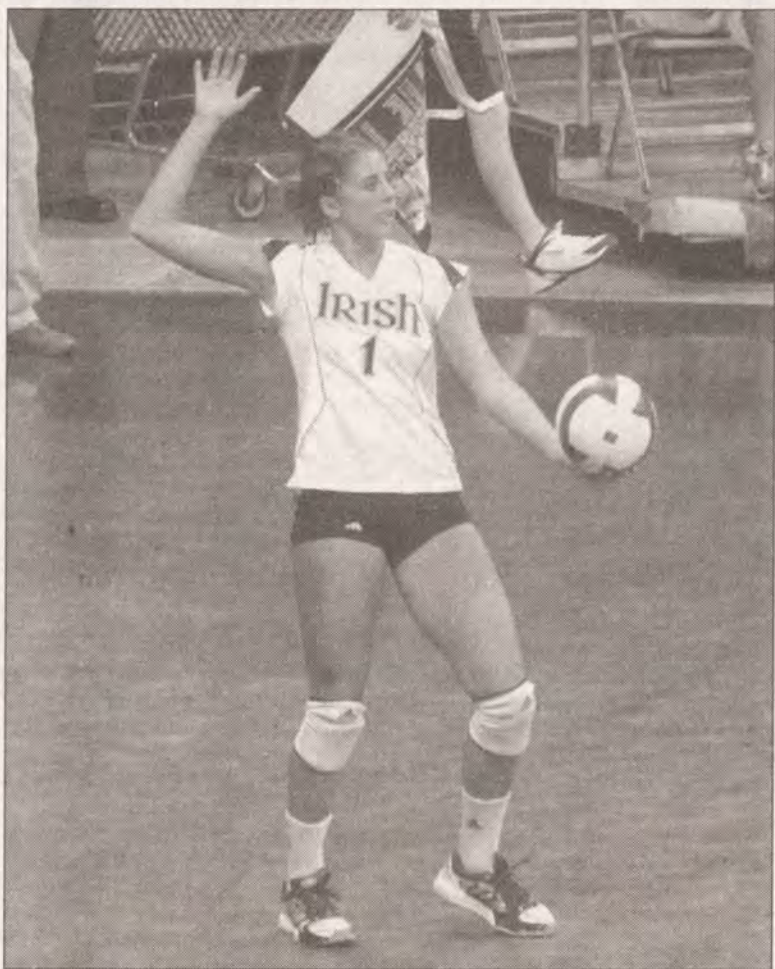
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ND VOLLEYBALL

Team snaps three-game losing streak in D.C.

Notre Dame picks up wins against Georgetown and South Florida this weekend to improve to 9-3 in the Big East



Sophomore setter Madison Clark lines up a serve in an Oct. 8 meeting with Syracuse. Notre Dame won the match 3-0.

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

The losing is over, as Notre Dame snapped its three-game skid this weekend with two wins over Big East opponents.

Switching to a 5-1 offense, the Irish (15-10) swept Georgetown (8-17, 2-10 Big East) and South Florida (12-13, 7-5 Big East) to advance their conference record to 9-3.

"It was a really good weekend for us," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We felt like we played just a good level of volleyball the entire weekend. It was good to get our feet back under us after last weekend."

Led by the offensive efforts of sophomores Mallorie Croal and Justine Stremick, the Irish turned around their momentum and got in the winning column.

Notre Dame 3, Georgetown 0

Croal led the Irish attack with 13 kills at a hitting percentage of .417 as Notre Dame took the match 30-21, 30-21, 30-14 over Georgetown.

On the Hoya side, sophomore Jessica Buffum led with 11 kills, though only mustering a hitting percentage of

.200. As a team, Notre Dame out-hit Georgetown .356 to .121.

After two relatively close games, the Irish ran right over the Hoyas in the decisive third game.

Georgetown did not score more than two consecutive points throughout the game, and Notre Dame put together runs as high as six unanswered points.

The Irish scored four consecutive points to close the match on an ace from senior Danielle Herndon.

"This weekend, there wasn't really any glaring weaknesses," Brown said. "It was a good solid effort all around."

Notre Dame 3, South Florida 0

After making quick work of one of the less successful teams in the Big East, Notre Dame topped a newcomer to the conference in its 30-14, 30-19, 30-19 defeat of South Florida.

Even though the Irish had

played against the Bulls only once before, Brown said they were well prepared for their Sunday matchup.

"We felt like we played just a good level of volleyball the entire weekend."

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

"I think we were in a really good place, mentally and physically," Brown said.

"South Florida is a strong team. I thought we just stepped up to the challenge each time. I don't think we had any big

weaknesses or drawbacks from the weekend. We played solid and steady each and every point."

Notre Dame came on strong against South Florida early in the third game with a kill from freshman Serenity Phillips, beginning a five-point run that gave Notre Dame a 14-5 lead.

Croal and Stremick led the offense again, tallying 15 kills apiece in the win. Croal stepped up to score the team's last three points, sealing the victory with two kills and a block.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Bass still fishing for first win over Moneke

OSU freshman takes fourth straight meeting

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

To Stephen Bass, it may seem like he will never be able to escape the forehand of Steven Moneke.

Bass and Ohio State's Moneke last faced off Oct. 23 when Moneke topped the Irish junior 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the ITA Midwest Regional Championship. The two battled again Sunday in the semifinals of the ITA National Indoor Championship.

Bass forced Moneke to pull off a tight win in the first set — Moneke took one set point 5-4 and rallied to win the set 7-5.

Bass was not able to challenge Moneke as much in the second set as the Buckeyes freshman walked away with 6-3 win and a place in the finals. It marked the fourth straight win that week for the German sophomore.

Moneke — unranked as of preseason polls — is becoming a trial for anyone who steps on his court. The Buckeye came close to knocking off

UCLA's Ben Kohlloeffel — the No. 1 player in the country — but fell to him 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(7) in the finals.

En route to the semifinals, Bass pulled off a shocking upset defeating No. 2 John Isner in straight sets with a 6-4, 7-6(6) victory. The win placed Bass in the quarterfinals against Boise State's Luke Shields. Bass fell 6-1 in the opening set but rallied to post 7-6(3) and 7-6(5) tiebreakers.

Bass' teammate Sheeva Parbhu fell to Old Dominion's Harel Sruge 6-7(8), 6-4, 6-1. Parbhu defeated Jakob Cech of Fresno State 7-5, 7-6 in the first round of the consolation. Georgia's Luis Flores defeated Parbhu 7-5, 5-7, 7-5 in the quarterfinals.

Parbhu and doubles partner Ryan Keckley lost to San Diego State's Markus Dickhardt and Christian Groh 8-6 in the first round of the tournament. But that did not deter the duo, who went on to knock off three pairs and win the consolation final. Parbhu and Keckley defeated William and Mary's Alex Cojanu and Colin O'Brien 8-5 to secure their victory.

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish face stiff competition

CordeValle Collegiate hosted by No. 5 UCLA begins this afternoon

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After closing out its last event — the Prestige at PGA West in La Quinta, Calif. — with a seventh-place finish, Notre Dame looks to maintain its momentum today in the first day of the CordeValle Collegiate in San Martin, Calif.

The CordeValle, hosted by No. 5 UCLA, features a strong 17-team field that includes No. 7 Stanford, No. 8 Coastal Carolina, No. 9 USC, No. 15 Lamar and No. 24 TCU.

"The field is one of the strongest of the year," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

Despite the depth of the field, the Irish believe they can finish toward the top of the leaderboard.

"We know we can compete with any of these schools if we play our best," senior co-captain Cole Isban said.

Kubinski agreed with his

top golfer.

"We have built momentum with each event thus far and feel we're ready to take on the best teams in the country," he said.

At the Prestige, sophomore Josh Sandman and Isban finished in 10th and 14th place, respectively.

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford recorded a personal-best score of four-over par 220 for the tournament. All

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Cole Isban
Irish golfer

three will travel to the CordeValle.

Joining Isban, Sandman and Gifford at the CordeValle will be junior Greg Rodgers, who closed out the Prestige by carding a solid final-round 75, and junior Eddie Peckels, who will compete as one of the Irish top 5 for the first time this season. Through two rounds at the

CordeValle last year, Peckels had one of the event's top-10 individual scores.

"If we play well, you can't really put limitations on our performance," Isban said. "To finish in the top three or four would be a great accomplishment."

But in order to achieve that goal, the Irish will have to play three solid rounds. At the Prestige, they sat in a tie for 13th place after the first round and were unable to recover, despite finishing with two solid rounds.

"We dug ourselves a hole early and that killed us," Isban said of the last tournament.

With more consistent play this week, the Irish hope to come away with some key wins over ranked opponents.

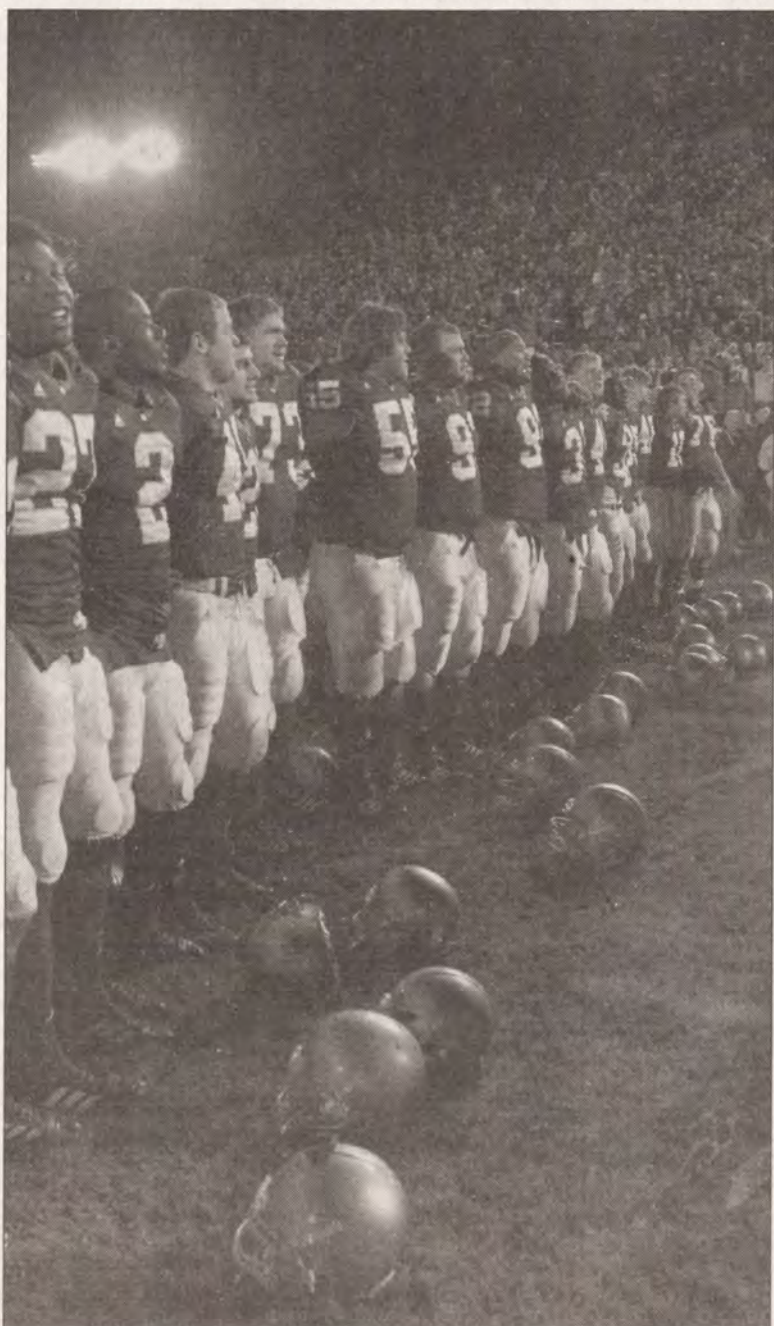
"There are a lot of good teams out here," Isban said. "It's just a matter of whether we bring it all to the table."

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Cole Isban
Irish golfer

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Notre Dame players gather near the student section to sing the alma mater after their 45-26 victory over North Carolina.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles lose in semi-finals

Saint Mary's can't hold on to early lead against No. 1 Calvin

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fought valiantly to extend its season Saturday against MIAA No. 1-seed Calvin but fell 3-0 in the semifinals of the league tournament.

An upset-minded Saint Mary's squad got off to the fast start it needed to have a chance against the Knights, taking a 12-6 lead early in the first game. But the lead was short-lived, as Calvin — ranked No. 12 in Division III — rallied past the Belles to take a 19-14 lead.

A resilient Saint Mary's team clawed back to tie the game 25-25 before falling 30-26.

There was more of the same drama in the second game, a see-saw battle that saw neither team establish control early.

The Belles edged ahead late in the game for a slim 25-24 lead, but once again the Knights pulled away late. A clutch 6-2 streak for Calvin clinched

the second game and an insurmountable 2-0 match lead.

Saint Mary's fought until the bitter end, keeping the final game close at 22-22. But Calvin senior Kristen Kalb served out the match with eight straight points to clinch the Knights' 22nd win in a row.

"We were obviously disappointed with the result," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "But at the same time I was very proud of our performance. We played with and challenged

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Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

Kalb starred in the winning effort, contributing a double-double with 17 kills and 15 digs. Outside hitter Molly Krikke, who posted a match-high 18 kills, led the Knights offense.

Cathy Kurczak led the Belles with 11 kills, and sophomore Kaela Hellman chipped in 10 of her own. Defensively, sen-

ior Anne Cusack led the Belles once again in her final match, saving 25 digs.

Calvin, which finished the regular season 30-1 and a perfect 16-0 in the MIAA, extended its winning streak with a crucial 3-2 win over second-seeded Hope in the championship game. Setter Katie Zonderer put up 68 assists and 18 digs in the championship match, and Kalb tallied 24 kills and 15 digs for the Knights, who will advance to compete in the Great Lakes Regional tournament Nov. 10 and 11.

"We wish all the best to Calvin from here on out," Schroeder-Biek said. "They're an incredible team and I hope they continue to represent our conference well."

Saint Mary's ended the season with a 17-10 record, and a 10-8 mark in the MIAA. Both the Belles' fourth-place finish in the regular season and semifinals appearance were the team's best in eight years.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After slow start, Irish rebound to drub Northwood

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Notre Dame allowed Division-II Northwood University to take a 16-13 lead 12 minutes into Sunday's game at the Joyce Center, but the Irish exploded for a 9-0 run during the next two minutes and rolled to a 82-35 win.

"That was a great game for us to be able to be down three in the first half," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We haven't had that opportunity yet this year, and I think we handled that really well."

Irish guard Charel Allen willed her team ahead of Northwood, putting up eight points during Notre Dame's run.

"[Allen] wanted to be the one to score," McGraw said. "She got some nice looks, she didn't settle for the jumper all the

time — she really tried to get inside."

Notre Dame continued to dominate as the first half ended, going in to the locker room up 33-21. Notre Dame,

"When [Irish freshman Ashley Barlow] comes in the game, the level of play goes up and I think that's just a great achievement for her."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

"[At halftime] we just talked about a couple of things we could do better offensively," McGraw said. "Things that they were giving us that we weren't taking advantage of, and then we talked about the rebounding."

McGraw's adjustments worked as the Irish started the second half with intensity and

an 8-0 run to stretch the lead to 40-21. In the second half, Notre Dame had runs of 13, 12 and 11 unanswered points.

Freshman guard Ashley Barlow, who put up her first collegiate double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, was integral to the second-half dominance.

"[Barlow is] going to contribute in all areas," McGraw said. "If we look down the bench and say, 'We need to score, we need this person, we need to defend, we need that person, we need to rebound,' she can do it all."

"When she comes in the game, the level of play goes up and I think that's just a great achievement for her."

Barlow did not have the only great performance for Notre Dame off the bench. Irish substitutes combined for 44 points against Northwood's 14 bench points. Sophomore forward Chandrica Smith (eight points, six rebounds), freshman guard Melissa Lechlitter (eight points) and freshman center Erica Williamson (nine points) were Notre Dame's leading reserves.

Williamson and junior center Melissa D'Amico provided a great inside presence against the Timberwolves throughout the game. D'Amico added nine points of her own on the post, while helping set up the Irish guards.

"I thought Mel [D'Amico] just started out the second half really well," McGraw said. "We were more determined to get her the ball, and I think both her and Erica [Williamson] worked well on the post and that's something that we've got

to have."

The post play was crucial for the Irish, whose goal in the Northwood game was to rebound more effectively — and they did, 46-28.

"They were out-rebounding us in the first half and we out-rebounded them 26-8 in the second half," McGraw said. "Those were the most important numbers we were looking at."

Overall, McGraw has figured out where her team stands after the preseason and knows what it needs to work on for its first matchup Nov. 10 with a Division-I school — Central Michigan.

"I think we're where we want to be defensively," she said. "I don't think we're where we want to be offensively yet. We didn't shoot well from the line."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Late surge earns squad victory

By CHRIS HINE
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With the scoreboard reading 124-121 in favor of Purdue heading into the final three events of Friday's meet, the No. 17 ranked Irish men swimmers gathered around the pool for an impromptu team meeting.

"We told each other that this was our moment, our time," senior Ted Brown said. "We knew we had to win those last events if we were going to win."

The Irish answered the challenge.

Notre Dame (2-0) swept the last three events of the meet, lifting the squad to a 156-144 victory over No. 18 Purdue — the first victory for the Irish against the Boilermakers since 1966.

"We have great confidence in one another. This team really showed its competitive edge in that meet," Brown said. "This was [head coach Tim Welsh's] first time beating Purdue, so to come out on top was really special."

The first of those last three crucial events was the three-meter dive. Purdue's Steve LoBue, a national qualifier in

both the three-meter and one-meter dives, had already captured first in the one-meter earlier in the meet.

Notre Dame, however, has a national qualifier of its own — sophomore Michael Bulfin. Bulfin (with a score of 315.00) edged out LoBue (308.70) in the three-meter to capture nine crucial points, while junior Sam Stoner captured third (303.22) to give the Irish the lead 133-131.

"The divers really stepped up today, and so did everybody else," Irish associate head coach Matt Tallman said.

Next up was the 200-yard individual medley. Brown touched the wall .66 seconds ahead of Purdue's Romain Marie to give the Irish the

key victory, while freshman MacKenzie LeBlanc claimed fifth.

Even though Purdue grabbed second, third and fourth in the event, the scoring went 10-9 in favor of the Irish, preserving their 143-140 lead, heading into the final even of the meet, the 400-yard relay.

"Going into that next to last event, everything was still up in the air. Ted pulling out that victory in the 200-IM was huge," Tallman said. "It made sure that

all we had to do in the 400-relay was win."

Freshman John Lytle, sophomore Jeff Wood, freshman Andrew Hoffman and senior Louis Cavadini sealed the victory for the Irish with a 3:03.83 time, two and a half second ahead of Purdue's Craig Thompson, John Schmitt, Tim Watts and Eddie Kenney.

"I hate losing, but it was a great meet," Purdue coach Dan Ross said.

Notre Dame claimed first in nine of the meet's 16 events. Other Irish winners included junior Jay Vanden Berg in the 1,000-yard and 500-yard freestyle, Brown in the 200-yard freestyle, Wood in the 100-yard backstroke, Lytle in the 100-yard freestyle, and the 400-yard medley relay team of Wood, Lytle, senior Tim Kegelman and sophomore Sam Pendergast.

"This victory felt good because year in and year out Purdue has a solid team," Tallman said.

While the victory is nice, Brown said, the Irish have bigger goals in mind the rest of the season.

"Our whole focus is to keep training hard, and to be ready to race these dual meets in the beginning of the year," Brown said. "But we also have to make sure we're ready for the Big East meet later in the year."

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Senior guard Colin Falls and freshman forward Luke Harangody led the Irish in their first exhibition game with 15 and 17 points, respectively. Junior forward Rob Kurz added a double-double for Notre Dame, finishing with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Brey was especially pleased with the efforts of his junior forward. While contributing on the offensive end and being efficient on the boards, Kurz used his superior size against Rockhurst's forwards to establish his position on the block.

"[Kurz] is a lunch pail, blue collar guy," Brey said. "What doesn't show up in the stats is the number of times he gets over and helps out, then gets back to his guy, then gets a rebound."

Rotating Kurz, Harangody and sophomore forward Luke Zeller through two post positions, the Irish looked quick and athletic on both offense and defense. Brey also used point guards Kyle McAlarney and freshman Tory Jackson in the same backcourt sets.

"One thing we should be able to do is pressure the ball with Tory and Kyle," Brey said. "That's so important."

With Brey going to his bench freely throughout the game, players who Notre Dame expects to contribute this season — namely Jackson and Harangody — were able to get their feet wet.

"I'm excited for Luke

[Harangody] because we need him confident quickly because of what's coming up with our schedule," Brey said.

Harangody was strong on the offensive end against Rockhurst, showing a willingness to play under the basket and an ability to use his size (6-foot-8, 250 pounds) to get to the rim.

"We've been playing with him, battling with him all summer and he's gonna be a great player in the Big East," Kurz said after Thursday's game. "We know the good thing is that he's only a freshman, you get better with time, and he's gonna be a big part of our season this year. ... He's definitely fearless."

Against Rockhurst, Notre Dame played a more up-tempo style of its traditional motion offense from last season. The Irish moved the ball quickly during their offensive sets and pressured the ball on defense, which translated to transition opportunities.

"It's easy to be able to go through the motions, full speed the whole length of the game when you're better conditioned," Carter said. "When you're fatigued, that's when you look slow and start to make mental mistakes."

Bellarmine, a Division-II university in Louisville, Ky., beat Indiana-Southeast 84-75 Thursday in its first exhibition game of the season.

Guard Marcus Flynn led the Knights with 16 points on 6-of-16 shooting (2-of-7 from 3-point range), while adding three assists and three steals.

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In Notre Dame's final tune-up before the NCAA Tournament, they physically dominated Rutgers — often to the audible dismay of screaming scarlet supporters.

Many New Jersey natives looked at Notre Dame's roughness (the Irish committed 14 first-half fouls while Rutgers committed five) as if the game were being played down in Jungleland.

Wrong Springsteen tune. Because as the game played out, it became clear that "Hungry Heart" was more applicable.

The truth is, when the team bus took Rutgers out of New Brunswick, it also took the New Brunswick out of Rutgers, as Notre Dame scratched and clawed their way to victory with intensity and willpower unmatched by its opponent.

"Our energy level was a lot higher," captain and tournament defensive MVP Kim Lorenzen said. "That kind of factors into winning tackles and ultimately getting fouls called."

All day, the Irish aggressively attacked every loose ball, and left tracks behind them — cut-

ting through the Knights' armor like Hanks through the back line. The sophomore sensation sparked Notre Dame's engines when she followed up her first score by outrunning one defender and out-willing center back Meghan Ryan to gain possession of the ball before sending it through goal-keeper Erin Guthrie's legs and into the net. No one could blame Guthrie if she blushed.

In the end, the four Irish goals were almost half as much as the 10 Rutgers surrendered throughout the regular season — not the nationally televised image they wanted to show to the NCAA selection committee as they continued to make their case for a higher Tournament seed.

Notre Dame's dominance Sunday was aided by the passionate play of Hanks. While her rousing performance before the intermission left little room for late dramatics, she upstaged herself with some impromptu second-half drama. After Rutgers defender Meghan Ryan's boot high-kicked closer than she appreciated, Hanks grabbed her face in seeming anguish, prompting a whistle against the Scarlet Knights.

"I kind of didn't get kicked in the face," Hanks admitted. "But it was a high kick, and I

knew it was, so I just acted like I did [get kicked]."

Thus, after she and her defense were outplayed all day, Meg Ryan was even out-acted. As a well-known journalist once noted: "Burgundy down."

Hanks, to be sure, had plenty of help. From the defense to the midfield, everyone played her role — all Jerry Bruckheimer action scenes, all game long.

Sunday, Notre Dame played like they had something to prove. And with center defender and Big East defensive player of the year Carrie Dew and her torn ACL on the sidelines, they did.

Not to themselves — after all they have now won eight games this year without her. The NCAA selection committee, however, certainly should have no qualms awarding the Irish the top tournament seed and home field advantage until the Final Four Dec. 1 in Cary, NC. No one else has the firepower. And as they proved Sunday, no one has a hungrier heart.

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Champs

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The Scarlet Knights (15-3-3) came into the title game Sunday off an emotional, come-from-behind 3-2 victory over West Virginia in the semifinal Friday. Rutgers fell behind 2-0 before scoring three unanswered goals to win.

"We thought that coming off of Friday's game there might be a little letdown, especially if we could jump on them early," Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said.

That's exactly what the Irish did.

Hanks gave Notre Dame a 1-0 lead just 57 seconds into the game. The sophomore took a centering pass from Bock and found the back of the net for the quickest goal in Irish postseason history.

The Scarlet Knights had a chance to tie a few minutes later when Notre Dame keeper Lauren Karas tried to pick up a ball that had rolled just outside the box and got called for a hand ball. The ensuing free kick was deflected and ended up just wide of the net. The Irish bounced back, however, scoring two minutes after the near miss on another pass from Bock to Hanks. Bock sent a pass down the right sideline and Hanks beat a defender to it and nutmegged Rutgers keeper Erin Guthrie.

Hanks credited a tactical change by Waldrum with getting her open for the two scores. The Irish looked for more through-balls to create breakaways, rather than slowly building up offensively.

"We decided to play it through and just be off to the races," Hanks said. "Usually we're a team that likes to pass it around and actually play soccer, but they hunkered in and we had to change our formation a little."

After 55 scoreless minutes, Weissenhofer added to the Notre Dame lead. The freshman got the ball at the top of the box, turned and put a shot into the bottom left corner, just out of Guthrie's reach.

Five minutes later, Notre Dame defender Ashley Jones lofted a pass into the box right onto the head of midfielder Amanda Cinalli. Guthrie dove and tipped Cinalli's header, but the ball hit the inside of the post and went in the net to give the Irish a 4-0 lead.

Rutgers finally got on the board on a goal by midfielder Gina DeMaio with 15 minutes left in the game. DeMaio fired a shot from outside the box and Karas

appeared to slow down, thinking it was going wide, but the ball snuck inside the left post for the score.

Rutgers got its second goal with two minutes to play. Lorenzen, the only Notre Dame starter left in the game after Waldrum decided to clear his bench, lost the ball trying to clear it and Scarlet Knights forward Kim Mineo took it in and beat freshman keeper Kelsey Lysander, who had replaced Karas.

"It was a total lack of communication all around," the senior captain said of the goal. "I was going to head it out, but it didn't take a big enough bounce, then [Lysander and I] looked at each other and I thought she was going to get it. Then I played it, but it went right to one of their girls that I didn't know was there."

"It was a breakdown, but it won't happen again."

After the goal cut the lead to two, Waldrum put most of the starters back in the game.

"I wanted to send a message to those kids that when we make changes the level of play has to stay the same," he said. "We'll talk to them about that."

The game was unusually physical, with 40 combined fouls, and two Rutgers players — midfielders Alicia Hall and Tierney Brady — suffered serious injuries in the first half. Hall limped off the field after a vicious collision with Cinalli and didn't return. Cinalli was yellow carded on the play.

"Anyone who knows Amanda Cinalli, knows she wouldn't have purposefully hit somebody," Waldrum said. "She just came in hard for the ball."

Brady had to be taken off on a stretcher with 18 minutes left in the half and was later airlifted to the hospital after colliding with Irish midfielder Courtney Rosen. No foul was called.

"They just ran into each other," Waldrum said. "I hope that girl is okay. We didn't feel like we did anything dirty. I know Courtney felt bad, so I talked to her a little bit. She was just playing hard soccer."

The Irish, who are almost assured of a No. 1 seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament, will find out their first-round opponent today. The game will be played Friday at Alumni Field, with the second round, if necessary, also at home Sunday.

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Lapira

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a great supporting cast."

Both players agreed with Clark and stressed the importance of team play. Lapira credited his teammates with putting Dalby and himself in position to garner individual awards.

"I think they were pretty much the entire thing," he said. "There wasn't a whole lot that I did to get [the recognition] aside from just finishing off. Without the rest of the team working just as hard as we are, if not harder, then we

"I'm not the biggest fan of individual awards for a team sport to be honest with you. When individuals get awards, it's a pat on the back for the entire squad, and that's the way I look at it."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

wouldn't have gotten it."

While honored, Dalby felt that individual awards were more of a reflection on the team's success.

"I don't think [an award] validates whether a player is good or not," Dalby said. "I think it's flattering, but I don't think it means you've arrived."

Sophomore defenders Jack Traynor and Matt Besler were named second-team All-Big East, and senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill — who was third-team all-conference — joined Lapira and Dalby on the All-Big East roster.

"It's a lot easier to win

games when your defense isn't giving up any goals," Lapira said.

Lapira also commended the two sophomore defenders.

"I think Jack [Traynor], especially, is kind of an unsung hero," he said. "He's always stepping to the ball and working hard and he never gets credit... Besler's always been solid, I think he's one of the guys that's really stepped it up."

In 17 games, Cahill has given up just 13 goals while logging 10 shutouts.

"He hasn't always had so much action in games, but when he does, he's stepped up big time and he's doing a real good job," Dalby said.

The award announcements also stirred up controversy

within the Irish team. Clark felt that senior midfielder Nate Norman and senior striker Justin McGeeney, who are tied for second on the team with 11 points each, were among those that were overlooked for all-conference honors.

"I was quite stunned that a couple kids didn't get a mention, but it doesn't really matter," Clark said.

"Maybe I just feel that all my guys should be first team — I'm biased."

McGeeney and Norman were not completely snubbed on postseason awards. Both were named to ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District team, and their names will now appear on the ballot for the Academic All-America team.

"We have a very good all-

around team," Clark said. "And I think that that is, without question, one of the nice things about this squad."

As one of the better players on a talented squad, Lapira saw his award as a justification of the faith his coach has in him.

"I guess it was kind of special, because before the season Boss [Clark] had stressed to me how, if I fulfilled my potential this year, I could be the Big East Player of the Year," Lapira said. "I thought it was kind of unrealistic, but it came to fruition and showed how smart Boss [Clark] is."

The Irish will now await news of where they will play in the NCAA Tournament, which begins Friday. The tournament brackets will be announced today between 4 p.m. and 5 on ESPNNEWS.

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Wins

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where we are, and we are an improved team," Jackson said. "We're a championship team? Not yet. I'm not saying that won't change at the end of the season."

Irish senior goalie Dave Brown stopped 46 shots in the two games, but saw his 1-2-0-1-4 shutout streak disappear 5:11 into the second period of the first game on a goal by Tommy Goebel.

Prior to the weekend, Brown was second in the nation in goals-against average and save percentage, behind Alaska's Chad Johnson.

Jackson said Brown's dominance in net could be attributed to the confidence and maturity that he developed in the latter half of his junior year and carried over into this season.

"His sophomore year had a lot to be desired," Jackson said. "His confidence was down. I just think the whole aspect of his mental game was down. He's come into this season and physically and mentally — he's in the right frame of mind."

The Irish had four different players score in the first game on the Buckeyes' goaltending platoon of freshmen Nick Filion and Joseph Palmer.

Sophomores Erik Condra and Christian Hanson scored in the first period to open up a 2-0 lead at the break — the Irish have yet to surrender a first-period goal in their eight games.

Junior Mark Van Guilder scored his sixth goal of the year — the team high — in the second period, before the Buckeyes slowed the pace of the game and cut the lead to 3-2 on goals from Goebel and Andrew Schembri.

"[Our defensive coverage] still needs some work to be better, but in that instance [the Schembri goal] was a strange goal," Jackson said. "It was a little bit of a fluky goal, and obviously that gives the other team a little momentum, a little life."

Irish senior Jason Paige picked up an insurance goal 8:29 into the third period and gave Notre Dame back the momentum for the 4-2 final.

In Saturday's game, an interference call on captain T.J. Jindra at 17:13 into the third period gave the Buckeyes an opportunity to equalize a 1-0 Irish lead. Goebel

grabbed a rebound in front of Brown and shoveled the power play goal in from the slot at 17:38 to tie the game.

Notre Dame's only loss this year — a 3-2 overtime decision to Minnesota State-Mankato — also came on a late power play goal by the opposition.

"It wasn't so much a breakdown from a penalty-killing perspective," Jackson said. "But they changed their strategy to the simplest strategy of all — just get the puck to the net."

Jackson said he felt the Irish controlled the tempo of the second game, but the Buckeye goaltending stepped up — Palmer started and made 33 saves — and shut down the Irish offense.

"I get a feel from behind the bench when I know the team is playing well — it's a sense of not being concerned as much about line matchups," Jackson said. "And I felt a lot less nervous about who was on the ice Saturday, than Friday."

Notre Dame will host Bowling Green in a two-game home stand this weekend at the Joyce Center.

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"We are an improved team. ... We're a championship team? Not yet. I'm not saying that won't change at the end of the season."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

"At any point last year it would have been thrilling [to take three points. But] the team was disappointed — they were upset they didn't get the four points."

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22 ___ of Cleves, English queen

23 Back of a boat

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26 The "I" in T.G.I.F.
- 28 Jacuzzi

31 Jacuzzis

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39 Really tired

42 Small bed

43 Followed the leader

44 Shady giants

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50 Veneration

53 Numbskull

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- 65 Removes, as a knot

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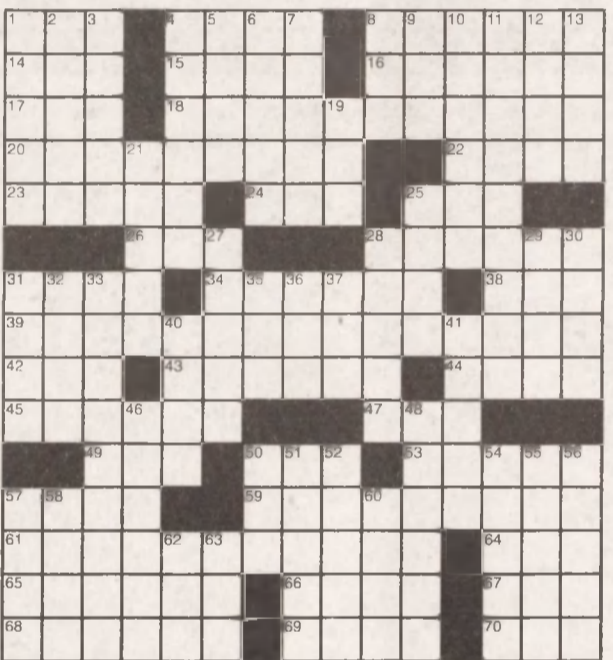
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- 2 Vigilant
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- 9 Norma ___, Sally Field role
- 10 On the wrong course
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- 12 Skinny
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- 21 Light refractor
- 25 All's opposite
- 27 Rebuffs rudely
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- 29 E pluribus ___
- 30 Upside-down sleepers
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- 32 Trudge
- 33 Fenders, taillights, etc.



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- 35 Swelling reducer

36 Where a telescope is aimed

37 "Get it?"

40 Lug

41 Train stop

46 Baked entree with a crust
- 48 Controlled the mike

50 Austrian peak

51 Sent by bank transfer

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Plan a family get-together or romance someone you are highly attracted to. You can do no wrong today, so raise your glass and make a toast to life, love and future prospects. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional confusion will not be your fault but you will be caught up in someone else's melodrama and that will be disturbing enough. Children or a lover will lead you down a path of deception. Do your own investigating. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should really be on vacation or planning your next one. Travel, educational pursuits or getting involved in cultural events will bring about positive changes. A romantic connection can be made. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This may not be a work day but it's the perfect time to send out resumes. Look back at your childhood goals and consider how you can bring them back into play. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Wager the pros and cons of any personal matter before you make your final decision. Someone you have relied on in the past may throw you a curve. Think with your head not your heart. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your situation is likely to change quite rapidly. Stick to the rules and regulations or you will face authority with little recourse. Someone you have worked with or for in the past may cause you grief. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make some interesting changes to your home or your personal life today. An unusual set of circumstances will revolve around money matters. Be smart, industrious and blunt about what you want to do. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful what you say -- you are likely to offend someone or pass along the wrong information. Question your own motives. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Expect the unexpected especially when it comes to money, gifts, surprises, winnings or unusual circumstances regarding family property, money or inheritance. 4 stars

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Twice is nice over Scarlet Knights

Hanks' two goals lead Irish to second straight conference crown

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

STORRS, Conn. — Sophomore forward Kerri Hanks scored two goals in the first 10 minutes and Notre Dame hung on at the end to beat Rutgers 4-2 Sunday and claim its ninth Big East Championship at Morrone Field.

"Our ultimate goal is a national championship, but it's a big deal to win the Big East championship," Irish senior captain Kim Lorenzen said. "Our freshman year we didn't win it, so the senior class made it a point to win it each year since then."

Notre Dame (20-0-1) advanced to the conference final with a 2-0 win over Marquette Friday in Storrs, getting goals from sophomore Brittany Bock and freshman Michele Weissenhofer.

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Irish freshman Courtney Rosen beats Red Storm defender Jacklyn James during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament at Alumni Field Oct. 29.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

ND out-everythings Rutgers in physical Big East title match

Less than a minute into the game, the Rutgers Knights' faces flushed with scarlet. They had just lost track of Big East offensive player of the year Kerri Hanks, who — unmarked — chased after a Brittany Bock header before finding her own mark in the back of the net to take a 1-0 lead. By the end of the game, between the embarrassment, anger and blood, Rutgers was red all over.

That's what happens when you get taken to the woodshed.



Tim Dougherty

Sports Writer

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MEN'S SOCCER

Lapira, four others take home Big East season honors

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

No. 12 Notre Dame hasn't played a game in more than a week, but its players haven't left the Big East spotlight.

Five members of the Irish received some type of all-con-

ference honors Thursday, including senior midfielder Greg Dalby and junior forward Joseph Lapira — who were named Big East midfielder and offensive player of the year, respectively.

Lapira led the nation this season with 20 goals and 45 points for Notre Dame (13-5-2,

8-3-0 Big East), while Dalby — the team's captain and a finalist for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy — has been the team's anchor at mid-field all season.

In receiving their honors, Lapira and Dalby became the first Notre Dame soccer players to win Big East player of

the year at their respective positions. Together, they join Connecticut defender Julius James and West Virginia goalkeeper Nick Noble as the conference's players of the year.

Irish coach Bobby Clark, however, was skeptical of the awards.

"I'm not the biggest fan of

individual awards for a team sport, to be honest with you," he said. "When individuals get awards, it's a pat on the back for the entire squad, and that's the way I look at it ... [Dalby and Lapira] would be the first to agree with me that they had

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bellarmino comes to town

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will play its second and final preseason game against Bellarmine today at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center, five days after the team's 35-point drubbing of Rockhurst where Irish coach Mike Brey used all 13 players.

And Brey couldn't be more pleased with the relatively quick turnaround.

"I'm glad we have Bellarmine coming quick," Brey said after Thursday's win. "We can treat it like a Big East week where you have two games."

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Russell Carter fakes out a Hofstra defender in Notre Dame's 69-50 win over the Pride Nov. 22, 2005.

HOCKEY

Jackson's squad keeps winning ways on road

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

No. 10 Notre Dame opened its CCHA schedule this weekend on the road and earned three points with a win and a tie against Ohio State — a performance that would have been celebrated last year, said Irish coach Jeff Jackson.

But not this year.

"At any point last year it would have been thrilling [to take three points]," Jackson said. "[But] the team was dis-

appointed — they were upset they didn't get the four points."

The Irish (6-1-1, 1-0-1) defeated the Buckeyes 4-2 Friday before they surrendered a late third-period goal in Saturday's contest to finish with a 1-1 draw. The team has played on the road since Oct. 14 and is 5-0-1 in its last six games away from the Joyce Center — the best Irish road stretch since 1987-88.

"We have to recognize

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMEN'S HOOPS

Notre Dame 82
Northwood 35

Irish freshman Ashley Barlow records a double-double (14 points, 10 rebounds) in the win.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame 156
Purdue 144

The No. 17 Irish erase a three-point deficit in the final three events to earn the victory.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Calvin 3, Belles 0

Saint Mary's season ends with a loss to Calvin in the second round of the league tournament.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish 3, Hoyas 0
Irish 3, Bulls 0

Notre Dame breaks a three-game skein with two Big East road wins.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Poll shakeup

After West Virginia's loss, Ohio State becomes the unanimous No. 1 and Louisville moves to No. 3 in the AP and BCS.

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Patriots 20

Tom Brady throws an interception on New England's final drive to seal the game for Indy.

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