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LSAT undergoes change for 2007

By KATE ANTONACCI
Assistant News Editor

Four times a year, students with dreams of becoming lawyers sit in hundreds of locations around the world and take a \$118, half-day standardized test — one that has remained nearly unchanged for the last 15 years.

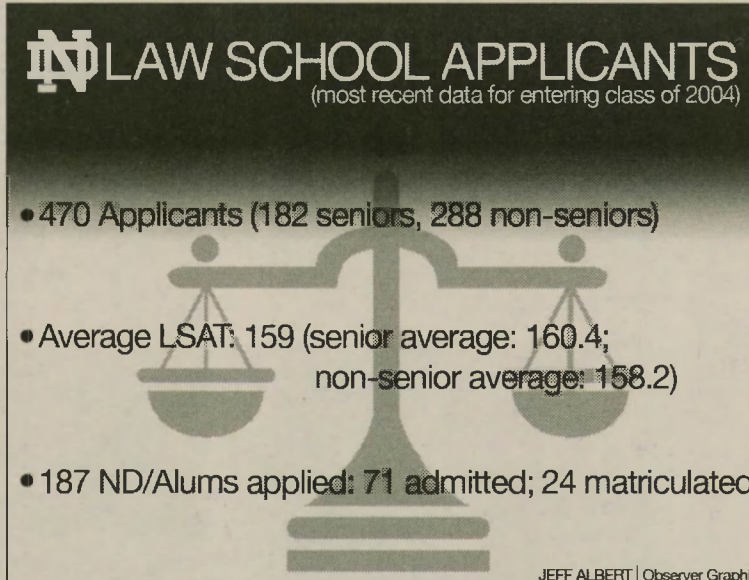
Beginning in June 2007, however, this exam — the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) — will feature two small, yet significant, changes recently announced by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

The main change is to the reading comprehension section of the exam, which currently features four different long passages, each with six or seven questions, said Ben Baron, vice president for graduate programs at Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions.

"One of those passages will be replaced by comparative reading [with] two shorter side by side passages," he said.

The two passages together "are of roughly the same length as one reading comprehension passage, so the

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Discussion addresses penalty

Brooks suggests death sentence results in closure for families

By KAITLYNN REILY
News Writer

While often defended as a means of closure and healing for victims' families, the death penalty is a form of revenge that fails to bring peace, Deacon George said Wednesday night in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Brooks, the former director of advocacy and jail chaplain for Kolbe House in Chicago, gave examples of arguments capital punishment opponents might use against death penalty advocates.

Some people may claim that the death penalty brings peace to the victims' families, Brooks said. But if this is true, he asked, why do only two percent of murderers in the United States receive the death penalty?

"If in fact the death penalty is so good for the victims' families, and if it gives them peace of mind and healing — if it gives dignity to the person who has been murdered — then we are saying that the state has arbitrarily chosen 98 percent of the victims' families to have no healing and to not get dignity and respect for the person murdered," he said.

Brooks, who dissolved his law firm when he was ordained a deacon in 1991, pointed out the discrepancy

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Opus Group awards over \$1 million

Company rewards volunteer organizations for faith-based entrepreneurial spirited acts

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Several faith based organizations left Notre Dame's campus with over \$1 million Wednesday night.

Hundreds of people gathered in the Joyce Center as the Opus Prize Foundation gave Zilda Arns Neuman, founder of Pastoral da Crianca (the Pastoral of the Child), over \$1 million for the church's continued work to aid the poor.

The Opus Prize is affiliated with the Opus Group, a \$1.4 billion national real estate development company that rewards individuals combining "a driving entrepreneurial spirit with an abiding faith to com-

bat poverty, illiteracy, hunger, disease and injustice."

As a public health program, the Pastoral of the Child works with more than 265,000 worldwide volunteers that supply the needy with everything from nutrition to immunizations.

The organization — founded by Neumann and her brother in Brazil in 1983 — began when Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns, then archbishop of Sao Paulo, asked if she could do something to prevent Brazilian children from dying of preventable causes.

After receiving the award Neuman thanked many people, but she had special words of praise for the organization's

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Sister Ann Kendrick gives her acceptance speech for the Opus Group finalist prize Wednesday night in the Joyce Center.

New city sewer work blocks campus traffic

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Drivers and pedestrians traveling between the west end of Saint Mary's Lake and Douglas Road will be inconvenienced this week, as massive construction developments have forced Saint Mary's Road to close at Indiana 933.

They may, however, feel better knowing that the digging is all part of Notre Dame's plan to construct a sewer system that will transport sanitary sewage from the campus directly to the county's processing plant — no longer relying on South Bend pipelines as its distributors,

and helping the city considerably reduce its sewer overflows.

Paul Kempf, the director of Utilities in the Notre Dame Office of Business Operations, explained the reasoning behind the construction decision.

"After over 50 years of use the original trunk sewer connection to the POTW [Publicly Owned Treatment Works] is nearing its capacity, and the current project will replace the existing trunk sewer with a larger trunk sewer to handle future growth of the University of Notre Dame," Kempf said.

In the past, Notre Dame san-

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Leaders examine global health

Club representatives consider contribution options in face of crisis

By JOE PIARULLI
Assistant News Editor

When over 50 representatives from academic, athletic, cultural, media and service clubs come together, it's not just any old Wednesday night on campus.

Senior co-organizers Amanda Golbabai and Bryan Hambley called a variety of student leaders together to get the ball rolling on plans to respond to the global health crisis.

The issue of the global health crisis was the subject of the Notre Dame Forum this year and the question of what the student body can do was the subject of

Wednesday night's 10 p.m. meeting in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

"If we all work together we're going to come up with something great," Golbabai said.

Golbabai and Hambley put forth several goals in a handout to attendees, namely "to have a series of events and initiatives in response to the global health crisis that all student organizations would sponsor together."

The student representatives present at the meeting do not constitute a formal organization. No name has been given to the collection of leaders participating in the health crisis response

and a separate bank account for funds raised for the response will not be created, in accordance with student activity rules.

The events and initiatives of the response will cover five areas: faith, curriculum, student education, political action and fundraising.

In terms of fundraising, organizers said money would go toward building a medical clinic for the Notre Dame-sponsored Millennium Village in Uganda. The figure of \$10,000 was mentioned as a starting goal, though the cost of the medical clinic is expected to be higher.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Out of the mouths of babes

Politics are about passion — political campaigns, even more so. But there is a point at which the passion becomes too much.

When partisan differences turn into throw-down dirty brawls. When attacks turn away from the greater national issues and latch onto the throats of individuals and their families. When campaign ads say nothing about political platforms, and instead are intent on showing how 'unfunny' an opponent is.

Amanda Michaels
Assistant News Editor

After each election, there are always some "civil hands" in need of washing.

One of the most unsavory elements of this kind of over-the-top antipathy for 'the other guy' is the way in which children are pulled down into the mud with the rest of us.

Late Tuesday night during CNN's election coverage, a woman called in to speak on behalf of her 12-year-old daughter. The girl, she said, was distressed about the Democrats' victories, because she loved President Bush. The CNN analyst asked that the girl — we'll call her Jane — be put on the line.

Jane, in a soft but very assured voice, told the analyst that what was really upsetting about the election was not so much that the President's party was losing, but that she knew that the winning Democrats were "all really immoral people."

That was from a sixth-grader.

When I was nine, my entire class wrote to political leaders. Most people picked then-President Bill Clinton or Hillary — but, not knowing much of anything about politics, I made my decision based on the person receiving the smallest number of letters.

That person was Rick Santorum—the Pennsylvania Representative who had just been elected to the Senate. No one else wanted to write to him, and I took pity.

Big mistake.

Weeks went by. Everyone else in the class brought in their signed pictures of "Slick Willy" — as my dad still calls him — but my mailbox remained empty. Finally, I was the only one left without even a letter to show for my efforts. And thus was born the grudge that lasts even to this day.

Eventually, I began to dislike Santorum for more informed reasons, but for many years I thought of him only as "the bad man who doesn't care about little girls," and hissed every time I heard him mentioned.

Yes, I literally hissed.

Now, in the world of politics, it's one thing for an adult to call another adult a baby killer, a warmonger, a sleazy sycophant.

It's another for children to become involved in the muckraking, to be used by their parents — or political candidates — as mouth-pieces for a cause they don't even understand.

It was disturbing to hear that little girl on CNN last night — just as disturbing as the deep anger I still harbor for Santorum.

I'm just glad my mother never put me on the phone.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT TO SPLURGE ON?



Dan Allen
senior
O'Neill

"Oose-cream."



John Kyler
freshman
Old College

"Candy-cane pie."



Michael Hartman
freshman
Siegfried

"Milk and cookies."



Val Allen
sophomore
Lewis

"Apple pie a la mode ... but I'd like the pie heated ... and I don't want the ice cream on the top, I want it on the side."



Erin Ramsey
sophomore
Lewis

"I'll have what she's having."



ERIN VRANISH/The Observer

Enjoying the pleasant upward swing in the weather, students play football on South Quad Wednesday. Temperatures are expected to drop over the next several days, as rain moves over South Bend.

OFFBEAT

Beijing institutes 1 dog per family rule

BEIJING — First it was one child. Now authorities say Beijing families will be allowed only one dog.

The restriction is part of efforts to stamp out rabies, state media said Wednesday. It follows a campaign in August in which thousands of dogs were killed in order to fight the disease.

China's capital will institute a "one dog" policy for each household in nine areas, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

"Only one pet dog is allowed per household in the zones, and dangerous

and large dogs will be banned. Anyone keeping an unlicensed dog will face prosecution," Xinhua said.

Rabies is on the rise in China, with 2,651 reported deaths from the disease in 2004, the last year for which data were available.

Only 3 percent of China's dogs are vaccinated against rabies, which attacks the nervous system and can be fatal.

Restaurant offers free food for campaign signs

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Turn in those ubiquitous campaign signs and get some free food. That's the

message from Southeast restaurant chain Sticky Fingers, which is offering a free appetizer to anyone who cleans up the campaign clutter and brings in a sign.

"Just think of those left-over campaign signs as oversized, roadside gift certificates," said Sticky Fingers co-owner Jeff Goldstein. "It's an easy way to help take care of our neighborhoods."

The Charleston-based ribs restaurant will offer coupons for a free appetizer through next Wednesday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The final lecture in the CSC's Democracy Matters Midterm Election Series will take place tonight from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Center for Social Concerns. The event, titled "Midterm Election Day Analysis: What Happened & What Now?" will feature faculty presenters and responses by campus political parties.

Health Services is again distributing free flu shots today from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library concourse. Shots are available to all Notre Dame students, faculty, staff, retirees and spouses of retirees. All recipients must present their current ND identification card, wear short sleeves, and sign a consent form. This is the final day for the flu shot distribution.

The Saint Mary's Department of Music will present A Fall Choral Concert tonight at 7:30 in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

The play Celebrating Wendy: An Evening of Wasserstein One-Acts will take place Nov. 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Saint Mary's Little Theatre. Tickets are \$9-adults, \$8-senior citizens, \$7-SMC/ND staff and \$6-students.

Saint Mary's junior class will be selling \$2 bananas splits Monday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Reignboux Lounge in Le Mans Hall. All proceeds will go to S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A. to raise funds for a community in Uganda.

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

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STUDENT SENATE

Group addresses student-alumni relations

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

After a disappointing turnout at the three student-alumni receptions this fall, the Student Senate examined what went wrong with the event and brainstormed ways to make it better at its meeting Wednesday.

University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner headed the gatherings, which she said were meant to cultivate a better relationship between alumni and current students.

Student turnout, however, was dismal. The first reception, held on Sept. 28 before the Purdue game, drew about 50 people — and that was the most popular. The second, on Oct. 6 before the Stanford game, had just 20 people. At the final one, held Nov. 4, Baumgartner counted about 30 visitors.

"We didn't get as many students as we would have liked," Baumgartner said.

Breen-Phillips senator Maris Brown said senators, given their role as student leaders, "did a really poor job" attending and promoting the event.

"I was really disappointed with the Senate's showing," Brown said. "I think we have a responsibility to go to this. ... I mean if we don't come, and we're student leaders, then how are we going to expect anyone else to come?"

Some senators said the time of

the reception — late afternoon on a football Friday — was inconvenient for most students.

St. Edward's senator Brian Lan suggested making the reception more public, which would probably draw in students passing by, he said.

"If they smell food, they'll come over sooner or later and check it out," Lan said.

Baumgartner said tailoring the receptions for specific majors could also attract more students. That tactic was used for the final reception, when alumni in the entertainment industry attended the event. Film, Television and Theatre majors were especially encouraged to visit that reception.

Baumgartner and student body vice president Bill Andrichik will meet with representatives from the Alumni Association later this year to discuss the receptions. After that, the responsibility to plan and prepare them again next year will fall on the Student-Alumni Relations Group, a student club on campus.

"We can hand this off so it's not a student government initiative but an issue that can keep going regardless of student leadership," Andrichik said.

In other Senate news:

♦It's possible that Saturday's football game against Air Force will be aired at the Stepan Center, Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin said. His office is "looking into the pos-



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Chief executive assistant Liz Brown, left, and student body president Lizzi Shappell review notes at Wednesday night's student senate meeting in LaFortune.

sibility" of renting a temporary satellite truck that would attach to the Stepan Center, he said.

♦Last week's Senate resolution calling for more on-campus resources for Native American students will be presented to the Campus Life Council Nov. 13, student body president Lizzi Shappell told senators. Another resolution passed last week, which called for Holy Cross students to have access to the Rockne Memorial until the completion of their new athletic facility, was given to the vice president of student affairs at Holy

Cross.

♦Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood asked what measures were being taken to make student government more accessible to those who want to get involved.

Andrichik said the revamped student government Web site, which is not yet finished, will be an easy way to get information about student government.

Director of Communications Alex French said members of his department reported that, for the most part, they had little trouble getting information they needed

about student government.

"But it never hurts to advertise more," he said.

Lockwood said he could not determine who Siegfried's Judicial Council member was. When he contacted the Judicial Council, he was told the Siegfried representative was not attending Judicial Council meetings.


Shappell said she would discuss attendance at Judicial Council meetings with the Council of Representatives Nov. 14.

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MIDNIGHT

Online magazine returns

Publication re-launched after criticism caused shut down last semester

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

Adding its voice to those of established campus publications, newly reworked The Thatcher encourages literary innovation.

The Thatcher is Notre Dame's only independent, online literary magazine. Edited by senior Alexa Recio, it was started last year for student writers to collaborate and produce publishable stories.

"[Notre Dame literary magazine] The Juggler mostly publishes poetry," Recio said. "We wanted to create a magazine for short stories as well."

Recio said she and co-founder Christopher Mahoney, who graduated last May, wanted a magazine that could change "the way people thought about writers" and could introduce the idea of "writing as a community."

The magazine is only available online at www.thethatcher.org, a Web site maintained by junior Daric Snyder.

The Thatcher is also edited by senior Claire Ewersmann and juniors Rory Carmichael and Eric Gomez.

The magazine, Gomez explained, gets its name from the type of collaboration the editors pioneered — what they call "thatching."

The process derives from the concept of a thatched roof,

Gomez said. The stories in The Thatcher are the unfinished works of authors added together with input from the editors; the ideas are woven together to create a publishable, complete story.

This process was problematic, however. Some authors found problems in what they called the system's "loss of artistic control," Gomez said. The Web site was shut down at the end of last semester, and the magazine's concept underwent reassessment.

Now, the new Thatcher primarily accepts completed stories, and editors work informally with writers to achieve publishable standards,

Gomez said.

After changing their acceptance and editing policy, the magazine re-launched its Web site in October with a new layout that resembles an open book.

Thatcher flyers distributed around the dining halls and LaFortune feature stories without an

ending, a tactic Recio said was designed to increase readership and attract new writers and editors.

Members of the staff are "fairly conversant" with the English

Department and visit fiction writing classes, Recio said.

The staff has plans for future improvements, including a collaborative writing wiki where

editors and viewers can add to stories, Carmichael said.

"The Thatcher," Gomez said, "is a way for Notre Dame to get fiction published that ... [would] ... never see the light of day without this unique system of publishing!"

The way the magazine is published isn't The Thatcher's only original feature;

the stories themselves, Carmichael said, are also "interesting and innovative."

"We like Detournment [a type of satire] ... sort of a warped 'gangsta' Sesame Street," Carmichael said. "Talk about a new look on things ... that's the kind of thing you can see in a publication like this: variety, creativity and murderous muppets."

Carmichael, Gomez and Recio all stressed that this is a new Thatcher, meaning ultimate control of the story resides with the author.

"We're acting more like a traditional literary magazine," Gomez said.

The deadline for this month's submissions is Nov. 30.

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Sewers

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itary sewage was channeled into South Bend's main intercepting sewage pipelines — where it mixed with the city's storm waters and sewage — before reaching the POTW, Kempf said.

However, during the wet seasons when severe storms added significant amounts of rain water to the system, Kempf said the POTW could not always handle the full flow of the city's main sewer.

"In order to relieve this situation, overflows occur along the interceptor sewer," Kempf said. "These overflows are principally storm water mixed with a small percentage of sanitary sewage, and the overflows in South Bend's case flow into the river."

With these infrequent but serious overflows becoming an environmental concern, the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management

stepped in to mandate the improvement of the traditional sewage systems to eliminate the overflows, Kempf said.

South Bend then developed a Long Term Control Plan that will address the situation over time, beginning with the construction of a new system that will transport Notre Dame sanitary sewage — one of the POTW's largest customers — directly to the POTW and reduce the stream coming from the city's main sewage lines.

Construction of Notre Dame's portion of the project

— a collaboration between the University and South Bend — closed Saint Mary's Road on Monday, which will not reopen until Friday. The entire project is scheduled for completion during the spring of 2007.

In the meantime, a pedestrian path has opened around the construction, through Fatima House property.

Motorists are advised to use the Douglas Road or Dorr Road entrances to the campus during these days.

Once the entire project is completed, the sewage line will head west across IN 933, through portions of the Saint Mary's campus, then north along the Indiana Toll Road Interchange, west across farmland belonging to the Sisters of Holy Cross and under the St. Joseph River before arriving at the POTW, Kempf said.

Since its inception in the 1950s, the POTW has treated waste from the South Bend sewer system — which is principally a combined system that carries both storm waters and sanitary sewage.

Although Notre Dame has separate storm and sanitary sewer systems, the campus sanitary sewage alone is one of the biggest components in the city's main line. And as the University only expects to grow in the coming years, the construction of its own connection to the POTW seemed appropriate.

"The new sewer has been sized to handle the long term growth plan of the University and should serve its needs for generations to come," Kempf said.

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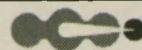
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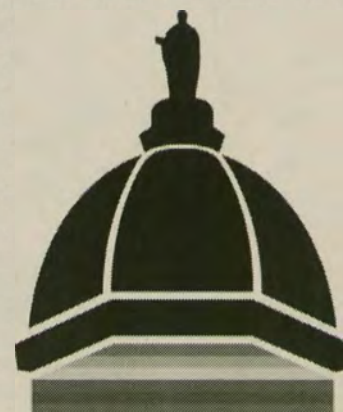
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japan suspends U.S. beef imports

TOKYO — Japan said Wednesday it has halted beef imports from one U.S. meat-packing plant after finding a shipment with improper documentation, a development that may test the public's concern about the safety of American beef imports.

The Agriculture and Health ministries decided to halt shipments from Swift & Co.'s plant in Greeley, Colo., after a shipment from the facility arrived in Osaka without proper documentation for some of the internal organs contained within, Agriculture Ministry official Yasushi Yamaguchi said.

The Japanese government has asked the U.S. government to investigate the mishap and outline measures to prevent a recurrence, Yamaguchi said.

Russia puts own pressure on Iran

MOSCOW — Russia has rejected European-proposed U.N. sanctions aimed at forcing Iran to halt its suspected nuclear weapons drive, but Moscow appears to be applying its own pressure by threatening to delay a key nuclear power project.

Analysts say the Kremlin is determined not to push Iran into a corner like North Korea — blaming tough U.S. policies for Pyongyang's recent nuclear test — but Tehran's refusal to compromise has led to growing impatience in Moscow despite the two countries' close commercial ties.

"President Putin is angry at [Iranian President Mahmoud] Ahmadinejad but he understands that it's probably too late to do anything now, said Georgy Mirsky, chief researcher at the Institute for World Economics and International Relations in Moscow, on Tuesday morning.

NATIONAL NEWS

Democrats take control of Senate

WASHINGTON — Democrats wrested control of the Senate from Republicans Wednesday with an upset victory in Virginia, giving the party complete domination of Capitol Hill for the first time since 1994.

Jim Webb's squeaker win over incumbent Sen. George Allen gave Democrats their 51st seat in the Senate, an astonishing turnabout at the hands of voters unhappy with Republican scandal and unabated violence in Iraq. Allen was the sixth Republican incumbent senator defeated in Tuesday's elections.

The Senate had teetered at 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans for most of Wednesday, with Virginia hanging in the balance. Webb's victory ended Republican hopes of eking out a 50-50 split, with Vice President Dick Cheney wielding tie-breaking authority.

Maryland sniper gets life sentence

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Sniper Lee Boyd Malvo was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison for six murders in Maryland that were part of a three-week shooting spree that terrorized the Washington area in 2002.

In a brief statement, Malvo apologized and said he was a different person than the impressionable teen who killed at the command of John Allen Muhammad, his accomplice and mentor.

"I'm truly sorry, grieved and ashamed for what I've done," said Malvo, his voice breaking.

LOCAL NEWS

Long nominated to lead Ind. Senate

INDIANAPOLIS — The next leader of the Indiana Senate said Wednesday that he hopes to maintain long-standing decorum in the chamber and announced that two fellow Republicans would continue in their roles as fiscal leaders.

Republicans maintained their 33-17 majority in the Senate in Tuesday's election, and, as expected Wednesday, nominated Sen. David Long of Fort Wayne to be the next Senate president pro tem. The full Senate will vote on the choice during an organization day later this month, but that should only be a formality.

Secretary of Defense resigns

President accepts Rumsfeld's resignation, names Robert Gates as replacement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Humor was not Donald H. Rumsfeld's best-known trait during his tenure at the Pentagon. But on the day he called it quits, he cracked a telling joke.

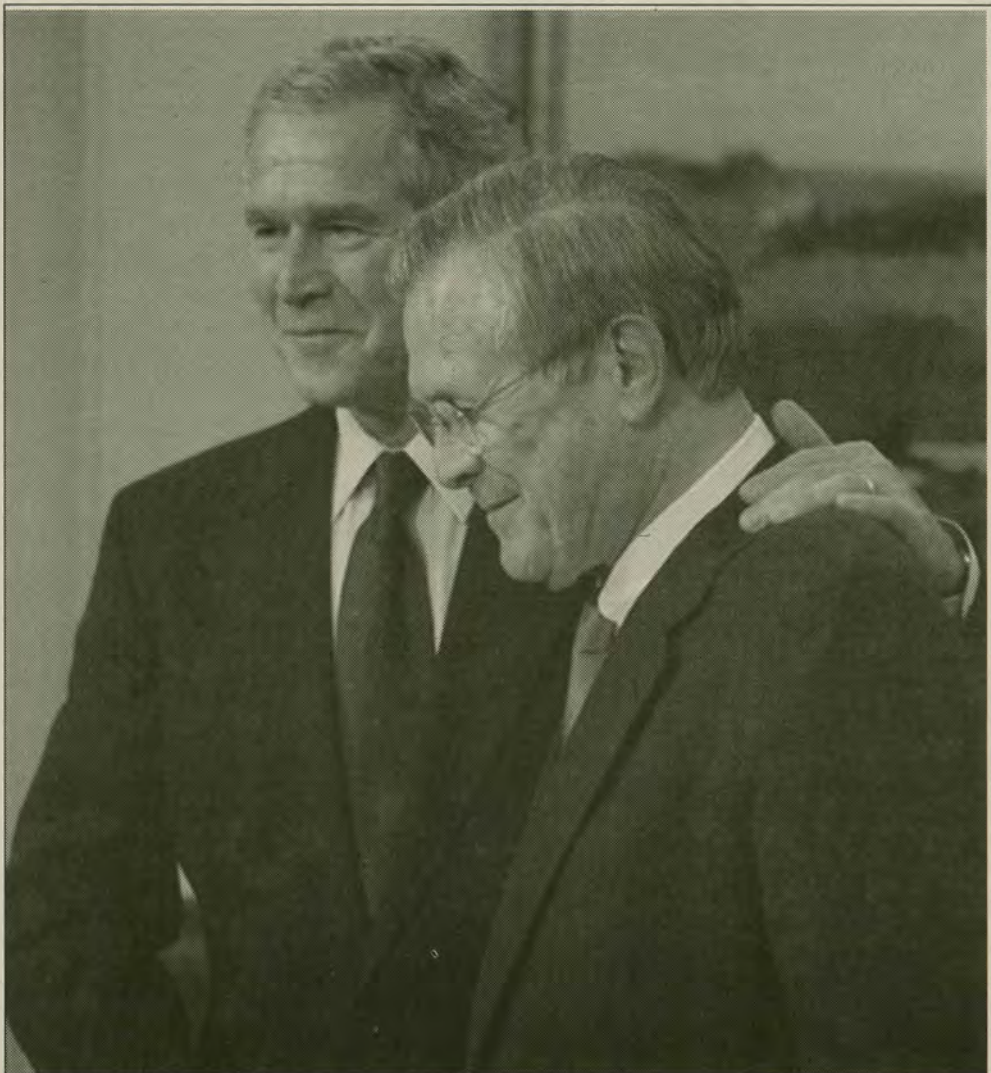
"It recalls to mind the statement by Winston Churchill, something to the effect that: 'I have benefited greatly from criticism, and at no time have I suffered a lack thereof,'" Rumsfeld said with a slight grin.

That from a man who was a lightning rod for criticism of the Iraq war and other Bush administration defense policies. After fending off the critics for much of his nearly six years at the Pentagon, Rumsfeld said Wednesday that he and President Bush decided it was time to start fresh, with perhaps new ideas on Iraq.

Iraq was the central issue of Rumsfeld's tenure, and unhappiness with the war was a major element of voter dissatisfaction Tuesday — and the main impetus for his departure. Even some GOP lawmakers in Congress became critical of the war's management, and growing numbers of politicians were urging Bush to replace Rumsfeld.

Bush said Robert Gates, 63, a former CIA director who has served in numerous national security jobs under six previous presidents, would be nominated to replace Rumsfeld. Gates, currently the president of Texas A&M University, is a Bush family friend and a member of an independent group studying the way ahead in Iraq.

Bush clearly was hoping that replacing Rumsfeld with Gates would provide impetus for a fresh start on U.S. policy and a chance to establish a stronger rapport with the new Congress, in which



President Bush shakes outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's hand at a press conference Wednesday afternoon at the White House.

Democrats will run the House and perhaps the Senate. Rumsfeld had a rocky relationship with many lawmakers.

"Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that sometimes it's necessary to have a fresh perspective," Bush said in the abrupt announcement during a postelection news conference.

In a later appearance at the White House with Rumsfeld and Gates, Bush thanked Rumsfeld for his service and predicted that Gates would bring new ideas.

"The secretary of defense must be a man of vision who can see threats still over the hori-

zon and prepare our nation to meet them. Bob Gates is the right man to meet both of these critical challenges," Bush said.

But showing he would not roll over to those pushing for a quick U.S. withdrawal, Bush also said, "I'd like our troops to come home, too, but I want them to come home with victory."

In brief remarks, Rumsfeld described the Iraq conflict as a "little understood, unfamiliar war" that is "complex for people to comprehend." Upon his return to the Pentagon after appearing with Bush and Gates, Rumsfeld said it was a good time for him to

leave.

"It will be a different Congress, a different environment, moving toward a presidential election and a lot of partisanship, and it struck me that this would be a good thing for everybody," Rumsfeld told reporters.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Rumsfeld was not leaving immediately. Rumsfeld planned to deliver a speech Thursday at Kansas State University on the global fight against terrorism.

Just last week Bush told reporters he expected Rumsfeld, 74, to remain until the end of the administration's term.

PAKISTAN

42 killed in Pakistan suicide attack

Associated Press

DARGAI — In the deadliest suicide attack on the Pakistani military, a man with explosives strapped to his body ran up to soldiers doing calisthenics Wednesday and blew himself up, killing at least 42 troops and wounding 20.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on pro-Taliban militants who had vowed revenge for an airstrike that killed at least 80 people on a Muslim school the government said was being used to train militants.

The violence marked an escalation in the conflict between Pakistani secu-

rity forces and Islamic militants along the rugged border, and sparked fears that the war in Afghanistan may be spilling into Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the war on terror.

About 200 soldiers were exercising at an army training center in Dargai, a town 60 miles north of the capital of the North West Frontier Province, when the attacker struck.

"A man wrapped in a cloak came running into the training area and exploded himself where recruits had gathered for training," a military statement said.

Information Minister Mohammed Ali Durrani said 42 soldiers died and 20 were wounded. The army said some

of the wounded were in critical condition.

Dargai is considered a stronghold of the outlawed Islamic group Tehrik-e-Nifaz-e-Shariat Mohammadi, whose fugitive leader, Faqir Mohammed, is a close associate of al-Qaida deputy chief Ayman al-Zawahiri.

The Bush administration condemned the suicide attack and offered condolences to families and friends of the dead and wounded. "We applaud the government of Pakistan's determination and resolve to fight against terror," White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said. "We stand with the government and people of Pakistan in this struggle."

LSAT

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total amount of reading in the reading comprehension section will remain essentially the same," the LSAC Web site reads.

While a few of the questions about the comparative reading section pair may concern only one of the passages, most questions will ask about both passages and their relation to one another, according to the Web site.

Though the change directly affects only six or seven questions, Baron said a student's score — which can range from 120 to 180 — could vary by three to six points depending on his work in the section.

While a three-point difference would still be within a student's score margin, a six-point difference would be dramatic, said Ava Preacher, pre-law advisor at Notre Dame.

"The LSAC is constantly trying to find ways to make the test more predictive of law school success," Baron said. "[The LSAC is] looking to find the best kinds of questions to ask."

The new questions are ones that the LSAC, which represents all law schools, believes will correlate with the type of reading required in law school, Baron said.

"You will be reading various cases and doing analyses," Preacher said.

A significant change was also made to the essay section. LSAT test takers are required to complete a writing sample the day of the exam — and though the sample is unscored, it is included with the scores when they are reported to law schools.

In the past, there were two potential types of prompts — a decision prompt, in which a student is asked to make a choice among a couple of options and defend one opinion; and an argument prompt,

in which a student is asked to analyze a given prompt. Beginning in June 2007, the argument prompt will be eliminated, Baron said.

The elimination of one type of prompt means that students now only have to prepare for one type of question, he said.

"Now everybody will be assigned a decision prompt," Preacher said. "I think [the change may come] in part because it may have been somewhat confusing to students before and they didn't quite get what the difference was."

While the writing sample is unscored, Preacher said it still plays a critical role in admissions.

According to a 2006 LSAC survey of 157 U.S. and Canadian schools, nearly all law schools use the unscored portion of the exam in some way, Preacher said. When

asked how often the writing sample is used in evaluating a candidate for admission, 9.9 percent said always, 25.3 percent said frequently, 32.7 percent said occasionally, 25.3 percent said seldom and 6.8 percent said never.

The June 2007 exam is a significant one, Baron said, as it tends to be the first date for that particular year's cycle of potential law school applicants.

"I don't think they've been made aware of the changes," Preacher said about Notre Dame students applying to law schools or considering taking the LSAT.

In 2004-05 academic year, there were more than 110,000 different LSAT test takers, including 439 from Notre Dame.

The LSAT is required by all 194 law schools approved by the American Bar Association.

For students currently considering taking the test, Baron said the December or February tests are a good idea, as the student has time

to prepare without the level of unpredictability that may come with the newly formatted exam.

"The whole idea of preparing for a standardized test is to take out all the unfamiliarity," he said.

Preparation, in whatever form a student chooses, is key, Preacher said.

"I always tell students that they should prepare before they walk into the room. I don't care how they prepare, but they have to devote the time to adequately prepare," Preacher said, adding that she normally recommends four hours of studying a week for the four months prior to the test, minimum.

The entirely paper-based test will still be offered only four times a year — in December, February, June and September — despite recent changes to the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) making it both computerized and offered more frequently.

"The GRE is on computer, the GMAT is on computer, the MCAT is on computer," Baron said. "The LSAT is not and there are no current plans to move it. I think they feel that the test works fine ... to predict academic success in law school. As an organization, that's ultimately their responsibility to administer a quality test."

Preacher said at pre-law advisor conferences, the pre-law liaison continually assures advisors that the test will not go to computer any

time soon, largely because of the high volume of test-takers.

Securing the computers and scheduling test times, Preacher said, would also add an extra burden.

"Plus, most students are used to taking paper and pencil tests," she said.

No matter the format, Baron said in the more competitive programs, it is not unusual for an LSAT score to make up as much as 50 percent of an admissions decision.

"It is critically important," Baron said. "In fact, the LSAT is really unique in terms of graduate admissions tests in terms of how important it is in the admissions process."

Though she did say that the LSAT is "significant," Preacher added that "it's not huge."

"What it does is change the range of law schools that you can consider," Preacher said. "In other words if you get a 160, Harvard, Stanford and Yale are going to be a stretch unless you have something really remarkable to offer ... that's not to say they don't take someone with 160."

Baron said a candidate's grade point average (GPA), quality application and personal statement are all important for admissions.

While the type of preparation for the exam will not change dramatically, the lack of study material could pose a problem, Baron said, as the new sections have never been on the exam previously.

Still, Baron said that "every type of change imaginable"

has been seen before and the test should not have a huge effect on the number of law school applicants.

In the entering class of 2004 — the most recent year for which Preacher has figures — there were 470 law school applicants from Notre Dame, of which 182 were seniors and 288 were non-seniors.

"In the 2004 entering class, the average LSAT of all applicants was 159, for seniors the average was 160.4 and for non-seniors 158.2," Preacher said.

Despite the high numbers — which Baron said places Notre Dame high nationally among numbers of law school applicants — Preacher said the University is experiencing a decrease.

"By all accounts, it's dropping," Preacher said. "We had a peak in 2003 or 2004, but now we're seeing a drop."

Preacher said the drop in law school applicants from Notre Dame may have something to do with the economy, and that people "tend to apply to law school because it is a secure profession."

Not that she sees the drop as a bad thing. Preacher said she is notorious for advising students to take time off before heading to law school.

"It may be the only time in your life that you have the freedom to do what you want to do without any strings," she said. "I think it also gives you the chance to be absolutely certain that law school is what you want."

"I'm seeing more and more students who are taking time off, but we still have many who go directly in."

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IN BRIEF

UnitedHealth stocks messy since 2004

MINNEAPOLIS — UnitedHealth Group Inc. warned investors on Wednesday that its stock option fiasco will cost much more than the \$286 million it previously estimated, and said it would restate earnings all the way back to 1994.

The company's chief financial officer also resigned but will be assuming unspecified operational duties at the nation's second largest health insurer.

UnitedHealth said it has found problems with its handling of stock options as late as the end of 2005.

The company said it expects to take paper losses on prior earnings to account for stock options, and that it would take cash charges to pay the potential tax bill. It said it doesn't yet know how much those charges will be.

In May, UnitedHealth estimated that options-related restatements could slice \$286 million from earnings from 2003 to 2005. On Wednesday it said it anticipates the final figure "will be significantly greater" than that.

Democratic win causes Wall Street rise

NEW YORK — Wall Street rose for a third straight session Wednesday, with the Dow Jones industrials reaching another record close as investors grew more confident that a huge victory by Democrats in congressional elections would result in gridlock and keep lawmakers out of the way of business interests.

The market had largely expected Democrats to gain control of the House of Representatives, but an undecided Senate race in Virginia had, during early trading, unnerved investors who dislike such uncertainty. Stocks showed gains following the announcement that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld will resign.

Some investors saw "headline risk" from Wednesday's news but expect that Wall Street will quickly get back to business.

"I would think over the next several weeks that investors should return their focus to the likelihood for interest rate moves in the decelerating economic climate, the moderating earnings growth and the weakening housing market," said Elizabeth Weymouth, global investment specialist at JPMorgan Private Bank.

Pelosi presents economic agenda

Democrats propose lower prescription drug costs, increase of minimum wage

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The new masters of the House, the Democrats, are promoting an economic agenda that would put more money in the pockets of ordinary citizens and government, while leading to greater oversight of big business.

California Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who is in line to become speaker, has promised to fight early on in the next Congress to lower the price of prescription drugs available through Medicare. Efforts to curb military spending are also likely, political and financial analysts said, following an election whose outcome was influenced in large part by voters' dissatisfaction with the handling of the war in Iraq.

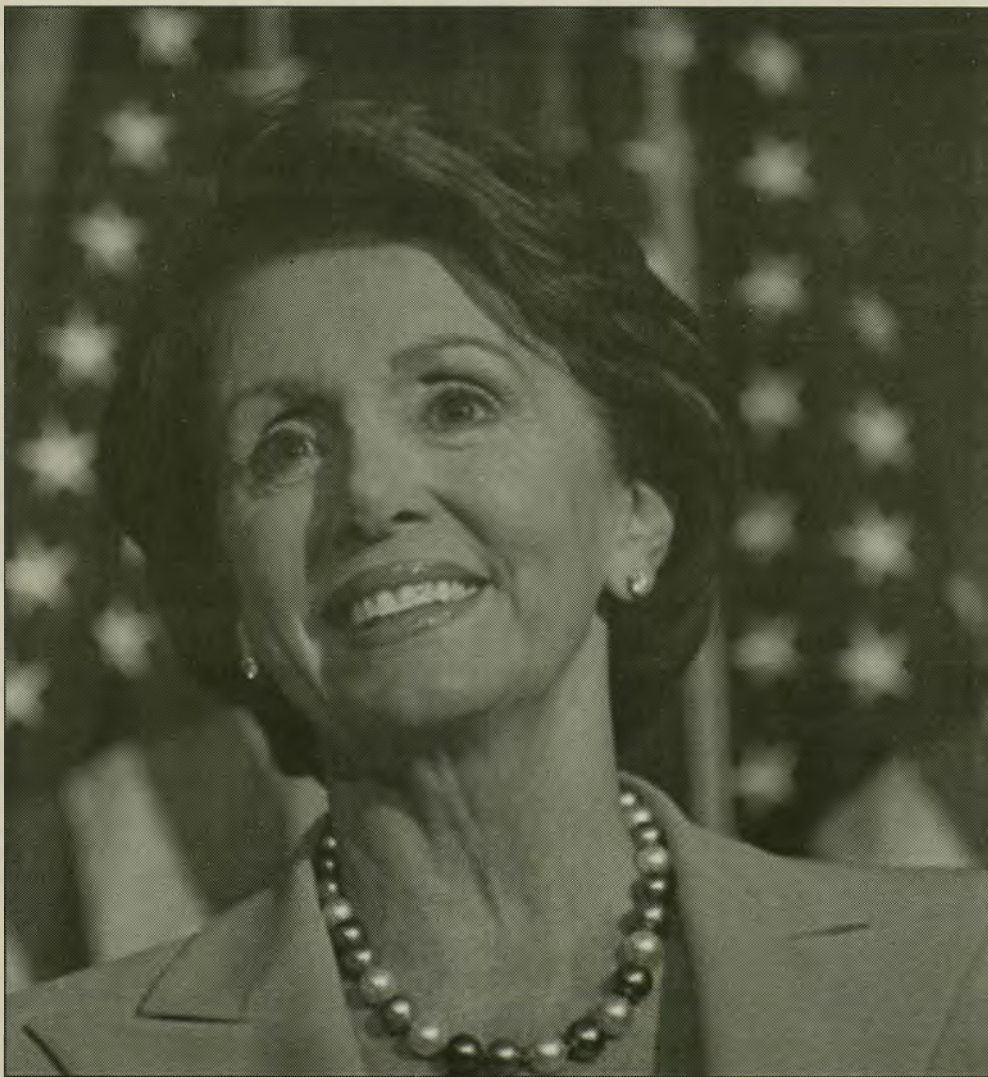
But with the two parties stalemated in the Senate, where it usually takes 60 votes to pass major legislation, the pharmaceutical and defense industries may find themselves beset more by unwelcome rhetoric in Congress than any hurtful changes in law.

To be sure, few major changes in corporate America are expected to result from Democrat-led initiatives over the next two years — with the exception of a proposed increase in the minimum wage that may get substantial Republican support.

The long-term outlook for companies in the biotechnology and homeland security businesses may benefit, analysts said, from anticipated Democratic efforts to promote stem-cell research and inspect more cargo containers at ports. And the alternative energy sector could also get a boost.

But heightened scrutiny of other sectors, ranging from drugs to defense to hedge funds, could darken their prospects on Wall Street.

"The drug industry is on the top of the list of industries that would be uncomfortable if Democrats are successful in the elections," said Ira Loss, an analyst at



Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi smiles during a post-election news conference Wednesday.

Washington Analysis.

That's because Pelosi has promised legislation that would allow the government to negotiate directly with drug companies to purchase medicines for Medicare, a process the drug industry equates to price controls.

Pelosi has pledged that Democrats would move to raise the minimum wage — a policy change that could affect fast-food restaurants such as McDonald's Corp., as well as other retailers.

Ballot measures that mandate increases in existing state minimum wage laws passed in Arizona, Missouri and Montana, among other states. Alaska voters, meanwhile, helped protect the pockets of Big Oil by shooting down a proposal to

increase drillers' taxes by \$1 billion a year.

Generally speaking, Democrats have said they will differ from Republicans by being tougher watchdogs of corporate wrongdoing and government spending and bigger defenders of consumers and labor unions.

Still, "there are not going to be wholesale changes in economic policy" because neither party has an overwhelming majority in either the House or Senate — and this may explain the stock market's recent strength, according to Wachovia Securities economist Mark Vitner.

One way Democrats can assert themselves is by spoiling the prospects for renewal of President Bush's

tax cuts, said Kevin Hassett, the director of economic policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute and an adviser to President Bush's 2004 re-election campaign.

However, lobbyists said they do not expect the intense partisanship that defined recent campaigns to last very long.

Sure, the Democrats will want to distinguish themselves from the Republicans early on — by shifting the emphasis in energy policy from, say, increasing the supply of oil to reducing the demand for it. But pragmatism — and an eye toward the 2008 presidential election — will naturally pull both parties closer to the center, these lobbyists said.

Billionaire, magnate bid on Tribune Co.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Billionaire businessman Eli Broad and supermarket magnate Ron Burkle have teamed up to submit a bid for the Tribune Co., The Associated Press has learned.

Details of the offer by the companies controlled by the two businessmen were not disclosed.

A person familiar with the offer, who was not authorized to publicly discuss it, confirmed Wednesday the bid had been submitted.

Broad and Burkle had been expected to bid for the Los Angeles Times, the Tribune's largest property. The joint bid for the entire com-

pany came as a surprise.

Broad declined to comment on the report. A call to Burkle's office was not immediately returned.

The bid came a day after Chicago-based Tribune Co. replaced Dean Baquet as editor of the Los Angeles Times because he refused to make mandated cost cuts at the paper.

Broad and Burkle have long said they would be interested in returning the Times to local ownership.

A third billionaire, entertainment mogul David Geffen, is known to be interested in buying the Times. A call to his office was not immediately returned.

Tribune Co. spokesman Gary Weitman declined to comment on

the bid.

Tribune's holdings include 11 daily newspapers, 25 TV stations, the Chicago Cubs baseball team, Internet ventures and sizable stakes in the Food Network and the online classified advertising venture CareerBuilder.

Along with the Times and the Chicago Tribune, the company owns Newsday in New York, The Baltimore Sun, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Orlando Sentinel and The Hartford Courant.

Tribune tried selling the company after being pressured by discontented shareholders amid plunging circulation and a decrease in advertising revenue at its newspapers.

Opus

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volunteers, calling them "true anonymous heroes."

"They always want to learn more so that they are able to save more lives," she said.

The Office of Farmworkers Ministry (OFFM) and Cristo Rey Network — two other Opus Prize finalists — were each rewarded \$100,000 for their charitable work.

OFFM received an award for its work with struggling farm workers in Apopka, Fla. and Cristo Rey Network was rewarded for its work in providing a first-rate high school education for economically disadvantaged youths in cities across America.

Sister Ann Kendrick was presented the \$100,000 award for OFFM.

"Tonight all of us honoring the people ... who are making a difference ... who look at the reality of the material poor who

say we can do better than this," she said.

Rev. John Foley accepted the award for Cristo Rey Network, and said he never thought the Network, which is on track to educate 12,000 students annually by 2012, would achieve such a level of success.

"The first day we opened school, I wanted to hide under the desk because I had no idea whether it was going to work or not," he said.

The Student Opus Prize was awarded to junior Benjamin Gunty for co-founding Artisan Opportunities International, Inc. (AOI). AOI's goal is to battle poverty in Latin America by teaching individuals how to make quality hammocks that can be sold.

Junior Brian Brownschidle, accepted the award for Gunty, who is studying abroad in Angers, France.

Reading from a statement composed by Gunty, Brownschidle asked the youth in the audience to "make a positive difference."

"There's far too much to be done in this promising age to let our own potential to go idle," he read. "To everyone else, I ask you to believe in us relentlessly, listen to us critically, engage us lovingly and above all else, lead us by your experience."

University President Father John Jenkins had words of praise for the award winners and encouraged everyone present to be inspired by them.

"They are people of faith ... they have faith, a real joy and thankfulness in their service," he said.

Jenkins said the award recipients are a living witness of Jesus' words in that giving one will receive.

"I hope each of you were inspired by these awardees," he said. "And I hope [each of] you will go forth this year and the rest of your life following their example."

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Penalty

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between former divorce cases he handled and death penalty cases. In the divorce cases, he risked disbarment if he suggested to his client that she get revenge for adultery by harming her husband or destroying his belongings, he said.

"All of a sudden, when it comes to a murder case, we are saying revenge is good — it heals," Brooks said.

But in his experience from talking to victims' families, the death of their loved one's murderer doesn't heal their pain, he said.

Brooks, the second speaker in a six-part lecture series on the death penalty sponsored by Notre Dame Against State Killing (NDASK), estimated he has ministered to more than 1,000 people accused of murder. He said he opposes the death penalty

because he does not believe the government has the right to kill people to punish them for their crimes.

"They are a child of God, and we don't have the right to take their life away," Brooks said. Scripture — as far back to the story of Cain and Abel — makes a case against use of the death penalty when read in context, Brooks said.

"We have a history of people in Scripture who later on turn their lives around," Brooks said. "Had they been executed, what would have happened?"

The reason why the death penalty should not exist in the U.S. was clearly expressed in Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical, "Evangelium vitae," Brooks said. In this document, the pope said the death penalty should not be used unless it was otherwise impossible to protect society from the convicted criminals.

In the United States, the prison systems are capable of containing threats, Brooks said.

But these religious arguments can fail to persuade people who support the use of the death penalty to alter their convictions, he said. That's why anti-death penalty advocates need to give them the facts.

"I think once people know the facts it is almost impossible for any reasonable person to be in favor of the death penalty," Brooks said.

Many death penalty opponents fall into the trap of portraying the person on death row as a hero, he said.

"Some of them just aren't," Brooks said.

An indisputable argument against the death penalty, he said, is that executing someone costs over a million dollars more than to imprison a convicted criminal for life without parole.

Brooks said he believes the death penalty is not a deterrent to potential murderers or rapists. Crimes happen spontaneously, he said, and most criminals don't expect to be caught.

Another argument against capital punishment is that inaccurate eye witness accounts and lack of DNA evidence can lead to irreversible sentences, Brooks said.

"We have flaws in the system that are so deep that the likelihood of an erroneous conviction is very high," he said.

Brooks was involved in establishing a moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois. He served as the president of the Illinois Coalition against the Death Penalty from 2000-02. Brooks received a Special Award for Work on the Issue of Capital Punishment from the Association of Chicago Priests and was named Catholic Lawyer of the Year by the Chicago Catholic Workers Guild in 2000.

NDASK plans to hold four more lectures to discuss the death penalty this fall. Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan will speak Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. Kernan will discuss his decision to commute two death sentences while he was governor.

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Faith initiatives, led by senior Andy Laughton, are expected to include Theology on Tap relating to the global health crisis and a campus mass at the Basilica.

Senior Teresa Hagen said there is a possibility of developing a global health minor in the Notre Dame curriculum, which might fall under the College of Arts and Letters.

Similar programs are currently in existence at Northwestern and Emory.

Politically, organizers expressed interest in working with residence halls to write letters to congressmen or senators on the health crisis. In a similar vein, organizers said they hope to have letters

published in local newspapers encouraging community members to get involved.

Golbabai and Hambley said similar meetings would continue on Wednesday nights for the rest of the semester and that student leaders are

encouraged to attend as their schedules allow.

"The turnout was fantastic," Golbabai said. "I assure you, there's a place for everybody to get involved."

Student organizations were told they could contribute in several different ways,

from planning different events to co-sponsoring and making small donations to sending leaders or representatives to help accomplish collective goals.

"If we all work together we're going to come up with something great."

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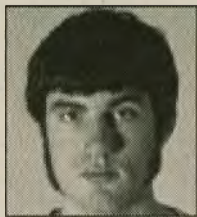
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"The caf was nast, so I came back to rejuv. I guess it was dece. But whatevs, this pape is totes not my fav, you under? I mean, obvs!"

If this sample snippet of conversation puzzles you, allow me to play linguistic interlocutor for a moment. The speaker begins the dialogue — if it can be called that. I guess it appears almost soliloquizing, so profoundly elegant is the tormented inner anguish that the speaker communicates by noting that the cafeteria (or appropriate eating establishment) was "nast" — that is to say, nasty. After discovering that said food did not meet taste standards, the speaker returned to his or her abode to rejuvenate and gather strength, probably exhausted from the mental exertion necessary to speak like this.

The following sentence continues the laconic report on the speaker's feelings, substituting the conveniently concise "dece" for the much more obtrusive and unwieldy "decent." The speaker then switches subjects and dismisses (employing "whatevs" for "whatever") the pressing assignment at hand, a paper of unfavorable repute, which is totally not his or her favorite. The speaker gauges the listener's response by asking a comprehension interrogative: "You under(stand)?" Being assured of the listener's understanding, the speaker then interjects an exclamatory exasperation, remarking how obvious her comments are (and opting for the more pithy "obvs" over the disyllabic "obvi").

Obvs, indeed.
I'll admit that maybe I haven't heard these phrases exactly as given above. Sticking so many atrocious colloquialisms



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Foregone Conclusion

Totally dece

in such close proximity would probably leave even the speaker wondering exactly what had just been said. But I assure you that I have heard every one of these slang terms used in separate conversations, usually surrounded by a handful of similar words. (Well, okay, so I made up "under," but I can see somebody using that. Can't you?)

Why do people talk like this? Numerous case studies have left scientists stumped. My own theory is that the degeneration of language in our age arises from the fact that we are just plain busier than any age before us. I mean, there are a lot of shows on TV. A lot. If you want to watch even a fraction, you have to learn to flip channels pretty fast. And if you want to write about them, what do you use? That's right, a keyboard. Those things are covered in buttons — I mean, how many letters can there be? The old-timers had it so much easier with their quaint pencils and paper. In this day and age, it's really a great burden to always be so occupied.

Therefore, sacrifices have to be made. What's something else we all do these days, besides watch television and get on our computers? That's right: talk. And with so many TV shows to talk about, there's just never enough time. Other generations had their slang, their jive, their jargon, their jibber-jabber — and those all worked fine. But today, we need a language that can really capture the essence of our busy lives. We need a dialect that gets right down to the point, without wasting time on extraneous syllables.

And so we have one of the capstones of linguistic development in the past decade. Or century. Or ... ever. If you find yourself still struggling with this new slang, don't worry, I'm seeking to remedy that here. Let's try working with another codex:

"Anys, I've def gotta hit the lib. B.T. dubs, that teev show was soo sketch. Watch it later? Yeah, probs. You're welcs.

Alright, outy."

The speaker here transitions smoothly from a previous conversation to the exchange at hand using "anys," the truncated version of "anyway." He or she must most certainly visit the library. A side comment is introduced by a two-layered curtailing "B.T. dubs." This unique construction is no solecism, but rather a highly intricate code for the letters "btw." This abbreviation, one we can all thank the Internet for giving us, means "by the way."

Moving on, the speaker forsakes the traditional shortening of television to TV (far too cumbersome) in favor of combining the two letters and dropping the final diphthong. Sketch stands in for sketchy, a term with which everyone is surely familiar. The final few coded terms should reveal themselves easily by now: "probs" for "probably," "welcs" for the extremely awkward and tiring "you're welcome," and "outy" for "I'm out," a fittingly abridged adieu for such a condensed conversation.

This new manner of speaking isn't easy to grasp at first, and language departments nationwide lack funding to adequately develop effective translation guides. I hope this brief primer will be but the first step in an intrepid age of exciting advancements in linguistic theory.

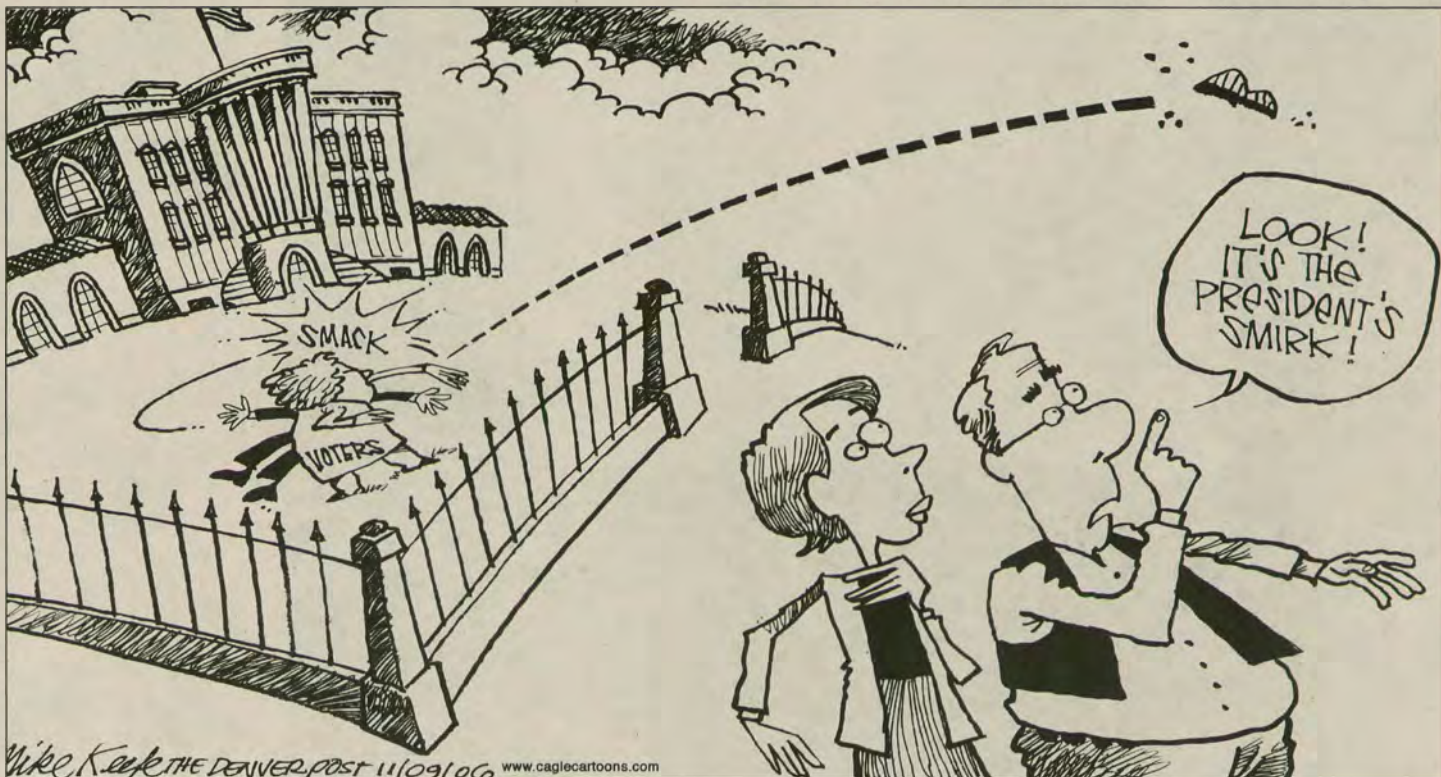
Thanks to Kyoko and Elizabeth for providing many of the idiosyncratic words and terms used above, and thanks to the countless linguistic revolutionaries without whose inspiration and prescient understanding of language's bold new direction I could never have written this interpretive key.

Outy.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't."

Richard Bach
American author

'Busy' is no excuse

"How about sex." That sentence (or actually, sentence fragment) comes from one of the students who wrote me after my last column, in which I wondered what topics undergraduates would find helpful, particularly in their lives of faith. That same student also told me that my writing was too boring to hold people's attention, so I thought I'd try to pull you in right from the start.

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"It's time for a new approach to the talk about sex," this person continued. Yikes. I'm going to have to save that topic until I can give it some more thought. What would my new approach be? I'd want to be careful; the wrong kind of column and I could lose my job ... though come to think of it, then I wouldn't have to worry any more about what I'd write.

Another student told me that most people don't really read The Observer, they just sort of skim it while they eat lunch and then throw it in the recycling bin on their way out of the dining hall. She'd love to give me some ideas for future topics, she said, but she was too busy and had to go write a paper. I did realize from her e-mail that I often read materials that aren't my top priority that way too — in a multi-tasking sort of way, claiming to myself that I'll get back to it more carefully later. My usual excuse for the careless first read and the often-forgotten second read? "I'm too busy!"

Believe it or not, being too busy came up in more e-mails I received than any other single topic; yes, even more often than sex. Most people talk about how busy they are while bemoaning the fact; you may even know (as I do) some people who are downright whiny about how high they have climbed on the "busy-meter." Maybe you've been a busy

whiner yourself (as I have).

I would like to propose that being busy — even being too busy — has the potential to be a very good thing. Your schedule, and your attitude toward the way you spend your time, tells you exactly what your real priorities are, no matter what you say they are. A former teacher of mine used to say that you can tell what a person values by looking in their checkbook register, though I suppose now she would have to say their debit card record. I say you can also tell by looking at someone's calendar. There's a level of honesty present in how you spend your time that you cannot deny.

For most of us, one main demand, usually our chosen vocation or profession, takes up the bulk of our time. Whether we would consider being "student" or "faculty," "rector" or "staff member" or "parent" our main responsibility, we must give that aspect of our lives many hours each day. However, that one aspect of life isn't usually what puts us over the edge into the zone of the "too busy." Come on — even the most serious student around here participates in a few other activities outside of class and studying.

So what do you consider your highest values? What — or who — is most important to you? Does the way you spend your time each day reflect that? Now, you don't necessarily have to spend the most time each day on what's most important to you. You can be very committed to your faith without spending hours each day in prayer and service. You can believe that staying fit and healthy is important without spending the entire afternoon each day in the gym. However, can you really say that your faith means a lot to you if you don't take time to pray during the day; if you find excuses to miss Mass sometimes; if you never participate in the opportunities for service presented through the Center

for Social Concerns? Can you really say that you value your health if you rarely — or never — make the time to exercise? If you're always "too busy" to do something you say you really value, then face it. You just don't value that thing as much as you claim to.

My husband has a rule of thumb for whenever either of us is asked to commit our time to anything new. Whenever we say "yes" to something new, he reminds me, we have to drop an existing activity to make room for it. His policy is a good one, in part because we're both busy, but also because it forces us to prioritize. How much do we want to say "yes" to this new opportunity? Enough to drop something we're already doing? When we follow his plan we stay out of the trap of mindlessly saying yes just because it sounds good to us, or because (the slickest trap of all) we're flattered to be asked. Saying "yes" in this way keeps me attentive to the fact that really, whenever we say yes to something, we're saying no to something else. Even in our multi-multi-tasking society, we must make choices. Those choices give a much more honest accounting of our true priorities than what we claim to hold dear.

In any environment filled with successful people, as Notre Dame is, a person's level of busy-ness can often become (falsely) equated with how important or how valuable they are. Don't be fooled. God knows how priceless each one of us is and wants us to use the precious gift of each day with wisdom and love — and probably not at breakneck speed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A woman's view on Plan B

Editor's note: This letter originally appeared in the Nov. 7 edition of The Observer, but was incorrectly attributed to Shawn Ahmed.

I would like to add a female voice to the discussion concerning Plan B. In Andrew Rosatostates' Letter to the Editor ("Plan B destroys embryo in some cases," Nov. 3), he writes, "Taking Plan B causes the destruction of a human embryo in those cases where it prevents its implantation." The use of the word "destruction" is a bit strong. If Plan B were a pill full of microscopic men with machetes and machine guns being transported directly to the uterus with the sole purpose of mutilating a fertilized egg, then "destruction" might be appropriate. But from my understanding, that is not the case.

Emergency contraceptives are to be used in case of an emergency (what a concept). Condoms fail. The pill fails. Furthermore, aren't those also ways of preventing pregnancy? Plan B is the second choice to preventing pregnancies when previous efforts break or when your mother-in-law manipulates your birth control pill a la Desperate Housewives.

The distributors of Plan B do not deny the possibility of preventing the implantation of an embryo in the uterus, therefore neither

will I. They do, however, confess that there is no evidence proving that Plan B will harm the fetus (nor the woman, but she's usually not the issue in these arguments) during early pregnancy. You see, friends, an embryo is not a pregnancy until it is implanted in the uterus. An abortifacient is something that terminates a pregnancy, not something that prevents an embryo from attaching to the uterus.

So, riddle me this: Doesn't every embryo have the same possibility of not implanting, with or without the super dose of hormones?

Pregnancy is such a fickle thing; sometimes it lasts nine months, sometimes it doesn't. When attacking Plan B, please keep in mind that the Food and Drug Administration and the manufacturers of Plan B are required to state that it may prevent implantation. There is no indisputable video evidence for either side, thus the call on the field must stand. This is the same FDA that has to warn you that your Viagra may cause blindness. But, then again, what do I know? I'm just a woman and it's just my body.

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Rethink definitions

Ignorance can be bliss, but misinformation is scarring. There have been many opinions given on the ethics of the "Plan B" emergency contraceptive pill, but it seems moral thought keeps slipping through the cracks, as shown by the view given in "A woman's view on Plan B." The main view given by this submission was that Plan B does not cause abortions since the embryo never implants on the uterine wall, which is the medical definition of pregnancy. Yet, definitions can be very misleading things.

Until very recently in human history, life was not thought to begin until a child emerged from its mother's womb. Presently, however, a premature fetus can be taken from its mother and with modern technology can survive at an age that never would have been possible before. When dealing with medical definitions, a person must use caution and not accept everything on faith. With this said, the only non-arbitrary point in a child's development where life can be said to begin is conception. Furthermore, Plan B does actively prevent an embryo from implanting by changing the makeup of the uterine wall, contrary to what was said in that Viewpoint letter.

Finally, also unlike Woodward's Letter to the Editor, if a drug even has the most remote possibility of ending a human life, in this case the embryo, then deference must be given to that life, whatever the chances.

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U-WIRE

Dems must enact change

In 2004, after receiving 51 percent of the vote, President Bush ran wild and declared a mandate. Tuesday, the American people spoke and repudiated that mandate, spanking Bush back into reality.

The prediction of a Democratic wave proved to be true as it took back the House in startling numbers. As of press time, it also looks as though Democrats will reclaim the Senate, proving the 2006 midterm elections truly became a referendum on the president.

According to CNN.com exit polls, 62 percent of voters said that national issues mattered more than local issues this year.

Angry voters made their voices heard, shouting from the polls their extreme displeasure with the war in Iraq,

the handling of the war on terrorism and corruption.

The results show Americans are sick of one-party rule and wish to restore the system of checks and balances on which the U.S. Constitution was founded.

Democrats, swept into power in the House, and maybe the Senate, by complaining and promising change, must now prove they deserve their new position of legislative clout. The do-nothing Congress must finally do something, and we believe they will.

U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., promised to drain the GOP "swamp" in her first 100 hours as speaker of the House. She plans to introduce legislation to decrease the influence of lobbyists, enact all of the recommendations from the 9/11 Commission, raise the minimum wage, cut interest rates on student loans, lower prescription drug prices and help advance federal funding of stem cell

research.

Most importantly, Democrats must introduce plans for the war in Iraq. We cannot remain stuck in the quagmire that is Iraq, but we also cannot withdraw all troops immediately. We need to draw up some type of exit strategy that will keep the peace and get us out of there. After years of claiming they can do better, the onus is on Democrats.

One thing is for certain: Congress has put down the rubber stamp and the American people are better off for it.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Cinematic Holocaust

DPAC series to focus on films about 20th century tragedy

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Daniel Craig, left, and Marcell Nagy star in Lajos Koltai's "Fateless," based on the novel by Nobel laureate Imre Kertesz, about a youth coming of age in Buchenwald.



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Elijah Wood (center) stars in "Everything Is Illuminated." Unlike the other films in the series, "Everything Is Illuminated" does not take place during the Holocaust.

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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Beginning today, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) will host the film series, "Through the Eyes of Children: A Holocaust Film Series." The series examines perhaps the most tragic event of the 20th century through the eyes of those affected the most: the children who had to hide from — and, in some cases, confront — the horrors of the Nazi "final solution."

The films selected depict children who were "plucked from their homes and stripped of their childhoods, the children had witnessed the murder of parents, siblings, and relatives," reads a release from the film, television and theatre department, which is hosting the event. "They faced starvation, illness and brutal labor, until they were consigned to the gas chambers."

An exploration of the guiltless in a period of history fraught with guilt, crime and shame, this series will be an emotional and analytical event. How the lives of the children were changed and how modern audiences view their situations will be two of the multiple issues presented during this series. The films slated for screening include:

Fateless (2005)

Directed by Lajos Koltai, this recent film uses black and white, sepia and color film to explore the differing moods and situations of György Köves, the 14-year-old son of a Budapest merchant. Based on the

novel by Nobel laureate Imre Kertesz, it tells the story of a youth who comes of age in Buchenwald learning how to maintain dignity in the face of complete hatred and oppression while dealing with his own growing hatred. "Fateless" is a tapestry of the human emotions present in the children forced into the concentration camps.

Everything Is Illuminated (2005)

Starring Elijah Wood and directed by Liev Schreiber, "Everything Is Illuminated" is different from the other films in the series in that it does not take place during the Holocaust. Wood plays Jonathan Safran Foer, a Jewish American who travels to Ukraine to find the woman who helped his grandfather flee Europe during World War II.

Part comedy, albeit more drama, this film paints a somewhat fantastical world based in the teenage mind of Foer. However, some critics claim this only strengthens the emotional impact. Based on the eponymous novel, this film is not quite as ambitious as its source material but still succeeds in its own right.

Come and See (1985)

Directed by Elem Klimov, "Come and See" is, according to its press material, "a brutal condemnation of war." When a 12-year-old enlists in the Russian resistance to the Nazi invasion, his initial beliefs of battlefield glory and fighting for his homeland soon become images of horror and terror when his family is slain and the reality of war sets in. While countless films have been made from the U.S. standpoint, exploring World War II from the Russian

viewpoint is not something American audiences are used to seeing. A film from the perspective of the Eastern Front, which betrays the images of heroism and glory commonly associated with World War II films, is a perspective worth seeing.

Au Revoir Les Enfants (Goodbye Children) (1987)

At a French boarding school in Vichy France, two boys become friends — one Catholic, the other Jewish. Based on the childhood experiences of director Louis Malle, this microcosm of stories about Christians hiding and giving new identities to Jews during World War II is as moving as it is exploratory of the relationship between the two religions. While the Vatican is often condemned for its inaction, many Christians tried — successfully or unsuccessfully — to hide Jews from the Gestapo. As the Catholic boy befriends his Jewish classmate, the Catholic comes to realize what it means to be Jewish during this period of history.

Into the Arms of Strangers (2000)

The only documentary in the film series, "Into the Arms of Strangers" explores the story of 10,000 Jewish children rescued from Germany, Austria and then-Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Holocaust. Directed by Mark Jonathan Harris and narrated by Judi Dench, it promises to give a more historical view of World War II and its impact on Jews, specifically Jewish children. The "kindertransport" which saved these children was a type of underground railroad bringing Jewish children from their home country

to Great Britain where they lived through the duration of the war. It uses archival footage and interviews to tell the stories of the thousands saved.

Europa, Europa (1990)

"Europa, Europa" is based on the life of Solomon Perel, a Jew who hid his religious identity by joining the Hitler Youth to save his life. The film is based on Perel's autobiography and directed by Agnieszka Holland. Also written by Holland, it was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Writing Adapted Screenplay. Most of the film takes place on the Eastern front, so the German/Russian interplay, ignored in American cinema, plays an important role. This film also focuses on the Jewish situation after the war and the Jews' mass migration to the British Mandate, which would become Israel in 1948.

"Through the Eyes of Children" will be an important film series for the study of the Holocaust at Notre Dame. It brings in narrative film from Europeans only one or two generations removed from the horrors that plagued the European continent less than 70 years ago. Perhaps most importantly, it includes perspectives from American Jews with all-too-fresh memories of the time period.

Exploring the Holocaust across national, religious and generational divides, the series reminds us lessons learned from the Holocaust are ones that should not be soon forgotten.

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The only documentary in the Holocaust Film Series, "Into the Arms of Strangers" explores the children who escaped Nazi controlled territories.



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Louis Malle's "Au Revoir Les Enfants" is about two friends, one Jewish, the other Christian, who become friends at a French boarding school during WWII.

SAINT MARY'S SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Wendy, Saint Mary's style

College to host humorous show honoring late playwright

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Lisa the ballerina (Caroline Walker) and her father Paul (Louis MacKenzie) argue in a scene from "Tender Offer," one segment of the play "Celebrating Wendy."



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Bette (Monica Mastracco), left, serenades Wendy Wasserstein (Christina Kloess) between acts in "Celebrating Wendy," an homage to the eponymous playwright.

By MANDY STIRONE

Scene Writer

What started with a heartfelt expression of regret for Wendy Wasserstein's untimely death in January of 2006 ultimately became a side-splitting selection of one-act plays by the late writer. Professor Katie Sullivan of the Saint Mary's Theatre Department has created a commemoration of Wasserstein shows, which will be shown in the Moreau Theater at St. Mary's from tonight until Saturday. The show, called "Celebrating Wendy," shows off the versatility of the actors and the depth and variation of Wasserstein's imagination through her plays.

Wasserstein's plays, all published together in 1999, ranged from a fantasy that included Wasserstein herself meeting her idol Bette Midler, to a little girl fighting with her father, to the re-writing of a famous Greek Tragedy. They spanned decades and portrayed many types of women and men in various scenarios.

The various plays used a very "RENT"-like set in which various props were used as other parts of the scenery, as well as a similar small cast of actors playing several parts instead of an actor for each individual part. Costumes were unique and sometimes very glitzy. The tongue-in-cheek jokes and subtle humor all reflect Wasserstein's sense of humor and sarcasm.

Full of song and dance, the cast and crew glides through the various plays

with style and wit. After Sullivan's opening speech, a very ruffled looking Wasserstein, played by Christina Kloess, rushes on stage to begin the show. She and Bette, played by Monica Mastracco, grace the stage in-between each play, with Bette breaking into song each time, sometimes with Wendy accompanying her. They are also joined, in two instances, by a chorus, once only three girls, and finally with the entire cast.

The one-acts begin then with "Boy meets Girl," narrated onstage by Bill Svelmoe and Lauren Mangiaforte. It tells the tale of two thirty-somethings, portrayed by Emily Rose Zandstra and Michael Girts, who become a couple. The sarcastic word play reflects the conflict between what the characters really feel and what they actually tell each other. It also relies on stereotypical statements and mockery of psychiatry and dating. By far the funniest character in this play is the Queen Leona Hamsley, played by Amanda Ann Goetz, who is the celebrant at the couple's wedding.

After another shot of Wendy and Bette's day together a young ballerina and her father, portrayed by Caroline Walker and Louis MacKenzie, duke it out in a stereotypical father-daughter fight of the 90's and eventually make up in "Tender Offer."

Bette and Wendy sing a beloved Disney song before the audience views a couple from a time when women riding bicycles was illegal. Byelinkov, portrayed by Michael Kramer, is an uptight

schoolteacher soon to be married to the flighty, flirty Varinka, played by Victoria Abram-Copenhaver. All the comedy in this skit derives from the obvious differences between them and their ways of dealing with these differences. His rigid nature conflicts with her carefree demeanor in several instances including the riding of a bicycle and the saying of the words, "I love you." Byelinkov supplies the most hilarity here by seeming utterly bewildered at everything Varinka says or does.

Next, a spunky, peppy work out girl, played by Amanda Ann Goetz, shows that there's more to her than what her students see during her class. Talking the whole time she's working out, sometimes to her students whom the audience never sees, her mood goes from light to serious in a few minutes and then she gets up and just keeps on going as if nothing is wrong.

After a short intermission Bette and Wendy buy some makeup and Emily Rose Zandstra and Michael Girts recite Shakespeare's Sonnet 94 in the opening of "Waiting for Philip Glass." Here the wealthy main characters trade insults in a scene that seems like "The O.C." meets "Sex and the City." A lot of gossip and stress contribute to the absurdity in this scene where Holden, played by Susan Baxter, meets up with her ex-husband, portrayed by Richard Baxter, and his new wife, Rina, played by Ayslinn E. McGovern, at a party she is throwing for Philip Glass, who is late. Everything from Spencer, played by Carline Walker, who has something to

say about everyone who comes in, to Holden's mini break down, fits in well with the wealthy, fake air the scene shows.

By far, the funniest scene in the production, "Medea" is re-written, and hilarity ensues. Medea, played by Kelly Lynn Plush, introduces herself and complains of the lack of women's roles before the scene even starts. Between her intentional over-acting, and a chorus, played by Victoria Abram-Copenhaver, Shawna Broughton, and Lauren Mangiaforte, who love to throw pop-culture references into their lines, the play was hysterical over all.

Overall, Wasserstein's one-acts are represented in a well-acted series of plays by a well-prepared group of actors. While the most obvious objective of the plays is humor, a serious side can also be seen in each of the characters, both male and female. Many of them struggle with depression and anxiety and, though psychiatry is mocked in several scenes, it also seems to be doing the characters some small amount of good.

Their lives are all affected by whatever it is they feel, and even Wasserstein's character experiences uncertainty and feelings of inferiority. Each actor seemed to get his or her character and showed that through their portrayals, which makes "Celebrating Wendy" a worthwhile show, and a strong homage to the late playwright's works.

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The uptight socialite Byelinkov (Michael Kramer) discusses his future marriage to the flirty and carefree Varinka (Victoria Abram-Copenhaver).



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Amanda Ann Goetz plays a spunky workout girl intent on proving there's more to her than meets the eye, addressing the audience as she does her routine.

NBA

Pierce, Szczerbak score 35 in Celtics victory over Bobcats



Boston guard Delonte West, left, is congratulated by teammate Wally Szczerbak after hitting the game-winning shot in overtime against Charlotte. Boston's 110-108 victory was its first of the year.

McGrady nets 32 as Rockets down Bucks

Associated Press

BOSTON — Delonte West made a jumper at the overtime buzzer, Paul Pierce and Wally Szczerbak each scored 35 points, and the Boston Celtics earned their first victory of the season by beating the Charlotte Bobcats 110-108 Wednesday night.

Ryan Gomes added his first career triple-double as the Celtics kept the Bobcats winless in Boston.

Pierce drove the lane with time winding down and kicked the ball to a wide-open West, who knocked down a 20-footer.

Brevin Knight, who finished with 22 points, missed a jumper with 7.6 seconds left in overtime for the Bobcats, who are 0-5 in Boston.

Gerald Wallace tied the game at 100 with 10.5 seconds left in regulation after Sean May's shot was blocked by Theo Ratliff and on his second rebound, Wallace laid it in.

Pierce's 18-foot jumper as regulation time expired clanked off the side of the rim.

Emeka Okafor continued his strong comeback after playing in only 26 games last season with 28 points and a career-high 18 rebounds.

Gomes had 10 points, 12 rebounds and a career-high 10 assists for the Celtics.

Boston overcame 25 turnovers to avoid starting the season 0-4 for the first time since 1969-70.

Pierce had a career-high 12 turnovers.

Szczerbak scored 20 points in the third quarter on 6-of-7 shooting, including four 3-pointers, as the Celtics outscored Charlotte 37-25 to take an 82-74 lead after three.

Othella Harrington's fallaway jumper capped a 13-5 run and tied the game for Charlotte at 87 with 5:16 remaining.

Boston trailed 24-17 after the first quarter while shooting 7-of-23 from the field with eight turnovers.

The last four games between the Celtics and Bobcats have been decided by three points or less.

West was 2-of-9 from the field before hitting the game-winner.

Nets 96, Jazz 89

Vince Carter scored 30 points and almost single-handedly held off Utah's fourth-quarter run, leading the New Jersey Nets to a victory on Wednesday night that knocked the Jazz from the unbeaten ranks.

Utah's first loss in five games left the New Orleans Hornets (4-0) as the NBA's only remaining undefeated team a little more than a week into the season.

Richard Jefferson added 23 points, Jason Kidd had 15 and Antoine Wright scored a career-high 15, including a clutch 3-pointer with 3:41 left in the final quarter after Utah had drawn within 85-84.

Carlos Boozer, the Western Conference player of the week, had 15 points for the Jazz, but he spent the fourth quarter on the

bench as Jazz coach Jerry Sloan used Matt Harpring and Paul Millsap up front along with Andrei Kirilenko and Mehmet Okur.

Derek Fisher also scored 15 and Williams had 10 of his 14 points in the final quarter to help the Jazz nearly fight back from a 10-point deficit.

However, they never got closer than a point as Carter, who strained a quad in the third quarter and was listed as questionable for the fourth, scored 13 of the Nets' final 20 points to prevent the Jazz from the third 5-0 start in their 32-year history.

Okur had nine of his 13 points in the final quarter. Kirilenko finished with six points on 2-of-10 shooting.

New Jersey, which led by as many as 14 points in the second half, had a 76-66 lead after Jefferson slammed home a dunk early in the fourth quarter.

Okur got the Jazz back in the game with five straight points and Utah kept inching closer the rest of the way.

Wizards 117, Pacers 91

Gilbert Arenas was scoring pretty much at will, helping the Washington Wizards take a 15-point halftime lead against the Indiana Pacers.

So, naturally, coach Eddie Jordan lit into the Wizards in the locker room, telling his players he didn't like what he was seeing.

They responded by picking up the intensity on defense while never losing a beat on offense, and Arenas finished with 40

points Wednesday night to lead Washington to a victory over Indiana, which played without injured All-Star Jermaine O'Neal.

"Coach said, 'We keep playing like this, it's going to go down to the wire. They're going to come back, and we're going to tank at home. So you have to come out and you have to shut that lane down and stop them from getting easy buckets,'" Arenas recounted.

With Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler, the Wizards don't need to worry about scoring. But Jordan's been talking for some time about the need to improve at the defensive end. After allowing Indiana to make 50 percent of its shots in the first half, Washington held the Pacers to 27 percent the rest of the way.

An early 12-0 spurt in the third quarter put Washington ahead 76-50.

"When you have a team on the ropes," Jamison said, "you have to find a way to put them down."

The Wizards' transition offense was in gear all night thanks to turnovers. Washington entered the game leading the NBA in forcing turnovers and Indiana gave up the ball 25 times, leading to 35 points.

Rockets 97, Bucks 93

Tracy McGrady scored 32 points and teamed with Yao Ming

to lead a big third-quarter spurt as the Houston Rockets beat the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday.

Yao added 23 for the Rockets before he and McGrady went cold down the stretch as the Bucks tried to make a comeback.

Michael Redd scored 34 for Milwaukee, topping the 30-point mark for the third time in five games. Redd and guard Charlie Bell helped the Bucks make a fourth-quarter comeback attempt that ultimately fell short.

Yao and McGrady combined to score all 17 points in Houston's 17-7 run at the beginning of the third quarter.

Yao hit three field goals before the Bucks scored a point in the second half, then McGrady answered a hook shot by the Bucks' Charlie Villanueva with a 3-pointer.

Later in the quarter, McGrady spun around and hit a jump shot to put the Rockets ahead 69-50 with 4:01 remaining. On the Rockets' next possession, McGrady came back and hit another jumper. The Rockets built a 76-58 lead to begin the fourth quarter.

With Milwaukee trailing 80-65 early in the fourth quarter, Bucks fans turned their attention to a hometown star — chanting to Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy to put rookie Steve Novak, a former Marquette player, in the game.



Rockets center Yao Ming commits an offensive foul against Bucks center Andrew Bogut in Houston's 97-93 win Wednesday.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Sharapova wins in straight sets

Kuznetsova and Hingis also advance in the WTA Championships

Associated Press

MADRID — Maria Sharapova beat two-time champion Kim Clijsters 6-4, 6-4 at the WTA Championships on Wednesday, moving a step closer to a spot in the semifinals.

In other matches, Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated fellow Russian Elena Dementieva 7-5, 6-3, and two-time winner Martina Hingis pulled out a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Nadia Petrova.

Hingis' victory means top-ranked Amelie Mauresmo will not finish the year as the No. 1 player in the world. That distinction will go to Sharapova or Justine Henin-Hardenne, depending on how they fare in this tournament.

Sharapova is 2-0 in the round-robin portion, Kuznetsova is 1-0 and Clijsters is 0-1. Also in the Red Group, the seventh-ranked Dementieva is 0-2, including Tuesday's loss to Sharapova, and has little chance of reaching the semifinals for the first time since 2000.

Kuznetsova can guarantee herself and Sharapova a place in the semifinals by beating Clijsters on Thursday.

In the Yellow Group, Hingis and Petrova are 1-1. Henin-Hardenne is 1-0, while Mauresmo is 0-1.

Sharapova, the U.S. Open champion, kept Clijsters deep behind the baseline and on the run throughout, hitting cross-court winners from both sides.

"I think the quality of my tennis today was quite high," Sharapova said after her 10th straight win. "I know that I've played a lot of matches and I feel good about my game."

After the 19-year-old Russian saved three break points in the fourth game of the second set, she took away the momentum from Clijsters and broke the frustrated Belgian in the next game.

Sharapova broke Clijsters again in the seventh game, but failed to hold for the first time in the match as Clijsters closed to 5-4.

Sharapova saved a double-break point in the 10th before her fifth ace clinched the win.

"I felt like I was moving really well and no matter how big and deep her shots were I still felt like I was in position for them. And that just comes from playing a lot of matches,"

Sharapova said.

Kuznetsova capitalized on Dementieva's erratic serve. Dementieva broke when trailing 5-3 before holding serve for the first time in four games. But Kuznetsova held and broke Dementieva for the third time to take the first set.

"I had a lot of chances that I didn't close out in the first set," Kuznetsova said. "I was losing my concentration, but that's normal after a long season."

Kuznetsova took control of the second set, breaking Dementieva with a forehand winner for a 2-0 lead. She held serve — saving four break points — and the match went to serve until a netted backhand by Dementieva sealed it.

"I'm looking forward to raising my game tomorrow, but today it was enough," Kuznetsova said.

Hingis stormed to a 4-1 lead in the first set against the fifth-ranked Petrova, who beat Mauresmo on Tuesday. Petrova broke Hingis twice en route to winning the second set.

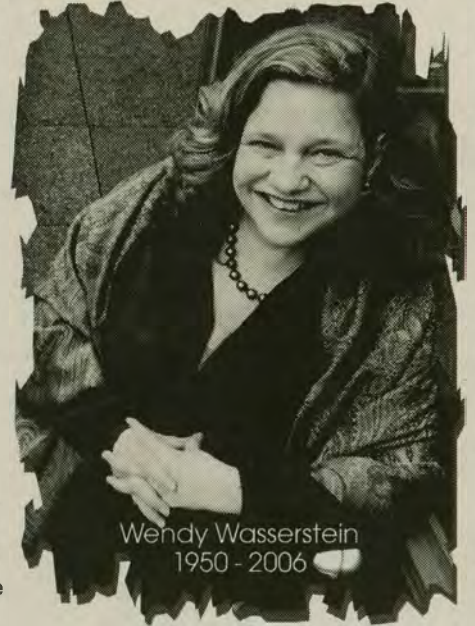
But 41 unforced errors cost the Russian. In the deciding set, Hingis broke in the sixth game and sealed the win with a forehand pass on her second match point.

"I wanted to come out here and at least win one after yesterday's loss, so I'm very happy," Hingis said.

"I think the quality of my tennis today was quite high."

Maria Sharapova
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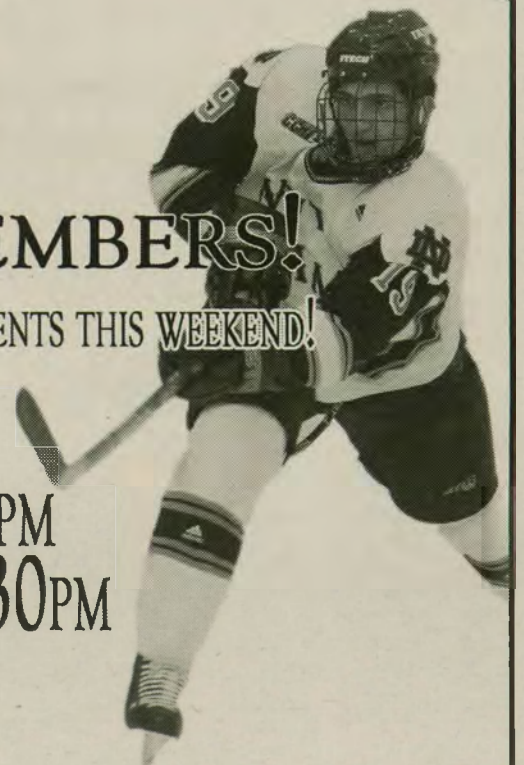
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Eastern Conference, Atlantic

team	record	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3-1	96.5	93.3
New Jersey	1-1	93.5	91.5
Toronto	1-2	98.3	99.0
New York	1-3	99.5	108.3
Boston	0-3	97.3	105.3

Eastern Conference, Central

team	record	PF	PA
Indiana	3-1	100.8	95.0
Milwaukee	2-2	96.5	101.8
Chicago	2-2	100.0	87.3
Detroit	2-2	98.5	95.5
Cleveland	2-2	92.0	92.8

Eastern Conference, Southeast

team	record	PF	PA
Atlanta	3-1	94.0	89.3
Miami	2-2	86.3	96.8
Orlando	2-2	100.0	99.3
Washington	1-2	107.0	106.7
Charlotte	1-2	91.3	96.7

Western Conference, Northwest

team	record	PF	PA
Utah	4-0	106.0	96.0
Portland	2-2	94.0	99.0
Minnesota	2-3	91.8	93.6
Seattle	1-3	105.5	104.8
Denver	0-2	102.0	104.0

Western Conference, Pacific

team	record	PF	PA
LA Lakers	4-1	107.6	104.2
LA Clippers	3-1	104.0	101.0
Sacramento	2-2	89.0	91.3
Golden State	2-3	96.4	101.2
Phoenix	1-3	107.5	110.0

Western Conference, Southwest

team	record	PF	PA
New Orleans	4-0	96.0	90.3
San Antonio	3-1	96.5	91.5
Houston	2-2	95.0	89.8
Memphis	1-3	95.0	95.5
Dallas	0-3	94.8	103.7

NCAA Women's Soccer

	team	record	prev.
1	Notre Dame	20-0-1	1
1	North Carolina	21-1-0	1
3	UCLA	17-3-0	3
4	Santa Clara	15-4-1	4
5	Florida State	14-3-4	6
6	Texas	17-3-2	9
7	Portland	14-3-2	5
8	Penn State	15-4-3	12
9	Oklahoma State	16-3-2	7
10	Wake Forest	15-5-1	18
11	Utah	15-4-1	10
12	Rutgers	15-3-3	20
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14	West Virginia	14-3-3	8
15	Illinois	14-7-0	17
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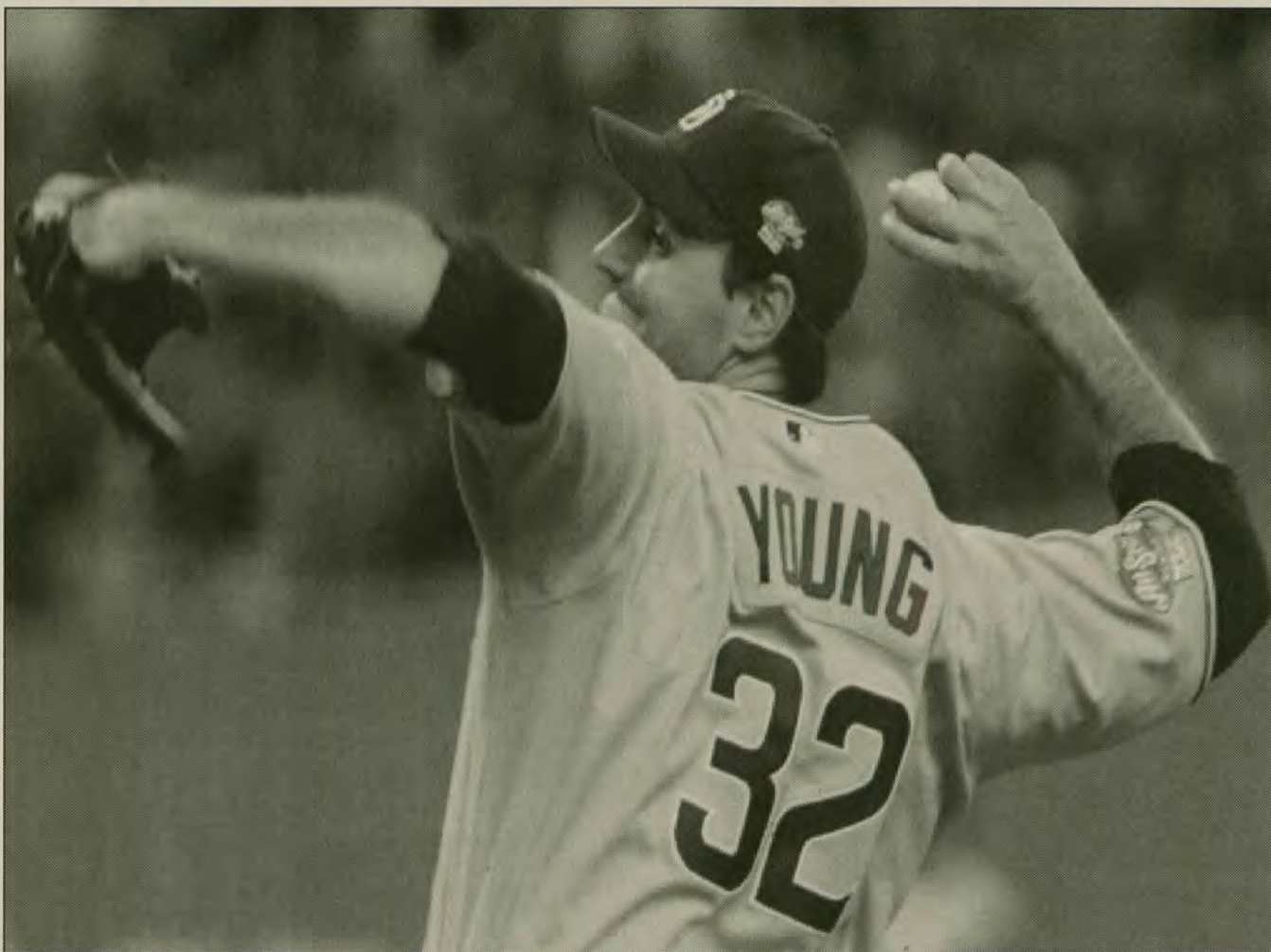
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8 p.m., TNT

Dallas at Phoenix
10:30 p.m., TNT

NCAA FOOTBALL
Louisville at Rutgers
7:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB



Padres pitcher Chris Young delivers a pitch during the Major League All-Star game with the Japanese All-Star team Tuesday. The Padres' new manager Bud Black was a pitching coach with the Los Angeles Angels.

Padres hire Angels' Black as manager

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Padres found their new manager just up the freeway.

Bud Black was hired Wednesday to replace Bruce Bochy, giving the Los Angeles Angels' pitching coach his first major league managing job — and drastically reducing his commute. Black lives in exclusive Rancho Santa Fe just north of San Diego.

"Good dude," Tony Gwynn said about his former teammate at San Diego State. "He's been in the game a long time and really warrants this opportunity. I think he'll do

well."

Black will be introduced at the Padres' awards banquet Thursday night, said a baseball official, speaking on condition of anonymity because an announcement hadn't been made.

Black was not available for comment and Padres executives didn't return calls.

The 49-year-old Black has been the Angels' pitching coach for the last seven seasons, including when they won the World Series in 2002. He pitched in the big leagues for 15 seasons, helping the Kansas City Royals win the

1985 World Series.

"I think that Buddy's baseball knowledge and ability to communicate have made him so coveted the past couple of years," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He not only has a great understanding of the pitching side, but a grasp of the fundamental side of baseball that every team needs to be successful. As an organization, you're always prepared to lose people, as we lost Joe Maddon last year to a managerial job (with Tampa Bay).

"Buddy has made some big footprints in this organization, and if he

gets the (San Diego) job, they would certainly be big shoes to fill."

Black was one of six candidates to interview with general manager Kevin Towers. Black got a second interview on Tuesday, with owner John Moores and CEO Sandy Alderson.

Dusty Baker, one of the leading candidates, said he was told Wednesday morning that he didn't get the job.

"Life's full of disappointments some time and you have to deal with them," said Baker, who formerly managed the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants.

IN BRIEF

North Texas parts ways with head football coach

DENTON — North Texas coach Darrell Dickey was fired Wednesday with the Mean Green already assured their second straight losing season since winning four Sun Belt Conference titles in a row.

Athletic director Rick Villarreal said Dickey, who has three years left on his contract, will not return in 2007. Dickey is expected to coach the final three games of the season for North Texas (2-7).

Dickey became coach in 1998, three years after North Texas moved up to NCAA Division I-A. He is 41-62 in his ninth season, with a 33-20 conference record.

"I have made an informed decision to seek new leadership for our football program," Villarreal said. "It's time for North Texas to seek a new head coach to lead our football program to a position of prominence in the Sun Belt Conference and to a more competitive position at the national level."

Brown comes to settlement with Knicks over release

NEW YORK — The New York Knicks will pay former coach Larry Brown \$18.5 million to settle a dispute over his firing in June, the NBA team's owner, Cablevision Systems Corp., said Wednesday.

The settlement was reached Oct. 30, but the Knicks were forbidden to release the amount that the team agreed to pay Brown. Cablevision, which owns the Knicks through its Madison Square Garden unit, disclosed the amount in its third-quarter report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Representatives for Brown and the Knicks testified before NBA commissioner David Stern for more than 15 hours over two days. A clause in Brown's contract made Stern the final arbiter in case of a dispute, but he got the sides to settle in a decision announced Oct. 30.

Stern prevented either side from discussing terms of the settlement.

United's Adu practices with Manchester United

WASHINGTON — Freddy Adu will get his long-awaited first taste of European club soccer when he practices with Manchester United for two weeks later this month.

D.C. United and MLS have given the teen star permission to join the famous English team starting Nov. 18, three days after he is expected to play in a U.S. Under-20 national team game against Guatemala in Florida.

D.C. United spokesman Doug Hicks said the practices with Manchester United will not be a tryout and that Adu's rights remain with MLS.

"This is a great opportunity for Freddy," Hicks said Wednesday. "We support his decision to seek additional training opportunities in the off-season."

Adu, who became the youngest player in MLS history three years ago when he was drafted at age 14, has often stated his desire to play for a European club.

NHL

LeCavalier lifts Lightning to overtime win at Penguins

Nils Ekman registers hat trick in close loss

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Vincent LeCavalier's goal 2:41 into overtime gave the Tampa Bay Lightning a 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night.

Nils Ekman had a natural hat trick, scoring three straight goals late in the second period for Pittsburgh. The Penguins have gained at least a point in seven of their last eight games.

LeCavalier had a breakaway on Marc-Andre Fleury after Martin St. Louis found him with a long pass from the Tampa Bay end to near the Pittsburgh blue line. It was the second assist of the game for St. Louis, who has a 10-game point streak.

Sidney Crosby and Sergei Gonchar each had two assists for the Penguins, who have lost

five in a row at Mellon Arena to the Lightning.

Ekman's goals came at 15:37, 18:19 and 19:47 of the second period against Tampa Bay goalie Johan Holmqvist.

The four minutes, 10 seconds between goals represented the shortest period of time for one player to score three goals in Penguins' history. The previous record was held by Lowell MacDonald, who had three in 4:17 of a 5-2 win against Minnesota on Nov. 13, 1973.

Dimitry Afanasev scored the game's first goal with 6:02 to play in the opening period when he deflected in a shot from the point by Nikita Alexeev from the right circle.

Brad Richards made it 2-0 Tampa Bay with a power-play goal, his fourth, midway through the second period. While standing in the right-wing corner, Richards attempted a centering pass to Alexeev that was blocked by the Penguins but bounced right

back to Richards near the goal mouth. He slammed it past goalie Marc-Andre Fleury.

Five and a half minutes later, Ekman's first goal made it a 2-1 game when he scored from the slot on a pass from Crosby, who had received the puck in the low right-wing circle during a delayed penalty from Gonchar.

Ekman's second came 2:42 later when he deflected in a Ryan Whitney shot from the point while standing to the right of Holmqvist while on the power play.

Rangers 4, Panthers 3

Michael Nylander scored the only goal in the shootout to lead the New York Rangers to a victory over Florida on Wednesday night.

Martin Straka added two power-play goals for the Rangers, who improved to 6-2 on the road this season. Blair Betts had the other New York goal. Henrik Lundqvist, returning in net for the Rangers after

being replaced by Kevin Weekes the last three games, made 37 saves before the shootout.

Ruslan Salei, Nathan Horton and Jay Bouwmeester scored for the Panthers, who trailed 2-0 midway through the second

period.

But the Panthers were stymied in the shootout by Lundqvist. He stopped Olli Jokinen, Horton and clinched the victory when he blocked Joe Nieuwendyk's backhand attempt on a deke.

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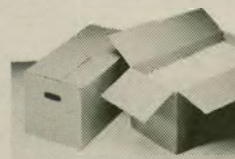
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Cardinals look to put dent in Knights' armor

8-0 Louisville takes on
8-0 Rutgers tonight

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY — Students camping out. Temporary bleachers to accommodate the overflow crowd. Tickets that usually sell for \$28, going for \$200 on eBay.

Rutgers football sure has come a long way in a short time.

No long ago it was hard to give away tickets to a Scarlet Knights game. Now, seats for Thursday night's battle of unbeaten between the No. 15 Scarlet Knights and No. 3 Louisville are so scarce that even Gov. Jon S. Corzine appealed to athletic director Robert Mulcahy for an extra pair.

"He said, 'I'm sending a check,'" Mulcahy said.

The game is being billed as the biggest ever played by the school that was part of the first college football game in 1869.

"I think it's a reaction that's in many ways almost an over-reaction," Mulcahy said. "They wanted this for so long, the minute they could taste something, it was, 'Boom.'"

It is an understatement to say even the most ardent Rutgers followers probably could not have envisioned this level of hysteria when head coach Greg Schiano took over in 2001 and proceeded to lose 34 of 46 games, including 17 consecutive in Big East play.

The former University of Miami defensive coordinator gradually built a winner out of a program with only three above .500 seasons since 1984. In 2005, Rutgers went to a bowl for the first time since 1978 and this year crashed the Top 25 for the first time in 30 years.

"When I would sit up here and start talking about how we're going to win this and we're going to build this, I'm sure people would think, 'What's this guy smoking today?'" Schiano said this week. "But the alternative is to sit there and say, 'Well, I don't know, we'll see.' So I think that kind of thinking is what carries you through the tough times, and it gives you a consistency that in the athletics world is hugely important."

Thursday's game will be the second in consecutive weeks that pits two undefeated Big East teams, after Louisville's 44-34 defeat of then-No. 3 West Virginia last Thursday. The win vaulted Louisville (-0) to third-place in the Bowl Championship Series standings, but detractors still question the conference's strength.

"What we feel is that we went out on the field and played great football," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "We've played everybody we went up against and did a nice job. Our players here listen and are certainly motivated. We probably need to get (ESPN analyst) Lee Corso to keep talking about us."

Louisville (8-0) has already entered uncharted territory with its highest ranking and spot in the thick of the national title race.

A win by Rutgers (8-0) would dash Louisville's title hopes and

move the Scarlet Knights into the national championship discussion.

While Louisville's win over West Virginia is viewed as a defining moment in the program's history, Rutgers is coming into the game off one of its worst performances of the season. The Scarlet Knights beat Connecticut 24-13 two Sundays ago with only one offensive touchdown.

Rutgers is 4-1 against Louisville, but the last meeting was a humiliating for the Knights.

The Cardinals won 56-5 in Louisville last year and held the Scarlet Knights to nine first downs.

"You pretty much use it as a positive," Rutgers defensive tackle Ramel Meekins said. "It's in the past and it happened. You take it and you run with it. You take the good and the bad, and you turn the bad into good and make the good even better."

The Louisville offense, aver-

aging 492 yards and 39 points per game, will be the toughest test of the season for a Rutgers' defense ranked No. 2 in the country and allowing nine points per game.

Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm has recovered from a thumb injury this season to

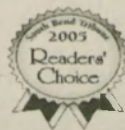
lead the Big East in passing and total offense. Schiano put him among the best he has coached against, a group that includes Michael Vick and Kerry Collins.

Rutgers counters with a rushing attack led by sophomore running back Ray Rice, the

nation's third-leading rusher with 1,203 yards who is recovered from an ankle sprain suffered against UConn. Despite losing featured back Michael Bush to a broken leg in the first game of the season, Louisville rushes for 203 yards per game, 10 more than Rutgers.

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Baltimore quarterback Steve McNair talks with coach Brian Billick and safety Ed Reed during the Ravens' 26-20 win over Cincinnati Sunday. AP

NFL

McNair returns to former home

Tennessee to face off against Baltimore

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NASHVILLE — Music City has seen this story many times before. A big, popular star nears the end of his run and isn't welcome anymore. Then there's the big comeback, the triumphant return.

Cue Steve McNair.

The quarterback Titans fans still believe was done wrong by his team in a painful and ugly separation is coming back to the town. He returns happy, a winner with his new team — the Baltimore Ravens — and in perfect position to take some revenge.

"A lot of people say, 'Well, maybe you've lost a step. Maybe you don't have it all anymore,'" McNair said Wednesday in a conference call.

"When a team is willing to bring you in and put you in as a starter, that lets you know they

see something left in you. All I've got to do right now is manage the game and put this team in position to win games week in, week out. I'm very flattered that they thought that of me."

Instead of being stuck with the young and struggling Titans (2-6), McNair is with the 6-2 Ravens atop the AFC North.

"It takes a little getting used to, but I obviously like him on my sideline rather than the other one," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "He's been a joy to be around and had a huge impact on our team."

It's not that McNair wasn't wanted after 11 seasons with the Titans' organization. But the Titans wouldn't pay the winningest quarterback in their history \$9 million for 2006, with a \$23.46 million salary cap hit. Not after draft-

ing his successor, Vince Young.

McNair said he knew that salary cap number made it impossible for him to stay with the franchise that drafted him No. 3 overall in 1995.

How Titans management handled those final weeks is a different matter.

A trainer met him in April and told him not to work out on their property. He filed a grievance through the NFL Players Association and won. The Titans let his agent talk with the Ravens during the NFL draft about a trade, but they

couldn't agree on a draft pick for compensation.

That left McNair, a 2003 NFL co-MVP and the Titans' first since Earl Campbell, in limbo for months until the trade on June 8, and forced to play catch-up after the trade.

The chance to play in another Super Bowl in Baltimore helped ease the disappointment, and McNair now says change can be good — sometimes.

"When one door (closes), another one opens. I'm just glad to get this opportunity to further my career," McNair said.

Billick doesn't see McNair harboring any ill will.

"He's had nothing but good things to say about the Titans, the organization and everyone there, both publicly and privately," Billick said.

The question is how will he be greeted Sunday? This game was the second-fastest sellout when single-game tickets went on sale in July. McNair isn't sure if he will hear boos, cheers or a mixture of both.

Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck predicts cheering, considering McNair was playing for Tennessee last season and the consensus among fans who are unhappy with how he was treated.

"Definitely, everybody's looking forward to Steve coming back," he said.

McNair earned his share of cheers in January 2000 for driving the Titans down the field before coming a yard short of possibly forcing the first overtime in Super Bowl history. He almost singlehandedly led them to 11 victories in 12 games and a second AFC championship appearance after a 1-4 start in 2002.

And it was McNair, limping with a cracked bone spur, who barely came up short in the playoffs at New England in January 2004 after being voted co-MVP of the league.

"Oh man, they're going to love him," Young said. "It's going to be way different than when T.O. went back to Philadelphia."

McNair said this will be another game. Cornerback Samari Rolle, who went through this reunion last year after being cut by the Titans and signing with Baltimore, doesn't agree.

"I think he's going to treat it like one of the biggest games of his career because of how he was handled and how much he meant to the organization," Rolle said. "I think it will definitely be emotional for him."

And a much better exit than McNair got in June.

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comment on the recruits until Wednesday because of NCAA regulations.

"Four great fits for us," Brey said of his recruits. "All kids that understand they gotta compete in the classroom, they'll compete on the basketball court. They all bring us something a little bit different to our basketball program."

Abromaitis is a 6-foot-7, 210-pound forward who Brey said already shows a strong ability scoring the basketball. He averaged 25.7 points, 10.9 rebounds and two assists as a junior at Farmington High School. He also added 58 blocks and was named first-team All State by the Hartford Courant and New Haven

Register.

Despite Abromaitis' strong numbers as a junior, Brey said he is still a few years away from developing into a Big East player.

"Abromaitis is a kid who I think could develop in time, maybe it's a little longer for him, he's got a young body," Brey said. "I just think he's gonna be a heck of a player because he can score the ball."

Nash is a 6-foot-7, 215-pound guard currently enrolled at Northfield Mount Hermon in Northfield, Mass. He graduated from Lawrence Woodmere Academy and is playing his fifth year in Massachusetts.

Nash averaged 17 points, 14

rebounds, five assists and three blocks per game as a senior in Long Island. Brey said Nash should be able to compete right away for Notre Dame and that the 6-foot-7 forward offers the Irish a longer guard than they've had recently.

"He's a strong defender and rebounder and a solid all-around player at both ends of the floor," Brey said. "His versatility will allow us to use him at a couple of different positions in the lineup."

The 6-foot-4, 193-pound Proffitt averaged 18.5 points and 7.5 assists as a junior at South Laurel High School, leading his team to a 28-6 overall record with a regional and district title. Brey

said it was Proffitt's leadership qualities that stood out the most.

"He comes from a winning high school program," Brey said. "What I like most about him is that he has been a player who has made big plays in big games. He has a winner's mentality."

Scott is a 6-foot-8, 205-pound forward who has been injured on and off for the last two seasons. He averaged 12 points and eight rebounds during the 2003-04 season, and has spent the last two years playing with the T-MAC All Stars.

"Nash and Scott give you two body types that we haven't had here a lot of," Brey said. "I think that helps us."

Notes:

♦ Brey addressed the current situation regarding team captains before practice Wednesday. The Irish coach, who usually names his captains before the first game of the season, is in no rush this year due to the team's chemistry.

"Given how this group is kind of developing before my very eyes, I've kind of just held off to evaluate it, and really haven't even put it to a vote yet," Brey said. "I may not even put it to a vote before the first game."

Brey said in the past he has held a team vote and required that players submit a short essay describing why they nominated a certain player for team captain. And while Brey has been pleased with the leadership of senior guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter, as well as junior forward Rob Kurz, he still wants to wait.

"I think I almost want this group to kind of be together longer and then we'll vote," Brey said. "And we may vote after the [preseason] NIT, and we may vote at Christmas. I'm just kind of reading it, just taking a little bit different tone with this group."

Nwankwo

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them it was a good thing for him."

Frank said Nwankwo's other top option was Florida, where the lineman's sister goes to school.

"It would have been kind of an easier choice for him to go to Florida," Frank said.

But Notre Dame's academic prestige, he said, helped nab the coveted Nwankwo.

"He moves very well for a guard," Frank said. "And he blocks very well in run-locking and pass blocking, which is something you don't often see."

"He's a very, very good athlete. A big man who can move very well."

Nwankwo's 40-yard dash time is listed at 5.20 seconds, and Frank said he is a light-footed lineman.

"It's important because Notre Dame had only one offensive line commitment," Frank said. "And I know they want at least four."

The only other Irish offensive line commitment for next year is 6-foot-5, 285-pound tackle Andrew Nuss of Ashburn, Va. (Stone Bridge High School).

Wide receiver Aurelius Benn of Washington, D.C. (Dunbar High School) and linebacker Greg Little of Durham, N.C. (Hillside High School) are both expected to announce their decisions today.

Frank said he expected Little to commit to Notre Dame but Benn to go elsewhere.

Other than Notre Dame, Benn is interested in Illinois, Maryland and Florida State, with Ron Zook's Illini considered most likely to land the nation's top wide out recruit.

"You'll see guys starting to trickle in now, I think," Frank said.



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Irish guard Colin Falls, right, defends Bellarmine guard Matt Otte during Notre Dame's 85-57 victory Monday at the Joyce Center.

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"Their talent, effort and leadership have made a huge impact on our volleyball program and really helped to bring our program up to the next level," she said.

Cusack was honored as the MIAA defensive player of the year, while also being named was named to the league's first team. As the Saint Mary's libero, Cusack posted 472 total digs — 7.04 per game against

The senior also ranked 10th in the league in services with 0.42 aces per game. Cusack spent all season among the top-50 in the nation in digs. Playko also finished with honors. She was named to the All-MIAA second team for the second time in her career. She received first team honors in 2003. This season, Playko ranked fourth in the league in kills with 3.85 kills per game and eighth in digs at 4.82 per game.

Carpenter received an all-

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Julie Schroeder-Biek Belles coach

Another award winner was one of Saint Mary's outstanding freshmen, outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski, who took home the league's Freshman of the Year honors.

coach Slupczynski had a strong rookie season, averaging 3.00 kills and 3.72 digs a game in MIAA matches. She posted 10 double-figure kill efforts and 14 double-figure dig efforts in 18

Slupczynski also had eight double-doubles during the league season. Slupczynski and Cusack's honors marked the first time in Saint Mary's history that a Belle was recognized with an MIAA player of the year award. Setter Amanda David also received an honorable mention from MIAA coaches.

As for next year, the Belles will build on the successes that they experienced this year.

"We have a fantastic group of experienced and talented players returning," Schroeder-Biek said. "These players will

Sophomore middle blocker Kaela Hellmann, the Belles' leader in blocks with 0.8 per game, said she will miss this year's graduating veterans.

"Next year, I'm looking forward [to] improving on the respect we have earned this season [with] our finish in the conference," she said. "The seniors this year were great leaders and communicators on the team. They have helped me personally grow up throughout my college experience with volleyball and school."

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Before coming to Notre Dame in 2005, Kubinski, 36, spent a year-and-a-half as an assistant coach for the Duke men's and women's teams. There, he worked under Duke Golf Club general manager Ed Ibarguen, also a top-100 teacher.

Kubinski also attributes much of his success to the opportunity to work for two Hall of Fame coaches, Duke men's coach Rod Myers and women's coach Dan Brooks. Myers and Brooks have won a combined four NCAA national championships.

"Each of those men were outstanding mentors and influenced my teaching tremendously," Kubinski said. "Working with each of them, I picked up things that I incorporated into my own teaching style."

In his first two full seasons at Notre Dame, Kubinski has led the Irish to consecutive Big East Conference titles and NCAA regional berths. He has also amassed three tournament victories, 10 top-five finishes and 12 wins over top-25 opponents during his short tenure. Under Kubinski's guidance, Notre Dame set a school record last season with a 292.97 stroke average.

Senior co-captain Cole Isban calls Kubinski's approach to practicing one of the coach's best assets.

"He has done a lot of great things for us on a mental scale," Isban said. "The ideas and drills used in practice have definitely improved since he got here."

Isban also noted that Kubinski has worked hard to improve the swings of several of the freshmen on this year's team.

The GOLF Magazine Top 100 selections will be announced later this month. Many of the instructors on the list are mainstays, which makes it difficult for new teachers to crack the list.

Kubinski is happy that the list sends a positive message to coaches around the country.

"Regardless of how the final voting comes out, I think the fact that we're talking about teaching is exciting," Kubinski said. "Too many times, coaches focus on wins and losses and scheduling and recruiting and so many other things. It's nice to have this time to reflect on what our real mission is. We're here to help our players improve on and off the course."

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Commit

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The three rookies that will join the Notre Dame squad next season are Devereaux Peters, a 6-2 forward from Fenwick High School in Chicago, Becca Bruszewski, a 6-1 forward from Wheeler High School in Valparaiso, Ind., and Brittany Mallory, a 5-10 guard from the McDonogh School in Baltimore, Md.

"We are thrilled with this class," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said at her press conference Wednesday. "I think we're really securing our future. We're doing a really good job on the recruiting front."

Peters, a consensus top-35 recruit, is the most highly touted commit of this year's class.

A Street & Smith's honorable mention All-American in each of the past three seasons, she has averaged 11.3 points per game in her three-plus seasons with the Friars, including 12.9 points a game last season.

Last year, Peters also averaged a team-best 7.7 rebounds a game and recorded a .605 field goal percentage while helping lead Fenwick to a 32-2 record and a top-20 national ranking.

"I think the biggest thing we thought we needed was a really big, athletic post who could rebound, defend and score, and I think we got that in Devereaux Peters," McGraw said. "She's going to be able to

score in a lot of ways. She fits really well into the offense we're running right now.

"I think her versatility and her athletic ability are exactly what we needed."

Of the three, McGraw said Peters had the best chance of contributing the most in her freshman season.

"With Crystal [Erwin] graduating and the spot opening up inside, I think the way she plays, being able to play inside a lot more [will help her]," she said. "But

I think they're all going to play. It's just a question of how quickly they can acclimate themselves to the college game."

Bruszewski, McGraw said, will also likely be able to con-

tribute in the post next season. Bruszewski has averaged 18.3 points, 9.7 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game in her career at Wheeler High. She is the first player in school history to average a double-double for an entire season, a feat that she has accomplished in each of the past two seasons.

Last season, she averaged 22.5 points and 10.1 rebounds, and she recorded three triple-doubles.

Bruszewski was a consensus top-100 player, and she was ranked No. 44 in the nation by Dan Olson Collegiate Girls Basketball Report.

"The thing that Becca [Bruszewski] gives us is she is one tough kid," McGraw said. "She is competitive, [and]

she brings the attitude that Crystal has and the intimidating presence that we need. [She is] the kind of player who is going to go toe-to-toe and not back down from anyone."

McGraw said Bruszewski showed her tenacity on the volleyball court, where she has also shone.

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

"I think she broke somebody's nose in volleyball last year with a spike, and it didn't really bother her much," McGraw said.

Bruszewski's commitment was influenced at least in part by current Notre Dame freshman Melissa Lechlitner, who played with Bruszewski on the Indiana Elite AAU

team. "When I saw Becca play with Lechlitner, I immediately asked her what she thought of her, and she was very high on her," McGraw said.

Mallory will round out the Irish recruit class this season. In her career at McDonogh, she has averaged 19.6 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. Ranked 96th by Blue Star Basketball, Mallory has been named to the Interscholastic Athletic Association of Maryland (IAAM) All-Star team in both basketball and lacrosse in each of the past two seasons.

"Brittany Mallory [is] a very complete offensive player," McGraw said. "She's someone who can score, she can pass, she can handle the ball, [and] she is a great shooter. She really is going to be tremendous in our offense."

In combining this year's recruits with the current freshman class that was ranked 21st last season, McGraw is confident with Notre Dame's prospects for the next several seasons.

"When you look at our freshman class now and add these three to it, I think there's great things in the future," she said.

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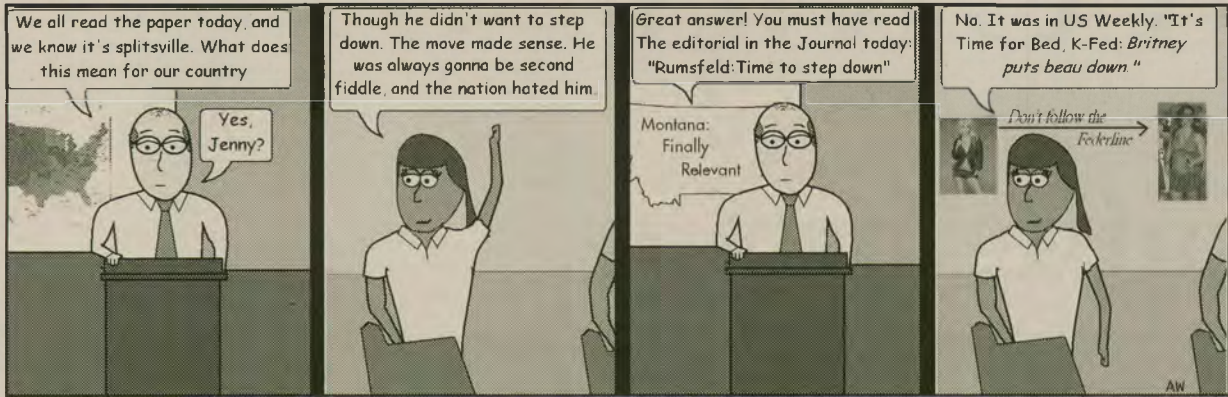
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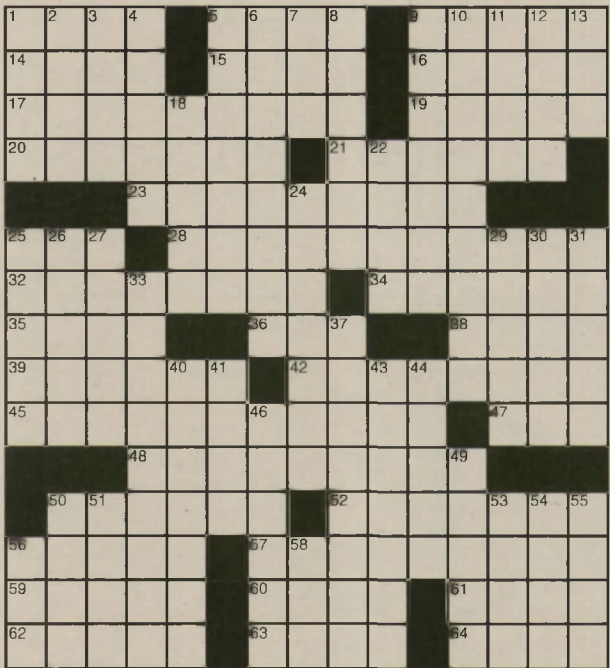
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Socialize but don't take what others say to you as law. Exaggeration can be expected and emotional measures used to lead you in a direction you probably shouldn't go. A different lifestyle may be good for someone else but, for now, stick to what you know. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone you depend on or are close to will not agree with what you want to do today. Financial matters must be addressed. Talk to whoever is opposing you. 2 stars

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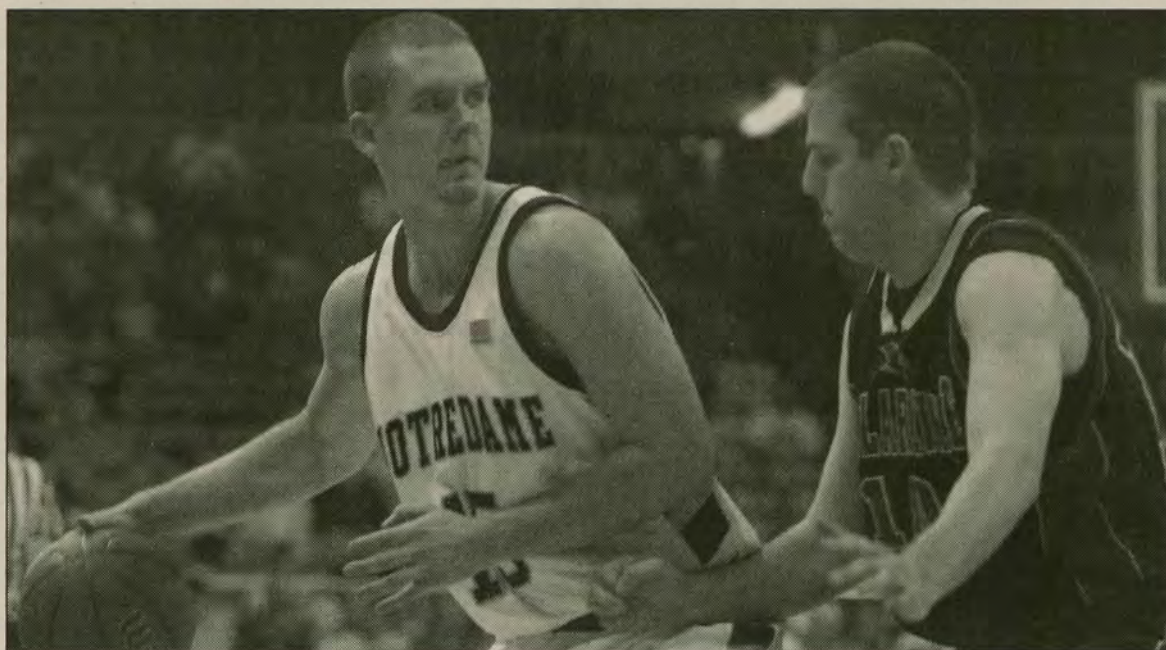
Men's squad brings in four young players

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey announced Wednesday four high school seniors — Tim Abromaitis (Farmington, Conn.), Tyrone Nash (Queens, N.Y.), Ty Proffitt (London, Ky.) and Carleton Scott (San Antonio, Tex.) — signed national letters of intent to play for the Irish beginning next fall.

The four had previously given verbal commitments, but Brey's press conference made it official on the first day of the national signing period. The Irish coach was not allowed to

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish guard Colin Falls, left, dribbles around Bellarmine defender Matt Otte during Notre Dame's 85-57 win over the Knights Monday.

Three top-tier recruits ink letters of intent

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has locked up the No. 11 recruiting class in the country, according to Blue Star Basketball, securing letters of intent from three top-tier prospects.

All three Irish commits are ranked in the top-100, and all signed Wednesday at the start of the early signing period. This is the 11th straight year that the Irish have signed a top-25 recruiting class, matched only by two other programs, Connecticut and Tennessee — which signed this year's top class, according to

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's ends one of its best seasons in recent years

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's had one of its best seasons in history.

The Belles finished with a record of 17-10 overall and 9-7 in the MIAA, after their season ended Friday with a 3-0 loss to No. 12 Calvin.

This fall, they came out of the gate quickly, winning nine of their first 10 games and hosting their first postseason game since 1999.

Saint Mary's won that Oct. 31 game 3-2 against Alma — its first MIAA tournament win since the last time it hosted — but went on to lose to No. 12 Calvin College in the next

round.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said team chemistry contributed to the squad's success.

"I don't believe that I have ever had a team that, from starter to non-starter, supported each other so fully," she said. "They enjoyed each other and it showed on the

court, on the bench, on the bus, at team meals, in practices — it was a great dynamic."

Schroeder-Biek said she was pleased by how the season turned out.

"It was very satisfying to accomplish our goal to host the first round of the MIAA tournament and, for the first

time since 1999, advance to the semi-final round."

Another big reason for the Belles' success was their captains — seniors outside hitter Kristen Playko, libero Anne Cusack and outside hitter Ann Carpenter.

Schroeder-Biek had nothing

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Irish lock up second offensive line commit

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Two top recruiting battles will be decided today, but Notre Dame got good news early in the commitment of an athletic guard.

The Irish secured their 10th verbal commitment — and second among offensive linemen — Tuesday for the class of 2011.

Emeka Nwankwo (pronounced wank-



Photo courtesy scout.com

Nwankwo

wo) of Hollywood, Fla., called Irish coach Charlie Weis to inform him of his decision.

Nwankwo is a 6-foot-5, 280-pound guard who also plays defensive line for his Chaminade Madonna College Prep team.

Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, said Nwankwo's commitment was not a surprise.

"I think Emeka always liked Notre Dame," Frank said. "I think the big problem was convincing his parents that he should be that far away from home. It just took a little while for him to convince

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MEN'S GOLF

Coach earns teaching honor



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish junior Mike King tees off at the Fighting Irish Grldiron Classic on Oct. 10. Notre Dame placed second.

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Irish coach Jim Kubinski has been nominated for GOLF Magazine's 2007 "100 Greatest Teachers" list, compiled annually to honor the best instructors in the game. Kubinski is one of "between four and five hundred" PGA professionals selected as nominees.

Kubinski, who last week received a letter notifying him of his nomination, said he did not promote his own case for this honor but was very happy to learn he had been selected.

"I was pretty surprised by it actually," Kubinski said. "It is a neat honor to be mentioned with the best teachers in the country."

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Steve McNair returns to his old stomping grounds Sunday as the Ravens take on the Titans.

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Michael Nylander scores the shootout goal to lead the Rangers over the Panthers.

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Delonte West's buzzer beater in overtime gives the Celtics their first win of the year.

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NBA

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Tracy McGrady scores 32 and Yao Ming adds 23 in the Rockets' victory.

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