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NBC competition finalists selected

Three student scripts given permission to shoot commercials; public will decide winner

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Drawing from a pool of 37 submissions, the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department chose three scripts as finalists in NBC's Notre Dame football commercial contest.

Senior James Geyer, sophomores Cristina Bufalino, Maria Bufalino and Mandy Miller, and juniors Meghan Hartmann and Elizabeth Meaney will now begin production on their 30-second spots.

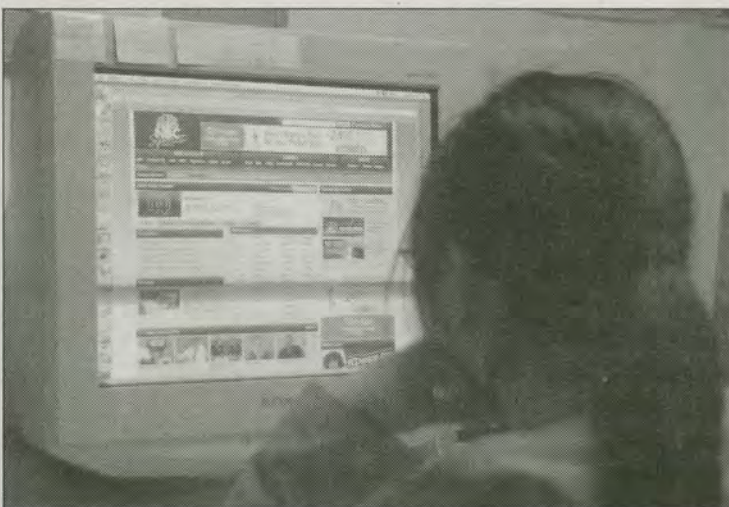
Karen Heisler, the supervisor of the FTT internship program, was one of the faculty

members who reviewed the submitted scripts.

Heisler said three FTT faculty members reviewed each script and chose 10 of the 37, with some members' choices overlapping. The group re-examined those scripts, narrowed the field to three and then selected the finalists.

Heisler said the judges looked for creativity, originality and production feasibility. It was also important that each script reflect NBC's main goal of showing what Notre Dame football means to students, she said.

"We were pleased with both the number of entries and the



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

A student looks at an NBC Sports site, where people will soon be able to vote for their favorite student-created football commercial.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group approves letters

Senators want clocks in every classroom

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate decided unanimously Wednesday to send two letters — one in support of restructuring the Peace Studies minor curriculum and one to gauge the Faculty Senate's thoughts about installing clocks in all campus classrooms.

Karen Koski, the chair of the Social Concerns committee, presented the letter in support of incorporating a "global track" into the undergraduate Peace Studies minor.

The Social Concerns committee was approached last year about sending a letter in support of an effort by Professor Jaleh Dashti-Gibson to add a Global Studies concentration to the Peace Studies minor, Koski said. Dashti-Gibson is the director of academic programs at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

In the letter addressed to the director of undergraduate studies, the Student Senate supports Dashti-Gibson's initiative.

"Every student, school

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GuluWalk to raise money for Ugandans

Notre Dame senior organizes annual event to increase awareness of children's plight



Observer file photo

GuluWalk participants walk around Notre Dame in 2005 to raise money for and awareness of the humanitarian crisis in Uganda.

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

On Sunday afternoon, most members of the Notre Dame community will be recovering from Saturday's home football game, but senior Joel Steiner hopes people will take a few hours to participate in the GuluWalk, an event that raises money for children in northern Uganda.

Steiner is organizing GuluWalk South Bend, an annual event started in the area in 2003 by then-Notre Dame students Peter

Quaranto and Michael Poffenberger.

Steiner met Quaranto and Poffenberger, now graduates of the University, through his work in Uganda, where he spent part of last year.

Steiner is now an active member of the Notre Dame branch of Resolve Uganda, a Washington, D.C.-based northern Uganda advocacy group.

Steiner said he hopes to draw all types of community members to the walk Sunday.

"It should be an event for

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Stressed students seek services

Health Services, Counseling Center see signs of academic anxiety

By KATE MCCLELLAND
News Writer

As midterm week approaches, many students are mentally preparing themselves for all-nighters at the library, coffee breaks at midnight, sleep deprivation and heavy stress.

But for some students, the levels of anxiety can become a chronic medical concern.

Last year, 27 percent of students (957 undergraduates in total) who sought counseling at the University Counseling Center were treated for anxiety — one of the main symptoms of chronic stress.

"Students at Notre Dame have extremely high expectations for themselves, which can cause an extraordinary amount of stress,"

said Dr. Wendy Settle, a staff psychologist and coordinator for outreach and consultation at the Counseling Center. "I think that unfortunately our environment tends to promote perfectionism and piling on the assignments and the committees along with an attitude of 'sucking it up.'"

"Because Notre Dame students are intelligent, they tend to appear as if they are functioning much longer before they finally fall apart."

Often, Settle said, students deny the effects of stress by trying to cope using "solutions" such as adopting perfectionist attitudes, over committing their schedules, bingeing and purging, drinking alcohol or caffeine too much or too often, becoming overly angry or irritable or being unassertive.

"I see many students who think they are sailing right along doing fine until the symptoms of anxiety or depression begin to creep up out of the blue," Settle said. "Notre Dame students are becoming more aware of attending to their own mind-body health, and are showing greater interest in learning how to prevent and manage stress."

For students dealing with stress-related illnesses, there are now more opportunities than ever to learn effective techniques for dealing with what can feel like overwhelming stress.

The Counseling Center and its staff of psychologists and psychiatrists provide individual and group counseling for students that may be suffering from

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Web sites explore South Bend scene

Nightlife, restaurant reviews posted on pages

By SARAH MAYER

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students may venture off campus more often to explore South Bend after two new Web sites — soBendt.com and inthebend.com — were launched earlier this year to shine a spotlight on the city's cultural events and attractions.

While both Web sites promote South Bend's cultural life to college-age students, they do it differently, catering

to different types of users.

Whitney Levett, the creator of soBendt.com, said his Web site is geared toward college students and young adults and is therefore focused on the city's nightlife, especially the bar and restaurant scene.

"I targeted the demographic of 18-34 year-olds, or as I call it, generation Y," Levett said.

Set against a black background with neon signs, soBendt.com features different sections that directly aim at students, including "Bendtpix," a page where users can upload and post pictures of popular bars and clubs during their busiest

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ticked off about a bike

On Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, between 8 and 9 p.m. United States Eastern Standard Time, my bicycle was stolen from the row of bike rails northeast of South Dining Hall. I'm really, truly ticked off about it.

It's not usually a good idea for "being ticked off" to be one's direct and only motivation, although it can be a great primary motivation as long as it leads to other, nobler rationales.

For example, when women didn't have the right to vote in the United Kingdom around the turn of the century, many intellectuals were ticked off about this and were able to translate their frustration into a rational examination of the sources of the problem. Then there was Emily Wilding Davison, who was also ticked off about this. In protest, she went on to step in front of the King's horse and die from trampling-induced injuries.

Clearly, if being ticked off is your sole, direct motivation, bad things can happen. However, this sort of rationalizing doesn't make me any less ticked off that someone stole my bicycle.

It doesn't have anything to do with the bike itself, which was a piece of junk. If the goodness of bicycle seats were ever subject to a rigorous quantitative analysis, then mine would have been only 1-2 percent better than having no seat at all. And, as far as thefts rank, I understand that a Notre Dame student losing \$50 worth of bicycle isn't exactly the greatest of injustices.

But someone took the 5-10 seconds necessary to break my \$3 bike lock, and the football team is 1-5, and both of these facts continue to piss me off.

All I know is that, when I reported my bike as stolen to the Notre Dame Security/Police, the officer was friendly enough to recommend that I "check the Gug." And, a few days ago, a football player was overheard claiming that he finally purchased a bike, because the ones he stole were always too small for him. And one of Delaware's new defensive lineman liked to ride a baby blue girl's Roadmaster. And nobody on campus jokes about the soccer team stealing bikes.

I don't want to be Notre Dame's Emily Wilding Davison, blindly jumping in front of the 300-pound D-1 athlete version of King George V mounted on my Mt. Fury horse, consequences be damned. So I'll work on not being pissed off, now that they may have finally started working on playing football.

The bike is a red and silver Mt. Fury Roadmaster, 15 speeds, serial number SNFSD07F42508.

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

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Joey King

*Viewpoint
Editor*

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU DO TO CONSERVE ENERGY?



Maggie Wickett
*senior
off campus*

*"I carpool with
a little Indian
girl."*



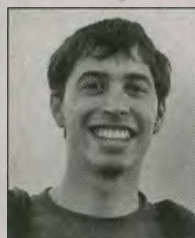
Sheila Mamandur
*senior
off campus*

*"I like to
emulate the
European
lifestyle ... and
I'm a little
Indian girl."*



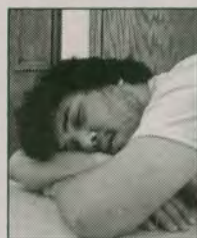
Ellen Fitzsimmons
*senior
off campus*

*"I eat
candlelight
dinners with a
little Indian
girl."*



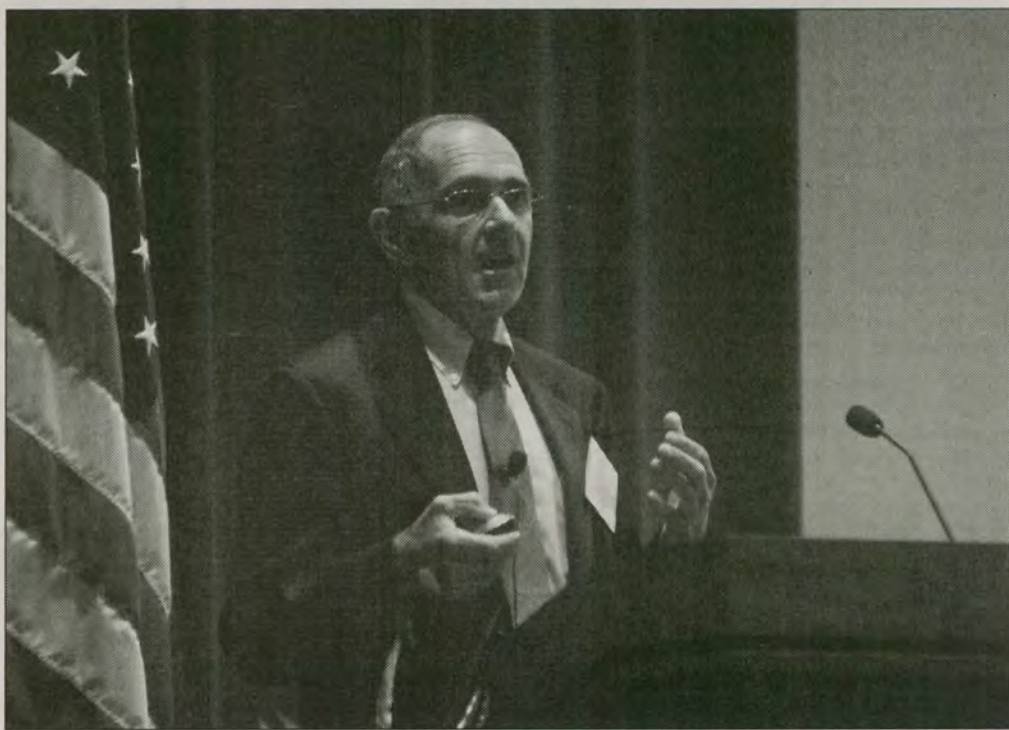
Jeff Lakusta
*sophomore
Fisher*

*"I turn the
lights off when I
leave my room."*



Paul Macias
*junior
St. Edward's*

"I sleep."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Michael Mudd, the chief executive officer at FutureGen Alliance, speaks in McKenna Hall's auditorium Wednesday as part of Notre Dame's campuswide Energy Week.

OFFBEAT

Police find man asleep at the wheel

RICHFIELD, Minn. — Police say a 26-year-old St. Louis Park man was asleep at the wheel of his pickup as it drove down the street before dawn on Sunday. He didn't wake when the truck crossed the centerline, or when an officer ran up and jumped on the running board, reached inside and put the truck in neutral.

The criminal complaint said Pedro Fernando Brito, 26, was undisturbed when the officer stopped the truck and pulled out the keys.

Then the officer got his attention. "Police had to

shake the defendant's shoulder and yell at him to wake him up," the complaint said.

"This is a weird one. Strange," Richfield police Lt. Todd Sandel said. "He was out to the world, behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. We were lucky it was 3:30 a.m."

Man finds intruder napping in his bed

ELKTON, Md. — Maybe this intruder should have had a good night's sleep. Police say a man returned to his apartment last week to find an intruder napping in his bed. The accused burglar, Mark William, didn't wake up until police placed handcuffs

on him while he was snoozing.

Police say the victim came home at 8 a.m. on Oct. 2 to find William asleep in his bed. He called police.

Authorities say William, who goes by the nickname "Weasel," jammed a chair to the back entrance of the apartment before bedding down. He was charged with burglary, theft and malicious destruction of property. William also faces drug charges after police found a small package of suspected crack cocaine in his pocket.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The 5 Browns will perform in concert tonight at 7:30 in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$15. The five siblings are Juilliard-trained concert pianists who perform individually, together and in different combinations.

The Mendoza College of Business' Boardroom Insights Lecture Series will feature Nick Shepherd, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Blockbuster, Inc. Friday from 10:40 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

The football Pep Rally will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Students with ID may enter from 5:15-5:45 p.m. through Gate 11; the general public can enter at 5:45 p.m. through Gate 8 (if tickets are available).

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face Georgetown Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca will give a free performance Friday at 9 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies' conference, "Race and Immigration in the New Ireland," opens with a keynote address by Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, in Washington Hall Sunday at 7:15 p.m.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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Professor researches modified corn

Special to The Observer

Since its introduction in the mid-1990s, "Bt corn," which is genetically modified to resist damage by insect pests, has been boosting agricultural production throughout the United States and the world. However, could this agricultural boon be an environmental bust?

That is the question posed in a new paper by a team of researchers including Notre Dame biologist Jennifer Tank. In the paper, Tank and her colleagues suggest that corn byproducts, such as pollen and crop detritus left behind after harvest, enter headwater systems draining agricultural crops and are subject to storage, consumption and transport to downstream water bodies.

Transgenic maize (corn) has been genetically engineering to produce its own insecticide, the *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) delta endotoxin. The Bt toxin is poisonous to insect pests, most notably the European corn borer. One European corn borer per stalk across an entire field can reduce corn yield by an estimated five percent in first generation and two-and-a-half percent in subsequent generations.

"As part of the licensing

process for transgenic crops, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was responsible for testing and identifying potential environmental consequences from the planting of Bt corn," Tank said. "The EPA concluded that transgenic corn posed no threat to aquatic ecosystems. We thought that more in-depth studies were needed to investigate the potential of Bt corn to influence aquatic ecosystems, given that small headwater streams frequently drain agricultural fields, especially in the Midwest."

Using field measurements obtained from streams draining farm fields in central Indiana, Tank and her fellow researchers showed that transgenic material from corn, such as pollen,

leaves and cobs, do, in fact, enter streams in the agricultural Midwest.

Further laboratory feeding trials showed that these materials, when consumed by aquatic insects, such as stream caddisflies, close genetic relatives of the European corn borer, can cause reduced growth and possible increased mortality.

"Our results suggest that the transgenic toxin in Bt corn pollen and detritus can affect species of insects outside the targeted pest," Tank said.

Caddisflies (and other aquatic insects) are important members of a stream ecosystem. They assist in the breakdown of organic matter and serve as a food resource for higher organisms, such as fish, birds and amphibians. In a larger context, aquatic insects are an important and necessary component to healthy, sustainable freshwater ecosystems. Widespread planting of Bt crops may have unexpected and unintended ecosystem-scale consequences in aquatic ecosystems located in close proximity to agricultural fields planted with genetically modified crops.

"Our results suggest that there is the potential for effects in downstream water bodies, such as lakes and large rivers, because the transgenic materials that enter streams are stored and processed during baseflow, but may be exported during floods," Tank said. "However, the ultimate fate of the materials is unknown and this is an important area for future study."

The researchers stress that their research should not be viewed as an indictment of farmers.

"We do not imply that farmers are somehow to blame for either planting transgenic [Bt] corn, nor are they responsible for any unintended ecological consequences from Bt corn byproducts," Tank said. "Farmers are, to a large extent, trapped in an agro-industrial system that, in order to stay competitive and profitable requires that they use the latest technological advances."

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Jennifer Tank
professor
Department of Biological Sciences

MBA program ranks fifth for stewardship

Special to The Observer

The master of business administration [MBA] program in the Mendoza College of Business is ranked No. 5 worldwide in the Aspen Institute's new "Beyond Grey Pinstripes" survey.

The biennial survey, released today, rates the top 30 business schools from among 600 full-time MBA programs. The ranking is based on how effectively the program and faculty prepare students in business issues related to social and environmental stewardship.

"Business is probably the most powerful force in shaping the opportunities and quality of life in a society," said Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the College. "Our mission is not just to prepare students to succeed, but to succeed in the right way, to contribute to the common good as we keep faith with our founding mission."

Notre Dame's MBA program, which also earned a fifth-place ranking in the Aspen Institute's 2005 survey, was cited for the pervasiveness of social, ethical and environmental issues included throughout the program, beginning at orientation and continuing through the core curriculum, elective courses and ongoing activities.

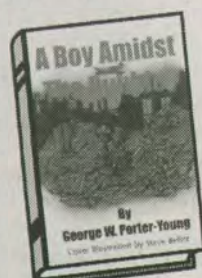
"In the 'Beyond Grey Pinstripes' survey, success is measured not by how much new MBA graduates earn or how many offers they get," said Judith Samuelson, executive director of the Aspen Institute Business and Society Program, "but by how well prepared they are to guide a company through the complex relationship of business and society, where issues relating to the environment or the well-being of a community can impact a company's performance and reputation."

"Our mission is not just to prepare students to succeed, but to succeed in the right way, to contribute to the common good as we keep faith with our founding mission."

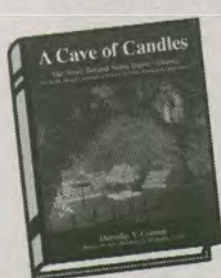
Carolyn Woo
Dean
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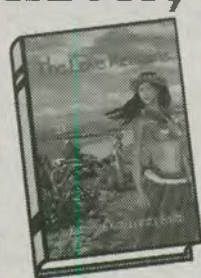
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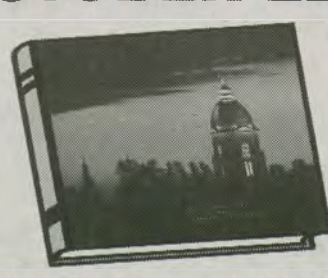
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"A Boy Amidst The Rubble"



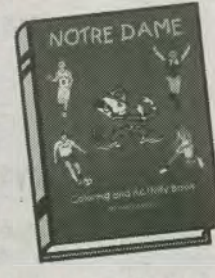
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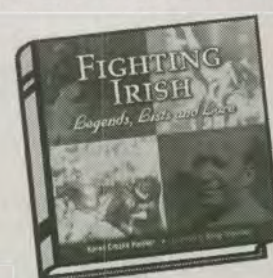
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Katherine Kana'ema'e Smith
"The Love Remains"



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Matt Cashore and Kerry Temple
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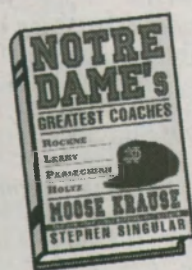


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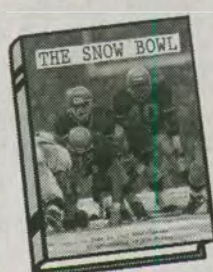


3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Karen Heisler
"Fighting Irish: Legends, Lists and Lore"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13



9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Ara Parseghian
"Notre Dame's Greatest Coaches"
Benefit for the Nieman Pic Foundation.
No additional memorabilia will be signed.



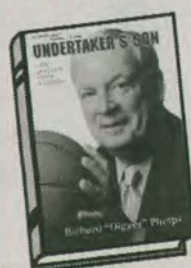
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Paul Kostolansky
"The Snow Bowl"



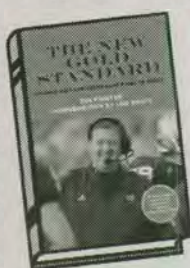
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Connie McNamara
"Go Irish"



11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Ralph McInerney
"Irish Alibi"



11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Digger Phelps
"Undertaker's Son"



11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Tim Prister
"The New Gold Standard"



11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Rosemary Mills-Russell '80, Tara Kenney '82, Kelley Tuthill '96, and Mary Davey Bliley '72
"Thanking Father Ted"



12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Gerry Faust
"Tales From the Notre Dame Sideline"

NBC

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quality of the scripts," she said. "There were many creative and clever scripts we could not select because the production requirements of those scripts were either too complicated or too unrealistic."

The three finalists have until Nov. 1 to shoot and edit their spots. They are permitted to use FTT equipment, but they must complete all other production elements by themselves.

Cristina Bufalino said the most challenging part of the project for her group has been organizing all the individual elements needed for production.

Her group's commercial will show the life of a student on game day from the student's perspective.

"We wanted to consider and capture a student's experience on game day because that is what Notre Dame football is to us," she said. "It is about the experience of game day."

Geyer took a different route for his ad.

"The general concept of the short is that Notre Dame football isn't just on Saturday for the students," he said.

His spot will show a classroom where a bored student imagines a play-by-play announcer calling a Notre Dame football game. The play-by-play reflects the professor's lecture and ends with a touchdown. The student cel-

brates the touchdown until he realizes he's in class and sits down, embarrassed.

"I realized the actual game day experience is more or less the same for all students across the board," Geyer said. "So I took a different approach to it and tried to write something that you wouldn't really expect."

Geyer said the most difficult part of making his ad has been trying to plan it out and get actors to take the roles.

For Hartmann and Meaney, the most challenging part has been translating their script into film, Hartmann said.

"Some shots that we wanted just weren't feasible for either logistical or visual purposes," she said. "Writing, directing and producing a commercial is really unique. In 30 seconds we have to show the world how we see the aura of Notre Dame football."

Hartmann said her commercial's football theme is related to tradition.

"Our commercial has to do with time — the traditions of Notre Dame football that have lasted for generations, but also the people throughout our history who have kept these traditions alive, right up to the spirit of current students," Hartmann said.

From Nov. 3-9, fans will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite spot on the NBCSports.com. The winner will be announced Nov. 10, and NBC will decide when and where the commercial will air.

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Sites

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nights.

The bar and dining guide offers tips on where to get \$1 tacos on Tuesdays (Casa del Rio) and \$1.50 domestic beers on Wednesdays (Madison Oyster Bar).

The Web site also has a "soTuned" section where it advertises local bands — such as Groupies Wanted, Stillshot and Hypermix — and where they are playing each night of the week.

The BlogStation section allows people to post personal ads from people like 23-year-old Michael, who said he is looking for a girl with "pretty eyes,

someone I can have an intelligent conversation with. Someone who isn't looking to get married in a year but would be up for a road trip or a trip together."

Alex Luscano, the Web

"I do not know if I will use either Web site, but I am glad they are out there if I ever want to find something to do."

Emma Hoffman
freshman
Saint Mary's

site's sales representative, said soBendt.com was created for people in South Bend "who just want to have a good time."

The Web site also has "Bendifieds," where people can advertise and find postings for houses, cars and other items for sale.

SoBendt.com's counterpart, Inthebend.com, was created for college students as it says in its "about us" section.

"The Web site evolved from an idea by college students who wanted a Web site that provided listings of all events in the area and on local campuses," the site reads.

With a less vibrant color scheme, inthebend.com advertises typical college food places such as Papa John's also has links for local movies, theatre, and music.

The main section of the Web site is called "College Central" and has links to events and sports at IUSB, Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross, Bethel and Ivy Tech.

Another link at the top of

the site is the "volunteer" link. The Humane Society of St. Joseph County and Pet Refugee INC. are both looking for volunteers and have advertisements on the page.

The career center and classifieds of the site links to the South Bend Tribune for job listings and all things that need to be bought or sold.

With the parks and recreation link, inthebend.com advertises golf courses, local parks and zoos.

The creators of inthebend.com say the site's main feature is its calendar.

"People and organizations in the community can share their event information by filling out the form and submitting it online for posting," the site reads.

"I do not know if I will use either Web site," Saint Mary's freshman Emma Hoffman said, "but I am glad they are out there if I ever want to find something to do."

Freshman Justin Browne liked inthebend.com.

"[It] looks like an awesome site to find things to do on Sundays or when there is other free time," he said.

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Recycle The Observer.



On the occasion of National Coming Out Day, October 11, 2007, we, the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, join Notre Dame's gay and lesbian students in gratitude for the love and support they have received from family and friends.

We recommit ourselves to providing educational opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community. Our major educational programs are NETWORK and CommUnity, sponsored in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. NETWORK prepares individuals on campus to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian issues. CommUnity focuses on first-year students in an effort to promote awareness and understanding of homosexuality within the Notre Dame community. We also offer opportunities for conversation and fellowship through our monthly coffee hours and informal drop-in sessions with Core Council members.

In the spirit of inclusion, we urge all members of our community to redouble our efforts to make our campus a safe and welcoming place, free from harassment of any kind.

Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students

<http://corecouncil.nd.edu>



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Relief group leaves Darfur town

JUBA — The only international aid group in a Darfur town where rebels reported that dozens of people were killed in a government attack said Wednesday it has pulled out for security reasons.

Doctors Without Borders said it could not confirm the deaths but counted at least 39 seriously wounded people — mostly civilians — in the South Darfur town of Muhajeria before it had to evacuate.

"There were casualties reported to us, but we couldn't verify them," said Banu Altanbas, a representative of the Paris-based group.

A U.N. observer in Darfur said Mahalya Arab tribesmen led the attack Monday, but could not say whether they had been sent by the government. The Sudanese army denied involvement, describing the clashes as intertribal battles.

Former negotiator criticizes Iran

TEHRAN — Iran's former chief nuclear negotiator delivered an unusually sharp rebuke to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's policies Wednesday, saying they are turning more nations against Iran and failing to fix the struggling economy.

The comments by Hasan Rowhani were the harshest yet against the hard-line president by a prominent figure in the Iranian leadership, and came after critics had grown muted in recent month as the government stirred up fears of conflict with the U.S. and warned against dissent.

The criticism echoed complaints early this year from conservative supporters of Ahmadinejad that his inflammatory rhetoric was needlessly goading the West in the confrontation over Iran's nuclear program and that he hadn't fulfilled promises to improve the economy.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gates says Army must adopt changes

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army of the future will need to concentrate more on training foreign militaries, mastering other languages and customs, and honing its ability to fight smaller forces of insurgents, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday.

In broad strokes, Gates laid out a vision for transforming the Army to a force better able to fight the type of unconventional warfare it has seen in Iraq and Afghanistan, which he said will "remain the mainstay of the contemporary battlefield for some time."

Climate change extends to humidity

WASHINGTON — With global warming, the world isn't just getting hotter. It's getting stickier. It really is the humidity.

And people are to blame, according to a study based on computer models published Thursday.

The amount of moisture in the air near Earth's surface rose 2.2 percent in less than three decades, the researchers report in a study appearing in the journal *Nature*.

"This humidity change is an important contribution to heat stress in humans as a result of global warming," said Nathan Gillett of the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom, a co-author of the study.

LOCAL NEWS

Arcadia moves headquarters

INDIANAPOLIS — Arcadia HealthCare, a provider of home health care and products, plans to relocate its national headquarters here from Southfield, Mich., and says it will create 400 jobs by 2010.

Gov. Mitch Daniels joined Arcadia Health Care Chief Executive Marvin Richardson on Wednesday in announcing the move from suburban Detroit to the northside of Indianapolis. The company plans to invest more than \$3 million in the relocation and will begin hiring managers, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and sales staff later this year.

Student wounds 5, kills self in shooting

Suspended youth hurts three teens, two adults with about 10 shots in five-story school building

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A 14-year-old suspended student opened fire in a downtown high school Wednesday before killing himself, and five people were taken to hospitals, authorities said.

After the shooting, shaken teens called their parents on cell phones, most to reassure but in at least one case with terrifying news: "Mom, I got shot."

Mayor Frank Jackson said the three teens and two adults were hurt. He said the children were in "stable, good condition," and the adults were in "a little elevated condition."

The shooter was enrolled at the SuccessTech Academy alternative school but had been suspended Monday for fighting, said Charles Blackwell, president of SuccessTech's student-parent organization.

Blackwell said the shooter entered the high school, a converted five-story office building, and gradually worked his way up through the first two floors of administrative offices to the third floor of classrooms.

"Nobody knows how he got in," he said.

Student Doneisha LeVert, who hid in a closet with two other students after she heard a "Code Blue" alert over the loudspeaker, said the shooter had threatened students Friday.

"He's crazy. He threatened to blow up our school. He threatened to stab everybody," she said.

Ronnell Jackson, 15, said he saw a shooter running down a school hallway.

"He was about to shoot me, but I got out just in time," he said. "He was aiming at me I got out just in time."

LeVert said she heard about 10 shots.

"I heard gunshots but I just thought someone was banging a book on the desk," said Rasheem Smith, 15. He soon realized there



People embrace outside the SuccessTech Academy Wednesday after a gunman wounded three teens and two adults in the school.

was a shooting and told his classmates to flee down the stairs.

Tammy Mundy, 38, who has a son and daughter at the school, told The Plain Dealer that her daughter called when the shooting started.

"She said, 'Mom they're shooting in here, kids are running out, I'm hiding in the closet,'" Mundy told the newspaper.

Then she called her 18-year-old son, Darnell Rodgers, on his cell phone, and he told her he had been shot in the arm.

"He said, 'Mom, I got shot,'" Mundy told the newspaper.

Rodgers' girlfriend, 17-year-old Lateisha Riddlehill, who hid in a

bathroom during the shootings, confirmed that Rodgers had been shot in the elbow. She said he told her he was going to be fine.

The mayor said the other two teens injured were a boy and a girl, both 14, and that the girl had fallen and hurt her knee while running out of the school.

A hospital spokeswoman said Rodgers was listed in stable condition. David Kachadourian, 57, was in good condition, and a 42-year-old man was in surgery and his condition unavailable. The other two injured teens were taken to a children's hospital, which would not release their names, ages or conditions.

Students stood outside the building, many in tears,

hugging each other and on cell phones. Others shouted at reporters with TV cameras to leave them alone. Family members also stood outside, anxiously waiting for their children to be released.

"I'm scared. I'm hoping no more people got hurt," Ronnell Jackson said.

The shooting occurred across the street from the FBI office in downtown Cleveland, and students were being sent to the FBI site.

"There are a lot of emergency vehicles," said spokesman Scott Wilson. "They're just trying to sort things out right now."

Wilson said he had no information on the shooting.

IRAQ

Officials question private contract firms

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials demanded answers Wednesday from representatives of an Australian-owned security company, as the government appeared determined to curb perceived excesses by heavily armed guards accused of killing nearly 20 Iraqi civilians in less than a month.

The scrutiny of the firm, Unity Resources Group, began a day after its guards gunned down two Iraqi Christian women in their car, and nearly a month after 17 Iraqis died in a hail of bullets fired by Blackwater USA contractors at a busy Baghdad intersection.

Officials in the tight-knit world of secu-

rity operatives in Baghdad said Blackwater was preparing a reorganization and possible downsizing. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because of the issue's sensitivity. The company, based in Moyock, N.C., does not speak publicly about its operations or plans.

At a funeral mass in Baghdad's Armenian Orthodox Virgin Mary church, the Rev. Kivork Arshlian urged the government to punish those responsible for Tuesday's killings despite the immunity that has generally been enjoyed by foreign security contractors in Iraq.

"This is a crime against humanity in general and against Iraqis in particular. Many other people were killed in a simi-

lar way," he said. "We call upon the government to put an end to these killings."

His comments reflected the growing anger against the private security companies — nearly all based in the United States, Britain and other Western countries — as symbols of the lawlessness in this country since the U.S.-led ouster of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

As the largest security firm operating in Iraq, much of that rage has been directed at Blackwater, which protects U.S. diplomats as they move about on Baghdad's dangerous streets. An Iraqi investigation into the Sept. 16 killings recommended that the U.S. State Department sever all contracts for the company's operations in Iraq within six months.

Senate

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administrator, faculty member and staff is a member of the global community, and we have the capacity and responsibility to positively shape the world that we share," the letter said. "In order to do so, we must first understand the contemporary world, its issues, potentials and multifaceted interconnections, and we believe this initiative would facilitate such global understanding among undergraduates."

After the meeting, Koski said she did not know to whom the letter was addressed, but that it was to the "appropriate director of undergraduate studies."

Some senators questioned whether there was any student interest in the restructuring of the major.

O'Neill senator Matt Molloy said student response to last year's Notre Dame Forum on global health was one indicator that students have interest in a Global Studies concentration.

Professor Thomas Noble, the faculty senate liaison to the Senate, told Koski there is a system in each college through which new minors or majors are added and that the Social Concerns committee should find a department or program to "champion" its cause.

"There is a disinclination to create new programs if there isn't an obvious need for it," Noble said.

The letter is useful, Koski said, because it identifies

Dashti-Gibson as a professor who is planning on presenting the minor concentration to the Kroc Institute.

"It is saying that the students support this idea, and it would help in possibly getting this whole process started," Molloy said.

The Senate unanimously passed the resolution to send the letter, and Koski will forward it to Dashti-Gibson.

Academic Affairs chair Carol Hendrickson presented a letter requesting the Faculty Senate share their views on adding clocks to every classroom on campus. Some academic

buildings do not have clocks in all classrooms, Hendrickson said, citing O'Shaughnessy Hall, Hayes-Healy Hall and Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering.

The letter points out that some buildings, like Coleman-Morse and the Jordan Hall of Science, do have clocks in each classroom. It asks the Faculty Senate to discuss the discrepancy at their next meeting.

"Clocks are beneficial to both students and faculty for the purpose of standard class beginning and ending times and accurate and fair examination periods," the letter said.

The Student Senate attempted to pass this resolution last year, but it did not pass, partly because students did not know what faculty members thought about the issue, said Ian Secviar, chair of the Oversight committee.

The purpose of the letter, Hendrickson said, is to ask the Faculty Senate to talk about it.

"It's not a resolution firmly saying we want clocks in the classroom," she said.

Pasquerilla West senator Megan Sennett, who worked on the letter with Hendrickson, said they have not looked at the costs of adding clocks to every building on campus.

In the past, Hendrickson said, it was deemed too expensive to add clocks to the classrooms, because people were stealing them out of O'Shaughnessy and the cost of replacing them was too expensive.

After the Faculty Senate makes its review of the issue,

and before the Student Senate passes a resolution, Hendrickson said, the Senate will make sure they know the costs of installing the clocks.

Hendrickson also updated the Senate on a survey about course packets that the Academic Affairs committee conducted during the past week. Of the 800 students they surveyed, 264 responded. Hendrickson said they will show the results to the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore and will probably submit a resolution to the Senate next Wednesday.

"Every student, school administrator, faculty member and staff is a member of the global community, and we have the capacity and responsibility to positively shape the world that we share."

Letter drafted by the Student Senate

In other Senate news:

♦ Student body president Liz Brown announced she submitted her report on community relations to Notre Dame's Board of Trustees. Brown will present the report next Thursday.

♦ The first student-faculty debate, on the topic of immigration, will be tonight at 7 in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Hall. The next debate, on the role of religion in a candidate's political platform, will be on Nov. 14.

♦ Multicultural Affairs committee chair Ninny Wan said the committee has made shirts to support the Jena 6, a group of black teens in Jena, La., who have been charged with crimes after lingering racial tensions led to brawls in the small town.

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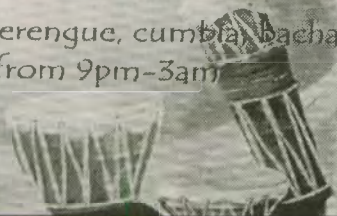


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IN BRIEF

Stocks mixed after record close Tuesday

NEW YORK — Wall Street stumbled through a lopsided session Wednesday, closing mixed as profit warnings and news from blue chip names Alcoa Inc. and Boeing Co. dragged down the Dow Jones industrial average but largely spared technology stocks.

A pullback was to be expected after the Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 index finished at new highs Tuesday amid enthusiasm over comments from Federal Reserve policymakers about interest rates, but corporate news appeared to hasten Wednesday's slide.

Declines by Dow components Boeing and Alcoa, among others, hurt the 30-stock index. Meanwhile, International Paper Co. and Chevron Corp. moved lower on profit news.

With investors thumbing through fresh quarterly results and corporate announcements, the latest economic readings did little to dislodge the dichotomy between blue chips and tech stocks. A report showed inventories among U.S. wholesalers ticked up in August, while a trade group for real estate agents warned the drop in sales of existing homes this year will be steeper than had been expected.

UAW ratifies 4-year CBA with GM

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union said Wednesday it has ratified a four-year contract with General Motors that sets lower pay for some workers and puts GM's massive retiree health care debt into a UAW-run trust in exchange for promises of future work at U.S. plants.

Sixty-six percent of production workers voted in favor of the deal, while 64 percent of skilled trades workers approved it, the UAW said in a statement.

The two sides settled on Sept. 26 after a two-day nationwide strike.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said in the statement that the agreement protects jobs, wages and benefits for active and retired workers.

"And we helped protect middle class manufacturing jobs in communities throughout the United States," Gettelfinger said.

Chrysler, UAW reach 4-year contract

Agreement comes after workers went on strike earlier in day; Ford to negotiate deal with union next

Associated Press

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union reached a tentative four-year contract with Chrysler Wednesday, hours after going out on strike and the same day General Motors workers ratified a separate four-year pact.

Next up: Ford.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said the strike against Chrysler LLC, 80.1 percent owned by private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP, would end immediately and workers should report for their next available shift.

"This agreement was made possible because UAW workers made it clear to Chrysler that we needed an agreement that rewards the contributions they have made to the success of this company," Gettelfinger said in a statement.

Gettelfinger wouldn't release any details of the contract, but Chrysler said the tentative agreement includes the establishment of a UAW-managed trust that will administer retiree health care. The newly private company didn't say how much money it will contribute to the trust.

"The national agreement is consistent with the economic pattern and balances the needs of our employees and company by providing a framework to improve our long-term manufacturing competitiveness," Chrysler Vice President and Chairman Tom LaSorda said in a statement.

The UAW said its historic contract with GM, which also includes a



United Auto Workers members strike outside the Chrysler facility in Warren, Mich. Thousands of Chrysler workers walked off the job before the union agreed to a contract Wednesday.

retiree health care trust, was approved by 66 percent of production workers and 64 percent of skilled trades workers.

The deal, reached Sept. 26 after a two-day nationwide strike, establishes lower pay for some workers and makes promises for future work at U.S. plants.

UAW members at 19 of 24 U.S. Chrysler factories and several other facilities left their jobs for the picket lines at 11 a.m.

Wednesday.

Among the major issues in the Chrysler talks were the retiree health care trust; the company's desire to outsource parts-trucking jobs; promises that future products will be built at U.S. factories; and parity with health care concessions that were given to Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. two years ago.

A majority of Chrysler workers will have to rati-

fy the tentative agreement before it can take effect. Ford will be the final automaker to bargain with the UAW.

Chrysler became a private company shortly after the contract talks began in July. Cerberus bought its share of Chrysler from the former DaimlerChrysler AG in a \$7.4 billion transaction in August. Chrysler is now a private company without publicly traded shares.

Boeing: 787 will release 6 months late

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Boeing Co.'s 787 Dreamliner will be the first new American commercial jetliner built in more than a decade. The airplane maker has long promised it will fly faster and farther than any other medium-sized jet, using 20 percent less fuel and offering increased cabin comfort.

Now it also will be at least six months late.

Acknowledging early problems assembling the first 787s have disrupted its schedule, the aerospace company said Wednesday it is delaying initial deliveries of the ballyhooed aircraft by six months. Instead of next May, the first deliveries are now targeted for late November or December 2008.

The first test flight, already pushed back once from the initial

target of earlier this fall, now is not anticipated until around the end of the first quarter of 2008.

The delay highlights inherent problems in building new airplanes and could slow the momentum Boeing built up after years of lagging behind European rival Airbus, which itself stumbled in introducing its superjumbo A380 two years behind schedule.

Chairman and CEO Jim McNerney expressed disappointment over the delays but said the company remains confident about the 787's design and supporting technologies. "Our most important commitment is to deliver an airplane that performs to expectations over the long term," he said on a conference call.

The 787, Boeing's first all-new jet since airlines started flying the 777 in 1995, will be the world's first

large commercial airplane made mostly of carbon-fiber composites, which are lighter, more durable and less prone to corrosion than aluminum.

But the company's effort has been shadowed by difficulty getting the right parts from its suppliers on time, among other issues, and is facing a global shortage of fasteners that hold large sections of the plane together.

Boeing said the postponement will not materially affect its earnings or guidance for next year.

McNerney had publicly voiced confidence as recently as four weeks ago that the airplane maker would be able to deliver the first 787 on time next May to Japan's All Nippon Airways Co., despite skepticism among industry observers following the first postponement.

Gulu

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the entire community," he said, "and so we are organizing it in collaboration with Indiana University South Bend's (IUSB) student government."

Last year's GuluWalk attracted more than 30,000 people and raised more than \$500,000.

Although there is no pre-registration for the walk, Steiner said, he encourages people to donate to the cause. This year's walk will take place on Sunday at IUSB's Student Activity Center. Registration begins at 1 p.m.

"It should be an event for the entire community and so we are organizing it in collaboration with Indiana University South Bend's (IUSB) student government."

Joel Steiner
organizer
GuluWalk South Bend

and the walk starts at 1:30. It will end around 2:30 p.m., Steiner said.

After the walk, there will be a talk by Stephen Okello, a graduate student at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and a native Ugandan from Gulu. Quaranto met Okello in Uganda, where the two brainstormed the idea of founding a chapter of Resolve Uganda at Notre Dame.

The situation in northern Uganda is a bleak one, Steiner said. War has been raging in the area for the past 20 years. Uganda's cur-

rent president, Yoweri Museveni, overthrew the former government, and violence has persisted throughout the

region. The situation has created an increasingly unsafe environment for families, who have faced the brunt of the violence between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Ugandan Acholi people. The government has set up "protected villages" — dangerous refugee camps where nearly 1.7 million people live, according to gulawalk.com. The people live in poverty since "in camps, they are away from their lands and have no real source of income," Steiner said.

The name of the GuluWalk draws attention to the approximately 40,000 Ugandan children who walk from their small, unsafe villages into the northern city of Gulu during the night. There they can find a degree of safety and avoid being abducted by the LRA, which has already taken over

30,000 children to be used soldiers or as sex slaves.

The journey of these children, Steiner said, attracted the attention of two Canadians, Adrian Bradbury and Kieran Hayward. In July 2005, the pair began walking 12.5 kilometers into downtown

Toronto to sleep in front of the city hall to demonstrate the plight of the children.

The GuluWalk, then, emulates the actions of Bradbury and Hayward.

"[Resolve Uganda wants] to get people to realize what [the children's] problems are," Steiner said. "It began as a symbolic movement as walking with the kids in solidarity. Now it is for support of all the oppressed of Gulu and northern Uganda."

Funds from the walk, Steiner

"The Ugandan government in the north only gives the people enough to stay alive."

Joel Steiner
organizer

said, go toward youth empowerment organizations for initiatives related to health and education. Other crucial actions — such as getting people out of the oppressed camps of the Northern region rebuilding schools — must be taken, he said.

"The Ugandan government in the north only gives the people enough to stay alive," Steiner said, referring to the shoddy and unsafe conditions in which Ugandans live.

The region has experienced a temporary cease-fire for the past year and a half, he said, and peace talks are currently underway. Many European nations have given support to such talks, and humanitarian presence is strong in the region, Steiner said.

The United States has supported peace efforts, Steiner said, but has remained largely silent, giving little financial support.

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Stress

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severe stress symptoms, such as panic attacks, generalized anxiety, social anxiety, test anxiety, obsessions and compulsions, sleep disorders, eating disorders and depression.

The Counseling Center works closely with University Health Services (now housed in St. Liam Hall), and often refers students to physicians to rule out physical conditions underlying the stress. Also, the Center sometimes directs students to campus dietitians. In addition, the new "Inner Resources Room" at St. Liam Hall provides a wide variety of

biofeedback and sensory equipment that students can use to help reduce the symptoms of stress.

Another popular option, used by 3,525 students last year, is the outreach workshops and programs provided by the Counseling Center. Currently, Settle is conducting a "Relaxation and Mindfulness" class in conjunction

with RecSports.

"Students learn methods not only for relaxing the body but also for calming the mind of ruminative thoughts," she said. "People describe that you feel like you're melting into the floor, or floating, and your mind becomes clear and focused — it's really better than taking an afternoon nap."

The hour-long class helps students achieve this deep relaxation with a variety of muscle relaxation and imagery techniques.

The next session of "Relaxation and Mindfulness" will be on Nov. 28. Students can sign up through RecSports.

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McCain seeks health care changes

GOP candidate aims to give citizens more choice, control over system

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John McCain wants to give people more control over their health care — and more options — while injecting more competition into the system in hopes of lowering costs and improving services.

The Republican presidential candidate will propose a series of changes to the health care system in a speech Thursday, offering a broad overhaul plan that contrasts sharply with those his Democratic rivals have offered.

Democrats, to varying degrees, would require individuals and workers to be covered, but McCain includes no such government mandate in his proposal. Rather, he focuses on expanding access for individuals and families.

"We are approaching a 'perfect storm' of problems that if not addressed by the next president, will cause our health care system to implode," the Arizona senator says in remarks prepared for delivery Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa, and made available to The Associated Press.

"Democratic presidential candidates are not telling you these truths. They offer their usual default position: if the government would only pay for

insurance everything would be fine. They promise universal coverage, whatever its cost, and the massive tax increases, mandates and government regulation that it imposes," McCain said. "I offer a genuinely conservative vision for health care reform, which preserves the most essential value of American lives — freedom."

Aides acknowledged the plan would take time to implement because of its scope, while billing it as a vision for changes he would work toward if elected.

They provided no estimated price tag. To help pay for it, they said McCain would end a provision in the tax code that let employers deduct the cost of health care from their taxable earnings. Additionally, they said, passing tort reform to eliminate frivolous lawsuits and excessive damage awards would help reduce costs.

Broadly, McCain calls for an updated system that he says will be more responsive to consumers' needs than it is to the wants of government, insurance companies, lawyers, doctors and hospitals.

"While we reform the system and maintain quality, we can and must provide access to health care for all our citizens," he says. "Controlling health care costs will take fundamental change; nothing

short of a complete reform of the culture of our health system and the way we pay for it will suffice."

Among the major proposals: ♦ Allowing people to buy health insurance nationwide instead of limiting them to in-state companies. McCain says this will provide more options and force insurers to compete for business, thus decreasing costs and increasing the quality of care.

♦ Permitting people to buy insurance through any organization or association they choose as well as through their employers or buying direct from an insurance company. He says such plans would follow people as they change jobs, and would automatically cover the time between retirement and Medicare eligibility.

♦ Providing tax credits of \$2,500 to individuals and \$5,000 to families as an incentive to buy health coverage. People with multiyear policies that cost less than the amount of the tax credit to deposit the difference into an expanded health savings account. He also wants to eliminate what he says is a bias in the tax code toward employer-sponsored health insurance.

♦ Allowing veterans to use whatever provider they want, wherever they want by giving them an electronic health care card or through another method. He says they should not have to wait for access at a faraway Veterans Affairs facility.

♦ Supporting different methods of delivering care, including walk-in clinics in retail outlets across the country.

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John McCain
GOP presidential candidate

MYANMAR

Opposition member dies after interrogation

Junta cracks down on democracy movement

Associated Press

YANGON — A Myanmar opposition party member died during interrogation and two activists were arrested as the ruling junta pressed its crackdown on the pro-democracy movement, an exile group said Wednesday.

The Thailand-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners also said security officers had been threatening dissidents' relatives and neighbors in an attempt to get information on the whereabouts of those involved in last month's anti-government protests, which were brutally suppressed by the military.

The Myanmar exile group, made up of former political prisoners, said authorities had recently informed the family of Win Shwe, 42, that he had died during interrogation in the central region of Sagaing. He and five colleagues had been arrested on Sept. 26, the first day of the crackdown.

The group said Win Shwe, a member of pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD), was cremated at the detention center. The report could not be independently verified. But in the past, the group has provided detailed, accurate information on political prisoners in Myanmar, also called Burma.

The alleged death of Win Shwe drew a harsh reaction from the United States. Washington called for an investigation and threatened further sanctions against the impoverished country also known as Burma.

"The United States strongly condemns the atrocities committed by the junta and calls for a full investigation into the death of Win Shwe during his detention in Burma," White House foreign affairs spokesman Gordon Johndroe said. "The junta must stop the brutal treatment of its people and peacefully transition to democracy or face new sanctions from the United States."

In a USA Today newspaper interview published Wednesday, first lady Laura Bush said Washington was poised to impose more sanctions unless the government loosens its grip on the populace "within the next couple of days."

But State Department spokesman Sean McCormack, asked about new sanctions, offered no timetable.

President Bush, asked at a White House event Wednesday what he thought of his wife's remarks, flashed a thumbs-up sign.

The exile group also said the backlash against dissidents continued, even though the streets of Myanmar are apparently calm.

"The security forces have become more severe in raiding houses of, and searching for, anyone whom they suspect to have been involved in the protests," it

said.

The prisoners' association said at least seven people have been arrested in the past two days in Myanmar's largest city, Yangon, including two on Wednesday. The arrests even as the junta and the NLD appeared to be taking cautious steps toward talks.

The NLD won a landslide election victory in 1990, but the junta never allowed the parliament to convene.

Troops crushed the recent wave of protests by shooting at demonstrators on Sept. 26-27. The regime said 10 people were killed, but dissident groups put the toll at up to 200 and say thousands of students, Buddhist monks and others were arrested.

The crackdown ignited international outrage.

In the face of such pressure, the junta's top general offered last week to meet with Suu Kyi, a 62-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate who has been under house

arrest for 12 of the past 18 years without trial.

The general said Suu Kyi must first renounce her calls for international sanctions against the regime.

The junta also appointed cabinet-level official Aung Kyi — who has a reputation as being relatively flexible — to coordinate contacts with Suu Kyi, whose party said it was prepared to make "adjustments" for the sake of dialogue.

The appointment of Deputy Labor Minister Aung Kyi, a retired major general, appeared to be a gesture toward the United Nations.

U.N. special envoy Ibrahim Gambari had suggested creating the job during his visit to Myanmar last week, state media said.

The arrests Wednesday targeted a leader of a group called the '88 Generation Students. Hla Myo Naung was arrested in Yangon while seeking treatment for a serious eye problem, the exile group said.

Hla Myo Naung, 39, had been on the regime's "wanted list" but had evaded arrest for two months. A young woman who had been with him and belongs to the '88 Generation was also arrested.

The '88 Generation organized marches in August over fuel price increases. The protests quickly ballooned into mass demonstrations calling for democracy when widely respected Buddhist monks began taking the lead.

On Wednesday, small groups of riot police patrolled key road junctions and sites where the most intense protests had erupted, including Yangon's Shwedagon Pagoda and a junction near the downtown Sule Pagoda.

But soldiers were not visible on the streets, and Yangon seemed generally normal.

At the United Nations, Security Council members met for hours behind closed doors late Wednesday to discuss changes to a draft statement on the situation in Myanmar.

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Gordon Johndroe
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Columbia outraged by racist act

NYC police investigate noose hung on black professor's office door

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hundreds of Columbia University teachers and students voiced outrage Wednesday over a noose found hanging from a black professor's office door, while police investigated if it was the work of disgruntled students or a colleague.

The 4-foot-long twine noose was found Tuesday on Madonna Constantine's door at Teachers College, a graduate school of education affiliated with Columbia. At a raucous rally Wednesday, Constantine said it was a "blatant act of racism."

"I'm upset that our community has been exposed to such an unbelievably vile incident," she told the crowd. "Hanging the noose on my door reeks of cowardice and fear on many, many levels."

Police were testing the noose for DNA evidence, said Deputy Inspector Michael Osgood, commander of the NYPD Hate Crime Task Force.

Constantine, 44, told police there was "ill will" between her and another professor, a police official said. But the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation had not been completed, stressed that the dispute was only one possible lead, and that police were also looking into whether "disgruntled students, anyone upset with grades" were involved.

Teachers College held a community meeting to discuss the incident, which has roiled the Ivy League campus.

"This is an assault on African-Americans and therefore it is an assault on every one of us," university President Lee C. Bollinger said in a statement. "I know I speak on behalf of every member of our communities in condemning this horrible action."

The state Attorney General's office has sent lawyers from its civil rights bureau and investigators to look into the incident, said spokesman Jeffrey Lerner.

Derald Wing Sue, an adjunct professor at Teachers College who does research with Constantine, said he was at work Tuesday morning when another colleague spotted the noose hanging on the door. She wasn't in her office at the time.

Constantine has written about race, including a book entitled "Addressing Racism: Facilitating Cultural Competence in Mental Health and Educational Settings." Students said Constantine teaches a class on racial justice.

"Clearly, it was a symbolic act of racial hatred that was intended to intimidate," Sue said. "I felt outraged and angry that this was directed at such a close colleague and

friend of mine."

Sue said he informed Constantine about the noose and she was devastated.

"She's doing fine," he said. "She's OK. I've talked to her. She's getting a lot of support."

An e-mail to Constantine was not immediately returned Wednesday, nor were calls to Constantine's office or the publicist for Teachers College.

As word of the incident spread, students and faculty reacted with sadness and anger.

"It's hard hearing about it," said student Danielle Green. "I'm not uncomfortable here but I'm not surprised. I mean, look at the world we live in. There is a lot of racism going on."

In the message to the college's 5,000 students and 150 faculty members explaining why police were on campus Tuesday, college president Susan H. Fuhrman said: "The Teachers College community and I deplore this hateful act, which violates every Teachers College and societal norm."

"You would think, Columbia being such a diverse campus and New York being such a diverse city, it shouldn't happen here," said student Mikayla Graham.

The Columbia investigation follows the hate-crime arrest on Sunday of a white woman accused of hanging a noose over a tree limb and threatening a black

family living next door in Queens. The two incidents were "the first noose cases in recent memory" in the city, said Osgood, the task force commander.

Teachers College, founded in 1887, describes itself as the nation's oldest and largest graduate school of education.

According to its Web page, the college brought black teachers from the South to New York for training in the early part of the 20th century, when schools in the South were segregated.

The college has a diverse student body, including students from nearly 80 countries. The racial breakdown is 12 percent black, 11 percent Asian American and 7 percent Hispanic.

The discovery of the hangman's noose echoes other recent incidents involving the symbol reviled by many for its association with lynchings in the Old South.

Last year in Jena, La., three white students hung nooses from a big oak tree outside Jena High School. They were suspended but not prosecuted.

Racial tensions rose and a white student was beaten unconscious three months later. Recently, thousands of people protested what they consider to be the unfairly harsh prosecutions of six black students in the incident.

Columbia has been the site of other campus turmoil, most recently last month when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was invited to speak, prompting protests by groups angry over his statements questioning the existence of the Holocaust.

Last fall, Columbia was in the spotlight when a group of students stormed a stage to silence a speech by Jim Gilchrist, the founder of a group opposed to illegal immigration.

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Study finds chemo drug Taxol ineffective

Associated Press

The widely used chemotherapy drug Taxol does not work for the most common form of breast cancer and helps far fewer patients than has been believed, surprising new research suggests.

If further study bears this out, more than 20,000 women each year in the United States alone might be spared the side effects of this drug or similar ones without significantly raising the risk their cancer will return. That would be roughly half of all breast cancer patients who get chemo now.

"We want to make sure these data are correct before withholding it [Taxol] from some patients ... the stakes are high," said the lead researcher, Dr. Daniel Hayes of the University of Michigan. "On the other hand, we don't want to keep a therapy that doesn't work."

In the study, Taxol did the most good for women who had overactive HER-2 genes — the target of the newer breast cancer drug Herceptin. These women were about 40 percent

less likely to have a recurrence if they received Taxol.

Conversely, Taxol did not significantly help women whose tumors were HER-2 negative and were being helped to grow by estrogen. This is the most common form of the disease.

The differences were revealed by a new analysis of a study done in the 1990s, using modern genetic tools that were not available at that time.

"The days of 'one size fits all' therapy for patients with breast cancer are coming to an end," Dr. Anne Moore of Weill Cornell Medical College wrote in an editorial accompanying the study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

"Oncologists have a responsibility to their patients to be aware of this report."

The original study involved more than 3,000 women whose cancer had spread to nearby lymph nodes but not widely throughout the body. This is the situation of about one-fourth of the 175,000 women diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. each year.

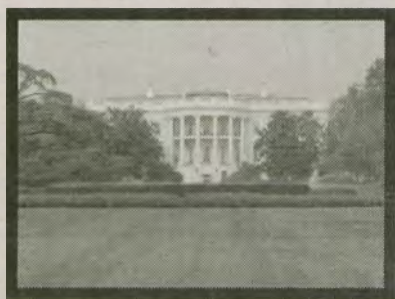


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Panel approves Armenian genocide resolution

President Bush opposes measure, fears damage to U.S.-Turkey relations and American goals in Middle East

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A House panel defied President Bush on Wednesday and approved a measure that he said would damage U.S. goals in the Middle East.

The measure that would recognize the World War I-era killings of Armenians as a genocide had been strongly opposed by Turkey, a key NATO ally that has supported U.S. efforts in Iraq.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee's 27-21 vote now sends the measure to the House floor — unless the Democratic leadership reverses course and heeds Bush's warnings.

At issue is the killing of up to 1.5 million Armenians by Ottoman Turks around the time of World War I. Turkey denies that the deaths constituted genocide, says the toll has been inflated and insists that those killed were victims of civil war and unrest.

Bush and other senior officials made a last-minute push to persuade lawmakers on the Foreign Affairs Committee to reject the measure.

"Its passage would do great harm to our relations with a key ally in NATO and in the global war on terror," Bush said hours before the vote.

The committee's chairman, Democratic Rep. Tom Lantos, expressed concerns about secu-

rity implications of the resolution but ultimately voted in favor.

Turkey raised the possibility of impeding logistical and other U.S. military traffic now using Turkish airspace.

"Unfortunately, some politicians in the United States have once again sacrificed important matters to petty domestic politics despite all calls to commonsense," President Abdullah Gul was quoted as saying by the state-run news agency Anatolia.

"Naturally, this is a sad decision," said Nabi Sensoy, Turkey's ambassador to the U.S., minutes after the vote. "No one can allow others to put an undeserved stain on them."

On Wednesday, hundreds of Turks marched to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara and the consulate in Istanbul to protest the bill.

Armenian-American groups, who have worked for decades to pass a resolution, rejoiced at the committee's approval of the message.

"The Foreign Affairs Committee's adoption today of the Armenian Genocide Resolution represents a mean-

ingful step toward reclaiming our right — as Americans — to speak openly and honestly about the first genocide of the 20th Century," said Aram Hamparian, executive director of the Armenian National Committee of America.

Earlier, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense

Secretary Robert Gates conveyed their concerns.

Passing the measure "at this time would be very problematic for everything we are trying to do in the Middle East," Rice told reporters at the White House.

The vote comes at a tense time in the region. Turkey's government is seeking parliamentary approval for a military operation to chase separatist Kurdish rebels who operate from bases in northern Iraq. The move, opposed by the U.S., could open a new front in the most stable part of Iraq.

The White House and Turkey are now expected to pressure Democratic leaders to keep the measure from going to a vote. But Democratic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has signaled that they will have a hard sell.

The administration made

clear the stakes are high.

Gates said 70 percent of U.S. air cargo headed for Iraq goes through Turkey, as does about one-third of the fuel used by the U.S. military in Iraq.

"Access to airfields and to the roads and so on in Turkey would very much be put at risk if this resolution passes and Turkey reacts as strongly as we believe they will," Gates said. He also said that 95 percent of new vehicles designed to better protect against mine attacks are being flown through Turkey to get to Iraq.

Lawmakers from both parties who supported the proposal said the moral implications outweighed security concerns and friendship with Turkey.

"The sad truth is that the modern government of Turkey refuses to come to terms with this genocide," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. "For Armenians everywhere, the Turkish government's denial is a slap in the face."

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, the resolution's sponsor, who is

not on the committee, said that he hoped that it would now move quickly to a vote on the House floor.

"America must speak candidly about the past not only to help heal the wounds of the survivors and the families of the victims, but to give the United States the moral authority it needs to take action against other genocides like that taking place today in Darfur," he said following the vote.

Pelosi and the second-ranking

Democrat in the House, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, met Wednesday with Turkish Ambassador Sensoy but emerged from the meeting unswayed. Hoyer told reporters he expects a floor vote on the measure

before the House adjourns for the year.

Hoyer said he hoped that Turkey would realize it is not a condemnation of its current government but rather of "another government, at another time."

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President George W. Bush

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In defense of The Rover (No, seriously)

Andrew Nesi Presents "Real Men of Genius"
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Today, we salute you, Mr. Irish Rover writer. (Mr. Irish Rover writer.)

No matter the topic, you take offense. As a white, Irish Catholic kid from a suburb of Chicago, you truly know what persecution feels like. (But my best friend is a black Jew.)

1-5? Maybe we should hire more devout Catholic football coaches. Then God will be on our side. (He can make Arrelious Benn transfer.)

Vagina Monologues? Queer Film Festival? Heck, you think we should still be all-male. (God likes men better!)

So crack open an ice cold Bud Light, Mr. Irish Rover writer. Or don't. You wouldn't want to disrespect your God-given body like that. (Mr. Irish Rover writer.)

I have a confession to make: I read The Irish Rover. I don't read it (just) for the comedic value. I don't read it (just) for its attempts at sarcasm. I don't read it (just) to find the poor grammar and giggle about it with noted Rover critic and Observer Scene editor Tae Andrews.

I faithfully read The Irish Rover because The Rover does this campus a service. It engages issues from an ideological perspective that, like it or not, is essential to a productive campus discussion. Of course, Rover writers are not universally "real men of genius." But they represent an important section of Notre Dame's popula-

tion that must be engaged.

The Rover's Web site, outlines the publication's goals: "1. Defend the Faith and honorable traditions of this great University; 2. Articulate conservative principles; 3. Engage in collegial debate." It is not a newspaper per se; its claim to the "news" is tenuous at best. But that's not what The Rover purports to be. It fashions itself as a "watchdog" that defends our University from itself.

And it does a good job of it. According to its Web site, The Rover believes that "Notre Dame's Roman Catholic identity has come under attack, due to controversial campus events as well as a steep decline in Catholic faculty." These have become The Rover's pet issues. It consistently bemoans decisions that oppose The Rover's understanding of Catholicism. In doing so, it accurately represents the views of a large number of Notre Dame students and an even larger number of Notre Dame alumni (or so alumni feedback on previous columns about abortion and gay sex would suggest).

Of course, The Rover can be unnecessarily polemical. It is self-righteous. It fails at most of its attempts at humor. At times, it pretends to report news — think the front-page report on the University Club closing — but is written with a clear ideological perspective. Reporting and commentary mix. It is the Fox News of Notre Dame.

And that's a good thing. The Rover's writers provide an opinion and voice too often dismissed as illogical, uninformed, and ignorant. Whether any of those is true should not matter — The Rover provides a soapbox for a viewpoint that is thriving both at and beyond our campus boundaries. It is an important viewpoint to consider, to learn from, and, at times, to confront.

I believe the ideology behind The Rover is wrong about many — per-

haps most — issues it approaches. I believe a Catholic university is better served by a diversity of viewpoints that can have serious discussion about the meaning and future of Catholicism. But I also believe that this widespread diversity will undermine Notre Dame's institutional Catholicism — at least as The Rover seems to understand it. I don't think that is a bad thing.

But it is this desire to change that causes me to embrace The Rover. The issues they raise are issues we must hash out. If we dismiss The Rover while we embrace a liberalization of Notre Dame's Catholicism, we undermine the ideal at the core of that liberalization.

It's time the University funded The Rover. The newspaper should no longer have to disclaim, "IrishRover.net is not in any way affiliated with the University of Notre Dame." We need to legitimate The Rover — not only for the sake of The Rover, but also for the sake of those who disagree with their views.

By giving a legitimate backing to The Rover, the quality of discussion will improve. It's precisely because The Rover exists as the embittered cousin of The Observer that we don't get any real discussion, instead reverting to cheap shots and chipped-shoulder jokes.

Rover articles will sound less bitter and we'll get a more serious discussion of the merits of ideas.

It's time to engage The Rover as an equal. It's the only effective way to confront the ideology that drives it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sidewalks for all

As a frequent walker on the beautiful campus of Notre Dame, I cannot help but respond to both Dan McInnis ("Rights of the sidewalk," Oct. 8) and Mike Swadener ("Pay attention and keep to the right," Oct. 10). Sidewalks, defined as a paved walk for pedestrians at the side of a street, have no right or wrong side to walk on. There are no one-way signs posted, traffic signals or stop signs installed for people to abide by when walking on a sidewalk. These rules apply to streets, highways and roads. Crosswalks, defined as specially paved or marked paths for pedestrians crossing a street or road, are not sidewalks. Therefore Mike Swadener's comment referring to a citation about "crosswalks" is incorrect.

More importantly, there are many people using the sidewalks at Notre Dame for various purposes. You have walkers, joggers, those

whipping past on a bike, skateboarders weaving in and out, roller-bladers zig-zagging in every direction, electric scooters zipping past, baby strollers and dog walkers. How can anyone possibly say there is a right side to walk on when strolling on the sidewalk?

For a University student to boast and brag about his deliberate rudeness to another student not only shows his ignorance, it demonstrates his immaturity as an adult. I can only hope this individual is part of a small minority of the student body at Notre Dame.

The sidewalks on campus are not about right or wrong ways to walk on; they are not about gender issues; they are there for everyone to enjoy and respect.

Kathi Piekarski
South Bend
Oct. 10

Good idea

Dear NDSP,

If you do not want taxis to sit at Main Circle, that is fine. There are probably a lot of other uses for Main Circle between 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights that are more important.

All we ask is that you please tell us in advance so we know to just drive drunk to our destinations.

Thank you, the Notre Dame student body.

Tim Treat
sophomore
Keenan Hall
Oct. 10

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"A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort."

Herm Albright
German-American painter

Jobs, vocations and Boston College

It's about that time when seniors, in particular, start feeling the press of the question: "What will I do next year?" I remember having the same question before me as a senior, and short-circuiting the process by quickly and definitively responding to queries: "I'm going to law school." My prayer life was such that I more asked God to get me into a good law school than whether God wanted any input on the matter. I didn't discuss the decision with anyone, so I never exposed myself to what would have been my friends' and family's natural question, "Why?" If pressed to answer, I probably would have responded that law was what my dad had done, that it seemed to reward intellectual skill with a nice salary, and that perhaps I could do some good for others. All were probably true, yet I suspect now that what an honest answer to their questions would have helpfully revealed was my half-heartedness.

My time in law school was both miserable and, gratefully, short-lived. Neither my heart nor my soul was into it. I was going through the motions. It was, frankly, depressing.

I left law school and returned home, of course with no backup plan. A friend told me that the computer teacher at the local Catholic high

school was going on leave. The Program of Liberal Studies is such a perfect preparation for teaching computers that I thought, "Why not?" Somehow, I got the job, and two weeks later, my heart was on fire.

The students, bequeathed like a gift from God with a rookie teacher mid-semester, prepared their assault, which was, pleasantly, inferior. Teacher-student sports rivalries a huge favorite at all-boys high schools, they foolishly decided to attack my hardly concealed support for Notre Dame football. But they chose a bad year — 1993. Notre Dame was 10-0 through mid-November. I had a stranglehold on them. I even decided to bring four seniors out to the Boston College game. That didn't go so well. A last-second field goal, and Notre Dame was upset.

I returned on Monday to find all the computer screens in my lab set to a maroon-and-gold screen saver flashing "BC 41 ND 39." I couldn't get my students to come in early to do assignments, but a Notre Dame upset got them jumping out of bed. But, even worse, thanks to PLS, I had no idea how to turn the screen savers off! This led to an interesting conversation with the school principal, who in December wondered why I hadn't turned off that agonizing score. Feeling I just might have the job security to get away with it (I was also coaching three sports, moderating the philosophy club and

organizing the school masses — they couldn't fire me, right?), I decided to come clean on my computer background. I was teaching English and Theology by the next semester. Thank you, Boston College.

Teaching classes that I actually knew something about only fanned the flame of passion for teaching. Becoming a Catholic schoolteacher had focused so many different passions in my life — the intellectual life, service, athletics — and added one unexpected deep joy — the invitation to help form, mentally and spiritually, a new generation of students. It was a rare day that I was not at school late into the evening, coaching or grading, but an even rarer day that I thought I was in the wrong place. This, I guess, is the power of discovering a vocation instead of a job.

A favorite teacher of mine at Notre Dame was Father. Michael Himes, whose lectures often touched on the subject of vocation. He taught us three simple questions that we could ask when trying to discern our vocation:

- 1) What am I good at?
- 2) What do others whom I trust tell me I'm good at?
- 3) What brings true joy to me and others?

The questions, of course, are deceptively simple, for they reach into the very center of our being, which is mysterious to say the least. You don't emerge from a journey into the center

of your heart with neat and clean answers, but rather, more usually, with a little blood and a few interior wounds. One of the more helpful ways to make the journey, I have found, is to make a couple of wrong vocational decisions — very few of which, by the way, are ever irreversible. These "wrong turns" can shake you out of a slumber and force you to ask, "What is my heart's deepest desire?" Though a little uncomfortable at the time, these times of questioning my heart's desire have led me to the greatest joys in my life — my vocation as a Catholic school teacher and, ultimately, to the priesthood.

Our hearts' deepest desire, in the end, coincides with God's desire for our lives, and the life of the Church and the world. That's a lot of powerful lines converging in one human heart. It is not a journey that unfolds beginning-to-end during college. The decisions we make now do not bear the burden of determining the rest of our lives — but they are a step into a job, or a vocation, and, perhaps most importantly, the realization of the difference between the two.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More than football

Brad Duffy thinks Notre Dame students are looking for "reasons to celebrate" ("BC team deserves respect," Oct. 10). Wait, what? Attending this University is reason enough to celebrate. Apparently Brad misinterpreted Bob Griffin's Oct. 8 letter ("Don't storm the field"). Storming versus not storming after a victory against Boston College has nothing to do with football. Rather, it has everything to do with what Notre Dame is, and what Boston College is not. Domers know Boston College just isn't a big deal. It is inferior to us across the board simply because many students there applied here and weren't accepted.

Ask them. Bottom line: A win this weekend lessens the pain to what has been a tough season. But that's it. We aren't hosting a team riding a 27-game winning streak. Keep it in your pants ... I mean, stands, like Bob advises. Perhaps students in Chestnut Hill are writing letters discerning how to celebrate a win against the Irish. They better write soon, though, or they'll have to wait until Monday, as Boston College publishes "The Heights" only two times each week.

Matthew J. Quering
junior
Alumni Hall
Oct. 10

Underdogs deserve celebration

In response to "Don't storm the field" (Oct. 8) by Bobby Griffin, I have one question: Are you serious? That must have been a joke. Are you really that insecure about where Notre Dame stands with Boston College? I do not think I could disagree with you more when you state, "We would be showing them a sense of respect that they don't deserve." Bobby, it is not an academic challenge. They are playing football. And in case you did not notice, Boston College is a very good football team. They are not South Florida, who is in the top five purely because of a win against an overrated West Virginia team and the upset bonanza that has taken place the last two weeks.

The Eagles are there because they proved themselves last year as a quality football team and have done nothing but back that up this year. Notre Dame, on the other hand, is young, inexperienced and looking for all the wins they can get. Let alone a huge upset over the fourth best team in the country.

In regard to football, Notre Dame is the underdog for the 2007 season. In fact, it would be the underdog against most of the teams in Division I. Saying this does not make me any less of a Notre Dame fan, it's just the facts. I look forward to the future when the Irish make it back into the top 20, but for this year, Boston College is a big favorite. If anyone listens to your ridiculous suggestion, then it looks like my friends and I will be the only ones on the field going nuts in celebration of a huge upset victory. Honestly, while reading your letter I did not understand why The Observer would even post it in the paper. It all became clear once I saw that you were the assistant managing editor last year. Next time, keep that stuff to yourself.

Brian Salvi
junior
off campus
Oct. 9

Act like we've been there before

When I read Brad Duffy's article ("BC team deserves respect," Oct. 10), I assumed that it had to be written by an innocent freshman who had not yet been completely baptized into the tradition that is Notre Dame football, one who did not understand our relationship to Boston College nor winning in general. To my dismay, this response was issued by a senior, one who should know better than to support such an endeavor. We are Boston College's aspirational peer. They are not ours. We expect to best Boston College in all facets, whether it is football or academics. To rush the field after the game would serve to legitimize our opponent as superior to us. There is no reason to feed fuel to the fire, this game already serves as Boston College's Super Bowl (this game is more important to them than an ACC Championship), while they are at best our fifth biggest rival.

In addition, I feel the need to comment on the celebration that occurred in Stonehenge after the

UCLA game. This was an embarrassment in itself. We beat a team who lost to Utah 44-6. We beat a team that was forced to play a red-shirt freshman walk-on quarterback. I was disgusted to think that such an ugly win would incite such behavior in our student body. The reaction here on campus had to be similar to that occurring in Palo Alto the same night, except Stanford had just beaten the top team in the nation. This season has been tough, but our recent past was bright and the future is even brighter. We are Notre Dame. Our tradition is winning, and we expect to win every game. All I can say is that if we do indeed win on Saturday, follow the words that Coach Weis told his players after they scored against UCLA: "Act like you've been there before."

Andrew Checca
Class of 2007
South Bend
Oct. 10

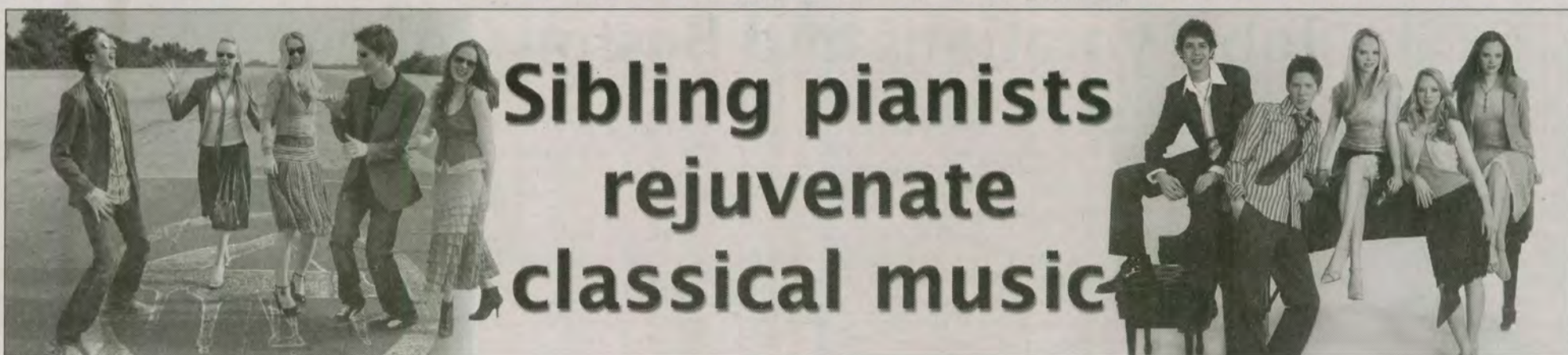
Not a little brother

I read with interest the Viewpoint letter written by Bob Griffin ("Don't storm the field," Oct. 8) about the upcoming football game against Boston College. I'd like to remind Griffin that Boston College has beaten Notre Dame repeatedly — in fact, five of the past six times the Eagles have played the Irish. Please feel free to blame this on Tyrone Willingham or Bob Davie or anyone else you like. Boston College isn't Notre Dame's weaker, inferior little brother. The schools have very little in common aside from their Catholic faith. Boston College is, for example, an open-minded Jesuit school, in a major metropolitan area, with quality football and basketball programs, and a variety of other things that make it a different

institution.

May I point out that Griffin's letter is just the type of smug superiority that makes so many people from so many schools love to hate Notre Dame? If Boston College walks into Notre Dame Stadium with a swagger, it's because the Eagles have beaten the Irish the past four times they've seen them, green jerseys or not. Good luck out there this weekend. My family, all Notre Dame alums, were fully expecting the Irish to be 0-7 after seeing the Eagles this weekend. 1-6 ain't bad.

Sheila G. Miller
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Oct. 10



MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

By MICHELLE FORDICE
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Fifty fingers. Five pianos. One night of astounding talent. It isn't often that a family gets to send a child to Julliard. It has only happened once that a family has simultaneously sent five, and now they are coming to Notre Dame.

The 5 Browns — Desirae, Deondra, Gregory, Melody and Ryan — are five siblings, all piano virtuosos in their early twenties. They all began playing the piano around the age of three. Now, they have formed an innovative music group that is taking the soul of classical piano and bringing it out to a new audience. Featured on everything from "Oprah" to "People Magazine," these musicians are beginning to invigorate classical music with not only their amazing talent but also their relaxed stage presence and frequent selection of more familiar piano pieces to attract a wider audience.

Between the talent of the musicians and the simple fact that they often utilize all five pianos, the 5 Browns create arrangement opportunities you wouldn't see oth-

erwise. The classical music they play is anything but simplistic, and yet the 5 Browns still add new depth and excitement to the pieces. The 5 Browns also incorporate other artists into their music, adding another dimension. They have featured musicians like trumpeter Christ Botti on their arrangement of "Home Blues" from "An American in Paris" and Dean Martin on "Everybody Loves Somebody."

The group has released three albums, starting with "The 5 Browns." Along with exceptional, but less familiar, classical works, listeners will recognize many of the pieces — from Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov's "The Flight of the Bumblebee" to an arrangement of songs from Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's "West Side Story." Four of the tracks feature all five pianos at once.

"No Boundaries," the group's sophomore album, is the siblings' best known after spending twenty weeks on the top of Billboard's Traditional Classical chart. It features crowd appealing pieces such as George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," an excellent arrangement of "Simple Gifts" and "Going Home" that anyone who has



Photo courtesy of the5browns.com

The 5 Browns are the only five siblings to ever attend Julliard at the same time. The pianists have displayed extraordinary talent since each was three years old.

sung hymns in church will recognize, and their take on the 1911 version of Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird."

The 5 Browns' latest, "Browns in Blue," includes five new songs that feature all five pianists and several recognizable pieces, such as Rachmaninoff's "18th Variation" from "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini," "Home Blues" from "An American in Paris" and Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals Aquarium."

Whether they are performing solo, as duets, or as a five-piano ensemble, the 5 Browns refresh classical music with their youth and crowd appeal. Most people can

recognize dozens of classical pieces of music if they heard them, even if they could not name them, and the 5 Browns do an excellent job of choosing many pieces from that group. Don't let a little unfamiliarity stop you from taking the opportunity to see these musicians.

The 5 Browns will perform in the DPAC's Leighton Concert Hall at 7:30 tonight. Tickets are \$15 for students, \$30 for seniors, faculty and staff and \$35 for general audience.

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Five friends love and laugh in Season 2 of 'Mother'

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

There's something addictive about watching a group of five friends drink constantly, overuse the word "awesome" and love each other unconditionally. Ted, Marshall, Lily, Robin and Barney are a family of sorts, whose bond never weakens despite break-ups, the death of Marshall's beloved Fiero and a spectacular slap bet.

"How I Met Your Mother: Season Two," now on DVD, continues the story of the five best friends as Ted (Josh Radnor) tries to find love and the future mother of his children. Although it is established in the pilot episode that Robin (Cobie Smulders) is not

Ted's future wife (she is referred to as "Aunt Robin" throughout the entire series), the second season begins with Ted and Robin finally in a relationship after a season of romantic tension. Meanwhile, engaged Marshall (Jason Segel) and Lily (Alyson Hannigan) are split up. Lily is in San Francisco pursuing her artistic dreams, and Marshall never leaves his apartment in New York City. Of course, Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) remains the perpetual bachelor as he begs Ted to resume the single life and tries to get Marshall to "suit up" and move past Lily.

The appeal of the series stems from the interaction of the five lead characters. The actors possess an undeniable chemistry and an obvious joy for their work. Co-creators Carter Bays and Craig Thomas partly based the series off their own lives, adding to the authenticity of character development and situations. The finished product, on camera, reflects the fun and collaboration that exists off camera.

Unique to "How I Met Your Mother" is the way it is filmed. The creators of the show consider it a hybrid of the multi-camera and single-camera sitcom. It is filmed using multiple cameras as in a traditional sitcom, but it forgoes the studio audience allowing for greater flexibility in sets, scene lengths and the

use of flashbacks. The finished product is later shown to a studio audience when the laugh track is added to the episode.

Whatever process the show creators are using, it's undoubtedly working. Season 2 magnificently builds on the groundwork laid out in the series' first season. Everything is funnier — from the situations to the dialogue to the character revelations. Highlight episodes include "Slap Bet," in which Robin's secret Canadian past is revealed, "Single Stamina," where Barney can't cope when his gay, black brother decides to practice monogamy, and "Something Borrowed," in which Marshall and Lily finally get the happiness they deserve.

The DVD's special features are not overly impressive, but the episode commentary is notable compared to other series' DVDs. In most of the commentaries, the episode's writer is paired with a featured actor from that episode. The combination reveals insights into the writing process and the relationship between the writer and the actor. We're also treated to hilarious behind-the-scenes anecdotes and storylines that almost were.

While "How I Met Your Mother" isn't the ratings powerhouse known as "Friends," it possesses the same warmth and humor that made us fall in love with that NBC sitcom, especially in its earlier seasons. But "Mother" draws from not just "Friends" but even shows like "Arrested Development"

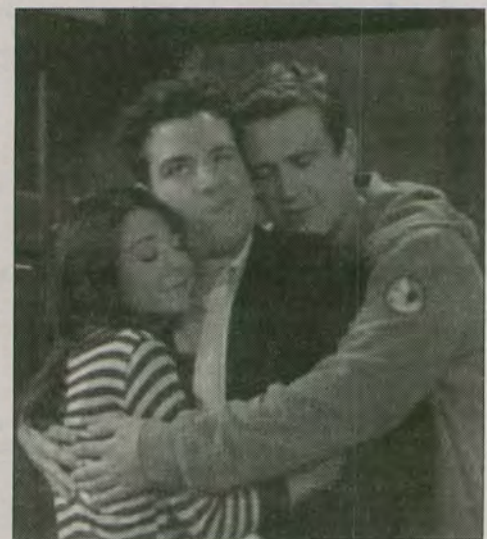


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Lily, left, and Marshall, right, miss Ted in their lives in Episode 18, "Moving Day."

and "The Wonder Years." It's unique and relevant to the new generation of 20-somethings adapting to life after college and before marriage. To borrow a phrase from Barney, Season 2 is "legen — wait for it — dary," and even though by the end of it, Ted still hasn't met his kids' mother, we want to stick with the five friends for however long it takes.

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How I Met Your Mother Season Two

Starring: Josh Radnor, Jason Segel, Cobie Smulders, Neil Patrick Harris, Alyson Hannigan



Dashboard Confessional

Carrabba trumps band, album suffers



MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

Dashboard Confessional's latest CD dropped into stores Oct. 2, but "The Shade of Poison Trees" is a generally lackluster attempt from this emo-cult favorite. Dashboard's most recent installment lacks an intelligent maturity that seven years of success would usually create. Rather, "Shade" seems to indicate a complacency and hyper-emphasis on lead singer Chris Carrabba.

Apparently Dashboard failed to learn the lesson from David Bowie's ill-fated, fictitious Ziggy of Ziggy Stardust. Mainly, no good can come from such an excessively one-man show. And it's impressive that lead singer and heartthrob Chris Carrabba has yet to suffer mutiny from "the band."

Unfortunately for Dashboard, there is really no better title than "the band" for the other guitarist, bassist and drummer. Dashboard's instrumental component earns a nondescript title with its lack of personality. "Shade" merely proves this point, and "the band"

lacks a general presence in the album. So not only have non-Carrabba band mates been excluded from their leader's star status, but apparently their music talent has also been suppressed and underdeveloped by neglect.

Though this trend of overemphasizing emo's golden boy has paid off in cash and prizes for seven years, Dashboard's most recent installment suffers for it. The primary problem of "Shade" is the uninspiring instrumentals. The album desperately needs an instrumental variety to resuscitate the vocals from a lifeless redundancy. An occasional guitar solo, interesting bass

variation, or change in rhythm would have been a much-appreciated break. Overall, another balancing musical talent would benefit this band as a complement to its leader's famous vocals.

The un-evolved style of Dashboard's latest release presents little to offer to those who are not already part of its emo fan base. However, followers of Dashboard will generally get what they expect, particularly if they're looking for Carrabba's usual routine. His now-famous piercing vocals still mix a soulful wisdom with the sadness of romantic angst. "Shade" will not fail to satisfy listeners looking to melt their emotionally overwhelmed hearts. Carrabba's style is unchanging and will continue to drown out the pain of the emo audience, but that isolates those less inclined toward the genre.

The group's old themes persist. Frustration, anger, guilt, life affirming independence and sweet passion are once again visited in "Shade." Though the lyrics generally touch listeners' more sensitive sides, Dashboard offers a cursory take on these overly explored topics. The band is not quite up to par with its typically poignant lyrics. While

generally smart and eloquent one-liners pervade the group's songs, there is little to stand out in Carrabba's irritated and pondering ramblings.

Still, Dashboard uses a catchy, though mediocre, wit. Some phrases — "So now you think that your crimes are victimless?" and "And I'll know I'm alive" — will easily get caught in listeners' heads, but they offer little intellectually to chew over. This regression in Dashboard's lyrics is particularly sad considering the group's commendable past performances and relatively extensive experience.

Highlights include "Fever Dreams," which offers a welcome and upbeat tempo coupled with a catchy phrasing. "Little Bombs" has serious potential for success, especially with its political undertones. And the group's assault on superficiality in "Matters of Blood and Connection" exhibits a great take on trust fund babies. These tracks are recommended, but the album as a whole is monotonous and tame. "The Shade of Poison Trees" most certainly fails to live up to Dashboard's potential.

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The Shade of Poison Trees

Dashboard Confessional

Released by: Vagrant Records

Recommended Tracks: "Little Bombs" and "Matters of Blood and Connection"



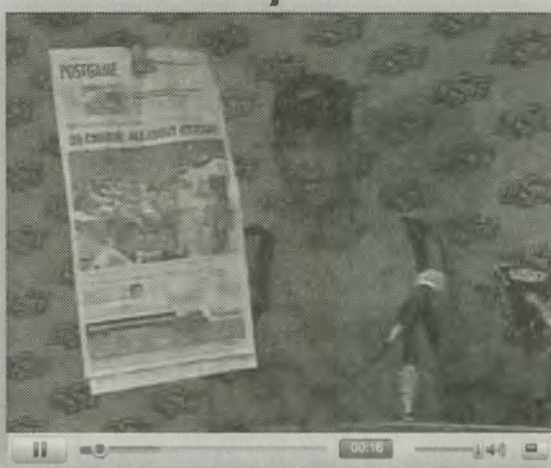
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"The Shade of Poison Trees" is the latest album from Dashboard Confessional, but the emo band's recent release is disappointing.

SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS



Mike Gundy



Oklahoma State coach - he's a man - goes crazy at press conference. Insanity is maximized by an excess of orange.

Brenda Dickson "Welcome to My Home"



Former "Young and the Restless" star gives tour of Hollywood home. She's reminiscent of a human Barbie or an ultra-glam serial killer.

Britney Spears "Gimme More"



Better than her VMA performance, but Brit does little more than "dance" around a pole. She clearly never watched Carmen Electra's stripaerobic's DVD.

Soulja Boy Pooh



Maybe the best of the Soulja Boy tributes. You will forever question what exactly Pooh puts in his honey pot.

NHL WRAPS

Senators best Thrashers behind Elliott's first career start

Red Wings ride offensive wave to victory over Flames as the front line compiles two goals, two assists to stay undefeated

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brian Elliott was ready for this day. After all, he'd been preparing for it since he was seven years old.

Elliott won his NHL debut, stopping 27 shots Wednesday night to keep the Ottawa Senators perfect with a 3-1 win over the struggling Atlanta Thrashers.

Antoine Vermette scored the tie-breaking goal early in the third period and the Senators made it 5-for-5 in the young season, just one win off the franchise record for most consecutive victories at the start of the season.

Ottawa won its first six games in 2005-06. After getting all the way to the Stanley Cup finals last season before losing to Anaheim, the Senators are clearly on a mission.

"We were hungry and excited to get this season started," Dany Heatley said. "Everybody talks about a letdown after going to the finals, but I don't feel that."

Elliott did his part to keep the winning streak going, though he wasn't even expecting to play. He's only on the roster because No. 1 goalie Ray Emery is recovering from offseason wrist surgery.

"It was a surprise," said Elliott, the 291st overall pick in the 2003

entry draft. "You're nervous. You're playing in the NHL. It's a game you have to be prepared for, and I was prepared."

The Ontario native, who played college hockey at Wisconsin, watched the first four games while Martin Gerber posted a 1.73 goals-against average. But, with the first of back-to-back games, Elliott got the call.

"From age seven, this has been my goal," he said.

The Thrashers hardly look like the defending Southeast Division champion. They have lost their first three games, managing just four goals.

Atlanta created more chances than it did in its first two losses, but Elliott made a brilliant save on Alexei Zhitnik about a minute after Vermette's goal put the Senators ahead 2-1. After Zhitnik got free at the side of the net on a give-and-go pass, Elliott sprawled back with his right pad to keep the puck out.

"He played great," Thrashers goalie Kari Lehtonen said. "When they're going with a guy who's playing his first NHL game, you think you have the advantage. But he proved us wrong. He played tremendous."

Chris Kelly gave the Senators a quick lead, scoring an unassisted goal on the first shot of the game. Ilya Kovalchuk tied it for Atlanta with his first of the season, but



Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood closely watches a shot heading his way in a 4-2 Red Wing victory Wednesday over the Flames. Osgood finished the night with 19 saves.

Vermette scored the winner with 18:18 remaining.

Chris Phillips cleared the Ottawa zone with long pass off the boards, and Vermette hustled past the Thrashers defense to beat Lehtonen with a blistering shot over the goalie's glove hand from the left faceoff circle.

"That second goal should have never happened," Atlanta coach Bob Hartley said. "We made a bad mistake and it winds up in the net."

Red Wings 4, Flames 2

Henrik Zetterberg, Pavel Datsyuk and Tomas Holmstrom are back together again.

The line combined for two goals, and two assists, and Kris Draper's goal late in the second period broke a tie and lifted the Detroit Red Wings to a win over the Calgary Flames on Wednesday night.

"Those guys can go head to head with the top lines in the league right now," said Draper. "Those guys are doing a fantastic job creating a lot of chances offensively and certainly doing great things in their own end as well."

The unit was one of the NHL's best last season from when they were united in December until Zetterberg hurt his back in late February and missed the rest of the regular season.

Red Wings' coach Mike Babcock began this season by using Zetterberg and Datsyuk, who are both natural centers, on different lines to create more scoring balance. After Johan Franzen, who was on a line with Datsyuk and Holmstrom, suffered a sprained knee in Chicago on Saturday night, Babcock put the trio back together in Monday night's 4-2 win over Edmonton.

"They create a lot," said Calgary captain Jarome Iginla of Zetterberg, Datsyuk, and Holmstrom. "...We (his line) weren't nearly good enough. They were skating."

Zetterberg and Holmstrom had goals on Wednesday night and Chris Osgood made 19 saves for the Red Wings.

Kristian Huselius scored both of Calgary's goals, and Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 24 shots.

Draper broke a 2-all tie with 3:01 left in the second period when he tipped in Andreas Lila's

shot from the point for his second goal.

It came as the Flames were being whistled for a penalty and when Osgood went to the bench, Zetterberg jumped onto the ice as the sixth Red Wings' attacker.

"Obviously as soon as they touch it, it's whistled down," said Draper. "But once Hank came flying off the bench and made a couple good plays, I just saw the puck getting out to Lils and just tried to get my body and my stick as much as I could in front of the net. It hit my stick and went in. It was nice to see."

Mikael Samuelsson added a power-play goal with 4:24 left in the third period.

"I think there's a lot more in that dressing room than we're seeing," said Calgary coach Mike Keenan. "I hope so anyway."

Zetterberg scored the game's first goal 8:08 into the first period on a power play. He converted Datsyuk's cross-crease pass after Datsyuk intercepted a bad clearing attempt by Kiprusoff.

"They can play with so much tempo, they make it hard on the opposition," said Detroit coach Mike Babcock.



Ottawa Senators goalie Brian Elliott blocks a shot from Thrashers center Jim Slater in a 3-1 Senators win Wednesday.

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Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
NY Islanders	2-1-0	4	2-1-0
Philadelphia	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
Pittsburgh	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
NY Rangers	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
New Jersey	1-2-0	2	1-2-0

Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Ottawa	4-0-0	8	4-0-0
Montreal	1-0-1	3	1-0-1
Toronto	1-2-1	3	1-2-1
Boston	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
Buffalo	0-2-0	0	0-2-0

Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Washington	3-0-0	6	3-0-0
Carolina	2-1-1	5	2-1-1
Tampa Bay	2-0-0	4	2-0-0
Atlanta	0-2-0	0	0-2-0
Florida	0-2-0	0	0-2-0

Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	2-0-1	5	2-0-1
Nashville	2-0-0	4	2-0-0
St. Louis	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
Chicago	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
Columbus	1-1-0	2	1-1-0

Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Minnesota	2-0-0	4	2-0-0
Colorado	2-1-0	4	2-1-0
Edmonton	2-1-0	4	2-1-0
Vancouver	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
Calgary	0-1-1	1	0-1-1

Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
San Jose	1-1-1	3	1-1-1
Anaheim	1-3-1	3	1-3-1
Phoenix	1-1-0	2	1-1-0
Dallas	1-2-0	2	1-2-0
Los Angeles	1-2-0	2	1-2-0

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference Standings

team	record	points
DC United	1 16-6-6	54
New England	2 14-7-7	49
New York	3 11-6-11	39
Kansas City	4 10-7-11	37
Chicago	5 9-9-10	36
Columbus	6 7-10-11	31
Toronto FC	7 6-6-16	24

Western Conference Standings

team	record	points
Chivas USA	1 15-6-6	51
Houston	2 14-6-8	48
FC Dallas	3 13-4-11	43
Colorado	4 8-8-12	32
Los Angeles	5 8-6-13	30
Real Salt Lake	6 5-9-14	24

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Colorado manager Clint Hurdle relieves rookie pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez during Game 3 of the National League Division Series against the Philadelphia Phillies. The pitching of the rookies have led the Rockies to the NLCS.

Rookie pitchers leading Rockies to success

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Troy Tulowitzki may be the leading candidate for NL rookie of the year. He's hardly the only Colorado Rockies newcomer to make a huge impact.

When the Rockies lost three-fifths of their starting rotation to injuries in a 16-day span at midseason, they turned to two pitching prospects from their Latin development program and rushed them to the majors.

Without 21-year-old lefty Franklin Morales and 23-year-old righty Ubaldo Jimenez, the Rockies wouldn't be in this purple haze, set to play Arizona in the NL championship series starting

Thursday night.

Jimenez (4-4, 4.28 ERA) held opponents to a .228 batting average and provided a big boost to the team with an electric four-pitch repertoire that features a 99 mph fastball.

And the bigger the game, the better he's done.

Jimenez has allowed just one hit in each of his last two outings, both of them covering 6 1/3 innings. The first one was against Arizona on the final day of the season, when the Rockies forced a wild-card tiebreaker with San Diego, and his second one came Saturday when Colorado swept Philadelphia out of the playoffs.

"All year he's been filthy,

but he's stepped it up in the last couple of weeks for sure," pitcher Josh Fogg said. "Any time you can throw a baseball 100 mph and break off a 72 mph curveball and a 76 mph changeup and a slider that's gotten better with time, it's fun to watch. I'm a little jealous ... but he's been the best pitcher on our staff by far."

Ace Jeff Francis won't argue with that.

"I think both Ubaldo and Franklin have been awesome for us," Francis said. "They've both got great stuff."

Morales (3-2, 3.43) joined the rotation for the final six weeks of the season and tied the club record with 20 consecutive shutout innings. He

got an early hook against the Phillies in Game 2 but he'll be back on the mound when the NLCS returns to Denver this weekend.

Even their teammates are in awe of what these young kids are doing in pressure-packed appearances.

"It's been awesome to watch Jimenez and Morales," reliever Taylor Buchholz said. "They have electric arms and they make it look easy."

The Rockies had to call on them when they lost starters Rodrigo Lopez, Jason Hirsh and Aaron Cook to the 60-day DL in a 2 1/2 week span in late July and early August, when the playoffs were the farthest thing from anyone's mind in Denver.

IN BRIEF

The Gipper's body exhumed for DNA testing

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — The body of George Gipp, the legendary Notre Dame football player who inspired the rallying cry "Win one for the Gipper," was exhumed recently for DNA testing in his Upper Peninsula hometown, an official said Wednesday.

The test was sought by the Gipp family and met legal requirements, Houghton County Medical Examiner Dr. Dawn Nulf said, although it angered some relatives who live in the area where Gipp was born and raised. She declined comment on why the request was made.

An ESPN crew filmed the exhumation for an upcoming story, but a spokesman said the network played no role in arranging it.

Ray Allen scores 28 in exhibition with Celtics

LONDON — Somebody forgot to tell Ray Allen that the Celtics are Kevin Garnett's team.

Allen scored 28 points Wednesday night to lead the Celtics to a 92-81 preseason win over the Minnesota Timberwolves in Garnett's first game against his former team.

Garnett, who spent 12 years in Minnesota, scored nine points in less than 30 minutes at London's O2 Arena, but he helped in other ways.

"When you have KG in the post, everyone wants to double him," said Allen, who was 5-of-8 from 3-point range. "We can knock down 3s. We have so much available."

Garnett had six rebounds, two assists and three blocks.

"The past is the past," Garnett said. "This is a new chapter in my life."

Landis to appeal doping ruling one last time

The final uphill climb for Floyd Landis in his Tour de France odyssey will end in a Swiss courtroom.

The American cyclist decided Wednesday to try to regain his 2006 championship at the Court of Arbitration for Sport — the top court for sports — hoping arbitrators there will reverse an earlier decision to ban him for two years and strip him of his title for using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I want to take this opportunity to say again, that I am innocent of the doping allegations against me," Landis said. "I hope that the arbitrators of the case will fairly address the facts showing that the French laboratory made mistakes, which resulted in a false positive. Although the process of proving my innocence has been difficult for me and my family, I will not stop trying to prove my innocence."

MLB

A-Rod likely to opt out of last years with Yanks

Star third baseman looking to test free-agent market; agent Boras cites increase in baseball revenue as main reason

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez is ready to cash in. Again.

Agent Scott Boras hinted Tuesday that A-Rod will opt out of the final three seasons of his contract with the New York Yankees and seek a new deal in the free-agent market that will lock him up through his pursuit of Barry Bonds' home-run record.

Boras negotiated Rodriguez's record \$252 million, 10-year agreement with the Texas Rangers before the 2001 season, a contract the Yankees took over when they acquired A-Rod before the 2004 season. His next deal could last for more than a decade.

"Alex wants to be in one uniform for a long, long time, if not to the end of his career," Boras said of the 32-year-old, headed to his third AL MVP Award. "I think Alex could play very reasonably until he's 45. So you're talking about a situation where we want this guy to be identified with one franchise and one uniform for a very, very long time."

Rodriguez enters next year 17th on the career home-run list with 518 and is 242 behind Bonds, who also hopes to play next season. The expected chase will be factored into the negotiation.

"That team is going to be associated with having a player in its organization that has this history, this value," Boras said, "and they're going to be able to market that and go through the varying chases and levels of passing players in his home run pursuits."

In describing how Rodriguez would benefit from free agency, Boras cited the increase in baseball revenue from \$3 billion in 2000 to nearly \$6 billion this year.

"The marketplace for negotiating contracts has changed so dramatically from when we negotiated in 2000 to where we negotiate in 2007," Boras said.

New York likely will approach Boras with an extension offer in the next few weeks — Rodriguez must make his decision whether to opt out by the 10th day after the World Series ends.

Rodriguez must weigh that offer against what he could get as a free agent, keeping in mind that the market for a player in the \$30 million-a-year-range is limited.

"He could opt out tomorrow if he wanted to, but I haven't discussed that with him,"

Boras said. "All those decisions will be made when we sit down and talk."

The Chicago Cubs and Los Angeles Angels are viewed as possible destinations, although their payrolls are dwarfed by that of the Yankees.

Rodriguez is guaranteed \$24 million annually by New York in each of the next three seasons.

But part of that would be offset by \$21,304,500 the Rangers still owe New York as part of the trade. In addition, Rodriguez is due \$3 million each year by the Rangers, money that is deferred a 2 percent annual interest rate and scheduled to be paid from 2016-25.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said that if Rodriguez opts out — and the Yankees lose that \$21 million subsidy — the team would cut off negotiations.

"That would be my position, yes, that would be my very

strong recommendation," he said. "There is a date and if you can make a deal before that date, fine. After that date, it becomes a much different economic animal. It makes less sense."

When Rodriguez arrived at spring training, he was coy when asked about his contract.

"I understand I have an option, but I also understand that I want to be a New York Yankee," he said, going on to add: "My goal is to go in with Derek and Mo and open the new stadium."

Closer Mariano Rivera and catcher Jorge Posada can become free agents after the World Series. Pitcher Andy Pettitte has a \$16 million player option.

Rodriguez had a regular season that likely will earn him a third AL MVP award, leading the major leagues with 54 homers and 156 RBIs. But he went 4-for-15 (.267) with one RBI against Cleveland and is in an 8-for-59 (.136) post-season funk dating to 2004. He is hitless in his past 18 playoff at-bats with runners in

scoring position.

New York would have to replace A-Rod's regular-season offense if he leaves.

"A lot of it depends on whether he comes back here,"

said first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, A-Rod's former high school teammate and off-season workout partner. "That's like a domino effect. It's a big piece of the puzzle."

"Alex [Rodriguez] wants to be in one uniform for a long, long time, if not to the end of his career."

Scott Boras
Alex Rodriguez's agent

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NFL

Ailing Panthers sign Testaverde as backup

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Vinny Testaverde won the Heisman Trophy the same year his new Carolina teammate Dwayne Jarrett was born. He was the No. 1 overall pick eight years

before the Panthers entered the NFL.

He's thrown more passes than have been thrown in Carolina's history. He's also nearly four years older than his offensive coordinator.

Yet the soon-to-be 44-year-old

Testaverde — the man nicknamed "Dad" by his new teammates — could start Sunday for the banged-up Panthers at Arizona.

"I'm just surprised that people are still interested in a 44-year old quarterback that hasn't played in five or six weeks," Testaverde said Wednesday, with his gray sideburns visible under his baseball cap. "It's like starting as a rookie, that excited, nervous, ready-to-go feeling."

The Panthers hope Testaverde will be ready after a five-day crash course. With Jake Delhomme set to undergo season-ending elbow surgery and David Carr missing practice and walking gingerly Wednesday with a back injury, Testaverde could be Carolina's best option.

"He's a guy we were fortunate enough to find at this point in the season," coach John Fox said.

Joining his sixth franchise, Testaverde has played in 226 games with 208 starts. The No. 1 overall pick in the 1987 draft was cut by New England before the start of the season.

"He brings experience," general manager Marty Hurney said. "He throws the ball extremely well. He's a fierce competitor."

The Panthers hope Carr will be able to practice late in the week and play Sunday. But Carr, who said his vertebrae was "squished" on a sack in

Sunday's win over New Orleans, was far from ready Wednesday.

"I felt like my grandpa Monday. I felt like my dad today. Hopefully I'll feel like my 7-year-old son by Sunday," Carr said.

Matt Moore, an undrafted rookie who played briefly Sunday when Carr was being treated, is the other quarterback on the roster. But Moore's inexperience and the fact he was signed only last month after being cut by Dallas could make the Panthers wary of starting him.

Enter Testaverde — two years younger than Moore's father — who shook off the old-man jokes in the locker room Wednesday.

"I haven't told them yet, but I have probably forgot more football than these guys already know," Testaverde said with a grin.

Entering his 21st season, the two-time Pro Bowl pick ranks sixth in NFL history 6,529 pass attempts, 150 more than Carolina has in its 13-year history. His 3,693 completions and 45,281 yards passing also rank sixth. He's ninth with 270 touchdown passes and tied for 10th with 30 300-yard passing games.

On Sunday, he could be throwing to Jarrett, who was born in 1986, the year Testaverde was named the best player in college football.

"I was probably about 7 or 8 when he was with the Browns,"

said Panthers receiver and Ohio native Drew Carter. "It was kind of surreal that I'm his teammate now."

"But he came into the huddle today and took control."

Testaverde does have some familiarity with the offense. Carolina's 40-year-old offensive coordinator, Jeff Davidson, is a former New England assistant and Testaverde spent last season with the Patriots.

"I know the system they run here," Testaverde said. "For someone with my experience it is easier than say a younger player coming in and trying to learn the system."

Delhomme was officially placed on injured reserve Wednesday to make room for Testaverde. Hurney said he has no concerns about Testaverde's age.

"If you watched him in preseason, he threw the ball extremely well," Hurney said. "He played in two preseason games — one was against us — and he still showed the ability to compete in this league."

"He's a guy who takes extremely good care of himself."

The available pool of quarterbacks was thin, and the Panthers were in competition with their Sunday opponent. The Cardinals also called Testaverde after they learned Matt Leinart would miss the rest of the season with a broken collarbone.



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NASCAR

Harvick hits tire spikes in Nextel Cup Chase

Associated Press

Kevin Harvick has to wonder what else can go wrong.

Since NASCAR's latest version of the Chase for the championship began four races ago, Harvick has seemed to be under some kind of cloud.

Flat tires relegated him to 17th at New Hampshire and 20th at Dover. Harvick finished a solid sixth at Kansas, but ran into more problems last Sunday at Talladega in a 20th-place finish.

It could have been worse for the Richard Childress Racing driver.

Four other drivers using engines built by the new RCR-Dale Earnhardt Incorporated alliance blew up, sending Jeff Burton, Harvick's teammate, and DEI drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr., Martin Truex Jr. and Aric Almirola to the garage early.

Harvick's engine lost power midway through the race, but he somehow got to the finish to preserve a 20th-place finish.

"With 50 laps to go, we dropped a cylinder," crew chief Todd Berrier said. "Somehow, it hung together to the end. It could have been a lot worse. It was worse for 23 other guys."

Talladega also extended Harvick's string of races he has finished to 38, dating to the Dover event in Sept. 2006. He and RCR teammate Clint Bowyer are the only two Chase drivers to have finished every race this season.

But the double-digit finish at Talladega left Harvick, going after his first Nextel Cup title, fifth in the 12-man Chase, 202 points behind Talladega winner and new series leader Jeff Gordon with six races remaining.

And Harvick isn't real secure in that spot, with Carl Edwards three points behind and 2004 champion Kurt Busch 13 points back.

In between Harvick and the two front-runners are RCR teammate Clint Bowyer in third and two-time Cup champion

Tony Stewart. But Harvick is better off than Burton, who is now last in the Chase standings and all but eliminated from championship contention.

"Yeah, it's been a fight so far," Harvick said. "I think, in the first two weeks we got three flat tires. Then, it was the engine at Talladega. You can only afford so many situations like that before it takes you right out of the Chase."

"Our approach hasn't changed, though. We go and try to be as aggressive as we can every week and make our car run as fast as we can to put ourselves in a position to win. If you can't do that, then you have to make the best day possible out of the days that you're having."

For Harvick to get back into the championship battle, some of the drivers ahead of him will have to suffer some of their own misfortunes and he will have to overcome his less-than-successful Cup history on the 1.5-mile oval at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

Heading into the Bank of America 500 on Saturday night, Harvick's only real success at the track in suburban Charlotte, N.C., came in May when he won the non-points All-Star race.

Otherwise, the 31-year-old has only one top-five finish in a points-earning race since his first Cup race there in 2001. The Bakersfield, Calif., native has an average finish of 20.2 at Lowe's.

In the 600-mile race in May, Harvick survived an early wreck to finish 21st.

"Charlotte seems to be a track where we just haven't had the finishes we need," Harvick said. "We have always run pretty well there, but just haven't been able to put everything together."

"During the Coca-Cola 600, we were running pretty good and just got caught up in a wreck. We have to find a way to keep everything together. If we can do that, I think we can leave Charlotte with a top-five finish."

If he does that, chances are Harvick will also be back in the championship race.

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TENNIS

Sharapova upset in Moscow

Amelie Mauresmo also falls; Kuznetsova only seeded woman to win

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Maria Sharapova, playing in Moscow for only the third time, lost to teenager Victoria Azarenka 7-6 (9), 6-2 Wednesday in the second round of the Kremlin Cup.

It was Sharapova's first match in six weeks since her defeat in the third round of the U.S. Open. The second-seeded Russian, who was sidelined because of a lingering shoulder injury, has never made it past the second round in the event.

Sharapova went ahead 5-3 and 40-love in the first set but lost 10 consecutive points and allowed Azarenka to force a tiebreaker.

"Maybe I was too self-assured at 5-3," Sharapova said. "But it all went downhill after."

In the men's event, second-seeded Mikhail Youzhny and third-seeded Andy Murray advanced to the second round. Youzhny beat Ernests Gulbis 6-3, 6-2, and Murray defeated Evgeny Korolev 6-2, 6-4. Paul-Henri Mathieu defeated qualifier Igor Kunitsyn 6-3, 6-4.

"Maybe I was too self-assured at 5-3. But it all went downhill after."

Maria Sharapova
tennis player

Against Sharapova, the 18-year-old Belarussian saved three more set points in the tiebreaker before taking the set. Azarenka then broke the two-time Grand Slam champion twice in the second set for her first win over the fourth-ranked player.

"I tried to stay concentrated and believed I could win the match," said Azarenka, ranked 32nd, who was a runner-up in her first WTA Tour final in Tashkent last weekend.

Vera Zvonareva upset Amelie Mauresmo 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the first round.

"She took the chances she got," Mauresmo said. "She began pretty bad and I was doing well, but then it went the other way."

In the second round, top-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova was the only seeded woman to win Wednesday after she rallied to beat Gisela Dulko 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Vera Dushevina upset Wimbledon finalist Marion Bartoli 2-6, 6-0, 6-4, and Elena Dementieva defeated seventh-seeded Patty Schnyder 6-3, 6-4. Dementieva will face Azarenka in the quarterfinals.

Kuznetsova and Dulko struggled to hold serve.

"It seems to me that I was playing against myself, surface and balls today, not against her," said Kuznetsova, who had four aces and 55 unforced errors. "I played bad but nevertheless won the match."

Mauresmo, who lost to Zvonareva for the first time in eight matches, took a 4-0 lead before winning the first set.

But the Russian broke the former top-ranked Frenchwoman in the second game of the second set and again in the opening game of the third. Mauresmo broke back at 4-4 but made three unforced errors on her serve in the next game, letting the 24th-ranked Russian serve for the match.

Serena Williams plays Tatiana Perebrynin in the second round Thursday.

"It seems to me that I was playing against myself, surface and balls today, not against [Dulko]."

Svetlana Kuznetsova
tennis player

TRACK AND FIELD

Jones' relay teammate wants to keep medal

Passion Richardson argues to retain bronze from 2000 Olympics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — One of Marion Jones' relay teammates wants to keep the bronze medal she earned with the disgraced sprinter at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

"I competed fairly, and I should not have to suffer the consequences for someone else's bad decisions and choices," Passion Richardson said Wednesday on the CBS "Early Show."

Jones returned her five Sydney Olympic medals Monday after admitting she took steroids. Now the International Olympic Committee must consider whether Jones' relay teammates should lose their medals, too. The IOC executive board next meets in December.

"I'm not happy with the fact that my character is going to now come into question as to whether or not I was using steroids because I wasn't," Richardson said.

Richardson, Chryste Gaines, Torri Edwards and Nanceen Perry competed with Jones on the 400-meter relay team. Both Edwards and Gaines have served doping bans since the 2000 Olympics.

The International Association of Athletics Federations has authority over results at the Olympics, while the IOC controls the medals.

Jones won golds in the 100 meters, 200 meters and the 1,600 relay in Sydney, as well as bronzes in the 400 relay and long jump.

U.S. Olympic chairman Peter Ueberroth said Monday the relays were tainted because of Jones' presence and all the medals should be returned.

IAAF rules state that all relay team members should be disqualified. However, it's not clear whether that rule was in force during the Sydney Games.

"I mean, you don't know what was going on on the other teams, so how do you really rectify that situation?" Richardson said. "There's really no positive outcome in either way that it goes."

Still, Jamaican Tayna Lawrence, who finished third to Jones in the 100 meters in Sydney, told a Jamaican sports radio show she's glad she knows the truth now.

"I think finally justice is served," said Lawrence, who's retired and has not yet been contacted about upgrading her medal. "There have been speculations for years. I have speculated, a number of people have speculated, and I am just happy that it is out."

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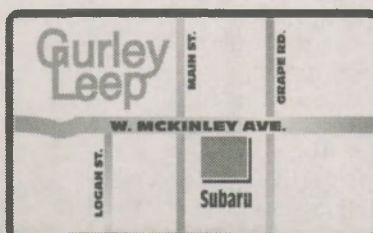
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NHL WRAPS

Stars beat Kings behind five goals, defense

Lightning stay unbeaten with 2-0 victory over lowly three-loss Panthers; center Chris Gratton scores twice

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Stars are counting on more offense from Niklas Hagman, a defensive specialist during his first five NHL seasons.

Four games into the season, he's giving his team everything they need and more.

Hagman matched his career high with two goals, one short-handed, Marty Turco stopped 32 shots and the Dallas Stars once again beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-1 on Wednesday night.

Hagman has four goals in his team's first four games.

Last season Hagman notched a career-best 17 goals, but the Stars want more, placing him on a scoring line centered by the team's top setup man, Mike Ribeiro.

"I have to concentrate on scoring a little more when I get a chance to play on a scoring line," Hagman said. "Every game now I'm going to get a couple of good chances. I've got to be ready to bury them."

Antti Miettinen, Ribeiro and Joel Lundqvist added goals for the Stars (2-2), who've won both home games by a combined score of 9-2.

Ribeiro thinks Hagman has the ability to be more of a force on offense.

"He's so fast he keeps the defense on its heels," Ribeiro said. "He has good hands. He has a lot of skills."

The Stars swept all eight games from the Kings last season, and Dallas continued that trend with the help of Hagman's fourth career two-goal game.

"We've got to change that," Kings coach Marc Crawford said of the recent disparity between the teams. "There's no magic formula. We have to execute better. We had three giveaways and they all ended up in the back of our net, which isn't characteristic of our club."

"Tonight the big story was Turco. We had way more great chances. He was the difference-maker for them."

Kyle Calder scored on a rebound at 9:03 of the third period for the Kings (1-3).

Hagman gave the Stars a 1-0 lead at 7:25 of the opening period while the Kings were on their second power play of the night. Hagman stole the puck from Kyle Calder at the right point, skated in alone and beat Jason LaBarbera through the pads on a backhand.

"I kind of read where Calder was going to try to pass and the puck hit me on the glove," Hagman said. "I was able to get on a breakaway and went through 25 different scenarios before I decided to go backhand."

Turco faced 11 shots in the first period, making a sharp glove save at 15:04 when he robbed Anze Kopitar on a rising attempt from low in the right circle that seemed ticketed for the upper right corner.

Hagman made it 2-0 at 4:18 of the second period, skating up the left side and converting Brenden Morrow's pass from behind the net for Hagman's fourth goal of the season.

Turco denied Alexander Frolov of the Kings on a short-handed breakaway at 8:20 of the second period, and Miettinen extended Dallas'

advantage to 3-0 nearly five minutes later with his first goal of the season.

Ribeiro, activated off injured reserve earlier in the day, knocked a loose puck past LaBarbera from in front of the net on a power play at 16:05 of the second period to stretch the lead to 4-0. Lundqvist connected on a breakaway 16 seconds into the third period to pad Dallas' advantage to 5-0.

Lightning 2, Panthers 1

The Lightning were hoping Chris Gratton would provide offensive depth. They would have dropped from the ranks of the unbeaten three games into the season without him.

Gratton scored twice and Johan Holmqvist made 30 saves as Tampa Bay beat the Florida Panthers on Wednesday night.

The Lightning's top line of Vincent Lecavalier, Martin St. Louis and Vinny Prospal, which combined for six goals and 13 points during the first two games, didn't record a point against Florida.

"When the big line isn't going, we found a way," Tampa Bay coach John Tortorella said. "I thought Grats' line was probably our best line."

Gratton, reacquired by Tampa Bay from Florida for a 2008 second-round draft pick in June, has 14 career multigoal games.

"It's always tough to play your former teammates," Gratton said. "It's nice to chip in against any team in the league. Our line has got to help out with the offense a little bit. We got a couple lucky breaks, but I thought it was a solid game by both teams."

Holmqvist has allowed four goals in three games this season, helping the Lightning start the season 3-0 for the just the third time in team history.

"Last year, most of those shots would go in," Florida captain Olli Jokinen said. "I think their goalie played probably the best game since he's been in the league, especially against us."

The Panthers got a goal from Ville Peltonen. Backup goalie Craig Anderson stopped 21 shots in his first appearance of the season.

"That was probably our best game since the start of the season," Florida coach Jacques Martin said. "I think we created some more chances and made some good saves. We just didn't finish at times, but we did a lot of things better."

Tampa Bay took a 2-1 lead when Gratton redirected Paul Ranger's shot during a power play with 9:24 left in the second. Peltonen had tied it at 1 earlier in the period at 4:04.

Gratton put Tampa Bay up 1-0 with a rebound goal at 9:03 of the first. The goal came shortly after Holmqvist made a strong save on Nathan Horton's shot from the low slot.

Anderson stopped Lecavalier twice on breakaways during the final five minutes of the first. He got the start in place of the struggling Tomas Vokoun, who is 0-2 with a 4.54 goals-against-average and an .816 save percentage this season.

Florida had the first eight shots of the third, but Holmqvist was up to the challenge and stopped them all during the period's opening five minutes.



Stars goalie Marty Turco blocks a shot from Kings left wing Dustin Brown in the second period of a 5-1 Dallas victory Wednesday. Turco finished with 32 saves on the night.

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Owens refuses to talk to media, leaves a note

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — A new tactic for Terrell Owens: Instead of talking, he wrote a note.

Even Owens apparently knows the Dallas Cowboys' game Sunday against New England, a pair of 5-0 teams and multiple Super Bowl winners, doesn't need any extra hype.

Nor does Tom Brady vs. Tony Romo, and more interestingly, Owens vs. Randy Moss in a matchup of the league's highest-scoring offenses.

In place of the usually talkative receiver, reporters found at Owens' locker Wednesday a nearly poster-sized, typewritten note:

"Dear Reporters,

"Due to the magnitude of this week's game and high volume of questions for the Original 81 about the other 81. I will be taking all questions immediately following Sunday's game.

"Sincerely, (followed by Owens' signature)

"p.s. Getcha Popcorn Ready."

The "other 81" was an obvious reference to Moss, the controversial five-time Pro Bowl receiver who after two difficult years in Oakland is flourishing in his first season with the Patriots.

Owens' postscript referred to his "get your popcorn ready" comment made when he signed with the Cowboys in the summer

of 2006 — before he caught an NFL-high 13 TDs in his Dallas debut. Owens has 21 catches for 387 yards and three TDs this season.

"I think he's pretty focused. We don't want to give them any bulletin-board material," tight end Jason Witten said. "There's enough said. We all know what the challenge is. ... He's staying focused. He's anxious, excited about the challenge."

Moss is tied for the NFL lead with seven touchdown catches and has a league-high 551 yards (on 34 catches), even after being sidelined much of training camp with a hamstring injury — similar to Owens' first camp with the Cowboys last year.

While Owens wasn't in the locker room, he was at practice, an unusual Wednesday workout with players in shorts without pads or helmets.

During the open locker room period, several of Owens' teammates stopped and read the note, then walked away smiling.

"It was funny reading it," Chris Canty said. "That's T.O. being T.O. You've got to love that guy."

Plus, they saw bigger messages in Owens' short statement.

"He's going to show it on the field. ... The talk is over. Now it's all about getting prepared and trying to get a win," DeMarcus Ware said.

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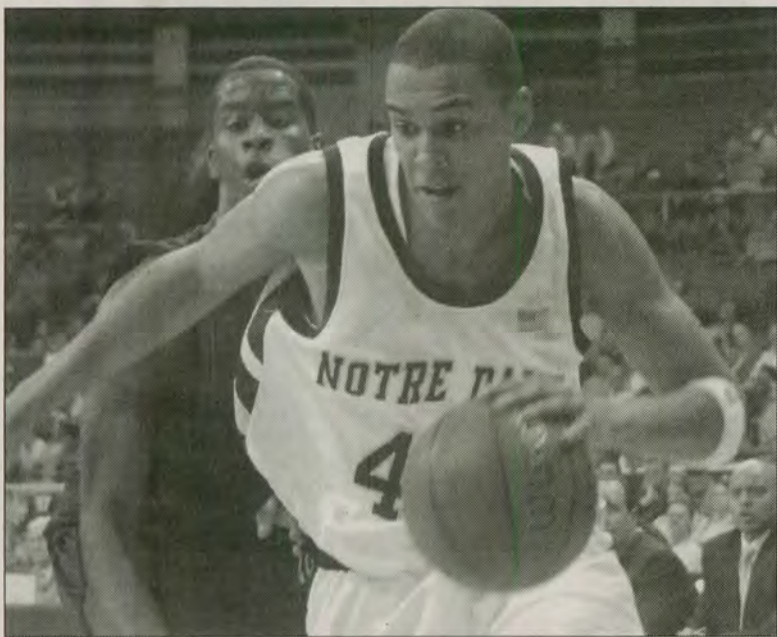
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ayers steps into starting position



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Junior forward Ryan Ayers drives in Notre Dame's 90-45 win over Winston-Salem State Nov. 29, 2006.

Junior forward will get more time with Carter and Falls gone

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

With its two leading scorers — Colin Falls and Russell Carter — gone, Notre Dame needs to find a way to replace the points the two first-team all-Big East stars contributed on a nightly basis.

Junior forward Ryan Ayers said at Irish media day Wednesday he is ready to take on part of that responsibility.

"I've been waiting for this for two years," Ayers said. "I feel like I'm very comfortable in this position and I feel like my coaches and my teammates have confidence in me. So, this is it for me, it's a good opportunity."

Ayers will hardly have to go it alone. Irish coach Mike Brey said the 6-foot-8 Ayers will likely start alongside sophomore Tory Jackson, junior Kyle McAlarney, senior Rob Kurz and sophomore Luke Harangody — all of whom have shown potential to put up bunches of points on any given night.

This season, however, Brey will ask Ayers to step into an expanded role as part of the starting lineup.

"Ryan's always had a great feel for the game. The footwork he has now he had when he was probably a junior in high school. That's what I loved about him. The body just needed time and the psyche needed time," Brey said. "You know, he got his butt handed to him a little bit in practice and in games. He had some disappointment but he grew and got tougher because of it."

Last year, Ayers was primarily a spot-up shooter and found success in that role. Ayers hit a game-tying 3-pointer in Notre Dame's 66-63 victory over Villanova on Jan. 27 and nailed four 3's to lead Notre Dame to a 76-64 win over Cincinnati Feb. 18. Now, Ayers is ready to add another dimension to his offensive game.

"I guess the last couple of years, I've gotten away from my mid-range game a little bit. That was one of my strengths in high school so I definitely want to bring that back," Ayers said. "Especially the one-dribble pull-up shot that I'm pretty good at, so I definitely want

to display that with more minutes hopefully this year that I'll get. Once they take away the three from me, I should get in there and be able to finish either at the rim or at the 15-foot range."

But Brey said fans should expect Ayers to develop his own identity on the floor and not try to imitate Carter.

"I think he can get in there a little bit up off the shot fake," Brey said. "He's not going to give you the Carter stuff, so I don't want to kind of even bring that up, but I think he can probe. He can make plays off the dribble. He can get to that lane and rise up and shoot a short jump-shot where Carter could go all the way and take people with him."

Ayers worked extensively this summer on his dribble-penetration and, in the process, gained the confidence of his teammates and his coach that he can be a leader out on the floor.

"You know, we've had so many guys on him the entire off-season saying, 'You know, just shoot it, already,'" junior Zach Hillesland said. "We want him to shoot because, you know, I consider him one of the top two or three shooters on the team. So, we're just trying to build his confidence and I think it's at a really high level right now."

Brey said Ayers' size is also an asset defensively. During his first two years, Ayers had the responsibility of guarding Falls, Carter and Chris Quinn in practice and learned valuable lessons along the way.

"Those guys make you so much better defensively," Ayers said. "Some might think Colin Falls wasn't the best athlete, but he was a really smart defender, and so I learned from him and how to cut off angles. Certainly, with my length and what they showed me, I've become a better defender."

With an experienced group of starters around him, Ayers won't have to carry the bulk of the load every night, but if the team needs up to put up big numbers, Brey said Ayers can do it.

"He's ready," Brey said. "With what he did last year, I'm confident, he's confident and, most importantly, his teammates are confident. We need him and he's ready to deliver. He's a junior now, he's paid his dues."

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an attempt to get ready for another run to the NCAA Tournament — and this time maybe a first-round victory.

For his part, Harangody shed 10 pounds and said he is in the best shape of his life.

"At the end of last season I sat down with the coaching staff and we talked about what I needed to do, how I needed to get in the weight room, and how I needed to condition to get my body in the best shape so I could make it through the season," he said. "I got in the weight room, watched what I ate and I think I met my goal."

Sophomore guard Tory Jackson said the summer workouts were "perfect," bringing the squad together on and off the court.

"We all were together," he said. "It was like a big family. Anything we did, we did together. Anytime someone went down, you could look to one side or the other and you would always have a player to pick you up. We are all brothers out there."

Junior Kyle McAlarney returns after being suspended for marijuana possession and missing the second half of last season to join Jackson in the back court. The two both played point guard early last season, with McAlarney starting and Jackson coming off the bench.

But after McAlarney was suspended, Jackson took over the starting role, averaging 7.8 points and 4.3 assists per game.

Because of the graduation of guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter, Notre Dame's two leading scorers from last season, McAlarney and Jackson will both start this year.

Jackson said the summer workouts helped him adjust to playing alongside McAlarney.

"It will give us a nice balance," he said. "We can run a lot and beat teams that way, just outrunning them."

Although the Irish return eight players who made significant contributions last season,

they have just one senior on their roster — forward Rob Kurz, who was Notre Dame's third-leading scorer last season at 12.3 points per game.

"He has done a great job as the lone senior setting the tone this summer," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I think sometimes before he has turned down shots, and I'm going to start with him tomorrow not turning down shots."

Kurz, Harangody, McAlarney and Jackson will fill four of the five starting line-up spots, and all have starting experience. Into the small forward role steps junior Ryan Ayers, who scored 2.9 points per game in a little under 12 minutes of playing time per game.

"I can contribute with my all-around game," Ayers said. "I can hit the open shot from three and get in to mix it up in the midrange game or finishing at the rim."

Off the bench, the Irish have junior Zach Hillesland, who does a little bit of everything. He averaged 5.8 points, 4.8

rebounds, 2.2 assists and a steal coming in a reserve last season.

Among veterans, 6-foot-10 junior Luke Zeller and sophomore point guard Jonathan Peoples will see time off the bench as well.

The Irish have a four-man freshman class this season, with forwards Tim Abromaitis and Carleton Scott, and guards Tyrone Nash and Ty Proffitt. Brey said the young players are learning how much work goes into Division 1 basketball.

"Our freshmen joined eight veterans who are amazingly motivated and really know how to work at a level that has got to be in the top two to three percent in college basketball," Brey said.

Notre Dame begins its season with home exhibition games against St. Ambrose Nov. 2 and St. Edward's Nov. 7. The regular season begins Nov. 12 at the Joyce Center against Long Island.

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Irish forward Zach Hillesland looks for a shot in Notre Dame's 85-73 win over Marquette Feb. 24.

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Injury

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As a freshman, Schrader averaged 10.5 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. A little more than a year after the injury, Irish coach Muffet McGraw says Schrader was ready to go.

"She's probably 90 percent," McGraw said. "She looks really good. She's strong, relentless, attacking, fearless. She's one of the best players on the team."

Schrader's interpretation of her physical condition was slightly more optimistic.

"I'm 120 percent right now," she said.

Suffering through the long rehabilitation took its toll on Schrader, and the hardest part of the injury was being relegated to the sidelines.

"I've always been a person

who's always been on the court," she said. "Me taking it off was really bad. The rehab was definitely hard, but not playing was killing me the most."

Schrader said that while not playing was the main consequence, missing other aspects of team involvement also made the time off more difficult.

"The little bonding things that we had during practice, team dinners, stuff like that," she said. "Or the announcer calling my name. That's the things I really, really miss the most."

Teammates said Schrader brought intensity to the team in her freshman year — something the team may need after its weak perimeter defense last season.

"Lindsay brought a lot of intensity all the time," senior guard Tulyah Gaines said. "Her whole aura about her is like an

intense player, she's never going to quit."

McGraw said the Irish will play a four-guard system this season, which the team began to learn last year. Although unable to practice the offense, Schrader said her time on the sidelines enabled her to better understand the intricacies of the system.

"Now I have a complete understanding of where I'm supposed to go, what I'm supposed to do," she said. "And if it wasn't for my injury, or if I didn't sit out, I wouldn't have been able to see it actually run."

"Just because we put in our brand new offense, I saw it run against a defense. I completely understand now what Coach was talking about."

McGraw agreed and said that Schrader's time off gave her a chance to grasp the game better than before.

"I think she learned a lot. She listened to her coaches. She conceived things a lot differently," McGraw said. "She's so happy to be out on the court. Sometimes we have to reign her back in, because she is so excited to be out there."

One thing Schrader was excited about was the chance to play with the sophomore class, alongside guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow and center Erica Williamson.

"I just can't wait to see what we'll be able to do and what we're capable of," Schrader said.

Schrader seemed to have found the benefits in the worst of situations, but now faces her favorite situation — getting back on the court once again.

"I haven't played another team in a year and a half," she said. "I was even excited for last year when this happened so I'm double excited now."

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Observer File Photo

Irish guard Lindsay Schrader looks to pass in Notre Dame's 72-65 win over Pittsburgh Feb. 28, 2006.

ND Women's Basketball

Freshmen bring high expectations

McGraw's twelfth straight Top-25 class complements veterans

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Last year Notre Dame had three freshmen see significant time off the bench. All three were named to the Big East all-freshman team.

This year, the Irish have another strong class of three freshmen — guard Brittany Mallory and forwards Becca Bruszewski and Devereaux Peters — and hope to get the same level of productivity out of them.

"I think it is important. We've had our classes ranked in the Top 25 for 12 straight years now, but it really depends on how they mature," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Last year, the freshmen had to develop very early in the season because the bench was so thin. After the starting five, then-freshman guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow and center Erica Williamson were McGraw's next best options.

But with three starters and three contributing bench players returning this season, playing time may be much more scarce than it was last year.

"This is probably the deepest team we've had in terms of talent and it's going to be a challenge for me," McGraw said. "Generally we're going to play eight; this year we have 10 and it's going to be up to them to get into the rotation early."

Despite the deep bench, all three current freshmen agreed that McGraw's willingness to play freshmen right away was a contributing factor in their decision to come to Notre Dame.

"It lets you know that you have a chance because some schools you just come in as freshmen and don't really get any time," Peters said. "So it's nice to know that you have a chance and based on what you do, you can achieve a lot."

Bruszewski said the people involved with the program were the most important factors in her decision to play for the Irish.

"Actually meeting with the coaches [was important]. Coach McGraw is kind of like my mom, and the other coaches are amazing," she said. "The girls are so cool and down to earth. We gel really well. And it doesn't hurt to have an ex-AAU teammate (Lechlitner) on the team."

Even though they won't be getting their minutes as early, this year's freshmen are expected to contribute a lot if Notre Dame is to be success-

ful.

Bruszewski and Peters will add to the team's depth in the frontcourt, and McGraw hopes that will help the Irish on both sides of the court.

"Devereaux Peters is a highly heralded freshman. She's got a lot of talent and she's going to help us in a lot of things that we haven't been able to do in terms of defense and in terms of rebounding and blocking shots," McGraw said. "And Becca Bruszewski,



Bruszewski

she is someone that we are expecting to be a versatile player who can come in and be real physical and play around the

basket."

McGraw said she hopes Mallory will be a strong presence in the Irish offense, especially from beyond the arch.

"Brittany Mallory is a great three-point shooter," McGraw said. "We're counting on her to be on from long range, especially against zone. In transition we're looking to shoot a lot of threes. I hope that she takes the most threes this year."

Off the court, the team is gelling well, especially the new players.

All three freshmen enrolled at summer school at Notre Dame and spent a lot of time together, Mallory said. Mallory and Bruszewski also roomed together over the summer.

"We [the three freshmen] became really close. We spent a lot of time together; we were in class together," Mallory said. "So it's kind of nice getting that preseason in and getting a feel for each other."

One of the most difficult parts of the transition between high school and college basketball for the freshmen has been the amount of practice — and especially the fitness and conditioning.

While Peters said she never lifted before joining Notre Dame, she feels she has made the transition well.

"The pace is a lot faster, it's a lot more running, and a lot more physical because people are stronger," she said. "There's definitely a difference but I think (the freshmen) are prepared for it now."

The upperclassmen have also helped Mallory, Bruszewski and Peters adapt to college life at Notre Dame.

"I could relate to them and [the team] treated me as just another player and not just like a freshman coming in," Mallory said.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Unbeaten streak comes to an end



Irish midfielder Justin Morrow moves upfield in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Michigan Oct. 3.

Irish fall to Spartans 1-0 on sloppy field

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame saw its nine-game unbeaten streak wash away in the rains of East Lansing Wednesday afternoon as the Irish fell 1-0 to Michigan State at Old College Field.

The loss was Notre Dame's first since a 3-0 defeat Sept. 2 at the hands of Maryland, and the Irish are now 8-2-2 on the season. Notre Dame still has a perfect mark of 5-0-1 in Big East play. Michigan State, coming off its first loss of the season last Saturday against Indiana, improved to 8-1-2 on the year.

"[Michigan State] is a team playing with confidence," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "They lost at Indiana last Saturday, but according to their coach, they felt they should have won the game. For the moment, they're very confident."

In failing to score Wednesday against the Spartans, Notre Dame was held scoreless for only the second time in its last 26 matches, but it wasn't due to a lack of chances.

The Irish out-shot Michigan State 17-12 and had a 7-3 advantage in shots on goal. The Spartan defense had three team saves on the night with two coming in the 57th minute when the Spartan defense cleared two consecutive Notre Dame shots off the goal line.

"If one of those goes in, it's a completely different game," Clark said. "I felt we had the bulk of the game, but they were very dangerous on the break. They broke intelligently, and they caused us a bit of problems."

Seven minutes after Notre Dame's missed chances, a Spartan break opened the

scoring. The play started near midfield when Michigan State senior Dave Hertel fed forward Kenzo Webster, who proceeded to beat two Irish defenders down the right side of the 18-yard box. Webster then slotted a ball toward the top of the box where onrushing midfielder Spencer Thompson booted it past Notre Dame keeper Chris Cahill.

The goal was the first allowed in more than 321 minutes for Cahill — a season-long scoreless streak. Cahill suffered his first loss of the season, and Notre Dame's record is at 7-1-2 with Cahill in goal.

After Michigan State's goal, the Irish pushed for the tie. Sophomore midfielders Justin led Notre Dame in shots with four apiece and shots on goal with two apiece. Ultimately, the Irish could not get past Spartan goalie Chris Austin, who had four saves on the night.

"You've got to find a way to get a goal," Clark said. "I think if we had been able to tie the game, we would have come out with a good chance of winning the game."

Notre Dame will return to Big East play Saturday when it takes on No. 1 Connecticut at Alumni Field. The game carries Big East standings implications as the Huskies currently hold a two-point lead over the Irish for first place in the Big East Blue Division.

Clark also sees this Saturday's game as a chance for his team to rebound from Wednesday's loss.

"The greatest thing for us is that we get to play the number one team in the country Saturday," Clark said, in reference to what he told his team after the game. "You don't get a better opportunity to rebound from a disappointment. You can't ask for more than that."

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started in net for the Gold team and had nine saves. He switched to Blue for the special teams period and gave up three goals against the Gold team's power play.

"Tommy didn't have much chance on a couple of those goals late — they were pretty nice goals," Jackson said. "Brad gave up one soft goal but other than that I thought he was OK."

"That's the biggest thing for us — we could have a freshman on every line."

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

All three power play goals came from what will most likely be the team's top unit. Junior Erik Condra and sophomore Kyle Lawson worked the points as sophomores Kevin Deeth and Ryan

Thang played down low along with freshman Calle Ridderwall.

Ridderwall picked up two assists along with the game's MVP award.

"We're playing that as our top unit. We wanted to see how Calle would fit with those two guys. So far it looks fairly good. It's got the potential to be our

number one line," Jackson said.

Condra also had two assists, the final one coming with less than a second remaining on the clock. He shot from the top of the circles, and O'Brien kicked a rebound out to the far side of the crease.

Junior Justin White stuffed in the rebound to end the game with a 3-2 Gold victory.

The freshmen saw a lot of ice time in their debut, and Jackson was pleased with how they looked.

"That's the biggest thing for us — we could have a freshman on every line," he said. "It may hurt us in some ways but I think it's going to help us in the long run."

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Recruits

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and Chris Harper.

High on Notre Dame's list of receivers are Virginia native Deion Walker and Saint Paul, Minn., native Michael Floyd, the No. 6 and No. 7 receivers nationally, according to scout.com.

"They need elite receivers," Frank said. "Right now they're in on some elite receivers that they have a very good shot at."

On the offensive line, the Irish are pursuing Trevor Robertson from Elkhorn, Neb. Robertson originally committed to Nebraska, but later took back his commitment.

Frank said USC's 24-23 loss to Stanford last season

could hold repercussions for the Trojans when they try to recruit outside of their backyard in Southern California.

"This year, I don't think it'll affect them too much, but where it might impact is probably in next year's class," Frank said. "The last 10 or 11 games they've played, they lost a couple. They're not as unbeatable as they once were. When they're not in the national championship game, they're just like everybody else."

That bodes well for Notre Dame. Notre Dame has commitments for next year's

class from all around the country, and a weakened USC could benefit the Irish next year as well.

"[USC is] doing really well still with the top players in California and probably always will, but when it comes to competing for guys maybe out of the state — USC has done a really nice job of bringing guys in from out of state — [the loss to Stanford] proba-

bly impact more guys like that more than it probably will the Southern California kids, where they do the majority of their recruiting," Frank said.

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ND BASKETBALL

On the court again

With K-Mac back, men set sights on return to Big Dance

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Luke Harangody hasn't forgotten about Notre Dame's loss to Winthrop in the opening round of last season's NCAA Tournament.

In fact, he thinks about it every night before he goes to sleep.

"I think it was the lowest point of our season," he said. "I have pictures walking off the court [in my room]. I still remember the plane ride home. It was one of the worst feelings ever."

The sophomore forward and his teammates were on campus for most of the summer, working out and playing pick-up games in

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Left, junior guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles up the court against Alabama on Dec. 7, 2006. Right, junior guard Lindsay Schrader goes up for a shot against Michigan on Nov. 18, 2005.

After missing all last season, Schrader returns, injury-free

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Lindsay Schrader found not only the silver lining of the injury that kept her out all of last season, but also a way to profit from it.

The junior guard, who tore her ACL on the fourth day of practice last year, is back — and brings with her a slew of benefits from sitting out the 2006-07 season.

"It made me an all-around player, definitely on and off the court," Schrader said. "It was tough for me in the beginning, but I definitely pulled away a better person and a better player. I'm definitely where I need to be."

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FOOTBALL

Recruits stay true to struggling ND

Nation's top class continues to remain intact despite record

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

For a 1-5 team that has the No. 1 incoming class in the country, according to top Web sites, no news is good news on the recruiting front.

"That's the best news you can get," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for irisheyes.com. "You're hopeful, if nothing else, you hang on to these guys that you have, but there are still some big targets out there."

Over the past few weeks, none of Notre Dame's 19 verbal commitments for the Class of 2012 have defected and taken back their intent to attend Notre Dame despite the team's 1-5 start.

"We've spoken with pretty much all of them recently and they all seem very solid," Frank said. "There are a few that are getting hit with a lot of phone calls from various coaching staffs around the country, and they've been getting a lot of mail. But everyone now seems to be very solid."

Frank said Notre Dame's first win of the season last weekend against UCLA helped take some of the pressure off Notre Dame's coaching staff and the recruits themselves.

"You know they have a lot of people giving them a hard time about Notre Dame's season and stuff like that and I think a win really helps Notre Dame and the staff by just quieting some of that for a week," Frank said. "They're starting to turn around and play better and that's a big plus. People are seeing Notre Dame is not as bad as people think."

Even though the Irish have a class filled with four- and five-star recruits, Frank said the coaching staff still has some holes to fill.

"In my opinion, they need to land two more wide receivers, a running back and at least one more offensive lineman to kind of close this class out," Frank said. "I think if they can get those four players, anything else would just be icing on the cake."

Notre Dame has offered scholarships to three running backs who have not yet verbally committed to any school — Cyrus Gray, Ryan Williams

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HOCKEY

Icers scrimmage for final time

Notre Dame opens the regular season Friday vs. Wisconsin

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame shook the rust off its skates last night in the annual Blue Gold showdown at the Joyce Center.

The Irish — who add seven freshmen to their roster this season — looked a little bit slow out of the gates, struggling to show that puck control was their team strength last season.

"It's not drills anymore, it's real hockey, a scrimmage, so I'm sure that there is some nervousness out there," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "That's the one thing that we all need to recognize is that there are different lines out there — different line combinations."

The split-squad played one 20-minute period of five-on-five followed by 12 minutes of special teams work.

The most intriguing story of the night was the battle to replace last year's CCHA MVP Dave Brown between the pipes. All three goaltenders saw equal time in net and looked sharp, allowing no



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Irish freshman Ian Cole skates up the ice during Notre Dame's Blue-Gold scrimmage Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

goals in even strength play.

Junior Jordan Pearce, who will start Notre Dame's first game against No. 15 Wisconsin this Friday, made three saves in his 20 minutes of work for the Blue squad. He also stopped penalty shots from junior left wing Justin White and sophomore right wing Ryan Thang.

All penalties in the first period were awarded penalty shots rather than

sending anyone to the box.

Freshman Brad Phillips made his Notre Dame debut midway through the first period. He finished with 11 saves, two coming on penalty shot attempts. Phillips gave up one goal on a penalty shot to senior Evan Rankin and another shortly after on a Brock Sheahan shot from the point.

Sophomore Tom O'Brien

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