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## City elections involve student issues

Mayoral, Common Council candidates' platforms include stances on crime rates and safety

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Assistant News Editor

Most of the approximately 80 percent of Notre Dame students that live on campus will not be able to vote in the local South Bend primary election Nov. 6, but Student Senate community relations chair Colin Feehan thinks the recent debate over the Common Council's party ordinance may have piqued student interest in the upcoming Common Council and mayoral elections, regardless of students' eligibility.

When Feehan worked at a student government event

geared toward getting students living off campus registered to vote a few weeks ago, the turnout was disappointing, he said. He said he thinks student turnout on Nov. 6 will be "modest."

"I think student interest in these elections has definitely increased, especially with all the issues with the ordinance this summer," he said. "That being said, I think it's probably not at a level where it should be. Hopefully, in the coming year, or years, we can increase student civic engagement in local issues."

The shooting of two students outside local pub Club 23 in August and frequent break-ins of students' houses

and cars off campus may also be drawing student interest to the election, Feehan said, with many candidates promising to drive down crime rates.

"I think, as of late, first and foremost, students are concerned about crime and safety," he said.

Crime rates and safety for city residents is something candidates for mayor and for the Common Council positions are worried about as well.

Current Democratic Mayor Stephen Luecke is running against Republican Juan Manigault and Green party write-in candidate Tom Brown.

Luecke has been mayor of South Bend since 1997 and is running for his fourth term.

"We've built, I think, a great relationship with the University and have had excellent communications, in particular, with the last two student body presidents working on relations that affect Notre Dame and South Bend," he said.

Luecke pointed to the start of construction on Eddy Street Commons and the freshman tours of South Bend that began two years ago.

Luecke said his work to alter the recent ordinance

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## Ramadan fast ends Saturday

Campus Ministry helps Muslims practice faith

By JOSEPH MCMAHON  
News Writer

As the month of Ramadan draws to a close this Saturday, followers of the faith celebrate the end of fasting, while at Notre Dame, the Muslim community expressed gratitude to Campus Ministry for creating a welcoming environment, especially during the holy month.

Although the estimated statistics say there are only around 30 Muslim undergraduates and graduates at the University, Campus Ministry has gone to great lengths to make sure they are able to practice their faith at Notre Dame.

Priscilla Wong, assistant director administrator and campus coordinator at Campus Ministry, serves as a special advisor to the Muslim Students Association (MSA).

"We are trying to provide support and hospitality to all our students regardless of their different faiths and traditions," she said. "We want to make sure they can practice their faith in a comfortable environment. It is about supporting and respecting students so that they can have a meaningful growing experience at Notre Dame."

As it is an Islamic tradition to wash before prayer,

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## ND average time to Ph.D. — 6.1 years

Duration two years less than national average, attributed to program policies

By JENN METZ  
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame's 1,300 doctoral students at The Graduate School complete their degrees in an average of 6.1 years, two years less than the national average of 8.2 years, according to the National Science Foundation.

Terry Akai, the senior associate dean of The Graduate School, said Notre Dame's policies, such as requiring dissertation topic approvals within a certain time frame, are the major mechanisms keeping the time reason-

able.

"We want them gainfully employed. We use carrots and sticks to push them out the door," he said.

Doctoral students in 20 programs make up more than two thirds of The Graduate School population, which totals about 1,800. The students who are not on the path to a Ph.D. are either enrolled in Masters-only programs or working toward Masters degrees in Ph.D. programs.

Science and Engineering are the most popular divisions of study at The

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### Percent of New Ph.D. Students by Field of Study

Engineering	26%
Humanities	25%
Science	35%
Social Sciences	14%

Source: The Graduate School  
JULIE GRISANTI/Observer Graphic

## Faculty, students debate immigration



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer  
Professor Anthony Messina, right, debates immigration along with senior Amy Meyer Thursday.

Panelists cite labor costs, assimilation in discussion

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
News Writer

In a faculty-student debate on social, political and economic effects of immigration Thursday, the only clear conclusion the panel could reach is that the issue is not going away.

More than 20 students gathered in the Dooley Room of LaFortune to watch the panel, with a team of political science Professor Anthony Messina and senior political science major Amy Meyer and a team of Latin American studies Professor Jorge

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## Author speaks on capitalistic systems

Novak describes ideal economic institution

By DAVIS RHORER, Jr.  
News Writer

Truth and liberation of the human spirit are at the core of modern capitalistic systems Michael Novak, author of *Business as a Calling*, said Thursday.

Novak placed considerable importance on the idea of caritas, or the interaction of God's love and the Trinity in the world through other people, as

a principle ideal figuring in the tenets of capitalism.

"The great generator of wealth is discovery and invention," Novak said, identifying the key component of freedom that is in both caritas and capitalism.

"The human person is the originating source of human action," he said, emphasizing the idea of protecting the right to initiative.

Novak recognized the importance of the individual to the wealth of nations as a component to a healthy economic sys-

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Adventures in live TV

I got a phone call on Tuesday from ESPN. They told me they were looking for someone to debate a Boston College student on "First Take" on Thursday.

People who know me know I'm not much of a trash talker, but I agreed. Who could turn down a chance to be on live national television?

The producer, Mr. Gabriel Goodman, told me that my Boston College counterpart was Jeff Weinstein, sports editor of The Heights, Boston College's student newspaper. Goodman also told me that this debate would not be about Xs and Os.

"This is time for some good, old-fashioned smack talk," he said.

Chris Khorey  
Sports Editor

We filmed live at WNDU. I found out that my only contact with Weinstein and the host, Jay Crawford, would be from the headphone in my right ear. I wouldn't be able to see them. When I put the headphone on, the audio from "First Take" started playing.

A few minutes later, Goodman interrupted to say our segment was about to begin and added, "The other kid said he's ready to kick your ass."

I heard some music, and then Crawford talking. He asked me a question — Is Boston College the most overrated team in football?

I had been warned this question would come up. And the honest answer is that I do feel BC is overrated — although not horribly so.

So I said basically that, only I had been told I was debating and I most certainly did not want to have my ass kicked. I began "obviously they're overrated, they haven't played anybody!" I was doing my best Tony Kornheiser impression.

The next question went to Jeff — Is Charlie Weis overrated? This is how Jeff began — "I have a lot of respect for Charlie Weis."

Uh oh.

Now I felt like a jerk. Jeff wasn't trying to kick my ass at all. He was being nice.

I was asked about the infamous Letter to the Editor by Bob Griffin and I defended his position — rushing the field during a poor season because we beat an opponent that we defeat consistently when we're good just reinforces that we're bad and gives the opponent status that they didn't earn during the game.

Then I was asked about if students at Notre Dame consider Boston College a "safety school." I knew this question was coming — Goodman had talked to me about it. He asked me to find a "Backup College" T-shirt and show it on air. So I asked one of our sports writers for his, and I showed it to the world.

All through this, Jeff continued to be nice.

I felt like more and more of a jerk, but what could I do? I wasn't about to sell out my friend Bob Griffin or lie and deny that a lot of Notre Dame students were admitted to Boston College as well.

After hearing me describe the shirt (I can only assume he couldn't see me either), Jeff said "I'm very proud of the degree I'm going to get from Boston College."

I told him I would be too. After all, Boston College is a great school.

So we ended on that positive note. But the damage was already done. Jeff was conciliatory and friendly, and I came out swinging and making a fool out of myself.

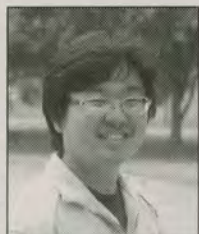
Jeff kicked my ass, and he hadn't even been trying to.

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

Due to reporting errors in the Oct. 11 issue of The Observer, facts were misstated in the article entitled "Group approves errors." Professor Jaleh Dashri-Gibson was not involved in the creation of a Global Studies concentration in the Peace Studies minor, which is a Student Government initiative. The Observer regrets the error.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO TITLE YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY?



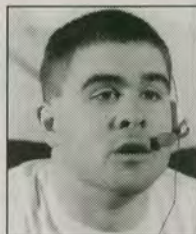
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sophomore  
Knott

"Nap Like a Champion Today."



John Fullard  
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"Born with a Ph.D.: The Life of John Fullard."



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"This is Why I'm Hot."



Kristine Murphy  
junior  
McGlinn

"You Know You Love Me, XOXO."



A small plane towing a Geico banner flies over campus Thursday afternoon. Geico, an insurance company, boasts a Web site that is so easy to navigate "a caveman can do it."

## OFFBEAT

### Condom experts told that size matters

SEOGWIPO, South Korea — As the world's top condom experts convene this week to update international standards, one American entrepreneur has a simple message: Size matters. It's shaking up an industry that has generally taken a one-size-fits-all approach.

Frank Sadlo, founder of TheyFit, which makes what he claims are the world's first custom-fit condoms, is pushing for updated standards to allow greater variation in condom size.

It's not just about well-endowed men in cramped prophylactic quarters. Sadlo told a meeting Thursday of delegates from 21 countries under the Geneva-based International Organization for Standardization.

When given a choice, he said many men prefer condoms smaller than the standard minimum 6.3 inches long, with more than half ordering those less than 5.12 inches.

### Man asks boy for urine sample at mall

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A man who was apparently

worried about a random drug test asked an 11-year-old boy at a mall for a urine sample.

White Plains Police say Marcos Delacruz, 42, was charged with endangering the welfare of a child. He was arrested several hours after the incident in the men's room at the mall on Wednesday.

Deputy Public Safety Commissioner Daniel Jackson said Delacruz took the sample to his appointment with his probation officer.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

The Mendoza College of Business' Boardroom Insights Lecture Series will feature Nick Shepherd, senior executive vice president and chief operating officer of Blockbuster, Inc. today from 10:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

The football Pep Rally will be held today at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Students with ID may enter from 5:15-5:45 p.m. through Gate 11; the public can enter at 5:45 p.m. through Gate 8 with free tickets.

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

Hypnotist Tom DeLuca will give a free performance tonight at 9 in Washington Hall.

The Hammes Bookstore will host a book signing by Connie McNamara, author of "Go Irish, My First Notre Dame Words," and alum Paul Kostolansky, author of "The Snow Bowl; A Children's Book" Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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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# SMC senior sits on Board of Trustees

By LIZ HARTER  
News Writer

Each year, the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees chooses one senior to serve as the student trustee. This year, the Board chose political science major Cate Cetta after she applied for the position and went through a series of interviews.

As student trustee, Cetta is required to attend the quarterly Board of Trustees meetings that take place on campus throughout the year.

"I am responsible for bringing the voice of the students to the Board," Cetta said. "I am also responsible for keeping a general awareness of students' feelings on the happenings of Saint Mary's."

Cetta also attended the Board's retreat on campus in June, though this weekend's session will be her first official meeting.

Board meetings are held in June, October, February and April, meaning Cetta will serve as the student trustee for two more meetings until a new one is elected.

Cetta also feels that she will be able to impact the Saint Mary's community in her position with the Board, which will fulfill a goal she set for herself during her first year on campus.

"From the moment I arrived on campus freshman year, I knew I wanted to give back to Saint Mary's," she said.

This position is a great way to accomplish that, Cetta said.

"The student trustee position is the perfect opportunity to impact the lives of current and future Saint Mary's women, and I am excited to do my part," she said.

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## Ramadan

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Campus Ministry recently updated its meditation room to include a fountain.

Islamic prayers are included in Campus Ministry's Prayer Around the World celebration, and on Sept. 17, Campus Ministry, along with the MSA, hosted a dinner called an Iftaar, which is the meal Muslims eat after sunset during Ramadan.

Sarah Shafiq, a graduate student majoring in sociology, is the president of the MSA. She is an international student from Pakistan, and although the Ramadan schedule is slightly different in the United States, she thought the University helped in making sure Ramadan at Notre Dame is an authentic religious and spiritual experience.

"The idea of Ramadan and of fasting is the religious experience of working hard and living your normal life, while still experiencing the hunger the poor feel everyday," she said.

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Sarah Shafiq  
president  
Muslim Students  
Association

the poor feel everyday," she said.

The only major complaint of some Muslim students during the month of Ramadan, Shafiq said, was that, on occasion, the dining halls would close before sunset, forcing students who were participating in the fast to look elsewhere for food and lose their meal points.

"Campus Ministry, especially Priscilla Wong, has been very helpful and supportive to the Muslim community here," she said.

Though the administration has been very hospitable, the student body at large sometimes forgets about the Muslim community on campus, Shafiq said.

"The student body tends to be slightly disinterested, and sometimes the events we arrange do not get a lot of response," she said. "But, probably because Islam

has become such a part of the global community, we are starting to see a heightened level of interest in some students."

This past Wednesday, 50 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students participated in a solidarity fast and took part in a prayer service at the Islamic Society of Michiana's mosque.

"It was a really great interfaith meeting," Shafiq said. "Really, the goal of MSA is not only to provide a resource for Muslim students, but also to reach out to the Notre Dame community and explain what Islam is all about."

MSA will continue to host and sponsor events throughout the year, including teaching students about the Islamic approach to music, art and comedy.

"We want to make sure that all students on campus have a well-rounded understanding of Muslim faith and culture," Shafiq said. "In today's world, where the Islamic faith is so often misunderstood, it is important to have interfaith cooperation at a place like Notre Dame."

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## Degrees

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Graduate School, with 61 percent of incoming Ph.D. students choosing to enter one of the two areas. About 25 percent of Enrollments in each field are based on the number of faculty in each department and on available funding, which is "sort of a limiter," Akai said.

"Most Ph.D. students in good schools are supported by the institution in some way, either by assistantships, internal and external fellowships or research grants advisors have," he said.

Doctoral students are guaranteed varying degrees of funding for at least four years if they remain in good academic standing. Usually students receive funding for five years, and, depending on resources, can receive funding in their sixth year, Akai said.

"For most students, they can count on four to six years of financial support from the University, depending on the discipline," he said.

More than 85 percent of Notre Dame graduate students received stipends during the 2006-7 academic year.

The base stipend for a new graduate student is \$16,000 for nine months. For those students who are on prestigious national fellowships or who are in competitive programs, that stipend can be as much as \$30,000 for 12 months.

"Our stipend is not out of line for our location," Akai said. "But I'm sure a graduate student would want to see more."

Most students receive between \$1,700-2,500 a month in a stipend to cover living expenses, in addition to tuition scholarships, Akai said.

The Graduate School's Web site says that graduate students "generally receive full-tuition scholarships for the duration of their graduate studies."

According to The Graduate School, approximately 37 percent of stipends were from external sources, such as grants, and about 15 percent were from endowments.

"In terms of relative value, it depends on how people see things," Akai said. "At Ivy League schools, the stipend is a little bit higher, but their cost of living is very high. ... We're in a relatively cheap part of the U.S."

The National Science Foundation report said about 50 percent of doctoral candidates drop out of their programs.

The attrition rate at Notre Dame is slightly less than 40 percent, Akai said. Students drop out of their Ph.D. programs, which are open-ended research degrees, for various reasons.

"Some students come into the Ph.D. without a clear reason for doing so," he said. "At some point along the Ph.D. path, students run out of coursework and have to start generating their own new work."

Though some programs include research and coursework simultaneously from the beginning, many doctoral students must complete about two to three years of coursework before starting their individual research, which includes proposing a dissertation subject and having it approved by the department.

The unstructured research phase of the doctoral path is where many students fall off course, Akai said.

"Some people spend one or two years literally doing nothing," he said. "Here, what we've

done, is try to put some policies in place that promotes people going through the system."

In order to keep students on track, different departments have different policies about advisor-student meetings and departmental annual reviews, Akai said.

"Some departments have rather substantial annual reviews of graduate students, others do not," he said. "... Some advisors will push students, some will not, it depends on the personal style of the advisor."

He cited non-academic reasons like general life issues, relationship issues, jobs and disengagement from research topics as others contributing to student attrition.

"I would say more people drop out of Ph.D. programs for non-academic reasons," he said.

In some disciplines, like engineering, there is a lucrative job market for applicants with Masters degrees, he said.

With about half of doctoral students dropping out and others taking many years to complete their degrees, it raises the question, Akai said, of whether or not schools are wasting money.

"Maybe, maybe not," he said. "If students go out and get jobs that reflect well on the University anyway, perhaps not. Also, some of those leaving without the Ph.D. may have contributed to the research program before leaving."

Some schools have suggested shortening or limiting doctoral students' assistantships to help them devote more time to their degrees.

That, Akai said, is a simplistic solution.

"Most Ph.D. [candidates] that go into the academic world will go to small universities or colleges where teaching is important," he said. "To cut them off from teaching takes away valuable job experience."

At Notre Dame, doctoral students' teaching load is limited, Akai said. Most teaching assistants work less than 15 hours a week. A Graduate School policy limits teaching assistant work to 17 1/2 hours a week.

The National Science Foundation reported the average age for a doctoral graduate is 33. At Notre Dame, most students enter the graduate school right after receiving their Bachelor's degree.

The exception is theology, a department where students cannot enter a Ph.D. program without a solid Masters first, Akai said.

On average, the Notre Dame doctoral graduate is between 29 and 30.

"Obviously, this is the prime time of life for relationships," Akai said. "It's part of the package that leads to some of the attrition."

The University awarded 161 doctorates during the 2006-7 academic year and admitted 282 new doctoral students.

Women, who were accepted to The Graduate School before the University itself became co-educational, make up 42 percent of the incoming graduate students. Nearly 30 percent of graduate students are international. Of the American students at The Graduate School, 15 percent are racial minorities.

Graduate programs began at the University in 1918, Akai said, but The Graduate School as its own entity was instituted in 1944. It was not until 1990 that The Graduate School received its own dean.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Egyptian plane on fire over Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey — An Egyptian plane carrying 163 people to Warsaw caught fire Thursday after making an emergency landing at Istanbul's international airport, a government official said. One passenger was slightly injured.

The fire in the Egyptian plane was extinguished, and there was no loss of life, said the official at the state agency in charge of airports. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to talk to the media.

The plane was forced to land in Istanbul due to a technical problem, but its landing gear failed to work properly. The aircraft landed on its fuselage, starting a fire, the official said.

There were 156 passengers and seven crew members aboard, and one of the passengers was slightly injured, he said.

### Bomb explodes at shrine, 2 dead

NEW DELHI — A bomb exploded at a famous Muslim shrine in northern India on Thursday, killing at least two people and wounding 17 others ahead of one of the holiest days on the Muslim calendar, police said.

The blast at the shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti, a 12th century Sufi Muslim saint, took place just after dusk as hundreds of men and women broke the daily fasts they observe during the holy month of Ramadan.

The explosion appeared to have been caused by a small bomb packed inside a lunch box, said S. Sengthir, police superintendent in Ajmer, where the shrine is located.

Ajmer's top official, Naveen Mahajan, said at least two people had been killed and 17 wounded.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Trial wraps up in boot camp death case

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — A 14-year-old boy died because seven juvenile boot camp guards and a nurse lacked good judgment and decided to use force against him rather than calling for medical help, a prosecutor told jurors in closing arguments Friday.

Mike Sinacore said the eight defendants ignored common sense in the 30-minute videotaped altercation with Martin Lee Anderson in January 2006. The guards repeatedly hit, kneed and dragged the limp boy around after he collapsed while running laps. The nurse stood by watching.

"This case is about the failure of caregivers to provide Martin Lee Anderson with the care that any prudent person would deem necessary and essential to the well being of a child," Sinacore said.

### Warning signs evident in Ohio shooter

CLEVELAND — A 14-year-old suspended student opened fire in his downtown high school Wednesday, wounding four people as terrified schoolmates hid in closets and bathrooms and huddled under laboratory desks. He then killed himself.

A fellow student at SuccessTech Academy alternative school said Asa H. Coon, who was suspended for fighting two days earlier, had made threats in front of students and teachers last week.

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

## LOCAL NEWS

### Wheels fly off, kill officer on highway

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. — A pair of wheels came off a semitrailer and fatally struck a police officer who was standing along a central Indiana highway, authorities said.

Sgt. Gary Henderson was assisting another officer with the stop of a stolen car on an Interstate 74 entrance ramp when the set of rear dual wheels came off the passing truck about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, police said.

Investigators were trying to determine what caused the wheels to come off the truck as it changed lanes to avoid the cars on the shoulder at the interchange with Indiana 44 about 25 miles southeast of Indianapolis.

## MYANMAR

# U.N. scolds government's actions

*International community encourages release of estimated 6,000 people seized in demonstrations*

Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar — Guards at Myanmar's detention centers beat, kicked and slashed protesters rounded up during the crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations, sometimes leaving their victims to die of their injuries, a dissident group said Thursday.

At the United Nations, meanwhile, the Security Council said it "strongly deplores" the violent crackdown by Myanmar's military rulers and called for a "genuine dialogue" between the government and the pro-democracy opposition.

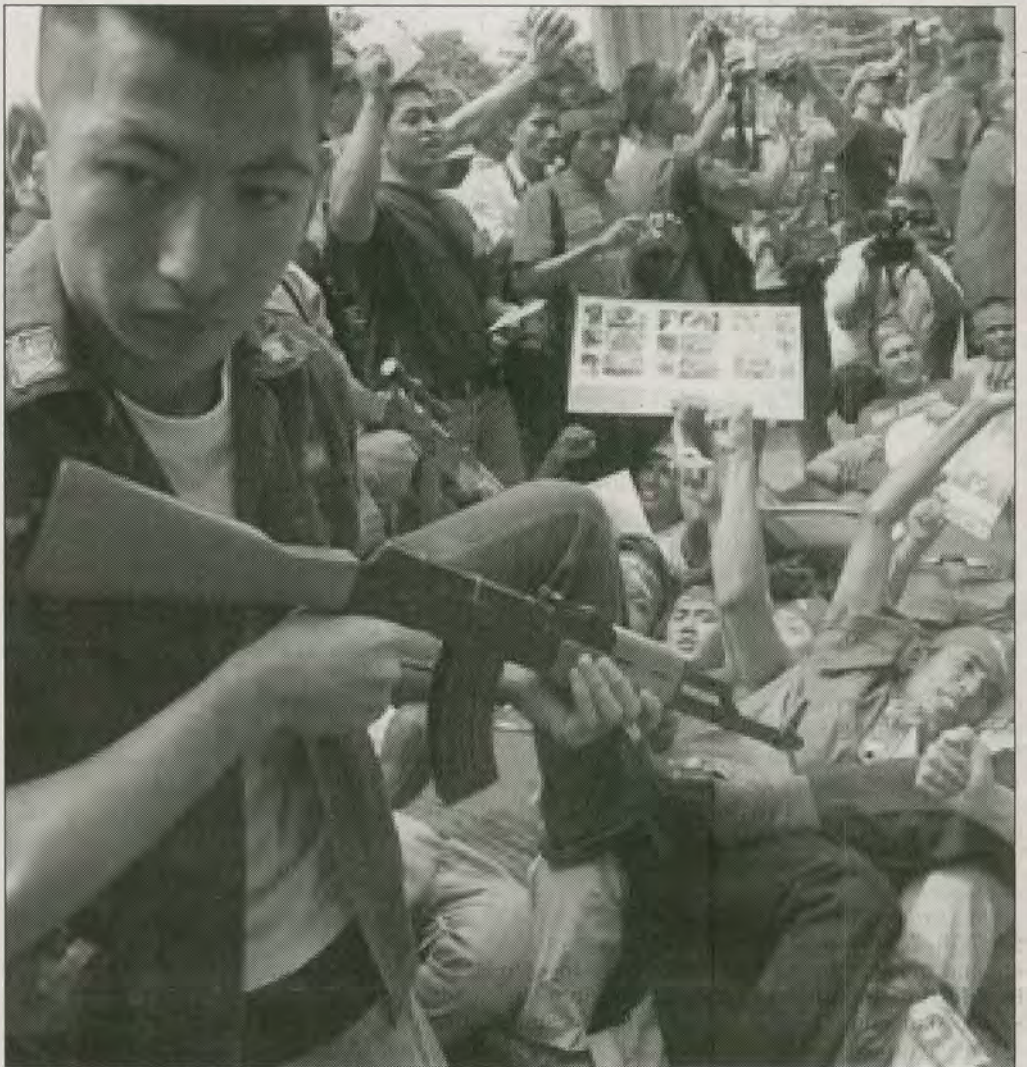
At least a dozen freed prisoners described brutal treatment at detention centers, including one who said "dozens" of detainees were killed, according to the Democratic Voice of Burma, a Norway-based short-wave radio station and Web site run by dissident journalists.

Myanmar's repressive military junta has said 10 people were killed and nearly 2,100 arrested in last month's demonstrations, with 700 later released. Diplomats and dissidents say the death toll is likely much higher and up to 6,000 people were seized.

The government has long rejected allegations of torture of political prisoners. The accounts released Thursday included fresh accusations that the military rulers brutalize prisoners as a way of crushing dissent.

"They beat everyone, including women and girls," the dissident group quoted an unidentified female detainee as saying. "I was beaten myself. Monks were targeted and they were not only beaten but also verbally abused by security officers."

"I heard people shouting and crying from the interrogation room and then I saw an army medical surgeon carrying people away," said the woman. The group said she was held at the Government Technical Institute detention center in



Myanmar activists fall on the ground after being "shot" by a mock soldier during a demonstration criticizing the crackdown on pro-democracy protesters

Yangon for five days.

There was no way to independently confirm the reports attributed to freed prisoners.

The Democratic Voice of Burma also reported Thursday that a 48-year-old detainee, U Than Aung, died at a detention center in Yangon. Detained Sept. 27, he suffered severe internal injuries from beatings and died three days later after being denied medical attention, the group said.

The group also released video of an unidentified man who said "dozens" of detainees died. Another man was quoted as saying he saw two people die from severe beatings at Yangon City Hall. Authorities failed to give a

boy medical treatment for a gunshot wound and even refused to let him drink water from a toilet before he died, the man was quoted as saying.

Human rights groups have long accused the military government of abuse and torture of prisoners. The Thailand-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, comprised of around 100 former inmates, has put out a report describing homosexual rape, electric shocks to the genitals, near drowning, burning with hot wax and other abuse.

The embattled junta on Thursday accused Western powers and foreign media of inciting the protests.

The New Light of

Myanmar newspaper, a mouthpiece of the ruling junta, dismissed pro-democracy protesters as "stooges of foreign countries putting on a play written by their foreign masters" in an attempt to discredit the anti-government movement.

The paper singled out "big powers" and radio stations — the British Broadcasting Corp., Voice of America and Radio Free Asia — as behind the demonstrations.

A compromise statement approved Thursday by all 15 U.N. Security Council members — including close Myanmar ally China — emphasized "the importance of the early release of all political prisoners and remaining detainees."

# Airline communications error may repeat

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Ron Carpenter and his fellow air traffic controllers were busy keeping more than 200 airplanes on course over seven states when their communication system crashed. Suddenly they couldn't talk to pilots or call for help.

"Somebody just pulled out a cell phone," Carpenter said. "Then everybody else says, 'Hey, that's not a bad idea.'"

So at a major Federal Aviation Administration center, controllers were reduced to using their personal cell phones to ask other centers to help keep planes on course and avert disas-

ter.

They succeeded, but now members of Congress want to know if the Memphis failure last month was an isolated breakdown or evidence of a design flaw in a \$2.4 billion project to upgrade telecommunications at air-control centers and other FAA installations across the country.

The FAA blames the disruption on the failure of a major AT&T phone line, but critics say that the trouble is deeper — that the new communications network being installed lacks sufficient backups.

"It's engineered this way, and it's going to happen again," said Dave Spero, a vice president of the union representing FAA technicians.

During the breakdown, 100,000 square miles of airspace were closed off for more than three hours and flights around the country were canceled, delayed or diverted, adding to the woes of a flying public already fed up with disruptions.

The upgrade is called the FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure project, or FTI. The prime contractor on the 15-year project is Florida-based Harris Corp., which said in September that nearly 90 percent of the FAA's entire system of more than 4,000 installations had been switched over.

The FAA told a congressional subcommittee that the Memphis outage was an AT&T problem and that an investigation was under way.



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"Wealth comes from [individual] invention and discovery," he said. "[Individual initiative] will accordingly afford constitutional protection."

Another key concept of caritas Novak emphasized was the liberation of the poor.

An ideal economic institution, Novak said, "must have an international vision and international institutions."

"It must be a system better at raising up the poor than any known alternative," he said.

Novak cited the vast influx of wealth to impoverished masses in various nations, such as India and China after the adoption of more capitalistic economies.

Solidarity and voluntary cooperation were two other key attributes of an ideal capitalistic system Novak identified.

"Things are done best and most realistically by people close to the action," Novak said, noting that individuals within a system must find initiative to succeed within themselves.

By identifying the major elements to a more perfect society based on the ideas of caritas, Novak justified private property, market exchange and private accumulation of wealth. Drawing upon empirical evidence, Novak challenged critics to identify the economic system that the wealthiest nations of the world utilized.

"[Capitalism] is a very bad system until you compare it to the others," Novak said.

Creativity, community and mercy overall were three other

components that Novak included in capitalism, a system which he thought found its origins in individual human thought and reason.

Michael Novak served twice

as the ambassador to the United Nations' Human Rights Commission and is the author of 26 books. His lecture in the Jordan Auditorium was sponsored by the Notre Dame

Center for Ethics and Culture and the Mendoza College of Business.

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## Debate

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Bustamante and senior history major Stuart Mora.

Messina described immigration as a moral plug and "an interest driven phenomenon," and said he views American immigration as a cyclical problem.

"We are part of a political immigration cycle," he said. "We keep moving along and at one point we are going to move to a better part."

Comparing the current American issue

to the problems in Europe, Messina said the European condition is a much more dangerous situation.

There are many European countries that are fairly homogeneous. These countries are adverse to immigration because it threatens their homogeneity," said Messina. "There is no one silver bullet, there is no one comprehensive act, and there is no one policy approach that is going to address all these issues simultaneously."

Meyer argued that immigrants are not a threat to our society and can assimilate themselves into society over time.

"There is a need for government to regulate any people moving back and forth, as well as to promote immigration education just to make sure that we take care of the residents which I think is actually the most important part of immigration," she said.

Meyer discussed a study on the preferred identity of immigrants in the United States.

"I think that the longer we promote our image, the more likely they are going to assimilate to the American cultural order," she said.

Bustamante, of the opposing team, discussed the idea

of perception versus reality.

"The first exercise that anyone is analyzing in the United States specifically is to separate perceptions from realities," he said. "The two things can go into two very contradictory positions."

He also discussed the reality of the U.S. government response to illegal immigration.

"In many parts of the world you will find ideals based on racism," Bustamante said. "The most important issue for immigrants themselves is the raids going on all over the United States. Adults are

being taken in front of the children wondering why that is happening. That is happening right now, right now in the United States."

Mora explored the topic of immigrant workers in opposition with native workers.

"You will see in capital and labor relations that the ability of workers to organize is hindered by the fear that they feel toward these immigrant workers," he said.

Unions struggled to organize because they couldn't overcome racial barriers, he said.

"When you look across the border and see eight to ten times higher wages than your own, and you look at your children and wonder if you can afford to give them an education, you are willing to take that risk, and as long as that opportunity is there, they will continue to take that opportunity," Mora said.

He said he does not believe illegal immigration is going to go away.

"As long as that carrot is hanging out there, wages ten times higher than home, people are going to continue crossing the border," Mora said.

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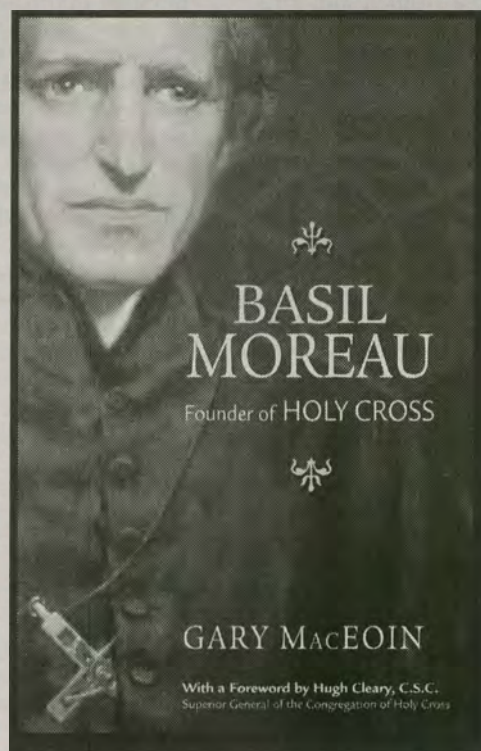
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S&P 500	1,554.41	-8.06
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## IN BRIEF

### Loan companies misleading students

ALBANY, N.Y. — The state of New York has subpoenaed 33 companies and lenders who market education loans directly to college students in a widening of his investigation of deceptive tactics in the industry.

After launching a probe of college-sponsored lending, state Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said Thursday he is now investigating independent lenders and marketers who solicit business from students and families, often implying they are part of the federal government or affiliated with a college.

"This is a new front," he said. A pitch made by telephone, broadcast ads, online ads, mail and direct sales can "sound like it's coming from the federal government. It will look like it's coming from the federal government and it's, we believe, a deceptive practice. And it's a very big industry."

Investigators will try to determine if consumers paid higher interest rates or fees to the companies because of their practices, said Cuomo spokeswoman Rashmi Vasishth.

### Dollar and deficit in the decline

WASHINGTON — The falling dollar led more foreigners to buy American in August, helping to push the trade deficit down to the lowest point in seven months. That was welcome news for the Bush administration as it tries to deal with a Congress unhappy over huge trade imbalances and 3 million lost manufacturing jobs.

President Bush also got good news Thursday on his other deficit headache. The budget deficit declined in 2007 to the lowest level in five years, dropping to \$162.8 billion, an \$85 billion improvement over 2006.

Bush said the declining budget deficit was a sign that his economic strategy of cutting taxes to grow the economy was working. But Democrats pointed to the soaring national debt under Bush as evidence of his fiscal irresponsibility.

## SWITZERLAND

# U.S. to ask WTO to investigate China

Media providers, especially, concerned about lackluster distribution opportunities

Associated Press

GENEVA — The United States will ask for a formal investigation of Chinese restrictions on the sale of American movies, music and books, which would be the fourth World Trade Organization case Washington has launched against Beijing in little over a year.

The U.S. will request the establishment of an investigative panel at an Oct. 22 meeting of the WTO's dispute settlement body, according to an agenda for the meeting released Thursday.

The case will be of particular interest to Hollywood studios, Apple Inc.'s iTunes store and other American media providers possibly suffering from the "less favorable distribution opportunities" in China that the U.S. has cited in its WTO complaint.

The WTO is already investigating three Sino-American trade disputes. Washington accuses China of illegally hindering the import of foreign auto parts, providing government subsidies to a number of Chinese industries, and effectively providing a safe haven for product piracy and counterfeiting through excessively high thresholds for criminal prosecution.

Facing a U.S. legal assault, China fired back last month by filing its own complaint over the antidumping duties the United States applies on Chinese paper imports, the first case initiated by Beijing against Washington in five years.

China has the right to block the WTO investigation later this month. But it cannot delay the panel's establishment a second



China's increased inspections of U.S. food products and hinderance of trade is leading the U.S. to ask the WTO to investigate Chinese trade practices.

time under WTO rules, meaning the investigation will most likely be authorized next month.

The U.S. held consultations with China in June and then again in July, after the U.S. expanded its complaint to include Chinese rules on music downloading and cinema rights that appeared to discriminate against foreign sound recordings and films.

"Those discussions have unfortunately not led to a resolution of our concerns and so we are now taking

the next step in this case and asking the WTO to establish a panel," said Sean Spicer, spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Susan Schwab.

Washington first brought the case to the WTO in April alongside its complaint over rampant product piracy in China, alleging that Beijing had failed to remove import and distribution restrictions on copyrighted U.S. goods including newspapers, magazines, CDs, DVDs and video games.

For some products, dis-

tribution is limited to Chinese state-owned companies, the U.S. said. For others, foreign companies face censorship rules that do not extend to Chinese competitors.

The U.S. government has brought a series of complaints to the global commerce body since last year amid pressure from Congress to do something about America's soaring trade deficits and lost manufacturing jobs, which critics blame in part on unfair trade practices by foreign nations.

# NBC to sell 'Tonight Show' locale

Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — NBC Universal plans to sell part of its site in "beautiful downtown Burbank," home to the studio housing "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," and move to a new broadcast facility across the street from Universal Studios.

NBC (which is owned by General Electric Co.) will take the "Access Hollywood" set, local news operations and other facilities with it when it moves into the new location in 2011.

Meanwhile, it plans to move "The Tonight Show" to the nearby Universal Studios' Stage One lot when Conan O'Brien takes over hosting duties upon Leno's departure in 2009.

The new facilities will be located in a new building adjacent to a subway line connecting Universal City, in the southeast corner of the San Fernando Valley, to downtown Los Angeles. They will be across the street from Universal Studios, the Universal Studios Hollywood theme park and the CityWalk tourist destination.

"When looking at our long-term business operations, we realized there are very real strategic and synergistic opportunities in bringing our production facilities and talent together to grow in Los Angeles," Tom Smith, senior vice president of West Coast real estate for NBC Universal said in a statement posted Thursday on the KNBC-TV Web site.

Company officials said they are pursuing opportunities to sell part

of the 34-acre studio lot in the Burbank Media District. They would lease it back for news operations until the University City facility is finished.

NBC also announced that, starting Oct. 22, MSNBC will begin originating from its new home at Manhattan's 30 Rockefeller Plaza.

The switchover from MSNBC's old Secaucus, N.J., home base will solidify an effort to combine the New York-based operations of NBC News and MSNBC under one roof. The centralized newsgathering facility will include the editorial and production staffs for nearly all NBC News and MSNBC programs.

MSNBC will air from an 8,500-square-foot studio equipped with a motorized platform for the anchors that can travel on a 50-foot-long track.



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passed by the Common Council is another indicator of his good relationship with Notre Dame. The ordinance, as it was originally written, would have required residents of boarding houses — defined as a residence where more than two unrelated people live — to file for a permit 10 days in advance of hosting 25 or more people who would have access to alcohol. After much debate, the ordinance was passed with the registration process not enacted.

Luecke said he has a "special connection" to Notre Dame — his daughter graduated from the University last May. He said he intends to keep that connection strong.

"I would look forward to continuing to work with students and the administration of the University and appreciate what you do in our community and look forward to continuing our partnership," he said.

One of Luecke's opponents, Manigault, is a 1974 Notre Dame graduate. He spoke by phone Thursday after a meeting with University President Father John Jenkins and other officers of the University.

The purpose of the meeting, he said, was to introduce himself to Jenkins and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and share with them his plan for South Bend.

"I'm running for mayor because I want to restore South Bend as a great city," he said. "I believe by increasing private investment and good jobs, reducing crime, and making, our self and with school cooperation, a world class education system, we can restore our city to greatness."

As a student who lived both on and off campus in South Bend while at Notre Dame, Manigault said he wants to forge a relationship between students and the community "to ensure their safety."

"There shouldn't be specific laws concocted to address student problems," he said.

Manigault said he wants to see students more involved in the community, and said if elected mayor, he would organize an executive internship program that would get Notre Dame students involved in city government as interns.

Both Luecke and Maginault have made crime major portions of their platforms.

Luecke said, since he became mayor, crime has gone down 24 percent in South Bend. He said he has achieved that decline by providing support to the South Bend Police Department and through community outreach. Crime remains a key issue, he said.

Manigault said he would put more police officers on the street and redraw the police beats, so the right number of officers are in the trouble spots in the city.

"As mayor, I am going to be very outspoken against crime," he said.

In terms of development, Manigault said he wants to see a "strong emphasis on private investment."

"The benefit to students means there will be great jobs here for students who wish to stay in South Bend" after graduation, he said.

The third candidate for mayor, Tom Brown, is a write-in candidate running for the Green Party. Students should be interested in his campaign, Brown said, because he provides sustainable solutions to South Bend's problems.

"Everybody's going to have to deal with global climate change," he said. "None of the other candidates are even talking about that."

Brown encouraged eligible voters to come out to the polls on Election Day.

"We'll do anything to get more people involved in politics," he said.

### At-large Council candidates

Seventeen candidates are running for the nine seats on the South Bend Common Council. The Observer attempted to reach the seven candidates running for the three at-large seats and the two candidates running for the 4th District seat, which is a district in which many off-campus students live.

The candidates for the three at-large positions are Democrats Al "Buddy" Kirsits, Timothy Rouse

and Karen L. White; Republicans Christopher P. Adamo, Wayne Curry and James D. "Jim" Frick; and write-in candidate Karl Hardy for the Green Party. Kirsits, Rouse and White are the incumbents.

Rouse said he is one of the best candidates for the at-large seat "because of my

commitment to the people of South Bend to see that they have the best possible working councilmen in the Common Council."

Rouse said his solution to crime was to encourage peo-

ple to be more neighborly.

"I think the best answer to crime is to know the community, know the neighborhood," he said. "We are only kidding ourselves if we think we are going to do it through law

enforcement."

Rouse was one of the sponsors of the party ordinance proposed in July. He said he is pleased with the way it has

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turned out, especially with the formation of the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC).

"If the CCAC is successful, as I think it will be, the issue with the permits will be greatly diminished," he said. "I don't think we'll need the permits."

Neither Kirsits nor White, the other incumbents, returned multiple phone calls. Both are seeking a third term on the Common Council.

Wayne Curry, the vice president of South Bend's Northeast Neighborhood Council, is running on the Republican ticket. He said he thinks it is time for new leadership in the city.

"There's a lot of problems in South Bend that I see," he said, citing high taxes, the crime rate and vacant and abandoned buildings.

A solution to reducing crime, he said, is to put more patrols on the street and to encourage people to communicate with their

neighbors. He said he sees students as an asset to the South Bend community.

"I see the students as neighbors," he said. "... Some of the most intelligent students in the world go to Notre Dame, and I think it would be a great thing if, after graduation, they stayed in the area."

Bringing more jobs into the community, Curry said, would be an incentive for students to stay.

Curry and at-large candidate James D. "Jim" Frick are supporting each other's campaigns. Frick echoed many of Curry's sentiments.

"I'm frustrated with the way this city runs," he said. The last straw for him was when his wife was robbed last summer. He decided then to run for a Common Council position.

Frick said he wants to see more police patrols and a more aggressive city attorney to prosecute criminals.

"I know students are worried about crime," he said. "There's crime all over the city."

Frick said he considered students regular citizens of South Bend and criticized the Common Council for support-

ing ordinances "that I don't think are important."

"I went to college," he said. "People drink at college. As long as it doesn't get out of hand, I don't see a problem with that."

Regarding development in the city, Frick recommended that South Bend bring in a professional from another city that has already led new projects.

Green candidate Karl Hardy is a graduate student in a program through Arizona's Prescott College. His partner graduated in spring of 2008 from Notre Dame, where she earned a Master's in fine arts and creative writing.

He said he is running to spread the world about Green Party values.

"I believe that the Green Party is the only truly progressive party that is out there," he said. "I'm ... particularly interested in thinking towards the future and making sure the decisions made in government are not so short-term."

Hardy said he wants to "ensure that students are brought into the conversation."

The Observer was unable to reach Republican candidate Christopher P. Adamo.

## The 4th District

The 4th District South Bend

Common Council seat has two candidates, Democrat Ann Puzzello and Republican Gary King.

Puzzello, a four-term council member, did not return messages.

King said he thought the 4th District seat needed a change in leadership. The neighborhoods should be "accommodating" to students, he said, since some of the houses may

sit vacant if students did not rent them. King said he was opposed to the party ordinance proposed by the Council.

"From the minute I read it first, until its final version, I think its just plain wrong," he said. "No matter how many ways they try to fix it. It's the wrong way to go about doing things. It's an invasion of privacy."

King said laws already in place can control loud student partying. To deter criminals, King said, he supports putting more police officers on patrol.

King encouraged students

to vote.

"Find out where your polling place and make sure you exercise your right," he said. "If South Bend keeps going the way it is ... we are going to get not only four more years of the same, but it's going to get way worse."

The other candidates running for Common Council positions are Derek

Dieter and Kathleen Petitjean for the 1st District seat, Tom La Fountain and William A. Soderberg for 3rd District seat and Debbie Ray and David Varner for the 5th District seat. Henry Davis Jr. and Oliver James Davis are running unopposed for the 2nd and 6th District seats, respectively.

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## Shipwreck reveals clues to Florida's colony past

Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — In 1559, a hurricane plunged as many as seven Spanish sailing vessels to the bottom of Pensacola Bay, hampering explorer Don Tristan de Luna's attempt to colonize this section of the Florida Panhandle.

Almost 500 years later and 15 years after the first ship was found, another has been discovered, helping archaeologists unlock secrets to Florida's Spanish past. The colony at the site of present-day Pensacola was abandoned in 1561, and no trace of it has been found on land.

Teams of University of West Florida archaeology students last summer discovered what they thought was the shipwreck, picking up pieces of artifacts from the site. A 32-by-24-foot barge now covers the site to give divers access.

Florida Secretary of State Kurt Browning joined divers Thursday for a close look at the shipwreck, partially buried in sand about 12 feet below the water surface. It was "incredible" to touch something that has been submerged for centuries, Browning said.

"It was in good condition. As far as pieces of pottery, you could feel the bowls," he said.

The discovery is "another piece of the puzzle" of Florida's Spanish ancestry, Browning said, adding that he does not expect the ship to be removed from the water.

About 650 artifacts, mostly pieces of pottery and wood, were on display Thursday for about

100 people, among them members of the public, who gathered on land about a half mile from the shipwreck.

"It's an amazing site," said Gregory D. Cook, a University of West Florida nautical archaeologist.

Test excavations suggest about 60 to 66 feet of preserved hull from a small to medium-size vessel, he said.

The ship would likely have been built a few years before 1559, said Dr. Roger C. Smith, the state's underwater archaeologist.

The first de Luna ship was found in 1992 in the same area, near what de Luna founded as Florida's initial European settlement. Researchers believe as many as five other vessels were lost in

the hurricane Sept. 19, 1559. The search for the others continues.

"These sites are unique doorways into Florida's past," Smith said.

They also give archaeology students an unusual opportunity for research.

Siska Williams of Atlanta, a West Florida graduate student in archaeology, said she has made about 100 dives at the site. In one, divers recovered seeds and rat skeletons, she said.

The ship apparently held food stocks and other supplies for the colonization campaign, a carefully planned expedition financed by the Spanish crown.

After the storm, only three ships were still afloat, including two small barks and the expedition's only caravel.

*"It was in good condition. As far as pieces of pottery, you could feel the bowls."*

**Kurt Browning**  
Florida secretary of state

## School bans Confederate flag

Attack on minority students called 'disturbing and repulsive'

Associated Press

LITITZ, Pa. — For years, a clique of high school students in this prosperous and overwhelmingly white borough have worn clothes adorned with Confederate flags and parked their pickups in a section of the school parking lot known as "redneck row."

The display, some parents of minority students say, was just one symptom of festering racism that school officials ignored until animosities boiled over last week.

That's when three white 16-year-old students allegedly yelled racial slurs and threw paper wads at minority students outside the 1,600-student Warwick High School.

School officials vowed to discipline the three students, tighten security and ban Confederate flags on school property. On Wednesday, police charged the three with

disorderly conduct.

The "disturbing and repulsive" Oct. 3 confrontation was a "wake-up call" for Warwick High School, said Superintendent John George. "Perhaps we were lulled into a false sense that our school district was immune to racism and bigotry," he said.

Some students suspect the perpetrators were trying to imitate white students in Jena, La., who fanned racial tensions last year by hanging nooses from a tree outside a high school.

Police Chief William Sease said there's no evidence the suspects were influenced by the Jena case.

"What is racial intimidation? It's trying to have power over someone else," Sease said. "I think that's their motivation."

Erasmus Cora Jr., a Puerto Rican native whose 14-year-old son, Erik, was among the victims, said the school should

expel all of the roughly dozen students who allegedly engaged in racist behavior.

"I'm not going to put up with it — my kid should have never went through this," Cora said. "Either they all get out, or we're just going to have to make a bigger issue of it."

The confrontation comes as a major disappointment to Cora. He moved his family from nearby Lancaster about a year ago, expecting his son to receive a better education than he could in Lancaster's troubled schools.

Erik Cora, a freshman, said he was hanging out by the flagpole with two boys — one black and one biracial — when the taunting occurred before the start of school. It broke up when the morning bell rang, but it also spawned rumors that some students planned to bring guns to school later in the week and start riots.

## So. Ill. president not guilty of plagiarism

Associated Press

CARBONDALE, Ill. — The Southern Illinois University president did not plagiarize parts of his 1984 doctoral dissertation but he should update its academic citations, a school review panel concluded Thursday.

President Glenn Poshard, a former five-term congressman and one-time Democratic candidate for Illinois governor, said he accepted the report and its recommendations. "I take full responsibility for the inadvertent errors that I made 23 years ago," he said in a statement.

The review panel of members of three key faculty groups at the school concluded that Poshard used a citation style accepted by his dissertation committee at the time, but the style would not be recommended today.

The panel's report released Thursday recommended Poshard publicly recognize the dissertation's incomplete citations and correct them using current standards.

Poshard completed his bachelor's degree in secondary education, his master's in health education and his doctorate in higher education administration at the flagship school in

Carbondale. He has held his \$291,764-a-year job heading the 35,000-student university system since January 2006.

The allegations surfaced Aug. 30 when SIU's student newspaper, The Daily Egyptian, reported that at least 30 sections in Poshard's 111-page doctoral dissertation were not attributed to their original sources or put in quotation marks to show they weren't Poshard's writing.

On Sept. 10, The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that Poshard's master's thesis contained sentences found nearly verbatim in sources published earlier, without attribution.

Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, the school's Faculty Senate president who headed the panel, said the panel focused the vast majority of its attention on the dissertation because there were only a few minor questions on the master's thesis.

Roger Tedrick, chairman of SIU's board of trustees, said Poshard has "acknowledged that mistakes were made, but they were clearly unintentional then and certainly correctable to academic expectations now."

Tedrick also said Poshard would remain the university's president "with full board support."

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# NY AG subpoenas 33 lenders in loan probe

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — The state of New York has subpoenaed 33 companies and lenders who market education loans directly to college students in a widening of his investigation of deceptive tactics in the industry.

After launching a probe of college-sponsored lending, state Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said Thursday he is now investigating independent lenders and marketers who solicit business from students and families, often implying they are part of the federal government or affiliated with a college.

"This is a new front," he said. A pitch made by telephone, broadcast ads, online ads, mail and direct sales can "sound like it's coming from the federal government. It will look like it's coming from the federal government and it's, we believe, a deceptive practice. And it's a very big industry."

Investigators will try to determine if consumers paid higher interest rates or fees to the companies because of their

practices, said Cuomo spokeswoman Rashmi Vasisht.

"We know that many of these companies were offering rates which were higher than rates you could have gotten in the marketplace," Cuomo said. He had no specific rates, but said even a couple of percentage points difference could cost a borrower thousands of dollars over the life of a loan.

To entice students, some of the companies offered gift cards of up to \$500 to customers, used fake checks and rebates, provided \$100 gift cards to recruit other students, and advertised \$25,000 and \$50,000

sweepstakes, Cuomo said. He said some lenders and loan "middle men" were also deceptive about the conditions for repaying loans.


"We want parents and students to be aware," Cuomo said.

Earlier this year, Cuomo's investigation of conflicts of interest in deals between lenders and colleges to designate preferred lenders helped lead to national reform of the industry. Cuomo won millions of dollars in penalties from dozens of lenders and colleges nationwide.

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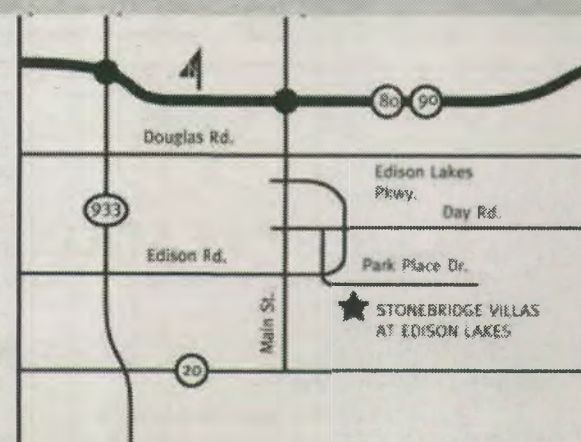


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## Bondage suffocation death raises questions

Associated Press

LYNN, Mass. — Adrian Exley was wrapped tightly in heavy plastic, then bound with duct tape. A leather hood was put over his head with a thin plastic straw inserted so that he could breathe, and he was shut up in a closet.

That, apparently, was the way Exley liked it. But the way it ended — with Exley suffocating — was not what he had in mind when he traveled from Britain for a bondage session with a man he met through a sado-masochism Web site.

Exley's body was discovered in the woods last year, two months after he was bound up in the bondage "playroom" Gary LeBlanc had built in the basement of his suburban Boston home. LeBlanc, a 48-year-old Gulf Oil sales executive, detailed his responsibility in the fatal bondage session in a five-page suicide note, just before he put a gun to his head and killed himself.

Now the question is: Since Exley consented to the sex play, can LeBlanc be held responsible for his death?

Exley's family is suing LeBlanc's estate for unspecified damages, claiming wrongful death. Many bondage enthusiasts are watching the case closely, seeing it as lesson in where to draw the line of responsibility on consensual but dangerous sex.

"There's definitely the whole spectrum of thought on what really happened — whether it was a consent issue, or negligence or misunderstanding," said Vivienne Kramer, a board member of the New England Leather Alliance. "Everybody has their own ideas on what should have happened."

Exley and LeBlanc met through an online forum for gay men into rubber, leather and bondage. Exley, a 32-year-old stripper, used the screen name "Studpup," while LeBlanc called himself "Rubrman" and built a chamber with rubber mats on

the floors and walls, chains, leather restraints, rubber suits and a hospital gurney.

Exley arrived at LeBlanc's house in Lynn in April 2006 after the pair had exchanged e-mails in which they discussed plans for LeBlanc to play the "master" and Exley his "slave," according to the lawsuit.

John Andrews, a lawyer for LeBlanc's estate, said Exley knew the risks going in. "What occurred was an act or actions between two consenting adults, both of whom knew what they were doing, and it had a tragic end," he said.

The lawsuit describes a three-day bondage and discipline session that ended when a third man, Scott Vincent, discovered Exley was not breathing. Exley had been put in a closet while bound in plastic up to his neck and left alone for several hours, according to the lawsuit.

In his suicide note, LeBlanc admitted that Exley at one point had trouble breathing. But he said that after "cooling him down," Exley improved. LeBlanc said that he went to sleep about 3 a.m. but was woken up a few hours later by Vincent, who told him Exley was not breathing and was turning blue and cold.

LeBlanc said he panicked, and he and Vincent drove to Rhode Island, where they buried the body and threw away Exley's clothing and identification.

The Rhode Island medical examiner determined that Exley suffocated. Vincent said in a sworn statement that the straw had fallen out of his mouth in the closet.

Vincent, a flight attendant who is also being sued, is charged with failure to report a death in Rhode Island. But he has not been charged in Massachusetts.

In his note, LeBlanc said he was "responsible for a horrible tragedy," adding: "Had I dealt with the first crisis responsibly, he would likely have returned home safely."

## 14-year-old dies at boot camp

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — A 14-year-old boy died because seven juvenile boot camp guards and a nurse lacked good judgment and decided to use force against him rather than call for medical help, a prosecutor said in closing arguments Thursday before the case went to the jury.

Attorneys for the eight defendants said Martin Lee Anderson's death was the unavoidable consequence of his genetic blood disorder and alleged that the manslaughter charges were part of a "twisted agenda" by former Gov. Jeb Bush and others who were under fire from civil rights groups.

A prosecutor played segments of a 30-minute video showing the guards repeatedly slamming Anderson on the ground, dragging his limp body around the boot camp exercise yard and hitting him.

The video, prosecutor Scott Harmon said, shows jurors what they need to know about the

actions of the eight defendants.

"They are manhandling this kid who is basically fluid in their hands," Harmon said. "You may not hear anything coming out of that video sound-wise, but that video is screaming to you in a loud, clear voice; it is telling you that these defendants killed Martin Lee Anderson."

Anderson died because the guards crossed a line, he said.

"They went way too far, further than they had ever gone before. They suffocated Martin Anderson," Harmon said.

He pointed to omissions in reports compiled by the defendants after the incident.

"The cover-up started immediately," Harmon said. "This fabrication, this cover-up begins, and it continues all the way until this week in front of you."

The defendants face as many as 30 years in prison if convicted of aggravated manslaughter of a child. Jurors could decide to acquit them of manslaughter but convict them of lesser charges including child neglect or culpable negligence.

Anderson died Jan. 6, 2006, when he was taken off life support, a day after his altercation with the guards.

A defense attorney said convicting the guards would be like spitting on troops fighting an unpopular war.

"They have not brought in one witness to say those tactics are illegal. That those wrist bends, those knee strikes are improper," said Robert Sombathy, who represents guard Patrick Garrett.

If jurors found those tactics are wrong, every boot camp in the state would be guilty of child neglect, he said. Florida ended its military boot camp system last year because of the Anderson case.

In his closing argument, James White, attorney for guard Raymond Hauck, called state officials "Monday morning quarterbacks" who decided to appoint the special prosecutor and order a second autopsy because they didn't like the results of an autopsy by Dr. Charles Siebert, the medical examiner for Bay County.

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## Security videos to be reviewed in noose case

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The graduate school where a noose was found on the door of a black professor agreed Thursday to turn over security videotape, but police were dismayed that they had to get a subpoena to acquire the evidence.

Police claim that Teachers College — Columbia University's graduate school of education — had agreed to give up the tape without a court order Wednesday. New York Police Department spokesman Paul Browne said police officials were "disappointed and surprised" by the delay in a case

that rocked the Ivy League campus.

Teachers College spokeswoman Diane Dobry said the school wanted to work in "the spirit of cooperation" with police, but privacy laws required it to demand a court order. Since a subpoena was obtained, "We are giving them everything," she said.

Investigators plan to review several hours of tape from up to seven digital security cameras in and around the building where the noose was discovered early Tuesday morning on the doorknob of the office of Madonna Constantine, Browne said.

## Cold medicines recalled

Major drug makers warn of potential health risks to infants

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drug makers on Thursday voluntarily pulled children's cold medicines off the market less than two weeks after the government warned of potential health risks to infants.

Over-the-counter medications aimed at children under the age

of two are being removed from store shelves because of rare instances of parents overdosing young children, a trade group that represents the drugs' manufacturers said. The group said parents should no longer administer these medications.

The Consumer Healthcare Products Association said last month it agreed with government officials that use of the drugs should be restricted, but had previously stopped short of pulling the products from the market.

Cold medicines being withdrawn include: Johnson & Johnson Pediacare Infant Drops and Tylenol Concentrated

Infants Drops, Wyeth's Dimetapp Decongestant Infant Drops, Novartis' Triaminic Infant & Toddler Thin Strips and Prestige Brands Holdings' Little Colds Decongestant Plus Cough.

CVS Caremark Corp. said Thursday morning it would remove the affected products as well as CVS-brand equivalents from store shelves. The pharmacy chain said customers can return the products for a full refund.

Catherine Tom-Revzon, a pediatric pharmacist, said parents should use natural therapies,

including saltwater drops and humidifiers, to treat infants' colds before using drugs.

"These medications were never designed to cure colds but only to treat cold symptoms, and in children under two there was little evidence they were effective anyway," said Tom-Revzon, who is pharmacy manager at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York.

Late last month the Food and

Drug Administration tentatively recommended adding the words "do not use in children under two years" to products' labeling. Current labeling directs parents to consult a doctor before administering the drugs to infants and toddlers.

The medicines come in tiny, droplet-size doses, but parents occasionally do not consult or follow directions from physicians, which can lead to accidental overdose.

FDA will formally consider revising labeling at a meeting scheduled for Oct. 18-19.

After reviewing reports of side effects over the last four decades, FDA found 54 child fatalities from over-the-counter decongestant medicines. The agency found 69 reports of children's deaths connected with antihistamines, which are used to treat runny noses.

The Consumer Healthcare Products Association said it will conduct a multiyear campaign to educate parents and physicians on safe use of cold medicines. A spokeswoman for the group said it was too early to rule out a return of the products to the market.

"The manufacturers made this decision after a lot of consideration and with great care for the best interests of parents and children," said CHPA spokeswoman Virginia Cox. "But we can't speak to what the future holds."

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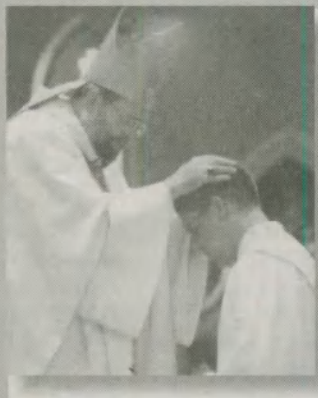
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## Reduce your impact

Americans often see environmentalism as a distant topic. But on the heels of Notre Dame's Energy Week, there are many things college students can do to reduce their daily, negative impact on the environment. The U.S., home to about five percent of the world's population, is responsible for about a quarter of the world's total energy consumption. Think of it this way: Americans use one million gallons of gas every two minutes.

By using energy more efficiently, the U.S. could preserve natural resources and save more than \$2.3 billion by the year 2030.

And while much of the environmental damage has already been done, there are ways to stop more from happening, and some scientists are saying there are ways to reverse it. By 2100, there is hope that the ozone layer will be repaired — depending on how serious global citizens are about being more energy efficient.

Global citizenry means leaders, voters and students alike. There are many things we can do on campus to contribute to reverse the negligence of the past hundreds of years. By adhering to a few simple, reasonable requests, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's can "go green" and positively contribute to the global call to conservationism.

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Third, turn off your computer overnight. No one important is going to instant message you at 4 a.m. At other times, put it in power-save or sleep mode instead of using a screen saver.

Fourth, avoid leaving the water running (while brushing teeth, dealing with leaky faucets, and taking showers). One drippy faucet that leaks enough to fill a soda bottle every 30 minutes can waste over 2,192 gallons of water each year.

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## THE OBSERVER Editorial

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ESPN appearance goes wrong

After watching today's showing of "First Take" on ESPN, I felt compelled to write to The Observer about the stark contrast between the two student reporters from Boston College and Notre Dame. While BC's representative showed class and made intelligent points, The Observer's Chris Khorey came off as arrogant and disrespectful.

The show's weekly segment has been an opportunity to showcase two schools that will be playing an important game over the weekend and allow the nation to see a spirited but fun presentation of both schools. Given the historic rivalry (both academic and athletic) between the two schools, I expected to see an intelligent discussion between the two reporters. The resulting exchange, however, fell far short. I have never met Chris Khorey and surely do not mean to offer any judgments about his character based on a short television appearance. I graduated from an Ivy League school and have no college athletic affiliations to bias my judgment of either school. In fact, I have a high opinion of both schools and was sorry to see Notre Dame's representative resort to taunting BC as a "backup college."

I hope that the portrayal of Notre Dame that many sports fans witnessed today is not an accurate representation of Notre Dame students. Even a long and storied rivalry can be discussed and analyzed with respect and dignity, and we should certainly expect as much from two highly-regarded institutions.

James Healy

Norwich, Conn.

Oct. 11

## Respect must be earned

I found it interesting that in her letter, "Not a Little Brother" (Oct. 11), Sheila Miller seems upset about the lack of respect that Notre Dame has shown to Boston College. I'm just curious what she thinks of the various disrespectful acts committed by her beloved Eagles over the years.

What about in 2002 when BC spoiled Notre Dame's undefeated season, and its players proceeded to rip up the stadium turf? Or what about when they got off the field and proceeded to trash the visitor's locker room?

How about in 2003 when, even after a win, Boston College line-backer Josh Ott refused to admit that then freshman Brady Quinn was going to be something special. Apparently, 350 yds passing and 2 TDs from a freshman weren't enough to impress Mr. Ott. How classy.

And what about the "smug superiority" Miller accuses ND fans of having? After saying this, she proceeds to say in no uncertain terms that Notre Dame will lose this weekend's game. How's that for the pot calling the kettle black?

The fact that Miller, a BC class of 2002 alumnus, took the time out of her presumably busy day just to write to the Notre Dame student newspaper just goes to further validate most of the student body's feelings toward Boston College. Good luck on Saturday, Sheila. But win or lose, you should probably do something about that inferiority complex of yours. Although I guess it goes with the territory of going to Boston College.

Matt Hammond

sophomore

Dillon Hall

Oct. 11

## Unnecessary source?

After reading Sheila Miller's Letter ("Not a little brother," Oct. 10), I only have one question: Why is a Boston College graduate who lives in Oregon reading the Notre Dame campus newspaper? Perhaps she should have cancelled her subscription when she got her Notre Dame rejection letter.

Irena Zajickova

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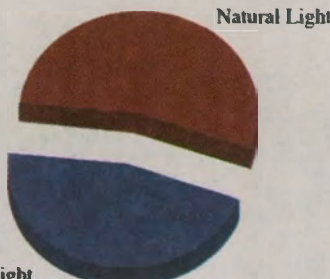
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## Tearing at the edges of freedom

Author Christopher Hitchens' latest book, "God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything," contends — among other assertions — that religious faith is grounded on wish-thinking. He writes that God did not create man in his own image, but the other way around. With man conjuring an image of God, Hitchens says, that it "is the painless explanation for the profusion of gods and religions, and the fratricide both between and among faiths, that we see all about us and that has so retarded the development of civilization."



Gary Caruso

Capitol  
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Hitchens suggests that people who are otherwise goodhearted can be blinded by a belief in a higher authority which ultimately causes them to uncharacteristically do wrong. While they may profess to believe in the worth, dignity and rights of mankind, they degrade and confine others. Famed World War II journalist Ernie Pyle best described a close analogy of this thought when he wrote about how American soldiers learned early during the war to transition from a belief of killing as sinful to a casual professionalism of killing as a craft.

The Hitchens' theory that wish-thinking of a higher belief in religious dogma can

corrupt us also applies to wish-thinking in politics. Americans have and will use fear and political wish-thinking to preserve the high belief of freedom while invading other nations, oppressing even our own citizens and denying our long-standing rights. President Franklin Roosevelt was flat wrong at the outbreak of World War II to confine Japanese-Americans living on the west coast. Democratic U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii is living testament today to such prejudice that prevented him from enlisting — that is, until our government faced a military manpower shortage. Then he was sent to the front lines to face the ultimate sacrifice.

With each passing day, the Bush White House tears another edge away from our fabric of carefully balanced American freedoms. Under the broad mantle of national security, federal government departments both domestic and abroad claim exemptions from the protections enshrined in our Constitution and defined in international agreements. Under Bush, the American government has retarded constitutional guarantees through warrantless wiretaps, indefinite imprisonment without trials and torture-like interrogation techniques. Once envied and revered around the world as the beacon of freedom, American ideals are now tarnished throughout the international community.

For the first time since World War II, persons have been detained in the name of security — sometimes for years without acknowledgment of their whereabouts and

without legal counsel. They have been subjected to extremes of deprivation and torture techniques both in a war zone at the Abu Ghraib prison in 2003 as well as on American territory at Guantanamo, Cuba. In the eyes of foreign admirers who yearn for our freedoms, Americans are now hypocrites.

In years past, the American way of life needed no explanation. Our system of fair play and equality was the foundation and origin of all freedoms. Because equality was our beginning — not the end — of all arguments about law, life and human nature, it was also the beginning — but by no means the end — of all disputes about the constitution and justice. So it was no surprise last week when White House Press Secretary Dana Perino denied that secret memos written by the Justice Department in 2005 sanctioned torture. Yet, as time passes, more evidence to the contrary exists.

The New York Times described the 2005 memos as "an expansive endorsement of the harshest interrogation techniques ever used by the Central Intelligence Agency." The techniques consisted of extreme temperatures of heat and cold, water-boarding or simulated drownings, prolonged stress positions and isolation accompanied only by continuously played loud music. It does not matter that other nations had been calling these same techniques torture for decades.

Since the Bush administration claimed that these methods approved for use by

the CIA were "not torture," officials could parse words and maintain their deniability. Their narrow definition, unrecognized elsewhere, defined torture as "severe physical or mental pain or suffering that results in significant harm of significant duration, lasting months or even years."

As a result, America's bedrock principles of human rights and standing as a global leader in a respect for the rule of law continues to be undermined by their wish-thinking policies. An essential part of winning the war on terrorism and protecting our nation is to safeguard the ideals and principles that Americans hold dear: that torture is not acceptable and the constitution must be respected.

It is sad to think that Hitchens could be describing our current poisonous political climate in his anti-God book when he wrote of an "inescapable demand for comfort, reassurance, and other infantile needs subsisting largely on lies and fears." Unfortunately, political wish-thinking will continue until we restore America's standing as a nation committed to human rights, human dignity and the rule of law.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Audience not to blame

### Recognized complexity

The audience at the Notre Dame Forum on Monday reacted the way it did to Sen. Martinez, Gov. Napolitano and Cardinal Mahoney's remarks — with sometimes thunderous applause — because what they said made good common sense across political boundaries. Martinez spoke of the need for comprehensive reform that ensures all of the U.S.'s interests are addressed. Napolitano discussed the challenges in maintaining border security, and Cardinal Mahoney spoke of the Church's ministerial duties extending to everyone, residency status aside.

By stark contrast, Mayor Barletta's remarks smacked largely of demagoguery and consisted of anecdotal stories about gang violence and traffic accidents. It sounds to me as though the mayor has a crime problem in Hazleton, not an illegal immigration problem. But he was far more interested in appealing to xenophobia than he was in actual solutions. He spoke of solutions once — punitive action against illegal employers. He rambled about evil illegals nearly all the rest of his time with the microphone. It is hard for a group of well-educated students and faculty trained in the art of intellectual discourse to respect someone who discussed such a complicated subject in such a simplistic manner.

Jarett DeAngelis  
graduate student  
off campus  
Oct. 10

### Student body receptive

This letter is in response to Conor McNamara's letter ("Audience behavior disappointing," Oct. 8). I resent McNamara's attack upon the student body as "self righteous" soldiers of morality "armed with emotional presuppositions." I find this ironic because, throughout his letter, McNamara condescendingly loads his sentences against the student body with phrases like "coldly received" and "silent hostility" in reference to the actions of the student body.

In contrast, his behavior constituted "genuine spirit of good will" and "intellectual inquiry." The irony, as I mentioned before, is that McNamara himself comes across as self righteous, setting himself up higher than the proletariat student.

Unfortunately for McNamara, in this case the audience was dead-on in its rejection of Mayor Barletta's racist policies and arguments and praise of Cardinal Mahoney's and Sen. Martinez's unbiased and humanitarian views of the immigration situation we have in the United States.

McNamara concludes that the "back slapping sanctimony [of the ignorant audience] ... does nothing to help advance ... the immigration reform plan," sadly without realizing that the clearly wrong actions of people like Mayor Barletta also do not help the problem and that people like him should not be listened to. Maybe McNamara should stop slapping his own back before accusing others of doing the same.

Ryan Slaney  
sophomore  
Carroll Hall  
Oct. 10

## Comic in poor taste

In the comic "Tastes Like Failure," printed on October 10th, the writers Rich Protiva and Andy Spangler reiterated an old stereotype we all have heard: Saint Mary's women are stupid and sleazy.

You know, the funny thing about stereotypes is that even though they are frequently used in jest, they are developed by specific groups in a social structure to counteract feelings of intimidation from another group. Stereotypes are put into place by one party to oppress another.

Let's use our beloved Irish as an example. Between the years of 1820 and 1880, nearly 3.5 million Irish women and men entered the United States. Stereotypes that all Irish were drunken and angry were developed by American citizens who felt that their jobs and welfare were being threatened by Irish

immigrants.

Dare I suggest that those at Notre Dame who actually believe the Saint Mary's "stupid and sleazy" stereotype are intimidated by the strong smart women who live across the street? Well, get over yourselves. We're Saint Mary's and we're proud of our student body and rich heritage.

And for all of you who actually believe we at Saint Mary's are "akademically" inferior, the next time you attempt to get a taste of a strong, independent Saint Mary's woman, I am going to predict it will "Taste Like Failure," because if that is how you perceive me, I would not even talk to you for \$299.00 per minute.

Audrey Ballinger  
senior  
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Oct. 11

## Set scooters free

You've seen them on the quad. They look like so much fun to ride, and you may have even fantasized about driving one. I'm referring to the bright red scooters that students with temporary mobility problems use. I'm writing this letter because, recently, I have been one of those students on a scooter. After I fractured my tibia and sprained my ankle during a game of touch football, I was put on crutches for six weeks until the bone heals. I was very thankful that the University provides, free of charge, the use of the scooter for up to two months.

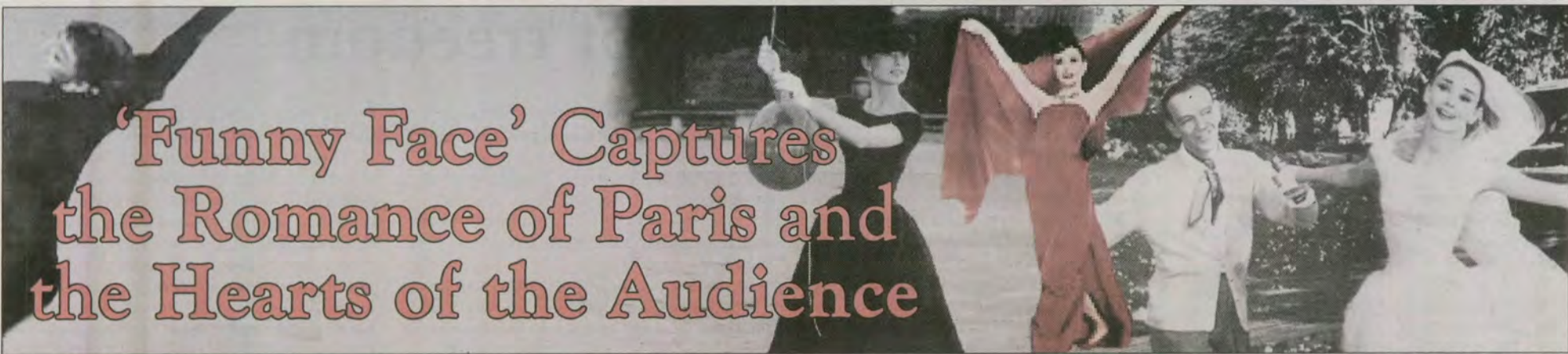
Things weren't looking so bad, but then I realized that one little detail made a huge difference. I live off campus. The scooters are not allowed to go off campus. I must store it in a friend's dorm and then arrange for someone to pick me up, even though I live only two blocks away from the edge of campus.

I understand the liability of taking the scooter off campus. If I were to injure myself while on the scooter and off campus, I could theoretically sue the University because I was using their scooter. But why not have me sign a waiver, or a whole series of waivers? And if anything happens to the scooter — if it is stolen or damaged — I will need to pay for it: This is already the policy. So why punish those who get injured and live off campus? Why not allow us to drive the scooter home?

The scooter idea is a great one and a credit to our University, but why not extend it to help as many students as possible?

Chris Spellman  
senior  
off campus  
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JULIE GRISANTI | Observer Graphic

By CASSIE BELEK  
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"Funny Face" is as much a love story between Fred Astaire and Audrey Hepburn's characters as it is a love story between the camera, fashion and Paris.

The musical, directed by the great Stanley Donen, tells the story of Jo Stockton (Hepburn), a young bookshop girl discovered for her peculiar face by "Quality" magazine photographer Dick Avery (Astaire).

After Dick convinces editor Maggie Prescott (Kay Thompson) that Jo is the perfect choice for the new face of "Quality," all involved are whisked away to Paris to unveil a new fashion line and introduce Jo to the world press.

It is difficult to pinpoint the star in "Funny Face." Hepburn and Astaire are obvious choices, but always at the forefront of the film are the City of Light and the fashions of Hepburn's favorite designer and friend, Hubert de Givenchy. The camera displays Paris and fashion with such adoration that

it is no wonder why even today, fashion designers consider Paris the center of the fashion world and Givenchy's designs in "Funny Face" a milestone in 20th century fashion.

Despite the fundamental presence of Paris and fashion, Hepburn and Astaire are the true, irresistible appeal of the film. "Funny Face" marks the first and only time the pair would star in a movie together, but their combined performance is unforgettable and magical.

The collaboration almost didn't happen. Their schedules failed to match up, but when Astaire heard that Hepburn specifically requested to star with him in the musical, he decided to wait for her.

"She asked for me, and I was

ready," he said at the time. "This could be the last and only opportunity I'd have to work with the great and lovely Audrey and I was not missing it. Period."

The performances from both of the two Hollywood legends are exceptional, yet much credit is due to Hepburn, who isn't the typical musical star. Although she had formal dance training in her youth, she never possessed the same skill as other Astaire partners, like Ginger Rogers and Leslie Caron. But Hepburn's natural grace and passion for dance made her an easy partner for Astaire, and the two dance seamlessly together throughout the film.

Unlike in her most famous musical, "My Fair Lady," Hepburn was allowed to do her own singing in "Funny Face." Her voice lacks the vocal strength and quality of co-stars Astaire and Thompson, but what she lacks in singing ability, she makes up for in pure emotion. Hepburn infuses her songs with feeling, something she mastered with "Moon River" in "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

While Hepburn's star shines bright in "Funny Face," Astaire's is just as brilliant. The hooper once again displays his creative talent as Dick sings and dances his way to Jo's heart. In the number "Let's Kiss and Make Up," Astaire demonstrates his penchant for incorporating props of all sorts into his routines. Dick taunts an imaginary bull with his red-lined raincoat and subdues

it with his pointy umbrella. It's an idea that came to Astaire when he showed up to his studio and began dancing in front of a mirror with his coat still on.

Unfortunately, the 50th anniversary edition of "Funny Face" doesn't have a special DVD commentary. It does contain insightful featurettes such as "The Fashion Designer and His Muse," which explores the relationship between Hepburn and Givenchy, and "Parisian Dreams," which describes the influence of the city of Paris on the film. However, there must be someone who could have provided an expert's opinion on "Funny Face," and the absence of that commentary is a shortcoming on this anniversary edition.


Despite any shortcomings among the special features, the film itself does not disappoint. Donen and company weave together the stars, the music and dancing, Paris and fashion in such a way as to create a finished product that still has an effect on musical fans and fashion designers today. Hepburn and Astaire would certainly be enough to carry a film themselves, but the added elements of Paris and fashion not only facilitate the narrative, but they intensify the romance between the two main characters and ultimately the romance between the film and the audience.

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**Funny Face**  
Starring: Fred Astaire, Audrey Hepburn  
The Movie



The DVD





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Expectations for Rascal Flatts are high. From its self-titled first album through the four albums that followed, the group has been a success story.

But its latest album does not deliver up to standards. While it still appealing, it simply does not have the strength of the band's previous releases.

The beauty of Rascal Flatts is in the combination of amazing lyrics and heart-gripping music. The band's style extends the movement to revolutionize country into a truly national phenomenon — one that stays true to its country-

western roots but appeals to a wider audience. And the group was incredibly successful. In 2006, the sale of Rascal Flatts' albums composed an astonishing seven percent of all country music albums sold. The group is particularly unique in the number of singles released per CD. Rascal Flatts has released 27 singles from the 5 albums, with the majority of the "Feels Like Today" and "Me and My Gang" albums being released over the span of two years. Of these singles, eight have been top hits on the country charts, and 18 have cracked the overall U.S. charts. Rascal Flatts' influence has been felt in many domains, and its music can be recognized from films such as "Cars," which features the band's cover of "Life is a Highway" — a cover that is arguably better than the original.

The group rose out of Nashville — country capital of the nation. Gary LeVox is lead vocalist; Jay DeMarcus is harmony vocalist and on bass guitar, guitar and piano; and Joe Don Rooney is on harmony vocals, electric guitar, steel guitar and mandolin.

Three songs have already been released from the newest album, "Still Feels Good." "Take Me There" was the first released and has already topped country

charts. The second released, "Revolution," is a part of the soundtrack for "Evan Almighty." And "Still Feels Good" is climbing the charts as well. This album has a lot to live up to — especially with all four of the group's previous albums achieving double platinum ("Rascal Flatts" and "Melt") or quadruple platinum status ("Feels Like Today" and "Me and My Gang").

"Still Feels Good" is undoubtedly a great album. Rascal Flatts has the typical great sound and vocals. Yet while this album might still feel good, it just doesn't sound as good as the last two albums. It's not quite the worst of the five, but it doesn't even come close to matching the top two albums. It lacks the surge of energy in "Me and My Gang" and the passionate love songs of "Feels Like Today." It is instead something more akin to "Melt." A few great songs, just makes getting out of bed in the morning a must. "Take Me There" is the only song that is reminiscent of the band's best romantic lyrics. It oozes with the simple purity of love that makes Rascal Flatts so endearing. The rest of the songs, however, are a bit love-lorn and even border on that whiney pop-country that is so frequently criticized by lyrical critics.

But the pull of Rascal Flatts' voices



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Rascal Flatts just released their latest album, "Still Feels Good."

and style is still a pull that makes the album a required indulgence for the true fan. It will be a platinum album, and the singles will still top the charts. Rascal Flatts is just that good. Even its mediocre music for is amazing.

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**Still Feels Good**  
Rascal Flatts  
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JULIE GRISANTI | Observer Graphic

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It is not often that the small, poorly publicized films capture the hearts of theatergoers — they rarely get the chance — but there are some that cannot be ignored. “Once” is one of those films. Realistic and romantic, “Once” offers something different to the audience.

This Fox Searchlight Film is very different from your typical, canned flick. Much of its novelty stems from its focus on character development rather than plot twists. Though not much activity occurs in this movie, it constantly engages and intrigues.

“Once” is a modern musical, in that it takes musical interludes — but it is not a grandiose, bright song-and-dance extravaganza like “Chicago” or “Across the Universe.” The movie has the grainy, rough feel of an independent film. The songs are not drawn from the plot, either; instead, they are songs the main characters wrote while living through the experiences depicted on the screen and sing in realistic circumstances. There is no bursting into song in the middle of a street — unless they are busking and looking for change.

The director, John Carney, cast singer/songwriters for the protagonists, not actors. Glen Hansard is the bass guitarist of Irish rock band The Framers. Together, Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová, along with two other artists released an album, “The Swell Season,” in 2006 and later toured with Damien Rice. Despite coming from a different art, these musicians gave a compelling performance worthy of more experienced actors. In fact, since the people portraying the characters have not only actually experienced the process of writing and performing songs, but wrote many of the songs themselves, the movie captures the earnestness of their feeling.

“Once” is set in Ireland. No one actually says the names of the main characters — or most of the other characters for that matter — but the story focuses on a short period in the lives of two working class citizens. The Guy, who works in a vacuum shop, spends much of his spare

time playing songs with his guitar for money. The Girl is a Czech immigrant who sells flowers on the streets.

One evening, the Girl passes the Guy on Dublin’s Grafton Street as he plays an original song and loves it. She starts up a conversation and they plan to see each other again as he offers to fix her vacuum. Their relationship sprouts as they get to know each other. Both are trying to move on from relationships that left them crippled: The Guy’s old girlfriend left him and moved to England, and the Girl’s husband left her to provide food and shelter for their child.

The Guy and the Girl bond over their passion for music. The Girl’s father was a concert musician, and she learned to play classical piano as a child. Her present situation precludes her from owning a piano, however, and they have to go to the local music shop to play together. There they discover that they have a musical chemistry, and decide to spend the weekend recording their music.

The Sound Engineer, initially skeptical of these poor workers’ musical ability, quickly becomes enamored of their songs. Though this might sound reminiscent of a high school football movie or even a chick flick, “Once” is more of a realistic film. The characters end up finding resolution, but

not in any trite sort of cookie-cutter kind of way.

Subtly strong and captivating, “Once” is truly one of the standout films of the year. It is fitting that at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival

it won the World Cinema Audience Award for dramatic film; it is the kind of movie that sends away its audience feeling like they have seen something worthwhile.

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When was the last time you listened to a modern film soundtrack that didn’t have “Walt Disney’s” in the title?

Film musicals aside, movie soundtracks, like badly-motivated compilation discs, are albums that tend to be little more than mediocre collections of barely-connected pop songs. The soundtrack from the Sundance Film Festival award-winner “Once” is changing that trend.

“Once” is the tale of an Irish street musician

(Glen Hansard) and his brief, emotionally-charged friendship with a young Czech woman (Markéta Irglová) in Dublin. The two meet by chance when Hansard’s unnamed character is performing on a street corner, and their mutual love of music propels their friendship into a near-romance. While the two eventually part ways, their powerful but fleeting bond encourages them both to create music — music that makes up the film’s soundtrack. Each track comes directly from the performances and moments in the film,

giving the album a refreshing, deeper connection to its cinematic source than soundtracks often have.

The album opens with “Falling Slowly,” a track that initiates the pair’s friendship in the film. The song, with its clear echoes of Damien Rice and male and female vocal harmony, is a slower-paced, bare-bones piece that grabs the listener with ease. With little instrumentation accompanying the simplicity of the vocals, “Falling Slowly” sets up a stripped down musicality that, though varying at times, carries through the rest of the album.

Hansard, first and foremost a musician in real life, is the main vocalist in “Falling Slowly” — a role he fills in most

of the album’s subsequent tracks. Irglová, who is also a professional musician, is the key vocalist on the soundtrack’s second track, “If You Want Me.” Her voice has a haunting quality to it that sticks with the listener, and, again, the general feel of simplicity is refreshing in a time of intense house beats and over-mixed top-40 countdowns.

Irglová also leads in “The Hill,” a mournful ditty about lost love. “I’m on my knees in front of him / But he doesn’t seem to see me,” she croons, giving this simple little

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song a tragic touch. The album occasionally departs from its stripped-down sensibilities, but when it does, it is to the soundtrack’s benefit. Two of the album’s strongest tracks — “Gold” and “Fallen from the Sky” — have a more complex feel and, in the case of “Fallen,” an unobtrusive touch of the electronic. “Gold,” performed by Irish band Interference, is a guitar-centered track with a folk ballad feel. “Fallen” departs from the rest of the album with an almost whimsical feel to Hansard’s vocals and a sweetness in its harmonies and lyrics.

Other notable tracks include “Lies,” a bitter reflection on the frustrations of love that calls to mind shades of both Rice and early David Gray; “Trying to Pull Myself Away,” a guitar-heavy track highlighting Hansard’s emotionally-strained vocals; and “Once,” the album’s title track that relishes in subtlety.

The album isn’t entirely without weaknesses. At times, Hansard sounds almost distractingly Rice-like. Irglová, then, also must move beyond the comparison between her and Rice’s usual counterpart, Lisa Hannigan. In both of their cases, however, the strength of their individual performances and the development of the album prevent these comparisons from dominating the overall experience. The final track, “Say It to Me Now,” more than makes up for any faults with its juxtaposition of beauty and anger.

In the case of this strong, understated album, listening “Once” is definitely not enough.

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## Once

**Directed by:** John Carney  
**Starring:** Glen Hansard, Markéta Irglová



## Once: Music from the Motion Picture

**Released by:** Columbia  
**Recommended Tracks:** “Falling Slowly,” “If You Want Me,” “Fallen,” “Gold”





## MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

## St. Ed's looks to continue surprise season against Siegfried

Dillon hopes to contain high-powered Morrissey offense; strong Fisher defense tries to remain unbeaten against Knott

By MATT GAMBER, ANDY ZICCARELLI, JARED JEDICK, and SAM WERNER  
Sports Writers

If Siegfried had looked at its schedule during the preseason, it might have viewed Sunday's 2 p.m. matchup with St. Ed's as an easy victory. Not anymore, as the Stedsmen — last year's league doormat — are 3-0, and the rest of the league has taken notice.

"We haven't really gotten a chance to scout them that much, but we know they're a lot better this year than they have been in the past," Siegfried senior captain Tom Martin said. "We'll really have to come out focused to beat them."

The Ramblers (1-0-1), led by junior running back Marcus Young, will stick with a two-quarterback system that has been relatively successful thus far. Junior Max Young and freshman Mike Garcia are both pocket passers with similar styles, and that fact has allowed for a "smooth transition" between the two, Martin said.

"We don't have a set system," said Martin, who will play offensive guard and defensive end. "Rotating them lets us keep them fresh and allows them to play some defense. So far, it's been mostly about keeping people healthy, and it's worked."

For St. Ed's, a talented freshman class, led by quarterback Matt Abeling and top receiver Dan Crisman, has been a driving force in leading the Stedsmen back to respectability — and now, beyond.

"It's mostly been a change in attitude — once you win a game, everything changes, and we've realized we can play with the best of them," senior linebacker and fullback Ge Wang said. "The freshmen have definitely played a large part in that, but there's a good amount of upperclassmen who have provided a lot of leader-

ship."

The St. Ed's defense has also played a big role with defensive touchdowns in their past two wins. Junior strong safety Dan Murphy, an Observer sports writer, leads the team with two interceptions, one of which he returned for an 85-yard touchdown against Carroll.

Up front, Wang and senior defensive lineman Corey Fitzpatrick have anchored the defense that "excels by playing team ball," Wang said.

And while the Stedsmen are anxious to begin their first playoff run in recent memory, they won't be looking past their regular season finale.

"We treat every game we play as if it's our last one," Wang said. "It'd be really something to end our season undefeated, and that's our goal."

## Dillon vs. Morrissey

After picking up its first win of the season last weekend, Dillon will look to continue its turnaround against defending champion Morrissey.

Junior captain Alex Duffy said that limiting mistakes will be crucial.

"What we've been focusing on in practice is maintaining the aggression and intensity that makes us a good football team, while limiting the mental slip-ups that can cost us games," Duffy said.

It was a Keough miscue that Dillon capitalized on last week, recovering a muffed punt to set up the game-winning touchdown. Led by outside linebacker Brett Berceau, the Big Red will look for their defense to step up again this week.

"Our defense was nasty," Duffy said. "We have a group of studs."

The Dillon defense will have their hands full this Sunday as they take on the high-powered Manor offense. Despite missing starting quarterback Joe McBrayer last week, Morrissey still managed to move the ball effectively in its 12-0 win over O'Neill, twice stringing togeth-

er long touchdown drives from deep in its own territory. Senior Nick Bencomo and sophomore Mike Fletcher have both done damage out of the backfield so far this season for the Manorites.

The Dillon offense managed to break out last week. After being shut out by Stanford in their first game, Dillon found the end zone twice last week in its 12-6 win over Keough.

"We ran our offense very efficiently against Keough," Duffy said.

Sophomore quarterback Joe Garigliano will lead the Big Red attack, while workhorse Duffy will shoulder the load as running back.

"Interhall games are so short because of the running clock that it's very tough to overcome mistakes," Duffy said.

The action begins Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field.

## Fisher vs. Knott

Fisher will attempt to continue its undefeated season against Knott Hall Sunday at 3 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Fisher enters the game at 2-0, with wins over Sorin and Carroll.

The defense and special teams have been key for Fisher. The Green Wave scored a touchdown off a blocked punt and added two interceptions and a turnover on downs against the Vermin.

The Fisher offense is led by senior quarterback Kevin Rabil. Rabil's veteran leadership has kept the team on the positive side of the turnover battle this year. Rabil's main target this season has been fellow senior Pat Gotebeski.

The Green Wave's experience will make them a team to contend with deep into the playoffs.

Knott needs to come up with an upset victory to keep its own playoff hopes alive. Knott dropped to 1-1 after a 20-6 loss to St. Ed's last week in which they felt they deserved the win.

"We scored first, and we set the tone offensively," sopho-

more captain Aidan Fitzgerald said. "It was a few missed snaps and an interception returned for a touchdown that killed us."

Catching up with Fisher will be a tall order for the Juggerknotts, who are without a go-to quarterback. Knott's first and second-string signal-callers will be unavailable due to injuries and prior commitments, and they will be forced to play with inexperienced freshman Nick Lezynski.

"He was very good in high school. We just hope that he can make the translation into the Interhall game," Fitzgerald said.

The Juggerknotts will try to take some pressure of Lezynski by running the ball early and often. Fitzgerald wants the team to come out with a good balanced strategy. Freshman running back Cameron Smith has led the Knott rushing attack so far this year.

"We are not the biggest team, but we make our blocks and we create holes to run through," Fitzgerald said.

The focus throughout practice this week has been on doing the little things on each and every single play.

"We need elevated execution and intensity on every down," Fitzgerald said.

A win against Fisher will boost the Juggerknotts chances of making the playoffs, and Fitzgerald expects his team to be up to the challenge.

"We responded pretty well when we needed a win in our second game against Zahm. This team knows how to step up," Fitzgerald said.

## Carroll vs. Sorin

Carroll and Sorin will be playing for hall pride when they face off at 1 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Field. Even though both teams are eliminated from playoff contention in the Blue League, they still plan to fight for a win this weekend.

"We just have to stick to our game plan and see what we can do," Vermin senior captain Kyle Kownacki said.

Carroll, 0-3 on the season, will look to find some type of offensive consistency behind sophomore quarterback John Sarna.

"A lot of the points we've given up have been off turnovers," Kownacki said.

The defense has been the sole bright spot for the Vermin this season, holding opponents to a paltry 6.3 points per game.

"I can't really single any one guy out," Kownacki said. "Our defense has just played well all year."

They face an Otter team that has also had its share of disappointment this year, going 0-2 and scoring just one touchdown in two games.

"As you can tell by our record, it's been pretty tough," Sorin senior captain Ryan Bove said.

Bove attributed his team's disappointing season to mental mistakes on both sides of the ball.

"If we cut down on mistakes, we're a couple of plays away from being 2-0," he said. "We've given up four or five big plays, which is huge [in this league]."

Against the Vermin, expect the Otters to continue to pound a running attack centered around sophomore running back Rob Gallic and rely on a strong defense to keep the game close.

Sorin should be aided on defense by the return of sophomore lineman Preston Bennett, who missed the first two games to injury.

"[Bennett] should definitely help," Bove said. "We've been short on linemen, and he can help fill that position and free up other guys to play other spots."

Even though their main focus may already be toward next season, expect both teams to fight for a win on Sunday.

"It's been disappointing," Kownacki said. "But we're just going to go out there and have fun."

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## NFL

### AFC East

team	record	streak	opp.
New England	5-0	W5	@ DAL
Buffalo	1-4	L1	BYE
New York Jets	1-4	L2	PHI
Miami	0-5	L5	@ CLE

### AFC North

team	record	streak	opp.
Pittsburgh	4-1	W1	BYE
Baltimore	3-2	W1	STL
Cleveland	2-3	L1	MIA
Cincinnati	1-3	L3	@ KC

### AFC South

team	record	streak	opp.
Indianapolis	5-0	W5	BYE
Tennessee	3-1	W2	@ TB
Jacksonville	3-1	W3	HOU
Houston	3-2	W1	@ JAC

### AFC West

team	record	streak	opp.
Oakland	2-2	W2	@ SD
San Diego	2-3	W1	OAK
Denver	2-3	L3	BYE
Kansas City	2-3	L1	CIN

### NFC East

team	record	streak	opp.
Dallas	5-0	W5	NE
Washington	3-1	W1	@ GB
New York Giants	3-2	W3	@ ATL
Philadelphia	1-3	L1	@ NYJ

### NFC North

team	record	streak	opp.
Green Bay	4-1	L1	WAS
Detroit	3-2	L1	BYE
Chicago	2-3	W1	MIN
Minnesota	1-3	L3	@ CHI

### NFC South

team	record	streak	opp.
Carolina	3-2	W1	@ ARI
Tampa Bay	3-2	L1	TEN
Atlanta	1-4	L1	NYG
New Orleans	0-4	L4	@ SEA

### NFC West

team	record	streak	opp.
Arizona	5-0	W5	CAR
Seattle	1-4	L1	NO
San Francisco	1-4	L2	BYE
St. Louis	0-5	L5	@ BAL

## NCAA Men's Ice Hockey Preseason Poll

	team	points	previous
1	North Dakota	545	6
2	Boston College	519	4
3	Michigan State	513	10
4	Miami	471	13
5	Minnesota	470	2
6	New Hampshire	454	5
7	Clarkson	396	3
8	NOTRE DAME	358	1
9	Boston University	332	9
10	Michigan	296	8
11	Colorado College	277	20
12	Maine	234	14
13	Denver	232	15
14	Quinnipiac	196	16
15	Wisconsin	181	17
16	St. Lawrence	159	11
17	St. Cloud State	90	NR
18	Cornell	85	NR

## MLB



Frank Wren, right, looks on as former Atlanta Braves general manager John Schuerholz, center, announces his resignation Thursday. Schuerholz becomes the team's president while Wren, a former assistant, becomes GM.

## Braves GM steps down, becomes president

Associated Press

ATLANTA — John Schuerholz stepped aside Thursday after 17 years as general manager of the Atlanta Braves with only one regret.

Despite an unprecedented 14 straight division titles, the Braves won just one World Series.

With a few more rings, he figured, this would have been the perfect farewell.

"What else is there?" said Schuerholz, who will become team president and turn over the GM duties to his right-hand man, Frank Wren. "It would have been, unequivocally, the complete validation of the grand nature of

this franchise. Nobody could have said anything about the Atlanta Braves and ended the sentence with the word 'but.'"

Otherwise, Schuerholz has no complaints with his career, one that could land him a spot in Cooperstown someday.

He turned 67 last week and was admittedly worn down by the grind of more than a quarter-century as a general manager. Before coming to Atlanta, he spent nine years in the same post with the Kansas City Royals, winning another World Series title in 1985.

But he will forever be remembered for his impact on the Braves, a

perennial last-place team when he took over in 1991. That very first year, Atlanta won the NL West and went all the way to the World Series. In the years that followed, the division titles kept coming with numbing regularity, until the streak finally ended with a third-place finish in 2005.

"Obviously, John has done an unbelievable job with the organization," outfielder Jeff Francoeur said. "He definitely deserves to retire and enjoy what he's accomplished. It's sad, because we didn't want to see him go."

Actually, he's not going anywhere. Schuerholz

signed a four-year contract and remains second in command to chairman Terry McGuirk, but will step away from day-to-day personnel decisions, such as trades, free-agent signings and other roster moves.

"I'll miss that," Schuerholz said during a news conference at Turner Field.

Wren, a former GM with the Baltimore Orioles, spent the past eight years working for Schuerholz and hoping to eventually replace him.

"Our styles are different," said Wren, who also "got a four-year deal. "But our philosophies are very, very similar."

## IN BRIEF

### A&M coach admonished for exclusive team newsletter

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M officials admonished coach Dennis Franchione for his secretive, for-pay newsletter Thursday and said the embarrassing episode would be a factor in deciding whether he returns next season.

Franchione didn't lose his job, but athletic director Bill Byrne said the newsletter — which delivered inside information to boosters for \$1,200 a year — would be considered when he evaluates the coach after the season.

The school said it would report the results of an internal investigation to the NCAA because of possible rules violations, and Franchione was ordered to shut down his Web site, CoachFran.com. He also will receive a "letter of admonishment."

"The Aggies are embarrassed right now," Byrne said. "This has been a very unfortunate incident we do not want to experience again."

### Wizards center Thomas undergoes heart surgery

WASHINGTON — Washington Wizards center Etan Thomas underwent open heart surgery Thursday at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to repair a leak of the aortic valve, an irregularity discovered during a routine physical before start of training camp.

The Wizards, citing Thomas' right to privacy, made no statement other than to acknowledge the surgery took place. The team hoped to provide details Friday after consulting with his doctor.

"Hopefully they can correct the problem," forward Antawn Jamison said. "We know how much he loves the game of basketball and what he means to this team, but the most important thing — you just hope that the surgery goes well."

Whether the 29-year-old Thomas will play in the NBA again is unknown, and at the very least he will need months to recuperate before rejoining his team.

### Struggling Hornish ponders NASCAR future

CONCORD, N.C. — As the list of open-wheel stars moving to NASCAR grows, Sam Hornish Jr. remains undecided about his future.

He's had tremendous success in IndyCars — winning three championships and last year's Indianapolis 500 — but his tryout in stock cars hasn't been nearly as smooth. He's still trying to make his first Nextel Cup event, and dropped to 0-for-4 after failing to qualify for Saturday night's race at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

"We knew it was going to be difficult coming in," Hornish said Thursday. "We'd like to have been racing a couple times so far, but we knew this was a possibility. We knew this was going to be tough, and that's why I said I wanted to do this."

A longtime open-wheel loyalist, Hornish now finds himself one of the many newcomers in NASCAR.

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## GETTING HIS KICKS



Senior punter Geoff Price kicks against UCLA as senior Anthony Vernaglia races into coverage in Pasadena.

JESS LEE/The Observer

## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Huggins back home at West Virginia

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Bob Huggins' dream job is about to begin — in a big way.

No more pep talks to alumni and fans. No more basketball camps. No more recruiting. Finally, Huggins gets to scold, teach and mold his players full time, beginning Friday night at the official start of practice at West Virginia.

"It seems like I've been gone every day," Huggins said Thursday. "I'm just so happy I'm off the road and back to coaching. I can hardly stand it."

Three decades after his playing days at his alma mater, a new generation will see Huggins'

intense and unrelenting coaching style in person, their roles far different than the 3-point loving offense of his WVU predecessor, John Beilein.

Huggins anticipates an emotional return to the WVU Coliseum in Morgantown where he played from 1975 to 1977, leading the Mountaineers in assists his senior year.

Huggins expects several former teammates to show up at Mountaineer Madness, which coincides with the start of practice nationwide. He's holding out hope that his father, Charles, who was his high school coach in eastern Ohio, might show up if his health allows.

Free admission should boost

attendance. There will be autograph sessions, a slam-dunk contest and a two-ball competition between the men's and women's teams, along with team scrimmages and a speech from Huggins.

"I guess it will hit me tomorrow. I've still got jet lag," said Huggins, fresh off a trip to the West Coast. "I'm sure walking in the Coliseum tomorrow will hit me. It's just such a special place and there are so many special memories there for me. So it will be a fun time."

Early season ticket sales have been strong, although it's too soon to tell whether Huggins will have a huge impact. The Mountaineers sold 5,600 season tickets last year.

"All indications are that it's going to be a good year," said Matt Wells, WVU's ticket marketing manager.

West Virginia couldn't lure Huggins back five years ago after Gale Catlett's retirement. Huggins was ousted after 16 seasons at Cincinnati following a 2005 drunken driving arrest. He took a year off and coached last season at Kansas State.

West Virginia athletic director Ed Pastilong didn't need to beg Huggins again when Beilein left for Michigan in April, even though it meant leaving behind one of the nation's best recruiting classes at Kansas State.

Huggins' work at West Virginia began with a recruiting trip the day after he was hired. He's since criss-crossed the state too many times to count — not to mention many out-of-state plane trips. And never mind the 54-year-old Huggins is only five years removed from a heart attack.

"In my line of work, people used to say, 'man, you need to slow down, stop and smell the roses,'" Huggins said. "Well, what happens when you slow down, stop and smell the roses, people like Rick Pitino and Billy Gillespie run right by you."

He'll have some work to do to move closer to those established programs at Louisville and Kentucky, teams he was familiar with at Cincinnati.

Huggins inherited three starters from the team that won the NIT championship. His influence on his new players was immediate.

Under Beilein, the Mountaineers gambled with one-shot possessions, so who needed a bulked-up body to absorb the hits of crashing the boards?

Huggins' teams, that's who.

"I think we lost a couple games last year when we were out-toughed," forward Alex Ruoff said. "I don't think that will happen this year. I am excited. A lot of things are new."

Guards Da'Sean Butler and Joe Mazzulla and forwards Joe Alexander and Wellington Smith have put on noticeable weight through offseason workouts.

"Joe Alexander, that's the guy you'll notice is much bigger," center Jamie Smalligan said.

Not that the players didn't lift weights under Beilein, but "there's just a bigger emphasis now on transferring it to the court," point guard Darris Nichols said. "That's how (Huggins') teams play. It's more physical and you need to get in the weight room."

The roles among the eight returning players will be much different than a year ago.

Huggins plays a tough man-to-man defense, far different the Beilein's signature 1-3-1 zone.



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## MLB PLAYOFFS

## Power pitchers lead Red Sox, Indians to ALCS

Associated Press

BOSTON — Even when they lose, Josh Beckett and C.C. Sabathia can seem unbeatable.

The hard-throwing Cy Young award candidates had outstanding outings on consecutive days in late July. Both struck out seven and allowed one run and no walks — but ended up losing 1-0 decisions.

And they came against each other's teams.

The Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians meet again on Friday night, and now their aces square off against each other in the opener of the AL championship series.

"They were great ballgames to

watch, old school baseball," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said Thursday. "It's feasible for something like that to happen again."

That loss in Cleveland on July 25 in which Beckett pitched an eight-inning complete game, but Game 2 starter Fausto Carmona was just a little better, probably didn't provide much help for Friday's outing.

"They've got a couple new guys so you've just got to go at it as a new game," Beckett said.

He was 20-7 this season, the first 20-game winner in the majors since 2005, with a 3.27 ERA. He pitched a four-hit, complete-game shutout in the opener of the AL division series against

the Los Angeles Angels.

"The matchup, it's a great thing for baseball," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "Those two guys have had tremendous years and they both have tremendous stuff."

Sabathia's 1-0 loss in Cleveland the day before Beckett's setback came against Daisuke Matsuzaka, who is set to pitch the third game against Jake Westbrook.

The Indians lefty finished at 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA but labored in his team's playoff opener, throwing 114 pitches in five innings. Still, he got the win in the 12-3 rout of the New York Yankees.

"It was just a case of me over-throwing," Sabathia said. "It was the first game against the Yankees, first game of the playoffs, (my) first playoff game in six years, so I was excited."

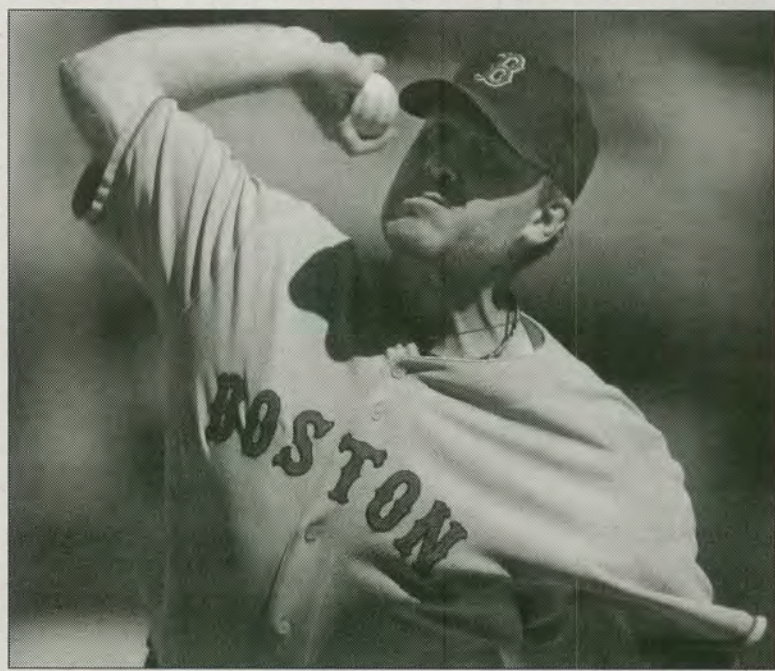
He's not alone.

Despite his postseason success — three shutouts in six starts and the MVP award of the 2003 World Series with Florida — Beckett feels the jitters on days he pitches, too.

"All day is kind of like an anxiety-type deal for me," he said. "I think it's a little more during the playoffs, but after you throw your first pitch, it's back to executing pitch by pitch by pitch."

Both teams finished at 96-66, the best record in baseball, but Boston gained home-field advantage by winning the season series 5-2.

The Red Sox had a better bat-



Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling pitches in Game 3 of the ALDS against the Angels. Boston won 9-1 to sweep the Angels.

ting average, .279 to .268, but the Indians hit more homers, 178-166. Their pitching staffs were comparable — Boston had the AL's best ERA and Cleveland ranked third.

"They've got great pitching and we do, too. They've got huge bats and we do, too," Sabathia said. "I think we're dead even."

He'll have to face a potent Boston lineup that outscored the Angels 19-4. David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez found their power strokes, each hitting two

homers in the three games. For Cleveland, five of their nine starters hit .353 or better in the four games against the Yankees.

So with the Green Monster looming in left field and the short wall down the right-field line, might this be the time for Beckett and Sabathia to unravel?

"I don't see panic taking over," said Boston pitching coach John Farrell, who was Cleveland's director of player development before joining the Red Sox this season.

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## NHL

## Hurricanes halt Senators five-game win streak



Senators right wing Daniel Alfredsson checks Hurricanes center Matt Cullen in Carolina's 5-3 win Thursday over Ottawa.

Associated Press

OTTAWA - In facing the Eastern Conference champions, Peter Laviolette wanted the Carolina Hurricanes to remember that they are essentially the same team that won the Stanley Cup two seasons ago.

Erik Cole scored twice and Chad Larose had three assists, helping Carolina end Ottawa's season-opening five-game winning streak with a 5-3 victory

over the Senators on Thursday night.

Cam Ward stopped 27 shots and Matt Cullen and Rod Brind'Amour also scored for the Hurricanes, who improved to 3-1-1 overall. Carolina, which missed the playoffs last season, is 2-1 midway through a six-game road trip that included Monday's 7-1 win in Toronto.

"We've got to stop playing the opponent. We've got to start playing our game," said Laviolette,

the Hurricanes coach. "We've got great hockey players in there who are capable of good things on any night. Yeah, they have a good hockey team, obviously, but we've got a good team, too. We should just worry about ourselves."

Cole, who opened the scoring with his first goal of the season on a power play in the first period, got his second goal 6:35 into the third to put Carolina up 4-1.

Mike Fisher and Joe Corvo scored goals 1:55 apart late in the third to draw Ottawa within 4-3. But Eric Staal scored into an empty net with 59 seconds remaining to seal the win.

"It was definitely a nice win for our team," Staal said. "Ottawa being undefeated, we knew it was going to be a good test for us and it was kind of nice to be sitting here, kind of waiting for them with them playing in Atlanta (Wednesday) night."

Dany Heatley also scored his fifth goal of the season for Ottawa, which fell one game short of matching its best start ever. Martin Gerber made 27 saves.

"They were working hard and they were really aggressive," Gerber said. "It was a tough grind. They really battled."

The Senators, who won 3-1 in Atlanta on Wednesday, began the 2005-06 season with six straight victories on their way to setting franchise records for wins (53) and points (113).

"Obviously they're a pretty

good team but they're maybe a little road weary from last night's game and last night's trip so we're just going to take it as a pretty good effort from us," Cole said.

Ottawa captain Daniel Alfredsson ended a five-game points streak. Through Wednesday, Alfredsson led the league with nine points, including five goals and four assists.

Each of Carolina's first three goals came off rebounds.

Cole opened the scoring on a

power play 17:33 in. The Hurricanes' left wing jumped on a rebound of Staal's shot that Senators defenseman Wade Redden was unable to clear, beating Gerber for his first goal of the season.

Cullen made it 2-0 just 1:10 into the second when he batted a floating rebound of Larose's shot out of mid-air, though only after hesitating long enough to ensure that he made contact with the puck below the height of the crossbar.

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## MLB PLAYOFFS

## Rockies continue improbable run with Game 1 victory

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Make it 18 out of 19 for the remarkable Rockies. Neither a ruckus by the Arizona crowd nor a four-day layoff could slow them down.

Jeff Francis outpitched Brandon Webb, Brad Hawpe got the big hit and Colorado won the NL championship series opener 5-1 Thursday night in a game interrupted when fans angered by an umpire's disputed interference call threw objects onto the field.

After several water bottles landed near Colorado players, umpires pulled the teams off the field in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"There comes a point in time when you need to make a point.

Enough's enough," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said.

After an eight-minute delay, umpire crew chief Tim McClelland told Hurdle to have Francis throw a pitch and "fight through it."

He did, the wild-card Rockies escaped a jam and their superb bullpen did the rest.

Colorado won on almost a daily basis during its surge. But the Rockies hadn't played since completing a three-game sweep of Philadelphia on Saturday.

The time allowed the nervousness to mount for the first NLCS game in Rockies' history.

"As soon as I stepped on the field, I'm sure I speak for everybody else, you had butterflies," said Hawpe, whose bases-loaded single brought home two runs in

Colorado's three-run third. "It was an emotional, high-energy day for all of us. We weren't in the flow of it like we had been. So you know today's win, I think, is even more special because of that."

Game 2 is Friday night in Phoenix, with Arizona lefty Doug Davis facing hard-throwing Colorado rookie Ubaldo Jimenez.

Francis dominated while Rockies hitters, coming off a first-round sweep over Philadelphia, patiently waited out Webb. Then again, they were familiar with the 2006 NL Cy Young winner — this was the seventh time he started against Colorado this year.

All seven hits Webb surrendered were singles.

"It was just bloopers over short

and second," he said. "It was tough luck. There's really nothing you can do."

Colorado's lone loss during its streak came to Webb and the Diamondbacks at Coors Field on Sept. 28. This time, the Rockies won by bunching singles against the Arizona ace — it was the first time this season they won without an extra-base hit.

"Our offense can find a lot of ways to win games," Francis said. "It's been fun to have them behind me this year."

On a hot night in the desert — it 93 degrees outside at game-time — tempers flared after a relatively calm six innings.

Down 5-1, Arizona put runners at first and second with no outs in the seventh. Augie Ojeda bounced to third baseman

Garrett Atkins, who threw to second baseman Kaz Matsui.

Justin Upton, running from first base, slid over second base and then rolled his right shoulder into second baseman Kaz Matsui's left leg, knocking the infielder to the ground. Second base umpire Larry Vanover immediately called Upton out for interference, resulting in a double play.

"I was just playing the game. I did what I was supposed to do," Upton said. "That's what you're taught to do when you slide is pop up."

"It's his decision," he said. "I told him I was close to the bag."

Vanover wasn't buying that explanation.

"You had obvious intent on the part of the runner to break up the double play, and when it turns into intentional, that's when he's out for interference," he said.

"Once he got to the base, I thought he threw his hip up into the guy, and his intent at that point is not to get to the base. His intent is to crash the pivot man, so you've got obvious intent there," he said.

Said Hurdle: "It looked like a good, aggressive slide going in, and I thought he went out of his way to make contact."

Upton, barely 20 years old, was in Class A when the season began, but on this big stage he didn't hesitate to let Vanover know how he felt in arguing the call.

"He's battling out there," Melvin said. "He's trying to take somebody out. He's trying to get us an extra out. He's trying to break up a double play. He was emotional about it."

Fans started throwing water bottles onto the field from the upper decks. When more debris followed, umpires told the teams to get back in the dugouts.

"We were tired of getting water bottles thrown on the field, that's all," Hurdle said.

The Rockies returned to the field after admonishments from the public address announcer that anyone throwing objects on the field would be ejected.

"It was just fans being upset. It's too bad," Hawpe said. "A few like that label a lot of people, but sounds like the other fans took care of it and were pulling the people out who were throwing stuff at us."

Even though thousands of tickets were available at midweek and there were a smattering of empty seats, the crowd of 48,142 was called a sellout.

Francis threw just one more pitch, giving up a bunt single to pinch-hitter Jeff Cirillo. Matt Herges relieved and walked Chris Young, loading the bases.

The Rockies brought Jeremy Alfeldt from the bullpen, and he retired Stephen Drew on a fly ball to end the threat.

The game ended on a bad baserunning play by Arizona. Miguel Montero singled with two outs, but was tagged out when he overslid second base trying for a double.

Webb and the Diamondbacks swept the Chicago Cubs in the first round. Arizona kept it going in the first inning, taking a 1-0 lead on a single by Drew and a double by Eric Byrnes.

Hawpe, long a nemesis of Webb, drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in Colorado's three-run third inning.

Hawpe, who also singled, improved to 15-of-40 (.375) against Webb with 14 RBIs.

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## SMC SOCCER

# Belles set to face first-place Calvin



Belles junior midfielder Mandy Thompson controls the ball in Saint Mary's scoreless tie Sept. 29 against Olivet.

KATE FENLON/The Observer

By MEAGHAN VESELIK  
Sports Writer

Earlier this season, Saint Mary's faced defending conference champion Calvin in a non-conference match, tying the Knights 0-0.

Saturday, the Belles (6-2-4, 2-1-2 MIAA) will face the Knights (9-3-1, 4-0) and are hoping for a different outcome.

"I expect [Calvin] to be a lot more organized, particularly in offense," Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "They've made adjustments, especially in their conference games. They are a much better team than when we last played them, and we'll have to bring our best effort to beat them."

The Knights lead the conference in scoring with 41 goals overall this season. The Belles have scored 17.

The Belles are coming off a 4-3 win Tuesday against Adrian, which moved them back into fourth place in the MIAA thanks to their four goals — the most they have scored in a conference game this season. A goal three minutes into the game by sophomore midfielder Katie Wehrli gave the Belles a jump start that was followed later in the half with tallies from sophomore defender Bridget Ronayne and freshman forward Samantha Smoger.

Saint Mary's controlled the ball for a majority of the first half, allowing a goal toward the end of the first half. However, two more goals got past the Belles' defense and into the net during the second half.

"One good thing we showed is that we can score, and that we have the ability to," MacKenzie said. "That was long overdue for the talent we possess as a team. It makes a

difference without having Lauren [Hinton] and Micki [Hedinger] and having to adjust with new players up top."

Saint Mary's has definitely showed that this season, with 10 different players tallying goals, not all of them forwards.

"We're quite versatile," MacKenzie said. "We have the ability to put players different

places, and to come at you from different places, and have found success that way. The coaches believe it, the players not so much. When they start to believe that, things will

start to happen, and anything's possible."

Saint Mary's has shown improvement, demonstrating consist play with the exception of a half or two in various games. The Belles have moved players around due to injury and have defeated tough teams such as Kalamazoo (8-3-1, 3-1-0), and tied intense teams like Albion (8-2-2, 2-1-1).

"We are capable of more than we realize," MacKenzie said. "It's a matter of the entire team believing that, and not just a few of our players. It's coming."

As they head into their game

against Calvin, who has been ranked the top team in the league in MacKenzie's four-year tenure at Saint Mary's, the Belles are looking to show the Knights they can play with the best.

"As a team, we need to start to believe in ourselves in competing and beating anybody," MacKenzie said. "It's time for our women to believe that it's our turn to be at the top of the conference."

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## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Wake Forest tops Seminoles again

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Riley Skinner threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Kenneth Moore in the fourth quarter to lead Wake Forest past No. 21 Florida State 24-21 on Thursday night.

Skinner completed 19 of 27 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns for the Demon Deacons (4-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who rallied in the second half to beat the Seminoles (4-2, 1-2) in consecutive seasons for the first time in school history.

Skinner led the Demon Deacons 82 yards in nine plays, converting three third downs during their game-winning drive. The biggest came when Skinner sidestepped a pass rush, stepped forward in the pocket and found Moore, who had a step on cornerback Jamie Robinson at the goal line, for the easy score that put Wake Forest up 21-14 with 6:41 remaining.

Florida State gave the ball right back to Wake Forest on the first play of its ensuing drive, when Chip Vaughn intercepted Xavier Lee's deep pass at the 26. The Demon Deacons milked the clock and set up Sam

Swank's 48-yard field goal with 1:40 to play that made it a 10-point game.

Lee scored on a 17-yard run with 17 seconds left to draw the Seminoles within 24-21, but Wake Forest recovered an onside kick to seal it.

Josh Adams rushed 18 times for 140 yards, including an 83-yard touchdown run, and caught a scoring pass. Micah Andrews ran hard as his relief, gaining 57 tough yards in helping spark the comeback. The Demon Deacons ran all over Florida State's 11th-ranked run defense, gaining 180 yards, more than double the Seminoles' 81.8 yards entering the game.

Wake Forest's defense in the first half allowed two big plays that set up the Seminoles' two scoring drives, then shut them down after halftime. The Demon Deacons forced five second-half punts, intercepted two passes and allowed 105 total yards after the break — with a good chunk coming after Swank's late kick. Florida State's rushing offense never could get going, finishing with 47 yards on 24 carries.

Lee finished 24-of-45 for 283 yards and two touchdowns for the Seminoles.

## ND VOLLEYBALL

# Irish face off with Big East rivals

By PAT O'BRIEN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame looks to improve its conference record this weekend with matches at Marquette and Syracuse.

Notre Dame (7-8, 3-2 Big East) travels first to Milwaukee today to face the Golden Eagles at 8 p.m. The Irish then go east to take on Syracuse at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Notre Dame beat both Big East foes last year in the Joyce Center. Marquette lost 3-1 (30-17, 30-17, 21-30, 30-24), while Notre Dame downed Syracuse 3-0 (30-25, 30-22, 30-22).

The Irish are led by senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk. She has recorded 187 kills and has team highs in service aces and digs with 18 and 207, respectively.

Four other Notre Dame players have notched more than 100 kills this season. Sophomore outside hitter

Serinity Phillips has 206, sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl has 185, freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca has 146 and junior middle blocker Justine Stremick has 137.

Senior setter Ashley Tarutis and sophomore setter Jamel Nicholas lead the Irish in assists with 583 and 169, respectively.

Phillips has 114 digs, and Fesl has 135. Tarutis has 146 digs, while freshman libero Angela Puente is second on the team with 173.

"We all have confidence that we've learned from our losses and we will finish on the top of the Big East," Stasiuk said. "We need to work on our defense and offense, and things will fall into place."

Marquette (6-8, 3-2) and senior outside hitter Kimberly Todd are trying to get win number 399 coach Pati Rolf. Todd is second in the Big East with 4.82 kills per game. Junior defensive specialist Terri Angst

is sixth in the Big East with 4.50 digs per contest, while senior setter Katie Weidner ranks seventh in the Big East with 11.54 assists per game.

"[We got] a scouting report on Marquette," Nicholas said. "They are a strong team, and I'm sure that it will be a good game."

Senior outside hitter Cheryl Cobbina and sophomore outside hitter Kacie MacTavish lead Syracuse (11-9, 2-3). Cobbina has 262 kills and 202 digs and MacTavish has 243 and 228, respectively, this season. Senior defensive specialist Josie Kaup tops the team with an impressive 339 digs, and junior setter April Quigley leads the Orange with 609 assists.

"Marquette and Syracuse are both very competitive teams, and we will have to pass very well and play with a lot of enthusiasm," Stasiuk said.

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## MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

# Keough battles to stay in playoff race

Alumni, O'Neill look for their first victories

By MIKE GOTIMER and GRIFFIN DASSATTI  
Sports Writer

### Stanford vs. Keough

Playoff hopes hang in the balance this Sunday when Stanford and Keough face off at Riehle Field at 1 p.m.

A win for the Griffins (2-0) would extend their undefeated season and virtually assure them a playoff spot. A win for Keough would put the Kangaroos at 2-2 and greatly improve their own playoff chances.

Stanford captain Rob Huth believes the Griffins have a lot of room to improve.

"We've been a bit slow on offense and had some breakdowns on defense," Huth said. "But when it has mattered most, we've scored and kept our opponents out of the endzone. Overall, we have some things to fix if we want to beat Keough, but I can't be too upset since we're 2-0."

Stanford has been trying hard to stay focused on the Kangaroos despite next week's matchup against bitter rival Keenan.

"Anytime you have a rival like Keenan looming, there's always going to be a little looking ahead if you're honest with yourself," Huth said.

The stingy Stanford defense is led by sophomore cornerback Chris Gill, senior defensive lineman Matt Templemire and freshman linebacker Colin McNamara.

On offense, senior running back Tregg Duerson has led the Griffins grind-it-out attack behind offensive linemen Pat Noble and Karun Ahuja.

Keough enters Sunday after a crushing 12-6 loss to Dillon in last week's contest. In the closing minutes of the game, the Kangaroos came up short on a fourth-and-goal play that would have forced at least a tie had Keough put the ball in the endzone.

After the loss, the Kangaroos find themselves at 1-2 and with their backs against the wall if they want a realistic shot at a playoff berth.

In last weekend's game against Dillon, the Kangaroos ran the ball well, allowing them to control the tempo of the game. For much of the fourth quarter, they had the Big Red on their heels. To be successful in this week's matchup, Keough will need to continue to pound the ball inside against the strong Stanford defense.

### Alumni vs. O'Neill

Alumni takes on O'Neill this Sunday in a battle of winless teams.

Either the Dawgs (0-2) or The Mob (0-3) will have to come away with their first victory of the year.

Unless, of course, they tie.

Both teams are looking to erase memories of lackluster seasons. Alumni senior captain Bret Shapot says the Dawgs' biggest weakness is their bench.

"We start games off really strong," Shapot said. "But we lack a lot of depth. We have a lot of guys going both ways. It's usually 6-0 at the end of the first half. Then we'll get on the field and just be dead after halftime."

Shapot plays both sides of the ball for Alumni at running back and strong safety.

Despite the lack of sophomore and juniors, he sees hope in a few recent additions, including former varsity walk-on sophomore Alex Lough. Lough will fill in as a middle linebacker and running back against O'Neill.

"We're really working on ... running [through] the fundamentals. What we want to do this week is to put the ball in the end zone," Shapot said.

Like Alumni, O'Neill senior captain and linebacker Pat Conley thinks his team is not as bad as their record indicates.

"Basically, there [have] been one or two plays each game that have hurt us, usually against our defense," Conley said. "Our offense just hasn't been clicking like it was last year. We haven't really found anything that's worked. You can't point out one thing, it's a whole group of things that haven't been working."

At 0-3, and coming off a 12-0 loss to Morrissey, the playoffs are no longer a possibility for the Mob. Like the Dawgs, O'Neill wants to return to fundamentals on offense. Conley said junior running back Don Joyce and senior quarterback Chris Stroh will lead the revamped offense this week.

Despite the bad start, the Dawgs on the other hand, have a slim shot at the postseason, a shot Shapot says will be kept well in mind Sunday.

"It's win or die. We have to win out to have a shot at the playoffs," he said. "We have to beat O'Neill this week and then take out Dillon next week. It's that simple."

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## SMC VOLLEYBALL

# Belles to face tough competition at Millikin

By SAMANTHA LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hits the road this weekend to take part in the Millikin Invitational in Decatur, Ill.

Taking a break from conference play, the Belles will face Franklin, Fontbonne, Central Iowa and host Millikin in the two-day event.

Although none of these teams are in the MIAA, Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has studied up on her opponents.

"I have learned a little about our opponents by reviewing their stats online," Schroeder-Biek said. "It just helps us to mentally prepare for our opponent, and get an idea of what we are up against."

Schroeder-Biek said she looks at a variety of statistics to better prepare her team.

"Do the majority of their attacks come out of the middle

or the outside or is it a pretty balanced attack?" Schroeder-Biek said. "Does their setter have a lot of attacks — is she an offensive threat? As a team, do they have a lot of aces? What kind of blocking team are they — what is their size versus our middle, outside? You can learn a lot about teams that you have never seen if they have a decent Web page."

The Belles are on a two-game losing streak after dropping conference matches to Hope and Olivet. Schroeder-Biek said her team will try to improve on different aspects of the game and will do some things differently on the court.

"Of course, we continue to perfect our current offensive sys-

tems and are experimenting with some new systems as others have become more confident in their new positions," she said.

The Belles will face opponents who have had varying degrees of success this season. Millikin has a 14-10 record with a strong offense. Franklin College, 5-11, started its season off strong but is now going into the event with a three-game losing streak.

Fontbonne is coming off a strong conference match and has a record of 9-11 overall. Finally, Saint Mary's will face Central Iowa, a very tough team with a 16-6 overall record. After three matches with nationally-rated foes last weekend, Central Iowa is No. 21 in the CSTV/AVCA

*"I would like to see each and every player bring their own intensity and drive to win with them."*

**Julie Schroeder-Biek**  
Belles coach



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**Belles players gather around Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek while facing Hope Oct. 4. Saint Mary's fell to the Flying Dutch 3-0.**

Division III coaches poll.

"I would like to see each and every player bring their own intensity and drive to win with them," Schroeder-Biek said. "Everyone needs to feel that and see that in their teammates."

The Belles will face Franklin

first tonight at 5, Fontbonne tonight at 7, Central Iowa at 1 p.m. Saturday and Millikin two hours after the beginning of the Central Iowa game.

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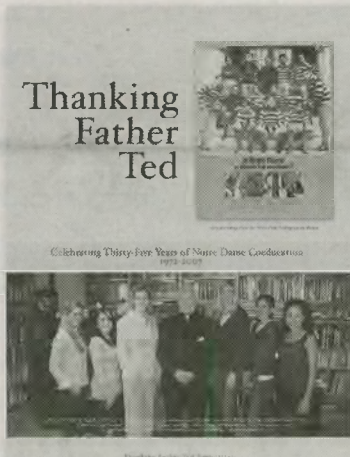
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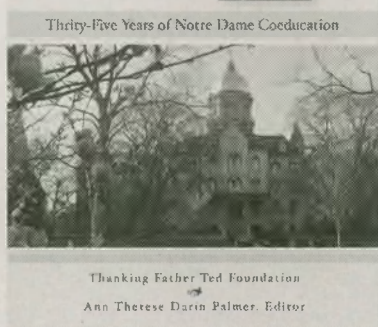
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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Runners ready for season's last tuneup

By MATT GAMBER  
Sports Writer

With the Manchester College Invitational tomorrow slated to be Saint Mary's final tune-up before the Oct. 27 MIAA championship meet, the Belles will look to build on last weekend's first-place finish at Benedictine's Eagle Invite.

"This race has traditionally been a great day for personal records for the team, so we're looking to come out of Manchester with some season bests," Belles coach Jackie Bauters said. "I would also like to see our three-four-five pack [of runners] continue to move up and close the gap with our one and two so we can take that with us to championships."

Senior Megan Gray, who claimed the individual title at

the meet a year ago, has looked strong all season and is the Belles top runner.

Freshman Sam Wieczorek has quickly developed into a solid No. 2 for Saint Mary's and finished fifth at the Eagle Invite. Freshman Catie Salyer, sophomore Megan McClowry and senior Olenka

— as well as [junior] Alicen Miller, who has really been excited for this race."

*"I believe much of the team is ready to have a great race."*

**Jackie Bauters**  
Belles coach

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Belles coach

Bilyk have consistently occupied the final three scoring positions for the Belles, but Bauters has seen improvement from several other runners.

"I believe much of the team is ready to have a great

race," Bauters said, "but I think it will be fun to see what [freshman] Stephanie Waite and [junior] Caitlin Brodmerkel do this weekend

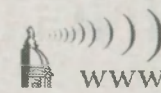
conference championship in two weeks.

"We've been doing more repeats in practice to continue to prepare for [the MIAA championships], so the girls can feel strong finishing the six-kilometer race in two weeks," Bauters said. "No tapering yet. We have another great week of practice ahead next week."

"Other than that, we're just trying to keep the girls healthy and on track for a good last few weeks — or longer."

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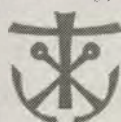
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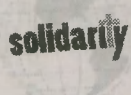
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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

## Tough competition awaits Irish

Pre-National meet in Terre Haute features nine top-10 opponents

By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame travels Saturday to Indiana State for the Pre-National, the last meet before the postseason begins. The meet will mark the first time the men and women have had to venture off-campus since the Crusader Invitational at Valparaiso on Sept. 7.

The Pre-National meet lives up to its name. It sports a field that includes nearly all championship hopefuls and is run on the same course that will host the NCAA Championships.

"That's one of the reasons they have this meet," men's head coach Joe Piane said. "It gives teams the opportunity to race once on the course before the national meet. They have been holding this tournament at the site of the national meet for decades."

The men's team has won its first three meets, including an impressive showing against a stacked field in the Notre Dame Invitational. That performance earned the Irish the No. 7 ranking in the USTFCCA national poll.

But the opposition doesn't get any easier for the Irish this weekend in Terre Haute. Nine of the top-10 teams in the nation — and 27 of the top 30 — will be in the field. Piane will enter the top seven finishers from the Notre Dame Invitational in the varsity race. Those include senior Jake Watson, junior Patrick Smyth and sophomore Jake Walker.



Irish sophomores Greg Kiley, left, and Chris Rodriguez run during Notre Dame's win Sept. 14 in the National Catholic Invitational.

"I would like to think that Patrick Smyth and Jake Watson will come up big for us again," Piane said. "Jake Walker has also been training really hard and should make an impact."

Smyth, Watson, freshman Dan Jackson and Walker finished second, No. 10, No. 16 and No. 30 against the stiff competition at the Notre Dame Invitational. Freshman Paul Springer and seniors Brett Adams and Mike Popejoy will round out the varsity lineup for the Irish this weekend.

The women won their first two meets of the season and entered the USTFCCA poll at No. 27, but they relinquished that ranking

after finishing 12th in the Notre Dame Invitational.

Like the men, the Irish women will face their toughest test of the season. Nine of the top-10 teams in the nation will run, giving the women an opportunity to put themselves in position to receive an at-large bid for the NCAA Championships.

Freshman Marissa Treece, who has paced the Irish in the last two meets, will try to lead the way, along with sophomore Lindsey Ferguson, who finished only 14 seconds behind Treece at the Notre Dame Invitational.

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## NHL

## Miller's 20 saves shut out Atlanta

Associated Press

BUFFALO — After two straight losses to start the season, Ryan Miller was determined to get his slumping team in gear.

Miller made 20 saves for his fifth career shutout. Tim Connolly and Brian Campbell each had a goal and two assists and the Buffalo Sabres got their first win of the season, 6-0 over winless Atlanta on Thursday night.

"Not that I was slacking off in the summer, but I had to really put the pedal down because we want to be an elite team," said Miller, who had allowed nine goals in Buffalo's first two defeats. "I need to be there for the guys when they need me."

Miller wasn't tested too much by a sputtering Atlanta offense that has generated just four goals in its first four games, all regulation losses. But when he needed to make a key save to help keep Buffalo's momentum going, Miller was there.

"That's the kind of attitude we need to have," he said.

It was also an emotional game for Miller, whose 18-year-old cousin died Monday after a complication with a bone-marrow transplant.

"For him to go through what he did wasn't easy," Sabres coach Lindy Ruff said. "It was a special night for him. I wanted to see him get the shutout."

After winning the President's Trophy last season, the Sabres had gotten off to a sluggish start, dropping their first two games to the New York Islanders. They quickly got healthy against a struggling Thrashers team that is off to its worst start since dropping the first nine games of the 2002-03 season.

Buffalo scored three power-play goals in the first period, and didn't allow a shot when Atlanta had a 5-on-3 advantage for 1:34 in the first.

"Special teams are a big momentum booster," Connolly said. "Killing that two-man advantage kept us going in the right direction."

Derek Roy, Ales Kotalik and Daniel Paille added a goal and an assist each, and Jason Pominville also scored for the Sabres.

Atlanta goalie Kari Lehtonen finished with 15 saves before being lifted for Johan Hedberg to start the third period. Hedberg made seven saves.

The Thrashers were without forward Marian Hossa for the second straight game. Hossa, who had team highs of 43 goals and 57 assists last season, hurt his groin during practice on Monday.

"Right now we're not playing good hockey," Atlanta coach Bob Hartley said. "We're so tight and anxious to get that first win that we forget to do the right things."

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The turnaround of the program has not been contained to the ice. A \$15 million anonymous donation toward a new arena was announced on Sept. 12, raising the total budget for the new rink upward of \$25 million.

It will be difficult for the Irish to replicate last season's success because the team lost eight seniors to graduation, including Hobey Baker finalist goaltender Dave Brown. Eight freshmen have filled their spots, and Jackson said it will take time for the new players to learn the systems up to the team's standard.

"I know every game is important in the NCAA," Jackson said. "But we also have to do a good job of coming out of these next four non-conference games having a good feel for areas that we need to improve, our line combinations, our defensive pairs, our goaltending."

The Irish could open the season by playing four straight ranked teams in those non-con-

ference games if they play No. 19 Ohio State in the second game of the McFadden Invitational. Next week, No. 13 Denver will travel to South Bend for a two-game series in the Joyce Center.

"We're going to find out where we're at," Jackson said. "With so many young guys, it's going to be an experience under fire. I just want to get through these four games in decent shape. I don't want to fall on our faces. But with the opponents we're playing, anything's possible."

But Wisconsin, which made a second half revival last season after a lackluster start, presents the immediate threat to the Irish. The Badgers add a freshman recruiting class ranked No. 1 in the nation. Notre Dame's class was ranked fourth by Inside College Hockey and had one first round draft pick in defenseman Ian Cole (No. 18 overall).

*"You've got to try your all because there's people in your rearview mirror trying to take your spot."*

Jordan Pearce  
Irish goalie

"I know [Badgers coach] Mike Eaves, and I know some of the talent they have coming in there," Jackson said. "As good a class as we had, they may have a better freshman class. If you look at NHL draft status, they have three first-rounders."

Jackson said junior Jordan Pearce will start in net against Wisconsin, but Jackson is still unsure if Pearce will play Saturday. Sophomore Tom O'Brien and freshman Brad

Phillips are the alternatives. All three goaltenders are battling to replace Brown.

"You've got to try your all because there's people right in your rearview mirror trying to take over your spot," Pearce said of the three-way competition. "So it makes you work even harder than you would if you knew you had a job."

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Irish right wing Erik Condra advances the puck during Notre Dame's Blue-Gold scrimmage Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

## Huskies

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1 UCLA 2-1 in overtime to open the year at the Adidas/IU Classic on Aug. 31.

Notre Dame ended a nine-game unbeaten streak Wednesday afternoon with a 1-0 loss to non-conference foe Michigan State in East Lansing. The Spartans have lost only one game this year and will most likely crack the top 25 after this week's upset victory. Notre Dame is hoping to prove its merits in the top 5.

"The guys will be excited because it is a great way to bounce back," Clark said. "The best way to do that is to be playing the No. 1 team in the country. It lets you come back immediately."

Connecticut also comes into the weekend with only one loss in its first 13 games. The Huskies lost to Big East foe DePaul 1-0 on Sept. 23. Since

the loss, the team has gone on a five-game tear, outscoring its opponents 14-1 and taking over the No. 1 ranking.

Junior striker O'Brian White leads the Huskies attack with 14 goals in the team's first 13 games. He scored back-to-back hat tricks in Connecticut's past two games — a 4-0 win over Pitt and a 3-0 shutout of Providence.

"Everybody in the league knows he is very fast and strong. He doesn't have many weaknesses," Clark said. "It will be a great opportunity to see the two best forwards in the league and arguably the two best forwards in the country."

The other forward would be Notre Dame's senior Joseph Lapira. Lapira won last year's M.A.C. Hermann Trophy for the most outstanding player in college soccer. He has two goals so far this year and leads the team with four assists.

Lapira also had an assist in a 1-0 victory over the Huskies in last year's final regular season

game.

"They are very much the same team we played last year," Clark said.

Connecticut returns eight starters from last season's team that lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

One new face, freshman goalkeeper Josh Ford, has wasted no time making a name for himself. Ford has logged nine shutouts and given up only five goals this season. He has played every minute between the pipes and has a goals-against average of 0.38.

The Irish will need a total team effort in order to come away with a victory this weekend, Clark said.

"We're just going to try and play a complete game," he said. "If we get seven or eight of us playing close to 100 percent and the remainder playing around 80 percent, we'll be pretty close."

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## Streak

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senior goalie Jillian Loyden recorded eight saves en route to her 33rd career shutout.

"[Loyden] is a good size, she's athletic," Waldrum said. "She takes a lot of shots so her stats look good."

But the Irish have been rolling over opposing defenses lately. Irish junior Brittany Bock, who recently switched from midfielder to forward, was named the NCAA national player of the week after scoring four goals and notching an assist in the victories over Syracuse and St. John's.

"Moving [Bock] up front gives us another dimension on offense," Waldrum said. "Just as far as holding the ball for us, she does a great job."

Bock was also named the Big East offensive player of the week, while Irish junior defender Elise Weber was also named to the Big East weekly honor roll after helping set up goals in both of the team's contests last weekend.

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Irish forward Brittany Bock controls the ball during Notre Dame's 6-1 win Sept. 30 over Cincinnati.

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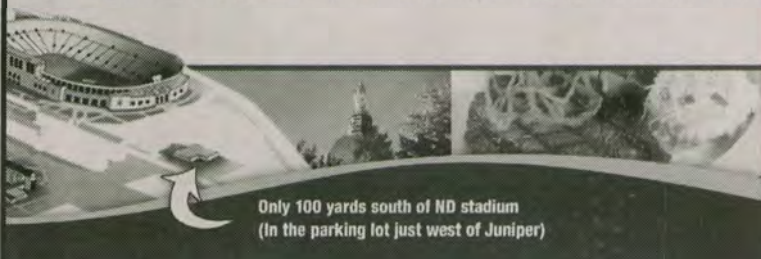
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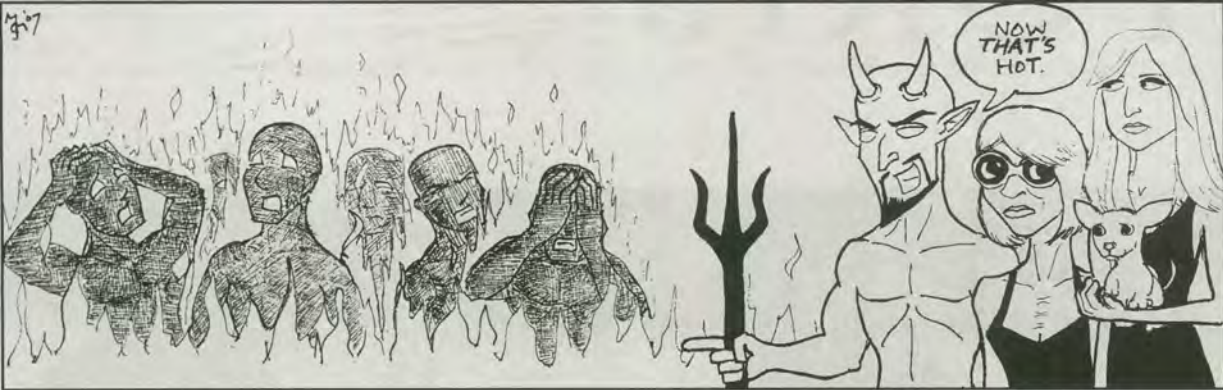
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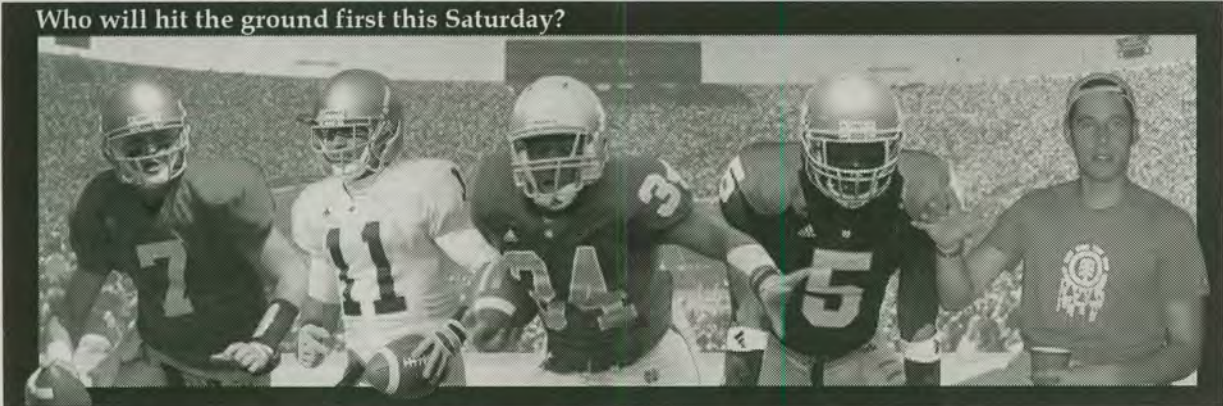
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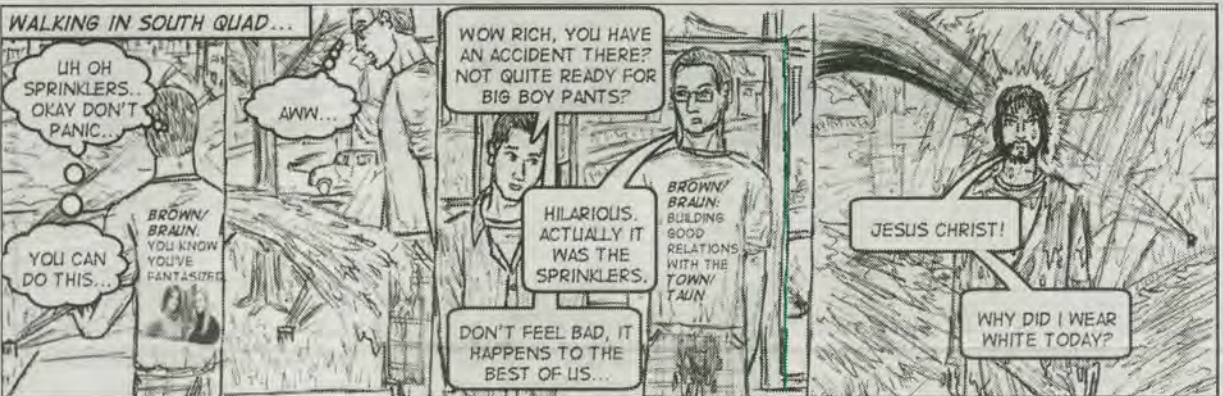
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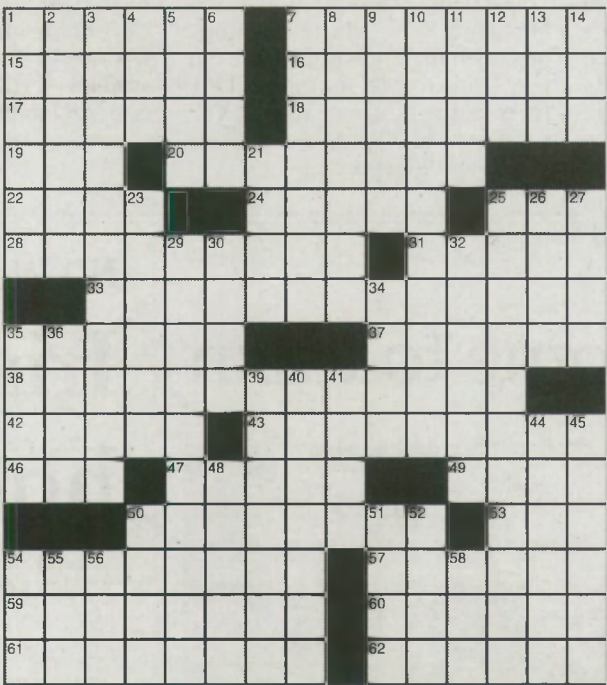
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18 Catholic  
19 Wrestler Flair  
20 They might just squeak by in a basketball game  
22 Grooming brand introduced in 1977  
24 Runners with hoods  
25 Sound from a silencer  
28 1965 Sonny Bono hit  
31 "Berenice" author, briefly
- 33 Constellation seen on the flags of Australia, Samoa and Papua New Guinea  
35 Club's cover  
37 "\_\_\_ Peak" (1997 Pierce Brosnan film)  
38 Parliamentary address?  
42 This, in Thüringen  
43 Striking figures  
46 Regulation targets for Theodore Roosevelt: Abbr.  
47 "Deal with it!"  
49 Catchers of some ring leaders  
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1 Unscrupulous  
2 Pantheon heads?  
3 Fights with knights  
4 Cool, in a way  
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9 One-room house, typically  
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13 Agent Gold on HBO's "Entourage"  
14 It has pickup lines  
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27 Amoco alternative  
29 Short, close-fitting jacket  
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60 "Let's have it"  
61 Cardinals' gathering place  
62 Violent



- Puzzle by Paula Gamache
- 32 Desert Storm reporter  
34 Home of Theo. Roosevelt Natl. Park  
35 U.S.N. position  
36 Eyebrow makeup  
39 Speak explosively in anger  
40 Dumps  
41 Come back  
44 Tree with double-toothed leaves and durable wood  
45 Bad-tempered  
48 Give a stemwinder  
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## HOCKEY



# Great Expectations

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*Offense picks up speed with help from frosh, including two Swedes*

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

The No. 8 Irish will have a bit more speed on offense with the addition of some European power and creativity when they face No. 15 Wisconsin tonight in the season opener.

Four new freshmen will make their offensive debut in the first game of the Lefty McFadden Invitational in Dayton, Ohio — including two rookies who hail

from Stockholm, Sweden. Robin Bergman and Calle Ridderwall, two of the fastest players in the junior United States Hockey League last season, have joined an offensive unit that kept nearly all of its talent from last season.

"I think we'll be faster," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I don't want to get too far from being a good puck-possession team. Sometimes highly-skilled players try to make risky plays. We need to be creative, but we also need to be responsible. That will take a little time to make sure everybody understands that."

Notre Dame's first appearance in the Invitational and the 62nd

overall meeting with the Badgers tonight will be the first game the Irish have played since they were knocked out of the second round of the 2007 NCAA Tournament by eventual-champion Michigan State in April. The Irish were ranked No. 1 at the time and had held the top spot for over two months, during which they captured their first league regular season and playoff championships.

"Sitting there watching Michigan State win the championship had a lot to do with our work ethic this summer," captain and center Mark Van Guilder said. "We were thinking about that all summer."

On offense, Notre Dame should be even better this season than they were a year ago.

Freshman forwards Ben Ryan, a fourth-round draft pick in the NHL Draft last June and Ryan Guentzel add punch behind the goal-producing "little guy" line of junior alternate captain Erik Condra and sophomores Ryan Thang and Kevin Deeth. Ridderwall was showcased on the top power play unit in Wednesday's Blue-Gold game with the little guy line and defenseman Kyle Lawson, where he could become a speedy fixture to a unit that converted 18.6 percent of its chances.

"We've got a lot of talent,"

Van Guilder said. "I think you're going to see a lot of creativity offensively. So hopefully that translates into some more scoring."

Not that the Irish underperformed in 2006-07.

Program milestones came in Jackson's second year behind the Irish bench and only two years removed from a five-win season that resulted in the resignation of former coach Dave Poulin. Jackson, who won two national championships as head coach of Lake Superior State in the early 1990s, accepted the job at Notre Dame for a chance to rebuild a program.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# Top-ranked Huskies come to town

By DAN MURPHY  
Associate Sports Editor

Boston College's football team won't be the highest ranked team on campus Saturday — not even second best.

No. 3 Notre Dame welcomes No. 1 Connecticut to Alumni Field at noon in a possible preview of the Big East title game.

The Huskies lead the conference with a 6-1-0 record (18 points). The Irish are only two points behind at 5-0-1. The winner of Saturday's match will put itself in good position to pick up the top seed in the Big East tournament in early November.

"It's a huge game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I don't know that there has been a bigger one in my time here at Notre Dame."

The Irish will try to take down their second No. 1 team this season. They beat then-No.

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CHRIS MASSAD/The Observer

Irish defenseman Ryan Miller fights for possession in Notre Dame's 1-1 tie Sept. 28 against Cincinnati.

## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Irish try to remain hot this weekend

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

After outscoring Syracuse and St. John's by a combined 7-1 in road games last weekend, Notre Dame looks to remain unbeaten in Big East play when it hosts Georgetown and Villanova this weekend.

Since falling to non-conference foe Penn State on Sept. 23, the Irish (7-4-1, 5-0-0 Big East) have won four straight against conference foes. With freshman Lauren Fowlkes anchoring the defense, the Irish have allowed only two goals during their four-game winning streak.

"We are playing well and we got a few of the problems solved on our back line," Irish assistant coach Ben Waldrum said. "Lauren has fit in nicely at center back for us."

When they face Georgetown tonight, the Irish will try to extend their home winning streak over the Hoyas to eight games. Notre Dame has outscored its conference rival 46-2 at Alumni Field in that span.

But Georgetown defeated No. 24 Marquette in Milwaukee Sunday to improve to 9-3-0 overall and 2-2-0 in conference play.

"I think that this is the best Georgetown team I've seen," said Waldrum, who is in his fifth season as a member of the Irish coaching staff.

On Sunday, the Notre Dame offense will have its work cut out for it when the Irish face Villanova (7-1-5, 1-1-3). In a scoreless draw against South Florida last weekend, Wildcats

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COMMENTARY

# Sullivan needs to be offense's leader

Saturday at the Rose Bowl, Irish center John Sullivan snapped the ball to the side of quarterback Jimmy Clausen's head. Clausen dove on the ball for a loss of nine yards.

The real problem with this play wasn't the loss of yards.

It wasn't the bad snap — we've seen plenty of those this season.

The real problem was what happened on the sidelines after the play.

Sullivan could be seen berating Clausen on the sideline, as if the snap were somehow the freshman's fault.

Clausen has started only five games in college. Sullivan is a four-year starter. There is no reason why he should be calling out a freshman so publicly.

Even worse, this wasn't the first time that Sullivan has called Clausen out on the sidelines after a bad snap this season. Sullivan did the same thing after a bad snap against Purdue on Sept. 29.

Sullivan needs to step up and be a leader on offense. There's a reason he is a captain.

Sullivan entered the 2007 season as one of the top-rated centers in the nation. He was listed on the Outland Trophy watch list over the summer and even made Mel Kiper, Jr.'s "big board" for offensive linemen for the NFL Draft.

And when Irish coach Charlie Weis announced that Sullivan would be one of the team's captains, he said it was because of his leadership on offense.

"I'd say more than anyone, one of the reasons why we made Sully a captain, why the coaches added a fifth captain to the team, is because Sully really has been the heart and soul of our whole offense this whole training camp," Weis said at the time. "A lot of the responsibilities we had on the quarterback in the past,

we've taken off the quarterback and we put it on Sully."

So Weis knows that Sullivan has the potential to be a leader. The fifth-year center took over a lot of duties traditionally ascribed to the quarterback — like picking out the middle line-backer before the snap — because Weis trusted that Sullivan would be the best person to lead the Irish in the huddle and on the field.

But now Sullivan needs to re-earn that trust.

Sullivan has had at least one bad shotgun snap in most of the team's games this season — something that he rarely did last year. Instead of gelling an inexperienced offensive line, it has become the worst in college football, allowing the most sacks and aiding the fewest rushing yards.

It's gotten so bad that Sullivan is one of the top 10 most disappointing players in college football — and the only offensive lineman — this season, according to Sports Illustrated's Web site.

Right now, Sullivan's co-captains on offense have become almost non-factors. Running back Travis Thomas has been relegated to the goal-line back, and tight end John Carlson has not produced as much in the passing game as he did last season.

That means that Sullivan needs to show some leadership. He is the only captain who can make a major impact on his own. He needs to take charge of the huddle in a positive manner, bringing Clausen and the rest of the team along to where they need to be.

Sullivan's leadership is by no means the only problem this season. Far from it. But his problem is both noticeable and unnecessary.

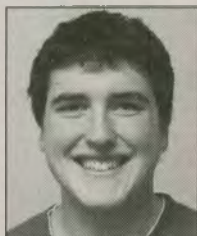
On Saturday, don't blame other people for mistakes. Don't worry about anything in the past or anything you can't control.

Just lead.

The offense has plenty of problems. It just needs a leader.

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Associate Sports Editor

## 2007 Irish opponents

	Last week	This week
	(3-3) L, 26-28, Maryland	at Miami
	(4-2) W, 27-7, Iowa	vs Wisconsin
	(4-2) W, 33-22, EMU	vs Purdue
	(4-2) L, 41-48, NW	vs Indiana
	(5-1) L, 7-23, OSU	at Michigan
	(4-2) L, 6-20, ND	Idle
	(6-0) W, 55-24, BGU	at Notre Dame
	(4-1) L, 23-24, Stan.	vs Arizona
	(3-2) Idle	at Pittsburgh
	(4-2) W, 31-14, UNLV	at Colorado St.
	(1-5) L, 36-41, Wake	vs Virginia Tech
	(2-3) W, 24-23, USC	vs TCU

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# 14 years of pain

*Notre Dame has yet to recover from Eagles kicker David Gordon's 41-yard game-winning FG*

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor

The date is Nov. 20, 1993.

Coming off a dramatic and impressive win over then-No. 2 Florida State, Notre Dame is 10-0 and ranked No. 1 in the country. With only a home game against Boston College left in the regular season, the Irish look primed to head into the bowl season in the top spot. Most of the country expects Notre Dame to capture its 12th National Championship.

"Everybody assumed Notre Dame would beat Boston College because they manhandled them the year before," says Tim Prister, who covered the Irish for Blue and Gold Illustrated at the time and now writes for Irish Illustrated.

But Eagles quarterback Glenn Foley is on fire, and tight end Pete Mitchell seems to be open every play.

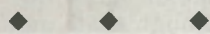
Boston College opens up a 24-14 halftime lead, and then extends it to 38-17 in the third quarter. The 59,075-seat Notre Dame Stadium is silent.

With 11 minutes remaining, Irish quarterback Kevin McDougal suddenly gets hot. He leads his team to 22 straight points and a 39-38 lead. The crowd roars. Notre Dame is in the lead, the National Championship is still in reach.

But the enthusiasm is short-lived. After beginning their last-minute drive with two incomplete passes — one of which is almost intercepted — the Eagles drive straight down the field. With five seconds left, kicker David Gordon trots on to the field for a what would be a career-best 41-yard field goal. The ball wobbles through the uprights as time expires.

"It was like a death in the family," Prister says. "You really felt like this was the best team in the country, especially after the Florida State game."

Notre Dame hasn't been ranked No. 1 since.



In the 14 years since the Eagles' upset, the Irish are 100-63-1 — a winning percentage of .610, about .120 below Notre Dame's all-time mark. The Irish have won only one bowl game since Gordon's kick split the uprights: the Cotton Bowl against Texas A&M to conclude that season. Lou Holtz retired, three other coaches have come and gone, and a fifth is feeling the pressure of a 1-5 start in his third season.

Notre Dame hasn't seriously challenged for a National Championship, has only had an outside shot going into November three times and has only finished in the top 10 only once since 1993.

So what happened to the nation's most storied program? Did Gordon's kick do more than pierce the hearts of the 1993 team? Are the Irish cursed?

## Holtz's final years

Notre Dame immediately regressed in the 1994 season. In their first season laboring under the "curse," and after losing 10 starters to the NFL Draft, the young team struggled.

"There were six first round draft choices from the [1993] senior class," Prister said. "There was a significant drop-off in tal-

ent."

Red-shirt freshman quarterback Ron Powlus began his career with a bang, throwing for 291 yards and four touchdowns in a season-opening win over Northwestern. Notre Dame opened the season 4-1, with only a close loss to Michigan.

But as the year went on and injuries mounted on a young offensive line, the Irish were shocked in consecutive weeks by Boston College and BYU. The team limped into the Fiesta Bowl 6-4-1 and was soundly beaten by Colorado.

"We had some ups and downs," said Powlus, who is now Notre Dame's quarterbacks coach. "There were a couple games we feel like we should have won."

The next season opened in disappointing fashion with a stunning loss to Northwestern, although the shock wore off later in the year as the Wildcats went 10-2 and played in the Rose Bowl.

But 1995 was important for other reasons — most notably, Holtz's health. The storied coach entered the Mayo Clinic for spinal surgery in mid-September. He only missed one game, naming defensive coordinator Bob Davie acting head coach for a 41-0 win over Vanderbilt. When Holtz got out of the hospital, he coached from the press box, wearing a neck-brace, while Davie patrolled the sidelines. Notre Dame finished 9-3 that season, with losses only to the Wildcats, Ohio State and Florida State, all of whom ended up ranked in the top 10.

South Bend was ecstatic with Davie's performance.

"That was ground work of him becoming the head coach," Prister said. "When he filled in as the interim head coach, they poured Gatorade on him. There were a lot of positive vibes."

## The Davie regime

Holtz entered the 1996 season with high expectations. He had 14 returning starters and Powlus entering his junior season. But the team slumped to 8-3 — including a stunning upset loss to Air Force — and Holtz decided it was time to call it quits. On Nov. 19, he announced he would resign after the season.

Bob Davie was named the new head coach less than a week later.

Optimism was high in the fall of 1997, but the downturn of Holtz's last two seasons continued.

Davie installed a new pass-oriented offense designed to showcase Powlus in his senior season, but Notre Dame struggled to move the ball, scoring 17 points or fewer in each of its first five games, four of which were losses.

"People had a lot of questions because [Davie] had never been a head coach before," Prister said. "You start losing people as soon as you start to lose."

Notre Dame recovered to finish the regular season 7-5 but fell to LSU in the Independence Bowl.

In 1998, it looked like the curse might be broken. On Nov. 7, the Irish ended a dramatic Boston College comeback by stuffing Eagles running back Mike Cloud at the 1-yard line with seconds to go.

Two weeks later, Notre Dame was 8-1 and was closing out a thrilling 39-36 win over LSU. The Irish were ranked No. 10 and were looking at an appearance in a BCS Bowl and possibly even a spot in the National Championship game if things



Photo courtesy of Sports Information

**Irish defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard dives at Aggies running back Derek Farmer during Notre Dame's 24-3 loss to Texas A&M Sept. 29, 2001, dropping the Irish to 0-3 and leading to coach Bob Davie's firing.**

broke right. It looked as if the thrilling win over the Eagles had broken the malaise that had gripped the program since 1993.

But quarterback Jarious Jackson, who had replaced Powlus as the starter, was hit and injured his knee while trying to run the clock out in his own end zone. Without Jackson, the Irish fell 10-0 to USC the following week and dropped all the way to the Gator Bowl, where they lost to Georgia Tech.

After a 5-7 season in 1999, many expected 2000 to be Davie's last year in South Bend. But when the Irish turned in a 9-3 performance behind freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio, Notre Dame's new athletic director, Kevin White, gave the coach a contract extension.

The season was not without an intervention from the curse, however.

At 2-1 and with only an overtime loss to No. 1 Nebraska, the Irish looked primed to get right back into the national title race.

They didn't.

Leading Michigan State 21-20 with two minutes left in East Lansing, Notre Dame had the Spartans where the Irish wanted them: fourth-and-10 deep in their own territory.

But then disaster struck.

Michigan State wide receiver Herb Haygood took a quick slant and raced 68 yards for the winning score.

## The embarrassment of 2001

Despite his contract extension, Davie was fired a season later. After an 0-3 start, including an anemic 24-3 loss to Texas A&M, Prister says, the coach knew his fate.

"A decision had been made that they were going to start looking for a replacement for Davie at the end of the year," Prister says.

After finishing the year 5-6, Davie was let go.

Notre Dame's replaced Davie with Georgia Tech head coach George O'Leary. O'Leary was presented to the student body with pomp and circumstance, but he resigned within a week, after reporters discovered he lied on his résumé.

"You felt like you were at one of the low points in Notre Dame football," Prister says. "I don't know that anyone was prepared with someone of George O'Leary's qualifications and magnitude to

find out many years later that he lied on a resume."

Tyrone Willingham was hired with much less fanfare, quietly introduced on January 1, 2002 — during Christmas Break and in the midst of other school's bowl games.

## 1993, part II

After an 8-0 start to his career, Willingham was being lauded as a hero. Notre Dame was ranked No. 3 in the BCS and was fresh off an impressive win over then-No. 11 Florida State in Tallahassee. David Gordon was a distant memory — but it shouldn't have been.

Boston College was coming to town to follow Notre Dame's big win over the Seminoles.

Notre Dame, wearing neon green jerseys, turned the ball over five times that day, including an interception in the Irish backfield that Eagles linebacker Josh Ott returned 71 yards for what proved to be the winning score.

## A media firestorm

It was all down hill after that for Willingham, as consecutive 5-7 and 6-6 seasons resulted in his firing on Nov. 30, 2004 — and for the second time in four years, the usually on-field curse lasted well into December.

Willingham was the first Notre Dame coach to be fired after only three seasons since Hunk Anderson in the early 1930s and, because he was African-American, there were accusations of racism. ESPN aired 48 hours of near-continuous coverage, most of it attacking the University.

"That was wild," Prister said. "It was a combination of things. There was not enough offense, and it was clear the recruiting was going poorly. I will go to my grave knowing this school did not make a racist decision, it made a business decision, because the business of Notre Dame football was not going in the direction they wanted."

After courting several coaches, including Utah coach Urban Meyer, who had been an assistant under Davie but ended up taking the job at Florida, Notre Dame settled on New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis.

## A glimmer of hope

Weis' offensive expertise immediately improved the Irish, but his

otherwise successful 9-3 season in 2005 had two major pitfalls.

The first came in September. Notre Dame was 2-0 and riding high after its first road win over Michigan in the post-David Gordon era, the Irish suddenly found themselves down 38-17 to Michigan State in the second half.

In a repeat of the 1993 Boston College game, Notre Dame stormed back, only to lose in overtime when Jason Teague's touchdown run gave the Spartans a 44-41 win.

Even with the loss, the Irish looked to be able to jump back into the national title picture if they could pull off a home win over No. 1 USC four weeks later — and after Brady Quinn dove into the end-zone to put his team up 31-28 with less than two minutes left, that victory looked assured.

Then the curse struck.

The Trojans faced fourth-and-9 at their own 26, but quarterback Matt Leinart hit wideout Dwayne Jarrett with a perfect pass down the sideline that Jarrett turned into a 61-yard gain. A few plays later, Leinart spun across the goal line, with the help of a pushing Reggie Bush, for a 34-31 win.

## 2007: Rock bottom

In his first two seasons in South Bend, Weis went 19-6. Even after a disappointing 10-3 record in 2006, Weis had turned around recruiting and appeared comfortable as the coach of the future.

But a 1-5 start to 2007 has raised questions. The team is extremely inexperienced, but its struggles are nearly unmatched in the annals of Notre Dame football.

"I'm caught by surprise," Prister says. "Is it going in the right direction? I think it will go in the right direction. [Weis] has done a very good job of keeping this team playing hard."

On Saturday, the Irish have an opportunity to pay back the Eagles for Gordon's kick, as Boston College comes in undefeated and ranked No. 4. A win might break the curse, but it could also do something much more tangible: Give Notre Dame a signature win to give its young players confidence and turn this season — and Irish football in the post-David Gordon era — around.

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# Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 1-5  
AP: NR  
Coaches: NR



Charlie Weis  
head coach

Charlie Weis  
Third season at  
Notre Dame  
career record:  
20-11  
at Notre Dame:  
20-11  
against  
BC: 0-0

## Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	196	JR
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	180	SO
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	180	FR
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	190	FR
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	197	SO
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	207	FR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	187	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	207	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	JR
12	Darrin Bragg	QB	6-1	188	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	216	JR
14	Brandon Walker	K	6-3	197	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	189	SR
16	Justin Gillett	QB	5-11	180	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	208	SR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	222	FR
19	George West	WR	5-10	197	SO
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	191	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	185	SO
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	196	SR
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	188	FR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-9	173	SR
24	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-11	194	SO
25	Munir Prince	DB	5-10	184	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	216	SR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	207	JR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	207	SO
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	203	SO
30	Jake Richardsville	WR	6-1	180	SO
30	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	205	FR
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	196	SO
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	248	SO
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	238	FR
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	222	JR
35	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
35	Kevin Smith	DB	6-0	180	SR
36	Dex Cure	DB	6-1	220	SO
37	Junior Jabbie	WR	5-11	205	SR
38	Wade Iams	WR	5-9	183	SR
39	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	196	SO
39	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	241	SO
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	230	SR
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-4	235	JR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	241	JR
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	JR
43	Eric Maust	P	5-10	177	SO
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	261	JR
45	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	JR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
47	Aaron Nagel	LB	6-1	229	FR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	245	SO
50	Steve Paskorz	LB	6-2	235	FR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	287	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-2	240	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	244	SO
54	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	234	SR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	303	SO
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	245	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	272	SR
59	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	339	SO
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-5	306	JR
67	Tom Bemenderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
70	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	279	FR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-6	305	SO
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	308	JR
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
74	Sam Young	OL	6-8	310	FSO
75	Taylor Dever	OL	6-5	289	FR
76	Andrew Nuss	DL	6-5	292	FR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	301	JR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	303	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	209	SO
83	Mike Ragone	TE	6-5	230	FR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	264	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	255	SR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	253	SO
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	6-4	283	FR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	287	JR
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	290	SO
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	261	SR
95	Ian Williams	DL	6-2	300	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-3	285	JR
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	257	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	296	SR

## Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 GA. TECH — L  
Sept. 8 at Penn State — L  
Sept. 15 at Michigan — L  
Sept. 22 MICH. ST. — L  
Sept. 29 at Purdue — L  
Oct. 6 at UCLA — W  
Oct. 13 BC  
Oct. 20 USC  
Nov. 3 NAVY  
Nov. 11 AIR FORCE  
Nov. 18 DUKE  
Nov. 25 at Stanford

## Notre Dame Fighting Irish



## COACHING

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## IRISH RUSHING

## IRISH PASSING

### NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis finally got his elusive 20th win at Notre Dame last Saturday, but it came despite just 140 yards of total offense. Individual pieces of his team have looked good, but the whole picture has never come together at the same time.

Jimmy Clausen hasn't made very many freshman mistakes, but he hasn't been very effective through the air either. He will need to air it out a little more this week for Notre Dame to have any shot to upset the Eagles.

Notre Dame rushed for barely a yard per carry against UCLA. Although the days of negative rushing appear to finally be over, James Aldridge's 100-yard game against Michigan State also feels like a distant memory. The Irish must be more productive on the ground.

After a 377-yard day against Purdue, Notre Dame reverted to its old form through the air, passing for just 94 yards against UCLA. Freshman Golden Tate's speed will be a factor against Boston College, even though the Bruins were able to neutralize him.

### BOSTON COLLEGE

Jeff Jagodzinski is undefeated as a college head coach. His team is confident and playing well and appears to believe in him. He has Boston College in the top five for the first time since Frank Leahy was the head coach in Chestnut Hill.

Matt Ryan is a Heisman candidate that is averaging over 300 yards passing per game. He is experienced at finding the right receiver, and he has been extremely efficient moving his team this season.

Boston College is giving up less than 50 yards per game on the ground and less than two yards per carry. Part of the success on the ground may be because teams have to pass when the Eagles get ahead early.

The Eagles are giving up nearly 300 yards per game through the air, although their passing efficiency defense is solid. Bowling Green had over 400 yards against them last week while trying to overcome an early deficit.

### ANALYSIS

Over their last six games, Jagodzinski has six wins, while Weis only has one. Jagodzinski inherited an experienced team from former coach Tom O'Brien, but he has the Eagles playing some of their best football in school history.

Ryan is a senior, Clausen is a freshman. Ryan is averaging over 300 yards per game. Boston College will count on Ryan to exploit the Irish secondary, whereas Notre Dame will just count on Clausen not making mistakes.

The Irish haven't been able to run the ball on anyone except Michigan State, and Boston College hasn't given up yardage on the ground to any of its opponents. It will be all Notre Dame can do to avoid its fourth negative rushing output of the season.

Boston College has given up a lot of yardage through the air, although most of it has come once they've already built a lead. The Irish were unable to take advantage of UCLA's statistically weak secondary last week.

## Irish experts



Ken Fowler  
Sports Writer

Matt Ryan is a tremendous quarterback who will demonstrate why he is first-round material. The Eagles might not be the best team in the country, but they certainly belong in the conversation. Notre Dame will play much better than it has all season, but that only goes so far — talent and experience are on the side of Boston College. The Irish play well but lose.

FINAL SCORE: Boston College 31  
Notre Dame 21



Chris Khorey  
Sports Editor

For the first time this season, a victorious Irish team returns to Notre Dame Stadium. They will be greeted by a raucous crowd and will jump out to an early lead over the nation's No. 4 team. But around the third quarter, reality will set in as Boston College's experienced offense will start moving the ball and Notre Dame will sputter. The Eagles will pull away late.

FINAL SCORE: Boston College 27  
Notre Dame 17



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## Boston College Eagles

## Boston College

Eagles  
Record: 6-0  
AP: 4  
Coaches: 4



## Boston College 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1 WAKE — W  
Sept. 8 N.C. STATE — W  
Sept. 15 at Ga. Tech — W  
Sept. 22 ARMY — W  
Sept. 29 UMASS — W  
Oct. 6 BGSU — W  
Oct. 13 at Notre Dame  
Oct. 25 at Virginia Tech  
Nov. 3 FLORIDA ST.  
Nov. 10 at Maryland  
Nov. 17 at Clemson  
Nov. 24 MIAMI

Jeff Jagodzinski  
First season at  
Boston College.  
career record:

6-0  
at Boston College:  
6-0  
against Notre  
Dame: 0-0



Jeff Jagodzinski  
head coach

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9	DeLeon Gause	DB	5-11	179	FR
10	Chris Crane	QB	6-4	236	JR
11	Clarence Megwa	WR	6-1	208	SO
12	Matt Ryan	QB	6-5	220	SR
14	Billy Flutie	QB	6-2	184	SO
15	Dominique Davis	QB	6-4	187	FR
16	John Houseplan	WR	6-3	189	JR
17	Razzie Smith	DB	5-10	186	SO
17	Chris Johnson	QB	6-2	220	FR
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33	Dave Currid	WR	5-10	175	JR
34	Mike McLaughlin	LB	6-0	250	SO
35	John Siravo	RB	5-9	188	JR
36	James McCluskey	LB	6-2	231	SO
37	Jarick Walker	LB	6-0	213	SO
38	Patrick Quinn	FB	6-2	225	SR
38	Mark Maglio	DB	5-9	176	SO
39	Darius Bagan	LB	6-2	233	SO
40	Jolonn dunbar	LB	6-0	226	SR
41	John Quinones	FB	5-11	232	SR
42	Chris Fox	DB	5-11	190	SO
43	Michael Kozicz	FB	6-0	214	SO
44	Jamie Silva	DB	5-11	210	SR
45	Wes Davis	DB	6-1	214	SO
46	Kevin Distaso	LB	6-1	220	SO
46	Johnny Ayers	P	6-0	186	SR
47	Brad Newman	FB	6-2	250	FR
48	Tyrone Pruitt	LB	5-11	226	SR
49	Garrett Seeger	LB	6-0	213	JR
50	Will Thompson	LB	6-1	233	FR
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54	Jason Stewart	LS	6-0	192	JR
57	Nick Larkin	DL	6-4	241	SR
58	Bill Ferguson	LB	6-2	215	SO
59	John Chisholm	LB	6-2	207	SO
60	Ron Brace	DL	6-3	325	JR
61	Kevin Sheridan	OL	6-3	284	SR
62	Bryan Murphy	OL	6-3	280	SR
64	Nick Rossi	DL	6-6	294	SO
65	Matt Tennant	OL	6-4	284	SO
66	Rich Lapham	OL	6-8	234	SO
67	Tom Aneski	OL	6-2	282	SR
69	Mark Spinney	OL	6-4	273	FR
70	John Elliott	OL	6-4	280	FR
71	Carlo Huggins	OL	6-6	308	JR
72	Ryan Poles	OL	6-4	290	SR
73	Clif Ramsey	OL	6-6	302	JR
74	Anthony Castonzo	OL	6-7	262	FR
75	Nathan Richman	OL	6-6	274	FR
76	Patrick Shell	OL	6-6	283	SO
77	Gosder Cherilus	OL	6-7	319	SR
78	Ty Hall	OL	6-4	290	SR
80	Ryan Purvis	TE	6-4	258	JR
81	Warren Wilson	WR	6-5	195	SO
82	Justin Jarvis	WR	6-5	179	SO
83	Steve Aponavicius	K	5-10	183	JR
84	Kevin Challenger	WR	5-8	180	SR
85	Ryan Thompson	TE	6-4	258	SR
86	Jim Ramella	DL	6-4	247	SO
87	Lars Anderson	TE	6-3	235	FR
88	Jordan McMichael	TE	6-5	254	SO
89	Jon Lyte	TE	6-5	257	SR
90	B.J. Raji	DL	6-1	325	SR
91	Thomas Claiborne	DL	6-3	330	SO
92	Allan Smith	DL	6-2	237	SO
94	Mark Herzlich	LB	6-4	238	SO
95	Brendan Deska	DL	6-4	250	SO
97	Brady Smith	DL	6-2	284	SO
98	Alex Albright	DL	6-5	235	SO
99	Jerry Willette	DL	6-5	282	JR

## EAGLES RUSHING

The Irish rush defense improved dramatically last week, allowing only 89 yards to UCLA. It remains to be seen whether this improvement is temporary or if the front seven has really turned the corner. Notre Dame's rush defense was awful the first five weeks.

Andre Callender leads a Boston College rushing attack that plays second fiddle to the passing game. He's averaging 89 yards per game on less than 20 carries per contest. The Eagles throw the ball to set up the run.

If Boston College runs the ball a lot, Notre Dame will be forced to take freshman pass rushers Kerry Neal and Brian Smith out of the game, which means Ryan will have much more time to pass, while still being effective on the ground.

## EAGLES PASSING

Notre Dame's pass defense has been its strength this season. The Irish are allowing under 150 yards per game and intercepted UCLA quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson four times. But Matt Ryan is the best quarterback they've faced.

Ryan spreads the ball around to lots of targets and is averaging more than 300 yards passing per game. Boston College has eight receivers averaging over 10 yards per catch, including leading receiver Brandon Robinson.

Notre Dame has defended the pass well this season, but it hasn't seen a passing attack as good as Boston College's. It will take a lot more to shut down Matt Ryan than it did to shut down McLeod Bethel-Thompson.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Notre Dame's special teams improved markedly last week — but there is still along way to go. Geoff Price needs to punt more consistently, and the punt return team needs to stop committing penalties. Brandon Walker emerged as a reliable kicker.

Walk-on Steve Aponavicius is 7-for-8 on field goals, and punter Johnny Ayers has pinned 12 punts inside the 20. DeJuan Tribble returns punts, but he's only gotten four opportunities to do so this year.

Notre Dame's special teams improved from "awful" to "bad" last week, while Boston College's have been solid all season. Tribble has had to fair catch a lot of punts this year, but the Irish have to make sure he doesn't get a chance to run one back.

## INTANGIBLES

The Irish got their first win of the season last week — and the emotional impact of that can't be underestimated. They're coming home to play a team who has beaten them the last four times they've played. If Notre Dame isn't fired up now, it never will be.

Boston College is off to one of its best starts ever, and its head coach has never lost a game. After feasting on three cupcakes, it enters a tough stretch of games beginning with its most-hated rival. Now is the time for the Eagles to prove themselves.

This should be a very emotional contest. Both teams have plenty to play for in addition to the fierce rivalry. The Notre Dame Stadium crowd should be loud after the first win of the season, but the Eagles have so much confidence that it might not matter.

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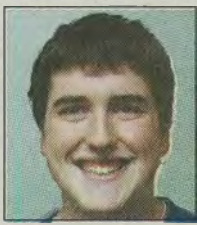
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ANALYSIS



Chris Hine  
Sports Editor

This is Boston College's best team in a long time, and its Notre Dame's worst squad in a while. Emotions will be high early on, but reality will quickly set in. Yes, Notre Dame's secondary hasn't given up many yards this season, but teams haven't tested them, preferring to run on the weak front seven. At times against Purdue, they were susceptible. Against the Eagles, they will be picked apart.  
**FINAL SCORE: Boston College 41  
Notre Dame 13**



Jay Fitzpatrick  
Associate  
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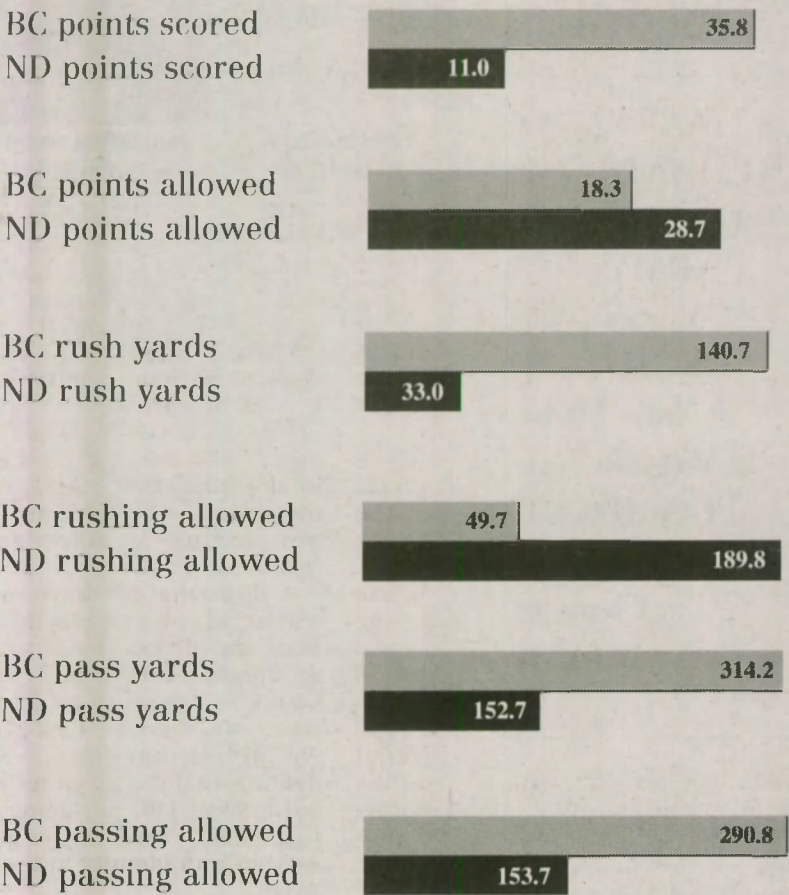
Never discount a rival.  
Boston College is overconfident because they have steamrolled every team they've played while the Irish just beat a team led by McLeod Bethel-Thompson. But Notre Dame doesn't just need this game to maintain a slim chance to get to a bowl game, it should want to win badly. If Notre Dame comes out Saturday fired up, the Eagles can't win.  
**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24  
Boston College 21**

## Irish experts



# Crunching the numbers

## AVERAGE PER GAME



# Saturday Pick ‘em

	<u>Khorey</u>	<u>Hine</u>	<u>Fowler</u>	<u>Fitzpatrick</u>
Season Record:	(81-34)	(89-26)	(91-24)	(89-26)
No. 17 Kentucky at No. 1 LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
Oregon State at No. 2 California	Cal	Cal	Oreg.	Cal
Kent State at No. 3 Ohio State	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
Central Florida at No. 5 South Florida	USF	USF	<b>UCF</b>	USF
No. 11 Missouri at No. 6 Oklahoma	<b>Mizzou</b>	Okla.	Okla.	Mizzou
No. 7 South Carolina at North Carolina	S. Car.	S. Car	S. Car.	S. Car.
Washington State at No. 9 Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Arizona at No. 10 USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
No. 12 Virginia Tech at Duke	V. Tech	V. Tech	V. Tech	V. Tech
Washington at No. 14 Arizona State	ASU	ASU	ASU	<b>Wash.</b>
Louisville at No. 15 Cincinnati	Cincy	<b>L’ville</b>	Cincy	Cincy
No. 16 Hawaii at San Jose State	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii
No. 19 Wisconsin at Penn State	PSU	Wisc.	Wisc.	PSU
Baylor at No. 20 Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
No. 22 Auburn at Arkansas	Ark.	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn
No. 23 Texas at Iowa State	Texas	Texas	ISU	Texas
No. 24 Georgia at Vanderbilt	UGA	UGA	UGA	UGA
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# Line needs to improve running game for BC



Irish guard Mike Turkovich looks to block during Notre Dame's 31-10 loss to Penn State on Sept. 9 at Beaver Stadium.

JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

## Irish last in Div. 1 in total rushing offense

By KEN FOWLER  
Sports Writer

Two-touchdown victories for winless squads are not normally indications that a team needs to improve.

Then again, Notre Dame isn't a normal team.

A week after the 20-6 Irish win over UCLA in the Rose Bowl, Notre Dame's offensive line knows it will have to do a better job opening up holes for its rushing backs and protecting quarterback Jimmy Clausen to have a shot at beating No. 4 Boston College.

"I think we've hit some rough spots, like last week against UCLA going against a good run defense," Irish junior guard Mike Turkovich said. "We're going against a good run defense this week in Boston College. We

know we need to improve, and that's what we're trying to do."

Against UCLA, the Irish surrendered three sacks — a relatively low number for the team this season, but largely the result of three-tight end sets with extra protection for

Clausen.

And the rushing game was still an issue. Even excluding sacks, Notre Dame had 65 yards on 35 attempts — not even two yards per carry.

Still, the Irish view the win as a major building block, so to speak.

"I think everyone's got a little more confidence now that we've won a game," Turkovich said. "I don't know about for the other players,

but I know for me, I didn't realize how heavy [the losing streak] was on my back."

*"But going into this game, I think we've got to establish an identity in the run game."*

Sam Young  
Irish left tackle

[mentally]", Young said. "So we've just got to keep improving on that and strive for protection."

He said coach Charlie Weis' decision the week before the UCLA game to have a very physical practice Tuesday with

successively lighter-hitting sessions Wednesday and Thursday paid dividends.

"It's kind of a game feel — you're going first team on first team, and like last year we didn't get that opportunity," Young said. "It helps definitely when it comes to Saturdays. ... When we went against Georgia Tech, we had that problem with speed of the game, and this has really corrected it."

Still, Young said, there's work to be done. The Irish are last in the nation in rushing yards and total yards per game. The passing offense is in the bottom 10. And, most importantly, the Irish are 1-5, now facing an undefeated team.

"I think that we have to, no matter who we're playing ... I think the offense needs to pick up the pace a little bit," Young said. "We're able to do that when we need to. Last week, we didn't need to — our defense really carried us, they did a great job. But going into this game, I think we've got to establish an identity in the run game."

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# Weis says BC's Ryan has 'it' — like Quinn

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said he sees shades of Tom Brady and Brady Quinn — two of Weis' former pupils — in Boston College quarterback Matt Ryan.

But instead of using a star quarterback of Brady's or Quinn's caliber to design a game plan that preys on opposing defenses, Weis and the Irish secondary are the hunted — and Heisman candidate Ryan will try to pick apart Notre Dame's defense.

"Their offense starts with Ryan. Ryan is a heck of a quarterback," Weis said. "He's poised, he's tough, he's efficient, he's accurate. He'll stay in the pocket when he feels the pressure. He's a very, very, very good player."

Last season, Ryan threw for 2,942 yards and 15 touchdowns to lead Boston College to a 10-3 record. This season, in six games, Ryan has already thrown for 15 touchdowns, 1,857 yards and a 139.41 passing efficiency rating to lead Boston College to a 6-0 start — its best since 1942.

One of the ways in which Ryan is similar to Brady and Quinn, Weis said, is Ryan's ability to spread the ball around to different receivers. Seven Eagles receivers have more than 10 catches, and wide out Brandon Robinson leads the team with only 29 receptions.

"They don't have one star in their pass game because

he involves everybody," Weis said. "He reminds me of the quarterbacks that I'm used to being around in that they're not looking to create a star out of anyone as a receiver. He just can read coverages, throw the ball to the open guy on time and he's done a very good job of doing that."

Weis also said from what he has seen, Ryan has the "it" factor — a hard-to-define quality that makes a good quarterback great — that, Weis said, both Quinn and Brady have.

"Watching him on tape he certainly has it," Weis said. "I'm not coaching him so I'm not around him all the time, but this kid's a good player."

Ryan and the Eagles will face an Irish defense that ranks No. 4 in the country in overall pass defense; but opponents have had little use for a consistent air attack against the Irish because of Notre Dame's porous rush defense. Through six games, the Irish have given up an average of 190 yards per game on the ground, 96th in the country.

But Boston College and Ryan may come out firing early and often, Notre Dame defensive backs coach Bill Lewis said. Lewis worked with Boston College first-year head coach Jeff Jagodzinski and offensive coordinator Steve Logan when Lewis was the head coach at East Carolina from 1989-91.

"Steve's one of those kind of guys, I swear if you'd let him throw the ball every snap, he'd throw it every snap,"

Lewis said. "He'd spread you from sideline to sideline, and you're going to see that this week. He believes in using every inch of the field and he's got a quarterback that can throw the ball there."

Lewis, who also coached nine seasons as the defensive nickel package coach for the Miami Dolphins, said Ryan makes different types of throws with equal effect and should be a hot commodity come draft time.

"In my opinion, he's got to be at the top of the quarterback class coming out this year," Lewis said. "Whether he's the top guy, or top two or three, he's got to be up there because he makes great decisions. He throws the ball where it's supposed to be thrown. He gives receivers a chance to catch the ball."

Lewis also said Ryan has the ability to make everyone around him play better.

"He raises the level of everyone around him. His offensive line wants to protect him because they say 'Hey, if we protect this guy he can get the ball there,'" Lewis said. "The receivers are very well-coached. They're precise in their routes. They know, 'Hey if I run this route that I'm supposed to, he's going to read the coverage, and he's going to get it to the right guy and he's going to give me a ball that I can catch.'"

"That's what's so impressive about him."

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Eagles quarterback Matt Ryan celebrates a touchdown during Boston College's 55-24 win over Bowling Green on Oct. 6.

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