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Group increases election awareness

NDVotes '08, a new nonpartisan campus campaign, plans to encourage student voter registration

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

With the first presidential primaries only three months away, campus groups have begun to address rates of student voter registration. Newly formed campus initiative NDVotes'08, a nonpartisan educational campaign sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, is spearheading the efforts.

Senior Mike McKenna, CSC coordinator and NDVotes'08 member, described the coalition as "a localized extension" of the Rock the Vote

Campaign, a national nonprofit organization developed to increase political advocacy, especially among young voters.

The coalition "developed as a task force this fall to give [the voting initiative] more ownership campus-wide," he said.

NDVotes'08 consists of various political groups on campus, including College Democrats, College Republicans, ND Right to Life, NAACP and other groups, McKenna said.

While NDVotes'08 is not affiliated with the national Rock the Vote organization, it

shares similar objectives.

"Our goals are streamlined with Rock the Vote," McKenna said. "We stress education, registration and awareness."

Political groups on campus have recently jumped onboard with NDVotes'08, but their roles and duties have not yet been specified, said Spencer Howard, co-president of College Democrats.

The president of College Republicans, Sarah Way, sees the affiliation for NDVotes'08 as an extended effort to register as many students as possible.

"This is really a bipartisan effort to get people to care

enough to vote," she said. "Every vote does count. We, as young Americans, need to start showing concern about our future."

NDVotes'08 will name dorm commissioners shortly after fall break to maximize the spread of their goals, McKenna said.

One of the key elements of NDVotes'08 is the voter contact card, which will enable the group to compile information of registered students as well as notify them about voter deadlines, absentee ballot information and local elec-

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Mendoza recognized for ethics

MBA program ranks 5th for stewardship

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The MBA program at Mendoza College of Business ranks fifth in a biennial international study of stewardship in graduate business schools, according to results announced Oct. 10.

The Aspen Institute, an international, non-profit organization that seeks to promote "enlightened leadership and open-minded dialogue," conducted the study.

The study ranked business schools not only on the starting salaries of its students and other typical ranking criteria, but also according to the courses taught and research interests of faculty.

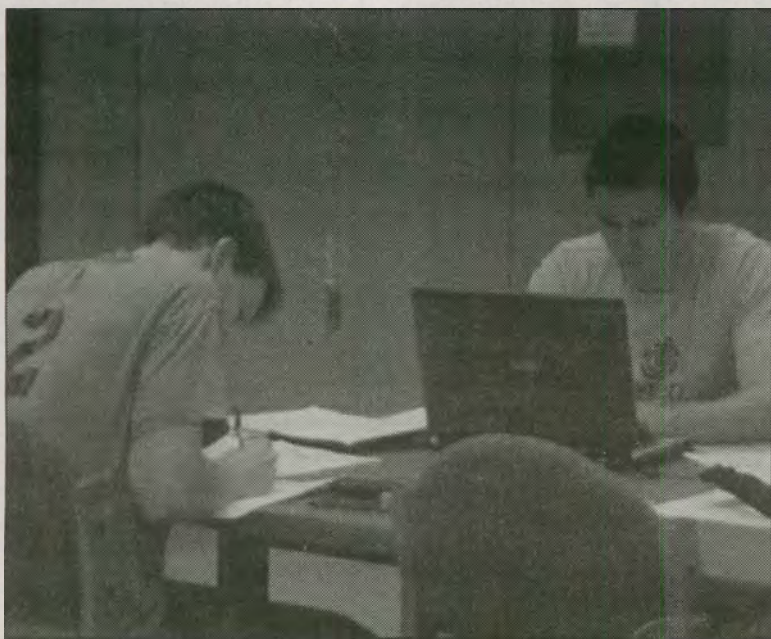
Notre Dame's Catholic character plays a role in the high ranking of the Mendoza MBA program, said Mary Hamann, director of communications for Mendoza.

"There's certainly an acknowledgement of the need to look deeply at the impact business decisions have in the world," she said. "At a faith-based institution, we are very comfortable exploring these issues."

In addition to requiring courses that help teach students how to conduct business in a way that promotes social responsibility, Mendoza fosters research that furthers the goals of stewardship throughout the business education community, she said.

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Students take advantage of longer library hours



Observer File Photo

Students study in Hesburgh Library for fall 2006 midterms. The library is now open 24 hours during exam weeks to meet student demand.

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

To help students prepare for midterms, Hesburgh Library opened Sunday morning and will not close until Friday night. Though late-night usage so far has not been significant, a library security guard said that could change as people grow aware of the extended hours.

Security monitor Terry Harper said after-hours library use would peak at "a couple hundred" people, particularly early today and Wednesday morning. However, his records indicated that there were only 40 people on Monday morning at 3 a.m. and 23 at 5 a.m.

He anticipated that turnout would increase dramatically as the week progressed.

"Word's out now," he said. "Everybody knows now, and

that's key."

While the change was instituted in the spring of 2006, word of the late-night midterms hours is still spreading.

Senior Kaitlin Ramsey said she hadn't known the library was open 24 hours a day during midterms week. Although Ramsey said she is a "night person," she was doubtful she would use the library after 2 a.m.

Parker Ladwig, interim head of Library User Services, said the library has been open 24 hours during midterms for the past three semesters. During that period, he said library attendance averaged 120 users at 3 a.m. and around 50 users at 5 a.m. By comparison, library attendance during finals week averaged around 160 users at 3 m. and 75 users at 5 a.m.

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Irish official says integration an issue

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

John Haskins, the senior Irish government official responsible for immigration policy, opened Monday's panel on the effects of a changing population in Ireland by quoting Irish author George Bernard Shaw.

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past but by the responsibility of our future," Haskins said at the panel, which took place in the McKenna Hall auditorium.

More than 100 years after the height of immigration to America through Ellis Island, some of the problems of integration remain the

same in the new Ireland, Haskins said.

"These are new lives, but this is a historic issue," he said.

Most of today's immigrants to Ireland originate from Eastern European countries such as Poland and Lithuania, Haskins said. There are also large numbers from China and Africa.

The overall population of Ireland increased by 10 percent since 2002, as reported by the 2006 census, Haskins said. The population of non-nationals increased by 90 percent and now includes one in 10 residents, an estimate Haskins called conservative.

Between 1945 and 1973, Europe underwent a guest worker phase,

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Editors discuss comic strips



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Executive treasurer Courtney Kennedy, student body president Kim Hodges and vice president Kelly Payne at a BOG meeting Sept. 3.

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Editors of The Observer attended Monday's BOG meeting to discuss student discontent about comic strips published in this paper last week.

Dissatisfaction over the comic strips, which addressed the new advertising campaign at Saint Mary's and used stereotypes of Saint Mary's students, follow protests at the College about past comics printed in The Observer in recent years.

Observer Editor-in-Chief Maddie Hanna, Managing Editor Ken Fowler and Saint Mary's Editor Katie Kohler were present at Monday's meeting to answer ques-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Why midterm week sucks

So two days into the week and everyone is already praying for Friday to come to the rescue. It has to be midterm week: possibly the worst week in college life.

Mandi Stirone

Fall break is looming overhead with the promise of a smidgen of peace and a ton of break homework.

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Stress levels are ridiculously high, and no matter who you talk to, they're more than ready to go home or wherever they're going. Students are just hoping they manage to finish that last paper and pass that crazy midterm test so that they can finally try and relax a little. Until then, however, we all have some exciting stuff to look forward to.

Few people escape midterm week without pulling at least one all-nighter, and to combine sleep deprivation with crazy stress levels is just cruel. It's almost impossible to avoid staring at a computer screen from 6 p.m. until 4 or 5 a.m. while desperately trying to come up with the next sentence for a paper that is still two pages short of the requirement. Nothing is worse than a 5 a.m. writer's block or finding out at 2 a.m. the night before the test that your class notes read like a first-grader wrote them.

All this stress just makes everyone irritable and downright grumpy. People are snapping and griping at each other for no apparent reason.

Tensions are so high that huge screaming matches can result out of ridiculously petty disagreements — especially between girls. The high stress levels amplify girls' natural cattiness and make guys more likely to snap at other people.

And if it isn't bad enough that everyone is stressed out and grumpy, they're all getting sick. Colds and fevers are in abundance everywhere. It's impossible to go into a class where at least half the room is sniffing, sneezing, coughing or shaking from fever.

Of course all this sickness is incredibly distracting, not to mention kind of gross, especially if you're the one who's sniffing, sneezing, coughing and/or shaking from fever.

It's terrible, you're feeling stressed out and irritable, then you can't breathe and all you want to do is go to sleep and wake up on Saturday morning for the USC game. All that anyone wants to do is fly through this week and come out on the other end relatively unscathed.

To sum it all up, it sucks. It never ceases to amaze me how much work professors can cram into one week. Papers, tests, quizzes — you name it, they add it to the week. It's insanity and it's the worst part of going away to college. You get to become incredibly stressed, be crabby, pull all-nighters, get sick, and try to pull off papers and big tests all in one week. Definitely something to look forward to, right?

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WILL BE YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME?



Jacqueline Cahill

*first year law
Fischer Grad*

"A pirate."



Jesse Huff

*freshman
O'Neill*

*"A punk
rocker."*



Eunice Ikene

*freshman
McGlenn*

*"Tracy
Turnblad."*



Britt Mawby

*freshman
McGlenn*

*"Mrs. Brady
Quinn."*



John Traub

*freshman
Stanford*

"A hippie."



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Freshmen Leslie Allen, left, and Laura Bradley take advantage of the warm weather Monday to begin their midterm studies outdoors.

IN BRIEF

There will be a seminar titled "Microscale Power Generation and Propulsion: It's Not the Same as Big Devices Made Smaller" today at 3:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall. Paul D. Ronney, a professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at USC and former astronaut will present.

The play "The Kings of Kilburn High Road" will be performed today at 8 p.m. at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, Decio Mainstage Theatre. Student tickets are \$10.

Wednesday is International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Students are asked to wear orange MDG8 t-shirts on this day to show support for the Millennium Development Goals. There will also be a Mass at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica to recognize significance of the day.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will play Indiana University Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Poet Michael Anania will present Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of North Dining Hall. Anania will read from his latest work, Heat Lines.

Scholar Anu Chakravarty will speak about "Surrendering Consent: The Political Consequences of the Genocide Trials in Rwanda" on Thursday from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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

OFFBEAT

Drunken priest punches cop, gets jailed

MONTERREY, Mexico — A Mexican priest briefly ended up behind bars after punching a policeman who caught him driving drunkenly through the streets of the northern city of Monterrey.

Priest Manuel Raul Ortega, who was not wearing clerical dress but was clutching a prayer book when captured, launched himself at the traffic cop who pulled him over earlier this week.

The individual became very violent because they were going to tow away his car. He attacked a policeman and was taken away," said transit

department spokesman Hector Lozano on Thursday.

Ortega's papers identified him as a priest.

Couple scare robber with decorative ax

CORD, Ark. — A couple thwarted a would-be robber by threatening him with a decorative ax and tearing off his mask before he fled their home, authorities said.

Frederick Heyde, 25, and Beverly Robison, 26, were startled from sleep at about 6:30 a.m. Saturday because of a loud noise, authorities said. Heyde told police he saw a man with a handgun inside his home. The man

pointed the gun at him and asked for money, authorities said.

Heyde told the intruder he only had a few dollars in change, which seemed to frustrate the man, police said.

Heyde's wife then grabbed a decorative ax from the wall and demanded he leave the home.

"While she had the ax pointed at the intruder, she was able to reach up and claw his mask off. That's when we got a good look at him," Heyde said.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	GAME DAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 64 LOW 53	HIGH 53 LOW 45	HIGH 67 LOW 50	HIGH 73 LOW 55	HIGH 63 LOW 48	HIGH 62 LOW 50

Atlanta 81 / 59 Boston 60 / 46 Chicago 67 / 57 Denver 69 / 33 Houston 87 / 70 Los Angeles 70 / 57 Minneapolis 55 / 48 New York 67 / 52 Philadelphia 72 / 52 Phoenix 87 / 63 Seattle 54 / 48 St. Louis 72 / 58 Tampa 89 / 71 Washington 79 / 50

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task forces address campus changes

Energy Week, Honor Code, taxi regulations among discussion topics

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

Task force reports at Monday's meeting of the Campus Life Council addressed the campus energy summit, treatment of honor codes at peer universities, guidelines for community relations and the rules limiting the waiting time of cabs at Main Circle.

Lauren Sharkey, Hall Presidents Council co-chair, congratulated Student Body Chief Executive Assistant Sheena Plamoottil on the success of the Oct. 3 energy summit.

Plamoottil, who was not present at this week's meeting, is the chair of the Task Force on Campus Environment. Student body president Liz Brown presented a brief report in her place.

The Task Force on Campus Environment will assess the effectiveness of the energy summit, the first of three planned summits to take place this year, Brown said.

Student body vice president Maris Braun presented the report by the Task Force on Student Development.

After meeting with Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs, faculty co-chair of the Notre Dame Code of

Honor Committee, Braun said she is working on ideas of how student government can help the committee raise awareness of the Honor Code.

She discussed the emphasis placed on the Honor Code at freshman orientation. The task force is researching treatment of honor codes at peer institutions such as Washington and Lee University, she said.

"We're hoping to move to have a big, symbolic statement," she said, mentioning the idea of a poster or a possible service at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart — where students, as a class, would sign the Honor Code.

Keenan Hall senator Gus Gari presented the report of the Task Force on Community Relations. He said he met with the chair of the Student Senate's Community Relations Committee to coordinate research on relevant topics.

The task force is continuing to compile research from the University of Virginia's Good Neighbor Guide, to which it is

looking as a model for the creation of such a document at Notre Dame.

Brown added that she has been in contact with Virginia administrators, who said they were enthusiastic about Notre Dame using the Good Neighbor Guide as a basis for its own pamphlet.

Gari said the task force is seeking short-term solutions to the problem of taxis on campus, and it is researching the handling of the matter at other universities and colleges to search for a long-term resolution.

The Committee on University Affairs is looking into the problem of taxis being turned away or ticketed at Main Circle, Brown said.

She mentioned the possibility of setting up taxi stands at two ends of campus. That would create a "system for students to get off campus ... and back to campus safely," she said.

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"We're hoping to move to have a big, symbolic statement [on the Honor Code]."

Maris Braun
student body vice president

SAND calendar to coordinate service

By KRISTEN EDELEN
News Writer

With the launch of an online calendar that charts upcoming service events, the many social service groups at Notre Dame have a new resource for collaborating their event planning and general dialogue.

This resource, which is now up and running, was created by the newly formed Social Action Notre Dame (SAND) network and can be found on the bottom right corner of the Center for Social Concerns' home page. The calendar shows events through mid-November.

Gary Nijak and Chris Esber, both juniors, founded the group.

"The main purpose of this group is to start conversation between all the different organizations that focus on social action and social service to avoid groups planning events at the same time, and to allow groups to work together on issues," Nijak said.

Service groups can submit their events to an online calendar for the public to view, said Esber, who works in the CSC office. The sharing of information will help organizations plan so that service

events can be scheduled at times that do not conflict with other events, he said.

Esber will maintain the calendar with the help of juniors Katie Day and Maggie Condit.

"We seek to bring together groups which previously had no formal conversation," Nijack said. "We can then stimulate conversation and promote efficient and productive events on campus."

One such collaborative event occurred Sunday, when groups from Notre Dame came together with the Michiana community to support those affected by conflict in Uganda through the Gulu Walk.

"The Walk is only one example, but it is a good display of what SAND can do," Esber said.

The idea behind SAND resulted both from Nijak's participation in a national summer leadership program and an idea of Rosie McDowell, the student outreach coordinator for the CSC. McDowell sought to create an efficient scheduling network for the many events that occur on and off campus.

Nijak said many other campuses already had systems similar to SAND.

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Arambe Productions, Dublin, Ireland Presents

The Kings of Kilburn High Road

By Jimmy Murphy

Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17
8:00 p.m. Decio Theater

To celebrate the conference, "Race and Immigration in the New Ireland," the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies will host two performances of Jimmy Murphy's *The Kings of the Kilburn High Road* in the Decio Theater of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th at 8:00. In this highly acclaimed play, a group of friends take a hilarious and tragic look back on their lives as they gather in a pub twenty-five years after they left their homes in Ireland to make their fortunes in England. The play is the work of Arambe Productions, a professional Irish theater company led by director and performance artist, Bisi Adigun, who currently has a version of *The Playboy of the Western World* running in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin.

For more information call the Box Office at 631-2800.



Ireland

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Haskins said. He cited a popular quote: "We wanted workers, we got people."

Europe as a whole had to invest in wide-ranging social structure to see if these workers could integrate into society, so policies on immigration and integration need to be related, he said.

"Immigration policies define the overall framework within which integration works," Haskins said.

A balance is therefore needed, he said, and "some difficult decisions have to be made."

The new Office of Integration reflects what Haskins calls the nexus of immigration and integration.

"All departments must deliver

on services to newcomers," he said.

The term integration implies "we are integrating into something," Haskins said, a process that involves "understanding ourselves and cherishing our roots."

This process is three-fold, he said, including "them understanding us," "us understanding them" and "us understanding us."

Haskins, who visited America for the first time this year, referred to a well-known Latin

saying printed on the one dollar bill: "E Pluribus Unum."

"It is taking many and creating one that works," he said, emphasizing the idea of creating the "we" in society.

Ownership of integration occurs at societal, institutional, community and individual levels, Haskins said.

Ireland is still in what Haskins called "the newcomer category," because it does not have second- and third-generation non-nationals.

"We have good antidiscrimination laws, a good national action plan against racism, a good social inclusion infrastructure and have initiated a good inter-faith dialogue," he said.

Citizenship, he said, is an essential goal, but there must be precursors to the process, "not just a memory test."

Philip Watt of the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism moderated the panel, titled "The Demographics of the New Ireland." As a part of the "Race and Immigration in the New Ireland" conference presented by the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, Monday morning's panel was preceded by opening remarks from Conor Lenihan, Minister of the Republic of Ireland.

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MBA

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"There's a conference that we do each year asking some questions from an ethical perspective that mainstream business researchers should explore," Hamann said.

Stanford University was the highest-ranked program, followed by the University of Michigan, York University in Canada, the University of California-Berkeley and Notre Dame. Columbia University, Cornell University, Duquesne University, Yale University and the Instituto de Empresa in Spain rounded out the top 10 schools in the ranking.

The Institute lauded Stanford's courses with an environmental focus.

The study seeks to discover how the "issues of social impact and social responsibility are mentioned throughout the curriculum, as opposed to being limited to a few select courses," Hamann

said.

The Aspen Institute also ranked the Notre Dame MBA program fifth in its previous stewardship ranking, released in 2005.

The rankings are based on "how well prepared [graduates] are to guide a company through the complex relationship of business and society, where issues relating to the environment or the well-being of a community can impact a company's performance and reputation," the Institute said in a statement.

Although the Aspen Institute does not expect stewardship concerns to replace those of post-graduation financial success, it does express a desire for a balance between the two.

"While graduate business schools are finding the ability to deal with such issues an increasingly important part of the training for successful business leaders, there is still room for innovation and improvement," the statement said.

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BOG

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tions for BOG members.

Student body president Kim Hodges said BOG sought to learn more about The Observer's process behind publishing comics.

"We wanted to find out the channels in which articles, specifically comic strips, are channeled and what could be changed," Kim Hodges, Saint Mary's student body president, said after the meeting Monday.

BOG members said they would like to see the Saint Mary's editor reviewing content pertaining to Saint Mary's before it is published.

"We are looking into gathering more input from our Saint Mary's

staffers," Hanna said later Monday night.

At least some Saint Mary's students feel their identity has come under attack.

"We want to defend our honor as Saint Mary's women," Hodges said.

Hodges said she and other BOG members wanted to support students who were offended by the comic strips.

"We understand that the entire student body doesn't feel the same way," she said. "We are advocating on the behalf of the students who do not want to be viewed as that type of character."

Hanna emphasized that opinions of the comics' authors were not reflections of the opinions of the paper.

"Our cartoonists often express views that are not necessarily the

views of the staff," she said.

Hodges said she does not dislike The Observer as a whole.

"The Observer is viewed in a good light, as they do represent both the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses," Hodges said.

Hodges said she feels the meeting was productive. She said BOG is working to create forums between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women to "deconstruct the preconceived notions on both sides."

In other BOG news:

◆ Kelly Fiela, president of Fiela-Smith Corporation, presented promotional products that she said could help BOG increase involvement in campus activities.

◆ Hodges said Sodexo, the food services provider at Saint Mary's, will be the topic of the next "Food

for Thought" meeting. It will take place Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. in the West Wing of the College's dining hall. Barry Bowles, general manager of dining facilities, will answer questions and take suggestions.

◆ Cassie Quaglia, president of the Residence Hall Association, said trick or treating and Haunted Holy Cross will be held on Oct. 29 from 6 p.m. to 8.

Le Mans Hall Council will hold the Le Mans Murder Mystery on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

◆ Mary Frantz, Missions Coordinator, spoke about this week's Theology on Fire lecture,

"Life's More than a Wedding: Spirituality for Single Life and Marriage." The discussion will be Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Student Lounge of the Student Center. Anita Houck, an associate professor in the department of religious studies, will present.

◆ "Recycled Percussion" will take place at Saint Mary's on Oct. 30, said Cassie Callon, president of the Student Activities Board. "Recycled Percussion" is a musical group currently performing its "Man vs. Machine Tour."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mother stops suicide attack in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — A mother who tried to stop her son from carrying out a suicide bomb attack triggered an explosion in the family's home in southern Afghanistan that killed the would-be bomber, his mother and three siblings, police said Monday.

The would-be bomber had been studying at a madrassa, or religious school, in Pakistan, and when he returned to his home in Uruzgan province over the weekend announced that he planned to carry out a suicide attack, Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary said.

Surviving family members told police that the suicide vest exploded during a struggle between the mother and her son, said Juma Gul Himat, Uruzgan's police chief. The man's brother and two sisters were also killed.

Planes crash on runway at Heathrow

LONDON — Two planes collided while taxiing on a runway at London's Heathrow Airport Monday night, television reports said. There were no reported injuries.

Sky News television, citing witnesses it did not further identify, said one of two aircraft involved had lost an engine.

The British Broadcasting Corp. identified the two planes as a British Airways Boeing 747 and a Sri Lankan Airlines A340 and said their wingtips had collided. It added that all the passengers were evacuated from the aircraft.

Sky said there were about 20 fire trucks at the scene.

BAA PLC, which manages Heathrow, could not immediately be reached for comment.

NATIONAL NEWS

Medtronic defibrillator wires faulty

MINNEAPOLIS — Medtronic Inc. is stopping distribution of wires that connect some of its defibrillators to patients' hearts after learning they may have contributed to five deaths.

Medtronic shares dropped more than 12 percent by midday Monday after the disclosure.

A defibrillator monitors a patient's heart-beat; if it senses an abnormal heart rhythm, it delivers an electronic shock to reset the heart to a normal beat. A defibrillation system consists of a device implanted near the shoulder with one or more leads connecting the device to the heart.

Medtronic said it discovered a "small chance of fractures in particular locations" on Sprint Fidelis models 6930, 6931, 6948 and 6949. The company is asking doctors to stop implanting the leads and return unused leads to Medtronic.

Georgia, South hit hard with drought

BUFORD, Ga. — If there's a ground zero for the epic drought that's tightening its grip on the South, it's once-mighty Lake Lanier, the Atlanta water source that's now a relative puddle surrounded by acres of dusty red clay.

Tall measuring sticks once covered by a dozen feet of water stand bone dry. "No Diving" signs rise from rocks 25 feet from the water. Crowds of boaters have been replaced by men with metal detectors searching the arid lake bed for lost treasure.

"This lake is a survivor," Jeff "Buddha" Powell told a worried customer at his bait shop along the barren banks.

"If you panic, you don't help Mother Nature," he added. "It's going to rain when it rains."

LOCAL NEWS

Police being sued by angry parents

HAMMOND, Ind. — The parents of a teenager who died after a car crash sued Gary police for \$50 million Monday, saying officers' decision not to look for their son robbed him of a chance of surviving.

Willie and Jacqueline Green of Gary said they do not believe their 18-year-old son, Dominique, died instantly from the multiple injuries he suffered in the crash, as authorities have said. They said at a news conference that a mortician has told them that bruising, swelling and other signs of injury on their son's body was not consistent with an instantaneous death.

"The city did nothing, the police did nothing," said Jacqueline Green.

BRAZIL

New dinosaur species uncovered

Skeleton of monstrous vegetarian that roamed earth 88 million years ago discovered

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — The skeleton of what is believed to be a new dinosaur species — a 105-foot plant-eater that is among the largest dinosaurs ever found — has been uncovered in Argentina, scientists said Monday.

Scientists from Argentina and Brazil said the Patagonian dinosaur appears to represent a previously unknown species of Titanosaur because of the unique structure of its neck. They named it Futalognkosaurus dukei after the Mapuche Indian words for "giant" and "chief," and for Duke Energy Argentina, which helped fund the skeleton's excavation.

"This is one of the biggest in the world and one of the most complete of these giants that exist," said Jorge Calvo, director of the paleontology center at the National University of Comahue, Argentina. He was lead author of a study on the dinosaur published in the peer-reviewed Annals of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences.

Scientists said the giant herbivore walked the Earth some 88 million years ago, during the late Cretaceous period.

Since the first bones were found on the banks of Lake Barreales in the Argentine province of Neuquen in 2000, paleontologists have dug up the dinosaur's neck, back region, hips and the first vertebra of its tail.

"I'm pretty certain it's a new species," agreed Peter Mackovicky, associate curator for dinosaurs at Chicago's Field Museum, who was not involved with the discovery. "I've seen some of the remains of Futalognkosaurus and it is truly gigantic."

Calvo said the neck alone must have been 56 feet long, and by studying the vertebrae, they figured the tail probably measured 49 feet. The dinosaur reached



Parts of the skeleton of what could be a newly discovered dinosaur species are laid out for display at a news conference in Rio de Janeiro Monday.

over 43 feet tall, and the excavated spinal column weighed about 9 tons when excavated. One neck vertebra alone measured more than 3 feet high.

Jeff Wilson, an assistant professor of paleontology at the University of Michigan, who was asked to review the finding, said he was impressed by the sheer amount of skeleton recovered.

"I should really try to underscore how incredible it is to have partial skeleton of something this size," Wilson said in telephone interview. "With these kind of bones you can't study them by moving them around on the table; you have to move around them yourself."

"It shows us the upper

limit for dinosaur size," Wilson added. "There are some that are bigger but they all top out around this size."

Patagonia also was home to the other two largest dinosaur skeletons found to date — Argentinosaurus, at around 115 feet long, and Puertasaurus reuili, 115 feet to 131 feet long.

Comparison between the three herbivores, however, is difficult because scientists have only found few vertebrae of Puertasaurus, and while the skeleton of Futalognkosaurus (FOO-ta-long-koh-SOHR-us) is fairly complete, scientists have not uncovered any bones from its limbs.

North America's dinosaurs don't even compare in size, Mackovicky

added in a phone interview. "Dinosaurs do get big here, but nothing near the proportions we see in South America."

The site where Futalognkosaurus was found has been a bonanza for paleontologists, yielding more than 1,000 specimens, including 240 fossil plants, 300 teeth and the remains of several other dinosaurs.

"As far as I know, there is no other place in the world where there is such a large and diverse quantity of fossils in such small area. That is truly unique," said Alexander Kellner, a researcher with the Brazilian National Museum and co-author of the dinosaur's scientific description.

New study to see if genes affect sexuality

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Julio and Mauricio Cabrera are gay brothers who are convinced their sexual orientation is as deeply rooted as their Mexican ancestry.

They are among 1,000 pairs of gay brothers taking part in the largest study to date seeking genes that may influence whether people are gay. The Cabrerases hope the findings will help silence critics who say homosexuality is an immoral choice.

If fresh evidence is found suggesting genes are involved, perhaps homosexuality will be viewed as no different than other genetic traits like

height and hair color, said Julio, a student at DePaul University in Chicago.

Adds his brother, "I think it would help a lot of folks understand us better."

The federally funded study, led by Chicago area researchers, will rely on blood or saliva samples to help scientists search for genetic clues to the origins of homosexuality. Parents and straight brothers also are being recruited.

While initial results aren't expected until next year — and won't provide a final answer — skeptics are already attacking the methods and disputing the presumed results.

Previous studies have shown that

sexual orientation tends to cluster in families, though that doesn't prove genetics is involved. Extended families may share similar child-rearing practices, religion and other beliefs that could also influence sexual orientation.

Research involving identical twins, often used to study genetics since they share the same DNA, has had mixed results.

One widely cited study in the 1990s found that if one member of a pair of identical twins was gay, the other had a 52 percent chance of being gay. In contrast, the result for pairs of non-twin brothers, was 9 percent. A 2000 study of Australian identical twins found a much lower chance.

Midterms

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The main cost of keeping the library open during the pre-exam days is staffing, Ladwig said.

He declined to estimate the cost because he said University staff salary information is not generally released.

"If the library were opened 24 hours more frequently, security for visitors and collections might have to be looked at differently, perhaps with greater cost," he said.

Senior Je'Rell Rogers said he stays "pretty often until closing." At the library, he said, "it's easier to focus, a better study environment with fewer distractions."

Though Rogers' workload this week might not be enough to warrant after-hours studying, he said he "definitely would have been there after 2 a.m." if the library had been open late last week.

Carol Hendrickson, chair of the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, said Senate "hasn't really focused on midterms" besides compiling a report on study space. She said that the report "in effect will potentially help with midterms."

Senate is working to increase and improve study spaces and printer availability, she said.

"The new library cluster is extremely busy," she said. "Especially during midterms, a lot of people have papers due and there's a line for printers between classes in DeBartolo."

Hendrickson said she hoped student access to study spaces and printers would improve after the University received the Senate's recommendations.

In January of 2006, the Student Senate moved to have the library open 24 hours per day during midterms week after consulting with library administrators and examining practices at peer institutions, Hendrickson said. She said that "some students on the committee had gone to other universities" where libraries were open 24 hours for midterms.

While senior Mary Hannan said she appreciated that the library was open, she worried there was "a delicate balance between being welcoming to students and keeping the University's resources safe."

Using fliers to advertise study areas that were open 24 hours, Hannan said, could "let anyone waltz in" and take valuable equipment. She suggested that a mass e-mail could inform the student body and minimize the risk of theft.

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Elections

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tions.

While coalition members called local elections important, they aren't the group's priority. NDVotes'08 is focusing on national elections, McKenna said, especially with the top-heavy primary season in January and February.

Local elections tend to draw less attention, Way said.

"People tend to see the local elections as not as important," she said. "Most students plan to leave South Bend in a few years and don't care to get involved in local politics. If students keep taking this attitude, the community will have less of a reason to show concern for our needs."

Local elections remain relevant even to politically disengaged students, Howard said.

"People here are from all around the country and the world and they probably know their own local district well," he said. "But the truth is that while they're here, even if they're part of the Notre Dame bubble, the local elections and the local government affects them so they should become involved in it."

Howard mentioned the recent South Bend event permit ordinance as one example of local politics affecting student life.

NDVotes'08 developed out of partnerships with the Rock the Vote and other national organizations, McKenna said.

"Our goals are to build a strong coalition to last for future years so political dialogue is elevated and students can increase their civic responsibility on campus," he said.

NDVotes'08 falls under the umbrella of the Center for Social Concerns' Justice

Education program.

"Through CSC, we were able to bring all the political groups on campus together," McKenna said. "By promoting social justice, we can take a stand as citizens."

Representatives from each group participating in NDVotes'08 will meet biweekly after officers and dorm commissioners are chosen.

"Essentially, all membership is through coalition," McKenna said.

NDVotes'08 is hoping to add to the individual success of political groups on campus in increasing registration.

"We've always been successful in sending volunteers to participate in [Democratic] candidates' campaigns, whether it's working in their offices or

doing phone banking for them," Howard said. "Just letting people know there is an election going on."

Way also hopes NDVotes'08 will springboard higher registration within her organization.

"Success in the past has been mixed," she said. "Those who really care about politics are proactive in making sure they are registered. Many people simply don't care enough."

With the elections rapidly approaching, NDVotes'08 is "continuously building."

"Right now, we are trying to emphasize our nonpartisan coalition on campus by including different perspectives and backgrounds of each political group and viewpoints," McKenna said. "It is a unique thing happening at Notre Dame and something we can be proud of."

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NASDAQ	2,780.05	-25.63	
NYSE	10,216.29	-85.20	
S&P 500	1,548.71	-13.09	
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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.77	-0.41	53.12
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CITIGROUP INC (C)	-3.41	-1.63	46.24
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30-YEAR BOND	+0.04	+0.002	4.907
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IN BRIEF

Social Security to be put to the test

WASHINGTON — The baby boomers' stampede for Social Security benefits has begun.

The nation's "first" baby boomer, a retired teacher from New Jersey, applied for Social Security benefits Monday, signaling the start of an expected avalanche of applications from the post World War II generation.

Social Security Commissioner Michael Astrue called it "America's silver tsunami."

Kathleen Casey-Kirschling applied for benefits over the Internet at an event hosted by Astrue. Casey-Kirschling was born one second after midnight on Jan. 1, 1946, gaining her recognition as the first baby boomer — a generation of nearly 80 million born from 1946 to 1964, Astrue said.

"She's leading the way for her generation," Astrue told reporters.

Bacon painting sells for \$16.4 million

LONDON — A Francis Bacon painting the artist donated to an art college in lieu of rent decades ago has sold for \$16.4 million at an auction where solid but unspectacular results suggest global financial turmoil may be unsettling the art market.

"Study from the Human Body, Man Turning on the Light" was bought late Sunday by an anonymous bidder at Christie's auction house. The painting was given by Bacon to the Royal College of Art in 1969 as payment for renting a studio, and the college sold it Sunday to fund a new campus in south London.

This month's London auctions are being closely watched for signs that after several years of rising prices, the red-hot art market may be cooling.

The price paid for the Bacon painting, which includes a buyer's premium, was in the middle of Christie's pre-sale estimate of \$14 million to \$18 million.

Fine-art insurer Hiscox says the value of contemporary art sold at auction rose by 55 percent during the first six months of the year. But many fear the weak dollar and fallout from the subprime mortgage crisis will hit prices.

FRANCE

Airbus releases world's largest jet

Almost two years late, the A380 superjumbo premieres on Singapore Airlines

Associated Press

TOULOUSE — Nearly two years late, Airbus finally delivered its first A380 superjumbo on Monday, a revolutionary behemoth that includes luxury suites equipped with comfy double beds.

Customer Singapore Airlines says the passenger jet, the world's largest, was worth the wait, and the delivery marks a badly needed morale-boosting milestone for Airbus.

Singapore Airlines Chief Executive Chew Choon Seng said his airline was inconvenienced by the late delivery, but added, "We are glad that Airbus took the time to make sure that the plane is fully tested and developed before it enters commercial service."

For Airbus, big challenges with the problem-ridden plane still lie ahead — not least producing enough of them.

"Increasing A380 production to meet demand remains our greatest challenge for the next years," Chief Executive Thomas Enders said at a handover ceremony at Airbus' headquarters in Toulouse, southwestern France.

After delivering the first four superjumbos to Singapore Airlines, Airbus will have to redesign cabins and electrical layouts for Emirates Airlines and Qantas. It is committed to handing over 13 planes in 2008, 25 in 2009, and 45 in 2010.

Asked if he was confident that Airbus is up to the challenge, Enders said: "We have every confidence we can deliver,



A Singapore Airlines flight attendant stands in the A380 superjumbo jet Monday during the delivery ceremony in Colomiers, France.

but what is guaranteed in life?"

Lack of a sure-thing might not go down well with Airbus' 16 customers for the A380, whose patience has already been stretched, nor with potential converts. With 189 orders or firm commitments, Airbus is hoping to see 200 on its books by year-end.

Meanwhile, it looks like Airbus is having problems with its next big project — the A400M military cargo

plane.

Tom Williams, Airbus executive vice-president for programs, said difficulties with the engine could push the first flight of the turbo-prop back six months. If the European planemaker is late delivering, "clearly it's not going to be cheap," he told journalists.

U.S. rival Boeing Co. is late too, announcing a six-month delay last week to its hot-selling 787 Dreamliner. But the

Chicago-based planemaker still has a five-year lead over Airbus for its competing mid-sized jet, the A350 XWB, which has been set back by multiple redesigns.

Airbus has already been hit with penalties for late delivery of the A380, which combined with spiraling development costs wiped billions of euros (dollars) off profits. Enders refused Monday to divulge the extent of the losses.

America Online to slash 2,000 workers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — AOL is eliminating another 2,000 jobs worldwide as it tries to cut costs and make room to grow in online advertising.

The 20 percent slice from AOL's work force comes after several rounds of layoffs in recent years, including a cut of 5,000 jobs last fall. The latest cuts would give AOL more flexibility to expand ad-related businesses through acquisitions and potentially new hires, company officials said.

"This realignment will allow us to increase investment in high-growth areas of the company — as an example, we added hundreds of people this year through acquisitions — while scaling back in areas with less growth potential or those that aren't core to our business," AOL Chief Executive Randy Falco told employees Monday.

AOL believes it is now best at developing Web sites such as its Moviefone and MapQuest properties to attract people in some 30 countries, Falco said. Its goal, he said, is to build "the largest and most sophisticated global advertising network" for marketers to reach that online audience.

AOL, once the leading seller of Internet access subscriptions, has struggled in recent years as Internet users have ditched their AOL accounts for high-speed services offered by cable and telephone companies.

To make up for declines in subscription revenues, the company has been trying to boost traffic to its ad-supported Web sites and last year began giving away AOL.com e-mail accounts, software and other features once reserved for paying subscribers.

Last year's job reductions were mostly in customer-service and mar-

keting personnel as AOL opted to stop producing and distributing its notorious trial discs aimed at luring new subscribers.

The latest cuts are expected to affect employees across the board.

Last month, AOL announced that it was consolidating its advertising operations to share innovations across the company and help potential advertisers more easily buy ads.

The idea is to help marketers reach Internet users not only across AOL properties but also at outside sites for which AOL now brokers ad sales.

In a memo to employees obtained by The Associated Press, Falco described the latest cuts as difficult but necessary.

AOL has acquired a number of companies in recent months and added to its payroll each time. The purchase of ad-targeting technology specialist Tacoda Inc., for example, brought in about 100 employees.

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Catholics and dissent

Back when I wasn't so pessimistic and grouchy, I was very interested in getting married. I'd only marry a Catholic, since it didn't make sense to enter into a sacrament with someone who didn't understand it in the same way. Besides, I'd want my kids raised Catholic, and they'd never get it from me.

I'm not ashamed that one reason I picked Notre Dame was to find a wife — with so many Catholic girls, there was sure to be one stupid enough to like me. I know some girls at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's get ridiculed for being extra-eager to find a husband — the "M.R.S. degree." This makes no sense to me. How is it in any way shameful to be more interested in finding a spouse than getting a diploma? Which, ultimately, is more important?

So it saddens me that there aren't more graduation-weddings. It's a problem that people wait so long to marry these days in general. For one thing, the Church has traditionally understood the primary end of marriage to be the protection of chastity. This is clear in St. Paul's writings (e.g., 1 Cor 7) and later in St. Thomas Aquinas. Most people, men especially, can't achieve celibate chastity and couldn't even if they were at all inclined to try. Besides lots of grace, it takes strenuous effort of the soul, constant vigilance, discipline, and a determination to keep getting back up no matter how many times you fall. These are very manly qualities, yet somehow much of our society considers it manlier to be a slave to pleasure (which always is emasculating) and one's desires than to disdain them. So anyway, if people wait until they're 30 to marry, that usually means they spend their twenties habitually sinning against chastity. Bad enough in itself, and certainly not good preparation for marriage.

Well, I was sort of new to

Catholicism when I came to Notre Dame, and somewhat naive. I assumed Catholic meant Catholic. Now, one potential major problem (obviously) in marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics, or between Catholics with different understandings of being Catholic, is the issue of contraception.

Since getting attached to someone you wouldn't marry is foolish, I had to get girls' opinions before potentially becoming interested in them. I figured out pretty quick that not all — not even most, I'd say — self-described Catholic girls at Notre Dame agree with the Church's teaching on contraception. I knew about as many who supported it as were categorically opposed to it, though that probably reflected the kind of people I was around.

My point isn't that contraception is wrong. See Paul VI and Janet Smith for that. Nor am I saying shame on Notre Dame kids for supporting or using it. We all must form and follow our consciences ourselves. No, what I'd like to explain is how dumb it is to say you're Catholic and yet support contraception.

The Church, particularly in the person of the pope, makes outrageous claims about itself. The bishops in solemn assembly, or the pope *ex cathedra*, say they're infallible about faith and morals. That means never wrong. That means not even capable of being wrong. If you believe the Church is in error in its formal announcements about contraception, you can't very well at the same time agree that it's infallible. So why swear any allegiance to a church which doesn't know — or worse, knows but won't admit — the truth about itself? If it can't be believed about itself, how can it be believed when it proclaims other outrageous doctrines, like the Atonement, Real Presence, or the Trinity? The Church claims to speak with the voice of its Founder. If it does, it deserves full assent. If it doesn't, it's a great big

blasphemous fraud that deserves nothing but hatred and opposition.

If you recognize this argument as like C.S. Lewis about Christ, good eye. But I thought of it myself, when all I knew about Lewis was Narnia. I say this not to brag but to show that anyone could think of it. Obviously, the argument holds for any issue, but I apply it to contraception because dissent on that matter is particularly widespread and vehement.

I'm not telling anyone to leave the Church any more than I was telling anyone to leave Notre Dame before. But if I was puzzled about people opposed to Catholic doctrine staying at Notre Dame, I'm definitely confused about such people staying in the Church. And so what if you're a priest or teach Catholic theology.

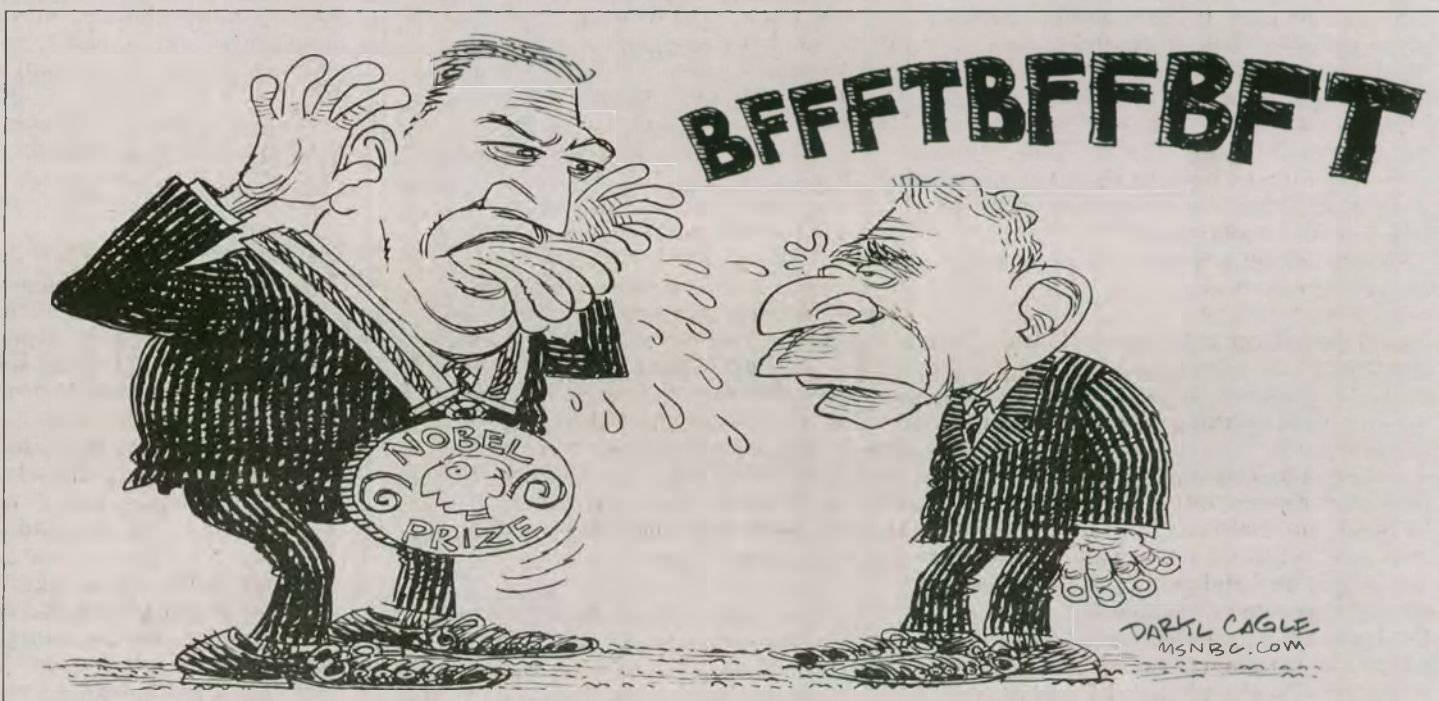
Am I saying a Catholic has to believe whatever the Church teaches authoritatively? Pretty much, yeah. Does a Catholic have to actually live whatever the Church teaches? Hardly — if that were the case, there would be no Catholics. Failing to live up to our faith is part of being Catholic, but we must try to change our lives to fit our beliefs, not the other way around.

About 85 percent of Notre Dame students consider themselves Catholic. Just about all who are admitted are very intelligent. And I'd bet almost as many think the Church is wrong about one thing or another. These three dots can't be connected logically. I know I have no right to tell others whether they should be Catholic or not, but I'd seriously like to know — if you disagree with the Church, why not just leave it? I know I would.

Greg wishes to congratulate the rugby team on being re-instated, and wishes them best of luck in getting banned again. He can be contacted at gregpy@hotmail.com

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"A person reveals his character by nothing so much as the joke he resents."

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enough is enough

The Observer claims to serve Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. But, how well can it serve Saint Mary's when its contributors, up to and including Rich Protiva and Andy Spangler of "Tastes Like Failure," continually disparage the women who attend Saint Mary's?

I am a graduate of Notre Dame who has worked at Saint Mary's for more than a decade. During my time on both sides of Route 933, I have seen and heard Saint Mary's women put down and abused by their Notre Dame neighbors. You think you're being clever or self righteous, but I have to tell you, the comments just get more bitter and vile as the years go by. And they get old. Your hate speech reveals not only a lack of maturity and good taste, but often outright misogyny. It includes not only the cartoons, but also letters

to the editor that begrudge Saint Mary's participation in the "Notre Dame community."

Obviously, the editors of the Observer either: 1) are unwilling or unable to control the degrading content in the paper; or 2) condone the anti-Saint Mary's content. Either way, I am ashamed to see this is still happening 20 years after I graduated. You belittle yourselves and our university's reputation by continuing to resurrect these offensive stereotypes and misconceptions. Enough is enough. It's time to grow up, Notre Dame, and show some class.

Elizabeth Karle
Class of 1985
South Bend
Oct. 15

TV time-outs a disruption

Notre Dame's exclusive television contract with NBC is a testament to the strength and national following of the football program. While the University should continue the relationship with NBC, it needs to be restructured, specifically with regard to the excessive amount of time-outs that destroy momentum and quiet the stadium. During the Boston College game I attended, it was quite remarkable to hear the amount of boos whenever an NBC time-out was called. I am sure that Notre Dame and NBC can find a middle ground that includes fewer time-outs for less money.

Dan Quirk
Class of 1999
San Francisco, Calif.
Oct. 15

Learn the lyrics

Dear fellow members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community (especially freshmen): The road portion of this year's football schedule is over for the most part, and we've embarked on a five-game home stretch. There's nothing like a Notre Dame home game, and this community prides itself on the environment it creates on these autumn Saturdays — the environment we create.

As such, we must form a united front as a student body that is formidable to each and every opponent. This includes — as I'm sure you know — knowing and

proudly singing the greatest of all university fight songs, the "Notre Dame Victory March." Sadly, we don't all know the "Victory March." Of course, we all know the part that starts "Cheer, Cheer for old Notre Dame," but there is also a first verse. Fellow freshmen, you may or may not have noticed that while our sections sing "shake down the thunder," our sophomores, juniors, and senior compatriots bellow "U RAH RAH!" What's up with that? The tune to the first verse is similar to, but not the same as, the second. I strongly urge you, now, to find a record-

ing of the fight song, and play it as you read the following lines: "Rally, Sons of Notre Dame / Sing Her glory and sound Her fame / Raise Her Gold and Blue And sing with voices true / Rah! Rah! For Notre Dame (U RAH RAH!) / We will fight in every game / Strong of heart and true to Her name / We will ne'er forget Her and / We'll cheer Her ever loyal to Notre Dame / Cheer, Cheer for old Notre Dame! / Wake up the echoes cheering Her name / Send a volley cheer on high / Shake down the thunder from the sky! / What tho' the odds be great or small / Old

Notre Dame will win over all / While Her loyal Sons go marching onward to Victory!"

So on Saturday, put your game face on. Rub on those tattoos, color your hair green, or dress up like the leprechaun. But remember: above all we must come together to show our support for our team, "what tho' the odds."

Joann Norell
freshman
McCandless Hall
Oct. 9

Album goes back to roots

In reading the Scene review of Dashboard Confessional's new album, "The Shade of Poison Trees" (Oct. 11), I was disappointed to see that Miss Shaffer had failed to do her homework on the band's intentions for the album.

Though the album is, admittedly, not one of Chris Carrabba's best efforts, the idea that his band takes a smaller role in this disc was well documented during the recording process by Carrabba himself. It had long been planned that he would return to the roots that he began his career with in his albums "The Places You Have Come To Fear The Most" and "Swiss Army Romance." In fact, he was so adamant about the album not being a smash that he admitted, "I think it would be a stretch for any of these [songs] to get played on radio. We just announced it with such little fanfare and as directly as we could to my exact audience. It's a gift to [Billboard] for waiting so long for something like this."

Carrabba did not make "Shade" for the masses, for radio, or for the teenage girls who have already saturated the indie market, but for those who know his music best and understand the roots of what has become Dashboard Confessional. In the Billboard article in which this statement is made, he goes on to say that he already has 14 tracks

written for the band's next album, though he has no idea when they will record next. Before claiming that Carrabba has sabotaged the concept of "the band," you must first understand what Dashboard Confessional started as — one man and an acoustic guitar and a few drums. Sure, there aren't any instrumental breakdowns, no drum solo's, but that was the plan for an acoustic album pitted in the origins of the Dashboard Confessional concept. This album was not a digression, but simply a reversion to a more conservative style.

If you are new to the Dashboard scene, then it is understandable that you might be disappointed, but frankly, with all of the changes bands in the music industry make to market themselves more effectively, it is refreshing to see Carrabba's head on straight. There may not be any jaw-dropping, ear-exploding, make-me-want-to-go-out-tonight-and-profess-my-love-for-her-outside-her-dorm-room-window songs on "Shade," but not every musical effort can be an artist's best. And let's be honest, David Bowie and Ziggy Stardust did just fine.

Robby Schroder
sophomore
Keough Hall
Oct. 12

Focus on awareness

To respond to Matt Gore's editorial ("Climate control not best use of funds," Oct. 10), which used Energy Week as an inspiration to criticize funding to research climate change, I would first like to inform him that Notre Dame's first annual Energy Week was not about climate change, but about awareness. The week's events tried to educate the community about our individual energy use, the possibilities of renewable energy sources, and the measures our University is taking on energy issues. But since Mr. Gore brought up climate change:

Uncertainty about what the actual temperature change will be does not translate into uncertainty that climate change is happening. There is no debate in the scientific community that global warming is happening, and the consensus is that it's happening because of humans burning fossil fuels and destroying forests. Unless we change our habits fast and limit the amount of greenhouse gases we emit, there will be significant changes to our planet and dire consequences for the humans that inhabit it. The worldwide effects of a change of 1 degree Celsius

are severe; 5 degrees, unthinkable.

Mr. Gore brings up HIV and malaria prevention programs as alternatives to invest in for humanity, and I believe these issues certainly deserve our attention. But money for mosquito nets is not going to be enough. Global warming will only increase the geographic range and number of people at risk for transmission of malaria and other infectious diseases. Local environmental and socioeconomic conditions, including access to energy, will largely determine the actual occurrence of diseases, making the populations Mr. Gore is concerned about most vulnerable to the human effects of climate change.

If we truly desire to help humanity, we cannot be so short-sighted as to look only at the immediate problems we face today. We must also look to the future, to the generations that will inherit our world and ask ourselves what kind of world we are creating for them.

Caitlin Nora Murphy
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Regina Spektor

"Begin to Hope"



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By JAMES COSTA
Assistant Scene Editor

An integral element of growing up is understanding the beautiful and challenging complexities of life. Regina Spektor's new album, "Begin to Hope," is an extraordinary insight into one person's perspective on the curious balance between hope and despair, youth and maturity.

Spektor has had quite the life already, a Russian immigrant to the U.S. with years of classical training on the piano. Most closely aligned with the anti-folk scene thriving in New York City's East Village, she provides a fresh and rich look into the budding experiences of a young woman in the city blessed with extraordinary talents.

"Begin to Hope" achieves its most profound effect when given a thorough listen. Sure, certain tracks stand out. Some have the beat and the rhythm to earn instant appeal. But as the listener moves through the album as a whole and each song individually, what Spektor is looking to accomplish becomes remarkably clear. She is a woman who's seen the world and the many levels to the worlds she's shared

with others and within herself.

The opening track, "Fidelity," is simply amazing. Employing a Dr. Dre-like beat, it's impossible not to smile at the cleverness of Spektor in creating a song with a hip-hop feel and lyrics more akin to an act like Jewel or Ashlee Simpson. And I'm not saying Regina is at all like Ashlee Simpson, because she's not.

Spektor is pure and unadulterated talent. She's smart, and she uses her talents to tell stories that are real, powerful, and often beautifully raw. It's music for those who share her generation, standing at this precious moment of youth before the onset of age, but old enough to know that a little bit of our innocence is irretrievably gone.

A third of the way through the album, Spektor treats the listener to "On The Radio." To truly understand and appreciate the song, check out the video on Spektor's Web site. It's a rather stunning few minutes, with clever lyrics accentuated by penetrating and imaginative music. She twice references the epic Guns N' Roses song "November Rain" as she sings, "On the radio / We heard November Rain / The solo's real long / But it's a pretty song" and "And on the radio / You hear November Rain / That solo's awful long / But it's a good refrain"

It's tough to tell whether song is a recounting of a single memory, or a dream, or a collection of many different experiences and moments in one striking offering.

This difficulty is part of its wonderful appeal and carries over most of the rest of the album. It can be said that listener never truly knows for



Photo courtesy of theage.com.au

Regina Spektor's latest, "Begin To Hope," is a stunning and lively album.

sure where Spektor is and so it's constant game of figuring out and catching up, enjoying the game immensely all the while.

Much in the fashion of artists such as Ryan Adams or Ray LaMontagne, Spektor is excellent at using her voice in virtually every fashion imaginable. Whether it's a near inaudible whisper of painful remembrance in "That Time's" or a rousing call in "Samson's" ("Oh we couldn't bring the columns down / Yeah we couldn't destroy a single one / And this history books forgot about us / And the bible didn't mention us / Not even once"), Spektor has mastered her understanding and employment of the subtle complexities of the voice to most accurately convey the ideas she's decided to sing about.

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Begin To Hope

Regina Spektor

Released by: Sire

Recommended Tracks: "On The Radio," "Samson's" and "Fidelity"



For average Joe, rock-stardom is just a guitar store away

Anybody can be a rock star. All it takes is a beat-up amp and an electric guitar. Or so the thousands of people who have taught themselves how to rock like Jimmi Hendrix would have you believe. Learning to play the guitar has become an increasingly easy task. With the resources of the Internet and the surplus of readily available instruments, guitar-godliness is just a strum or two away.

Naturally, learning the guitar starts with obtaining the instrument, and there are several ways to go about this. Start by checking with family members. You might



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be surprised to find your dad has a 1972 Fender Strat tucked away in the attic, proving to you that his college afro haircut wasn't just for show. If you're not so lucky to have a dad who is more rock 'n' roll than rocking chair, then your next best bet is a used-instrument store. Many places carry reasonably priced (think \$75 - \$125) guitars that will more than fulfill the needs of the fledgling guitarist. When, and more importantly if, you start to outplay your equipment, then you can spend the big bucks on a thousand dollar guitar and amp combo.

Whether you go acoustic or electric is up to you and your specific needs and musical preferences: Try acoustic for John Mayer-esque quad concerts for a lucky lady and electric for spine-tingling solos.

Now the next step: choosing lessons or the do-it-yourself approach. Lessons are always a pricey endeavor. Other problems

include getting burnt out by not learning the music you really want to play and having to work around a difficult schedule. Often, teaching yourself is the best route for the new guitarist. Save lessons for when you are trying to get over a particular big plateau in your playing abilities that is preventing you from becoming the next Clapton or Satriani.

Find yourself an approach that suits your learning style. The best place to do this is, not surprisingly, the Internet. Some sites advocate finding a difficult piece and working with it until you can play it. This approach will only work for those people with a decent amount of musical talent and the patience of a saint.

Other sites say to start with the basics — finger position, simple chords, and scales — and work with them until they've been mastered. Then work your way onto easy songs like "Free Falling" by Tom Petty, "Take It Easy" by The

Eagles, or any other work following a simple chord progression.

The next step is the longest — and the most trying. I'm talking 'bout practice. Practice, practice, practice.

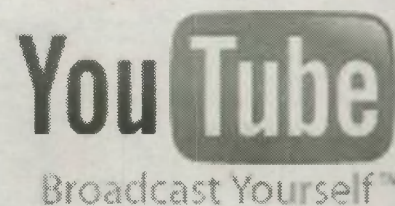
When you're done practicing, practice some more. Learning the guitar is a time-consuming and frustrating task, but the fruits of your labor will be great. All guitar enthusiasts get annoyed by difficult pieces and chords they can't quite play, but conquering that struggle will be immensely satisfying. Stick with it through the difficult times, and soon you'll be on your way to rock-star status.

Now, if only you can find those leather pants.

The views expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Scene's Top Video Picks



Iran So Far



Another SNL digital short along the lines of the now infamous Justin Timberlake skit, this time around a farce about Iran's president.

Mantage



A tribute to all things manly, ranging from bear wrestling to chopping firewood. This is a video that can be enjoyed by men and women alike.

Minesweeper: The Movie



For anyone who has ever played the classic game "Minesweeper," this video will hit close to home.

Super Mario Guitar



What do you get when you combine two guitars and the most famous video game intro music of all time? This video.

Man Skips Stone 51 Times



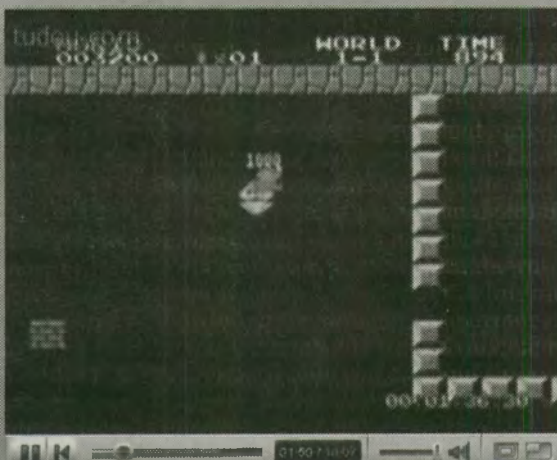
Remember that time when you skipped a stone four times and you were really proud of yourself? Well, Russell Byars skips a stone 50-plus times in this video.

Boom Goes the Dynamite



This clip is from a Ball State student newscast, and features a very nervous (and funny) sportscaster giving it his best shot. An oldie but a goodie.

Hardest Mario Mod Part 1



This video is a hilarious clip of a very angry guy trying to conquer a glitch-filled game that is worse than Ann Coulter and an R.L. Stein book combined.

Elizabeth Taylor On Marriage Rumors



Elizabeth Taylor addresses the rumors about a possible marriage with some interesting results. How many marriages is it now? 10? 11?

NFL

Giants cruise over Falcons

Manning leads New York to easy win over struggling Atlanta

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The New York Giants are on another roll. Now, they've got to sustain it.

Eli Manning passed for 303 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Giants to their fourth straight win, 31-10 over the hapless Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

The Giants (4-2) took control after a wild first quarter in which the teams combined for 24 points. New York scored the final 24 points to send the Michael Vick-less Falcons tumbling to their fifth loss in six games.

"I felt good throwing the ball," said Manning, who completed 12 straight at one point in the first half. "I was getting opportunities in a timely fashion. I was spreading the ball around to all receivers."

The Giants have bounced back after starting the season with losses to Dallas and Green Bay, but they must be mindful of the collapse that knocked them out of the playoffs a year ago.

A five-game winning streak had the Giants at 6-2 midway through the 2006 season, but they managed just two more wins the rest of the way.

Maybe that's why coach Tom Coughlin didn't sound all that enthused.

"I thought sometimes we did play well offensively, and then sometimes we did not," he said. "There were some issues."

Manning threw a pair of touchdown passes and set up another New York TD with three straight completions, which lessened the damage of two interceptions and losing a fumble when John Abraham knocked the ball loose just before the quarterback's arm went forward.

It also helped to be playing the Falcons, who are averaging just 13.2 points a game.

"They are a good defensive football team," Coughlin said. "They have some problems, obviously, on the offensive side of the ball."

Manning was 27-of-39 and put up his highest total since a 312-yard performance against the Cowboys in Week 1.

He hooked up with Amani Toomer on a 5-yard scoring pass in the back-and-forth opening period. Before the half was done, Manning went deep for a 43-yard touchdown to Plaxico Burress that gave the Giants a 21-10 lead; Burress turned to the crowd and bowed after getting wide open down



Giants quarterback Eli Manning avoids Falcons linebacker Keith Brooking Monday in New York's 31-10 win in Atlanta.

the middle.

The Falcons have little reason to take a bow. Their offense is dreadful, a striking contrast to the high-scoring teams that Bobby Petrino coached in college.

Playing behind a patched-up line, Joey Harrington was sacked four times, had several passes deflected at the line and did plenty of scrambling to avoid New York's fearsome pass rush, which had tied a league record with 12 sacks of Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb two weeks earlier.

The Falcons, who were starting two new tackles because of injuries, actually did a better-than-expected job keeping Osi Umenyiora, Michael Strahan & Co. away from Harrington. That was largely because Harrington went with quick drops and short passes, not leaving much time to open up the passing game.

"Eventually, they started to dominate the line of scrimmage," Petrino said. "We couldn't sustain the run and execute the passing game."

After yanking Harrington the previous week in favor of Byron Leftwich, the Falcons didn't have a backup plan against the Giants. Leftwich, who signed with Atlanta after Week 2, was designated as the third quarterback because of a sore ankle, and backup Chris Redman has not played in a game since

2003.

"Byron probably could have gone in there and played," Petrino said. "But missing two days of practice when he's only been here a month, that would have been hard to do. We decided to stick with Joey and see what he could do."

Not much. Harrington was 18-of-39 for 209 yards, putting him in danger of losing another starting job after he was already deposited in Detroit and Miami. The Falcons were totally inept after their quick start, managing 159 yards and nine first downs over the final three quarters, most of them coming after the Giants already had put the game away.

"When they pop in that film," Strahan said, "I don't want them to say the defensive line didn't give it everything we had."

Redman did start warming up at one point late in the first half after Harrington was shaken up on a sack by Antonio Pierce, but the starter was able to stay in the game, much to the chagrin of Atlanta fans who still miss Vick.

When another Falcons possession fizzled with about 10 minutes remaining, the red-clad fans at the Georgia Dome delivered one last round of boos and headed for the exits, leaving a healthy contingent of New York fans to cheer on their team the rest of the way.

Even at 43, Testaverde still has what it takes

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Vinny Testaverde was excited and nervous.

When he signed last Wednesday with the Carolina Panthers, the 43-year-old thought he could still play. But he wasn't sure he'd gain the respect of his teammates.

"Not having the support of the players was a worry of mine," Testaverde said Monday. "Dealing with me being 43 years old and the players looking at me and saying, 'Hey, how is this guy going to help us? He's 43. He's not going to be able to do it.'"

"I wanted to show them through practice and certainly through the game that I was capable of holding up my end of the bargain."

He has nothing to worry about anymore. Except perhaps being involved in a quarterback controversy.

The man nicknamed "Dad" by his teammates led the Panthers to a 25-10 win at Arizona on Sunday despite not knowing all his teammates' names. An emergency fill-in with Jake Delhomme out for the season with an elbow injury and David Carr nursing a sore back, Testaverde learned enough of the offense in four days to become the third-oldest quarterback to start an NFL game and the oldest to win one.

A guy who spent the previous Sunday at home watching games on TV completed 20 of 33 passes for 206 yards, including the go-ahead 65-yard touchdown pass to Steve Smith in the fourth quarter. Testaverde, who hadn't thrown a ball in more than five weeks until Wednesday's practice, didn't throw an interception as the Panthers moved to 4-2 heading into their bye week.

"It's a pretty good feeling to be called upon on short notice, not really knowing your personnel, what players are capable of doing, and going out and winning the football game," Testaverde said.

The old body held up pretty well, too. Testaverde said he felt "not too bad" as he lifted weights and did some light running Monday.

Meanwhile, Vinnymania had gripped the Carolinas. Fans were calling into radio shows Monday urging that Testaverde, who turns 44 next month, start ahead of Carr on Oct. 28 against Indianapolis.

Coach John Fox wasn't available to reporters Monday, and Testaverde isn't sure of his role.

"I have no clue. There has

been no conversation with me," Testaverde said. "Whatever the decision is, I'm here to help in any way I can."

Entering his 21st season, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1987 draft was cut by New England before the season. He returned home to Long Island and thought he'd get a call from the Patriots to rejoin them later in the season as insurance.

But then there was a rash of quarterback injuries around the league, and general manager Marty Hurney acknowledged Monday signing Testaverde involved some luck.

Hurney was scrambling to find a QB after it was learned Delhomme would undergo season-ending elbow surgery and Carr was questionable with a back injury.

Hurney looked at the thin list of available QBs and thought Testaverde was the best option.

"If anybody could come in on Wednesday and be effective on Sunday, certainly it would be him," Hurney said.

But then Hurney learned Testaverde was going to sign with Arizona, and crossed him off the list.

A day later, Panthers strength and conditioning coach Jerry Simmons, a friend of Testaverde from their days together in Cleveland in the 1990s, called to congratulate him on going to the Cardinals. Testaverde told Simmons he'd changed his mind because of the distance he'd be from his family in New York.

Simmons relayed the information to Hurney. He immediately called Testaverde, who said he'd be interested in coming to Carolina because it was on the East Coast.

Testaverde flew to Charlotte early Wednesday, took his physical, signed his one-year contract and was taken on a golf cart to the practice field just as the workout began.

Testaverde had some familiarity with the offense because coordinator Jeff Davidson once worked under Bill Belichick in New England. But learning the system in four days was a monumental task.

He returned few phone calls and missed the Testaverde old man jokes from Jay Leno and others on TV to study the playbook and watch film.

"Our players noticed he had DVDs and was watching cutups on the flight out to Arizona, preparing," Hurney said. "Our players just got the opportunity to see how a guy prepares mentally and physically that's been in the league as long as Vinny has."

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NCAA Women's Volleyball Coaches Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Nebraska	16-0	1
2	Penn State	16-2	3
3	Stanford	17-1	2
4	USC	16-2	6
5	Washington	17-1	8
6	Texas	12-3	7
7	UCLA	15-3	4
8	Wisconsin	16-1	9
9	California	14-4	10
10	Florida	16-1	5
11	Hawaii	15-3	12
12	Dayton	21-0	14
13	Minnesota	12-6	11
14	Kansas State	14-5	16
15	Michigan	16-4	15
16	San Diego	14-5	17
17	Duke	14-4	13
18	New Mexico State	17-3	20
19	Oregon	14-6	19
20	Ohio	15-4	21
21	Colorado State	13-4	23
22	St. John's	21-3	22
23	Oklahoma	15-4	25
24	Cai Poly	11-7	24
25	LSU	15-4	18

NCAA Field Hockey Coaches Poll

	team	record	previous
1	North Carolina	14-0	1
2	Maryland	14-0	2
3	Wake Forest	7-4	4
4	Iowa	11-2	5
5	Michigan	9-4	6
6	Connecticut	12-2	3
7	Michigan State	11-4	7
8	James Madison	11-2	8
9	Penn State	9-4	9
10	Old Dominion	8-5	13
11	Duke	7-6	12
12	Boston College	8-5	10
13	Louisville	9-5	17
14	Ohio	10-4	11
15	American	10-3	15
16	Albany	11-3	16
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18	Virginia	7-6	19
19	Villanova	9-3	NR
20	Delaware	9-6	18

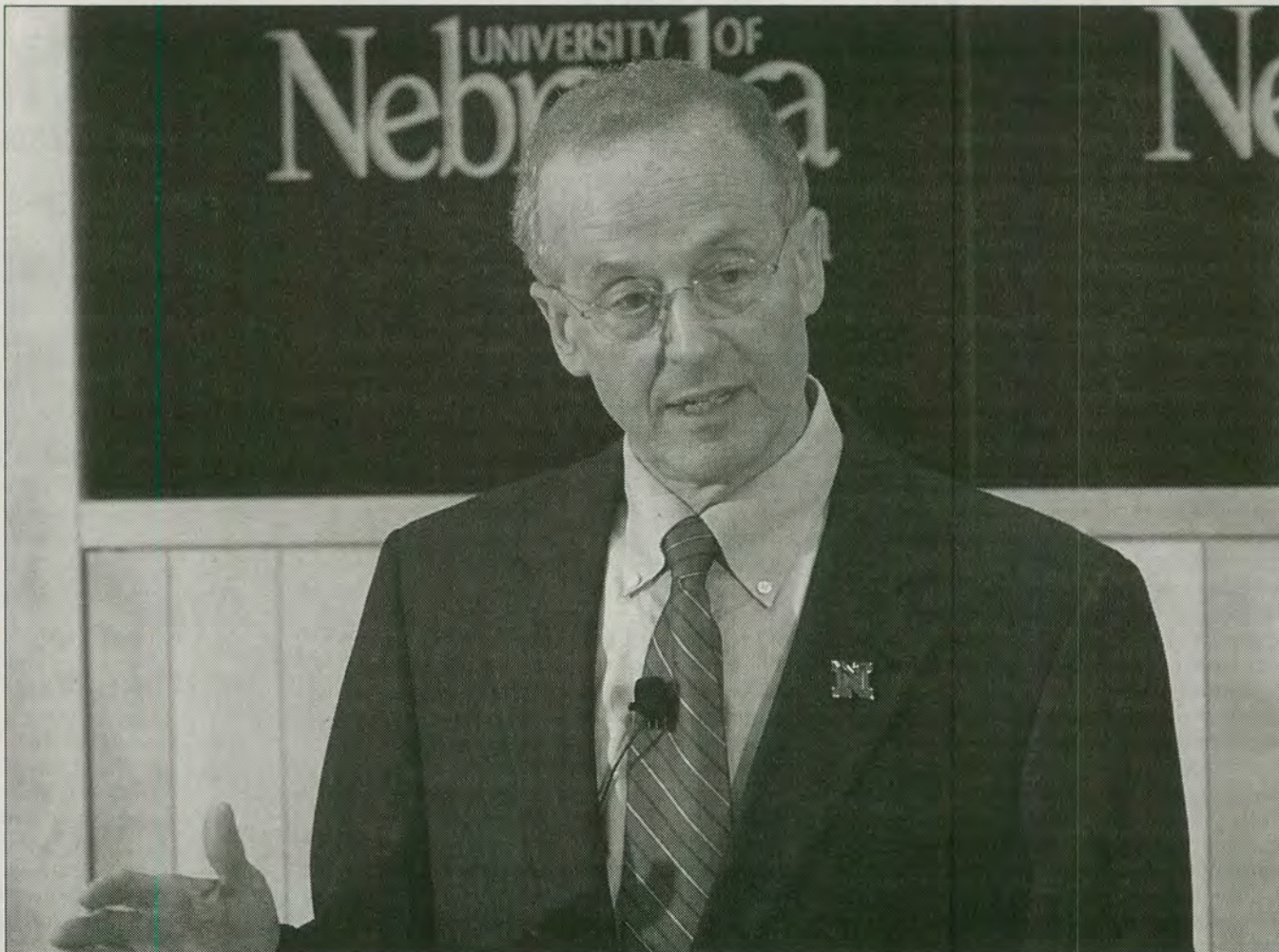
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team	league	overall
Calvin	5-0-0	10-3-1
Hope	4-1-0	8-6-1
Albion	3-1-1	9-2-2
Kalamazoo	3-1-1	8-3-2
SAINT MARY'S	2-2-2	6-3-4
Adrian	2-4-0	5-9-1
Alma	2-4-0	7-6-1
Olivet	1-4-1	6-7-2
Tri-State	0-5-0	0-12-2

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MLB PLAYOFFS
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NCAA FOOTBALL



University of Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlman speaks at a news conference Monday. Perlman fired athletic director Steve Pederson after Nebraska suffered a second straight lopsided loss, falling to Oklahoma State 45-14.

Nebraska fires athletic director after loss

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson was fired Monday, two days after the school's once-mighty football team was rocked with its worst home loss in nearly a half-century.

Pederson, along with coach Bill Callahan, has been heavily criticized after a series of one-sided losses this season. The most recent was a 45-14 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday with former Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne and his 1997 national title team in attendance.

Callahan's job is appar-

ently safe for now. Chancellor Harvey Perlman said the next athletic director would decide the fate of the football staff.

Over the past two weeks, the Huskers (4-3) have lost by a combined score of 86-20, dropping a 41-6 decision at Missouri two weeks ago.

"There is no joy in my heart for having to do this," Perlman said. He said it would cost at least \$2.2 million to buy Pederson out of his contract.

At the end of the July, Pederson's contract was renewed for five years, but this season has been a nightmare for the most

part. Even in victory — a 41-40 nail-biter against Ball State — the Huskers' defense was far from the force it used to be.

For the first time in their 118-year history, the Cornhuskers have allowed at least 40 points four times in a season.

"You make the best decision you can with the information you have," Perlman said.

The chancellor also said since July he's noticed a decline in morale and growing concern about keeping key personnel in the athletic department.

Paul Meyers, a key fundraiser, was among several peo-

ple who departed.

Several people came forward with concerns about Pederson's management style and his connection with staff, donors and athletes, Perlman said.

"Every one of you thinks this is because of a football game that was played last Saturday," Pederson said. "It may well be that the vulnerability of the football program encouraged people to come forward when prior to that they had not."

A search for an interim athletic director has begun, with the next step to find a permanent replacement.

IN BRIEF

Pereiro gets yellow jersey from Landis for 2006 Tour

MADRID, Spain — Oscar Pereiro finally got his hands on the winner's yellow jersey from the 2006 Tour de France on Monday.

"Finally, we have a winner and it's Oscar," Tour director Christian Prudhomme said. "Oscar, you have won the Tour out on the road."

The Spaniard moved up from second to first after the disqualification of Floyd Landis for doping.

"I have the feeling of arriving at the end of a thriller, after having spent 14 months thinking about it and not being able to concentrate as I should have on my job," Pereiro said. "It is essentially a kind of release."

The International Cycling Union formally declared Pereiro the winner on Sept. 21, one day after a U.S. arbitration panel voted 2-1 to remove the title from Landis for using synthetic testosterone during the Tour.

Injured Bulger to start for winless Rams

ST. LOUIS — Watching the winless St. Louis Rams lose two more games while he nursed two broken ribs was long enough on the sidelines for Marc Bulger. It'll be months before those injuries heal, but his beat-up team needs him.

Bulger said Monday he plans to return to the lineup this week, and coach Scott Linehan said the quarterback would be cleared to play at Seattle.

"Yeah, I'm playing," Bulger said. "I'm ready now after standing around for two weeks. They definitely feel a little better, but I haven't been hit."

Bulger said he couldn't worry about compounding those injuries.

"I don't think we have an option right now," he said. "It doesn't matter if it's smart, I think I have to."

Bryant sits out of second straight preseason practice

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant sat out practice for the second straight day Monday because of a sore knee, and said he didn't know if he'd play in the Los Angeles Lakers' next exhibition game.

The Lakers face the Seattle SuperSonics on Thursday night in Bakersfield — the first of six exhibition games in nine days.

Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson said Bryant asked to rest his legs, adding that treatment included ice and massage. Bryant wasn't available to the media afterward, but before leaving the Lakers' practice facility, he expressed uncertainty concerning Thursday night, saying he would continue treatment.

Bryant has said very little to reporters since team owner Jerry Buss said last week in Honolulu that he "would certainly listen" to trade offers for the Lakers' star.

NHL

Ward slims down, shines for 'Canes

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cam Ward lost about 20 pounds. What he hasn't lost lately are many games.

A winner of four straight starts, Carolina's slimmed-down goalie has yet to lose in regulation and has emerged as a big reason for the first-place Hurricanes' quick start this season.

Six months ago, the Hurricanes became just the third team in the modern era to drop from Stanley Cup champions to playoff no-shows. Now, with a revitalized, lighter Ward in net, they lead the Southeast Division and are out to prevent their postseason fate from being determined in the season's final weeks.

"You'd hate to look back at your season and wish in the early season that you had a better game here or there, or I could have gotten a win here or there," Ward said Monday. "Every game is huge. It's not just about the second half or the last week, trying to get into the playoffs. It's what you do throughout the entire season that really matters."

So far, all of Ward's numbers

this season are better than last year's totals — including his weight.

After playing the past two seasons — and winning the 2006 Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoff MVP — at around 200 pounds, Ward said he most recently weighed in at 177.

Sleeker and quicker, Ward has allowed just nine goals on the 156 shots he has faced through five games, and his save percentage of .942 ranks fifth in the league. His goals-against average of 1.79 is more than a goal better than it was last season, and ranks second among goalies who have played at least four games.

He's one of three goalies with at least four wins so far, with his lone blemish a season-opening overtime loss to Montreal. Only Ottawa's Martin Gerber (192) has more saves than Ward's 147.

And, he was the backbone of the Hurricanes' three-game swing through eastern Canada last week, helping Carolina sweep Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal by a combined score of 15-5 — a performance that led the NHL to name him its No. 1 star of the week.

NFL

Titans' Young day to day after MRI on leg

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans are hoping quarterback Vince Young is a fast healer.

Young had an MRI exam Monday to check out his strained right quadriceps muscle. The results of the test weren't immediately available, and coach Jeff Fisher said Young would be considered day to day.

Tight end Bo Scaife saw the quarterback walking around Monday and thought Young looked like he was fine. One healing factor could come from the schedule. The Titans (3-2) visit Young's hometown Sunday and the team, the Texans (3-3), that passed him over in the 2006 draft.

"He loves it down there, and they love him down there," said Scaife, Young's college teammate at Texas. "I think there's nothing more for him to be able to play. I'm sure he's going to do everything he can to try to see that it happens."

Fisher said the test was to determine the best course of treatment for the 2006 Offensive Rookie of the Year who was injured at the end of a 2-yard run to the sideline midway through the third quarter of Sunday's 13-10 loss to Tampa Bay.

"He could not practice today," Fisher said. "If we had practice today, he'd be sore. But it's not as bad as we thought. So he'll be day to day, and our treatment path will be to try to get him

back on the practice field as fast as we can."

The Titans will be without receiver Brandon Jones on Sunday. Fisher said the third-year receiver had arthroscopic surgery on his knee Monday and will be out a week or two. Jones hurt his right knee on Oct. 7 in a 20-13 win against Atlanta.

But the Titans have a handful of healthy receivers led by Eric Moulds, Roydell Williams and Justin Gage. The health of the quarterback who has led Tennessee to nine victories in its last 12 games is what matters most.

"No question we're definitely concerned about our leader on offense," linebacker David Thornton said. "We need him. He's a guy who's going to make plays and continue to make plays. We hope the MRI shows it's not a situation where he's going to be out for an extended period of time."

The injury has the Titans considering some roster moves with Kerry Collins the only other quarterback. Tim Rattay was in training camp, but was released Sept. 1 and signed with Arizona, where he played much of Sunday's loss to Carolina. Ingle Martin, a Nashville native and Green Bay's fifth-round draft pick in 2006, is on the practice squad.

Punter Josh Miller could be cut to make room for a third quarterback because Craig Hentrich has punted the two weeks since a sore back kept him out of a game Sept. 24.

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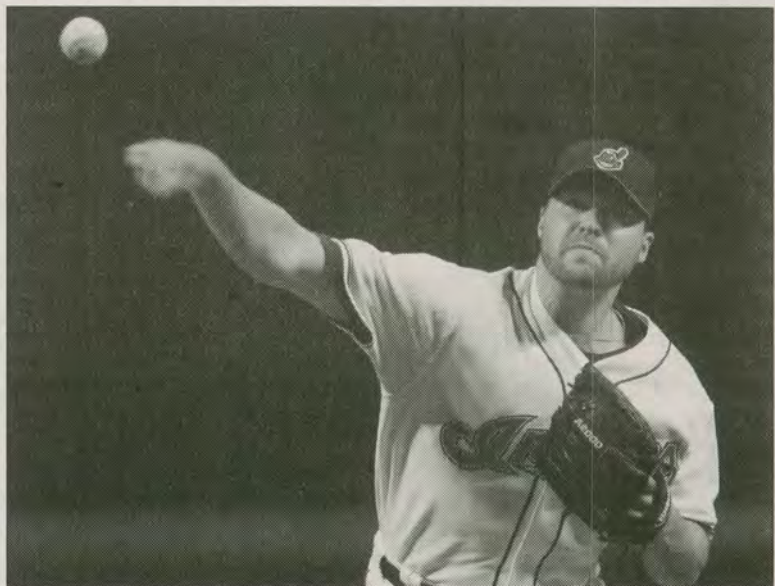
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ALCS

Strong pitching leads Indians over Red Sox



Indians starter Jake Westbrook delivers Monday against the Red Sox in Cleveland's 4-2 win over Boston.

*Westbrook stars as
Tribe wins at home,
takes 2-1 series lead*

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Not their best. Not even second best. Jake Westbrook, right at home in the Jake, was exactly what the Cleveland Indians needed.

Westbrook, an often overlooked third wheel in the rotation, kept Boston grounded for nearly seven innings Monday night, leading the Indians to a 4-2 win over the Red Sox and a 2-1 lead in the AL championship series.

The laid-back right-hander, who missed a big chunk of the season with an injury, doesn't possess the overpowering stuff of either C.C. Sabathia or Fausto Carmona — Cleveland's two aces who flopped badly in Games 1 and 2 at Fenway Park — or their stellar reputations.

But Westbrook does have a devastating sinkerball, and oh my, how it sunk the Red Sox.

Backed by an early homer from old pro Kenny Lofton, Westbrook took a shutout into the seventh inning.

Game 4 on Tuesday night will feature two soft tossers: Cleveland's Paul Byrd, with his old-school windup, and Boston's Tim Wakefield, the 41-year-old knuckleballing master.

Boston grounded into three double plays, two of them by October's scariest twosome — David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez. They combined for something more unusual — Ramirez's grounder nailed Big Papi in the leg on the basepaths for an out that helped Westbrook.

In all, Westbrook got 14 of 19 outs on balls the Red Sox pounded weakly into the manicured grass and infield dirt at Jacobs Field, which hosted its first ALCS game since 1998. Back then, Westbrook was in Montreal's minor league system perfecting a pitch that drops, dips and darts as it approaches home plate.

The Red Sox couldn't do anything with it until the seventh, when Jason Varitek hit a two-run homer.

Jensen Lewis relieved with a runner on and struck out rookie Dustin Pedroia to end the inning. Rafael Betancourt worked a perfect eighth and Joe Borowski, the AL saves leader, pitched a rare 1-2-3 ninth.

Lofton, with a baseball passport stamped by 11 teams over 17 seasons, handed Westbrook an early lead with a two-run homer in the second inning off Daisuke Matsuzaka. Cleveland added two more runs in the fifth against the high-priced Japanese import, whom the Red Sox invested more than \$100 million in to pitch in games like this.

By comparison, Westbrook was a bargain at \$33 million for the Indians, who locked him up in April for three more years before he had a chance to test the free-agent market after this season.

Westbrook then spent seven weeks on the disabled list with a side injury and didn't find his groove until August, when he went 4-1 with a 1.90 ERA. But even then, Westbrook, who lost to the Red Sox on July 23, wasn't expected to shut down Boston.

Westbrook was in complete control until J.D. Drew grounded a one-out single to center in the seventh. Varitek followed with a homer to center, bringing the Red Sox to 4-2.

The homer ended Boston's 13-inning scoreless streak, a drought that began in the sixth inning of Game 2 on Saturday night.

Westbrook struck out Coco Crisp but when Julio Lugo beat out an infield single, manager Eric Wedge pulled his gutty starter, who received a thunderous ovation from the towel-waving crowd of 44,402 as he jogged to the dugout.

Lofton, a 40-year-old who could still pass as a twentysomething, gave the Indians a 2-0 lead in the second with his seventh career postseason homer.

Ryan Garko singled with one out, and with two down, Lofton, traded back for his third stint with the Indians in July, turned on Matsuzaka's first pitch and sent it on a low trajectory and barely over the right-field wall.

After high-fiving delirious teammates, Lofton, whose every move has been cheered since he returned to Cleveland, came out and tipped his helmet to the adoring crowd.

The Red Sox ran themselves out of a potential scoring opportunity in the fourth.

Ortiz ended an 0-for-8 drought vs. Westbrook with an opposite-field double off the wall in left, but then was struck on the leg when he inexplicably broke for third on a hard-hit grounder.

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NFL

Pair of co-defendants accept deals in O.J. case

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two men who cut plea deals Monday in a Las Vegas heist that authorities say O.J. Simpson masterminded could hamper the former football star's defense, but the men's dubious backgrounds could give prosecutors problems.

The question will be whether prosecutors can build a strong enough case against Simpson on the words of his cohorts or whether the testimony will be eroded through contradictions and cross-examination targeting the unsavory background of his co-defendants.

"It's a defense lawyer's dream to cross-examine these witnesses," said Laurie Levenson, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a former federal prosecutor. "You can put someone up before a firing squad and the squad members can start shooting at each other."

At this point, prosecutors appear to have the upper hand. Two of Simpson's co-defendants, one a former friend, agreed to testify against him in return for drastically reduced charges.

"It's always a prosecutor's strategy to go after the little fish to get to the big fish," said lawyer Edward Miley, who represents defendant Charles Cashmore. "In this, it seems to be that O.J. Simpson is the big fish."

A lawyer for Walter Alexander, a former golf buddy of Simpson's who plans to testify against him, said he hasn't been in trouble in a decade.

But he and Cashmore have histories of run-ins with the law.

Cashmore, 40, who said he will plead guilty to being an accessory to robbery, was charged with felony theft in a 1996 embezzlement case in Provo, Utah, pleaded guilty and bargained the charge to a misdemeanor and probation.

Alexander, 46, said he will plead guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery. He was arrested in Los Angeles in 1987 for kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon, but the charges were dismissed because a witness refused to identify the culprit, court records show.

Charges against Simpson and three others include kidnapping, armed robbery, assault, burglary and conspiracy. A preliminary hearing for them is scheduled Nov. 8 and 9.

Cashmore and Alexander waived their right to a preliminary hearing.

Their brushes with the law will be fodder for cross-examination, as will their roles in the Sept. 13 confrontation in a Las Vegas hotel room where Simpson has said he went to retrieve items that belonged to him from a group of memorabilia peddlers.

Simpson's Las Vegas attorney, Gabriel Grasso, said he wasn't surprised that some of Simpson's co-defendants are getting reduced charges to testify against the athlete-turned-actor.

"I never thought this would be anything but an O.J. case and only O.J.," he said.

Grasso said he expects the



Charles Cashmore, a co-defendant in the O.J. Simpson robbery case, announces Monday his plan to plead guilty. Simpson faces kidnapping, armed robbery, assault and burglary charges.

prosecution to argue that, "In a den of thieves, you have thieves as witnesses." But he stressed, "That does not include O.J."

Some of the other men in the room had felony convictions, including Tom Riccio, the man who set up the meeting and taped it but was granted immunity and not charged. He is expected to be a key witness.

Prosecutor David Roger has not outlined his strategy and declined comment on it outside court Monday.

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr., who represented acquitted defendants Michael

Jackson and Robert Blake in cases that turned on witness credibility, said the move by co-defendants to plead out and testify to save themselves shows the prosecution's motive is to get Simpson.

"This might feed into the idea of a setup," he said. "They set him up in the hotel room and tape recorded it and

now they're setting him up in court."

Simpson's celebrity and the fact that many feel he was wrongly acquitted in 1995 of murdering his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, could weigh heavily against him and may emerge as the dominant theme in the case.



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six-game winning streak, the Irish have averaged 3.7 goals per game. Twice they have scored at least five times, and only once have they scored less than three.

Part of the offensive production is due to junior forward Brittany Bock, who has a five-game goal streak and nine total goals during those games. But with Cinalli out and Weissenhofer seeing limited playing time, freshman forward Rose Augustin shoulders a larger burden.

Augustin has started four games this season, against Stanford, DePaul, Penn State and Cincinnati, averaging between 30 and 40 minutes off the bench when not starting. She had a goal against both Cincinnati and Syracuse, but did not score until Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over Villanova Sunday. Although Augustin played only 38 minutes off the bench against the Wildcats, she scored two goals and had an assist.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum said Augustin wasn't ready for the rigors of college play when she first arrived on campus.

"She was used to sitting in the box and waiting for the ball to come to her," Waldrum said. "We needed her to get more touches, and if they weren't there, to cre-

ate more touches."

The coaches talked to her about finding ways to get the ball and create scoring opportunities, Waldrum said, and she has since become a much better player.

Waldrum said Augustin's improvement in attacking the ball was the main reason her role increased in the absence of Cinalli and Weissenhofer.

"She's really done a good job of attacking the ball," Waldrum said.

The "very low-maintenance" Augustin was even-keeled when forced to accept a new role, he said.

Eventually, Weissenhofer and Cinalli will return, but Waldrum said having too many good players is a dilemma he is used to and prefers.

"I've coached both sides, and I'd much rather have too many good players than too few," he said. "It's a good coaching problem to have."

Waldrum said Cinalli and Weissenhofer will play when they return, but they must perform well.

"When Weissenhofer comes back, she will play, but she'll have to challenge Augustin," he said. "You have to go with the player who's hot."

After she notched five points against the Wildcats, it is clear Augustin is just that.

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Tri-State

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unfamiliar positions.

But those changes have sometimes had a silver lining. Moving defenders Justine Higgins, Bridget Ronayne and Katy Durkin forward has helped produce several goals for the Belles.

MacKenzie said she wants her team to focus on its own play rather than Tri-State's record.

"[We want to] play our game tomorrow, not to the level of our opponent," MacKenzie said. "We have a lot of things we can work on within the context of the game so I expect that there will be certain things we key on."

MacKenzie said several

players, including sophomore midfielder Sammi Goudreau, have improved significantly and should help the team for the remainder of the season.

"Her last couple games have been tremendous and her contributions immeasurable," MacKenzie said of Goudreau.

In wins over strong conference rivals Kalamazoo and Adrian, the Belles showed they could compete against some of the top MIAA squads. MacKenzie hopes the Belles continue to add to some of their early-season success.

"I feel like there is a lot of good soccer in us and we have not fully tapped the full potential of our team," MacKenzie said. "We are capable of playing much better and more consistently."

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CLUB SPORTS

Squads continue seasons

Riders head to Purdue show; field hockey team loses 3-2

Special to The Observer

Equestrian

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's equestrian club opened IHSA competition this weekend in a show hosted by Purdue. Kelley Daniels was the reserve high point rider. Despite featuring many new members this year, the club managed a fifth-place finish at the show.

Lauren Desrosiers placed third in open fences, the best showing for the club in the advanced competition. Daniels won in novice fences, with teammates

Katie Pietrucha, Heather LaDue and Jen Gilardi finishing third, fourth and fifth, respectively. Daniels also earned first place in novice flat. Laura Hale took second, LaDue was third, Andrea Kochert finished fifth and Maria Cardoso and Gilardi tied for sixth in that event.

Krista Jones gave the Irish their best performance in intermediate flat, riding to fourth place. Laura Divil finished sixth in advanced walk-trot-canter and Katrina Stewart also took sixth in walk-trot. In beginning walk-trot-canter, Catherine Germer and Tiffany Olier took second and third, respectively, to complete the Irish scoring.

The club will next compete Nov. 10-11 at Saint Mary's of the Woods College.

Field hockey

A shorthanded Irish fell 3-2 to Miami (Ohio) this Sunday at Riehle field. With only one substitute available at the beginning of the game, an injury early in the second half left the squad with little relief. The Irish scored the only two goals of the first half, by Danielle Fedele and freshman Suzie Carlsen. Both scores were unassisted.

But in the second half, fatigue showed as the Red Hawks sent wave after wave of fresh players onto the field. Miami scored all three of its goals in the last six minutes of the game. The game-winner came with about a minute left.

Catherine Duffy was in goal for the Irish and finished with nine saves.

MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

O'Neill tames Dawgs for first win

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI and ANDY ZICCARRELLI

Sports Writers

O'Neill got its first win of the season in dramatic fashion Sunday, beating Alumni 7-6.

Both teams came into the game winless — Alumni at 0-2 and O'Neill at 0-3 — but the energy on both sidelines was high.

O'Neill's offense had trouble holding onto the ball early on. After driving 25 yards in its first eight plays, the Mob's opening drive was cut short when Alumni junior line-backer Matt Tehrani intercepted senior quarterback Chris Stroh's first pass attempt.

After forcing the Dawgs offense to an opening-drive three-and-out, the Mob committed its second turnover. This time, Stroh was sacked as he tried to roll out of the pocket and fumbled. The loose ball was picked up and returned for a touchdown, giving Alumni the 6-0 lead.

"Coming out quickly and getting that score was big for us," Alumni senior defensive end Jason Nagle said. "However, we knew we couldn't just sit back on a six-point lead."

Stroh also sustained an injury to his left (non-throwing) shoulder on the play, forcing the Mob to play freshman Bobby Powers. Normally, switching quarterbacks mid-game is something to be avoided. But, as O'Neill senior captain Pat Conley explained later, this was something the Mob is used to.

"Throughout the season we've been able to play with both quarterbacks," Conley said. "Our team has not been quarterback-based, and we know they can both run the offense effectively."

After the switch, the teams traded possessions for the remainder of the first half.

But Nagle said he noticed optimism in his team at halftime.

"There was a feeling of confidence on the sideline at half; however we knew we had to keep up the intensity to come

out with the win," he said. "O'Neill is a team better than their record would show and we didn't want to give them a chance."

As the second half began, Conley noticed something different from previous weeks — an attitude that could create the chance Alumni was hoping to prevent.

"The whole mood for the second half was that people were having fun," he said. "I don't know what it was but today there was definitely a different sense on the field. When people have fun, good things happen."

After holding the Dawgs to two three-and-outs on their first two drives of the half, O'Neill rode to the end zone — and the lead — on the backs of Powers and senior running back Braden Turner. The two rushers combined for all 44 yards the Mob gained on the opening drive of the fourth quarter, with Powers running for 23 and Turner gaining 21.

The seven-play drive culminated in a 10-yard scamper by Powers into the end zone. The subsequent extra point put the Mob up for good.

Morrissey 20, Dillon 20

Extra points were the deciding factor in Sunday's 20-20 tie between Dillon and Morrissey. Each team scored three touchdowns, but the outcomes of point-after attempts left neither victorious.

Morrissey attempted a two-point conversion after all three touchdowns, converting once, and Dillon attempted a traditional point-after after each of its three touchdowns, converting on twice.

Morrissey took the opening drive 65 yards in 10 plays and scored on a 4-yard touchdown run by senior captain Nick Bencomo.

But Dillon answered on the next drive when sophomore quarterback Joe Garigliano connected on three of four passes on the drive for 50 yards, including a 12-yard scoring strike to sophomore wide receiver Chris Cugliari. The extra point gave the Big Red a 7-6 lead.

"It has just been a matter of time before the offense broke out like this," Dillon captain Alex Duffy said. "Cugliari drew it up like this, and we have been practicing it. It was only a matter of time before we ran it error-free."

But the Dillon lead was short-lived. The Manórites scored on the ensuing drive on a 31-yard halfback pass by running back Danny Deveny. Another failed two-point attempt kept the Morrissey lead at 12-7.

Going into halftime, Duffy knew his team needed to slow down the high-powered Morrissey attack.

"We definitely made some adjustments on the line and some in the secondary as well," Duffy said.

After taking a 14-12 lead on a 5-yard run from Garigliano, the Big Red defense shut down the next Morrissey drive, forcing a fumble.

But Dillon fumbled three plays later, this time with Morrissey recovering the ball on the 1-yard line. Manórites junior quarterback Joe McBrayer sneaked it across the goal line for the score. The ensuing two-point attempt was successful, giving Morrissey a 20-14 lead with seven minutes remaining.

After marching down to the Morrissey 4-yard line, Dillon faced a critical fourth-and-one with one minute left. Duffy called a timeout to strategize with his team.

"We were deciding whether we wanted to do a quarterback sneak or hand it off to me," Duffy said. "I said that we should give it to me. I would get it."

Duffy did just that, plowing forward for the fourth down conversion. He scored on the next play, a 3-yard run that tied the game at 20-20.

Going for the win, Dillon attempted an extra point, but it was blocked by the Morrissey defensive line, keeping the score tied at 20-20.

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Fisher

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Brendan McCarthy fell on the ball in the end zone to cut Siegfried's lead to 7-6.

But the Ramblers quickly struck back, as Garcia found Kelly for a 65-yard score on the first play of the ensuing drive. Kelly broke one tackle near midfield and was in the clear as he headed to the end zone to give the Ramblers a 13-6 lead.

The St. Ed's offense continued to struggle, moving the ball but coming up empty in crucial situations until midway through the fourth quarter. After an Abeling interception was nullified by a roughing the passer penalty, he hit Stedsmen junior receiver Ryan Farrell in the corner of the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown pass.

After the score, St. Ed's coach Cameron Hogue stuck with the daring strategy that had seen the Stedsmen call pass plays on all but one of their offensive plays. St. Ed's elected to attempt the two-point conversion for the win, but Abeling's pass was knocked away in the end zone, securing the Ramblers victory.

"We just came out flat today, but we're a lot better than we played," St. Ed's senior captain Ge Wang said. "If we play like we did in the second half, no one can beat us."

Freshman Mark Costanzo had two interceptions, and fellow freshman Chris Dinkins recorded a sack for a St. Ed's defense that allowed 220 yards.

While the Ramblers may have all but secured a playoff berth, they said they are still looking forward to Wednesday's showdown with Fisher in the regular season finale for both teams.

Fisher 7, Knott 6

Fisher stayed undefeated

Sunday with a 7-6 victory over Knott in a game characterized by turnovers.

The Juggerknotts were unable to string their promising offensive successes together into a complete drive, falling victim to an interception and four fumbles, three of which were lost during the snap from center.

"When you put it on the ground five times, you are going to go down," Knott coach Brian Lohr said.

The game started with a fumbled snap by Knott freshman quarterback Nick Lezynski that gave Fisher excellent field position.

Fisher senior quarterback Kevin Rabil wasted no time driving his offense down the field, connecting on a deep pass to senior receiver Pat Gotebeski to put the Green Wave on the 5-yard line.

Rabil then hooked up with junior receiver John O'Connell for the first score of the game, and the Green Wave converted the extra point to make the score 7-0.

"We were down by the end zone, and we needed a quick pass," Rabil said. "I saw they were playing off and it was open."

O'Connell credited his quarterback's vision for the touchdown pass.

"I saw an opening and got underneath the coverage, and Kevin [Rabil] made a great throw," O'Connell said.

Fisher and Knott then traded turnovers and punts, but an interception by O'Connell ended a promising Knott drive at the end of the first half.

"I was able to watch the quarterback's eyes, and I rolled with him. He overthrew the ball and it was just right there," O'Connell said.

The second half started slowly, with both teams punting and fumbling once before Knott's offense started to show some life.

Lezynski connected deep

down the sideline with sophomore receiver Jeff Skorup for Knott's first and only score.

"I told the team at halftime that if we got into the end-zone we would go for two," Lohr said. "If we were able to convert, it would have taken the heart out of Fisher."

But the Juggerknotts were not able to convert on the two-point try, and Fisher held onto its 7-6 lead.

The Juggerknotts defense forced a punt on Fisher's ensuing possession, but a third dropped snap by Lezynski let Fisher to run out the clock and seal the game.

Knott dropped to 1-3 and is most likely knocked out of playoff contention, but Lohr has confidence for next year.

"We are only graduating three seniors this year," Lohr said. "We'll do well next year."

Fisher's 3-0 start puts it in prime position to grab the No. 1 seed in the playoffs if the Green Wave can beat Siegfried on Thursday.

"It feels great to be undefeated, and we are really happy to be back in the playoffs," Rabil said. "Hopefully, we can carry some of this momentum into the postseason."

Sorin 24, Carroll 0

Sorin kept its slim playoff hopes alive Sunday with a 24-0 victory over Carroll.

The Otters, now 1-2, need a win Wednesday night against Zahm and help from several other teams in order to reach the playoffs.

"We had our backs against the wall and we came out with a real sense of urgency," Sorin captain Ryan Bove said. "We had no turnovers or penalties, and that had been killing us this season."

Against the Vermin, Sorin relied on a power running attack led by sophomore Joe Vittoria, who had 13 carries for 57 yards, and sophomore Rob Gallic, who had 75 yards on 8 rushes.

Bove credited the successful rushing attack to great play by the offensive line.

"Our running backs weren't

making their first contact until four or five yards downfield," Bove said. "The line made a world of difference."

Gallic and Vittoria's rushing, along with a long pass from sophomore quarterback Casey McGushin to freshman receiver Jon Beckerle, helped Sorin drive down the field for a 25-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead.

Carroll struggled to find momentum on offense, going three-and-out on its first drive. Sorin capitalized on the stop, again relying on the sophomore running back duo to lead it down the field. This time, McGushin was able to find sophomore receiver Jeremy Bruck on a quick slant for the touchdown.

Carroll got the ball to start the second half but fumbled on the first play, giving Sorin possession on the Vermin 35-yard line. But the Otters could not get the ball into the end zone, as Carroll made a goal-line stand on fourth down to keep the score at 10-0.

After another punt, McGushin found junior receiver Dan McMahon on the third play of the possession along the right sideline. McMahon caught the pass at the 25-yard line and shook off a Vermin defender to get to the end zone and extend the Otters lead to 17-0.

Sorin scored again on the last play of the game, on another pass from McGushin to Beckerle.

Vermin captain Kyle Kownacki attributed his team's 0-4 season to a lack of adequate practice time.

"Talent-wise, we can hang with anyone in this league," Kownacki said. "But we've got no timing because we've had trouble getting guys to practice."

Bove believes his team has a chance to make the playoffs, and the Otters know they must

triumph on Wednesday night.

"If we win, we have a good chance," Bove said. "We just have to out and win."

Stanford 12, Keough 7

Stanford's miscues nearly cost it the game, but the team overcame two penalties that took touchdowns off the board and defeated Keough 12-7.

"As a team, we feel pretty good about the win," Stanford junior captain Rob Huth said. "That being said, as a team, we all feel like we did not play disciplined football with all the penalties we had and almost gave the game away to Keough."

Keough pounded the ball down Stanford's throat early in the game. But the Griffins' defense eventually solidified and forced a turnover on downs. Stanford senior running back Bryce Fugarino had two long runs on Stanford's opening drive, putting the ball in the end zone on the second of the two. Stanford missed the extra point, leaving the score at 6-0.

Stanford had two chances to put the game away early, but costly penalties nullified two Griffin scores. On the drive following their first score, the Griffins ran a fake

punt that went for a touchdown. But the play was called back because of an illegal formation penalty.

On Keough's next possession, Stanford came up with an interception that led to a lateral, a fumble and a Griffins' recovery for a touchdown. But that score was also called back because of a hold on the return.

Despite the nullified touchdowns, Stanford's 12 points are the most points that the Griffins have scored in a game all season.

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YEAH, I DRANK. SOMETIMES TWELVE, FOURTEEN BEERS IN A SITTING. MY FRIENDS TRIED TO GET ME TO STOP... I'D JUST THROW THE EMPTY BARRELS AT THEM.

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Notre Dame Viewpoint Madlibs

I am writing about the recent (comic strip) that was (adverb) published on (date). I know you must have received (large number) of letters about the comic because of its insensitivity toward (overblown issue). I feel (adverb) about (overblown issue) because my friend during (year of college) was (adjective). (3rd person pronoun) was (past tense verb) because of his/her situation and I have no idea why you guys think it is (adjective) to make fun of. Your comic is (adjective) and (adjective) and you should go (action phrase).

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WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS PLASTIC HAMMER?

YOU'LL THINK OF SOMETHING...

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**

1 Trots

5 Seaweed product

9 Visual movement popularized in the 1960s

14 Twist-apart treat

15 God, for George Burns or Morgan Freeman

16 U.P.S. supply

17 One ...

20 Artist's mishap

21 79, for gold: Abbr.

22 Brenner Pass locale

23 Many a TV clip

25 "i" completer

27 Helpless?

30 Headed out

32 Averse

36 Noted polonaise composer

38 Kind of vaccine

40 Horse course

41 Two ...

44 Prefix with con

45 W.W. I German admiral

46 Rafael's wrap

47 On edge

49 Big atlas section

51 Fateful March date

52 Mother's hermana

54 Cable for money?

56 Iolani Palace locale

59 Simmer (down)

61 "I wanna!"

65 Three ...

68 End of a fight

69 Langston Hughes poem

70 Largest volcano in Europe

71 Athenian lawgiver who introduced trial by jury

72 Big do

73 "Durn it!"
- Down**

1 Writes quickly

2 City near Provo

3 Subject of modern "mapping"

4 Fizzy drinks at a five-and-ten

5 J.F.K. posting: Abbr.

6 Start limping

7 One, two and three ... or this puzzle's title

8 Guide strap

9 Baby docs, briefly

10 It has eyes that can't see

11 1½ rotation leap

12 Bring in the sheaves

13 Tut's kin?

18 Goof

19 O.K. sign

24 Confess (to)

26 Half an old comedy duo

27 Bloodhound's trail

28 "Golly"

29 Access the Web

31 "Don't give up!"

33 In first place

34 Brownish gray

35 Ballyhoos

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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EWING	STEAL	AWAY
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ANTI	AGATES	
LEAST	RESISTANCE	
UNSENT	ICET	
PHONES	ERRANT	
SLATER	ROOF	ELATE
NAMED	IRANI	
ITLL	TALES	OFWOE
PEEL	SLEET	TILL
ESTO	KIDDO	STEM

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- Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

37 Immigrant from Japan

39 Analyze, as ore

42 Grant-giving org.

43 High school course, for short

48 Wall plaster

50 "Yes, you are!" retort

53 Crackerjack

55 Mom's skill, briefly

56 Makes up one's mind (to)

57 Sleek, in auto talk

58 Burglar's booty

60 "You wish!"

62 Prefix with physical

63 Thomas who wrote "The Magic Mountain"

64 Slate, e.g., for short

66 Rooster's mate

67 It goes for a buck

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Answer: What she decided when the eye doctor asked her out — TO "SEE" HIM

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Vanessa Marcil, 38; Sarah Ferguson, 48; Emeril Lagasse, 48; Tanya Roberts, 52

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel, if you must, in order to sign a deal. Someone may pay off a debt owed you. Money is in the stars but don't spend it all at once. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't listen to a fast-talker feeding you a line about an investment. Play it safe where money matters are concerned. Chances are good that someone older or younger in your family will lean on you today. Love is on the rise. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel as if you are in the eye of the storm today. Take a step back and watch everything unfold. You can do your best work after the dust settles. Let your intuition lead you and refuse to make rash decisions. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Work may get you down but it's of utmost importance that you get things finished on time. Someone you meet will turn you on to something that you will enjoy doing. A new hobby or activity will rejuvenate you. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you don't overspend or overindulge, you will gain ground. Someone from your past is likely to surface -- proceed with caution but don't run away. You have something to learn that will help you put a doubt to rest. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have to pace yourself if you want to get ahead. Problems at home may leave you feeling vulnerable. Take precautions but don't hide out. It's better to resolve matters while they are fresh. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try to do things that will not break your bankbook. You should begin a new project or get involved in activities that will stimulate you mentally, physically and emotionally. A change in scenery will do you good. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Business problems will occur if you have trusted someone you should have avoided. Be a quick-change artist and you should be able to outsmart anyone trying to pull a fast one on you. Don't hesitate to make a move or manipulate a situation. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get so wrapped up in what everyone else is doing that you neglect your responsibilities. You won't be able to relax with the changes taking place. Keeping up with everyone may be more difficult than you expect. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your desire for something put you in an awkward financial position. If you can't pay outright, wait until you can. Health issues may arise if you've let yourself get rundown. Take a little time out for yourself. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You know what you have to do to get what you want but don't do so at the expense of someone else. Meddling or getting involved in something you shouldn't will not bring the results you expect. Concentrate on being productive and helpful. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Chances are good that you will miss out on information you require in order to excel. Travel and communication will be dicey, causing mishaps and misunderstandings. Don't overreact. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You are well-rounded, worldly and an inventor. You like to create, develop and do things that are a little different. You are emotional, sensitive and tend to overdo.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Ramblin' men

Siegfried beats St. Ed's as Green Wave sweeps Juggerknotts away

By JARED JEDICK, SAM WERNER, MIKE GOTIMER and MATT GAMBER
Sports Writers

In its first three games, all victories, St. Ed's did not allow freshman quarterback Matt Abeling to be sacked once.

That streak is over.

Abeling was sacked three times and hurried plenty of others in a 13-12 loss to Siegfried Sunday.

"We knew they were going to come out throwing, so we just went after them hard all day," said senior defensive lineman Tom Martin, who recorded a pair of sacks for the Ramblers. "We hadn't gotten as much pressure up front as we would have liked the last few games, but today we got the job done."

Juniors Tom Scrace, who claimed the other Siegfried sack, and Tom Owens, who intercepted an errant Abeling throw, led a defense that shut down a St. Ed's offense that had looked dominant the past three weeks.

"We're really happy with our defense," Martin said. "We gave up a couple of big plays, but that's all they got. We held them in pretty much all day."

The defensive effort, combined with the clock-controlling running of junior Marcus Young (14 carries, 70 yards) and a pair of touchdown catches from senior Kevin Kelly, gave the Stedsmen all they could handle.

"They're smaller than us, and we felt like we could beat them up and just run it down their throats," Young said. "They only had a few guys in the box, so that's what we stuck to all day."

The Ramblers established their efficient passing game early, as freshman quarterback Mike Garcia hit Kelly for a 43-yard completion on Siegfried's second play from scrimmage. Four plays later, freshman fullback Dan Scime took an outside toss then dropped back and threw a strike to Kelly for an 11-yard touchdown.

After a St. Ed's punt pinned the Ramblers back at their own 5-yard line, Siegfried went three-and-out. A mishandled snap on the punt attempt allowed St. Ed's to block the punt, and Stedsmen junior



Siegfried freshman quarterback Mike Garcia rolls out of the pocket during a 13-12 Ramblers victory over St. Ed's Sunday. The Ramblers handed the Stedsmen their first loss of the season.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles take on Albion in final home game of season

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hosts Albion tonight at 7 in the Belles' final match at the Angela Athletic Facility this season. The Belles are sixth in the MIAA standings and hope to pass fifth-place Albion.

With a record of 4-7 in league

play and 9-14 overall, the Belles have had their ups and downs this season. Their record started to spiral downward after a 3-0 loss to Hope on Oct. 4. Saint Mary's then lost to last-place Olivet in a brutal, five-game match.

After going 2-2 in the Millikin Invitational this weekend, the Belles are looking for a win to get back on track.

"Winning is definitely not my

only measure of success. I want this team to step onto the court and compete from start to finish," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We are such a good team, but we just, many times, start slow and then chase the opponent rather than set the standard and make the opponent chase us."

With a record of 5-6 in league play and 8-13 overall, Albion matches up evenly with Saint

Mary's. Setting the pace of the game will be the Belles' top objective against Albion.

"Albion's strength is in their outside attack; they also have some pretty strong servers," Schroeder-Biek said. "When we played them early in the season, they played well as a team and really backed each other up and were scrappy on defense."

A scrappy team can be the

hardest to play against, and Schroeder-Biek is expecting her Belles to meet the challenge.

"Team effort is key in this match," Schroeder-Biek said. "I expect everyone to step their game up. We are in the home stretch and need everyone's full effort."

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Augustin shines for Irish

Freshman sees more time in absence of injured Irish starters

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's recent success has come at a time when two of the team's most prolific scorers are struggling with injuries.

Senior forward and captain Amanda Cinalli missed her third straight game Sunday because of a hamstring injury, and sophomore forward Michele Weissenhofer played just over half the game because of a recent ankle injury.

And yet, during their current



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Irish forward Rose Augustin fights for a loose ball during Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over DePaul Sept. 21 at Alumni Field.

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SMC SOCCER

Squad prepares to face winless Tri-State

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's looks to move above .500 in the MIAA today when the Belles head to Angola, Ind., to play last-place Tri-State.

Saint Mary's (6-3-4, 2-2-2 MIAA) is in fifth place, while Tri-State (0-12-2, 0-5) is looking for its first victory of the season.

"Tri-State has had a very difficult season," Belles coach Caryn MacKenzie said. "They have no wins in our conference and have been outscored by their opponents significantly."

Saint Mary's is coming off a 2-0 loss Saturday to first-place Calvin, in which the Belles had

only three shots. That total was their second lowest of the season.

Against Calvin, the Belles struggled in front of the goal, one of their major problems this season. But MacKenzie said her team is better than it showed on Saturday.

"[Our goal is to] start the game on the whistle tomorrow, not after our opponents scores on us in the first two minutes," MacKenzie said. "We must be prepared to play at a high level from the outset."

The Belles have also struggled this season because of factors beyond their control. Injuries have forced Saint Mary's to shift players into

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