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## STUDENT SENATE

### Leaders address course packet costs

*Citing student concern, senators want Hammes Bookstore to stop selling packets*

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
Assistant News Editor

Recognizing student dissatisfaction with high course packet prices this semester, Student Senate unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday recommending course packets no longer be sold at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore but instead be sold at existing or future campus copy locations.

Course packets have been sold in the past at copy centers around campus, including shops in Decio and O'Shaughnessy Halls. This

semester, all course packets were sold from the bookstore. Articles in Scholastic magazine and The Observer have reported student unhappiness with the price increase for course packets, a change which resulted from the bookstore's markup for copyrights and profit.

Senate Academic Affairs chair Carol Hendrickson researched the issue for the past several weeks. She and Fisher senator Stephen Bant presented the results of an e-mail survey they conducted in a PowerPoint presentation to the Senate.

The survey was e-mailed to

a random sample of 800 students from all four classes, with 272 responding. Of the respondents, 67.5 percent said they were very dissatisfied with the cost of their course packets. Another 15.9 percent said they were somewhat dissatisfied with the cost. Responses were also charted omitting the freshmen response, since they could not compare the price they paid for course packets this year with previous years.

Without freshmen input, the percentage of people very dissatisfied or somewhat dissatisfied with the cost of course packets this semester

was 88.3 percent.

The survey also asked students what they thought about the convenience of purchasing all books and course packets at the bookstore, rather than at copy centers around campus.

Of the respondents, 34 percent said it was essential or very important to have the convenience of purchasing course packets in one location rather than many copy centers on campus. Thirty-four percent said it was somewhat important, and 32 percent said it was not

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## ND Asian program growing

*Student interest in coursework increases*

By DAN JACOBS  
News Writer

Over the past several years, student interest in Asian Studies has grown — prompting the University to expand its academic offerings in the subject.

Notre Dame's connection to Asia began nearly 30 years ago, as University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh traveled there to create a stable interconnection and exchange with academics in China.

In 1996, eight faculty members founded The Center for Asian Studies on campus. Now in its 11th year, the Center is made up of more than 40 faculty and staff members with its own office. It now supports more than a dozen courses in many diverse fields of study.

The central mission of the Center is to promote and offer interdepartmental support for classes and research relating to Asian studies and Asian-American studies.

Director of the Center for Asian Studies and Anthropology professor Susan Blum is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead.

"Asia, of course, has 60 percent of the world population so anyone who is attentive to world affairs is aware of the importance of Asia," she said. Blum said this is an opportunity to expand the program's presence on campus even more.

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## Panel discusses religion in Ireland

*Representatives speak about peaceful relations between faith groups within Catholic nation*



Patsy McGarry, religious affairs correspondent for the Irish Times in Dublin, speaks at Wednesday's conference.

By KATIE PERALTA  
News Writer

Although Ireland has seen an influx of different religions in recent decades, a panel discussion Wednesday, featuring three representatives from different faiths, said the predominantly Catholic nation has allowed them all to exist peacefully with little interference from the government or Roman Catholic Church.

Patsy McGarry, religious affairs correspondent for the Irish Times in Dublin, said a religious revolution is taking place in Ireland.

"It could be said that the long [religious] tradition of 19th-century Ireland is finally thawing and allowing an emergence of

new religions," he said. "This is something of a convenient truth for people of other religions because it is a way of liberating them."

Echoing the current national opinion of freedom of religion in Ireland, McGarry quoted Irish president Mary McAleese saying, "We don't enforce religion on anybody. We had our day with that."

McGarry said the Irish government of Ireland is an "aggressively secular" institution and works to enforce the separation of church and state.

It is also important, McGarry said, to be sensitive to those who don't assign themselves to a particular faith. The number of people who don't consider them-

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## Students, officials debate rally interest

By KRISTEN EDELEN  
News Writer

Though the Student Activities Office said student attendance at pep rallies is still strong, many upperclassmen have stopped going — saying they are too tired or discouraged about Notre Dame's disappointing football season.

"We appreciate the student support and attendance and feel that it has been strong this year and consistent with previous seasons," said Josh Berlo, director of athletic ticket operations.

Berlo also said the general public attendance, which

includes alumni, was "really strong" at the three rallies this fall.

"We have had lines that wrapped all the way around the stadium," he said.

The Student Activities Office does not provide breakdowns of what class levels are best represented at pep rallies, said Peggy Hnatisko, director of Student Activities programming.

But some upperclassmen believe the pep rallies have lost their appeal.

Junior John Watkins said he hasn't been to a pep rally "in a really long time."

"It is always the same thing

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## Alliancend plans demonstration

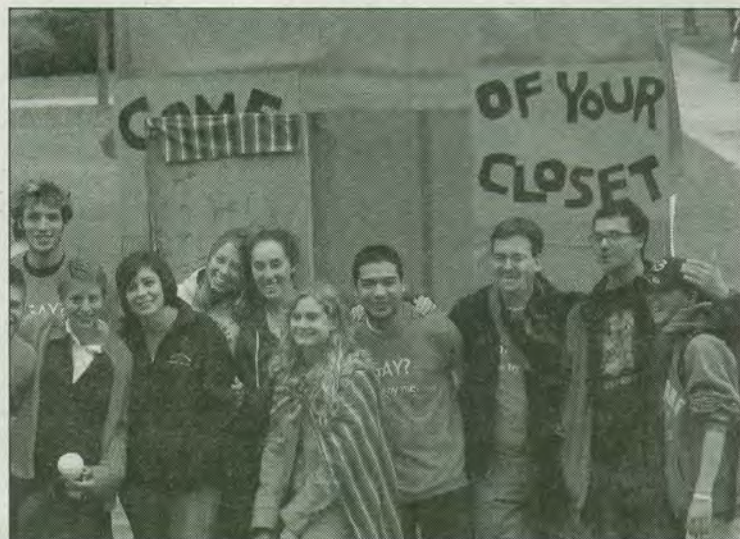
*Gay/straight group continues to promote tolerance, inclusion*

By JOSEPH McMAHON  
News Writer

National Coming Out Day came and went last Thursday without the student activism that, in the past, marked the day with bright orange "Gay? Fine By Me" T-shirts.

But Alliancend, the unrecognized gay-straight group that typically organizes events to raise awareness about homosexuality at Notre Dame, has plans in place for a demonstration after fall break.

Alliancend co-president Alex Renfro estimates that



Observer File Photo

Alliancend members encourage students to come out of the closet about their identities on National Coming Out Day in Oct. 2005.

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## A lot to be thankful for

It's midterms week and I am holed up in the library. It's so late the janitor has begun to sweep the floor in circles around me. As I look at the gleaming floors and start to appreciate the job this man is doing, thoughts of gratitude invade my mind; as well they should, because this student has a lot to be thankful for.

John Whitty

Sports Wire Editor

An odd thank you to the football team: For their first victory of the season over UCLA. Although I was miserable over the 0-5 start, no one could pay me to give up the experience of rushing out of my dorm, along with what seemed like the rest of campus, to the inevitable gathering at Stonehenge. I didn't care that we were going berserk over a single win that was long past due, or that Jimmy Clausen didn't actually throw a touchdown. No one could have dampened the feeling that night. Forget freshman or transfer orientation icebreakers, if you didn't feel a sense of community after that night, you have a screw loose.

A special shout-out and thank you to my friends from Cavanaugh and Welsh Family who, just a month after meeting them, surprised me on my birthday with my favorite present: A cookie cake. Without people like this, Notre Dame wouldn't be the tight-knit community that we all rely on in times of need and celebrate with in times of triumph. For these friendships, I am grateful, as well as the fact that my birthday candles didn't set off the Cavanaugh fire alarm.

Thank you to everyone's favorite president emeritus, Father Hesburgh, for responding to my email, meeting with me, and telling me the most helpful thing I can say or think is, "Come Holy Spirit." I can only hope in my years at Notre Dame and beyond that the Spirit works through me half as much as it does through him, and that I leave a footprint a fraction the size of his.

Last, though they are not physically at Notre Dame with me, I would be remiss if I didn't thank my parents for everything from day one. It occurs to me that upon finding I was accepted here as a transfer student, I never actually asked if I could attend school here; I knew they were excited for me, but I just assumed it would all work out and fortunately it has beyond my greatest expectations. For this, I can only thank them for caring enough about my dreams to be in a position to finance, provide, and support a Notre Dame education.

One final thought as we head into a weekend, that some may think, will be another letdown on the gridiron: Have you ever noticed that as the sky gets ominously dark and more threatening by the minute, the Golden Dome shines brighter? As long as Our Lady is on the Dome, there will always be hope. Go Irish, beat Trojans.

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: AS A CHILD, WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?



Andrew McKinley  
junior  
Keenan

"A basketball player."



Jaime Amrhein  
junior  
Lewis

"A tree — I used to practice."



Don Taynor  
junior  
Carroll

"A leaf — I still do."



Joe Serafin  
sophomore  
Dillon

"A hell of an engineer."



John Hennessey  
junior  
Sorin

"A mailman."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Strudel Meisters, a German band from Michigan, played during Okdomefest festivities at Legends. The event, which took place Wednesday, was co-sponsored by the Student Union Board and the Notre Dame German Club.

## IN BRIEF

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

First Year of Studies is sponsoring a monthly luncheon series featuring women at Notre Dame. October's fireside chat will take place today from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Study Lounge and will feature Carolyn Woo and Martin J. Gillen.

A letter-writing campaign to urge senators to support the DREAM Act will take place today at 5 p.m. in front of the Center for Social Concerns. Letters, stamps and pizza will be provided.

The film "American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver" will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center today at 7 and 10 p.m. as a part of the Solidarity Film Series. Tickets are \$3 for students.

The Chief Executive Officer of OfficeMax, Sam Duncan, will speak Friday as a part of the Boardroom Insights Lecture Series from 10:40 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

The Competitions Kickoff and Elevator Pitch Competition as part of NASDAQ training sessions will occur from 3-5 p.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

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

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

## OFFBEAT

### Dancing cockatoo loves a boy-band beat

SCHERERVILLE, Ind. — Snowball the cockatoo can't get enough of the Backstreet Boys. The 11-year-old medium sulfur-crested cockatoo lifts his legs, squawks and bobs his head, flashing his bright yellow crest to the beat of the boy band's "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)."

When Snowball was given to a bird rescue shelter a few months ago, the man included the CD and instructions to watch his reaction.

Irena Schulz said she almost fainted at the sight.

"I'm thinking, 'What on Earth is this? This is unreal,'" said Irena, who runs Bird Lovers Only Rescue with her husband, Chuck.

The couple said they have been contacted by people from around the world who have watched Snowball on the video-sharing Web site YouTube.

### NYC woman finds python in the toilet

NEW YORK — There was no Halloween bogeyman in the closet for one Brooklyn woman — just a 7-foot-long python in her toilet. Nadege Brunacci was washing her hands in her bathroom before dawn Monday when she glanced back and saw

the slithering serpent peeking out from her toilet, most of its body hidden in the pipes.

"I turned on the light and screamed," Brunacci, 38, told the New York Daily News. "It still makes my heart race."

Brunacci slammed down the lid, put a heavy box on top of the toilet and began calling for help, which came from her landlord and firefighters. Plumbers had to tear apart the downstairs neighbor's pipes to capture the snake, she said.

It's unclear how the snake made its way into the pipes.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	GAME DAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 80 LOW 55	HIGH 60 LOW 40	HIGH 58 LOW 42	HIGH 67 LOW 50	HIGH 73 LOW 45	HIGH 48 LOW 35

Atlanta 79 / 69 Boston 70 / 55 Chicago 77 / 61 Denver 58 / 39 Houston 92 / 73 Los Angeles 77 / 55 Minneapolis 61 / 55 New York 76 / 62 Philadelphia 78 / 60 Phoenix 89 / 62 Seattle 54 / 45 St. Louis 76 / 66 Tampa 89 / 76 Washington 77 / 62



# Prof. speaks on marriage

By LIZ HARTER  
News Writer

A wedding is not the most important day in a person's life, a religious studies professor said during Wednesday's Theology on Fire discussion at Saint Mary's.

"You're the same person the day after your wedding," Religious Studies professor Anita Houck said. "Your financial status is different, your sexual life may be different, but you're the same person and your husband is the same person."

Instead of focusing on the wedding, she said, society should begin to focus more on the vocation, and, more specifically, on the vocation of the single person.

Houck defined vocation as a calling, the path to heaven,

God's will, and a direction. She specified that there are two different types of vocations: The universal vocation, which is the overall calling that all people have to live in the image of God, and the particular vocation, which relates to work that you do or the four life states of single life, marriage, vowed holy life and priesthood.

*"Singleness was not a burden but something to give the world."*

**Anita Houck**  
religious studies professor  
Saint Mary's

"I had spent some time chasing a vocation [when I was younger]," Houck said. "I had wanted a vocation in my life, but it just didn't seem like it was for me."

Houck was single for 44 years and after one of her relationships failed, she began to view being single as her own vocation.

"Singleness was not a burden but something to give the world," Houck said. "I had the clearest sense in my life of vocation, everything

that I had and everything that I was, whether I was crazy about it or not, became something to give to the world."

A vocation does not have to be a permanent state, Houck said, and for many people, including herself, singleness was not permanent.

"Single life rocks," said Houck, who married a little more than a year ago, "Marriage, when you're with the right person and it's the right things — as far as I can tell — rocks."

One of the greatest capacities that human beings have is the idea of permanent commitment, she said.

"It's a tremendous thing and it's too bad that we don't have that for single people," Houck said. "Not that you want to commit yourself as a single person permanently because most people don't."

She added that the greatest gift a single person has is the time and ability to focus on their spirituality.

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# SUB works to bring hit films to campus

By KATE MCCLELLAND  
News Writer

Recent rescheduling controversies for Student Union Board (SUB) weekend movie showings have not affected attendance, SUB officials said.

"We try to get movies that have been popular at the box office or that we personally have heard good reviews about," said Meghan Kelly, co-director of programming for SUB. "We like to bring them to students before they come out on DVD."

There was a problem, however, surrounding the showing of "Hairspray," which was originally scheduled to be shown during the first weekend in October. It has now been pushed back until the weekend after fall break.

Many students were excited about seeing the hit musical and planned to attend, but were disappointed when "1408" was shown instead. Ironically, it was the film's success that caused the delay.

"We felt really bad," Kelly said. "But there was really nothing we could do. The movies we are able to show depend on what movies are being released by the motion picture companies. The company that produced 'Hairspray' [New Line Cinema] decided at the last minute not to release the picture to Swank [Motion Pictures] because it was still so successful in the theaters."

All of the movies SUB presents come from a company called Swank Motion Pictures, Inc., which

buys the rights to films directly from motion picture companies. The company in turn rents the rights and the filmstrips to SUB on a per night or per weekend basis.

That is why there is a \$3 admissions charge for students, Kelly said.

"We have to charge because the rights and the movies are quite expensive," Kelly said. "The proceeds from admission prices go directly toward paying Swank for the movie."

Many students feel the price is right — especially in comparison to the cost of a movie in a regular movie theater — and attendance at SUB movies this semester has been solid, Kelly said.

"Attendance depends on what movie is showing and what else is happening on-campus on the same nights as the movie," she said. "Attendance has been pretty good so far this semester, but there has also been a lot of other events going on."

Still, students turned out in high numbers for "Ratatouille" this past weekend and, while the official numbers have not been calculated, it was probably the most successful film yet this semester — although "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" and "Ocean's 13" had fairly high turnouts as well.

"We definitely try to get the best movies that we can, and to make them fun for people to go to," Kelly said.

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## Echo Night

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## Senate

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important to have all the course packets available at one location. When freshmen responses were omitted, 25 percent said it was essential or very important to have one-stop shopping, and 75 percent said it was somewhat important or not important.

"Students prefer lower prices to one-stop shopping," Bant said.

The ability to charge course packets to a student account was deemed essential or very important by 39 percent of respondents and somewhat important or not important by 61 percent of respondents.

The option to charge purchases to a student account was given as one of the reasons to sell all course packets through the bookstore,

the resolution said.

"However," the resolution reads, "the capability to charge to student accounts could be added to existing campus copy centers."

Sorin senator George Chamberlain commended Hendrickson and Bant for their work on the survey and the resolution.

"I think it's really important for the student government to do important, meaningful things for the student body," he said.

Hendrickson and Bant will present the resolution to the Arts and Letters Course Packet Review Committee at its meeting today, on which they are student representatives. Hendrickson also plans to forward the resolution to Dan Skendzel, the director of administrative services of the office of vice president for business operations. Hendrickson said Skendzel is directly in charge of the

course packet process.

"They don't have to go with what we say," she said. "It's just a recommendation, saying what the student body thinks."

She said she hoped the Senate's resolution could influence decisions about where course packets will be available in the spring semester.

The survey also asked for students' opinions about making more readings available through electronic reserves. The Academic Affairs committee hopes to present a resolution regarding electronic reserves at the first Senate meeting after fall break, Hendrickson said.

### In other Senate news:

♦ Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun will make a presentation to the Board of Trustees today in Saint Liam Hall. They will discuss issues

surrounding the ordinance recently passed by the South Bend Common Council and future community relations initiatives, Braun said.

♦ The student government will organize Sexual Assault Awareness week Nov. 12-14, to coincide with the performances of Loyal Daughters.

♦ The Residence Life committee is exploring expanding Diner Dollars off campus and talking with Food Services about holding free laundry nights, said chair Mariana Montes.

♦ The Oversight Committee passed a resolution that amended the Student Body Constitution to include the Student Union Endowment and to change the amount allocated from the Charity Fund to the Rector Fund from \$35,000 to \$60,000.

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## Alliance

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there are 40 openly gay students at Notre Dame and another 500 that have not come out about their sexuality.

In two weeks, Alliacend will host a major poster demonstration in O'Shaughnessy Hall, which will seek to reach out to these "closeted" individuals, Renfro said.

"There will be giant posters reading, 'We're glad you're here,'" Renfro said. "It was the same message that was sent to the first women on campus and now we're trying to extend it to the closeted community here at Notre Dame."

In the past, Alliacend set up a giant closet outside South Dining Hall and encouraged students to "come out" about some aspect of themselves — whether as a multi-racial student, an artist or a non-homosexual, among others.

But Renfro said the closet was stolen this year.

The Student Activities Office does not recognize Alliacend as a club, though the group has applied for the status — which would allow them to tap into Student Activities funds — for several years.

The University-sponsored voice for homosexual students on campus is the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, a 12-member group of faculty, staff, administrators and students that advises Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman about gay and lesbian student needs.

"Notre Dame's stance on giving us club status is that the Core Council already accomplishes what Alliacend would do," said senior Stacey Williams, one of the group's co-presidents. "But many students, especially undergraduates, feel that there is not enough support for the gay and lesbian community here at Notre Dame."

Alliacend has applied for and been denied club status each of the last two years. According to a March 22, 2005 article in The Observer, similar proposals have been denied nine times in the last 10 years, with no gay and lesbian student group successfully securing official status.

Still, the group plans to apply again this spring.

"The University has to reach out to students instead of students reaching out to them," Renfro said. "The issues of the gay and lesbian community are often misunderstood at Notre Dame, and instead of being against us, the entire community should realize that we are just trying to create a more tolerant environment for all students at the University."

Alliacend leaders have other events planned for the school year, all of which will attempt to build the spirit of tolerance on campus.

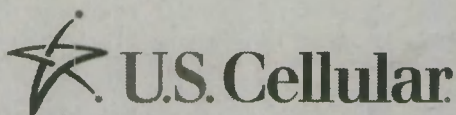
"This is an issue that has been very polarized in the community," said Williams. "We are just trying to bring people towards a common ground in order to foster a spirit of tolerance."

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Turkey allows cross-border attack on Iraq

ISTANBUL — Parliament authorized the government Wednesday to carry out a cross-border attack on Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq, approving an offensive that would put Turkey at odds with the U.S. There was no sign of an imminent invasion.

Washington and Iraq have pressured Ankara to show restraint and Turkish leaders signaled that they would not immediately give the order to send in the 60,000 troops, armor and attack helicopters into a region that has largely escaped the chaos of the Iraq war.

The crisis along the Turkey-Iraq border, where the Turkish forces have massed since summer, has driven up oil prices along with tensions between Ankara and its NATO ally, the United States.

### Transportation strike hits France

PARIS — French President Nicolas Sarkozy's first real test after five months in office comes at rush hour Thursday, with a strike disrupting flights, trains around Europe and stripping Paris of public transport — all because of anger over plans to trim some retirement packages.

The strikes, which began late Wednesday and were to last through Thursday, are meant to send a warning that deeper reforms will come at a cost.

Sarkozy is facing a number of challenges as the economy lags despite his pledges to invigorate it, and signs of discord arise within his party over the president's policies. His rocky marriage also is front-page news.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Clinic charged for illegal abortions

KANSAS CITY — A Planned Parenthood clinic was charged Wednesday with providing unlawful abortions and other crimes by a county prosecutor who had engaged in a high-profile battle with the clinic when he was Kansas attorney general.

Johnson County District Attorney Phill Kline charged the Overland Park, Kan., clinic with 107 counts, 23 of them felonies. Besides 29 misdemeanor counts of providing unlawful late-term abortions, the clinic is charged with multiple counts of making a false writing, failure to maintain records and failure to determine viability.

Case documents have been sealed, according to a court order. The first hearing is set for Nov. 16.

Kline's office did not immediately comment on the charges.

### Drug crimes threaten Texas border

AUSTIN — Deteriorating security in Mexico and clashes between cartels will make this the deadliest year yet for that nation's drug-related crime, and the violence is spilling into the United States, according to a report released Wednesday.

U.S. law enforcers have trouble battling drug smuggling and its related violence because of poor coordination, corruption and lack of resources, according to the report by the Austin consulting firm Stratfor.

"The deteriorating security situation has profound implications not only for Mexico but also for the United States, since drug violence increasingly crosses the border," says the report, submitted to Gov. Rick Perry's Texas Border Security Council.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Lawmakers criticize Honda hiring limits

INDIANAPOLIS — The geographic limits Honda Motor Corp. placed on hiring for some 2,000 jobs at its new Greensburg factory are under criticism from state lawmakers who represent areas excluded from the applicant pool.

Five Democratic legislators have sent a letter to the Indiana Economic Development Corp. saying they disapproved of using state incentives to attract a company that limits its hiring to a portion of Indiana.

Honda announced this summer it would look for workers who live within a 20-county area around the southeastern Indiana factory. That ranges from Marion and Henry counties in central Indiana south to Switzerland and Jefferson counties near Cincinnati.

## ISRAEL

# Rice pushes Israel-Palestine diplomacy

*Two sides have vastly different expectations for U.S.-hosted Mideast conference*

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday that Israelis and Palestinians have a new "moment of opportunity" to forge peace despite the eruption of fresh tensions between the two sides over preparations for a U.S.-hosted Mideast conference.

Even as President Bush said he was optimistic about the conference and the creation of a Palestinian state, Rice faced growing difficulties in her efforts to organize the meeting set for November or December to launch formal Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Rice cautioned the going would be tough as she wrapped up four days of intense shuttle diplomacy during which she met twice with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas to bridge wide gaps over a declaration the conference is to endorse.

"I do think it is moment of opportunity, but there is very hard work ahead," Rice told reporters at a news conference with Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, who's leading the Israeli negotiating team.

Underscoring the challenges, the Palestinians accused Israel of not being serious enough and Abbas said Israeli actions, including West Bank military raids, were damaging the pre-conference atmosphere.

Israel is "hindering the endeavor to reach a document with substance," Abbas said after seeing Rice at his office in Ramallah, stressing little time is left for the meeting. "We must not waste time."

The Israelis and Palestinians have vastly different expectations for the conference, where they are to present a document that would start negotiations to create a Palestinian state. The Palestinians want a detailed document. The Israelis favor a general



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice prior to their meeting at Olmert's Jerusalem residence Wednesday.

agreement.

A senior Palestinian official said Abbas was disappointed by U.S. suggestions that he significantly scale back their demands for the joint statement to address Israeli concerns.

The Palestinians want the document to include at least a sentence or two on how to solve each of the issues of dispute, such as borders and Jerusalem, the Palestinians have maintained.

The Palestinians' core demand is that the future border between Israel and Palestine be based on the pre-1967 Mideast War lines, with modifications through land swaps. Israel captured the West Bank and other areas in the 1967 war.

Rice asked Abbas whether

he could accept a more vaguely worded statement, which would not mention the 1967 lines, said the Palestinian official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the meeting with reporters.

She also asked whether the Palestinians were willing to drop a mention of Palestinian refugees, another key issue for the Palestinians, from the document, the official said.

Rice did not address the Palestinian complaints, but Livni appeared annoyed when asked about them and said she would not stoop to "play the blame game" or divulge sensitive information about negotiations over the document.

Livni did not address the

issue of the 1967 borders but warned that excessive expectations that Palestinians might have if the document is detailed could lead to "frustration and violence."

Livni also appeared to suggest that the matter of Palestinian refugees could be resolved by them returning to the future Palestine, a position that has infuriated the Palestinian side in the past.

But she also reiterated Israel's commitment to a two-state solution and said the Jewish state would make difficult compromises if the Palestinians would, too. She said her negotiating team would have a second meeting with their Palestinian counterparts this week.

# Bush scolds Democratic Congress for inaction

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush, weakened by record-low poll ratings, asserted he is still politically relevant and scolded the Democratic-led Congress on Wednesday for having "little to show for all the time that has gone by."

Trying to shape the political debate, Bush used a midmorning news conference to lecture lawmakers about their failure to complete action on any spending bills to keep the government running or to send him legislation dealing with education, housing and other matters.

Saying he did not share any blame

for Congress' failure to act, Bush said, "I think it is their fault that bills aren't moving."

With his presidency in its final 15 months, his approval ratings at just 31 percent in the latest Associated Press-Ipsos poll and Democrats running Congress, Bush has little clout to push his own agenda through Congress.

However, he can stop the Democrats' proposals with his veto since Congress has been unable so far to override his rejection of troop withdrawal deadlines in Iraq and expanded stem cell research. The House on Thursday is expected to fail to override his veto of an expansion of a popular children's health insurance program.

Bush said his veto pen was "one way

to ensure that I am relevant; that's one way to ensure that I am in the process. And I intend to use the veto."

Bush said Congress, under Democratic control for nine months, has not "managed to pass many important bills. Now the clock is winding down and in some key areas Congress is just getting started." Congress should act on mortgage relief for homeowners hit by the housing crisis, trade deals that would strengthen allies, legislation expanding U.S. markets and aid to military veterans, Bush said.

"I'm looking forward to getting some things done for the American people," Bush said. "And if it doesn't get done, I'm looking forward to reminding people as to why it's not getting done."



## Rallies

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anyhow," Watkins said. "Charlie talks. Players talk. There are only so many ways you can say, 'Go team go,' before it gets old."

Watkins said he thinks pep rallies "are more for alumni to get back into the feel of campus." As a freshman, however, he attended pep rallies regularly.

Attendance at pep rallies could also be threatened by the Internet — the University has started airing the rallies on the Notre Dame Athletics homepage.

Junior Kristen Brickley watched the Boston College game pep rally from her dorm room on the live Internet feed.

"I found out about it from a friend," she said.

The feed is easy to access, Brickley said.

"It is displayed right there in the center of the Notre Dame Athletics homepage," she said. "All you have to do is hit play."

For some students, however, the idea of pep rallies is not appealing.

"I'm not the type of fan to jump up and down and scream my head off. I guess I'm just not that peppy," junior Buck Andrews said.

Off-campus senior Colin Ethier also said he thinks pep rallies are more for underclassmen.

"I went when I was younger and had a good time with it but now, for me, they have just lost their luster," he said.

Saint Mary's sophomore Kathleen Collins and junior Laura Kleinschmidt, blame busy Fridays for not attending the pep rallies.

"I just want to relax on a Friday afternoon, look forward to the game and save my energy," Collins said.

"I don't go as much as I did freshman and sophomore year because when Friday comes, I am ready for a break," Kleinschmidt said.

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## Ireland

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selves bound to any religion has risen in recent years by as much as 34 percent, according to one recent national census, he said, including many people of younger generations.

The arrival of thousands of immigrants to the country, McGarry said, necessitates freedom of religion and ongoing dialogue between different faiths.

"Fifteen percent of the Irish population is comprised of foreign nationals," McGarry said, "and they practice religions ranging from Islam to Judaism to Methodism."

Tolerance of different religions is widespread among the Irish, McGarry said, as the Irish people tend to remember the plight of their ancestors who emigrated and endured racism when they arrived in America.

One such religious group that enjoys solidarity in Ireland is the Orthodox Catholic Church, which came from the eastern United Kingdom and Russia.

Supporting the popularly held belief that Ireland is a Catholic nation, McGarry said there are roughly 3.7 million Catholics among Ireland's 4.2 million total people. Ninety-two percent of these Catholics, he said, are Irish nationals. Students of all faiths are accepted into the Catholic schools that are commonplace in urban Ireland.

The growth of other religions is also evident in the education system, McGarry said. In the past year, Ireland has seen 20 new multicultural schools, five new Muslim schools and only two new Catholic schools.

"All faith groups seem to want their own schools," he said.

Islam, the third-largest religion in Ireland, has more believers than some Christian groups and has grown fourfold in recent years. Ali Selim, secretary of the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland, said Muslims in Ireland currently number around 40,000 and have contributed greatly to its current interfaith dialogue.

Selim, an Egyptian native, said Muslim migration has been welcomed at various levels.

"Muslims in Ireland have not been exposed to an extreme amount of racism," Selim said. "There seems to be a huge amount of commonalities between Muslim immigrants and Irish

nationals. They share a sense of family."

Emphasizing the belief of universal equality, Selim said people cannot be divided into "we" and "they" mentalities.

"We" includes everyone who lives in Ireland regardless of religion," Selim said. "Muslim presence in Ireland can be traced back to the 1950s with a student influx making up a large percentage [of the Muslim population]."

African Pentecostals are erecting new schools and churches for incoming immigrants to Ireland, said Abel Ugba, a Nigerian native of the University of East London.

"Most African immigrants came

to Ireland seeking asylum," Ugba said, adding that the next most popular reasons for migration are study and work. The sudden increase in Africans surprised the Irish, Ugba said.

"You have to remember Ireland's proximity to the United Kingdom, which has large numbers of Africans," he said.

African Pentecostal immigrants, like their Muslim counterparts, have contributed greatly to the multiculturalism of Ireland, making it a diverse nation.

"There are between 30,000 and 35,000 Africans in Ireland, and their largest church is the Redeemed Christian Church of

God," Ugba said.

Irish people on the whole have been very accepting of African migrants.

"It is a very complex relationship," Ugba said.

Because Pentecostals do not drink or swear, many saw them as different from the Irish, but the two groups have, he said, "created a parallel social and cultural universe," where they peacefully exist.

"[The Pentecostal churches of Africans] give us a voice and visibility. They provide solidarity and a safe place [for immigrants]," Ugba said.

As part of the conference titled "Race and Immigration in the New Ireland," the panel, titled "Religion in the New Ireland," took place in the McKenna Hall auditorium and was moderated by Notre Dame professor Patrick Gaffney.

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NASDAQ	2,792.67	+28.76
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CITIGROUP INC (C)	-0.29	-0.13	44.66

### Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-2.34	-0.109	4.655
13-WEEK BILL	-5.70	-0.235	4.125
30-YEAR BOND	-2.10	-0.103	4.912
5-YEAR NOTE	-3.02	-0.131	4.342

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## IN BRIEF

### Savers exceed federal deposit limits

NEW YORK — When the \$2.5 billion NetBank was closed by federal regulators last month, some 1,500 of accounts in the online bank had balances that exceeded federal deposit insurance limits.

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### SEC examines lender's stock sales

WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission is examining sales of company stock by the chief executive of Countrywide Financial Corp., the nation's largest mortgage lender, a person familiar with the matter said Wednesday.

The informal SEC inquiry of stock sales by CEO Angelo R. Mozilo has been underway for a while, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the probe has not been made public.

The inquiry was reported Wednesday afternoon by The Wall Street Journal.

Mozilo sold some \$130 million in Countrywide stock in the first half of the year through a pre-arranged 10b51 trading plan. These plans allow a company insider to set up a program in advance for such transactions and proceed with them even if he or she comes into possession of material non-public information.

# iPhone to have third-party applications

*Jobs gives up controlling programs put on handsets by consumers; several lawsuits filed prior*

Associated Press

SAN JOSE — In an apparent about-face, Apple Inc. will allow third-party applications to work directly on the iPhone, Chief Executive Steve Jobs said in a posting on the company's Web site Wednesday.

Apple infuriated developers and some iPhone users when it issued a software update Sept. 27 that disabled unofficial programs installed on the handsets.

Until Wednesday, Apple had tried to control which applications consumers had on their iPhones.

Now, Jobs said the company intends to release a software development kit in February that will let coders create applications to work directly on the iPhone and the iPod Touch. The Touch is the new iPod portable player that resembles the iPhone but lacks the function of a cell phone.

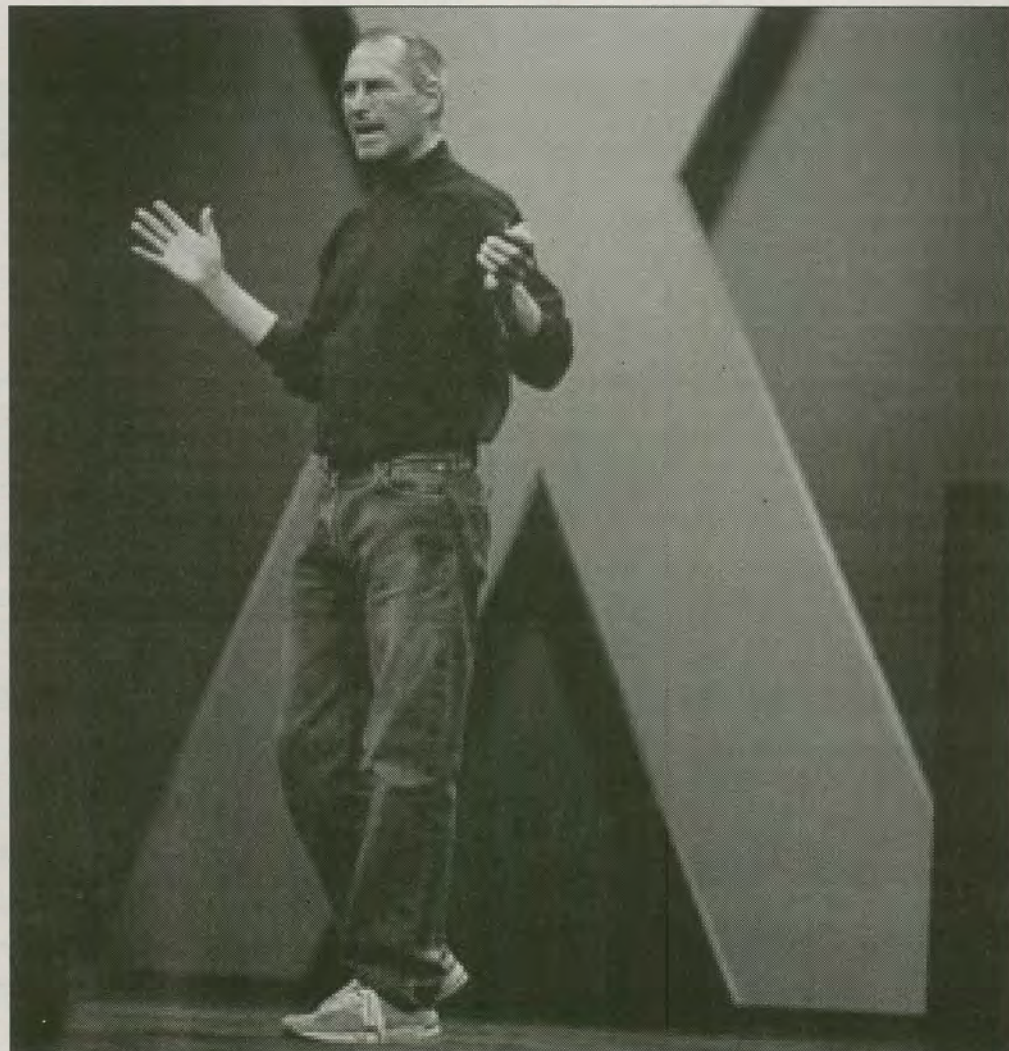
"We are excited about creating a vibrant third-party developer community around the iPhone and enabling hundreds of new applications for our users," Jobs said in the posting.

It is easy to find many unofficial programs for the iPhone on the Internet; users just had to take the risk of installing them, knowing that any damage to the iPhone stemming from unofficial programs was not covered by Apple's warranty.

"I'm thrilled," said Erica Sadun, a Denver computer programmer. "I hope it is exactly as they say, full third-party development."

A Mac enthusiast and blogger — and a critic of Apple's decision to restrict the iPhone to carrier AT&T Inc. in the United States — Sadun predicted Apple's change of heart will ultimately help the company sell more iPods and iPhones.

An unknown number of



Apple CEO Steve Jobs talks about the new Apple operating system Leopard in San Francisco on Sept. 5. The iPhone will now work with third-party applications.

users have "unlocked" their handsets to work on other carrier networks. The Sept. 27 software update reportedly disabled those phones.

It was not clear from Jobs' statement whether the move was a response to the growing discontent around Apple's iron grip over its portable gadgets.

Apple spokeswoman Natalie Kerris declined to say why Apple made the change, noting instead that Jobs said the process of opening the iPhone to third-party programs will take time.

Apple's change does not affect the Cupertino-based

company's position on keeping the iPhone compatible only with AT&T's network in the United States, Kerris said.

Two lawsuits were filed against Apple on Oct. 5, accusing the company of engaging in monopolistic behavior and unlawfully restricting consumer choice by preventing users from "unlocking" their iPhones.

The iPhone, which combines a cell phone with a multimedia and wireless Internet device, was released in late June amid a flurry of anticipation. More than 1 million iPhones have been

sold.

Apple had allowed developers to build applications that run on the iPhone's Safari Web browser but didn't let programs work directly on the iPhone software platform, which could make them easier to create and make them work more smoothly.

Palm Inc. has always welcomed third-party developers to create applications for its handheld computers, or personal digital assistants. They have created hundreds of programs ranging from medical dictionaries to astrology predictions.

# Oil, credit cause tension on Wall Street

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended a volatile session mixed Wednesday as investors' concerns about sluggish housing and tight credit intensified their uneasiness over a motley batch of corporate profits. Rising oil prices only added to the market's malaise.

Earnings reports from Yahoo Inc. and Intel Corp. were upbeat and incited some buying in the technology sector, which drove the Nasdaq composite index sharply higher.

But the Dow Jones industrial average dipped, with investors uncertain about how well corporate America overall will fare going forward — particularly after International Business Machines Corp. reported modest software sales and United Technologies Group Inc. said 2008 will be challenging.

Peter Dunay, an investment strategist with New York-based Leeb

Capital Management said third-quarter earnings are expected to be weak, and lackluster forecasts for future quarters are unnerving investors.

"We're not getting very strong guidance numbers, and at the same time last week we were at new highs," Dunay said.

The Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 index both hit records last week, but Wall Street has pulled back cautiously since then, exhibiting nervousness about the slowing economy. On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve said in its Beige Book that growth cooled in the third quarter. Investors are also jittery about accelerating inflation — which could prevent the Fed from lowering rates again — after oil prices momentarily touched a fresh high of \$89 per barrel.

And the lending landscape continues to deteriorate. Standard & Poor's cut the ratings on 1,713 classes of

securities backed by mortgages issued in the first six months of this year. They were valued at \$23.35 billion.

The Dow fell 20.40, or 0.15 percent, to 13,892.54, paring the session's worst losses. The Dow fell more than 130 points in earlier trading.

Broader indexes rose. The S&P 500 index climbed 2.71, or 0.18 percent, to 1,541.24, while the Nasdaq gained 28.76, or 1.04 percent, to 2,792.67.

Wall Street's mixed movements come after two days of broad declines.

In another sign that the economy could weaken further, the Commerce Department said new home construction slowed to the weakest pace in 14 years during September. Bond prices rose sharply on the news. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves inversely to the price, fell to 4.55 percent from 4.66 percent late Tuesday.





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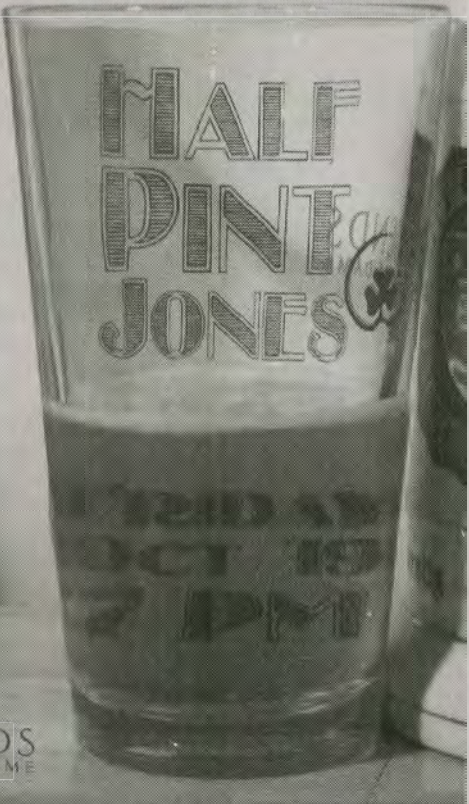
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## Asia

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At the forefront of the Center's offerings is the supplementary major in Asian Studies or the minor in Asian Studies. Currently about 10 students are pursuing this supplementary major, with numbers expected to grow rapidly. Many students choose to take on this particular major or minor with a language such as Chinese. Others choose fields in which knowledge of Asia would be beneficial, such as business, Blum said.

"A lot of students are interested in Asia and want to demonstrate that they have a broad knowledge of Asia, but they do not have time in their schedule necessarily to have a major," Blum said. "So they can demonstrate their expertise and their knowledge and their commitment to Asia by having a minor or a supplementary major, so I'm expecting our numbers to increase substantially in the next few years."

Currently hundreds of students are taking Asian Studies and Asian-American Studies courses and Center members hope to see even more interest in the near future. While many students choose to study eastern Asian nations, such as China and Japan, the Center also engages in studies of cultures such as those in Korea, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia or Malaysia.

The Center also supports programs outside of the classroom as well, sponsoring both undergraduate and graduate Asian Studies groups.

Senior Jacqueline Collins, a Chinese major and a Theology minor, said she would like to see even more of a student presence and opportunities for academic research. In the summer following her sophomore year, she participated in a Center for Social Concerns program titled, "To Serve an Ancient Village in China: Historical Preservation, Religious Life, and Teaching English," partially funded by the Center.

"That service trip was a pivotal experience in my study of China," she said. "It gave me a behind-the-scenes glimpse at life in rural China — a quality of life that the government does not want foreigners looking into."

The Center and other related groups also bring in speakers from across the world, such as Vodaphone Chairman Sir John Bond, who spoke recently. The Center also sponsors the Asian Film Festival in March, which brought in four Chinese directors to present their films earlier this year. The Center hopes to increase student involvement in many of their outreach productions to create a greater exposure and sense of ownership for the students, Blum said.

As the interest in Asia has grown, support for the programs and opportunities has required more coordination. In response, this summer, the University appointed Jonathan Noble, a professor in the Department of East Asian Languages, as advisor to the Provost on Asian initiatives.

Noble said the newly created position creates an opportunity to contribute toward better organization of the University's offerings to students, as well as developing and coordinating even more expansive opportunities both on campus and abroad. Noble travels to Asia frequently and said he is always looking for and developing new initiatives for students wanting to become more knowledgeable of the Asian cultures.

"Overall, Americans are being exposed to Asia more, and so students coming even to Notre Dame are talking about how Asia might fit into what they plan to learn at Notre Dame, and how it may impact their careers in some way," Noble said.

The University has also increased its support in its study abroad programs in Asia. Popular Asian programs exist in Shanghai and Beijing, China, as well as Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan. A new program at Fu Jen Catholic University in China began this summer, sending three students to study Chinese over a two-month period. The University also plans to begin an exchange program with the Chinese University of Hong Kong in the fall of 2008, Noble said.

"Clearly," Noble said, "there's an indication of greater interest in Chinese language, because they see it, I think, not only because it's practical, but also in terms of entering the popular imagination."

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## Bush meets with Dalai Lama

White House, Congress ignore Chinese protests in awarding Gold Medal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House vigorously defended President Bush's plan to meet with the Dalai Lama Tuesday, brushing aside China's warning that it would damage relations between Washington and Beijing.

Both Bush and members of Congress — who are presenting him with the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal on Wednesday — are stirring anger in China by honoring the Dalai Lama, the exiled spiritual leader of Tibet's Buddhists.

"We solemnly demand that the U.S. cancel the extremely wrong arrangements," said Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi in Beijing. "It seriously violates the norm of international relations and seriously wounded the feelings of the Chinese people and interfered with China's internal affairs."

At the White House, presidential spokesman Tony Fratto said: "We understand the concerns of the Chinese." But he also said Bush always has attended congressional award presentation ceremonies, has met with the Dalai Lama several times before and had no reason not to meet with him again.

"This is a meeting with a spiritual leader. This is not a meeting with a, for example, a head of state," Fratto added.

No media access was to be

allowed to the meeting that Bush was having with the Dalai Lama later Tuesday in the private residence of the White House.

While the Dalai Lama is lauded in much of the world as a figure of moral authority, Beijing reviles the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and claims he seeks to destroy China's sovereignty by pushing for independence for Tibet, where the Dalai

Lama is considered a god-king.

The Dalai Lama's special envoy, Lodi Gyari, said earlier that the president of the United States standing side by side with the Dalai Lama at the ceremony would send a clear message

that "people do care about Tibet. We have not been forgotten."

"I have no doubt this will give tremendous encouragement and hope to the Tibetan people," he told reporters ahead of the visit. It also "sends a powerful message to China that the Dalai Lama is not going to go away."

The Dalai Lama says he wants "real autonomy," not independence, for Tibet. But China demonizes the spiritual leader and believes the United States is honoring a separatist. The Dalai Lama's U.S. visit comes as China is holding its important Communist Party congress.

Chinese diplomats have worked doggedly since the congressional award was voted on last year to get the ceremony and meeting with Bush scrapped

and to "correct this mistake," Wang Baodong, spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in Washington, said in an interview.

A U.S. State Department official said Monday that China was protesting U.S. honors for the Dalai Lama by pulling out of an international strategy session on Iran sought by the United States and planned for Wednesday.

China objected to participating in the meeting on the day that the Buddhist leader is to receive the congressional honor, said the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe another country's motives.

Wang Baodong, a Chinese Embassy spokesman here, did not directly dispute the U.S. depiction but said that the date for the Iran meeting was "not suitable" for the Chinese delegation.

The State Department also played down the visit. Spokesman Tom Casey said this week's events are unlikely "to change the basic shape and structure of U.S.-Chinese relations."

Congress has long championed the Dalai Lama; lawmakers also regularly criticize Beijing for human rights abuses and a massive military buildup and claim that China ignores abuse by unsavory foreign regimes in Sudan and Myanmar in its pursuit of energy and business deals.

The Bush administration also finds fault with China but is usually more measured as it seeks to manage a booming trade relationship and a desire to enlist Chinese cooperation on nuclear standoffs with North Korea and Iran.

## ITALY

## Benedict names 23 new cardinals, one in Texas

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Texas is getting its first Roman Catholic cardinal — a nod to the influx of faithful from Mexico and Central America.

Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo's appointment was to some degree unexpected, but Vatican watchers say it shows Pope Benedict XVI clearly understands where the American church is growing — and who is behind the growth.

"It says something about Texas and how wonderful Texas is in the terms of the growth of our Catholic faith," DiNardo, leader of the Galveston-Houston archdiocese, told reporters in Houston on Wednesday.

DiNardo was among 23 new cardinals appointed Wednesday by Benedict, who tapped Vatican officials, academics, diplomats and archbishops from five continents. Eighteen of the new cardinals are under age 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave; five others, including the patriarch of Baghdad, were named in recognition of their service to the church.

The appointments of DiNardo and another American bring the number of U.S. cardinals to 17 — second only to Italy — and increases the American contingent's clout in any conclave to elect a future pontiff.

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## Exploitation and legislation

I'm guessing Mike Gundy isn't a big fan of the GOP these days.

Gundy is the Oklahoma State football coach whose surprisingly eloquent tirade in defense of one of his players made him a YouTube.com

celebrity. In the rant, Gundy expresses his displeasure with a columnist who had insulted the Cowboys' backup quarterback. He insists that the newspapers take up their issues with him and not the players, saying, "Come after me, I'm a man, I'm 40. I'm not a kid."

The player Gundy chose to defend is a college sophomore, meaning his status as a "kid" is somewhat in question. One wonders then what level of outrage Gundy reached when right-wing columnists, talk-show hosts, and bloggers began attacking 12-year-old Graeme Frost.

Graeme and his sister Gemma were seriously injured in a car accident. Graeme's brain stem injury and his sister's cranial fracture required extensive medical treatment and rehabilitation, which continues to this day. Both might not be alive today if their parents were not covered by the SCHIP healthcare program.

The SCHIP program is intended to cover healthcare costs for parents who earn too much for Medicaid but can not afford to buy health insurance. Graeme's father and mother combine to make less than \$50,000 a year and cannot afford to purchase insurance.

In an effort to convince a reluctant President Bush not to veto a bill set to drastically increasing funding for SCHIP, the Democrats turned to Graeme to give the party's weekly Radio Address. Since then, Graeme and his family have come under scathing attack, simply for utilizing a government program which saved them

hundreds of thousands of dollars and their children's lives.

The Baltimore Sun chronicles how the Frosts have been the recipient of right-wing vitriol labeling them too rich for government healthcare and implying that they are socialists for accepting it. Mark Steyn of the National Review refers to Graeme, a seventh-grader, as "fair game," maintaining a sense of righteousness as he attacks the political sensitivities of a 12-year-old who supports a program which saved his life.

E.J. Dionne of The Washington Post and others have extensively detailed the miscalculations and wrong assumptions which have led to what many liberals are calling the "swiftboating" of Graeme and the Frosts, referring to the questionable campaign to smear Sen. John Kerry's record in Vietnam. Dionne answers the criticisms methodically, pointing out that the family does not pay for the private educations that Graeme and Gemma receive, as Graeme is on scholarship and Gemma's tuition is covered by SCHIP, as the school is designed to serve her special needs. Referring to a blogger's claim that homes in the Frosts neighborhood sell for over \$400,000, Dionne reveals that Graeme's father paid \$55,000 for the family house seventeen years ago.

Delving fully into the intricate finances of the Frost family might be a fun little game for gotcha journalists and trigger-finger bloggers to play, but in the end it is really a meaningless gesture. Graeme's and Genna's procedures have already been paid for, and the government has already determined that they qualify for SCHIP coverage. The debate about whether or not to extend the program, or how far to stretch it, is really the only thing that should matter.

There is really no need to lower important legislative debate to the level of "If you don't vote my way, kids like this will die!" The statistics on children without

healthcare in this wealthy nation are, or should be, staggering enough to make the Democrats argument. Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi could rightly be criticized for using Graeme's story in an effort to demonize their opposition in congress and the White House, so why aren't they the ones being bombarded?

The answer, as it usually is in Washington, is hypocrisy. Or in this case, a fear of being charged with it. Those Republicans who attempt to assassinate the character of a hard-working small-business owner's son do so because they can not criticize the practice of making politics personal. They do it too often themselves.

Why should the estate tax be repealed? Because Farmer X is about to lose the family farm because he can't pay off the taxes. Why should stem cell research be halted? Because we can possibly create more babies with them and give them to people. Never mind that there are plenty of orphans waiting to be adopted, you wouldn't want to search for a cure to Parkinson's if it meant killing babies, would you? Just look at all these babies.

Every bill, no matter how well-intentioned, has effects that negatively impact the lives of certain citizens. A legislator has to weigh the balance, and should not be haunted with the visages of people whose lives he has altered. It is the only way he or she can do the job right. Let's leave the 12-year-olds to Little League, and have Congress debate on the issues.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Small jokes, big responses

If you ever had a sibling around your age, remember being like six years old on a long car trip, and you'd make goofy faces at him or her because you knew you'd get a reaction. And, of course, it would work, and about an hour into it your little sister or brother would get mad and either start crying or throw their juice box at you? Notre Dame, you've just been hit with a twin-barreled Hi-C from Elizabeth Karle and Katie Shea.

Don't get me wrong, I look forward to Saint Mary's-based comic-related-Viewpoint-Hate-Mail-season almost as much as college basketball season, but if I could, I'd like to make our Saint Mary's friends aware of an important point. The biggest stereotype that exists about Saint Mary's College is: (drumroll, please) that ya'll are phenomenally defensive about being stereotyped. Small jokes; big, angry responses.

I can't speak for the writers of "Tastes Like Failure," but I'd guess that it's highly

likely that the punchline of that comic wasn't found in their three panels (you can't form a complete thought in a comic strip, let alone any kind of a judgment about entire groups of people), but in Ms. Shea's letter referencing literary analysis and calculus equations. I'd also guess that the goal of said comic was to elicit that response.

When something meant entirely in jest draws that kind of a response, it's really, really funny, even if the comic wasn't. So therein lies the catch, especially for those who think like Ms. Karle and Ms. Ballinger who say such statements are "vile", "bitter", or used for "oppression".

Bitterness and oppression imply forethought and malice, I'd ballpark that about 95% of Saint Mary's "stereotypes" are used completely glibly to generate a response. Turns out, while there will always be some truly hateful people, just about every Notre Dame student I've met who actually knows Saint Mary's girls doesn't buy into the truth of any of those stereotypes, but that still

doesn't mean the over-the-top reactions to them aren't funny.

This is the same reason we call Boston College "Backup College" despite the fact that it's universally recognized that Boston College is a darn good school.

So members of the Notre Dame community are making faces at you, Saint Mary's, respond how you will. But if your responses to offhand jokes fall along the lines of "stop this vile hate and oppression," just realize that the mindset you're attacking is one that most Notre Dame students don't possess.

And you'll be feeding the biggest Saint Mary's stereotype as well. The reason, Ms. Karle, that same stereotypes exist now that did 20 years ago has more to do with the same hypersensitive reactions to them than anything else.

Matt Wallace  
senior  
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Oct. 17

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Some people like my advice so much that they frame it upon the wall instead of using it."*

Gordon R. Dickson  
writer



## Move on to forgiveness

Do you remember Marion Jones? The sprinter everyone loved to love at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney? She won five medals, three gold and two bronze, and won us all over because not only was she fast, she was beautiful, articulate, confident, and — so we thought — all we could ask for as the public face of America during those Games.

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

So you've probably heard during the last two weeks that those medals had a little extra somethin' behind them, and it wasn't flaxseed oil.

Now that Jones and the rest of her relay teams have had to return the medals (the 100m individual gold now apparently going, ironically, to Katerina Thanou, herself convicted for doping and perjury at the Athens games in 2004); now that Jones is apparently broke, medal-free and facing jail time; now that she has retired from track and field and certainly has lost any hope of finding work in the fields of product endorsements or public speaking; now what do we do?

Or at least, have we learned anything?

I would propose three take-home thoughts. One, maybe we ought to reevaluate this whole "athletes as heroes" thing we seem so compulsively attached to as a nation, but that would be a subject for another column. Two, I think Marion Jones is actually a big winner here. And three, we should all forgive her, if we haven't already. It's good practice.

When I first talked with one of my sons about the story after Jones pleaded guilty and publicly confessed, he was horrified. "But now she has to give up her medals!" he said. True, she did. And she has to live with an even bigger asterisk after her name than, ahem, Barry Bonds, because on the greatest, most storied athletic stage on the planet, her victories were a sham.

I do believe, though, that however late her confession, it may be the best decision she's ever made. Now at least she has been honest with herself and the rest of us.

As she said about the first time she was questioned on her possible steroid use in 2003, "I lied to protect myself. It was an incredibly stupid thing to do. I made the decision to break the law and have to take full responsibility for doing so. All of

this was after my attorneys had specifically told me several times the need to be totally truthful with the agents."

Imagine living with that lie and others for four years, even lying again and again to keep up the pretense, and now finally being able to look at herself in the mirror and know she at long last acted with integrity.

She has publicly taken, as she says, "full responsibility" for her actions. In a statement she read before entering the courtroom to file her plea she spoke of her "great amount of shame."

Yes, though you could certainly argue that it took her far too long, you might also say that she has finally truly set a good example.

Why should we forgive her? I have no idea if or how Jones' faith played into her decision to come clean, but our Christian tradition teaches that we are all sinners, that we all need God's forgiveness. In the Catholic Church, the acts of confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness are so important that the Sacrament of Reconciliation recognizes them as an effective sign of God's grace in the world and in our lives.

Remember, too, however, that when his

disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray, he teaches them these words: "forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." Jesus wasn't messing around, and neither should we. Clearly God expects us, if we seek forgiveness, to extend it to others as well.

Most likely none of us reading this article will ever fall from quite the same unique and very public heights as has Marion Jones. I said earlier that it would be good practice to forgive her. Why? Because that would actually be much easier than forgiving your roommate, or lab partner, or best friend or colleague or spouse who has truly cut you to the quick.

So start with Marion, and move on to forgiving those closer and closer to your heart. For whenever we have the courage to apologize for one of the mistakes we have made or will make in our universally imperfect lives, won't we hope to be forgiven?

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Holy Cross community

This is not a response to the comics — as far as I'm concerned, they were never (and still aren't) worthy of a response. Since we've opened the issue, however, I feel compelled to respond to the personal views expressed in Viewpoint, namely those of Jordan Beltz ("Belles: Give me a reason" Oct. 17). Saint Mary's women read this paper and its comics because The Observer is supposedly "serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's" and we have every right to do so. We read to find out about events at our own college, not just at Notre Dame. Saint Mary's already exists on its own: We are a warm and vibrant community, and we are proud of our school, its incredible faculty, rich traditions, and exceptional women.

We do not break ties from the University because our schools have been inextricably linked since Blessed Basil Moreau first envisioned this community. We, along with Holy Cross College, build upon the Holy Cross foundation together with Notre Dame. Saint Mary's College neither expects Notre Dame to pander to our students, nor do we need them to — we simply expect to be treated with the respect and dignity that we deserve as sisters in the Holy Cross community.

Our women thrive within our Saint Mary's community academically, athletically, and spiritually. A great number of our women simply don't have the time or desire to even venture across

the street, and thus remain wholly unseen by the Notre Dame community. Those of us who go over to Notre Dame regularly do so largely to share in a different style of Mass, take part in an organization that's unique to a larger school, pray at the Grotto, or visit some of the many wonderful and accepting students we've encountered at the University. I am not so blind as to claim that the negative stereotypes have been pulled from air — there are women among us whose behavior can reaffirm the frustrating images associated with Saint Mary's. However, they are merely a small percentage of our population.

So many Domers already know the truth in my assertions and ignore the negative stereotypes of Saint Mary's women. But the others — like Jordan Beltz — have already made up their minds not to even give us a chance. And honestly, these close-minded judgments go both ways. I have witnessed firsthand the disrespect shown by both students of Notre Dame as well as Saint Mary's toward the other, and it needs to stop. Let's let the comics be (and really, they're just comics), and focus instead on all that we can gain if only we learn to treat each person, regardless of school identity, as a brother or sister in Christ.

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## Tradition unites schools

This letter is in response to Jordan Beltz's letter, "Belles: Give me a reason" (Oct. 17). Jordan, your comments represent the most ignorant point of view I have ever seen on this campus. The involvement of Saint Mary's students at Notre Dame seemed obvious to me, but I will spell it out for you.

Tradition: Saint Mary's was founded only two years after Notre Dame. Ever since the conception of our university, Saint Mary's has been there with us. Throughout history, the students at both schools have been able to participate in each other's activities. Coming from the school where tradition might matter most out of any school in the country, it would not be unreasonable to expect you to realize this on your own.

Involvement: Saint Mary's students and Notre Dame students share each other's clubs and activities. Both Saint Mary's and Holy Cross send students to participate in our marching band. I assume (like most here) that you enjoy football game days. Without those two schools' involvement, our band would not be the same. Our band is great partially because of its size. If you take away those students, our band just simply is not quite as good. The student section then would not be able to hear the band as clearly. How would you like to never do the jig?

There are many examples of Notre Dame students taking classes at Saint Mary's because the classes simply are not offered here. You might have never

done this, but it is surely important to some students here on campus.

Jordan, you make a point about comics poking fun at every group on campus. As an engineer, I am not offended at someone making fun of engineers, but that is my opinion.

This teasing is much different than making fun of a group that cannot change its identity. Making fun of women is no better than making fun of a race.

I am sure that people would be extremely offended if the comic made a derogatory comment about a specific race, so tell me, how is this different? It's not. I suggest you reexamine your point of view and put yourself in their place. You would be offended, too.

Saint Mary's students are an integral part of this university and students on both sides share each others activities, time, and fun. There's a reason they are called our sister school. Comics should be funny, not offensive. Comics in your paper at home are not offensive yet are still humorous.

Why, then, should our comic writers feel the need to be offensive? Is it because they cannot think of anything amusing without being offensive? I hope it became a little clearer why Saint Mary's plays such an important role in our school.

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## Comics not meant to be personal

In response to Jordan Beltz's letter ("Belles: Give me a reason" Oct. 17). Thank you for finally bringing to the table the subject that everyone wants to talk about but is afraid of. We completely agree with your opinions.

We think that Saint Mary's students should stop claiming Notre Dame as their school. They did not get into Notre Dame, they do not pay Notre Dame tuition, they do not have the same workload that Notre Dame students carry, but they do continue to steal our Notre Dame men, our Notre

Dame football tickets, and the association with this University that they are not earning.

The comic strips poke fun not only at Saint Mary's girls but at Notre Dame girls as well. Although some of us may get upset at the comic strips that make fun of the Notre Dame girls, most of us laugh it off because that's what comic strips are there for. Why would somebody take a comic strip personally? Comic strips aren't meant to be personal. And if you want to stop seeing yourselves made fun of in our comic strips

then maybe stop making the stereotypes of Saint Mary's girls a reality. You only bring it on yourselves. Stop complaining that you have such a bad reputation. The reason that reputation lives on is because of the way a lot of Saint Mary's girls choose to act.

We personally did not have a bad impression of Saint Mary's coming into Notre Dame, but the longer we're here, the worse our impression gets. There's a reason Notre Dame girls don't like you. We know that not every Saint Mary's girl necessarily acts in this manner, but it's the ones that do who

ruin it for the rest of the student body.

We're not trying to make enemies out of any Saint Mary's girls, but we do think you need a serious wake-up call about how you're portraying yourselves and the bad impressions you're giving off to everyone else.

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## Jimmy Eat World in rare form on "Chase This Light"



MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

By JESS SHAFFER  
Scene Writer

Needing a little post-midterm, pre-break treat? Check out Jimmy Eat World's "Chase This Light," originally released Monday.

After a week of hiding in your room, the library or Co-Mb in complete silence, this album is just what the doctor ordered. It has enough noise to get you amped to rejoin the human race without incapacitating you from rock-shock.

Jimmy Eat World definitely got it right with this album, harnessing the perfect

amount of energy without their last release's morose (and frankly boring) anger. The whiny anxiety of 2004's "Futures" has disappeared from their sound, and they've returned to their melodic rock style. The grousing of their last hit, "Pain," is out, and their classic sound, found in hits like "The Middle," is back in.

"Chase This Light" is tailor-made to dance off that last Milano cookie that you needed to get through your chemistry exam. After a week of stress-eating habits, this album is perfect to help you fit back into the designer jeans that don't go quite past your thighs anymore.

So make a new Jimmy Eat World playlist and head to the gym. Tracks like "Let It Happen" and "Feeling Lucky" are perfect for a jog or two — or even three. The high power of the album also makes it prime impromptu "dance party" material for letting loose.

"Chase This Light's" lyrics have a little bit for everyone: love and romance, loss, sweet crushes and even the occasional rant. Overall the

lyrics tend to have a wise positivity, and the group seems to have discovered a great formula: smart lyrics coupled with unique vocals and an upbeat sound.

With this combination, Jimmy Eat World has some hits on their hands. It won't take long for these tracks to start making appearances in shows like "The Hills" and "The Real World." In fact, "Like She'll Always Be," with its rhythmic snapping and bouncing pace, is an ideal fit for shows like these — ones that need good music to make up for their lack of content.

More applicable to real life, "Chase This Light's" tracks fit anyone's personal soundtrack. They serve as great theme songs for any Notre Dame or Saint Mary's student. For example, let's say that last exam didn't go so well. "Electable (Give It Up)" is an excellent remedy for the pain. With lines like, "I came up like everyone, they taught us all the same/ I said what they told me to say, and then from that they grade," it's easy to find material for a diatribe against organized education or grades.

Better yet, crank up the entire album. One of its greatest assets is its cohesive variety. No two tracks are quite the same,

and Jimmy Eat World thankfully avoids the redundancy that most groups fall into.

Their elegant, rhythmic and authentic style unites this album's diverse collection. The first track, "Big Casino," is a highlight with its get-up-and-go feel. With lines like "(Get Up, Get Up) Turn on ignition/ (Get Up, Get Up) Fire up the system/ Play my little part in something big," the message is pretty clear. This song should come with a warning for being too memorable.

Even after its first upbeat tracks, "Chase This Light" keeps listeners interested with varying tempo and emotion as it fluidly transitions from optimism to longing and mild angst. The band doesn't front-load the album by putting its best efforts only at the start, either. There are great songs throughout, and two of the best tracks, the title track and fan favorite "Here It Goes," help bring the album to a close.

Overall, "Chase This Light" is an excellent addition to Jimmy Eat World's collection. Definitely invest the \$10 to purchase this album, because you won't regret it.

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### Chase This Light

Jimmy Eat World

Released by: Tiny Evil

Recommended Tracks: "Here It Goes," "Big Casino" and "Like She'll Always Be"



MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

There's no question I dread more in the world than, "So what kind of music do you like?"

That single question takes away any hope I have of looking "hip" or "down with it." My answers are inevitably the Spice Girls, Mariah Carey and Broadway show tunes. After a brief, awkward pause filled with judgment, I add, "You know, I like the Beatles too. And Kanye." Everyone likes Kanye.

I even got my own WVFI show sophomore year with the hope that I could diversify my musical tastes and be able to ramble off all the super hip and super unknown indie bands I listened to. Instead, I relied on my co-host to choose the proper underground music, while I played a show tune of the week and talked about Britney Spears. We did reenact scenes from "Walker, Texas Ranger" and "The O.C." one time. Our five listeners enjoyed it.

But even though I hate being judged on my love for Christina Aguilera and Kelly Clarkson, I have a nasty habit of judging others on the television shows they watch. Just like some believe that musical tastes reveal everything about a person's personality, I believe that tele-

vision tastes tell me whether we're going to be best friends, or whether you're going to be that person I sometimes say "hi" to on the quad.

For example, if you tell me that you don't have a lot of time for TV so the only shows you watch are "Grey's Anatomy" and "Desperate Housewives," we're probably not going to be "besties" off the bat. I'll admit that I don't watch these series myself. I try to watch "Grey's" occasionally, but Meredith is too much of a floozy and I'm still freaked out by Izzie going all crazy during that whole Denny storyline.

So when Miss North Face 2007 tells me that she only watches "Grey's" and "Desperate," my heart breaks and a single tear runs down my cheek.

"She doesn't know what she's missing," I say to myself, and I leave her in peace as she picks up her hot pink iPod and goes for a run around the lake.

But then there are those people who fill my soul with joy when they tell me their favorite show is "Arrested Development." We're instant friends, and we talk about "Bob Loblaw" this and "Mrs. Featherbottom" that. Or if you tell me you absolutely love "The Office," Bonus points if it's the BBC version, and double bonus points if you know all the words to "Free Love on the Free Love Freeway."

Then again, everyone watches NBC's "The Office" now (except for those unfortunate people who choose to watch "Grey's" during that time slot), so my new test of instant friendship has expanded to shows such as "30 Rock" or "Friday Night Lights."

Maybe I have a special place in my heart for those underdog shows that flirt with cancellation year in and year out. Everyone can quote from "The Office," but not everyone can sing along to Tracy Jordan's "Halloween Bar Mitzvah" on "30 Rock" with me. Impress the heck out of me, future friends.

But even if our television tastes don't line up right away, I can still become friends with someone who watches "Private Practice." It just means we can't have meaningless hour-long conversations about "Ugly Betty" and "How



NBC's "30 Rock" recently won an Emmy for best comedy. Unfortunately, its Nielsen ratings still have room to grow.

I Met Your Mother." Once I'm done judging you, I'll be able to move on and see the real you.

At least meet me halfway, though. If you watch even one episode of "Freaks and Geeks," I'll probably fall in love with you.

Or we can just put in a Spice Girls album and have a dance party.

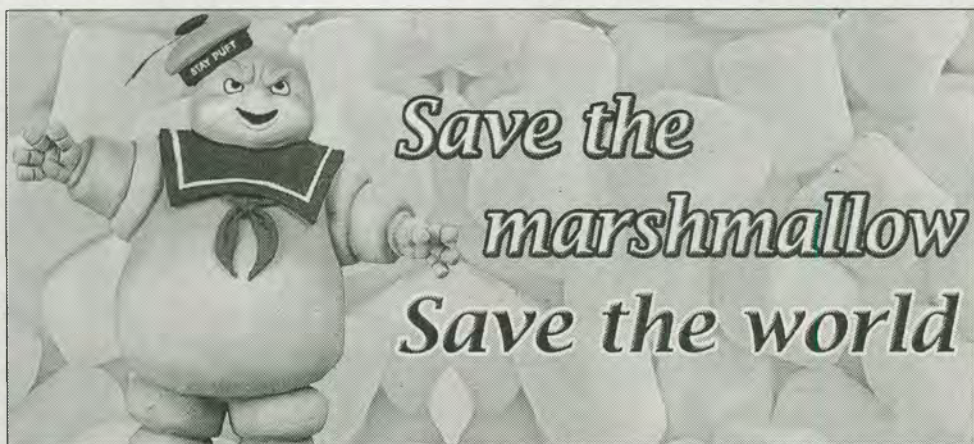
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Win or lose, no matter the score, come halftime of any Fighting Irish home game, a different war is waged in the student section of Notre Dame Stadium. As NBC's camera crews cut away to the studio and provide detailed analysis of Notre Dame football at halftime, the senior portion of the Notre Dame student section turns into a maelstrom of marshmallows, as seniors engage in so-called "marshmallow fights."

Or they used to, anyway, before the so-called "Marshmallow curtain" descended, suffocating the tradition and sucking the fun out of home games.

In recent years stadium security has cracked down on students concealing the bite-sized treats on their persons, resulting in ejection from the stadium and the confiscation of the offending student's ticket booklet, denying them admission to all subsequent home games.

What's all the trouble over the delectable dollops of sugary goodness, you ask?

Well, the seemingly innocent shenanigans took a dark turn in recent years when security officials found foreign substances embedded within the mallows — items such as pennies and pebbles, designed for harm rather than for humor. These indiscretions caused the marshmallow fights to turn malicious, creating the current situation, in which possession of marshmallows is an offense resulting in the same punishment one would imagine for having a concealed firearm or other sort of weapon while trying to enter Notre Dame Stadium.

Another added impetus for the marshmallow lockdown was a series of complaints from NBC officials to stadium security — they claimed that the offending confectionary projectiles were striking camera equipment. Well, perhaps the malicious pranksters were attempting to hit the despised "TV timeout" official, who sits on the field with his bright orange gloves and makes sure NBC milks every penny out of its airtime commercial breaks.

Maybe they were thinking that, should they manage to knock the TV timeout guy of the game (just as Irish safety Tom

Zbikowski knocked UCLA quarterback Ben Olsen out of commission in ND's lone win this year), perhaps we could have a game which, despite technically being just one hour of game time, regularly stretches into over four hours of real time.

That's four hours of standing, yes "shoulder to shoulder" as the student shirt reads, but more accurately: crammed in like crayons in an all-green Crayola box, swaying and teetering as the intoxicated morons next to you threaten to pass out on you and almost passing out yourself after four hours of watching football.

The saddest part of this whole sordid affair is that now, more than ever, Notre Dame seniors need marshmallow fights to put the fun back in Notre Dame football. With an abysmal 1-6 start, an anemic offense and perhaps worse, increasing apathy among the student section, seniors need a collective pick-me-up during home games.

For most of us (barring, of course, Architecture majors who retain a coveted fifth year of eligibility to watch home games) this is the last year to watch Notre Dame home games from the cozy confines of the student section. And it hasn't been a pleasant last hurrah.

As the losses mount, we need something to reinvigorate the student section and to restore a sense of fun to our home games. We need to unleash some halftime havoc on friends and foes alike. There's something cathartic about pasting a pal in the pate with a perfectly placed puff, even if the Irish are getting creamed on the

field. Let the healing begin, or we'll all spend our time in the student section drunk, depressed and dour.

Of course, this is not to say we should be tossing bad mallow bombs out there. As seniors in our fourth year of college, we should know better than to try and put junk inside of our marshmallows. That's just plain mean-spirited.

Now more than ever, we need the marshmallow fights. Lift the curtain, stadium security.

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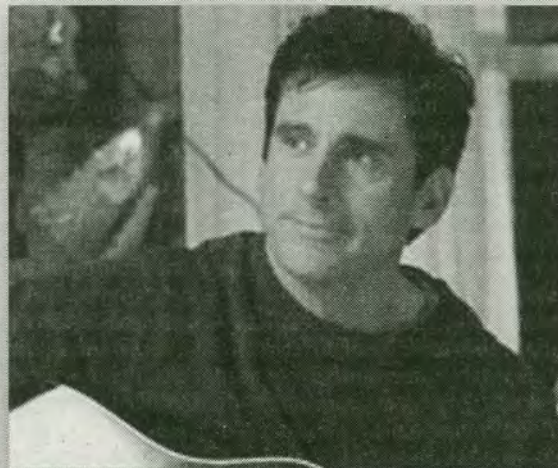


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For Fighting Irish fans in the senior section, cheers have been hampered by an unfortunate ban on their marshmallow-throwing stadium tradition.

## What to Watch: Fall Break 2007

### Dan in Real Life



"The Office" star Steve Carell branches out of his comedic comfort zone.

### Saw IV



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Angus MacGyver - a secret agent with a difference. Enjoy every single episode on DVD.

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Stick to NBC next Thursday to see Zach Braff and company in their season opener.



## MEN'S TENNIS

## Squad focuses on doubles in Parbhu's absence

By KATELYN GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

Even though senior captain Sheeva Parbhu was away at the ITA All-American championships in Tulsa, Okla., last week, Notre Dame continued practicing its doubles skills and learning to work as a team to prepare for the ITA Midwest Championships today.

Parbhu, the lone Irish representative at the prestigious championships, fell in the opening and consolation rounds. While he was gone, however, the team continued to hone its skills.

"We focused on doubles competition," assistant coach Ryan Sachire said. "We essentially developed four strong doubles teams that we will send to regionals."

The first pair consists of Andrew Roth and Parbhu.

"Roth is ready to play singles and doubles this weekend," Sachire said. "Overall we're pretty healthy minus a

few nicks from practice this week. There shouldn't be any major setbacks, unless the nicks turn into bigger problems."

The other team consists of juniors Brett Helgeson and Santiago Montoya. The Irish will also send out the freshman doubles duo of Tyler Davis and Stephen Havens. The other team will be freshman Matt Johnson and a partner to be named later.

"We focused on moving together, and producing a fluid game," Sachire said. "We also worked on teamwork and learning what our partners strengths and weaknesses are. Movement is key to doubles. We really want the guys to gel, and communicate on court."

The doubles matches may only count for one point of the total score in a team match, but both Sachire and head coach Bobby Bayliss know the importance of getting the point and have stressed it to the younger players.

"The upperclassmen know

how important it is," Sachire said. "It sets the tone for the rest of the match. It can either make or break a team because you play doubles first. It is hard to win four singles matches off of any team in the country, the doubles point is crucial."

The team has come a long way this fall from its opening match in Chicago. There have been a few surprises, but overall Sachire and Bayliss are pleased with the progress.

"We have a number of quality tennis players and good guys," Sachire said. "Everyday the guys bring it and are in it together. They really see the big picture. Everyone is competing at a high level and really feed off of each other. Last year we had a lot of talent, but there was a clear break off from the top six to the rest of the team. This year we are all one team."

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior Andrew Roth lines up a forehand during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over Illinois on April 1.

## MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — GOLD LEAGUE

## Playoff seeding at stake for Dillon against winless Alumni

### Battle of the Chapel matches unbeaten Stanford and Keenan

By ERIC PRISTER and JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writers

Dillon looks to gain some momentum going into the playoffs as it takes on archrival Alumni tonight at 7 at Riehle Field.

"We want to go into the playoffs clicking on all cylinders," Dillon senior captain Alex Duffy said.

Dillon will also look to improve its playoff seed with a win.

"This game has to do with being the No. 8 or the No. 7 seed," Duffy said. "Either way we have a tough opponent, but I would much rather be a lower seed."

The Dawgs come into tonight's game at 0-3, but a

game against Dillon always gives them reason to come out and play.

"It's obvious right now that we have nothing to play for except pride," Alumni captain Bret Shapot said. "What makes this game even bigger for us is it is against Dillon. When we play Dillon, it makes no difference whether we are 3-0 or 0-3."

Alumni will look to finish the season strong and begin preparations for next year.

"All our younger guys are going to play a big role in this game," Shapot said. "At the same time, the veterans are going to get one final shot on the field. Everyone's going to make a contribution, and if we can come away with a win, that's all I can ask for. Then Alumni can ride that into next year."

Duffy stressed the importance of keeping his team focused.

"Last year we came into the Alumni game 0-3 and helped

spoil their season. The roles are reversed this year and they are looking for some revenge," Duffy said. "It's a rivalry game and it's Interhall football. Anything can happen."

#### Keenan vs. Stanford

Gold League powerhouses Keenan and Stanford meet tonight at 8 in the Battle of the Chapel to decide who will finish the season undefeated.

"It is always good to beat Stanford. In fact, our rector pulled me into his office and told us to win," sophomore captain Pat Burns said.

The naming rights for the chapel shared by the two dorms is up for grabs, as is the No. 1 seed in the playoffs. Keenan (3-0) is coming off its bye week after rolling over Alumni, 26-0. But Burns said his team still has work to do.

"We made a lot of mistakes," Burns said. "We need to try and cut out the holding penalties and move the ball forward."

Rust is a definite concern for the Knights, who have not played a game in a week and a half.

"We have been working on a lot of offensive line [play]," Burns said. "We do not want to change too much, and we want to be ready."

Freshman Brian Castello, who Burns said has been playing very well, will call the signals for Keenan.

"He is really getting used to the whole interhall thing," Burns said.

Leading the Knights' rushing attack is junior Alex Gonzalez, who is talented enough to be playing varsity ball, Burns said.

The Knights have relied on their strong defense for much of this year, however, having only given up six points in three games.

Countering Keenan is an equally talented and potent Stanford (3-0) football team. The Griffins enter tonight's game on short rest after win-

ning a sloppy game against a mediocre Keough team Sunday.

"It should not have been as close as it was. We made a lot of mistakes," senior captain Rob Huth said.

The Stanford defense has been just as strong as Keenan's, holding opponents scoreless until the fourth quarter against Keough.

The Griffins' defensive line, led by sophomore defensive tackle Rob Huguelet, has been especially solid.

The Stanford offense has a good mix of new and old faces, including several explosive players at the skill positions, highlighted by junior quarterback Brian Salvi and senior running back Tregg Duerson.

"If we want to win this game, we are going to have to have a complete game," Huth said.

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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	13
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
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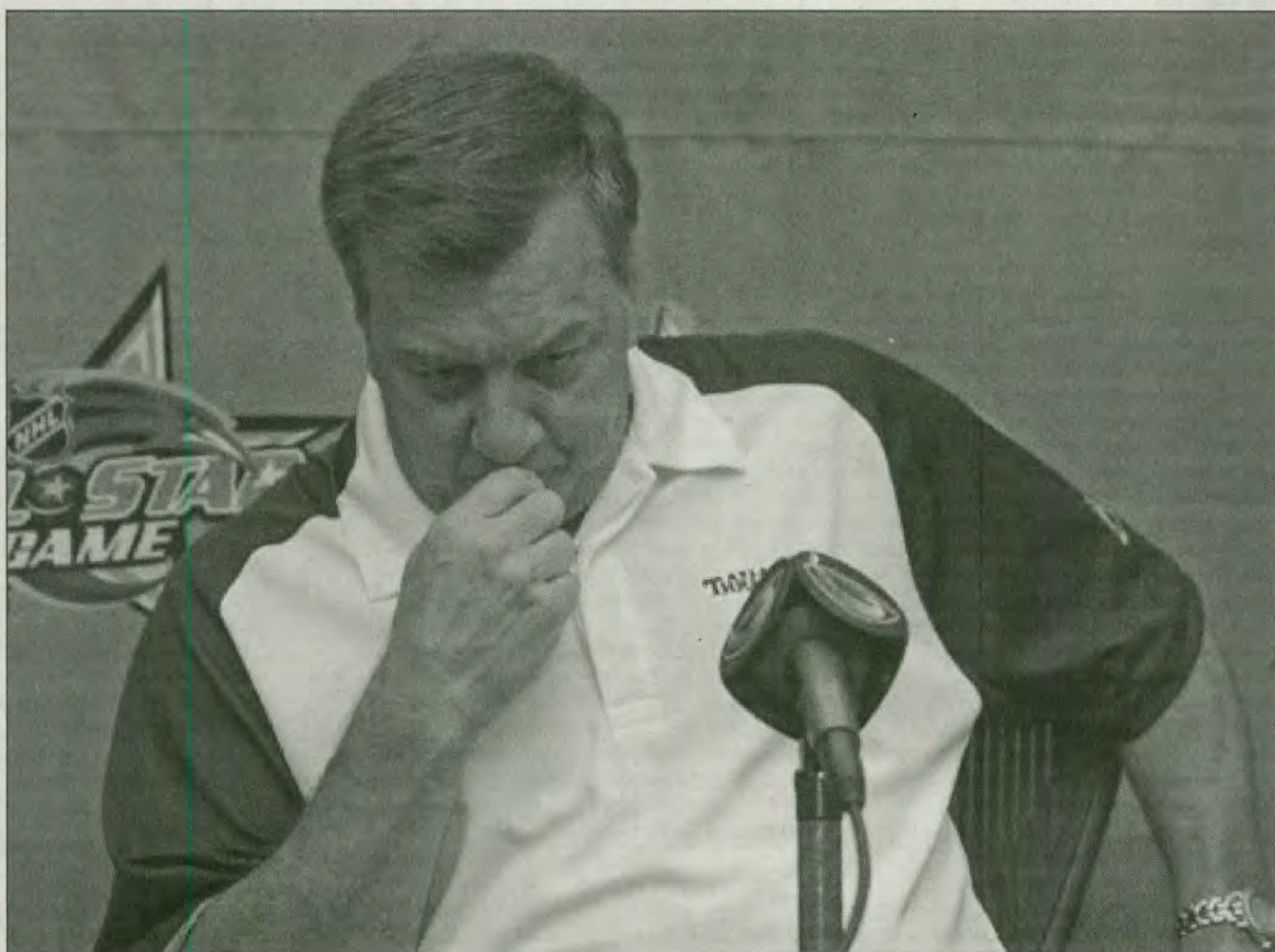
## USCHO.com/CSTV Div. I Men's Hockey Poll

	team	record	previous
1	North Dakota	1-0-0	1
2	Miami	2-0-0	4
3	Minnesota	2-0-0	5
4	BC	1-1-0	2
5	Denver	2-0-0	13
6	Michigan	1-1-0	10
7	Clarkson	2-1-0	7
8	New Hampshire	0-0-0	6
9	Michigan State	0-1-0	3
10	Colorado College	0-0-0	11
11	NOTRE DAME	1-1-0	8
12	Ohio State	2-0-0	19
13	Wisconsin	1-1-0	15
14	Quinnipiac	0-0-0	14
15	St. Lawrence	2-1-0	16
16	St. Cloud State	1-0-1	17
17	Maine	0-2-0	12
18	Boston University	0-1-1	9
19	Cornell	0-0-0	18
20	Massachusetts	1-1-0	NR

## USA Today/USA Hockey Magazine Div. I Men's Hockey Poll

	team	record	previous
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2	Miami Ohio	2-0-0	4
3	Minnesota	2-0-0	6
4	BC	1-1-0	2
5	Denver	2-0-0	10
6	Michigan	1-1-0	9
7	Clarkson	2-1-0	13
8	New Hampshire	0-0-0	5
9	Michigan State	0-1-0	3
10	Colorado	0-0-0	11
11	NOTRE DAME	1-1-0	7
12	Ohio State	2-0-0	NR

## NHL



Thrashers executive vice president and general manager Don Waddell speaks during a news conference Wednesday where he announced that head coach Bob Hartley was fired. Waddell will become interim head coach.

## Waddell to temporarily coach Thrashers

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A six-game losing streak to start this season put Bob Hartley's job in danger. A quick ouster in last season's playoffs did not help his cause.

Hartley was fired Wednesday as coach of the Atlanta Thrashers, the only NHL team without a victory. General manager Don Waddell will coach the team until a replacement is found.

Waddell said the Thrashers were playing as if they have not recovered from losing four straight games to the New York Rangers in the first round of the playoffs last season.

"The emotions were so high last year going into the playoffs and we went out quickly and to be honest I don't know if we've recovered from that yet," Waddell said. "If you look we've lost 10 games in a row now, including the last four last year. That's where I believe a change has to be made."

Waddell said he has no timetable for a hiring and indicated he may look for a coach who is less intense than Hartley.

"Maybe we've got to back off a little bit and let the players have some fun in the game," Waddell said.

"Certainly Bob has been here a long time. ... We

weren't getting the most, particularly out of our veteran players, and that was a concern," he said.

Hartley did not attend Wednesday's news conference and did not return a phone message.

Michael Gearon Jr., who represented the ownership group at the announcement, said there was great concern the team was losing all momentum gained from winning the Southeast Division last season and making its first playoff appearance. The Thrashers have been outscored 27-9, including a 4-0 loss at Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

"From our perspective, it's important to see

progress," Gearon said. "From the start of this season we're not seeing that."

"This is an important time for the franchise. It's not taking one step forward last year and two steps backward. The point is to keep moving forward and to be competitive for a long time."

Added Gearon: "Clearly, there needed to be a change."

Waddell was 4-5-1 as an interim coach after he fired Curt Fraser during the 2002-03 season. Waddell then hired Hartley.

Waddell indicated this interim stint could last longer.

## IN BRIEF

### Cabrera recovers to win Grand Slam of Golf

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda — U.S. Open champion Angel Cabrera overcame an atrocious start with a spectacular finish Wednesday to win the PGA Grand Slam of Golf, outlasting Padraig Harrington in a playoff.

Cabrera recovered from a triple bogey on the opening hole that put him five shots behind with a birdie-eagle finish to close with a 2-under 68 and get into a playoff with the British Open champion at Mid-Ocean Club.

He finally beat Harrington on the third extra hole with another booming tee shot and a 4-iron into 18 feet on the par-5 18th. Cabrera took two putts for birdie, which was all he needed when Harrington hit into a deep bunker off the tee and still had 4 feet for par when the Argentine tapped in.

It was the first time Harrington, who closed with a 69, had trailed all afternoon.

### MSG asks judge to reduce award in harassment case

NEW YORK — Madison Square Garden and Knicks coach Isiah Thomas have asked a judge to reduce the \$11.6 million in punitive damages a jury awarded to a former team executive after concluding she was sexually harassed and fired out of spite.

Anucha Browne Sanders was awarded the damages this month after a three-week trial that portrayed the Knicks' offices as a dysfunctional clubhouse where Browne Sanders endured profanity-laced conversations with Thomas before he turned unwanted affection toward her.

In court papers filed late Tuesday, lawyers for MSG and chairman James Dolan said constitutional limits require the punitive award be trimmed from a "grossly excessive" amount to a figure in the tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars, in line with comparable awards.

### Derby winner Street Sense pre-entered for BC Classic

NEW YORK — The top three Kentucky Derby finishers — Street Sense, Hard Spun and Curlin — will meet again in the \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic in a race that most likely will settle Horse of the Year.

"This is possibly the deepest Breeders' Cup field if not the deepest we've ever had," Breeders' Cup president Greg Avioli said Wednesday after nine horses were pre-entered for the 1.25-mile Classic at New Jersey's Monmouth Park on Oct. 27.

Add two other formidable 3-year-olds in Haskell Invitational winner Any Given Saturday and Goodwood Handicap winner Tiago, plus leading older horse Lawyer Ron and European stand-out George Washington, and it's easy to see why most will agree with Avioli's assessment.

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**NBA**  
Seattle at LA Lakers  
10 p.m., TNT



## MLB

# After celebrating, Rockies go back to work

Team will have eight days off to prepare for Indians or Red Sox as break draws comparisons to Tigers last season

Associated Press

DENVER — Todd Helton and the Colorado Rockies returned to work Wednesday a carefree bunch.

They're going to the World Series, that's for sure. Whether they're headed to Jacobs Field or Fenway Park next week, that can wait.

The Rockies took a much-needed break after clinching their first NL pennant Monday night with their 21st win in 22 games. Helton said he spent his day off "basically sleeping."

"We didn't get home until 2 or 3 in the morning. It wasn't too easy to sleep," he said.

Helton said it's been such a whirlwind that he hasn't had time to savor what's ahead after a decade of disappointment in Denver.

"I don't even know if it's sunk in yet. It may take a little while longer," he said. "But I don't want to pinch myself. I don't want to wake up. It's a magical ride and I want to stay on it as long as possible."

The Rockies practiced for two hours in 56-degree, partly cloudy weather, their last workout until a simulated game Friday at Coors Field.

Colorado will start the World Series on the road next Wednesday. Cleveland leads Boston 3-1 in the AL championship series going into Game 5 Thursday night.

With a record eight days off, the Rockies had plenty of time to get ready. Last year, Detroit had six days' rest, then played poorly in losing the Series in five games to St. Louis.

"I've already had six or seven people bring to my attention that the Tigers had a long layoff last year and didn't play very well," manager Clint Hurdle said.

Hurdle noted that seven of the 10 teams that had to wait five days or more before the Series actually won it all.

"So, if you look for good, you'll find good. If you look for bad, you'll find bad," Hurdle said. "We're of the opinion this is an opportunity, just like any other one we've had this season. We're going to meet it. It can provide some challenges, but it's going to provide some opportunities and we'll be ready to play."

The Rockies will play simulated games of between four and eight innings Thursday through Sunday. They'll have a regular workout Monday before flying to the AL champion's city.

"This is groundbreaking,"

Hurdle said. "The other option is we could have lost a couple more games, we could have gotten on a plane, we could have made another flight and that would have really cut down on all this down time."

"And maybe put us in a position where we would have had four months of down time," he said.

The Rockies decided against flying to Tucson and working out at their spring training complex in the Arizona desert. They chose the Rocky Mountains' cooler weather, sure, but also their own warm beds.

Once they got to the ballpark on Wednesday, many players tore open big boxes of World Series caps and polo shirts in their lockers. They said it was amazing that the smell of champagne and Coors Light no longer permeated the place.

Most of them spent their time off Tuesday resting or recuperating. They tried to get away from their buzzing Blackberries and iPhones long enough to cut off the calls and text messages from family and friends sending congratulations — and seeking World Series tickets.

"I don't know how they've gotten the number, but they're calling," reliever Matt Herges said.

"Yeah, I kind of feel like I'm writing a wedding plan again," rookie Jeff Baker offered.

Who's in? Who's out? Where's the cutoff?

"It's going to be tough to go through the list and pick and choose who gets a ticket and who doesn't," Baker said.

Not that any of them mind the hassle, just like they're not fretting over this long break.

NFL teams get seven days. So, what's one more?

"I'm not too concerned about the layoff," shortstop Troy Tulowitzki said. "If anything it will be nice to rest up, I'm a little banged up. We're going to be here at the field pretty much every day swinging the bat and facing some pitchers, so I don't think it will affect us too much at all."

Here's the big debate: Will the time off be harder on pitchers or hitters?

"Fielders," suggested Brad Hawpe.

"The toughest thing is going to be making sure we keep our legs strong," the right fielder said. "We can go out there and practice and do sprints and stuff, but it's not like standing on your feet and playing through the 4-hour games we've been playing in the playoffs."

Several of the Rockies planned to take in the ALCS. As for who they're rooting for, they're going to remain neutral.

"If Cleveland does end up winning tomorrow, they're

going to have to end up dealing with the same issue that we're going to have to deal with and that's having some time off," Baker said. "But if it does go seven and Boston comes back

and they battle it out, that's only going to help us. They'll beat each other up, hopefully get some bullpens tired and that could be an advantage for us."



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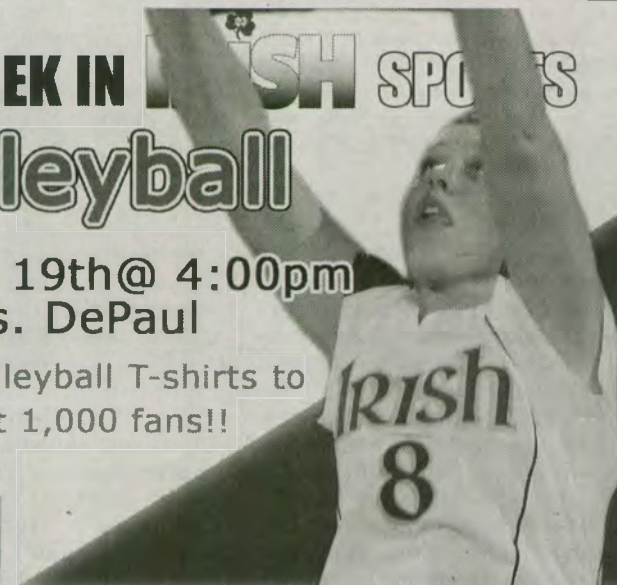
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## MLB

# Red Sox try to overcome odds against Indians

Beckett looks to continue postseason dominance, help Boston emulate 2003 Marlins comeback against Cubs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — History gives Josh Beckett and the Red Sox a pretty good shot. They've come back from big postseason deficits.

Then again, they didn't do it against these Cleveland Indians.

Down 3-1 in the AL championship series, Beckett and Boston will try to save their season when they face C.C. Sabathia on Thursday night. It's a rematch of the opener, the only game the Red Sox won.

"I don't think there's anyone in the league that we'd prefer on the mound for our team in this situation," Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. "We can believe all we want, but we have to get hits off Sabathia and hold them down."

In 2004, the Red Sox ended an 86-year World Series championship drought with a four-game sweep of St. Louis. First, though, they had to overcome a 3-0 deficit in the ALCS against the New York Yankees.

The Red Sox became the first team to win a postseason series after losing the first three games.

"When you see something that's never been done before, you can believe in anything," first baseman Kevin Youkilis said. "For us, it's all about winning one game."

Only seven players from that

World Series team, including David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez, are still with the Red Sox.

One who wasn't there also came back from a 3-1 LCS deficit.

Beckett started Florida's comeback in 2003 with a two-hit shutout against the Chicago Cubs in Game 5. He struck out 11 and walked one, a remarkable NLCS performance that was soon overshadowed.

Working on three days' rest, he pitched a World Series-clinching, five-hit shutout in Game 6 against the Yankees.

"It's kind of like a party in 2003," Beckett said. "It was fun. It was a bunch of young guys, and we were just out having fun."

The Marlins exceeded expectations that season. Anything less than a championship would be an emotional blow to the Red Sox and their passionate fans.

As is Rafael Betancourt cares.

"With the confidence we have playing right now, we're going to do it on Thursday," said the former Boston farmhand, now a lights-out reliever for Cleveland. "We don't want to go back. We want to finish it here."

To do that, the Indians will have to break Beckett's postseason spell.

He won the first round opener over the Los Angeles Angels with a four-hit shutout. Then he out-pitched Sabathia, who said he wasn't aggressive enough, in

Game 1 of the ALCS.

"I didn't even give us a chance the other day," Sabathia said. "I look to stay calm and stay in control and not try to overthrow and do so much and I think I'll be fine."

Beckett's back stiffened up on the chilly night. Red Sox pitching coach John Farrell said on Wednesday's off-day that Beckett is feeling fine and his back is not an issue.

"His bullpen (session) two days ago was as strong as others throughout the course of the season," Farrell said. "So there's no restrictions of any kind going into tomorrow."

After losing the opener 10-3, the Indians took the momentum with a 13-6 win in 11 innings at Fenway Park. They won the next two games in Cleveland behind their third and fourth starters, Jake Westbrook and Paul Byrd.

They scored seven runs in the 11th in Game 2, and another seven in the fifth of a 7-3 win in Game 4, four scoring on homers by Casey Blake and Jhonny Peralta.

"We just got hot at the right time," Sabathia said. "It doesn't matter how you play during the season. It matters how well you're playing right now."

The teams did tie for baseball's best record, 96-66, and Boston won home-field advantage by winning the season series with

Cleveland.

That means nothing to Indians manager Eric Wedge.

"It's not about where we play or who we play. It's about how we

play," he said. "We'd love to do it here at home, but the heartbeat and the pace and the way we play, it needs to be the same we've been doing all year."

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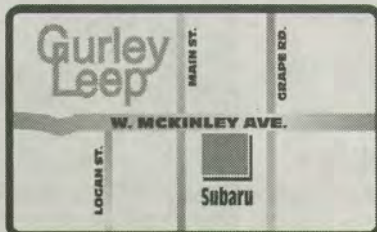
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## BASEBALL

# Korpi, Dupra shine in intra-squad series

*Blue and Gold squads split first two games of annual 3-game set*

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

In the first game of Notre Dame's annual intra-squad Blue-Gold series Tuesday, senior left-hander Wade Korpi won the battle between the top two Irish starting pitchers, leading the Blue team to an 8-1 win over the Gold team.

Korpi struck out six in 4.2 innings of work, while allowing just four hits and holding the Gold team scoreless.

"Wade's been dominant all fall, like you saw today," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "He did some work with [Irish pitching coach Sherard Clinkscales] on his breaking ball and he's throwing that pitch for a strike."

Gold team junior right-hander

David Phelps, Notre Dame's ace last season, took the loss while giving up five earned runs in 4.2 innings.

"I'm not worried about Phelps because he's pitched very well this fall," Schrage said. "I think he made a few bad 0-2 pitches today. But he's going to be a leader for the team in the spring."

The Blue team jumped on Phelps early when leadoff hitter Brett Lilley lined a single to right. The senior shortstop came around to score when the next batter, sophomore left fielder Ryne Intlekofer, drilled a double into the left-center field gap. Intlekofer went 2-for-5 and also reached on an error and scored a run.

"Ryne's a good scrappy guy at the plate who always puts the

ball in play," Schrage said. "We'd like to make him a utility player and he played left and played well today."

Phelps was able to avoid further trouble in the first thanks to a sliding catch by senior left fielder Ross Brezovsky and a running grab by sophomore center fielder Bill Warrender. Korpi, meanwhile, almost lost his shutout in the first, but the Blue team displayed some stellar defense of its

own. The Gold leadoff batter, sophomore designated hitter Matt Grosso, reached base on an infield single. Gold sophomore second baseman Herman Petzold then tried to bunt Grosso to second but reached on an error by Korpi. After Phelps errantly threw to first, the Gold

team had runners on first and third with nobody out.

Brezovsky came up next and hit a fly ball into short center field. Blue junior center fielder A.J. Pollock made the catch. When Grosso tagged up and tried to score, Pollock cut down the runner at home.

Pollock, who started at third base for the Irish last season, then made a full-extension diving catch in right-center field to end the inning.

"A.J.'s just a great athlete, and he's already a solid defensive outfielder," Schrage said. "We're going to use his speed to help us win some games."

At the plate, Pollock reached base in three-of-four plate appearances stole a base and added an RBI.

After the early scare, Korpi rolled through the Gold order, facing just 19 batters in his 4.2 innings.

"I was getting ahead of batters and that was the key," Korpi said. "I was throwing my fastball

for strikes so I was also able to throw my off-speed pitches."

The Blue squad scored two runs in the third, fifth and seventh innings to put the game out of reach. Jeremy Barnes picked up an RBI in the third, with Pollock and Blue freshman first baseman Ty Adams driving in runs in the fifth.

Blue freshman catcher Cameron McConnell hit the first home run of the Blue-Gold series when he nailed a solo shot down the left field line in the sixth.

In the second game of the series, Gold won 3-1 behind strong pitching from Brian Dupra, who went 5.2 innings and allowed just one run while striking out three. Grosso, Brezovsky and center fielder David Mills all scored for the Gold squad.

The third game in the Blue-Gold Series will be played today at 4:30 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

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## BASKETBALL

## Harangody to miss 3-6 weeks with injury

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Sports Editor

Sophomore forward Luke Harangody will miss three to six weeks with a torn ligament in his right thumb, Irish coach Mike Brey announced in a statement Wednesday.

Harangody was injured in practice Monday, the statement said. Doctors evaluated him on Tuesday and determined the ligament was torn.

The statement said Harangody will be re-evaluated after three weeks.

"A timetable for his return has yet to be determined, but doctors and men's basketball trainer Skip Meyer will evaluate

the situation in three weeks," it said.

At minimum, the sophomore will miss Notre Dame's first exhibition game against Saint Ambrose on Nov. 2. If Harangody is held out for a full six weeks, he will also miss the second exhibition game against Saint Edward's, as well as the opening game of the season against Monmouth and the team's trip to the Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam tournament.

Harangody averaged 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds per game last season. He also had seven double-doubles.

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## NBA

# Kobe back at practice, expected to play today

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant returned to practice after sitting out the previous three days, and coach Phil Jackson said he expects the disgruntled Los Angeles Lakers' star to play in an exhibition game Thursday night.

"Yeah, we'll probably play him, get him out there," Jackson said after practice Wednesday. "He seemed all right, sure did."

The Lakers face Seattle in Bakersfield on Thursday night in the first of six exhibition games in nine days. They lost their first two exhibition games to Golden State last week in Honolulu.

Bryant hadn't practiced since Saturday because of a sore knee. He didn't speak with reporters Wednesday, but made his feelings clear a day earlier in his only formal interview since Lakers owner Jerry Buss stated he "would certainly listen" to trade offers for the two-time defending NBA scoring champion.

"One thing I said at training camp was that I didn't want this to be a distraction," Bryant said Tuesday. "It's our understanding not to bring up the situation and not talk about it. We just wanted to keep things quiet and go about our busi-

ness. It kind of caught me off guard a little bit."

Bryant asked to be traded 4? months ago, then avoided speaking about the Lakers until the beginning of training camp Oct. 1, when he talked more positively, saying he was looking forward to the season.

It seemed the parties had put negative feelings behind them before Buss made his comments to three beat writers last week.

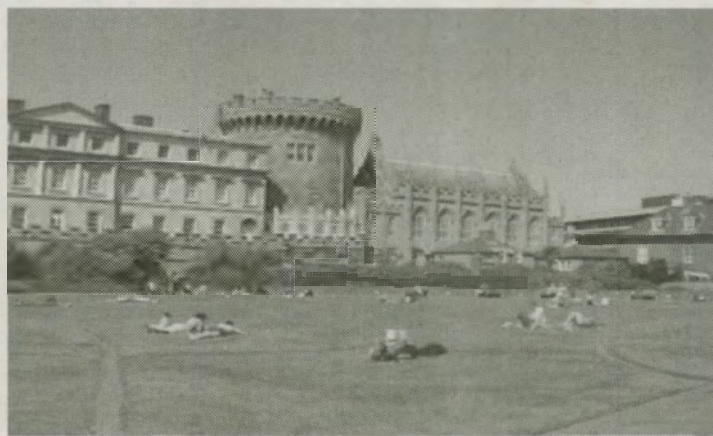
Jackson said it was essentially business as usual Wednesday, although Bryant wasn't involved in scrimmaging at the end of practice.

"He was extremely helpful with young players today, helping them with the offense," the coach said.

"It was good — he was out there smiling and looking good, helping guys," teammate Kwame Brown said. "He was out there working, hopefully that means he's going to play. We want him to play, we need him to play."

Brown said the Lakers haven't been distracted by the fact that Bryant missed practice the previous three days and his apparent differences with management.

"We didn't know what was going on. We thought it was his knees," Brown said. "Hopefully, they can handle that upstairs."



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Siegfried running back Marcus Young heads upfield in the Ramblers' 26-6 win over Fisher Wednesday.

## Zahm

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coming out in the second half," Zahm coach TJ Stouder said. "We were playing for pride on both sides of the ball."

The Rabid Bats (2-1-1) kept their season alive in a defensive battle.

The turning point came when Zahm made a defensive stand in the last five minutes. On the next play, Ossei-Anto's run gave it the field position it needed.

Following Ossei-Anto's run, the Rabid Bats were still 35 yards from the end zone, but came 30 yards closer when freshman Xavier Murphy caught a pass that put Zahm at first and goal on the 5-yard line.

On the next play, sophomore running back Brody Kane ran for the touchdown and provided all of the offense required. Kane had just switched to playing running back and started practicing halfway through the week.

Murphy converted the two-point attempt on an end-around.

Sorin's attempts to tie the game ended when Zahm forced a fumble, sealing the victory.

"We have lots of momentum after this game. We are real confident

in our chances in the playoffs," Stouder said. "There are a lot of strong teams out there, and we hope to show that we can be one of those teams."

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**T.J. Stouder**  
Zahm coach

## Hoosiers

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classmate Joseph Lapira. Lapira took a touch and then fired the ball low and to the left, beating goalkeeper Chay Cain for a 1-0 lead.

"I think I'm feeling a bit more comfortable," Lapira said. "I've been coming on and off of injuries all year and hopefully I'm coming into it now."

Lapira, who now has six goals on the season, scored two for the Irish for the second straight game. He also had two in a 3-3 tie with No. 1 Connecticut Saturday. Last year's Hermann Trophy winner has struggled to produce offensively so far this year but seems to be hitting his stride as the postseason nears.

"He is doing exactly the same thing. He's just putting them in the net now," Clark said.

Lapira's second goal tied the game at 2-2 with just under 17 minutes remaining.

Indiana had taken the lead only a few minutes earlier when Eric Alexander found Kevin Noschang on a transition play, and Noschang was able to sneak it under a diving Chris Cahill to give the Hoosiers a one-goal advantage. The senior forward leads the Hoosiers with five goals so far this season.

The lead vanished temporarily when Indiana sophomore Kevin Alston misplaced a ball in the box, allowing Lapira to put in his second of the game, but the Hoosiers answered quickly.

"We don't pick up second balls, and their midfield really did a great job in picking up second balls,"



Irish forward Joseph Lapira rockets a shot during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Indiana Wednesday at Alumni Field.

Clark said. "I think that was the difference in the game today."

The game winner, like Noschang's goal, came after the Hoosiers won a free ball in transition. Noschang took over at midfield, and he and Neil Wilmarth sprinted down field with two Irish defenders. Both defenders collapsed on the ball, leaving Wilmarth wide open for an easy finish.

"That's two games in a row we've given up three goals, so we need to look at ourselves," Clark said.

Prior to the 3-3 tie with Connecticut, the Irish

defense had surrendered three or more goals only once before this season in a 3-0 loss to Maryland Sept. 2.

Notre Dame will look to solidify its defense against Seton Hall Sunday in its final home game of the regular season.

"I think we're very good at bouncing back from losses," Lapira said. "I think we'll come out on senior day and show why we've been here for four years kicking some rear end."

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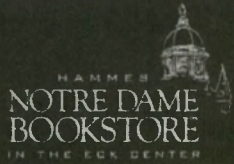
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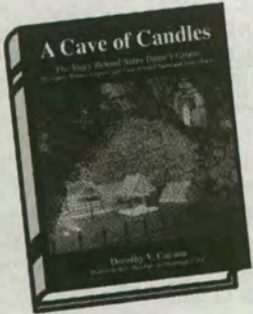
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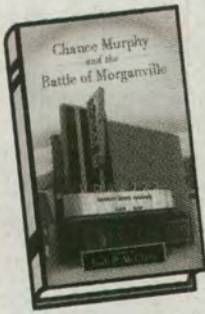


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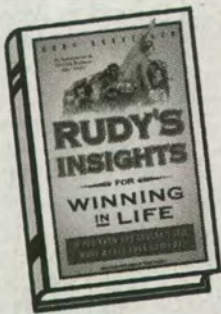


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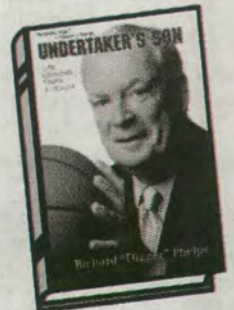


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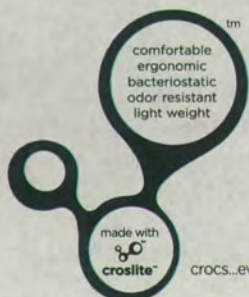
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## Roberts

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For the man who called Notre Dame football games from 1980-2005, his best chance might come soon.

Westwood One, Notre Dame's radio broadcast partner for 40 years, is ending its exclusive deal with the Irish after this season. The two sides failed to come to terms on an agreement that would have extended the only national contract in college football.

"The Notre Dame relationship was a long and mutually beneficial relationship, but I would categorize it as a mature property with us depending on how one wanted to look at it," Westwood One CEO Peter Kosann said in an August conference call to discuss the company's earnings. "It was a low cash flow deal at best and, you can argue, could be unprofitable if we had, quite frankly, agreed to their terms going forward."

So now, Notre Dame must look for a new radio partner.

In June, several media outlets reported Notre Dame was close to a deal with ISP Sports, but nothing has come of the rumored relationship. Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said the University is engaged in negotiations and would announce a deal once it is complete.

Under the Westwood One contract, Notre Dame games have been broadcast in all 50 states and overseas. The contract also allowed for Roberts' departure without the University having a say in the decision.

According to terms of the deal, Notre Dame allowed the radio distributor to choose the on-air personalities.

Westwood One replaced Roberts with Don Criqui, a Notre Dame graduate who works NFL games for the company and was the play-by-play man from 1974-76.

And while companies may change, the provision that led

to Roberts' departure is likely to remain. Heisler said Notre Dame wants to have "great faith" in its new radio partner to make content and business decisions in the best interest of both the school and the company.

That seems to indicate that if Roberts were to come back, it would be the result only of Notre Dame's new partner extending an invitation to him.

That's an invitation at which Roberts would jump.

Roberts remembers the days when Tim Brown and Rocket Ismail were the speedy return men for Irish

teams battling for national titles.

"That was so much fun. It's wonderful to be there with the best. If it wasn't for Notre Dame, I wouldn't have a career. Notre Dame made my career," said Roberts, who now does work with the Web site Blueandgold.com. "I've done a lot of nice things ...

*"If it wasn't for Notre Dame, I wouldn't have a career. Notre Dame made my career."*

**Tony Roberts**  
Former Notre Dame broadcaster

## Pioneers

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made 46 saves on 50 shots for a 2.00 goals-against average.

"He was unbelievable [against Wisconsin]," Van Guilder said. "He was amazing. He was stopping 2-on-1s, 3-on-1s, — he stopped a 2-on-0. He got rewarded with a shutout on Saturday, which he really deserved."

The netminder for the series' second game, however, will depend upon the result of the first game. If the Irish win, either sophomore Tom O'Brien or freshman Brad Phillips may be seen between the pipes.

"I do need to see one of these other guys play soon," Jackson said. "And a lot of it depends on how our team is playing around them."

Denver swept No. 17 Maine at home last weekend by scores of 2-0 and 3-1, leapfrogging eight spots in the early national rankings to No. 5. In the second weekend of last year's season, the Irish faced another high-ranked team, No. 1 Boston College, and came away with a 7-1 win before going on to league regular season and playoff titles.

"It's big to play those teams and it's big to beat those teams," Van Guilder said of playing top-ranked teams in the early season. "That sprung our season last year when we beat Boston College."

The puck will drop at 7:30 p.m. for the game tonight and Friday at the Joyce Center.

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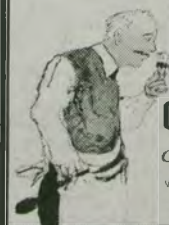
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**MEN'S SOCCER**

# Slip sliding away

*ND falls to Indiana, is now winless in last three contests*

By DAN MURPHY  
Associate Sports Editor

For the third straight game, Notre Dame failed to put a tally in the win column.

The No. 4 Irish lost to No. 12 Indiana 3-2 in a back-and-forth game Wednesday night at Alumni Field. The Irish (8-3-3) are now 4-4 against their in-state rivals since Bobby Clark took over the reins in 2000.

Things looked good for Notre Dame early on. The Irish came out and dominated the first 15 minutes of play, but the pace of the game slowed to a lull after that.

The Irish struck first when senior forward Kurt Martin slipped a pass through a Hoosier defender's legs to

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Irish midfielder Alex Yoshinaga kicks the ball upfield in Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Indiana Wednesday at Alumni Field. The Irish are winless in their last three games.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

**FOOTBALL ANALYSIS**

## Old voice may come back soon

*Roberts could be part of new ND radio deal*

Almost a year and a half after Westwood One forced him out of the job he loved, Tony Roberts is praying to get back behind the microphone.

The Chicago native who grew up a fan of the Fighting Illini but made his name as the voice of the Fighting Irish said he hopes he can come back to Notre Dame's national football broadcasts.

"There has never been a day that I haven't thought about coming back to Notre Dame," Roberts said in a recent telephone interview. "It's like being in prison and waiting for your freedom. Right now

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Ken Fowler

Sports Writer

**MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — BLUE LEAGUE**

## Fisher falls to Siegfried for first loss of season

*Zahm blanks Sorin, 8-0, qualifies for playoffs after break*

By LAURA MYERS and  
PETE REISENAUER  
Sports Writers

The tide turned on the undefeated Green Wave Wednesday when Siegfried defeated Fisher 26-6.

The Ramblers used their running game to great effect and took advantage of four Fisher turnovers.

On the Ramblers' first possession of the second quarter, Siegfried freshman quarterback Mike Garcia put his team near the goal line with a 53-yard pass and scored two plays later with a quarterback sneak on second-and-inches.

Now leading 6-0, the Ramblers quickly ended Fisher's next two possessions with turnovers. Siegfried returned the second one, a fumble, for a touchdown.

"They won the turnover game tonight," Green Wave coach John Donovan said. "Whoever gets the turnovers is going to do well."

But the turnover game was not over. On Fisher's first possession, junior Tom Owens intercepted Green Wave junior quarterback Kevin Rabil's pass.

On the ensuing Siegfried

possession, junior Marcus Young ran the ball five times for 41 yards and a touchdown, putting the Ramblers up 20-0.

"We did a good job running the ball tonight," Young said. "The turnovers put us in good position."

But the Ramblers still weren't done. On second-and-11, Rabil's pass was tipped into the arms of Siegfried junior Patrick McMaster for Rabil's third interception of the night. This turnover led to another touchdown, a 26-yard pass to sophomore Xavier Burton, a punter making his first offensive start of the season.

The win put the Ramblers at 3-0-1 for the season, giving them a solid position heading into the playoffs.

Fisher was able to score a touchdown late in the fourth quarter as senior Pat Gotebeski caught three passes for 35 yards, but it was too little, too late for the calmed Green Wave.

### Zahm 8, Sorin 0

After being stifled all game, Theo Ossei-Anto finally broke loose.

Zahm's junior running back broke a 60-yard run in the final two minutes to set up Zahm's only touchdown in an 8-0 win over Sorin Wednesday.

"We had lots of momentum

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**HOCKEY**

## National power visits JACC

*Irish open home series against No.5 Denver tonight*

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

There were no red practice jerseys at No. 11 Notre Dame's practice Wednesday to signify injured players who couldn't be touched, but banged-up icers have prevented the team from forming cohesive lines and defensive pairings already this season.

The Irish (1-1) play host to No. 5 Denver (2-0) tonight at the Joyce Center in the first matchup of a two-game series, less than a week after Notre Dame surrendered three third-period goals in a 4-1 loss to No. 13 Wisconsin. Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the vibe and chemistry of the lines in that game were out of whack, and the team will be hard-pressed to fix them until the return of injured sophomore center Dan Kissel.

"Where we put Danny Kissel is going to have a lot to do with everything up there, because before we started the season we were anticipating him to be a top two-line guy potentially," he said. "I don't think anything, until I find out where he fits in the puzzle, will be finalized."

One line, however, impressed Jackson — that of Irish captain Mark Van Guilder, freshman Ben Ryan and junior Garrett Regan. They combined for four out of Notre Dame's five goals in the two-game Lefty McFadden



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Irish right wing Erik Condra celebrates his goal in Gold's 3-2 win over Blue in Notre Dame's Blue-Gold Game on Oct. 10.

Invitational last weekend (three for Van Guilder, one for Regan) and had three assists, all by Ryan. Most of the scoring came in a 4-0 shutout of Mercyhurst Saturday.

Injured players aren't Notre Dame's only obstacle to tight-knit forward lines and defensive pairings. Jackson said he didn't prepare the team enough for the level of pressure that the Badgers put the Irish under last weekend. He said he has tried to get the players used to the

up-tempo game he expects out of them, and that the Pioneers will bring to the series this weekend.

"What do we have under our belt? Six practices? So it's really hard when you throw [the team] right into the mix without having a lot of preparation time," he said.

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce will start in net for the Irish tonight, Jackson said, after the junior

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