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Basketball Legion to wear black

Switch from green in student section inspired by Brey, meant to drive up shirt sales

By CHRIS KHOREY
News Writer

Notre Dame men's basketball fans will wear black this season.

That was the color of the official Leprechaun Legion T-shirt handed out to students at the Legion's season-opening event Tuesday night at the Joyce Center.

Legion president Tom Ceravolo said the idea for black came from head basketball coach Mike Brey. The Irish have worn black jerseys on the road at times over the past two seasons, and Brey encouraged fans to wear black at a home game against

Alabama last December.

Ceravolo said the new color has another purpose. The Legion sells its shirts — which are traditionally bright green — to non-students to benefit the Coaches Versus Cancer foundation, and sales have slipped in recent years.

"The same color T-shirt three years in a row doesn't sell very well," Ceravolo said.

The event, which featured a highlight video, the team's walk-on tryouts and an appearance by former Irish star LaPhonso Ellis, drew hundreds of basketball fans.

"I love interacting with our sixth man — the students,"

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Students cheer during a basketball game at the Joyce Center last season. The Leprechaun Legion section will wear black this year.

COR

Taxi issues, cabstand addressed

Representatives weigh options for pick-up spot

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

The Council of Representatives discussed possible plans for a permanent, on-campus taxicab stand at its meeting Tuesday. The cabstand would create a space where taxis would be allowed to wait to pick up students.

The discussion comes amid recent controversy over what drivers say is an NDSP crack-down on idle cabs at Main Circle. Some cab drivers have said that, until this year, NDSP has never objected to cabs waiting at Main Circle. But in recent months, NDSP has forced taxis to leave the premises — even handing out trespass notices to repeat offenders.

While local cab drivers told The Observer in October that they would support a cabstand at Notre Dame, NDSP Director Phil Johnson was skeptical and said the layout of campus would prevent such a measure.

At Tuesday's COR meeting, student body president Liz Brown addressed NDSP's concerns, suggesting a cabstand be placed outside McKenna Hall, a location she said would help minimize the traffic flowing into Main Circle and also provide a

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Young ND alumni work at alma mater

Recent graduates accept internships, full-time positions in University offices, departments



Photo courtesy of the School of Architecture

Class of 2007 graduates celebrate outside Bond Hall in May. Young alumni return to Notre Dame to start their careers at their alma mater.

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

When Jackie Batteast graduated from Notre Dame in 2005, she left South Bend bound for the WNBA after a successful basketball career at the University. After playing for the Detroit Shock and earning a WNBA championship ring, Batteast, like a number of recent graduates, returned to Notre Dame as a member of the University's staff.

She chose to return "for the same reason I chose to come here in the first place — it's a

great place to be," said Batteast, a RecSports intern.

A number of Notre Dame graduates "come back after five, ten, twenty years to various positions," said Erin Putt, senior recruiting consultant in the Office of Human Resources, and a Class of 1997 alumna. She could not give a percentage of alumni working for the University.

Most graduates who work at the University, Putt said, are spread across various departments and offices. Some of the most recent graduates begin their careers as admissions

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Students anticipate trick-or-treating, ghosts

Tour features haunted spots; Keenan hosts children's event

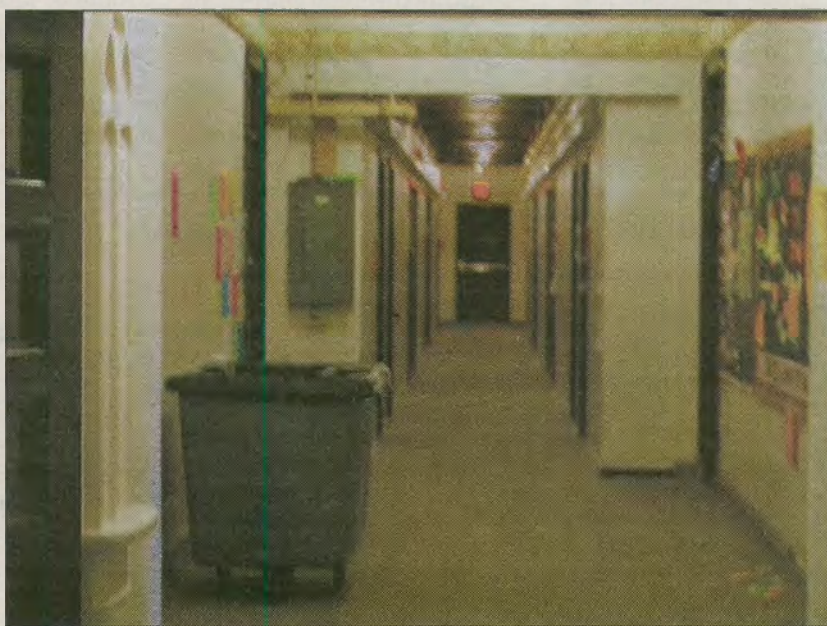
By MEG MIRSHAK
News Writer

Students seeking thrills and an encounter with a Notre Dame ghost may get their wish today as the Student Activities Office (SAO) leads a tour to the haunted spots on campus, one activity available to trick-or-treaters this Halloween.

The SAO's "Haunted Campus Tour" will leave from the Dooley Room in the LaFortune Student Center at 10 p.m. and make stops at the Main Building, which University founder Father Edward Sorin is rumored to haunt, and Washington Hall, where Notre Dame's first All-American football player, George Gipp, is said to visit.

Gipp contracted fatal pneumonia at Washington Hall in November of 1920, accord-

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BECKY TISAK/The Observer

Queens Court, a hallway in LeMans Hall, is said to be haunted by ghosts. Several reported sightings are documented in the book "Quiet Hours."

At SMC, dorms organize events all week, students research hauntings

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's students got a head start on celebrating Halloween Monday night as Holy Cross Hall Council, the Holy Cross Hall resident advisors and Residence Hall Association (RHA) held two campus-wide events.

Each year, the RHA designates a night when College faculty and staff members can bring their families to the dorms to trick-or-treat with the students. The group sent an e-mail to students Sunday to inform them of Monday's trick-or-treating.

Holy Cross Hall also hosted its annual Halloween party, called "Holy Cross Halloween," on Monday. But rather than choos-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Unlucky Kentucky

Kentucky: Home to KFC, the Kentucky Derby, and coal.

Instead of flying home for fall break to my beloved Golden State of California, which is currently up in flames, I ventured into the Kentucky landscape, which continues to be bombed by greedy coal mining companies.

Eric Sales

Photographer

I, along with 11 other environmentally conscious Notre Dame students, participated in the Appalachia Seminar there. We picked up litter, farmed, created a wetland and, most importantly, witnessed the devastating effects of mountaintop removal (MTR).

MTR is a cheaper, more efficient form of mining compared to underground mining.

The process involves blasting away the tops of mountains to obtain coal for energy consumption. Unfortunately, MTR results in the destruction of the Appalachian Mountains and the burial and contamination of thousands of streams, making life a living hell for the Appalachian community.

As one Kentuckian student claimed, "Kentucky is being scarred like acne does to the face of a teen."

Furthermore, the federal government has recently proposed legalizing the continuance of the coal companies' evil mining ways.

What it comes down to is money and greed over health and our environment.

Enough is enough. What could we possibly do on campus to help not just the people of Kentucky but all of Appalachia as well?

- Plenty.
- Turn off your lights when not in use.
- Use daylight as a source of light.
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Unplug your chargers when not in use.
- Take quicker showers.
- Set your computer to sleep and hibernation modes.
- Reduce the brightness of your computer screen.
- Less TV and video games. More studying, praying and sports. (I think we got this one down already.)
- Recycle.
- It makes me angry when I see endless beer bottles in the garbage bin every Saturday and Sunday morning from a night of partying.
- Notre Dame has just moved to single stream recycling, making it possible for us to put all recyclables in one container.
- Use it.

You may be wondering how this will benefit the people of Kentucky. It may not do it directly but it will decrease our energy consumption, resulting in a reduction of Notre Dame's reliance on coal.

Yes, it's true, Notre Dame uses coal.

If you really care, go to www.700mountains.org. Educate yourself on the coal mining issue and write to oppose destructive coal mining practices.

To my Appalachia group, V1, Deb, Father Jack, everyone at the Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest and to the rest of America: It is my hope that Notre Dame students will take the above necessary steps to ensure the future of our country.

To the students of Notre Dame: Please adhere to my suggestions to reduce our energy consumption. Hopefully then will the luck of the Irish rub off onto the unlucky Bluegrass state of Kentucky.

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

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CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 30 edition of The Observer, the article titled "Hanks shines in Big East wins" said Rutgers did not have a shot in the first 66 minutes, instead of the last 66 minutes. Haley Ford has missed 14 games, not eight, and Amanda Cinalli has returned to play and is not still sidelined with an injury.

The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DRESSING UP AS FOR HALLOWEEN?



John Minser
sophomore
Siegfried

"A rubik's cube."



Andrea Fernandez
freshman
Breen Phillips

"A gypsy."



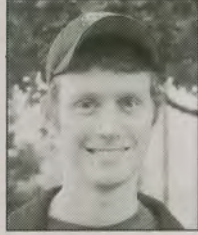
Rachael Curtin
freshman
Cavanaugh

"A sailor. It's cute."



Taylor Montgomery
junior
Dillon

"A banana because it's my favorite fruit."



John Walsh
sophomore
Keough

"A disgruntled student because I have a statics test Thursday morning."



Sophomore Lucy Zhang, left, talks to junior Karen Koski about the Building Tomorrow fundraiser at South Dining Hall Tuesday. Students involved in Building Tomorrow sold T-shirts to raise money for the organization.

VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

OFFBEAT

Boy, 7, takes car out for spin, crashes

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — He could barely reach the pedal, but one 7-year-old boy managed to take the family car out for a spin in his Lehigh Acres neighborhood.

A Florida Highway Patrol spokesman says John Vega took the keys to the car, drove it out of his driveway and crashed into several trees and a mailbox along the way.

Vega is being treated at Lee Memorial Hospital for minor injuries.

In all, authorities say the boy drove about 200

feet from start to finish.

Lab tech accused of abusing elderly corpse

TEANECK, N.J. — A Teaneck hospital lab technician has been jailed after being accused of sexually abusing the corpse of a 92-year-old woman, authorities say.

Authorities said a security guard allegedly saw Anthony Merino, 24, of Manhattan, engaging in sexual activity with the body in the Holy Name Hospital morgue on Sunday.

Bergen County officials

charged Merino with desecrating human remains, which is punishable by up to 10 years in state prison.

A judge set bail at \$400,000 and required Merino to undergo a psychological exam.

Merino, who had only worked at Holy Name as a per diem employee for 14 days, was immediately fired, the hospital said in a statement. The woman's next of kin also were informed after his arrest.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A collection of Douglas Kinsey paintings is on display in the Great Hall of O'Shaughnessy Hall through Nov. 29.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will have an exhibition game against Southern Indiana Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The hockey team will play Lake Superior State Thursday at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center Ice Rink.

As part of the Boardroom Insights lecture series, Brenda Barnes, CEO of the Sara Lee Corporation will speak Friday at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

The Black Cultural Arts Council is holding its annual talent show, "Black Images: Through the Seasons," Saturday at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Student tickets are \$5.

As part of the Military History speaker series, author David Bell will offer a presentation on his new book, "The First Total War," which focuses on the Napoleonic Wars, next Monday at 4:30 p.m. in room 116, DeBartolo Hall.

Gillian Sorensen, senior advisor to the United Nations Foundation, will deliver the lecture titled "The State of Women Internationally: Where Are We and Where Are We Going?" next Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		GAME DAY		SUNDAY	
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Test date set for alert system

Campus comprehensive ND Alert notification will activate Friday

Special to The Observer

On Friday, Notre Dame will test ND Alert, the campus comprehensive emergency notification system. ND Alert includes a new component, the Web site emergency.nd.edu, that will provide ongoing information during a time of crisis.

In the event of an emergency, emergency.nd.edu will serve as the primary source of information about the nature of the crisis, how to remain safe and the point at which safety has been restored. The new site will allow off-campus partners such as alumni, parents and the media to monitor a crisis.

On an ongoing basis, the site will host information about the campus emergency preparedness and response plan, general emergency contact information, and a summary of the tools and resources that support response efforts.

"Safety during a campus emergency is our top priority, and rapid, effective communication during an event is of paramount importance," said Notre Dame's president, Father John Jenkins. "The University's emergency

response committee has studied the lessons for emergency circumstances at other universities in devising this multi-layered communications protocol."

On Friday afternoon, the Offices of News and Information and Information Technologies will activate two ND Alert notification systems that will complement information at emergency.nd.edu:

♦ A mass notification system will distribute a test message to student, faculty and employee personal and registered cell phones, University e-mail accounts and any additional personal e-mail accounts previously provided.

♦ The University's Comcast cable system will broadcast a test message to any live television in residence hall rooms, common areas such as the LaFortune Student Center and offices. All messages to personal communications devices and on the campus cable system will clearly indicate that a test is under way.

The ND Alert notification system will be used only in the event of an extreme emergency. Emergency.nd.edu is expected to provide communications on a broader range of emergencies such as responses to severe winter weather or isolated utility issues that affect few but create a visible emergency response.

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Father John Jenkins
University president

At the beginning of each semester, students have the opportunity to update emergency contact information during enrollment. In addition, throughout the semester students may contact the Registrar's Office to provide updates. Faculty and staff may provide emergency contact information through the Resources tab of InsideND.

Cabs

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safe place for students to catch a taxi.

"Students and cab drivers need to know where they can go to safely meet," Brown said.

She also said too many students have been walking through unsafe neighborhoods in order to go off campus, most likely because they are tired of being overcharged by taxi drivers.

"We need to make it easier for students to pay for cabs so that they do not have to walk late at night," Brown said.

In other COR news:

♦ COR members discussed

the best method to involve students in the selection of the commencement speaker.

Several COR members said they felt the student body was unhappy with past speakers and that students, especially seniors, should have some say in the process.

"What we want is some student presence in the decision-making process," said Chris Doughty, vice president of the senior class council.

Will Kearney, student government director of communications, suggested that the University allow senior class members to vote for a commencement speaker from a list four or five possible candidates.

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COR members, from left to right, Chris Doughty, Phil Ross, George Chamberlain and Ryan Brellenthin sit at Tuesday's meeting.

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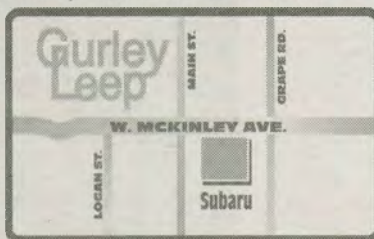
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counselors or have internships in fields like athletics or Campus Ministry.

Batteast chose to stay in the Athletic Department. Her job provides her with "different aspects of sports than you get from being a player."

As the fitness and facilities intern, Batteast manages student employees at RecSports and is a building supervisor on weekends, among other responsibilities.

Her internship lasts the school year, and she is unsure what she will do at the end of May.

"I might go back to be a part of the school corporation, or I might play basketball overseas ... there are different options," she said.

Graduates like Batteast tend to be hired because "they bring in really good skills they obtained after being students at the University," Putt said.

They undergo the same application process, she said, and apply for temporary positions, like internships, as well as full and part-time positions. The number of different openings and opportunities available to them, Putt said, depends on the University's employment turnover.

Paid internships that last 10 or 12 months tend to attract young alumni who are planning to "go into other areas like admissions, or go on to grad school or law school," Putt said.

Recent graduates can sometimes land new positions at the University, but Putt said those are special cases, since the number of University employees is not growing considerably. Still, she said, Notre Dame is a good place to start a professional career.

"There is a lot of opportunity for career development here," she said.

Human Resources will be represented at the winter job fair at the Joyce Center and applications for openings are available online, Putt said.

Jim Furlong, who graduated in May, has a one-year internship at the Monogram Club. After being a student manager of the football team his junior and senior years, Furlong "wanted to stay involved in athletics," he said.

"I was somewhat familiar with the department, and I wanted to stay involved in any capacity. It sounded like a position that interested me," Furlong said.

As part of his internship, Furlong is responsible for organizing Monogram Club events, like the 30th reunion of the 1977 National Championship football team that was honored on the field during the USC game Oct. 20.

But he, like Batteast, is unsure of what lies in his future. Furlong is considering going back to school or finding another internship.

The benefits of coming back to work at the University are "fantastic," Putt said. "There's just being a part of the University community again ... and then the total employment experience." Some of the perks include tickets to sporting events (like football and basketball games), discounts at the Bookstore and golf course, and medical, dental and retirement benefits.

"It's really a great total package," she said. "Even people that aren't familiar with the University are welcomed with open arms. It's a great community."

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Pumpkin

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ing to Notre Dame legend. The story goes that he spent the night on the building's front steps after he was locked out of his dorm after curfew. The illness led to his death on Dec. 14, 1920.

Film, Television and Theatre professor Mark Pilkinton, who is writing a book about Washington Hall, said the ghost sightings began in 1920 and 1921. He said they weren't attributed to Gipp's spirit, however, for another five years.

Not far from Washington Hall, Keenan Hall will welcome students to its own haunted house in its basement as part of the dorm's Great Pumpkin event. Junior James Toner, Keenan's vice president, is the organizer of the community outreach event for children from the Boys and Girls Club of St. Joseph County and Teamwork for Tomorrow, a student mentorship program.

"We are trying to give South Bend kids a chance to have a fun trick-or-treating experience, but also give college students

and Keenan residents a chance to work with South Bend kids," Toner said.

About 50 children from the second to seventh grades will be led through an elaborate haunted house, Toner said. The Keenan resident assistants will supervise a different section of the basement, including the zombie and graveyard areas.

Eighteen other residence halls will also participate in Keenan's Great Pumpkin event. Each dorm will host trick-or-treating and set up stations where the children will be able to tell ghost stories and bob for apples, among other activities.

And this year, student government will also join the festivities, hosting a Halloween picnic on North Quad. Picnic attendees will then be guided through Keenan's haunted house.

"Great Pumpkin is bigger than

it has been in the past because student government is involved," said junior Mark Weber, Keenan's president.

But perhaps the most anticipated activity will be the parade of costumes across campus. Freshman Emily Reineccius said she and three friends plan to celebrate Halloween dressed as the "Fanta Girls," the fictitious pop group from the

popular soft drink commercial.

Students in the Notre Dame Marching Band, including sophomore Alyssa Novak, will put on a costume to attend the band's scheduled practice. Novak said she will dress as a pirate, like those in the popular "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie series.

"We are trying to give South Bend kids a chance to have a fun trick-or-treating experience, but also give college students and Keenan residents a chance to work with South Bend kids."

James Toner
Great Pumpkin event
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel conducts Gaza airstrike; 4 dead

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli aircraft hit a Hamas-run police station in the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis late Tuesday, killing at least four people, Palestinian security and hospital officials said.

The Israeli military confirmed it carried out an airstrike, saying the target was a Hamas position in southern Gaza. It said the attack followed the firing of mortar shells by Hamas at an Israeli village near Gaza.

"We will continue to hit terrorist targets in Gaza," the military statement said.

Islam Shahwan, a Hamas security spokesman, said the target was a location for Hamas riot police. Witnesses said the dead were in uniform.

Tropical Storm Noel strikes Caribbean

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Tropical Storm Noel lashed the Dominican Republic with heavy rains Monday, causing flooding and mudslides that killed at least 20 people and left another 20 missing, officials said.

Noel was expected to dump up to 20 inches of rain on the Dominican Republic and Haiti, which share the island of Hispaniola, as it heads northwest toward the Bahamas.

Forecasters said a tropical storm watch, which means that tropical storm conditions are possible within 36 hours, may be issued for southeast Florida early Tuesday.

The spinning tropical storm had been forecast to hit Haiti hardest but veered toward the Dominican Republic, apparently catching residents offguard.

NATIONAL NEWS

Tasered student will not be charged

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The University of Florida student stunned by a police Taser and arrested after his fervent, videotaped outburst at an event with Sen. John Kerry won't go to court if he stays out of trouble during 18 months of probation, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Andrew Meyer's shout of "Don't Tase me, bro!" was ignored by campus police but helped video clips of the 21-year-old being dragged from a microphone become an Internet sensation.

The telecommunications major wrote apologies to the Gainesville school; its president, Bernie Machen; and the campus police department, defense attorney Robert Griscti said. Meyer recently decided to take the semester off because of the publicity, but he will return in January, Griscti said.

Setbacks could cause delays for NASA

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A giant solar wing ripped as it was being unfurled by astronauts aboard the international space station on Tuesday, creating another problem for NASA at the orbiting outpost.

The next shuttle flight could be delayed if this latest problem isn't resolved quickly, said NASA's space station program manager, Mike Suffredini. Atlantis is supposed to lift off in early December with a European laboratory.

"We don't clearly know what we're dealing with yet, and as soon as we know what we're dealing with, then we can talk about what our next steps are," Suffredini said.

The astronauts immediately halted the wing extension when they spotted the damage. By then, the solar panel was already extended 90 feet of its 115 feet.

LOCAL NEWS

Man pleads guilty to teen slaying

LOGANSPOUT, Ind. — A convicted child killer pleaded guilty on Tuesday to murder in the death of a 16-year-old waitress he worked with at a northern Indiana restaurant.

Danny R. Rouse, 52, was charged with killing Stephanie Wagner, whose body was found strangled and stabbed in a Cass County farm field on Nov. 1, 2006.

Rouse's plea agreement with prosecutors calls for a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Wagner's uncle, Alvin Fry, said the family supported the plea agreement in order to avoid more pain to her relatives, although he believed the punishment for Rouse was not severe enough.

KENYA

U.S. forces aid in anti-piracy efforts

As pirate attacks rise, multiple American warships involved in conflicts off the African Coast

Associated Press

NAIROBI — A U.S. Navy destroyer helped sailors who retook control of their vessel Tuesday in a deadly battle with pirates after the North Korean-flagged ship was hijacked in the piracy-plagued waters off Somalia, the American military said.

The Navy also confirmed that other American warships sank two pirate skiffs late Sunday after answering a distress call from a hijacked Japanese chemical tanker and said U.S. ships were still monitoring that vessel.

In Tuesday's incident, a helicopter flew from the destroyer USS James E. Williams to investigate a phoned-in tip of a hijacked ship and demanded by radio that the pirates give up their weapons, the military said in a statement.

The crew of the Dai Hong Dan then overwhelmed the hijackers, leaving two pirates dead, according to preliminary reports, and five captured, the military said.

Three seriously injured crew members were taken aboard the Williams, the statement said. The captured pirates remained on the Dai Hong Dan, which the crew was returning to the port of Mogadishu, Somalia's capital.

"When we get a distress call, we help," said Cmdr. Lydia Robertson, spokeswoman for the U.S. 5th Fleet, told The Associated Press by telephone from Manama, Bahrain.

Defense Department spokesman Geoff Morrell said the incident didn't indicate the U.S. military was taking a more aggressive stance toward pirates off Somalia, but added that piracy in the Horn of Africa region is a concern because "you're talking about an area that has seen greater terrorist involvement."

Morrell said it was logical that the military would want to know "what is being transported on the high seas and who is out there operat-



U.S. Navy destroyer the USS James E. Williams, pictured in a 2005 file photo, assisted Tuesday in protecting a Korean vessel from pirates off the coast of Somalia.

ing and if they have nothing but the best intentions in mind."

A Navy spokeswoman, Lt. Jessica Gandy, said later that the American destroyer had not been shadowing the North Korean ship. She said it was not known what its cargo was.

Andrew Mwangura, program coordinator of the Seafarers Assistance Program, said an estimated 22 crew members were aboard the North Korea-flagged ship that gunmen seized late Monday in Somali waters. His group independently monitors piracy in the region. Workers at the Mogadishu port said the vessel had delivered a load of sugar from India.

An international watchdog

reported this month that pirate attacks worldwide jumped 14 percent in the first nine months of 2007, with the biggest increases in the poorly policed waters of Somalia and Nigeria.

Reported attacks in Somali waters rose to 26, up from eight a year earlier, the London-based International Maritime Bureau said through its piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The U.S. Navy said that warships in a coalition monitoring the waters near Somalia were following the hijacked Japanese tanker Golden Nori and that four other vessels were still controlled by pirates near Somalia.

Robertson, the 5th Fleet spokesman, said coalition

ships fired on and sank two pirate skiffs tied to the Golden Nori on Sunday night. A Navy photo showed one of the skiffs burning after being hit by a gun aboard the USS Porter, a guided-missile destroyer.

Robertson could not confirm CNN reports Tuesday that the Japanese tanker was filled with highly flammable benzene. But she said, "we were aware of what was on the (Golden Nori) ship when we fired."

CNN said the USS Arleigh Burke, another guided-missile destroyer, was also involved in the operation and had entered Somali waters with the approval of the government. Robertson said she could not confirm the report because the operation was continuing.

Tight California building codes save homes

Associated Press

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — Dr. Jorge Llorente became irritated recently when the fire department kept rejecting his plans to landscape his hacienda-style home with jacarandas and avocado trees.

But he is grateful now.

Those restrictions may well have saved his multimillion-dollar home when a wildfire passed through last week.

"Now that we have a chance to see how it works we are tickled pink," the retired surgeon said. "I'm a convert. I'm a true believer."

Rancho Santa Fe has lots of converts

after braving last week's Southern California's wildfires, the first major test of the stringent construction and landscaping standards adopted by the community in 1997. The San Diego suburb lost 53 houses, but none of them were in the five subdivisions that embraced restrictions designed to be so tough that people can stay in their homes if they cannot evacuate.

As Southern California begins to rebuild from the blazes that killed at least seven people and destroyed more than 2,000 homes, homeowners and government officials are looking at places as far away as Australia and as nearby as Stevenson Ranch in Santa Clarita, north of Los Angeles, that have adopted super-strict standards that

require such precautions as nonflammable roofs, indoor sprinklers and regular watering of shrubs.

Rancho Santa Fe practices a strategy known as "shelter-in-place," designed to insulate homes from flames if people cannot evacuate.

The fire department in Rancho Santa Fe, whose past residents include Bing Crosby and Howard Hughes, scrutinizes plans for every tree and bush and sends inspectors with measuring tapes to make sure its orders are obeyed.

Trees and bushes must be a certain distance from the house and cannot exceed a certain height. Roofs must be nonflammable; shrubs near the house must always be watered. Indoor sprinklers are a must.

Treats

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ing between the options, many students and outside trick-or-treaters attended both events.

"Most of the kids [who trick-or-treated] came to the party," said Maggie Rippenger, a Holy Cross Hall resident advisor. "They loved it."

The party included mummy-wrapping races using rolls of toilet paper, coloring Halloween pictures, decorating cookies and enjoying apple cider.

"My favorite part of the night was dressing up in my costume and watching the kids' faces when they felt our bowl of monster brains," resident advisor Alex Tullisiak said.

The event also included the annual Holy Cross Haunted Tunnels tour. Each year, the Hall Council reopens one of the closed tunnels that Saint Mary's students once used to

travel between buildings. The tunnels closed in summer of 2005.

Like Holy Cross, other residence halls are also hosting Halloween-themed events throughout the week. Regina Hall sponsored a scarecrow-making contest Tuesday night. Stuffing was provided, but participants had to bring clothing and decorations. Today, LeMans Hall will throw a

sleep," Buddie said.

She said she's interested in learning about the Queen's Court section of LeMans, a predominantly freshman section that has a haunted history.

"I'm reading it ['Quiet Hours'] because I want to know what is lurking around in LeMans while I sleep."

Allison Buddie
junior

Murder Mystery Party.

But campus-wide scheduled events are not the only way Saint Mary's students will celebrate Halloween.

Junior Allison Buddie plans to read the book "Quiet Hours," a collection of ghost stories about the Saint Mary's campus, to seek out what ghosts she can find throughout the day.

"I'm reading it because I want to know what is lurking around in LeMans while I

Queen's Court taking things from residents and hiding them. It's only two floors below me, and that's pretty cool."

Other Halloween events on campus:

♦ The Anime Club is hosting a Halloween Dance in Haggard Parlor at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$2 at the door; refreshments will be provided.

♦ Dalloway's Coffee House is hosting its annual Haunted Tours event at 8 p.m. Hot cider will be provided.

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Tickets

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Brey said before the event Tuesday. "That's important to me. I want to make it very clear how important our sixth man is."

Tuesday night was the first opportunity for students to purchase season tickets to men's basketball games, but the tickets will be on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today at the Joyce Center. Season tickets will also be available for purchase online.

Notre Dame is riding a 20-game home court-winning streak and was undefeated at home last season. The Irish also made the NCAA tournament last year for the first time since 2003.

Despite all that, however, crowd support was inconsistent. While students and fans packed the stands for important Big East contests and the game with Alabama, other games saw a half empty arena.

Ellis emphasized the importance of crowd support.

"If you guys are into the game, it pays huge dividends for the guys on the floor," he said in his speech to the crowd.

Irish point guard Tory Jackson said the turnout for Tuesday's event means attendance will be high again for big games, even if lesser matchups, like Friday's exhibition contest against Saint Ambrose, draw fewer fans.

"If they're here now, we know they're going to be here for the bigger games," he said.

Ceravolo was more optimistic about the attendance for early season "cupcake" games.

"The football team's not doing so well and people want to be excited about sports," he said.

To help attendance, Ceravolo said the Legion will hand out free products at early season home games.

"Some of the early games we're planning on having some giveaways, like green wigs or maybe glow sticks," he said.

The exhibition game with Saint Ambrose tips off at 9 p.m. Friday. The Irish have a second exhibition game against Saint Edward's Nov. 7, then open the regular season at home against Long Island Nov. 12.

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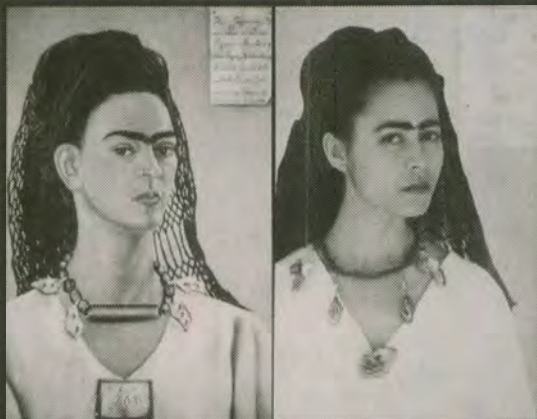
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Cuentos y Memoria, 2007, a digital image by Ramiro Rodriguez (American, b. 1985), on loan from the artist.



"Self-Portrait Dedicated to Sigismund Freud" by Frida Kahlo. Costume costumes, administrative assistant. Photo: [illegible]

Performances by Notre
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Azul y Oro and the
Mariachi ND.

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traditional Mexican
refreshments in the
O'Shaughnessy Great Hall.

7:00 pm Thursday, November 1, 2007
Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art
University of Notre Dame

The Snite Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame and the Institute for Latino Studies present the sixth annual observance of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a Mexican tradition that honors the dead and celebrates the lives of those who have gone before us. The event is co-sponsored by Campus Ministry, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and Multicultural Student Programs and Services.

Día de los Muertos T-shirts free to the first 50 people.

This event is free and open to the public.

For further information please contact Jackie Welsh,
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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
1,255	120	2,059	3,239,849,403
AMEX	2,488.78	-26.02	
NASDAQ	2,816.71	-0.73	
NYSE	10,164.97	-91.25	
S&P 500	1,531.02	-9.96	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	16,633.73	-17.28	
FTSE 100 (London)	6,659.00	-47.00	
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+2.89	+1.00	35.57
S&P DEP RECIEPTS (SPY)	-0.69	+1.07	153.06
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+0.18	+0.10	54.26
SIRIUS SATELLITE (SIRI)	-8.86	-0.32	3.29
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.000	4.383
13-WEEK BILL	-0.26	-0.010	3.850
30-YEAR BOND	+0.21	+0.010	4.673
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.15	+0.006	4.053
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-3.15		90.38
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-4.80		787.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.05		83.05
Exchange Rates			
YEN			114.6750
EURO			0.6927
CANADIAN DOLLAR			0.9540
BRITISH POUND			0.4835

IN BRIEF

IHOP moves to purchase Applebee's

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Shareholders of the bar-and-grill chain Applebee's International Inc. on Tuesday approved a \$1.9 billion buyout offer from pancake house operator IHOP Corp.

More than 70 percent of the company's shares voted to approve the agreement, which critics said shortchanged shareholders.

Under terms of the deal, shareholders of Overland Park-based Applebee's will be paid \$25.50 per share, a 4.6 percent premium over its closing price on the day before the offer was announced.

Glendale, Calif.-based IHOP is also assuming \$155 million in Applebee's debt as part of the deal.

The sale is expected to close by Nov. 29. The combined company would have \$6.8 billion in annual sales and more than 3,200 restaurants.

Midwest Air approves sale to TPG

Midwest Air Group Inc. moved a step closer Tuesday to ending its yearlong effort to fend off a hostile takeover by AirTran Holdings Inc. when shareholders approved a sale to private equity firm TPG Capital.

Nearly all votes cast by Midwest shareholders approved the sale, worth \$450 million in cash, company officials said at a special shareholder meeting.

The only hurdle left is scrutiny by antitrust regulators. They must approve the Midwest Airlines sale because it includes rival Northwest Airlines Corp. as a passive investor. TPG will own Midwest, but Northwest put up nearly half of the money.

Midwest Chairman and Chief Executive Timothy E. Hoeksema said he expects the deal will be cleared by the government and the sale will close by the end of the year.

Shares of Midwest rose 8 cents to close at \$16.24 Tuesday, while Northwest shares were up 66 cents, or 3.7 percent, to end at \$18.30.

Midwest agreed in August to be bought out by TPG for \$17 a share in cash. It has about 26.6 million shares outstanding.

Merrill Lynch CEO steps down

Brokerage firm posts largest quarterly loss as credit crisis fallout continues

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The unfolding credit crisis has claimed its biggest corporate casualty so far: Merrill Lynch CEO Stan O'Neal.

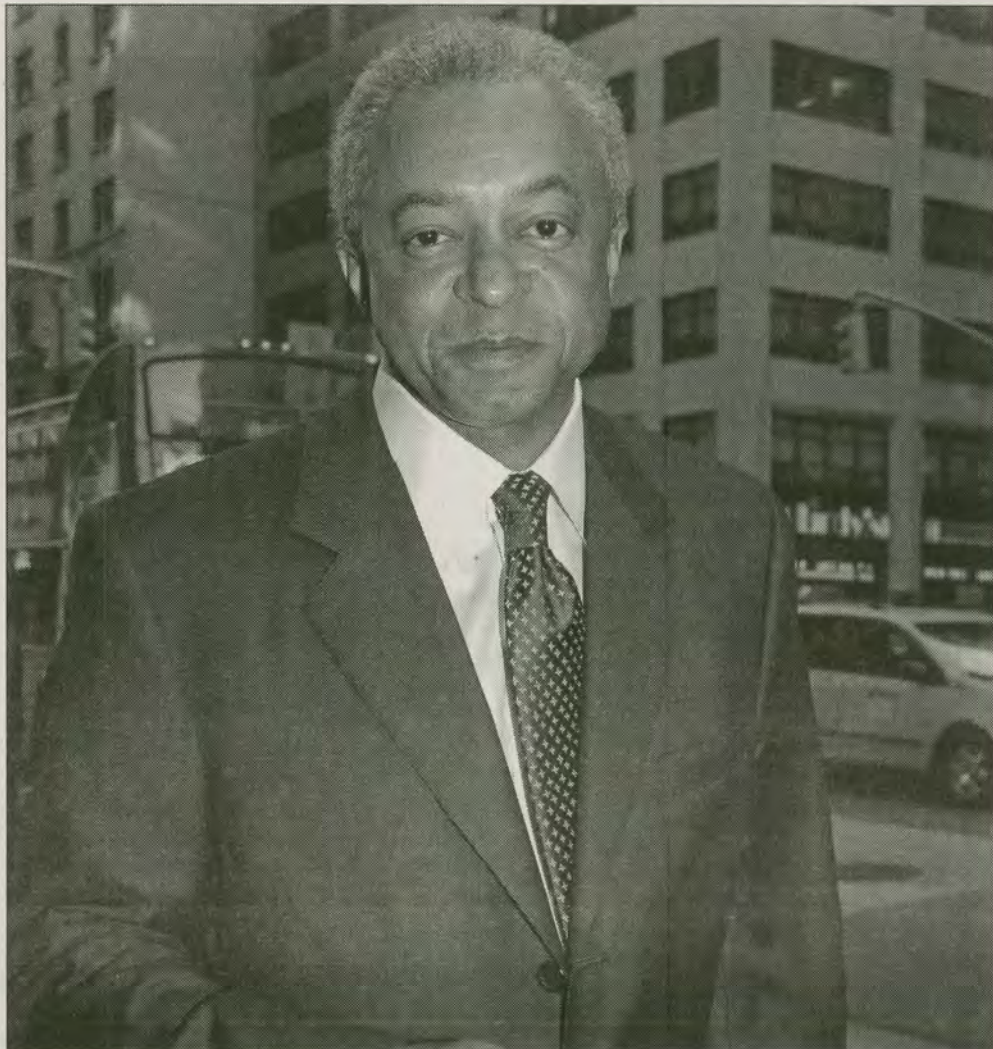
The announcement of his departure Tuesday came after the world's largest brokerage posted a \$2.24 billion quarterly loss, its biggest since being founded 93 years ago. Merrill Lynch did not name a replacement for O'Neal, whose ouster had been expected, and who leaves the company with benefits worth \$161.5 million.

Laurence Fink, the chief executive of investment manager BlackRock Inc., turned down an initial overture from Merrill's board but is in active negotiations, according to a person with direct knowledge of the offer who was not authorized to speak publicly. With the presumed front-runner out of contention, filling the top spot at Merrill Lynch is not expected to be easy given the remaining unknowns from the global credit crisis.

Any replacement will face the daunting task of cleaning up investments in subprime mortgages and other risky types of debt, and rebuilding an investment house badly bruised.

There is speculation by a number of analysts that Merrill Lynch faces a \$4 billion writedown during the fourth quarter. This would be on top of a \$7.9 billion charge taken last quarter, a stunning amount since Merrill originally said it would write down only \$4.5 billion because of credit market turmoil.

O'Neal was also criticized for reportedly approaching Wachovia Corp. about some kind of merger without the approval of his board.



Stanley O'Neal, pictured in New York in November 2006, will retire as CEO and chairman of Merrill Lynch amid company turmoil.

"These losses, coupled with rumors that O'Neal had proposed a merger with Wachovia without the board's approval, essentially dug O'Neal's grave," said Morningstar analyst Ryan Lentell. "The new CEO's first priority must be to ensure proper risk-management procedures are in place to prevent a recurrence of the quarter's loss."

O'Neal, 56, accepted blame for the losses, which immediately led to calls for his ouster. The mistake would prove to be his last, ending a career that spanned more than two

decades at Merrill.

He was one of the highest-ranking blacks on Wall Street — a stunning climb from his impoverished roots in Alabama as the grandson of a former slave.

O'Neal emphasized riskier bets than past Merrill CEOs, rather than the safety of just selling stocks. That strategy — which handed Merrill Lynch record results during the market's peak — came with a heavy cost during the tumultuous third quarter.

Merrill Lynch still has sizable portfolio of complex

financial instruments called collateralized debt obligations, which combine slices of different kinds of risk. It was Merrill's bet on CDOs, and the subprime mortgages underpinning many of them, that proved to be O'Neal's downfall.

Dealing with that portfolio will be the priority for co-presidents and chief operating officers Ahmass Fakahany and Gregory Fleming. Merrill Lynch said their duties will be split — with Fleming in charge of Merrill's front-line businesses, such as its brokerage.

Do Not Call list may become permanent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress took the first steps Tuesday to ensure that people who registered for the national Do Not Call list won't be inundated next year with telemarketing calls at dinnertime.

At separate House and Senate committee sessions, lawmakers passed legislation that makes most of the 145 million phone numbers on the list permanent by eliminating a five-year expiration date established by the Federal Trade Commission, which administers the program.

The Associated Press reported last month that millions of phone numbers on the registry would start dropping off beginning next summer unless people re-registered.

Reversing course, the FTC announced last week that it would not purge expired numbers while Congress considers making the

phone listings permanent.

A measure sponsored by Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Pa., cleared the House Energy and Commerce Committee on Tuesday and will be sent to the full House for a vote.

Doyle said his legislation would give millions of Americans "a little much-needed peace and quiet."

The House committee also approved a bill, sponsored by Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., that extends the authority of the FTC to collect fees from telemarketers. That authority expired last month.

In the Senate, a measure similar to the Doyle bill cleared the Commerce Committee. Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who sponsored the bill, said it would prevent phones from starting to ring again at supper time. The bill heads to the full Senate for a vote.

Last month, the FTC had said the expiration date was needed to account for changes, such as people

who move and switch their phone numbers. Critics complained, pointing out that the list is already scrubbed each month of numbers that have been disconnected and reassigned to new customers. Doyle's bill would require purges by the FTC twice a month.

David Certner, legal policy director at AARP, says many people don't know about the need to re-register every five years. So the legislation, he says, is important.

"People don't want these unwanted calls," Certner said. "For an older person, sometimes it's more than just a bother. It can be a great inconvenience to try to get to a phone only to find out it's simply a call you don't want to receive in the first place."

Linda Stevenson of West Chester, Pa., placed her phone numbers on the Do Not Call list in the early days of the program. She thinks the legislation is a good idea.

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Important notes on loan forgiveness

Borrowing students ought to note the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, signed into law on Sept. 27. Georgetown Law Professor Philip Schrag analyzes the Act in the Fall 2007 Hofstra Law Review, available at www.capenet.org/new.html.

"Congress," notes Professor Schrag, "significantly reduced the period (10 years rather than 25) after which public servants' educational loans were partly forgiven. It also reduced monthly payments for all high debt/low income borrowers ... with a new 'income based' repayment (IBR) program."

Borrowers with eligible Federal Direct Loans will have the unpaid balance of principal and interest forgiven after they have made 120 monthly payments after Oct. 1, 2007, provided that all of those payments have been made while the borrower was employed in a "public service job." Employment in such a job does not have to be for 10 consecutive years nor does it have to be with the same employer. But the borrower has to be so employed at the time the loan is forgiven. A public service job is defined as:

"A full-time job in emergency management, government, military service, public safety, law enforcement, public health, public education (including early childhood education), social work in a public child or family service agency, public interest law services (including prosecution or public defense or legal advocacy in low-income communities at a nonprofit organization), public child care, public service for individuals with disabilities, public service for the elderly, public library sciences, school-based library sciences and other school-based services, or at an organization that is described in section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under 501 (a) of such Code; or

"Teaching as a full-time faculty mem-

ber at a Tribal College or University as defined in section 316 (b) and other faculty teaching in high-needs areas, as determined by the Secretary."

The Act defines an "eligible Federal Direct Loan" as "[a] Federal Direct Stafford Loan, Federal Direct PLUS Loan, or Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan."

A borrower with government-guaranteed loans that are not federal direct loans may consolidate such loans into a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan that qualifies for the loan forgiveness program. A federal "direct" loan is made by the U.S. Department of Education as the lender. Loans that are not already guaranteed by the federal government are not eligible for consolidation and eligibility for loan forgiveness.

Effective in July 2009, borrowers of most government-guaranteed loans, including Stafford and Grad PLUS loans, can reduce their monthly payments of principal and interest if they qualify, by reason of "partial financial hardship," for the new "income-based repayment" option.

Professor Schrag recommends that borrowers consolidate non-qualifying government-guaranteed loans into federal direct loans and then reduce their monthly payments by using the current income-contingent repayment plan and, when it becomes available in July 2009, the income-based repayment plan if they qualify for it. According to Schrag, a borrower who has \$100,000 in college loans and who works in a "public service job" with a starting salary of \$40,000 and annual salary increases of 3 percent could have more than \$125,000 in principal and interest forgiven under the combined programs at the end of 10 years of public service.

The Act will benefit some student borrowers. It remains true, however, that whenever you see a problem that cries out for a government solution you should look for the government program that caused the problem in the first place. As Professor Gary Wolfram

concluded in his Cato Institute study in 2005, "both theoretical analysis and empirical evidence indicate that the federal government's financial aid programs cause higher tuition costs." That conclusion applies to the research universities, including Notre Dame, which have financed their quest for research greatness on the backs of students who could pay the rising tuition only by borrowing. Student borrowing has about reached its realistic limit. The new Act offers an out through the IBR reduction of payments for high debt/low income borrowers and through loan forgiveness for grads who spend 10 years in a "public service job."

The Act, however, also gives to the striving research universities an enhanced ability to raise tuition. Those who can afford to pay that tuition will do so. Non-wealthy students can borrow and now they can use the Act to pass much of that cost on to the taxpayers.

Notre Dame makes commendable efforts to reduce borrowing by students. And University-financed loan-forgiveness programs, such as the Law School's Loan Repayment Assistance Program, are helpful. Neither such University efforts nor the new Act, however, lessen the urgency of Notre Dame's adoption of the Princeton no-loan program, in which all students who would otherwise have to borrow have their needs met by University grants. Notre Dame ought to set an example of using its own resources to remove the crippling debt burden from its students. Nor should Notre Dame exploit the new Act by further raising tuition and using the new Act to pass the costs of research greatness on to the taxpayers.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The radical of one century is the conservative of the next. The radical invents the views. When he has worn them out, the conservative adopts them."

Mark Twain
American author

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The problem is never how to get new, innovative thoughts into your mind, but how to get old ones out. Every mind is a building filled with archaic furniture."

Dee Hock
founder of VISA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Discussion of Victory March continues

Loyal sons and daughters

Thank you to Caity Schneeman and her mom, Erin, for recalling the fact that we have loyal sons AND daughters here at Notre Dame. I graduated in 1981 and recall singing the fight song with the new words, "... while her loyal sons and daughters march-on to victory." As the husband of one Domer (1979) and the father of two Domers (son AND daughter) — that is how I sing it. Let's change the ending to reflect all of Our Lady's children. It is fitting that Sister Jean Lenz is being honored Thursday for her long service to the University. Her book title, "Loyal Sons and Daughters," says it all.

Nick Matich
Class of 1981
Oct. 30

'Gender-Exclusive' song appropriate

In response to Caity and Erin Burns Schneeman, who wrote an Oct. 30 viewpoint entitled "Reconsidering the Victory March": Would that raising one's hand triumphantly at reference to Notre Dame, our Mother — the Holy Mother of God, the Mother of Christ our Savior, Mother of Divine grace, Mother most pure, Mother most chaste, Mother undefiled, the Mother of good counsel, Mother of Christ our Creator, Mother of eternal glory, Mother most prudent, Mother most venerable, Mother most faithful, the mirror of justice, the seat of wisdom, joy of all who sorrow, the life-giving spring, the Holy Grail, Tower of David, Ark of the Covenant, Throne of the eternal King, Sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, Ladder of Heaven, Virgin of the root of Jesse and the morning star — suffice to be "gender-inclusive"? Would that I be proud, not ashamed, to claim unity with Mary and find in her the image of perfect femininity?

Dan Amiri
junior
Knott Hall
Oct. 30

Fitting the words with the music

Following up on the letter from Caity and Erin Schneeman concerning the gender issue in the Victory March ("Reconsidering the Victory March," Oct. 30), I must agree that some change is in order, but substituting "sons and daughters" for "sons" just does not fit musically. I have two daughters who are alumni (a gender neutral term), of the classes of 1997 and 2001, and I have given this some thought over the years. To remain loyal to the original music, I substitute "ones" for "sons" so that regardless of gender, Our Lady's loyal ones may march on together.

Mike Keane
Class of 1969
Oct. 30

Football game behavior assessed

Obscenity unacceptable

A moment came in the 38-0 loss to USC Oct. 20 in which I was embarrassed to be part of the Notre Dame community. But it wasn't because of yet another blowout loss to USC, bringing us to 1-7 for the season. It was because of the chant that arose from the student section in the fourth quarter when USC challenged a call. The chant was not only audible to the 80,000 people in the stadium, but also on the NBC broadcast of the game. That chant was, "F*** Pete Carroll."

To whoever started this chant or participated in it: This is not acceptable. Notre Dame does not do things like that. Such conduct reflects poorly on the team, students, alumni and the entire Notre Dame community. One need not even have the cleanest of vocabularies to realize that. No individual student, no section of students, and not even a majority of the student body has the right to do such a dishonorable thing that brings shame to Our Lady's university.

I can understand the motivations behind such conduct, but there simply is no justification for it. Not a 1-7 season. Not a shutout loss at home. Not the sixth loss in a row to USC. Not even Pete

Carroll. Current students are not owed anything more than any other generation of fans or alumni. We have not been given the right to bring such dishonor to the University of Notre Dame.

My roommate attended the 38-0 loss to Michigan in 2003 in Ann Arbor, Mich. and characterized it as one of the worst experiences of his life. Not only was the loss pretty darn bad, but also the chant of "F*** the Irish!" which arose from nearly the entire Michigan student body near the end of the game was pretty inappropriate and insulting.

Perhaps that kind of behavior is just fine at the University of Michigan, but please, not here. There are a lot of things that set Notre Dame apart from other universities. I'd like to think that the character of the student body is still one of those. Such character might include things like respecting the other team, respecting opposing fans and respecting the reputation of one's own university. As a bare minimum, can we at least refrain from chanting "F*** you" at the opposing coach?

Benjamin Ellison
Class of 2005
current graduate student
Oct. 29

Reaction overblown

The song of censure that rained down on Pete Carroll during his instant replay challenge could not be classified as classy by any standard. No argument, there. However, while it was unfortunate, let's keep it in perspective.

Is it really grounds to publicly declare one's embarrassment to be a Notre Dame alumnus? Of all people, an alumnus should realize that those actions were in no way a reflection of the Catholic spirit of goodwill that is perpetuated over the world by myriad University commitments that start in large part from Notre Dame students themselves. An alumnus should also realize that sometimes those students feel like they have been the only ones cheering their team on every Saturday during this trying season. While an alumnus should be disappointed that they would use their voices to express that frustration, he shouldn't preach from the pomp of his personal pulpit and hurl a self-righteous "shame on you" because he fears they may have tainted some image of what others might now think Notre Dame to be. Cut the students some slack — at

least they united against a common (albeit hip, psyched and jazzed up) foe, whose idea of a practical joke is pretending his running back jumped to his death from a high rise building, instead of splintering apart. They love Notre Dame and what it stands for just as much as you do, which is why it's been so difficult for them to watch one of the historic foundations of Fighting Irish pride struggle this fall. It's fine to criticize, but remember they still haven't turned their backs on their classmates, their coach or, yes, even the values of Notre Dame.

Let's save our public declarations of embarrassment to be associated with Notre Dame for more important things, you know, like the firing of an incompetent football coach who helped lay the groundwork for this season's struggles from the comfort of a fairway bunker somewhere off Puget Sound.

The author is a former Observer sports writer.

Tim Dougherty
Class of 2007
Oct. 30

Fans must 'uplift' team for Navy game

If you haven't noticed by now, the Notre Dame football team has made the wrong kind of history this season by starting 0-5 and currently holding a 1-7 record. Although this experience is heartbreaking for both fans and players, this does not preclude the student body and fan base from its duties during home football games.

There has been a marked decline in the loudness and the charisma shown by the student body and fans. This was apparent during the match-up against USC. It is

only natural to feel beaten up and weary after consistently losing, but we must not remain complacent. It is our job, as students and as fans, to uplift our team in those trying moments of a game, instead of letting the momentum shift in the opposition's favor — allowing the opponent's band to be heard from afar. Furthermore, to have left the game early prior to the singing of the Alma Mater is much like turning your back on your fellow classmates, and denouncing what we are supposed to stand for. This will not suffice,

and must be stopped, for Notre Dame faces a great challenge this Saturday.

The Naval Academy will be in town to play the Irish, and it will not be as easy as in previous years. Although they are 4-4, Navy has posted high scores against opponents such as Pittsburgh and Duke. Coming off a 59-52 loss against Delaware, Navy is ranked 35th in points scored according to ESPN.com. Navy will certainly be ready to battle the Irish come Saturday. In such a game there will be mistakes made, and this should not dis-

suade the Notre Dame student body and fan base. We need to come out in strong support of our team, standing shoulder to shoulder, from beginning to end. Otherwise, the consequence just might be another loss of momentum for our football team to overcome. Go Irish, beat Navy!

Corey Sinclair
junior
off campus
Oct. 30

Positive reinforcement

Look, I know Charlie Weis has done some good things, and I know this season we are doing terribly. I have noticed we still chant, "Weis" between the third and fourth quarters even when we are losing terribly, and I don't like that. I feel like we are zombies congratulating Weis whether he wins or loses.

We need some positive reinforce-

ment: So if we are losing, we should not be chanting for Weis. Consider it next time you make that little "W" with your hands how satisfied you are with our record this season.

Robert McKeon
graduate student
Oct. 30

Submit a Letter to the Editor at

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SCENE'S HALLOWEEN PLAYLIST

1. The Monster Mash
by Bobby "Boris" Pickett
Goes without saying.

2. Ghostbusters
by Ray Parker Jr.
Who you gonna call?

3. Thriller
By Michael Jackson
An instant Halloween
classic.

4. Ghost Ride It
by Mistah F.A.B.
Who's that driving,
Patrick Swayze?

5. Werewolves of London
by Warren Zevon
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Happy Halloween



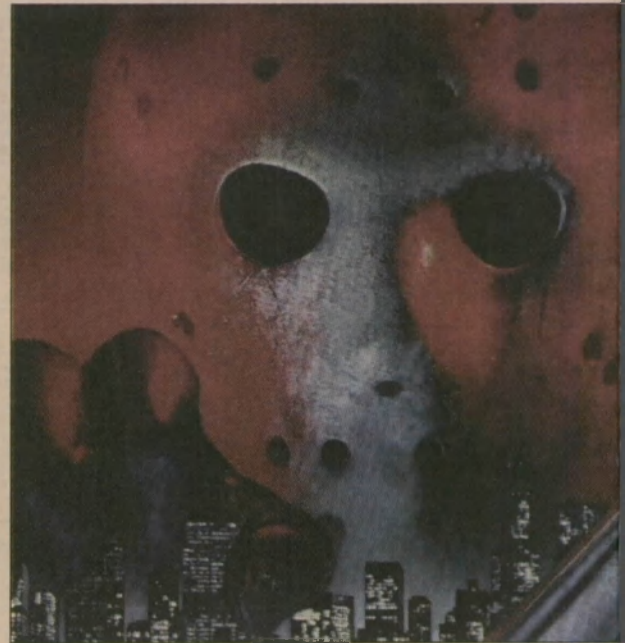
Looking for a scary movie to watch tonight? Check out Michael Myers in "Halloween," John Carpenter's 1978 horror classic.



You don't have to wait up all night long in a pumpkin in the holiday classic "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."



Prove that you ain't afraid of no ghosts and watch Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray and Rick Moranis kick some undead butt in "Ghostbusters."



Jason Voorhees and his signature mask became the 1980 horror blockbuster "Friday the 13th."



The only thing scarier than Notre Dame football this year is the cult classic "Leprechaun," a terrifying tale of a leprechaun gone wrong.



Descend into "The Nightmare Before Christmas," Tim Burton's twisted take on a trans-holiday takeover.



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lie Brown."



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Jack Nicholson delivers an unforgettable performance in "The Shining," a horror classic based on the Stephen King story.



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Whether they exist on campus remains to be seen, but "Gremlins" serves up a half-comedy, half-scary taste of the critters.



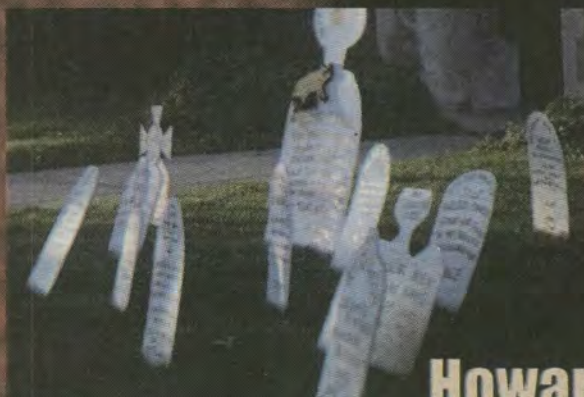
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Freddy Krueger and his dermatological problems terrify audiences in "A Nightmare on Elm Street," Wes Craven's horror masterpiece.



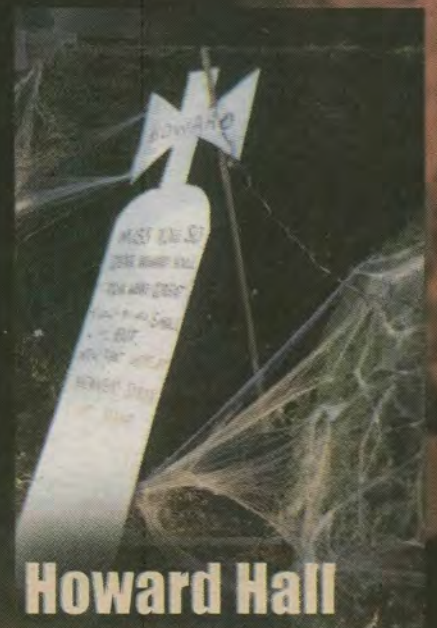
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NHL

Malkin scores twice to aid Penguins in victory

Higgins ties game for Montreal with only minutes left; Atlanta's Kovalchuk nets decisive goal in shootout

Associated Press

ST. PAUL — Sidney Crosby has waited three years for a chance to play professionally in the "State of Hockey."

The hockey-crazed fans here have been just as eager to see No. 87 in person, and the NHL's newest superstar and his brilliant young sidekick didn't disappoint.

Playing in Minnesota for the first time in their young careers, Crosby had a goal and three assists, and Evgeni Malkin scored twice and had an assist in Pittsburgh's 4-2 victory over the wounded Minnesota Wild on Tuesday night.

"It's fun to be able to come here and play," said Crosby, who starred as a 15-year-old player at prep powerhouse Shattuck-St. Mary's in Faribault. "No matter how the night ended up, it's just nice because I was here before, watching games and dreamed of one day playing in the NHL and playing here. It's really a bonus to come out of here with a win."

Petr Sykora's power play goal — on a beautiful feed from

Crosby in the slot — broke a 2-2 tie with 9:55 to play, and Crosby broke free on a line change by Minnesota and sealed the win with his fifth goal of the season just over four minutes later.

"Crosby's line was on fire," Penguins coach Michel Therrien said.

Stephane Veilleux and Brian Rolston scored for the short-handed Wild, who lost at home for the first time this season and fell to 0-3-1 in their last four games after starting the season an NHL-best 7-0-1.

Pittsburgh caught the Wild at an opportune time, after a rash of groin injuries shelved Minnesota's top three players. Dynamic forwards Marian Gaborik and Pavol Demitra and No. 1 goalie Niklas Backstrom all missed the game.

"It's a huge hole, there's no question, but we have enough guys in here to get the job done," Rolston said. "We were in the game tonight, all the way through it. We just need to be a little bit better."

Josh Harding made 23 saves for Minnesota, but a couple of unlucky bounces did him in against Pittsburgh's talented

kids.

With the NHL's head-scratching unbalanced schedule, this was the first time Crosby and Malkin have played in front of fans in the Western Conference's Northwest Division in their careers.

Crosby looked forward to this game even before he was the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2005. "The Next One" scored 72 goals in 57 games at Shattuck in 2002-03, the same season the Wild made a stunning run to the Western Conference finals.

"It's nice to come back here and play. Even if you don't have ties to here, you come to this rink, it's a great atmosphere," Crosby said. "You play this team and you have no choice but to get up for it."

As in most arenas he goes to, there were plenty of No. 87 sweaters in the seats, and he received a nice ovation upon being introduced before the game, a rarity at Xcel Energy Center, where fans worship the Wild.

"He's a great leader and he is a great player," Minnesota coach Jacques Lemaire said. "I don't know him personally, but I'd love to have one on our club, if they make any more."

As it seems to have done for Crosby and Malkin throughout their young careers, the puck always seemed to bounce their way in the second period.

Malkin scored the first goal of the game when Crosby lost the puck behind the net, and it trickled right onto the Russian's stick. Malkin slipped the puck in on Harding's left side for an easy wraparound goal, his fourth tally this season.

Thrashers 3, Canadiens 2

MONTREAL — The Atlanta Thrashers have good reason to smile on their longest road trip of the season.

Ilya Kovalchuk scored the decisive goal in the shootout to give Atlanta a win over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night. The Thrashers have consecutive victories for the first time this season and improved to 3-2 on their seven-game trip.

"It's always great when you're winning, Kovalchuk said. "(Wednesday), it's a new game. We're going to Ottawa and it's a long marathon of a trip. We need to stick together



Wild center Wes Walz battles for the puck against Penguins center Sidney Crosby during Pittsburgh's 4-2 win Tuesday.



Canadiens right wing Tom Kostopoulos checks Thrashers defenseman Tobias Enstrom during Atlanta's 3-2 win Tuesday.

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College Football AP Poll

	team	record	votes
1	Ohio State (59)	9-0	1,615
2	Boston College (1)	8-0	1,501
3	LSU (3)	7-1	1,478
4	Oregon	7-1	1,417
5	Oklahoma	7-1	1,365
6	Arizona State (2)	8-0	1,310
7	West Virginia	7-1	1,286
8	Kansas	8-0	1,164
9	Missouri	7-1	1,121
10	Georgia	6-2	949
11	Virginia Tech	6-2	823
12	Hawaii	8-0	776
13	USC	6-2	742
14	Texas	7-2	728
15	Michigan	7-2	726
16	Connecticut	7-1	555
17	Alabama	6-2	547
18	Florida	5-3	532
19	Auburn	6-3	530
20	South Florida	6-2	392
21	Wake Forest	6-2	259
21	Boise State	7-1	259
23	South Carolina	6-3	196
24	Tennessee	5-3	165
25	Clemson	6-2	146

College Football USA Today Poll

	team	record	votes
1	Ohio State (56)	9-0	1,495
2	Boston College (3)	8-0	1,414
3	LSU	7-1	1,324
4	Oregon (1)	7-1	1,280
5	Oklahoma	7-1	1,269
6	Arizona State	8-0	1,221
7	West Virginia	7-1	1,177
8	Kansas	8-0	1,108
9	Missouri	7-1	983
10	Georgia	6-2	791
11	Hawaii	8-0	769
12	Texas	7-2	753
13	Virginia Tech	6-2	736
14	Michigan	7-2	701
15	USC	6-2	679
16	Auburn	6-3	454
17	Florida	5-3	451
18	Alabama	6-2	439
19	Wisconsin	7-2	422
20	Connecticut	7-1	419
21	South Florida	6-2	291
22	Boise State	7-1	218
23	Kentucky	6-3	159
24	Clemson	6-2	145
25	South Carolina	6-3	131

College Football BCS Standings

	team	record	BCS avg.
1	Ohio State	9-0	.9756
2	Boston College	8-0	.9559
3	LSU	7-1	.8879
4	Arizona State	8-0	.8493
5	Oregon	7-1	.8390
6	Oklahoma	7-1	.7920
7	West Virginia	7-1	.7759
8	Kansas	8-0	.7723
9	Missouri	7-1	.6100
10	Georgia	6-2	.5820

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MLB



Los Angeles manager Grady Little resigned from the Dodgers Tuesday. The Dodgers are rumored to be speaking with former Yankees manager Joe Torre.

Little resigns from Los Angeles Dodgers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Grady Little resigned as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday, paving the way for Joe Torre to take the job.

Little said it was a move he considered for some time, and he told general manager Ned Colletti of his decision Tuesday. First, Little called it "a mutual resignation." Later, he said it was his choice to leave with a year remaining on his contract.

"I've got my own personal reasons," Little said on a conference call.

When asked if reports that the Dodgers were

speaking with Torre influenced his decision, Little replied firmly: "No."

Torre and his former bench coach with the New York Yankees, Don Mattingly, have discussed the possibility of joining the Dodgers together, according to a person with knowledge of those talks. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the manager's job was still open in Los Angeles.

"We haven't hired anybody," Colletti said.

"We're talking to some people, that's all I'm going to tell you. We'll talk about where we go from here at a later

date."

The 67-year-old Torre managed the Yankees to four World Series championships and 12 playoff appearances in as many seasons before turning down a one-year, \$5 million offer for next season with an additional \$3 million in incentives on Oct. 18.

Torre, who completed a three-year, \$19.2 million contract this year, ranks eighth on baseball's career list with 2,067 victories and has won a record 76 postseason games.

Colletti said he had an idea the 57-year-old Little was leaning toward resigning, so he recently

discussed the job with potential replacements. The GM said he didn't want to get caught empty-handed.

One of those candidates, Colletti acknowledged, was Joe Girardi, hired by the Yankees as Torre's successor earlier Tuesday.

"I wanted Grady Little back. I encouraged him a handful of times to think it through," Colletti said.

Team owner Frank McCourt said on the season's final day that Little would return next year, but recently several news outlets reported the Dodgers were speaking with Torre about their managerial job.

IN BRIEF

Duncan signs with Spurs until 2011-12 season

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan has agreed to a two-year, \$40 million contract extension with the San Antonio Spurs, an official familiar with the negotiations said Tuesday.

The agreement will add to Duncan's existing three-year deal and keep him in San Antonio at least through the 2011-12 season, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the source was not authorized to discuss negotiations.

The 31-year-old Duncan has led the Spurs to four NBA titles in the past nine seasons, and he was the finals MVP for the first three. He also won back-to-back league MVP titles in 2002-03.

Duncan, entering his 11th season, was the No. 1 pick in 1997, two years before the Spurs won their first title.

The nine-time All-Star has career averages of 21.8 points and 11.9 rebounds.

Brazil to host World Cup in 2014

ZURICH, Switzerland — Brazil was chosen host of the 2014 World Cup on Tuesday, returning the showcase event to the soccer-mad country that held the tournament in 1950 and has captured the title a record five times.

Brazil was the only candidate and won in a unanimous vote by the executive committee of the sport's governing body.

"Soccer is not only a sport for us," Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said. "It's more than that: Soccer for us is a passion, a national passion."

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said Brazil now has "not only the right, but the responsibility" to organize the 2014 tournament.

Lula, who flew in for the announcement, promised that Brazil "will now with great pride do its homework." And, he added, "if everything works out well, we will win once again a World Cup."

Final defendant pleads guilty in Duquesne shooting case

PITTSBURGH — A former Duquesne student pleaded guilty Tuesday to helping two friends armed with guns get into a school dance the night five basketball players were shot and wounded.

Brittany Jones, 20, was sentenced Tuesday to two years of probation. A judge also ordered Jones to stay off the university's campus and away from anyone with a gun.

Jones' attorney, James Ecker, said his client could have been sentenced to years in prison if she had not reached a plea agreement.

"She's very happy, she's continuing going to church and she has a job," Ecker told The Associated Press. "She's very happy and her family's very happy."

Jones was the last of four defendants to plead guilty in the September 2006 shooting.

NFL

Clemens to start at QB for NY Jets

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD — There were no awkward moments or uncomfortable conversations. Chad Pennington and Kellen Clemens had already prepared for this situation.

When Jets coach Eric Mangini announced Monday that he was turning to Clemens as his starting quarterback, Pennington recalled the discussions he and the 2006 second-round draft pick had recently.

"Our promise to each other was that no matter what happened, we would give our full support and do whatever we needed to do to help the other one be successful," Pennington said.

It's Clemens' turn to see if he can turn around the Jets' season from a 1-7 start, starting Sunday against Washington.

It's also time for Pennington to turn into a mentor, much in the same way Vinny Testaverde helped him along at the beginning of his career. The fact Pennington has handled his benching with grace has made the transition from backup to starter a bit smoother for Clemens.

"Ten times easier," Clemens said. "It's all just a credit to the man that Chad Pennington is, to the teammate he is. He wants to

win as much as anybody and I know Chad's thought has always been the team first, and I'm sure that won't change."

Mangini's announcement wasn't a huge surprise. It's a move fans and media have been suggesting for weeks as the Jets have struggled to a 1-7 start.

"I made this decision not based on singling out Chad for where we are, but based on the fact that I think Kellen has earned this opportunity," Mangini said. "I want to give him this opportunity. It's in no way an indication that Chad is solely responsible. We all are."

The 31-year-old Pennington, in his eighth season, has failed to move the offense effectively as the Jets have lost five straight and rank 30th in total offense; only Buffalo and San Francisco are worse.

"Coach made it clear that I'm not the villain here," Pennington said. "And I'm not the only one to blame for the lack of our success or our problems, but he did feel like Kellen deserved a chance."

Clemens, in his second season out of Oregon, replaced Pennington late Sunday in the Jets' 13-3 loss to Buffalo. He was just 5-of-12 for 67 yards and two interceptions, but one of those came on a desperation toss as time expired.

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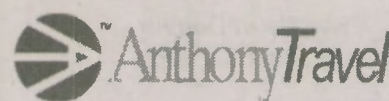
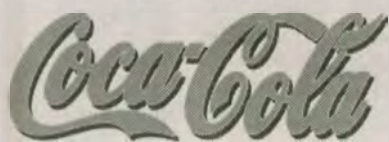
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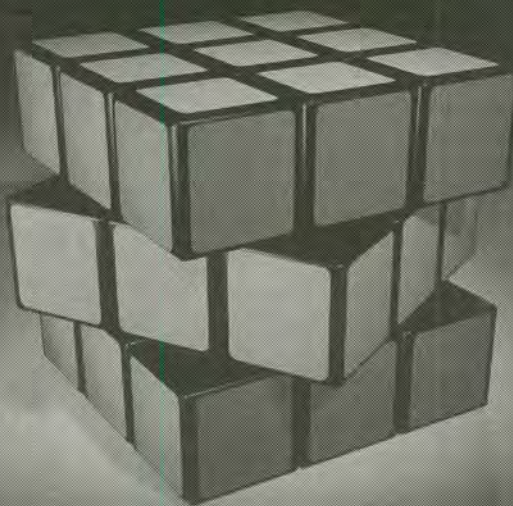
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MLB

Girardi hired as Yankees manager

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Girardi is back in pinstripes, taking over as New York Yankees manager from his mentor.

Girardi was hired Tuesday, agreeing to a three-year contract to replace Joe Torre in New York's dugout.

"I think any of us would be somewhat surprised to get the job because it's such an honor," Girardi said. "I'm extremely excited and thrilled."

"I can't be Joe Torre, because I'm made up different. I'm a different character. I'm just worried about being myself and getting the most out of the guys."

The deal is worth an average salary of at least \$2 million annually, a baseball official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the team has not announced the details.

Girardi was the 2006 NL Manager of the Year with Florida, plus he has a pinstriped pedigree. The hard-nosed catcher played on three Yankees teams that won the World Series, served as their bench coach under Torre and was a TV announcer this year.

"Joe Girardi is a good man," Torre said Monday on "Late Show with David Letterman." "He's got a feel for this organization."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman was impressed by three attributes he saw in Girardi: hard work, accountability and discipline.

"He likes to compete all the time," Cashman said. "We believe he's mentally tough."

Once he was informed Monday that the Yankees had chosen Girardi, Don Mattingly told the team he had no interest in returning next year as bench coach or in any other coaching position.

Beloved as team captain, Donnie Baseball was the early favorite to replace Torre and openly coveted the spot. Instead, the Yankees picked experience over popularity, choosing Girardi even at the risk Mattingly would walk away from the franchise.

"I think Joe is a good baseball person and totally will be a great manager there in New York," Mattingly said.

Still, spurning Mattingly — who always receives one of the loudest ovations on Old-Timers' Day — was sure to be compared to another famous Yankee snub: Babe Ruth was never offered the manager's job he so desperately wanted.

"It's no secret that Donnie is extremely important to the Steinbrenner family and the Yankee organization and always will be," said Hank Steinbrenner, son of owner George Steinbrenner.

Mattingly was the Yankees hitting coach for three years

before moving next to Torre this season. Girardi also beat out Yankees first-base coach Tony Pena, who had the most managerial experience of the candidates.

Girardi caught for the Yankees from 1996-99, served as a bench coach in 2005, then managed the Marlins the following year. He kept a young team in contention until September and then was fired, apparently for clashing with owner Jeffrey Loria and others above him.

Joe Girardi
Yankees manager

The 43-year-old Girardi often told many in the Marlins about how the Yankees did things, reinforcing the winning ways he learned in New York. Now, he'll get a chance to try them out himself.

Girardi was the first person to interview to replace Torre, who managed the team to the playoffs in each of his 12 seasons. Girardi turned down the Baltimore Orioles' managing job last summer, choosing to spend time with his ailing father.

Mattingly also interviewed for the Yankees spot last week, telling team management how much he wanted it. Earlier this month, he said replacing Torre would be quite a challenge.

"It's like following John Wooden or something," Mattingly said then.

Girardi gets the unenviable task of following Torre, who led the Yankees to four World Series titles in his first five years — but none since — and was one of the most celebrated sports figures in the city.

Girardi inherits a team in transition and one without

Alex Rodriguez. He also is not assured of getting back pitchers Andy Pettitte and Mariano Rivera or catcher Jorge Posada.

"Obviously they are important Yankees, and they have meant so much to the organization," Girardi said.

Rivera and his agent, Fernando Cuza, were at Legends Field in Tampa on Tuesday, to talk with Yankees officials. The ace reliever, who has filed for free agency, said only, "We've got to see something."

Afterward, Cuza said they had a good meeting but wouldn't speculate whether Rivera will be a Yankee next season.

"I don't know," Cuza said. "It's up to them."

Rodriguez informed the Yankees on Sunday that he was terminating his contract and becoming a free agent. The Yankees have repeatedly said they wouldn't negotiate with A-Rod if he hit the open market.

"You are going to miss those 54 home runs and 150-plus RBIs, but to me you can't look backwards, you have to look forwards," Girardi said.

"We believe he's mentally tough."

Brian Cashman
Yankees general manager

NFL

Romo signs \$67.5 million contract

Associated Press

IRVING — Wearing jeans and an untucked Dallas Cowboys golf shirt, Tony Romo treated Tuesday as if it was any other day of work.

Well, there were a few difference. Such as the fact he brought mom and dad to team headquarters.

And the \$67.5 million contract he showed up to sign.

On one of the biggest days of his life, Romo remained the average guy he's been since joining the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent five years ago. He said he was humbled by the \$11.5 million signing bonus and by cementing a spot in the lineage of Don Meredith-to-Roger Staubach-to-Troy Aikman, but he also insisted the only thing that's going to change is his tax bracket.

Want proof? He's even planning to keep his apartment — and his roommate — despite having the third-highest annual salary among NFL quarterbacks, ahead of Tom Brady and Brett Favre.

"I never really thought this was a goal along the way. I still don't necessarily perceive it as a goal, but it's something really neat that I get to experience," Romo said, flashing the dimpled aw-shucks grin that's helped him land dates with gorgeous actresses and singers.

"It's special just to be a part of this. The best feeling by far is that the organization, the Jones family, our coaches and everyone say, 'Hey, you're our guy. You're the guy we want to go to the next level with. We want to get back to the Super Bowl around here and win these things.' That means everything, more than the money ever could."

If Romo's attitude seems too good to be true, there's a good reason for it. The story of how he got to this point fits the same description.

Undrafted out of college, he turned down \$25,000 signing bonuses elsewhere and took \$10,000 from the Cowboys because he liked his chances of beating out the competition. Before last season, his fourth, he still hadn't thrown a pass, but asked for a multimillion-

dollar contract as a challenge to his bosses, telling them the more they paid him, the more likely they were to play him.

He got the deal and, eventually, the playing time. The contract numbers show he's made the most of it.

"You can either do this or you can't," he said. "I didn't know if I was, but I put myself in position to succeed."

Romo thought about what the big contract means while sitting in bed Monday night. It was still on his mind when he woke up Tuesday morning. By the time he met the media in the afternoon, he had it sorted out.

"It almost feels like we accomplished something here today, but it doesn't," he said. "This sets you up financially and does all the things that you somewhat hoped for in life, but you don't set it out as a goal when you start out as a football player. This is something that more or less comes along the way."

Team owner Jerry Jones called Romo "the man for the 2000s," adding, "I wouldn't have done this if I didn't think he gives us a chance to win Super Bowls."

It took a while for him to come to that conclusion.

Jones' hesitations started

during the 2003 draft, when then-offensive coordinator Sean Payton lobbied hard for Romo. Jones figured it was because they went to the same school, Eastern Illinois.

Once Romo arrived, the Cowboys went through Quincy Carter, Chad Hutchinson, Vinny Testaverde and Drew Bledsoe before turning to him last October.

Romo started 5-1, setting records and turning heads. He got Dallas into the playoffs, then knocked the team out by flubbing the hold of a short field goal in Seattle. He revealed more of his character with how he responded: crying and apologizing to teammates that night, then weeks later asking to be the holder at the Pro Bowl.

By then, Jones believed in Romo enough not to draft Brady Quinn when he had the chance in April — but not enough to offer a big contract without seeing him play more.

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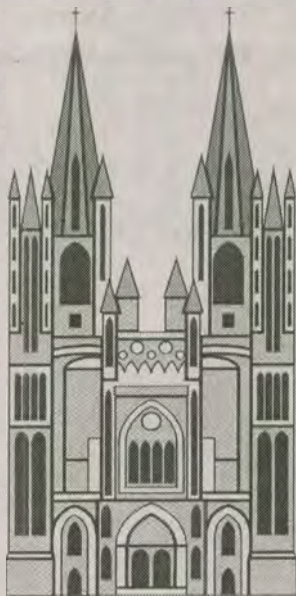
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Scoring

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"He's taken a lot of set pieces which takes him out of the box. He's been on the delivering end rather than the receiving end."

While the rest of the Irish have certainly picked up the scoring slack so far this year, the team's scoring average of 1.71 goals per game is down from last season's average of 1.96.

But Clark doesn't think the trend has anything to do with the team's new scoring balance.

"We've played an excessively hard schedule, but I still think we've been having a good share of the games," Clark said. "In soccer, there's such a fine line between scoring and not scoring. From the point of view of opportunities created, we're at the same stage."

The stats certainly back Clark's point.

In its 17 games this season, Notre Dame has aver-

aged more shots per game (17.1 to 16.7) and corner kicks per game (6.18 to 5.96) than in 2006.

Notre Dame's lack of finishes can be partly attributed to bad luck. In a 1-0 loss to Michigan State Oct. 10, for example, the Irish had three balls cleared from the goal line.

But with the Big East and NCAA tournaments drawing closer, it couldn't hurt Clark and the Irish if Lapira rediscovered last year's scoring touch.

And it appears that Lapira may be doing just that. After scoring just twice in those first 12 games, Lapira recorded back-to-back two-goal games against Connecticut and Indiana right before fall break.

"Now that [Lapira] is back to full fitness, I wouldn't be surprised if he starts getting back to scoring more regularly," Clark said. "I have a funny feeling November could be a great month for [Lapira]."

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Stanford

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Costanzo said. "Matt ran a good route and got open."

Stanford missed the two-point conversion to keep the score 6-0.

Keenan responded two drives later after freshman Jamie Koepsel made an interception.

Castello called an audible at the line of scrimmage, and junior Jim Zenker streaked across the middle to catch a 70-yard touchdown pass. Junior Alex Gonzalez converted the two-point conversion to take the lead 8-6.

Junior Andres Villalba ended Stanford's next drive with another interception, and the Knights took the lead into halftime.

The second half began as a defensive battle with both teams going three-and-out.

Then Stanford junior quarterback Brian Salvi took over the game.

Salvi completed four passes to freshman Kevin Ritt to drive the ball down to the Keenan three yard-line.

"They could not guard our wide receivers," Salvi said. "They had a linebacker on one of our receivers every play and he could not keep up."

"The offensive line kept off the pressure, and Salvi got me the ball," Ritt said.

Senior running back Tregg Duerson punched the ball in to give the Griffins a 12-8 lead.

And the Knights could not find the end zone again.

Sophomore Alex Deak sacked Salvi, giving the Knights one last chance to drive the ball down the field, but a sack on Castello allowed time to run out and let Stanford capture the No. 1 seed going into the playoffs.

"The offensive line really protected me," Salvi said. "I only got hit once."

Losing to their biggest rival left an impression on the Knights.

"The loss makes me sick to my stomach," Villalba said.

Keenan coach Matt Gibson saw many deficiencies he wants his team to work on in

preparation for the playoffs.

"We need to eliminate the mental mistakes. We got outplayed, out-hustled, and out-everythinged, Gibson said. "We needed the wake-up call. Now come the playoffs and it is gut-check time. Look for a different Keenan team in the playoffs."

Dillon 12, Alumni 0

Dillon came out firing in the second half of its game Tuesday to beat rival Alumni.

The game was called after the first half on Oct. 18 due to a thunderstorm, with the score tied at zero and the teams at just 32 combined yards. Dillon sophomore quarterback Joe Garigliano threw two interceptions and neither team could sustain a drive.

The Big Red, who had already clinched a playoff berth, knew that to improve their seed from eight to seven, they needed to win by 14 or more points.

"Our offense was struggling in the first half before fall break," Dillon captain Alex Duffy said. "We knew we had to score 14 points ... so we came out with intensity."

Dillon received the ball to start the second half and drove down the field, capping off a 65-yard drive with a touchdown run by Garigliano. Garigliano finished with 10 carries for 58 yards.

After Dillon's defense forced Alumni to go three-and-out on the next drive, the Big Red returned a punt to Alumni's 16 yard-line. Sophomore running back Josh Stull took the next play in for a score to put Dillon up by 12.

"I was very pleased with how the offense played in the third quarter," Duffy said.

But the Big Red were unable to increase their lead and will be the No. 8 seed in the playoffs.

"I think we're going to come in under the radar," Duffy said. "I have no doubts that we can come out and beat any team out here if we play the way we're capable of playing."

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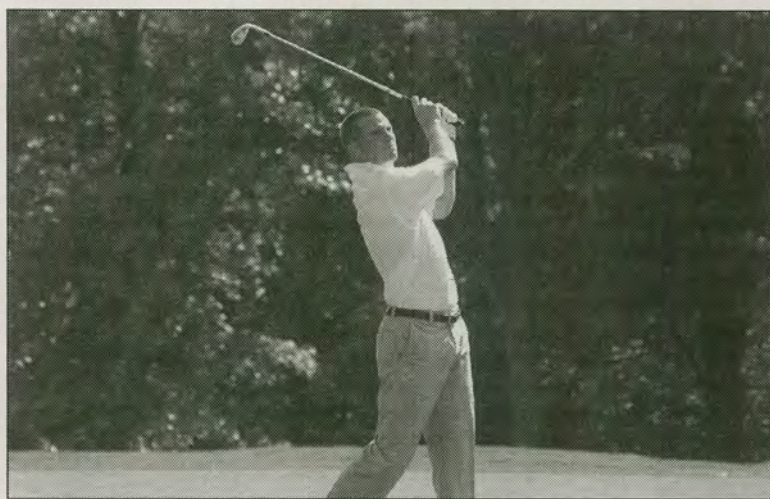
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The tournament's individual medalist was Louisville's Derek Fathauer, who shot a total of 10-under over three rounds. Fathauer defeated his nearest competitor, Kent State's Brett Cairns, by five strokes.

Irish junior Josh Sandman entered the final round tied for second at four-under, but fell far out of contention with a final round of 77. Sandman finished tied for 15th with a total of one-over.

The final round score was uncharacteristic for Sandman, who was the top Notre Dame scorer in the fall season. The five-over score was just the third time in 13 rounds that Sandman posted a score over 73, and just the second time Sandman's score did not contribute to the team's round.

The second-lowest scorer for Notre Dame was senior captain Greg Rodgers, who tied for 25th place at four-over. Finishing one stroke behind Rodgers was sophomore Doug Fortner, who tied for 29th. Fortner was the most consistent Irish starter in the



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Irish senior Greg Rodgers follows through on a shot during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Sept. 30.

tournament, firing rounds of 74, 74 and 73.

Sophomore Kyle Willis shot a total score of nine-over 225. Willis tied for 49th in his second start of the season for the Irish.

Freshman Tyler Hock finished last among the Irish starters, tying for 63rd at 12-over. Hock finished the tournament on a positive note, however, with a final round of 72 that featured six birdies and a costly quadruple bogey.

Despite the disappointing fin-

ish, the Irish gained postseason standing by defeating No. 25 Arkansas by 10 shots. Notre Dame also finished a single stroke behind No. 11 Wake Forest.

The Irish will not return to action until February, when the team begins its spring session at the John Hayt Invitational in Florida and prepares for conference play.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team moves on with 3-game win



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Saint Mary's senior setter Amanda David jumps to set the ball during the Belles' 3-0 loss to Hope Oct. 4.

Belles beat Thunder, will face Calvin in MIAA semifinals

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, the fifth seed in the MIAA tournament, shocked fourth-seed Tri-State in round one Tuesday with a 3-0 sweep.

The Belles improved to 13-17 with the 30-19, 30-20, 31-29 win while Tri-State ended its season with a 13-15 mark. The Thunder swept the Belles twice during the regular season.

Saint Mary's jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the opening game and cruised to an early 1-0 edge in the match.

The Belles did not start game two as well, quickly falling behind 7-2. But Saint Mary's put together a 17-7 scoring spree and never let the Thunder back into the game.

Tri-State opened game three with another 7-2 advantage, but Saint Mary's again persevered. The Belles worked to cut the deficit to 20-19.

But the Thunder struck back, taking a 28-25 lead. The Belles were able to come back with six of the game's final seven points to finish the match.

Three Belles posted double-doubles on the evening. Freshman outside hitter

Andrea Sasgen had a team-high 15 kills and 13 digs to lead the squad. Sophomore middle blocker Lorna Slupczynski contributed 13 kills and 14 digs while senior setter Amanda David lead a strong offensive effort of 45 assists and produced 10 digs on defense.

Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellmann and freshman middle blocker Jacee Watson each chipped in 11 kills for the Belles offense.

Saint Mary's advanced to the semifinals of the MIAA tournament for the second year in a row. On Friday, the Belles will take on top-seeded and nationally ranked Calvin for the second-straight year in Grand Rapids, Mich.

To face Calvin and finish the season strong, head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has an agenda.

"The key will be us playing with the heart and soul of winners — putting in that extra effort to make that dig, get to that set, close that block, be in position to pass the ball to target, communicating on the court to teammates," Schroeder-Biek said. "Just being determined to finish the season strong. Our key is our mindset."

The Belles take on Calvin at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the semifinals of the MIAA tournament.

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Navy

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on offense this year, especially on the ground, but it has struggled defensively, giving up more than 450 yards on offense and 38 points per game. But Weis said his team, which has managed just 10 points per game this year, will have to fix many of its own problems to have success.

"I think the most important thing [is] that we understand a lot of our problems are related to internal things, not external things, and I think that the first thing we have to deal with — it wouldn't make a difference who the opponent was — is take care of our internal problems as far as growing and becoming a better team," Weis said.

Hughes' brother dies

Earl "Tony" Hughes, the brother of Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes, passed away suddenly Monday. Weis said Hughes is excused from practice this week and might not play Saturday.

"I told him come back whenever he's ready to come back," Weis

said. "I mean, something like that, how can you give him a time frame? He might be back tomorrow, he might be back next week. I told him whenever — I just made sure we covered ourselves with academics and things like that. But when something, a tragedy like that happens, I think the most important thing is you have to worry about the kid, not worry about him as a football player."

Recruits firmly committed

Weis said one of the reasons Notre Dame has been able to hold on to all of its committed recruits through a 1-7 start is that the coaching staff keeps the high school prospects informed of the day-to-day operations of the team.

"We've involved them more into our everyday — anyone who's jumped on board and said, 'yes,' we involve them to everything that's going on," Weis said. "In other words, they're not like outsiders. Once they say, 'yes,' and the commitment is a two-way deal, we treat them like they're here, so they know everything that's happening just the way everyone else does."

Weis said the information from

the coaching staff makes the recruits feel like they're already part of the team — and helps them better understand the reasons for Notre Dame's struggles.

"They obviously have to withstand the ribbing from the people in the towns they're living in or the kids they're going to school with," Weis said. "But I think they view themselves as part of the future."

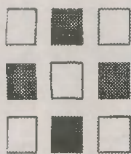
Notre Dame currently has 21 committed recruits who constitute a class that is rated No. 1 in the nation by Scout.com.

Wide receiver shakeup

Sophomore Robby Parris and freshman Duval Kamara moved ahead of junior David Grimes and sophomore George West on the official depth chart this week. Parris and Kamara have been Notre Dame's most productive wide receivers this season, catching 22 and 19 passes, respectively.

West has caught 15 passes this season, but has seen less balls thrown his way in recent weeks. Grimes has been hampered by a leg injury since the Purdue game.

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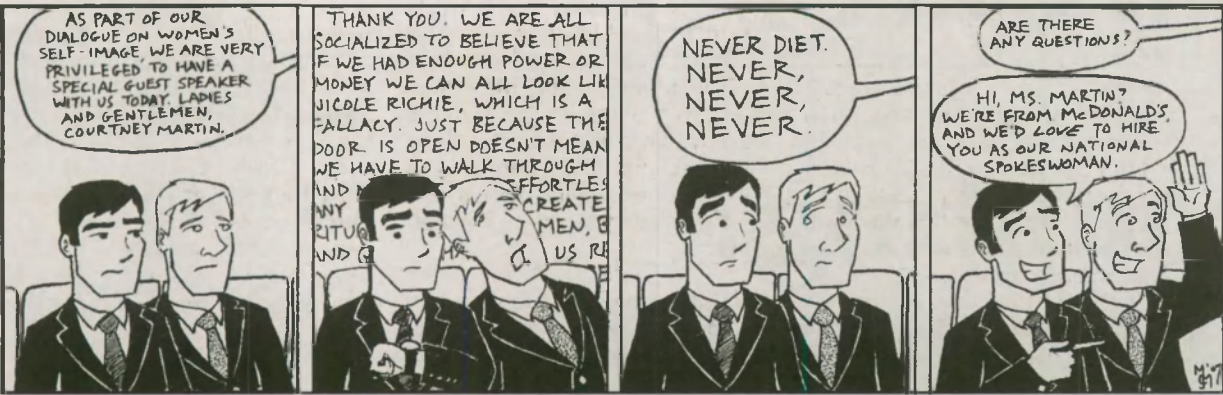
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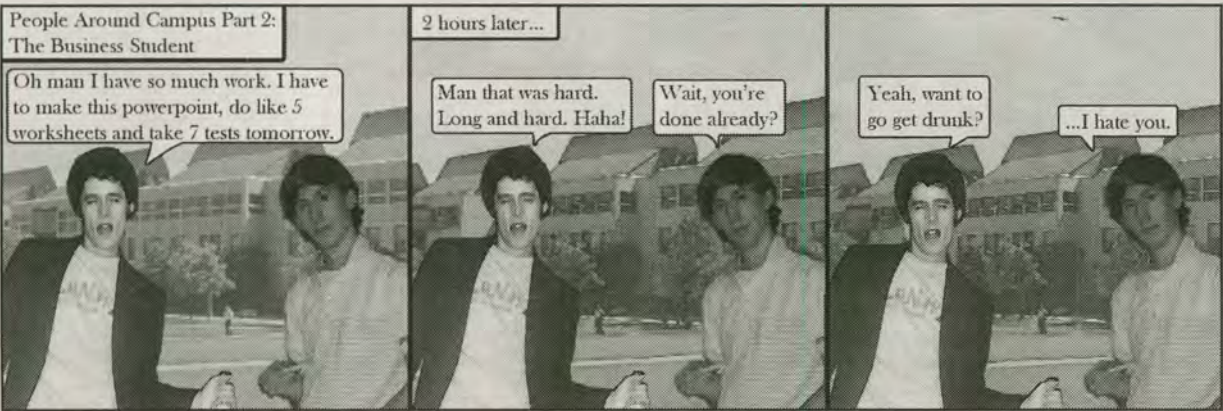
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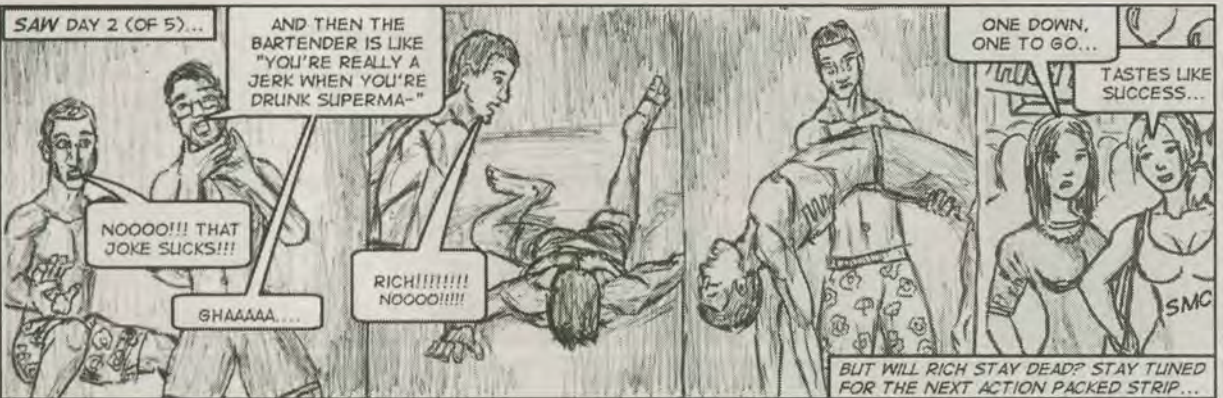
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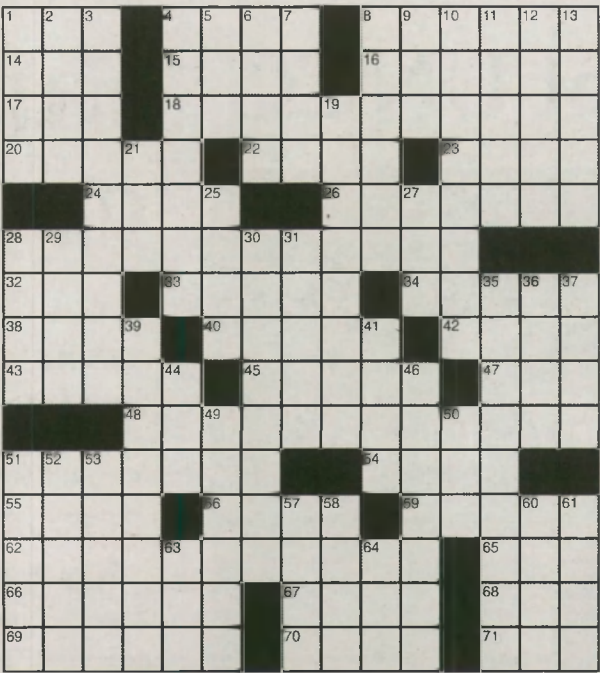
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FOOTBALL

43 and counting?

Irish to put lengthy win streak against Navy on the line

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has beaten Navy 43 straight times, but that's not the streak that matters this weekend, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday at his weekly press conference.

"I think that when you're 1-7, you're trying to beat whoever you're playing, and I think that the streak isn't nearly as important as winning a game at home," he said.

Notre Dame has lost its last four home games, with its last home win coming against Army, 41-9, in the final contest at Notre Dame Stadium last season.

"I think that's the streak that they're most concerned with, winning a game at home," Weis said.

The coach said that the 4-4 Midshipmen, who lost to Delaware 59-52 last week, should not be seen as an easy win for the struggling Irish.

"I think that if you — anyone who takes Navy lightly, especially with the firepower they show on offense — could find themselves on the short end of the stick very easily," Weis said.

Navy has run up big numbers

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Irish senior tight end John Carlson runs past a Navy defender during Notre Dame's 38-14 win over the Midshipmen last season in Baltimore. The Irish have beaten Navy 43 straight times.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Stanford beats rival Keenan

Dillon prepares for playoffs in victory over Alumni Tuesday

By JARED JEDICK and
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The adjoined-dorm rivalry heated up Tuesday when Stanford recaptured the Chapel in a 12-8 victory over Keenan.

The battle of unbeaten started slowly, with Stanford punting after a long drive into Keenan territory.

Keenan's first drive ended with an interception thrown by freshman quarterback Brian Castello. Stanford sophomore Chris Gill returned the ball to the Keenan 8 yard-line.

The Griffins almost blew the strong field position when a muffed snap pushed them back 17 yards, but junior David Costanzo filled in at quarterback for one play and immediately threw a 25-yard touchdown to Griffins senior Matt Frankenfeld.

"I saw that they were jumping the deep post route,"

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish finish ninth at UNCG

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The Irish will enter the off season on a disappointing note after sliding from a tie for first into a ninth-place finish at the UNCG Bridgestone Collegiate Championship Tuesday.

Notre Dame concluded its fall season with a final-round score of 291 at Forest Oaks Country Club in Greensboro, N.C.

Teeing off later than originally scheduled after an overnight frost advisory, the Irish continued their fall down the leaderboard in the third round.

Notre Dame started Tuesday tied for sixth, but dropped behind LSU, Central Florida and Wake Forest in the final 18 holes.

The Irish, who were tied for first after the opening round, finished 20 strokes back of first-place Louisville. After a rough first round, the Cardinals ended with rounds of seven-under and nine-under to finish at four-under par for the tournament.

Finishing three strokes behind Louisville was Mississippi State, which closed with a strong final round of 11-under. Central Florida, North Carolina and Kent State rounded out the top five.

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Irish junior Josh Sandman tees off during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Golf Classic Sept. 30 at the Warren Golf Course.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Lapira gets help on Irish offense

Team features more balanced attack than last season's squad

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Notre Dame has scored nine goals in its past four games, with six different Irish players finding the back of the net. Such a scoring distribution would have been unheard of last season when the phrase "Irish goal" became synonymous with Joseph Lapira.

In 2006, Notre Dame scored 45 goals. Twenty-two of those tallies came from Lapira, who won the Hermann Trophy.

How things have changed in just one year. Through 17 games this season, Lapira has accounted for only one-fifth of Notre Dame's scoring, and his teammates have seen their names on the scoresheet far more often.

One player who has helped pick up the slack has been jack-of-all-trades senior Ryan Miller. After playing primarily

at fullback in his first three-plus seasons in South Bend, injuries forced Miller to play at both wide midfielder and holding forward early this season. He has responded with six goals, which ties him with Lapira for the team lead.

"[Miller] can play anywhere on the field, and he can do it well," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "He's a very good athlete. He can move with the ball at pace, and that's a tremendous asset to have while attacking."

Understanding the greater balance in Notre Dame's scoring, though, inevitably leads back to Lapira.

Although he did not miss many games, calf and hamstring injuries limited Lapira early in the season, and the senior forward scored only two goals in the team's first 12 games. Furthermore, Lapira has taken on more of a distributive role this year as he leads the team with eight assists — already surpassing last year's total of six.

"He's added another component to his game," Clark said.

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