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## Panel discusses diversity in workplace

*Mendoza College of Business hosts forum on employers' duties to increase awareness*

By KATIE PERALTA  
News Writer

A panel of six business professionals from various backgrounds agreed Friday that diversification in the workforce is the duty of the employer and that it is a process that is never completely concluded.

As a part of its first MBA Diversity Conference, the Mendoza College of Business hosted the panel in a discussion, titled "Diversity as a Strategy, Making a Difference in Mainstream Business," at Mendoza's Giovanini

Commons.

Addressing the issue of the importance of diversity in the workplace, Jannifer Crittendon, the director of institutional equity at Notre Dame, said that the importance lies in three different categories: social justice, legal and regulatory compliance and application to certain business cases.

"[Maintaining diversity in the workplace] is just the right thing. It allows equal opportunity for education and employment," Crittendon said. Quoting Martin Luther King, Jr., Crittendon added: "Morality cannot be legislat-

ed, but behavior can be regulated."

Crittendon said businesses enjoy many advantages in diversifying their workforce.

"Companies need to understand that diversity can mean improvement," she said. "With more immigrants and minorities entering the workforce, there is a war for talent."

She added that businesses should strive to be the not only the employers of choice, but also the providers of choice "for its products and services."

Andrew Givens, vice president of partnership market-

ing for ESPN, said business is not as effective "if everyone looks and thinks alike." Speaking of his experience in the television industry, Givens said that Time Warner, Nickelodeon and MTV all have done good jobs in diversification.

Ricardo Hernandez, Director of ITM Controlling and Supply Management and a native of Mexico City, said diversity is not always visible, making it hard to fully diversify.

"If different backgrounds are not represented [in the

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## CWIL hosts 6th annual conference

*IEW highlights abroad programs for students*

By KATIE KOHLER  
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While Saint Mary's has had study abroad programs for 38 years, a centralized office to oversee international and intercultural learning at Saint Mary's was only created in 2002.

To raise awareness about abroad programs and international relations, Elaine Meyer-Lee, the director of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), and the rest of the Saint Mary's community, will host International Education Week.

"International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education to celebrate and promote a global exchange between the United States and other countries," Meyer-Lee said.

This year's events mark the eighth-annual International Education Week across the country and sixth at Saint Mary's.

"Our observance of International Education Week started in 2002 with our first study-abroad fair for students and has grown every year with additional regular activities and various new ones each year," Meyer-Lee said.

The various speakers chosen for the events are in coordination with abroad programs in which Saint Mary's typically participates, Meyer-Lee said.

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## Hesburgh, ROTC honor fallen veterans

*Ceremony extolling virtues of program follows 24-hour vigil at Clarke Memorial Fountain*

By JOSH LEEUW  
News Writer

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh extolled the virtues of Notre Dame's commitment to its Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program Friday at a ceremony honoring Veterans Day.

"I can't think of a better place or better group of people who are committed to service to be honoring today," Hesburgh said.

The ceremony followed a 24-hour vigil at the Clarke Memorial Fountain, informally known as Stonehenge.

Beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday, members of the Notre Dame ROTC kept a 24-hour guard at

the Clarke Memorial. A rotating group of four cadets, representing the branches of the ROTC program took their positions on each side of the memorial; by Friday afternoon, 152 cadets had participated.

Following the 24-hour vigil, members of the ROTC and Notre Dame community gathered at the Clarke Memorial to honor the nation's fallen veterans.

"Today we honor all who have given the ultimate sacrifice," said Cadet Lt. Col. Margaret Lindley, who served as the emcee for the ceremony.

All the members of Notre Dame's ROTC were in attendance at the annual Veterans

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University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh speaks to ROTC members at the Clarke Memorial Fountain on Friday.

## Liberal studies head rethinks Milton

*Fallon argues works are autobiographical, not rooted in religion*

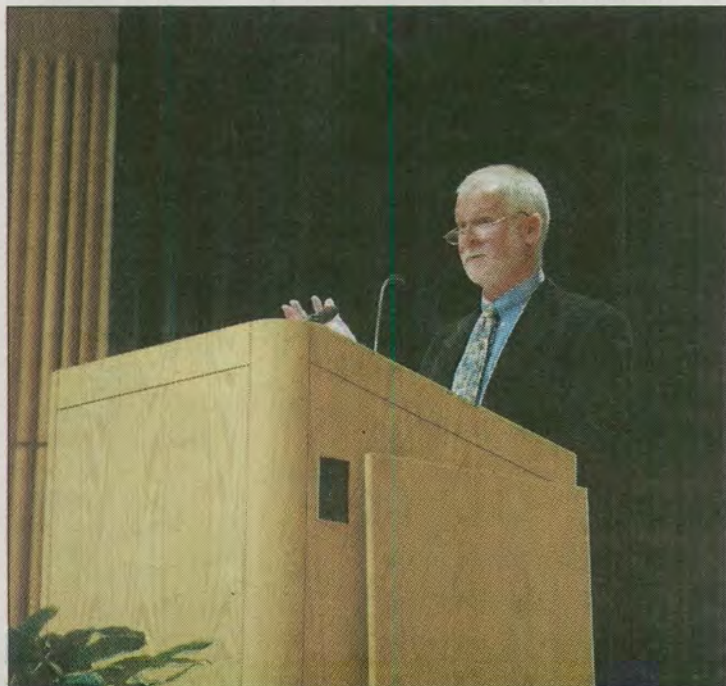
By ASHLEY CHARNLEY  
News Writer

Relying on characters and themes in John Milton's writings, Notre Dame professor Stephen Fallon argued Saturday that Milton was not the religious writer history has dubbed him.

As part of the Snite Museum's Saturday Scholar Series, Fallon, the chairperson of liberal studies at Notre Dame, said Milton did not become a religious writer until the end of his writing career.

"My argument is counterintuitive," Fallon said. "I am going to argue that Milton, widely con-

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Professor Stephen Fallon discusses the writings of John Milton, saying that many of his characters are self-inspired.

## Students, professors vie for popular times

*Late morning classes among top choices*

By BRIAN McKENZIE  
News Writer

While it may be obvious that students make all efforts to avoid 8 a.m. classes in favor of more appealing choices later in the day, it seems the faculty does the same. With rostering for next semester quickly approaching, students and professors hope to fulfill their education requirements while maintaining convenience and scheduling ease. The University, too, strives to meet these demands.

Still, convenience is one of many factors in the scheduling process.

"Notre Dame's courses are

scheduled with both efficiency and curricular needs in mind," Assistant Registrar Chris Temple said.

"It's no accident" that courses fall in neat intervals, he said. For example, on Tuesdays and Thursdays one class will last from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. and the next will start at 11.

"We have to find certain standard class times to use the class rooms efficiently. ... The scheduling decision starts with the academic department," Temple said. "Then each college dean assesses the situation and works with the departments to negotiate what schedule makes the most sense for

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## INSIDE COLUMN

# Jumping the holiday gun

Christmas falls on Dec. 25 every year. Except every year, it seems to creep up earlier and earlier.

Before we even get a chance to digest our Thanksgiving turkey, we are bombarded with Christmas-dominated radio stations, holiday door-busters and movie marathons.

**Katie Kohler**

*Saint Mary's  
Editor*

I love Christmas as much as the next person. Actually, I love Christmas probably more than the average person. But, I refuse to acknowledge the date until Thanksgiving.

On top of that, I don't think it's fair to Thanksgiving to even think about it until we have enough stuffing and cranberry sauce to last us the rest of the month.

Thanksgiving is a great holiday and one of the only times each year you can eat until you pass out and not feel bad about it. I'm in no rush for that to be over.

But that's not the point. The point is that by jumpstarting Christmas in early November, when it finally comes on Dec. 25, it feels like it's over before it even began.

For as many years as I can remember, I wake up on Christmas morning to Christmas carols and stocking stuffers, open a few presents, go to church and then suddenly realize that Christmas — the day for which I have been waiting and preparing for months — is over.

We spend hundreds of hours and usually thousands of dollars getting ready for Santa, but we forget that Christmas, like all days, is only 24 hours. Dec. 26 is just another day.

The stretch of Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas within two months of each other is the best span of the year, only to be topped off with New Year's. People need to understand that getting ahead of ourselves is the very reason every Nov. 1, Nov. 25ish, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1 that we're scratching our heads wondering where the time went and saying "What a shame. That wasn't as fun as it used to be."

In addition to over-preparing for Christmas, thereby decreasing its overall luster, people are let down by what became of it.

And who do we have to blame for this? Storefronts putting out Christmas decorations in November, starting the "25 Days of Christmas" 45 days in advance and offering incentives for buying now — all eclipsing Thanksgiving in all its glory.

I ask you to enjoy each holiday, preparing for no longer than the window separating them. Believe me, Christmas (and Thanksgiving) come but once a year. You might as well get your money's worth (or your mashed potatoes worth).

I am all for welcoming the spirit of Christmas early. I like putting up decorations weeks in advance. However, there must be a line drawn so that the Christmas holiday monopoly does not infringe on Thanksgiving. The pilgrims wouldn't have wanted it that way and neither do I.

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

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO THROW AT ND HOME GAMES?



**Steph Martinez**

*sophomore  
Lyons*

*"I'd like to throw some punches."*



**Alex Stuckley**

*sophomore  
Morrissey*

*"A party afterward."*



**Michelle Perone**

*sophomore  
Walsh*

*"Touchdown passes."*



**Mike Benz**

*junior  
Alumni*

*"Fake Heisman trophies."*



**Bill Dipiero**

*junior  
Knott*

*"Words of encouragement to the players and coaches."*



**Ashley Ahn**

*junior  
McGlinn*

*"Warm thoughts of hippy love."*



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

**Students cheer during the alma mater after the Air Force game Saturday. Air Force beat Notre Dame 41-24.**

## IN BRIEF

Want to be a model? BCAC is holding model tryouts for its annual **Fashion Show 2008**. Ladies please attend **Sunday, Nov. 18, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** and gentlemen please attend **Tuesday, Nov. 20, 8 to 10 p.m.** Both tryouts are held in Washington Hall.

Men's basketball will play Long Island tonight at 7:30 at the Joyce Center.

There will be a luncheon with Notre Dame Law School Admissions tomorrow at noon. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who are considering Notre Dame Law School are invited to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon. Contact Margaret Edgington, Senior Staff Assistant, with questions or to RSVP: [lawadmit@nd.edu](mailto:lawadmit@nd.edu)

Notre Dame women's basketball will play in the second round preseason WNIT tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Tony Kushner's "A Bright Room Called Day" will be performed tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Decio Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are \$8. Performances will run Nov. 13 to 16 and Nov. 18.

The rosary will be said tonight at 6:45 at the Grotto. The rosary is said daily and is open to the public.

The film "Working Women of the World" will be shown Wednesday at 7 p.m. in C100 Hesburgh Center Auditorium as part of the film series "International Labor/1st World — 3rd World Global Economy."

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

## OFFBEAT

### Man, 70, charged in Pa. bank holdup

ERIE, Pa. — Police say a 70-year-old man told them he tried to solve his financial problems with a grocery bag, bandanna and a 50-year-old handgun that doesn't work.

Instead, Donald Cesare is in the Erie County Prison on federal bank robbery charges stemming from a holdup Thursday at the First National Bank in Millcreek Township.

Authorities say Cesare has no criminal record and immediately apologized for the robbery when they tracked him down based on his description. Cesare also

wants to apologize to the teller, police said.

### 'Mr. Toilet' builds commode-shaped house

SUWON, South Korea — Sim Jae-duck has made his political career as South Korea's Mr. Toilet by beautifying public restrooms. Now he's got a home befitting his title: a toilet-shaped domicile complete with the latest in lavatory luxury.

Sim is building the two-story house set to be finished Sunday to commemorate the inaugural meeting later this month of the World Toilet Association. The group, supported by the South Korean

government, aims no less than to launch a "toilet revolution," by getting people to open their bathroom doors for the sake of improving worldwide hygiene.

Representatives from 60 countries will gather in Seoul to spur the creation of national toilet associations of their own and spread the word about hygiene. Organizers argue the issue deserves greater attention and cite U.N. figures that some 2.5 billion people live without proper sanitation or water supplies.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 62 LOW 50	HIGH 52 LOW 40	HIGH 55 LOW 38	HIGH 47 LOW 30	HIGH 38 LOW 27	HIGH 45 LOW 30

Atlanta 68 / 44 Boston 52 / 35 Chicago 60 / 50 Denver 41 / 31 Houston 79 / 65 Los Angeles 72 / 53 Minneapolis 52 / 41 New York 52 / 38 Philadelphia 53 / 35 Phoenix 77 / 60 Seattle 51 / 42 St. Louis 71 / 58 Tampa 80 / 58 Washington 56 / 38



# Laneman receives PECASE award

Engineering prof recognized by President, also up for NSF honor

Special to The Observer

J. Nicholas Laneman, assistant professor of electrical engineering at Notre Dame, has been named one of the 58 recipients of a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) and one of the 20 honorees nominated by the NSF from among the grantees of its Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program. He and the other PECASE recipients were recognized in a ceremony Nov. 1 at the White House.



Laneman

The PECASE program, which was established in 1996, identifies and honors outstanding young researchers and is the highest honor that a beginning scientist or engineer can receive from the U.S. government. Selection is based on innovative research and community service as demonstrated through scientific leadership, education or outreach. Nine government agencies, including the National Science Foundation (NSF), nominate candidates for the PECASE program.

"Because the PECASE honors young scholars for their outstanding research and teaching

accomplishments and recognizes the potential impact they may have on future generations, it is an extraordinary award for a young faculty member," said James L. Merz, interim dean of the College of Engineering and the Frank M. Freimann Professor of Electrical Engineering. "We are delighted that Professor Laneman has been honored in this fashion."

Laneman, who joined the University in 2002, specializes in the areas of communications and signal processing, with a particular emphasis on wireless communications and networking. Widely credited as a pioneer of cooperative diversity, an area of communications that deals with making wireless links more reliable through the use of signal relays, his seminal papers on the subject have been highly cited by other communications researchers.

Laneman's award-winning CAREER (and subsequently PECASE) project, "Toward a Renaissance in Finite Blocklength Information Theory," focuses on fundamental performance trade-offs of communication systems and networks for applications, such as wireless, in which transmission intervals are limited relative to the randomness of the communications medium. Longer intervals enable more reliable transmissions, but they also contribute to delays. Users who accept long delays for some

applications, such as text messaging or e-mail, find them unacceptable for other applications, such as cell phone calls or video streaming. The goal of the project is to provide a mathematical and computational framework for characterizing such trade-offs and designing more efficient systems.

In addition to theoretical work, Laneman and his research group are developing a wireless network testbed, based upon software-defined radio (SDR), to encourage the implementation and verification of communications algorithms and to enhance SDR technology. The team, which includes undergraduates as well as graduate students, is working to make SDR more portable, affordable and reliable for a variety of applications.

As part of this effort, Laneman's team has obtained funding from the National Institute of Justice to develop SDR technology in order to help public safety and emergency response personnel better communicate, especially during catastrophic events, when traditional infrastructure is unavailable or inoperable.

A native of St. Charles, Mo., Laneman earned bachelor's degrees in electrical engineering and in computer science from Washington University in St. Louis and master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

# ND law professor testifies to Congress

Special to The Observer

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Robert and Marion Short professor of law at Notre Dame, testified before Congress earlier this month as part of an expert panel on "Preserving America's Global Leadership through International Law and Justice."

O'Connell, a professor of international law, reported that the United States has denied itself the advantages offered by international law by ignoring its tenets in invading Iraq, in how it occupied Iraq, and in how it has conducted interrogation.

O'Connell referenced the United Nations Charter, the Geneva Conventions, and the Convention against Torture in her statement at the forum organized by House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers.

She stated that, since the nation's founding, "Our greatest statesmen have understood the benefits of interna-

tional law and have sought to promote it, to shape it, and to ensure our compliance with it."

Yet, O'Connell testified, the United States was and continues to be knowingly and willingly non-compliant with the same laws it helped to write and endorse.

Disregard for Articles 2(4) and 51 of the UN Charter, which prohibits the use of force except in self-defense to an armed attack, led to the United States' unlawful invasion of Iraq, says O'Connell. The U.S. also disobeyed the Hague Regulations, which govern the rules on occupation.

"As an occupying power, the United States has not restored nor maintained law and order to ensure public safety, as required by the Regulations."

O'Connell cites numerous Articles of the Geneva Conventions that support her contention the U.S. broke international law through its employment of coercive interrogation techniques.

*"As an occupying power, the United States has not restored nor maintained law and order to ensure public safety."*

Mary Ellen O'Connell  
law professor

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## Vets

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Dame's ROTC were in attendance at the annual Veterans Day ceremony wearing their formal uniforms of green (Army), blue (Navy) and black (Air Force).

Hesburgh addressed the crowd gathered outside on an overcast, windy afternoon.

His address focused on tradition: He said Notre Dame's tradition of educating soldiers went back to Notre Dame's founder, Father Edward Sorin.

"Father Sorin and Notre Dame were not only dedicated in educating young men, but

also those who would live lives of valor," he said.

Reflecting on the days of his early priesthood when he was a chaplain for the soldiers serving in World War II, Hesburgh said "one of the highlights of Notre Dame was during World War II when over 12,000 naval denizens were here. They were fighting for freedom and the welfare of humanity."

Hesburgh also emphasized the importance of the Clarke Memorial Fountain as a symbol to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice of military service.

"This is a hallowed spot on Notre Dame's campus," Hesburgh said. "... This monu-

ment represents those who gave the highest thing one can give — one's own life — For this country and for peace."

Over the years, many higher education institutions have debated expelling ROTC programs under political pressures, Hesburgh said, "yet the ROTC program at Notre Dame endures."

In a time when the military is under heavy scrutiny and criticism, Hesburgh said, "Notre

Dame has stood strong supporting soldiers in a cause for peace, freedom and patriotism."

*"As long as we stand strong for our country, this country will move forward with pride and security."*

**Father Theodore Hesburgh**  
University President  
Emeritus

When addressing the cadets, who were standing at full attention, Hesburgh told them that they "are the frontline of America — marching forward, protect-

ing the country and even giving life if needed. For that we thank you."

In his closing remarks, Hesburgh reminded the audi-

ence that "as long as we stand strong for country, this country will move forward with pride and security."

Following his address, Hesburgh was given a gift from Lindley on behalf of the ROTC program, for the his continued support of the program.

"Taps" was then played in remembrance of all the soldiers who have given their lives during service.

The Veterans Day Ceremony has been an annual tradition for Notre Dame since Veterans Day — then called Armistice Day — was proclaimed in 1926.

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## Abroad

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Meyer-Lee said.

"One of the speakers is from the National University of Ireland at Maynooth, as part of our celebration of 30 years of partnering with that institution for our Ireland Program," she said.

Meyer-Lee hopes for a strong turnout at the various events throughout the week, but she recognizes that scheduling can sometimes be troublesome. Certain departments and programs, however, require students to attend some of the events.

"The intercultural learning showcase is required for all students who want to apply for a CWIL grant next semester, and the study abroad fair — and pre-departure orientation — draw a lot of students because Saint Mary's has high rates of participation in abroad programs," Meyer-Lee said.

"We aim for quality of engagement rather than quantity with any particular event and have intentionally orchestrated a broad range of activities rather than focusing on one major keynote so there is something of interest for everyone," she added.

While Meyer-Lee hopes for the success of the events on campus, she also notes the wider impact of this week and its message.

"International Education Week is an important time to recognize this essential dimension of a liberal education in today's increasingly interdependent world," she said. "Saint Mary's is deeply committed to international programs and over the past five years, we have increased our options from eight programs to 20 and increased our participation to where 41 percent of this year's graduates had studied abroad."

But Meyer-Lee is still looking to expand the increasingly popular programs.

"We are committed to continuous quality improvement of these programs and have gained national recognition in the areas of assessment and curricular integration," she said.

College president Carol Ann Mooney's recent strategic plan brought up for approval by the Board of Trustees last month also discussed abroad options. Within that plan, increased global education was a main goal, along with the further strengthening of already existing programs.

"Increasing study abroad participation, international student enrollment and other internation-

alization of our home campus" are the main components of this facet of the plan.

"We look forward to the annual International Education Week each year as a time to celebrate and renew that focus," Meyer-Lee said.

CWIL fellows and faculty members today will discuss "How CWIL Fellows Address International Education in the Classroom." There will also be an International Learning Showcase tonight.

On Tuesday, Mary Corcoran from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth will speak about social change in Ireland. There will also be an Intercultural Living Community Open House in Regina Hall.

Brian Flora, from the U.S. Department of State, will deliver the keynote address Wednesday, called "Representing Your Country Abroad." He will also speak later that evening on "Careers in International Diplomacy."

There will be a faculty panel on global poverty on Friday.

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workforce], he said, "the company is going to miss out in the market."

Gina Shropshire, a 1983 Ph.D. Notre Dame graduate with a B.A. in American Studies, emphasized the need for continual evaluation within companies of its diversity. Shropshire said that evaluation within a company is not a fixed issue.

"Companies are letting the momentum die," she said. "[Diversification] is not something that is ever done. We need people who can communicate the ideals of a company."

Hernandez echoed this idea of diversification as a continual process when he said that companies fail by believing that diversification is not a process, but rather an event. "[Companies] have to walk to talk, or else it will not work," he said.

Emphasizing the idea of

valuing the contribution of each individual employee, James Summers, president of Summers Consulting in South Bend, also said that two of the key issues for businesses are organizational effectiveness and sustainability.

He said the responsibility of having workers be as effective as possible is that of the employers. The innovative ideas of employers, Hernandez said, bring the company higher profitability. The impetus for the conference came from Nick Gantt, a graduate student at the Mendoza College of Business. A friend of his at the University of Michigan informed him of a similar conference Michigan had been hosting for nearly 30 years. "So I thought, 'Why don't we have something like this?'" he said.

Gantt hopes to hand over the reigns to another business student this year to keep the conference going for years to come.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Iraqi PM says suicide attacks down

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Sunday suicide attacks and other bombings in the Iraqi capital have dropped dramatically since last year's high, calling it a sign of the end of sectarian violence. A top U.S. general here said he believes the drop is sustainable, as Iraqis turn away from extremists.

Al-Maliki said "terrorist acts" including car bombings and other spectacular, al-Qaida-style attacks dropped by 77 percent. He called it a sign that Sunni-Shiite violence was nearly gone from Baghdad.

### Accidental killing sparks soccer riots

ROME — A police officer accidentally shot and killed a soccer fan Sunday while trying to break up a fight by a Tuscan highway between supporters of rival teams, authorities said. Enraged by the killing, hundreds of fans rioted in Rome, attacking a police station.

Fans stormed the yard of a police station near the Rome's Olympic Stadium, hurled stones at passing police cars, and smashed windows at the nearby Italian Olympic Committee headquarters.

Hundreds of youths, many with their faces covered by scarves and ski masks, dragged metal barricades and trash bins to block off one end of a bridge spanning the Tiber near the station. The rioters smashed a window in the police station and set a police vehicle on fire inside the gate.

Sky TG24 TV showed images of flames from what it said was a bus set on fire near the barracks.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Racial gap in infant mortality remains

The rate at which infants die in the United States has dropped substantially over the past half-century, but broad disparities remain among racial groups, and the country stacks up poorly next to other industrialized nations.

In 2004, the most recent year for which statistics are available, roughly seven babies died for every 1,000 live births before reaching their first birthday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. That was down from about 26 in 1960.

Babies born to black mothers died at two and a half times the rate of those born to white mothers, according to the CDC figures.

### Senators survey San Francisco oil spill

OAKLAND, Calif. — Federal officials want a bird's-eye view of San Francisco Bay to observe environmental damage caused by the area's worst oil spill in nearly two decades.

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad Allen planned to take an aerial tour of the damage Sunday.

A preliminary Coast Guard investigation found that "human error," not mechanical failure, caused the cargo ship Cosco Busan to sideswipe a support on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, leaving a gash nearly 100 feet long on the side of the 926-foot vessel.

"There were skilled enough individuals on board this ship. They didn't carry out their missions correctly," said Rear Adm. Craig Bone, the Coast Guard's top official in California.

## LOCAL NEWS

### A dozen antiwar protesters arrested

OLYMPIA, Wash. — At least a dozen people were arrested as demonstrators rallied to protest military cargo shipments arriving from Iraq at the port in the state capital.

The arrests Saturday came a day after protesters were able to stop two trucks from removing military equipment that had been unloaded from a ship coming from Iraq. The equipment was bound for Fort Lewis, an Army base about 15 miles northeast of Olympia.

Nine protesters were arrested Saturday for investigation of violating the city's pedestrian interference ordinance, but all were later released without being cited, said police Sgt. Ken Carlson.

## Bush declares trust in Musharraf

President addresses "common goal" with Pakistan in defeating global terrorist networks

Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush stepped up praise of Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf Saturday, hailing "positive steps" the general took by promising to lift emergency rule, resign as army chief and hold elections.

Indeed, Bush refused to pointedly criticize Musharraf at a joint news conference here with visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel, continuing the cautious and measured response he's embraced in the week since Musharraf imposed the crackdown.

Bush did, however, dodge a question whether Musharraf's moves, seen by many as an attempt to cling to power, constitute a dangerous distraction from the battle against al-Qaida insurgents.

Speaking after two days of meetings with Merkel, the president said he has confidence in the commitment of Pakistan's leadership to stick with the U.S. in the fight against global terrorism. "We share a common goal," Bush said.

Musharraf aligned himself with Washington after the Sept. 11 attacks on U.S. soil, Bush noted, suggesting the Pakistani has given him no reason to doubt him since that decision. In fact, Bush added, several al-Qaida leaders have been brought to justice, "and that wouldn't have happened without President Musharraf honoring his word."

"I take a person for his word until otherwise," Bush said. "He made a clear decision to be with us and he's acted on that advice."

The remarks essentially were an endorsement of Musharraf.

The embattled Pakistani insists he had no choice but to move aggressively to prevent Islamic extremists from gaining control of his nuclear-armed country. But the crackdown has mostly targeted his political, judicial and media critics.



President Bush and German Chancellor Angela Merkel discuss Pakistan's recent declaration of emergency rule and Iranian nuclear proliferation on Saturday.

Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto spent Friday under house arrest, for instance.

Hours before Bush's news conference, Musharraf's government announced plans to lift the state of emergency within one month and hold parliamentary elections by Feb. 15, one month later than originally scheduled.

With U.S. officials not sure whether Musharraf will remain in power through the crisis, Bush took the step of citing Bhutto by name. He linked her with Musharraf as someone who understands the necessity of standing firm against extremist elements and expressed confidence that whoever leads Pakistan will feel the same way.

"He fully understands the dangers of al-Qaida," Bush said. "Benazir Bhutto fully understands the dangers of al-Qaida. By far the vast majority of people in Pakistan want to live in a free and peaceful society, and they understand the dangers of al-Qaida. ... I believe we will continue to have good collaboration with the leadership in Pakistan."

Merkel arrived Friday with her husband, Joachim Sauer, for an overnight visit at Bush's remote central Texas ranch. Their talks spanned the globe, from Afghanistan to Iran and from Russia to Kosovo to the United Nations.

Tehran's defiance of international demands that it halt its uranium enrich-

ment program was a major topic of discussion. Russia and China — two of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — are blocking the U.N. from moving toward a third set of harsher sanctions against Iran.

Both Bush and Merkel emphasized that diplomatic efforts with Iran have not yet been exhausted. Bush dismissed a question about when patience with Iran would run out.

"What the Iranian regime must understand is that we will continue to work together to solve this problem diplomatically, which means they will continue to be isolated," said Bush, who has recently warned that a nuclear-armed Iran could lead to World War III.

## Legal disputes ensue over desegregation

Associated Press

Officials in Shelby County, Tenn., complain they'll have to spend millions to satisfy a federal judge's "arbitrary" desegregation order. It'll mean busing minority students up to an hour away and replacing hundreds of white teachers with black ones, they say.

In Huntsville, Ala., under a similar court order, students can transfer from a school where they're in the racial majority, but not the other way around.

And in the Tucson, Ariz., Unified School District, students could move from one school to another

only if the change improved "the ethnic balance of the receiving school and (did) not further imbalance the ethnic makeup of the home school."

But wait: Hasn't the U.S. Supreme Court consistently moved away from using race as a factor in deciding where kids should go to school?

Didn't the high court recently put an exclamation point on that trend, ruling that two districts' heavy reliance on race in student assignment policies violated the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection?

Yes, and yes. But there are still hundreds of districts across the

country, from the Northeast to the Southwest, that operate under federal court desegregation orders — some more than four decades old.

These districts are in a unique and sharply debated position with respect to the Supreme Court's rulings. They exist in what critics consider a historical Twilight Zone, where federal judges can make seemingly contradictory decisions.

"So which ruling do I violate?" asks a perplexed Bobby Webb, superintendent of schools in Shelby County, where Memphis is located. "The judge's ruling now, or the earlier rulings that we can't discriminate against people on the basis of the color of their skin?"



## Milton

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sidered a great religious writer, is in an important sense, not a religious writer at all."

Fallon combined his knowledge of Milton's literature and life to argue that, although Milton explored theology in his writing, he did not write religiously.

Milton, a Puritan in the 17th century, is most known for his work "Paradise Lost." He, however, also wrote poems, sonnets, other prose and an autobiography. His work focused strongly on religious topics. Fallon said Milton believed he wrote "divinely inspired truth, and he believed he could surpass Homer and Virgil because his epic would be true."

Fallon admits that his idea that Milton is not a religious writer has gotten some varying reactions.

"Some say, 'There goes another anti-religious university professor, trying to recruit a great author to his cause.' Or, from the other side, 'There goes a [Notre Dame] professor sniping at Milton for being anti-Catholic and unorthodox,'" Fallon said.

However, Fallon argues that his criteria come from information available in Milton's autobiography and the characters in Milton's

poetry that resemble the author.

"I am interested in whether Milton is religious as he writes, and the answer there, I think, is no," Fallon said.

He went on to discuss Milton's own views on sin. Fallon said Milton believed that he was sinless. He believed that his works were divinely true.

Milton's self-proclaimed lack of sin came into question when his first marriage fell apart. He then made the claim that divorce is justifiable in the Bible.

"His story is impossible, so it begins to disintegrate when it is met with real life," Fallon said. "He uses the Gospel to authorize divorce. Milton believes that someone can 'mutiny against God' and exit a marriage," Fallon said.

After his writings on marriage and divorce, Milton's writing about himself began to change, Fallon said. Characters that resemble him in his works began to accept their sinfulness in a way Milton himself never would. In one of his works, the character that is modeled most after him is Satan, Fallon said. The story claims that Satan was cast out of Heaven because of his pride. Although Milton never admitted to his own pride — or denied his perfection — he did question these qualities in his characters.

Fallon noted the maturity of Milton's characters in admitting their own sins, further asserting the maturity Milton himself did not have.

"By the end of his career, I am tempted to say, Milton was at last, in spite of himself, becoming a religious writer," Fallon said.

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the faculty and students.

"Once the colleges are done, that information is forwarded to the registrar's office. We handle it from the University's perspective," he said. "We look at the schedule primarily from a classroom-resources perspective, which means, 'Do we have enough classes available for all the people that want to teach at a certain time?'" he said.

That perspective is complicated because certain time-slots are "inherently desirable." The time slot on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. is the most popular, for both students and faculty, he said. But only so many classrooms are available at that time.

"There's definitely competition for the popular time spots," he said.

College deans decide which departments will have to shift their courses to less popular times, he said. The deans consider which courses require particular kinds of classrooms, such as a computer lab, a large lecture hall or a room equipped with a projector, he said.

Another consideration is that some courses, particularly in Arts and Letters, are "hard to teach in 50 minutes."

"That's a very room-resources orientated perspective, though, not a curriculum-driven per-

spective," he said.

Sebastian Rosato, a professor of political science, said he wished the length of classes was uniform across all subjects.

"It's unnecessarily complicated to fit in 50-minute courses," he said. "You can't impart any information in 50 minutes, anyway."

Rosato said that he is "very happy" that he will teach a course at 9:35, but he says that it is "annoying" that his next course is not until 4 p.m.

*"We look at the schedule primarily from a classroom-resources perspective."*

Chris Temple  
assistant registrar

Sara Maurer, an assistant professor in English, does not avoid early morning classes for fear of lack of attention by the students.

"I have honestly haven't noticed that students are any less awake in morning classes," she said. "But

I've never taught an 8 a.m. class."

Maurer said some classes have bad days, but that hasn't appeared to be caused by time of day. She also was sympathetic to the registrar's scheduling hassles.

"There are so many issues to consider, to offer a decent selection, to distribute required courses and then faculty commitments," she said. "It's very hard to accommodate everyone."

The English department's scheduling process is "very upfront," so faculty do not feel so disappointed if they don't teach at their preferred times, Maurer said.

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NYSE	9,733.34	-144.13
S&P 500	1,453.70	-21.07
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FTSE 100 (London)	6,304.90	-77.00

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## IN BRIEF

### China confirms "date rape" toys

BEIJING — China's safety watchdog confirmed Saturday that toy beads recalled in the United States and Australia after sickening children contain a substance that can turn into the "date-rape" drug after ingested.

The toys, coated with the industrial chemical 1,4-butanediol, were made by the Wangqi Product Factory in Shenzhen, a city just over the border from Hong Kong, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine said in a statement.

When ingested, the chemical metabolizes into the "date-rape" drug gamma hydroxy butyrate, also known as GHB, which can cause breathing problems, loss of consciousness, seizures, drowsiness, coma and death.

Millions of units of the popular toys, which are sold as Aqua Dots in the United States and as Bindeez in Australia, were recalled in those countries as well as Britain, Malaysia, Singapore and elsewhere this past week after children began falling sick from swallowing the toy's bead-like parts.

### Uneven week ends with more drops

NEW YORK — Wall Street finished a turbulent week with another huge drop Friday after major banks warned of further losses on their debt portfolios, raising investor concerns that the credit market slump shows no sign of abating. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 220 points.

Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Wachovia Corp. all said the ongoing credit crisis will cause another round of heavy losses during the fourth quarter. Financial institutions took big hits during the last quarter as losses from subprime mortgages hurt their balance sheets, and these three companies were just the latest to report bad news that sent stocks lower.

BofA said continued "market dislocations," including those related to securities it owns that are backed by loans, will affect its fourth-quarter results. The bank did not provide an estimate of how large the impact will be. JPMorgan said difficult conditions may cause a fourth-quarter writedown, but did not say how much.

# Broadway shut down by strikes

Stagehands strike over job cuts, shutting down two dozen plays and musicals

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Producers and theater owners say they're just looking for a fair agreement that wouldn't force them to hire extra workers they don't need.

Stagehands counter by declaring their union "is open to exchanges on work rules and other areas," but will absolutely refuse any plan that would cut jobs.

Therein lies the seemingly unbridgeable gap that has shut down most of Broadway, closing such well-known shows as "Wicked," "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Hairspray" as well as newer productions such as the Kevin Kline "Cyrano de Bergerac" and Disney's "The Little Mermaid," which was in previews and hadn't even officially opened.

Local One struck more than two dozen plays and musicals Saturday, causing confusion in the Times Square theater district and sending disappointed theatergoers home or to other entertainments.

Actors were left without audiences.

Patrick Page, who plays the celebrated green meanie in "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," appeared in front of the St. James Theatre and sang for unhappy children who couldn't see him on stage.

"It's disappointing, most of all for these kids," said Page. "They don't understand anything about contract negotiations."

The performer said there were four sold-out shows of "Grinch" sched-



Broadway theatergoers head to "Xanadu" on Saturday, one of eight shows not affected by the stagehand strike.

uled on Saturday and three on Sunday.

"That's a lot of kids to turn away from the theater," he added, although he said he had sympathy for the stagehands, too. "They're the guys who keep me safe when I get hoisted up; they're the guys who put light on me," he said.

Solidarity among various theatrical unions appeared strong. Page's union, Actors' Equity Association, issued a statement saying members of Local One "deserve fair wages and

working conditions and, most importantly, the respect of everyone who is part of the theatrical community."

And the musicians union, Local 802, which struck Broadway for four days in 2003, was equally supportive. "They stood strong for us, and now we are here to return the favor," the union said.

Disgruntled theatergoers were not as sympathetic.

Outside the Gershwin Theatre where "Wicked" plays, Wanda Antonetti,

of DuBois, Pa., and her daughter, Sherry Antonetti, of Dover, Del.,

contemplated where to shop. They arrived Saturday morning to celebrate Wanda Antonetti's 70th birthday and did not know about the strike until they arrived at the theater. "We came a long way for lunch," Wanda Antonetti said.

No new negotiations have been scheduled between Local One and the League of American Theatres and Producers, so the outlook for a quick settlement is uncertain.

## CHINA

# Coal boom promotes unsafe mining

Associated Press

CHANG'GOU TOWN — Digging coal deep underground, Luo Xianglai learned to listen hard to the sounds the rocks made when struck with his pickax.

A dull thud usually meant solid rock and safety. A whistling noise signaled an impending cave-in.

"Usually you could tell it was coming," said Luo, a squat 33-year-old with broad shoulders, a buzz cut and a worried look. "The rocks would start singing, letting off a whistling sound. We would get out in a rush."

On a cold December day two years ago, the rocks did not sing, but disaster struck anyway. A cave-in buried Luo under fallen ceiling planks and more than 6 feet of rock, 300 feet down a mine shaft. His right leg was crushed, returning him to

the life of an impoverished farmer — this time, with a steel rod in his leg.

Coal mining remains one of the world's most dangerous trades. In China, more than 4,700 people died last year in coal mines.

The deaths underscore the human cost of a worldwide boom in coal use, driven by economic growth in China and India and a return to coal for cheap electric power in the U.S. and elsewhere. While Chinese miners toil for a couple hundred dollars a month, mine owners in Taiyuan, the sooty capital of Shanxi province, drive BMWs and invest in real estate in Beijing, the capital.

Miners themselves are often complicit in the deadly bargain. Many face reprisals if they report accidents. And some do not want to see their mine shut down for an accident investigation, depriving them of

work.

"Some miners fear poverty more than mining disasters," said Cao Yu, a senior at Hunan Normal University who conducted surveys among miners in Hunan province in 2005 and 2006. "Mining accidents create great stress. For them an accident means a colleague has departed the world but it also means the mine will stop work."

Even in wealthy nations, where mining is more mechanized and safety regulations better enforced, risks remain.

The U.S. has had three major fatal accidents in the last two years. Most recently, a collapse at Utah's Crandall Canyon Mine in August left six miners presumed dead. Federal inspectors had warned of hazardous conditions, though another federal agency had approved the work.



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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## More discussion about Catholic faculty

### Worry about hiring solely Catholics

A recent Observer article ("Professors discuss hiring," Nov. 8) reported a "broad sense of disquiet [among the faculty] surrounding the idea of hiring with religious affiliation in mind" and quoted the chair of the Faculty Senate as saying that "faculty members ... are worried that [by trying to respond to the decline in Catholic faculty] the University will move away from hiring solely on academic merit." It seems to me that the provost and the president — like the diverse faculty committee that recently produced a helpful report on strategies for Catholic hiring — have always been clear on this crucial point: The University's goal is and should be to cultivate, identify, hire and recruit Catholic faculty — and non-Catholic faculty who embrace Notre Dame's mission — who are, by every sound measure of "merit," outstanding. The goal is not, should not be and never has been to settle for second-rate scholars who happen to be Catholic or to denigrate the achievements and contributions of non-Catholic faculty. Notre Dame aspires not only to hire outstanding Catholic scholars, but also to increase the ethnic, gender and socioeconomic diversity of its faculty.

This aspiration, however, is not seen as cause for worry that "the University will move away from hiring solely on academic merit." Similarly, a concentrated effort to deepen Notre Dame's Catholic identity through faculty hiring need not trigger "disquiet" about the University's commitment to excellence. Indeed, there are good reasons to expect, and recent high-profile hires confirm, that it is precisely by emphasizing that which makes Notre Dame

distinctive that the University will be able to attract and retain increasingly accomplished scholars, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Certainly, the mere fact that a certain percentage of a university's faculty (or student body) self-identified as Catholic would hardly guarantee that it retained a meaningful and rich Catholic identity. No one should imagine that maintaining a preponderance of Catholic faculty would complete the hard, rewarding and important work of really being a Catholic university, in a broad, inclusive and critically engaged way.

At the same time, none of us should forget that Notre Dame is interesting, and matters because and only to the extent that it is — in reality and not just in its history — a Catholic university. It is not enough that there is at Notre Dame a thriving Campus Ministry, an inspiring Center for Social Concerns and world-renowned individual scholars who focus on specifically "Catholic" topics. Nor is it enough that Notre Dame works visibly — as all universities should — to alleviate poverty and promote social justice. Certainly, more than Catholic faculty are required, but Catholic faculty are required. Certainly, efforts to identify and hire Catholic faculty should be responsible and careful, not clumsy or naive. Given all the givens, the task is not an easy one.

Still, the fact remains: Without a community of Catholic scholars, working in a wide range of disciplines, Notre Dame would not be meaningfully Catholic, and therefore would not matter.

Richard W. Garnett  
associate professor of law  
Nov. 11

### Catholic staff for Catholic university

As the Observer of Nov. 8 ("Professors discuss hiring"), points out, the Provost's office has issued a report on the hiring of Catholic faculty members. The provost and many others (University President Father John Jenkins, for example) are concerned, naturally enough, with the "Catholic character" of Notre Dame — or maybe the way to put it is that they are concerned with the way in which Notre Dame fulfills its mission as a Catholic university. They think (1) it's very much worth having a Catholic university, (2) that such a university has a mission, (3) that its mission is not the same as that of a secular university (the University of Michigan, for example), and (4) that its fulfillment of that mission has something to do with the proportion of Catholic faculty on board.

Although I am not myself Catholic, I mostly agree with them on these points. Notre Dame is a wonderful university, and certainly part of its wonderfulness has to do with its being Christian, and indeed Catholic. I think my own department — philosophy — is a splendid department, and I'm delighted to be part of it; part of what is splendid about it is its connection with Christianity and specifically Catholicism.

And isn't it obvious that Notre Dame can fulfill its mission as a Catholic university only if it has the right kind of faculty? Opportunities for spiritual growth and for "good works" are very good things, but what goes on in the classroom and in academic work more generally is at least equally important.

Well, what's "the right kind" of faculty? Surely this will include at least the sort of faculty member that can contribute to the Notre Dame's mission as a Catholic university. Clearly not all faculty members who can do that are Catholics; equally clearly, not all Catholics can do that. So aiming at a certain proportion of Catholic faculty is at best a bit of a blunt instrument; but something in that neighborhood certainly seems right.

According to the same Observer piece, on Nov. 7 the Faculty Senate turned its attention to the Provost's report: "Faculty members are worried that in trying to rectify this situation, the university will move away from hiring solely on academic merit."

But if there is anything at all to the whole notion of a special mission for a Catholic university and for Notre Dame, and if the faculty is in some important way involved in fulfilling this mission, won't it be perfectly obvious that the university shouldn't hire solely on the basis of academic merit? Academic merit is of course crucial; it is of utmost importance. But it can't be the whole shooting match. Not, at least, if Notre Dame really does have any kind of special mission as a Catholic university. If it does have such a mission, then obviously another kind of qualification that must be considered, in prospective new faculty, is ability to contribute to the fulfillment of that mission and interest in doing so.

The problem, of course, is to specify more precisely and in detail just what the mission of this university is, and what that specification means for the various divisions and departments of the University. That's the really important question for Notre Dame (and one besides which the fortunes or misfortunes of the football team pales into insignificance).

Alvin Plantinga  
professor of philosophy  
Nov. 11

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Familiar things happen, and mankind does not bother about them. It requires a very unusual mind to undertake the analysis of the obvious."

Alfred North Whitehead  
mathematician and philosopher



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Debate about Victory March's lyrics continues

### Notre Dame-Patris?

My brother and fellow Notre Dame alum recently e-mailed me the link to the letter written by Erin and Caity Schneeman regarding the gender-exclusive Victory March ("Reconsidering the Victory March," Oct. 30). "A fun read," he headlined the subject. Indeed, I chuckled as I started down the letter. I could picture the scene in my mind vividly: Two women incensed at the omission of "daughters" in the Victory March, then marching off (to The Observer!) to pen their "new idea" that the Victory March is not gender-inclusive! New idea? Hardly. I recalled the very same debate when I was a student in the early '90s. Like the Schneemans, I too belted out "sons and daughters" at a football game. I am awestruck that two highly educated Notre Dame women didn't realize, as I did the first time I tried it, that changing the words to a song (although amusing) didn't change a thing. At the end of the day, I knew who I was as a Notre Dame woman whether or not a song declared me as such. And, after all these years of hearing and singing "sons," I still know who I am. There are much bigger battles to fight in this world.

It bothers me that this kind of energy isn't spent on worthier subjects. In fact, if that was all there was to the letter, I would have finished my chuckle and gone on with my day. Unfortunately, the Schneemans made one last comment that is worth my energy and should have caught the attention of all sons and daughters who read it: "What a shame it is that ... female students have to raise their hands on 'her,' which refers to Our Lady, and not to the women of Notre Dame." The real shame is on these two women who feel forced to raise their hands to Our Lady. In their so-called quest for equality, they carelessly elevated themselves above the greatest woman of all, the Holy Mother of God! As a woman, Catholic and proud alumna of Notre Dame, I am embarrassed that fellow Notre Dame women would write such an insult. If we're all this insecure about our gender, and quite sadly, this insensitive to the Divine, let's change the name of our great University to Notre Dame-Patris."

Nicole (Verich) Browne  
alum  
class of 1992  
Nov. 10

### Lyric change long overdue

A few weeks ago, I read a letter in The Observer ("Original version cherished," Nov. 1) that argued that we should not change the Notre Dame Fight Song to include both genders because the song, as is, represents "tradition" and that (obviously) the University of Notre Dame was founded in 1842 as an all-male school. As a professor here for more than 20 years, I would like to say we definitely should change the lyrics of the fight song (and that we are way overdue in doing so).

First, despite the fact that Notre Dame was traditionally an all-male university, it did become co-ed, with Father Hesburgh's help and instigation, in the 1970s. The change in allowing women to attend necessitated many other structural and intellectual changes. For example, we built female dorms. More than that, some "traditionally" male dorms (such as Farley, where Father Malloy stayed as an undergraduate, but in which my own daughter stayed from 2000-2002) became female dorms. And new traditions were born. For example, at the dorm orientation for my daughter, I met a freshman female who was a legacy of that dorm: her mother had lived in Farley during her own undergraduate years.

Arguing that we must keep things "as they are" (or, really, "as they were") is specious. "Traditionally," the United States of America only granted full "equality" (specifically, in terms of the right to vote), to white, land-owning males. Our constitu-

tion relegated African-Americans to being 3/5 human, Native Americans were dismissed as "savages" and women weren't considered at all. But our country expanded ethically and extended full civil rights to African-American males, then females and ultimately people of all religions and races. Obviously, "tradition" didn't count — unless it was the deeper, abiding tradition of advocating freedom and inclusion (precisely what Notre Dame has done by eventually admitting minorities and women as well).

Clearly, our constitution's words were changed with Amendments. A song cannot be changed in that way. However, its lyrics can be readily changed to reflect the spirit of inclusion that began many decades ago. The change is simple. The current lyrics have a certain number of syllables whose stresses fall on certain counts: "while her loyal sons are marching onward to victory!" Replacing "sons are marching" with "sons and daughters" keeps the exact number of syllables and stresses. Changing "onward to victory" to "march on to victory" does the exact same thing. No need to change the rhythm. No awkward holds or pauses. Just a simple change reflecting the spiritual change in a place that has been, even since I came here, increasingly committed to genuine "Catholicity" in its Catholic vision.

Jacqueline Vaught Brogan  
professor of English  
Nov. 9

# Weis should pay

Another home loss for the Irish. The total now stands at six for the season. In reality, the first Domer-comprised team to win inside the House That Rockne Built this fall might be the winner of the Interhall Football Championship. We can watch that game for free, unlike the games of our Division I team, which cost each Notre Dame student \$217 for the season. As a finance major, I view this as a bad investment. In business, people do not continue to invest in an entity that does not produce positive returns. Approximately 11,000 students purchase a student ticket booklet each season. Current prices dictate that the student body spends roughly \$2.4 million per season on football tickets. I would like Charlie Weis to regain our trust — like a fund director offering incentives — by paying for our tickets next season. His annual contract, estimated to be in the \$2 million range, ideally fits this cost structure. What do you say, Charlie?

Matthew Quering  
junior  
Alumni Hall  
Nov. 11

# Crack down on drunk driving

Everyone knows that danger is inherently a part of driving. However, some people make choices that drastically increase the risk to others on the roads. In my opinion, and in the eyes of the law, drunk drivers really are criminals.

Drunk driving is not a "mistake." It is a choice. A drunk driver (sometimes underage) chooses to drink alcohol and then get behind the wheel of a car. I am sick of excuses. Call a cab or stay where you are. There is absolutely no excuse for drunk driving, and in my opinion, neither Notre Dame nor Saint Mary's do enough to punish students who receive a DUI on or off campus. Fines and community service are not enough. I believe that all three schools need to partner up with the South Bend and Mishawaka police to create a registry that alerts the schools when a student receives a DUI. That student should then be expelled from the University or College, just as he or she should be for committing any other heinous crime.

Drunk driving is not a joke, so we need to stop treating it like it is. Students who make the ridiculously unintelligent choice to drive drunk and gravely endanger the lives of those around them and innocent people in other cars must be punished justly. I urge the schools in this area to seriously reevaluate their policies on off-campus DUIs and institute a much more strict policy.

Kelsey Robertson  
sophomore  
Regina Hall  
Nov. 11

## U-WIRE

# Same heart, different body

Whether subconsciously or consciously, many people are of the belief that "I need to feel safe, I need to fit in and I need to be accomplished."

When we see someone else who may not fit this mold sometimes we criticize and poke fun in order to ingrain in ourselves that we are better, we are not and could never be like that.

It's unfortunate because in order to secure this ideology we go after others and their appearances — so we detach, we categorize and we judge to protect ourselves. I am OK. I am normal.

Today there are repercussions for prejudice against race, gender and religion in our society. Yet what isn't recognized is this discriminatory attitude many Americans hold toward what others look like and those who may have weight issues.

This is unfortunate because obesity is on the rise in America. Yet, so is this aggressively rude attitude towards people who are different. Do you see a problem?

I remember learning in my general psychology class last year that the brain automatically judges the better-looking person as nicer. We seem to have this innate idea that external equals internal.

There have been studies where people put on fat suits and go out with hidden cameras to see what reactions they get. The result is they get pushed around on the subway or laughed at and judged right in front of their faces.

People go to jail or lose their jobs for discriminating against others and treating

them in demoralizing and disrespectful fashions. Yet people on the other end of the spectrum, trying to get the job, may never get the opportunity to work for an important business because the interviewer judges them as lazy, uncontrolled and maybe even stupid.

People are financially and emotionally punished for not making the same choices. Why aren't there laws for this type of discrimination?

Obesity has been labeled as a disease and I really don't think we see an obese person the same way as someone with cancer. Both are diseases, yet I can't think of anyone in their right mind making fun of some woman who just came out of chemotherapy with her hair stripped away.

It may sound like I'm a hippie or a flower child, but I really do believe that life is about being happy. This means loving other people, not bringing them down. But a lot of times we believe that if we bring someone down we rise higher.

So what are we to do?

Judgment is part of our reaction to things that are different, myself included. Yet, when we act on it, it becomes a problem.

Everyone is entitled to their thoughts and their ideas. It becomes an issue when we make rash decisions based on our own fears and insecurities.

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## Scene on Campus

## Asian Allure 2007



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By RYAN RAFFIN  
Scene Writer

Pretentious is a word that seems to get tossed around fairly often when describing post-hardcore outfit Thrice. After naming its 2005 effort "Vheissu" in reference to Thomas Pynchon's novel "V," use of the word only increased.

So when Thrice announced in late 2006 that it was recording four EPs, each thematically connected to one of Aristotle's four elements (fire, water, earth and air), the haters had plenty of fuel. How dare Thrice attempt something so ambitious? Have they no care for the fans? Luckily, the band paid no attention and produced the excellent first entry of the two-part set, lengthily titled "The Alchemy Index, Vols. I & II: Fire & Water."

This is admittedly a little confusing; the first two EPs are packaged together, but they are not meant to be heard as one album. Each has 6 songs that are lyrically and musically distinct, two different sets of 20 odd minutes that go by too fast for the listener to ever tire of.

The "Fire" EP is what you might guess based on its name. The louder, angrier side of Thrice, it's slightly reminiscent of their hardcore punk roots. Huge sounding choruses are everywhere — this is stuff that sounds good in a stadium. "Firebreather" starts things off with some of the heaviest riffs the band has ever recorded and with front man Dustin Kensrue singing an anthemic verse. The song even closes with a choir.

Right off the bat, the listener is given the rules: This is the new school — expect to hear different things. A programmed beat opens "The Messenger" before exploding into Kensrue's shouting and subsiding again. It's an ebb and flow, creating one of the best songs the group has recorded.

The subtle touches and flourishes of electronics are abundant throughout the

album. Such has been present in Thrice's sound for a couple of years now but is best realized on "The Alchemy Index."

Another complaint that has been levelled at the band recently is that lead guitarist Tappei Teranishi no longer plays guitar solos quite as often as he used to. This may be true, but the guitar work here is consistently tighter and more complex than ever before. Kensrue's vocal work is stellar, as usual: He knows exactly how to sing or shout in order to best fit the song. As the EP closes out on the powerful "The Flame Deluge," it's tough not to be left breathless. These six songs are so strong that it's tough to imagine how the "Water" EP can match them.

Subdued from the start, "Water" doesn't hit you immediately like its counterpart, though it is just as good. The electronics and various effects used on "Fire" continue, evident immediately upon listening to first single, "Digital Sea." Keyboards are also very important for this EP, as nearly every song utilizes them in some way. Just like the concept of flame was central to its counterpart, there is an aquatic motif in the lyrics and music. Unlike "Fire," though, this sounds almost nothing like what Thrice has done before. Melodic and tranquil, the band fully succeeds in creating an oceanic soundscape.

The group's influences really show through here: Radiohead comparisons are inevitable, but wait for "Night Diving" for some very Pelican-esque guitar work. The song shines, and normally you wouldn't expect a six-minute instrumental to grip the listener quite like this does. The whole EP seems like Thrice's interpretation of how alternative music should sound, almost like a challenge to other bands. If "Fire" is Thrice proving they can make music as loud and powerful as before, "Water" is the band showing that they can do whatever else they want as well.

A lot of fans want the old Thrice back. They want to go back to the days of fast, hard and loud. Sorry to disappoint, but it's not happening anytime soon. "The Alchemy Index" is Thrice's latest progression, showing that the band is capable of creating any music they can think of, and doing it well. If the fans can't keep up with innovation, it's their loss. When there's music this good out there, someone is going to hear it. This is one of the year's best — don't be left behind.

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### The Alchemy Index, Vols. I & II: Fire and Water

Thrice

Label: Vagrant Records

Recommended Tracks: "Firebreather," "The Messenger," "Digital Sea" and "Night Diving"



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With the new "Fire" and "Water" portions of "The Alchemy Index," Thrice is embarking on an ambitious, Aristotle-inspired musical venture.



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Air Force 41, Notre Dame 24

## More of the same

*Running back's 272 all-purpose yards carry Air Force to victory, hand ND ninth loss*

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

The frustration Notre Dame has experienced all season can be summarized with one kick.

When defensive end Trevor Laws booted the penalty flag after an offsides call during the extra point attempt of Air Force's fifth touchdown of the Falcons' 41-24 win over the Irish, he symbolized the team's dissatisfaction with this historically bad season.

Chad Hall, who led the Air Force offense, caused much of Laws' frustration. Hall rushed 32 times for 142 yards. He also caught two passes for 31 yards, had 99 return yards and averaged 7.4 yards per touch in the game.

"He's a competitor, he competes out there so much and runs so hard," Laws said. "He wants to get as many yards as he can every play; he's out there loving what he's doing."

Air Force improved to 8-3 on the season, coach Troy Calhoun's first with the Falcons. Notre Dame dropped to an all-time worst 1-9.

Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen had his best game of the season, completing 22-of-40 passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns. He didn't have the help of his receivers, however. On the first play from scrimmage, after Clausen hit tight end John Carlson for a 28-yard completion, Carlson fumbled, giving Air Force the ball on its own 42-yard line. The receivers continued to drop passes for the rest of the game.

The Falcons drove down to the Notre Dame 1-yard line, but nose tackle Pat Kuntz stopped Falcons quarterback Shaun Carney behind the line. Ryan Harrison made a 19-yard field goal to put Air Force up 3-0.

Notre Dame's next two drives stalled when Air Force sacked Clausen on blind-side blitzes. Irish coach Charlie Weis said that the blitzes were part of Air Force's defense and that he had a plan in place to counter them — but it wasn't executed, he said.

"We know what they're doing," Weis said. "Here comes a weak corner. We've got two to block two. 'You block him, you block him.' And the quarterback's getting hit in the back."

After the Irish forced an Air Force punt that gave them the ball on their own 20-yard line, fullback Asaph Schwapp bobbled a handoff and sent the ball flying into the air. It came down into the hands of linebacker John Rabold, who ran 19 yards for the touch-



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**Falcons linebacker John Rabold stiff arms Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen after picking up a fumble. Rabold returned the fumble 19 yards for a touchdown during the first quarter of Air Force's 41-24 win over Notre Dame Saturday.**

down.

"When you turn around and just hand the ball inside to the fullback, you think the worst thing that's going to happen is you're going to get a couple of yards and you're going to be playing second and eight," Weis said.

The Irish went three-and-out on their next possession but received a stroke of luck. Carney and Hall fumbled the option exchange, and linebacker Kerry Neal fell on the ball. Nine plays later, Notre Dame had a first down on the Falcons' 11-yard line. But three straight incomplete passes forced a Brandon Walker 28-yard field goal to make the score 10-3 with 8:29 remaining in the half.

On fourth-and-1 on their own 49-yard line on the Falcons' next possession, Laws stuffed tailback Chad Smith at the line, forcing a turnover on downs and giving the Irish good field position.

"Could you punt it? Sure," Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said. "I felt like there was a very good chance that we could convert the

one yard."

Notre Dame would have gone three-and-out again if not for a roughing-the-passer penalty after Clausen's incomplete pass on third down. The penalty gave the Irish a first down on the Air Force 32-yard line. On third and goal from the 2, Clausen hit Carlson in the corner of the end zone on a play-action fake, and the Irish tied the score at 10-10.

"I thought that we were back in it," said Carlson, who had four receptions for 57 yards and the touchdown. "I hoped we'd start rolling and score some more points."

The Falcons' rushing game caught fire on the next drive, accounting for 56 of the drive's 66 yards. Air Force made the score 17-10 when wide receiver Spencer Armstrong ran a reverse eight yards for a touchdown with 1:09 remaining in the half.

"They changed their offense every time we tried to get hold of what they're doing," Laws said. "They ran a different option today [with] a lot [more] different little

wrinkles than Navy had, so it was tough to stop."

The Falcons' run game set up a scoring chance on their first drive in the second half, which ended with Carney rolling out and hitting wide receiver Sean Quintana for a touchdown.

After two Notre Dame drives ended in punts, Air Force capped a 65-yard drive when Carney rolled right and hit tight end Keith Madsen amid defenders for a 10-yard touchdown that gave the Falcons a 31-10 lead with 1:31 left in the third quarter.

Clausen found a rhythm when Notre Dame got the ball back. Running a no-huddle offense, he led a 10-play, 57-yard drive that culminated on a 21-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver David Grimes on fourth-and-9 to make the score 31-17.

"We lined up and the corner was pressed," said Grimes, who led the Irish with six catches for 67 yards and the score. "He just checked down when he saw the coverage."

Hall returned the ensuing kick-

off 52 yards to Notre Dame's 33-yard line, but Notre Dame's defense held Air Force to a field goal, making the score 34-17.

Clausen went 5-of-7 on his next drive, including a swing pass to running back Armando Allen for a touchdown to make the score 34-24 with 7:56 remaining. Allen had nine rushes for 29 yards and 2 receptions for 17 yards and the touchdown.

Notre Dame forced a three-and-out and got the ball back with 5:39 left, but Clausen fell short on a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-1. Air Force capitalized on the short field and scored to put the game out of reach at 41-24.

Laws said the team did not know the reason for its struggles this season.

"If we knew why, we'd be winning games," Laws said. "I don't know why we're not playing as well as we should be. I wish I did know."

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### player of the game

**Chad Hall**

*The Falcons' running back was the major factor in Air Force's offense and special teams, gaining 272 all-purpose yards and helped set up each of the Falcons touchdowns.*

### stat of the game

**7.4**

*Yards per touch for Falcons Hall. Hall had 149 rushing yards, 31 receiving yards and 99 return yards.*

### play of the game

**Clausen's failed fourth-down conversion**  
*On a fourth-and-1 for Notre Dame at its own 25-yard line, Clausen failed to rush past the marker, giving Air Force the ball in good field position.*

### quote of the game

*"I just don't know what happened. I'm in disbelief, still. I just think it's a dream and that I'm going to wake up one day."*

**Maurice Crum, Jr.**  
Irish linebacker



## report card

B+

**quarterbacks:** Clausen struggled in the first half but found a groove while leading a Notre Dame comeback. He finished with 246 yards and three touchdowns with no picks.

C

**running backs:** The backs failed to establish the run game early, and fullback Asaph Schwapp fumbled for a Falcons score. The unit only averaged 1.6 yards per carry.

D

**receivers:** Despite three touchdown catches, the receivers dropped eight passes — some of which killed promising drives. Carlson also fumbled on the first play of the game.

D

**offensive line:** The line took a step backward after helping gain over 200 yards rushing against Navy, allowing six sacks and failing to open holes for the backs to run through.

B-

**defensive line:** As a unit, the linemen could not pressure Carney or effectively stop the run. Individually, defensive end Trevor Laws had a great game, registering 17 tackles in the loss.

D

**linebackers:** Crum basically sat out, but Brockington, Smith and Neal elevated their games in support — including Smith's first touchdown. Vernaglia and Ryan continue to struggle.

C+

**defensive backs:** The secondary failed to cover Falcons receivers in the second half, allowing Carney to throw for two scores in the second half on 10-of-16 passing.

C

**special teams:** Punt coverage downed two punts inside the 20, but the punt team only had two yards on two punts. The kickoff team also gave up 31 yards per return.

D

**coaching:** Weis said after the game that all the blame can't go on him, but his team came out flat and was not able to keep up with Air Force on either side of the ball.

1.48

**overall:** Notre Dame struggled early but managed to hang on in the first half. But late mistakes cost the Irish a chance at the win.

## adding up the numbers

Ranking of Notre Dame's pass defense out of 119 Division 1 FBS teams. The Irish are 53rd in the nation in total defense.

5

6 Sacks Notre Dame allowed Saturday. The Irish have allowed an NCAA-worst 49 sacks for 361 yards this season.

Fourth-down attempts for Notre Dame this season — most in Div. 1 FBS. The Irish were 2-of-5 on fourth down Saturday.

32

17 Number of tackles for defensive end Trevor Laws. He now has 98 on the season — fourth most for a down-lineman in Irish history.

Notre Dame's yards per rush against Air Force. The Irish average 1.61 yards per carry this season.

1.5

101 More total yards of offense Air Force gained than Notre Dame on only one more offensive play

Jimmy Clausen's touchdown passes this season. Clausen had one against Purdue and three against Air Force.

4

6 Red zone conversions for Air Force on six attempts. Notre Dame was 4-for-4 in the game.



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Falcons safety Bobby Giannini, right, forces Irish tight end John Carlson to fumble after a 28-yard pass from Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen on Notre Dame's first offensive play of its 41-24 loss on Saturday to Air Force.

## Winning takes all 11 players

Football teams have 11 players on the field at any given time.

Each one has a job to do on every play.

When a team is playing well, those 11 players can seem like one smooth unit, moving seamlessly together down the field.

That has not happened this season for Notre Dame.

It doesn't have to be a total team breakdown. A lot of times, especially recently, the problem has been only one or two players.

And they're different players on every play.

But this is a team game, and if just one player fails to his job, a play can break down.

Take a couple examples from the 41-24 loss to Air Force on Saturday:

◆ In the third quarter, quarterback Jimmy Clausen dropped back to pass. He was well protected, he scanned his progressions and he rifled a perfect pass.

Meanwhile, wide receiver David Grimes ran a crisp route and was open. But when the ball arrived, he dropped it.

A perfectly executed play — and a promising drive — was derailed by a dropped pass from a player that, otherwise, had a good game.

◆ The problems aren't always physical. Early in the second half, Air Force ran what looked like a quarterback sweep to the left side. But instead of cutting up the field, signal caller Shaun Carney suddenly dropped back. Irish cornerback Raeshon McNeil came up to defend the running play and completely

lost track of Falcons wide receiver Mark Root. The result was a 26-yard pass play that led to an Air Force touchdown.

McNeil was fooled by the misdirection, so his mistake is understandable. But some other mental mistakes came despite several repetitions in practice.

◆ Clausen was blindsided two times in the first half because running backs didn't step up and block outside blitzers. But coach Charlie Weis said the Irish worked on picking up that exact blitz package in practice.

"We said, 'This is the blitz they run, and the lineman's going to get the first guy and the back's going to get the second guy,'" he said. "But it didn't happen that way, and the quarterback got hit."

So what is causing these problems?

Sometimes as many as 10 players are doing their jobs effectively, but at least one man is making a physical mistake, getting fooled by the opposition or forgetting what the team worked on in practice.

Part of the answer is youth. The imbalance toward the younger classes on this team's roster has been well documented.

But when Grimes is dropping passes and fifth-year senior running back Travis Thomas isn't stepping up to block the right person, the problems aren't only with young players.

So is the problem coaching? Possibly, although Darius Walker didn't have

any trouble learning blitz pickup, Maurice Stovall improved dramatically at catching the ball with his hands and Mike Richardson developed into a solid cover corner, all under this staff.

Why aren't these players improving the same way? There have been flashes, but then things regress again.

"The improvement has been too

spotty. One of the improvements you'd like to see is more consistency," Weis said. "One of the things I'm most disappointed in as a teacher is that when you have intelligent young men, that as the years goes on, that there would be some consistency that progresses from the beginning of the year to the end."

Even the players themselves are dumbfounded.

"Look at the coaches' pedigrees," tight end John Carlson said.

"They're good teachers. And the players on the team are students at the University of Notre Dame. You'd think that we're all fairly intelligent individuals. But something isn't clicking, and I don't know what it is."

At least part of the problem is confidence. Notre Dame has many contributors that didn't play a lot last year. They've never had success without Brady Quinn or Jeff Samardzija on the roster.

The only thing that can cure that is winning. For them, it would be best to start next week against Duke or the week after against Stanford or at least next September against San Diego State.

And once this season is over, the Irish coaching staff can redouble its efforts to fix this team's problems, correct the mistakes and get the 11 players on the field playing like one again.

In the meantime, as Carlson said after the game, all this team has to play for is pride. If that pride means that just one person on every play does his job a little better than he did the play before, then this Notre Dame team might just end the season on a high note and get some momentum for 2008.

But every player on this team needs to have that pride, because at any time, they could be called upon to be one of those 11 players on the field.

And it takes all 11 to succeed.

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Sports Editor



# Weis: "We got ourselves a quarterback"

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

After weeks of ineffective performances, Notre Dame freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen, who started for the first time since Notre Dame's 27-13 loss to Boston College on Oct. 13, had the best game of his young college career Saturday.

The highly touted signal-caller threw for 246 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions on 22-of-40 passing.

"Jimmy did a very, very good job in the second half stepping up and throwing the ball," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "I'd say if there was one thing you walked out of that game saying, [it would be,] 'We got ourselves a quarterback.'"

Weis had benched Clausen the last two games in part because junior quarterback Evan Sharpley was able to move the ball downfield easier and put more points on the board than Clausen, but Clausen showed the ability to sustain long drives and lead Notre Dame into the end zone against the Falcons — especially in the second half.

Clausen threw for only 54 yards in the first half on 5-for-11 passing, but one of those completions was his touchdown pass to tight end John Carlson to tie the score at 10-10.

Clausen threw a lob pass to Carlson in the corner of the end zone, a play reminiscent of Clausen's only previous collegiate touchdown pass, in Notre Dame's 33-19 loss to Purdue on Sept. 29.

In the second half, Clausen ignited a Notre Dame comeback effort that ultimately fell short, but he showed his coach that he was maturing as a quar-



Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen, left, throws to Irish fullback Asaph Schwapp during Notre Dame's 41-24 loss on Saturday to Air Force.

terback.

"He shows very great composure for a young guy, a freshman in college. He's into that drive," Weis said. "Usually with a young quarterback you see him getting flustered as the game goes on, and I don't see that with him, which is an encouraging thing."

Clausen threw for 192 yards on 17-for-29 passing in the second half, including touchdown passes to junior wide receiver David Grimes and freshman running back Armando Allen. Overall, Clausen's

completion percentage could have been higher, but Notre Dame dropped more passes against the Falcons than it had in any game this season by Weis' count, eight.

"[The drops were] very surprising," Weis said. "They were all over. It wasn't like you could sit there and say it was one person; there were a number of them. It was disappointing."

A cause for concern with Clausen over the past few weeks had been his health. The freshman had a minor elbow surgery over the summer, and during his first starts at Notre Dame, opposing defenses hit Clausen as much as — if not more than — any quarterback in college football.

Air Force sacked Clausen six times, with multiple hits coming to Clausen's blind side thanks to a blitz scheme that involved Air Force bringing two defenders around the left edge of the offense line — a scheme Weis said Notre Dame worked on protecting all week in practice. Despite Notre Dame's preparation, the Falcons were still able to get to Clausen.

After the game, Weis compared the volume of treatment in Notre Dame's post-game locker room to a mobile army hospital but said Clausen was not being treated for anything serious.

"Other than bumps and bruises, there's no injury," Weis said of Clausen. "He's not one of the people in the MASH unit, and he got probably got hit as many times as anyone, and that's an encouraging thing."

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## scoring summary

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Air Force	10	7	14	14	27
Notre Dame	0	10	0	10	14

### First quarter

Air Force 3, Notre Dame 0

Ryan Harrison 19-yard field goal with 8:31 remaining.

Drive: 14 plays, 56 yards, 6:11 elapsed.

Air Force 10, Notre Dame 0

John Rabold 19-yard fumble recovery with 00:40 remaining.

Drive: 8 plays, 41 yards, 4:43 elapsed.

### Second quarter

Air Force 10, Notre Dame 3

Brandon Walker 28-yard field goal with 8:29 remaining.

Drive: 13 plays, 52 yards, 4:27 elapsed.

Air Force 10, Notre Dame 10

John Carlson 2-yard pass from Jimmy Clausen with 2:32 remaining (Walker kick).

Drive: 7 plays, 50 yards, 3:06 elapsed.

Air Force 17, Notre Dame 10

Spencer Armstrong 8-yard run with 1:09 remaining (Harrison kick).

Drive: 7 plays, 66 yards, 1:23 elapsed.

### Third quarter

Air Force 24, Notre Dame 10

Sean Quintana 7-yard pass from Shaun Carney with 12:49 remaining (Harrison kick).

Drive: 7 plays, 67 yards, 2:11 elapsed.

Air Force 31, Notre Dame 10

Keith Madson 10-yard pass from Carney with 1:31 remaining (Harrison kick).

Drive: 9 plays, 65 yards, 4:14 elapsed.

### Fourth quarter

Air Force 31, Notre Dame 17

David Grimes 21-yard pass from Clausen with 13:31 remaining (Walker kick).

Drive: 10 plays, 57 yards, 3:24 elapsed.

Air Force 34, Notre Dame 17

Harrison 37-yard field goal with 10:07 remaining.

Drive: 7 plays, 13 yards, 3:24 elapsed.

Air Force 34, Notre Dame 24

Armando Allen 9-yard pass from Clausen with 7:56 remaining (Walker kick).

Drive: 8 plays, 71 yards, 2:11 elapsed.

Air Force 41, Notre Dame 24

Shaun Carney 1-yard run with 1:55 remaining (Harrison kick).

Drive: 7 plays, 25 yards, 2:25 elapsed.

## statistics

total yards

AFA	405
ND	304

passing yards

AFA	120
ND	246

rushing yards

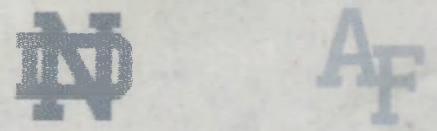
AFA	285
ND	58

return yards

AFA	125
ND	119

time of possession

AFA	34:06
ND	25:54



passing

Clausen	40-22-0	Carney	16-10-0
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Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws downfield during Notre Dame's 41-24 loss to Air Force on Saturday.

# Notre Dame all-time worst 0-6 at home

## Kamara sits because of academic reasons

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's loss dropped the Irish to an all-time worst 0-6 at home this season. Notre Dame had never before lost six straight games at home.

If the Irish lose to Duke next week, it will be the first season since 1887 in which Notre Dame lost all its home games. That year, the Irish were 0-1.

### Kamara out for academic reasons

Freshman wide receiver Duval Kamara missed Saturday's game due to academic reasons. Irish coach Charlie Weis said Kamara

missed too much practice time to play because the issues were not resolved until the end of the week.

"I'm never going to be a hypocrite when it comes to academics; academics are always going to take the forefront, and he understood it very clearly that that's the way it's going to be," Weis said.

### Maust takes over punting job

Sophomore Eric Maust took over the punting job from senior Geoff Price after Price strained a muscle in his leg in practice Thursday.

### Calhoun calls for different officiating crews

Air Force coach Troy Calhoun said he hoped inter-conference games will use officiating crews from a third

conference to avoid "putting officials in a bad position."

"We gotta get to a point where you go play a game where there's no residue at all," Calhoun said. "There are no visages. At some point, can that maybe occur? If Oregon goes to play at Michigan, then use the Mountain West Conference?"

### Taylor honored for athletic, civic excellence

Notre Dame presented former offensive line All-American Aaron Taylor, who graduated in 1994 and played in the NFL, with the Harvey G. Foster award for athletic endeavors and civic or University excellence.

Taylor has established LegendsOfSouthBend.com, which is a for-profit "social-profit" limited liability corpo-

ration that will donate money to create a scholarship fund at the University.

### Former ADs commemorated.

The University dedicated plaques honoring past athletic directors on the North Tunnel Plaza north of Notre Dame Stadium's tunnel entrance. Jesse Harper, Knute Rockne, Elmer Layden, Hugh Devore, Frank Leahy, Edward "Moose" Krause, Gene Corrigan and Dick Rosenthal all had plaques in their names placed on the wall around the plaza. Corrigan and Rosenthal themselves, along with family members representing the others, received replicas of the plaques on the field before the game.

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# Military blunders

Notre Dame was coming off a hard-fought, overtime loss to Navy but looked flat in the first half against Air Force on Saturday. The Irish fell behind 10-0 in the first quarter, but were able to respond with a 28-yard field goal and a touchdown pass from freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen to tight end John Carlson to tie the score at 10. But the Irish could not keep pace with the Falcons in the second half — or Falcons running back Chad Hall. The junior had 7.4 yards per touch as the Falcons tailback and kick returner set up every Air Force offensive touchdown. The Falcons racked up 21 unanswered points to raise their lead to 31-10. Clausen, however, mounted a comeback with touchdown strikes to wide receiver David Grimes and running back Armando Allen to bring the Irish within 10 points. The Irish then had a chance to make it a one-score game in the fourth quarter, but Clausen failed to convert on a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-one, sealing the win for Air Force.



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Top left, Falcons linebacker Joe Rabold returns a fumble for a touchdown; top right, Irish running back James Aldridge runs upfield; middle, Falcons quarterback Shaun Camey pitches the ball while running the option; bottom right, Irish linebacker Brian Smith tries to recover a fumble from Camey; bottom left, Irish receiver David Grimes catches a touchdown pass.





## Microwave noodles get a makeover

MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS  
Scene Editor

Ramen is the quintessential college food. It requires only what author Eric Hites calls a "fair amount of hunger," an eating utensil and the ability to boil water, which even the most domestically challenged undergraduates can usually manage.

In his book, "Everybody Loves Ramen: Recipes, Stories, Games and Fun Facts About the Noodles You Love," author and self-described "noodle guru" Hites converts college cuisine into haute cuisine with over 50 different recipes involving all manner of styles, ranging from Asian food to Italian food to American-themed fare.

For Ramenites accustomed to the traditional variety of flavors (the noodles come in Chicken, Beef, Shrimp and Oriental flavors, among others) "Everybody Loves Ramen" offers a veritable smorgasbord of different recipes. There are healthy Ramen recipes (Cholesterol-Killer Ramen), unhealthy Ramen recipes (911 Heart Attack Ramen), vegetarian Ramen recipes (Vegetarian's Power Dish), regal Ramen recipes (Fit-for-a-King Salad), pauper Ramen recipes (Cheap-as-It-Gets Ramen Salad) and even Ramen for the expecting (Super Pregnancy Ramen).

Talk about thinking outside the pre-packed square wrapper. In his creative concoctions, Hites drums up formulas for his oodles of noodles that create pancakes, salads, pizzas, chilis, omelets, desserts, slaws and even burritos. Among other things, he throws in ingredients like fish, cheese, beans, mushrooms, eggs, cashews,

shrimp, crabmeat, spinach, broccoli, cabbage and even cookies. Some of his more outlandish recipes include Hijacked Taco Bell Ramen, which requires the use of 10 contraband packets of stolen Taco Bell Mild Sauce, and Orange "PEZ" Chicken Soup, which includes five packs of Pez candy. Hites' "Fourth o' July Confetti Bean Salad" recipe also provides a way to celebrate our nation's independence while simultaneously chowing down on some delicious legumes.

Beyond providing an infusion of fresh ideas for twists on the conventional Ramen noodle soup, Hites also strews friendly tidbits of Ramen trivia throughout the book, including factoids and Ramen "lore." One such fact is that if you ate one packet of Ramen a day, you would eat your weight in Ramen noodles in 2.34 years, or that it would take 432,000 packages of Ramen to cover a football field, like the one supposedly in Notre Dame Stadium.

Clearly, Hites is a man who knows his noodles.

The square, compact book is even shaped more or less like a packet of the stuff. However, he still understands that the key attractiveness of Ramen (and its status as a college diet staple) relies on how easy it is to make. So even as you rock out with your wok out or break out the pots and pans, you'll only spend about 15 minutes maximum on any given Ramen recipe. And if you really can't wait for your noodles, Hites even included a "Top-Speed 3-Minute Ramen" recipe for Ramen racers desperate for a fix.

"Everybody Loves Ramen" is definitely one of the more eccentric cookbooks out there. Filled with random quotes and odes to the culinary goodness that is Ramen (and telling tidbits like this one: "If all the ramen noodles consumed by Americans in one day were stacked on top of each other, they would probably fall over"), "Everybody Loves Ramen" is like the pre-packed food itself: a quick, easy read and full of deliciousness.

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### Everybody Loves Ramen

Eric Hites

**Publisher:** Andrews McMeel

**Recommended Recipes:** Orange "PEZ" Chicken Soup and 911 Heart Attack Ramen



Photo courtesy of posiesplace.net

Cheaper than take-out and more convenient than a meal plan, Ramen noodles provide microwaved nutrition for the cash-strapped college student in everyone.

## SCENE'S TOP VIDEO PICKS



### Obama on SNL



If for no other reason, check out this clip to see Darrell Hammond's Bill Clinton dressed as Mystery from VH1's "The Pickup Artist." Wow.

### Robot Chicken - Calvin and Hobbes



You'll never look at your childhood imaginary friend the same way again.

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Pure pokemon power as you've never heard it before.

### Real Men of Genius - Hopeless Notre Dame Fan



Bud Light takes a swing at Irish fans everywhere. Laugh - it eases the pain of mourning.

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## NFL

# Bears win as Grossman replaces injured Griese

Rian Lindell's game-winning FG keeps Dolphins the NFL's only winless team with worst start in franchise history

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — With one perfect deep pass, Rex Grossman just might have won back his starting quarterback job and saved the Chicago Bears' season.

Grossman replaced an injured Brian Griese and threw a 59-yard pass to Bernard Berrian for the go-ahead score with 3:11 remaining, leading the Bears to a 17-6 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday.

"It was unbelievable, something you can't describe to someone who hasn't been in that position," Grossman said. "It's a great feeling to come in and be able to pull one out."

Sebastian Janikowski's 52-yard field goal with 4:04 remaining gave Oakland (2-7) a 6-3 lead that looked as if it could be enough on a day when neither offense could move the ball.

Then Grossman, who had struggled in his first game since Sept. 23, turned back into Good Rex, the quarterback who helped lead the Bears (4-5) to the Super Bowl last season instead of the one whose turnovers cost him his job earlier this season.

After the Bears almost botched the kickoff, Grossman hit Cedric Benson on an 11-yard pass over the middle.

On the next play, Berrian sprinted past Chris Carr, caught the deep pass in stride and went into the end zone with the go-ahead score.

"We were trying to get the

right matchup all game, and we couldn't get it, and then it happened," Berrian said. "At that time of the game, we needed anything to happen, a long run or a long play."

The Bears took advantage of man coverage by a backup cornerback forced into a starting role because of injuries to Nnamdi Asomugha and Fabian Washington. Carr was solid for almost the entire game, with six tackles and one pass breakup, but got beat on the one play that mattered most.

"They did a very good job of selling me on the go route," Carr said. "He gave me a little hesitation and I wasn't running as fast as I should have been running. He got a step on me. Once he got a step on me, he got me."

Grossman, who had been 5-for-12 for 72 yards before the winning drive, leaped into teammate John Tait's arms and flashed a smile that hadn't been seen in a long while.

Grossman was benched after throwing six interceptions and only one touchdown pass in Chicago's first three games. Combined with his 23 interceptions in 19 games last season, the Bears had grown tired of all of Grossman's mistakes and decided to go with the veteran Griese.

The move back to Grossman didn't look like it would pay off when he fumbled the first center exchange with Olin Kreutz. He did little positive other than the one big pass to Berrian, finishing 7-for-14 for 142 yards.



Bears wide receiver Bernard Berrian catches a 59-yard touchdown pass over Raiders defensive back Chris Carr in a 17-6 Bears win Sunday. Berrian finished the day with 89 receiving yards.

But most importantly, he had no turnovers.

"I hope people appreciate that Rex hasn't shut it down," Kreutz said. "He hasn't moped around our building. He's kept himself prepared and ready to play. I hope it shows a lot of people what everybody on this team already knew about Rex. He's still a professional, and he's still going to be ready to win."

The Bears won in their first game after the bye, but still have plenty more to do if they want to make it back to the playoffs. It just might be Grossman who has to take them there. Griese's shoulder injury is not believed to be serious, but coach Lovie Smith said he wanted to savor this win before making any decisions about the quarterback next week.

The Raiders went three-and-out on their next drive after Grossman's TD pass.

After a Chicago punt, Adewale Ogunleye then forced a fumble by Josh McCown that Israel Idonije recovered at the 3 with 1:39 remaining. Benson ran it in on the next play to seal the victory. Benson finished with 76 yards on 29 carries.

## Bills 13, Dolphins 10

Miami Dolphins nose tackle Keith Traylor sat at his locker stripped to his uniform pants, shaking his head as his enormous shoulders sagged.

That's what 340 pounds of frustration looks like.

"You have to finish a game," Traylor said. "For some reason we can't do it. It'll drive you crazy."

The winless Dolphins controlled the ball for nearly 37 minutes and led most of the game Sunday, but Rian Lindell kicked a 34-yard field goal with 46 seconds left, and the Buffalo Bills earned their fourth consecutive victory.

The Dolphins (0-9) extended the worst start in franchise history. Five defeats have been by three points, none more wrenching than the latest.

"Who's the guy from Charlie Brown who has the gray cloud following him around?" defensive tackle Vonnie Holliday said. "Pig Pen? We're like Pig Pen."

The Dolphins committed no turnovers, allowed Buffalo to convert only two third downs and benefited from a big day by journeyman Jesse Chatman, who rushed for a career-high 124 yards. Still they lost.

When St. Louis earned its first victory by beating New Orleans, Miami became the NFL's last winless team.

"That's what stinks about it," Chatman said, "because we're so much better than this record. It's killing us."

The Bills (5-4) scored 11 points in the final 9:46. They'll take their longest winning streak since 2004 into Sunday's

home game against unbeaten New England.

"This win tells a lot about our team," quarterback J.P. Losman said. "Our backs were to the wall, and we made enough plays when we had to."

The Bills' only touchdown came after Miami mounted a long touchdown march to take a 10-2 lead. Buffalo responded with a 66-yard drive capped by Marshawn Lynch's 3-yard run.

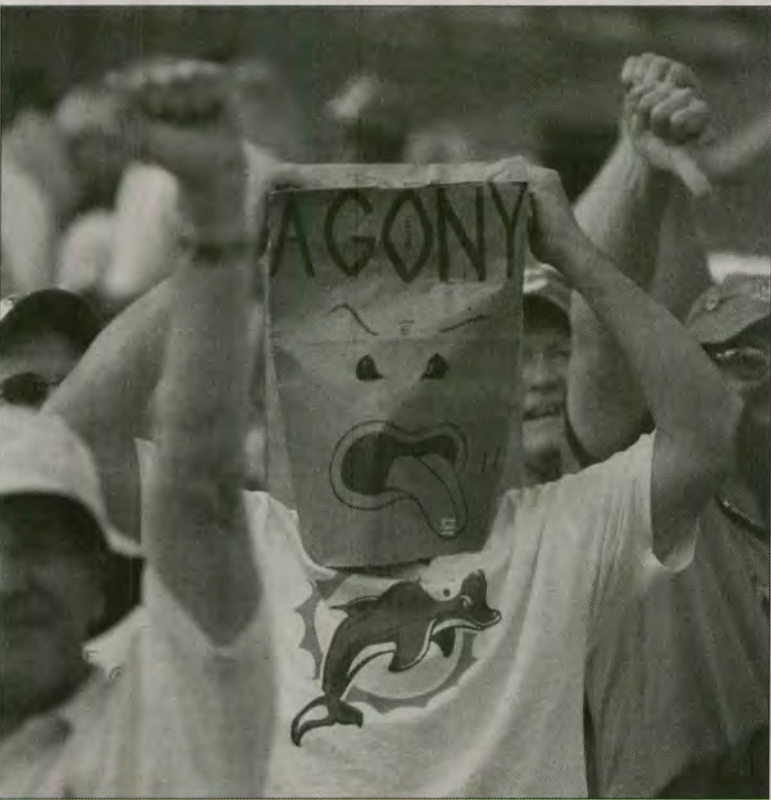
He then ran for the 2-point conversion, spinning across the goal after he was hit to make it 10-all.

Miami's Ted Ginn Jr. returned the kickoff 86 yards for an apparent touchdown, but the score was negated by a holding penalty on Greg Camarillo.

"I wish that could have been the play to take us into a victory," said Camarillo, his voice shaking with emotion half an hour after the game. "I thought it was a fair play, but the refs called it, and I'm guilty. I'll take the blame for it."

The Dolphins made two first downs before punting, and Roscoe Parrish returned the kick 40 yards to midfield with 4:37 left. Buffalo converted two third-down situations to move to the 16 and set up Lindell's field goal.

"I don't mind those situations," Lindell said. "You want to make every kick, not just the ones at the end. In our world, they're all big."



An anonymous Dolphins fan reacts with displeasure during a 13-10 loss to the Bills Sunday.

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## NCAA Football BCS Top 25

	team	record	BCS avg.
1	LSU	9-1	.9802
2	Oregon	8-1	.9383
3	Kansas	10-0	.9094
4	Oklahoma	9-1	.8540
5	Missouri	9-1	.8096
6	West Virginia	8-1	.7863
7	Ohio State	10-1	.7744
8	Arizona State	9-1	.7500
9	Georgia	8-2	.6724
10	Virginia Tech	8-2	.6133
11	USC	8-2	.5267
12	Florida	7-3	.5047
13	Texas	9-2	.4660
14	Virginia	9-2	.4074
15	Clemson	8-2	.3924
16	Hawaii	9-0	.3858
17	Boston College	8-2	.3627
18	Boise State	9-1	.2621
19	Illinois	8-3	.2447
20	Tennessee	7-3	.2393
21	Michigan	8-3	.1866
22	Cincinnati	8-2	.1840
23	Kentucky	7-3	.1735
24	Connecticut	8-2	.1480
25	Wisconsin	8-3	.1203

## NCAA Football Human Polls

AP		Coaches	
team		team	
1	LSU (40)	1	LSU (40)
2	Oregon (22)	2	Oregon (22)
3	Oklahoma (1)	3	Oklahoma (1)
4	Kansas (1)	4	Kansas (1)
5	West Virginia (1)	5	West Virginia (1)
6	Missouri	6	Missouri
7	Ohio State	7	Ohio State
8	Georgia	8	Georgia
9	Arizona State	9	Arizona State
10	Virginia Tech	10	Virginia Tech
11	USC	11	USC
12	Texas	12	Texas
13	Hawaii	13	Hawaii
14	Florida	14	Florida
15	Clemson	15	Clemson
16	Virginia	16	Virginia
17	Boise State	17	Boise State
18	Boston College	18	Boston College
19	Tennessee	19	Tennessee
20	Illinois	20	Illinois
21	Cincinnati	21	Cincinnati
22	Kentucky	22	Kentucky
23	Michigan	23	Michigan
24	Wisconsin	24	Wisconsin
25	Connecticut	25	Connecticut

## NCAA Women's Soccer NSCAA/adidas Poll

	team	record	previous
1	UCLA (33)	14-1-2	1
2	Texas A&M	16-2-1	2
3	Portland	13-3-0	3
4	North Carolina	15-3-0	4
5	Stanford	3-2-3	5
6	Penn State	15-3-1	7
7	Virginia	11-3-4	6
8	Purdue	16-2-2	8
9	USC	13-2-2	11
10	Texas	13-3-3	12
11	NOTRE DAME	14-4-1	13
12	West Virginia	14-4-1	14
13	Georgia	15-2-2	17
14	Florida State	11-4-3	15
15	Tennessee	13-3-2	59
16	Santa Clara	11-5-3	16
17	Boston College	11-4-3	10
18	Wake Forest	11-5-3	18
19	California	12-5-0	19
20	San Diego	14-2-3	20
21	Florida	13-4-2	22
22	Oklahoma State	12-5-2	25
23	Missouri	12-6-0	21
24	Connecticut	12-5-1	23
25	Brigham Young	14-3-2	24

## around the dial

### NFL

49ers at Seahawks  
8:30 p.m., ESPN

## NASCAR



Jimmie Johnson celebrates his Checker Auto Parts 500 victory Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway. Johnson won his fourth consecutive race and is now in prime position to win NASCAR's Nextel Cup for the second straight season.

## Johnson wins fourth straight Nextel Cup race

Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jimmie Johnson took command of the Nextel Cup championship Sunday, winning at Phoenix International Raceway to open a daunting lead over teammate Jeff Gordon in the race to the title.

Johnson, the defending Nextel Cup champion, heads to next week's season finale in Homestead, Fla., with a comfortable 86-point lead over Gordon. He needs to finish just 18th or better to become the first driver since Gordon in 1997 and 1998 to win consecutive titles.

"It's over. It's over," conceded Gordon, the four-time

series champion. "Even if we win it, it's because they have problems. While we'll accept it, we don't want to do it that way.

"Those guys have flat-out killed everybody. And you've got to give credit where credit is due."

Johnson was subdued in Victory Lane, and refused to claim the title.

"Homestead is going to be a stressful weekend. We've got seven more days, I'm just going to try to keep my mind clear and focus on the things we need to do," Johnson said. "This is kind of where we were last year. We just have to go down there and be smart and see how it shakes out."

Gordon was off all day. He

had a tire rub after making contact with Kevin Harvick, and finished a disappointing 10th.

It was a crushing performance on a day when Johnson raced to his fourth consecutive victory and 10th of the season. He became the first driver to win four straight in a season since Gordon did in 1998, and his season victory total is the most since Gordon won 13 races that same year.

"They are as good as any group I've seen, including Jeff in his heyday when he was winning 10 races a year," said 2003 champion Matt Kenseth, who finished third.

Gordon, who hand-picked

Johnson to join Hendrick Motorsports when the team expanded to four cars in 2002, marveled at how strong his protege has been during this championship hunt. It's put it nearly out of reach for Gordon, who dominated the "regular season" and opened a lead of more than 300 points before the field was reset for the Chase.

"Unless you lead every lap and beat Jimmie Johnson to win the race, we don't have a shot," Gordon said. "We're just coming up short at a crucial time. Those guys have just knocked it out of the ballpark, and it would be tough to beat that even if we were hitting on all eight cylinders."

## IN BRIEF

### Riots ensue after soccer fan inadvertently killed by police

ROME — A police officer accidentally shot and killed a soccer fan Sunday while trying to break up a fight by a Tuscan highway between supporters of rival teams, authorities said. Enraged by the killing, hundreds of fans rioted in Rome, attacking a police station.

Fans stormed the yard of a police station near the Rome's Olympic Stadium, hurled stones at passing police cars, and smashed windows at the nearby Italian Olympic Committee headquarters.

Hundreds of youths, many with their faces covered by scarves and ski masks, dragged metal barricades and trash bins to block off one end of a bridge spanning the Tiber near the station. The rioters smashed a window in the police station and set a police vehicle on fire inside the gate.

Sky TG24 TV showed images of flames from what it said was a bus set on fire near the barracks.

### Mickelson overcomes penalty strokes to win in playoff

SHANGHAI, China — Phil Mickelson glanced at the gleaming trophy on his left, rolled his eyes and broke into a sheepish grin.

"I cannot believe I'm here as the champion right now," he said.

Here's why.

Lefty overcame six penalty strokes in the final round, blew a three-shot lead with seven to play, and still won Sunday's HSBC Champions tournament on the second hole of a three-way playoff with Englishmen Ross Fisher and Lee Westwood.

The victory in Asia's richest tournament earned Mickelson \$833,000. It was his fourth victory this season.

Fisher, ranked No. 141, had a one-stroke lead going to the 72nd hole. It seemed Mickelson would need several clutch shots to at least force a playoff. Instead, he dumped his long approach into water off the right edge of the green.

### Henin wins 25th straight by topping Sharapova

MADRID, Spain — Justin Henin finished her record-breaking season undefeated after Wimbledon.

She won the Sony Ericsson Championships on Sunday, rallying past Maria Sharapova 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 in the longest three-set final in tournament history.

The top-ranked Belgian won her 10th title in 2007 and earned \$1 million at the season-ending event, becoming the first woman to pass \$5 million for a year.

"What a way to finish the season," said Henin, who ran into the crowd to hug her coach and family after winning her 39th career title.

Following a semifinal loss to Marion Bartoli at Wimbledon, Henin closed the season with 25 straight wins, the longest streak since Venus Williams won 35 in a row in 2000. The record is 38 by Steffi Graf, whose string began after a loss in the 1989 French Open final.



## NBA

# Williams' late shot propels Heat past Knicks

Heat win for first time since April 13; Yao scores season-high 34 points, McGrady nets 26 in close win over Bobcats

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blowouts or squeakers, playoffs to preseason. You name it, the Miami Heat found a way to lose it.

Not this time.

Jason Williams made the go-ahead jumper with 19 seconds left, and the Heat earned their first victory of the season by beating the New York Knicks 75-72 on Sunday night.

"It was a much-needed win for us," center Shaquille O'Neal said. "We have folded under the pressure the last couple of games."

Swept in the playoffs, winless in the preseason and 0-5 to start this season, the Heat walked off as winners for the first time since beating Indiana on April 13 in their 80th game of last season.

"I don't like to lose," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "It's not much fun. Not a whole lot of joy as a team when you're in it."

With Dwyane Wade still out and Zach Randolph not here after his grandmother's death, both teams were missing their top players. And it showed with long stretches of inept offensive play on both sides.

But the Heat pulled it out after trailing by five with 2 minutes left. Udonis Haslem made consecutive baskets, and after Stephon Marbury threw the ball away, Williams knocked down his jumper for a 73-72 lead.

The Knicks turned it over again trying to get the ball into Eddy Curry, and Williams added two free throws with 9.4 seconds remaining. Marbury then missed a potential tying 3.

Haslem finished with 16 points and 16 rebounds for the Heat (1-5), the last Eastern Conference team to win after Washington beat Atlanta earlier Sunday. Having rebounded from an 0-7 start to make the playoffs in 2003-04, Wade's rookie year, Miami is ready to begin a similar climb.

"The 0-7 team I don't think was as talented as this team," Haslem said. "I think we have a lot more talent on this team. But at the same time, like I said, we just haven't been able to get stops down the stretch."

Curry scored 19 points for the Knicks, who lost their last two to finish 2-2 on a discouraging four-game homestand. New York shot 37 percent, had 18 turnovers against 11 assists, and begins a four-game western trip Tuesday at Phoenix.

"I think we just fell apart," Curry said. "They took the game away from us. They made plays at the end and took it away from us."

Williams scored 17 points, and O'Neal and Ricky Davis each added 14 for the Heat.

David Lee had 14 points and 14 rebounds in his first start of the season for the Knicks. He replaced Randolph, who had double-doubles in each of the first four games but left for Indiana on Saturday after learning of his grandmother's death late Friday.

With Lee in the lineup and Nate Robinson playing just 3 minutes because of a sore hamstring, the Knicks' bench lacked its usual production, managing just four points.

Marbury had 14 points and Jamal Crawford 13 for the Knicks. Crawford, who scored 52 against the Heat here last sea-

son, was just 4-of-14 from the field.

Wade resumed practicing earlier this month, but doesn't want to come back too soon and risk being in and out of the lineup. He could make his season debut Tuesday at Charlotte.

Without him, Miami has the worst offense in the league, averaging just 84.5 points. The Heat scored 25 points in the first quarter, then had just 27 combined over the next two.

Still, they stayed in the game and were down only one with under 5 minutes to go after five straight points from Davis. But they turned it over on consecutive possessions with a chance to take the lead, with Lee's dunk on the second one giving the Knicks a 70-67 lead with 3:24 left.

Curry added two free throws with 2:30 to play, but that was it for the Knicks.

"We got to play hard for 48 minutes," said Knicks forward Quentin Richardson, who left with a hyperextended right elbow after Davis landed on his arm diving for a loose ball. "We can't lose a game like this any time. They've been struggling right now. We should win this game."

The Heat led 25-20 after one and were ahead 35-24 after O'Neal's hook shot with 5:06 remaining in the half. The Knicks scored the next 10 points, then brought a 39-37 lead into halftime after Marbury's 3-pointer with 37 seconds left.

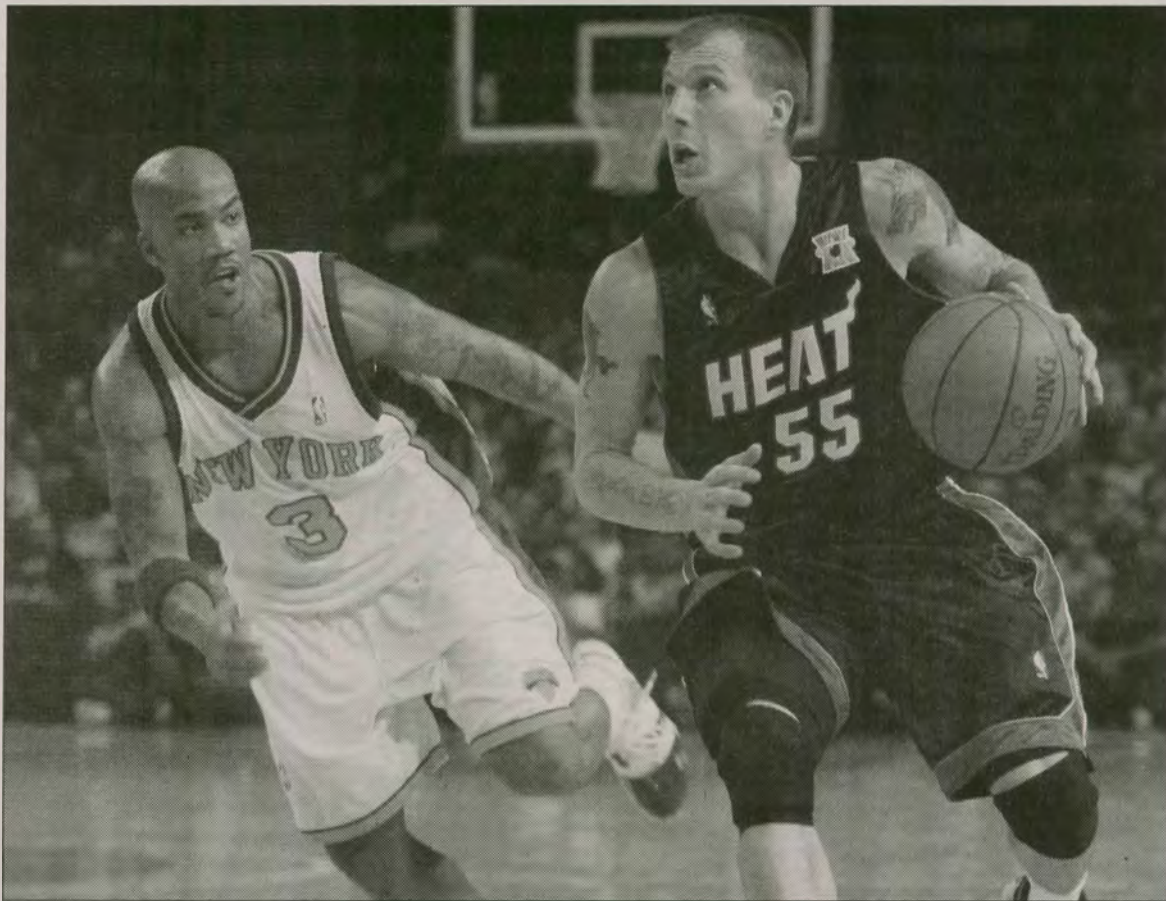
Marbury hit another 3 in the final second of the third quarter, sending the Knicks to the fourth with a 58-52 lead.

## Rockets 85, Bobcats 82

Houston Rockets center Yao Ming and guard Tracy McGrady have been called one of the NBA's best scoring tandems. The Charlotte Bobcats won't dispute that.

McGrady and Yao led the Rockets back from a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter to an 85-82 win on Sunday night.

Yao scored a season-high 34 points, including a pair of free throws with 20.4 seconds left to



Heat point guard Jason Williams drives past Knicks point guard Stephon Marbury in a 75-72 victory Sunday. Williams finished with 17 points and five assists, including the game-winning jump shot.

put Houston in the lead, and McGrady had 12 of his 26 points in the final period as the Rockets won their third straight game.

"I don't think there's a better 1-2 combination ... they might be the best combination since MJ (Michael Jordan) and (Scottie) Pippen," Bobcats forward Gerald Wallace said. "Tracy is a great offensive player ... and Yao Ming is basically what they call him, the Great Wall of China. Once he gets the ball, he's pretty much unstoppable."

Yao and McGrady combined to hit 22-of-35 from the field and 15-of-17 from the free throw line for Houston, which saw its decisive 47-34 rebounding advantage offset by 20 turnovers. That made for a close game, with 15 lead changes and nine ties.

"This was a game that we should have lost, because we didn't play particularly well,"

McGrady said. "It just goes to show how good we can be. ... We found some way to keep ourselves in the game. When it mattered the most, myself and Yao brought it home."

Matt Carroll scored 17 points for the Bobcats, who saw their two-game winning streak snapped. Jason Richardson and Raymond Felton had 16 points each, Wallace scored 10 and Emeka Okafor finished with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Carroll's 3-pointer gave Charlotte a 74-67 lead with 6:07 remaining, but McGrady scored nine points during an 11-4 run that tied the score at 78 with 1:24 left.

"Down the stretch, we did what we had to do," Rockets head coach Rick Adelman said. "We made some stops and executed. Tracy was terrific down the stretch and Yao was good the

whole game, but we have to be a lot better offensively than we were tonight."

Richardson hit a driving layup to put the Bobcats back on top 80-78 with 1:07 remaining, but McGrady made a 3-point play 13 seconds later to give the Rockets the lead again.

Charlotte took its last lead with 38.1 seconds remaining on a pair of Felton free throws, but Yao snagged Rafer Alston's missed 3-pointer and drew the foul, setting up his game-winning free throws.

"I saw the ball come to me," Yao said. "I said, 'I cannot let this go.' I was in perfect position. I couldn't let this chance slip away."

"We need to train much stronger or I'll get a heart attack or something. This was the closest game of our season, and we'll have more. We have to prepare for that."

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Irish to battle Long Island University

By CHRIS HINE  
Sports Editor

The first few weeks of the college basketball season saw some high-profile teams lose games that should have been easy wins.

USC, Ohio State, Michigan State and Kentucky all fell to schools few people have ever heard of — Mercer, Findlay, Grand Valley State and Gardner Webb, respectively.

Notre Dame had a little trouble of its own Wednesday before ultimately defeating Division II opponent St. Edward's 71-56 and will tangle with Long Island University tonight at 7:30 in the Joyce Center to officially tip off the 2007-08 season.

In Notre Dame's win over St. Edward's, the Hilltoppers were within eight points with fewer than 10 minutes to play before Notre Dame pulled away. But before the Irish put the game out of reach, coach Mike Brey had Ohio State and Michigan States' losses on his mind. And just because teams like Long Island and St. Edward's look like easy wins on paper, doesn't mean they lack good players capable of playing at a high level, Brey said.

"I'm telling you when [St. Edward's] cut it to six or seven in the second half, I thought of Findlay and Grand Valley," Brey said. "I'm telling you there's good players everywhere and [St. Edward's] was a good team; they were well-coached and they were on a high."

Even though Notre Dame begins its Big East schedule



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Irish center Rob Kurz drives to the basket past St. Edward's forward Taylor Mullenax on Wednesday.

on Jan. 3 when it plays West Virginia, it will still have to play the physical brand of basketball that is a hallmark of Big East play in its out-of-conference schedule.

"I like how we played in the second half of [against St. Edward's] because it became a Big East, grind-it-out game and we made free throws, we got the ball to our low-post guy and we defended in the half-court pretty well," Brey said.

Irish forwards Rob Kurz and Luke Harangody, the latter of whom missed Notre Dame's first game against St. Ambrose with a torn ligament in his thumb, combined for 30 points and 17 rebounds against St.

Edward's.

The Long Island Blackbirds' leading returning scorer from last year is forward Eugene Kotorobai, who averaged 9.7 points and 6.5 rebounds per game.

Irish sophomore guard Tory Jackson wasn't himself against St. Edward's because he was battling the flu, Brey said, but Jackson still did a lot to help out the Irish.

"I thought he really fought through it. In the second half, he bounced back," Brey said. "He made free throws, he made defensive plays, to help us win the basketball game."

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## ND SWIMMING

## ND gets much-needed win over Pittsburgh

By CHRIS DOYEN  
Sports Writer

The Irish men's swimming and diving team finally got the win they've been looking for — a 169-131 defeat of Pittsburgh on Friday to move their record to 1-3.

Meanwhile, the women suffered a defeat as the Panthers eked out a 150-148 victory.

The men racked up eight individual victories in addition to a first-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay en route to the win.

Sophomores John Lytle and MacKenzie LeBlanc came up big once again, combining for four of the team's eight individual wins.

Lytle won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.20 and the 100-yard freestyle in 46.50. He also was a part of the winning 200-free relay team along with sophomore Andrew Hoffman, freshman Joshua Nosal, and sophomore Ray Toomey.

LeBlanc's victories came in the 200-yard fly (1:51.83) and 500-yard freestyle (4:36.87).

The other first-place finishes for the Irish came in the 200-meter freestyle (Nosal), 200-meter backstroke (freshman Michael Sullivan), 100-meter fly (sophomore Ross Moore), and 3-meter diving (junior Michael Bulfin).

The contributions from some of the younger members of the team have been bright spots all year so far.

"In the last couple of years, we've graduated a lot of upper-class leadership," men's head coach Tim Welsh said. "So it's coming at the right time."

The win marked the fourth straight for the Irish men over the Panthers. Their record against Pittsburgh under Welsh now stands at 4-4.

"It was a good win for the team," Welsh said. "We had some good swimming and showed discipline, and we did a good job of staying focused."

The women's dual meet record now moves to 1-3 after losing to the Panthers in a meet that came down to the final race of the evening. Coming off their first dual

meet victory last weekend against Purdue, the Irish were unable to turn that momentum into a second straight win.

The loss came despite that Notre Dame took first place in nine events. Senior Caroline Johnson and freshman Sam Maxwell continued their solid seasons with two individual wins apiece. Johnson's victories came in the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes, while Maxwell came home first in the 100 and 200-yard breaststrokes.

The Irish swept the top three positions in both the 1,000-yard freestyle and the 3-meter diving. Junior Claire Hutchinson led the way in the 1,000 free, and

junior Laura Rings continued to impress with a victory in the 3-meter dive.

In the last event of the night, the 200-yard freestyle relay, the top Irish team was disqualified. The Panthers swept the top three positions as a result and secured the victory.

The Irish had teams disqualified in three out of five relays as a result of swimmers diving into the pool before their

teammate touched the wall, a problem that head coach Carrie Nixon isn't worried about.

"At our meets, we don't have the electric timing system, and at Pitt they do," Nixon said. "They'll have them at nationals, and we just

need some adjustments. It's an easily correctable thing."

The Irish attributed the loss to the relay miscues, as well as the absence of a few top swimmers.

"It was a good meet for us, but the relays being gone and the fact that we left five of our best swimmers at home for academic reasons kind of put us in a hole," Nixon said. "It was a hard loss, but we'll get through it, shake it off and move on."

The men and women will follow separate paths next weekend. The men will host Cleveland State on Friday, and the women will travel to Evanston, Ill., to take on Northwestern and Wisconsin Friday and Saturday.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Irish sweep earns team spot in Big East tourney

By PAT O'BRIEN  
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Feeding off the momentum from two wins last weekend's, Notre Dame defeated Cincinnati (18-10, 9-5 Big East) and No. 17 Louisville (20-5, 13-1) to secure a spot in the Big East tournament.

"It feels unreal. We just played out of our minds," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said.

With the two weekend victories, Notre Dame earned the No. 4 seed in the Big East tournament. There will be a quick rematch when the Irish face fifth-seeded Cincinnati on Friday at 11 a.m. in Milwaukee, Wis.

"I know that our confidence has gone up so high, and we know the task that we have ahead of us. We're going to work really hard this week at practice to prepare for this weekend," Fesl said.

The Irish (13-12, 9-5 Big East) beat the Bearcats 3-1 (31-33, 30-23, 30-28, 30-20) in a match that featured a noisy crowd of 7,523 fans in the Joyce Center — the second largest gathering in the program's history. Notre Dame made four service errors in the first game but benefited from a lack of Bearcat scoring in game two. Cincinnati only hit .054 in the second game.

The Bearcats offense heated up early in the third game until the Irish came up with big blocks. Notre Dame was trailing 23-18 when it used teamwork to rip off a 12-5 run and take a crucial 2-1 lead. After that, the Irish made sure that the Bearcats would not make a comeback and hit .471 in game four.

Junior middle blocker Justine Stremick scored a team high 16 kills for the Irish while Fesl, freshman middle blocker Kellie Sciacca, and senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk all recorded double digit kills with 14, 11 and 11, respectively. Senior setter Ashley Tarutis topped the team with 51 assists, while notching six kills and six digs. Stasiuk topped the team with 14 digs.

Cincinnati was led defensively by sophomore libero Jaime Frey — she had a game-high 17 digs. Freshman setter Annie Fesl, sister of Notre Dame's Megan Fesl, recorded 43 helpers while senior outside hitter Jenny Custer led with 16 kills.

Notre Dame knocked down Louisville 3-1 (30-28, 30-16, 25-30, 30-28) to ruin what would have been an unblemished season in the Big East for the

Cardinals. It was the final home game for the Irish, and Notre Dame's two senior players — Stasiuk and Tarutis — were honored before the game. Before the game, Stremick played the National Anthem for the seniors — and the crowd — on her saxophone.

"I was really involved in music when I was in high school. I did a lot of band, choir, piano kind of things," Stremick said. "It was actually something I learned in high school. Someone gave me kind of a jazzy rendition of the National Anthem. I actually play it once a year here — usually Senior Night. Ashley Tarutis requested that I do it."

After winning a closely-contested first game, Notre Dame found itself going back and forth in game two. The score was 15-13 in favor of the Irish at the media timeout, and then they played to near perfection, capitalizing on Cardinals' mistakes and closing out with a 15-3 run.

After a few early ties in the third game, the Cardinals pulled away and led the Irish by five throughout most of the second half. The Cardinals continued their great play into game four, and it had appeared that Irish might slide.

The turning point, however, came when the Irish were down 12-9. Stasiuk was serving to only two backcourt recipients from the Cardinals and blasted three service aces in a row. From there, the game was tied and the Irish went on to squeak out the win in game four.

"We have a bunch of great athletes on our team," Fesl said. "We went into the match believing that we could win. We were in a good mind frame, and everything just seemed to click."

Both seniors ended their final home games with double-doubles. Tarutis had 58 assists and 11 digs, while Stasiuk scored 11 kills and 11 digs (her 19th this season). Fesl was the leading scorer of the game — she racked up 21 kills.

"Everyone worked off each other, and there was great passing, great setting and really intelligent game play," Fesl said. "I think that helped my game just working off my teammates."

Louisville was led by junior outside hitter Jana Matiasovska, senior middle blocker Svetlana Dukule, and sophomore outside hitter Justine Landi. They recorded 16, 15 and 11 kills, respectively while Landi added a team-high 14 digs.

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## ND CROSS COUNTRY

# Smyth qualifies for NCAA meet

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Irish junior Patrick Smyth was the class of the field at the 2007 Great Lakes Regional meet at Indiana University on Saturday.

He finished his 10 kilometers in 30:22.44, beating his closest competitor, Matt Withrow of Wisconsin, by nearly 16 seconds and securing his spot as an individual in next Saturday's NCAA championships in Terre Haute, Ind. Smyth also qualified for the NCAA championships last year on his way to earning All-America honors.

Smyth became only the second runner in Notre Dame history to win the regional meet, joining current volunteer assistant coach Luke Watson, who accomplished the feat in 2000.

Joining Smyth in Terre Haute will be senior Jake Watson, who finished fourth overall with a time of 30:46.98.

Unfortunately for the Irish, however, they finished third of 29 teams with 76 points, eight points behind Wisconsin and Michigan, who tied for first. Only the top two teams from each regional meet receive automatic berths to the NCAA championships, and the Irish will find out today if they will receive an at-large bid. The NCAA distributes 13 at-large bids, and the consistent performance of the Irish puts them in a good position to receive one of them.

All Irish scorers finished in the top 35 overall. Following Smyth and Watson were sophomore Jake Walker in 14th (31:14.09), senior Brett Adams in 22nd (31:29.40) and senior Mike Popejoy at No. 35 (31:49.67).

On the women's side, Michigan State (60 points) and Michigan (63 points) finished first and second and earned automatic bids to the NCAA championships. The Irish finished 11th of 30 participating teams with 293 points.

Senior Ann Mazur led the way for the Irish, finishing her six kilometers No. 26 overall with a time of 21:52.68. Nicole Edwards of Michigan won the individual title, finishing in 20:30.76.

Rounding out the scoring for the Irish women were junior Becca Bauman in 43rd (22:11.75), sophomore Emily Wauford in 53rd (22:23.83), freshman Abby Higgins in 79th (22:59.62) and sophomore Beth Tacl in 94th (23:09.13).

The women's season is likely over, but Smyth and Watson—and possibly the rest of the men — will be back in action on Nov. 19 at the same course they traversed on Oct. 13 in the Pre-National Meet. Then, Smyth and Watson finished fifth and 17th overall, respectively, in a highly competitive field that featured many of the runners that will compete in the NCAA championships.

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## Miami

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team sits in third place in its conference, four points behind now one-loss Miami and two points behind one-loss Michigan.

But the early going this year has been slowed by a top-heavy schedule with several mid-week games that severely limited practice time for a team playing freshmen and sophomores up and down the lineup.

Pearce, a junior who is second in the nation in minutes played behind Michigan's Billy Sauer, surrendered only four goals in two games to a Miami offense that has averaged five goals per game while missing its top goal-scorer from last season in senior Nathan Davis.

"I give Jordan Pearce a lot of credit," Jackson said. "It's the first time he's played in that kind of game, and he handled it extremely well both nights."

Davis scored Miami's only goal in the RedHawks 2-1 loss Friday night in his first game back after he was injured in the season opener. The goal came in the second period and was the only puck Pearce allowed to go past him on 33 shots.

The Irish took a 2-0 lead in the first period on Christian Hanson's second goal of the season and Dan Kissel's first after missing time earlier in the season with a groin injury. Jackson called Kissel's tally "a great second-effort goal," after the sophomore took the

puck out from a defender's skates before he beat Miami goalie Jeff Zatkoff.

"We have to get production from our entire lineup," Jackson said. "When we're playing four lines, we're a better team. I think that we have depth in our third and fourth line, where [those lines] can contribute."

On Saturday night the Irish found themselves down 3-0 after two periods, and Zatkoff stopped 27 of Notre Dame's 28 shots to split the series.

"Miami was not going to be beat twice," Jackson said. "They played with a tremendous amount of energy. They were skating at full-throttle."

The RedHawks' Nino Musitelli and Tommy Wingels scored first-period goals, and Pat Cannone added a third in the second to take the three-goal lead. Irish right wing Evan Rankin cut the lead to 3-1 when he jammed a rebound past Zatkoff just over two minutes into the third period — and a period after he had to leave the bench to get stitches after a center-ice hit.

"[Steve Cady] is a loud building, so they got a lot of momentum from that," Jackson said. "As time progressed, our defense got a little bit tired. I think that eventually they wore us down in certain parts of the game."

The Irish will play a home-and-home series this weekend against Western Michigan. The first game will be played Friday night in the Joyce Center.

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## Schrader

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in the game.

"Lindsay, I thought especially, really came out fired up," McGraw said. "She was ready to go. I was really happy with the way we shot the ball in the beginning."

Notre Dame advanced to the second round of the 16-team tournament and will host Western Kentucky Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Notre Dame took over the game with double-digit scoring runs in the first. The Irish jumped out to a 14-2 lead in the first five minutes of the game. After RedHawks senior guard Amanda Jackson hit two free throws, the Irish took off on a five minute, 16-point run.

Miami went more than eight minutes in the first half without a field goal.

After forward Michele Weynandt's baseline jumper with 17:27 to play in the half, Notre Dame did not allow a field goal until junior guard Jenna Schone came open off a screen and made a jump shot in the lane with 9:11 remaining. McGraw attributed the scoring runs and defensive stoutness to improved play in the paint and her bench players.

"We rebounded a little bit better," McGraw said. "Our transition game was working. We were able to run the floor. I think we were fresh because we were able to sub so frequently, and I think that's a big plus for us now, seeing

how we can run with a little bit of rest."

The Irish may have gotten too comfortable with the lead, however. They stopped scoring and committed mental errors — passing the ball out of bounds, turning the ball over,

and leaving their feet too soon. They allowed two quick three-pointers, one by Jackson and the other by sophomore guard Courtney Reed, within 30 seconds. The RedHawks went on a 13-2 run in a two-minute period and brought the score to 38-21.

"We had a little bit of a lull, but we responded," McGraw said. "We got in some serious foul trouble late in the half."

The Notre Dame bench scored 38 points in the game. Sophomore center Erica Williamson had nine rebounds, and freshman forward Devereaux Peters had eight.

In the last three minutes of the half, Notre Dame returned to its previous level of play and went on a 9-2 run. Senior guard Tulyah Gaines wove her way into the lane for a layup. Sophomore guard Melissa Lechlitner, who had 10 points and six assists, left her defender motionless with a quick spin move and had an open path to the basket. Freshman guard Brittany

Mallory hit a buzzer-beating three-pointer from the corner to end the half.

The Irish started the second half much like they did the first, scoring seven points in the first three minutes and forcing Schone to commit two quick fouls. Leading 55-31 with 15:39 remaining, the Irish went on a five-minute, 16-2 run.

"We just continued to be active," said sophomore guard Ashley Barlow, who had 19 points in the game, said of the scoring runs. "We got off to a good start."

The teams traded points for the remainder of the game, but Notre Dame outscored Miami 27-17 in the final 10 minutes.

Notre Dame played both zone and man defense with success — the RedHawks shot only 27.9 percent from field goal range.

Schrader was excited about how her team might be perceived after the game.

"I want to know what their players and their coaches say about our team," Schrader said. "Before the game, and now after the game, and I want to see what the difference is. I don't know what they said before game. But I bet it's changed."

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## Loss

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Butler's left, but the keeper guessed correctly and dove for the stop. Defenders Carrie Dew, Elise Weber and Lauren Fowlkes all made their attempts, but in vain.

Ashley Banks, Kim Bonilla, Carolyn Blank, Sydney Metheny and Lisa DuCote all put their shots past Irish keeper Lauren Karas in the shootout, and the Mountaineers took home the trophy.

The first four shot the ball to Karas' right, but she guessed the wrong each time. On the last shot, DuCote shot the ball inside the other post. Karas guessed correctly, but her hand came just short of knocking the ball away.

"I'll have to watch the tape again, but I think certainly there wasn't much effort on the first three [shots]," Waldrum said. "I think she's trying to get a read, but I think goalkeepers have to just go."

Butler's first big save came in the first overtime period. Hanks passed the ball from the right side to forward Brittany Bock in the middle. Bock slipped past two defenders and took a shot towards the far post, but Butler

dove to knock the ball away.

With six minutes remaining in the second overtime, forward Michele Weissenhofer's flip-throw landed right in the middle of the six-yard box. A scrum ensued, but Hanks, Bock and senior Amanda Cinalli could not convert.

One minute later, Cinalli got around a defender and put a shot towards the far post, but again Butler elevated across the goal and knocked the ball away.

"I was very pleased with the overtime," Waldrum said. "If we had played that way the entire game, I don't think we would have been in that position."

The Irish opened the scoring in the 14th minute when Hanks tapped a dribbling shot past Butler into the net. Midfielder Courtney Rosen chipped the ball into the right side of the box, and Hanks beat Butler and Mountaineers midfielder Greer Barnes to the ball.

Notre Dame led 1-0 until the 39th minute, when Bonilla took a free kick from the far side. The ball came across the crease and Karas came out to chase it. Blank headed the ball back into the center of the box, where forward Kiley Harris headed the ball into the center of the net to tie the score at one.

The Mountaineers had their

best scoring chance with 30 minutes left in the game. A cross from the near side led forward Deana Everett, who was unimpeded 10 yards in front of the goal, but the cross was just out of her reach.

Notre Dame could not control the ball in the air. Keeper kicks and punts routinely went West Virginia's way, and the Irish could not consistently clear their zone. For the rest of the first half and much of the second, West Virginia did not give Notre Dame any space to create scoring chances. The Mountaineers closed on breakaways and deflected through-ball attempts.

"I just felt very much like they were winning every 50/50 loose ball," Waldrum said. "Our mentality and our mindset wasn't where it needed to be. We were outstutled all over the field. I don't think we matched their intensity."

Notre Dame increased its intensity in the final 10 minutes of regulation. The Irish kept the ball in the attacking third and found open passing lanes to create scoring opportunities. With 1:27 left, Hanks sent Weissenhofer a through-ball that was just out of reach. Thirty seconds later, Weissenhofer fired off a shot, but Butler made the diving stop.

The Irish now await their seed in the NCAA tournament, which

begins this weekend. The field will be announced at 8 p.m. Monday on ESPNNews. Notre Dame entered the weekend with a No. 16 RPI (ratings percentage index, a rating equation that factors in strength of schedule), which is an important selection criteria.

Waldrum said the team was disappointed but realized that their season wasn't over. He wanted his team to focus on the week ahead.

"Because of our early losses, we're probably not going to have three rounds of easy games like we have in years past," Waldrum said. "We've got to put this one behind us and get ready to go this week and get a week of training in."

Notre Dame reached the final with a 2-0 win over Georgetown

Friday.

The Irish scored two goals in 38 seconds to extend their winning streak to 12 games in their victory over the Hoyas.

Hanks and Bock combined to score the first goal in the 25th minute. Bock, running down the middle of the field, passed to Hanks on the left side.

Hanks sent the ball back to Bock near the far post, where Bock headed the ball in to put the Irish ahead 1-0.

Half of Bock's 18 career goals have come on headers.

Soon after, midfielder Courtney Rosen sent the ball across the box to Rose Augustine, who deflected the ball into the net.

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## St. John's

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cross into the box from the right corner. A St. John's defender got his foot on the ball but popped it straight up in the air rather than clearing it. Thiermann got a leg free from the defender who was marking him and poked the loose ball in for the game's lone goal.

"He's got a great career ahead of him," Clark said. "... In the moment he is playing a role and he did that for us today."

Notre Dame held off the Red Storm for the rest of the game to pick up its 10th shutout of the season. Senior keeper Chris Cahill had two saves for the Irish, who played stingy on defense throughout the game. Clark said that the entire team was responsible for the shutout.

"You defend from the team out," Clark said. "The actual back four was terrific, but the whole team defended well."

The back line got a big boost from the return of junior defender Jack Traynor. Traynor had been out for three weeks after fracturing his leg in a 3-2 loss to Indiana Oct. 17. Doctors removed his hard cast early last week, and the leg was ready for Sunday's game.

"It was great having Jack back," Clark said. "To get him back as quickly as that is a tribute to the doctors and to our trainer."

The St. John's defense, which had allowed only 19 goals in 21 games, matched Notre Dame in the first half, preventing the Irish from controlling the ball or setting up any great scoring chances. Notre Dame had seven shots — compared to the Red Storm's two — but was forced to play hopeful long balls to Lapira for most of

the initial 45 minutes, without ever really setting up on offense.

The Irish advance to the Big East semifinals with the win. They will travel to Storrs, Conn., to take on DePaul on Friday. The Blue Devils won the Red Division of the conference in the regular season and beat Cincinnati Saturday reach the semifinals.

"There going to be a darn good team," Clark said of his opponent.

A win over DePaul would put the Irish in the Big East Championship next Sunday in Storrs.

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## Gray

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"Everyone was excited for regionals, brought their energy to the race, and I think [Saturday] was a great way of showing the girls that they have it in them."

Though the season has ended for all but Gray, Bauters was enthusiastic about what her team, in its entirety, accomplished — including a fourth-place MIAA finish, the best in school history. While Gray was certainly the team's star and leader, Bauters credits some of the youngsters for much of the team's success.

"The freshmen played a huge role on the team this year, with several consistently scoring," Bauters said. "I feel like they all got a good taste of what it's like to run in college and will come back next season even more prepared and

ready to go. Everyone works hard, and I can only imagine there will be more success in their future seasons."

But for now, all the focus turns to Gray, who will attempt to improve on her finish at no. 133 in last year's national meet. And, Bauters said, Gray is capable of doing so.

"Megan just has the ability to push herself to the limit when

she goes into a race with just how she feels," Bauters said. "When she feels strong, she's going to run well. It's been an incredible experience for me to coach Megan, and I'm excited that we have

one more week of travels together in a Saint Mary's uniform."

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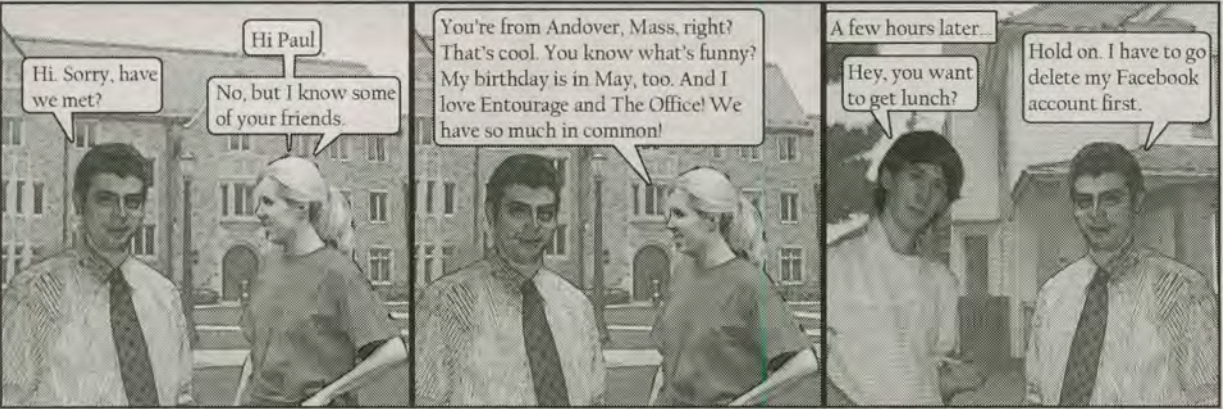
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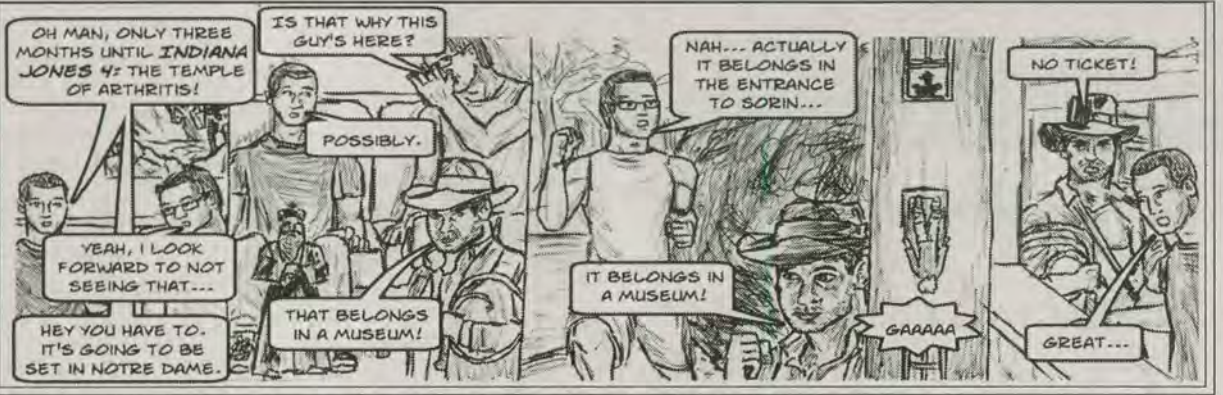
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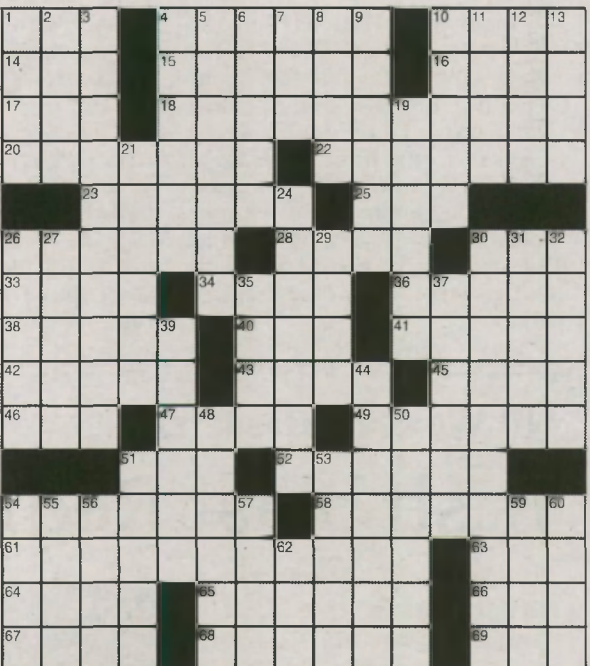
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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Wager
  - 4 Gush
  - 10 Willie of the 1950s-'60s Giants
  - 14 Israeli submarine gun
  - 15 Last words of the Pledge of Allegiance
  - 16 \_\_\_ vera
  - 17 Atomic energy org.
  - 18 "Popular Sunshine State vacation destination"
  - 20 Prepare to shoot
  - 22 Docs
  - 23 Stop for the night, as soldiers
  - 25 Daughter's counterpart
  - 26 Dartboard, for one
  - 28 The "I" of I.M.F.: Abbr.
  - 30 Austrian affirmatives
  - 33 "The Thin Man" pooch
  - 34 Rim
  - 36 Put (down), as money
  - 38 Theater focal point
  - 40 Select, with "for"
  - 41 Language akin to Urdu
  - 42 Serious drinker
  - 43 Amaz of "I Love Lucy"
  - 45 Depression-era migrant
  - 46 "But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_ he drove..."
  - 47 Take too much of, briefly
  - 49 Objected to
  - 51 Brouhaha
  - 52 Keep just below a boil
  - 54 Not deceitful
  - 58 Deck covering to keep out moisture
  - 61 "Like players below the B team"
  - 63 "This means \_\_\_!"
  - 64 Sets of points, in math
  - 65 "Relax, soldier!"
  - 66 U.K. record label
  - 67 Newspaper essay
  - 68 Mascara goes on them
  - 69 King, in old Rome
- Down**
- 1 Part of a suicide squeeze
  - 2 Poet Pound
  - 3 "Material for an old-fashioned parade"
  - 4 Wipe off
  - 5 Decorate with leaves
  - 6 Erich who wrote "The Art of Loving"
  - 7 Bygone Mideast inits.
  - 8 Slender
  - 9 Firstborn
  - 10 "\_\_\_ Whoopee!" (1920s hit)
  - 11 One of the Baldwin brothers
  - 12 Toy that might go "around the world"
  - 13 Period in Cong.
  - 19 Coach Rupp of college basketball
  - 21 Take on
  - 24 "Sties"
  - 26 One of the five senses
  - 27 Fur trader John Jacob \_\_\_

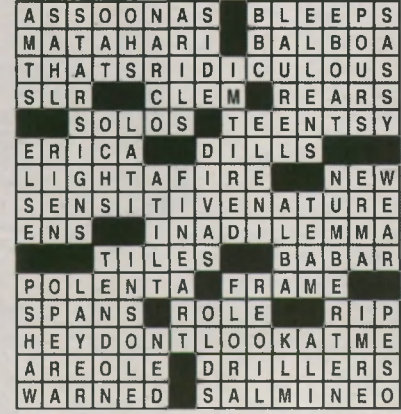


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- 29 Basketball rim attachments
- 30 Location for the ends of the answers to the four starred clues
- 31 Actress MacDowell
- 32 Schussed, e.g.
- 35 Dumbbell
- 37 Hampton of jazz fame
- 39 Wore away
- 44 Really, really big
- 48 \_\_\_ fin
- 50 Representations
- 51 Pungent
- 53 N.B.A. coach Thomas
- 54 Normandy town
- 55 Breakfast restaurant letters
- 56 "Good shot!"
- 57 Kett of old comics
- 59 Designate
- 60 Cereal whose ads feature a "silly rabbit"
- 62 \_\_\_ ipsa loquitur

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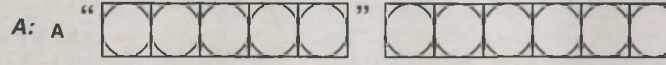
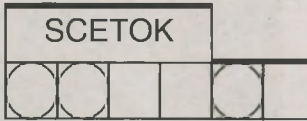
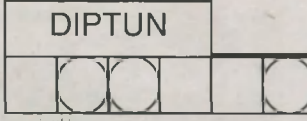
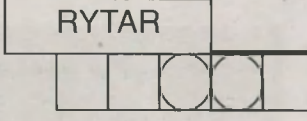
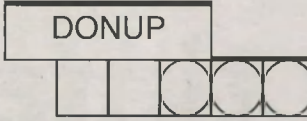


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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Contact someone you haven't seen for a long time or travel to some of the old familiar places. Spend time expanding your mind by remembering some of the things you experienced a long time ago. 5 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't get railroaded into spending money on things that aren't necessary. If you really want to entertain, do so on a budget and let your charming personality be what impresses the crowds. This is a great day to laze around. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You'll be hard to read, difficult to deal with and ready to take on the world and flirt with everyone in sight. If you don't want to face criticism at home, curb your overdo, overindulge and overspend attitude. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get away from your normal routine today. It's what you experience and learn from new sights, scenery, social activities, experiences or relationships that will lead to a better future. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You'll be fun, entertaining and the life of the party today. Let the Leo in you lead the way. Shower the ones you care about the most with affection and attention, not presents that cost a fortune and have little sentiment. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Too little, too late may be a problem for someone you know but, if you are smart, you will cut your losses and follow your good common sense. You have plenty to offer and should focus on what you can do for an organization or group that interests you. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Take a little day trip and you will find a world that helps you forget about your everyday stress and contributes to your creative ideas. Let go of any guilt you may feel for work or responsibilities left behind. Put yourself first. 4 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** There is no time to waste if you want to make progress next week. Go over all the last-minute details and ready yourself to hit hard and fast in whatever industry you have your sights set on. You can do it if you feel confident. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You won't be thinking straight and that can lead to mistakes if you aren't willing to back down. Put your time and effort into love and forget about beating everyone else to the punch. Enjoy being a spectator for a change. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't let love lead you astray. Make important decisions based on facts, not what someone who isn't well-informed wants you to do. Deal with legal and financial problems by yourself and don't let anyone talk you into lending money or possessions. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You'll have the desire to make a commitment from the heart that will last a lifetime. Your dedication, love and respect will be what wins the heart of someone who feels the same way. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Be careful not to upset someone who could affect your future. Tread carefully: Don't step on toes, don't take credit for someone else's work and don't promise something you can't deliver. Use your head. 2 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You are clever, demanding and to the point. You are original and will not apologize for your likes and dislikes. You stand tall and will challenge anyone who gets in your way.

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## MEN'S SOCCER

# First time's the charm

*Thiermann's first-ever goal earns ND berth in Big East semis*

By DAN MURPHY  
Associate Sports Editor

Freshman forward Josh Thiermann picked a great time to score his first career goal for Notre Dame.

Thiermann beat St. John's goalkeeper Jason Landers in the 73rd minute to give the Irish a 1-0 win over the Red Storm in their Big East quarterfinal Sunday at Alumni Field.

Thiermann, who has seen little action so far this season, replaced Justin Morrow barely a minute before the play.

"Morrow had been carving up and down the left flank and we felt we needed someone who was a similar athlete. Josh Thiermann had a lot of the same qualities," Irish coach Bobby Clark said.

Senior forward Joseph Lapira started the play by sending a



Irish forward Josh Thiermann scores Notre Dame's only goal in a 1-0 win over St. John's on Saturday in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament at Alumni Field.

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## ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Waldrum's team falls in penalties

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Kerri Butler made three game-saving stops down the stretch, but one more save was all she needed.

West Virginia's freshman keeper collected Irish junior forward Kerri Hanks' shot during the Mountaineers' penalty kick victory over Notre Dame on Sunday. The two teams were tied 1-1 through two overtimes in the game played at Dick Dlesk Stadium in Morgantown, W. Va.

The win gave West Virginia its first-ever Big East title.

"Honestly, we didn't play very well," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said by telephone Sunday. "I'm not sure we really deserved to win."

Hanks, who had made all five of her penalty kick attempts this season, shot the ball low to

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## HOCKEY

# Icers split series with nation's No. 1 squad



Irish goaltender Brad Phillips readies to make a save during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Lake Superior State on Nov. 2.

By KYLE CASSILY  
Sports Writer

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce turned away 64 shots from the nation's most potent offense in two games this weekend, and No. 12 Notre Dame split a road series with No. 1 Miami (Ohio).

The Irish (7-4, 5-2 CCHA) delivered the RedHawks (9-1, 7-1 CCHA) their first loss of the season in a 2-1, 1-3 weekend split at Steve Cady Arena in Oxford, Ohio. It was the second year in a row that Notre Dame has upset an unbeaten No. 1 team on the road, after the Irish obliterated Boston College 7-1 in

October 2006.

"We're making progress," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of his young team. "I think we were out-chanced both nights. We have to do a better job of generating five-on-five scoring chances. Right now that's my biggest concern."

Two-and-a-half months after the Irish knocked off Boston College last season, they took over the No. 1 spot for the first time in school history. To date this season, Notre Dame has played five of its 11 games against top-15 opponents and has a 2-3 record in those contests. The

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## SMC CROSS COUNTRY

# Gray qualifies for nationals

By MATT GAMBER  
Sports Writer

Megan Gray has earned the right to put on her Saint Mary's jersey for one last race.

With a fourth-place finish at Saturday's Division III Great Lakes Regional at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich., the senior all-MIAA performer qualified for next Saturday's national meet at Saint Olaf's in Northfield, Minn.

"Megan's race was solid and fun to watch," coach Jackie Bauters said of Gray, who advances to nationals for the second consecutive year. "I knew she had the top-five in her before the start, but I didn't want to put that pressure on her."



Gray

Gray carried the Belles as she has all season, but freshmen Sam Wiczorek (78th place) and Catie Salyer (87th), sophomore Megan McClowry (104th) and junior Caitlin Brodmerkel (134th) provided a solid supporting cast, allowing the Belles to finish 15th out of 36 teams — a five-place improvement over last year's finish.

"It was just a good day all around," Bauters said.

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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish blast RedHawks in opener

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Writer

Lindsay Schrader proved that the torn ACL she suffered before last season doesn't affect her anymore.

At least not her jump shot, anyway.

The junior guard hit 10 of her 12 shots from the field, including six straight in the first half, and Notre Dame beat Miami (Ohio) 98-50 in the first round of the preseason NIT Friday at the Joyce Center.

"When you're feeling it, you're feeling it, I guess," said Schrader, who scored 20 points in only 17 minutes.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw liked Schrader's intensity early



Irish guard Charel Allen drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 98-50 win over Miami (Ohio) on Friday at the Joyce Center.

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