Anxiety grows amidst dorm thefts

Students caught off-guard by robberies in multiple dorms

By MADDEE HANNA
Associate News Editor

A growing wave of concern about theft and trespassing is sweeping campus as police, rectors and students locally in a disturbing increase in crimes committed this year by people outside Notre Dame.

Unlocked doors, stolen items and suspicious sightings have led to student unrest, leading the residents of one men's dorm to prominently display their outrage. "It seems like some people are targeting us this year," Zahm rector Father Dan Parkush said, adding residents are so inflamed that they have posted signs in the hallways and bathrooms warning of one frequent intruder.

Zahm is just one example of a campus-wide trend noticed by Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (N DSP) Phil Johnson.

"I'm concerned," Johnson said. "We've had several burglaries, a few arrests already this year."

In both recent cases with suspect descriptions, the perpetrator is described as "a woman, white, and tall, late 20s, early 30s, about 5'10," seen in a maroon jacket and maroon pants.

A sign displayed in Zahm Hall warns potential thieves that residents are on high alert after several burglary reports.

University celebrates Rosa Parks

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's tribute to the late civil rights icon Rosa Parks was one that began and ended in song.

"Lead me, guide me along the way," sang Joyce Johnson, associate director of campus ministry and director of cross-cultural ministry, at the opening of Wednesday's remembrance service in LaFortune Ballroom.

Johnson, who spoke about Parks' deep faith and commitment to serving God, led attendees in singing Notre Dame's "Alma Mater" and "We Shall Overcome" at the conclusion of the service.

The service was held on the day Parks was laid to rest at Greater Grace Temple Church in Detroit, Mich., the city where she died Oct. 24 at age 92.

"The beautiful reality of this tribute is that students developed the concept, and they called us together ... to honor the life of a woman they knew affected their lives," Johnson said. "You will make a difference because it's the right thing to do. You must. We must.

The service was held in celebration Parks and tell the story of the "mother of the civil rights movement," senior Ericka Smith, president of the Notre Dame chapter of the NAACP.

"History is only important in terms of how we choose to remember things," she said.

Alleged assault reported

By MEGAN O'NEIL
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A Saint Mary's student reported she was sexually assaulted in a Notre Dame residence hall this past weekend, according to a crime alert posted on the Saint Mary's home Web site Tuesday afternoon.

Director of marketing communications Nick Farmer declined to specify the day or time of the alleged assault, or whether the alleged assailant was a Notre Dame student. He also declined to specify in what dorm the alleged assault occurred.

Student Senate

Building resolution reviewed

By MADDEE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Ideas regarding plans to expand or supplement the LaFortune Student Center — which many students complain is too cramped — were discussed at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

The Resolution Life committee, chaired by Mark Seiler, presented findings from meetings and senator-conducted focus groups, as well as a "Resolution in Support of a Discussion of an Expanded Student Center," ultimately sent back to the committee for revision.

The issue surfaced after Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman spoke to senators at the beginning of the meeting about the issue of more student safety on campus.

"Safety is a top priority," Poorman said.

Comps exemplify arduous work

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
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It's that time of year again, when seniors around campus at Saint Mary's become scarce. Not because of the imminent frigid weather for which South Bend is notorious, but because of rapidly approaching due dates for many of their senior comprehensive projects.

As a culmination of their career at college, seniors are required to complete a comprehensive project with varying requirements, depending on their major of study.

Faculty Senate

Insurance premiums increase substantially

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Director of human resources Denise Murphy presented the overview of 2006 benefits to members of the Faculty Senate Wednesday, revealing consistent, double-digit insurance premium increases across the board.

Some members expressed displeasure with the numbers, citing a disparity between increases in insurance payments and increases in salaries for faculty and staff. But associate vice president of human resources Robert McQuade insisted he is looking for input on ways to improve the situation.

"The big issue is considering changing people's premiums based on income," McQuade said. "We will consider anything. At the end of the day, all I can tell you is..."
INSIDE COLUMN

Quizzical quiz

In an apparent attempt to help high-school-aged girls make a great choice in a higher educational institution, CosmoGirl! has posted a College Guide on its Web site for the past several weeks. Included in the fragments of advice is mention of women’s colleges accompanied by a picture of a group of sweet-looking girls gathered in a cozy room.

“What do Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright and Cathie Black (the head of CosmoGirl!) and a bunch of other magazines!) have in common?” The site asks enthusiastically. “They went to an all-women’s college! Find out if you should, too.”

It then invites visitors to the site to click on a link to a four-question quiz to determine if indeed you should consider a women’s college.

“Does having boys in your classes keep you from doing your best work?” It begins. “Do you think that your school’s clubs don’t provide enough opportunities for girls like you?” It continues. “At college, are you willing to limit your chances of meeting guys mainly to off-campus activities?” It then wraps up with my personal favorite — “Are you lesbian? If not, are you comfortable being around them?”

It is no wonder the Saint Mary’s admissions office struggles to construct a case for 400 each year. One careless person such as Marty Nemko, the author of this quiz, can erase the work of an office full of diligent recruiters with four brief questions. I might as well have tagged it “Want to hear some reasons not to attend a women’s college?” Or maybe “Want to affirm your decision not to apply to a women’s college?” Or even “Some good insults for women’s colleges and the experiences they offer their students.”

The contradictions are obvious. Neither Hillary Clinton nor Madeleine Albright is, I believe, one of the most powerful and accomplished women in American history, seemed to have suffered much from being limited in their choices and lacking opportunities to meet guys. And neither of them are lesbians as far as I know.

And Cathie Black, what’s her excuse? Apparently she graduated from Smith College, one of the most powerful and accomplished women’s colleges in American history, to have to write this quiz. She was too busy choosing the next magazine name. And why wonder I care what some stupid quiz, squeezed between Neutrogena face wash ads and printed by a publication I outgrew nearly a decade ago, has to say about all women’s education?

I am sure it perpetuates stereotypes — stereotypes I heard from my high school classmates when I selected Saint Mary’s three years ago. Stereotypes I continue to hear, unfortunately, from students from more institutions today.

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Question of the Day: What are you writing your senior comp on?

Danielle Lerner senior Opus Hall

“I am writing a very long but enjoyable mystery story.”

Cammie Johnston senior Opus Hall

“National League of Nursing Exam.”

Ginger Francis senior Opus Hall

“Literature review in psychology on the complexity of trauma and coping mechanisms following sexual assault.”

Jasmin Abbatelli senior Opus Hall

“Racial and ethnic stereotypes in humor, in particular the Dave Chapelle show.”

Jess Eaton senior Holy Cross Hall

“Student teaching first grade.”

Kim Zigler senior Opus Hall

“Strategic case analysis for Nike.”

Senior Amanda Caddy, a member of Feminist United, makes a presentation Wednesday in the Saint Mary’s Student Center theater following the showing of the film “Mean Girls.” The event was part of Feminist United’s Love Your Body week which runs through Friday.

OFFBEAT

Man glued to toilet seat

BOULDER, Colorado — A hardware retailer Home Depot has found itself in a sticky situation, defending a lawsuit filed by a man who claimed the chair’s Louisville store ignored his cries for help after he fell victim to a prank and was glued to a toilet seat.

Bob Dougherty, 57, of Nederland, said he became stuck to a bathroom toilet seat on which somebody had smeared glue on Oct. 30, 2003, and felt “tremendous panic” when he realized he was stuck.

“They left me there, going through all that stress,” Dougherty told The Boulder (Boulder) Daily Camera. “I just let go.”

His lawsuit, filed Friday, said Dougherty was recovering from heart bypass surgery at the time and thought he was having a heart attack. A store employee who heard him call for help informed the head clerk via radio, but the head clerk “believed it to be a hoax,” the lawsuit said.

Woman puts home, hand-in-marriage up for sale

DENVER — For $600,000, a 40- to 60-year-old man can buy a house in a trendy Denver neighborhood that did not immediately return a telephone message left at her home Wednesday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Ana Garcia Rodrioz, visiting fellow at the Krut Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled “Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda” at 4:15 p.m. today at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The film “Merce Cunningham on Film,” directed by Elliot Caplan, will be shown today at 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema.

The sophomore class council is hosting Comedy Sports — an improvisational comedy act — in Washington Hall Friday at 8 p.m.

“Open Doors to the Physics Labs,” will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies.

Professor Chris Kolda will offer from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on “God’s Dice: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgwood Kilns to the Uncertainty Principle.”

Blak Images — the Black Cultural Arts Council’s signature event — will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at Washington Hall. Performances from First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith and Troop ND will highlight the event.

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D.C. program jump-starts careers

By MOLLY LAMING
News Writer

While many undergraduates opt to spend a semester in a foreign country, Saint Mary's political science majors have the option of studying "abroad" in one of the world's most politically-charged cities right here at home—Washington D.C.

The Saint Mary's College Washington Semester Program provides students the chance to gain valuable work experience and establish a professional network, all while working toward a degree in political science.

Begun in the early 1970s, the program is run by American University and is comprised of two main parts—an internship and a seminar series.

Through their internships, students have the opportunity to work at a multitude of institutions and organizations including ABC News, the Pentagon and Congressional offices.

Senior Therese Beaulieu worked in the Department of Commerce's office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs during her semester in Washington. There in the midst of the Bush-Kerry presidential campaign in the fall of 2004, she had a front row seat to one of the most visible functions of American politics.

"Throughout my internship, I was able to learn about other things going on in D.C. and follow up on a lot of important issues from my job," Beaulieu said.

Senior Sarah Staley worked for Congesswoman Elise Ogilvie (D-NY) while in the capitol. She was responsible for working on grants, answering constituent phone calls and occasionally giving tours of the Capitol building. She once attended a foreign policy meeting at which former secretary of state Henry Kissinger made a presentation.

"I would go to meetings or events and report back to a legislative aide in the office," Staley said. "[My duties] pretty much changed everyday.

The seminar series component of the program requires participants to attend seminars relating to the area of their internships three days per week at American University. The seminars are not a lecture in the traditional sense, according to political science chair Sean Savage, because field trips and guest speakers from almost every political affiliation and career in the American political system are a major part of the seminar series.

"We had a class in a senator's office," Beaulieu said.

Senior Karen Mayer was a part of the Washington semester's Law Enforcement program, one of several different tracks of study participants can select. Because of this, she would take many field trips for her seminars.

"We would actually go to the FBI and learn about it, instead of just reading a book," Mayer said.

For the women involved, the Washington Semester Program is not just an amazing opportunity to work in the heart of the American political system, but it gives students the chance to start creating one's own professional network.

Staley went back to Washington over fall break to visit her old office. She said that one woman in her office told her "If I was looking for a job to come find her right away.

"We have had a number of students who ended up getting paying jobs in Washington because of the connections they made through the program," Savage said.

The Saint Mary's D.C. Alumni Club welcomed the participants to the area and created connections for high-profile events for the young women, Beaulieu said.

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Mendoza requires Web design classes

By JACLYNE MADDEN
News Writer

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study. In most departments, the comprehensive consists of an extensive research project, the results of which are the basis for a paper, and is completed with presentations of the project to a panel of faculty members in the student's major, as well as fellow students and friends. Each major has its own requirements for the comprehensive, and it is the type of work that students decide to do.

According to biology professor Richard Jensen, senior biology majors are required to do an independent research project during their senior year. They then present it to faculty for approval and complete it with the assistance of a professor or an off-campus advisor during the fall of their senior year. Since biology is a science discipline, students should have some science-delineating experience in their major. "One reason I think we do the comprehensive is that as something really important for students in the sciences because they get a feeling of what a real scientist or physician is like to do research," Jensen said.

Jensen said that many students have contacted him and informed him that they felt the senior comprehensive is something they would like to do as well, so they have an "idea of what they want to do." He believes this is an important experience to have before graduation, and he hopes students will continue to have a "senior thesis," the idea is that in the student's major, they're right at the point where they can do professional-level research.

"In communications, the idea is that when a person graduates from Saint Mary's they're right at the point where they can do professional-level research," said Berdayes. "So we try to make sure the person can write well, is familiar with the material and that they are capable of work on the professional level that could conceivably be published."

According to Mary Connolly, senior psychology major and president of the mathematics department, seniors in the math major are also required to do extensive research for their comprehensive. "Seniors in the math department do independent research for the senior comprehensive," she said. "They study a topic not covered in any of the courses they have taken and work under the direction of the department. Seniors present two preliminary talks on their topics to their peers in the senior seminar. Then they write a formal paper on the work and give a final talk, open to the public." At these talks, they answer posed questions posed by three faculty members who teach in their major. Research projects are required for many but not all majors as part of the senior comprehensive. "For biology, she designed a research project that was centered on animals," Berdayes said. "She was able to follow through and do her complex research, and she was given 24 hours to complete an objective examination and a four-hour written examination, and a written essay examination, and an objective examination for their comprehensive."

In communications, like philosophy, students are expected to develop an essential Web site that students can have a choice between taking a comprehensive examination or completion of an objective exam and a four-hour written examination. These examinations they are required to complete for their comprehensive. According to the religious studies Web site, students choose four texts each semester and work closely with faculty advisors to develop a bibliography. For the examination, students are given 24 hours to complete an open-book essay examination on their selected texts.

Although each department is unique in its requirements for senior comprehensives, students and faculty agree that whatever the requirements, students benefit from the work that is required.

"My comprehensive consisted of many long nights meeting with my partner throughout the year," senior biology major Bridget Schiebel, said. "We researched Target and Target's competitors, Wal-Mart and Costco. We completed primary research and figured out a strategy for Target. We are hoping this strategy will increase their net revenue and increase market share. It was a good experience. Hopefully our hard work will pay off."

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Graduate Student Union

Members discuss parking issues

By MAGGIE HYDE
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The Graduate Student Union convened its monthly meeting Wednesday and discussed the improvement of parking for off-campus graduate students, the formation of an appeals committee, the invitation to join a group Indiana graduate students from other universities and the raising of the student activities fee for graduate students.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to reconstruction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commitments" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "We are going in late November to do a study to analyze parking lot D2 is due north of Hesburgh Library and provides parking for some students and graduate students. Some members of the Graduate Student Union said they would like to see the lot freed up for those that drive to school daily to prevent cars from parking there for long periods of time. Other solutions to the parking problem included opening the library parking lot early, assigning parking spots to graduate students, changing the visitors' lot to graduate student parking and reissuing "G-Stickers."

"T h e s e s o l u t i o n s would allow graduate students to park in reserved sections. These solutions, Robbins said, are nowhere near to being implemented, but Johnson and others who deal with parking policy on campus are dissatisfied."

Robbins said Johnson did not view the shortage of parking as a major problem, yet many graduate students feel that it is not a simple issue of inconvenience, but a "respect issue."

GSU President Misty Schieberle announced the Notre Dame Graduate Student Union was invited to join a fledging league of graduate students from other Indiana universities including Purdue University of Indianapolis, Purdue University and Indiana State University. Union members voted not to join because of the existence of a similar organization, the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS). The Graduate Student Union will be hosting the Midwest Region Conference for NAGPS this coming spring.

The GSU will also be involved in the forming of an appeals committee for graduate student affairs. This committee will handle appeals from all the graduate departments.

The GSU will be allowed to hire a full-time committee and "This forces all departments to come up with a written policy on appeals," Robbins said."

The Senate College activities fee is currently $55 to compensate for a decrease in available loan income from Student Activities and still allow for a generousylan Twitter for graduate students."

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occurred.

The alleged victim does not wish to press charges at this time, College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said. "She needs time to think and, certainly counseling is going to do her a world of good as they can," McDonald said. McDonald said she did not know the identity of the student who remains on campus.

"Certainly we have to respect the desire for privacy," she said. Although he said he did not know when the student contacted College officials, Farmere said the Target College community was notified as soon as sufficient information was available.

"Any time a student reports anything that is a concern, and certainly campus, that's when the College investigates it and submits it to the College," Farmere said.

Colleges are required to disclose information about campus crimes by the Jeanne Clery Act, Farmere said.

The alleged incident does not appear on the Notre Dame Security/Police crime blotter on Oct. 29, Nov. 1 or Nov. 2. The crime alert did not specify whether alcohol was a factor in the alleged assault. It did conclude by encouraging students to be vigilant about personal safety.

"Be aware of your surrounding," the alert said. "And, always, if you are consuming alcohol, exercise particular attention to your drink and do not let it out of your sight at any time."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Pakistan death toll reaches 73,000

PAKISTAN — Pakistan’s official death toll jumped by 16,000, and officials warned Wednesday that it is likely to rise further as relief supplies fail to reach thousands of victims stranded in remote parts of the country.

The announcement, which puts the official toll at 73,000, brings the central government figures closer to the number reported by local officials, who say the Oct. 8 quake killed almost 90,000 people in Pakistan.

"I just imagine how many villages and towns became a heap of rubble and how many people lost their lives," said Gen. Farooq Ahmed Khan told reporters.

Khan said 73,276 people have been confirmed dead, and 11,000 people have been confirmed missing.

Trots rescue four electoral officials

KINSHASA, Congo — Congolese troops rescued four electoral officials who were kidnapped by Muslim militia in the northeastern town of Sturti’s, Kinshasa, on Wednesday. The latest kidnappings took place in a region that has seen a surge in violence since the March elections.

The Associated Press was able to confirm the kidnappings.

Assessments by the United Nations peacekeeping force, Col. Thierry Provendar, confirmed the rescue.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Administration reveals flu strategy

WASHINGTON — A flu pandemic that hits the United States next season would force cities to ration scarce drugs and vaccine and house the sick in hotels or schools when hospitals overflow, an unprecedented event officials said Wednesday.

The Bush administration’s long-awaited plan for combating a flu pandemic makes clear that old-fashioned infection-control will be key.

Signs that a superflu is spreading among soldiers in Iraq are spreading among people anywhere in the world that could prompt U.S. travel restrictions or other steps to contain the illness before it hits America’s shores.

Daschle calls for troops to leave Iraq

WASHINGTON — Former Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle says all U.S. troops should be out of Iraq by the end of 2007.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Daschle said terrorism and AIDS had become greater threats under the Bush administration, he accused President Bush of giving rise to “a world opinion that now holds America in lower esteem than ever before.”

Local News

Woman’s body found in corn field

HWIE, Ind. — Investigators believe a body found in a corn field belong to an 18-year-old woman who had been missing since September.

A farmer harvesting a corn field near the highway found a human femur and ribs that were unattended the body Tuesday afternoon, police said.

Investigators believe the body of a 79-year-old grandmother was found, but it is not known if the body was found in a corn field.

IRAQ

Bomb kills twenty near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber detonated a minibus Wednesday in an outdoor market packed with Iraqi Muslims, killing about 20 people and wounding more than 60 in a Shi'ite town south of Baghdad.

Six U.S. troops were killed, two in a helicopter crash in the southern town of Nasiriyah.

Also Wednesday, the U.S. command confirmed moves to step up training on how to combat roadside bombs — now the biggest killers of American troops in Iraq. At least 2,035 U.S. military service members have died since the Iraqi conflict began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The suicide bombing occurred about 5 p.m. in the center of Nasiriyah, a Euphrates River town 40 miles from Baghdad. On July 16, nearly 100 people died in a suicide bombing in front of a Shi'ite mosque in the west Baghdad neighborhood of Karrada.

Wittelesen said the latest attack took place as the market was crowded in advance of the three-day Eid al-Fitr holiday that marks the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Many women and children were feared among the dead and wounded.

"They want to kill people before the festival," said Nagai Hasoun, 50, who lived a few hundred yards from the blast site. "They want people to stay at home and live in a tragedy. The aim is to cause sabotage. They’re targeting the Shiites."

The town police chief, Lt. Col. Ahmed Mjaid, said 25 people were killed and 64 wounded. But officials warned the figures could change as rescuers frantically searched the area of metal and vegetable stalls, shops and cafes.
Parks
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"Rosa Parks didn't give up her seat because she was tired ... beyond that one day in 1960. Rosa Parks was still a remarkable woman.

Parks, who became a symbol of the civil rights movement after the incident, was born on a bus seat in Montgomery, Ala., a woman of faith — a woman who would have to maintain her faith to change the environment.

"In those moments when you see the glow of that place... recognize that you occupy that space because you stand on the shoulders of those who came before you," he said.

Dowdle highlighted the commitment to the student as part of the wider mission of our university... the challenge of history is not to forget... stand up or sit down, but to engage and the use the conversation...
IN BRIEF

Futures prices fall as oil supply grows

NEW YORK — Crude-oil futures ended slightly lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly government petroleum inventory data and continued taking cues from the markets for refined products like gasoline.

The inventory report showed continued improvements in the country's supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. "The bearish factor for the market was a lower-than-expected draw in distillate inventory," said John Kilduff, energy analyst at Filat USA Inc., a New York-based brokerage firm. "That coupled with a stronger forecast for moderate temperature changes has pushed the entire complex down." The extended sell-off for light, sweet oil futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange ended at $59.75 a barrel, down 10 cents, after falling as low as $59.38 just last Wednesday.

Daytime heating oil ended down 2.21 cents at $1.7291 a gallon, rebounding from the session's low of $1.7204 a gallon. December gasoline fell 9.6 cents at $1.5255 a gallon to end at $1.5691 a gallon, down 3.45 cents.

Changes made to Medicare payments

WASHINGTON — Final federal rules issued Wednesday will cut Medicare's reimbursement rates for doctors next year by 4.4 percent while increasing payments for most hospitals by at least 3.7 percent.

Doctors have said that such a cut in their reimbursement rates would prompt many to stop seeing Medicare patients. Congress has indicated a willingness to address their concerns, the Senate Finance Committee last week approved a bill that would give physicians a 1 percent increase in their rates in 2005.

Officials at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services say they lack the power to change that formula that sets the reimbursement rate.

Medicare is the federal program that provides health care to some 42 million older and disabled Americans.

A new Medicare provider payment law calls for a decrease in payment rates for physicians in response to continued rapid increases in use of services and spending growth, and Medicare does not have the authority to change this," said the center's administrator, Mark McClellan.

Guidant Corp. deal uncertain

Johnson & Johnson considers backing out of $25.4 billion purchasing agreement

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Johnson & Johnson warned Wednesday it might pull out of a $25.4 billion deal to buy Guidant Corp. because of potential liability arising from the medical device maker's sweeping product recall and related investigation. But Guidant officials said J&J was legally bound to go through with the deal.

"Product, product and communications issues have certainly had an impact on our business in the near term," Guidant chief executive Ronald W. Dollens said in a statement. "However, we believe that the fundamentals of our business are strong and our marketed products have attractive prospects for growth."

Meanwhile, analysts said J&J, which makes health care products ranging from baby lotion to drug-coated heart stents, might be turning its focus to Guidant's rival, St. Jude Medical Inc., in quest to diversify. "J&J needs something like Guidant to revitalize its growth," said Jan Wald, an analyst with A.G. Edwards & Sons. "People aren't thinking that if J&J does walk away, St. Jude is in their sights."

St. Jude Medical, which makes pacemakers and defibrillators, is based in St. Paul, Minn.

St. Jude spokeswoman Angela Craig said the company does not comment on speculation regarding potential mergers. Indianapolis-based Guidant, which had fallen to a 52-week low of $59.25 during the day, shares lost 60 cents to finish at $61.30 on the NASDAQ.

St. Jude Medical stock rose $2.10, or 4.3 percent, to close at $50.44 after briefly reaching a new 52-week high of $51.70. At Wednesday's closing price, St. Jude Medical is worth about $18.4 billion.

Wednesday's market speculation and corporate posturing came as the Federal Trade Commission gave conditional approval for the New Brunswick, N.J.-based J&J to acquire Guidant, which is based in Indianapolis.

J&J quickly issued a statement saying recent recalls of(Guidant-made implantable devices and regulatory investigations have had a "material adverse effect" on Guidant and that it was not required to close the acquisition. J&J officials said negotiations to restructure the terms of the proposed merger have not yielded a compromise.

"Johnson & Johnson cannot assure that the companies will resume those discussions and that it will be able to reach agreements on revised terms that would allow Johnson & Johnson to proceed with the transaction," the statement said.

Pulling out of the agreement could cost J&J $700 million, according to the merger agreement. But if J&J can prove the recalls have adversely affected Guidant, it won't have to pay the termination fee, said Randy Katz, an attorney specializing in mergers and acquisitions with Bryan Cave LLP in Irvine, Calif. He reviewed the agreement with The Associated Press.

Since June, Guidant has recalled or issued warnings about 86,000 defibrillators — including its top seller, the Contak Renewal 3 — and almost 200,000 pacemakers because of reported malfunctions. The company faces multiple lawsuits from patients and shareholders, as well as a reported criminal investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Federal prosecutors in Boston and Minneapolis this week issued separate subpoenas seeking documents about Guidant's devices and its Ventak Prizm II 2 and Contak Renewal 1 II 2 defibrillators.

Lower fuel prices cause stock gains

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks moved sharply lower Wednesday on strong earnings from Time Warner Inc. and declining oil prices. A big upswing in tech stocks lifted the Nasdaq composite index well over 1 percent.

With three-quarters of third-quarter earnings reports completed, the Standard & Poor's 500 is poised to post a 14 percent year-over-year quarterly gain. The index could continue to watch earnings while they wait for details on the economy outlook from the Federal Reserve, which raised its benchmark interest rate to 4 percent Tuesday, its 12th consecutive hike.

"Interest rates are still rising, but for the moment, we have great corporate profits," said Charles H. Blood Jr., senior financial markets analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. "It's like a race between interest rates and profits. One day interest rates seem to win, the next day profits seem to win." The result is a market where large-cap stocks are nearly flat for the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 65.96, or 0.63 percent, to 10,472.73.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.00, or 1 percent, to 1,214.76. The Nasdaq boosted by companies including Apple Computer Inc. and Black Box Corp., rose 30.26, or 1.44 percent, to 2,144.31.

Oil futures fell. A barrel of light crude was quoted at $59.75, down 10 cents, in trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil's decline widened after the Energy Information Administration reported oil and gas reserves that were in line with analysts' expectations.

Bonds fell, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.60 percent from 4.58 percent late Tuesday. The U.S. dollar rose against major currencies in European trading. Gold prices rose.
Alito's confirmation path looking brighter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The 14 centenarians who averted a Senate showdowns by not breaking a Senate filibuster on President Bush's latest nominee for the Supreme Court are in line to be joined by another. That is weakening the hand of Democrats opposed to conservative judge Samuel Alito and enhancing his prospects for quick confirmation.

The unity of the seven Democrats and the seven Republicans on the Senate floor that led to a “14” was all that halted a major filibuster fight between GOP leader Bill Frist and Democratic leader Harry Reid earlier this year over Bush's lower court nominees.

The early defection of two of the group's Republicans, Mike DeWine of Ohio and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, could hurt if Democrats decide to attempt a filibuster of Alito, the New Jersey jurist Bush nominated Monday to replace retiring Justice Antonin Scalia.

If Democrats do filibuster, Frist wants to change the Senate rules to limit or delay the tactic — something the centrist group blocked in May.

But a filibuster "based on a judicial philosophy, or an ideologically driven difference," Graham said Wednesday at a news conference, "I don't believe that, with the presumption of the day, would end up that way."

DeWine also made clear Tuesday afternoon his support for the judge that he would vote to banish the Democratic filibuster.

"It's hard for me to envision that anyone would think about filibustering this nominee," he said.

Graham said he would use the group's next meeting on Thursday to "inform them of my view." The centrist Democrats plan to urge Republican colleagues to withhold judgment, since Alito's nomination is not even officially on the Senate yet. The defection of even two members of the group — which decided earlier in the year to support filibusters only in extraordinary circumstances — would virtually ensure that Frist, R-Tenn., would win a showdown.

"The truth of the matter is that it's way too early to talk about extraordinary circumstances," said Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., a founding member of the group. "I'm not hearing any of my colleagues talk about it, and I'd rather not hear any of my colleagues on the other side talk about it as well."

The loss of Graham and DeWine makes the "Gang of 14" less influential. Republican hold 55 seats in the Senate, and while confirmation requires a simple majority, it takes 60 votes to break a filibuster.

However, Frist needs only a simple majority — 51 votes — to eliminate the stalling tactic. That means he needs two members of the centrist group to join the other 49 who want to end his meeting with a 50-vote tie in the Senate, Vice President Dick Cheney can cast the tie-breaking vote for the Republicans and Alito could be confirmed with 52 votes.

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"I know this will be difficult for you, but I've been detained here in Saudi Arabia for some charges of terrorism," wrote Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 24, who is on trial in federal court for conspiracy to assassinate the president, providing support to al-Qaeda and other charges.

"It seems like I will spend some years in jail. I know that you raised me to be a good person, but everyone makes mistakes, and the best people are the ones that learn from their mistakes," he wrote.

Judge Samuel Alito meets with Senator Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., on Capitol Hill Wednesday to discuss Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court.

McConnell said he did not hear any of his colleagues talk about it on Thursday, R-Tenn., would win a showdown.

"I don't know a single Democrat who is saying that it's time for a filibuster, that we should really consider it," said Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, after meeting with Alito on Wednesday. "It's too early."

Alito said that when it came to his dissent on Planned Parenthood v. Casey, a case in which the Third Circuit struck down a Pennsylvania law that included a provision requiring women seeking abortions to notify their spouses, that "he spent more time worrying over it and working on that dissent than any he had written as a judge," Durbin recounted.

"I never refused to answer any of his questions — as Miers and John Roberts had during their private interviews — and Alito told him he saw a right to privacy in the Constitution, one of the building blocks of the court's landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade abortion rights decision."

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Miers said the judge never did so, and that the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., who was the White House counsel Harriet Miers collapsed, undermined by conservatives. The 55-year-old Alito — who has served for 15 years on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after being a government lawyer and U.S. attorney — got rave reviews from the Republicans he met Wednesday. The Senate's No. 2 Republican, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, called Alito a "very, very impressive intellect and a very well qualified nominee."

"It's way too early," said McConnell. "I don't know a single Democrat who is saying that it's time for a filibuster, that we should really consider it."

"We need to get to the point where the Senate is a serious and mature place and the confirmation process is fair to the nominees and to the Senate, and the American people," said Durbin.

Durbin also said Alito had assured him "that he wants to go to the bench without a political agenda, that he is not bringing a hammer and chisel to hammer away and chisel away on existing law."
Theft
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ators were men. Johnson speculated this could be the reason men's halls seem to be the targets.

"Perhaps as men, the perpetrators would be more out of place in a woman's hall," he said.

A South Bend man, previously arrested by NISP for illegally entering Alumni, was arrested again Monday for criminal trespass and false information after police found him in possession of belongings stolen from Dillon residents, including laptop computers, jewelry and DVDs, Johnson said.

A student inside Alumni spotted the man knocking on a door in an attempt to enter the dorm just before 10 a.m., Johnson said.

The student recognized the man — arrested on Aug. 23 for criminal trespass and served a trespass notice on Jan. 5 — and immediately called NISP, Johnson said.

Officers arrested the man just south of Alumni, near the Morris Inn. Dillon rector Paul Doyle said the possessions were all identified returned to Dillon residents.

"It's a tough combination when we're all so trusting, when we use a dorm hallway to leave our own door unlocked," Doyle said. "This is our home. We don't expect this but it happens."

And it's something Zahm residents can attest to.

Johnson reported "suspicious activity" in Zahm on Oct. 27, where students watched a man enter an unblocked room. Suspicions aroused, the students approached the man, who said he was "looking for George," since they didn't know anyone by that name, the students called NISP, Johnson said.

By that time, however, it was too late. Johnson said the man dishonestly charged his cards, took $500 from someone's wallet and stole a laptop.

"We're not sure if that was the beginning or the end. but it was a pattern of increasing theft," Johnson said.

The investigation has linked the suspect to a trend of increasing theft.

"Don't let people you don't know in the residence hall. Notre Dame students are very polite, judicious," Johnson said. "Don't prop open locked doors or deposit security measures. Lock your room when you sleep or are away for a few minutes. If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately.

"We really need student help to stop burglary."

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IRAQ

Iranian government will fire 40 diplomats

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran's government announced Wednesday that 40 ambassadors and senior diplomats, including supporters of warmer ties with the West, will be fired, continuing a purge of reformers as the regime takes an increasingly tough stance at home and abroad.

The diplomatic changes are part of a government shake-up by ultraconservative President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that includes putting Islamic hard-liners in key posts at security agencies. Some Iranians worry the president will bring back strict social policies.

Ahmadinejad has steered the Persian state into a more confrontational stance in its dealings with other nations, particularly in facing suspicions about whether Iran's nuclear program is illicitly trying to develop nuclear weapons, a charge the regime denies. The president also raised a storm of international criticism last week by calling for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

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If you allow it to occur," said Dr. Chris Feudtner of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "it will occur in cases where it is not illegal, and it will be a 'limbo.'" Feudtner was referring to the Netherlands' legalization of euthanasia for newborns and in terminally ill persons to the Groningen University Protocol. The Protocol prescribes the killing procedures. The child must be in "hopeless and unbearable suffering," so that "the parents and the physicians ... concur that death would be more humane than continued life." This law allows the physician to give the patient "termination of life on request or to provide assistance with suicide." That law, which took effect in 2002, allows a person of 12 years or older to be killed if he had made an advance written request for termination of his life if his suffering was "hopeless and unbearable" with "no prospect of improvement." If the patient is between 12 and 16, the parent or guardian must agree to the killing. If the patient is between 16 and 18, the parent or guardian must agree to the killing. If the patient is between 16 and 18, the parent or guardian must agree. The Dutch got undeserved credit as trail-blazers in euthanasia. The United States may be the frontier-runner, even though our law does not permit a physician to kill the patient. Oregon allows assisted suicide, but that merely allows the physician to give the patient the means by which the patient can kill himself. Oregon has no law. The United States stops short of legalizing intentional, direct and active killing of patients, as permitted in Holland (and Belgium), it broadly permits intentional killing by terminal sedation or by withholding food and water. In 1997, in Vacco v. Quill, the Supreme Court ruled that New York's law prohibited assisted suicide but gave the green light to physicians to provide "aggressive palliative care," in which the physician is supposed to intend only to relieve the patient's pain. His undisclosed intent, however, may be to kill the patient by "terminal sedation." Palliative care can be morally justified even if it unintentionally shortens life. But, in the absence of exceptional proof of intent, the law cannot effectively determine whether the physician acted with the intent to relieve pain or to cause death. If the family and physician concur that the patient should die, terminal sedation, under the guise of pain relief, can be a convenient and practically undetectable means of homicide, beyond the effective reach of the law. The second, and legal, form of homicide of patients is withdrawal of nutrition and hydration. In American law, a competent adult has the legal right to refuse to take food and water whether administered normally or artificially. Incompetent patients may be denied nutrition and hydration safely. If the family and physician agree, the patient may be administering nutrition and hydration if they had, when competent, expressed their desire to be so denied or, in some states, if such denial is in the best interests of the patient. In cases where the family and the physician agree that the patient should die, the issue never gets to court and the patient can be quietly starved and dehydrated to death. We have not formally legalized it, but we are further down the slippery slope of euthanasia than are the Dutch. We have, in effect, legalized homicide of patients by starvation and dehydration, and then the family and the physicians argue, without even the minimal procedures required in the Netherlands.

Moreover, we have progressed beyond the allowance of private killing to killing by order of the state. In Roe v. Wade, the Court authorized the mother to kill her unborn child. The law does not violate the Constitution. In the Terri Schiavo case, the state itself, in the person of Judges, ordered that Michael, her husband, "shall cause the removal of nutrition and hydration" from Terri. The court mandated Terri's execution. The only reason we heard about the Schiavo case is because Michael Schiavo and Terri's parents disagreed and the court became involved. What Michael did to Terri happens routinely, without public notice, when the "caregivers" agree that the patient should be killed. As this practice becomes embedded in the culture, we can expect judges to rule that defective, incurable or even simply aged patients should be presumed to desire what the Nazi theorists called a "merciful release." We can expect that sedation, starvation and dehydration will give way to the painless injection. And Schiavo already establishes that PVS, the personal vegetative state, is an accepted excuse for execution of a patient whose consent can be inferred even from the testimony of a hostile witness. We can expect the justifications to go beyond PVS.

So the Dutch may be the amateurs here. We are smarter, allowing the killing of the burdensome or unwanted without even the paperwork required in Holland. And maybe we will be smart enough to explain it all to our final judge, as a safe spot for babies and helpless people.

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We have just celebrated the feast of All Saints. Because this great festival is celebrated in conjunction with All Souls Day, there is a temptation to consign All Saints Day only to those men and women who have been recognized in a special way by the Church through their beatification or canonization. After all, this is the way the Church acknowledges the holiness of life of a man or woman or adds their name to the canon or list of those declared to be in heaven with God. But we all know saints who have come into our lives and whose holiness and closeness to God are easily recognizable. And since the call to holiness is part and parcel of what it means to be a follower of Christ, each one of us is called to be holy. On Nov. 1, 1982, a Holy Cross priest who was consanctized as the first bishop of Fort Portal, Uganda, died. He was buried in the Holy Cross Community Cemetery on Nov. 4. Father Vincent McCauley joined the Congregation of Holy Cross in order to serve some of the poorest people on earth in Bangladesh. Shortly after he arrived at his mission station, he was told by doctors that he had little time to live, and told by his superiors that he had to return to the United States. McCauley spent some time at Loyola on his home way, not to pray for a cure but rather to promise Mary that he would return to the Church as a Holy Cross priest in whatever way he could as long as he was alive. McCauley did not die, but spent several years raising money for the missions in Bangladesh. Rather late in life, he was appointed the superior of the then-new Holy Cross mission in Fort Portal, Uganda, and several years later, was consecrated as bishop of that new diocese. His simple cathedral was at Virika, which roughly translated is Our Lady of the Snow — a picturesque diocese in equatorial Africa. I asked him about this, and he showed me the permanent cap on the far distant Rwenzori Mountains, and told me that just a few hundred farmers, precipitation was a sign of God's pleasure and blessing. This was true, he said, even if it rained on a couple's wedding day. During the remainder of his life, McCauley served the East African Church and especially the pope constantly. He received victims of the brutal Amin regime and assisted them with money and in every other way he could. He knew that some of these people were taking advantage of a man known to be generous, but explained that he would rather be duped by a person taking advantage of his generosity than to deny help to someone who truly needed the money. And, for years, he suffered from a face cancer which caused serious disfigurement as a result of more than 40 operations. But he accepted his fate, happy to be able to fulfill the promise to Mary made at Loreto as a young man. McCauley was buried on Nov. 4, which was a chilly but sunny full day. As the final prayers were said before his body was lowered into the ground, a small black cloud passed over the campus, and there were five or 10 seconds of very light snow flurries. It was a clear sign of Our Lady of the Snows welcoming her faithful son into her Son's home. This Sunday is Mission Sunday on campus when money collected at the Basilica is given in its entirety to support Holy Cross missions in Africa and Asia, including some of those places where McCauley served God's people. And while the power of All Saints Day still lingers, it is important for us to realize that we know people who are holy, and we could describe the signs of grace that are part of their lives — accepting hardships or illness with a contagiously upbeat spirit, living out commitments with faithfulness when it was not easy to do so, showing special concern for students or for the poor, incorporating service into their lives or becoming people of prayer. We, too, are called to be holy people.

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Letters to the Editor

Self-segregation not just racial

Is Notre Dame dubbed a self-segregating campus? How are these Asians have a propensity to hang out with other Asians, rather than with members of their own ethnic minority group, and so on? I am not about to deny that this takes place. Yet I don’t see anything inherently wrong with this. If you take a look at the bigger picture, you’ll notice that birds of a feather do flock together, even outside of college. NBA and college basketball players enjoy spending time together, just as musicians find comfort and joy in each other’s company. It’s only natural. Would you label this self-segregation as if you were not seeing a negative connotation? I don’t believe that people who clump together do so with the intent of shunning people dissimilar to them. They just happen to find common ground and a strong foundation by which to form their relationships. As a minority myself, I understand the value of discussion among members of one ethnic group. People of the same ethnic heritage look to have similar experiences and are consequently more likely to understand each other. Each time about one’s culture and outlook facilitates a greater understanding and appreciation of oneself. College is a time to cultivate one’s self-knowledge, which makes individualism and negative connotation in regards to one’s roots. This is why I find it not only acceptable, but valuable for ethnic minority groups to come together. That isn’t to say that people of the same ethnic background doesn’t peruse culture. It’s to say that we shouldn’t spend time with each other — it’s important to branch out and meet others who might disagree with one’s beliefs or culture. After all, this is the purpose of life, take time to experience its most natural form takes place. Last year, I remember being some- what annoyed when I found all the minority groups isolating themselves from others, perhaps because it seemed as though they were alienating others. Now, however, I understand the need for some students to do this. Can you imagine how hard it would be to live in a foreign country, stripped of your family and the comforts of the food, music and culture you’ve been used to your whole life? It’s no wonder some minority students seek each other out and inevitably “self-segregate” themselves. If you truly want to learn about another culture and get to know people from other backgrounds and walks of life, take the initiative. Next time you pass by an ethnic minority group at the dining hall, ask to join them. You just might learn something about yourself.

Stephanie Yoshida
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Nov. 1

Beyond media impressions

Appreciating, seeking continued student support

Nov. 1’s editorial cartoon featured a bloated body with two heads, labeled “Sclalia” and “Thomas,” with an open spot for “Alito,” with an open spot for “Alito.” This cartoon expressed the author’s opinion regarding Justice Scalia’s and Justice Thomas’s judicial philosophy. While the cartoonist meant to express his opinion on the authors’ judicial philosophy, it is important to remember that each justice has their own unique perspective and approach to legal issues. The cartoon presented a caricature of the justices, which may not accurately reflect their views or judicial decisions. It is crucial to recognize that media impressions and portrayals may not always accurately represent the individuals or their perspectives.

I want to take a minute to thank the over 800 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, and Holy Cross for their attendance and enthusiastic participation in last Friday night’s Fighting Irish Hockey game against Princeton. In addition, the outstanding performance from our Hockey Pep Band and the energy and support of the “St. Anthony’s Syndrome” were greatly appreciated by the team. While Friday’s result on the ice was disappointing, I was proud of the way the team bounced back the next night to beat Princeton 2-0. With our continued support, our storyies live on as we — both at the Joyce Center and elsewhere. This Sunday night, the Irish face the strongest challenge of this young season when the Michigan Wolverines, currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, come to the FieldHOUSE. In previous years, free student admission to the biggest games has been limited to only 400 tickets — but not this year. While the game will be sold out, an additional 400 tickets (total of 800) have been purchased for the exclusive use of ND, SM, and HCC students for this game. Will you be among the 800 students to cheer the Irish to victory? As an extra incentive, we have arranged with our promotions department to purchase four tickets for a round trip flight to Las Vegas or Orlando on Allegiant Air, and one student will have the chance to win free books for a semester from the Hammes Bookstore on Friday night.

Thank you for coming out last weekend to cheer on the Irish hockey team! Now, this Friday night welcomes the Notre Dame Fighting Irish taking on the Michigan Wolverines. Come out again and prove that there is no finer, louder, more enthusiastic college hockey student section than the JAC)!-HOC (at Notre Dame! Go Irish!

Jeff Jackson
Notre Dame head hockey coach

Nov. 2
Antony's album a voyage of self-discovery

By MICHAEL FRENCH
Scene Critic

If the cover art for this album isn't striking enough, the uniqueness of Antony's voice in the first two lines of "Hope There's Someone" — the album's first track — should be sufficient to draw in any listener. The first thought that comes to mind when listening to the album is the beauty of its vocals, followed closely by the question of whether it is a male or female singing those lyrics.

Androgyny is Antony's specialty, and walking the line between male and female makes up a great part of the album's thematic substance. Case in point: this album "For Today I am a Boy," a song in which his voice is accompanied solely by a simple piano melody that, by the end of the song, powers alongside one of the scant appearances of a drum set to create one of the more memorable tracks on the album. Lines like "One day I'll grow up. I'll be a beautiful girl. But for today I am a child, for today I am a boy" emphasize the theme of gender and question of gender categorization that pervades throughout much of the album.

The sheer splendor of Antony's voice and deep, haunting, yet hopeful lyrics are sufficient to put together an outstanding album, yet the band employs a guest of several, at times indispensable depth to their tracks.

While Devendra Banhart and Lou Reed-who's played shows with Antony on numerous occasions-are featured on "A Bird Now," the first two lines of "For Today I am a Boy" are left to Antony, of Antony and the Johnsons, grown up in California, but relocated to New York City in 1990. He thought the new location would be more accepting.

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Chicago pop-punk band still overshadowed

By TREVIN GAES
Scene Critic

If a figurative snapshot were to be taken of MEST's latest release, "Photographs," the result could be summed up as following — three chords, one theme.

The ten-year-old Chicago-born pop-punk band is frequently compared to other big fish in the genre including heavy weights like Blink 182, Good Charlotte…and Green Day — a testament to their ability to form a readily recognizable identity of their own. "Photographs" takes a turn from their previous albums (with the help of producer John Feldmann, vocalist from the group Goldfinger) into the angst-driven realm of boy bands and girl groups — and it's a wrong, all delivered under a guise of cheerful chords and repetitive melodies. "Photographs" develops a darker image of MEST, pushing it more towards the emo side of the pop-punk spectrum. Almost every song on the twelve-track list revolves around dark images of nightmares and death, a majority of these moments being products of some past or current heartbreak. The lyrics contain a few dry metaphors and, while not entirely used, repeat the same theme over and over throughout the 43-minute duration of the CD. Whether it is their unusual coupling with some more upbeat riffs or Tony Lovato's whiny voice, "Photographs" quickly kicks up the pace and employs the bombast of trumpets, trombones, Reed's noodling guitar riffs and the only dominant drum line of the album. The lyrical strength of the song lies in the juxtaposition of Reed's sincere opening lines with Antony's symbolic violence — "And I feel your farts / And I know it's out of love / And I feel your burning eyes / We danced / In the middle of my heart."

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Photographs

Recommended tracks: "Hope There's Someone," "For Today I am a Boy" and "What Can I Do?"

Though the listener may be left wanting more, MEST still manages to create a number of simple yet addictive riffs, a trait highly sought after and hungrily consumed in today's pop mar- ketplace. Make no mistake, the band's melodies from several songs manage to imbed themselves into your head (for better or for worse). Some of the catchy riffs can be heard in "Photographs," and "This Time." Though the attractive melodies from songs like "Last Kiss," "Photographs" and "As His Heart Dies" may manage to nestle themselves into your head, the actual lyrics, "Stare at you as you silt my wrists and as we share our last kiss / Hold me as we die" are probably not something you want to be caught singing to yourself while wait- ing for a professor to start class.

Accompanying the CD is a bonus DVD that trails the band during its cross-country tour. The DVD provides several suggestions on how to get yourself arrested - the tasteless antics of some of the band members are in a league with what you might expect from Tom Green. Critics may debate whether or not you can have too much of a good thing, but what happens if you get too much of something mediocre? "Photographs" is one example. Lack of variation is what kills this album more than anything else, along with the empty feeling it leaves in your pocketbook when the realization sets in that nothing noticeably innovative has occurred. With some songs on "Photographs" reminiscent of Alkaline Trio, MEST, though displaying a knack for creating catchy melodies, is still overshadowed by its more popular cousins. For those who are fans of the above listed bands that MEST emulates, their earlier album "Destination Unknown" (2001) would be a good way to test the waters before plunging into "Photographs."
The memory of Bob Marley

Although Damain Marley was three when his father passed away, he feels that he still continues his father's music- 
ological spirit, especially since he is constantly working with his siblings challenging and experimenting with 
reggae and roots music: "If a monster has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Jamaican influence. I say that the old-school style for reggae is coming back, and we're creating a multi-genera-
tional feeling," said Damain Marley.

Marley's Jah-coruscence songs on the record are full of evocative chants against war and sadness that permeate modern Jamaica. Already a contro-
versial release in his home country, "Welcome to Jamrock" has come to be viewed as an anthemic collection of anthems for the current reggae and dancehall communities — eschew-
ing the lightweight guitar influenced ramblings of artists like Elephant Man and Shaggy in favor of the substance of political commentary and melodic 
rap.

"Some songs start with just ideas... may just be with one line. Sometimes I take good topics, things I feel and see, and use the vibe for the majority of the lyrics. But, many are also written in the boat, so we get a centered beat, with a dancehall feeling. You can't come up with a plan or device with inspiration for music, it has to be natural," said Damain Marley on the conception of the music, "I'm not comfortable with just sums in the reggae community, and even the pop community, by not staying from subjects that seem a bit uncomfortable."

"There's a lot of '90s music, but it's about life, it's about finding the way to look at things and say here is what exists, here is why, here is why we must see and understand," he said.

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Damen Marley musician

On Sept. 13, Damain Marley, the youngest son of Bob Marley, released his third full-length album, "Welcome to Jamrock." It addresses Jamaican social issues.

Marley has worked tirelessly to bring a newfound sense of intelligence and history to the current reggae community. The album has been helped by the partialization of the reggae world and its influence, and the idea of a new generation of reggae artists. The album's sound is described as a blend of traditional reggae and contemporary sounds, with an emphasis on social and political issues.

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Iverson scores 31, but Philly falls in Detroit

James nails half-dozen three pointers as Cleveland rocks Charlotte 109-87

Cleveland's LeBron James looks through several New Orleans defenders during the Cavaliers' 109-87 win over the Hornets Wednesday.

in an overtime win at Philadelphia, Redd scored a career-high 41 as the Bucks beat New Jersey Wednesday night.

With point guard T.J. Ford back after missing last season with a spinal cord injury and No. 2 draft pick Andrew Bogut showing promise in the middle, Redd said he doesn't feel the pressure to carry the load every night.

Celtics 114, Knicks 100

Ricky Davis scored nine of his 27 points in overtime, when the Boston Celtics went on a 9-0 run to beat New York in the season opener on Wednesday night and spoil Larry Brown's debut as Knicks coach.

Paul Pierce had 30 points and 12 rebounds, and Delonte West had 14 points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the defending Atlantic Division champions.

Stephon Marbury scored 22 and Eddy Curry had 19 points and eight rebounds in his first game since learning of a heart problem that led to his trade to New York.

Jazz 93, Mavericks 82

Although he didn't start in his NBA debut, Dennis Williams had a nearly perfect finish.

Uth's rookie guard had 18 points and three assists, and played the entire fourth quarter with the Jazz rallied to beat the travel-weary Dallas Mavericks Wednesday night.

"I just felt comfortable being in those type of situations," said Williams, the third overall selection in the 2005 draft. "I've been in them a lot in college and I don't see why it should be different now.

The last game Williams played in that counted was the NCAA championship, when North Carolina beat Williams' Illinois team for the national title. He made his first NBA shot — a 3-pointer — in the second quarter Wednesday and beat the third-period buzzer with a 61-foot shot.

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Phillies contract new GM in Gillick

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Pat Gillick has turned losing teams into winners everywhere he's been. His job now is to build a champion from a team that hasn't been able to get over the top.

Gillick, whose resume includes two World Series titles and nine playoff appearances with three teams, signed a three-year contract Wednesday to become the Philadelphia Phillies' new general manager. He replaces Ed Wade, fired after failing to lead the team to the playoffs for the 17th straight year.

"We found the right person," Phillies president David Montgomery said. "He's an outstanding leader."

Gillick is joining an organization that has lost more games (8,831) than any U.S. major professional team and hasn't been to the playoffs since 1993 — when the Phillies lost the World Series to Gillick's Toronto Blue Jays.

Philadelphia went 85-74 this season and finished one game behind NL wild-card winner Houston. It was the Phillies' third consecutive winning season and fourth in five years, but they missed the playoffs for the 12th straight year and 21st time in 22 seasons.

"The challenge here is to win five more games than last year," Gillick said. "Ed Wade put together a good foundation, and they've been winning in the 80s for the last four years. Usually you come to a club that needs major rebuilding, reconstructing, remodeling, whatever you want to call it. That's not the case here."

Gillick was chosen over former Houston Astros general manager Gerry Husseinsky, Phillies assistant general managers Ruben Amaro Jr. and Mike Arbuckle, and Cleveland Indians assistant general manager Chris Antonetti.

Amaro and Arbuckle will remain in their roles along with manager Charlie Manuel and the rest of the baseball staff.

"Charlie's a good base-ball man and he's been around the game for a long time," Gillick said. "He can evaluate players mentally and physically. A lot of managers can't do that."

In Brief

Willingham happy at UW

NOTRE DAME — At a distance, Tyrone Willingham's one-sailing career appears to be plunging into the Pacific Ocean.

His Washington Huskies, not long ago the kings of the Pac-10, are 1-2 and last in conference. They have lost 13 consecutive Pac-10 games entering Saturday's home game against Oregon State.

Now Willingham is at the bottom of big-time college football in the same week his Notre Dame successor, Charlie Weis, signed a 10-year extension to become a fixture at the sport's most storied program.

But Willingham sees what others do not.

"Obviously, the record says more than anything else. And, obviously, I am not doing well," he said. "But if you are saying how I Tyrone Willingham? He is at peace with himself."

"It's at a great university that has great leadership, that has great tradition, and whose fans have great passion for Husky football. So, I think I am in a great place.

San Francisco shortstop Omar Vizquel won his 10th Gold Glove, his first in the NL after the nine straight he earned with the Cleveland Indians from 1993-01.

"I was doubting that people were going to vote for me again," said Vizquel, who moved past Luis Aparicio into second place for Gold Gloves won by a shortstop, trailing only Ozzie Smith's 13. "I think this has been the most emotional Gold Glove."

Pacers, Artest solid in win

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ron Artest behaved perfectly in his return to the NBA on Wednesday night. He played pretty well, too.

Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-74 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Artest started 4-of-7 from the floor but shook off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense.

He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 6-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers — all in a 2:08 minute span late in the third quarter — that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 19 points. Austin Croshere added 16 and the Pacers were 7-of-19 from behind the 3-point line.

Steve Francis led the Magic with 15 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.
USC, UCLA on an undefeated collision course

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The city of Angeles has been a perfect crosstown traffic between Southern California near downtown and UCLA over in Westwood.

"It's a great thing for our city of Los Angeles," USC offensive guard Fred Matua said.

Top-ranked USC and No. 7 UCLA have 8-0 records and are on a collision course. They'll meet at the Coliseum in early December with much more than just city bragging rights on the line.

The Pac-10 championship, a spot in the national title game and even the Heisman Trophy could all be riding on the outcome.

The Trojans and Bruins haven't gone into the rivalry game with perfect records in more than a half-century. Both were 8-0 when they met in 1952, a 14-12 USC victory. But the Trojans lost to Notre Dame the following week.

"It would be awesome to go a couple more games and have a chance to be in a position like that," USC coach Pete Carroll said of the Dec. 3 showdown. "I know their fans and their followers have just got to be loving it."

The Bruins, who have lost six straight to their crosstown rivals, realize they're still relegated to second billing on the college football marquee in Tinsel Town.

"We're a good team, but we're not good enough to make any claims," said coach Karl Dorrell, who went 12-13 in his previous two years at UCLA before the Bruins' breakout.

"We're young still growing as a team and we need to keep people focused on the task at hand.

"We're excited about being in this position, having the recognition we have right now. But now we have to prove each and every week that we deserve to be in that position."

Along with the shiny records, the Trojans and Bruins have star power: USC quarterback Matt Leinart, the 2004 Heisman winner, again, is a leading contender, although backfield-mate Reggie Bush might be the fill-in-runner.

Catholic Q&A - Is there anything that I can do to make the Mass more welcoming experience for my Protestant friend who’s never been before?

You have hit on a point of particular importance to the Catholic Church today... how we can better welcome people into the Catholic community, beginning with their first visit. Now, before you Catholics claim that the Church does a fine job of welcoming folks already because we have a few greeters at the door, I challenge you to think through the Mass from the perspective of one who has never attended one before. You may then be able to see why the Catholic Church does not have the reputation of being a particularly welcoming Church to the average “outsider.”

Compared to the worship service in many Protestant communities, where handouts provide an “order of worship” (which may vary from week to week) and offer guidance in every response and prayer, the Mass can seem very complex, foreign, and unfriendly. When a visitor comes to Mass for the first time, they often can’t help but feel inadequate or even dumb: not aware of this perception by non-Catholics so that you can make the Mass more inviting to those who are perhaps looking in through the proverbial stained-glass windows.

So, when you bring someone to Mass for the first time, try the following. Before Mass begins, explain to them that the Mass is a “sacrifice.” Explain the reason for the ritual present in the Mass: that the prayers, actions, readings, and Eucharist we celebrate come to us from the earliest Christians and are a means of uniting ourselves in common worship with the other billion Catholic Christians in the world. Let the visitor know that it’s O.K. for them not to do everything, especially if they don’t yet know why they’d be doing it (e.g., kneeling, making the Sign of the Cross, etc). Prepare your friend for the lengthy Nicene Creed (the text of which is in the Gouther hymnal, #139), and for the Lord’s Prayer by telling them to cut off after the “and deliver us from evil” part, so that they aren’t the only one continuing on when the priest interjects. Also, while you’re explaining to them the Church’s limitation of Holy Communion to Catholics (more to come in next week’s Q&A), offer them the option of going up to the Communion minister to receive a blessing.

Once Mass begins, explain to them that you are likely to see something they don’t understand (and trust me, they will), offer to explain it after Mass. (NOTE: This of course presumes the burden on the Catholic to know why you do the things you do, and if you don’t know, to at least know where you can find the answers... and never hesitate to ask a priest or Campus Ministry for more info!) If you’re able to do so quietly during Mass, coach your friend along by giving them a “heads-up” on what’s coming next in the Liturgy.

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Epstein downplays bad relations with Lucchino

Associated Press

BOSTON — Theo Epstein flew to Fenway Park in a gorilla costume on his last day as Boston Red Sox general manager. It was Halloween, and the TV cameras were on him the entire time.

Yes, Epstein said, it was inconvenient to have reporters camped out at his home. But he didn’t give up what had been his dream job because of the sometimes suffocating interest in the local baseball team, a fascination that became a frenzy after Epstein helped build the Red Sox to World Series champions in 2004.

“It was unfortunate,” he added, that details of his contract negotiations with long-time mentor Larry Lucchino leaked out. And it’s true that the Red Sox lobbied him — the most successful general manager in franchise history — as if he were still a kid.

But that’s not why he left, either.

A “multitude” of reasons, taken together, persuaded Epstein to step down as Red Sox GM on Monday, just one year after ending Boston’s 86-year title drought. He hinted at public comments on the decision, Epstein wouldn’t say exactly why he left. Let’s pretend it was a break down in the “process” confusion.

“You have to be all-in,” he said. “You have to believe in every aspect of the job and the organization and your ability to stay and do the job the right way, with your whole heart and your whole soul. And in the end, it just wasn’t the right fit. It wasn’t right.”

Now 31, Epstein was an 18-year-old Yale undergrad when Lucchino hired him in Boston as an interns the trick. He followed Lucchino in the San Diego Padres and then to Boston before the Red Sox made him, at the time, the youngest general manager in baseball history. The move paid off with three straight playoff appearances — unprecedented in franchise history — and the ’04 championship. But, along the way, he said, the GM outgrew the Father Lucchino’s dynamic. Some accused Lucchino of pushing his protégé out in a grab for the top job.

“If there are reports of a power struggle or meddling on behalf of Larry, that really wasn’t the case,” Epstein said.

Theo Epstein
former Red Sox
general manager

“Red Sox owner Larry Lucchino, left, and general manager Theo Epstein, right, speak during a press conference on Nov. 25, 2002.

It’s true that Epstein didn’t think it was a macho thing. Our numbers were down,” Salave’a said. “You don’t want to put your teammates in that predicament, so I was able to go back in, huddle around and make a couple of moves.

Perhaps someone should be taking a walk on easy. Salave’a and Cornellus Griffin did not practice Wednesday after limping off the field for some or most of Sunday’s 36-4 loss to the New York Giants. Backups Cedric Killings and Ali Jones are also banged up. The Redskins’ defense had to borrow offensive linemen just to get through practice.

“I told them we need a sign-up sheet at the end of practice: ‘Sign up and try out for Ill-line,’” said Redhalo Wynn, the only healthy starter. Griffin lasted only two plays against the Giants with a hip flexor and is listed as questionable for Sunday night’s game against Philadelphia. Daniels is probable with his ankle problem, while Salave’a is questionable but plans to play even though he needs several weeks of rest.

The injuries are coming at a tough time. Every body — able or not — will be needed for the crucial division game against the Eagles.

The loss will fall into last place in the NFC East. “We’re about as short as I think we’ve ever seen a group of guys,” said defensive tackle Brandon Noble, who has stayed around as an ad hoc assistant coach after season-ending knee surgery in September.

“They are guys that are not going to have a choice.”

Red Sox owner Larry Lucchino, left, and general manager Theo Epstein, right, speak during a press conference on Nov. 25, 2002.

“Larry Lucchino has turned this franchise around in every way, shape, or form,” Henry said. “We are all willing to blame him for this. . . . I think that’s wrong. I think that’s inaccurate.

“Well, I’ve been blamed for every everything under the sun. I don’t know how anyone can legitimately think that the principal owner is not ultimately responsible for what happens with the general manager. This was not Larry Lucchino pushing Theo out. I hold myself wholly responsible.

On the verge of tears at one point, Henry was effusive in his praise of Epstein and called him “a remarkable young man” who selflessly tried to hire Moneyball maestro Billy Beane for the GM job before it was given to him.

“I may not 100 percent agree with his decision. But I believe that a very large part of his decision is driven by a love for the franchise,” Henry said.

“This is a great, great loss. I have to ask myself, maybe I’m not fit to be the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox.”

Epstein’s three-year deal expired on Monday, leaving the team without a general manager or assistant GM heading into the offseason; Epstein’s No. 2 man, Josh Byrnes, is now the GM in Arizona. The team signed reliever Mike Timlin on Wednesday, but the announcement did not say which Red Sox official negotiated the deal. The Red Sox need to plug holes in the starting rotation and bullpen that led to a first-round playoff sweep by the eventual World Series champions Chicago White Sox.

Red Sox owner Larry Lucchino, left, and general manager Theo Epstein, right, speak during a press conference on Nov. 25, 2002.
Ottawa dominates Buffalo, earns 10-4 win

Havlat's four goals too much for Sabres

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Daniel Alfredsson has an intimidating message for the rest of the NHL.

"I don't think we hit our peak yet," he said after Ottawa's 10-4 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday night. "I think we can get better." Alfredsson and Martin Havlat each scored four goals, and Dan Bylsa added two more for the Senators, who won for the ninth time in 11 games. They are off to their best start since entering the league as an expansion team in 1992.

Alfredsson tied a pair of team records and set career highs with four goals and six points. The second time in eight games he had two four-goal scorers in one game. The NHL's new rules allow defencemen to be more active, and Lubomir Visnovsky is taking full advantage.

Visnovsky scored three goals and an assist for the Blackhaws, who blew a three-goal lead in the third period but recovered to snap a four-game skid that included three consecutive losses to Detroit.

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Senators player has scored 10 goals and Martin Havlat had two four-goal scorers in one game. The most in franchise history.

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"We're playing well, good things happen for the individuals as well," Alfredsson said. "I got some good breaks tonight and was able to put them away." Havlat's four goals were a career-high four and the second time in three games a Senators player has scored four goals and six points.

It was also the first time in franchise history that Ottawa had two four-goal scorers in one game. The 10 goals were a season high and the second-most in franchise history.

Alfredsson aside, it's hard to imagine Ottawa playing much better, especially after its offensive display against the Sabres.

"We have two guys score that many goals, I don't know if I've ever been around that type of thing," Senators coach Bryan Murray said. "It's amazing and different, and doesn't happen very often." Heatley extended his club-record point streak to begin a season to 11 games, and Jason Spezza had a career-high four assists.

It was the fifth career hat trick for both Alfredsson and Havlat.

Blackhaws 6, Blues 5

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NHL defencemen with 18 points on six goals and 12 assists.

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Somied teams have yours number and they're winning a lot of games against you," Stars defenceman Philippe Boucher said. "They're clearly outplaying us right now. We see them five more times this year. It's something that needs to be addressed."

Jussi Jokinen, Mike Modano and Martin Skoula scored for Dallas, 3-1 at home. Stars coach Dave Tippett went with backup goalie Johan Hedberg over Marty Turco.

Daniel Alfredsson nets one of his four goals Wednesday night in a 10-4 win over Ottawa. He joined teammate Martin Havlat in the offensive outpour, as each scored four goals in the victory.
Players have mixed reactions to playoff plan

Commissioner Finchem introduces NASCAR-like points race called FedEx Cup

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods walked wearily across the parking lot in twilight Wednesday, recalling the year he played eight consecutive weeks as he wrapped up his record-setting 2000 season.

"It is done," he said.

Woods might want to get used to playing long stretches under a new PGA Tour schedule in 2007 that commissioner Tim Finchem said would include the "most important series of events in the history of our sport."

It includes a season-long points race called the FedEx Cup. It features three blockbuster events leading to the Tour Championship, which would end in September, with a playoff that Finchem said likely will be the largest of any playoff system in sports.

About the only thing missing were the details.

Finchem delivered a skeletal sketch of the new season, conceding that he has not figured out where all the pieces fit and how the points race will work. The idea was to make golf look like other sports at the end of the year.

"We're really the only sport that doesn't have a stronger finish than our regular season," he said.

Top players rarely compete in the same tournaments once the major championships end in August. Four of the top five players in the world — Woods, Vijay Singh, Phil Mickelson, Retief Goosen and Ernie Els — played together in four tournaments before the Masters.

Goosen skipped a World Golf Championship last month, while Mickelson is not at the Tour Championship.

Under the new model, the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone would precede the PGA Championship. One week later would be the start of the Championship Series, in which points accrued since January would be prorated going into three straight tournaments, with the top 30 eligible for the Tour Championship.

"If you want to win the cup series, you're going to have to play those events," Woods said.

"It's going to be a lot — six out of seven events at the end of the year, then probably a Ryder Cup or President's Cup. That's a lot of golf, but after that, you're pretty much done, which is great."

It is similar to the Chase for the championship that NASCAR began last year, in which the 10 drivers of the season compete in the final 10 races for the title.

"We go so far into the football season, and so far into the fall, that we haven't been able to get the kind of strength we see in other sports," Finchem said. "We're the only major sport that doesn't have a playoff system."

The first step is taking the model to TV negotiations, expected to begin later this month.

"We have given a general flavor of the direction we're going with our television partners," Finchem said. "They see the possibilities in terms of strengthening our overall product."

Some players still expressed concerns.

Chris DiMarco noted Singh, who has missed the last two cuts, might not be eligible for the Tour Championship. Woods also missed the cut the last time he played, two weeks ago at Disney.

Even if a player were to win all four majors, it's conceivable he would not win the FedEx Cup or even make it to the Tour Championship.

"What's the worst-case scenario? That our Super Bowl doesn't have all the marquee players," David Toms said.

Finchem did not say how many players would be eligible to win the FedEx Cup, although he said the three events in the Championship Series would have 144 players.

The Associated Press first reported the new model in July, and tour officials have been tweaking the concept since. They still are unsure how the points system will work, and Finchem said there was much work left.

"I've met with Tim five times, and I've heard five different things," Woods said.

Multiple sources involved in the discussion, all speaking on condition of anonymity because the tournaments have not been announced, have said the three events leading to the Tour Championship would be the Barclays Classic in New York, the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston and the Western Open.

The Western Open is still dealing with sponsorship issues and a decision on where to play.

Golf World magazine reported last week that the Western Open might be rotated among such markets as Minnesota, Indianapolis, Chicago and St. Louis. Finchem mentioned that Bellerive outside St. Louis was supposed to host the American Express Championship, an event canceled because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The heart of the season will be shorter.

But for those tournaments concerned they might get knocked off the schedule, Finchem said there would be six or seven other events after the Tour Championship in which players could try to earn their tour cards for next year.

That section of the season would be called the "Quest for the Card," although Woods said he would not play any of those tournaments, and other top players also would be taking time off.

Still, Finchem believes a season-long points race, coupled with a Tour Championship in September, would mean more top players in the same tournament.

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Reds owner sells team to local group

Carl Lindner's share of team believed to be priced at $270 million

Associated Press

CINCINNATI -- Carl Lindner agreed Wednesday to sell his controlling interest in the Cincinnati Reds to a group of area businessmen, keeping baseball's first professional franchise in local hands.

The group is headed by Robert Castellini, chairman of a Cincinnati-based produce company, and relatives of a family that owned the team when it became the Big Red Machine in the 1970s. The sale must be approved by Major League Baseball.

Most sales take between three months and a year to get approval from baseball owners, the timeframe depending upon the number of parties involved.

Several groups showed an interest after three limited partners put their shares -- representing 51.5 percent of the team -- up for sale in March. Lindner said then that he wanted to keep control.

He changed his mind and agreed to sell his controlling shares as well. Castellini's group will buy 80 percent of the team, valued at $320 million, said one of the parties involved in the sale.

Castellini's group was the last to show an interest, getting involved only a month ago, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity because baseball has barred comment on the deal until it is approved.

Two other groups made similar bids, but Lindner felt most comfortable with Castellini's group.

"Carl knew them well," said another party involved in the deal, also speaking on condition of anonymity because baseball has barred comment on the deal.

"That's a lot to do with it. They're Cincinnati." Castellini's business was founded in 1896 -- 27 years after the Reds started playing -- and grew into one of the largest distributors of fresh fruits and vegetables in the country.

When the Reds played at Riverfront Stadium was sing in 1970, clubhouse attendants would get cabbage leaves from Castellini's nearby produce warehouse and soak them in ammonia so players could wear them under their caps and keep cool on scorching days. Castellini sold the warehouse and land for more than $30 million in the 1990s to make way for a football stadium for the Bengals.

The 86-year-old Lindner knows Castellini from his business, civic and philanthropic dealings. Joe Bride, a corporate spokesman for Castellini, declined comment because of baseball's blackout period.

"It's always been important to Mr. Lindner and the rest of the current owners to have a very strong local face on the new ownership," said Stephen Greenberg of Allen & Co., which was hired by the team's limited partners to arrange the sale.

The sale adds to the Reds' legacy of local ownership.

Broadcasting legend Ponder Cresley Jr. bought the Reds in 1934 and after helping them get a name on the team's field. Local businessmen William and James Williams were part of the original ownership group in the 1970s, when it went two years without a win and became known as the Big Red Machine.

Two of the Williams' descendants -- Thomas and William Jr. Anthony Fasano, front, is tackled during Notre Dame's 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22.

"Yeah! I've been carrying the ball with two hands this week for [Weisz]," Zbikowski said.

Notes:

• The Irish will not be traveling to Tennessee's 104,759-seat Neyland Stadium, famous for being a loud environment. But Weis is still focused on getting top on total early -- even without an opposing crowd to quiet.

"Any time you're playing a tough opponent, the advantages of getting on top early are great," he said. "It puts pressure on the whole mentality of the whole team. Conversely, if you get behind early, now you're putting some extra pressure on yourself. I'm always big on trying to get on top early.""}

In the wake of Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry's comments regarding the lack of African-Americans in his program, Weis was asked for his take on the problem in race in college football.

"I learned a long time ago, long before I got into the business world, to be color blind," Weis said. "I think that's who's a success in life better practice that philosophy."
ND VOLLEYBALL

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The maintenance crew at the Joyce Center didn’t have much cleaning to do Tuesday night as the No. 5 Irish swept another opponent on their home court defeating St. Louis 30-13, 30-27, and 25-17. It was the sixth time in nine home matches that the Irish won in three straight games.

Coach Debbie Brown kept her team ready after two huge Big East wins over the weekend.

They were not about to take the Billikens lightly, but Brown wasn’t sure how her team would start the non-conference match after the high-emotion weekend.

From the looks of the 30-13 score, the Irish came ready.

“It was a really good first game,” Brown said. “We executed well. We served really tough. I think St. Louis wasn’t really sure what to expect, and then I think they played a little bit better in games two and three.”

Notre Dame had five players with eight or more kills. Senior outside hitter/middle blocker Lauren Krejcha led the way with 14, and fellow senior Lauren Brewster added nine. Sophomore middle blocker Adrianna Stasiuk paced 13. In total, the Irish had 54.

Notre Dame hit for a 417 percentage in the match.

Senior Meg Hagan once again led the way defensively with 14 digs. The Irish also had 10 blocks on the day.

Notre Dame won its 14th straight match. They’re in the top five — likely headed for the No. 1 seed in both the Big East and NCAA tournament.

But Brown says to hold on.

“We’re talking about where we are right now, and we’ve talked about not getting ahead of ourselves,” she said. “We’re not taking it one match at a time and still enjoying it along the way because it’s not like it’s not happening because it’s really tough.”

“We’ve had some great wins. We’re working really hard, so we’re trying not to get ahead of ourselves. We’re putting ourselves in a really good position to finish strong and finish well, and that’s what we want to do.”

There’s plenty of work to do.

This weekend the Irish will hit the road for the first time after playing at home since Oct. 21. Considering they are the defending Big East regular season and tournament champions, and given their No. 5 rank in the nation, the Irish expect the best from their opponents.

“We know we will be challenged for us,” Brown said. “Any time you play in the Big East, we always have a big target on our backs, so the teams play up for us for sure.

“We’re on the road, so that’s a little more of a challenge too. Pittsburgh is one of the top teams in the conference. They’ve got very good outside hitters. We’ll have to get a good practice in and a good film session in and be on the road and play well again.”

One more practice and the Irish will be ready to go again.

They have something special going this season.

Later this week, they hope to keep rolling.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Thompsons continue dominance in ITA’s

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Catrina and Christian Thompson’s assault on the Notre Dame women’s tennis record book will continue this weekend at the second grand slam of the season, the ITA National Indoor Championships.

The Thompsons are attempting to become the first team from any school to win both the All-American Championships and the National Indoor doubles titles in the same year.

The twin sisters, winners of the doubles title at the first grand slam last month, the All-American Championships, are the No. 1 seed in this weekend’s tournament. It is the first time Notre Dame has ever earned the top seed in a grand slam tournament.

Assistant coach Michelle Dasso, who coached the sisters at the All-American tournament, said she has seen them become more focused since they won the first grand slam in Irish history.

“Winning that tournament helped their mental confidence,” Dasso said. “They know they can win, but they also know everyone is gunning for them. They have been taking each match one at a time, and I hope that’s how they approach this weekend.”

“This is the toughest draw in the country and they can’t get ahead of themselves.”

While the All-American Championships were played in the California heat, this weekend’s action will take place inside the Columbus Racquet Club at Ohio State University.

Dasso felt the indoor courts would be an advantage for the Thompsons.

“A big positive for us is that the good West coast teams have to come play inside,” Dasso said. “It’s usually hard for us to make the adjustment to the outdoors when we play them out there, but we won’t have to worry about that. They’ll be adjusting away from the heat.”

Catrina Thompson was an at-large qualifier in the singles draw for the Indoor Championships and will take to the court for the 15th-seeded Robin Stephenson of Alabama today.

Catrina Thompson is coming off a semifinal appearance at the Halloween Championships and has shown her ability to compete with some of the top play­ers in the nation.

“It’s a great opportunity for her,” Dasso said. “She’s definitely a top player, and she’ll have the chance to take on some other top players this weekend. She has an advantage on the fast courts and could really put up some good singles wins.”

Dasso also felt that the singles play might help Catrina Thompson’s doubles game, as it would offer more competition and a chance to improve her intensity.

While the Thompsons will be competing in Columbus, Ohio, the rest of the No. 24 Irish will travel to Urbana, Ill., to play in the Midwest Blast, hosted by the University of Illinois.

Play will begin Friday in a simulated dual format. The Irish will play Illinois, Loyola and Wisconsin in dual matches, but team scores will not be kept.

Results will count for individual ranking purposes.

The No. 1 doubles team there, and it will be a good test for us as the fall season ends,” Dasso said. “It will help the freshmen get used to the dual match format, and everyone will get to play a lot of matches. It’s good for everyone to get match experience.

Without the Thompson twins, the rest of the Irish will have the opportunity to play up a few spots in the lineup.

Dasso was excited that the team would be able to play better competition at the higher positions. She also said that she would most likely shuffle the lineup between matches to get different players playing different positions in the lineup.

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only each other," Quinn said before Tuesday's practice. "It'll be exciting to get back up against someone else."

The last time the two teams met, Lewis University was Lewis College. In the first of two exhibition games, Notre Dame will take the court at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center with the same name but with a drastically different face from last season.

Point guard Chris Thomas has graduated, and the Irish welcomed four prominent freshmen to a roster who either expect or are fighting for serious playing time.

"There's probably parts of this time of year between any of the games as far as combinations and looking at a lot of different things and not having a predetermined rotation," Irish coach Mike Brey said Tuesday. "Thinking even further, the only guy I know I start Thursday would be Chris Quinn. After that, let them all fight for it.

Brey was half-joking, because he says he will rely sometimes on guard Colin Falls' shooting. He understands center Travis Childs is his tallest body in the post. But Brey also knows guard Russell Carter can also be an option from the perimeter or on the drive. He said for forward Perry Combs has worked hard in the offseason to increase the minutes he saw last season expect.

The coach repeatedly has said Notre Dame has 10 to 11 players who all could, and most likely will, factor into the rotation. "One guy I know I'll rely on, besides Chris Quinn, will have to be a guy who, throughout the season, has the length needed to shut down scorers. At times there are the freshmen. The bench keeps going.

"I think Luke [Zeller] and [Kyle] McAlarney should step in and help us," Quinn said. "Zach Hillesland has been a guy who, the last couple of seasons, has surprised people. I think he'll step up to help us and play a role for us."%note: Zeller is a sophomore while Hillesland is a junior.

Notre Dame's third shooter, Kyle McAlarney, especially can fill a role for the Irish to improve - is to dictate some of that. And it doesn't hurt that, let them all fight for it.

Mike Brey
Irish coach
"Brey said Carter, a junior, has been playing better defense in practice and will be an asset for the match against a team, of which the Big East has plenty. "I think, to a certain degree, that our defense is what makes us a pretty good team. So it's nice to see them all out there, fighting for spots.

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Notre Dame, in its series with Lewis University. The Irish are 1-0-1 all-time in four consecutive years in games all played at the Joyce Center from 1964-67.

Lewis, nicknamed the Flyers, plays in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and is located in Romeoville, Ill.

"I think my biggest concern is what's our defensive identity," Brey said. "Is it more man than zone? Is it both? Personnel will dictate what we do on that end, and I think we could be something that's changing throughout the year given personnel and given different styles of play - especially in our conference.

"Offensively we know what we need to do with it down there. It's just digging in and having a physical presence on the defensive end and then consistently rebounding the ball.

Notre Dame's defense gave up an average of 64.1 points per last season (fifth among Big East teams), but the Irish only had the ninth-best field goal percentage defense in its conference. That's almost 42.4 percent against them.

"For us, the Irish have a lot of returners but also a lot of new guys, and you're going to see a lot of new faces on the court," Quinn said. "I'm excited to see what kind of a team we can put together and what kind of a team we can put behind the net."

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Irish freshman

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thinking about making the shot. "It's definitely exciting, I probably couldn't have asked for a better first goal of my college career."

Clark had striker Justin McCracken "had he been the penalty spot. Cavicchia guessed wrong, and McLoughlin sent a goal into the left corner for a 1-0 Irish advantage.

"I'm going to tell you why we -- our gameplan tonight was definitely different," Clark said. "If we would have lost the ball, I think it's more man than zone -- the net, giving the Irish a 2-1 lead.

Syracuse failed to convert on its next two shots, as sophomore Brad Peetoom hit the right post and Mike McCallion missed high. Kurt Martin, Notre Dame's third shooter, gave the Irish a commanding 3-1 lead, the beat Cavicchia playing to the right.

Lapira had a chance to end the first half with a penalty kick, but Cavicchia gave his right coffin to keep Syracuse alive before Brey's final call of the Orange from the tournament.

The Irish entered the penalty kick with the lead of 3-1, something that might have happened all season.

"I think it's a matter of different mixtures and different guys playing together," Brey said.

Clark's five year tenure. The coach is hoping that streak will come to an end Thursday.

"We've still got a lot of work to do," Clark said. "We've still alive and kicking and there is a shot of berk in this team yet," Clark said.

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The Irish missed their flights but not until Monday, through Wednesday. The flight is scheduled to leave at 7:30 p.m.

"It's stressful for them, but up until this point, since school, they've only missed two days of school," King said. "Plus after next week in Augusta, we're definitely in the closing stretch, so I think there will have a chance to get caught up.

After the Lady Jaguar, Notre Dame will not compete against another top-20 team until the Central District Classic in Parrish, Fla.

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

Notre Dame leads Irish to strong finish in Sin City

By CHRIS KHOREY

It was the second-lowest three-round score the Notre Dame women's golf team had posted all year, but it wasn't enough to avoid a tenth place finish out of 16 teams in the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown Wednesday.

The 894 shot by the Irish represented the third-best score in school history, and only the second time in school history Notre Dame has shot three consecutive rounds at 300 or below.

Still, with a field highlighted by No. 3 University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), No. 4 Pepperdine, No. 5 Arkansas and No. 13 University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), the Las Vegas Showdown was a test that even an Irish squad playing at their historic best couldn't pass.

Notre Dame head coach Deeby King said playing top-25 competition is a way to build the program.

"We're getting invited to tougher events," King said. "We couldn't go to the same events as we did last year and win them all, but that wouldn't help our rankings."

The Irish had three different leaders in each of the three rounds. In round one on Monday, junior Noriko Nakasaki led the team to a round score of 299 with an even par 72.

On Tuesday, senior Lauren Gebauer shot a 72, leaping from 60th place to 37th and leading the Irish to a team score of 295. king said the team, which was in eighth place at the time, was excited about their low scores.

"Lauren Gebauer said to me, 'We're living in the 200s, coach,'" King said.

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