Students study in NDVotes '08, a nonpartisan educational campaign sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, in an effort to get people to care enough to vote. She said, "Every vote does count. We, as young Americans, need to start showing concern about our future."

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

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

Mendoza recognized for ethics

MBA program ranks 5th for stewardship

By JOHN TIERNY

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

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

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Muego takes advantage of longer library hours

By BRIAN MCKENZIE

To help students prepare for midterms, Hesburgh Library opened Sunday morning and will not close until Friday night.

Though late-night usage so far has not been significant, a security guard said that there were only 40 people on Monday night at 3 a.m. and 23 at 5 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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By JENN METZ

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INSIDE COLUMN

Why midterm week sucks

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

Fall break is looming over my head with the promise of a smidgeon of peace and a ton of break homework.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It’s terrible, you’re feeling stressed out and gross. You want to go to bed and wake up on Saturday morning for the USC game. All that anyone wants to do is fly through this week and come out on the other end relatively unscarred.

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

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

Jacqueline Cahill
first year law freshman
"A pirate."

Jesse Huff
Fischer Grad
freshman O'Neill
"A punk rocker."

Eunice Ikene
freshman McGlinn
"Tracy Turnblad."

Britt Mawby
freshman McGlinn
"Mrs. Brady Quinn."

John Traub
freshman Stanford
"A hippie."

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

OFFBEAT

Drunken priest punches cop, gets jailed

MONTRELLY, Mexico – A Mexican priest briefly ended up behind bars after punching a policeman who caught him driving drunkly through the streets of the northern city of Monterrey. Priest Manuel Raul Ortega, who was not wearing clerical dress but was clutching a prayer book when captured, launched himself at the traffic cop who pulled him over earlier this week.

The individual became very violent because they were going to tow away his car. He attacked a policeman and was taken away,” said transit department spokesman Hector Lomex on Thursday. Ortega’s papers identified him as a priest.

Couple scare robber with decorative ax

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

Frederick Heyde, 25, and Beverly Robinson, 26, were startled from sleep at about 6:30 a.m. Saturday because of a loud noise, authorities said. Heyde told the intruder he only had a few dollars in change, which seemed to frustrate the man, police said.

Heyde’s wide then grabbed a decorative ax from the wall and demanded he leave the house.

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

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

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TODAY  HIGH  LOW
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IN BRIEF

There will be a seminar titled "Microscale Power Generation and Propulsion: It’s Not the Same as Big Devices Made Smaller" today at 5:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall. Paul D. Romney, a professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at USC and former astronaut will present.

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

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

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

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

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

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about the event to domenold@edu
CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task forces address campus changes

Energy Week, Honor Code, taxi regulations among discussion topics

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

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

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

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

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

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

After meeting with Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs, faculty co-chair of the Notre Dame Code of Honor Committee, Braun said she is working on ideas of how student government can help the committee raise awareness of the Honor Code.

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

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

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

The task force is continuing to compile research from the University of Virginia’s Good Neighbor Guide, to which it is looking as a model for the creation of such a document at Notre Dame.

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

Gari said the task force is seeking short-term solutions to the problem of taxis on campus, and it is researching the handling of the matter at other universities and colleges to see what others are doing.

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

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

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CAMPUS NEWS

SAND calendar to coordinate service

By KRISTEN EDELEN
News Writer

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

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

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

“They’re trying to bring together students from all different groups here, because there might be a conflict between events,” said Nijak.

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

Service groups can submit their events to an online calendar for the public to view, said Esber, who works in the CSC office. The sharing of information will help organizations plan so that service events can be scheduled at times that do not conflict with other events, he said.

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

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

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

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

Nijak said many other campus organizations already had systems similar to SAND.

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Haskins said. He cited a popular quote: "We wanted workers, we got people."
Europe as a whole had to invest in wide-ranging social structure to see if these workers could inte­grate into society, so policies on immigration and integration need to be related, he said.
"Immigration policies define the overall framework within which integration works," Haskins said.
A balance is therefore needed, he said, and "some difficult decisions have to be made."
The new office of Integration reflects what Haskins calls the nexus of immigration and integ­ration.
"All departments must deliver on services to newcomers," he said.
The term integration implies "we are integrating into some­thing," Haskins said, a process that involves "understanding our­selves and cherishing our roots."
This process is three-fold, he said, including "them understand­ing us, us understanding them" and "us understanding us."
Haskins, who visited America for the first time this year, referred to a well-known Latin saying printed on the one dollar bill: "E Pluribus Unum.
"It's taking many and cre­ating one that works," he said, emphasizing the idea of creating the "we" in society.
Ownership of integration occurs at societal, institutional, community and individual levels, Haskins said.
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senior Irish government official

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Hodges said Monday night.
"At least some Saint Mary's stu­dents feel their identity has come under attack.
"We want to defend our honor as Saint Mary's women," Hodges said.
Hodges said she and other BOG members wanted to support students who were offended by the comic strips.
"We understand that the entire student body doesn't feel the same way," she said. "We are advocating on the behalf of the students who do not want to be viewed as that type of character."
Hannah said emphatically that opinions of the comic strips were not reflections of the opinions of the paper.
"Our cartoonists often express views that are not necessarily the views of the staff," she said.
Hodges said she does not dislike the strip in question.
"The Observer is viewed in a good light, as they do represent both the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame campuses," Hodges said.
Hodges said she feels the meeting was productive. She said BOG is working to create forums between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to "deconstruct the preconceived notions on both sides."
In other BOG news:
- Kelly Fola, president of Fola Smith Corporation, presented pro­motional products that she said could be used to help with in­volvement in campus activities.
- Hodges said Sodexo, the food services provider at Saint Mary's, will be the topic of the next "Food for Thought" meeting. It will take place Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. in the West Wing of the Cushing dining hall.
- Barry Bowles, general manager of dining facilities, will answer ques­tions and take suggestions.
- Le Mans Council will hold the Le Mans Murder Mystery on Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.
- Mary Frantz, Missions Coordinator, spoke about this week's Theology on Fire lecture.

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"There's a conference that we do each year asking some ques­tions from an ethical perspective that mainstream business researchers should explore," Hammann said.
Stanford University was the highest-ranked program, fol­lowed by the University of Michigan, York University in Canada, the University of California-Berkley and Notre Dame. California University at Berkeley, Cornell University, Duquesne University, Yale University and the Instituto de Empresa in Spain rounded out the top 10 schools in the ranking.
The Institute lauded Stanford's courses with an environmental focus.
The study seeks to discover how the "issues of social impact and social responsibility are men­tioned throughout the curriculum, as opposed to being limited in a few select courses," Hammann said.

The Aspen Institute also ranked the Notre Dame MBA program fifth in its previous stewardship ranking, released in 2005.
The rankings are based on "how well prepared [graduates] are to guide a company through the complex relationship of busi­ness and society, where issues relating to the environment or the well-being of a community can impact a company's performance and reputation," the institute said in a statement.
Although the Aspen Institute does not expect stewardship con­cerns to replace those of post­graduation financial success, it does express a desire for a bal­ance between the two.
"While graduate business schools are finding the ability to deal with such issues an increas­ing important part of the train­ing for successful business lead­ers, there is still room for innova­tion and improvement," the state­ment said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Police with one or more leads connecting the device**

**MOTHER stops suicide attack in Kabul**

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

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

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

**Planes crash on runway at Heathrow**

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

Sky News television, citing witnesses, said it was not immediately clear whether people in the aircraft involved had lost an engine.

The British Broadcasting Corp. identified the two planes as one bound to eight South Korean airliners. Four and a Sri Lankan Airlines A340 and said their wings had collided. It added that all the passengers were evacuated from the aircraft.

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

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

**National News**

**Medtronic defibrillator wires faulty**

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

Medtronic shares dropped more than 12 per­cent Monday on news of the recall.

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

Medtronic said it discovered a "small chance of fractures in particular locations" on Sprint Fidelis models 6920, 6931, 6948 and 6949. The company is asking doctors to stop implanting the leads and return unused leads to Medtronic.

**Georgia, South hit hard with drought**

BUFDORGA, Ga. — If there's a ground zero for the epic drought that's tightening its grip on the Southeast, it's one-mighty lake Lanier, the Atlanta water source that's now a relative puddle-s sub­merged by acres of dusty red clay.

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

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

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

**Local News**

**Police being sued by angry parents**

CHICAGO — Maleficent is the parents of a teenag­er who died after a car crash sued Gary police for what they say was a clearly negligent deci­sion not to look for their son robbed him of a life.

"They had no regard for the community, and they did not address any of the victims," said attorney Todd Faktor.

The 18-year-old was killed by a licensed driver who had driven off after a chase, police said.

**New dinosaur species uncovered**

BRAZIL

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

Associated Press

BRAZIL de Janeiro — The skeleton of what is believed to be a new dinosaur species — the G/Tog dinosaurian plant­eater that is among the largest dinosaurs ever found — has been un­covered in Argentina, science­tists said Monday.

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

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

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

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

"It's probably one of the best preserved," said Julio Iratim, an assistant professor of paleontology at the University of Michigan, who was asked to review the finding, said he was impressed by the sheer amount of skeleton recovered.

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

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

Patagonia also was home to the other two largest dinosaur skeletons found to date — Argentinosaurus, at around 115 feet long, and Puertasaurus, 2,7 feet to 131 feet long.

Comparison between the two dinosaurs, however, is difficult because scien­tists have only found few vertebrae of Puertasaurus, and while the skeletal of Futalognkosaurus (FOO-ta-lawn-ko-soor) is fairly complete, scientists have not uncovered any bones from its limbs.

North America's dinosaurs don't even compare in size, Mackovicky added in a phone inter­view. "Dinosaurs do get big, but nothing near the proportions we see in South America."

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

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

**New study to see if genes affect sexuality**

CHICAGO — Julio and Mauricio Cabrera are gay brothers who are currently on a legal odyssey to determine their sexual ori­entation is as deeply rooted as their Mexican ancestry.

They are among 1,000 pairs of gay brothers taking part in the largest and data seeking genes that may influence whether two people are gay.

The Cabreras hope the findings will provide them with a tool to understand homosexu­ality is an inborn choice.

If fresh evidence is found suggest­ing genes are involved, perhaps, backlight and hair color, said Julio, a student at DePaul University in Chicago.

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

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

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

One widely cited study in the 1990s found that if one member of a pair of identical twins was gay, the other had a 52 percent chance of being gay. In contrast, the result for pairs of non­identical twins, was 9 percent. A 2000 study of Australian identical twins found a much lower chance.
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The main cost of keeping the library open during the pre-exam days is staffing, Ludwig said. It's declined to estimate the cost because he said University staff salary information is not generally released.

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

Senior Jo-Bell Rogers said he says "pretty often until closing." At the library, he said, "it's easier to focus, a better study environment with fewer distractions."

Though Rogers' workload this month might not be enough to warrant after-hours studying, he said he "definitely would have been there after 2 a.m. if the library had been open last week." Carol Hendrickson, chair of the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, said Sen has "hardly ever focused on midterms" besides compiling a report on study space. She said that the report "in effect will potentially help with midterms."

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

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

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

Local elections remain relevant even to politically disengaged students, Howard said. "People here are from all around the country and the world and they probably know their own local district well," he said. "But the truth is that while they're here, even if they're part of the Notre Dame bubble, the local elections and the local government affect them so they should become involved in it." Howard mentioned that the South Bend event permit ordinance as one example of local politics affecting student life.

NDVotes'08 developed out of partnerships with the Rock the Vote and other national organizations, McKenna said. "Our goals are to build a strong coalition to last for future years so political dialogue is elevated and students can increase their civic responsibility on campus," she said.

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

Hendrickson said she hoped student access to study spaces and printers would improve after the University received the Senate's recommendations. In January of 2006, the Student Senate moved to have the library open 24 hours per day during midterm weeks after consulting with library administrators and examining practices at peer institutions, Hendrickson said. She said that "some students on the committee had gone to other universities where libraries were open 24 hours for midterms."

While senior Mary Hannan said she appreciated that the library was open, she worried there was "a delicate balance between being welcoming to students and keeping the University's resources safe." Using flyers to advertise study areas that were open 24 hours, Hannan said, could "set anyone walking and take valuable equipment. She suggested that a mass e-mail could inform the student body and minimize the risk of theft."

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Airbus releases world's largest jet
Almost two years late, the A380 superjumbo premiers on Singapore Airlines

### FRANCE

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

AOL believes it is now best at developing Web sites such as its Moviefone and MapFind properties but also at outside advertising, it said.

To lay off 2,000 workers

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**America Online to slash 2,000 workers**

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

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

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

Last year's job reductions were mostly in customer-service and marketing personnel as AOL opted to stop producing and distributing its notorious trial discs aimed at luring new subscribers.

The latest cuts are expected to affect employees across the board. Last month, AOL announced that it was consolidating its advertising operations to share innovations across the company and help potential advertisers more easily buy ads.

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

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

Greg Yatrala

Back when I wasn’t so possessive and grumpy, I was very interested in getting married. I’d only marry a Catholic, since it didn’t make sense to enter into a sacrament with someone who didn’t understand it in the same way. Besides, I’d want my kids raised Catholic, and they’d never get it from me. I’m not ashamed that one reason I picked Notre Dame was to find a wife — with so many Catholic girls, there was sure to be one stupid enough to like me. I know some girls at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s get ridiculed for being extra-eager to find a husband — the “M.R.S. degree.” This makes no sense to me. How is it in any way shameful to be more interested in finding a spouse than getting a diploma? Which, ultimately, is more important?

So it saddens me that there aren’t more graduation-weddings. It’s a problem that people wait so long to marry these days in general. For one thing, the Church has traditionally understood the primary end of marriage to be the protection of chastity. This is clear in St. Paul’s writings (e.g., 1 Cor 7) and later in St. Thomas Aquinas. Most people, men especially, can’t understand the connection of chastity and duties; even if they weren’t at all inclined to try. Besides lots of grace, it takes strenuous effort of the soul, constant vigilance, discipline, and a determination to keep getting back up no matter how many times you fall. These are very, very manly qualities, yet somehow much of our society considers it manlier to be a slave to pleasure (which always is masochistic) and one’s desires than to disdain them. So anyway, if people want until they’re 30 to marry, that usually means they spend their twenties habitually sinning against chastity. Bad enough in itself, and certainly not good preparation for marriage. Well, I was sort of new to Catholicism when I came to Notre Dame, and now and then I sort of miss the naivety. I assumed Catholic meant Catholic. Now, one potential major problem (or obviousness) in marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics, or between Catholics with different understandings of being Catholic, is the issue of contraception. Since getting attached to someone you wouldn’t marry is foolish, I had to get girls’ opinions before potentially becoming interested in them. I figured out pretty quick that not all — not even most, I’d say — self-described Catholic girls at Notre Dame agree with the Church’s teaching on contraception. I know about as many who supported it as were categorically opposed to it, though that probably reflected the kind of people I was around.

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

The Church, particularly in the person of the pope, makes outrageous claims about itself. The bishops in solemn assembly, or the pope ex cathedra, say they’re infallible about faith and morals. That means never wrong. That means not even capable of being wrong. If you believe the Church is in error in its formal announcements about contraception, you can’t very well at the same time agree that it’s infallible. So why swear any allegiance to a church which doesn’t know — or worse, knows but won’t admit — the truth about itself? If it can’t be believed about itself, how can it be believed when it proclaims other outrageous doctrines, like the Atonement, Real Presence, or the Trinity? The Church claims to speak with the voice of its Founder; it demands full assent. If it doesn’t, it’s a great big blphemous fraud that deserves nothing but hatred and opposition.

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

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

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

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

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

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Learn the lyrics

Album goes back to roots

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

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

Carrabba did not make "Shade" for the masses, for radio, or for the teenage girls who have already saturated the indie market, but for those who know his music best and understand the roots of what has become Dashboard Confessional. In the Billboard article in which this statement is made, he goes on to say that he already has 14 tracks written for the band's next album, though he has no idea when they will record next. Before claiming that Carrabba has sabotaged the concept of "the band," you must first understand what Dashboard Confessional started as — one man and an acoustic guitar and a few drums. Sure, there aren't any instrumental breakdowns, no drum solo's, but that was the plan for an acoustic album pitted in the origins of the Dashboard Confessional concept. This album was not a digression, but simply a reversion to a more conservative style.

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

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Focus on awareness

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

Spektor has quite the life already, a Russian immigrant to the U.S. with years spent in New York City learning piano. Most closely aligned with the anti-folk scene thriving in New York City's East Village, she provides a fresh and rich look into the budding experiences of a young woman in the city blessed with extraordinary talents. "Begin to Hope" achieves its most profound effect when given a thorough listen. Sure, certain tracks stand out. Spektor has a beat and the rhythm to earn instant appeal. But as the listener moves through the album as a whole and each song individually, what Spektor is looking to accomplish becomes remarkably clear. She is a woman who's seen the world and the many levels to the world she's shared with others and within herself.

The opening track, "Fidelity," is simply amazing. Employing a Dr. Ivey-like finger position, simple chords, and a vocal style reminiscent of Stevie Nicks, it's immediately clear that the cleverness of Spektor in creating a song with a hip-hop feel and lyrics more akin to an act like Jewel or Ashlee Simpson. And I'm not saying Regina is all at all like Ashlee Simpson, because she's not.

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Regina Spektor
"Begin to Hope"

Begin To Hope
Regina Spektor

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

Begin To Hope Regina Spektor

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

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

Naturally, learning the guitar starts with obtaining the instrument, and there are several ways to go about this. Start by checking with family members. You might be surprised to find your dad has a 1972 Fender Strat tucked away in the attic, proving to you that his college afro haircut wasn't just for show. If you're so lucky to have a dad who is more rock 'n' roll than your chair, then your next best bet is a used-instrument store. Many places carry reasonably priced (think $75 - $125) guitars that will more than fulfill all the needs of the fledgling guitarist. When, and more importantly if, you start out playing your equipment, then you can spend the big bucks on a thousand dollar guitar and amp combo.

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

Now the next step: choosing lessons or the do-it-yourself approach. Lessons are always a pricey endeavor. Other problems include getting burnt out by not learning the music you really want to play and having to work around a difficult schedule. Often, teaching yourself is the best route for the new guitarist. Save lessons for when you are trying to get over a particular big plate in your playing abilities that is preventing you from becoming the next Clapton or Santana.

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

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

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

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

Now, if only you can find those leather pants.

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‘Kings of the Kilburn High Road’ to open in the DPAC

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

The play “Kings of the Kilburn High Road” opens on the Deecin Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight.

“Kings of the Kilburn High Road” was written by playwright Jimmy Murphy, a Dublin native, whose other work includes "Brothers of the Brush," "A Picture of Paradise" and "The Mussel Belt." He is a former member of the Irish poet-playwright's advisory council and was a writer in residence at NUI Maynooth. Murphy has received prizes and awards, including The Stewart Parker Award for best play first in 1994 and three Bursaries in Literature from the Arts Council of Ireland.

The play explores around the experiences of a group of enterprising young men who leave their homes in Ireland, hop in a beat and literally set sail for England in the hopes of improving their respective lots in life and finding their place in society.

Unfortunately, one member of the group, Jackie Flavin, dies and his body is sent home for a wake. Found from an alter-fate perspective, "The Kings of the Kilburn High Road" follows the action after the rest of the bunch regroups in Ireland to recoup and recount their adventures and experiences in life.

Though Murphy's original play deals with the subject matter of the hopes and dreams of Irish immigrants in London during the 1970s, tonight's show features an all-African cast.

In the same way that Irish playwrights left their native shores in search of a better life in other countries, today immigrants to Ireland include Africans and Eastern Europeans. In this way, "Kings of the Kilburn High Road" offers a parallel structure contrasting the immigrant experience of today against the immigrant experience of the past.

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“Begin to Hope”

(MATTHEW DAVISON / OBSERVER GRAPHIC)
Scene’s Top Video Picks

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

Minesweeper: The Movie
For anyone who has ever played the classic game “Minesweeper,” this video will hit close to home.

Man Skips Stone 51 Times
Remember that time when you skipped a stone four times and you were really proud of yourself? Well, Russell Byars skips a stone 50-plus times in this video.

Hardest Mario Mod Part 1
This video is a hilarious clip of a very angry guy trying to conquer a glitch-filled game that is worse than Ann Coulter and an R.L. Stein book combined.

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

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

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

Elizabeth Taylor On Marriage Rumors
Elizabeth Taylor addresses the rumors about a possible marriage with some interesting results. How many marriages is it now? 10? 11?
Giants quarterback Eli Manning avoids Falcons linebacker Keith Brooking Monday in New York's 33-10 win at Atlanta

Associated Press

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

When he signed last Wednesday with the Carolina Panthers and was introduced as the team's new quarterback, testaverde thought he could still play. But he wasn't sure he'd gain the respect and confidence of his teammates.

"Not having the support of the players was a worry of mine," Testaverde said Monday. "Dealing with me being 43 years old and the players looking at me and saying, 'Hey, how is this guy going to help us?' It's 43. It's a little intimidating, you know.

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

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

The man nicknamed "Dad" by his teammates led the Panthers to a 25-24 win over the New Orleans Saints Sunday despite not knowing all his new team's offensive lines and three new coaches.

An emergency fill-in with Jake Delhomme out for the season because of an elbow injury and David Carr nursing a sore back, Testaverde got the offense in four days to become the third-oldest quarterback to start a season opener in NFL history.

A guy who was the previous season at home watching games on TV completed 20 of 33 passes for 306 yards, including the game-winning 65-yard touchdown pass to Steve Smith in the fourth quarter.

Testaverde, who had thrown a ball in more than five weeks until Wednesday's practice, didn't throw an interception as the Panthers moved to 4-2 heading into next Monday's game against San Francisco.

"It's a pretty good feeling to be able to show up and, really, really knowing your personnel, who are players capable of doing it and going out and winning the football game," Testaverde said.

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

When other Falcons players purred and the Falcons didn't have a backup plan against the Giants. Letchworth, who signed with Atlanta after Week 2, was designated as the third quarterback because of a sore ankle, and backup Chris Redman has not played in a game since 2003.
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SAINT MARY'S
Wisconsin 17 16 15 14 13 12

Duke 18 17 25 22 20

Florida 18

NCAA Field Hockey Coaches Poll

team record previous
1 North Carolina 14-0 1
2 Maryland 14-0 2
3 Wake Forest 14-0 3
4 Iowa 11-2 5
5 Michigan 9-4 6
6 Cornell 12-2 7
7 Michigan State 11-4 8
9 Boston College 9-5 10
9 Ohio State 10-4 11
10 Ohio 10-4 12
10 Penn State 10-4 13
12 Maryland 9-5 14
12 UCLA 9-5 15
14 Wake Forest 9-5 16
14 Michigan State 9-5 17
16 Florida State 9-5 18
16 Michigan State 9-5 19
18 Yale 9-5 20
20 Penn State 9-5 21
20 Delaware 9-6 22

MIAA Women's Soccer Standings

team league overall
Calvin 5-0-0 5-0-0-1
Hampshire 4-1-0 4-1-0-1
Albion 3-1-1 3-1-1-2
Kalamazoo 3-1-1 3-1-1-2
Saint Mary's 2-3-2 2-3-2-4
Adrian 2-4-5 2-4-5-1
Alma 2-5-1 2-5-1-2
Olivet 2-4-6 2-4-6-2
Trine 0-5-0 0-5-0-2

NCAA Women's Volleyball Coaches Poll

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

In BRIEF

Perieiro gets yellow jersey from Landis for 2006 Tour

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

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

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

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

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

Injured Bulger to start for winless Rams

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

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

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

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

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

Ward slims down, shines for 'Canes

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cam Ward lost about 50 pounds. While he hasn't lost lately are many games.

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

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

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

"No fan, all of Ward's numbers this season are better than last year's totals — including his weight."

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

Sleeker and quicker, Ward has allowed just nine goals on the 156 shots he has faced through seven games, and his save percentage of 942 ranks fifth in the league. His goals-against average of 1.74 is more than a goal better than it was last season, and ranks second among goalies who have played at least four games.

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

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

**NFL**

Titans' Young day to day after MRI on leg

Associated Press

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

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

Right end Bo Scaife saw the quarterback walking around Monday and thought Young looked like he was fine. One healing factor could come from the schedule. The Titans (3-2) visit Young's hometown Sunday and the team, the Texans 13-3, that passed him over in the 2006 draft.

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

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

"He couldn't practice today," Fisher said. "If we had practice today, he'd be sore. But it's not as bad as we thought. So he'll be day to day, and our treatment path will be to try to get him back on the practice field as fast as we can."

The Titans will be without receiver Brandon Jones on Sunday. Fisher said the third-year receiver had arthroscopic surgery on his knee Monday and will be out a week or two. Jones hurt his right knee on Oct. 7 in a 29-13 win against Atlanta.

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

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

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

Punter Josh Miller could be cut to make room for a third quarterback because Craig Hennenich has punted the two weeks since a sore back kept him out of a game Sept. 24.
Strong pitching leads Indians over Red Sox

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

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boston grounded into three double plays, two of them by October’s scariest twosome — David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez. They combined for something more unusual — Ramirez’s grounder nailed Big Papi in the leg on the basepaths for an out. Ortiz, with a baseball pass-por-stamped by 11 teams over 17 seasons, hazed Westbrook an early lead with a two-run homer in the second inning off Daisuke Matsuzaka. Cleveland added two more runs in the fifth against the high-priced Japanese import, whom the Red Sox invested more than $100 million in, right to pitch in games like this.

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

Westbrook then spent seven weeks on the disabled list with a side injury and didn’t find his groove until August, when he went 4-1 with a 1.99 ERA. But even then, Westbrook, who lost to the Red Sox on July 23, wasn’t expected to shut down Boston.

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

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

Westbrook struck out Coco Crisp but when Julio Lugo beat out an infield single, manager Terry Francona called for the whipping boy.

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

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NFL

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

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two men who rut plea deals Monday in a Las Vegas hotel that authorities say O.J. Simpson master-minded could hamper the former football star’s defense, but the men’s dubious backgrounds could give prosecutors problems.

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

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

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

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

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

But he and Cashmore have histories of run-ins with the law. Cashmore, 40, who said he would plead guilty to being an accessory to robbery, was charged with felony theft in a 1996 embezzlement case in Provo, Utah, pleaded guilty and bargained the charge to a misdemeanor and probation.

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

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

Cashmore and Alexander waived their right to a preliminary hearing.

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

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

“Never thought it would be anything but an O.J. case and only 0.1,” he said.

Grasso said he expects the prosecution to argue that, “In a den of thieves, you have thieves as witnesses.” But he stressed, “That does not include O.J.”

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

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

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr., who represented acquitted defendants Michael Jackson and Robert Blake in cases that turned on witness credibility, said the move by co-defendants to plead out and testify to save themselves shows the prosecution’s motive is to get Simpson.

“His mind is going into the idea of a setup,” he said. “They set him up in the hotel room and tape recorded it and now they’re setting him up in court.”

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

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Eventually, Weissenhofer and Cinalli will return, but Waldrum said having too many good players is a dilemma he is used to and prefers. "I've coached both sides, and I'd much rather have too many good players than too few," he said. "It's a good coaching problem to have.

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

She added each of five goals against the Wildcats, it is clear Augustin is just that.

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Tri-State continued from page 20 unfamiliar positions. But those changes have helped an improving Moving Defenders justine Higgins, Bridget Ronayne and Katy Durkin forward has helped produce several goals for some in the secondary as a five-yard run from Garigliano, "I knew my team needed to slow things down and the Irish have averaged 3.7 goals per game. The Mob's opening drive was cut short when we didn't want to give them a field goal. As the second half began, Conley noticed something different from previous weeks - an attitude that could create the chance we were looking for. "The whole mood for the Irish is to have a balanced offense and we were having fun," he said. "I don't know what it was but there was definitely a different sense on the field. When people have fun, good things happen.

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

But the Redmen were quickly back in it, as Garcia found Kelly for a 65-yard score on the first play of the ensuing drive. Kelly broke one tackle near midfield and was in the clear as he headed to the end zone to give the Redmen a 13-6 lead. The St. Ed's defense continued to struggle, moving the ball but coming up empty in crucial situations until midway through the fourth quarter. After an Abeling interception was nullified by a roughing the passer penalty, he hit Shurenden junior receiver Ryan Farrell in the corner of the end zone for a 30-yard touchdown pass.

After the score, St. Ed's coach Cameron Lohr put the during strategy that had seen the Redmen call plays on all but one of their offensive plays. St. Ed's elected to attempt to drive their offense down the field, connecting on a deep pass to senior receiver Pat Gabor at the Green Wave 5-yard line. Rabil then hooked up with defensive back O'Connell for the first score of the game, and the Green Wave converted an extra point to make the score 7-0.

"We were down by the end zone, and we needed a quick score," Rabil said. "I saw they were playing off and it was open." O'Connell credited his quarterback's vision for the touchdown.

"We ran an opening and got underneath the coverage, and Kevin Rabil made a great throw," O'Connell said. Fisher and Knott then traded turnovers and punts, but an interception by O'Connell ended a promising Knott drive at the Redmen's 30-yard line.

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

The second half started slowly, with both teams punting and fumbling once before Knott's offense started to show some signs of life. Zeyssey connected deep down the sideline with sophomore receiver Jeff Skupar for Knott's first touchdown.

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

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

The Juggektaws offense forced a punt on Fisher's ensuing possession, but a third dropped snap by Zeyssey let Fisher run out the clock and seal the game.

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

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

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

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

Sorin 24, Cardinal 0

Sorin kept its slim playoff hopes alive with a 24-0 victory over Cardinal on Saturday. With a 1-2-1 record, the game between the two rivals was held at the Verizon Center.

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

Against the Vermian, Sorin relied on a power running attack led by sophomore Joe Vitoria, who had 13 carries for 104 yards and a touchdown.

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

"Our running backs weren't making their first contact until four or five yards downfield," Bove said. "That's a big difference.

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

Stanford 12, Keough 7

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

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

Keough pounded the ball Stanford's throat early in the game. But the Griffins' defense eventually solidified and forced a turnover on downs. Stanford senior running back Bryce Furgason had two long runs on Stanford's opening drive, putting the ball in the end zone on the second play.

"If we could get the ball in the end zone, I think we could have scored," Fluh said. "But the offense had their chances and couldn't take advantage of them.

Stanford had two chances to put the game away early, but costly penalties nullified two Griffin scores. On the drive following their first score, the Griffins ran a fake punt that went for a touchdown. But the play was called back because of a nullified penalty.

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

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

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**Ramblin' men**

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

By JARED JEDICK, SAM WEBNER, MIKE GOTTME and MATT GAMBER

Sports Writers

In its first three games, all victories, St. Ed's did not allow freshman quarterback Matt Abel to be sacked once. That streak is over.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After St. Ed's punt pinned the Ramblers back at their own 3-yard line, Siegfried went three-and-out. A mishandled snap on the punt attempt allowed St. Ed's to block the punt, and Stedsmen junior safety Paul Hill recovered.

**Saint Mary's hosts Albion in final home game of season**

By SAMANTHA LEONARD

Sports Writer

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

With a record of 4-7 in league play and 9-14 overall, the Belles have had their ups and downs this season. Their record started to spiral downward after a 3-0 loss to Hope on Oct. 4. Saint Mary's then lost to last-place Olivet in a brutal, five-game match.

After losing 2-0 in the Millikin Invitational this weekend, the Belles are looking for a win to get back on track.

"Winning is definitely not my only measure of success. I want this team to step onto the court and compete from start to finish," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We are such a good team, but we just, many times, start slow and then chase the opponent rather than set the standard and make the opponent chase us."

With a record of 5-6 in league play and 8-13 overall, Albion matches up evenly with Saint Mary's. Setting the pace of the game will be the Belles' top objective against Albion.

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

A scrappy team can be the hardest to play against, and Schroeder-Biek is expecting her Belles to meet the challenge.

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

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**ND Women's Soccer**

Augustin shines for Irish

Freshman sees more time in absence of injured Irish starters

By BILL BRINK

Sports Writer

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

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

And yet, during their current

**SMC Volleyball**

Belles take on Albion in final home game of season

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

With a record of 4-7 in league play and 9-14 overall, the Belles have had their ups and downs this season. Their record started to spiral downward after a 3-0 loss to Hope on Oct. 4. Saint Mary's then lost to last-place Olivet in a brutal, five-game match.

After losing 2-0 in the Millikin Invitational this weekend, the Belles are looking for a win to get back on track.

"Winning is definitely not my only measure of success. I want this team to step onto the court and compete from start to finish," Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We are such a good team, but we just, many times, start slow and then chase the opponent rather than set the standard and make the opponent chase us."

With a record of 5-6 in league play and 8-13 overall, Albion matches up evenly with Saint Mary's. Setting the pace of the game will be the Belles' top objective against Albion.

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

A scrappy team can be the hardest to play against, and Schroeder-Biek is expecting her Belles to meet the challenge.

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

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**SMC Soccer**

Squad prepares to face winless Tri-State

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

Saint Mary's (6-3-4, 2-2-2 MIAA) is in fifth place, while Tri-State (0-12-2, 0-5-1) is looking for its first victory of the season.

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

Saint Mary's is coming off a 2-0 loss Saturday to first-place Calvin, in which the Belles had only three shots. That total was their second lowest of the season.

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

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

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