Basketball Legion to wear black

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

By CHRIS KHOREY News Writer

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

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

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

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

"The same color T-shirt three years in a row doesn’t sell very well," Ceravolo said. The event, which featured a highlight video, the team’s walk-on tryouts and an appearance by former Irish star LaPhonso Ellis, drew hundreds of basketball fans.

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

By JENN METZ Assistant News Editor

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

She chose to return "for the same reason I chose to come here in the first place — it's a great place to be," said Batteast, a RecSports intern.

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

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

Young ND alumni work at alma mater

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

COR

Taxi issues, cabstand addressed

Representatives weigh options for pick-up spot

By JOSEPH McMATHON News Writer

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

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

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

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

Students anticipate trick-or-treating, ghosts

Tour features haunted spots; Keenan hosts children’s event

By MEG MIRSHAK News Writer

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

The SAO’s “Haunted Campus Tour” will leave from the Dooley Room in the LaFortune Student Center at 3 p.m. and make stops at the Main Building, which University founder Father Edward Sorin is rumored to haunt, and Washington Hall, where Notre Dame’s first All-American football player, George Gipp, is said to visit.

Gipp contracted fatal pneumonia at Washington Hall in November of 1920, according to
INSIDE COLUMN
Unlucky Kentucky

Eric Sales

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

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

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

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

Furthermore, the federal government has recently proposed legalizing the continuance of the coal companies' evil mining ways. What it comes down to is money and greed over health and our environment. Enough is enough. What could we possibly do to help to not just the people of Kentucky but all of Appalachia as well?

Plenty. Turn off your lights when not in use. Use daylight as a source of light. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs. Unplug your electronics when not in use. Take quicker showers. Set your computer to sleep and hibernation modes. Reduce the brightness of your computer screen.

Less TV and video games. More studying, playing sports. I think we got this one down already.

Recycle. It makes me angry when I see endless beer bottles in the garbage bin every Saturday and Sunday morning from a night of partying.

Notre Dame has just moved to single stream recycling, making it possible for us to put all recyclables in one container. Use it.

You may be wondering how this will benefit the people of Kentucky. It may not do it directly but it will decrease our energy consumption on a large scale making it possible for Notre Dame's reliance on coal.

You see, true. Notre Dame uses coal.

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

To my Appalachian group, VT, Deb, Father Jack, everyone at the Appalachia Science in the Public Interest and to the rest of America. Please help. Notre Dame students will take the above necessary steps to ensure the future of our country.

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

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

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CORRECTIONS
In the Oct. 30 edition of The Observer, the article titled "Hawks shine in Big East semi" said Ruggeri did not have a shot in the first six minutes, instead of the last six minutes. Haley Ford has missed 14 games, not eight, and Amanda Crizad has summed to play and is not still side-lined with an injury.

The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What are you dressing up as for Halloween?

John Minser

Sophomore

Siegfried

Photographer

Andrea Fernandez

Freshman

Breen Phillips

Rachel Currin

Freshman

Cavanaugh

Taylor Montgomery

Junior

Dillon

John Walsh

Sophomore

Keough

"A rubik's cube."

"A gypsy."

"A sailor. It's cute."

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

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

OFFBEAT

Boy, 7, takes car out for spin, crashes

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

A Florida Highway Patrol spokesman says John Vega took the keys to the car, drove it out of his driveway and crashed into several trees and a mailbox along the way. Vega was being treated at Lee Memorial Hospital for minor injuries.

In all, authorities say the boy drove about 200 feet from start to finish.

Lab tech accused of abusing elderly corpse

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

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

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

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

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

Information compiled by the Associated Press.
Test date set for alert system
Campus comprehensive ND Alert notification will activate Friday

Special to The Observer

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

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

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

"Safety during a campus emergency is our top priority," said Notre Dame's president, Father John Jenkins. "The University's emergency response committee has studied the lessons for emergency circumstances at other universities in devising this multi-layered communications protocol."

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

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

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

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

Members of the campus community who have not registered personal cell phone numbers and additional e-mail information are encouraged to do so.

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

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

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

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

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

In other COR news:

- COR members discussed the best method to involve students in the selection of the commencement speaker.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'll be working on the upcoming job fair at the University and I'm excited to work with the University student community again... and the total employment experience." Some of the perks include tickets to sporting events (like football and basketball games), discounts at the bookstore and golf course, and medical, dental, and retirement benefits.

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

**Israel conducts Gaza airstrike; 4 dead**

A Hamas-run police station in the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis late Tuesday, killing at least 11 people, Palestinian security and hospital officials said.

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

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

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

**Tropical Storm Noel strikes Caribbean**

Hurricane Noel lashed the Dominican Republic with heavy rains Monday, causing flooding and mudslides that killed at least 18 people and left another 20 missing, officials said.

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

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

**National News**

**Tasered student will not be charged**

A Danville, Ill. police officer who Tasered a student will not be charged with a felony, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

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

The telecommunicators major wrote apologies to the Gaineville school, its president, Brenda Mohar, and student government, defense attorney Robert Griets said. Meyer responded to the case by the publicity, but he will return in January, Griets said.

**Setbacks could cause delays for NASA**

A giant solar wing ripped as it was being unfurled by astronauts aboard the International Space Station on Tuesday, creating another problem for NASA at the orbiting outpost.

The shuttle flight could be delayed if this latest problem isn't resolved quickly, said NASA's space station program manager, Mike Suffredini.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Man pleads guilty to teen slaying**

LOGANSPORT, Ind. - A convicted child killer pleaded guilty Tuesday to murder in the death of a 16-year-old Waiting who worked at a Northern Indiana restaurant.

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

Rios' plea agreement with prosecutors calls for a good behavior in prison without the possibility of parole.

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

**KENYA**

**U.S. forces aid in anti-piracy efforts**

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

Associated Press

NAIROBI - A U.S. Navy destroyer helped rescued sailors who were held against their will be free at sea.

North Korean-Flagged ship was hijacked by the piracy-plagued waters off the coast of Somalia. The Navy also confirmed that other American warships sank two pirate skiffs late Tuesday.

"When we get a distress call from a hijacked Japanese chemical tanker last fall, we still were monitoring that vessel," Cmdr. Williams said Tuesday. "In Tuesday's incident, a helicopter flew from the destroyer USS James E. Williams to investigate a phoned-in tip of a hijacked ship and demanded by radio that the pirates give up their weapons, the military said in a statement.

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

Three seriously injured crew members were taken aboard the Williams, the statement said. The captured pirates remained on the Da Hong Dan, which the crew was returning to the port of Mogadishu, Somalia's capital. "When we get a distress call, we help," said Cmdr. Lydia Robertson, spokeswoman for the 5th Fleet, to The Associated Press by telephone from Manama, Bahrain.

Defense Department spokesman Geoff Ziemer said the incident didn't indicate that the military was taking a more aggressive stance toward pirates off Somalia, but added that piracy in the Horn of Africa region had grown. "You're talking about an area that has seen greater terrorist involvement." Morrell said it was logical that the military would want to know "what is being transported on the high seas and who is out there operating and if they have nothing but the best intentions in mind."

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

Andrew Mwanga, program coordinator of the Seafarers Assistance Program, said an estimated 22 crew members were aboard the North Korean-flagged ship that gunmen seized late Monday in Somali waters. His group independently monitors piracy in the region.

Workers at the Mogadishu port said the vessel had delivered a load of sugar from India. An international watchdog reported this month that pirate attacks worldwide jumped 14 percent in the first nine months of 2007, with the biggest increases in the poorly policed waters off Somalia and Nigeria. Reported attacks in Somali waters rose to 26, up from eight a year earlier, the London-based International Maritime Bureau said through its piracy reporting center in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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

Robertson, the 5th Fleet spokesman, said no ships fired on and sank two pirate skiffs tied to the Golden Nori on Sunday night. A Navy photo showed one of the skiffs burning after being hit by a gun aboard the USS Porter, a guided-missile destroyer.

Robertson said that report Tuesday that the Japanese tanker was filled with highly flammable benzene. But he said, "we were aware of what was on the (Golden Nori) ship when we fired."

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

**Tight California building codes save homes**

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

Associated Press

**RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. -- Dr. Jorge Lorenzo became irritated recently when fire department kept rejecting his plans to landscape his backyard home with jacaranda and avocado trees.**

But he is grateful now. Those trees and some others may well have saved his multimillion-dollar home when a wildfire passed through last week.

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

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

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

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

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

Trees and bushes must be a certain distance from the house and cannot exceed a certain height. Roofs must be nonflammable; shrubs near the house must always be watered. Indoor sprinklers are a must.
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ing between the options, many
students and outside trick-or-
treeters attended both events.

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

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

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

The event also included the
annual Holy Cross Haunted Tunnels
tour. Each year, the Hall
Council reopens one of the
closed tunnels that Saint
Mary's students once used to
travel between buildings. The
tunnels closed in summer of
2005.

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

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

She said she's interested in learning about the Queen's
Court section of LeMans, a
predominantly freshman sec-
tion that has a haunted histo-
ry.

"I've heard the stories about the nun who
wander around in the hall and
extinguishes the candles," Buddy said.

"There's also a ghost of a student who is
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Other Halloween events on campus:

- The Anime Club is host-
ing a Halloween Dance in
Hagger Parlor at 9 p.m.
Tickets are $2 at the door;
referrals will be provid-
ed.

- Dollarway's Coffee House
is hosting its annual haunted
tours event at 8 p.m.
Hot cider will be provided.

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Buddy said before the event
Tuesday. "That's important
to me. I want to make it
very clear how important
our shut-in is.

"Tuesdays Night was the first opportunity for stu-
dents to purchase season
tickets to men's basketball
games, but the tickets will
be on sale from 9 a.m. to 5
p.m. today at the Joyce
Center. Season tickets will
do or for purchase online.

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

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

Ellis emphasized the
importance of crowd sup-
port. "If you guys are into the
game, it pays huge divi-
dends for the guys on the
floor," he said in his speech
to the crowd.

I'm planning on having
some giveaways, like green
wigs or maybe glow sticks,"

Tulisiak said the turnout for
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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS
DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

Artist Ramiro Rodriguez
will discuss his
installation, Cuentos y Memoria
Prizes will be awarded for the "Best Look-Alike"
Frida and the "Spirit of Frida" costumes to honor
the 100th anniversary of the birth of the iconic
Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

Performances by Notre
Dame's Ballet Folklorico
Azul y Oro and the
Mariachi ND.

The evening ends with traditional Mexican
refreshments in the
O'Shaughnessy Great Hall.

7:00 pm Thursday, November 1, 2007
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The Snite Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame and the Institute for Latino Studies present
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**IN BRIEF**

IHOP moves to purchase Applebee's

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

More than 70 percent of the company’s shares voted in favor of the agreement, which critics said shortchanged shareholders.

Under terms of the deal, shareholders of Overland Park-based Applebee’s will be paid $45 per share, a 4.6 percent premium over its closing price on the day before the offer was announced.

“IHOP is excited to add a call-based IHOP is also assuming $155 million in Applebee's debt as part of the deal,” said Calib-Financial Capital.

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

Midwest Air approves sale to TPG

Midwest Air Group Inc. moved a step closer to selling by Tuesday to TPG Capital, a private equity firm. Midwest shareholders gave the approval, worth $450 million.

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

The company is exploring options to change its ownership structure.

**Do Not Call list may become permanent**

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** — The unfolding credit crisis has claimed its biggest corporate casualty so far — the CEO of investment bank Bear Stearns.

Lloyd C. Blankfein, chairman and CEO of Bear Stearns, announced Monday that he had resigned, effective immediately, amid reports that the company is about to file for bankruptcy.

The news sent shockwaves through Wall Street and beyond, as investors and regulators scrambled to figure out how to deal with the fallout from the Bear Stearns collapse.

**The Observer**

Merrill Lynch CEO steps down

Brokers firm posts largest quarterly loss as credit crisis fallout continues

R jogging to New York in November 2006, will retire as CEO and chairman of Merrill Lynch amid company turmoil.

He was one of the highest-ranking blacks on Wall Street — a stunning climb from his impoverished roots in Alabama as the grandson of a former slave. O’Neal emphasized riskier bets than past Merrill CEOs, rather than the safety of just selling stocks. That strategy — which handed Merrill Lynch record results during the market’s peak — came with a heavy cost during the tumultuous third quarter.

Merrill Lynch still has sizable portfolio of complex financial instruments called collateralized debt obligations, which combine slices of different kinds of risk. It was Merrill’s bet on CDOs, and the subprime mortgage underpinnings of many of them, that proved to be O’Neal’s downfall.

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

**Market Recap**

**Dow Jones 13,792.47 -77.79**

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Important notes on loan forgiveness


"Congress," notes Professor Schrag, "significantly reduced the period (10 years rather than 254 after) which public service educational loans were partly forgiven. It also reduced monthly payments for all high debd/low income bor­ rowers, with a new "income-based repayment (IBR) program."

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

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

"Teaching as a full-time faculty mem­
ber at a Tribal College or University as
defined in section 316 (d) and other
colleges teaching in high-need areas
as determined by the Secretary."

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

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

Effective in July 2009, borrowers of most government-guaranteed loans, including Stafford and Grad PLUS loans, can reduce their monthly pay­ments of principal and interest if they qualify, by reason of "partial financial hardship," for the new "income-based repayment" option. Professor Schrag recommends that borrowers consolidate non-qualifying government-guaranteed loans into federal direct loans and then reduce their monthly payments by using the current income-based repayment plan and, when it becomes available in July 2009, the income-based repayment plan if they qualify for it. According to Schrag, a borrower who has $100,000 in student loans can save $1,000 per month in a "public service job" with a starting salary of $40,000 and annual salary increases of 5 percent could have more than $125,000 in principal and interest forgiven under the combined programs at the end of 10 years of public service.

The Act will benefit some student borrowers, it remains true, that whenever you see a problem that cries out for a government solution you should look to the government pro­gram that caused the problem in the first place. As Professor Gary Wolfram concluded in his Cato Institute study in 2005, "both theoretical analysis and empirical evidence indicate that the federal government’s financial aid pro­grams cause higher tuition costs." That conclusion applies to the research uni­versities, including Notre Dame, which have financed their quest for research greatness on the backs of students who could pay the rising tuition only by borrowing. Student borrowing has about reached its realistic limit. The new Act offers an out through the IBR reduction of payments for high debd/low income borrowers and through loan forgiveness for graduates who spend 10 years in a "public service job."

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

Notre Dame makes commendable efforts to reduce borrowing by stu­dents. And University-funded loan­ forgiveness programs, such as the Law School’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program, are helpful. Neither such University efforts nor the new Act, however, lessen the urgency of Notre Dame’s adoption of the Princeton no­loan program, for which all students who would otherwise have to borrow have their needs met by University grants. Notre Dame ought to set an example of using its own resources to remove that crippling debt burden from its students. Nor should Notre Dame exploit the new Act by further raising tuition and using the new Act to pass the costs of research greatness on to the taxpayers.

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Loyal sons and daughters

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

Nick Mattich
Clair of 1981
Oct. 30

Gender-Exclusive song appropriate

In response to Cathy and Erin Burns-Schneeman, who wrote an Oct. 30 viewpoint entitled "Reconsidering the Victory March," we should raise our women classmates' hand and have them join in singing the fight song that suitable for our times. Mentioning one's gender should not be necessary for everyone, whether son or daughter. It is important to include both genders when we are singing our alma mater. It is not correct to sing "Loyal Sons and Daughters" when there are loyal daughters as well.

Tom Dougherty
Clair of 2000
Oct. 30

Fitting the words with the music

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

Mike Keane
Clair of 1969
Oct. 30

Discussion of Victory March continues

Obscenity unacceptable

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

To whoever started this chant or par- ticipated in it: This is not acceptable. Notre Dame does not do things like that. Such conduct reflects poorly on the team, students, alumni and the entire Notre Dame community. One need not even have the clearest of vocabularies to realize that. No individual student, no section of students, and not even a majority of the student body has the right to do such a dishonorable thing that brings shame to Our Lady's universi- ty. I can understand the motivations behind such conduct, but there simply is no justification for it. Not a 1-7 season. Not the loss to USC. Not even the sixth loss in a row to USC. Not even Pete Carroll. Current students are not owed anything more than any other genera- tion of fans or alumni. We have not been given the right to bring such dishonor to the University of Notre Dame.

My roommate attended the 38-0 loss to Michigan in 2003 in Ann Arbor, Mich., and characterized it as one of the worst experiences of his life. Not only was the loss pretty darn bad, but also the chant of "F*** Pete Carroll," which arose from near- ly the entire Michigan student body near the end of the game was pretty inappropriate and disrespectful. Perhaps that kind of behavior is just fine at the University of Michigan, but please, not here. There are a lot of things that set Notre Dame apart from other universities. I'd like to think that the character of the student body is still one of those. Such character might include things like respecting the other team, respecting opposing fans and respecting the reputation of one's own university. As a bare minimum, can we at least refrain from chanting "F*** you" at the opposing coach?

Benjamin Ellison
Clair of 2003
current graduate student
Oct. 29

Reaction overblown

The song of censure that raised down on Pete Carroll during his instant replay challenge could not be classified as classy by any standard. No argument, there. However, while it was unfortunate, let's keep it in perspective. Is it really grounds to publicly declare one's embarrassment to be a Notre Dame alumnus? Of all people, an alumnus should realize that those actions were in no way a reflection of the Catholic spirit of goodwill that Notre Dame prides itself on. It is important to put things into perspective. An alumnus should also realize that sometimes those students feel like they have been the only ones cheering their team on every Saturday during this trying season. While an alumnus should be disappointed that they would use their voices to express that frustration, he shouldn't preach from the pulpits of his personal Facebook page and hurl a self-righteous "shame on you" because he fears they may have tainted some image of what others might now think Notre Dame to be. Cut the students some slack—at least they united against a common (albeit hip, psyched and jazzed up) foe, whose idea of a practical joke is pretending his running back jumped to his death from a high rise build- ing, instead of splitting apart. They love Notre Dame and what it stands for just as much as you do, which is why it's so difficult for them to watch one of the historic foundations of Fighting Irish pride struggle this fall. It's fine to criticize, but remember they still haven't turned their backs on their class- mates, their coach or, yes, even the values of Notre Dame.

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

The author is a former Observer sports writer.

Tim Dougherty
Clair of 2000
Oct 30

Football game behavior assessed

If you haven't noticed by now, the Notre Dame football team has made the wrong kind of history this season by starting 0-5 and currently holding a 1-7 record. Although this experience is heartbreaking for both fans and players, this does not preclude the student body and fan base from its duties during home football games. There has been a marked decline in the loudness and the chantions shared by the student body and fans. This was apparent during the match-up against USC. It is only natural to feel beaten up and weary after consistently losing, but we must not remain complacent. It is our job, as stu- dents and as fans, to uplift our team in those trying moments of a game, instead of letting the momentum shift in the oppo- nent's favor — allowing the opponent's band to be heard from afar. Furthermore, to have left the game early prior to the singing of the Alma Mater is much like turning your back on your fellow class- mates, and denouncing what we are sup- posed to stand for. This will not suffice, and must be stopped, for Notre Dame faces a great challenge this Saturday. The Naval Academy will be in town to play the Irish, and it will not be as easy as in previous years. Although they are 4-4, Navy has posted high scores against opponents such as Pittsburgh and Duke. Coming off a 59-53 loss against Delaware, Navy is ranked 35th in points scored according to ESPN.com. Navy will certainly be ready to battle the Irish come Saturday. In such a game there will be mistakes made, and this should not dis- suade the Notre Dame student body and fan base. We need to come out in strong support of our team, standing shoulder to shoulder, from beginning to end. Otherwise, the consequence just might be another loss of momentum for our foot- ball team to overcome. Go Irish, beat Navy!

Coey Sinclair
junior
of campus
Oct. 30

Positive reinforcement

Look, I know Charlie Weis has done some good things, and I know this is not the time we are doing terri- bly, and I don't like that. I feel like we are zombies congratulating Weis when he wins or loses. We need some positive reinforce- ment: So if we are losing, we should not be chanting for Weis. Consider it as doing our part to make the little "W" with your hands have to do with your record this season.

Robert McKeon
graduate student
Oct. 30

Fans must "uplift" team for Navy game

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The Observer

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

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

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

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

Descend into "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Burton's twisted take on a traditional holiday tale.

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

Freddy Krueger and his dermatological problems terrify audiences in "A Nightmare on Elm Street," Wes Craven's horror masterpiece.
Malkin scores twice to aid Penguins in victory

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

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

Pittsburgh's power play goal — on a beautiful feed from Crosby in the slot — broke a 2-2 tie with 9:55 to play. Crosby broke free on a line change from Minnesota and sealed the win with his fifth goal of the season just over four minutes later.

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

Stephanie Veilleux and Brian Rolston scored for the short-handed Wild, who lost at home for the first time this season and fell to 0-6-3 in their last four games after starting the season an NHL-best 7-0-1.

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

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

Josh Harding made 23 saves for Minnesota, but a couple of lucky bounces deflected in against Pittsburgh's talented kids.

With the NHL's head-scratching unbalanced schedule, this was the first time Crosby and Malkin have played in front of fans in the Western Conference's Northwest Division in their careers. Crosby looked forward to this game even before he was the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2005. "The crowd here," he said. "It scored 72 goals in 57 games at Shattuck in 2002-03, the same season the Wild made a stunning run to the Western Conference finals.

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

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

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

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

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

Thrashers 3, Canadiens 2

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

Ilya Kovalchuk scored the decisive goal in the shootout to give Atlanta a win over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday night. Thrashers have consecutive victories for the first time this season and improved to 3-0-2 on their seven-game trip.

"It's always great when you're winning," Kovalchuk said. "It's a nice game. We're going to Ottawa and it's a long marathon of a trip. We need to stick together and play for each other, that's the most important thing."

Kovalchuk put a shot past Montreal rookie Carey Price on Atlanta's third attempt, and Thrashers goalie Johan Hedberg forced Alex Kovalev to shoot off the post after Thrashers rookie Bryan Little and Canadiens captain Saku Koivu both scored in the second round.

Chris Higgins scored Montreal's second-power-play goal of the game with 1:58 remaining in regulation to tie it at 2.

Todd White took Atlanta's third straight penalty at 17:54 when he was sent off for hooking.

The Canadiens quickly took advantage as Koivu put a centering pass from the right point to Higgins, who beat goalie Johan Hedberg for his fourth goal.

Koval, who assisted on the goal, also scored in the second. 

He tallied his 15th goal in three road starts in Saturday's 4-3 shootout victory at Pittsburgh, made consecutive starts for the first time.

Higgins scored with his sixth goal of the season, five minutes before play was stopped for the second. He held the puck on the right side as Thrashers defenceman Ken Klee kept his distance before putting a shot over Wild goalie Kari Lehtonen's right side of the net.

Perrin tied it at 16:16 with his second of the season.

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Little resigns from Los Angeles Dodgers

Associated Press

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

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

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

When asked if reports that the Dodgers were speaking with Torre influenced his decision, Little replied firmly: "No." Torre and his former bench coach with the New York Yankees, Don Mattingly, have discussed the possibility of joining the Dodgers together, according to a person with knowledge of those talks. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the manager's job was still open in Los Angeles.

"We haven't hired anybody," Colletti said. "We're talking to some people, that's all I'm going to tell you. We'll talk about where we go from here at a later date."

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

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

Colletti said he had an idea the 57-year-old Little was leaning toward resigning, so he recently discussed the job with potential replacements. The GM said he didn't want to get caught empty-handed.

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

"I wanted Grady Little back. I encouraged him a handful of times to think it through," Colletti said. Team owner Frank McCourt said on the season's final day that Little would return next year, but recently several news outlets reported the Dodgers were speaking with Torre about their managerial job.

IN BRIEF

Duncan signs with Spurs until 2011-12 season

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

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

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

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

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

Brazil to host World Cup in 2014

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

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

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

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

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

Final defendant pleads guilty in Duquesne shooting case

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

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

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

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

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

around the dial

NBA

Dallas at Cleveland 8 p.m., ESPN

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MLB

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

College Football AP Poll

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Clemens to start at QB for NY Jets

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Girardi hired as Yankees manager

Associated Press

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

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

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

"I'm extremely excited and thrilled."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Girardi caught for the Yankees from 1996-99, served as bench coach in 2003, then managed the Marlins the following year. He kept a young team in contention until September and then was fired, apparently for clashing with owner Jeffrey Loria and others above him.

The 45-year-old Girardi often told many in the Marlins about how the Yankees did things, reinforcing the winning ways he learned in New York. Now, he'll get a chance to try them out himself.

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

Mattingly also interviewed for the Yankees' spo last week, saying he was management how much he wanted it. Earlier this month, he said replacing Torre would be quite a challenge.

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

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

Girardi inherits a team in transition and one without Alex Rodriguez. He also is not assured of getting back pitchers Andy Pettitte and Mariano Rivera or catcher Jorge Posada.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A bit of Ireland in your own backyard.
Romo signs $67.5 million contract

Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

"I never really thought this was a goal along the way. I still don't necessarily perceive it as a goal, but it's something really neat that I get to experience," Romo said.

Flashing the dimpled cheeks that grins that helped him land dates with gorgeous actresses and singers.

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

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

Undrafted out of college, he turned down $25,000 signing bonuses elsewhere and took $10,000 from the Cowboys because he liked his chances of beating out the competition.

Before last season, his fourth, he still hadn't thrown a pass, but asked for a multimillion-dollar contract as a challenge to his boxers, telling them the more they paid him, the more likely they were to play him.

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

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

Romo thought about what the big contract means while sitting in bed Monday night. It was still on his mind when he woke up Tuesday morning. By the time he met the media in the afternoon, he still hadn't thrown a pass.

"I almost feel like we accomplished something here today, but it doesn't," he said.

"This sets you up financially and does all the things that you somewhat hoped for in life, but you don't set it out as a goal when you start out as a football player. This is something that more or less comes along the way."

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

It took a while for him to come to that conclusion. Jones' hesitation started during the 2003 draft, when then-offensive coordinator Sean Payton lobbied hard for Romo. Jones, figured it was because they went to the same school, Eastern Illinois.

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

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

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

University of Notre Dame's Study Abroad Program in

Angers, France

"Should I stay or should I go?"

INFORMATION MEETING

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118 DeBartolo Classroom Building

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Costanzo said, "Matt ran a good route and got open." Stanford missed the two-point conversion to keep the score 6-0.

Keenan responded two drives later after freshman Jamie Koepsel made an interception. Castello called an audible at the line of scrimmage, and junior Jim Zanker streaked across the middle to catch a 70-yard touchdown pass. Junior Alex Gonzalez converted the two-point conversion to take the lead 8-0.

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

The second half began as a defensive battle with both teams going three-and-out. Then Stanford junior quarterback Brian Salvi took over the game. Salvi completed four passes to freshman Kevin Dittrich to drive the ball down to the Keanan three-yard-line. After Salvi was stopped, Stanford junior running back Brandon Duerson punched the ball in for a 12-yard touchdown.

And the Knights could not find the end zone again.

Sophomore Alex Dekk sacked Salvi, giving the Knights one last chance to drive for a touchdown. But a sack on Castello allowed time to run out and led Stanford to lose the No. 1 seed going into the playoffs.

"The offensive line really protected me," Salvi said. "I only got hit once." Losing to their biggest rival left an impression on the Knights.

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

"It's a lot of fun watching the way they play with a 1-0 record," Duerson said. "They have many deficiencies but he wants his team to work on in preparation for the playoffs. We need to eliminate the mental mistakes. We got outplayed, outmatched, and outeverythinged. Gibson said.

"We needed the wake-up call. Now come the playoffs and it is gut-check time. Look for a different Koonan team in the playoffs." Salvi, giving the Knights one last chance to drive for a touchdown. Duerson punched the ball in for a 12-yard touchdown.

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

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

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NOW ACCEPTING NEW CLUB PROPOSALS

Students interested in starting a new club must submit a proposal by November 2, 2007.

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Wednesday, October 31, 2007

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Team moves on with 3-game win

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's, the fifth seed in the MIAA tournament, shocked fourth-seed Tri-State in round one Tuesday with a 3-0 sweep. The Belles improved to 13-17 with the 30-19, 30-20, 31-29 win while Tri-State ended its season with a 13-15 mark. The Thunder swept the Belles twice during the regular season.

Saint Mary's jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the opening game and cruised to an early 1-0 edge in the match. The Belles did not start game two as well, quickly falling behind 7-2. But Saint Mary's put together a 17-7 scoring spree and never let the Thunder back into the game. Tri-State opened game three with another 7-2 advantage, but Saint Mary's again persevered. The Belles worked to cut the deficit to 20-19. But the Thunder struck back, taking a 26-25 lead. The Belles were able to come back with six of the game's final seven points to finish the match.

Three Belles posted double-doubles on the evening. Freshman outside hitter Andrea Saxgen had a team-high 15 kills and 13 digs to lead the squad. Sophomore middle blocker Lorna Slupczynski contributed 13 kills and 14 digs while senior setter Amanda David lead with 54 assists and produced 10 digs on defense.

Junior middle blocker Karla Hofmann and freshman middle blocker Jacie Watson each chipped in 11 kills for the Belles offense.

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

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

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

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

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on offense this year, especially on the ground, but it has struggled defensively, giving up more than 450 yards on offense and 38 points per game. But Weis said the coaching staff has not given up hope.

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

Hughes' brother dies

Earl "Tony" Hughes, the brother of Irish freshman running back Robert Hughes, passed away suddenly Monday. Weis said Hughes is excused from practice this week and might not play Saturday. I told him come back whenever he's ready to come back," Weis said.

Hughes' brother Tony died, leaving his team with a 17-7 scoring deficit. He might be back tomorrow, Weis told him whenever — I just made sure we covered ourselves with academics and things like that. But when something, a tragedy like that happens, I think the most important thing is you have to worry about the kid, not worry about him as a football player.

Recruits firmly committed

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

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

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

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

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

Wide receiver shakeup

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

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

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's a good day for what's on your mind. You have enough determination about a lot of different things going on in your life today but, keeping your thoughts focused will not solve your problems. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Help the people who care about you - the ones you live with or hold close to your heart. This is a perfect time to sign or negotiate a contract that is of a personal nature. A decision you make will help you achieve greater stability in your life. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You've got plenty to think about today but, if you know that you need to find yourself in the center of a sticky situation. Changing your mind or getting involved is something you know little about and will lead to confusion. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When taking a creative approach to something you want to do, you'll make a lot of changes. You should be able to get both the goals and lose Scope will be your ticket to success. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You're ready to move to a new level. You've got plenty to think about today but, changing your mind or getting involved in something you know little about and will lead to confusion. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've got plenty to think about today but, if you know that you need to find yourself in the center of a sticky situation. Changing your mind or getting involved is something you know little about and will lead to confusion. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It can be a good day for what's on your mind. You have enough determination about a lot of different things going on in your life today but, keeping your thoughts focused will not solve your problems. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Everything is turning in your favor today but don't take advantage of others. Now is not the time to push everyone around to achieve your way. Back up and be pole you come to an 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You need to keep being awake when you come to emotional matters. Take a step back and fully understand your position and the position of those who oppose you. Don't make a final decision yet. 2 stars

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Irish to put lengthy win streak against Navy on the line

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Navy has run up big numbers.

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

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Lapira gets help on Irish offense

Team features more balanced attack than last season’s squad

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

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

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

How things have changed in just one year.

Through 17 games this season, Lapira has accounted for only one-free of Notre Dame’s scoring, and his teammates have seen their names on the score sheet far more often.

One player who has helped pick up the slack has been senior Ryan Miller. After playing primarily at fullback in his first three-plus seasons in South Bend, injuries forced Miller to play at both wide midfielder and holding forward early this season. He has responded with six goals, which ties him with Lapira for the team lead.

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

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

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

“I’m added another component to his game,” Clark said.

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Irish finish ninth at UNCG

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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43 and counting?

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