2 freshmen attempt to write novels

Typing quickly, aspiring writers hope to produce 50,000 words before Nov. 30 deadline

By KAITLYNN BIELY
Assistant News Editor

It's a process that takes some people years, but Kaitlyn Conway and Emily Craven intend to do it in one month.

Beginning Thursday, the Notre Dame freshmen each began writing a novel, with the goal of finishing 50,000 words by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30.

That means writing, on average, 1,667 words a day — in addition to doing homework and going to classes and other activities. Conway and Craven said most of their friends won't be cranking out a novel anytime soon.

"They think we're crazy," Conway said. But they have company. Conway and Craven are part of National Novel Writing Month, a self-described "literary crusade." The competition encourages people from around the world to pound out a 172-page work of fiction in 30 days. A press release from the organization, nicknamed "NaNoWriMo," says it is the largest writing contest in the world.

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Navy win streak faces test Saturday

Students optimistic ND football team will get 44th consecutive win against Midshipmen

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

With seven losses and only one win this season, Notre Dame's 43-game winning streak against Navy may be at risk. But many students, like senior Liz Byrum, are holding out hope that Notre Dame will add one more game to the streak and avoid racking up a historic loss.

"It'll be closer than the ND-Navy game usually is, but we will win," Byrum said.

Freshman Kasey Puls said she is confident she will see her first home win as a Notre Dame student this Saturday.

"Heck yes, we'll win," she said.

Sean Spitler, associate news editor

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Business can fight global warming

Oxford professor cites new EU legislation

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Al Gore may have received the Nobel Peace Prize for his environmental activism, but movies aren't the most practical way to address climate concerns, based on what an Oxford professor said Tuesday at Notre Dame's Hesburgh Center.

Europe has made strides in its fight against global warming and carbon emission through revised accounting practices for global corporations and the maximization of the European political structure, said Gordon Clark, head of Oxford's School of Geography and director of the Oxford University Centre for the Environment.

"Around the year 2050," he said, "we're going to be faced with millions of people displaced" as a result of climatic changes caused by modern industrial and manufacturing systems. But the European Union (EU) has sought to mitigate these effects, he said, through legislation for corporations, taking full advantage of the EU as a standard-setting body that superseded the individual countries' policies and therefore reduces the pressure of corporations on local
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If one finds a satisfactory way of performing a task, it can be easy to postpone or suspend entirely the search for a better way of performing the same task. Experts are everywhere. Consider how long monarchy was thought to be the best form of government—after all, it seems a lot less trouble than the messy world of marriage, internal politics, and the greater complexity of the gascentric model of the universe. Even in the individual face of a single problem, the decision in the mind to simply use one’s first thought can be the cause of the next incremental move in efficiency and the next element added to what has been all along a quaintly inefficient minor problem.

When something seemingly does what it’s supposed to do, there’s no apparent need to change it. The problem is determining when finding a better way is justified. I don’t have a general solution. There is, however, one glaring and recent human development that must be stopped—the current necessity of the phrase “he or she.”

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Neither of these two developments are good solutions. The problem was realized, and a working solution was presented. “She” solves the problem. But both solutions have their flaws.

“He or she” is taxing to write and say. It requires one to mentally switch contexts every time it is used. Even if only one newspaper with a circulation of 100,000 used “he or she” where it once used “he” just one time a day for 365 days a year, it would constitute 182,500 extra characters after one year (excluding spaces). That’s enough to use more than 45,000 letter sized pieces of paper and hundreds of dollars worth of toner. And one newspaper with a circulation of 100,000 a day is a gross underestimate of the daily “or she” output in the United States alone.

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Let’s just use the English word “she” for “it.” The third person ambiguous singular pronoun is now “it.” This has the English pronunciation of “je,” and can be roughly anglicized as “he.” Pass it on.

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Former Chilenan official describes neopopulism

Walker compares styles of Hispanic governments

By MARK MANLEY
News Writer

Populism in South America has given birth to neopopulism, said Ignacio Walker, the president of Corporacion de Estudios para America Latina. Walker, who is Chile's former minister of foreign affairs, spoke Thursday at the Hesburgh Library to describe neopopulism.

Populism has been nebulous in recent years in South America. The term, coined in 1870 as a social movement in Argentina, has been used by a variety of political movements in the region, from social democrats to right-wing extremists.

Walker defines neopopulism as a form of populism that is more radical than its predecessor. It is characterized by a focus on economic inequality and social justice, as well as a rejection of mainstream political institutions.

Walker cites the case of Evo Morales, the president of Bolivia, as an example of neopopulism. Morales has been in power since 2006 and has been praised for his efforts to reduce poverty and inequality in Bolivia.

Failure of the extreme right to enact effective change, however, has led to a shift in the political landscape. Walker claims that neopopulism is the only viable option for those who want to make real change in Latin America.

Walker's talk is part of the Notre Dame Library's series on contemporary issues in South America. The series features lectures by social scientists, politicians, and journalists who explore the current political landscape of the region.

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ND profs named to AAAS

Merz, Mobashery honored by world's largest scientific society

Two Notre Dame faculty members have been named fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in honor of their efforts to advance science and its applications.

AAAS, founded in 1848 as a non-profit corporation, is the world's largest scientific society and publisher of the prestigious journal Science. The new Notre Dame AAAS fellows are James L. Merz, Frank C. Myers, and Shahriar Mobashery, Navari Family Professor of Life Sciences.

Merz, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1994, was cited for "distributed and computational methods for next generation tools" in the field of spectroscopy. He has published over 450 papers and holds five patents.

Mobashery, a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2003, was cited for "creative work on antibiotics and the mechanism of antibiotic resistance in bacteria, especially for contributions to the development of antibiotics that inhibit methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, a clinical scourge."

A 1959 graduate of Notre Dame, Merz returned to his alma mater in 1994 to direct a team of researchers investigating new mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance. He has published over 450 papers and holds five patents.

Mobashery joined the Notre Dame faculty after serving previously as a professor of chemistry and the Charles H. Gornshon Distinguished Fellow in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Wayne State University. He has published over 450 papers and holds five patents.

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Vittorio Hilde, Paul G. Kimbrell Professor of Arts and Letters

10/02-Michigan State
"Health Care Reforms: An Economist's Assessment"
Donald R. Keough Family Professor of Economics

10/03-UC-Santa Barbara
"Global Ireland: From Celtic Twilight to Celtic Tiger"
Luka Gibbons, Donald R. Keough Family Professor of Irish Studies

10/08-UCSC
"Combating Extremism: Democratic Virtues and Pluralism in Islam"
Anna Afsaruddin, Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies

10/10-Navy
"Cops, Protest, and Rioting"
Daniel Myers, Director of Research and Faculty Development, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; Professor of Sociology

10/11-Air Force
"Theological Bar or Religious: The Case of John Milton"
Stephen Fallon, Professor, Program of Liberal Studies

10/17-UCSD
"Words and Music, Music and Words: The Songs of Franz Schubert"
Susan Youens, J.W. Van Gorkom Professor of Music

11/1-University of Notre Dame
Mary Dunham, Associate Director of the Danforth Foundation

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“Cops, Protest, and Rioting”

Daniel Myers
Director of Research and Faculty Development, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; Professor of Sociology

11:00 a.m.
Saturday, November 3, 2007
Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art
In 2006, more than 79,000 people signed up for the challenge. About 16 percent of the NaNoWriMo participants complete their novels before the deadline each year.

Conway and Craven both entered the competition last year, and Conway also attempted the contest in eighth grade. Neither of them finished in the 30 days allotted. Conway's "epic fantasy" numbered 17,000 words by the time of the deadline last fall.

"Everything kind of train-wrecked because I had a huge paper to write the last week-end of the month," she said.

Craven's "goofy fantasy" 1984 novel reached only 6,000 words. Craven and Conway agreed that senior year of high school, with college applications to complete, was not the best time to write a novel with a tight deadline.

"This year, we're making it to 50,000," Conway insisted.

But by Thursday afternoon, Conway had written about 100 words. She didn't write for long and was taking a break to finish homework before she returned writing later in the evening.

Conway said she isn't quite sure about the direction of her story. For now, she's just working on an introduction.

"I think it's going to end up being a futuristic mob story," she said.

Thursday was just day one. The writers have 29 more days of counting out almost 2,000 words a day. Conway said she thinks they will finish their novels this time, even if it means bringing their laptops with them everywhere they go.

"It seems like you're really, really busy and you're not going to have time to work on it, but the time just kind of finds you, because you'll start working on it and you will be able to stop for a while," Conway said.

She thinks finding the time to write will be easier than last year. Conway agreed.

"This year we spend so much time doing nothing that I think we'll actually be able to do it," Conway said.

The duo put up flyers around campus to get other people to enter the contest, and about seven or eight people e-mailed them to express interest.

"We thought it would be crazy fun to get other people involved," Craven said. "It's a lot more fun when you have a group of support instead of just you struggling alone."

The key to winning the contest — that is, reaching the 50,000 word mark — is to stay on course and not fall behind on the 1,667 daily word count goal, they said.

"I remember last year, I just messed up a couple of days, and I was like, 'Oh, I'll catch up,'" Craven said. "And I kept recalculating how many more words I had to do to the pressure and after that, you just fall in a hole and it's hard."

The NaNoWriMo Web site, www.nanowrimo.org, provides help to the harried novelists. Contest participants sign up on the Web site and then can submit their novels for word count validation at different times during the month. The site generates a graph to show the budding novelist how far she has progressed to her 50,000 word goal. Through message forums, the writers can talk about problems they are having with plot development or characters. The site also sends supportive e-mails, and it produces podcasts to give listeners tips about their novels.

"Week two is always the hardest," Conway said. "If one, you are like, 'Yeah, I'm going to do this,' and you write lots and lots and lots. Then the week two comes and you're like, 'I don't know where I'll be going with this.'"

"Although, "

"I think it's a great thing to do for yourself. You are motivating yourself and no matter how much you do with your novel, whether you get to or you get to 60,000, you feel so good about yourself.""
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Navy fighting feisty pirates
NASSAU - The Navy said Thursday that it intended to remove pirates from a hijacked Japanese tanker monitored by American warships off the coast of Somalia. A crew member's sister said negotiations were under way for the release of the ship.

The Navy came to the aid of the chemical tanker this week, at one point opening fire to defend itself from pirate skiffs.

It also helped a Norwegian Korean ship whose crew overpowered pirates in a clash that left seven crew members wounded and one hijacker dead. The hijackers were being held aboard the Norwegian ship on Thursday for prosecution at a port. After the clash, Navy personnel boarded the Norwegian boat to treat the injured.

Students protest Chavez's reforms
CARACAS, Venezuela - Students used tear gas, plastic bullets and water cannons to scorch a massive protest that shifted Thursday to protest constitutional reforms that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez was running for re-election indefinitely.

Led by university students, protesters chanted "Freedom! Freedom!" and warned that 69 amendments drafted by the Chavista-dominated National Assembly would violate civil liberties and derail democracy.

It was the biggest protest since Chavez met, and appeared to revive Venezuela's languid opposition at a time when the president seems as strong as ever.

BAHAMAS

Storm devastates island nations

More than 100 dead in Caribbean; record rain in archipelago as tropical system Noel rages

Associated Press

NASSAU - Tropical Storm Noel drenched the Bahamas and Cuba on Thursday while rescue workers in the Dominican Republic headed out in mudslides to reach dozens of communities isolated by floods and mudslides. The death toll in the Caribbean rose to 107.

Noel on Thursday became the deadliest storm of the Atlantic region this year.

Hurricane Felix, a devastating Category 5 storm, killed 101 people when it lashed the Caribbean and slammed into the Nicaraguan and Honduran coasts in early September.

Muddy rain-swollen rivers overflows flooded a dam in Cuba, washing into hundreds of homes, over highways and knocking out electricity and telephone service. Dozens of communities were cut off.

Cubans volunteers went door-to-door in low-lying areas and evacuated about 24,000 people, according to state radio and television reports. At least 2,000 homes were damaged by flood waters, but there was no official word of deaths.

In Gigo de Avila province in central Cuba, flooding wiped out nearly 2,000 tons of corn, potato, banana, cacao plantations, said Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, a vice president.

The storm brought a record of rain in the Bahamas, Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham said. Flooding forced the evacuation of almost 400 people as Noel startled toward the capital, Nassau. The majority of those forced to move were residents of the northeastern Bahamian island of Abaco, Ingraham said.

Roads on Andros Island, one of the least-developed in the Bahamas, hunkered down as Noel's winds howled and rain pelleted windows.

"The walls were rattling, and we rode it out pretty well," said Amelia Newton, a man attempts to ride his bicycle through record amounts of rain brought by Tropical Storm Noel to the Bahamas. In the Dominican Republic, rescue workers use boats to reach victims who was waiting Thursday where there have been problems for the power to come back on.

Electricity also was turned off in Long Island, in the southeastern part of the Atlantic archipelago.

Nassau International Airport closed but was expected to reopen Friday. Only one of 10 cruise ships arrived on schedule.

Rescuers in Dominican Republic took off in helicopters and boats to reach isolated residents for the first time in three days. Hundreds of volunteers joined Dominican civil defense forces to help stranded residents, as rescue teams left at dawn Thursday - many in boats loaned by private owners.

We will go to each point of the affected where the government's help - so that we can return to a normal situation in the shortest amount of time possible," said Dominican President Leonel Fernandez.

More than three days of heavy rain caused an estimated $30 million in damages to the Dominican Republic's rice, plantain and cacao plantations, said Minister of Economy Juan Temístocles Montas. Government officials will request loan from the Inter-American Development Bank to help with the recovery.

Rescuers in Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, found a rising toll of death and damage: at least 66 dead in the Dominican Republic and 40 in Haiti, where the majority of bodies were found in and around the capital of Port-au-Prince.

One person was killed in Jamaica.

Fernandez declared a state of emergency and asked for international help, especially rescue teams and helicopters.

At least 62,500 Dominicans fled their homes, said Luis Antonio Luna, head of the Emergencies Commission.

In Haiti, civil protection crews confirmed 16 more deaths, boosting the national toll to 40, said Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, director of Haiti's civil protection agency.

LOCAL NEWS

Hoosier convicted of murder, rape

COLUMBUS, Ind. - Jurors who convicted a Columbus man of raping and stabbing to death a 14-year-old girl in 1992 then sentenced him to life in prison on Thursday without the possibility of parole.

Deminick Shephard, 20, could face 45 to 105 years in prison when he is sentenced by Bartholomew Supreme Court Judge Chris Moner.

Jurors convicted Shephard of burglary, rape and murder Wednesday in the killing of Chelsea Porter.

Porter, who attended Central Middle School, was found dead shortly after 3 a.m. June 29 in an apartment of a family friend on the east side of the city about 40 miles south of Indianapolis.

Astronauts to attempt dangerous repair

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Astronauts in orbit and engineers on Earth tried to figure out Thursday how best to pull off what will be one of the most difficult and dangerous spacewalking repairs ever attempted in orbit.

Spacewalker Scott Parazynski runs the risk of being shocked while he's trying to fix a ripped solar wing at the international space station. He'll attempt the job as early as Saturday.

NASA had hoped to send Parazynski out Friday, but needed more time to come up with a safe plan. If too many loose ends remain, the spacewalk would probably be bumped to Sunday, said flight director Derek Hassmann.

"We'll be ready to go in a couple days from now," Parazynski said Thursday.

"The partially unfurled solar wing is producing power, and there is no way to turn it off," Hassmann said. Flight controllers have already warned Parazynski not to touch the electricity-generating solar cells that cover virtually the entire wing. If the metal of a tool he was holding melted, it could burn a hole into his glove.

Just a kind of small slip and you could be touching it," said Dana Contella, the lead spacewalk officer in Mission Control.

The metal parts of Parazynski's spacesuit will be covered with insulating tape, as will his wire cutters, pliers and other tools.
Navy

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A win for Notre Dame will come easily.

"It'll be a close game, probably pretty sloppy, but going into the fourth quarter I want to feel like we have a chance," he said.

Some students proposed drastic measures if Notre Dame suffers another loss.

"If we end the streak, I'll streak," freshman Rich Schroeder said.

Byrum, the senior, said a loss to Navy after 43 years of winning would be tough to take.

"To see us lose this game would be heartbreaking," he said.

After Navy, Notre Dame will play Air Force and Duke at home, then Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif. Pult thinks the last few games of the season will end with better results for the Irish than the first eight did.

"We can't go anywhere but up," she said.

Byrum thinks starting junior Evan Sharpley at quarterback, rather than freshman Jimmy Clausen, will be good for the team.

"I'll be good to see what Evan Sharpley can do — if they keep him starting which would be a wise choice," Byrum said.

At very least, Spitler said he hopes Notre Dame will end up a better team than it started.

"I don't think we're going to win every game [remaining] but I hope to see an upturn," he said.

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The State of Women Internationally

Where are we and where are we going?

Gillian Sorensen
Senior Advisor, United Nations Foundation, and Former Assistant Secretary-General for External Relations, will speak on the current state of women worldwide and the UN's work to promote female empowerment internationally.

Tuesday, November 6th
6:00 pm
Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, and the Department of Political Science.

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Airfares spike with higher oil prices

American Airlines first to raise costs after light, sweet crude hits high

Markets Recap

**MARKET RECAP**

**Stocks**

| Dow Jones | 13,567.87 | -362.14 |

**Up** | **Same** | **Down** |

| 422 | 61 | 2,870 |

**COMPANY** | **% CHANGE** | **3M** | **PRICE**

| S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY) | -2.34 | -362.14 | 151.07 |
| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT) | +0.68 | +2.25 | +37.06 |
| POWER SHORES (PSO) | -1.87 | -1.03 | -94.00 |
| TISHARE RUS 2000 INDEX (IIX) | -3.86 | -3.18 | -79.14 |

** Commodities**

| LIGHT CRUDE ($) | bid: 63.05 | offer: 63.14 |
| GOLD ($/oz) | bid: 492.60 | offer: 493.10 |
| PORK BULL (cents) | bid: -2.35 | offer: 8.70 |

**Exchange Rates**

| YEN | 114.47 |
| EURO | 0.6394 |
| CANADIAN DOLLAR | 0.9507 |
| BRITISH POUND | 0.4813 |

**IN BRIEF**

The Fed acts to protect the economy

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve pumped $41 billion into the U.S. financial system Thursday, the largest cash infusion since September 2001, to help companies get through a credit crunch.

The action came one day after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and all but one of his central bank colleagues voted to slice a key interest rate.

It was the second time in six weeks that policymakers acted to protect the economy from the effects of the housing market downturn and credit troubles.

Wall Street took a nosedive with the Dow Jones industrial average losing 362.14 points to close at 13,567.87.

The move on Wednesday ordered its key rate, called the federal funds rate, to be lowered by one-quarter of a percentage point to 4.5 percent. That followed up on a half-percentage point cut in September. Those two rate reductions might be sufficient to help the economy.

Thursday, the largest cash infusion since

NEW YORK — American Airlines spiked a new round of fare hikes Thursday by raising domestic round-trip prices $20, the biggest in a series of hikes U.S. carriers have tried since summer.

The nation's largest airline said it was trying to recover some of the costs associated with the rising price of crude oil and jet fuel. The new fares took effect as the price for a barrel of crude hit yet another record trading high — this time above $96 a barrel.

The latest round of fare hikes is the industry's seventh since Labor Day, and the largest in dollar terms, said Rick Seaney, chief executive of airline price tracking Web site FareCompare.com.

"This last two months have been unprecedented, and a lot of it has to do with the unprecedented price of fuel," he said. "Supply and demand is in favor of the airlines."

Even with seven increases, though, the rate of inflation on airfares has not kept pace with energy costs. Crude oil is up 25 percent since Labor Day, jet fuel is up about 35 percent and the cheapest type of fares is only up about 5 percent.

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In a separate move, AirTran Airways raised its fares by $5 to $10 one-way Wednesday. Delta also matched that increase.

By溢价, these and industrywide efforts to trim capacity have helped some of those fare hikes stick. Fuel is one of the industry's biggest costs.

The Air Transport Association, the industry's main trade group, said Thursday that higher fuel prices drove second-quar­ ter costs 5.6 percent higher — more than twice the rate of the Consumer Price Index, which tracks inflation.

"Soaring fuel prices, among other pressures, left little room for error in maintaining today's modest profit margins," said ATA Chief Economist John Heilmich.

The economy is in a secure world, but wants to leave your future hanging in the balance. The U.S. is not ready to lose the race.

The company was facing a deadline with the U.S. government that had helped improve customer service and other store attributes.

"The company lives in a secure world, but wants to leave your future hanging in the balance," the U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement on the Web site.

Kroger has negotiated new contracts in a half-dozen other regions this year including Texas, Michigan and southern California.

The company, which had $66.1 billion in 2006 revenues, operates 2,491 supermarkets and multi-department stores in 31 states under two dozen local banners, including Ralphs, Fred Meyer, Food 4 Less, York Superstores, Smith's, Fry's, Dillons, QFC and City Market.

Comcast asked to allow file sharing

NEW YORK — A coalition of consumer groups and legal scholars on Thursday formally asked the Federal Communications Commission to stop Comcast Corp. from interfering with its subscribers' file-sharing applications.

Two of the groups are also asking the FCC to fine Comcast $150,000 for every affected subscriber.

The petition is the first real test of the FCC's stance on "Net Neutrality," the long-standing principle that Internet traffic be treated equally by carriers. The agency has a policy supporting the concept but its position hasn't been tested in a real-world case.

Last month, The Associated Press reported that Comcast hindered file sharing by subscribers who used BitTorrent, a popular file-sharing program. The AP's tests confirmed claims by users who also noticed interference with some file-sharing applications.

Comcast is the country's largest cable company and has 12.9 million Internet subscribers, making it the second-largest Internet service provider.

**Union preparing to strike Kroger Co.**

CINCINNATI — The union representing nearly 11,000 workers in Kroger Co.'s home region revoked a contract with the supermarket regional, and both sides say they are getting ready for a strike.

The action by the United Food and Commercial Workers union means the workers could go on strike as early as Friday morning. An earlier extension had been set to expire Monday.

Kroger Workers voted overwhelmingly this month to authorize union leaders to call a strike.

The workers are in 77 stores in southwest Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana.

The union set a rally for Tuesday evening in downtown Cincinnati and said union representa­tives will be meeting with store workers to discuss strike preparations.

A spokeswoman for the nation's largest traditional grocery chain said Kroger is making plans to keep stores operating.

"We are making preparations to hire replacement workers," spokeswoman Meghan Glynn said. "We certainly hope it doesn't come to that."

No new talks were scheduled, although both sides said they would like to meet again.

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hosting," Kennedy said.

Kennedy, Moore and their committee are hoping that the shirt, which is slated to be unveiled the week of the pep rally, will create a larger draw for attendance this year.

“We just wanted it [The Shirt] to create a buzz and get the students excited [about the pep rally],” Kennedy said.

Although the only way to get the $5 shirt was to pre-order it without knowing what it looked like, Kennedy said she does not expect this to deter students from buying it.

“We didn’t tell people what it looks like because it’s an ugly shirt," she said.

Kennedy was willing to provide a few hints. The committee had to get copyright permission from Notre Dame to make it, it is the same color green as the official Notre Dame shirt, and there will be an unveiling on Nov. 15 in the Student Center with special guests.

Students will receive a gift along with their shirts, she added. This gift is also a surprise.

The committee is asking students to meet somewhere on campus to walk to the Joyce Center as a group, Kennedy said. Also, she is asking students not to employ Saint Mary’s cheers at the Joyce Center because students are there to support Notre Dame, Kennedy said.

“This doesn’t mean there will be a complete lack of SMC cheering,” she said. "We’ll do Saint Mary’s cheers on the walk over.”

Saint Mary’s cheerleading co-captain Jessica Brinker said cheerleaders will lead the cheers as the students walk.

"I’m excited," she said. "I think it’s really nice to be included since we support Notre Dame football throughout the season.”

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Imus to return to airwaves after sexist, racist remarks

Controversial radio host will broadcast again Dec. 3 after 8-month hiatus

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shock jock Don Imus will return to the airwaves Dec. 3 after eight months of a well-paid hiatus brought about by a racist and sexist remark that once seemed certain to permanently silence his broadcasting career. Citadel Broadcasting Corp. made the announcement Thursday, confirming long-rumored reports that Imus was coming back to morning drive time on New York-based WABC-AM.

The cantankerous Imus was fired April 12 by CBS Radio amid a firestorm of controversy over his "nappy-headed hos" remark about the Rutgers University women’s basketball team.

We are ecstatic to bring Don back to morning radio," said WABC radio President and General Manager Steve Bormeman. "Don's unique brand of humor, knowledge of the issues and ability to attract big-name guests is unparalleled. He is rested, fired up and ready to do great radio."

Imus will return with his longtime newsman, Charles McCord, and other members of his morning team, Citadel said in announcing the move. It did not specifically mention Bernard McGuirk, the producer who instigated Imus on the Rutgers comment and was fired as well.

No financial details were made public in the four-paragraph announcement of Imus’ return. Imus’ attorney, Martin Garbus, confirmed the deal, but did not elaborate on the details.

There was also no word on syndication or any TV deal for the Imus show. His “Imus in the Morning” program aired on more than 70 stations and the MSNBC cable network.

Imus will replace the morning team of Curtis Sliwa and Ron Kuby on the Citadel-owned station. The pair had hosted the WABC drive-time show for nearly eight years, and Kuby said he was told Thursday afternoon not to show up for work on Friday.

“’I’ve had a fantastic, great run,” Kuby said. “Our show has enjoyed the best audience — intelligent, compassionate, decent and kind. The new owners don’t want that kind of show.”

Las Vegas-based Citadel bought WABC and other ABC radio stations from Walt Disney Co. last year.

Imus’ resurrection is hardly unprecedented in his four-decade career. The veteran radio personality has emerged intact in the past after assorted firings, had publicity, a high-profile drug and alcohol addiction and a disastrous appearance at a Washington dinner before President Clinton.

Then the acid-tongued broadcasting icon was fired after his remark about the Rutgers team sparked a national furor and calls by civil rights leaders and broadcast journalists for him to resign.

But just three months later, Sharpton, one of the strongest voices calling for the shock jock’s firing, said Imus had a right to make a living and could return to radio.

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FBI agent cleared of all charges

Lindley DeVecchio spent 13 years under suspicion of corruption

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NEW YORK — It was like a classic episode of "Perry Mason," with an FBI agent charged with murder, a mouthy mob moll and a twist at the end: The FBI guy walked after a reporter with a secret tape exposed the gangster's girlfriend as a liar who couldn't keep her story straight.

In a stunning finish to one of the worst law enforcement corruption cases in U.S. history, former FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio was cleared Thursday of giving up confidential information that a crime family hit man used to kill four fellow mobsters — either rivals or potential rats.

DeVecchio was cleared by his ex-colleagues before triumphantly leaving a Brooklyn courtroom finally cleared after spending 13 years under suspicion for his long and bizarre relationship with mob killer and former gangster's girlfriend Gregory Scarpa Sr.

"After almost two years, this nightmare is over," said DeVecchio, referring to the time since his indictment. "I'll never forgive the Brooklyn D.A.'s office for irresponsibly pursuing this case. My question is: 'Where do I go to get back my reputation?'"

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Prosecutors had charged that Scarpa showered DeVecchio with cash, stolen jewelry, liquor — even prostitutes — in exchange for the confidential information. The case became a courthouse sensation, with its volatile mix of corruption, sex and mob violence.

It wasn't until Scarpa began testifying this week that the case reached its unexpected conclusion. The key prosecution witness was the lone direct link between DeVecchio and the murders.

Once she finished her first day of testimony, veteran reporter Tom Robbins came forward with tapes made in 1997, when he and fellow journalist Jerry Capeci had interviewed Scarpa for a never-published book. The tapes contradicted her sworn testimony against DeVecchio.

Her account "was so disturbingly different, we couldn't sit on it," Robbins said outside court after Thursday's dismissal.

Despite its abrupt ending, the trial was rife with headline-making stories. A current FBI agent recounted an episode that was later mimicked in an episode of "The Sopranos": DeVecchio allegedly celebrating a mob war murder.

"We're going to win this thing," DeVecchio reportedly blurted upon word that Scarpa's confession was successful with the hit.

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Former mayor says he falsified history

Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. — The former mayor of Atlantic City pleaded guilty Thursday to lying to enhance his veterans benefits, a crime that played a role in his bizarre three-week disappearance earlier this fall.

Making his first public appearance since leaving office Oct. 10, Robert Levy admitted to falsely claiming to have been awarded two military medals and embellishing his military record in order to receive more money in disability benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Levy admitted fabricating stories that as a soldier in Vietnam, he had been left in the jungle for weeks along with South Vietnamese troops he was working with to fend off himself. He also claimed to have made a number of parachute jumps when he did not.

Though those claims were untrue, Levy was a decorated Army veteran who was given eight medals including two bronze stars, said his lawyer, Edwin Jacobs.

As a federal judge read the accusations, Levy said, "Yes, your honor," but little else.

The increased benefits over four years came to a total of $24,683. It was unclear whether he would have to repay that.

Levy is scheduled to be sentenced in February. As part of his plea deal, he agreed not to appeal his sentence as long as it's not more than six months.

The Democrat was elected in 2005 to preside over a city in which the political corruption is almost as famous as the casinos. Four of the last nine mayors have been charged with taking bribes; three men who were on the city council last year are now in prison in another bribery case.

Levy disappeared from city life in late September before resurfacing to resign. He cited ill health and the federal investigation into his war record as his reasons for leaving.

The Press of Atlantic City reported last fall that the Vietnam veteran's claims that he was a member of the Green Berets were untrue. He apologized, but federal authorities have been looking into whether Levy made that claim to increase his veteran benefits payments.

During his absence from city hall, Levy spent time in a substance abuse and mental health treatment center in northern New Jersey. Jacobs described the mayor's time there as "a detox situation."

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NHL
Lundqvist’s 31 saves lead Rangers over Caps

Drury scores first goal since season opener

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first period was one the New York Rangers would like to forget, everyone except for Henrik Lundqvist.

Lundqvist bailed out his teammates and made 10 of his 31 saves in the scoreless frame, then stayed strong as they caught up to him in a 2-0 victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

Chris Drury scored his first goal since opening night, Michal Rozsival added one in the third, and Lundqvist posted his third shutout of the season by holding off the struggling Caps.

"Another night at the office," Lundqvist said. "It was an intense game. It felt like they were all over us a little bit."

Lundqvist has played all 12 games this season and has no interest in taking a night off any time soon. He is showing the form he finished with last season when he went 16-6-6 down the stretch and posted a 1.89 goals-against average in his final 44 games.

"You have to give all the credit to Hank," forward Brendan Shanahan said. "He kept us in the game the first period. He was great throughout, but in the first period it was really just him."

It's that kind of play that makes the team's defense-first system work that much better. Lundqvist has been a big reason why the punchless Rangers have had early success. He has allowed 20 goals this season and raised his shutout total to 10 in three NHL years.

New York (5-6-1) has won two straight for the first time since Oct. 20 and has won five of six games overall. The Rangers are 3-0-1 at home.

"We didn't capitalize in the first period when we had lots of chances," Glen Hanlon, Caps coach

"I was asked before the game who the top goalies in the league were and I said there are lots of them and you were going to watch two of them," Hanlon said. "Washington hasn't won at Madison Square Garden since Jan. 28, 2004 (0-6-1).""Kolzig shook off being run into several times, including a collision with Drury in the first period that flattened Koizig on his back and then his stomach.

Drury, signed along with Scott Gomez to a big free-agent contract in the summer, got the first goal on a drive by rookie defenseman Marc Staal in the second period to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead at 6:45.

It was the first NHL point for the 20-year-old Staal, whose brothers Eric (Carolina) and Jordan (Pittsburgh) are already star forwards in the NHL.

Drury had the winning goal and two assists against Florida in his Rangers debut on Oct. 4 but then fell into the scoring slump that has plagued the entire New York team.

"I've been getting a lot of good chances," Drury said. "I knew if I kept playing hard and kept working at it, I had a feeling that things would happen."
Irish travel to West Lafayette
Team can rebound against Purdue after losing two straight meets

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Even though the Notre Dame women dropped their last two meets to USC and Minnesota, coach Carrie Nixon said her squad performed well and is ready to take on Purdue this weekend in West Lafayette, Ind.

"We really rared well the last two weeks... I think we're ready for a win," Nixon said. "The girls are very hungry for that."

Despite strong performances from junior Christina Higgins and freshmen Kaitlyn Casey and Amy wrists Miller, the Irish are looking for a win for the first time in three weeks.

This will be the 11th time the Irish and Boilermakers women have met. Last year, the Irish dominated Purdue at the Rolls Aquatic Center, coming away with a 185-115 victory. Twelve letter-winners from that Irish team are gone, but in that meet, junior Claire Hutchinson set a Notre Dame record in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:52.94. Higgins, senior Caroline Johnson and junior Casey Wagner are the other three members on the current roster that won events last year.

Junior Laura Rings will look to lead the divers after earning two of Notre Dame's four event victories last week against Minnesota.

Purdue will look much different from the team humbled by the Irish in last year's meeting. The squad boasts 12 newcomers, including 11 freshmen, but they will still provide stiff competition for the young Irish squad.

"It's always a challenge against Purdue," Nixon said. "They're always tough, especially when we go down there. They will definitely bring their 'A game,' but we should be ready for it."

The men's team is coming off a loss to Southern California two weeks ago in a competitive dual meet and will face both Texas A&M and Purdue this weekend.

The Irish funed Texas A&M and Purdue in separate dual meets last year, edging out the Aggies and Boilermakers in consecutive weeks. This year, all three teams will meet in West Lafayette.

Sophomore Andrew Deiter, John Lyle, Russ Moore and Andrew Hoffman will look to build on their wins against USC two weeks ago in what was an impressive showing by some of the younger Irish swimmers.

The Aggies are coming off a loss in dual meet competition to Missouri on Oct. 18 and a second-place finish at the Big XII Relays the next day, even though they had to leave the Relays with two races remaining in order to catch a flight.

For the Boilermaker men, swimmers may have some added pressure to earn points since Purdue may have just one diver. Freshman David Culter, who broke the freshman one-meter dive record at the Indiana Intercollegiates, may not be able to compete because of a lower back strain.

The action is set to begin at 5 p.m. in the Boilermaker Aquatic Center.

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NHL

Koivu, Canadians down Flyers

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Saku Koivu and the Montreal Canadiens served notice that Philadelphia wasn't the only team to improve in the offseason.

Koivu had a goal and an assist and Cristobal Huet stopped 17 shots to lead Montreal to a 3-2 win over the Flyers on Thursday night.

Alex Kovalev and Tom Kostopoulos scored special teams goals in the second period, and Guillaume Latendresse scored in the third on a fine pass by Koivu, who opened the scoring 5:53 in.

Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau was pleased with the job Koivu and fellow top line wingers Chris Higgins and Michael Ryder did in matching up against Philadelphia's top line, centered by Daniel Briere.

"Knowing Saku, Chris and Michael, they wanted that challenge and they did really well against him," Carbonneau said.

Higgins scored on a 5-on-3 at 19:42 of the third as the Canadians remained undefeated through regulation in six games (5-0).

"They are a good team," Koivu said. "They have some skill, they have some size and they play hard. I thought tonight we had the jump and we played our style. We kept the tempo, we didn't turn the puck over at all and it seemed like we were able to create some offense, get the puck deep in their zone and get the cycle going. It was a good game."

Mike Richards and Scottie Upshall scored for Philadelphia, which lost for the third time in four games following a five-game winning streak.

Briere assisted on Richard's goal and was booted thoroughly by the sellout crowd of 21,273 throughout the game.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Hoyas give ND chance to end losing streak

By PAT O'BRIEN and
ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writers

There is no better time than right now for Notre Dame to play Georgetown. Notre Dame will try to halt a three-game skid suffered over fall break when it lost contests at LSU, Connecticut and No. 22 St. John's.

The Irish (9-12, 5-5 Big East) dropped the Hoyas (5-21, 1-9) last season by a 3-0 margin, and this season, Georgetown has lost 12 of its last 13 contests.

"We have had a really good week of practice and all we can do is look ahead," sophomore setter Pam McKenna said.

Notre Dame is headed by senior captain Adrianna Stasiuk, who has recorded a team-best 291 digs this season. Senior middle blocker Kristina Fabris, Gurgel said that staying perfect the rest of the season will be tough. "I think winning out (the last four Big East games) is a big goal that we have," Nicholas said. "It would give our team more confidence — just to know that we ended the year on a good note playing the best that we can."
Gulf recovery effort opens Miss. bridge

Two years later, highway to casinos reopens

Associated Press

BILOXI, Miss. — Two years after, cities on the opposite sides of Biloxi Bay closed over blueprints for a wider, taller bridge to replace a highway span demolished by Hurricane Katrina's storm surge.

Those divisions were an afterthought Thursday for the thousands of Gulf Coast residents celebrating the opening of the six-lane bridge between Biloxi and Ocean Springs. The new 1.6-mile bridge replaces the last broken link in coastal U.S. 90, a landmark in the region's recovery from the Aug. 29, 2005, hurricane.

"Water under the bridge," Biloxi Mayor AJ. Holloway said of his disagreement with his Ocean Springs counterpart, Connie Moran.

Two of the bridge's six lanes are open to traffic Thursday night following a dualing celebration at both ends of the $338 million structure. The span reconnects the casino resorts of Biloxi with the quaint shops and tree-lined streets of Ocean Springs, on the eastern side of the bay.

In Katrina's early aftermath, the size of the new bridge was a sore spot for some in Ocean Springs. Moran had pressed the state to limit the bridge to four lanes — the same number as on the drawbridge that Katrina reduced to mounds of concrete and pilings.

Moran, an advocate of the "New Urbanism" architectural movement's emphasis on creating compact, walkable cities, said she feared that a bigger, wider bridge would turn her city's center into an expressway.

Today, however, Moran said she is pleased by some of the features of the new bridge, including its bike path, "see-through" railings and decorative lights.

"We need to put politics and personality behind us, come together and celebrate reconnecting the coast," she said. "This is the most significant milestone in the post-Katrina recovery period."

In Biloxi, many city leaders and business owners welcome a larger bridge to accommodate more tourists, especially for a casino industry that already is raking in record revenues after Katrina.

The Isle of Capri, at the foot of the washed-out bridge, was the second Gulf Coast casino back in operation when it reopened in December 2005. Today, 11 casinos are operating on Mississippi's coast — only one fewer than before Katrina hit.

Isla of Capri spokesman Rich Westfall said the casino, which "went from the best location to the hardest location to get to" after Katrina, hopes the bridge traffic will increase its business. The bridge is the main access to the strip of coastal casinos from the east.

All six lanes of the new bridge — and a path for pedestrians and bicyclists — are to be open by April. Ninety-five feet above water at its highest point, the span is designed to weather the elements better than the old drawbridge.

Around 35,000 cars a day crossed the four-lane bridge before Katrina.

"It's going to restore our sense of community," said Vincent Creel, a spokesman for the city of Biloxi. "The beauty of this bridge is that it's built for the future. It's built for increased traffic. It's built for the generations to come."

Farther west on U.S. 90, Katrina also destroyed a two-mile bridge over the Bay of St. Louis. A new bridge, the third since the city of Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian partially opened in May, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour and Donald Powell, federal coordinator for Gulf Coast rebuilding, joined other officials at a ceremony to mark the bridge's opening.

"We all work together," Barbour said. "This wasn't about party, it was about progress. It wasn't about politics, it was about performance."

At the center of the bridge, Moran and Holloway joined in dropping a wreath into the water in memory of Katrina's victims and three workers who died in construction accidents while rebuilding the bridge over the Bay of St. Louis.

Several hours before the ceremony, Biloxi residents Gary Ware, 59, and his wife, Ginger, 50, sat in folding chairs set up on the Biloxi side of the bridge and listened to a children's choir perform the national anthem.

"It's nice to have us all connected again. It's progress," said Ginger Ware, a Biloxi resident.

"We still have a long way to go, though," her husband added. "It's happy that the casinos are back and most of the businesses are back, but I think it will be 20 years before the coast fully recovers."
Bush vows to veto child health bill

WASHINGTON — A defiant Democratic-controlled Congress voted Thursday to provide health insurance to an additional 4 million lower-income children, and President Bush vowed swiftly to cast his second straight veto on the legislation.

The legislation cleared the Senate on a vote of 64-30. It passed the House last week, but supporters were shy of the two-thirds majority needed to override Bush’s threatened veto.

“We’re convinced that the president has undermined an effort to protect children,” Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said shortly after the vote. “Now Congress should get back to work on legislation that covers poor children and stop using valuable floor time to make partisan statements.”

In a situation of unusual political complexity, Republicans dictated the decision to pass the legislation speedily. It appeared their goal was to show short-circuit attempts by supporters of the bill to reach a compromise that could attract enough votes in the House to override Bush’s veto.

Attempts by Reid to delay final passage of the bill until next week or longer drew objections from the GOP.

“I believe a deal is within reach,” said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a participant in meetings with two senior Senate Republicans, Sens. Charles Grassley of Iowa and Orrin Hatch of Utah, and several members of the House GOP.

In a statement Thursday, Cassidy’s family said they were “deeply appreciative of all the support and prayers from the police, the clergy, the community and many folks we don’t even know.”

The officer came in twice a day for a large coffee with cream and sugar, shop employee Sandra Kim said. “He’s always nice to all the employees,” she said. “The officer was just coming in for a cup of coffee like normal.”

Johnson said the officer was doing a routine check on the shop, which had been robbed Sept. 18 — possibly by the man who killed Cassidy. He said he didn’t think the robber got away with any money.

Police on Thursday displayed a photo of a distinctive jacket worn by the robber in the September case. The hooded jacket has a stylized cartoon drawing of a basketball player.

The shooting came about 12 hours after a masked gunman shot traffic officer Mario Santiago in the shoulder during a chase downtown.

Santiago was responding to a report of a gunman in a sport utility vehicle shooting at another car, injuring two men and a woman, police said.

He was chasing the SUV when the gunman eventually got out of his vehicle and approached the squad car, firing twice through the window. Santiago was hit once in the right shoulder, Johnson said.
Nuclear waste landfill closes; 36 states must find new storage

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Starting next summer, many power plants, hospitals, universities and companies in 36 states will be forced to store low-level radioactive waste on their own property because a South Carolina landfill is closing its doors to them.

The states have known for years that this day would come. But because of political opposition, environmental fears and cost concerns, most of them have done almost nothing to construct new landfills in the meantime.

At issue is the Barnwell County dump site, a 235-acre expanse that opened in 1971 close to the Georgia line. The equivalent of more than 40 tractor-trailers full of radioactive trash from 39 states was buried there each year before South Carolina lawmakers in 2000 ordered the place to scale back because they no longer wanted the state to be the nation’s dumping ground.

As of July 1, the landfill will take waste only from South Carolina and the two states with which it formed a partnership, New Jersey and Connecticut.

State and industry officials say the not-in-my-backyard resistance will ironically lead to "temporary" storage sites in backyards across the nation.

"I'm concerned about it, that my hospitals in my neighborhood will have to store this stuff on site," said Rita Houskie, administrator for disposal of the waste in Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Other states affected by the shutdown include California, New York, Illinois and Florida and Texas.

The danger, some officials say, is that storing the waste in potentially hundreds of locations across the country could allow radiation to escape.

While some of the trash could be used to make a nuclear bomb, some experts fear it could be stolen to make "dirty bombs," which use conventional explosives to scatter radioactive debris.

"As a matter of national security, health and safety, it makes good sense to ultimately dispose of this stuff and not just store it all over the country," said Rick Jacob, a nuclear engineer and former general manager of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority.

"There will be hundreds, maybe thousands of them. People won't want to pay others to store the material. They'll find a closet or warehouse or a shed out back and stick it in there and see what happens."

The trash sent to Barnwell includes protective clothing and gloves, tools, cleaning rags, lab equipment, industrial measuring devices and equipment used to treat cancer patients. It does not include spent fuel from nuclear power plants. The waste is stored in steel containers and then buried in large trenches.

Most waste from hospitals, universities and power plants falls into the lowest-hazard class, which means it decays to nonradioactive levels within 100 years.

The closing of Barnwell will mean roughly 20,000 cubic feet of trash per year, or enough to fill six tractor-trailers, will be turned away. Only two other landfills now exist nationwide for low-level nuclear waste.

One, in Clive, Utah, takes only the least hazardous trash, such as slightly contaminated clothing. It accepts waste from all states. The other landfill, in Richland, Wash., receives such material along with hutter waste that decays to non-hazardous levels within 500 years.

Wine tested for headache chemicals

Scientists study amines, which occur naturally in variety of foods

Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — The effects are all too familiar: a fancy dinner, some fine wine and then, a few hours later, a racing heart and a pounding headache.

But a device developed by University of California, Berkeley, researchers can help avoid the dream and wine headache.

Chemists working with NASA-funded technology designed to find life on Mars have created a device they say can easily detect chemicals that many scientists believe can turn wine and other beloved inducements into ingredients for agony.

The chemicals, called biogenic amines, occur naturally in a wide variety of aged, pickled and fermented foods prized by gourmet palates, including wine, chocolates, olive oil and cured meats.

"The food you eat can be unbelievably coupled with your body's chemistry," said Richard Mathies, a scientist who described his new technology in an article published Thursday in the Journal of Analytical Chemistry.

Scientists have nominated several culprits for "red wine headache," including amines like tyramine and histamine, though no conclusions have been reached.

Still, many specialists warn headache sufferers away from foods rich in amines, which can also trigger sudden episodes of high blood pressure, heart palpitations and elevated adrenaline levels.

Mathies suggests his device could prove useful to those with amine sensitivity, said Beverly McCabe, a clinical dietitian and co-author of "Handbook of Food-Drug Interactions," a book cited by the article for its descriptions of the effects of amines on the brain.

The prototype — the size of a small briefcase — uses a drop of wine to determine amine levels in five minutes, McCabe said. A startup company he co-founded is working to create a smaller device the size of a personal digital assistant that people could take to restaurants and test their favorite wines.

The researchers found the highest amine levels in red wine and sake and the lowest in beer. For now, the device only works with liquids.

Mathies suggests the device could be used to put amine levels on wine labels.

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Remembering our angels on All Souls’ Day

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments

Today in our nation’s capital at my home parish, the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl celebrates a commemorating his late predecessors. It is that time of year when a Commemoration of the Saints means celebrating on back-to-back days within our liturgical calendar. The Church first honors its saints, then follows with a day for us to remember the angels of our lives on All Souls’ Day.

Yet, we need not an archbishop nor a canonized saint to honor our cherished loved ones — both living and deceased.

The Feast of All Souls owes its beginning to seventh-century monks who decided to offer a Mass for their deceased community members on the day after Pentecost. All Souls’ Day evolved from the ancient Pagan Festival of the Dead, which celebrated the Pagan belief that the souls of the dead would return for a meal with their families. It was customary to burn candles in the window to Guide the souls back home, and to place another setting at the table for them.

In the late 10th century, the Benedictine monastery in Cluny chose to move their mass for the dead to Nov. 2, and purposefully followed All Saints’ Day in order to shift the focus from those in Heaven to those in purgatory. While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and there those, the Feast of All Saints reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives to obtain a purification of our souls if we are destined for Heaven. By the 11th century, this All Souls’ Day custom had spread to Rome, where the feast was permanently placed on the calendar for the entire Church to observe.

For me, early November marks reminders on my calendar to prepare for year-end income tax deductions and obligations. In my mind, death and taxes are truly the only two certainties in life. After all, this is also the time of year when Notre Dame students feverishly call alumni who have yet to contribute to the annual fund. Their personal charms and youthful energy remind us alumni of our time on campus, and consequently, softens us to open our checkbooks with tax-deductible contributions — Marketing 101 in real time action.

November further reminds me of what I call the Angels of Notre Dame — not to be confused with a mentoring program on campus with a similar name. My angels are the religious and laymen who have inspired and comforted us throughout generations on campus. Recently, former Notre Dame Security Police Director Rex Rakows joined their ranks after bravely fighting an inoperable brain tumor. But regardless of who they are, we should honor them either collectively or individually when we turn the calendar to November. Furthermore, each angel deserves an enduring memorial.

My Archangel of honor is the late Rev. Robert F. Griffin, C.S.C., who comforted youthful, tortured souls — including mine — at Notre Dame. Griffin served as a Chaplain for the Glee Club and in the Campus Ministry. He founded Darby’s Place in the basement of LaFollette Hall, where he served as a counselor and friended countless students after midnight. “Father Griff,” as he was affectionately called, could soothe suffering, console hearts, share joy and instill peace even in absolute silence during the early morning hours that nudged sunrise, his alarm clock to seek sleep. And in memory of his selfless, kind acts, many have contributed to a Notre Dame scholarship in his name.

Last year I publicly sought 200 of Griffin’s friends throughout the Notre Dame community in hopes that each would contribute $500 to fully fund his scholarship. Yet while Griffin’s most devoted friends worked with a cheerful Development Office to earmark funds, to date the scholarship is only about one-tenth towards our goal — needing a mere 180 additional supporters. Hopefully, this year we can double the number of contributors, thus snowballing our efforts to award a deserving Notre Dame student with a scholarship before the target date of 2014.

All Souls’ Day is the ideal time to remind the Notre Dame family to remember the angels of our past with a prayer or a contribution or a candle in the window. One of Griffin’s 1994 Viewpoint columns, “Letters to a Lonely God,” predated his death by five years but concluded with a foreboding of his life’s end. He asked for four angels — one to watch, one to pray and two to bear his soul away. He concluded with this “May flights of angels sing me to my rest, though not soon.”

I would add a personal wish as well for the living within the Notre Dame family. May one of the many future angels currently among us on our beloved campus cross your path — and quite soon.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

RESULTS OF LATEST DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES DEBATE:

"There are some that only employ words for the purpose of disguising their thoughts.

Voltaire
French author"

"Youth cannot know how age thinks and feels. But old men are guilty if they forget what it was to be young."

J.K. Rowling
British author
Respect academies

Dear members of the student body,

As you know, before and during every game we have the "Go Irish" drum song. You know, Go Irish (Go Irish)! Beat ... Well, in the beginning of it, there is a part where the student body yells "Go Irish! Beat opponent! Suck it, opponent! Go Irish got!" I believe that we should not say, "Suck it," while the service academies are here. We must remember that the players on the field and the fans of the two academies will be protecting our freedom in their near future and deserve our respect.

Tim Staub
Sedeman
Dillon Hall
Nov. 1

Environmental activists wanted

This is an invitation, a call to action, a request for help. Here's the deal: A little over a month ago I agreed to do something I'd never done before—organize a rally. It was to be one of hundreds across the country as part of the national Step It Up movement launched by author and environmental advocate Bill McKibben. The idea was to demonstrate a grassroots commitment to slow the engines of global warming, to reduce carbon emissions, stop new coal-fired power plants and to develop green jobs and initiatives. I had written about our relationship with nature plenty. I had talked about it a lot. But I had never done anything about it, and now here I was asked to be an activist.

After I talked myself into saying "yes," I wondered if it'd be a Notre Dame event or a South Bend action. I'm a Notre Dame graduate and I work at the University. But I've also lived in South Bend a long time. So I finally decided to make it both—to bring the campus and the community into a joint endeavor, to find the common ground of environmental activism, to acknowledge that we share these concerns with people locally and that we are citizens of the world.

The Green Up! Step It Up! rally will take place this Sunday. We'll have participation from local environmental groups, Green Party political candidates and faculty and students from IUSB, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. A group from IUSB will march from that campus to the Jon Hunts Plaza in downtown South Bend, right in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center. And there'll be others coming from other places.

One important leg of the march will be from the Notre Dame campus to the Jon Hunts Plaza downtown. The walk begins at 3 p.m. at Main Circle. It'll proceed down Notre Dame Avenue to South Bend Avenue where it'll turn right at Club 23, head down hill, then cross the St. Joe River bridge on Calfax. I've been encouraged by the enthusiasm for green efforts on campus this fall. I'm hoping the momentum keeps rolling.

I like the symbolism of marchers coming together downtown. I want everyone to remember that it's one community, one sky, one planet. We'll have some speakers—representatives from different groups and interests, as well as an expected visit from Rep. Joe Donnelly. I'm hoping that, in addition to our presence making a statement about the importance of this community's response to global warming, we all come away with new ideas, new motivations and new connections with like-minded people.

It'd be great to have a strong Notre Dame/Saint Mary's contingent. In fact, despite trying to dissuade the South Bend police from the inconvenience. I had having officers present, there will be a few police escorts ... so I sure hope the group is big enough to warrant their trouble. So please come out, carry a sign and join the movement.

The thing is, this environmental challenge is real, it's upon us and it'll mean finding many answers to some complex issues. The issues are practical, real-life and fundamental; they're also matters of theology, spirituality and social justice. And as we have watched the response of big business and our government, it has become clear that this environmental challenge will also require the commitment of individuals coming together in solidarity to make a change.

Kerry Temple
Notre Dame Magazine
Oct. 31

Football, not fans, a disgrace

I am writing this letter in response to the 2007 football season, a season that can be described as nothing less than embarrassing. And, no, I am not talking about the Pete Carroll chant that has received so much attention. Our fans have been reprehensible in the last two games, chanting "backup college" to Boston College as the Eagles went into the locker room up 13-0 at halftime, and then bailing Weis after the third quarter as we were getting killed by our arch rival for the fifth time in six years. (By the way, great job, coaching staff, for not figuring out McLeod Bethel-Thompson)

Despite this, however, our fans have shown up. While Corey Sinclair would have you believe that our fans have not shown the same enthusiasm this year as in years past ("Fans must 'uplift' team for Navy game," Oct. 31), I question whether or not he has attended Notre Dame home games this year. The fans have shown up, at least for the first three quarters. It is the team that has failed the fans, not the other way around. And Tim Dougherty, who, like everyone else, wants to win theirbackup college

As a woman, I am appalled by their complete disregard for human rights. Of course, to win, most of our team probably needs to play with passion and act like they actually care about winning. Based on this year, I'd say our chances against Navy, and against the rest of our opponents, are slim to nil.

Chris Malbereck
junior
Dillon Hall
Oct. 31

Behavior insulting

Fellow members of the Notre Dame Community:

I hope I speak for all the women of the Notre Dame community when I express my deep disappointment regarding the events that occurred during the last home football game at Notre Dame. During halftime of the USC game, I was appalled by the behavior of the boys of Notre Dame and Holy Cross; the cheers, ovation, and poignancy remarks that were directed toward the women cheerleaders of USC as they left the field were extremely offensive and degrading, not only to the women but to our actions were directed, hate to all women. I find it disgusting and degrading that these individuals, who call themselves the men of Notre Dame, would act in such a way when representing the Notre Dame community.

As a Los Angeles native, I am disappointed in their promotion of such a negative stereotype and the demeaning way in which they focused attention on those women, and all women, as mere sexual objects.

As a woman, I am appalled by their complete disregard for human dignity and equality. As a student and member of the Holy Cross community, I am deeply saddened by the actions of my peers. We are ND; together, we represent more than 150 years of Catholic faith and tradition. As members of this community, it is our obligation to provide an example to all young adults and be witnesses to our faith. The events I mentioned in no way served to spread our Catholicism to the world. If anything, they showed that the men of Notre Dame do not value the Catholicity and tradition of this school enough to challenge stereotypical views of women, do the right thing, respect those around them, and embrace and spread their Catholic faith.

Respectfully in Christ,

Marilyn Anater
sophomore
Regan Hall
Oct. 31

Dunderheads from across the nation (and even a few from Ireland) descended upon the Electric City to pay tribute to "The Office" and meet their favorite cast members and writers. I was one of those devoted fans who flocked to the convention for a chance to meet favorites Kevin Malone or Bob Vance, Vance Refrigeration. In one weekend I went from nerd to super-nerd. I can live with that. After all, there will always be Trekkies. The following are the highlights from my two days at my first fan convention ever.

Friday, Oct. 26

4 p.m.: I arrived at the Radisson alone (my friend was arriving later) to register for "The Office" Convention. I know that Michael Scott prefers to do business at Chibi's, but this hotel and converted train station was pretty spectacular. The cast and crew from "The Office" were staying there, and people would wait around by the elevators for them to emerge. I didn't want to be too creppy, so I only did it once or twice.

5 p.m.: After registering and getting my awesome Assistant to the Regional Manager pass, I ordered some chicken fingers at the bar and made friends with two middle-aged sisters from the area who took me under their wing and bought me beer. After they impressed me with their love for "The Office" and "30 Rock," we headed to the convention kick-off happening in the next room. Leave it to me to make friends with two moms instead of people my own age.

5:45 p.m.: Somehow my new friends and I were singled out to be interviewed live by a local television station. They convinced me to join in a chorus of " Ain't no party like a Scranton party" on air, and I was only embarrassed until I realized that I knew one person in Scranton and he was at a movie.

6 p.m.: In an unexpected surprise, some of the cast members popped in for a press party. Unfortunately, there weren't many people there; I was able to get autographs and pictures from everyone who came — Brian Baumgartner (Kevin), Angela Kinsey (Angela), Oscar Nuñez (Oscar), Creed Bratton (Creed), Kate Flannery (Meredith) and Craig Robinson (Darryl). I was really looking forward to meeting Angela, but ended up having the most fun talking to Kate after I told her she was my favorite television alcoholic and I asked her whether she really had to lick Purrell in an episode. (It was a replacement substance. Still gross.)

7:30 p.m.: After the party died down and the cast left, I headed to the NBC Store and bought enough merchandise to get a free Dunder Mifflin snowglobe. I was slightly ashamed of myself, but why should I be when my Dwight bobblehead and "Support the rabit" wristband bring so much joy to my life?

Midnight. I couldn't go to Scranton and not hit up Poor Richard's Pub. I had heard that it wasn't the biggest hang-out, but it is not that way on "The office." After getting confused by its location inside a bowling alley and realizing no one from the show was there (in fact no one else in town was really there either), my recently-arrived friend and I realized the Scranton party was elsewhere.

Saturday, Oct. 27

12 p.m.: While waiting for the Office Olympics to start, I was interviewed by "Best Week Ever," which was pretty much a dream come true since I some­day aspire to be a talking head on VH1. I didn't do so well at "Office" trivia, so I only won a bumper sticker and some tape stolen from the Viscom offices (which I thought was actually pretty cool). 1:30 p.m.: The second bracket of Office Olympics finally started 90 minutes late. My friend dominated in the Coffee Mug Race, and I almost won his heat of Plunkerton. The closing ceremonies featured Kate Flannery, Brian Baumgartner and Leslie David Baker (Stanley) presenting yogurt lid medals with a string of paper doves in the background.

4 p.m.: While milling about the registration tent I spotted Andy Buckley (Dwight) and Wallace signing autographs and taking pictures. He was glasses and a suit so that people would recognize him — and it seemed to be working. Earlier my friend met Bobby Ray Shaffer (Bob Vance, Vance Refrigeration), but sadly, I never did.

5:30 p.m.: The cast finally arrived on stage for the Cast Q&A, which turned out to be the best event I attended all weekend. Ed Helms (Andy) sang a capella, and the cast busted each other with "that's what she said" at least five times.

7:45 p.m.: We went to the Mall at Steamtown (set­ting of Michael's Women's Appreciation excursion) to check out the "Scranton Welcomes You" sign that appears in the opening credits. The city moved it to the mall so that more people could see it. We even saw real live Scrantonians who weren't obsessed with "The Office."

8:30 p.m.: We had to leave town soon, but we wanted to check out "The Office" costume party and The Scrantonian concert. When we arrived, however, for all we found was a lame comedy group that no one was paying attention to or laughing at. After a few "Office"-esque awkward moments, we decided to depart on our five-hour journey to my friend's house before the concert started. We said goodbye to the Jims, Pams and Dwights we had befriended over the weekend and goodbye to the marvelous Electric City. And even though attending the "The Office" Convention probably cemented our positions in nerddom, I still think Dunderheads are cooler than Trekkies.

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By CASSEE BELE
Assistant Scene Editor
I watched the first season during my senior year of high school because of the Scranton setting. And because it stars the funny and alive, Steve Carell. I was able to get some of my friends hooked on the season one DVD and so we all started watching season two together at Notre Dame. Whenever a character would mention the Steamtown Mall, or a restaurant I’ve been to in Scranton, I always found myself excitedly blurting out, “Hey, I’ve been there!” I discovered I had a pride for the Scranton area that I never knew existed. And when Observer Assistant Scene Editor Cassie Belek came to town for “The Office” Convention last week and asked me to show her “The Office,” I felt that pride even more.

I make fun of Scranton a lot for being a boring place to live, and so do the people that live there, but underneath the bravado lies that welcoming feeling of home. Like the character Jim Halpert, who is finally dating his long-time love interest, Pam Beesly, I discovered Scranton, much like every other place, isn’t such a bad place to live if you have people you love there with you. Scranton is where we grew up it’s where our friends and family are. Going to the movies, the mall or a minor league hockey game isn’t so boring anymore if you truly appreciate the friends and family that are there with you.

Sometimes I wonder what the oldies station the next time I’m home on Oct. 7. “If you watch the 100th Episode, someone will die.” Television advertisements for the episode stand as more confirmation of Lois’ death, even showing what appears to be the murder and Stewie’s ensuing celebration. But what actually happens in this “historic” episode?

Well, to be quite frank, not much. Those things we already know will happen. We know Stewie will pull the trigger. We know Lois will be shot and we know Stewie will scamper off moping, cheering, “I did it” before tripping, falling flat on his face and ironically crying. “Mmmy.” Other things will likely happen. Lois is expected to go missing, therefore Brian will become depressed and, as always, Peter’s big mouth will inevitably get him in more trouble than he deserves.

But let me tell you something you didn’t see coming: Peter goes on a date with a stick figure, and in the awkward discussion that ensues they try to figure out just how they might go about having... well, you know what. In other words, there’s really no big secret. You know how it ends.

The overall experience of episode 100 will be hit-or-miss, but probably more of the latter. Diehard fans will enjoy many of the jokes, especially the ones surrounding Meg and her birth, and there is a bit about Rosie O’Donnell sure to be sidesplitting. Unfortunately, after viewing an advance copy, the episode as whole does not seem to flow as it should.

Where Family Guy has gotten by in the past using “cutaway gags” (parodied in South Park at jokes created at random by manatees) often as transitions to keep the show from dragging, Sunday’s episode misses that fluid feel. Until the episode’s tagline, about halfway through, everything runs smoothly. Soon after that, however, the episode gets stuck on a sort of lukewarm cruise control, moping along disjointedly toward an end you would be to brain-dead, or Stewie Griffin, not to expect.

If you have nothing else to do at 9 p.m. on Sunday you might as well wait for a television and let yourself be so innocent as to believe Lois has it coming. But you will probably regret it by 9:30 p.m. In fact, if you are going to watch anything at all on Sunday night, you’d better to catch the Family Guy retrospective that airs at 8:30 p.m.; it is sure to be less misleading.

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Siegfried faces upset possibility against Zahm

Morrissey and Keenan meet in rematch; Stanford looks to keep perfect season alive; St. Ed’s makes rare return to playoffs

By PETER REISENAR, GRIFFIN DASSITEI, MEGHAN McMACHON and LAURA MYERS

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In a matchup of two teams with a great amount of momentum going into the playoffs, both hopes to upset previously unbeaten Siegfried on Saturday.

The Bobcats scored in the last minute against Norin to reach the playoffs, while Siegfried rolled over Fisher in its tune-up for the postseason. But both teams exclude senior captains, so their opponents know the regular season is irrelevant now.

“Everyone starts back at square one,” Martin said. “We are not banking on how well we did during the season and we know that we have to come out and play at the top of our game.

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Hingis tests positive for cocaine, retires

Hingis, the former world No. 1, tested positive for cocaine after being tested by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) following a match in Switzerland last month. The Swiss tennis legend officially announced her retirement from professional tennis on Thursday, stating that the positive test result had made her decide to leave the sport.

In Brief

Tigers RHP Joel Zumaya has major shoulder surgery
DETROIT — With the California wildfires closing in on his parents' house, Joel Zumaya went up to the attic and tried to salvage a few things for his father. Moments later, his 2008 season was in jeopardy.

A heavy box fell on top of the Detroit Tigers reliever, injuring his pitching shoulder and forcing him to have major surgery Wednesday in San Diego. He is expected to be sidelined until late 2009.

"I have never taken drugs," then left without taking questions.

WTA Tour chief executive Larry Scott said he recently found out about Hingis' doping test from the player's representatives — word had not reached him through official channels because it's an ongoing case in which a hearing has yet to be held.

Although the formerly No. 1-ranked Hingis said she's retiring in part because she doesn't want to spend years dealing with the legal process, Scott said he expects the case to continue.

"Like a lot of Martina's fans and friends and colleagues, (I am) saddened," Scott said in a telephone interview. "She's a great legend, one of the most well-liked players on the tour. But at the same time, I'm... also mindful that the player has to be given the presumption of innocence until the process plays out until the end."

Hingis tested positive June 29, the day she lost in straight sets to Laura Granville of the United States in the third round at Wimbledon. That was her first tournament after missing 1 1/2 months with hip and back injuries.

"I just didn't want to miss Wimbledon," Hingis said at the time. "Probably at the end of the day, it wasn't like, the smartest thing."

Although doping charges usually are announced by a sports league or event, athletes are told if a sample tests positive. A second, backup sample then is tested. Martina Widmer, Hingis' manager, said she learned of the first positive test result in mid-September and the second two or three weeks later.

"I find this accusation so horrendous, so monstrous, that I have decided to confront it head-on by talking to the press," Hingis' statement said.

She said she hired an attorney who found "various inconsistencies" with the urine sample from Wimbledon.

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Harrison wants a crack at Indy

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Rodney Harrison broke his right shoulder blade the last time the Patriots faced the Indianapolis Colts in the regular season. A knee injury kept him out of their next meeting, the AFC championship game.

No wonder he doesn't want to look back.

Sunday's game between two unbeaten teams has nothing to do with the past as far as New England's safety is concerned.

He won't even compare this season's squads to those who played barely nine months ago in Indianapolis' 38-34 win that sent the Colts on to the Super Bowl, where they beat Chicago.

"What relevance does that have? It doesn't even matter," Harrison said Thursday. "Last year's game, it has nothing to do with what's going to happen on Sunday."

One difference is that Harrison is healthy again. He also could be fresher than some of the Colts, having been suspended for the first four games for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances, reportedly by using human growth hormone.

He's feeling more comfortable with each game. Now he can get back at the team that ended the Patriots' hopes for four championships in six years.

Nothing special, Harrison insists.

"I'm just anxious to play football," he said. "It doesn't matter who it's against, whether it's against the Colts or Cleveland, it really doesn't matter. It's just another game."

The routine has been the same each week this season for the Patriots (8-0). Tom Brady throws at least three touchdown passes, they win by at least 17 points, then coach Bill Belichick and his players say none of that matters going forward.

Whatever the next game is, they say, is the biggest game. This time it happens to be against the Colts (7-1).

"It's not like if we beat them or they beat us, it's going to go down as two or three wins. It's own game," Harrison said. "We understand (the hype), but it's just another game."

It will be back at the RCA Dome, where the Colts overcame a 21-3 deficit to win the AFC championship.

"Let's just play," Harrison said. "It doesn't matter if I played in Foxborough High."

New England has lost its last three games against Indianapolis, but Harrison missed all of them, except for three plays. He was healthy for the other four matchups since joining the Patriots in 2003 and they went 4-0.

"Rodney's a great safety and he's a great player," Steelers safety Troy Polamalu said. "When you have a caliber of player like Rodney, obviously it's to your lik-
After lackluster season, Dodgers get their man

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Joe Torre grew up in Brooklyn rooting against the Dodgers. Now, a half-century after they moved west, he's their manager.

Torre was hired by Los Angeles to succeed Grady Little on Thursday, taking the job two weeks after walking away from the New York Yankees.

The winningest manager in postseason history, Torre moved from one storied franchise to another, agreeing to a three-year, $13 million contract. He becomes the Dodgers' eighth manager since they left their hometown, where he rooted for the rival New York Giants.

"As a kid growing up, you didn't like them," Torre said on WFAN radio in New York less than an hour before the hiring was announced. "As a player, to me the Dodgers were the Yankees of the National League because ... you either loved them or you hated them."

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Bryant trade talks on hold

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Kobe Bryant won't be joining the Chicago Bulls anytime soon.

General manager John Paxson basically squashed the notion that the Los Angeles Lakers' superstar will wind up in Chicago, saying the teams were never on the verge of a deal and talks were over for now.

"There's not a deal done," he said Thursday. "There's not going to be a deal done. All the things that were out there were really unfail to all of us who were trying to do our jobs. The misinformation, I think, gets in the way of the process. It's just such a complicated thing and we kind of put it to rest now."

Paxson said they discussed "parameters," but the sides "never got down to the nitty-gritty of it because there was never a deal to be done."

"That's the reality of it," he said. "I hope people can make what they want of it, but what I know is that part of it is over with."

Paxson's comments came a day after a flurry of rumors. Speculation picked up Wednesday, with one report saying the Bulls, Sacramento Kings and Lakers were discussing a three-way deal that would bring the superstar to Chicago.

That scenario had Paxson sending Ben Gordon and a signed-and-traded P.J. Brown to Sacramento, with Chicago's Ben Wallace and the Kings' Ron Artest heading to Los Angeles.

Paxson dismissed the rumor, saying a deal involving Brown would send the Bulls over the luxury tax threshold — something they're reluctant to do.

Bryant, speaking before news of Paxson's comments reached the Lakers' El Segundo, Calif., practice facility, said he is monitoring the rumors "just to keep tabs on how my teammates are reacting to it."

"We've been doing a pretty good job of staying focused," he said. "I've talked to them. From that standpoint, I don't think it's that difficult. If you didn't speak to them or kind of fill them in, it would get a little confusing."

Bryant drew some boos during introductions before the Lakers' season-opening 95-93 loss to Houston on Tuesday, after calling the front office a mess and asking to be traded during the offseason. The jeers turned to cheers as Bryant scored 18 of his 45 points in the fourth quarter to lead a comeback.

The trade deadline isn't until February, so it's possible talks between the Lakers and Bulls could resume.

"Who knows?" Paxson said. "The reality is that right now, it's done."

Paxson was concerned the issue would become a distraction, so he decided to put it to rest.

"I think today sends a message that our guys don't have to worry about anything right now," Paxson said. "Then again, coach Scott Skiles wondered: What's resolving anything in all sports until the trading deadline?"

"Just because this rumor at some point dies down, does that mean another one's not going to crop up in two weeks?" he asked. "It's ongoing, it's all the time. Now, this is one that involves a very, very high profile player, so I understand the extra attention on it."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Win ties VT for division lead

Glennon throws two touchdowns, runs for one more in 27-3 win

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Sean Glennon wore a Georgia Tech jersey. The « was no doubt he was playing for Virginia Tech.

Wearing a replacement jersey provided by the home team when his own disappeared, Glennon threw two long touchdown passes and ran for another score to lead No. 11 Virginia Tech to a 27-3 win over Georgia Tech on Thursday night.

"It was funny," Glennon said. "That was the jersey of a school I almost went to coming out of high school.

The Hokies (7-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) bounced back just fine from their shocking collapse against Boston College, when they squandered a 10-point lead in the final minutes.

Glennon made his second straight start in place of freshman Tyrod Taylor, who was sidelined again by a sprained ankle. The replacement starter, who lost the job to Taylor after the second game, said it "wasn't meant to be. Suddenly, there is more..."

"I think I've been playing well," Glennon said. "But the coaches will go with the option they think they will win with." Virginia Tech (5-4, 2-4) saw its slim hopes of making a second straight trip to the ACC championship game go down the drain. The Yellow Jackets were simply horrible after jumping ahead 3-0 in their second possession.

Rubbing more salt in Virginia Tech players whose jersey mysteriously disappeared before the game, forcing them to suit up in the Yellow Jackets' white road jerseys.

Glennon's name was written in magic marker on the back, and the home team's nickname was blacked out across the front of the shirt, which was trimmed in black and gold instead of maroon and orange.

"Brandon (Fife) wrote it on there first in caps and lower case," Glennon said. "I then did it in all caps."

Virginia Tech corner back Victor Harris intercepts a pass during the Hokies' 27-3 win over Georgia Tech Thursday.
McGrady lights up Jazz during victory

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Tracy McGrady said he didn’t hold a grudge against Utah for last season’s opening-round loss in the playoffs, but what he said and how he played were quite different.

McGrady scored 47 points and the Rockets beat the Jazz 106-95 Thursday night, earning a little revenge for last season’s playoffs, when Houston won the first two games but lost the series.

“It doesn’t really mean anything. It’s only the second game of the season,” said McGrady, who was 17-27 from the floor.

The Rockets improved to 2-0 under new coach Rick Adelman, who wasn’t with Houston for Utah’s first-round comeback last spring.

McGrady was, and seemed to take it personally with his 42nd career 40-point game. He also had more help than he did in the post-season, when the Rockets basically counted on he and Yao Ming to beat the Jazz.

Mike James added 15 points — two more than the Jazz reserves combined — and Chuck Hayes had 13 rebounds for the Rockets.

“We feel like it’s Game 8 for us,” said Yao, referring to the seven-game series the Jazz rallied to win.

“We wanted to get this win and start our new season.”

Carlos Boozer had 30 points and 16 rebounds, and Mehmet Okur finished with 16 points and 10 boards, but after dominating the first quarter before McGrady took over the game. Even with Yao on the bench with foul trouble and the Jazz knowing very well who was going to be getting the ball, Utah couldn’t stop McGrady.

Inside, outside or at the foul line, McGrady carried the Rockets. He only missed 10 of his 27 field goal attempts and went 11-14 from the free throw line.

“This is a new season. I’m just feeling good mentally, physically and having fun playing basketball with my new teammates and coaching staff,” McGrady said. “We have a lot of new energy, a lot of new systems to play in."

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Utah coach Jerry Sloan said, “We’re not good enough to play that way. Every time the Jazz made a move in the second half, McGrady stopped it. Okur hit a short jumper to get the Jazz within 89-82, but McGrady answered with a 3-pointer and did teammate Dikembe Mutombo’s finger wag while backpedaling on defense. The "no, no, no." gesture seemed appropriate because the Jazz couldn’t stop McGrady when they needed to at all night.

“Tracy was just unbelievably effective,” said Adelman, who inherited McGrady when he replaced former coach Jeff Van Gundy.

“Tracy was very efficient and he got to the foul line a lot,” Adelman said.

The Rockets were 31 of 40 from the free throw line vs. 18 of 29 for the Jazz.

“We’re not good enough to play that way,” Sloan said.

Although Calvin will be a tough competitor, Belles head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said she is ready.

“We are focusing on betting our game. I really prefer to practice things that we can control,” Schroeder-Biek said. “We watch game film to anticipate and learn our opponents tendencies.”

Besides studying their opponent, the Belles need to work on something they have struggled with all season — their own mindset.

“We need to feel confident in our abilities to respond to whatever our opponent throws out our way,” Schroeder-Biek said. “We are separating the tournament from the regular season. We start with a clean slate.

This will be the second year in a row that Saint Mary’s will play Calvin in the semifinals. Last season, Calvin downed the Belles 3-0.

Saint Mary’s entered this season’s tournament as the fifth seed and swept Tri-State on Tuesday. The win avenged the Belles two regular season losses to Tri-State and improved their record to 13-7.

Schroeder-Biek said the Belles will need the same competitive drive against Calvin that they had against Tri-State.

“The single-elimination factor of the tournament makes things a little more exciting, and I think brings out your fight,” Schroeder-Biek said.

The winner of the match will take on Hope or Adrian Saturday.

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PARIS — David Nalbandian beat Roger Federer for the second time in less than two weeks on Thursday, earning a 6-4, 7-6 (3) victory in the third round of the Paris Masters.

The result ended a series between the two 8-8 and ended Federer's streak of reaching the final in eight straight tournaments — going back to May.

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The defending champion, who was leading 5-2, 30-0 when he had his serve broken for the 10th time, finished with 10 double faults, 36 unforced errors and had to save seven break points in losing five times.

Chair umpire Ugo Bocchicchio spoke to Davydenko during a changeover, asking him what was wrong with his game. Davydenko responded by asking what else he could do.

"Serve like me," Mourier was heard telling Davydenko on the television broadcast, "and when you serve like me, you put it in the box. That's it.

Davydenko had said Wednesday he was hampered by a sore elbow, but he didn't give a direct answer when Baghdatis asked him what was wrong as they shook hands at the end of the match.

Last week at the St. Petersburg Open, Davydenko was fined $2,000 by the ATP for "lack of best effort" during a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 loss to Marin Cilic.

"I cannot serve," Davydenko said of Thursday's match. "That was happening in St. Petersburg. I don't have to prove it. I have no pain in my elbow. I need to find what's the reason because I cannot really serve.

ATP spokesman Nicola Arzani said Davydenko will not be penalized against the fourth-seeded David Nalbandian. Meanwhile, second-seeded Nadal, eighth-seeded Tommy Robredo, Ferrer and 10th-seeded Richard Gasquet of France all advanced in straight sets.

Nadal beat Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 6-4, 6-3, and next meets either ninth-seeded Tommy Haas or Mikhail Youzhny, who was fined $7,500 for "lack of best effort" while losing 6-4, 7-6 (8) to Peter Luczak.

Robredo topped 11th-seeded Canas of Argentina 7-5, 7-5 to set up a match against Baghdatis. Both stayed in contention for the season-ending Masters Cup in Shanghai.

Gasquet remained in contention by beating sixth-seeded James Blake of the United States 6-4, 6-4, but Ferrer ended Berdych's hopes of reaching Shanghai, along with Blake and Canas.

Federer, Nadal, Davydenko, Ferrer, Djokovic and Andy Roddick are qualified. The last two spots will be decided in Paris.

Gasquet next meets 15th-seeded Andy Murray, who beat Fabrice Santoro 6-4, 6-2 to retain his chances for Shanghai.

Davydenko's warning is the latest in a series of incidents that have drawn attention to the fourth-ranked Russian.

After a monster in August, online betting exchange Betfair voided bets after Davydenko withdrew against 17th-ranked Martin Verkerk of the Netherlands last Thursday because of a foot injury.


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Brenner has been a key player for Punahou in all facets of the game, and his timely goals in the last two games against Lewis and Brenn-Philips, Brenner scored all 40 Punahou points.

To prepare for the playoffs, the Phoxes have gone from one practice a week to three, hoping to come fresh despite a two-week layoff between games.

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Cavanaugh, **meanwhile**, hopes to rely on its experience to get to the second round.

Led by junior quarterback and senior running back Tarah Brom, the Chows also enter the playoffs with a winning record, having won three of their past four games.

"We've had some momentum at the beginning of the season," Dunn said. "We had momentum at the end of the season and we want to continue that in the playoffs."

Dunn was confident her team wouldn't be hampered by the long break since its last game.

"It might affect us a little," Dunn said. "But we've been springing off a lot from the season and I consider our defense to be pretty tough. I don't think it'll affect us too much."

In addition to shuffling off the rust, Dunn was adamant about doing the little things right on Sunday, especially extra point plays.

"All the teams are good now, so the games will come down to the wire," Dunn said. "We struggled with extra points early in the season, but we've been working a lot on defending those plays.

"The Chows, though, haven't made any major changes for the decision."

"We know Pangborn is a good team, and we know what to expect," Dunn said. "We just have to keep doing what we've been doing.

The Phoxes take on Cavanaugh at 3 p.m. on Riehle Field.

**Walsh vs. Farley**

The Wild Women will look to keep their undefeated season going today when they face Farley in the opening round of the playoffs.

Senior captain Marie Brenner expected to see her squad rejuvenated after its week off.

"We're going into the playoff games with a lot of new enthusiasm and excitement in hopes of playing the championship game in the stadium," Brenner said.

However, don't expect to see Walsh looking too far ahead.

"Since we've played Farley already once in the season, we know that we're a tough competition," Brenner said. "Despite our high goals, we are also playing one game at a time."

**Offensively, senior quarterback Mary Sullivan will lead the high-powered Walsh attack. She will try to connect with sophomore receiver Sierra Smith and sophomore receiver Meghan Harley.**

"Farley had a tough start to the season," Brenner said. "They have a lot of great players back from the break of the season."

According to Farley, the Phoxes have been working hard at a home on some of their plays.

"Mary Sullivan has been working on finishing drives in the red zone," Farley said. "I hope that we can continue to shut down offensively as it has been.""}

**The teams will meet Sunday at 4 p.m. on Riehle Field.**

Howard vs. Pasquerilla West

In a battle between two teams with two losers, Howard will take on defending champion Pasquerilla West in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

Howard has a record of 3-2-1 with a game unbeaten streak. The Ducks, however, are not overlooking the Purple Weasels.

"PW is definitely a strong opponent," senior captain Mary Jenkins said. "I think they are one of the toughest teams we could potentially face in the playoffs. A win against them would give us a great boost heading into the next round."

**The Ducks are led on defense by freshman quarterback Kayla Bishop and junior wide receiver Laura Greenman.**

"I couldn't believe that we definitely came back from the break as focused as ever," Jenkins said. "We're going to try and mix up our offense game plan. It may throw it around a little more."

Junior linemen Kate Sylvia leads a solid defense that will look to shut down the Weasels on Sunday.

"After reevaluating the defense, we got great results to help fill in the vacancy left by Scott Niedermyer, took the Ducks' second shot in the tiebreaker and beat Fridrik Norrena between the pads, the puck trickling across the goal line as the goalie frantically reached back to stop it."

"I never would have imagined that finish," Schneider said, adding that he now has a record in shootouts. "I'm 100 percent now, I'm one for one."

Being a defense man, he could hardly believe it when coach Randy Carlyle told him to get ready to shoot.

"I thought he was kidding at first," Schneider said. "It was just one of those things that you do on the bench; you make a decision and you go with it."

Shortly after Anaheim's Rob Niedermyer broke a scoreless tie in the shootout, Schneider stopped shots by Sergei Fedorov, Ruslan Salei and David Vyboryn during the shootout, clinching it with a glove save of Vyboryn's shot.

The win ended Anaheim's four-game losing streak and snapped a four-game winning streak by Columbus.

"I think we played well from the beginning to the end," said Giguere, who made 19 saves. "We didn't have any letdowns. We finished on a positive note, so we should be happy with that."

Columbus goalie Pascal Leclaire, who has a 6-2-1 record and 1.25 goals-against average, was given the night off, so Norrena got his first start in nine games. He finished with 33 saves.

"A tough way to lose," Norrena said. "We had some problems early in the game, and they came out flying and we were well-rested."
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"I give credit to these [players] because it would have been easy to fold up the ship early after starting out how we did," Irish coach Randy Waldrum.

In Notre Dame's most recent game, it defeated Rutgers 2-1 in New Jersey. In that contest, the Scarlet Knights became the first team to hold a lead over the Irish during their win streak.

"Rutgers showed that they're capable of putting us on the ropes," Waldrum said. "We had to battle back last week against them.

In addition to trying to win the conference tournament, the Irish will set out to improve their standing for the NCAA Tournament. With wins over strong opponents, the Irish have a chance to become one of the top eight seeds, which would guarantee them home games against lower-ranked opponents for the first several rounds.

"Some years when you haven't really lost too many games, you kind of want to cruise through the Big East tournament," Waldrum said. "This year, we would love to play the best teams there are because we're hoping to get a top-eight seed."

The Irish offensive, which topped the Big East in scoring at 2.7 goals per game, is led by junior forward Kerri Hellyer. After scoring a goal and notching four assists in wins over Seton Hall and Rutgers, Hanks was named the Big East offensive player of the week. Against the Scarlet Knights, Hanks became the third division 1 player ever to reach 30 career goals and 30 assists prior to her senior season.

Senior goalie Lauren Karas will mind the net behind a defense that has surrendered an average of just 30 goals per game.

Rutgers defeated St. John's in New York in a shootout Thursday. The Scarlet Knights posted a record of 9-8-3 in the regular season and finished fifth in the Big East National Division.

The Irish will host the Scarlet Knights at 1 p.m. Sunday at Alumni Field.

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Irish senior forward Joseph Lapira clears the ball in Notre Dame's 3-3 draw with Connecticut on Oct. 13.

MEN'S SOCCER
Irish can clinch Big East with win

By DAN MURPHY
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No. 9 Notre Dame closes out its regular season Saturday at North Kehoe Field in Washington, D.C., when it takes on conference foe Georgetown.

The Irish can clinch first place in the Big East and a top seed in the conference tournament with a win over the Hoyas. Notre Dame is looking to take home its second regular season championship in as many years.

"One of goals for the year is to win the league. Your record in the league is a true measure of success, and being champ-inline is as good as you can get," Clark said Sunday, following Notre Dame's 2-2 draw with Providence.

The Irish could have sealed the division with a win against the Friars, but the draw kept Connecticut in the hunt for first place. Connecticut still has an opportunity to capture the division if Notre Dame loses to Georgetown. The Huskies are only two points behind the Irish in the standings.

Notre Dame (10-3-4, 7-0-3) is the only undefeated team left in the league and, with a win, will tie a program record for conference wins in a season.

Georgetown comes into the contest with a 5-5 conference record, but has won three straight in the Big East to close out the season. The Hoyas are 4-1 overall in their last five games with the only loss being a 2-1 battle with a tough Maryland squad. The Terrapins also defeated Notre Dame earlier in the season 3-0 at the Adidas/IU Classic.

The Hoyas have struggled to produce on offense this season. The team's leading scorer, Chandler Diggs, has netted three goals and three assists. Sean Anthoney and Cozy Zeller have also racked up three goals so far on the season. As a team, Georgetown is averaging less than a goal per game.

Irish senior Chris Cahill has been one of the top goalkeepers in the conference this year, and will be looking to add a seventh shutout to his resume this season. Cahill boasts a 0.87 goals against average and a record of 9-2-4.

On offense, Notre Dame has been led once again by senior forward Joseph Lapira. Lapira, last year's M.A.C. Hermann Award winner, has caught fire in the season's second week of college career with two assists in his past two games. He leads the team with 20 points and eight assists. He is also tied with fifth-year senior Ryan Miller for the lead in goals scored, both players netted six.

Lapira scored two goals last season against the Hoyas to lead Notre Dame to an easy 4-1 victory at Alumni Field. Notre Dame has won nine of the 17 games between the two teams in their history, but is only 2-4 against the Hoyas on their own turf.

As long as his team prepares well, Clark said, he's confident Notre Dame will be able to come away with a win and clinch the conference.

"We know every team in the Big East can beat us, but if we do things properly we can beat every team in the Big East," he said.

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Irish sophomore midfielder Courtney Rosen controls the ball in Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14.

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St. John's in New York in a shootout Thursday. The Scarlet Knights posted a record of 9-8-3 in the regular season and finished fifth in the Big East National Division.

The Irish will host the Scarlet Knights at 1 p.m. Sunday at Alumni Field.

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This first goal broke the game open just over two minutes remaining in the second period. Condra jumped on a loose rebound and poked it into the net to give the Irish a 5-2 lead. The shot came three minutes into a major penalty on Lake Superior's Zac Marvøy, who was ejected from the game after taking a run at senior Evan Ilkin. That told defensive coach Rick VeNard to scuffle with Marvøy.
"I don't know what I was thinking but I was in there," VeNard said. "You just gotta show up for a team like that. We've been battling all summer, all fall, no one is going to take a run at one of our guys. I was trying to have a discussion trying to get him to calm down for a little bit.
Jackson said he spoke with Lake Superior coach Jim Hoge after the game.
"I think we gained a little respect from them," he said.
VeNard drove the stake into a major penalty on Lake Superior goalie Fredrik Samuelsson. VeNard said he was taking one too many penalties for his liking.
"I couldn't help but smile when I saw him out on the floor doing his thing," VeNard said. "It was a thrill to see Lindsay Schrader, who was going in to the lineup. We've been working on that a little bit. It's just great to see Lindsay Schrader.
"I was just really, really excited. But then again, I don't know. I wasn't satisfied with the way I played," Peters said. "But I don't ever think I'm ever going to be satisfied with the way I played. But the win is all that matters."
The game also marked the first time in his career here," Jackson said. "We're excited to face Notre Dame and we know it'll be a tough one."
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Notre Dame that has, I think, every opportunity and ability to go as deep as they want to go," Jackson said. "Our young, Coach Rick Brey said.
"I think we're going to see some great depth and we are going to be, I think, a really great team who's ready to roll on all cylinders," McGraw said.
Peters was the main star of the Irish rookie class Thursday, scoring 16 points with seven rebounds, two steals and two assists in only 19 minutes.
"Devoreaux did a nice job inside with the rebounding, with the blocked shot, and I was able to get some rebounds and score," McGraw said. "Even though this was her first college game, Peters said, her teammates helped get her ready to play."
"Obviously I was excited. I have a lot of great teammates. It's just exciting to get out there and play for the first time," Peters said. "I wasn't too nervous for whatever reason. I don't know why, just excitedly wanted to get out there.

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it was a one-possession game.
The Bees play an up-tempo style, which Brey said he is excited to face.
"They really try to play fast, which is good. I'll test our transition defense and I'll test our thinking," he said.
Notre Dame will be without sophomore forward Luke Hancock, who injured his thumb in practice on Oct. 18. Junior Zach Hillesland will replace Hancock in the starting lineup.
Junior guard Kyle McAlarney will play for the first time since serving a semester-long suspension after an arrest last season on marijuana charges. McAlarney will join sophomore Tory Jackson in the backcourt starting lineup. He's such a class kid. He's so well focused on the year. The two teams will face off tonight at 7:35 in the Joyce Center.
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"This has been so much better than playing AAU or travel teams because the people are in shape and while they may not be as big as us, they play hard." Brey said.

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Jazz the Tradition

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some great kids around about how Danny's had a tough couple years here." Jackson said. "He's had a lot of injuries, he hasn't had a chance to play a lot, but here he is a true senior. He's so well liked by his teammates, that's why he's a captain.

Notre Dame didn't look back from there. Freshman Robin Selph, who lined up with Condra and Van Guilder, picked up his first collegiate goal 18 seconds into the second period. Condra picked the puck up at center ice and beat a Lake Superior defenseman to the net. His shot was saved, but Bergman was there to send home a long rebound on a virtually empty net. "If my rebound didn't go in," Condra intentionally took a soft shot off the goalie's glove hand to set up a man-busting to the net, and that's a big-time play," Jackson said.
The Irish improved to 5-3-0 (1-0) in the CCHA with the win, and Lake Superior dropped to 1-3-1 on the year. The two teams will face off again tonight at 7:35 in the Joyce Center.
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RICH PROTIVA & ANDY SPANGLER

Your Horoscope for the Week of November 5, 2007

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't use worms. Use a lure.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Trust the Man in the Yellow Hat.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Maintain personal hygiene by showering daily, shaving regularly, clipping your nails weekly, and always wiping well.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Keep your eye on Orion the Hunter. He's about to slay a wild boar.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Maintain substantial distance from loved ones. They don't really love you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
If your bike has been making you sore, you might want to consider investing in a banana seat.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Aren't chihuahuas just so cute?

Aries (March 21-Apr. 19)
Handle your feet with care. More importantly, feedle your hands with care.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)
Don't use worms.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Keep that spunk!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Be ashamed of your largeness.

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**HOCKEY**

**Draining the lake**

Notre Dame crushes Lake Superior State

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

After suffering his first shutout loss in almost a year last Saturday to Ferris State, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey decided to make a change. Jackson moved last year's point leader Erik Condura from his normal line to play with senior captain Mark Van Guilder — and it paid off.

Condura had five points (2 goals, 3 assists) and Van Guilder added four more (2 goals, 2 assists) in Notre Dame's 7-3 rout of Lake Superior State Thursday.

"I was just trying to find that right chemistry, you know," Jackson said. "Erik is a very smart, intelligent, playmaking player."

It was the second five-point game of Condura's career. The junior right wing tallied a goal and four assists in a 6-2 win over Robert Morris in January.

Irish defenseman Ian Cole skates in Notre Dame's Blue-Gold scrimmage on Oct. 10. Notre Dame downed Lake Superior State Thursday 7-3 at the Joyce Center.

**WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL**

**Welsh Family enters playoffs as team to beat**

By JOHN WHITTY, SAM WEBNER, ANDY ZICCARELLI and ALEX BARKER
Sports Writers

Welsh Family vs. Lyons

The No. 8 Lions hope to play spoiler and upend the top-seeded, undefeated Welsh Family when the two teams clash Sunday.

All season, the 6-0 Whirlwinds have run down opponents with a balanced attack of overpowering offense and stifling defense.

"Our success this season has been due to our offense, defense, coaching and team chemistry," Welsh Family captain Kelly Bushelle said. "If the offense struggles, we know the defense will step up and vice versa."

Offensive struggles, though, have hardly been a problem for the Whirlwinds, who average just over 22 points a game. Coupled with a dominant Whirlwind defense that has shut out opponents in half of its games, the Lions have an uphill climb.

Despite the daunting task, Lyons remains optimistic.

"We plan to come out strong and use what we have been working on in practice to beat Welsh Family," Lyons captain Catherine Mackin said. "We are not afraid, and we will be ready on Sunday to win."

Lyons will look for big performances on offense from sophomore quarterback Claire Connell and freshman running back Neva Lundy. In order to stop the potent Welsh Family offense, the Lions will need big games from their defensive core of seniors Judith Kaczmarek and Joanna Collins and junior Shannon Brandy.

The Lions and Whirlwinds play Sunday at 1 p.m. on Lisle Field.

**Pangborn vs. Cavanaugh**

These Phoxes may be young, but that doesn't mean they play like pound ponies. Pangborn, led almost entirely by freshman and sophomores, enters the playoffs riding a five-game unbeaten streak it hopes to continue Sunday against Cavanaugh.

The No. 3 seed Phoxes look to rely on a tough defense and strong passing game led by freshman quarterback Claire Gallin and sophomore receiver Meghan Bescher.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Hoopsters tip off against Div. II foe**

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

After weeks of intrasquad scrimmages, Notre Dame will finally get to take the floor against an opponent.

The Irish face Saint Ambrose tonight at 9 at the Joyce Center in their first exhibition game of the season.

Coach Mike Brey said one of his focuses for the exhibition against the Fighting Bees will be trying to simulate the rotation he wants to use once the regular season starts.

"It's the first time you're on the same bench, so you try to get a feel for your substitution patterns," he said.

Brey said that while he wants to get every player into the game, his substitutions will be "like a Big East game," especially in the first half, so he can see how different combinations work on the floor.

Although Saint Ambrose is a Div. II school, Brey said, it will provide good competition for the Irish.

"They have DePaul in a close one [last year]," he said. "With about 10 minutes to go, they're talking about a team in the quarterfinals of the Big East."

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**Irish begin Big East title hunt**

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After defeating Rutgers last Sunday, Notre Dame will again face the Scarlet Knights in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament.

The Irish earned a first-round bye, but will begin tournament play on Sunday at Alumni Field.

The Scarlet Knights will have to maintain a high level of play to have any chance against the Irish, who finished the regular season unbeaten in conference play. Notre Dame is looking to win its 12th Big East championship during its 13 years in the conference.

After beginning the season 3-4-1, the Irish put together a 10-game win streak during which they outscored opponents 34-5.

**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Team earns free Big Macs for fans**

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Assistant Sports Editor

With 11 seconds to play, the crowd of 5,222 at the Joyce Center Thursday night finally got what it wanted: a Big Mac. The crowd erupted when Irish center Erica Williamson's layup gave Notre Dame its 89th point — one more than was needed for everyone at the game to receive a coupon for a free McDonald's sandwich.

She would add a free throw for a traditional three-point play, giving Notre Dame a 90-38 win over Southern Indiana Thursday.

It was the most exciting part of a game the Irish dominated from the opening tip.

"We're talking about a team in the quarterfinals of the Big East."

Irish senior guard Tushah Gaines drives to the hoop in Notre Dame's 87-66 win over Richmond on Nov. 28, 2006.
Defensive end Trevor Laws is entering the home stretch of a career that has seen him develop into an integral part of Notre Dame's defense.

Curtain Call
Weis gets it right after early fumbles

Charlie Weis has followed more than a few times this season. But this week, at least, he's been a heck of a coach.

On Tuesday, Weis broke the news to Robert Hughes (and other players and reporters, separately) that Hughes' older brother, Earl, had died. Weis told Hughes to take all the much time away from football as he needed.

"Something like that, how can you give him a time frame?" Weis said.

On Wednesday, Hughes was back. Weis said the freshman running back returned because of classes and to have a distraction from the grim reality for a while. Weis again insisted that Hughes could take things at his own pace. He also told Hughes to play against Navy if he wanted to, but there was no rush.

On Thursday night, Weis was scheduled to drive Hughes to his home in Chicago to be with his family. Weis didn't want the freshman driving 90 miles, alone and facing his brother's funeral. He also wanted to spend "one-on-one time" with Hughes, something not so common on teams with more than 80 scholarship players, and sit and talk with Hughes' family.

What's more, Weis went through the athletic department's compliance office and the NCAA to arrange for one or two buses to take coaches and players close to Hughes to service for Earl on Friday. That all might seem natural and nondescript, but that's precisely the point.

There's a reason Notre Dame alumni cling so dearly to the tradition of athletes living in normal dorms just like everyone else — because they are just like everyone else. And when football coaches react to human situations in humane manners, that's a good thing. Too often, sports celebrities try to construct a false wall between the public and themselves; the line is simple, and it's repeated often — "you just don't get it."

But here, there was no sign of that mentality. Weis made an analogy about a father or a mother — what they would do. By driving to Chicago, the coach is missing time he would otherwise spend studying tape, formulating a game plan or recruiting. But it's the right thing to do.

This week, Weis' good decisions aren't just in the off-the-field arena. He gave the first indication that Notre Dame just might be able to fix its performance fortunes sometime soon. If the first step to overcoming a football problem is recognizing it exists, Weis moved onto Step 2. A reporter with the Navy press corps asked Weis what the biggest problems with the Irish are this year. The question was marvelous.

"For those of us who haven't followed Notre Dame football as closely as those people who cover it on a regular basis or are fans, could you kind of just quickly summarize what you feel has happened this year?" the reporter asked. "Is it simply a case of being hit hard by graduation and the younger players who have been asked to fill in just haven't performed or were not ready or the inexperience?"

In your overall big picture analysis, what's led to 1-7?" The answer was better. "Well, first of all, let's start with coaching," Weis said. "I, probably, with the transition that we've had from last year to this year, have not done the best job of having the team ready to go on a week in and week out basis. And we probably should leave it at this time because if you are looking for me to give you a whole dossier of problems that have happened this year, there would be too many things."

There was a follow-up, with the reporter hoping to get Weis to say the team's inexperience has been a "crucial factor" in its failings.

Weis didn't bite. "It's a factor, but that's it," Weis said. "It's a factor; it's not the factor ... I started with what I felt was the No. 1 reason, and I think that if you start with the head coach doing a better job, then you'd probably have a better record." He told the truth. The inexperience has hurt, but he has also done a crummy job at times, which has set the team back. But simply by acknowledging that flaw, he's starting to turn things around.

It's just a week, but a week in which Weis showed why he still earns trust among fans.
Trevor Laws has shined in his career despite coaching changes and a switch in defensive scheme.

Irish defensive end Trevor Laws celebrates a fumble recovery in Notre Dame's 31-14 loss to Michigan.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associated Press Editor

Last season, Trevor Laws was part of an all-senior defensive line at Notre Dame as a defensive tackle. But after tackle Derek Landri and ends Victor Abiamiri and Chris Frome graduated, Laws was the only experienced defensive lineman on Notre Dame's roster who could return for a fifth year.

Laws took that fifth year to try to improve his play on a team that had been one of the top players on one of the worst teams in the nation.

But he wouldn't trade it for anything.

"If I could go back in time, I would make the exact same decision because I've had great moments with my good friends here," he said.

Life before Weis

In football, Laws made consistent appearances on various football recruiting lists, and was named an ESPN.com and USA Today prep All-American. Laws was rated the No. 2 defensive tackle in the country his senior season and earned Gatorade player of the year honors in Minnesota.

When colleges came to recruit Laws, he knew that he wanted to go to a Big Ten school that could be close to home. Notre Dame wasn't on his initial list.

"I wasn't always a Notre Dame fan, and when I first got the letter to come here I didn't know if that was the right decision for me," he said.

But when he sat down and thought about it, Laws decided that Notre Dame's combination of athletics and academics— he was a member of the National Honor Society in high school—made it a great place to go.

When Laws entered the University, he played his first two seasons under coach Tyrone Willingham. He did not get on the field as a freshman and finished his sophomore season with 17 tackles, two pass break-ups and a forced fumble.

When Willingham was fired on Nov. 30, 2004, Laws said he was shocked.

"It was tough. I didn't see it coming at all. Coming to Notre Dame you think you're going to be with this guy you're whole career and then he gets fired," he said. "So it's tough, but I look at it as, if we keep on working and we have such a successful year and thought this was going to be great so that made it easier. But it's always tough losing some of your coaches.

Becoming a star

When Weis took over, Laws said, it took some adjusting to the new coach's personality. "It was definitely a little bit of culture shock but you get used to it fast," Laws said. "And his [defensive line] coach [Jappy] Oliver has been a great position coach, it's been great having him with me." Laws took in and utilized, a advantage of the new system, earning a starting job as a defensive tackle in his junior season. Laws started all 12 games on the defensive line but netted only 33 tackles and 1 1/2 sacks.

Even though Laws has relatively modest numbers, his coaches still saw the potential he had to be a top-tier defensive player.

"Even when I first got here I have to say, in trying to make a big play on every down. "The one thing I've tried to do is get him to trust his instincts, because Trevor has great instincts, and I thought that he has thought he's elevated his status," Weis said. "He can play left defensive tackle, right defensive tackle, left end or right end. So basically he's played 67 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and four pass breakups— cannot overshad­we the team's performance."

Times have changed for Laws. The team is now led by the likes of the young, inexperienced players—including former defensive coordinator Rick Malavolti.

One of the most important decisions for Laws was whether he should even take the fifth year. But he said that he has a lot of friends in the fifth-year class, and they decided to play one more year together.

"In the end, we decided it would be the best for all of us to come back and play another year at Notre Dame, another year for each other and also at the same time elevate ourselves in the draft for next year," he said.

Still, when Corwin Brown came in and brought his 3-4 personnel defense, everything changed for Laws.

Elder statesman

Laws has been one of the players most affected by the new defensive scheme. Laws said that he sees himself as more of a defensive tackle in a 4-3, but had to make the adjustment to playing end.

To prepare for the change, Laws said, he lost some weight and did drills to increase his speed and mobility because he would have more room to work with on the end. He said that even though Laws is listed as an end, he has played every position on the line this season — something that will help him at the next level.

"He's played both inside and outside both left and right this year that basically means he's elevated his status," Weis said. "He can play left defensive tackle, right defensive tackle, left end or right end. So basically he's played 67 tackles, two sacks, two fumble recoveries and four pass breakups— cannot overshad­we the team's performance."

"I will never feel good about this season, but maybe in the future it will be easier to look back and see that another positive," Laws said. "But I will never be OK with the way we played," he said.

But one of the toughest parts of being the lone senior on such a young defensive line has been focusing on this sea­son's final four games, all at Notre Dame.

"I'm looking forward to next year, this is the beginning of next year," he said. "I'm looking forward to next year, this is the beginning of next year, but I don't want to think about it that way."

The way I do think about some­times is just helping younger players, because they're going to be playing next year for my school, so just helping them along and play­ing hard these last four games.

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Irish defensive lineman Trevor Laws tackles Spartans in last game.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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COACHING

Evan Sharpley will start again this week at quarterback for the Irish after struggling in his first career start against USC. Sharpley has completed 33 percent of his passes this year with three touchdowns and three interceptions.

IRISH PASSING

If Sharpley can throw like he did against Purdue or, at times, against Boston College, the Irish will have success. If he plays like he did against USC, however, Notre Dame will struggle. Duval Kamara and Robby Purvis will start at receiver this week.

IRISH RUSHING

Navy has been torched through the air this year, allowing more than 200 yards per game. Last week, Delware threw for 434 yards and scored four touchdowns through the air. The Midshipmen are last in the nation in sacks.

Kahaku Enhada runs the option to perfection and always a threat to break a big gain on the ground. He has also been solid throwing the ball. Sharpley has shown flashes, but has not been very consistent this season.

Notre Dame's running game has been nonexistent, but Navy's small defensive front may be just as big a threat as anyone. Sharpley will have to run the option. If Navy can't stop it, Enhada will have to run it himself.

Notre Dame will finally be able to move the ball this week against Navy's underized and struggling defense, especially with James Aldridge back. Defensively, the Irish need to put up a strong defense in order to win.

Like its rush defense, Navy's pass defense is awful — but so is Notre Dame's passing game. The Irish should look better this week, but whether they will show the consistency they have lacked most of this season is in the air.

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If only these were any other year in the Paul Johnson era, then Navy would be a show-it. But it's not. Still, Navy can score — and the Midshipmen will. The Irish will need to stop up at least four touchdowns. Navy's defense may be porous, but Notre Dame has taken advantage of defenses for a grand total of only two quarters this season. And the last time Navy beat Notre Dame? 1963, a year very similar to this one.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Charlie Weis
Third season at Notre Dame.
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Notre Dame's defense has been its strength this season, although Matt Ryan and Mark Sanchez had good games against the Irish. Notre Dame's defense will need to improve their tackling to help out against the option.

Navy leads the nation in rushing, with more than 340 yards per game from their option-based attack. Seven Midshipmen backs average more than 10 yards rushing per game. Kaheaku-Enhada is the leader, with a little more than 90 yards per game.

White Navy's option offense differs from the power running games that have given Notre Dame fits. It is still very effective on the ground. The Irish will have to say disciplined and tackle well in order to slow the Midshipmen down.

Navy's passing game will likely be a non-factor in this game. Paul Johnson's team has struggled to pass it down the field, and Navy will rely on its defense to hold up. The Midshipmen might try to contain the passing game with a strong play action.

Notre Dame's special teams have suffered many breakdowns at times this season. Last game, a USC punt hit Munir Prince in the back and was recovered by the Trojans. The Irish also had a field goal blocked and struggled on kick returns.

Reggie Campbell is tiny, but a very quick returner who is a threat to take a kickoff or punt back for a touchdown every time. The Midshipmen also have two solid placekickers, Matt Harmon and Joey Bullen.

The Midshipmen smell blood in the water. This is their best chance to end the losing streak since at least 2003, if not longer. That they are coming off a disheartening loss to the Irish, but they will be fired up to play the Irish.

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Notre Dame has had a bye week to lick its wounds and prepare for the option. The team and campus are chipper after fall break and have put the USC game behind them. But the Irish are still 1-7 with all the psychological issues that go with it.

Navy has been bitten by the foot injury, as Kaheaku-Enhada has been, given Notre Dame's size. But the Irish, for as bad as they've been, last week. If the Irish can't score on the Navy defense. But the Irish, for as bad as they've been this season, should put up points against the Midshipmen. Navy gave up 59 points to Delaware, a championship subdivision team, last week. If the Irish can't score on the Midshipmen, I quit. Even though Notre Dame will score a few touchdowns, Navy still wins.

FINAL SCORE: Navy 35 Notre Dame 24

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Crunching the numbers

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Irish defense faces potent option attack

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame has played Navy since 1927 and, for much of that time, the Midshipmen have run the triple option. But few Navy teams have mastered the 3-4 formation that the Midshipmen use.

The Midshipmen are No. 1 in rushing more than the nation in rushing, averaging more than 340 yards per game. They have scored an average of 35 points per game and put 52 points on Delaware last week in a loss.

The good news for the Irish is that they had last week off and have been preparing to stop the option for nearly two weeks. But as defensive line coach Jappy Oliver said, stopping the Midshipmen is no different than stopping the Midshipmen.

"It's entirely different," Oliver said. "Within your own team, you don't have people that run that type of offense. You don't have the quarterback or that kind of running backs or linemen that block like that.".

The Navy offense operates out of a double-wing formation, with a fullback behind the quarterback and two wingbacks behind, and on the outside of the tackles. This type of formation, the Midshipmen run a dizzying array of options, counters and misdirections.

"They're scoring points in bunches," Oliver said. "If you're not used to seeing it, it's very difficult to stop.".

Up front, the undersized Navy linemen often use a cutback technique along the defensive line's ankles to gain the edge to open up running lanes. The blocks are not only effective — they're also dangerous.

"You have to watch out for those cut blocks of yours or you could roll and ankle or something," Irish defensive end Trevor Laws said.

On a given option play, the Irish defense will have to defend against a fullback dive up the middle, a quarterback keeper off tackle and a pitch to a wing back on the edge.

To make matters worse for the defense, the Midshipmen substitute frequently, bringing in fresh wingbacks, fullbacks and backup quarterback Jared Bryant off the bench.

"They have a lot of interchange-able guys," Laws said.

Oliver spent eight years at Air Force, a program that runs the option and also plays Navy every season, so head coach Charlie Weis pronounced Notre Dame's "option experts" as a kind of headache when it came to drawing up the defensive schemes.

The Irish defense will counter the option with multiple looks, using both three- and four-man defensive lines to make it harder for Navy to run around making plays," Kuntz said.

Kuntz and Midshipmen backers Marcus Crum and Joe Hertig differ on what they'll do to stop the fullback. Kaheaku-Enhada will be forced to dive down the line of scrimmage, where Notre Dame's outside line to break up any screen passes or defensive ends will be waiting.

Oliver said there are two kinds of guys on Air Force's defensive line that use to slow down the option. "One is to try to string it out and make the quarterback try to work the sideline as possible; the other is to get aggressive and try to force a bad pitch or a fumble. The aggressive approach can sometimes give up big plays, but Oliver said it is necessary to try to keep Navy from grinding up the clock with_TOUCH".

"You play from sideline to sideline and don't be aggressive, you can be robotic," he said. "We're going to have to come after them sometimes.".

If the ball gets wide to the pitch man or the quarterback runs upfield, Irish defensive backs will have to make the tackle. Last season against Air Force, safety Chinedum Nnukwe made 25 such stops.

"Webe hopes this season's defensive backs don't have similar numbers, because it will mean they are over-committing to the option and might give up big plays on play-action passes. It's a matter of when you don't fall into a trap," he said. "You come down to the call, you come up and then the wheel runs, it runs right by you.".

Laws said that, because of the option, Navy is one of the most physically demanding games he plays in each sea son.

"Every year I've played Navy since I've been here it's always one of the toughest games on the schedule," Laws said. "My body gets beat up.".

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Irish linebacker Maurice Crum Jr., left, looks to make a stop at Notre Dame's 38-14 win over Navy on Oct. 29, 2006.

Offensive guru Johnson finds success at Navy

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Paul Johnson has accomplished a lot in his six seasons as Navy's coach, and Saturday, Johnson will lead the Midshipmen in a game they have a good chance to do what no Navy team has done since John Kennedy was president — beat Notre Dame.

In 2002, Johnson took over a Navy program that was 1-20 in the four seasons before. After going 3-15 in Johnson's first year, Navy went 35-15 the next two seasons, made an appearance in four straight bowl games and defeated traditional rival Army each year under Johnson.

Even though his squad will be facing a 1-7 Notre Dame, Johnson said, the Midshipmen aren't obsessing about snapping Notre Dame's seven-game losing streak.

"I think the media makes a lot bigger deal about that than we do," Johnson said by telephone Wednesday. "Everybody looks for it. For the first time you're asked about everything, but other than that, we haven't even talked about it.".

Johnson spent eight seasons as offensive coordinator at Boston College before taking over as offensive coordinator in 1995. Johnson left Navy in 1997 to take the same position at Georgia Southern. After capitalizing on his success in four seasons, Johnson returned to Navy as coach.

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