STUDENT SENATE

Senate to rework Lockwood proposal

Resolution requiring student body president to report on city council meetings debated

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate decided Wednesday to send back to the Oversight committee a resolution that would require the student body president to attend all Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) meetings and provide the Student Senate with "any and all documentation pertaining to the CCAC.

The resolution, proposed by Siegfried senator Jim Lockwood, refers to the coalition created by the South Bend Common Council to bring together city, resident, student and college representatives from South Bend. The CCAC's goal is to help the Council identify neighborhood concerns related to the local colleges, to propose solutions, and to develop long-term strategies regarding community relations.

The CCAC was created as a final amendment to the party permit ordinance passed by the Common Council Sept. 24.

Lockwood's amendment appears on the皮肤 resembling a pimple or boil, she said. "There are students at the University with staph infections right now, Brubaker said, but they "have been instructed on what they're supposed to do." "The students who have those kinds of infections are told how to cover the wound and given strict instructions on how to act on campus so it's not spread," she said.

The incidence of staph infections at Notre Dame is not an "outbreak," Brubaker said, because there is no traceable common origin of the infections. "I'm not saying we're not a little worried when we see it, but we're good at treating it," she said.

In order to treat the infections with an effective antibiotic, doctors must look for the source, Brubaker said. "Two students last year had infections related to the fact they hadn't washed their sheets... you could get an infection in an open area just by dirty laundry," she said.

Living in shared spaces and seeing a Band/page 4

Band members plan trip abroad

Concert ensembles to visit China, Japan on tour next summer

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

A group of students in the Notre Dame marching band will have the chance to experience other cultures this summer on a two-week trip to China and Japan.

Every other year, members of the band's concert ensembles travel internationally to represent the University and play concerts in nationally acclaimed concert halls. Past destinations have included Scandinavia, Australia, Austria and the Czech Republic.

"The students will perform at several universities and have time to interact with local students," said ex-BAND/page 4

Welch speaks out against death penalty

Father of McVeigh victim visits campus

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Bud Welch, the father of one of the 168 people who died in the Oklahoma City bombing, spoke against the death penalty during Wednesday's Right to Life meeting at LaFortune.

"Normal human beings do not feel good out of watching another human being's last breath," Welch said. He said Americans have a limited understanding of the death penalty and need to learn more.

"Education, education, education," he said.

During his talk, Welch focused on his struggle to forgive Timothy McVeigh, who bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. Welch's daughter, Julie, who worked at the Oklahoma City federal building, was among the people killed.

Welch was devastated when his daughter died. He wanted to see McVeigh swing. "All of my life I opposed the death penalty. Now, I didn't even want to have a trial," Welch said. He turned to alcohol to ease the pain.

But one day, he stood in front of the memorial that was built up in front of the Federal
INSIDE COLUMN

Keep the mic away

Don Shula, the famous NFL coach who led the 1972 Miami Dolphins to a perfect, undefeated season (culminating in a Super Bowl win) is the win- ningest head coach in the history of football. He is a tremendous coach, a font of football knowledge, and I am sure, a nice man.

After his coaching career, he opened a line of steakhouses and appeared on various commercials, and was successful in each endeavor.

His business partner Shula decided to throw opinion into the public forum of sports journalism, commenting on the Patriots’ run toward an undefeated season and their camera-sying incident earlier this year.

"The Spygate thing has diminished what they’ve accomplished. You would hate to have that attached to your accomplishments. They’ve got it," Shula said. "Belichick is no innovator when it comes to serving of an asterisk.

"I find Shula’s opinion absolutely pre­posterous, and it almost sounds like whining.

As a native New Yorker, I can certainly tell you that I hate Boston sports as much as the next guy. However, I have always believed you have to give credit where credit is due. The Patriots are simply playing at a level beyond anyone in the NFL this year, maddening mediocre opponents and knocking off good ones.

Yet despite the fact that not only is Belichick attempting to put an asterisk by Barry Bonds’ home runs in 2001, Shula commented, "It’s a shame that not only the Patriots were fined, and a No.1 draft choice was taken away during that year of accomplishment."

I won’t address the reference to Bonds, as it is so farfetched it is not even worth discussing. What I am thinking about is the fact that the 1972 Miami Dolphins themselves are not necessarily under­ scoring of an asterisk.

For one, they played a 14 game reg­ ular season before they even had their team.

If looking at their sched­ ule, according to NFL.com, the Dolphins did not beat a single playoff team, and the best record of a team they played was 8-6. So should we asterisk the 1972 Miami phenomenism by saying that their strength of schedule was so laughable the perfect season was too easy?

It’s a serious thing; putting an asterisk on something comes in every single sport. Belichick is no innovator when it comes to this. Also, the Patriots look like a varsity team playing the fresh­ man B-squad most of the games this year.

If they are able to run the table this year, the Patriots deserve the un­ tarnished, un-asterisked record in Canton.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Bobby Arboagast
Fisher law student

"I don’t think that needs an explanation."

Francesca Pennino
junior Walsh Hall

"A Notre Dame squirrel because they are chubby and spirited. And a penguin. I don’t think that needs an explanation."

Patrick Finneran
senior St. Edward’s

"A tiger. It could do down your pets."

Paul Spadafona
senior Dillon

"I’ll keep a tiger because they are ferocious, and that’s my Chinese horoscope."

Peter Blava
senior off campus

"A monkey. ‘Cause haven’t you always wanted a mon-key."

IN BRIEF

Ohio State University pro­ fessor James Bartholomew will deliver the lecture “Is There Anything Unique About Modern Japanese Science?” today at 4:15 p.m. in 215 D’Artbollo Hall.

Heather Stoll, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will deliver the lecture "Presidents, Powers and Parties: The Sources of Legislative Electoral Coordination in Presidential Elections" today at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The 2007 MBA Diversity Conference will take place Friday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pannam Mathur, the senior vice president for corporate diversity and community affairs for MGM Mirage, will be the keynote speaker. He will speak at 6 p.m. in Room F of North Dining Hall.

For more information about the confer­ ence can be found at http://www.nd.edu/~mba/diver­ sityconference/agenda.shtml

As part of the Boardroom Insights lecture series, Paul Orfalea, former Kinko’s chief executive officer will speak in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business Friday at 10:40 a.m.

The Gee Club will perform its fall concert Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the Student Dental Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $3 for students.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Native American singer performs

By KATIE STAAK
News Writer

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Saint Mary's Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored singer-songwriter Michael Jacobs Wednesday night at Holloway's, the cafe on campus.

Jacobs, a Cherokee recording artist, shared not only his music but also his Native American heritage with the audience. His performance filled Holloway's, and few seats were left when the music began.

Jacobs explained what each of his songs meant before he performed them. Many songs had stories that he shared along with the music.

"I sing about life from an Native American perspective," he said. "But, also life in general, so it is accessible to everyone."

He used his guitar and voice for the majority of the night. For one song, however, he used a Native American flute that he taught himself to play a few years ago.

Office of Multicultural Affairs Director Larisa Olin Ortiz said Saint Mary's invited Jacobs to help celebrate the month.

"He knows how to connect with the audience by sharing his journey to discover his American Indian roots with his passion for music," Ortiz said.

Saint Mary's junior Mariam Eubanks called Jacobs' performance "amazing."

"He was so fresh," she said. "Many girls applauded after each song and laughed at the jokes Jacobs told in between his music.

"I loved his voice and his style," junior Andrea Ortiz said.

Jacobs spoke about how he started his music career and what got him where he is today.

"I've been playing since I've been a kid and I've always wanted to do it," he said.

Jacobs was in a rock band during the 1980s. He then retired, but in 2002 decided to get back into professional music by going solo.

"I started pursuing my culture and writing songs about this," he said. These songs, which he wrote mainly for his friends, eventually became his first solo album.

Jacobs said the purpose of his music is to "humanize native people."

"I want people to view them as real people, rather than have them demonized," he said.

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IN THE ECK CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, in collaboration with the Library, and the Office of Student Engagement and Learning, presented "An Evening with Michael Jacobs," a celebration of the Native American culture and heritage.

On Friday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m., Jacobs will perform at the Eck Center for Multicultural Affairs. On Saturday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m., Jacobs will also perform at the Eck Center for Multicultural Affairs.

"An Evening with Michael Jacobs" is free and open to the public. The event is part of the 2007 Saint Mary's Native American Heritage Month.

For more information, please contact Katie Staak at kstaak01@saintmarys.edu or the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (574) 288-2222.
calls for the student body president, or "any qualified person acting in their stead," to give the Senate documentation from the referendum.

"This shall include but shall not be limited to agendas and minutes, resolutions, discussions, and deliberations, all documents and presentation and passage of any measures," the proposed amendment reads. "The student president must provide said documentation to the Senate Student Government at any regular meeting after any meeting of the Senate Student Government." Lockwood asked the senators to support his resolution proposing the amendment.

"I just think informing the Senate of the issues that are taking place in the council meeting will allow us to go back to our downtown, like we are supposed to, and tell our constituents that the city has concerns a, b, and c — and how we can address this, so it doesn't become a major late into any rift between the downtown and the University and the community," Lockwood said. Over sight committee chair Ian Secviar said the amendment was passed unanimously in his committee. He compared the proposed ordinance with current Senate rules. Secviar presented the Constitution, stating that the student body president is required to report to the Senate about what takes place in the Council of Representatives (COR) meetings. "I don't think that this is any way out of sync with what's been previously put into the constitution," he said.

Student body president Liz Ibrahim was acknowledged by Secviar's comparison between the proposed amendment and the wording stipulating that she report back on COR meetings. She said the COR reference is "extremely general," but that the proposed amendment details the documents the student president must bring to the Senate. Brown said she found the proposed amendment "overbearing.

"There is nowhere else in the constitution where the student body president is required to bring documentation such as this back," she said.

In some situations, Brown said, the CCAC may discuss issues that would require the meeting to be closed. "I would just say that, in my experience in the last couple months, in all the discussions of the (South Bend Common Council's) party permit ordinance, there are certain things that shouldn't be distributed to the public, and there are certain parts in discussion," she said.

Brown said there are other ways to include a provision in the constitution requiring the student body president report back on the CCAC. "If we want to do it this way, do it," Brown said. "And I think this is overbearing." Secviar said the Senate should clarify the student body president's grounds to give a description of how the president should interact with the coalition, and also the Senate after CCAC meetings. He said language can be changed if it is found to be unuse restricive.

The constitution is a living document, Secviar said. "It's not a big deal to change or create new sections. In fact, that's why my committee exists." Keenan senator Gus Gari also proposed an amendment to the constitution, although it was later voted down. He proposed changing the amendment to read: "The Student Body president shall sign all versions of the Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) as an official representative of the student body of the University of Notre Dame as the Student Body President or any qualified person acting on behalf thereof shall brief the Senate Student Government with regards to the CCAC."

Further debate ensued over the language of the amendment to the amendment, so the resolution was tabled back to the Legislative Committee.

Secviar invited representatives to attend the committee meeting to further their recommendations and also invited them to e-mail him any comments.

Forcing discussion of the amendment, Ian Secviar chair Oversight committee I don't think that this is any way out of sync with what's been previously put into the constitution. - ISecviar chair Oversight committee continued from page 1 president.

Building, Welch realized he needed to move forward. "Julie not only opposed the death penalty, she was active against it," Welch said. Three weeks after he stood in front of the Federal Building, Welch decided the death penalty was wrong. He started to speak out and tell Julie's story.

As a teenager, Julie Welch was very interested in foreign language. She traveled to Spain as an exchange student during her junior year of high school and later got a scholarship to Marquette for her achievement in foreign languages. She attended Marquette and, during her sophomore year, went abroad again. She got her degree in Spanish and became a translator.

When Welch saw Bill McVeigh, Timothy McVeigh's father, doing an interview on television shortly after the bombing occurred, he decided he wanted to meet him and tell him he did not blame Bill McVeigh for what his son had done. Three days later, he got his chance.

Welch visited Bill McVeigh in Buffalo, N.Y., in the house where Timothy was raised. While he was at the house, he also met Timothy's sister, Jennifer. The three of them sat at the dining room table and talked for a couple hours. Welch got up to leave. He shook Bill McVeigh's hand, and when he went to shake Jennifer's hand, she hugged him instead. They began to cry, and he looked into the eye and said, "I don't want your brother to die, and I'll do everything I can to make sure that doesn't happen." Despite Welch's efforts, on June 11, 2001, McVeigh was killed.

"They took Timothy McVeigh out of his cage and killed him," Welch said. "When parents die, we take them to the hilltop and bury them. When children die, we bury them in our hearts."

The Notre Dame Against State Killing campaign brought Welch to campus as the fourth speaker in its fall event series. Notre Dame Right to Life and the Life Student Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty co-sponsored Welch's visit. Welch will speak today at 12:15 in room 101 of the Law School and again at 7:30 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gummen shoot Venezuelan protesters

NAPA - A 17-year-old gunman opened fire at his high school in this plant town in southern Finland on Wednesday, killing seven other students and the principal before mortally wounding himself in a rampage that stunned a nation where gun crime is rare.

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on academic merit," Jessup
said.

Burish created an ad hoc
committee to explore the issue
and produce the report, asking
the group — which was made
up of 13 professors and admin-
istrators — for "help and guid-
ance in developing strategic
thinking and in proposing
actions we might take" to iden-
tify and recruit Catholic facul-
ty.

The University's percentage
of self-identified Catholic facul-
ty has dropped from approxi-
ately 64 percent in 1986 to about
53 percent in 2006, Burish said
in his charge to the ad hoc com-
mittee. The group
met from January through June this
year and deter-
mined that any
practices adopted to recruit
Catholic scholars "should not
compromise the University's
academic quality."

"The Catholic faculty mem-
bers recruited by these initia-
tives cannot be perceived as —
and must not be — academi-
cally inferior to other hires," the
report said.

But the committee's report
acknowledged that among
qualified candidates and on a
case-by-case basis, "mission fit
may well be determinative"
when hiring a new professor.

And weighing the faculty's
diverse opinions on the sensi-
tive subject may be tricky. On
Wednesday, senators struggled
to come up with proper sys-
tems to poll current profes-
sors.

Many senators immediately
proposed hosting a forum
where the faculty could gather
to openly discuss the report
and the issue. But some sena-
tors were skeptical of a town-
hall meeting, saying the topics
at hand are of a sensitive
nature. Many faculty members
— especially the non-Catholic
and uninterested — might be
unwilling to speak freely in
such a public setting, they
said.

"I think that in order to get a
full scope of what the fac-
ulty is really thinking we will
also need some kind of
anonymous outlet to go with
the forum," said
senator Sarah McKibben,
professor in the
Irish language and litera-
ture department. "The Senate
needs to develop a mechanism through which faculty mem-
bers can voice and submit
their concerns and thoughts to
us, anonymously."

Many senators agreed on
the need to allow anonymous opin-
ions, but they were unsure
to who the Senate should collect that information.

Senator Dan Lapsley, a psy-
chology professor, suggested
all senators focus on gathering
opinions in their respective
departments and constitu-
cies.

"We each need to take a
leadership role in this issue
that is so important to every
faculty member," said
Lapsley.

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The report had already
expressed fears of "misunder-
standings and damaging
rumors both within the
University and outside about
any distinctive policy of
recruiting Catholics in all
departments because of their
Catholicism."

Professor Seth Brown, chair
of the administrative affairs
committee and a member of
the ad hoc committee that pro-
duced the report, proposed the
Senate's scheduled meeting
with Burish next month be
strictly limited to an in-depth
discussion of the issue. The
Senate agreed by a voice vote.

In other Faculty Senate
news:

Jessop said he presented
the seven proposed revisions to the
Academic Articles, discussed
during the Senate's October
meeting, were forwarded to
the Academic Council ad hoc
committee and the executive
board of the Academic Council
for their consideration.

Burish said he presented
Burish with the idea of a club
for faculty members that could
replace the University Club,
which closed its doors earlier
this semester to give way to
the construction of a new law
School building. He said Burish
told him the administration
would be receptive to the idea
of building a faculty club if fac-
ulty members demonstrate
interest.

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Study reveals many
homeless are veterans

WASHINGTON — Veterans
make up one in four homeless
people in the United States,
though they are only 11 per-
cent of the general adult popu-
lation, according to a report to
be released Thursday.

And homelessness is not just
a problem among middle-age
and elderly veterans. Younger
veterans from Iraq and
Afghanistan are trickling into
shelters and soup kitchens
seeking services, treatment or
help with finding a job.

The Veterans Affairs
Department has identified
1,500 homeless veterans from
the current wars and says 400
of them have participated in its
programs specifically targeting
homelessness.

The National Alliance to
End Homelessness, a public educa-
tion nonprofit, based the find-
ings of its report on numbers
from Veterans Affairs and the
Census Bureau. 2005 data esti-
imated that 194,254 homeless
people out of 744,313 on any
given night were veterans.

In comparison, the VA says
that 20 years ago, the estimat-
ed number of veterans who
were homeless on any given
night was 250,000.

Some advocates say the ear-
ly presence of veterans from
Iraq and Afghanistan at shelters
does not bode well for the future.
It took roughly a
decade for the lives of Vietnam
veterans to unravel to the point
that they started showing up
among the homeless.

"We're going to be having a
tsunami of them eventually
because the mental health toll
from this war is enormous," said
Daniel Toohey, director of
veterans affairs for Lancaster
County, Pa.

While services to homeless
veterans have improved in the
past 20 years, advocates say
more financial resources still
are needed. With the spotlight
on the plight of Iraq veterans,
they hope more will be done to
prevent homelessness and pro-
vide affordable housing to the
younger veterans while there's
a window of opportunity.

"If we don't help the Vietnam
War veterans, that was part of
the problem. The war was over,
it was off TV, nobody wanted to
hear about it," said John
Keaveney, a Vietnam veteran
and a founder of New
Directions in Los Angeles,
which provides substance
abuse help, job training and
shelter to veterans.

"I think they'll be forgotten,"
Keaveney said of Iraq and
Afghanistan veterans. "People
tell me, 'It's not ginzy that
these are young, honor-
able, patriotic Americans.
They'll just be veterans, and
that happens after every war."

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Oil prices reach record high

Traders worry whether supplies will meet demand for heating fuel in winter

Associated Press

VIENNA — Record oil prices edged closer to $100 a barrel Wednesday amid expectations of strong U.S. supplies. The weak dollar and OPEC's apparent reluctance to pump more crude into the market also bolstered prices.

Light, sweet crude for December delivery rose $1.05 to $97.75 a barrel after an afternoon in Europe after earlier reaching a record $98.62 in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The contract hit a high of $97.10 Tuesday before closing at $96.70 a barrel, a record settlement 66 percent higher than the close on January 1, the first trading day of the year.

That crude prices within the range of inflation-adjusted highs set in early 1981, said a trader on the New York exchange.

Traders remain worried about whether supplies will be adequate to meet demand for heating fuel in the approaching Northern Hemisphere winter. News of an attack Monday on an oil pipeline in Yemen added to those concerns.

"The oil market sentiment remains tight, there is a general upward trend toward the $100 level," said Victor Shum of energy consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore.

"Meanwhile, we can expect extreme volatility where on the one hand some traders will take profit while others will buy back positions," said Global Insights energy analyst Simon Wardell was even more unapologetic.

"The run on $100 (a barrel) now seems inevitable," he said in a research note. "In the short term all eyes will be fixed on the U.S. government's Energy Information Administration ... inventory data."

Those figures are expected to show crude supplies dropped last week. Analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires predict on average, that crude oil inventories fell by 1.6 million barrels.

"The price rise is really driven by expectations of drawdowns in crude oil and distillate stocks inventories in the U.S. inventory report," said Shum. "Some cold weather is expected to change that and there are still some supplies concerns."

On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Energy's EIA said oil stocks in the country of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development are forecast to fall this winter, ending the year at the lowest level since January 2005.

In London, Brent crude rose 86 cents to $94.12 a barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange. A number of North Sea oil platforms were evacuated Tuesday ahead of expected severe weather, and BP PLC said it expects to shut production Thursday from its Valhall oil and gas field.

GM's shares closed more than 6 percent higher Wednesday at $44.9, exceeding only by three points its fourth quarter of 2000, the company announced its largest quarterly earnings. GM said it reported a net loss of $24.7 billion without the charge for the latest quarter. That compares with a slightly lower average of $775 million from its 49 percent stake in GMAC Financial Services, due largely to losses at ResCap, GMAC's mortgage arm.

GM attributed most of the third-quarter shortfall to a $2.3 billion non-cash charge related to accumulated deferred tax credits in the U.S., Canada and Germany. Accounting rules require companies to write down the value of such credits if they have scant prospects for a return to profitability in the near term.

GM also reported a loss of $757 million from its 49 percent stake in GMAC Financial Services, due largely to losses at ResCap, GMAC's mortgage arm.

It was the second-worst quarterly net loss in U.S. corporate history, exceeded only by AOL Time Warner's $44.9 billion loss in the fourth quarter of 2002 when the value of the AOL operations was marked down, according to Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst for Standard & Poor's.

GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said the accounting shift is not easy to explain but doesn't have a substantial impact on the business.

"I would stress: No impact whatsoever on our cash position, no impact on our ability to use the tax offsets in the future, and from my perspective, really no change whatsoever in our outlook or optimism about the future of getting the business turned around," he said.

What might be considered more troubling for GM is continuing losses in its home market, North America, where it reported a net loss of $247 million without the charge for the latest quarter. That compares with a much steeper decline of $3.865 trillion.

General Motors reports $39 billion loss

Detroit — General Motors Corp. posted a third-quarter loss of $39 billion Wednesday for the third quarter, as a charge involving unused tax credits brought an abrupt end to a string of three profitable quarters for the U.S.'s largest automaker.

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An unpardonable action

Moré Rich decided to use his billions to buy Swissair's share in the airline as a way to evade taxes. In the end, however, he was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison. His case is a reminder of the importance of transparency and accountability in finance.

March 24th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

March 25th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

March 26th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

March 27th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

March 28th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

March 29th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

March 30th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

March 31st was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 1st was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 2nd was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 3rd was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 4th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 5th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 6th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 7th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.

April 8th was the day that the Swissair bankruptcy was announced. The airline filed for bankruptcy protection after failing to secure a rescue plan from potential investors.

The Swissair bankruptcy was one of the largest in the history of the airline industry. It was a wake-up call for other airlines that were struggling with rising fuel costs and economic uncertainty.
Sex in the dorms

Once on retreat, I asked my 70-year-old spiritual director, a Trappist monk, "When does your sex drive finally call it quits?" After a moment's pause, he answered, "As best I can tell, about a half-hour after you die." So much for easy solutions. Growing up, I was taught that sexual maturity is a life-long journey, without end.

Many, many students on our campus — male and female — are struggling with the role of pornography in their lives. It is not surprising. Take one of your deepest, most powerful, often seemingly insatiable human drives — your sex drive — and offer it instant, stimulating, no-strings-attached, anonymous, and often free gratification, especially at a time when, biologically, you are at the peak of your sexual lives. It is this that forms the foundation of the鳝ection of personal computer products. Throw in the general stress levels with a student in a competitive environment. Get this set of conditions, what would really be surprising was if pornography use on campus was somehow declining, which as you know, it is not.

So, in the midst of this extraordinarily explosive set of circumstances, I want first to say thank you to the many students who have had the courage to come forward, to share their struggles, to become different ways to live out their sexual lives. Your witness — even if you have not overcome this temptation but are still struggling with it — is a light illuminating a dark, labyrinthine street. Though it is a confusing and sometimes seemingly overwhelming road, it is one on which our God, who gave us this gift of sexuality, promises to walk closely with us — continually offering us true intimacy, care, empathy, healing with integrity and true joy.

Your struggles have illuminated for me some of the subtly harmful consequences of repeated pornography use — ones that seem broadly applicable to any single moment of consumption, but begin to form corrosive patterns over time. I bring them up in the hope that they may be useful to others.

Pornography seems to tarnish the way its users relate to other people, including people they really want to love. Because pornography is so immediately stimulating and does not require the interpersonal, long-term effort that friendship requires, and also because pornography generally requires solitude and anonymity, many students have in themselves a desir¬ed desire to deepen friendships with others, but that pornography offers a deeper and faster solution to the problem of loneliness, especially people to whom they are attracted — primarily as sexual objects.

Pornography also, over time, leaves its users with an increased sense of loneliness and emptiness — the exact opposite of the fulfillment it promises. As intimate as the act of viewing pornography may feel in the moment — alone, another human being uninvolved before you — your deepest self is not duped because no truly human relation¬ship is ever formed. It is all virtual.

Perhaps one of the most tempting features of pornography is that it does not follow-up with your "partner" needed — a feature that seems extremely convenient at the time, but which actually frustrates our deep human desire for companionship. It proba¬bly is also worth reminding ourselves — for many of you — of looking back at that part — that, as spontaneous as pornographic acts present themselves, in fact they are almost always calculated, non-spontaneous, deliberately filmed and edited products of a $2 billion a year industry that is interested in making money, not fulfilling any human need for relationship. In fact, the industry can hardly make money if it actually suc¬ceeds in fulfilling your companionship needs. Its increasing profits — and they are increasing at an amazing rate — are dependent on repeated use.

Perhaps the most pernicious conse¬quence that students have struggled with is that, over time, repeated pornography use threatens to turn sexuality into an en¬emy. Students who struggle with pornography frequently talk about their sexuality prima¬rily as something they need to overcome. In fact, it is the use of pornography they are so desperate to overcome, but often this slips into a general adversarial relationship with one’s entire sexuality. Perhaps it is even at odds with the life — including the sexual life — that God, who gifted us with our sex¬uality and made us male and female, is not created to be enemies of the gifts which God has plentifully given us. So, pornography can tingly describes the presence of the gift of the Spirit within him against those who believe he is pandering to his urges — "A house divided against itself cannot stand." (Romans 12:19) If, you offer a com¬ing, positive, and explicitly Christian understanding of sexuality in his book, "The Holy Longing," writes, “For a Christian, sex is something sacred. Hence, it can never be simply a casual, unimpor¬tant, neutral thing. If its proper nature is respected, it builds the soul as a sacrificial offering, and it brings God’s physical touch to us. Conversely, though, if its proper nature is not respected, it works at disintegrat¬ing the soul." Each of God’s gifts, including our sexuality, is given for the purpose of building the soul.

Of the set of conditions that students have identified as helping to make pornogra¬phy such a growing trend on college campuses — its accessibility, its anonymity, its power to stimulate — few are likely to change in the near future, and in fact will likely increase. Two, however, that remain in our control are anonymity and the mes¬sages about sexuality that permeate our community. What courageous students have revealed is that honestly sharing their struggles with pornography with another person whom they trust — a priest, minis¬ter, mentor, friend — is an incredibly pow¬erful step towards breaking its hold. What a beautiful insight into the power of Christian community — characterized as it is by encouragement, forgiveness, holding, true freedom, true love, real relationship with God and the Christ. He has entered totally into our humanity, in all its complexity, and promis¬es to live out our sexual lives. Your struggles with pornography with another person — characterized as it is by encouragement, forgiveness, holding, true freedom, true love, real relationship with God and the Christ. He has entered totally into our humanity, in all its complexity, and promises to live out our sexual lives.

Letters to the Editor

Burger King ignores slavery in their fields

Do you eat tomatoes in the dining halls? Do you put ketchup on your fries? Do you think that those toma¬ toes if you knew they were picked by people who may as well be (and some¬times are) enslaved?

In the fields of Florida right now, workers may be picking two tons of toma¬ toes in order to make $50, two and a half tons to make the minimum wage in Florida. This is being done year-round, during the peak seasons of picking, when competition for wages makes it possible to work only four to five days a week. Typically, workers make less than $40 per day, and rarely have a full work week. Injuries are also com¬ mon. As a result of this, farmworkers have to live with upwards of 10 people in a dingy trailer, because it rents for $300 - $500 per week (that’s not a typo), and work in the fields for 10-12 hours a day. Actual cases of slavery are still being uncovered, with other cases still working through the courts.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), formed in 1993 to fight these injustices, has been instrumental in formulating, taking the field - and then the courts. In 2004, Taco Bell agreed to an agreement to pay a penny more per pound to workers, which increased wages for tomato pickers by 75 percent. That may seem like a lot, but it had been 30 years since farmworkers had received a raise. And last year, McDonalds signed on to a similar agreement. These cor¬ portations are the same ones that have asked for lower and lower costs for years, which were passed down to the workers. Unfortunately, these agree¬ ments represent only one to two per¬ cent of the industry.

Currently, Burger King is refusing to sign the type of agreement that McDonalds and Taco Bell have. In response to this, the CIW, Burger King, and McDonalds of Campus Ministry.

Mike Gotsch
Junior, Keg and a half Fall '07

Students who have further interest in these problems or would like to join our cause should contact MEMO (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán), or are welcome to e-mail me at mgotsch@nd.edu. If nei¬ ther of those options appeal to you, I suggest you find a organization that people in the fields making it possible for you to have ketchup with those fries. All statistics about the daily life of farm workers came from the CSC’s Migrant Employees Seminar 2007, held in Immaculata, FL, and from www.ciw-online.org.

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Volleyball needs student support

Dear Students,

This weekend the volleyball team closes out the regular season at the Joyce Center with two home games on Friday, before the pep rally, we play Cincinnati at 4 p.m. Please come out to cheer on your pep rally, throw on a free T-shirt, and warm up your vocal cords. Cincinnati is 8-4 in the Big East and 17-7 overall. One of our seniors, Megan Fesl, who plays for Cincinnati so this match is an impor¬ tant one for our team.

On Sunday, we play No. 17 Louisville, which is undefeated in Big East play at 12-0 and 19-2 overall. This is a huge match as it will air live to a national audience on ESPN U, so bring your friends and see us on TV. At the Louisville match, one lucky student will win free books for a semester from Hammes Bookstore.

Finally, Sunday is also Fall Day. This will be your last chance to watch our outstanding pair of seniors, Ashley Carter and Andrea Sanauskas, as they take the floor for the final time at the Joyce Center. With wins in the final two match¬ es, we will earn a 1st place finish in the Big East tournament. The team would love to hear our great student body make some noise and cheer us on to victory. GO IRISH!

Debbie Brown
Intro volleyball coach
Nov. 7

The Observer
**Scene and Heard**

Sportscasters put spotlight on themselves, not on sports

**Chris McGrady**
Assistant Scene Editor

Oh, ESPN, how far you have fallen. It used to be that ESPN was my favorite channel — the perfect music for my ratab sports fan. But these days, ESPN is about as entertaining as a baseball game.

The problem starts with the sportscasters. They make a joke-like remark about everything they comment on. I say joke-like, because, well, it's meant to be a joke but it's missing that one key element — humor.

Listening to the sportscasters on ESPN is like listening to a group of overly hyper teenagers battle it out to see who can make the cute girl in class laugh. With ridiculous puns, analogies and loud and baseless sweeping statements, ESPN has ruined its image in my mind.

Every telcast, show and piece is so overblown that I can hardly stand it. The other night on SportsCenter, ESPN's centerpiece show, host Stuart Scott had a beard, poetry intro, Did you catch that? Poetry. Then there is Chris Berman. This guy was great. He has received three awards for best sportscaster.

Unfortunately, the most recent was about 20 years ago. Now he is most famous for his annoying sounds. His signature noise is something he makes when an athlete (usually a football player) jukes another player. It goes something like this: WHOP! Think high-pitched, like a flamingo in heat. Do it with me — WHOP! It's mildly entertaining — WHOP! — until you have — WHOP! — heard it for the — WHOP! — 20h — WHOP! — time. Get my drift?

How lame is ESPN now? Well, they gave Keyshawn Johnson a microphone and said, "Here, tell the world what you think." Listening to Keyshawn is about as enlightening as a brain freeze. I think I will just save myself the time and pack my head in ice, thank you very much.

Then there are the blowhards who attack debates like freight trains — Michael Wilbon and Mark May. Despite being Notre Dame haters from the word go (save a seat at that table for writer Pat Forde), these guys are just annoying and as predictable as Britney Spears' next meltdown. Ugh.

There are a few sportscasters on ESPN I do like — Ron Jaworski, Mark Schlereth and Lou Filotz (of course) — but these guys are few and far between. The biggest problem with ESPN is that most of the people on the network feel they have become bigger than the sport themselves. It has stopped being about the game or the result, but rather who can make the most ridiculous statement and drive the ratings up the highest.

I more or less avoid ESPN now. I'll tune in if it is carrying a sporting event that I want to watch and can't see elsewhere, but otherwise, consider me a lost customer. Besides, if I want to see two blowhards go at it in a boring debate, Election 2008 is just around the corner.

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**ESPN College Football Analyst Mark May has routinely expressed his dislike of Notre Dame football on "College Football Live." Many disagree with his strong opinions.**
THE LITERARY FESTIVAL brings distinguished authors, builds on rich history.

By CAIT LISTRO Scene Writer

On Tuesday night, a group of students gathered in the Coleman Morse Lounge for a celebration of the written word. Ten students whose works of poetry and prose had been selected by the Student Union Board read their works aloud as a part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival Student Night.

Audience members enjoyed a wide variety of offerings highlighting the literary talents of every class, from freshmen to graduate students. Meaghan McGinley kicked off the evening with two poems about a forgotten mirror and growing older and a humorous retelling of the Rapunzel fairy tale. David Karapetyan shifted to a slightly darker mood with four poems about subjects ranging from office life to a cynic's view of French townspeople, and Tanya Barrios shared her tributes to Stanley Coleman and Loren Higbee shared his reworking of a Shakespearean sonnet, a humorous retelling of the Rapunzel story and the superficiality of life.

Fortuitous beginnings

The festival has continued with Sade Murphy's glimpses into a shattered relationship and the superficiality of Barbie, and lightened with Joe Egan's reworking of a Shakespearean sonnet, urging towards carpe diem, and a humorous ode to Keystone Light. Michael McDonald and Loren Higbee shared their stream-of-consciousness impressions of life, Michael's in the form of journal entries from his journey to Uganda and Loren's in the form of poems penned from Decio Commons.

Freshman Lillian Giravos shared her poetic thoughts about the transition from high school to college, and Mychal Stanley chimed the evening with a short story recounting the awkward first meeting of a girl and boy brought together by a burning building.

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Past authors include John Knowles, Gwendolyn Brooks, Chalm Fosiek, Tennessee Williams, Robert Fitzgerald, Tom Clancy and Nikki Graihuber and novelist, will be holding a question-and-answer session at Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and a poetry slam at 8 p.m. on the same day. Smith has performed poetry at venues ranging from Carnegie Hall and the Poets Stage in Stockholm to Lollapalooza and Pafia' Sorbonne. Her books of poetry include "Close to Death" and "Teahouse of the Almighty," which was chosen for the 2002 National Poetry Series. Her works of fiction include "Africans in America," "Janna and the Kings" and "Mahina, the Mad Mad Moon." Smith also performs with her band, Hop Thunderous, and sings with the jazz group Paradigm Shift.

Lydia Davis

Lydia Davis, a short story author, translator and novelist, will be holding a question-and-answer session Nov. 15 in the McNell Room of LaFortune at 5 p.m., and a reading at 8 p.m. in the same room. Her works include the novel "The End of the Story," as well as several collections of short fiction including "Varieties of Disturbance," "Break It Down" and "Samuel Johnson Is Indignant." Davis has also translated many memoirs, novels, and literary criticisms from French into English; her translation of Marcel Proust's "Swann's Way" earned the French-American Foundation Annual Translation Prize.

Steve Almond

Steve Almond is a journalist, commentator and fiction writer. On Nov. 19, his question-and-answer session will be at 4 p.m. in the McNell Room in LaFortune and his reading and reception will be at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Almond has written two story collections — "My Life in Heavy Metal" and "The Evil B.B. Chow" — the memoir "Candyfreak" and the novel "Which Brings Me to You," in collaboration with Julianna Baggott. His recent work, "That You Aried," is a collection of essays featuring various life experiences and commentary, from his resignation from Boston College after Condeoleezza Rice was chosen as the commencement speaker to his fight with Sean Hannity and his obsession with Kurt Vonnegut.

Larry Doyle

Larry Doyle is a novelist, film and television writer and a producer. On Nov. 27, he will be holding a question and answer session at the McNeill Room at 4 p.m., a reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Room, and a reception at 8:30 p.m. in the Dooley Room. He currently writes screenplays and pieces for the "New Yorker," "Esquire" and other magazines. His television writing credits include "Beavis and Butt-Head," "Looney Tunes" and "The Simpsons" and his film writing credits include "Looney Tunes: Back in Action" and "Dumplin."

Michael Martone

Michael Martone, short story author, non-fiction writer and editor, will be holding a question-and-answer session at 5 p.m. in the McNell Room and a reading and reception at 8 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom on Nov. 28. His short story collections include "Doublewide," a recently-published collection of early stories, as well as "Fort Wayne is Seventh on Hitler's List" and "Alive and Dead in Indiana." His stories have also appeared in several magazines, including "Harper's" and "Story." He has published several works of nonfiction, including "The Blue Guide to Indiana" and "The Flatness and Other Landscapes." He currently teaches at the University of Alabama.

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NBA

Hawks ruin Nash's big game with 105-96 win

Big three lead Boston to blowout win over Denver; Bobcats almost set franchise-low for points scored in 94-63 loss

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The stands were packed, and the home team made every big shot down the stretch. Could this possibly be an Atlanta Hawks game?

Josh Smith scored 24 points, rookie Al Horford led a dominant performance on the boards and the Hawks beat another 60-win team from last season, holding off Steve Nash and the Phoenix Suns 105-96 on Wednesday night.

Atlanta, which hasn’t made the playoffs since 1999, got back to .500 in a brutal opening stretch of games and added to its opening-night win over Dallas. Once again, the Hawks drew a sellout crowd to watch them beat a Western Conference powerhouse.

"The atmosphere here this year is incredible," said Marvin Williams, one of three Hawks to put up a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. "It really gives us a boost of confidence.

Atlanta led throughout the second half, but the Suns were right there when Nash drove for a basket with 4:42 remaining. Williams responded by hitting back-to-back jumpers when left open at the top of the key.

"I guess it was my night," he said.

Actually, several players came up huge. Smith sealed the final 2:12 minutes, fighting hard on the offensive boards to get a couple of chances off Joe Johnson’s missed jumper. The second one rolled in, and Smith was fouled by Grant Hill.

The Atlanta forward let out a yell and slapped hands hard with Acie Law, then went to the line and finished off the three-point play that gave the Hawks a 99-87 lead with 1:47 remaining.

"We feel good about our chances this year," Smith said. "This is the team (Phoenix) that everyone has been waiting the NBA title this year. To play the way we played against them shows we belong in this league.

Horford grabbed 15 rebounds to lead four Atlanta players in double figures. Smith had 10 rebounds for a double-double and the Hawks finished with a 56-40 rebounding edge, leading to a 29-9 advantage in second-chance points. Josh Childress also had 10 rebounds to go along with 19 points.

Nash scored 34 points, but Shaw Marion, with 20, was the only other significant offensive contributor. The Suns played their third straight game without Amar'e Stoudemire, who sat out because of a sore knee.

"We ran into a team that's more athletic than we are," said Nash, a huge compliment to the Hawks.

Celtics 119, Nuggets 93

Hard to believe, but Boston's newest Big Three thinks it can play even better.

Paul Pierce scored 26 points, Kevin Garnett added 23 points and 13 rebounds, and the Celtics shot 72 percent during an overpowering first half en route to a victory over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

"We are just scratching the surface of what we can do," Pierce said. "We enjoy watching the next player make a great play and no one cares who gets credit.

Boston improved to 3-0 overall and has won both its home games by an average of 24 points. Ray Allen scored 22 points and is shooting 63 percent since joining the Celtics.

"They Garnett, Pierce and Allen like each other," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They've all decided that they don't need anything individually and it is all about what's best for the team.

The Celtics barely broke a sweat in building a 77-38 halftime lead. Boston had multiple uncontested layups, dunks and an array of dazzling passes, out-rebounded Denver 25-9 and dominated essentially every statistic on the box score.

Allen Iverson (11-of-13 shooting) led the Nuggets with 22 points, but Carmelo Anthony was held to only 11 on 3-of-13 shooting. Denver dropped an emotional game on Tuesday in New York, 119-112, after blowing a double-digit lead in the fourth quarter and has lost three straight overall.

"It's a game we never had a shot in," Iverson said. "They jumped right on us and we were never able to take care of business.

Iverson appeared to be the only Nuggets player fazed by the huge early deficit. After Eduardo Najera picked up a technical early in the second quarter with Denver trailing 50-25, Iverson barked to referee Scott Wall. "We're down 25, isn't that enough?"

Rivers returned for Boston after missing a game due to the death of his father.

"The help we're getting to us about repetition," Garnett said. "We own Denver could put up 150 points if they wanted to, but we want to be known as a defensive team.

Sixers 94, Bobcats 63

The Bobcats went from unbenated in the first two games to beaten badly in the next two.

So much for the confidence and momentum built off their perfect start.

Andre Iguodala scored 19 points, Willie Green added 14 and the Philadelphia 76ers jumped on Charlotte early and never let up in a wire Wednesday night, sending the Bobcats back to 500 after a brief undefeated streak.

"It all fell apart," Bobcats coach Sam Vincent said.

The Bobcats played without point guard Raymond Felton after he hurt his left knee a night earlier against Phoenix.

Without the speedy Felton leading Charlotte's up-tempo offense, the Bobcats floundered from the start.

Charlotte's 2-0 start was the first time the fourth-year team had ever been two games above .500 at any point. But the Bobcats were blotted out by 32 points against the Suns on Tuesday night and then narrowly avoided a record-low-point total, needing one last jumper against the Sixers to surpass the 62 scored against Houston on Dec. 8, 2006.

"We just have to forget about it," guard Derek Anderson said. "We've got to figure out a way to do it right for the next one.

Matt Carroll scored 16 points and Emeka Okafor had 11 points and 11 rebounds, but the Bobcats had 29 turnovers.

While Charlotte has the same record 12-21 as the Sixers, the attitude was much more upbeat in the home locker room.

Pickett finished near the bottom of the Eastern Conference, the Sixers have been competitive in all four games and want to be over .500 by the end of their four-game homestand, which ends Sunday.

"Every win is important," Maurice Cheeks has stressed the importance of making the most of a favorable schedule that has the Sixers playing 14 of their first 23 games at home.

"It helps when you have a chance to have a game like that," Cheeks said.

The Sixers blew open the game in the second quarter and built a 20-point lead in front of about 6,000 fans. Not that the nearly empty arena mattered much to Philly.

"When I'm playing, I'm just focused on the court," forward Rodney Carney said. "It could be 20,000 people or 3,000. I just concerned about winning."
**NBA**

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**NFL**

Tennessee Titans` centerback Adam "Pacman" Jones, right, is interviewed prior to his pro wrestling debut on Aug. 12, Jones` one-year suspension for violating the NFL's performance-enhancing drugs policy was upheld by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell on Tuesday.

Goodell upholds Jones` year-long suspension

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell told Titans' cornerstone Adam "Pacman" Jones in April to sit out the 2007 season. On Tuesday, the commissioner informed Jones he still hasn't changed his mind.

Jones had met with the commissioner last week in New York, pleading for some leniency and an early return. But the corner year's biggest community service was buying wrestling tickets for Atlanta students to watch him at a pay-per-view event last month didn't convince Goodell.

The commissioner told Jones his suspension will last through this season, which would include the playoffs if the Titans (6-2) qualify.

"He will be eligible to begin working out at the Titans' facility following the conclusion of the team's season," the league said in a statement late Tuesday afternoon.

Attorney Worrick Robinson said Jones received a letter from the NFL notifying him of the commissioner's decision earlier Tuesday. They planned to talk further Tuesday night and a formal statement may follow Wednesday.

"He is very disappoint­ed," Robinson said. "We're looking at different options." Goodell had promised Jones' case would be reviewed after Tennessee's 10th game of the season. He met with Jones last Friday — two days before the Titans' eighth game. But the Titans, who have replaced their best defensive player, had been expecting the suspension to stand.

"As we have said all through this process, we understood the suspension was for a year and made preparations to move our team forward without Adam Jones," the team said in a statement. "We will continue to monitor his situation and will address his future when he is reinstated by the commissioner."

Goodell originally suspended Jones in April for violating the league's personal conduct policy. At the time, Jones had been arrested five times since the Titans drafted him with the sixth overall pick in the 2005 draft.

The suspension followed a Las Vegas strip club fight Feb. 19 in which police accused Jones of inciting a fight inside that led to a triple shooting outside that left one man paralyzed. Jones was arrested on two felony counts of coercion in June after dropping an appeal of his NFL punishment.

**In Brief**

Clemens signs with Astros as personal-services consultant

ORLANDO, Fla. — Roger Clemens is ready to join the Houston Astros — as a consultant.

In a sign that Clemens' pitching career could be over, his agent told the Astros on Wednesday that the seven-time Cy Young winner is set to start his personal-services contract with the team.

"He's moving toward retirement and leaving open the possibility of playing," agent Andy Hendricks said. "As Roger has stated several times, he's failed at retirement repeatedly."

Hendricks sent Astros owner Drayton McLane an e-mail informing him of the decision. This was the first time Hendricks formally told Houston that Clemens was ready to work off the field.

It was not clear how Clemens would be involved with the Astros if the Yankees or Astros asked him to pitch next year.

Angels' Matthews meets with MLB over HGH allegations

NEW YORK — Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. met with baseball officials Wednesday to discuss allegations that he received human growth hormone.

Matthews was sent HGH in 2004 from a pharmacy being investigated for illegal distribution of performance-enhancing drugs, The Times Union of Albany, N.Y., reported last winter. Matthews denied using HGH, which was not banned by baseball until 2005.

Several other players implicated in receiving performance-enhancing drugs also have met with baseball officials. Baseball is trying to arrange an interview with Cleveland pitcher Paul Byrd, who said last month that he took HGH for a medical condition before it was banned.

Bengals' Henry, recently reinstated, in trouble again

CINCINNATI — Receiver Chris Henry allegedly was involved in an altercation with a parking attendant on the eve of rejoining the Cincinnati Bengals from his eight-game suspension.

Henry practiced with the Bengals on Wednesday and will be eligible to play Sunday in Baltimore. Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended him for the first half of the season for repeatedly violating the NFL's conduct policy.

The third-year receiver stayed out of trouble during the suspension and was allowed to practice with the team for the last two weeks.

On Tuesday night, police in Newport, Ky., a suburb on the other side of the Ohio River within view of Paul Brown Stadium, were called to an entertainment district following a dispute over a parking fee.
MLB

NY will not trade pitching for Cabrera

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hank Steinbrenner was clear on what the New York Yankees won’t do in a trade for Miami’s Hanley Ramirez.

“It’s probably obvious which player we’re not going to trade,” Steinbrenner said Wednesday, before rattling off the team’s most prized young pitchers, “Chamberlain, Hughes and even Kennedy. Not for a position player.

As the Florida Marlins tried to gauge what teams would give them for their All-Star third baseman, the Yankees are showing qualified interest. Yes, they’d love Cabrera to replace Alex Rodriguez, but they’re prepared to wait for the asking price to go down. For now, when other teams inquire, John Chamberlain, Phil Hughes and Hardy are not available.

“I was told on those guys this week and obviously the summer during the trade deadline, and obviously you be tested on it,” general manager Brian Cashman said. “I know that all through the process of these guys, the rules would have no problems pitching them because of some of them if not all of them in their rotations.

Hughes, just 21, showed poise and overpowering pitches, even while struggling by hamstring and ankle injuries that sidelined him for much of the season. Chamberlain, 23, has a combination of electricity and on many nights unbelievable durability, and Mariano Rivera’s set-up man down the stretch.

Kennedy, who turns 23 next month, was polished and resembled a young Mike Mussina in three September starts.

“It’s like Cashman said: You can’t say untouchable, but at least least-touchable,” Steinbrenner said.

In addition to Cabrera, a four-time All-Star, Chicago White Sox third baseman Joe Crede is also available on the trade market. Cashman predicted it would take time for teams to reveal their "real asking price.

"I’m not looking to overpay. If you want to do something that’s the only way you move fast. If you do something that someone says yes to like that.,” Steinbrenner said, snapping his fingers, “that probably means you’ve done something wrong. Or somebody did." 

Cashman does not think World Series MVP Mike Lowell is going to be an option.

"It’s probably obvious which players we’re not going to trade. Chamberlain, Hughes and even Kennedy. Not for a position player.”

— Hank Steinbrenner

Yankees owner’s son

NCAA Football

New clock rules make games faster

Associated Press

The NCAA’s rules changes have done what they were expected to do: college football this season.

More kickoffs are being returned, more plays are being run and more points are being scored. On a less positive note, more games are dragging on.

The most significant changes dealt with kickoffs and the clock.

Kickoffs now start from the kicking team’s 30 instead of the 35. The idea was to eliminate some of the boring touchbacks and create more opportunities for exciting returns.

Mission accomplished.

Last season, there were about six kickoff returns per game. That number is up to almost nine this season. There were 42 kickoff return touchdowns last season in 1,506 major college football games, including bowl games. This season there have already been 50 in 1,999 games.

“I think it takes a while to be able to reach all 29 other teams and hear what they’re trying to do. This increased our efficiency tremendously. It saves us all a lot of time,” Epehmin said. “Some teams were specific. Some were more guarded.”

On the front, outfielder Johnny Damon dropped by the hotel in speaking with team manager Joe Girardi. Damon was slowed by injuries this year, slumped at the plate and lost his regular starting job in center field to Derek Jeter.

“I personally believe Mike Lowell’s preference is to stay in Boston, first and foremost.”

Brian Cashman

Yankees general manager

Cashman acknowledged that Damon will be his leadoff hitter and starting left fielder and that Hefiki Mauic will share time at designated hitter with Jason Giambi, who will occasionally play first.

Is he the ideal first-base situation? No. Can he play there seven days a week? We haven’t had him doing that, obviously, for a while.” Cashman said. “So I think that you’re going to see him more filling in for us, but we’ll see.”

NCAA Football

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NBA

Arenas has left knee drained again

Coach expects guard to play at New Jersey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Even if Gilbert Arenas is having problems with his left knee, Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan isn't quite ready to worry.

Arenas' surgically repaired knee was drained for the second time in three weeks Wednesday, forcing him to miss practice for a third consecutive day. Still, Jordan expects Arenas to play against New Jersey on Thursday night.

"There's no red flags," Jordan said. "He just has to keep getting through his therapy, his rehab, and getting some rest when he can."

Arenas said his knee felt stiff after Washington's last game, a 94-82 loss to Orlando on Saturday that dropped the Wizards to 0-3. He hasn't practiced since.

"It feels like a 5-pound weight is on it," Arenas said that night, adding he thought he might need to have fluid drained. His left knee also was drained of excess fluid Oct. 17.

Arenas did not speak to reporters Wednesday, but he did refer to the knee on his blog.

"I have to get my knee drained and get the fluid out so I can be ready for the next 15 days. I guess it's a 15-day period after I drain my knee that I'm at 100 percent," the blog says. "There's no pain, it's just stiffness."

Arenas spoke Saturday about tailing off in what was his first set of back-to-back games since hurting his knee in April.

"That's where I think he wasn't his explosive self," Jordan said. "That's the only game."

Arenas made his first three shots against Orlando, then went 2-for-12 the rest of the way. "I shot 0-for-4 on 3-pointers that night," making him 1-for-17 from beyond the arc this season. Arenas is shooting 33 percent overall.

"I'm just shooting really bad right now," his blog says, "but I'll get the mojo back in a minute."

The Wizards began the season by playing three games in four nights, and they have another such streak now: Thursday's game is followed by one at home against Denver on Friday, then a game at Atlanta on Sunday.

Arenas went five days without playing in an exhibition game after his knee was drained last month. But Wizards captain Antawn Jamison said Arenas told him he'll be ready to play Thursday.

"From my understanding, he said he was mentally ready and physically he felt good," Jamison said. "So we'll see tomorrow."

Added teammate DeShawn Stevenson: "Gill's a gamer. He can sit out five games and come out and play the way he plays. ... He's going to be all right."

"The Wizards probably could use Arenas against the Nets. New Jersey won all four of the teams' meetings last season, with Nets point guard Jason Kidd averaging a double-double in those games."

Plus, there's this: Washington is shooting an NBA-worst 35.4 percent so far — only one other team, the Chicago Bulls, is under 40 percent — and averaging only 91.7 points, a decrease of more than 12 points from last season's output.

NFC

McNabb: I'm not only one to blame

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb doesn't miss blocks or run wrong routes, and he can't be held responsible for the defense allowing points.

So the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback feels it's unfair to blame him for the Philadelphia Eagles' 3-5 start.

"I'm definitely not the whole reason why we lost these games," McNabb said Wednesday. "Can I help? Yes. I can. But I'm not fully to blame for everything that goes on around here. I can help, but I'm not that main solution. I'm a piece of the puzzle, and when the puzzle's put together, then we'll have success."

Just two days after coach Andy Reid left the door slightly open for a change at his position, McNabb seemed a bit defensive.

"We all have to play well," he said. "We all have to do our jobs individually. If we all step up and do our job, then we wouldn't be sitting here right now (at 3-5). But I'm definitely not the single reason for what's going on right now.

McNabb had a fumble and two interceptions in a 38-17 loss to Dallas on Sunday night, with two of those turnovers leading to 14 points scored in the first half.

Asked Monday if McNabb would remain the starter for the rest of the season, baring injury, Reid said: "That's where I'm looking at things. Again, nothing is guaranteed, nothing is certain. That's how I'm looking at it, yes."

The fact Reid said it's not "guaranteed" was a departure from the coach's usual stance — until now. Instead, the honest response suggests Reid would consider benching McNabb as a sound move, especially if Philadelphia was mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

The Eagles are last in the NFC East and trail nine teams in their division. With rookie Kevin Kolb expected to be McNabb's eventual successor, the future could come as early as next month.

McNabb, of course, wouldn't support that decision.

"No, that's my job," he said. "Why would I want to give up my job?"

Less than one year removed from knee surgery for a torn meniscus, McNabb clearly isn't the same player who led the Eagles to four consecutive NFC title games and one Super Bowl.

However, his mobility is improving and his overall numbers for the 2009 season are respectable. McNabb has a 59.9 completion percentage, 2,044 yards passing, four interceptions, four touchdown passes and a passer rating of 86.3.

"I'm not happy about the way I've played," McNabb said. "I have to do my job better, and everyone else has to, as well."

Teammates rallied around McNabb, offering support and flatly dismissing any need for a change.

"Everything that goes wrong on this team is not Donovan's fault," Reid said. "I mean that every bit was not. Westbrook said, 'Everything from fumbles to interceptions to sacks, those are not all Donovan's fault, not totally."

Because it's a team sport, one man can't make a football team. "I've seen Donovan do great things, and I know he still has that in him," Barco added. A.J. Feeley agreed.

"He's getting better," Feeley said. "You make changes where there's problems. If you're going to make a change, you make a change."

Despite the speculation, McNabb still thinks he'll end his career in Philadelphia.

"You can't just let it be," he said. "We've played seven games, we've been 1-6, we've been 2-5, we've been 3-4. We've played the way I've thought we could play in the past."

The Eagles will use the final eight games to make a decision on McNabb for next season. McNabb is signed through 2013, but he certainly won't be around to collect the $52.4 million he's due to earn in the last four years of his contract.

His base salary next year is $6.3 million and $9.2 million for 2009. If the team feels starting Kolb next season would lead to a lower draft grade, McNabb could be used as trade bait. Or McNabb could be let go if the organization decides to rebuild and Kolb get on-the-job experience.

Despite the speculation, McNabb still thinks he'll end his career in Philadelphia.

"That's my goal," he said. "I probably won't write that, but I do," he said. "Everyone goes through ups and downs. All quarterbacks do. Brett Favre went through it, other quarterbacks have. This is a situation, if you continue to do well, you're probably past your decision, but I expect to be here."
Laperriere nets two goals in Avs' win

Associated Press
DENVER — Ian Laperriere won't win any beauty pageants.

Neither will his goals.

Laperriere scored two goals and assisted on another as the Colorado Avalanche crushed the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 in a shootout on Monday night.

Wojtek Wolski and Marek Svatos scored shootout goals and the Avs took the win for the sixth time in seven games.

There's nothing complicated about Laperriere's game — crash the net, find the puck, knock it in. It's whatever it takes to score.

That's evident by his face. His nose is crooked, the right, he's got scars over his left eye and bruises on his left cheek. He'll sacrifice his body for the good of the team.

"I'm not a goal scorer, all I can know is I can help the team in that regard," Laperriere said. "I was at the right place at the right time.""Laperriere scores against us all the time.

Craig MacTavish Oilers coach
Blackhawks 5, Blue Jackets 2
The Chicago Blackhawks scored five goals in a 3:57 span mid-way through the period to give Chicago a 4-2 lead. Patrick Sharp completed the scoring with 11.2 seconds left.

"We find different ways to win," Blackhawks coach Denis Savard said. "I thought we could have put them away in the second period and had lots of chances. We stuck with the game plan and our character showed up.""I thought we could have put them away in the second period and had lots of chances. We stuck with the game plan and our character showed up.

Defensemen J-a m-n o Wissniewski, Seabrook and Keith drove to the net to score from close range.

"Three goals from defensemen. That's something Savvy is getting on us to do, jumping into the play," Seabrook said. "We're getting more comfortable with doing it."

The Blue Jackets were 5-0-1 in their previous six games. Their last regulation loss was a 4-1 setback against Vancouver on Oct. 21. "Except for the last 5 minutes of the second period and first 8 of the third period we didn't have any energy," Columbus coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We played a very loose game and paid for it."

"We played right into their hands and didn't follow our plan. Three of their goals were on odd-man rushes." Patrick Lalime stopped 24 shots for Chicago and Toews, a rookie, added an assist for his first multi-point game.

Fredrik Norrena made 30 saves for Columbus.

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Gardner-Webb stuns Kentucky

Associated Press
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Billy Gillispie's seventh game as Kentucky's coach was one he'd rather forget — and Gardner-Webb will remember for a long time.

D'wanyan Flittner scored 22 points to help Gardner-Webb beat the No. 20 Wildcats 84-68 Wednesday night in the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic.

"You can't just show up on the court and think you're going to beat somebody because you wear a certain jersey," said Gillispie, who turned 48 Wednesday. "We didn't play like a hunter tonight."

Instead, the Wildcats were the prey the entire game, falling behind 14-0 and never cutting the deficit under seven points.

"A lot of people will think this is a misprint, but I hope not," Gardner-Webb coach Rick Scruggs said. "I hope they go and see it and can enjoy it. It's going to take a few days to settle in.

Kentucky, Division I's winningest program, hadn't lost a regular-season game to a mid-major since falling to Western Kentucky on Nov. 15. Gardner-Webb spoiled that in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"I thought if we kept our last home loss to an unranked nonconference foe Dec. 3, 2005, against North Carolina."

"It's embarrassing when you lose, especially when it happens at home," Kentucky forward Perry Stevenson said. "We've just got to keep working hard and make sure it doesn't happen again.

The tournament, benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, had been set up to send four top programs — No. 3 Memphis, Connecticut, Oklahoma and Kentucky to New York next week to play in the semifinals. However, instead of the Wildcats, Gardner-Webb, which finished 21-8 last season and tied for seventh in the Atlantic Sun Conference, will play the winner of Thursday night's game between Buffalo and Connecticut.

"We had confidence," Gardner-Webb forward Thomas Sanders said. "We wanted to play four minutes at a time and go timeout to timeout and give ourselves a chance to win in the final minutes. We ended up not needing to do that, though."

As it turned out, the Wildcats never had control of this game, trailing 14-0 just 4 minutes in, missing its first four shots and turning the ball over four times during that span.

Flittner hit a critical 3-1 midway through the first half that opened the Bulldogs' lead to 26-10. Kentucky cut the deficit to seven less than 3 minutes later on a long jumper by Joe Crawford but would get no closer.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wildcats guard Michael Porter fouls Runnin' Bulldogs forward forward Thomas Sanders during Gardner-Webb's 84-68 win Wednesday over Kentucky.
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years, they have not simply been heating up on weak conference foes. Irish coach Randy Waldrum has frequently said that the Big East is much stronger than it was five years ago. The conference breaks four top-25 teams.

In the semifinals of the Big East tournament this Friday in Morgantown, W.Va., the Irish will take on Georgetown. In their first meeting with Georgetown, who upset No. 24 Connecticut Sunday, the Irish beat the Hoyas 3-0.

If the Irish are able to dispatch Georgetown, they will play the winner of the other semifinal between No. 12 West Virginia and No. 21 Louisville. On Sept. 28, the Irish defeated Louisville 1-0 on the road, despite a hostile Cardinals crowd that Waldrum called one of the most intimidating in the country.

If host West Virginia beats Louisville, it may prove to be the most difficult conference test the Irish face. The Mountaineers (14-4-1) have won their past five matches, including a 1-0 win over Villanova in the quarterfinals.

Early in the season, the Irish defense looked stronger than it was even five trouble against West Virginia. But the Notre Dame back line should be able to avoid the mental mistakes that plagued it in its first few games together. Irish defenders Elise Weber, Julie Schieder and Lauren Fowler, all newcomers to the squad, suffered several difficult losses during the first month of play but have grown into a dominant unit. The defense, which is led by junior Carrie Dow, has registered seven shutouts in conference play. In a possible final against West Virginia, there is also no reason to think that the Irish offense would be unable to pepper the back of the net like it has the past month. The Mountaineers recently lost 2-0 to Connecticut and surrendered three goals in a win over Georgetown.

The Irish attack is led by junior Kerri Hanks, who recently became the third player in NCAA history to notch 50 goals and 50 assists before her senior year.

And Bock should return to provide a potent threat in the air on Hanks' corner kicks and sophomore forward Michelle Weisenhofer's long throw-ins. Bock has 16 header goals in less than three seasons with the Irish. When senior midfielder Amanda Cinalli is added to the offensive mix, the Irish can control the tempo against anyone. So unless the Hoyas or Mountaineers can figure out something as difficult as finding a proverbial needle in a haystack, the Irish should capture their 10th Big East crown during their 13 years in the league.

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NCAA FOOTBALL
West Virginia continues to move toward BCS

West Virginia has one of the top turnover margins in the country this season and its improved defense is coming off its best showing of the season in a 31-3 win at Rutgers. Louisville, despite its struggles this season, could present a much tougher test for the Mountaineers. The Cardinals have scored four goals in each of the past two games against West Virginia, with Brian Bromh averaging 31.5 yards passing.

Bromh is already at 3,229 yards this season with 26 touchdowns and seven interceptions. "That man puts the ball on the money," West Virginia linebacker Mertey Ivy said. "He is able to audible out there and do some things other quarterbacks can't. He puts the ball in tight spaces when most defenders can't get to the ball." West Virginia's junior backfield duo of quarterback Pat White and Steve Slaton and senior tailback Petae White and Steve Slaton are able to audible out there and do some things other quarterbacks can't. He puts the ball in tight spaces when most defenders can't get to the ball."

Steve Kragthorpe said earlier this season, but their poor defense and sloppy play has cost them one of the bigger disappointments in the country.

Still, a strong finish and lots of help could still get them back to the BCS for a second straight season.

The way things have gone this season in the Big East, anything seems possible. "Hopefully they have a sad bus ride or plane flight home," Slaton said.

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Irish goalie Brad Phillips mans the net during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory Nov. 2 over Lake Superior State.

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twice about diving for loose balls or slaying away from contact. Every time through the Irish line, St. Edward's hang around most of the game. Harmonedy's 14 second-half points made sure the Hilltoppers didn't beat the Irish like Penn State and Grand Valley did.

"At times it had the makings of a self-gate," Brey said. "They made us play a little quick. I wish we could have been better with the ball." Notre Dame had 19 turnovers against St. Edward's but overcame its sloppy offensive play by getting the ball to Harmonedy in the second half. Brey said the strategy in the second half revolved around getting Harmonedy the ball on each possession.

"That's basically where we were," Brey said. "They had us pushed out a little bit. What we said was a low-post touch. We were talking about six passes, move the ball, a low-post touch, a Harmonedy-touch before we do anything. And that's no mystery. That's how we're going to play." St. Edward's trailed 38-28 at halftime and made things interesting in the beginning of the second half.

After sophomore guard Tory Jackson, who finished with 11 points while playing with the flu, hit a three to put Notre Dame up 41-30, St. Edward's went on a 9-2 run to cut the score to 43-39. Then Harmonedy went to work, scoring seven points during an 11-3 Notre Dame run that made the score 54-43 with 10:45 remaining.

"I think [Harmonedy] did a great job," said senior forward Bob Kurz, who finished with 15 points and nine rebounds. "It's amazing to see him suit there playing. He hasn't been able to move his wrist in three weeks and then to come out there, he did a great job and is only going to get better and better." St. Edward's got as close as eight the rest of the way. Harmonedy played 11 minutes in the first half but only scored one point. Kurz picked up the slack in the first half. He had 13 points in the first half, while junior guard Kyle McAlarney had 10 of his 12 points. But McAlarney and Jackson combined for 10 of Notre Dame's 19 turnovers. Jackson said that although he had the flu, he was still disappointed with how he played.

"I felt so terrible out there, but we got it in," Jackson said. "I should've never let that happen because it affected my team. I got to get better at that. No matter what's wrong with me, I can't show any weakness."

Notre Dame jumped out to an 18-10 lead, but turnovers and missed shots allowed the Hilltoppers to get within four at 21-17 with 5:22 to play in the first half. The Irish regrouped and outscored St. Edward's 17-11 the rest of the half to go into the locker room 38-28. St. Edward's sophomore guard Jaunrick Zimmer led the Hilltoppers with 12 points while senior guard Shawn Weinstein and sophomore forward Cory Griffin each added 10.

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**Men’s Basketball**

**King of the Hill**

Harangody returns from injury, leads Irish past Hilltoppers

By CHRIS HINE

Sport Editor

Luke Harangody wasn’t going to let something as small as an injured thumb affect the way he played.

The sophomore forward, who is recovering from a torn ligament in his right thumb, overcame first-half "givers" in his first game back to finish with 15 points and eight rebounds in 26 minutes in Notre Dame’s 71-56 win Wednesday over St. Edward’s.

"When I first went in there I was thinking about (the thumb) a little bit and finally I just said, ‘If something happens it happens,’" Harangody said.

Harangody played with his usual wrecking-ball mentality in the second half, never thinking

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**Hockey Analysis**

Young squad starting to put it all together

Leading a slew of young, inexperienced talent, Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson is in his third year behind the bench for the Irish. His team lost eight seniors to graduation including H o n e y B a k e r — a k e y — finalist who was arguably the most valuable player in the country.

The Irish are off to an inconsistent 6-3 start, but fans shouldn’t worry about this winter turning into this fall.

Last weekend, Notre Dame posted 11 goals in a two-game sweep of a weak Lake Superior State team. The Irish showed a killer instinct that had been lacking in the first few weeks and finally connected on the ice in both games.

Prior to those games, Notre Dame had given up 10 of its 17 goals in the final period. Three of those came in a 4-1 loss to No. 14 Wisconsin to open the season and two more in a disappointing 2-0 shutout to Ferris State.

Jackson said he felt the team starting to click after Friday night’s 4-1 victory over the Lakers. He said he hadn’t seen them play like that yet this season.

A lot of the change had to do with junior right wing Erik Condra moving to play with senior captain Mark Van Guilder and freshman Robin Bergman. Jackson moved freshman playmaker Ben Ryan into Condra’s spot alongside sharpshooters Kevin Deeth and Ryan Thang.

The move proved to be the spark the team needed. Condra

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**ND Women’s Soccer Analysis**

Bock kick starts Irish offense

Imagine nailing Jell-O to a wall. Or Biting a square peg into a round hole. Regardless of the moronic metaphor you prefer, both describe what it has been like to defend Notre Dame during its current 12-game win streak.

On Sunday, the No. 11 Irish (14-4-1) beat Rutgers 2-0 despite the absence of three key players, including junior forward Brittany Bock, who sat out with a bruised leg.

Since moving from the midfield up to her current forward spot, Bock has sparked an Irish attack that won all 13 of their Big East games while outscoring opponents 41-5.

And, unlike in some past

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**ND Volleyball**

Fesl sisters go head-to-head with high stakes

By ELLYN MICHALAK

Sports Writer

The outcome of Friday’s match against Cincinnati will determine whether the Irish gain a spot in the Big East conference tournament.

But the match means much more than that to sophomore hitter Megan Fesl, who will be playing against her younger sister, Annie, a starting setter for the Bearcats.

"Pep calls the matchup “Fesl Fest ‘07.” The match will mark the first time the sisters have competed in a Division I game."

The Fesls were raised in a volleyball household in Arlington Heights, Ill. Fesl’s mother, Joanie, played volleyball for Iowa and introduced Megan and Annie to the sport at a young age.

“Mom coordinates all of the leagues, classes and clinics for middle and high school kids for the Arlington Heights Park District, so we were always in the gym with her and we started playing volleyball at a relatively young age,” said Fesl.

When the sisters started middle school, their mother began to coach their club volleyball team, where they first became competitively involved in the sport. Megan and Annie played side-by-side throughout high school as varsity starters at Hersey High School.

"Annie and I are really, really good friends,” Fesl said. "We see FESL/page 18