**Alumni Association takes online prayer requests**

Weekly candle-lighting service brings 'the Grotto to the people'

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

More than 3,500 members of the extended Notre Dame community have prayed at the Grotto in the past 10 months without ever stepping foot on campus. They've made these visits through online prayer requests courtesy of pray.nd.edu.

Kathleen Sullivan, the senior director of Service and Spirituality for the Alumni Association, said the Web site began as an Alumni Association initiative to connect graduates with one of the school's most spiritual traditions — praying at the Grotto.

"We asked ourselves how is it that we could bring the Grotto to the people," Sullivan said. "We decided to be the feet for the people and go to the Grotto for them."

The Web site began through Sullivan's department in the Alumni Association, the recently created Service and Spirituality division.

"We wanted to think of new ways to spread spirituality to alumni across the world," she said.

Under the leadership of Sullivan, pray.nd.edu launched last February. Since then, the site has received more than 50,000 hits.

The Web site is updated every weekday with a new prayer, gospel reading and video titled "Sacred Spaces of Notre Dame," which highlights a particular place of worship on campus.

Perhaps the most innovative section of the Web site is the Grotto request page, where people can send requests to have their prayers said at the Grotto.

On Thursdays, a representative from the Alumni Association takes the electronic prayer requests to the Grotto and prays. Marian Appleton, an administrative assistant for the Alumni Association, is one of these "bystanders." She says the idea is to bring the Grotto to those who can't be there.

For people who can't make the trip to the Grotto, the Alumni Association now takes prayer requests online.

**Professor: Moral bystanders required**

Atrocities like the Holocaust cannot be reduced to perpetrators and victims, genocide scholar Ernesto Verdeja said at Saint Mary's Thursday.

Moral bystanders play a large role in the "most heinous crimes of human history," said Verdeja, a government professor at Wesleyan University. "Through their inaction, these bystanders facilitated the crimes, although they did not have dirt on their hands."

Verdeja spoke at an event hosted by Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass."

Although bystanders are not legally responsible, they have the obligation to recognize suffering and plight as human beings, Verdeja said. This indifference and inaction occurs when "decides to close one's eyes to what's going on in the world."

In terms of the Holocaust, the extermination of six million people resulted from a relatively small number of legal perpetrators compared to the extensive group of moral bystanders who failed to recognize the humanity of the victims and who facilitated genocide, he said.

Verdeja said the atrocity in Darfur mirrors 20th-century genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia and the Congo. The professor encouraged possible solutions.

**An updated 'Loyal Daughters' to add 'sons'**

Production to open next week with new director, writer, stories

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

This year's production of "Loyal Daughters," now called "Loyal Daughters and Sons," will examine issues of sexuality and sexual assault from both sides of the story, when it opens next week, director Megan O'Donoghue said.

"The title has changed, and that's really indicative of the overall feeling of the production," she said.

"Loyal Daughters and Sons," which runs Monday through Friday in Washington Hall, was written by senior Sarah Van Mill, who conducted interviews to create new material to add to last year's collection of skits and monologues.

"We changed the name to get more men involved," Van Mill said. "Why should they go see 'Loyal Daughters'? It's about women ... well, that's reason alone to go."

The two hope the change will create more dialogue about the issues of sexuality and sexual assault on campus.

"Sexual violence and sexuality are not single-gender issues," Van Mill said. "No reconciliation can happen when we're only talking about women."

O'Donoghue stressed the importance of examining these issues from both male and female points of view.

"We're trying to paint a picture in as honest a way as possible," she said.

Van Mill said the male and female perspectives should help drive the message home that these are issues both sexes should be concerned about, "especially..."
A Sadie surprise

Today is the anniversary of the first- ever Sadie Hawkins Day Dance at Morris Harvey College in 1938. A dance to which, traditionally, girls ask boys.

Liz Harter
News Production Editor

"You’re Lost That Looing Feeling, because Top Gun rules."

"I Want It That Way, because it makes me feel naughty."

"Bohemian Rhapsody, because it allows you to exercise your full range of vocal talents."


CORRECTIONS

Due to reporting errors, the Nov. 8 article titled “Board members plan trip abroad” contained errors. Kate Pak does not play saxophone. She will be playing the bass clarinet in China and Japan. The marching band will not be traveling to the Notre Dame womens bowl. The Observer regrets these errors.

IN BRIEF

The 2007 MBA Diversity Conference will take place today from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Panam Madhu, 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. More information about the conference can be found at http://www.nd.edu/~mbadiver

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

The women’s volleyball team will play Cincinnati today at 4 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Admission is free.

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

A Bright Room Called Day will be performed Tuesday through Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Maintime Theater in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $12 for the general public, $10 for faculty, staff and seniors and $8 for students. For tick- ets, call the DPM ticket office at 574-631-2800 or visit performingarts.nd.edu

To submit information to be included in this section of the Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observernews@nd.edu
Le Cercle français celebrates culture

By LINDSAY SENA

Le Cercle français, Notre Dame’s student French club, hosted a series of events in honor of National French Week or La semaine du français, this week.

It was started seven years ago by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF) to foster an appreciation for French culture in schools and communities, according to the AATF Web site.

Le Cercle’s events followed the nationally-coordinated themes as designated by the AATF. They began Monday with a French food giveaway in LaFortune Student Center. The club offered popular French foods such as baguettes, brie and croissants to students passing through LaFortune.

On Tuesday, club members passed out French phrases and facts on handouts in LaFortune. The club’s president, Amanda Bode, said she was impressed with several faculty members. He actively engaged the audience and encouraged participation and dancing.

Bode credited French professor Catherine Perry for recruiting Colombel, who currently lives in Florida, to perform. Le Cercle collaborated with the Italian Club to host the event.

Le Cercle officer Pia Mauro said the two cultural clubs work together on the event “was really perfect timing.”

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First Year Board wins ‘Karaoke Idol’

Senior Quarters Campaign holds scholarship charity event

By SARAH MAYER

As part of their “Senior Quarters Campaign,” members of Saint Mary’s Class of 2008 held “Karaoke Idol,” their version of “American Idol.” Thursday to raise money for future scholarships.

Awards were given for “Mardi Cafe,” French. (AATF) to foster an array of comedic songs about romance, Paris, several songs and a French rendition of “Did It My Way.”

While listening to the Residence Hall Association’s version of “I Want It That Way,” Davis said she “felt the emotion it was spiritual.”

After hearing the “OG” perform “No Scrubs,” Moore said jokingly, “Saint Mary’s does not have an Anna Muma that we can all together, but I think that should be it.”

While the judges tabulated their scores, the members of the Senior Quarters Campaign got everyone in the room on their feet for a packed theater rendi­ tion of “We Are Family.”

“Idol” winners, First Year Board members Kristen Chernma, Katie Brown and class vice president Lauren Jaynes who sang, “Backstreet’s Back,” won a gift certificate to Garfield’s Pub.

“The Disco Rollers” took sec­ ond after singing, “I Will Survive,” and “Fetch” came in third place with an array of comedic songs. They won free games of bowling and free pizza, respectively.

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often goes to the Grotto on behalf of
summit requests.
"When we visit the Grotto every Thursday, we
pray and reflect. Alumnis of the Alumni Association's Green Candle, which was made
specifically for the prayer requests," Appleton said.
"We also accept requests to light a separate can-
dle for those who ask." The service is available to any alumni, family or friends of the University free of charge. Those who submit prayers have the option of staying anonymous. But if they provide a name and e-mail address, the Alumni Association will reply to their request with a note confirming their visit.
"We've gotten a lot of positive feedback from people who feel as if they're back at the Grotto because they know we're down there for them," Sullivan said.
"Most often people will ask us to pray for their family and friends," she added. "There are a lot of requests concerning health issues, jobs, kids, people nearing death and people facing addic-
tion. Having someone go to the Grotto for them seems to help them with these problems in a tangible way."
The Web site also accepts requests for Masses given by Holy Cross priests for those who are deceased or for special intentions. The requested Mass stipend is $10, and the Mass takes place within three months of the request.
Although the Web site is fairly new, Sullivan said, she's "not really surprised" by its popularity. "People who are at Notre Dame or who used to be here are so connected to their faith," she said.
Sullivan said the Web site will be redesigned in December to add a more extensive archive of prayers and videos, an ISS feed and the capability to access the site by cell phone. For more information, visit praynd.edu.
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Genocide
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ations through pressure on congress-
men, active participation in organi-
zations working to stop genocide and
divesting from economic institutions
that do business with Sudanese govern-
ment.
In addition to the power of the
purse, "it is imperative to educate
others so we don't end up in situa-
tions where we dehumanize oth-
ers," Verdija said.
Verdija also addressed the United
Nation's past responses to genocide.
Often, national interests of Security
Council members prevent coherent efforts and interventions. China's massive economic boon calls for a cheap energy source. As a result, its
investment in Darfur's oil economy and other African countries facili-
tates "violent militiamen," he said.
China has vetoed and prevented the passage of UN action targeting the ethnic cleansing in the sub-
Saharan country.
Genocide is defined as the "intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a
national, ethnic, racial or religious
group." Consequently, past atrocities have not been deemed genocide, he said.
Looking to the future, Verdija said the U.S. government is not likely to
intensify action against the
Khartoum government.
"We have lost our credibility and leverage in places such as Darfur," he said. Taking action "would be seen as imperial pressure against a
United Country.
If the situation in Iraq became genocide, Verdija questioned the reality of the U.S. government's troop presence.
Verdija is currently authoring a book,
Saint Mary's history professor
David Stefancic began the evening with the history behind Kristallnacht.
Stefancic said the shock of World
War I triggered a search for a wage-
good and the necessity to define a
German identity. Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was seen as a prophetic solution, calling for the removal of "subhumans," he said. The Nazi propaganda campaign found its
cause when a Jewish student living in
Paris learned of his parents' deportations from Germany, marched into a German embassy and shot a secretary.
Soon afterward, the "Night of Broken Glass" began "organized, spontaneous riots" with the rampant destruction of Jewish homes, busi-
nesses and synagogues. Stefancic said.
The discussion followed a screening
of the Holocaust film, "Life Is Beautiful." It took place in Carroll Auditorium.
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who have paid the ultimate price
and made the ultimate sacrifice," said Lt. Col. Lowen Braze, assistant professor of aero-
space studies.
"We need to take responsibility for our inconsistencies late.
Lt. Col. Lowen Braze assistant professor aerospace studies

Vetos able to a playing of "Taps" in "remember our fallen heroes," Braze said.
The ceremony will last approxi-
mately 30 minutes and will con-
clude with a benediction delivered
by Roca.
The Veterans Day ceremony is an annual ROTC tradition at Notre Dame. In case of rain, it will be moved from the Clarke Memorial to the Carney Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library and will begin at the same
time.
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ancient piece of bible discovered

JERUSALEM — For six decades, San Sabbagh carried a good luck charm — a piece of parchment on the wall of a burned synagogue.

The 2,000-year-old fragment of parchment likely is more than 1,000 years old, a fragment of the most authoritative manuscript of the Hebrew Bible, his family plans to present it to a Jerusalem institute next week, officials said Thursday.

The parchment, about the size of a credit card, is believed to be part of the Aramaic, or old Hebrew, text of the Bible, said Michael Glazer, academic secretary of the Yad Ben Zvi institute.

It is one of the fragments from the Book of Exodus describing the plagues in Egypt, including the words of Moses to Pharaoh, "Let my people go, that they may serve me."

North Korea thanks U.S. for naval aid

JERUSALEM — North Korea expressed rare gratitude Thursday for U.S. help in ending a high-seas standoff with Somali pirates, a sign of warming ties between the longtime foes fostered by progress on the Cold War enemies, according to the Naval Historical Center in Washington.

The White House hailed its ally’s election pledge, but Bhattu denounced it as an announcement of "vague" and declared he will not give up his second post as army chief within a week.

She said the mass protest would go ahead despite warming ties, and that the war could be betrayed by suicide bombers.

Bhattu is leader of Pakistan’s biggest party and her decision to join in anti-government protests was another blow for Musharraf, who has seen his popularity slide this year amid growing resentment of military rule and increasing violence by Islamic militants.

In a fourth day of protests against the government’s imposition of emergency laws that the army suspended last week, lawyers rallied peacefully in Baghdad, and demonstrators clashed with police in the border city of Basra.

Musharraf has been under increasing pressure to quickly hold elections and resign as army commander since he suspended the constitution Saturday. He said emergency measures were needed to calm political instability he claims is hampering the fight against U.S.-backed militants.

Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf announced Thursday that parliamentary elections will be held in February, a month later than planned.

"We think it is a good thing that President Musharraf has clarified the election date for the Pakistani people," said a statement from the Bush administration, which has been pressing him to return the country to civilian government.

Despite that pressure, Pakistani officials denied Musharraf’s election decision was made because of the American demands or the spreading anger among Pakistanis frustrated by military rule.

The government takes decision itself and there is no internal or external pressure on it," said the ruling party’s president.

Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain. Critics contend Musharraf suspended the constitution, blacked out dozens of TV news channels and ousted independent-minded judges to maintain his own grip on power, which he seized with a 1999 coup.

His emergency decree came as the Supreme Court was expected to rule on the legality of his reelection as president last month in a vote by legislators. Opponents say it was unconstitutional for him to be a presidential candidate because he also holds the powerful post of army chief.

Pakistan: Musharraf to hold delayed elections

Military leader bows to U.S. pressure, but continues to resist political foes

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf yielded to pressure from the United States on Thursday and said Pakistan will hold parliamentary elections in mid-February, just a month later than originally planned.

But the military leader showed signs of being set up on his political foes, reportedly arresting more than 800 supporters of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto before dawn in an effort to head off a major anti-government demonstration set for Friday.

The store is scheduled to reopen on Nov. 16.

LOCAL NEWS

Store destroys merchandise

MICHIGAN CITY — Women’s apparel company Liz Claiborne Inc. destroyed all remaining inventory on Thursday at a Fort Wayne outlet store where an infected employee came to work.

The company closed its Liz Claiborne Outlet Store at Lighthouse Place on Saturday after the ill employee arrived for work.

Company spokeswoman Dana Stambaugh said Thursday test results for the employee were negative for methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, a drug-resistant germ.

The company said it was taking necessary precautions by disinfecting the store and destroying the merchandise and replacing it. The store is scheduled to reopen on Nov. 16.

San Francisco — Oil leaking from a cargo ship that struck the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and spread throughout the bay and is threatening to wash onto the coast of the California coastline, the Coast Guard said Thursday.

A half mile of oil surrounded Alcatraz Island, and the plume extended northwest and southeast of the Golden Gate Bridge. The heavy fuel oil has spread at least eight beacher.

About 58,000 gallons of oil spilled from the ship when it struck a tower supporting the bridge Tuesday morning in dense fog.

The accident caused no structural damage to the span, officials said, but the vessel’s hull suffered a large gash. The ship has since anchored in the bay.

"By our guidelines it is a medium-sized spill. But in the San Francisco Bay Area, that is a big deal," said Coast Guard Capt. William Uberti, captain of the Port of San Francisco and the chief federal officer heading up the investigation and response. "This is a very environmentally sensitive area, so it’s of great concern."

The petroleum was bunker fuel — a heavy fuel that is the residue from oil refining and contains many contaminants, said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Melissa Hauck.

Crews aboard two helicopters surveyed the damage as eight skimmer boats sucked up the oil on the bay and in the bay. Teams also walked the shoreline assessing and scooping up the oil, authorities said.

Some 8,000 gallons of fuel was recovered, and the Coast Guard said it had placed 18,000 feet of booms by Thursday morning.

"We can’t stop everything, but we’re going to do our best," Uberti said. During his own survey aboard a boat, Uberti said he had observed "a shoon with small little globules — something that’s not too difficult to clean up."
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when men are the perpetrators."

"You can't expect women not to make mistakes in judgment that leave them susceptible to rape," she said. "This idea of victim blaming, you can't do that by the pure definition of the word."

Sixty percent of the material used in this year's show has been carried over from last year, and Van Mill's new round of interviews was used for the other skits and monologues.

"We want to represent the interviews that we got, but this is also about getting a holistic play ... if one of last year's skits or monologues had a very important topic to address, we kept it in," she said.

The interviews, Van Mill said, helped the pair realize "there were a lot more male stories out there that needed to be given just as much weight."

And so, "Loyal Daughters and Sons" will contain male monologues.

"These are based on the true stories of Notre Dame students coming to terms with sex on campus, Catholic values, homosexuality," she said. "We’re examining sexual assault from all levels and in all different ways."

The roughly 30-member cast contains representatives from all undergraduate classes at Notre Dame. They have spent about a month and a half working on the show. O’Donoghue said, "They are all actors. No one is doing their own story, she said. "We only have one day of technical rehearsal, but the actors are ready, said. "It is a way to fix that problem, we have to do it," she said.

Van Mill went to "Loyal Daughters" rehearsals last year while doing ethnographic research for her thesis. After asking last year’s author Emily Weisbecker for an interview, she was surprised by getting asked a question herself.

"She asked me if I was interested (in taking over). I still tell her 'I'm not so sure why you chose me,' she said.

This is Van Mill’s "first bout of creative writing." "I’m anxious to have some thing I’ve written be seen by others... hopefully they will go and see," she said.

The pair said the cast and crew have been very committed to the production.

"Everyone involved feels strongly about this and has their own story. This is an avenue for these things to be expressed," O’Donoghue said. "I hope to see people providing some kind of healing."

The production of "Loyal Daughters and Sons," is not a substitute for "Dialogue Monologues," which created controversy over its place on campus. O’Donoghue said. "This directly addresses issues of violence against women exclusively pertinent to Notre Dame."

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write

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Megan O’Donoghue
director

"Loyal Daughters and Sons"

"I thought I'd have to fight the man ... but we've been given the green light completely," O'Donoghue said.

Van Mill said there will be people who will see the play because nobody cares until they get hurt, but she thinks this is a way to drive it home. "If nobody talks, they don’t know how many are being hurt."

"This is a play that has a big influence here, and whether students are aware of it or not, they could be listening to the story of their best friend. " O'Donoghue said.

The performances will be held at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $5 at the LaFortune Box Office.

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**High oil rates will cause inflation**

Bernanke predicts slow economic growth, but expects rebound by mid-2008

**In Brief**

Mortgage rates lowest in five months

WASHINGTON — Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for the third straight week, dropping to the lowest level in five months.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported Thursday that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dipped 6.26 percent this week, down from 6.26 percent last week.

It was the third straight weekly decline after rates hit 6.40 percent. Analysts attributed the decreases to mounting evidence that the economy is calming down.

"Reports of weaker consumer spending in September and a decline in manufacturing activity for the first time in five months sent mortgage rates lower this week," said Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac.

The Federal Reserve last week cut a key interest rate by a quarter-point, marking all the central bank could do to stimulate the economy.

That was the stance the Fed took last week when it trimmed its federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other, by a quarter-point to 4.5 percent following a half-point cut in September.

The Fed sent a clear signal that last week's rate cut was all it would need to deal with the economy's problems, a discrimination that would encourage financial markets into a slump that has deepened as a number of corporate giants — including General Motors, Citigroup and Merrill Lynch — have announced huge losses in recent days.

"The stock market had been hoping that the Fed chairman would hold out for some promise of another rate cut but instead, he emphasized the risks of inflation," said David Jones, chief economist at DMI Advisors.

After falling as much as 200 points, the Dow Jones industrial average closed out another difficult trading session down 33.73 points at 13,266.29.

That decline followed a 360.92-point plunge on Wednesday, which had been the third drop of more than 300 points in the past month.

Economists said Bernanke's noncommittal tone on future rate cuts could have been influenced by worries about a sharp plunge in the value of the dollar against other currencies, a fall that had accelerated since the Fed began cutting rates.

Lower U.S. interest rates also have sapped the confidence of American consumers and it all may add up to the slowest holiday shopping season in five years.

"We've been trying to tighten up, have some discipline and get it under control," said Janet Grau, who was shopping for items at a Linens 'n Things in Milwaukee this week.

It was weak across many sectors in October, from mall-based apparel stores like Limited Brands Inc. to department stores like J.C. Penney Co. Even the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., posted sales below expectations despite heavy discounting.

The few standouts were warehouse club operators such as Costco Wholesale Corp. and BJ's Wholesale Club Inc. as consumers sought out lower prices than even discounters offered.

"This is an extremely turbulent time," said Janet Hoffman, managing partner of the North American retail division of the consulting firm Accenture. "We are going to see a lot of price reductions."
RUSSIA

Court rules that czar, family were not political victims

Says execution of Nicholas II in 1918 by Bolsheviks was premeditated murder, not revolutionary reaction

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's highest court on Thursday refused to recognize the executed last czar Nicholas II and his family as victims of political repression — a ruling Kremlin critics said was dictated by the government's reluctance to condemn the bloodiest chapters of the country's Communist past.

The Supreme Court upheld repeated rulings by lower courts and prosecutors that the 1918 slaying of the czar, his wife and their five children by a Bolshevik firing squad was premeditated murder, not a political reprisal, said German Lukyanov, a lawyer for the royal family's descendents.

"This is an illegal decision," Lukyanov told The Associated Press. "It states that the Bolsheviks did not violate the rights and freedoms of the czar and his family by locking them up and then executing them."

Nicholas II abdicated in 1917 as revolutionary fervor swept Russia, and he and his family were detained. The czar, his wife Alexandra and their son and four daughters were fatally shot on July 15, 1918, in a basement room of a merchant's house where they were held in the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg.

Prosecutors have consistently refused a petition by descendents of the royal family to recognize the killings as political, and a Moscow court earlier this year declined to order them to do so. After its latest decision, in September, the Prosecutor General's Office said an investigation found that no court or "extrajudicial body" had issued any sort of execution or repres­ sion order ahead of the killings.

The remains of Nicholas, the empress Alexandra and three of their daughters were unearthed in Yekaterinburg in 1991, while the Soviet Union was collapsing. After genetic tests confirmed forensics experts of their authenticity, the remains were buried in 1998 in a cathedral in the imperial capital of St. Petersburg. This summer, arch­ eologists found what they say are likely the remains of Crown Prince Alexei, the 13-year-old Romanov dynasty heir; and his sister Maria.

The Russian Orthodox Church canonized Nicholas and his family in 2000.

But descendents have been seeking their "rehabilitation" — recognition that they were vic­ tims of political repression by the country's Communist-era authorities. Many of the people who were shot or sent to prison camps under Soviet rule have been rehabilitated, exonerating them of the crimes they were accused of at the time.

Human rights activists said the ruling fit in with what they said was reluctance by President Vladimir Putin and his govern­ ment to confront Russia's Soviet past.

Putin, who has stressed the need for patriotism and pride, has restored Soviet-era symbols, such as the music for the national anthems, and said Western portrayals of the Soviet era were too negative.

Declaring Nicholas a political victim "would be same as recog­ nizing that the history of our state is based on violence and crime," said Arseny Roginsky, a historian and member of the human rights group Memorial. Roginsky said a document showing that the execution of the czar's family had been ordered by the Bolshevik authorities in Yekaterinburg could be found in state archives. In a further indication of political motives, he said, the slayings were carried out to prevent Nicholas from becoming a sym­ bol of resistance against Bolshevism.

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**Lavish spending practices plunge Oral Roberts into debt**

University engulfed in scandal after lawsuit reveals evangelists were dipping into endowment fund for personal expenses

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — A Beverly Hills house and country club membership. Vacations in Palm Springs and the South Seas. A close as big as an apartment, studded with hundreds of pairs of shoes, suits, dresses and golf shirts.

People with close ties to TV evangelist Oral Roberts and his son, Richard, say they witnessed such extravagances years before a recent lawsuit accusing them of lavish spending engulfed the nation's largest Bible colleges and their debt-ridden university in scandal.

Harry McHenry, a former aide to the Robertses, said in a recent interview that he quit the Board of Regents at Oral Roberts University in disgust in 1987 after he became clear that the Robertses were dipping into the school's endowment fund for their personal use.

"We were dealing in millions," he said.

The luxurious ways of some of America's top evangelists have come under scrutiny on various fronts recently. Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley announced a Senate investigation this week into whether six celebrity preachers violated their organizations' tax-exempt status by living lavishly on the backs of small donors.

The Robertses are not among the six. But those targeted include three members of the ORU Board of Regents: Crefo Dollar, Kenneth Copeland and Benny Hinn.

In 1983 her memoir, "Ashes to Gold," Richard Roberts' first wife, Fatti, documented the jet-set lifestyle: a blue Mercedes as a Christmas gift for Richard, a Jaguar for her, Italian suits and Palm Beach vacations.

"We lived like characters in a novel or a made-for-TV movie about the beautiful people and I don't know what," she said. "Having made a fortune, albeit an uneasy one, with my conscience over the source of our wealth, I proceeded to enjoy its prerogatives with hush, hush.

Richard Roberts, who is paid $228,000 a year as university president, has taken a leave of absence pending an investigation.

But he disputed the recent allegations of overspending, which are contained in a wrongful-doing lawsuit filed by three former ORU professors, and said he pays personal expenses out of his pocket.

Interviewed on a flight aboard the university's leased Hawker jet to a recent TV interviews in New York, Roberts said the lawsuit amounts to "a personal character attack."

"There are people in the world who are against ministries," he said. "I think people are not hoping there's a Christian university in Tulsa.

The university declined comment on McHenry's accusation that endowment funds were tapped for personal spending. Endowments are supposed to be used for major projects, not day-to-day operating expenses. The principal in an endowment is typically left untouched, and only the earnings are spent.

Oral Roberts University is more than $50 million in debt, its campus dominated by a 60-foot bronze sculpture of praying hands— is starting to look shabby, and a long-promised student center remains in limbo.

University officials blame the debt on lack of major donors and the cost of maintenance on the 44-year-old, 5,700-student campus. Two more crippling blows came in the closing of ORU's law school and the City of Faith, a $250 million attempt by Oral Roberts in the late 1970s to build a great medical center and research institute. The City of Faith closed in 1991.

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More Chinese toys recalled

Popular Aqua Dots toy contains chemical that converts to date rape drug

Associated Press

A mother said Thursday she knew something was terribly wrong when her 2-year-old son began to stumble and start vomiting. He had just ingested a popular toy that contains a chemical that turns into a powerful "date rape" drug when eaten.

It was the latest Chinese-made product to be removed from North America.

Shelby Essex, 30, said her son Jacob fell and went into a coma on Christmas for about six hours due to this chemical. She said he was very worried when she thought about the possibility of her child being in such danger.

"It's a very dramatic," she told ABC. "The whole country is concerned in this case for about six hours. It's the worst, the purest, the most thorough. It's a nightmare to think that this could happen to a child.

"It's not just about the child. It's about the whole family. It's about the whole society."}

Bush said legislation had unnecessary parts

WASHINGTON — President Bush suffered his first veto override of his seven-year-old presidency Thursday as the Senate enacted a $233 billion water resources bill despite his protest that it was filled with unnecessary projects.

The 79-14 vote included 34 Republicans who defied the president. Enactment was a foregone conclusion, but it still marked a milestone for a president who spent his first six years with a much friendlier Congress controlled by his Republican Party.

Now he confronts a more hostile, Democratic-controlled legislature, and Thursday's vote showed that most of the Republicans will defy him on spending matters dear to their political careers.

Bush's spokeswoman portrayed the issue as a divide between a budget-conscious president and a big-spending Congress.

"The president is standing up for the taxpayers," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "No one is surprised that this veto is overwhelming. We understand that members of Congress are going to support the projects in their districts. Budgeting is about making choices and deciding where your money doesn't mean you can have everything. This bill doesn't make the difficult choices; it says we can fund every idea out there. That's not a responsible way to budget."

The bill funds hundreds of Army Corps of Engineers projects — such as dams, sewage plants and beach restoration — that are important to local communities and their representatives. It also includes money for the hurricane-hit Gulf Coast and for Florida Everglades restoration efforts.

The House voted 361-34 to override the veto Tuesday. Both votes easily exceeded the two-thirds majority needed in each chamber to negate a presidential veto.

The last such veto override happened when Congress dealt President Clinton the second of his two overrides in February 1999.

Bush vetoed no bills during his first five years in office. He has since vetoed a stem cell research bill twice, an Iraq spending bill that set guidelines for troop withdrawals, and a children's health insurance bill. House and Senate Republicans managed to sustain those vetoes.

But they broke ranks on the Water Resources Development Act, or WRDA, which Bush vetoed on Nov. 2, calling it too expensive. Thirty-four Republicans voted with the 43 Democrats and two independents to override the veto. Two Democrats voted with them.

McCaskill of Missouri and Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, both Democrats, voted with 12 Republicans to sustain Bush's veto.

It is not clear that they have noted that the Army Corps has a backlog of $58 billion worth of projects and an annual budget of about $2 billion to address them.
Man testifies in Simpson case
Memorabilia dealer alleges O.J. stole collector items from hotel room

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — One of two memorabilia dealers allegedly robbed by O.J. Simpson testified Thursday that the former football memorabilia dealer alleges Friday, November 9, one wielding a gun, orabilia dealers allegedly robbed a handful of other men, including Bruce Fromong, who testifies in Simpson case by

Simpson arrived said he had expected to meet with an anonymous buyer on Sept. 13, when Simpson arrived and shouted that the items belonged to him.

"O.J. was screaming. 'This is all my s---. This all belongs to me. You stole this from me. Let's pack up. Let's get out of here.'"

Bruce Fromong

memorabilia dealer

During his cross-examination, Simpson attorney Gabriel Grasso attempted to show that Fromong planned to profit from the confrontation, asking him if he called the television show "Inside Edition" before contacting police.

"Nine-one-one was already being called," he said.

Grasso also noted that in his statement to police Fromong said Simpson had told the others: "Get my ... Leave the other stuff alone."

Fromong was the first of eight witnesses prosecutors expected to call. The hearing was to continue Friday.

On Thursday, Simpson arrived at the courthouse in a black Hummer, surrounded by a contingent of lawyers and about a dozen uniformed officers. He did not step to talk or make eye contact as he made his way into the building and through a metal detector.

In Simpson's mind, according to his attorney, the Las Vegas charges are rooted in the former football star being acquitted in the 1994 slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

"He believes he's being tried for that now," said Tom Scotto, 45, a North Miami Beach, Fla., auto body shop owner.

"He's taking this seriously. It is serious," said Scotto, who traveled from Florida with Simpson and sat in a courtroom gallery with about 50 spectators. Among them was Simpson's older sister, Marrie Simpson Shirley Simpson, Baker, 64, of Elk Grove, Calif.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Marine Corps lawyer told a House subcommittee Thursday the Pentagon blocked him from testifying that harsh interrogation methods dripped up his prosecu­ tion of a suspected terrorist.

The accusation came as the debate over detainee treatment continued to affect Michael Mukasey's nomination as attor­ ney general, with lawmakers struggling to come to a decision on when a confirmation vote would be scheduled.

"The Department of Defense has decided I cannot testify," Marine Lt. Col. V. Stuart Couch wrote to House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich. "Please be advised that I am willing to testify before the subcommittee in the event I am allowed to do so." The question nearly toppled Mukasey's nomination after he refused repeatedly to say whether it allowed the agency's employees to use it against terror suspects.

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*This Week in Irish Sports*
Senator Jim Lockwood’s plan to force the student body president to report on the meetings of the Community/ Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) is wise. It promotes full communication, increased awareness and transparency for the newly formed group, which asks representatives from area colleges and the city to advise the South Bend Common Council on neighborhood concerns related to the colleges.

But Lockwood’s idea to give the Senate the power to dictate what the president can say — and even the ability to censure the president’s words — is as terrible as the first plan is good. Lockwood’s expressed desire to minimize the role of the presidency, including a plan to force the president to read statements by the Student Senate to the CCAC when the senators disagree with the president, eliminates the united front and effective energy that Notre Dame needs in a student leader. Without Liz Brown’s unquestioned leadership this summer, off-campus students would likely be worried about filing permits for parties a week and a half ahead of time. If she had to worry about what senators thought of her every word choice — and the threat of public humiliation if she had to explain that other representatives disagreed with her — she might not have succeeded.

If South Bend officials knew she was controlled so tightly by other students, she would have minimized the respect they offered her. Lockwood’s plan would make students less able to present a clear, powerful voice in public debates.

Worse, Lockwood devised his plan in a way that masks transparency and openness in student government. During summer discussions over the party permit ordinance, Brown, as president, acted as a capable and professional representative of the student body. When she took the initiative, it helped fundamentally change the ordinance from a draconian measure into something much more acceptable. And she was open about the process, meetings and ideas.

Meanwhile, Lockwood sent an e-mail to his dorm that he “and another senator” were working on a plan to reshape student government. As the former is representing our interests well and in public!

The senator later sent a second e-mail out to Sinfried, complaining about other things. That The Observer made it look like he had an “ulterior motive” to the resolution to force the president to report on the CCAC’s meetings. It may have appeared that way only because he did have an ulterior motive. It was clear in Lockwood’s first e-mail that he was going to use the initial amendment — harmless by itself — as a first step to curtailing the powers of the presidency.

That plan may be democratic, but Lockwood’s methods were anything but.

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**Observer Editorial**

"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason and intellect has intended us to forge their curse."

Galilei Galileo

Italian astronomer

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**Observer Poll**

"People West Family" 4, 500 voters 47% in for the long haul 1% depends on the rest of the season 2% depends on the recruiting class 36% depends on next year 145 Fire him now Depends on the rest of the season Depends on the long haul Depends on next year
‘Indispensable’: Why Spencer rocks ‘The Hills’

There is an injustice in our society today that has been perpetuated for far too long. Are we talking about the tragedy in Darfur? No. Are we talking about the war in Iraq? No. Are we talking about those who are gay, lesbian, and bisexual? Yes.

Rev. Joseph Carey, CSC

Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, 1986.) Noble’s Board of Trustees also voted to hire a staff member to help with the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community on campus as we value all members of this community. We condemn harassment of any kind, and University policies prohibit it. We consciously create an environment of mutual respect, hospitality, and warm welcome to all who are part of this diverse community. We invite all members of campus, especially our heterosexual allies (supporters), to join in the mission of the Core Council. There are many ways to be involved: By serving on the Council (we are currently accepting applications); supporting the programs sponsored by the Core Council and its coalition partners; or, most importantly, by being in solidarity with students who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or same-sex-attracted in both word and deed in everyday life.

Mel Baumista

Go to "indispensable". Why Spencer rocks ‘The Hills’

Help secure football’s future

Fellow students: This football season has been a rough one so far. However, we, as students, have a chance to have an impact on the Notre Dame program for years to come. This weekend, a key member of our No. 1 recruiting class in the nation, Omar Hunter, will be visiting Notre Dame. Hunter is one of the top defensive tackles in the nation and would be a valuable member of future Notre Dame football teams. He has already verbally committed to Notre Dame, but as we know from past years, nothing is set in stone. Previously, we have done a few chants for players on their official visits to Notre Dame. Last year, Armando Allen responded positively to the chanting of his name at the pep rally. Last Friday, Cyrus Gray responded well to the chanting of his name at the pep rally.

This weekend, it would be nice to do something for Hunter to make him feel wanted by the Notre Dame student body. During the media timeout, following the first quarter, I propose we begin a chant. The chant will go as follows: The name of the student section will join in. The chant will go as follows: "We welcome Hunter, let’s make sure he can hear it and that he may never forget it!"

Patrick McGowan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Offering a welcoming home for all

Recently, a group of male students were seen on campus wearing T-shirts proclaiming, "Gay? Go to Hell!" In her Letter to Editor ("No right for gay students"") on Nov. 5, Linda McCabe calls on the Notre Dame family to exercise community, included in the words fellow students and refrain from using harsh and painful words to condemn the gay community on campus. In her discussion with the men wearing the shirts, McCabe reports that the men "didn’t want to upset the Core Council." The Core Council is part of the organizations on this campus because they promote inter­course between homosocial worlds. This description of the Core Council is thoroughly false and completely miscon­structed. The purpose, the Core Council "acts as a resource to the Vice President for Student Affairs in identifying the ongoing needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual students, and assists in imple­menting campus-wide educational program­ming on gay and lesbian issues." Through campus education programs (Community and Network), community events such as a reception for First Year Students, the Green Room and Coffee at the Comfy, through sponsorship of National Coming Out Day and Solidarity Sunday, as well as collaborative programs like Stages and the Student Council, the Core Council is actively engaged in engendering a more wel­coming and inclusive environment on campus for gay, lesbian and bisexual students. This mission, however, will never be su­cessful on its own. As a student of Notre Dame, you are an active member of the Notre Dame community, regardless of their sexual orientation. Let us replace Maloney’s letter with one that is more inclusive and understanding.

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USED TO KNOW
By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

For being a film about war, there is very little battle in "Rescue Dawn." There is also very little rah-rah patriotism. But there is fierce loyalty to country and self as the characters fight to survive and let the next day be a free one. Directed by Werner Herzog, "Rescue Dawn" captivates the audience with its story about the ways humanity reacts to imprisonment.

"Rescue Dawn" is based on U.S. Navy pilot Dieter Dengler's experience as a prisoner of war in Laos in 1966, before the U.S. was even recognizing its military operations in Vietnam. Dengler is a German immigrant to the U.S. whose desire to fly originated from the most unlikely of places. He was fired upon by Allied fighters while a child in the Black Forest region of Germany. Decades later, after he was shot down over the Ho Chi Minh Trail, tortured and interrogated, Dengler was brought to a prison camp where he met several other captives. Instead of waiting for rescue, Dengler encouraged his fellow captives to help him stage an escape. But for all their planning, only Dengler and his friend Lt. Duane Martin made it out of the camp. Martin was killed in an ambush, so only Dengler was rescued. Herzog developed the more fictional take of the story, "Rescue Dawn." From his own documentary "Little Dieter Needs to Fly," which filmed Dengler himself telling the story.

While it may be the "fictional" version, "Rescue Dawn" is as raw and real as can be. As with the majority of his films, Herzog does not hesitate to fling his cast and crew into the most remote and unlikely of places. He was fired upon by Allied lighters while developing the more fictional take of the story, "Rescue Dawn." From his own documentary "Little Dieter Needs to Fly," which filmed Dengler himself telling the story.

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Neil Young's newest album, "Chrome Dreams II," makes-
The WGA, The Strike, and You

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

Picture a world with no more television. No reruns during prime-time hours. No new episodes of "30 Rock," "Ugly Betty," or "CSI" posted online. Letterman, Colbert and Conan sitting at home on a Tuesday night. Unthinkable, right?

Wrong. On Monday at 12:01 am, the Writers Guild of America (WGA) ceased contract negotiations and officially went on strike. Picket lines are now a common occurrence on the streets of Los Angeles and New York, with stars like Sally Field, Tina Fey and Eva Longoria joining the demonstration. The WGA is fighting for a list of demands that includes compensation for Web content, further residuals from DVD and video-cassette releases and a stronger say in productions on the CW and MyNetwork TV. Shows like "Two and a Half Men," "Desperate Housewives" and "The New Adventures of Old Christine" have already shut down production indefinitely, with more shows likely to follow if the strike continues.

If this all seems like a confusing hullabaloo, let's take a step back. There's a lot more to the disagreements than some kind of battle between the WGA and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), and much of the controversy stems from how exactly compensation is determined and how much — writers are actually paid for the rapid development of online media and its increasing relationship with television — when was the last time you watched "Lost" when it originally aired on ABC? — writers have been left somewhat in the cold. One of the main demands of the WGA addresses such "non-traditional media," and how they might be compensated for what is, in reality, their work.

In the summer of 2006, for example, NBC.com exclusively featured a series of webisodes based on "The Office." These mini-episodes followed the adventures of the Dunder-Mifflin accountants — Kevin, Phyllis et al. — and were written by Paul Lieberstein and Michael Schur, two of the show's regular seasonal writers. But neither writers received compensation for his work on the webisodes, despite winning NBC a Daytime Emmy for them. It's these kinds of instances that keep the WGA pushing hard for residuals for online content to be included in their new contracts. Notably, "The Office" has also shut down production until further notice.

While the writers and the WGA are at the forefront of the issue, the strike is having an extended ripple effect on the television and entertainment business as a whole. If a show shuts down production because its writers stage a walkout, the directors, stage crew and staff are also out of work. While keeping this in mind may not be the WGA's main goal, the entertainment community seems conscious of the impact the strike could have on its livelihood and on the entire industry. Still, actors — including the entire cast of "Grey's Anatomy," as well as creator Shonda Rhimes — and a number of show-runners (the writer-producer-creator figures who run any given TV show) are joining the picket lines in support of the WGA.

"There is not one person out here who doesn't lose in a strike, and there is not one show-runner who is actually going to gain anything," Steve Levitan, producer of Fox's "Back to You," said in a recent article on EW.com. "We are all going to lose, no matter what happens. The minute we lose a week's production, we lost and will never regain that. Past generations have made a sacrifice for us, and now it's our turn to make a sacrifice for future generations."

Sacrifices are all well and good, but what does the strike mean for the common viewer like you and me? In the short term, late-night talk shows have already switched to indefinite reruns, and it's likely that the major networks will follow suit with most of their programming. As for the rest of the season, only those episodes that have been completed pre-strike can air. While some shows, like "The Simpsons" and CW's "Everybody Loves Chris," have been allowed to film full seasons in the can, others — like "The Office," whose last completed episode will air next week — are stuck with what they've got. In the near future, viewers will also see an increase in reality television, as writers on shows like "American Idol" or "The Hills" are non-union and thus unaffected by the strike. The last WGA strike in 1988 cost the industry approximately $500 million and lasted 22 weeks. If the current strike continues through November sweeps and into next year, as some insiders have predicted, we may see an even bigger impact on the TV we watch every night.

Writers shouldn't have to go uncompensated for their work as the online format keeps growing, especially when network Web sites stream their episodes with commercial content. With high visibility and media coverage — even 2008 Democratic presidential candidates John Edwards, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have expressed support for the strike — the WGA is poised to have its voice heard. It's up to both parties to keep their integrity and find a common ground.

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Top ten things to do during the writers strike

By CASSIE BELEK
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The last writers strike in 1988 endured for 22 weeks, but it is unclear how long the 2007 strike will continue. While we at Scene certainly don't want to see the strike go on for weeks and weeks, we've come up with some ways to occupy your time until your favorite shows return.

1. Pray at the Grotto more often. Light a candle that FOX can convince Monica Lewinsky to return and host another season of "Mr. Personality."
2. Make your own TV show. Better yet, make it a Notre Dame soap opera involving freshman roommates with split personalities and mysterious disappearances during a routine dorm fire drill.
3. Take up knitting. It's a hobby you can carry over either when the strike ends or when you have babies — whichever comes first.
4. Finally catch up on all those series you've been wanting to watch, but never had the time or motivation: "Friday Night Lights," "30 Rock." "The Wire" and please already, "Freaks and Geeks" and "Arrested Development."
5. Devote the same amount of time to your studies as you did to watching television. See your grades go up faster than those of a kid on "Hooked on Phonics."
6. Just watch all those "America's Next Top Model" marathons on VH1 because, really, what other television is there?
7. Join a campus writing campaign to the Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers asking them to pay compensating writers for all of their work. Death threats are not necessary since you need to worry about finals and not prison.
8. Curl up into the fetal position and cry. Who knows when this strike will be over, and you're really not emotionally stable enough to handle that.

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Shows that have shut down production:

"The Office" (NBC)
"Desperate Housewives" (ABC)
"Carpoolers" (ABC)
"The Big Bang Theory" (CBS)
"Two and a Half Men" (CBS)
"Rules of Engagement" (CBS)
"The New Adventures of Old Christine" (CBS)
"Back to You" (FOX)
"Til Death" (FOX)
"Everybody Hates Chris" (CW)

Note: Does not include late-night talk shows
Keenan’s run game poses challenge to Ramblers

By GRIFFIN DASSATI and PETER REISENAUR
Sports Writers

No. 2 seed Siegfried one step away from the Stadium; Green Wave look for revenge against top-seed Stanford

After a narrow 6-0 victory over Zahm in the quarterfinals, No. 2 seed Siegfried hopes to reach Notre Dame Stadium when the Ramblers take on No. 3 seed Keenan on Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Field.

The Ramblers (3-0-1) averaged a week-three tie with Zahm last week to win their third consecutive game after losing their victory last Sunday. The victory, however, left senior captain Tom Martin a little nervous.

“It definitely nice for us to be able to get past that one blemish on our record,” Martin said. “But we really didn’t feel like we played to our full potential.”

The “mental errors” to which Martin refers include several dropped passes against Zahm — including a well-executed flea-flicker that could have gone for a touchdown. The Ramblers were 5 points down in the first half that gave Zahm its best starting field position of the contest.

After the win, Martin admits, the team realized that it needed a lot of practice time if it was going to keep the Knights. Keenan’s powerful rushing attack led the Knights to a 21-14 overtime victory over Morrissey in the quarterfinals.

Thanks to junior running back Alex Gonzalez and senior fullback Joe Pappas, the Keenan running game racked up well over 200 yards on the Ramblers.”

Martin said Siegfried focused on stopping Keenan’s ground game in practice this week.

“We’re hoping that we can force them to pass a little more,” he said. “We have a pretty strong secondary that few teams have been able to do anything against during the season.”

Defensively, the Ramblers will look to use their running game early to open up the game as the game goes on, a task that Siegfried too admits will be a challenge.

“Our line is going to have to come through again,” he said. “We struggled against Zahm last week. We’re going to have to be very physical. Hopefully the run will open up some passing, but with their size and speed on defense we’ll have to come out [strong].”

Fisher vs. Stanford

Fisher will try to average last year’s playoff loss to Stanford and take down the Grizzlies on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Both teams pulled off dramatic wins last week to make it to the semifinals. Stanford won in overtime against Avenue last week on a fourth-down pass that gave the Grizzlies the winning touchdown, while Fisher won 14-7 against St. Ed’s, showcasing its offensive skills.

Stanford had an anemic offense last week against Dillon, but captain Rob Hust was confident Stanford can change that this week.

“We need to establish our run game early, and although we struggled a bit in the passing game, I believe that we’ll be able to receive it all bounce back,” Hust said.

He believed that as long as both teams play well, they have a good chance at winning against the suffered.

“I want all of our guys to come out, fly around, and get freshman quarterback Emily Murphy and freshman receiver Kelly Weber.

Welsh Family vs. Pasquerilla West

Welsh Family looks to keep its winning streak and its stadium dreams alive as the Whirlwinds take on last year’s defending champion Pasquerilla West at 1 p.m. on Sunday at Riehle Field.

While the Whirlwinds shut out Lyons 14-0 in the first round of the playoffs, the Purple Weasels barely squeaked by Howard 13-12.

The Whirlwinds have been on a roll all season, racking up a 6-0 record — including four shutouts.

Like Cavanaugh, Farley also had its best offensive game of the season last week. The Farley offense is led by Rolf’s at receiver, quarterback Jenni Gargula and running back Alex Gonzalez.

While the Whirlwinds shut out Pasquerilla West 14-0 last week, for the first time in their history, the Knights failed to score a touchdown against the Purple Weasels.

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NHL

Former NHL MVP Eric Lindros announced his retirement from professional hockey Thursday in his hometown of London, Ontario. Lindros played for 13 seasons and is expected to join the staff of the NHL Player's Association.

Associated Press

LONDON, Ontario — Former NHL MVP Eric Lindros retired Thursday in his hometown, ending a career derailed by a series of concussions and other injuries.

The 6-foot-4, 240-pound power forward had 372 goals, 865 points and 1,398 penalty minutes in 760 games for Philadelphia, Toronto, the New York Rangers and Dallas.

He won the Hart Trophy as league MVP in 1997 and was part of the Canadian Olympic team that won gold in 2002. He also won silver for Canada in 1992.

The 34-year-old center made it through 13 seasons despite the concussions and other injuries that eventually limited his playing time. The injuries restricted him to an average of only 58 games a season, but he was an impact player when healthy.

Lindros was a free agent and hadn't played this season. He's expected to join the staff of the NHL Players' Association.

Lindros also donated approximately $5 million to the London (Ontario) Health Sciences Foundation, where he was treated during his career.

"My decision to retire from professional hockey is something that I have been considering for some time, and did not come easily," Lindros said. "I will miss the day-to-day activity of being a member of a team, and the camaraderie that I developed with my teammates will never be forgotten.

"I played with the best. I played against the best — it was a blast. It really truly was," he said. "I enjoyed myself immensely."

Lindros helped lead the Flyers to the 1997 Stanley Cup Finals, but his once-tight relationship with general manager Bob Clarke. Lindros said Clarke was his childhood hero — began to unravel by the end of the 1990s. Clarke had a problem dealing with Lindros' meddlesome parents — his father, Carl, was his agent — and it slowly deteriorated over the years.

The boiling point came when Lindros criticized the team's medical staff for failing to diagnose his second concussion of the 1999-2000 season. Clarke then stripped him of his captaincy, and the star was ostracized from the team until he returned for Games 6 and 7 of the conference finals against the Devils.

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In Brief

State of Larry Johnson's foot in flux

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Running back Larry Johnson's injured right foot "has made significant improvement," the state's chief medical officer said Thursday.

Johnson, who rushed for more than 1,750 yards each of the past two years, was injured in the fourth quarter last week of Kansas City's 33-22 loss to Green Bay. Coaches have said he would almost certainly not play this Sunday.

A Denver television station reported earlier this week that Johnson has a broken foot and is out for the year. The Chiefs have insisted all they know is he has a mid-foot sprain and will probably not play this Sunday.

A news release by the Chiefs said Johnson had "less swelling and pain in his injured right foot."

MLB base coaches to wear head protection next season

ORLANDO, Fla. — Baseball wants to prevent another tragic accident like the one that killed Mike Coolbaugh.

General managers decided Thursday that first- and third-base coaches will wear some sort of head protection next season, a move that came four months after Coolbaugh was struck in the neck by a line drive during a minor league game.

Coolbaugh, a former major league player, was a coach for the Colorado Rockies' Double-A team in Tulsa when he died July 22. He had been hit by a liner as he stood in the first-base coach's box during a Texas League game at Arkansas.

Some major league coaches responded by wearing helmets the rest of the season.

Eleven free agents questioned by steroids investigation

ORLANDO, Fla. — No more than 11 players from this year's free-agent class were asked to speak with George Mitchell as part of his investigation into performance-enhancing drugs in baseball, a union official told agents this week.

Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel, made the statement Wednesday to agents attending a meeting in New York, two people with knowledge of the session said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the remarks were intended to remain private.

The Boston Globe's Web site Thursday afternoon reported agents were told at the meeting that 11 current free-agent players are named in Mitchell's report, but Weiner said the union didn't know whether any names would be included, those with knowledge of the meeting told The Associated Press.
NHL

Zubrus' two goals put New Jersey over Flyers

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils followed their worst loss of the season with one of their best efforts. Veteran Ukrainus Zubrus scored his first two goals of the season and rookie Rodney Pelley got the first of his career in a three-goal flurry to help New Jersey beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-1 on Thursday night.

"We responded in the right way," Devils coach Brent Sutter said. "There was a lot of emotion tonight on our end. I thought we were mentally strong the whole game."

After Monday night's 5-0 thrashing at the hands of Pittsburgh, Sutter put players through grueling practices Tuesday and Wednesday. He has not been shy about publicly criticizing players in the season's early weeks as the defending Atlantic Division champions limped to a 5-7-2 record.

For one night at least, the tough love worked.

"I'm still a nostalgic sort of guy," Sturnberg said. "And while I don't want to look back to the past, I think the region should be proud of having a major league baseball team and

MLB

'Rays': New name, new unis

Tampa Bay shortens name, changes colors

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays are gone.

Trying to reinvent itself, the perennial last-place team officially removed its nickname to simply "Rays" during a celebration that brought a crowd of about 2,000 to a downtown park Thursday night.

New team colors and uniforms also were unveiled during a fashion show featuring current players, as well as manager Joe Maddon, senior advisor Don Zimmer and former Tampa Bay stars Wade Boggs and Fred McGriff as models.

Navy blue and light blue have replaced green and black as the primary colors. The club's new logo, as well as the home and road uniforms for next season, feature the word "Rays" in navy blue lettering with a light blue shading.

Team officials and local fans have routinely referred to the club as "Rays" for much of the expansion team's existence, however it wasn't until Stuart Sternberg took over as principal owner two years ago that consideration was given an actual name change.

"I think this gives us an organization an identity," Sternberg said, noting that many of the team's employees have joined the club since he took control from former managing general partner Vince Naimoli.

"We were tied to the past, and the past wasn't necessarily something we wanted to be known for. Nobody's running from it or hiding from it, and we're proud of certain aspects of it, but this is something the organization was able to really put their arms around. I hope and expect the fans who come out will see it as a new beginning."

Sternberg said the team began with more than 1,000 suggestions for a new name and whittled the list down to about 80.

Rays was the owner's first choice, however the organization considered others like Cannons, Stars, Wave and Jukes before settling on Rays and developing a logo featuring a bright yellow sunburst.

"We strayed a little bit. But after looking at everything, it was pretty clear that this was the one," Sternberg said.

Carl Crawford, Scott Kazmir, Rocco Baldelli, B.J. Upton, Delmon Young, Edwin Jackson and Al Reyes were among the players modeling the uniforms. The evening was capped by a concert featuring actor Kevin Costner and his band, Modern West.

Sternberg said he actually had hoped to have the new nickname, team colors and uniforms ready for last season. He's happy he didn't rush and wind up with a final product he didn't like.

"I think it worked out well this way because I feel really confident that the team's performance on the field next year is going to take a very giant step forward," the owner said.

The team didn't abandon every aspect of the uniforms worn for the franchise's first 10 seasons. An updated Devil Rays patch is on the left sleeve of the new jerseys. The club also will continue to operate a popular touch tank filled with cowhose rays during games at Tropicana Field.

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Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez is prepared to meet and greet.

Agent Scott Boras used this week's general managers' meetings to give teams his sales pitch for A-Rod and was pleased with how it went.

"With regard to Alex, we got some very clear direction from clubs as to where their interest is," Boras said Thursday after the four-day session ended. Given that Rodriguez terminated a record $232 million, 10-year contract to seek even greater riches, this won't be a deal signed off on at the GM level.

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**ND SWIMMING**

**Women look for second straight dual meet win**

**Men in search of first victory at Pittsburgh**

By CHRIS DOYEN

Sports Writer

When a team is as successful as the defending Big East champion Notre Dame, women were last season, it's natural for other teams to jump at the chance to beat them.

The Irish will face one such Big East foe today when they head to Pittsburgh to try and pick up their second straight dual meet win.

"I think we always have a big bus lambage on our shoulders going into a Big East meet," Irish head coach Carrie Nixon said. "Big East opponents will always bring their A game, so it's important that we make a statement this weekend and send ripples through the conference."

The women (1-2) have received contributions from experienced swimmers and divers, especially senior Caroline Johnson and junior Christa Higgins, in their first three meets. Freshmen Katie Casey, Sam Maxwell, Lawrence Sylvester and Miller have added youthful depth to the Irish roster, and they all played a big role in last year's narrow loss over Purdue.

The Irish will take on a Panthers squad that has posted three dominant victories over St. Bonaventure, Syracuse and Cincinnati in its first three meets of this season. The Irish, Pittsburgh has succeeded due to solid performances from experienced swimmers coupled with a wealth of new talent.

Last year, Notre Dame beat the Panthers 188-112 at the Rolfs Aquatic Center, while Johnson, junior Claire Hutchinson and sophomore diver Natalie Stitt turned in winning performances. The women's schedule gets a little meatier following this meet, and Nixon wants to make sure the Irish are running on all cylinders as soon as possible.

"This is a chance for us to really work on our races and iron out some of the things we've been working on in practice," Nixon said. 

After falling to the Boilermakers, the men will join the women on the trip and try to grab their elusive first win.

The men currently stand at 0-3 after experiencing tough losses to USC, Purdue and Texas A&M. Sophomore John Lytle swam impressively last weekend, picking up a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle, and he will have to do more of the same if the Irish can notch their first victory of the year.

Like the Panthers women, the men have looked impressive in defeating St. Bonaventure, Syracuse and Cincinnati soundly.

Irish men's head coach Tim Welsh sees added significance in defeating the Panthers.

"Pittsburgh is a very worthy opponent," Welsh said. "They have been team champions in the Big East."

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Carrie Nixon
Irish women's coach

"One of these streaks is going to continue, and we certainly feel we have a chance to win the meet."

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Chicago pulls out first win

Thomas has double-double; Wallace scores 36 points in Pistons’ loss

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The push and the extra motivation the struggling Chicago Bulls needed came from the team that eliminated them from the playoffs last spring.

After a surprising 0-4 start, Chicago beat the Detroit Pistons 97-93 on Thursday night, riding Thomas’s double-double and Wallace’s 36-point night from Rasheed Wallace — his most in an NBA game — to send Detroit to its first loss after opening with three wins.

No one could stop Wallace's scoring ability. "It was definitely a burden," Hamilton said. "And I was trying to do it too."

Wallace drove the lane for a sweeping basket as the shot clock went off, cutting the Bulls lead to 94-93 with 1:35 to play. After the teams traded turnovers, Chicago’s Joe Smith missed a jumper and the Bulls had a chance to take the lead. But Wallace’s short bank shot wouldn’t stay in and the Bulls rebounded with 33 seconds to go.

Gordon then made the first of two free throws after being fouled by Hamilton to give the Bulls a 95-93 lead with 26 seconds remaining.

After a timeout, Wallace’s turnaround attempt over Thomas hit the rim and came off with 13 seconds to go. "This was a hard one to lose," Wallace said. "The shots I got down the stretch couldn’t have felt better. You’re just going to win."}

PHOENIX — NBA commission­er David Stern warned Thursday that if the SuperSonics leave Seattle, he sees no way the league would ever return to the city. "I’d love to find a way to keep the team there," he said, "because it’s a team that there’s not going to be another team there, not in any con­ceivable future plan that I could envision, and that would be too bad." At a news conference fol­lowing his announcement that the 2009 All-Star game would be held in Phoenix, Stern crit­i­cized the city of Seattle and the Washington legisla­ture for its handling of the issue of finding a replacement for Key­Arena.

Stern repeated earlier crit­i­cism of the mayor and city council for promoting a meas­ure, overwhelmingly passed by voters, that requires any funds to help build an arena earn money at the same rate as a treasury bill. That measure means there is no way city money would ever be used on an arena for baseball and football stadi­ums.

"To have the speaker of the house say well, they just spend too much money on salaries anyway, so we need it for other things," Stern said, casts aspersions on the whole league’s operations. "We get the message. Hopefully, maybe cooler heads will pre­vail." He was referring to a remark by House Speaker Frank Chopp last February when funding for a new arena in the Seattle suburb of Renton was proposed.

"They ought to get their own financial house in order in which they would have to ask for public help," Stern said. "They need to get their own financial house in order and if they did, they wouldn’t have to ask for public help." Stern’s comments were much tougher than the ones he made last June, when he said he believed the issue was "just going to work itself out."

SuperSonics owner Clay Bennett told the NBA last Friday that he plans to move the team to Oklahoma City. When that move would occur depends on outcome of litigation with the city over the franchise’s Key Arena lease. The lease calls for the team to play in Seattle through the 2009-10 season, but Bennett wants out sooner.

As the issue becomes more and more contentious, Stern said he hopes that a white knight that hasn’t existed before, somebody who has a building plan of how to keep the team there, will step for­ward.

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NCAA Cross Country

Ireland will race 10k for first time this season

By CHRISSY DOYEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men and women will try to secure spots in the NCAA Championships with a strong performance on Saturday at the Great Lakes Regional Meet in Bloomington, Ind.

For the men, who captured fourth in the Big East meet, junior Patrick Smyth and senior Jake Watson will look to follow up their all-Big East performances from two weeks ago. The Irish's regional meet, Smyth finished eighth overall, while Watson placed 48th on the individual leader-board. Smyth has run at the front of the pack all year long, and he will lead the Irish again this weekend against some stiff competition.

From No. 22 Notre Dame, three ranked teams will compete in the meet: No. 4 Wisconsin, No. 23 Michigan and No. 30 Ohio State.

Wisconsin has dominated this 8-k race, even in regional meets began in 1972. The Badgers won their sixth straight Great Lakes meet with their 22nd win overall last year. They have qualified for the NCAA Championships in all 35 years the regional meets have been held.

Either Irish team can guarantee itself a spot in the NCAA field with a top-two finish on Saturday. The first two finishers from each region automatically qualify, and 13 at-large bids are distributed after the regional meets.

Coach Joe Piane stressed the need to grab one of those two positions.

"It's phenomenally important," he said. "This is the first time we've run 10 kilometers all year, but it's what we've been training for. If you don't run well in this competition, there is no NCAA." Last year, the Irish men did just that, finishing second in a 31-team field to lock up an automatic bid for the seventh time in eight years. The women will attempt to make it eight out of nine on Saturday, employing a little bit of strategy along the way.

"We're going to run relatively conservatively early," said Piane. "And we'll try to make sure we can be fourth well in the last 2 kilometers."

On the women's side, freshman Marissa Piane and sophomore Lindsey Ferguson will lead the way. Ferguson is coming off her all-Big East performance in Notre Dame's sixth-place finish two weeks ago.

The women's region also boasts some top-level teams: No. 8 Michigan State, No. 9 Michigan and No. 23 Wisconsin.

Last year, the Irish women placed fifth out of 30 teams and did not receive a bid to the NCAA Championships.

Both the men's 10k and women's 6k races will take place on Indiana University's culling, wooded puff course. The men's race is set to begin at 10 a.m., while the women's will take off at 11:10.

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ND Cross Country

Irish will race 10k for first time this season

Notre Dame runners rush to the front of the pack at the National Catholic Invite on Sept. 14.

NEW YORK — Sean Avery's stick caught up with him, making the notorious agitator that much tougher for the Pittsburgh Penguins to tolerate. Avery goaded 20-year NHL veteran Gary Roberts into a four-minute penalty that led to a goal, and posted his first multipoint game of the season in the New York Rangers' 4-2 victory over the Penguins on Thursday.

Playing for the fourth time since returning from a 10-game absence due to a shoulder injury, Avery slapped home a power-play goal — his first tally this season — 9:40 into the second period to give the Rangers a 3-1 lead.

"I'm kind of used to the unsportsmanlike part, so getting the first goal out of the way I think was bigger," Avery said.

"I definitely think teams want me to do poorly, they probably want me to get hurt, and want me to take penalties and generally not play well.

"That's part of the thing that motivates me."

His annoyance of Roberts, who has 432 NHL goals, created a long power play that produced Michal Rozsival's power-play goal that put the Rangers ahead for good late in the first.

"The young guys, they're a little dumb. They don't really know what's going on half the time," Avery said. "So a guy like that, they take it a little bit more of an insult after you disregarde them and all they've done for the game and how great they are."

Avery's offense along with Brandon Dubinsky's first NHL goal paced New York's best scoring output since opening night.

"Juggernaut," Rangers coach Tom Renney said. "The guys were saying that on the bench. It was a huge night for us.

Scott Gomez notched his fourth, scoring off an assist from Avery, and helped set up Rozsival's goal for the Rangers. New York won its fifth straight at home and snapped a run of four straight two-goal games.

"The other guys scoring the goals are more relieved than I am," said Henrik Lundqvist, who made 26 saves. "I'm just trying to do my job."

New York, which started the season with a 2-2 win over Florida, scored more than two goals for the third time in 12 games, but have six victories in eight games. The Rangers, 8-2 at home and 0-5-1 away from Madison Square Garden, will open a four-game road trip Saturday in Toronto.

Nerger led the Rangers into the first puck past Lundqvist, bringing the Penguins into a 1-1 tie in the first. Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby earned his 15th point in the season with a point in each of his career-best point streaks to 15 games. Evgeni Malkin was credited with the second helper, the 16th this season, his ninth straight game with a point.

Mark Recchi added a power-play goal 4:22 into the third, with Dubinsky in the box, to cut the deficit to 4-2.

Pittsburgh closed New York 14-7, in the final frame but couldn't get any closer.

"Too little, too late," Crosby said.

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Irish seek tourney bid in final games of season
Team faces Cincinnati and Louisville at home

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame (13-12, 7-5 Big East) is tied for fifth in the Big East, and while it hasn’t clinched a spot in the league’s eight-team tournament, its two final foes of the regular season, Cincinnati (17-9, 8-4) and No. 17 Louisville (19-4, 12-0), have already secured two invitations.

The final eight teams may not be determined until the last games of the regular season have been played on Sunday. Implications of their final two games remain huge for the Irish. Notre Dame plays Cincinnati today at 4 p.m. in the Joyce Center and hosts Louisville at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"We try to treat every match we play as the most important one, but I really do think that these are probably matches that are the most important matches of the season," sophomore outside hitter Megan Fesl said. "They are crucial to the rest of our season."

Notre Dame took on the Bearcats twice last season in Cincinnati, and the last match-up was a 3-2 victory for Notre Dame in the first round of the Big East tournament. The first match was a lopsided 3-0 win in favor of the Bearcats.

This year, however, Cincinnati has been streaky. It has won its last three matches, but before that they dropped five in a row. And before that, the Bearcats were victorious in seven straight outcomes.

The Irish, coming off of home victories over Georgetown and South Florida, are captained by senior Adrianna Stasiuik, who leads the team in service aces and is second in kills. Fesl said her team hopes to ride its recent wave of success to another victory.

"I think we're definitely going to use the momentum from last weekend to help us for this weekend," Fesl said. "These two wins have just given us a little bit of hope. [The wins] made us feel like we have a really strong week of practice."

The Bearcats will be led by junior middle blocker Jessie Nevitt, who has recorded 350 kills and 124 blocks this season and looks to place herself on the first team All-Big East for the third year in a row.

Louisville has dominated the last two seasons in the Big East. The Cardinals not only won the Big East championship over Notre Dame last season by a final of 3-2, they defeated the Irish in the regular season in Louisville as well by a tally of 3-0.

This year, they have won all their Big East matches, with only four of them by the score of 3-1 — the other eight were all shutouts. This weekend's matches will be the final home games for Notre Dame this season.

"Hopefully we will have great crowds both days. I'm pretty confident that a lot of people know about our matches," Fesl said. "I think that having a huge, loud gym full of Irish fans is really going to help us."

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Gray, six other runners head to Regional meet
By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer
After a fourth-place team fin-
ish at the Jct. 27 MIAA Championshps ensured this sea-
son would be the best in school history, seven Saint Mary's run-
ers will now shift their focus to individual goals heading into
Saturday's Division III Regionals.
Seniors Megan Gray and
Bilyk, junior Caitlin
Bremerkerl, sophomore Megan
McCown, and freshmen San-
Wiezorek, Catie Salyer and
Claire McVey will all compete
Saturday at Calvin College in
Grand Rapids, Mich. The top two teams in the 36-team field will
advance, as will an at-large team and the seven highest fin-
ishing individuals not on one of
the advancing squads.
Gray, who played second over-
al at the MIAA Championship,
represents the Belles' best
chance to qualify for the Division
III Championships, held Nov. 23
at St. Olaf's in Northfield, Minn.
Last year, Gray became the
Belles' first-ever national qualifi-
er after finishing 10th at
Regionals. "Megan has continued to look
strong since Championships, so I
believe she is ready to have an
amazing race," coach Jackie
Bauters said.
Though Saturday could be
Gray's final race with Saint Mary's, she has refused to
accept any added pressure on herself.
"It could be my last college cross
country race, but it's defi-
nitely not my last race," said
Gray, a two-time all-MIAA per-
former. "That's one of the great-
est things about this sport: it
never has to end. So as far as
having my back against the wall, I'd say no. I just want to run.
Run and feel strong." Bauters expects her team to
improve on last year's 20th-
place finish at the regional meet, and both Bauters and Gray
knows that if the Belles do it,
won't be just because of the
seven girls competing tomorrow.
"This team is special," Bauters
said. "They can run together as an
unit at camp, and their cohesive-
ness is one of the main ingredients
for this season's success.
Every day they push each other,
hold each other accountable and
encourage each other to be the
best they can be. And, if they
need it, they are always there as
a shoulder to lean on for a team-
mate — we are a family.
And this family has continued
to support one another, even
after most of the Belles' runners
have seen their seasons end.
"It's amazing to have girls still
coming to practice that don't
have to. I think they show their
determination and their support
of this team," Gray said. "But
really, while only nine women
are allowed to travel with the
team to Calvin on Saturday, it's
taken this entire team to get us
there." Contact Matt Gamber
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you want to finish as the top
team in your league,” Clark
said. “Your next goal is to win
the [Big East] tournament,
and your final goal is to win
the NCAA Tournament.”

Beating St. John’s might also
help Notre Dame advance
toward that
ultimate goal.

Much like con­ference tourna­ments for col­lege basket­ball, NCAA Tounament
seeding for
soccer rests partly on the
outcome of
conference
tournament
games.

“Every game
you win now
will boost your
RPI (ratings
percentage index) and hope­fully your
seedling,” Clark
said. “If you can win a few
games in the Big East or win
the Big East, you could be
looking at a top-four seed in
the NCAA Tournament, but
we have to take it one game at
a time.”

Before the Irish can think
about a top-four NCAA tourn­ament
seed, they’ll have to
advance past the quarterfinals
of the Big East tournament —
something they’ve been
unable to do the past two seas­sons. In 2005, the Irish were
knocked out by St. John’s in
the quarterfinals round. That
match was the last time the
squads faced off.

“St. John’s is always
one of the most
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Big East, and they
have a storied history.
It’s got all the
makings of a
fantastic game.”

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

The 2007 Red Storm come to
Notre Dame as the No. 3 seed
in the Big East’s Red Division,
and St. John’s earned the
right to play Notre Dame after
defeating Seton Hall 3-2 in
penalty kicks on Wednesday.

On offense, St. John’s (0-6-5,
6-3-2 Big East) boasts a bal­
canced attack: Four players
have scored three or more
goals this season and none
have more than four goals.

“They have a
pile of very
tal­ented players,”
Clark said. “St.
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One advan­tage the Irish
will be able to
count on is the
familiar grass
of Alumni Field.
Notre Dame earned the right
to host a quarterfinals game
thanks to its No. 2 seed in the
tournament. Notre Dame’s Big
East tournament losses have
both come on the road in the
past two seasons, and Clark
recognizes the benefit of play­ing at home.

“Statistically, around the
world, the home team wins
more often than not,” Clark
said. “It’s a familiarity. From
our team’s perspective, it
lets them settle down a bit,
especially when the last three
games have been on the
road.”

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THIS WEEK IN IRISH SPORTS

Men’s Basketball
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Men’s Soccer
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like a championship game this season anyways, so it’s not really necessary if a change, ”freshman defender Julie Scheidler said.

Scheidler and the rest of the freshmen are part of an Irish program that is formidable in the Big East tournament. In the semifinals alone, Notre Dame is 10-1-4, averaging 2.9 goals per game and allows 0.27 goals per game. The Irish take 11.3 shots on goal per game and 1.7 per game on defense.

Junior forward Kerri Flaherty has eight goals and six assists in 11 Big East group games, and senior forward/midfielder Amanda Cinalli has scored four goals and two assists in 17 games. Senior goalkeeper Leah Wells has a GAA of 0.22 goals against average in the Big East tournament.

Still, Irish coach Randy Waldrum cautioned against taking the game lightly. "Looking back at the video, they had a couple of good chances early against, " Waldrum said. "They are much improved; they’re well coached. It’s not going to be an easy one at this point."

Freshman midfielder Ingrid Wells leads the Hoyas with six goals and 13 assists. "I think it will probably be the Big East rookie of the year,” Waldrum said. "She’s a girl we recruited; unfortunately we didn’t have enough scholarship money for her."

Wells could give the Irish trouble, Waldrum said. "She is kind of the key to their team,” he said. "She’s somebody we’ve got to pay attention to.”

Waldrum said sophomore forward Toni Marie Hudson, who “has some pace” and senior midfielder Sara Jordan will also cause Notre Dame problems. "After losing to Louisville at home to end the regular season, Georgia Tech defeated Connecticut in the quarterfinals to advance. Wells contributed a penalty kick late in the second half to give the Hoyas the 1-0 victory."

Notre Dame extended its win streak to 11 when it defeated Big East rival St. John’s 1-0 Sunday. Hanks had a penalty-kick goal, her 16th in season, and a second-half assist as the Hoyas improved to 7-0-2 in league play.

Scheidler said "We need to take it like every other game and just put everything on the line.”

Julie Scheidler
Irish defender

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"A year ago against Boston College, with all the veteran players, it was pretty easy to step into the systems.”

Notre Dame lost eight players last season, and this year it has freshmen and sophomores up and down the lineup. It swept its first series last weekend at home against Lake Superior State but split six games in each of the three weekends prior. The power play has fluctuated from good to down right awful, and lines and defensive pairings are being mixed up every game.

Enter the RedHawks. Miami has sole control of the CCHA and the top spot in the nation, and its closest margin of victory came in its last game when it came from behind to defeat Northern Michigan 3-2.

Nathan Davis, Miami’s leading scorer from last season, has played in only one game this season, but that hasn’t slowed down the RedHawk offense, which is first in the nation with an average of five goals a game. Jackson said he believes Miami is holding their own with what he thinks is a shoulder separation in order to err on the safe side.

"It isn’t really public as far as his health,” Jackson said. "So it’s really difficult to say. I would expect to see him.”

Expect to see Irish junior Jordan Pearce in net for Notre Dame tonight as Jackson said the goalie, who is second in the nation in minutes played, will get the start. Last Saturday night against Lake Superior State, freshman Brad Phillips started, but he didn’t make the trip this weekend due to the flu. Sophomore goalie Tom O’Brien could see time Saturday, Jackson said.

"You never know,” he said. "Never say never.”

This week was the first time this season that the Irish have had a full week of practice. In their first four weeks, they were loaded with mid-week games, which significantly reduced their chance to teach their systems well to the younger players.

"It improved some parts of our game — our reinforcing and faceoff situations,” Jackson said about the full week. "You can never spend enough time working on special teams.”

The Irish offense, which started in gel last weekend when several lines were shaken up, must push the puck to the front of the net to get the prime scoring chances that will beat the RedHawks goal-tend pair of Charlie Effinger and Jeff Zatkoff, Jackson said.

"We can’t overextend ourselves because they have a great transition game,” Jackson said. "We’re going to have be really disciplined with the puck.”

The series against the nation’s top team comes two weeks further into the season than last year’s upset of Boston College. But if it came three months from now, it wouldn’t make a difference to Jackson.

"Every weekend is important,” he said. "I don’t look at this any differently than Ferris State or Lake Superior State. It’s more a matter of us working to get better every week.”

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If injuries dictate it, Scott could still see the floor this season, Brey said. But if the Irish stay healthy, he would like to preserve an extra year of eligibility for Scott.

The other freshmen on Notre Dame’s roster — guard Ty Proffitt, forward Tyrone Nash, forward Tim Abromaitis, and walk-on guard Tony Koppa — will remain active, Brey said.

Brey said he considered pres­ sure, a year of eligibility for Abromaitis, but decided to keep him active because of his ability to shoot outside.

"Because Abromaitis is a good shooter, and with what we lost in guards Colin Falls and Russell Carter, we’re still trying to find how to replace that. I think he needs to stay in the mix,” Brey said.

The Irish defeated St. Ambrose last Friday and Edmonton’s Wednesday in two exhibition games to kick off their season. Their next game is against Long Island on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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Thursday's Jumble: CLOTH PUDGY VANITY BEAUTY

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Horoscope

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Happy Birthday: Maneuver some serene environs for something you want to do tonight. It may not be what you want it to be, but there will be something positive in the outlook on life. Be careful not to go over budget. Take time is to get to know the people with whom you converse regularly. Your numbers are 7, 11, 16, 24, 39, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take action but stay calm. Getting upset or angry will not get you the results you want. Be direct but not pushy and focus on what you can do to improve your situation. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Choices must be made. Someone will question you and you will have to continue. Try to stick to your original plan and you will make a mistake. Don't let all the chaos slow down progress. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll find love in the strangest places. It will be easy to interest someone with your charming conversation and some spiffy way of putting yourself together. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will question you and you will have to continue. If you let all the chaos slow down progress, you will not get what you want. Be direct but not pushy and focus on what you can do to improve your situation. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It's time to take another look at your personal and professional situation and make the alterations that will make your life better. A love problem will crop up if you don't look at your personal life. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll find it difficult to deal with emotional matters. Stay clear of someone you think you cannot trust but will you ever know if you can trust someone

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): All is not well. Someone is in the picture. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can be a secret but someone you know probably can't. So don't share your thoughts. The estimated will make up a couple and cause more than you expect. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No one will fully understand you are going through. Your confidence, coupled with independence, will leave you at odds. Don't instigate change. Still for a moment and rejuvenate. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A new game plan can be put into play. With your business savvy and your ability to make money, you have nothing to worry about and everything to gain with your own small business or inventing something in that with a potential. Money and love are breathing just a few steps

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to speak on behalf of others if you want to do what you want to do. Your confidence, coupled with independence, will leave you even more at odds. Don't instigate change. Still for a moment and rejuvenate. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Whatever you've got your heart set on, go after it whatever it may be. You can come out on top if you act fast and follow through. Love is in the picture if you pay attention to someone you are attracted to. 3 stars

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Odds in their favor

Numbers on ND’s side headed into Big East tournament semifinals

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has to like its prospects in Morgantown, W.Va., where it will play Georgetown today in the Big East tournament semifinals.

The Irish lead the all-time series against the Hoyas 13-3-0. In those games, Notre Dame (14-4-1) scored 82 goals, while Georgetown (11-4-0) has just seven. Notre Dame is 11-0 in conference play this season, while Georgetown is just 6-5-1. And the Irish beat Georgetown 3-0 on Oct. 12.

For the freshmen that play regularly, the pressure of their conference win streak accentuated the demands they had to make, said Scott's mom of eligibility for freshman athletes. Once they achieve this status, they must take the lessons learned on the court and apply them in their everyday lives.

Men’s Basketball

Scott to sit out freshman year

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Coach Mike Brey announced Thursday he will preserve a year of eligibility for freshman Carleton Scott by not playing him this season.

All NCAA athletes, once they enter college, have five years to complete four years of participation in a sport. A sixth year can also be granted to athletes based on exenuating circumstances.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Scott’s ability to obtain a fifth year will be dependent upon approval from Notre Dame’s Faculty Board of Athletics, which means he must be in good academic standing when he applies for the fifth year.

Brey said the extra year will give the 6-foot-7 Scott more time to develop this season behind the three big men currently ahead of him — sophomore Luke Harangody, senior Bob Kurz and junior Luke Zeller.

“[I think that’s best for him in getting stronger, and it’s always a good decision academically],” Brey said. “He can still practice every day against Illarangody, Kurz, and Zeller.”

Men’s Soccer

Irish host St. John’s in quarters

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Every team enters a season with certain goals, but few have a realistic chance to accomplish them. Notre Dame is one of the few.

This weekend, the Irish will take an important step in accomplishing one of their three main goals for the season — winning the Big East tournament.

After checking off the first goal on their list by finishing in a tie for first place in the Big East regular season, the No. 9 Irish will try to take another step toward their second goal of winning the Big East tournament when they take on St. John’s this Sunday at 1 p.m. in the quarterfinals at Alumni Field.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

McGraw fills holes in lineup for NIT

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

After dominating two preseason opponents in exhibition games, Notre Dame finally starts its season with the Preseason NIT against Miami of Ohio tonight at 9 p.m.

Notre Dame fell in the preseason with only one main question mark left in its gameplan — defense. Irish coach Muffett McGrady said she was disappointed with it in their second preseason game on Monday against Illinois. This week, McGrady said her team went back to basics and placed more of an emphasis on individual defense.

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HOCKEY

Icers hungry for upset against No.1 Miami

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went into No. 1 Boston College’s house in October of last season and slaughtered the Eagles 7-1 with a team picked to finish no higher than the middle of the conference.

The Boston College blowdown ignited the Irish, who reached No. 1 in the country two-and-a-half months later and won the CCHA regular season and playoff championships later that year. And now No. 13 Notre Dame (6-3, 4-1 CCHA) is looking at a similar situation.

The Irish will play No. 1 Miami (8-0, 6-0 CCHA) tonight in the Beddawawks’ new Steve Cady Arena in the first of a two-game series that will pit a talented, but young, Notre Dame squad against the top team in the nation, whose leading scorer from last season has played in only one game this year.

“We’re just now starting to get where we want to be, but I’m not sure we’re there yet,” Irish goalie Jeff Jackson said.

Irish right wing Ryan Thang controls the puck during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14. Notre Dame has won its last 13 games and will face Georgetown today in the Big East tournament semifinals.

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Irish right wing Ryan Thang controls the puck during Notre Dame’s 5-0 win over Lake Superior State on Nov. 2.
After his suspension last season, Kyle McAlarney thought about leaving Notre Dame for good, but - with a little push from his coach - he decided to return.

K-MAC’S COMEBACK
Irish look to average first-round tournament

Last March, Notre Dame trudged off the court after a frustrating, stunning loss to Winthrop in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The post-game locker room was like a funeral, with players answering reporters' questions in hushed tones. An exciting season that had seen a resurgence of Irish basketball had come to an abrupt end.

Kyle McAlarney wasn't with the team that day and hadn't been with it since his suspension for the season in mid-January. Therefore, he couldn't watch his team's agony on television.

But that's the great thing about sports. A few minutes go by and you get to start all over. It's the drying of the tears that Notre Dame is back on the court, ready to use last year's momentum to get the Irish to the NCAA Tournament — and this time win a few games for the national title.

Guido Calvani and Russell Carter have departed, and with them went nearly 30 points per game and the clutch performances fans grew to expect from both of them.

But much of this team's murde­r is still intact, with seven play­ers who saw the court that day against Winthrop.

In addition, the Irish will feature a relented and reeducated McAlarney, committed to show­ing that Notre Dame basketball can be so much more than the Big East, but also nationally.

Falls' coach-on-the-floor lead­ership and Carter's crowd-­pumping enthusiasm will be missed, but the Irish have two players ready to step into these roles. Senior and captain Bob Kurz is a floor leader, directing traffic within coach Mike Izzo's offense. Meanwhile, sophomores guard Terry Jackson, Van Alstine, and Zeller's wide open shot, Zeller's said the religious aspect of the trip helped him and his teammates form bonds greater than those holding most teammates together.

"To have guys that had the same [spiritual] focus, even though there was a great environment to be in," Zeller said. "Playing for the Lord is something that's a greater purpose than just to play to win."

But Zeller's focus on spiri­tual development certainly did not prevent him from also growing as a basketball player. During the eight-­game tour, Zeller averaged 11.3 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

"Playing against guys that are better-experienced helped out a lot," Zeller said. "Playing against guys who have been playing pro ball since they were 18 — and now they're 32 — was just a great experience."

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The black jersey

A timely visit from Mike Brey persuaded Kyle McAlarney to return to Notre Dame this season

By CHRIS HINE
Sport Editor

Late last January, Irish coach Mike Brey flew to Staten Island to visit an angry, lonely and confused Kyle McAlarney, who, just after Notre Dame's 74-50 win over St. John's, and right away, he gathered his belongings and began a long, solitary drive back to New York, stopping in Cincinnati to visit family.

"As soon as I arrived, I packed my bags, got in the car and I left," McAlarney said. "I was suspended by myself. It was kind of relieving. It was nice to have a little recruiting tool that you go for a long drive like that, you get in these kind of modes and you contemplate about things and I think that drive actually helped me a lot. I think that drive helped because that drive helped me think everything through."

But once home, McAlarney was still going to come back to the University of Notre Dame. McAlarney knew that Brey's visit.

"We didn't know until we talked about it when he got back," said junior forward Ryan Ayers. "It's just hard, and it would only get harder."

But the team's success was hitting the right note with a focus on the present and a smile lights up their faces when they bring it up, every time I was home, so having him there, he's a character."

Making a joke about his arrest helped McAlarney get through those days away from his teammates.

"It's a matter of what anybody said or what anybody did, I still felt alone, so alone," McAlarney said. "I had chills all night. I didn't think too many people could get to the jersey down, I still felt alone, so alone. It was as close as you could get to transferring."

"I kind of realized that, I thought about that that night. I don't think too many people could get to the jersey down, I didn't think too many people could get to transferring," McAlarney said.

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Back in the groove

Notre Dame's season ended with a loss to Winthrop in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and, eventually, so did McAlarney's wait to get back on campus. He enrolled in summer sessions at Notre Dame in late May and began working out with his teammates again.

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Irish point guard Kyle McAlarney dribbles upcourt in Notre Dame's 90-45 win over Winston-Salem State on Nov. 29, 2006.

McAlarney said going through the pain of being away humbled him as a person and made him glad he had friends and family that understood his situation and stuck by him. McAlarney could have left this incident behind him forever and moved on to another school, but he came back for a chance to play for a coach and teammates who never left his side.

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Ask Brey or McAlarney's teammates how it feels to have him back, you get a range of emotions.

"They would always bring it up," McAlarney said. "Them, when they bring it up, every- thing just kind of revisits my mind. You know, it's like, here it is again ... I would be lying if I said it wasn't hard watching them have success without me. At the same time, they are like my brothers so I was happy for them in a way, but at the same time, I would've loved to be there."

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Jackson credits his family for leadership skills

Point guard wears Biblical tattoo in honor of grandfather

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Even though his grandfather, Joe Jones, passed away 11 years ago, sophomore guard Tory Jackson will always take a piece of advice Joe gave him wherever he goes.

Jackson has his grandfather’s favorite Bible verse — 1 Corinthians 4:2 — tattooed on his chest: “Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.”

Over the past year, Jackson became a trustworthy steward for this Irish. He earned the trust of his teammates and coaches and became, along with senior forward Rob Kurz, one of the leaders of this year’s squad.

“Even though he’s still only a sophomore, there’s nobody in the classes ahead of him that he’s not afraid to get on or challenge,” Irish coach Mike Brey said. “That’s a healthy thing. He’s unbelievably respected and challenged, but even if it wasn’t, it was because he’s not afraid to get on or challenge.”

Brey said Jackson made it his duty to take responsibility when Carter and Falls weren’t happy with what was happening on the court, and that had a calming effect on the team.

“It was always [Jackson’s] fault, even if it wasn’t. It was always his fault,” Brey said. “That’s how good a diplomat he is.”

Brey said Jackson was a solid defender from the moment he arrived on campus but that his offensive game took more time to develop. By the end of last season, Jackson developed into an efficient weapon thanks to his ability to penetrate and score in the face of multiple tall defenders.

Jackson’s offensive development culminated during Notre Dame’s 84-82 loss to Final Four-bound Georgetown during the semifinals of the Big East tournament on March 9. With Notre Dame trailing 76-69 late in the game, Jackson took Madison Square Garden by storm, scoring the next seven points with a dizzying array of reverse lay-ups to tie the Irish to the score.

“Having players like that — they’re great players and either one of them, they both want the ball,” Jackson said. “But they can’t both shoot at the same time, so I took the blame for a lot of it. That was just me because I was a leader. So if I can take the blame, everyone else, they can transition and it makes it easier for everybody else.”

Jackson has three more seasons to lead the Irish back to New York and — with a little inspiration — beyond.

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Irish point guard Tory Jackson drives to the basket during Notre Dame’s 78-54 victory over DePaul on Feb. 20 at the Joyce Center. Jackson grew into a team leader last season as a freshman, Irish coach Mike Brey said.

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Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame’s most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

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10/13—Boston College
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Luke Gibbons, Donald R. Keough Family Professor of Irish Studies

10/20—USH
“Combating Extremism: Democratic Virtues and Pluralism in Islam”
Anna Afsaruddin, Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies

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

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“Theological But Not Religious: The Case of John Milton”
Stephen Fallon, Professor and Chairperson, Program of Liberal Studies

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Susan Youens, J.W. Van Gorkom Professor of Music

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Annenberg Auditorium,
Snite Museum of Art
RALLYING AROUND ROBERT

In Hughes' darkest hour, he was able to lean on the support of his coaches and teammates.
**COMMENTARY**

Weis’ career more than just this year

Take yourself back to November 2004. You remember, when all the kids were inevitably getting "crunk" thanks to Usher and Lil’ John, everyone and their mother was quoting "Napoleon Dynamite." And Notre Dame had a mediocre football team. Imagine a dejected Notre Dame fan from 2007 traveling back in time to tell you that the University would fire Tyrone Willingham at the end of the season, Charlie Weis would replace him and lead the team to two BCS Bowl appearances, recruit as well as anyone in the country, and have one bad season. You probably would’ve looked at this dejected 2007 fan and said, “Why are you sad? I’d give up my kids if Notre Dame could be that successful again.”

Well, maybe you wouldn’t give up your kids, but I can’t be so sure of that after judging the reaction fans had on the radio, Internet and the Viewpoint section of The Observer the past few weeks.

The old football cliché says that a quarterback needs to have short memory to be successful. If Irish quarterbacks Jimmy Clausen and Evan Sharpley need help developing a short memory, maybe they should turn to the crowd at Notre Dame Stadium and ask for help.

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Take yourself back to the team is 1-8 and you’d have done for me in the past six months, you (explicative followed by name of player or coach). Now why this kid only cared about the last six months, I’ll never know, and I didn’t bother to ask him. Maybe this was the full capacity of his inebriated brain and he couldn’t remember beyond last Valentine’s Day. But six months, or even the last three months is not the correct time frame in judge Weis’ impact on Notre Dame. He made Notre Dame fans believe he was doing a terrible job, but he didn’t. He knew it would be hard for Notre Dame to succeed once Quinn and Co. left. Still, some fans couldn’t care less that Weis is trying to fix Notre Dame’s lack of depth by recruiting well— they want to see results now. During the Georgia Tech game, I stood in the student section by a clearly drunk undergraduate who kept yelling obscenities at the players and Weis. Each obscenity followed the same pattern: “What have you done for the fans, for Notre Dame?”

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- **The use of intoxicating substances is strictly prohibited.**
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There when he needed them

After Robert Hughes' brother was killed last week, his coaches and teammates rallied to his side.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Three years ago, Irish running back Robert Hughes was in a relay race in a rodeo with his brother, "Tony." Hughes, Tony lost his footing on the horse and started to fall. So Robert rode up to Tony, and Tony jumped onto Robert's horse.

"The whole idea of me saving my brother and us being together on the horse and him not being hurt or anything, was that one moment that I'll never forget," Robert Hughes said as a news conference Tuesday.

That was how close Robert and Tony were. That is what Robert lost.

When Tony was murdered last week in Chicago, Robert lost more than a brother.

"I just felt like he was looking down on me (on Saturday), and I knew wherever he is, he is smiling and saying congratulations," Robert Hughes Irish running back

Hughes had his biggest game this season against Navy, when he scored his second touchdown.

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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The Irish have struggled defending the run this year, allowing almost 200 yards per game. This Notre Dame front seven is undersized and has been bitten by the injury bug. Nose guard Pat Kunz is not expected to play after suffering an injury against Navy.

The Falcons have one of the best rushing attacks in the nation, although it pales in comparison to Navy’s. Air Force will try to get the ball to the corner with Chad Hall as the wide man on the option. The Irish struggled to cover the pitch man last week.

Air Force’s offense is slightly different than Navy’s, but it still poses many of the same challenges. Notre Dame struggled to cover the outside option last week, and Hall has the speed to take advantage unless the Irish improve dramatically.

The Irish special teams have suffered massive breakdowns at times this season. Against Navy, Charlie Weis has so little confidence in his kickers that he passed up what would have been a game-winning 43-yard field goal.

Chad Hall returns both kicks and punts for the Falcons and, while he is dangerous, he has yet to return either one for a touchdown this season. Kicker Ryan Harrison is 14-for-22 this year on field goals, including 8-for-10 inside 40 yards.

Air Force is 7-3 under Calhoun with a heart-breaking loss to a team they hadn’t lost to in 43 years last week. It can hardly get any worse, but what is left to motivate this team? This is their point where they’re just playing out the season.

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This game is a chance for the Falcons to show on national television that they have turned around under Calhoun. Meanwhile, Notre Dame’s season was lost weeks ago and there is little left to motivate the Irish.

Air Force

**Falcons Record:** 7-3
**AP:** NR
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**Troy Calhoun**
First season at Air Force.
**Career record:** 7-3 at AFA.

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**Special Teams**

- The Irish are 1-5 on special teams.
- This game is a chance for the Falcons to show on national television that they have turned around under Calhoun. Meanwhile, Notre Dame’s season was lost weeks ago and there is little left to motivate the Irish.

**Intangibles**

- Air Force is 7-3 under Calhoun with a heart-breaking loss to a team they hadn’t lost to in 43 years last week. It can hardly get any worse, but what is left to motivate this team? This is their point where they’re just playing out the season.

Like the Navy team that they lost to earlier in the season, the Falcons will be determined to knock off the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium. Air Force comes out and gets inspired against a 1-8 Notre Dame team. The Falcons should have no trouble moving the ball up and down the field. The Irish will score points of their own, but not enough of them.

**Final Score:** Air Force 28, Notre Dame 20

**Notes:**

- Notre Dame can’t be any worse at this point. Doesn’t mean it has to be better.
- Evan Sharpley will get the nod at quarterback and does a good job stepping up to the wider receivers and tight end John Carlson, while the running backs run hard against the Falcons undersized line. Notre Dame’s defense will be better this week than it was against Navy.

**Final Score:** Notre Dame 27, Air Force 21

**Irish experts**

- Chris Hine
  Sports Editor
Crunching the numbers

**AVERAGE PER GAME**

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*Upset special in bold*
Brown feels part of ‘something special’

Despite 1-8 record, coach wants to be nowhere but ND

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Corwin Brown doesn’t appear to be the kind of man who likes to hide things, not even his feelings. A week ago, Notre Dame’s first-year defensive coordinator began to cry during his speech at the Joyce Center pep rally. He was saying how an acquaintance wanted to get on his case about Notre Dame’s troubles this season.

As the Irish were dealing with the apparent murder of Earl "Toot" Hugl, the brother of freshman linebacker Robert Hughes, Brown said he realized "everyone wants to be part of something special."

"Being part of something special — a team whose players rallied around one of their own — got Brown choked up.

Days after Notre Dame’s first loss to Navy in 44 years, Brown once again played it straight.

"I’ll take my players any day. And what I have to do, I have to coach better. That’s probably the biggest thing.

...So whoever we have, that’s the right personnel."

Corwin Brown
Irish defensive coordinator

"It’s like this: We’re 1-8 right now, and we’ve given up far too many points."

Corwin Brown
Irish defensive coordinator

Not for Brown.

"I love our players," he said. "I’ll take my players any day. And what I have to do, I have to coach better. That’s probably the biggest thing...So whoever we have, that’s the right personnel."

And then there was Brown’s analysis of last Saturday’s game against Navy.

T h e M id s h i p m e n entered with a top-20 scoring offense but managed only three offensive touchdowns in regulation against Notre Dame.

But there were also the long drives, the third-down conversions and the missed tackles. Most important to Brown was the final score.

"We didn’t keep them from scoring enough, even with the three touchdowns," Brown said. "Because the only thing that matters is, at the end of regulation, that we have more points than they do.

But isn’t it good that a team averaging 36.9 points per game scored only 22 on us?"

"No silver lining," Brown said. "Because if they had scored five touchdowns and we would have won, I would have felt good about winning."

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Calhoun brings success back to alma mater

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

It’s not easy to replace a leg- end.

But that’s exactly what Troy Calhoun is attempting to do after replacing Fisher DeBerry as head football coach at the Air Force Academy. DeBerry coached the Falcons for 23 seas- ons, amassing a 169-107-1 record and winning 14 Commander-In-Chief Trophies.

But after three straight years with at least seven losses, the winningest coach in service academy history retired and the Academy hired one of its own to replace him.

Calhoun, a 1989 Air Force graduate, is the first alum to ever coach the Falcons — and in his first season, he has already reversed the team’s fortunes. Air Force is 7-3 this season and already has as many wins in a season since 2003.

The Falcons still run the option, as they did under DeBerry, but Calhoun has opened up the offense, using his experience at his last job — offensive coordinator of the Houston Texans.

The problem, Calhoun said, is that Air Force has increased its passing output by 20 yards per game since last year’s total offense by nearly 70 yards this year.

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis said he has been impressed by how the Falcons have learned and have used formations to con- fuse defenses this year.

"With one personnel group, for example, they have three different formations to run an option," he said.

One player who has benefited from Calhoun’s new offense is wide receiver Chad Hall. Hall is Air Force’s leading rusher and receiver this year with 112 yards on the ground per game and 46 through the air.

"They’re finding more ways to get the ball in his hands," Weis said. "Last year, he was primarily just a running back that would get the ball. Now they’re using him there, and a lot of times he’s at wide receiver.

But even with the new wrin- kles, Calhoun said Falcons enjoy the call.

"Most important to us was that they’re committed to play schools that are completely committed to educating young people."

Weis said.

On the other side of the ball, Calhoun and new defensive coordinator Tim DeLuyter have completely overhauled the Falcons’ defensive plan. Air Force switched to a 3-4 scheme this year, and have had much more aggressive gameplay.

"These are guys that no place is too big for them and no place are they above. That’s the character of the young men and women of the Air Force Academy."

Troy Calhoun
Falcons coach

Calhoun said he has used those slots to play South Carolina State and make the trip to South Bend — the first time Air Force has visited Notre Dame Stadium since 2000.

Calhoun said his players won’t be intimidated by their first trip to Notre Dame.

"It’s a great place, but it’s one of those places where you get there and you realize its five yards between each of the solid lines," he said.

Calhoun said the reason his players won’t be intimidated is that he has brought them to the Academy in the first place.

"These are guys that no place is too big for them and no place are they above," Calhoun said. "That’s the character of the young men and women of the Air Force Academy.

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- The Air Force football team and coaching staff will be touring the Hall from 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm, Friday.
- The Notre Dame Chorale will be performing on the Gridiron Plaza from 4:45 pm to 5:30 pm, Friday.
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