Student wins state beauty pageant

Charlie Buhler becomes first African-American to hold Miss South Dakota USA title

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Charlie Buhler became the first African-American to win the title of Miss South Dakota USA on Nov. 11. "It was incredibly important to me," Buhler, 19, said. "I feel as if it was a step forward in pageantry, because it shows that you don’t have to look a certain way and fit into a certain mold to be a titleholder."

Buhler was the only minority in the pageant. She has participated in pageants for three years, starting with the Miss Teen South Dakota USA contest in 2006. She was in the contest a second time the following year. "The Miss USA Pageant doesn’t fit the stereotype of other beauty contests," Buhler said. "I feel that it’s a common misconception that you have to fit a certain stereotype, but the Miss Universe Organization asks for girls from all different backgrounds," she said.

Buhler began preparing for last week’s pageant almost immediately after the 2007 event ended. "Everything is a process," Buhler said. "Even after you pick out the dress, it still has to be fitted."

Preparation for the contest involves rehearsing walks, sound bites and interview questions. "I’ll get it down," said Buhler. "I’m aware that the land upon which the South Dakota State Football stadium sits was inhabited by the Pokagon Band, said Kevin Daugherty, educational resource developer for the Pokagon Band. The Chicago Treaty of 1833, however, ordered the removal of Indians in the northern Indiana region, Daugherty said. Leopold Pokagon, a prominent Potawatomi leader and the spokesperson after whom the Pokagon Band is named, negotiated the right to stay on the land and was given a sum of money, Daugherty said. Pokagon used this money to buy land northwest of modern-day Dowagiac, Mich., where Daugherty said many members of the band still reside today.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, Potawatomi land stretched from what is now Chicago to Detroit, Daugherty said. Many different villages populated this region and considered themselves Potawatomi, sharing a common language and culture. Such villages had alliances but operated independently on a local level.

The Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi Indians resided in a place known as SMC. During the 20th century, several Potawatomi communities merged to form the Pokagon Band. The Pokagon Band celebrates this region and considered themselves Potawatomi, sharing a common language and culture.

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SMC parking raises funds for athletics

By KATIE STAAT
News Writer

As cars streamed into South Bend for football games this fall, sports teams at Saint Mary’s raised money by coordinating parking on the College’s campus, said Director of Athletics Lynn Kachmarik.

The teams raised an average of $6,000 to $12,000 each home football weekend, which goes to cover athletic expenses incurred by Saint Mary’s teams.

Freshman Andrea Saigon, a volleyball player, parked cars for the Notre Dame-Air Force game date. "It was fun, but I don’t think we raised as much as other teams," she said.

Many of the teams spend their fundraising money on team apparel and traveling expenses during away games and tournaments. The money from football parking is divided evenly between the teams.

"It’s a wonderful fundraiser for the whole athletic department," volleyball coach Julie Schroeder-Rick said. "It raises money for all of our athletes. It helps fund all of our programs and helps to offset all the travel expenses, which were horrible this year."

The better the football season, the more the teams can raise money to help fund the athletic department.

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By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

"Teresa" struggled to make a living by baking bread in a mud oven, but with a loan from ACCION International, a non-profit microfinance organization, she was able to buy more ovens, increase her earnings, and earn money to send her children to high school.

"She had really become a forward-looking and inventive entrepreneur," said Maria Otero, president and CEO of ACCION International. "Like her, there are millions."

Otero received the 2007 University President Father John Jenkins presents the prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America to Maria Otero.

Photo courtesy of Chareltemcy.org/The Observer.

Sophomore Charlie Buhler is crowned Miss South Dakota USA on Nov. 11. She has competed in pageants for three years.
INSIDE COLUMN

Power trips

The definitive, wholly subjective list of Notre Dame's most powerful alumni:

1. Condoleezza Rice — For being the first female secretary of state to earn a post-graduate degree from a Catholic institution in the Midwest.
2. University President John Jenkins — For running one of the premier Catholic institutions in the country.
3. University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh — For having the most awe-inspiring office view in Indiana — and access to No. 1.
4. Charlie Weis — For running an operation that brings in nearly $70 million each year and helps produce a profit of more than $20 million to be used for the academy.
5. Richard Notebaert — For stabilizing Quest and directing the Notre Dame Board of Trustees.
6. Jeff Faine — This NFL center is definitely "powerful." (Just Google his name."
7. Joe O'Neil — For having the ear of President Bush and, allegedly, introducing the president to First Lady Laura Bush.
8. Steve Pangborn — For single-handedly (or, alternatively, with help from a certain shortstop) keeping the Curse of the Billy Goat alive.
9. Anne Thompson — For her environmental reporting for NBC News.
11. Tim Roemer — For his work on the 9/11 Commission.
12. Former Panamanian President Ernesto Perez Balladares — For his influence in his home country and elsewhere in the Americas.
13. Mike Coffey — For feeding addictions.
14. Bob Golic — For his exemplary, often critical and acclaimed acting in "Saved by the Bell: The College Years."
15. Mike Golic — For being the brother of Bob Golic.
16. Chris Thorson — For being a basketball megastar.
17. Alan Page — For his work on the Minnesota State Supreme Court.
18. Nicholas Sparks — For writing "The Notebook" (which made me cry).
19. Patrick J. Borcherds — For his insouciant analysis and service to Creighton University.
20. Brady Quinn — For his dazzling good looks — and his top-10 most popular jersey in the NFL.
21. Chuck Lennon — For his roof-raising ability.
22. Sawe Curl — For being so effeminate that Pangborn was converted to a girl's dorm the year after he left.
23. Hugh Andrews — For his work as president of Andrews McMeel Publishing.
24. Hannah Storm — For her work as a host of CNN's morning show.
25. The guys who made Shrek — For their creative genius.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU WERE A TURKEY, WHERE WOULD YOU HIDE?

Alyssa Ratzlaff senior Howard "In the country."
Bryant Wolters supervisory O'Neill "In the oven."
James Spitaliere junior Knott "In the secret attic of a chicken coop."
Steve Tortorello senior O'Neil "Inside another turkey."
Tom Staudt sophomore O'Neill "In Mario Manningham's front yard. Because he can't catch anything."

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Group sponsors woman from war-torn region

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
New Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) will help sponsor a woman from a war-torn region through the Women for Women International organization, BOG missions commissioner Mary Frantz said.

The organization was created to help protect the rights of women in strife-laden countries, to provide job training and give small-businesses assistance. The sponsorship is a year-long commitment to donate $30 each month.

“They are helping women in war-torn regions by providing emotional and physical support,” Frantz said.

The sponsorship may also include direct correspondence with the woman in need.

Women for Women International was founded in 1993. Since its founding, the organization has helped more than 125,000 women in 105 countries — including Afghanistan, Rwanda, Iraq, Sudan and Nigeria.

Frantz is working to make applications for sponsorship available to students, but currently BOG is focused on a group effort. The idea is still in the early stages, and the group is hoping to send out more information in the coming months.

In other BOG news:

- Cassie Callon, the student activities board president, announced there will be festsivities during finals week. On Dec. 13, the Student Activities Board will show the movie “The Holiday.”

- Disabilities Week will take place after Thanksgiving break, student diversity board president Abby Hinchy said.

- The Student Activities Board will also sponsor a breakfast in Le Mans Hall on Dec. 14. A free spa day will take place on Dec. 16 in the lounge of the Student Center.

- Exact times and locations will be announced at a later date.

- Disabilities Week will take place after Thanksgiving break, student diversity board president Abby Hinchy said. There will be a movie showing in Vander Vennet Theatre called “Emmanuel’s Gift” as part of the week.

- There will also be an eye-glass drive that week. Students are encouraged to bring old eyeglasses so they can be fixed and donated to the needy.

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Task forces present progress

Second to last meeting focuses on groups’ objectives, accomplishments

By JENN METZ
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In Monday’s penultimate meeting of the Campus Life Council this semester, task force leaders informed the group of the progress made toward their objectives.

Task Force on Campus Environment chair Sheena Plamoottil announced that the second of three green summits will take place today at 4 p.m. This summit is intended for rectors, but due to scheduling conflicts with a rector meeting, “hopefully rectors will send a representative of hall staff,” she said.

Knott Hall Rector Brother Jerome Meyer said the date of the summit was a “bad choice.”

“This is a week when every one is busy,” he said.

The third green summit will take place Dec. 3. Plamoottil gave a brief follow-up of Campus Architect Doug Marsh’s visit to the Council in Nov. 5. She said she asked student senators to ask members of their residences if they would be interested in seeing Marsh’s presentation in small groups. The presentation outlined possible future plans for campus expansion and highlighted current construction projects on campus.

Student body president Liz Brown presented for the Task Force on Student Development in place of absent student body vice president Maris Braun.

Brown said the Task Force is continuing to plan Honor Code awareness events but will be handing off most of the responsibility to the University Code of Honor Committee.

“We will keep in talks with the University Code of Honor Committee, but it will become less a Campus Life Council issue,” she said.

The Task Force will continue to work on issues of student gambling and Freshman activities outlined in earlier meetings.

Keenan senator Gus Gari presented for the Task Force on Community Relations, which has “finally finalized” the text of Notre Dame’s version of “The Good Neighbor Guide,” based on a University of Virginia pamphlet of the same name.

Gari said a professor in the Law School will be looking over the text from a legal point of view. The Task Force is in the process of hearing about production logistics for the pamphlet from University of Virginia officials.

The next step will be to take the text to Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman’s office to “see how to put it all together,” Gari said.

Next week the task forces will convene to finish working on this semester’s objectives and discuss goals for the rest of the year.

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Saint Mary's students win accounting prize

College team of juniors and seniors rank third in state competition; first time SMC places in contest’s finals

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary’s Editor

Four Saint Mary’s students placed third in the Indiana Certified Public Account (CPA) Society 2007 Case Study Competition, which began on Nov. 2. Saint Mary’s has participated in the contest sporadically for years, but this is the first year the College placed in the finals.

The competition was open to every college in Indiana, said Mary Ann Merryman, chair of the Department of Business Administration and Economics and advisor to the team. "There is a sense of pride in competing against such large schools," she said, referencing Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University. "They are big players, and I’m really proud of [the Saint Mary’s team] for doing so well."

The team was composed of seniors Erica Reibenbacht and Noreen Sherred and juniors Megan Clarkson and Anna Hoefer. "The prize for third place was $500 per student. The contest consisted of a case-study evaluation in which the teams had 10 days to research the designated topic and write a lengthy solution to the problem. This year’s topic was succession planning — how small companies prepare for seamless turnover. "The girls had even less time than they were supposed to because of fall break."

Merryman said, "But each student carried their share of the load and was committed to the project." Hoefer said she felt the pressure from the time-intensive project. "Since we didn’t know what the case would be until the first day of the competition, we couldn’t really prepare," she said. "Once we received the case, we did a lot of background research on the Internet, as well as talking to CPAs. They also gathered information by contacting CPAs Jeff McGowan of Kruggel, Warin & Company in South Bend and Paul Maitre of Schneider Downs & Co. in Pittsburgh. Noreen, a double major in accounting and economics, also felt the pressure of her senior comprehension project, a requirement for graduation at Saint Mary’s.

"The competition came at a very hectic time in everyone’s schedules. Erica and I were balancing our senior comprehension paper on top of the case study," she said. "The week we found out we made it to the finals was another crazy night filled with long hours and sleepless nights. We just needed to practice as much as we could."

Merryman acted as the faculty advisor, although the Indiana CPA Society discourages outside help from professors and other professionals. "I acted as a coach for the girls and a resource," she said. "It was their work that got them to the finals."

Of the participating schools, six were chosen to advance to the finals and present their case study to a panel of practicing CPAs in Indianapolis.

Saint Mary’s came in third behind the University of Southern Indiana, which has won the competition the past four years, and Valparaiso. Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Butler and Manchester College filled out the rest of the finalists.

"Southern Indiana really has it down to a science," Merryman said. Typically, the Saint Mary’s team is composed strictly of seniors.

"It is such a big time commitment for seniors, so I thought it would be a good idea to include juniors who are willing to put in the time and effort," Merryman said.

She said Southern Indiana’s continuity-enhancing practice of including juniors and seniors on the team has aided in its success.

Noreen hopes for continued success with Saint Mary’s participation in this event. "This is the best showing we have ever had," she said. "It was truly a great experience that helped build my teamwork and leadership skills."

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Cambodian leader formally charged

Cambodia's three senior officials charged with crimes against humanity and war crimes, a spokesman said.

Khieu Samphan was the last of five senior officials of the brutal regime to be taken in custody ahead of a long-delayed genocide trial.

Police arrested Khieu Samphan, 70, a Phnom Penh hospital where he had been undergoing treatment since Nov. 14 after a stroke. Officers held his arms to support him as they led him to a police car, which sped away in a heavily guarded route.

Khieu Samphan later was "formally charged with crimes against humanity and war crimes" during his appearance before the co-investigating judges, said tribunal spokesman Reach Sambath.

Tigers die at Chinese animal park

BEIJING — Animal rights activists called for improved living conditions at China's wild animal park after the deaths of captive tigers and other animals, including a tiger killed by four poachers in a fight over meager food supplies at a zoo in northeast China.

The more than 30 tigers in the Bing Chuan park in Shenyang have been receiving less than their normal allocation of about 11 pounds of frozen chicken and beef per day because of lack of funding, said a park official, who gave only his surname, Li.

While the park relies on entrance fees for most of its income, cold weather has kept visitors away, Li said.

"The winter in northeast China is too cold, no one wants to come out and go to the zoo, so there are almost no visitors during the winter," Li told The Associated Press by telephone.

New proposal for seat belts on buses

MORRISVILLE, N.C. — U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters proposed new rules Monday to improve the safety of school buses and expand the use of shoulder belts, but she declined to order that all new buses include seat belts.

Peters rode a packed school bus to Morrisville Elementary School, among the first schools in the country to equip some of its new buses with seat belts, which federal officials estimate could save almost 2,000 lives a year. Some of the seat belts on all school buses from 20 inches to 24 inches are to help protect children during accidents.

Peters also proposed a new requirement for short school buses — the style more prone to accidents — to use shoulder belts on all seats of adults and children. For longer buses, however, she instead proposed allowing states to use federal highway safety funds to retrofit them with seat belts.

3 young boys charged with rape

ACWORTH, Ga. — Three boys, ages 8 and 9, were being held Monday in a detention center on charges of kidnapping and raping an 11-year-old girl near a suburban apartment complex, officials said.

The alleged attack happened Thursday and the girl reported it to authorities Sunday, Acworth police Capt. Wayne Dennard said.

"The boys were playing outdoors and the girl was forced into a wooded area where she was sexually assaulted, where one of the boys raped her," Dennard told The Associated Press.

Local News

Cyclist killed in collision with deer

Cedar Rapids, Iowa — A man died when his motorcycle collided with a deer and dragged him into the path of an oncoming car, State Police said.

Charles T. Spaulding, 43, of Lansingville, was westbound on Interstate 64 near Georgetown, Ind., when he struck the deer that was crossing the road about 8:30 p.m. Saturday, police said in a release.

Spaulding was thrown from his motorcycle into the roadway and was struck by a westbound car driven by James A. Murphy, 46, of Jeffersonville, Ind., the release said.

FBI reports large increase in hate crimes

WASHINGTON — Hate crime incidents rose nearly 8 percent last year, the FBI reported Monday, as civil rights advocates increasingly take to the streets to protest what they call official and societal tolerance of intimidation and attacks against blacks and other minorities.

Police across the nation reported 7,722 criminal incidents in 2006 targeting victims or property as a result of bias against a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic or national origin or physical or mental disability. That was up 7.8 percent from 7,163 incidents reported in 2005.

More than half the incidents were motivated by racial prejudice, but the report did not even pick up all the racially motivated incidents last year.

Although the noose incidents and beatings among students at Jena, La., high school occurred in the last half of 2006, they were not included in the report. Only 12,600 of the nation's more than 17,000 local, county, state and federal police agencies participated in the hate crime reporting program in 2006 and neither Jena nor LaShelle Paris, in which the town is located, were among the agencies reporting.

Nevertheless, the Jena incidents, and a subsequent rash of noose and other racial incidents around the country, have spawned civil rights demonstrations that culminated last week at Justice Department headquarters here. The department said it investigated the Jena incidents and decided not to prosecute because the federal government does not typically bring hate crime charges against juveniles.

Organizers said 100 baldcops of protesters joined Friday's march here. In September, an estimated 20,000 protesters marched through downtown Charleston, W.Va., to urge prosecutors to add hate crime charges against six white people charged in the beating, torture and sexual assault of a 20-year-old black woman who was discovered Sept. 8 after several days of alleged captivity in a rural trailer.
SMC junior receives NCC award

McInerney to represent residence hall boards of Great Lakes region nationally

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Edine

Saint Mary's junior Katie McInerney received the National Communications Coordinator (NCC) of the Year award from the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (GLACURH) at a recent conference.

The NCC is a position that exists on Residence Hall Association (RHA) boards across the country. It is both demanding and time consuming, Saint Mary's RHA president Cassie Quaglia said.

"Her dedication to Saint Mary's and to her NCC position is unquestionable," Quaglia said. "She has been able to do both jobs great justice.

McInerney's duties involve intercollegiate communications and conference organization at the state, regional and national level. "Winning this award was a bit of a shock," McInerney said. "I was excited just to be nominated, but winning means my work is recognized on a national level."

McInerney's efforts this year have been recognized by the National Communications Coordinator award.

"We are very proud of Katie because GLACURH is a very large and competitive region," Quaglia said. "Katie has been so dedicated in teaching a younger RHA board about the RHA community and how we can grow and expand."

This is McInerney's second year as NCC at Saint Mary's, allowing her to fully come into the role this year. "Last year, I didn't know what I was doing and I wanted to fix that this year and do the best I thought I could," she said. "I wanted Saint Mary's to be known at these conferences and for the women who are student leaders here to really take something out of the conferences they were attending, it means a lot that the work I did was well worth it and recognized."

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Since winning the award, McInerney will have a new set of responsibilities in addition to Saint Mary's NCC. "Winning this award means I will represent the Great Lakes region on the national level," she said. There will be a national conference in May where she will be nominated again for the award, but against the representatives from all seven regions of RHA boards in the nation.

NCC is equivalent to a full-time internship, Quaglia said. McInerney is also a resident advisor in McCandless Hall.

GLACURH includes Ball State, Illinois State, Loras, Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin and the University of Windsor.

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Baked Ham with Irish Whiskey Glaze
Applewood Smoked Rainbow Trout
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Fresh Mashed Potatoes with Garlic Cranberry Compote with Peanuts

Baked Butternut Squash
Sage & Onion Stuffing
Green Bean Casserole
Julienned Carrots & Zucchini
Meselun Spring Mix
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Fruit Salad with Tangerine Dressing
Dutch Apple Pie and Pumpkin Pie

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Parking

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Notre Dame is having the more people come in for the games, and the more money Saint Mary's raises, Kachmarik said.

All the money goes to the teams to support events like training trips, assistant coaches' salaries and equipment, she said.

"We do have to pay some extra security expenses to help get cars off campus after the game," Kachmarik said. "The teams' game-day mornings start at about 7:30 a.m. The teams park cars on the campus for a $20 fee until one hour prior to kickoff, Saint Mary's is approximately two miles away from Notre Dame Stadium."
Charitable donations on the decline

Slowing housing market may be to blame for fewer gifts to nation's needy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The housing market bust has punished homeowners, lenders and investors. Now the homeless and the hungry may be victimized.

Charity executives are nervous about a rising flood of mortgage foreclosures continuing to rise. Food banks and homeless shelters are already grappling with reduced federal aid as fears grow that more people will need help just as charity giving starts to decline.

Safetynet and food banks are already reporting more undue stresses and holdups. One shelter in Minneapolis served as many people by the end of September as in all of last year. While many banks are serving 24 percent more people, fewer are receiving half as much federal aid as in 2004.

"There is some growing concern" about the effect of the housing slowdown on charitable donations, said Michael Nilsen, a spokesman for the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The backbone of those charities, U.S. households with $200,000 or more in annual income or more than $1 million in assets, are also seeing some large scale "likely hit by the recent drop in stock prices sparked by the mortgage mess," according to research.

Those households make almost two-thirds of charitable contributions, according to Bank of America Corp-funded study. But research also shows stock prices have more of an effect on giving than income changes, said Patrick Berg, vice president of research at Indiana University’s Center for Philanthropy, which carried out the Bank of America study in 2006.

Despite the roller-coaster ride stocks have taken in recent months, the Standard & Poor’s 500 is up 2.9 percent so far this year. But as of Nov. 16, the benchmark index was 6.3 percent lower than a record high hit in October.

There are anecdotal reports the mortgage mess is forcing corporations to pull back too. Carol Schneider, media relations manager for the Food Bank for New York City, said a major U.S. bank — she wouldn’t name the company — has reduced its donation by 60 percent this year, citing the fallout from mortgage losses.

If a recession can’t be avoided, look out. The inflation-adjusted level of private donations fell in 2001-2002 amid the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks and Internet stock bubble bust.

Unfortunately, when giving falls, it’s most often when demands on charitable groups are rising, said Rick Belous, United Way’s vice president of research.

Food pantries around the country are scrambling to meet rising demand from households that can’t afford food because of rising housing costs.

The crisis also affects renters, who are heading for emergency shelters after landlord-owners foreclose on apartments and houses, said Steve Berg, vice president of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Judge rules to stop immigration scam

WICHITA, Kan. — A judge Tuesday issued a temporary restraining order against a group that claims to be an American Indian tribe to stop selling membership packages to immigrants with the false premise that they would become U.S. citizens.

State District Judge Noe Gonzalez ruled that Malcolm Webber and his Wichita-based Kaweah Indian Nation admitted the allegations by default by failing to respond to a lawsuit filed Thursday. Gonzalez is the attorney General Greg Abbott.

The lawsuit, filed in August, alleges that the tribe violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act by selling memberships for up to $400 per person to immigrants by saying that members could get a Social Security number.

The lawsuit also alleged that immigrants were told they would be entitled to receive U.S. citizen- ship once the tribe was federally recognized.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs ruled in 1984 that the Kaweah group had no historical link to American Indian tribes and that Webber is not an Indian.

A federal indictment charging the group, Webber and 10 other people with mail fraud and other counts was unsealed in September. A trial is set for Aug. 5, but a federal prosecutor said earlier this month that he expects to add defendants and charges in the complex case, when spans at least 10 states and involves an estimated 10,000 victims.

Monday’s ruling prohibits Kaweah and Webber from selling memberships or representing the Kaweah Indian Nation as an acknowledged tribe. It also bars them from promoting that tribal membership will lead to a Social Security number, protection from deportation and U.S. citizenship.

Gonzalez also ordered them to not conceal or destroy any documents related to their business and prohibited them from claiming that the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services has approved any services for sale by them.

Kurt Korns, the court-appointed defense attorney representing the tribe and Webber in the federal case, did not immediately return a call for comment. Korns previously has said that Webber was a victim of renegade underlings who sold tribal memberships to immigrants and pocketed the money.

Market Recap

Stocks

| Dow Jones | 12,958.44 | -218.35 |

Treasuries

| 10-YEAR NOTE | -1.71 | -0.071 | 4.07 |
| 13-WEEK BILL | -0.46 | -0.015 | 3.27 |
| 30-YEAR BOND | -0.99 | -0.045 | 4.47 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | -2.91 | -0.107 | 3.56 |

Commodities

| LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl) | +0.80 | 94.64 |
| GOLD ($/ozt.) | -9.00 | 787.00 |
| PORK BELLY ($/lbs.) | -1.28 | 89.40 |

Exchange Rates

| YEN | 109.090 |
| EUR | 1.0629 |
| CANADIAN DOLLAR | 0.9851 |
| BRITISH POUND | 1.4885 |

In Brief

Mortgage mailing campaign beings

WASHINGTON — An alliance created to combat a rising flood of mortgage foreclosures began a nationwide mailing campaign Monday, offering help to homeowners who may be having trouble meeting their mortgage payments.

The Hope Now alliance will mail 300,000 of the one-page letters before the end of next week. The letters urge the recipients to seek information on the options available to avoid defaulting on their mortgages.

Hope Now officials easily found out about relief options that may include repayment plans, changes that can be made to the terms of a loan and other alternatives for which homeowners may be eligible," the letters state, providing a toll-free telephone number: 888-995-HELP.

The Hope Now alliance, a partnership between mortgage companies and nonprofit housing counselors, is being backed by the Bush administration, which believes it will overcome the reluctance of many homeowners to make contact with their mortgage companies when they start to become worried about meeting their monthly payments.

French rail workers keep strike

PARIS — Transport workers chasing havoc on French rails voted to extend their strike into a seventh day Tuesday, when they will be joined by a mass walkout of civil servants, increasing pressure on President Nicolas Sarkozy to backtrack on his reforms.

But the government stood its ground, with Prime Minister Francois Fillon saying the reforms must go through — even though the strikes are costing the government at least $439.6 million a day.

Strikes led by train drivers angry over Sarkozy’s plans to extend their retirement age have hampered rail traffic and public transport and snarled roads again Monday. Schools and postal and tax services will fall victim Tuesday to a strike by civil servants seeking higher salaries and job security. Air traffic, too, will be affected.
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Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America was awarded to Otero for her leadership at ACCION, which, along with other organizations, has given loans to about three million people like Teresa.

Otero was presented with the award Monday by President Father John Deh Blasio, who hosted a dinner in the Main Building on Monday.

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Besides giving impoverished people a means to help themselves, Otero said microfinance institutions such as ACCION can create economically self-sufficient banks, since bankflow and microfinance institutions access to larger amounts of money than donors have. When ACCION first created a bank in 1992, it distributed 1.5 million dollars to microfinance. "The amount of money that's out on the street in those loans (from organizations that ACCION created) is about 2.8 billion dollars," Otero said.

"The only way you can get (billions of dollars) is to become a bank," she said.

It is the 11th consecutive year that ACCION has won the prize. ACCION is an international microfinance organization that helps develop small businesses by giving loans to borrowers.

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Sex scandal rocks Atlanta church

Pastor claims uncle to be his father; paternity test confirms allegation

**Associated Press**

DECATUR, Ga. — The 80-year-old Peterson family made headlines last week when it was revealed that Earl Paulk, a former Catholic priest and the grandfather of the late Chicago police officer Drew Peterson, was actually his father.

Drew Peterson was arrested and charged with the murder of his estranged wife, Stacy Peterson, in 2007. The investigation led to the discovery of a DNA match between Peterson and Paulk, suggesting a familial relationship.

Paulk, who was known for his work with the Catholic Church and his role in the Chicago Police Department, passed away in 2010. The news of his relationship with Peterson came to light after DNA testing was conducted.

**D.E. Paulk**

head pastor

"It was a necessary evil to bring us back to a God-consciousness."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Finding religious convergence

If you use current headlines as a barometer of Christian-Muslim relations, you may come to the conclusion that there is little convergence between Christianity and Islam. But if you suspect that it might be unfair to compare the ideals of one's own religion (e.g., that the Beatitudes call Christians to be peacemakers, but we do not always live up to this with the realities of another (e.g., that the extremists depicted in the nightly news may in fact be condemned by many Muslims as un-Islamic), then where can you go for a brief summary comparing Christian and Muslim beliefs?

In addition to consulting Muslim sources, a handy resource for Catholics is a short but significant document from the Second Vatican Council, Nostra Aetate (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christians), which is the first substantive conciliar teaching about Islam (and Judaism, for that matter). In its section on Islam, Nostra Aetate lists areas of theological convergence and divergence. Areas of convergence include belief in one God, judgment day and the resurrection of the body, there is no Christ, and the Quran as revelation. It also mentions points of disagreement, such as the fact that Muslims consider Jesus a prophet but not divine. Interestingly, the document is silent about two other significant points of Christian-Muslim divergence: the status of Muhammad as a prophet and the Quran as revelation. Christian knowledge of these areas of convergence and divergence is not new, even 12th-century theologians who knew very little about Islam (and were critical of it) recognized that Muslims were monotheists who practiced prayer, fasting and almsgiving. So what is revolutionary about Nostra Aetate?

Nostra Aetate is significant as the first positive statement about Islam issuing from a church council. Its section three begins, "The Church regards with esteem the Muslim." The importance of this phrase and what follows cannot be underestimated.

While there are examples from history of individual theologians whose writings included sporadic praise of Islam — e.g., medieval figures like Ramon Llull, William of Ockham and Pope Gregory VII — Nostra Aetate is the first unequivocally positive statement about Islam from the highest level of church authority, the Council.

Nostra Aetate is important for another reason. After outlining basic doctrinal similarities and differences, it concludes by exhorting Catholics and Muslims to "work sincerely for mutual understanding and to preserve as well as promote" social justice, peace and freedom. The document encourages — indeed, calls — Catholics to enter into dialogue and collaboration with Muslims. Nostra Aetate is in fact the impetus for all Catholic interreligious relations: We do it not because it’s the "in" thing to do, but because it’s the Christian thing to do.

Nostra Aetate’s call to dialogue over 40 years ago has since sparked many encounters: From formal discussions between bishops and imams in Rome and Cairo to grassroots meetings between Catholic and Muslim moms in suburban Bridgeview, Illinois. Unfortunately, these discussions don’t make the headlines. But they should, because these ordinary encounters are in fact a supremely important kind of convergence between Islam and Christianity: one that is relational, not theological. After all, there really is no such thing as a dialogue between "Catholicism" and "Islam" — there are only relationships between Catholics and Muslims.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"If we knew what we were doing, it would not be called research."
— Albert Einstein

Physicist
Bad call, ushers

The halftime marshmallow fight is a tradition Notre Dame students look forward to for three years. The morning of the last football game, seniors can be found all over campus finding creative ways to elude ushers and smuggle precious marshmallows inside — with varying degrees of success.

Some students reported being asked to show their armpits, for example, while others merely had to remove clothing to gain entrance to the stadium. Saturday’s marshmallow fight attracted more attention than the halftime show, proving that our beloved tradition hasn’t failed.

In the early stages of the fight, the ushers appeared to be enjoying the spectacle. Clearly, law enforcement at its best.

However, a few minutes into the fight, the mood quickly changed when the fight calmed down, prompting ushers to remove clothing to gain entrance to the stadium.

Not to be outdone, however, the ushers had a plan. Rather than make any attempt to stop the fight in action, confiscate marshmallows during the fight, or even people who bring their own, the five or six ushers in my section appeared to be enjoying the spectacle.

The mood quickly changed when the students ran out of marshmallows and the fight calmed down, prompting ushers to switch gears and randomly choose at least 20 students to be kicked out of the game. When one student was asked why she was being kicked out of the stadium, an usher responded “we’re making an example out of you.” The usher then explained that they were kicking students out of the ends of the sections since it was too hard to get the students in the middle.

Clearly, law enforcement at its best. I’ve heard many different arguments against marshmallow fighting. They are extremely hard to clean up, they can injure people if they hit someone, they show up inside, marshmallows landing on the field pose a safety hazard, etc. All I have to say is, graduating from Notre Dame is hard, too. Most people are smart enough not to bring harmful objects into marshmallows and as harsh as it may sound, I’m not terribly worried about Trevor Lawe, Jimmy Clausen or anyone else being downed by a While fluffy projective. I can understand taking away all the marshmallows you can find upon entering the stadium. I can understand kicking someone out for being hopelessly intoxicated and checking marshmallows at the grandmas sitting in the neighboring general admission sections.

Circular judgment

This is a response to Kevin Sherrin’s letter on moral relativism (“Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior,” Nov. 18). Mr. Sherrin writes: “By claiming that no universal standard of morality exists, moral relativists allow themselves to judge the goodness of actions by whatever standard they choose.” While this may be the case, such a judgment will be circular. When relativists judge by whatever standard they choose, they are making a judgment call between competing standards. In either case, their method of decision is reduced to mere opinion.

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Errors in terminology

Kevin Sherrin’s article (“Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior,” Nov. 18) is well intentioned, but it incorrectly employs terminology. We’ll start from the beginning.

The idea of an “absolute moral truth” is that within human beings there are inherent standards of conduct which we can derive using logic and common experiences. The idea is not the equivalent of a political stance, nor is it philosophical, though structures employ the idea from time to time. For instance, the Catholic Church uses moral law to formulate doctrine and social justice teachings.

Absolute moral standards are part of the Church’s tradition, in line with the Church’s belief that God created the human mind oriented towards himself, towards truth and love. Sherrin actually confounds this by his example of a hypothetical situation. “If your code and all laws ceased existing at this very moment, what would you do? Would you commit murder or steal from the person sitting next to you?”...I would not commit these crimes because I care about humankind and value order in society.

Thus, he asserts that if all government structures were to fall, he would still feel responsibility to act justly towards his neighbor, regardless of the circumstances, he still feels the tug of justice and order. This is precisely the assertion of all relativists who claim that an inherent moral code; I applaud Sherrin for understanding the concept even if he misuses the terminology and he himself is evidence of this inherent standard of justice.

And now, a hypothetical of my own. Fred, the moral relativist, disagrees that there is an inherent standard of conduct. That means he has no rules. He thinks that what’s okay for GK might be wrong for Lewis, or that Lewis can’t formulate an opinion on GK’s behavior unless GK is harming Lewis. Fred has the right to do anything, for he is the only one allowed to decide what Fred can do. GK and Lewis get nervous because if Fred is right and there is no such thing a moral absoluition, GK and Lewis might be toast. To this, Fred replies that “moralities are relative, so long as it does not harm other people” or “moralities are relative and, people can be harmed only for the common good,” but GK and Lewis stick to themselves because they know that Fred has just added an absolute requisite to his relativistic philosophy. Thus, Fred joins the chorus with Karl and Pete a (great singer) in a rousing hymn of justice.

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Actions speak louder than words

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Keenan Hall lost to Stanford in the Interhall championship game.

Keenan responds to column

Let me preface with this: Congratulations on your victory, Stanford, in the Interhall championship game. It was a well-fought game on both sides and a truly rivalry game.

My name-sake wrote an article demeaning my beloved home and this cannot stand. He’s done something that we at Notre Dame expect RC to do: go down excessively. Yes, you won. Yes, Tregg Duerson scored a touchdown. Yes, there were birds hovering over the Stadium. Congratulations once again. I’m sure Fredo Corleone had good days too.

In Keenan Hall, we take pride in being “The Classic Gentlemen’s Dorm on Campus.” It is a divine birthright being a Keenan Knight for it comes with the responsibility of volunteering at the Great Pumpkin, participating in Maddly Sunday, acting in the Keenan Revue, and flat out being one of the “Froats in Cristo”. We’re proud that we’re active and good at what we do. If that makes us “dastardly do-gooders, boys scouts, and boy wonderers” then so be it. If you’re happy being “belligerent and boisterous”, then that’s good too. I’m sure your parents are proud. Like the other Tae, I am a fan of the X-Men and I remember that it was Cyborgs, not Wolverine, who marries Jean Grey.

Other Tae also talked about Stanford winning Half of the Year in 2006. That’s because Student Activities enjoys being egalitarian and communist in handing out these awards. If justice were served, then Keenan would get it every year without fail. No other dorm does what we try to do so well as we do. So when you come over to Zaland next time remember your older brother still loves you very much.

18. Come watch the Keenan Revue Jan.30-Feb.1

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Every kid, college or otherwise, has the same: to go to Disney World. Junior Andrew Nesil, however, knows that a freezer trip took on a fairy tale twist different than most people making the trip to the Mecca of magic.

He did it for free.

Two of Nesil’s classes this semester — U.S. Environmental History and Diane in Film and American culture — required long final papers. The first required an analysis of nature in an American source and the second called for a research paper on anything Disney-related. So naturally, Nesil, who writes a biweekly column for The Observer, did what any resourceful college kid would — he decided to kill two literary birds with one stone and combine the papers with a trip to Orlando to do research on Disney World and nature.

Nesi spent five days in Orlando from Nov. 1 through Nov. 5. A Undergraduate Research Opportunities (URP) grant paid for his airfare, hotel, rental car, park tickets and meals during the trip. Nesil found the bill for souvenirs and a picture of himself on Splash Mountain. He spent the first day reading local newspaper clippings from the 1970s in the Orlando Public Library, researching the beginnings of Disney World and the initial plans for the park. Nesil then spent three days in Disney World. That included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Animal Kingdom on the first day, a trip to EPCOT visit to “Future World,” an obligatory trip to the Magic Kingdom for fireworks, a nighttime ride on Splash Mountain, a Jungle Cruise, quality time spent in Tomorrowland, Frontierland, and Adventureland and a stay at the high-end Animal Kingdom Lodge.

After talking with Disney experts about nature, Nesil learned that park officials have to reconcile their wish to keep the park a “natural” environment while still making it appealing to children. Originally, park officials didn’t want the animals to show too much of their natural behavior, but high demand forced them to accede to the wishes of their customers. Even so, they continue to try and keep animals away from the real ones. As Nesil put it: “The monkeys will never see Baloo.” (Fun fact, the Animal Kingdom uses biodegradable paper straw, Nesil notes as “weird to use” but are supposedly better for the environment)

“Like EPCOT, I think the Magic Kingdom focuses on nature as a tool of progress,” he said. “I’m not something to be conserved for its sake.

Of course, Nesil had to do his homework before going out to play. Nesil said he was given a five-page grant proposal, obtaining a letter of recommendation and drafting a budget proposal, even before he applied for a grant through URP.

The rest, as they say, is history — although Nesil isn’t sure if his proposal would be taken seriously. “I was worried that they wouldn’t believe me that it was a legitimate project,” he said, “so I had to do pretty substantial research before I proposed the idea to demonstrate that I was serious about this and I wasn’t just in it for the fireworks over Cinderella’s Castle.”

“Going to Disney alone was fun because it let me move at my own pace and ride whatever I wanted whenever I wanted,” he said, noting that lines are much shorter for singles than for groups. “But you also feel sort of qemuetimes walking around alone, standing in line behind little kids and taking excessive notes.”

Like many other young people who have visited Disney, Nesil said his only regret was that he had to return home. He lamented the change in climate in particular, mentioning that on his last day in Florida it was 85 degrees. When he got home, “it was freezing.”

For the obligatory question, Nesil did see Mickey Mouse during his time in Orlando, three times in all, dressed once as a Park Ranger, once for a parade and once to meet kids in his house in the Animal Kingdom. “He’s a pretty versatile guy,” Nesil said. “I even took a picture of him.”

He went on to say that he has three favorite Disney characters: Mickey, Donald and Goofy. From one or each park. “In the Animal Kingdom, it was definitely Kilimanjaro-Safari,” he said. The ride takes thrill seekers on a m-bounds tour complete with lions, giraffes and elephants. Nesil said his EPCOT favorite was a new ride called “Soarin”, which takes riders on a mock flyover of California complete with the smell of fresh oranges. “It was a great ride,” he said. Finally, Nesil said his favorite Magic Kingdom ride was, “the elephant train, it has always been.”

Nesil also said his favorite ride is Splash Mountain, having ridden it seven times during his most recent visit. “The drop always gets me, even if the rest of the ride was he kind of annoying,” he said.

To wit, Nesil rates “The Lion King” his favorite Disney film, but does “Beauty and the Beast” as a “close second.”

“The Lion King has it all,” he said. “The animal is great, and the music is even better. But the best scene in any Disney movie has to be in Beauty and the Beast. When they’re dancing in the ballroom, the animation takes you up to the ceiling and swoops down through the chandelier to them dancing. It’s the best animation I’ve seen all semester in my Disney in Film and American Culture class.”

Having compared the Magic Kingdom, Nesil has since contemplated setting his sights on new research opportunities. “I loved the research experience,” he said. “I’m also considering applying for other grants to work in Beijing on another paper this summer on American Media Coverage of the Olympics.” He also hasn’t ruled out a second trip this time to California’s Disneyland, to build on his current research.

“When you tell people you’re going on a research trip to Disney World, or that you’re taking a class that requires you to watch the ‘Little Mermaid’, they tend to laugh,” Nesil said. “But this was a serious project. Obviously, it was a 54 of fun, too, but it was research first, and foremost.”

Nesil plans to spend time during the Thanksgiving break in the Hesburgh Library to write his paper.

“What’s great about funding grants like this,” he said, “is that it encourages kids to think big — and creatively — about the possibilities for what they can do with their time here.”

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Photo courtesy of Andrew Nesil

Donald Duck entertains visitors at Disney World. Junior Andrew Nesil received a grant to do research in Orlando.

Nesi spent his time in Florida conducting research on Disney and nature, including wildlife like this giraffe.
The Hollywood writers' strike may have yielded repeat after repeat of your favorite shows. Usually a habit of Conan O'Brien and Jay Leno, I had almost given up on watching late-night television for the time being until I saw a repeat of an episode from this past summer on NBC last week featuring a rock band called the Cold War Kids. Sounds like angry brew of early Mute Math's recent work, yet different in how it uses live studio recordings with creepy and mechanical sonic effects to create an indelible sound. Like most all smart bands, the Cold War Kids have an affinity for showing off just now smart and clever they are. This is seen most in their plentiful use of references to Salinger, Garcia Marquez and Jesus. Indeed, the references are the type that would make a slightly brainy high school kid grin with glee at his ability to understand the meaning of the lyrics, however they can get a bit old.

Back to Matchbox Twenty for a sec­ond. Back with MB20 came out with its debut album, "Yourself or Someone Like You," the band was hailed as slightly off-beat, fresh and positively upbeat. Yet unfortu­nately, too many of the sounds fall into the realm of cliched mainstream parading as underground — very much like the trouble encountered by Matchbox.

This isn't to say it's all bad though. Two songs in particular, "We Used to Vacation" and "Hospital Beds," are a real joy to listen to. In "We Used to Vacation," the listener is treated to a sad but upbeat tale of domestic difficul­ties and the trouble with having an alcoholic father who is intent on chang­ing his ways but just can't overcome the hurdles of sobriety. "Hospital Beds" details life in a hospital and the weird reality of living in a world of strangers and despair. Using a pounding piano along with rough but strong lyrics, lead singer Nathan Willet wails, "I met a friend, but he was not good to me, I did not choose him / He did not choose me. / We've got no chance of recovering / in the hospital / The joy of misery." Just a moment later, some obvious Christian imagery is presented with the hys­ternal reference, "Put out the fire on us." While wading dangerously close to being too much, Willet sings it all with enough gusto and emotion to make it worth the listen.

This had nothing to go save the world. They aren't the "Best New Band in the World" like I was proclaimed in NME. However, they're pretty good and worth the $14 bucks or so I'll take to own the CD. And if you do buy it, get it in the store and not on iTunes because the cover art and bonus track is great.

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Stromile Swift scored a season-high 24 points, Mike Miller added 19 points and seven assists and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Seattle SuperSonics 125-108 on Tuesday night.

Damon Stoudamire had 16 points and seven assists and Helmin Warick added 16 for the Grizzlies, who stopped a three-game skid. Pau Gasol had 14 points, seven rebounds, five assists and seven blocks, one short of his career-high for rejections.

Delonte West led Seattle with 17 points, Chris Wilcox added 16, and Jeff Green had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Memphis built an early lead and never really threatened in the second half. The Grizzlies shot 58 percent through the first three quarters, building the lead to as many as 27 before coasting to the their largest margin of victory this season.

With Memphis center Darko Milicic out with a bad left thumb, Swift started in the middle, allowing Gay to play small forward. Part of the reason for the switch was to keep Gay, who has struggled with foul problems, off the offensive end.

Swift's struggles with foul problems, "It was a loss for New Orleans on multiple levels. Already playing without Chris Paul, who missed his second game with a sprained right ankle, the Hornets

lost Tyson Chandler in the second quarter when the starting center hyperextended his right knee. Hornets officials said Chandler was day to day pending further evaluation.

Jameer Nelson scored 16 points for Orlando, hitting on a career-high 13-of-25 field goals and a jumper in the final minutes. Chris Paul added 24 points and 10 assists and Hedo Turkoglu each scored 15, with Turkoglu hitting two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

The Magic nearly blew a 20-point lead before holding on to beat Boston on Sunday. They showed the same resilience on defense on Monday night. The Grizzlies matched a 21-point lead and falling behind by as many as five points in the fourth quarter before rallying to tie their best-ever 12-game start at 10-2.

Peja Stojakovic scored 21 to lead New Orleans, which fell to 9-3 after its best start in franchise history. Jannero Pargo, who started for Paul, scored 18 points. David West scored 14 for New Orleans and Morris Peterson 11.

The Hornets were down 46-31 when Chandler crashed into the floor in obvious pain. He lay on his back, holding his knee, an image that enlivened the home crowd. Stojakovic's short jumper gave the Hornets their first lead, 57-56, with 8.25 left in the third quarter.

Orlando called timeout and set tied down, battling New Orleans point-for-point until the final minute of the quarter. Still trailing by 10, the end of the fourth quarter gave Orlando an opportunity to test with it 26 to go, marking the beginning of the end for New Orleans.

Hill started the quarter with a re-entry, going down several thunderous dunks during the game, the Magic hit a fast break layup soon afterward as the Magic closed out the quarter with a 33-17 lead.

Boebots, 101 Blazers 92

With a tough road schedule at the end of the season, the Charlotte Bobcats knew they had to get off to a quick start.

Through 10 games, they're in pretty good shape. Behind Gerald Wallace's third straight game of 27 points and a stifling defense that shut down LaMarcus Aldridge, the Bobcats beat the Portland Trail Blazers 101-92 on Monday night.

The Bobcats' second straight win and third in a row at home left them 6-4, the best they've been in their four-year history. "All playoff teams take advantage of home games," Wallace said. "Those are easy cover-ups for tough nights when you're out on the road."

With their arena set to host three college basketball games in the coming weeks, the Bobcats will be on the road for 18 of their final 27 games. If they're going to make the play-offs for the first time, they'll have to take advantage of playing 27 of their first 42 at home.

"We know we have to have a great start," guard Raymond Felton said. "We're on the road for just about all of March."

Felton had 18 points and 10 assists and Jason Richardson scored 24 points. They teamed with Wallace to hit 10 of 19 shots and had a key dunk, steal and layup in Charlotte's decisive run midway through the fourth quarter, to dump the Trail Blazers 0-7 on 2-0 in the game, and he could be heard yelling at the team from the hallway.

"Nobody is going to come here and rescue us," McMillan said. "We have 15 guaranteed contracts. We can't bring in anybody to help with the situation right now. We've got to get it done."

Aldridge couldn't against the Bobcats. Portland's leading scorer and rebounder coming into the game, Aldridge got into early foul trouble and was held to seven points and one rebound in 20 minutes on 2-for-6 shooting. Aldridge had been averaging 19.5 points and 8.1 rebounds.

"It's toughness. We're getting pushed around," McMillan said. "Not to blame LaMarcus and Joel (Przybilla), but the two of those guys had two rebounds. We've got to get more boards than that."

Jarrett Jack scored 16 points. Brandon Roy had 17 on 4-for-13 shooting and Martell Webster scored 15 for Portland, which committed 19 turnovers.

"They were really physical inside," Roy said. "Once we came back on them, they just continued to pound us."

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Through the When the Wolfman Ken works, it's all about business lines.

Chase Daniels in Moorhead

If you go to a costume party at your boss's house, wouldn't you think a red costume would be to dress up like the boss's wife?

Trust me. It's not.
NCAA Men's Basketball
AP Top 25

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NCAA Football

Former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr, right, congratulates senior quarterback Chad Henne during the Wolverines' 38-0 win over Notre Dame on Sept. 16. Carr announced his resignation Monday.

Carr resigns after 13 seasons in Ann Arbor

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Lloyd Carr alienated the Michigan football program until he choked up and chuckled into his eyes.

"I wanted to be able to walk out of here knowing that to the very last minute, I did my job to the best of my ability," Carr said with watery eyes. "And I know I'll be able to do that."

The best of Carr's abilities brought Michigan a national title and five Big Ten championships. It also included an uninsiously loss to Appalachian State to open this season and a fourth consecutive defeat and sixth in seven years to Jim Tressel and Ohio State to close it.

Many of those memories were very close to the surface at Monday's news conference during which the public that rarely got to see his true personality also learned what had happened behind closed doors the previous day when Carr broke the news to his players and staff.

"I cried more tears than I know I had," said Carr, who spent 28 years on the Michigan coaching staff. "And I've never laughed so hard in my life because there were so many memories."

Carr will coach the Wolverines in their bowl game, likely to be either the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio or the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

"The above game, will be an associate athletic director. The retirement announcement surprised no one."

Last winter, Carr had his contract reworked to pave the way for this to be his last season and later made sure the coaching staff and his assistants unprecedented two-year deals.

The only unknown was when the 62-year-old Carr would choose to step away from the sideline. Monday, as he did, or after the bowl game.

"My timing is based on one thing, what is best for Michigan football," he said. "There are no other motives."

"To do it after a bowl game would have been absolutely ridiculous."

The departure opens a job at the nation's winningest football program and the timing of it might make things uncomfortable for top-ranked LSU and coach Les Miles.

Miles seems to be at the top of the list in Ann Arbor. He played for Schembechler at Michigan, where he met his wife and later became an assistant under Schembechler.

On Monday in Baton Rouge, La., though, Miles insisted he's not looking for a job and said Michigan has not called him.

"I love LSU," he said.

In Brief

Tyson serves one day in jail for D.E.R.

MESA, Ariz. — Mike Tyson could have received more than four years in prison. He left the courtroom having to serve all of one day in an open-air jail.

The former heavyweight champion was sentenced Monday for cocaine possession and driving under the influence.

"I take responsibility for my actions," Tyson told the judge. He left the courthouse flanked by supporters, lit a cigar and drove away in the back of a black Mercedes.

The 41-year-old boxer will serve his day in jail Tuesday for BUI. He received three years of probation for the cocaine charge and also will have to pay a fine, submit to drug testing and serve 360 hours of community service.

Chicago's Garland shipped to Angels for Cabrera

CHICAGO — Gold Glove shortstop Orlando Cabrera was traded by the Los Angeles Angels to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Jon Garland on Monday in a surprising swap of dependable players.

The deal came 12 days after the White Sox re-signed shortstop Juan Uribe to a $4.5 million, one-year contract. Now, he could wind up on the bench or with another team.

"We saw an opportunity to acquire one of the best shortstops in the game and one of the smartest in the game. Somebody who can fit into the No. 2 spot in our lineup for 155 games," Chicago general manager Ken Williams said, adding the trade frees up money that could help the White Sox pull off another deal.

Vick surrenders, begins prison sentence three weeks early

RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick got a head start on a possible long prison stretch Monday, surrendering three weeks before he was to be sentenced for his involvement in a bloody dogfighting ring.

The disgraced Atlanta Falcons quarterback surrendered to U.S. marshals in what his lawyer said was another step in his bloody dogfighting ring.

"From the beginning, Mr. Vick has accepted responsibility for his actions, and his self-surrender further demonstrates that acceptance," attorney Billy Martin said in a statement.

"Michael wants to again apologize to everyone who has been hurt in this matter, and he thanks all of the people who have offered him and his family prayers and support during this time."

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NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez has millions of dollars in his investment accounts, three AL MVP awards for his trophy case — and zero World Series rings for his fingers.

"There's definitely a huge hole in the resume," Rodriguez said. "And I mean, it's my third MVP and I'm here to say that I would trade all three for one world championship ring. I wouldn't think twice about it," Rodriguez said.

Of course, a World Series will have to wait. But for now, he has the satisfaction of his latest MVP, won Monday in a romp over Detroit's Magglio Ordonez.

While A-Rod wouldn't address why he opted out of his old Yankees contract or the reasons for his decision to reverse course and return to New York, he did slip this into a 30-minute conference call: Yankees general manager Brian Cashman asked him after the 2006 season, after he was dropped to eighth in the batting order in the playoff finale against Detroit, whether he'd prefer a trade.

"I had many, many opportunities," Rodriguez said. "There was a lot of interest from a lot of other teams and I felt I didn't want to go anywhere." Cashman later confirmed that he approached Rodriguez after the 2006 playoff elimination and asked the star third baseman whether he wanted to be traded.

Despite four seasons in New York that included morecloudy headlines than most players get in a lifetime, Rodriguez wants to stay. If and when he breaks Barry Bonds' career home run record, he wants to do it with the Yankees.

"It's something magical when you go in that field in front of 55,000 people, and then when you make championships and all-time records. I mean, the potential of it is exciting," he said.

By then, the Yankees will be in their new stadium, one Rodriguez hopes to put his stamp on. He admitted playing in the glare of the Big Apple took a long time to get used to.

"I banged my head against New York; New York didn't bang me against the head. I felt like I made a lot of mistakes," he said. "I was trying to please everybody rather than do what made me happy." Rodriguez said.

His new attitude produced his best season and it showed in the MVP race. Rodriguez received 26 first-place votes and 382 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, while Ordonez had two firsts and 258 points.

Rodriguez won his first MVP in 2000, his last season with the Texas Rangers. He also won with the Yankees in 2005. Those yearly fluctuations bother him.

"It's something I'm aware of and something that needs to stop," he said. "I'd much rather have above average every year or great every year or good every year.

Rodriguez started this year with 14 home runs in his first 18 games, hit .314 for the season and led the majors with 165 RBIs and 143 runs. He was the first player since New York's Roger Maris in 1961 to lead the majors in home runs, RBIs and a slugging percentage.

"It's definitely something magical when you go in that field in front of 55,000 people, and it was very painful," Rodriguez said. "At the time, I was 20 years old and thought I would never get another chance to win it.

Still, there is the absence of a title. He's spoken with quarter-century-old friend John Elway about the need for one to validate a career.

"Definitely the declaration point in his career was the two championships at the end, and I have tremendous faith that I will be a world champion," Rodriguez said. "What better place to do it than in New York?"

Rodriguez didn't want to talk about his negotiations with the Yankees that are leading toward a $275 million, 10-year contract. "There is a finish line to it," Rodriguez said, adding he would talk about the contract "when the time is right." He also wouldn't detail the advice he was given by investor Warren Buffett.

"We usually visit every year. Warren is a friend," Rodriguez said. "He's done a great job of foreseeing things in business. Now he's doing it in baseball, too, so that's pretty good." A-Rod shrugged in the playoffs again this year as the Yankees lost to Cleveland in the first round. He went 4-for-15 (.267) with one RBI against the Indians, leaving him in an 8-for-16 (.313) postseason funk dating to 2004 and hitting in his past 18 playoff at-bats with runners in scoring position.

He had talked about his desire to get more postseason at-bats, but that didn't happen.

"Part of the reason I'm not getting those at-bats is because I'm not performing," he said.

As soon as Rodriguez arrived at spring training this year, he took a new approach. He finally admitted he no longer was best buddies with Yankees captain Derek Jeter, ending a charade that had gone on for three seasons.

"I thought being honest was the best policy," he said.

Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez holds his bat after a Sept. 29 at-bat against the Orioles. Rodriguez won his third AL MVP award Monday over Magglio Ordonez.

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Graveline returns to Atlanta with one-year deal

Associated Press
ATLANTA — Tom Glavine never got used to making that unfamiliar turn in the tunnel beneath Turner Field, the one that took him to the visiting clubhouse the last five years. Now he’s back with the home team.

Glavine returned to the Braves on Monday to finish a career that likely will send him to the Hall of Fame, though this isn’t just a sentimental farewell. Atlanta believes the crafty left-hander, who will turn 42 before next season, can help them get back to the playoffs after a two-year hiatus.

“Starting pitching has been our Achilles’ heel. We just didn’t have the depth we had in past years, and we wanted to address that,” new general manager Frank Wren said. “Tommy was our No. 1 target.

This was an easy one to hit. Glavine, who is married and has four children, was eager to return to Atlanta, where he spent the first 16 years of his career and kept his home even after moving to the New York Mets. If the 303-game winner hadn’t gotten an offer from the Braves, he planned to retire rather than subject his family to another year of splitting time between two cities.

“I’m supposed to be doing things for my kids,” Glavine said. “But more and more, my kids were sacrificing for me, whether it was missing their ballgames or missing their friends’ birthday parties. When they were growing on a plane two or three times a month, they were doing it for me. I didn’t feel good about asking them to do it any more.

After turning down a $13 million option with the Mets for 2008, taking a $3 million buyout, he turned his attention toward the Braves. He gave Atlanta a hometown discount, agreeing to an $8 million, one-year deal that was the lowest he was willing to play for and wasn’t available to anyone else.

The Braves jumped on it quickly, wrapping up the negotiations in less than a week. No one else — not even the Mets — were ever in the mix.

“I have an opportunity at this stage of my career to combine the best of both worlds,” the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner said. “I can be home, work at home and be around my wife and kids more than I have the last five years. I’m ecstatic.”

So are the Braves, who were eager to add depth to a rotation that relied heavily on John Smoltz and Tim Hudson. The team never settled on reliable options in the fourth and fifth slots, finishing third in the NL East for the second year in a row. Glavine, debuting a diversified repertoire during the season, went 13-8 with a 4.45 ERA in 200-1-3 innings for the Mets.

“Sentiment goes a long way,” Braves manager Bobby Cox said, “but we all think Tommy can still win at the major league level. Let’s hope he’s their bottom line.”

Proving you can go home again, Glavine and the Braves got over the bitterness that accompanied their negotiations after the 2002 season. Atlanta started out with a one-year offer and a series of club options, then came back with a proposal that included millions in deferred money. After Glavine signed a four-year, $42.5 million deal with the Mets, then-Braves general manager John Schuerholz held an extraordinary news conference to go over the negotiations step by step.

Later, he wrote about the whole affair in his book, angoring Glavine.

Most Atlanta fans seemed to side with Schuerholz, booing whenever he returned with the Mets, though the jeers lessened in recent years.

“For a long time, I didn’t understand it. I guess I was angered by it a little bit,” Glavine said. “I learned to live with it, I guess.”

Last month, Schuerholz left the GM job after 17 seasons, moving up to become team president and handing his former post to Wren. But everyone said that move had nothing to with Glavine returning to Atlanta.

Schuerholz met with Glavine and his wife, Christine, at a charity event over the weekend. The former GM planned to attend Monday’s news conference until he got word that his elderly mother had died.

“John really wanted to be here,” Wren said.

Glavine said he believed on his faith to cope with the disappointments he felt about leaving Atlanta.

“The biggest moments in all our lives, where things happen and decisions are made, we can look back and say, ‘Well, geez, if this conversation had gone a little different or this situation had gone a little different, then the outcome would have been different.’ Glavine said, “Things happen for a reason.”

While he got more and more comfortable with the Mets, he always felt a little strange coming to Turner Field.

Glavine was drafted and nurtured by the Braves. He came up with an amazing group of young pitchers that included Smoltz and Steve Avery, helping Atlanta go from worst-to-first in 1991 and all the way to Game 7 of a memorable World Series loss in Minnesota.

During his 16-year tenure, Glavine had five 20-win seasons, captured Cy Young Awards in 1991 and ’98, and helped the Braves win the first 11 of their unprecedented 14 straight division titles. He was MVP of their only World Series championship during the run, pitching eight scoreless innings in the deciding game of a 1995 victory over Cleveland.

“No place I ever went to as a visiting player was ever as remotely strange as coming here as a visiting player,” Glavine said.

Which is probably why his wife teared up when he tried on his Braves cap and jersey in the training room before the news conference.

And that’s probably why Wren couldn’t stop smiling when Glavine buttoned up his No. 47 jersey with “Braves” written across the front and modeled the red-and-blue hat with an “A” above the bill.

“Looks good, doesn’t it?” Wren said.

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**NHL**

DiPietro nets 100th win as Isles edge Rangers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rick DiPietro earned his 100th NHL victory with an 18-save effort Monday night and the New York Islanders beat the New York Rangers for the third time this season, 2-1.

DiPietro, the first goalie ever drafted No. 1 when the Islanders took the Massachusetts native in 2000, followed up a 1-0 win Friday against New Jersey with another stellar performance against Long Island’s biggest rival.

The Islanders are 8-1-2 in their last 11 against the Rangers, and now have 500 road wins in franchise history. DiPietro earned his 100th victory over New York and snapped the Rangers’ winning streak to five.

The Islanders’ last seven games were all decided by one goal and in regulation.

The Rangers came home after a four-game road swing and had won nine of 10, but are 0-3 against the Islanders.

Ruslan Fedotenko and Josef Vasilek staked the Islanders to a 2-0 lead in the second period.

Michal Rozsival scored for the Rangers, who got 22 saves from Henrik Lundqvist but nudged it to Vasilek, who raced down left wing on a 3-on-2 break. He carried all the way to the left circle and snapped a shot that sailed past Lundqvist’s left shoulder at 5:51.

When Blair Birtis went off for tripping 2 seconds later, the Islanders seemed primed to turn this one into a rout.

Not so fast.

The Rangers’ run of offense from defensemen continued when Rozsival earned his second short-handed goal in two games at 3:37 to cut the deficit in half.

Counting all the goals scored in the Rangers’ 4-3 overtime win at Pittsburgh on Saturday — including two by Rozsival — they had five straight tallies from defensemen.

**NCAA Men’s Basketball**

Love leads UCLA to win over Terps

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The shots weren’t falling, the ball seemed to sail out of bounds more often than it went in the basket.

Good thing UCLA can play defense.

Kevin Love scored 18 points and grabbed 16 rebounds, helping second-ranked UCLA overcome a sloppy first half in a 71-59 victory over Maryland on Monday night in the semifinals of the NCAA Tournament.

UCLA (4-0) had just eight scholarship players in uniform due to injuries to several key players and it showed early with numerous turnovers and bad shots. But the Bruins, led by Love’s crisp passing against Maryland’s press, settled things down by the second half.

UCLA shot just 37 percent, including 4-of-13 from 3-point range, but out-rebounded the Terrapins 44-29 to move on to the championship game Tuesday night against either No. 10 Michigan State or Missouri, which played later Monday.

“To win shooting 37 percent says a lot about our defense,” UCLA coach Ben Howland said.

Maryland had 21 turnovers and was just 1-for-11 on 3-pointers, keeping its streak of at least one 3-pointer alive at 289 games when Kevin Huerter connected with 28 seconds left.

Greivis Vasquez had 18 points and.found only added 13 for the Terrapins, who had 11 fewer offensive rebounds.

They were only getting second shots when they did miss,” Maryland coach Gary Williams said. “Rebounding a lot of times is effort, not technique.”

Love had his way the first three games, averaging 20.7 points and 10.5 rebounds, while shooting 65 percent. But that was against the likes of Portland State, Youngstown State and Cal State-San Bernardino.

The burly 6-foot-10 forward didn’t have as much luck against the bigger, stronger Terrapins early, forcing up several shots against double teams without much success. He figured it out quickly, though, using patience against the bangs instead of trying to bull through it.

Love had 10 rebounds in the first half and hit a 3-pointer before flipping in a quick tip shot at the buzzer to put the Bruins up 28-18.

He then hit a couple of tip-ins to start the second half, starting a 15-5 run that put UCLA up 43-23, and later made a crisp pass to break the press, setting up a 3-pointer by Russell Westbrook to end a brief Maryland run.

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Big plays put Broncos in tie atop AFC West

Associated Press

DENVER — Eighty yards here, 30 yards there. They knew, the Denver Broncos found themselves in a spot they only could have dreamed of a few weeks ago — tied for first place in the AFC West.

Jay Cutler threw touchdown passes of 41 and 48 yards and Mike Smith picked up his fourth career shutout in a 34-20 victory over the Tennessee Titans.

"It's been a long season, up and down, a little bit of a letdown," Cutler said. "But we pulled it together. That's two big wins in the last two weeks."

Vinny Young threw for a career high — 308 yards — for the second straight week, but the Titans also resorted to a lost for the Titans (6-4), who played catch-up and the same way they did in a 28-13 loss to Jacksonville last week.

Half, a first-year player with eight carries this season, turned his ninth into a 64-yard score to help the Broncos regain control of the game after they watched a 17-point lead slip to seven.

Hall was in after Selvin Young, who started in place of Travis Henry, went out with a knee injury.

"He was our last tall back and Andre took advantage of his opportunity," coach Mike Shanahan said. "We needed a big play at that time and that's one thing about the running game. You keep pounding and go out in a while, you break one of those."

The Broncos improved to 5-5, good enough to San Diego for the league in the woeful West. But suddenly, the Broncos, who have 4-4 and 4-3 losses on their wildly disparate scoreboard this year, are playing like real contenders. They piled up 359 yards against the Titans, who were missing Albert Haynesworth, the defensive line but nonetheless came in with the second-ranked defense in the league.

Not that the Broncos are perfect, or anywhere near New England.

Martinez also muff ed a punt that led to a Tennessee touchdown late in the third. That touchdown, a 4-yard run by Young, came after the second of two ill-advised timeouts called by Denver.

Shanahan said the Titans were the better team for much of the night and the Broncos need to improve.

"We were better than I expected," Shanahan said. "But we didn't play well enough to win tonight."

But the timeout gave Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher a chance to review the previous play, in which Young scored on a similar play but had been ruled out of bounds at the 1.

At the end of the first half, Shanahan, trying to duplicate the move that helped him foil Sebastian Janikowski's game-winning attempt against Oakland several weeks ago, called timeout a split second before Rob Bironas tried a 26-yarder half way.

Bironas' kick sailed about 20 yards wide of the goalpost, but given another chance, he nailed it to trim Tennessee's deficit to 20-10.

"You do anything every question about those field goals and timeouts again," said Shanahan, who started a trend with that timeout against Oakland. "I told you this would happen sooner or later. You live by the sword and die by the sword."

And really, this one wasn't so much about field goals as big plays for the Broncos.

A team that had only one touchdown of 20 yards or more all season on offense got its second early, when Cutler found Brandon Stokley in the middle of the field and Stokley outran the Titans defense for a 49-yard score.

On the first drive of the third quarter, Cutler found Brandon Marshall on single coverage on Calvin Lowrey, who went for the ball and missed, allowing Marshall to score from 41 yards for a 27-10 lead.

Smith picks up fourth career shutout in Dallas victory

Associated Press

DALLAS — This time, the Dallas Stars didn't just protect a third-period lead. They expanded it.

Steve Ott scored a rare goal, and Mike Smith stopped 22 shots, to give the Stars their second straight shutout to send the Stars to a 3-0 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Monday night.

It was the Stars' fourth straight win in Dallas to open the season on offense got its second early, when Cutler found Brandon Stokley in the middle of the field and Stokley outran the Titans defense for a 49-yard score.

Smith had been a one-goal star in the first period, the second period, the third, and the overtime.

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Smith, Dallas' backup goalie, was making his second straight start for the Stars in place of Marty Turco. Smith's strong effort in the victory over Colorado earned him another start and he got his first shutout of the season.

Coach Dave Tippett said he wouldn't decide on his starting goalie for Wednesday night's game against Anaheim until the pregame skate that morning.

"We need both guys to be very good to be successful," Tippett said. "That gives you the luxury to have a game on any night with a win."
Belles look to find consistency against Ravens

Kessler leads young team with 16 points per game this season

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After bringing in their first victory of the year against Aurora University on Saturday, Saint Mary's faces Anderson University tonight at 7 p.m. in their second game this season underway. Anderson on Sunday.

"We are excited to have the season underway. Anderson will be a good challenge for us on Tuesday," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We did not play as well as we could have against Wheaton College. Our second-half defense was terrible. This team bounced back the next day and did a much better job with Aurora."

The Belles, with 77 rebounds in their first two games, are in a bit of a rebuilding phase. Star guard Bridget Litke graduated in May, though all-MIAA shooting guard Allison Kessler is poised to take over some of Litke's responsibilities.

Kessler has gracefully stepped into Litke's shoes in terms of team leadership, on the court and with her stats. She leads the team with 16 points per game and is tied for fourth in rebounds with junior Katie Rashid. She is closely followed in points by junior Erin Newson, who has 13 per game. Newson leads the team in rebounds with a total of nine.

As Saint Mary's prepares to take on Anderson, Henley has a few improvements she would like to see on the court.

"We still need to establish a stronger inside game," Henley said. "We need to have more control on the boards and continue improving our free-throw percentage.

Henley expects Anderson to make the Belles work tonight. The Ravens will be looking for revenge after a three-point loss last season to the Belles. Kessler sunk a free throw and Newson hit a lay-up to pull out the last minute victory.

"Anderson is going to be very physical and have a lot of hard denial defense," Henley said. "They are a solid team."

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The Chippewas won 79-66 in the semifinals of the tournament Sunday.

Like in their loss to the Bears, Notre Dame (2-2) led much of the game Monday night — including the entire second half until Causey's fall-away three-pointer. Georgia Tech (3-2) used a 12-3 run over the last 2:30 to erase the eight-point deficit and come away with the win.

The Yellow Jackets made four straight 3-point attempts during that span, with Causey making two and junior guard Lewis Hillesland (12) and sophomore point guard Tory Jackson (10).

The game was sloppy from both ends. The Terrapins were whistled for 26 fouls. Georgia Tech jumped out to an early 6-2 lead, but Notre Dame went up 7-6 on a McAlarney lay-up and held the lead until Causey's shot with two seconds to go.

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in as many nights, this time 70-69 to the Hamblin' Wreck.

"We really came in and played well. I thought that she got some really good shots," McGraw said of the freshman. "She played a little more on the perimeter than she had in the first couple of games and she looked really comfortable. I think that she got a lot of good looks."

McGraw said one of the reasons that she feels confident before playing Central Michigan is because of her team's play in the NIT — especially against Maryland, despite the 16-point loss. "It's always good to play a ranked team and a really good team and a probable Final Four team. I think that's how you get better," McGraw said.

McGraw said the team's practices have focused on the 3-point line on both ends of the court. The Terrapins dominated the Irish from beyond the arc and just 17-of-42 from inside it.

Clinch, senior forward Jeremis Smith and senior guard Anthony Morrow led the Yellow Jackets with 12 points each. Causey added 10.

Harangody had his second straight 20-point game for the Irish. After pouring in 22 Sunday night, the sophomore forward scored that number again on Monday, while adding 12 rebounds.

Senior forward Rob Kurz had 15 against the Yellow Jackets, joining him and Harangody in double figures were junior forward Zach Hillesland (12) and sophomore point guard Tory Jackson (10).

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Special to The Observer

There’s a new grass football field in the works for Notre Dame Stadium.

Workmen this morning began tearing out the current turf, which has been in use for five seasons. On Friday, they will begin installation of the new grass field, with that portion of the project expected to be completed at some point next week.

The sod will come from a Colorado turf farm, the same supplier as for the recently-installed new grass field at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

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The season to pick up the No. 4 seed in the conference tournament in Milwaukee.

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The Irish offense, however, took a big step forward last weekend when it bombarded Western Michigan with 71 shots in two games.

Notre Dame’s offense had been concerned in the several weeks prior to the Western Michigan game that it was not generating enough scoring chances at even strength. But that concern seems to have disappeared, along with the team’s struggles to gain superior puck control to its opponent.

“We’re starting to value the puck a lot more instead of just throwing it away,” Jackson said. “It’s good to see because we’ve spent a lot of time on it.”

The Irish won’t be able to sit down to their Thanksgiving turkeys after the Bowling Green game. They will travel Wednesday night to Troy, N.Y., to play in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Holiday Tournament.

Notre Dame committed to the tournament in order to honor a prior commitment to play two games against RPI—a deal that was agreed upon before Jackson became coach. Jackson accepted RPI’s invitation to its holiday tournament, and then he invited the red Hawks to Notre Dame’s Lightning College Hockey Classic in late December to fulfill the two-game promise.

Jackson said he prefers to play non-conference opponents in tournaments like the RPI Holiday Tournament because the teams can get a good feel for the season.

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“We’re always played hard,” Irish captain Mark Van Guildier said of the Falcons. “They’re a bunch of hard workers, but they have a pretty good talent over there this year. It’s going to be a different Bowling Green than we’ve seen in a while.”

The Falcons are averaging 3.3 goals per game behind the offense of senior forward Derek Whitham (11 goals, three assists), while Notre Dame is averaging 3.1 goals per game.

IRISH OUTSIDE HITTER

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1. "I know you want the lone penguin!" (9)
2. "I can and it will..." (5)
3. Some of them thought the "sprinkler" was a actual dance move (11)
4. He, did you laugh at the imaginary lumps mop... my aunt heread (9)
5. You're seeing the green light for that drive (9)
6. We need to save a stall, right? We need to save a stall, right? (9)
7. Some of them thought the "sprinkler" was an actual dance move (11)
8. He, did you laugh at the imaginary lump mop... my aunt heard (9)
9. I jumped in the middle of the house during my 15th birthday party (9)
10. You're seeing the green light for that drive (9)

Horoscope

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Karen Stras, 30; Julie Crowley, 45; Meg Ryan, 46; and A.J. Calloway, 47.

Happy Birthday! You'll have a good eye and opportunities to take advantage of what you see as a good deal in investment this year. This is a progressive and productive year for you so don't jump into big deals about holidays and activities. You will have a strong focus on finance, getting your thing off the ground and dealing with your emotions. This is also a great time to make a fresh start in your work, hobbies, children or even a social event you want to attend. Now is the time to take your efforts into your life goals during this creative, original and imaginative time. Your numbers are 11, 25, 26, 27, 37, 44.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make some fantastic decisions regarding work, hobbies, children or even a social event you want to attend. Now is the time to take your efforts into your life goals during this creative, original and imaginative time. Your numbers are 11, 25, 26, 27, 37, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): Getting angry will be a waste of time. Learn from whatever previous experiences you have and move on. A short trip will open your eyes to the future. A different approach will probably work best. You may have great ideas and feel certain that you can make great work, you are better at taking your time. Moving too quickly or spending too much will not bring you the results you want. Love is on insecurity hold you back. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 21-May 20): You will have a good eye and opportunities to take advantage of what you see as a good deal in investment this year. This is a progressive and productive year for you so don't jump into big deals about holidays and activities. You will have a strong focus on finance, getting your thing off the ground and dealing with your emotions. This is also a great time to make a fresh start in your work, hobbies, children or even a social event you want to attend. Now is the time to take your efforts into your life goals during this creative, original and imaginative time. Your numbers are 11, 25, 26, 27, 37, 44.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Concentrate on how you can improve your financial situation. You may be confused about some of the people in your life. Look for activist media and, if someone appears to be hanging around you for the wrong reason, address the situation promptly. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You've got a whole lot more going for you than you realize. You are quick to respond and know how to get what you want. Don't let your efforts be wasted on some people, the time of the time, but use today to get ahead. 5 stars

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22): You may feel as if you are in a push-pull situation. You are interested in others, so think about the consequences. Be gracious and patient when others are quick to respond and know how to get what they want. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Getting angry will be a waste of time. Learn from whatever previous experiences you have and move on. A short trip will open your eyes to the future. A different approach will probably work best. You may have great ideas and feel certain that you can make great work, you are better at taking your time. Moving too quickly or spending too much will not bring you the results you want. Love is on insecurity hold you back. 2 stars

CROSSWORD

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DYSUK

RIPEV

BELFEE

DYSUK

RIPEV

BELFEE

Answer:

Yesterday's Jumbles: FAINT ROACH

Answer: When they met on the tennis court and later married, it was a MATCH MATCH

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Paradise lost

Hoopsters drop two at Jam tournament in U.S. Virgin Islands

By CHRIS KHOERE
Sports Editor

Georgia Tech guard Matt Cassell came around a screen, took the ball and found himself sandwiched between sophomore Luke Harangody and the sideline.

But the fifth-year senior was undaunted. He hoisted the ball toward the basket anyway, watching it swirl and give the Yellow Jackets a one-point lead over Notre Dame with two seconds left in the third-place game of the Paradise Jam Tournament in the Virgin Islands Monday.

The Irish got a chance to respond, but when junior guard Kyle McAlarney's jumper went in and out at the buzzer, Notre Dame suffered its second close

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND faces Tar Heels in championship rematch

Team takes on one-seed UNC in Round of 16

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will head to Chapel Hill, N.C., to take on defending NCAA champion North Carolina in a rematch of last year's national title game — this time, in the Round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament at noon Saturday.

The third-round match will end one of the team's chances of a repeat Final Four appearance.

Despite being a No. 4 seed and underdog against top-seeded North Carolina, the Irish are eager for the match against a team they tied 2-2 in an August exhibition match.

"Our kids will be very excited to play next week," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It's a great place to play and they are a No. 1 seed. It will be a difficult task trying to beat them on their field but our players will be fired up for the challenge."

The Irish have outscored opponents 44-6 in their last 15 games.

But North Carolina might be the toughest test Notre Dame has encountered. With a 3-1 record in all 26 ACC tournaments, the Irish have outscored its opponents 44-6 in their last 15 games.

She also hit the back of the net in the victory over Greensboro this weekend.

The Irish (7-4-2), meanwhile, are deeper than the team that tied visiting North Carolina on Aug. 19 and outshot the Tar Heels 14-7 in that game.

In the preseason match, junior defender Carrie Dew and senior forward Susan Finnick sat out with herk.

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HOCKEY

Upstart Falcons enter JACC

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson saw the Irish in the latter half of his first year begin to take on the steps that eventually produced a league championship in his second season.

Yet no one recognized it, and Notre Dame was picked to finish smack in the middle of the CCHA before Jackson's sophomore campaign. Instead of meandering to the middle of the league, the Irish rocketed to No. 1 in the country.

And now Jackson has witnessed another team start to turn the corner similar to how the Irish once did. That team — Bowling Green — will travel to the Joyce Center tonight at 7:30 to face No. 9 Notre Dame 19-4, 7-5.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Chippewas up next for McGraw and Co.

Squad looks to rebound from NIT loss to Terps

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

After falling to No. 3 Maryland in the third round of the Women's Preseason NCAA Tournament, No. 23 Notre Dame will start its regular season with a road game against Central Michigan tonight at 7.

McGraw said that her team made some crucial mistakes that cost the team in the 75-59 loss — things that have to be corrected before the game against the Chippewas.

"Just one person does something wrong and it affects the whole team, so we have to be more disciplined," she said.

One of the highlights in the loss at College Park, Md., was the team's turnover margin. The Irish committed only three turnovers during the contest and Maryland had no steals — both Notre Dame records. On the other end of the court, the Irish forced Maryland to 18 turnovers, two shy of McGraw's goal of 20 for every game.

McGraw said that one reason for the stark turnover differential was Notre Dame's refusal to force the ball inside as often as Maryland did.

One bright spot after three games this season has been the play of freshman center Devereaux Peters. Peters had 12 points and six rebounds in