Students send care packages to Iraq

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, many of whom know what it feels like to be far from home, are joining together to send a little piece of home to troops fighting overseas this holiday season.

Groups on both campuses are participating in care package drives this month, collecting small items to ship to Notre Dame graduates currently serving in the Middle East.

The Army ROTC service organization Alliance To Lead And Serve (ATLAS) began organizing their drive earlier this year. Junior Maggie Lero, an Army ROTC Cadet, is in charge of the project.

"We focus on patriotic activities and supporting our troops and community events," Lero said, adding that Notre Dame graduates' platoons will receive most of the care packages. "We decided for the Christmas season to send care packages to the troops."

The care packages will consist of items Lero found listed from an online soldier wish list—ranging from necessities like soap, shampoo and toothbrushes to stocking stuffers like playing cards and Notre Dame memorabilia.

Lero said cadets will be approaching their residence halls to contribute to the project by writing letters, and that anyone who would like to participate should contact their dorm service commissioners.

Israeli-Palestinian conflict affected

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Partisan extremism in both Israel and Palestine will make it difficult for Yasir Arafat's successors to succeed where he failed, according to experts in the Notre Dame community.

"I think progress on a peace settlement is more possible than before, but I am not optimistic," said political science professor Keir Lieber. "Real progress would require a democratically elected and moderate Palestinian leader, the marginalization of Hamas and other radical Islamists."

ND ponders Arafat's legacy

Palestinian leader had lasting impact

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Though his death remains recent news, the legacy of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is already a matter of serious contention, as some have eulogized him as a freedom fighter while others have condemned him as a terrorist.

"Among Palestinians, Arafat after death will in all likelihood become even more of a heroic figure who symbolized and will continue to symbolize their nationalist aspirations and dreams," said Naja Albaradain, a professor of international relations.

The male intruder suspected of widespread vandalism in Pasquerilla West Nov. 7 has yet to be identified, but the case remains under investigation. Notre Dame Security/Police said.

NDSP officials have spoken with most dorm residents who saw the man—described as college-age, white, between 5-foot-7 and 5-foot-9 and with a sandy blonde buzz cut—in the hall that day, none of whom reported being threatened or harmed, NDSP.

Coach Brey gets personal in chat

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

A small crowd dominated by basketball hat-sporting males gathered eagerly around Irish basketball coach Mike Brey in the Coleman Morse lounge Tuesday night for the second of the Student Union Board's new series, "Fireside Chats." Brey touched on many subjects including his predictions for the upcoming season, recruiting, his coaching career and even the ticket lottery, which left many fans empty-handed.

Patrick Vassel, programmer of SUSB's Ideas and Issues committee, which organized the lecture series, introduced Brey with a long list of his achievements, including his three NCAA appearances as head coach of the Irish and the $400,000 he
INSIDE COLUMN

Starbucks, squirrels and snow

To all the winter weary out there, you are not alone. Last week, on my daily walk to the dining hall through Our Lady’s grand campus under her glorious trees, I spotted something I had never seen before - I observed a squirrel wallowing through the grass. There was no scurrying or spring in his step, just a lethargic wallow. Needles to say, this was no ordinary squirrel. What once was a fit and trim scavenger of the wild was now transformed into a giant ball of fluff and fur. I know nuts are fatty, but I had never seen a squirrel that obese. Other squirrels have since followed suit. They are packing on the pounds for the terror that lies ahead.

Unfortunately, it’s beginning to look a lot like winter.

With the end of the home football season and start of spring registration, time has begun to spiral into the vortex of lost days leading into the depths of winter and, consequently, misery. Mother nature is doing her best to throw out the warm weather too. Leaves are falling from trees. Frost is blanketing the grass. Icy winds have begun to sweep through the bend.

Why then is it necessary for us to facilitate the process? Each time I walk into Starbucks I cringe. The wintery days and dark, overcast skies make for a dreary atmosphere. The radio waves are jammed with “Jingle Bells” and “Oh, Christmas Tree.” It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Give me a break. Don’t get me wrong, I am a definable supporter of Christmas, but I find it ridiculous and extremely annoying to find these conditions before Thanksgiving. I would like to preserve my last few weeks of peace before I have to lace up my boots to trudge through drifts of snow on the quad and think about the holidays.

My serenity lies where I lie — on the quad. I like to sit back, observe a few drifting leaves and think about the good old days.

My sister lies where the hill is — on the quad, that is, on those warm and sunny days we used to spend there. Let me have these last days, for the winter will be long and brutal. Squirrels will congregate inerry run, leaves will fall from trees, and time will hasten toward the first snow. Do not become wearied by keeping outside and wearing shorts and sandals.

Make these days last and fight off winter until the bitter end.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Melissa Ward at melward@nd.edu.

IN BRIEF

Carol Pollack, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute, will speak today from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center about “How Strictly Should Corporations Be Held Accountable for Human Rights Abuses?”

Bob Sarra, a former Marine sergeant stationed in Iraq and current member of Veterans Against the War, will talk today about his Iraq experiences at 8 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall.

International Student Services and Activists will sponsor a free showing of the film “American Born Confused Desi,” from Indian filmmaker Krutin Patel, today from 7 to 9 p.m. in 117 DeBartolo Hall.

Robert Catell and Kenny Moore, CEO and corporate ombudsman for KeySpan Corporation respectively will discuss “An Alternative Leadership Model for the 21st Century: Keeping Your Sanity, Sense of Humor and Soul in the Marketplace,” today from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Giovanni Comunale, Mundosa College of Business.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will play Northern Iowa today from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

Notre Dame international relations professor Dan Lindley will present Thursday on the topic “Is War Rational?” at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

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

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the Nov. 15 issue of The Observer, Wakefield football coach Dave Brown’s name was misspelled and Walsh Township’s Linda Rios, who had an internship at Terry Ross, was misidentified. The Observer regrets the error.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR GIVE A FIRESIDE CHAT?

Garrett Bassett

Junior

Monica Seik

Sophomore

Talla Goldman

Junior

Melody Gonzalez

Senior

Robby Davidson

Senior

Zach Giles

Senior

"Martha Stewart."

"Colin Powell."

"Lance Armstrong."

"Alberto Gonzalez."

"Ralph Nader."

"Me!"

The Observer regrets the error.

OFFBEAT

Beavers make dam out of stolen money

GREENSBURG, La. — These eager beavers had a whole new slant on money laundering. A bag of bills stolen from a casino was snapped up by beavers that wove thousands of dollars in soggy currency into the sticks and brush of their dam on a creek in eastern Louisiana.

They hadn’t torn the bills up. They were still whole, said Maj. Michael Martin of the St. Helena Parish sheriff’s office.

The money was part of $70,000 to $75,000 taken last week from the Lucky Dollar Casino in Greensburg. St. Helena Parish deputies searched for the money for days until a lawyer, hoping to make a deal with prosecutors for a client, called and said the money had been discovered in the creek. Police Chief Ronald Harrell said.

Man sues neighbor for veterans' benefits

A married man seeking veterans’ benefits for a disabled veteran sues his neighbor, claiming she made false statements about her husband. Ronald Hartrell, 45, of St. Helena Parish, was suing the husband of his neighbor, Bernard Gauthier, 63, of St. Helena Parish. The neighbor’s husband, according to the suit, was a Vietnam veteran with service-connected disabilities.

Mr. Hartrell alleged the neighbor made false statements in an application to the Department of Veterans Affairs for benefits.

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Philosophy professor dies after long illness

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Philip Quinn, a philosophy professor at Notre Dame, died Saturday at the age of 64, said William Herbert Perry Faunce Professorship in 1982 before coming to Notre Dame three years later. "He was both a highly accomplished scholar and a real community person...and that's a huge loss," Reydams-Schils said. "He was very witty — kind of low-key humor, great moral integrity and wasn't afraid to speak on issues he felt were right." Quinn authored over 100 articles and reviews in a variety of philosophical journals. He published "The Divine Commands and Moral Requirements" and "The Philosophical Challenges of Religious Diversity." Additionally, Quinn co-edited "A Companion to Philosophy of Religion." In the past two decades, Quinn was named to a number of leadership positions in the American Philosophical Association, most notably president of its Central Division and chair of the National Board of Officers. In 2003, Quinn was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Reydams-Schils noted that Quinn was a "formidable ally" for women students and professors in the philosophy department. "He was very visible and he was very present in the intellectual community," Reydams-Schils said. "He was very generous in his conversations with people." A funeral Mass will be held today at 4:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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BOG

Execs address upcoming events

From left, student body treasurer Molly Welton, vice president Mary Pauline Moran, and president Sarah Catherine White discuss the upcoming Slate of the State address Monday.

Saint Mary's College Board of Governance met Monday to discuss upcoming events and issues, including the student body president's annual "State of the School" address.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White called the meeting to order by informing the board that she will deliver the address Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Haggue Parter. White said she would address her future goals for the College and what she has accomplished thus far in her term.

Members also discussed various diversity initiatives. Student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran reported that the Social Work 390 class asked the board for $50 to put on an Ethnic Festival, which will be held in the West Wing of Noble Family Dining Hall today from 5 to 7 p.m. with the goal of further educating Saint Mary's students about diversity.

"I think that this is a really great thing in light of the forum and the diversity issues pressing our campus," Moran said.

Student Diversity Board commissioner Adriana Puente reported that she is currently accepting applications for available positions on SDB.

"Our numbers are really dwindling due to many of our members going abroad," Puente said.

SDB will also be volunteering at a food bank this Saturday from 7 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Puente or any other SDB member.

In other BOG news:

Student Activities Board will be having a meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m., which will be open to the entire student body. They will then be holding a second meeting at 8 p.m. for students to give feedback on SAB sponsored events. Both meetings will be held in 222 Hagbeck Hall.

"SAB's mission is quality programming for the student body, and although we have heard things about our events we have never gotten direct any direct feedback from students. This will be an opportunity for us to do so," SAB commissioner Lauren Fabbas said.

BOG Campus food commission member Becky Hanson appealed to the Board for help in placing lines table clothes and votives on the tables in the dining hall Dec. 8 in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

"I think this is a great way to commemorate the day," Hanson said, adding that results of the dining hall's survey of the student body's thoughts on campus foods and policies will be available in a week. Hanson said she would be prepared to share those results with the Board at the next meeting.

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TICKETS ON SALE NOW

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC PRESENTS

ND Symphonic Band and Winds
Wednesday, November 17 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndband/
Free and open to the public

ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra
Fall Concert
Friday, November 19 at 8 p.m.
Bach’s “German Magnificat,” and works by Haydn and Monteverdi
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chorale.html
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/church.html
Leighton Concert Hall
Free and open to the public

Student Chamber Music Concert
Saturday, November 20 at 2 p.m.
Pence Performing Hall
Free and open to the public

Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra
Thursday, December 2, 2004 at 8 p.m.
Friday, December 3, 2004 at 8 p.m.
Handel’s Messiah
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chorale.html
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/orch.html
Leighton Concert Hall
Tickets $6, $5 faculty/staff, $3 all students
The Notre Dame Glee Club
Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
http://gleeclub.nd.edu
Leighton Concert Hall
Tickets $6, $5 faculty/staff, $3 all students
All proceeds benefit the Center for the Homeless.
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/chorale.html

ND University Band
Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndband/
Free and open to the public

ND Jazz Bands
Sunday, December 5 at 7 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~ndband/
Free and open to the public

ND Collegium Musicum
Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m.
www.nd.edu/~music/ensembles/collegium.html
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
Free and open to the public

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ND CINEMA

I CENTO PASSI (The Hundred Steps)
[Italy, 2000]
Thursday, November 18
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies
In the Sicilian seaside town of Cinisi, Luigi Impastato (Luigi Maria Burruano) works for Mafia chief Gaetano Badalamenti (Tony Sperandeo). When Luigi’s rebellious son Peppino (Luigi Lo Cascio) develops a political conscience he starts a private radio station and exposes Badalamenti as a Mafia boss. Peppino’s revelations initiate a chain of violence that reaches its climax in the lead-up to local elections in which Peppino has declared his intention to run for office. Based on a true story.

EXPERIMENTAL “POETIC” FILMS
(100 minutes)
Friday, November 19
Featuring works of Henry Hills, Stan Brakhage, The Brothers Quay, Marcel Duchamp and more.

GARDEN STATE
[93 minutes]
Saturday, November 20
7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
“It’s a hilarious and heartfelt ode to twentiesomething angst.”
- Peter Travers, ROLLING STONE

“Illuminates a young man’s overdue coming of age with unexpected depth and grace.”
- Kevin Thomas, LOS ANGELES TIMES

POETRY

Textsounds: a mini conference
Thursday–Saturday, November 18–20
www.nd.edu/~english/textsound/
2 1/2 days of lectures, performances and discussion all free and open to the public, led by six of the world’s best known sound and performance poets, critics and theorists. For more information about the conference and event times please visit
www.nd.edu/~english/textsound.

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Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
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Empire Brass Christmas Concert
Friday, December 10 at 8 p.m.
http://performingarts.nd.edu/empire.shtml
North America’s finest brass ensemble, The Empire Brass, share their brilliant virtuosity and unparalleled diversity in a celebration of Christmas in the Leighton Concert Hall. The ensemble greets the season with a mix of favorite Christmas music through the ages. There will even be a sing along.
Tickets $44, $35 faculty/staff, $15 all students

The Chieftains
Sunday, January 30 at 8 p.m.
http://performingarts.nd.edu/chieftains.shtml
Leighton Concert Hall
The first word in Irish Music is the Chieftains. In 1969 the Republic of Ireland appointed them the official musical ambassadors for Ireland. They have exported Irish music to every corner of the world and finally they come to Notre Dame. Their appearance is far overdue. There are a lot of groups who play traditional Celtic music, but they all owe a great debt to the Chieftains who paved the way for them. There are few concert experiences as completely fulfilling as an evening spent in their company.
Tickets $48, $38 faculty/staff, $15 all students

Discounted tickets are underwritten by the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. There are a limited number of student discounts available.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France ends evacuation flights

French President Jacques Chirac said France would end evacuation flights from its second largest colony on Monday — an airlift that flew 5,000-plus Westerners from Africa against its former prime West African colony.

More than 10,000 African nationals — with no hope of such rescue — have fled to neighboring countries, the U.N. refugee agency said.

Two French-organized flights late Monday, to Paris and to neighboring Ghana, are the last of a series that began after the fall of the French military, French spokesman Jacques Chemainu said.

"It was terrible," said one 10-year-old German resident of Ivory Coast, who would give only his 10-year-old name because his family was also among those being called one of Monday's last evacuation flights.

PRL wins two gubernatorial races

GUSMÃO VICTORIA, Mexico — Mexico's former ruling party won two gubernatorial races and held narrow leads in two others Monday in an election showing that could make it a force in 2006 national vote.

In the state of Durango, which was widely considered to be the state of Mexico's true democracy. But the PRI has been working to rebuild, winning elections for governor in four states earlier this year.

The party was fighting to win all four seats up for grabs in Sunday's voting.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Bishops elect new president

WASHINGTON America's Roman Catholic bishops chose a new president Monday who has released the names of priests accused of molesting children and reached out to victims, but who also plans to keep a low profile over the last four years.

"There is a high-water mark for accountability," said John Ashcroft, six of Bush's 15 Cabinet members will not be part of the president's second term, which begins with his inauguration Jan. 20. An administration that experienced few changes over the last four years suddenly hit a roadblock.

Known for his moderate views and unblemished reputation, it was Powell who went before the United Nations in February 2003 to sell Bush's argument for invading Iraq to skeptics abroad. But Powell's case was built on faulty intelligence that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Still, the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman remains a trusted member of the administration, more so than ever before.

In a resignation letter dated Nov. 12, Powell told Bush that, with the election over, it was time to "step down and return to private life." The Army man for 35 years said he would stay on "for a number of weeks, or a month or two" until his replacement was confirmed by the Senate.

"I do not know," said the statement, Bush called Powell "one of the great public servants of our nation.

Most of the speculation on a successor to Powell has centered on Rice, who is generally seen as more hawkish and is one of Bush's closest advisers. She is widely considered the president's first choice for the top diplomat job despite reports that she intends to return to California — she was provost at Stanford University — or was hoping to replace Donald Rumsfeld as defense secretary.

Aides to Rice declined to comment. In Ecuador for a meeting of defense ministers, Rumsfeld gave no indication that he is on the verge of stepping down.

Also mentioned as a possible Powell replacement is U.N. Ambassador John Danforth, the former Republican senator from Missouri. Danforth described Powell as "a great person" and "an outstanding public servant." As to whether he might succeed Powell, Danforth said, "It hasn't been mentioned by me or to me."

Powell, one of the architects of the 1991 Persian Gulf War in the administration of Bush's father, often sparred in private with hard-line administration officials such as Vice President Dick Cheney and Rumsfeld over how to proceed in Iraq and the role of the international community.

In his most memorable presentation, Powell sided on and delivered the administration line before the United Nations and a worldwide audience on the rationale for ousting Saddam Hussein.

IRAQ

Battles hit Sunni Muslim heartland

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi forces fought desperate battles with insurgents across central and northern Iraq on Monday, as both sides raced in a wave of clashes that has swept the country's Sunni Muslim heartland even as the American revealed signs against the last remaining pockets of resistance in Fallujah.

In the west, 77,000 U.S. military personnel have been deployed to the mosque of Imam Ali, a religious landmark, since the city's fall last year.

The worst reported fighting took place in Baijiqah, where the mili­

itary said at least 20 insurgents were killed. Militants hit at least four different U.S. troop convoys with car bombs, wounding nine Americans in and around the Sunni stronghold of Ramadi and in the northern city of Mosul.

A recording purported to be from Iraq's most feared terror leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, instructed insurgents across Iraq to attack U.S. forces before the military can move on other guerrilla strongholds in the north.
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p.m. and 1 a.m. We also suggested bringing more daytime routes to campus and more evening routes from campus to downtown with just a few stops along the way," Baron said.

He also noted that students would welcome better signage and greater access to downtown resources.

"The issue is more than just bars," Frank Pundt, assistant director of the Performing Arts Center downtown is a jewel, and they can't get to it on the weekends," he said. "Likewise for students on campus, the Debartolo Performing Arts Center is tremendous, and they can't get to it from campus to downtown with just the services we now offer," he said. "The students heading this year's drives agreed with having sup­port for the project is the inclusion of the children the troops are help­ing to protect."

"ROTC also asked us to get together some things for the kids," Staley said. "Beanie Babies (are) something small that can be shipped over there so that the soldiers can carry something around to hard to the kids." Collection for the ROTC drive items begins Nov. 29 and ends on the last day of classes. The Notre Dame Accounting Association and the College Republicans will have student items for their own care package drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. through Friday. Project chair Jennifer Burns, a senior, suggested students and faculty donate "little everyday items that might look like luxuries" to soldiers, such as magazines, CDs and toiletries.

"We are also sending let­ters," she said. "If you don't have any money, just writing a letter or a little Christmas note or a note of thanks would be appreciated." This is the second annual NDA Christmas care package drive for the troops. Last year's drive was a success, shipping 15 boxes containing more than 300 pounds of items to Iraq, Kuwait, and even a Navy ship in the middle of the Persian Gulf, Burns said. The organization received many letters of thanks from Notre Dame friends and family who appreciated getting the packages.

One recipient was Christine Krzyzewski, a 2000 graduate who stationed at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Now a student in Notre Dame's MBA program, he was so impressed by the care packages that he quickly became involved with the care package drive upon his return to cam­pus.

"I was just floored by the support from the students." Christopher Welch alumni

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and his wife have raised for Coaches vs. Cancer - all to Brey's relief. "Make it quick," the coach said modestly. "We're all fami­ly here.

Brey began the chat by high­lighting each of his players, and assessing the impact that each will have this year. The team has, notably, nine return­ing players and just one fresh­man, Hub Kurz. "He's one of the most mostcompanies that we've ever had," Brey said. A "basketball season is a marathon, not a sprint," Brey continued, "and that's what I tell my guys. Every one of them is going to have an impact, somewhere down the line."

He called this year's team the most talented one he's coached at Notre Dame.

Brey also talked about the team's powerful schedule, which boasts 13 nationally-televi­ sioned games, and the impor­tance of getting back into the NCAA postseason tournament, both for the pride of the school and for recruiting purposes.

"I want to get back into that bracket," he said. "I don't think the guys even need to be told that. That's just a feeling in the locker room."

Compared to the Notre Dame basketball program of the early 1990's - which averaged two televised games and 300 student season tickets a year - "We've got some credi­tability back again," Brey said.

Brey then turned to recruit­ing, profiling each of next year's four recruits in a com­plementary manner. He also explained the program's meth­ods of recruit­ing.

"We don't waste time with kids who want to go pro or kids who aren't likely to come here," he said, "and most of the guys stay for four years because they want a degree from this University.

Brey identified two mentors from his career: DeMatha High School coach Morgan Wootten and Digger Phelps, whose friendship continues as well just another day in the desert."
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VIAGRA

WASHINGTON The government ordered Pfizer Inc. to yank cheeky television advertisements that promised better sex for men taking Viagra because they failed to disclose that the drug, according to a letter released on Monday.

"The TV ads omit the indication for the drug (namely, treatment of erectile dysfunction) and fail to provide information about the major side effects and contraindications of the drug, as required," Christine Heaphy, a deputy Drug Administration regulatory review officer, informed Pfizer in a letter posted on the agency's Web site.

"Remember that guy who used to be called Wild Thing as a middle-aged couple shop, looking in the win­

dow of a lingerie store. "The guy who wanted to spend the entire honey­

moon indoors?" Later, blue horns sprout from the frisky man's head with "He's back" written on his forehead. The horns morph into the letter "V" of Viagra.

The TV ads claim that Viagra will provide a return to a previous level of sexual desire and activi­

ty," Smith wrote to Robert B. Clark, Pfizer president. "FDA is not aware of substantial evid­

cence or substantial clin­i­

cal experience demonstrat­ing this benefit for patients who take Viagra."

Smith wrote.

Pfizer has already removed the TV ad clip from its Web site, and is "in the process of re­

moval of the ad clip that allegedly kept it out of the lucrative bank

market."

Both lawsuits follow an Oct. 4 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in an antitrust case brought by the Justice Department that accused Visa and MasterCard of restraining competition. The high court's decision let stand a lower court ruling requiring Visa and MasterCard to allow member banks to issue competing cards. That cleared the way for American Express and Discover to begin partner­

ing with U.S. banks.

Ex-Boeing CFO pleads guilty

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Boeing Co.'s former chief financial officer pleaded guilty Monday to illegal hiring of a top Air Force procurement office who admitted giving the company prefer­
tential treatment on a $23 billion tanker contract.

Michael Sears, 57, of Chicago, pleaded guilty to a single count of assisting and abetting illegal employment negotiations.

Sears faces up to five years in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 21, but his lawyer, James Streicker, estimated that under federal guideline­
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director Rick Rakow said. However, because of the severity of the vandalism and unauthorized entry — the man was seen in the dorm between 7 and 8:30 a.m. in violation of parietals — a continuing investigation is necessary, Rakow said. "We are still actively seeking and investigating new leads but the trail was pretty cold when we got the initial report," he said. Investigators are examining swipe card data to narrow down possible times the suspect could have entered the dorm, Rakow added. Security officers of first entry were found in NDSU's initial assessment, police concluded the suspect was let in or entered through an unlocked door. The incident came to police attention the afternoon of Nov. 7, when a Paquerra West resident reported half of the man's suspicious presence in the shower area of a fourth floor bathroom that morning. Several other residents later came forward to corroborate the sighting. Contact Claire Heininger at cheining@nd.edu

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Official offers conciliatory gesture

Israeli withdrawal from Gaza contingent on terrorist crackdown

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel on Monday offered its first indication it was reengaging relations with the Palestinians after Yasser Arafat’s death, suggesting a plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip. Israel’s security establishment is currently examining ways to work with Palestinian security forces to hand control of the Gaza Strip when Israel withdraws, senior Israeli officials said Monday on condition of anonymity. The comments constituted a “new policy.”

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“Israel should talk to us unconditionally,” Erekat told The Associated Press. “This line of conditioning things ... has been the way government handles things.”

The Palestinian Authority is required in the road map to combat militant groups. The plan, backed by the United States, United Nations, the European Union and Russia, was formally accepted by the sides in 2003 but never got off the ground due to mutual accusations of violations.

For the moment, the plan is to move troops and outposts from the Gaza Strip and freeze settlement construction.

Israel and Palestinian officials alike have expressed hope that an evacuation from Gaza that is not coordinated would bring chaos to the Gaza Strip, where militant groups have been vying for control in recent months.

In a sign of the uncertainty, shots were fired in Gaza on Sunday as Mahmoud Abbas, a leading candidate in Palestinian elections on Jan. 9, attended a gathering of people mourning Arafat. Two security guards were killed, and fears were raised that the violence could spiral.

A cease-fire by Palestinian militants is a central Israeli condition for the coordination of the Gaza pullout plan, a senior Israeli official said on condition of anonymity. Israel also expects the Palestinians to disarm the groups, stop anti-Israeli incitement and implement security and financial reforms, the official said.

In another indication that Israel was pushing ahead with the plan to move troops and outposts from the Gaza Strip and freeze settlement construction, an Israeli military spokesman said Monday on condition of anonymity that he suspected the Israelis would put up too many conditions for coordinating the pullout.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had previously refused to negotiate the “unilateral disengagement plan” with Arafat, indicating that he was responsible for four years of fighting. Arafat’s death in a French hospital last week has opened up many options, including a new start.

“I believe it is a huge opportunity to revitalize the Middle East peace process by clearing the way for a more moderate leadership,” the officials of the European Commission said Monday. Such coordination is considered crucial to avoid a chaotic transition.

Israel has every interest that Gaza will be ruled in a responsible manner when redeployment takes place,” Sharon told a conference of North American Jews in Cleveland. “If the new leadership on the Palestinian side acts to combat terror, then we will be able to consider coordinating aspects of the day after them.”

Associated Press

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Iran agrees to suspend uranium enrichment

U.N. hails decision, U.S. says it falls short

Associated Press

VIENNA — The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency Monday endorsed Iran’s agreement to suspend all uranium enrichment within a week, the key element of a deal worked out with European countries.

But the apparent victory for diplomacy falls short of U.S. demands for a permanent suspension — or scrapping — of Iranian activities that Washington asserts are meant to make nuclear weapons. Iran insists it only wants to generate electricity.

The agreement, detailed in a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, appeared to represent a breakthrough for the Europeans and to hurt a U.S. push to have Iran hauled before the U.N. Security Council for allegedly violating the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. The council could impose sanctions on Tehran.

But the deal does not settle the enrichment issue and only buys Iran more time. The agreement commits Iran to suspend enrichment while it works out the details of an aid package with the Europeans for until negotiations collapse.

U.S. officials took a wait-and-see approach to the agreement. President Bush once labeled Iran a part of an “axis of evil” with North Korea and Pakistan.

“We have seen a little bit of progress, hopefully, over the last 24 hours,” Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

State Department spokesman Richard Beccaher said, “We all need to be a bit careful at this moment” since the administration had not seen an accord.

And White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the administration will talk with Britain, France and Germany, which negotiated the deal.

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Quote of the Day
"Some painters transform the sun into a yellow spot, others transform a yellow spot into the sun."
—Pablo Picasso
Artist

The next few columns may prove to be interesting to say the least with recent shakups within the Bush administration cabinet. As for liberal puns till sore over the election, the firing range is now open for you to take pot shots at the administration.

Being a survivor myself of the Clinton years, I understand it will provide some much needed therapy. However, in all seriousness, these changes in controversial policy arenas will have very important implications on the U.S. agenda of the next four years.

Monday morning, it was confirmed Secretary of State Colin Powell is on his way out. According to the Associated Press, he plans to continue work on the Middle East and North Korea until a successor can be named. Possible successors reportedly include National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. Dick Lugar. Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has also expressed interest in the job, but chances are slim to none that such a controversial figure will be appointed as Secretary of State.

Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman, Secretary of Education Rod Paige, Secretary of Commerce Don Evans and Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham are also on the way out. Controversy and policy conflicts over energy policy have been the norm in all of these offices. In agriculture, the controversy over genetically engineered foods has heated up over the past four years. The Department of Education has had its hands full overseeing and funding details for the No Child Left Behind Act. Evens has also had his hands full in dealing with the Comprehensive Trade Organization, outsourcing and the continuing U.S. trade deficit.

While other columns may focus on the same obvious differences of opinion within Bush’s cabinet, I believe there are other more simple explanations for the departures. These explanations run contrary to the hypotheses of Bush haters who will use this as vindication for their own biases. The most compelling I believe is the sheer workload these jobs must have carried over the past four years. Although we have not even begun the second term of the administration, these people are exhausted. To use a baseball analogy, they have all pitched a hard fought eight-inning game.

Imagine for a moment what Powell’s day-to-day schedule must have been like. Placing yourself in his shoes, what would your plan be to lead the foreign policy of the United States? So, beginning in 2000, you must deal with North Korea, Iran, Iraq, the United Nations, as well as reviewing the successes and failures Clinton’s foreign policy in a Post-Cold War world. No, that doesn’t seem like enough to keep you busy.

Let’s add the first attack on the Continental United States by a foreign power since the War of 1812. Organizing an international coalition to deal with Afghanistan and a global war on terror. If that doesn’t keep you busy, how about proving to a skeptical world why intervention is needed in Iraq as half the Security Council stands to benefit from the continuation of the status quo and eventual US controls on sanctions are lifted? At the same time, you and the Defense Secretary are at each other’s throats over the effectiveness of policy and implementation of the war on terror. Just for kicks, let’s also throw in new complications with Iran, North Korea, Haiti and the Sudan.

Yes, foreign policy seems a bit overwhelming. Perhaps it would be much easier to run the Department of Justice. Things will be just as easy as the Clinton years, right? Perhaps the occasional Elian Gonzales controversy or crazy right wing anarchist militia plot against the government to deal

Editorial Cartoon
ARAFA’S SUCCESSOR WILL NEED TO FILL SOME BIG BOOTS...
Elephants on parade

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The excuse making, rationalizations of mediocrity, and woe­ is me attitude is not a very University of Notre Dame to young men poses a threat to that realness. How else can you expect to last year, and the same will be true for the seniors next year if something is not done. With the loss to Pittsburgh, Willingham's record has dropped below Bob Davie's record at this point in his tenure, and for the second year in a row Notre Dame has lost half of its home games. Our players deserve to win all of their home games, they deserve to go to good bowl games, they deserve to win the Big East, they deserve to be treated with the respect and dignity that their accomplishments merit while they are here.

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A beginner's guide to DVD, part 2

By MARK BEMENDERFER and SARAH VABULAS

Mark: One hundred twenty-five million dollars. That is how much "Halo 2" earned in the first 24 hours after it was released. That roughly translates into "Halo 2" pulling in around 5 million every hour. After 2 years of waiting and an incredible amount of hype, it is finally here. The question is, is it worth it?

The answer is a resounding yes. The game is quite literally jaw-dropping, both in graphics and game play. Encountering the towering Covenant Scarab tank, and subsequently taking it down is an experience never before seen in a video game. It looks and feels like it was pulled straight from a movie.

The single-player campaign is filled with moments that could have been lifted straight from a Hollywood blockbuster. The scale of the war is vast. Seeing numerous enemy tanks and vehicles fighting with opposing forces is quite common. The original "Halo" was known for its huge levels, and varied enemies. The sequel takes both of those traits and doubles them in volume and quality.

However, "Halo 2" shines the most with its multiplayer mode, where the original left its mark on the gaming world. The multiplayer has all the features of the previous game and then some. The appreciated cooperative mode has made a return, making the higher difficulties accessible to all.

The death match mode has returned with a vengeance. New to "Halo 2" is the dual weapon feature, which allows the player to carry two smaller weapons simultaneously. This feature is both welcome and intuitive, allowing new and returning players to adopt the new style of play with little discomfort.

The balance in game play is apparent in fans of the series, and should make it easier for newcomers to jump into the fray. The maps now lack noticeable "camp" spots, or places where a solitary individual can ambush anyone easily. Certain weapons have been toned down or improved to provide a more balanced, fair game for everyone. It is also one of the more significant changes from the original, so returning fans may find it one of the more difficult features to become acclimated to. However, once they do, they will find it easier than the original, not to mention more fun. The new plasma sword makes mastering melee combat attacks vitally important.

Another new aspect of the game is the destroyable vehicles. If the vehicle a player is riding in starts taking a beating from enemy fire, it will explode. This leads to some interesting moments as you try to narrowly...
Halo 2
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Available for Xbox

Mark's Rating: A
Sarah's Rating: A

Halo 2 blows away predecessor, competition

If you own an Xbox, you must own this game. It's that simple. While adding Xbox Live to the list of things you must have is not necessary, it is a feature that furthers this game beyond a gamer's wildest dreams. Having the ability to play fellow fans across the globe in combat or "King of the Hill" or "Capture the Flag" is a rush that cannot be duplicated. After playing matchmaking games — the typical killing multiplayer battles — gamers can even go online to bungie.com and look at their world rank, something which could drive the fanatic insane in efforts to be ranked.

"Halo 2" is sold in two versions — the standard edition and Limited Collector's Edition for the dedicated fans for a mere $5 more. This version includes an extra disc, packed with bonus content in a sturdy, silver metal box.

Campaign mode has been revamped and starts out significantly more difficult than in the original "Halo." It is much more exciting and challenging. "Halo 2" even has a strategy book available to give tips and help guide the Master Chief through the ships and terrain to achieve his goal.

While campaign mode is amazing to play by oneself, "Halo" was most popular for the multiplayer mode, which in "Halo 2" is worth even more excitement and glory. There are more maps to play and more weapons, making this multiplayer experience incredible. Who doesn't want to go around killing their friends in a virtual world?

It's hard to even begin to explain the fantastic differences between "Halo" and "Halo 2" because they are so many. "Halo 2"

gives the player the ability to jack someone's ride. Whether it's a Banshee that's flying too low, a Ghost, the powerful Scorpion Tank or Covenant Wraith, if you can get close enough, you can steal the vehicle. "Halo 2" adds new weapons and the Chief's ability — yes, that's right — to double-fist. The left and right triggers fire independently, but you lose the ability to throw grenades.

While there are some glitches in the video, the audio has none. While the multiplayer mode is the favorite of this game, the sound is actually the best addition to "Halo 2." Not only is this a brilliant use of 5.1 Dolby Digital — with true directional sound, best illustrated by the pinging of bullets ricocheting off walls behind you — but the score is phenomenal and can be bought on a separate soundtrack.

So if you do not have this game yet, get it. It's the best video game to play alone, with friends or online. "Halo 2" is around incredible.

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Bonds earns his seventh NL MVP award

At 40 years-old, he is the oldest player to win the award

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds won his record seventh NL Most Valuable Player award Monday night, capping a season of suspicion that started before the San Francisco Giants left fielder became the oldest player to win the award. The 40-year-old received 24 first-place votes and 407 points Monday in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America to earn the award for the fourth straight season.

Los Angeles third baseman Adrian Beltre was second, getting six first-place votes and 314 points. Last year’s NL MVP Albert Pujols was third with one first and 247 points.

St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen got the other first-place vote and finished fourth, followed by teammate Jim Edmonds.

Bonds is the only player with more than three MVP awards and the only one to win more than two in a row. Willie Stargell was previously the oldest to win it, sharing the 1979 NL award with Keith Hernandez at 39 1/2.

Among the four major North American professional sports, he trails only the NHL’s Wayne Gretzky, who won nine MVPs. In the NBA, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar leads with six.

Bonds became only the third player to do it since 1969, joining 760 career homers, and with 703 trails only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). But following his grand jury testimony in a federal investigation, he repeatedly was questioned whether he used steroids.

His personal trainer has been indicted for illegal distribution of steroids, but Bonds has denied using illegal steroids.

Bonds’ season was unparalleled statistically. He hit .362 to win his second NL batting title in three seasons and shattered the major league record with a .609 on-base percentage, topping the previous mark of .582 he set two years ago.

He walked 232 times, 34 more than the previous record he set in 2002 and more than 100 better than anyone else in baseball this season, and his 120 intentional walks obliterated the old mark of 68, set by Bonds in 2003.

Bonds 812 slugging percentage led the major leagues for the fourth straight season but fell short of the record he set at .563 in 2001. He hit 45 home runs and matched Aaron’s NL record of eight 40-homer seasons, trailing only Ruth’s major league mark of 11. He also became the first player in major league history with 13 consecutive 30-homer seasons.

NBA

LeBron soars as Cavaliers move above .500

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is playing for an NBA winner. Around here, that’s saying something.

James scored 13 points with 12 rebounds as the Cavaliers moved over .500 for the third time in more than three years with their fourth straight win, 99-84 over the Golden State Warriors on Monday night.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas finished with 16 points — 10 in the fourth quarter — for the Cavaliers (4-3), who hadn’t won a winning record since Jan. 12, 2001, when they were 17-16.

James was a high school sophomore back then, but now he’s the NBA’s reigning rookie of the year, player of the week and league-leading scorer.

“That doesn’t mean a thing,” James said of the Cavaliers’ winning mark. “It’s the early season, so we can’t be worrying about that. We’ve got to win a lot more.”

But after losing 52, 53, 65 and 47 games the past four seasons with little more to look forward to than the NBA lottery, being above .500 was worth celebrating.

“It means a lot to me,” Cavs coach Paul Silas said. “It’s one game over and we just have to keep this thing rolling.”

Ilgauskas scored a team-high 10 points during Cleveland’s decisive fourth-quarter spurt that helped the Cavaliers open a six-point lead and put the Warriors away.

This was the type of game a year ago the Cavaliers probably would have lost.

“Ain’t no question,” James said. “I’m not sure why, but we would have.”

The Cavaliers were passive on offense in the first half, relying on jump shots and getting to the basket to pick up fouls and attempting 26 free throws in the first half.

“We came together during a timeout in the third quarter and talked about keeping the energy,” said forward Drew Gooden, who added 13 rebounds.

“That’s what allowed us to get back in the game,” James said.

Jason Richardson matched a season high with 27 points for Golden State, which was within 84-81 with 7:50 to play on Derek Fischer’s 3-pointer.

Houston, New Jersey 69

Irae at the way his team started the game, Jeff Van Gundy said afterward.

The game was less than four minutes old, thre fouls had been called on Maurice Taylor, the Rockets were shooting 0-for-8 and trailing 11-0 — and not a twitch from Van Gundy.

The coach left Taylor in the game, and he scored Houston’s first six points to snap the early drought before the Rockets went on to defeat the New Jersey Nets 86-69 Monday night.

“It was a risk on his part, and it paid off,” said Taylor, who didn’t pick up his fourth foul until three minutes into the third quarter. By then, the Rockets were ahead by 20.

The move was an unconventional one by Van Gundy, who said he could only recall one other instance in his NBA career — coaching the Knicks against Indiana in a playoff game — when he left a player in after picking up three early fouls.

Van Gundy was only mildly satisfied with the victory, lamenting how Yao Ming had only been assertive in the two games Tracy McGrady missed prior to this one because of an injury.

Yao was in foul trouble most of the night and scored just six points. McGrady had 14, while Jim Jackson scored a season-high 18 and Taylor added 12.

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Titan lose Williams due to torn knee ligament

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee strong safety Tank Williams will miss the rest of the season after an MRI exam Monday confirmed he had torn left knee ligaments, and tackle Brad Hopkins will miss at least one game and possibly three with broken bones in his right hand.

These latest injuries mean the Titans, who already had lost four players for the season, will be without six starters for Sunday's game against Jacksonville.

"It's been par for the course this year," coach Jeff Fisher said.

Defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth also will be out with damage to his right elbow. Williams had started 41 straight regular-season games since being drafted in the second round in 2002. The Titans will be without both starting safeties, because Lance Schulters has not played since hurting his left foot Sept. 26.

Fisher said Williams will have surgery on his ACL within the next week to 10 days. The Titans may seek a second opinion for Hopkins, the Pro Bowler who has started 172 games since being drafted in the first round in 1993. Fisher said the tackle will need to have a plate inserted and possibly some screws to fix his hand.

If Hopkins is able to return, he would have to play with his hand in a cast.

Veteran Jason Mathews will start. Right tackle Fred Miller is nursing a sore ankle on an offensive line that has featured rookie Jacob Bell at left guard since Week 7. The Titans also checked running back Chris Brown's sore left toe with another MRI on Monday. Results showed the joint at the big toe actually may be healing even though it was still swollen and sore.

Chicago Pro Bowl linebacker Brian Urlacher will miss four to six weeks because of a lower left leg injury.

Urlacher, out for the entire preseason and two regular-season games with a hamstring problem, had a surgical procedure done early Monday morning on his leg, coach Lovie Smith said. There was some internal bleeding.

Smith said Urlacher would not be put on injured reserve.

"Last night I could tell something was wrong," Smith said. "Brian Urlacher's a great player and a big part of what we are doing around here. We've had injuries before, had some tough injuries. What I wanted to know, was it 'season-ending?' and it isn't."

Rookie defensive back and special teams player Alfonso Marshalls has torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and will be placed on injured reserve, ending his season.

Baltimore

Ravens' starring comeback victory over the New York Jets came at a price. The Ravens lost punter Dave Zastudil for three to four weeks with a separated shoulder. Zastudil hurt his left shoulder while being blocked after a second-quarter kick. He was replaced by backup quarterback Kyle Boller, whose initial practice punt missed the net and traveled 45 yards over the Baltimore bench.

Stewart then made his debut with the Ravens by averaging a respectable 35.4 yards on five punts, dropping two inside the 20.

"Kordell has been a joy to have around, but it was not exactly how I envisioned Kordell entering a game and impacting it," Baltimore coach Brian Billick said Monday.

The Ravens (6-3) will audition punters this week to find a starter against the Cowboys.

"I love Kordell, but I don't want to see him back there puntin' a whole lot more, even though he did a great job for us," Billick said.

Cornerback Chris McAllister (shoulder numbness) and left guard Edwin Mulitalo (broken toe) hope to be ready for Dallas.

Green Bay

Ahman Green looks like his old self again and so do the Packers. It's no coincidence the tailback's re-emergence has coincided with the Packers' four-game winning streak that has propelled them into a first-place tie atop the NFC North with Minnesota at 5-4.

In the monthlong losing streak, Green, bothered by a sore Achilles' tendon after wearing cleats that were too small during a monthlong winning streak, he's thrown for 561 yards and two touchdowns and he's thrown for a TD on a holdback option.

And after fumbling four times in the first five games, Green hasn't put the ball on the ground for a month.

On Sunday, Green, who played the second half with a bruised left knee, switched the ball from his left arm to his right toward the end of a 35-yard run, his longest in a 145-yard performance that helped the Packers beat Minnesota 34-31. Switching hands is second nature to most NFL running backs. It's big news when Green does it.

The Packers had just about given up on trying to get their enigmatic tailback to switch hands after previous attempts only led to more mistakes.

"If he's not in traffic and he is clean and he is not about to get hit and he feels comfortable with that transition, he's going to try to do that more often," coach Mike Sherman said Monday.

"But in traffic, he's going to cover up.

"We've asked him to protect the football. This is something that he worked out where he feels comfortable. I never want to make him do something that was awkward for him."

Minnesota

Randy Moss will probably miss at least one more game. The All-Pro receiver hasn't caught a pass in a month because of a strained right hamstring.

Coach Mike Tice said Monday that Moss is progressing well, but won't be allowed to play again until he completes a week of practice. The Vikings (5-4) have lost three straight, although Daunte Culpepper passed for 345 yards without Moss in a 34-31 defeat at Green Bay.

Tice said he doubted Moss would be ready to play this Sunday against Detroit, but a return for the Nov. 28 game against Jacksonville is "more than likely."
Falcons starting to pick up as season progresses

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Pick just about any other season in their mostly lamentable history and there is no question, the Atlanta Falcons would have fallen apart at a moment like this.

They had scopped up a fumble and returned it for an apparent touchdown, only to have the officials take it away. Suddenly, the Falcons defense was back on the field, deep in their territory and trying to stop Tampa Bay from converting fourth-and-less-than-1.

What transpired over the next four plays was the most convincing evidence yet that these aren’t the same Falcons.

The defense stuffed Michael Pittman for a 2-yard loss, giving the ball back to Atlanta. After an incomplete pass, T.J. Duckett broke off a 21-yard run. Then Michael Vick spotted Alge Crumpler breaking free down the middle, an overmatched linebacker in futile pursuit. A perfectly thrown pass by Vick and a feathery catch by Crumpler resulted in a 49-yard touchdown.

This time it counted. Some even
yep, the Falcons seem to have that most intangible of intangibles, a gritty resilience that bridges the fine line between championships and mediocrity.

“You preach it and you emphasize it, but until you get yourself in a situation where you have to prove it, it’s just words,” coach Jim Mora said Monday. “I think our team has been able to prove it to themselves and to others that we have resiliency and we have resolve.”

Indeed, the Falcons (7-2) have a comfortable three-game lead in the NFC South largely because they’ve been able to bounce back from times of hardship. A 24-14 victory over the Buccaneers was just the latest example.

After their first loss, at home against Detroit, the Falcons trailed San Diego by 10 going to the fourth quarter. But Vick ran for one touchdown, passed for another and ran out the clock on a 21-20 victory.

Atlanta was humiliated the next week at Kansas City, giving up an NFL-record eight touchdowns rushing in a 56-10 loss. Looking like a team on the ropes as they headed to Denver, the Falcons were burned for a season-high 567 yards, but still cruised to a 41-28 victory.

Now, this.

The Falcons scored on their first three possessions Sunday for a 17-0 lead, then went into hibernation. The next six possessions produced no first downs and a grand total of 14 yards. The Buccaneers rallied scoring a pair of touchdowns and driving into position for the go-ahead score — or at least a tying field goal — early in the fourth quarter.

But give credit to Mora, a rookie coach who has handled his first team like he’s been doing it for years. He’s been preaching since the earliest days of training camp to keep looking forward, not back. For a franchise that’s won only two division titles in its 39-year history, that’s not always easy to do. But the message seems to be getting through.

“You build on it,” Mora said. “It becomes a feeling of confidence, I think, that our guys have. No matter what happens, we’ve got a chance if we just keep plugging away and keep believing in what we’re doing.”

This was a true leap of faith. The Bucs had third-and-1 at the Atlanta 28 when the craziness began.

Pittman was stopped short of the first down, and Travis Hall stripped the ball loose. Chris Draft scooped it up, was tripped by a teammate, got back up and ran some 60 yards for an apparent touchdown.

The officials didn’t signal anything at first, but finally decided that Pittman’s forward progress was stopped before he fumbled. Mora argued the call vehemently, but acknowledged after the game that the officials sorted things out correctly.

“He was going back when the ball came out,” Mora said. “It looked discombobulated, but the officials made the right call.”

The Atlanta defense didn’t have time to white. Bucs coach Jon Gruden sent his offense back on the field, deciding to go for it on fourth down — his team needed less than a yard — rather than attempt a field goal.

“The great thing about this team is when we are faced with tough times that’s when we turn it up,” linebacker Keith Brooking said. “That’s when you find out a lot about your team.”

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**NFL**

**Philadelphia Eagles**

Eagles receiver Todd Pinkston pulls the ball away from Dallas Cowboys cornerback Jacques Reeves. The play resulted in a touchdown for Philadelphia en route to a 49-21 win.

**In Brief**

**Indiana State dumps coach after seven losing seasons.**

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Tim McGuire was fired Monday after seven years without a winning record as football coach at Indiana State. The Syracuses never won more than five games in a season since McGuire became coach in 1998. He was the team's defensive coordinator for five years before that.

"This is one of the unfortunate realities of intercollegiate athletics," athletic director Andrea Myers said.

"All of our head coaches have specific performance expectations, and those are addressed as part of their annual evaluations. Regrettably, those expectations have not been met."

McGuire, who played at Nebraska, was defensive coordinator at Kansas State and Northern Illinois. He also was an assistant at Navy and was head coach for two years at Morningside, a Division II college in Sioux City, Iowa.

**Eagles destroy Dallas in Texas Stadium.**

McNabb led Philadelphia to six touchdowns, throwing three of them to Terrell Owens, and topped them all with his amazing improvisation, then Lito Sheppard added a 101-yard interception return for one final score, helping the Eagles resoundingly bounce back from their first loss of the season with a 49-21 victory over the reeling Cowboys.

The Eagles (8-1) quickly made it known that they won the state, but they will have to face six touchdowns, more than they'd scored in any game this season — and wound up with their most points since beating St. Louis 52-10 in November 1981. McNabb was 15-of-28 for 345 yards, with four TD passes and no interceptions. Owens caught six passes for 134 yards. Philadelphia scored touchdowns the last five times it had the ball before halftime.

There was the minor interruption of a punt, but the Cowboys (3-6) fumbled the return, adding to the humiliation of their fifth loss in six games — and their eighth in nine tries against the Eagles. Their last three losses have been 21, 23 and, now, 28 points.

This one was historically ugly as Dallas gave up its most points ever at home and its most anywhere since a 50-24 loss in Cincinnati in December 1985. The Cowboys allowed four touchdowns in the first quarter (the second for five times in franchise history and the third for Philadelphia scored in the first half tied another dumbest record.

Owens preferred to skate in the end zone after his first score, a 59-yarder, then playfully argued with McNabb on the sideline, mocking their confrontation from last week.

**Associated Press**

IRVING, Texas — Donovan McNabb spun away from one would-be tackler and sprinted to his right, only to find another defender waiting. So he went back to his left, chased by two more players, and finally heaved the ball, letting loose a 60-yard pass that looked more like a punt.

Freddie Mitchell ran under it for an easy catch, of course. The way the Philadelphia Eagles were rolling against the Dallas Cowboys on Monday night, it seemed they could do no wrong.

**IN BRIEF**

**Indianapolis Pike, which finished third last season, was voted No. 2 in the preseason poll.**

**Manning to start for Giants Sunday against Atlanta**

EAGLESBURG, N.J. — Eli Manning has replaced Kurt Warner as the New York Giants' starting quarterback.

Coach Tom Coughlin made the move Monday after Warner and the offense struggled for the second consecutive week in a 17-14 loss to the Cardinals in Arizona. The Giants (3-4) have lost three of the last four games after a 4-1 start.

"Manning, the top pick in this year's draft and the brother of Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, will face the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday at Giants Stadium."

"He is the future of the New York Giants, it just starts now," Coughlin said of Manning, who lost a close training camp competition with Warner for the starting job.
NBA

After ankle surgery, Hill hospitalized for staph infection

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Not yet in uniform, Grant Hill rolled up
the sleeve of his dross shirt to reveal a scar running from
the back of his left elbow to the
top of his triceps.

This is the scar, created by
doctors removing skin and
arteries to patch the incision
on his left ankle, that made
Hill push back his comeback and
think about life and
death, not just running and
jumping.

The untold story of Hill's
comeback from four ankle
operations is the staph infec-
tion that came afterward, hos-
pitalizing him for a week and
forcing him onto intravenous
antibiotics for six months.

Monday, staying ahead of third-
place Auburn because of a

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tion set in.

Staph infections can kill, and
Hill's condition was severe
enough that it took six months of

treatment with the strongest antibiotics available
to rid his body of the bacteria.

"As time goes by, I'm more
comfortable talking about it," Hill
told the Associated Press on Sunday. "But I look at it as
a blessing because it forced me
to slow down and really say 'Let's get this thing right.'"

Five days after Hill under-
went a major surgical proce-
dure in March, 2003, in which
doctors re-fractured his ankle
and realigned it with his leg
tibia, he developed a 104.5-
degree fever and convulsions.

His wife, Tamia, rushed him
to the hospital.

"When we both saw the
reaction of the people at the
hospital, we knew there was
something wrong," Hill said.

Doctors removed the splint
around his ankle and discov-
dered the infection was infected.

Hill had developed red and
black welts on his leg, and the
shaking and convulsions pro-
gressed to the point where
orders had to hold him
down.

"He was in the living room
and his teeth were chattering,
and I thought he was just
being overly dramatic, like he
was a bad actor or something,
but he was truly delirious," Tamia said in a telephone
interview. "We got to the hos-
pital and they took him in on
a stretcher.

"It was bad, and I don't
think we realized even then how
bad it was."

Luckily, the infection hadn't
spread to the bone.

Hill's slow recuperation,
including getting hooked up to
an IV machine three times a
day, erased any ideas he had
about returning during the
2003-04 season.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Computers keep Oklahoma No. 2 in BCS, Auburn No. 3

Associated Press

Computers prefer Oklahoma over Auburn — and Southern California.

The Sooners held on to sec-
ond place in the BCS Championship Series standings on
Monday, staying ahead of third-
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With the way it stands now,
Palm said, Auburn would have
to be ahead in each poll by
about 60 points to make up
Oklahoma's advantage in the
computers.

ECDC ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

When: November 12-22, 2004
Where: ECDC-ND and ECDC-SMC
(ECDC-ND is located on Bulla Road across from
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Havican Hall on the Saint Mary's Campus)
What: Scholastic Book Fair with a wide selection
of quality children's books for preschoolers
through upper elementary grades, including chapter
books. Cookbooks and other books great for
groups are also available for purchase.
How: Come and check out the wide selection
of quality books available. Pay by cash, check or
credit card.

Why: SUPPORT ECDC! Great holiday gifts. All
funds raised will go towards the purchase of
educational materials

Volleyball vs. Northern Iowa

Tuesday, November 16th
7 PM @ the Joyce Center
First 500 fans receive a Leprechaun nesting doll
sponsored by Drive and Shine
Come out to support the Irish seniors in the last home match
Olympics

Paris favored to win 2012 Olympic bid

Associated Press

LONDON — The five cities looking to host the 2012 Summer Games submitted bids to the International Olympic Committee on Monday, entering the final stage of a long process in hopes of landing one of the biggest prizes in sports.

Paris, the front-runner to win next year's vote, turned in documents, as did London, Madrid, New York and Moscow. Each book totals more than 550 pages, allowing the IOC to evaluate venues, security, transportation, hotels and financing.

"The bid document in itself is not enough to get you across the line, but it will make your bid better," said London 2012 chairman Sebastian Coe. The Olympic 1,500-meter champion in 1980 and 1984. "This is what I would describe as the business of the race. You're not quite into the last lap, but you're just beginning to group at the bell."

The IOC evaluation commission travels to the candidate cities early next year, and will give its recommendations to the 100-plus IOC members a month before they vote by secret ballot in Singapore on July 6.

British bookmaker Ladbrokes on Monday installed Paris as the 1-2 favorite to host its third Olympics after bid losses in 1900 and 1924. London, the 1908 and 1948 host, was at 3-1, with Madrid at 4-1, New York at 14-1 and Moscow, the 1980 host, at 33-1.

Paris has much of the infrastructure in place after hosting soccer's World Cup in 1998. "We are not overconfident but we feel, due to all the work and checking that has been done and the support from the French government, politicians, IOC members, athletes and community leaders, we think we have put together the best of France," Paris 2012 spokesman Jerome Lentin said.

London plans to regenerate a rundown area of east London, building an Olympic Park. London's bid also includes landmarks such as Wembley, the new Wembley Stadium and Hyde Park.

New York's bid is backed by U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth, who ran the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

"This city offers an outstanding combination of marketing, financial and media power that can help the games achieve a new level of global prominence," Ueberroth said Monday.

New York is anchoring its bid on a plan for a stadium on Manhattan's West Side that would be home to the New York Jets. Ueberroth touted the organization of the New York bid and the city's place on the world stage.

"New York is renowned as one of the most international cities in the world with strong ties to every nation," he said.

NFL

Texans endure another setback

Houston's 49-14 loss to Indianapolis leaves team puzzled

Associated Press

HOUSTON — David Carr was reminded of those painful afternoons during his rookie season, when the expansion Houston Texans were simply fodder for the NFL's heavyweights.

"It's been a long time since I've been beaten like this," Carr said Sunday after the Indianapolis Colts routed the Texans 49-14. "We have a long way to go.

"The Texans are suddenly looking less like a young team on the rise and more like the punchless expansion team they were in 2002.

"It has been a long time since I've been beaten like this." -David Carr

Texan quarterback David Carr was humiliated by the Indianapolis Colts. The Colts defeated the Texans 49-14 on Sunday.

The coach kept his cool — typical of a distraught locker room, he said — "I dropped back, and it looked like there were 11 guys in coverage." Things weren't much better on the other side of the ball.

"You hope you don't have this happen to you today," Carr said.

Making a lopsided loss even worse, Indianapolis kept throwing the ball instead of running it out the clock with a 35-point lead in the fourth quarter.

"We played too soft," said Gary Walker, a Houston defensive end.

"I thought that disrespected us. It bothered me," said rookie cornerback Dunta Robinson, who ran in a personal-foul penalty in the fourth quarter.

"How can you accept the responsibility." Things weren't much better on the other side of the ball. Carr was hammered by defensive end Dwight Freeney on his first play of the game and kept on an interception that was returned 77 yards for a touchdown on his last snap.

"I thought they established an identity that we don't know from week to week what we're doing," said Peyton Manning, who threw three interceptions against the NFL's worst defense.

"We played too soft," defensive end Gary Walker said. "How can you establish an identity when you don't know from week to week what we're doing?" Manning is smart, but he ain't God.

"How can we have the players we have on this team and go out and lose like that?"

Capers didn't respond to that criticism, other than to note Walker always gets off seam after big losses.

"The coach kept his cool and hoped that his young team would follow suit in the coming weeks.

"We need to have as many days like that." Carrers said. "You always say that that will never happen to me. But this is a humbling business."
Women's boxing club semifinals to be held Thursday

**Tennis**

**Federer dominates in first round of Masters Cup**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Roger Federer still looks unbeatable on the court.

Showing no signs of a torn thigh muscle that sidelined him for three weeks, Federer returned to action Monday with a 6-1, 7-6 (4) victory over Gaston Gaudio of Argentina in the first round of the ATP Masters Cup championships.

Two-time Masters Cup winner Lleyton Hewitt of Australia met the ARGS of Spain in a later match.

Federer no longer wears his hair in a pony tail. He cut it two months ago in Toronto, and more recently it's been even shorter.

"Who knows, in a couple of weeks it might be even shorter," Federer said. "I'm taking it step by step, just like my tennis." 

Federer played in a tournament for the first time since he beat Andy Roddick at Bangkok early last month for his 10th title of the season. On Oct. 25, Federer tore his left thigh muscle.

The Swiss star sped through a rain-delayed first set, breaking Gaudio in the fourth game on the fourth break point. Gaudio didn't win another point in the first set. The match was interrupted by rain for two hours.

Although Gaudio rallied in the second set, Federer moved well, chasing down drop shots and retreating to run down overheads.

"I am quite relieved to play my first match, to have won it," Federer said. "Coming back from playing no tournaments, no play, to win the first match, you know, I'm just happy it's over, won or lost. Now I can actually build from this and I'm in a good situation." 

Gaudio, who staged a comeback to win the French Open, fought back in the second set to force a tiebreaker. Gaudio was down three break points in the ninth game before managing to hold serve.

Gaudio held again in the 11th game after overcoming three more break points.

Federer served the final two points of the tiebreaker, taking it to match point with a strong volley winner and closing the match with a forehand winner.

"I didn't play good today in the first set but I think I still have more good tennis to play," Gaudio said. "I hope the next time I play Roger will be better for me. Today he played better than me in the first set." 

Federer's No. 1 ranking for 2004 was assured Sept. 13 when he defeated Hewitt in the U.S. Open final for his third major of the year.

Federer has been almost unstoppable since he beat Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-0, 6-4 in last year's Masters Cup final. Since that tournament, Federer has a 19-0 record against top 10 opponents.

"I'm much more relaxed coming into this year's tournament because last year I didn't feel great at all coming in here," Federer said. "This year, my No. 1 ranking is locked up already. I have had already a fantastic season. No matter what happens here, I am going to walk away happy." 

**NFL**

Cardinals playoff hopes not a false allusion

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Tough, fast, mean. The Arizona Cardinals aren't pushovers anymore, thanks to an aggressive, hard-hitting defense.

Even the "p" word — playoffs — isn't as ridiculous as it might seem.

After a 17-14 victory over the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, Arizona is 4-2-1, equaling its win total for all of last season, and is just a game out of first place in the unimposing NFC West.

In his first season, coach Dennis Green has changed the attitude of this moribund franchise. The Cardinals aren't winners yet, but they're no pushovers, either.

"I think we are a step closer to being a good team," Green said Monday.

Since an 0-3 start, the Cardinals are 4-2-1 going into next Sunday's game at Carolina. After that, Arizona plays four of its last six at home.

The Cardinals are 3-1 at Sun Devil Stadium and ended a 17-game road losing streak with a come-from-behind 24-23 win over Miami two weeks ago.

The last two victories might have been ugly, but the hits have been hard for a defense that shut out the Giants in the second half.

"We've been able to develop a style of play here," Bertrand Berry said, "and the fans really respond. That's what good teams do — they win at home." 

Green brought a reputation for high-scoring offense from his decade as coach of the Minnesota Vikings. But defense has been Arizona's strongest asset.

"When a guy makes a play, then somebody else wants to make a play," defensive tackle Russell Davis said. "It gets contagious." 

"It's the lone holdover on a defensive line that was one of the worst in the NFL a year ago," Rokie Darrell Dockett is the other tackle. "I am the other tackler. Peppi Zeller, acquired in a trade with Oakland, plays one end, and the team's unquestioned defensive leader, Berry, is the other." 

Berry, signed as a free agent out of Denver, had four of Arizona's six sacks of Kurt Warner on Sunday, and has nine for the season. Green thought the biggest play of the game came when Berry dropped Tiki Barber for a loss.

"You can talk sacks and all that," Green said, "but when he knifed in there and hit the blocker and knocked him back into the ball carrier for like a 4-yard loss, that was a stunner. Many times you need a stunning play to make a team think, 'We can't go any more.' That's what they thought they could do." 

Berry has been a mentor for Dockett, who dipped to the third round because of some off-field problems at Florida State.

"I've learned so much from that experience back in the field," Dockett said. "He's a class guy and he plays hard. Every time I line up in front of him I'm comfortable because I know that I'm going to be playing 110 (percent), because he's playing 110. If you're here, you know you can play football, but it teaches you how to be a better person." 

Emmitt Smith has been a major reason for Arizona's impressive 4-5 start this season.
fourth and senior Alicja Kryczalo posted a fourth-place finish in the foil division.

"I said (before the tournament) that some fencers would be rusty, like those who didn’t compete (last weekend)," Bednarski said. "Kryczalo lost two bouts, and she didn’t get to first place. She’s already won three NCAA championships — she just needs more bouts and competition to get to form."

In addition to allowing the Irish to test their postseason form, the tournament also afforded them the unique opportunity to directly scout a number of fencers from a pair of key rivals in Ohio State and host Penn State. The Buckeyes picked up five top-10 finishes over the two-day event while the Nittany Lions recorded a tournament-high 14 top-10 finishes and tied with Ohio State for division champions with a pair.

"The top of the university (rankings) is Ohio State — Penn State is very close to them, and at the moment, we are chasing them," Bednarski said. "I think that Columbus will be very strong, and what was interesting was the very good performance from Princeton University.

Nevertheless, while in Bednarski’s opinion the Irish are currently trailing Big Ten rivals Ohio State and Penn State, the future of Irish fencing appears bright.

“We were very happy with the performance of the young fencers,” Bednarski said. "So it is the hope that we will be progressing.

After fencing each of the past two weekends, the Irish will take several weeks off before competing in more individual action Dec. 4 at the Culver Cup Individuals in Culver, Ind.

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Emily Loomis, Kelly Corbett and Leah Nedderman are the three seniors who will be making their last appearance on the Joyce Center floor.

Nedderman was sidelined in 2003 with a stress fracture in her right foot and has not played this year either. This has been a major disappointment for both Nedderman and the Irish team as she showed a lot of promise early in her career. In only her first college season, she managed to make it 16 conference tournament starts and 6 NCAA appearances.

"The bottom line is we want to help our best teams prepare for success in the NCAA tournament," commissioner Mike Trangbese said. "If we expanded the tournament field to 16 teams, there would be no byes — or rewards — for what’s going to be an exciting, but grueling regular season.

"Almost every match of her four years. Loomis was named to the first team all-Big East team in 2003 along with winning the most valuable player award at the 2002 conference tournament.

"We only got better in 2003 when she was honored as an honorable mention All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and was also named second team all-Big East.

Loomis also holds numerous school records, including most consecutive matches with 10 or more kills (21) and most kills in a match without an error (24).

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Big East to switch to one 16-team conference

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Big East will be one 16-team division in 2005-06 and only 12 schools will participate in the postseason basketball tournament.

The league announced the new structure Monday and it takes affect following the addition in 2005 of five schools from Conference USA and Boston College’s departure for the Atlantic Coast Conference. Miami and Virginia Tech left for the ACC this academic year, leaving the Big East with 12 schools.

Louisville, Cincinnati, DePaul, Marquette and South Florida make the move from Conference USA to make it 16 schools.

The schools will still play a 16-game regular-season schedule with 13 opponents and three repeat matchups. The league office will decide the repeat matchups and it will be based on television, rivals and geography.

Only 12 schools will advance to the annual postseason tournament at Madison Square Garden, the same as the current setup.

“Every team will want to help our best teams prepare for success in the NCAA tournament,” commissioner Mike Trangbese said. “If we expanded our tournament field to 16 teams, there would be no byes — or rewards — for what’s going to be an exciting, but grueling regular season.

“Many within the league were apprehensive about the size of the new conference.

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Lunch is served on a first-come, first-serve basis.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, November 18-19
CONFERENCE – Hesburgh Center Auditorium
Reforming the State in Mexico: The Challenge After Fox and NAFTA (see http://kelloqq.nd.edu/afterNAFTA.html)
Conference Chair: Christopher Welna, Kellogg Institute, Department of Political Science

FRIDAY, November 19 at 10 a.m.
COFFEE AND COOKIES with Michael McCarr, N.D.’71 – 131 Decio
Learn how to forge a fascinating international career by meeting Michael McCarr, Executive Director, Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange, Washington, D.C. (see www.alliance-exchange.org)

For a complete list of IEW events, see www.nd.edu/~issa, the International Student Services & Activities Web site.
SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Saint Mary’s places in NCAA regional

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Six members of the Saint Mary’s Cross Country team gave a strong showing on Saturday at the NCAA Division-III Great Lakes Region Championship meet. Saint Mary’s finished with a score of 608 and placed 22nd out of 26 scoring teams at the meet.

The overall winner of the meet was Shannon McConville from John Carroll University. McConville finished in a time of 21 minutes 31 seconds.

A total of 32 teams were represented at the regional competition. Denison University took first place at the meet with a score of 84, followed by DePauw University and Kenyon College who brought in scores of 99 and 136, respectively.

Last year’s regional champion, Mount Union College, finished fourth place with a score of 152. Meghan Gray, Erin Nolan, Risa Zander and Sara Otto ran for the Belles in the 6000-meter race that officially completed the season for a 6K.

For the rest of the women, Saturday was one more opportunity to prepare for next season’s conference competition. Nolan and Otto have become increasingly effective for the Belles in their sophomore years.

Feauto, who will return for her senior year, has consistently finished strong for the Belles. For Gray and Murphy, the 2004 season was their first with Saint Mary’s. Both runners finished in first and second for the team throughout the season. With a year of experience, these two will be looked upon to play a more critical role for the team next season.

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receive had it beaten the Panthers.

“We have two remaining games,” Willingham said leading up to the Pittsburgh game. “So if we can win those two, not putting the second game in front of the first game … hopefully it will establish a certain level of bowl game we can go to.”

But Pittsburgh also needed the magic number six for its bowl hopes, and the Panthers pulled off an upset much like the Irish did the week before.

As the bye week begins, Notre Dame is projected by CBS Sportline to meet Georgia Tech in the Continental Tire Bowl on Dec. 30, a heavy step down from the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl. CBSSportline.com now has Texas and LSU penciled in to play in Dallas instead of the Irish.

“Usually what happens is the team that is most consistent makes a few more plays that given day than the other team and they win,” Willingham said.

“And in some cases, they make a lot more plays.”

USC has made a lot more plays than its opponents this season.

Running back Reggie Bush—a former Notre Dame recruit—and quarterback Matt Leinart are both Heisman candidates who have helped the Trojans outscore opponents 371-116.

While Pittsburgh’s Tyler Palko threw for 334 yards and five touchdowns against the Irish secondary last Saturday, Leinart brings more impressive numbers into the match-up. The southpaw has a 64.0 completion percentage, with 23 touchdowns and four interceptions.

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Horoscope
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- Zeno Grey, Fred Lyngstad, Sam Waterston, Beverly D'Angelo

Happy Birthday: Don't let the past get you down. Adopt the mindset that you can adapt to whatever comes your way. Nothing will be as expected, but in many cases it will far exceed your expectations. Your numbers are 6, 19, 21, 32, 44

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You won't get off easy if you oversleep. You will face negative response from both your colleagues and your family. Whatever you do stick to your budget both professionally and personally

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The stars will shine brightly on you. Step into the spotlight and voice your opinion. Line will come from you. Spend time with your spiritual needs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have plenty to chat about. Take care of the responsibilities of someone who can no longer do it for itself. Many things may be tight, but if you are thorough you'll do OK.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This can be an exciting day for you if you share your feelings. Romance is highlighted. Make arrangements to do something to spruce up your looks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Turn on your charm chart and you will make headway in your relationships, family and everyone will follow. If you are too aggressive, you will be cast aside.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An opportunity to make a difference to a friend or a youngster is present. The more you do to help someone, the better you will feel about yourself. Leave it on the up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anything stand in your way. Get your point heard or your ideas off the ground. Short trips will lead to information that will give you a solid basis to work from.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make phone calls or drop in to see people who respect you in your industry. A lot can happen in a day if you hang out with the right people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): To get down to business and make things happen. Don't let your personal life interfere with your professional responsibilities. Someone may try to damage your reputation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may not be feeling up to par, but you must tend to your responsibilities before you can rest. It will be difficult to keep a secret because you'll talk too much.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let anyone stand in your way. Dig deep and ask questions. You'll find the information you need to get ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The more you do, the better you will feel, but don't let anyone take advantage of your good heartedness. Doing too much can happen. Don't let anyone take advantage of your good heartedness.

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FOOTBALL

Zero percent Cotton?

Team's loss to Pitt hurts chances for a prestigious bowl game

By PAT LEONARD

Notre Dame's win over Tennessee was not just an upset of a Top-10 team. The Irish walked away from Knoxville with the magic number 12 attached to their name. Six wins. And those wins made Notre Dame bowl eligible with two games remaining on the schedule.

But the Irish also gained control of that bowl destiny with its win over the Volunteers. Notre Dame enters its second bye week of the season knowing some of the control slipped away in a loss to Pittsburgh on Saturday.

"What we do know: we are bowl eligible," Willingham said after the Tennessee victory. "We do know with every win we have a chance to increase, in most cases, what bowl we can go to. So that is my focus for our team. Every win creates another level."

Willingham and the coaches knew a win over Pittsburgh was crucial to keeping their hopes alive to playing in higher bowls, like the Cotton Bowl bid that Notre Dame seemed poised to see BOWL/page 22

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish set to play final home game

By MIKE GILLOON

Notre Dame takes on Northern Iowa tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center in the last home match of the season for the Irish.

The Panthers are currently in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) with a record of 13-4 and 21-8 overall. They come into South Bend riding a five-match winning streak, their last loss a sweep at the hands of league-leader Wichita State on Oct. 30.

Notre Dame setter Ashley Tauris believes that even though the Panthers are not from a major conference, they still pose a tough challenge for the novelty-crowned Big East regular season champion Irish.

"I think that they're a really good team and that we should be evenly matched," she said. "The game will be really good."

The men kicked off the annual

FOOTBALL

Wilson makes most of time

Editor's note: This story was originally supposed to run Friday in the Senior Irish Insider. However, due to a production error, it did not appear. The Observer regrets the error.

Observer Staff Report

Marcus Wilson saw his first significant playing time this season, and has made the most of it. The senior running back, who has one year of eligibility remaining, has played in all 10 games for the Irish, the only running back to do so.

He has rushed 33 times for 133 yards, a career best, and good for four yards per carry average. He is third on the team in rushing, behind Darius Walker and Ryan Grant. Wilson scored his first career touchdown against Drake.

The Panthers have also been led this year by junior Rachael Tink. The junior had 18 digs and 18 kills against Drake Saturday night and will need a similar performance if they are to pull off the upset against the Irish.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

The Belles finished 22nd out of the 26 teams that placed in the Division III Great Lakes Regional.

NCAA BASKETBALL

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Oklahoma remains No. 2 in the BCS rankings. A finish ahead of auburn, USC remains No. 1 in the standings.

NBA

After four ankle operations, Orlando's Grant Hill endures a stiff injection that will delay his comeback.

NFL

Tennessee's strong safety Tank Williams will miss the remainder of the season after an MRI exam confirmed he had torn left knee ligaments.

Barry Bonds won his seventh MVP award after batting .362 this season for San Francisco.