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STUDENT SENATE
Group approves letters
Senators want clocks in every classroom
By KATLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate decided unanimously Wednesday to send two letters—one in support of restructuring the Peace Studies minor curriculum and one to gauge the Faculty Senate's thoughts about installing clocks in all campus classrooms.

Karen Koski, the chair of the Social Concerns committee, presented the letter in support of incorporating a "global track" into the undergraduate Peace Studies minor.
The Social Concerns committee was approached last year about sending a letter in support of an effort by Professor Jude Dashit-Gibson to add a Global Studies concentration to the Peace Studies minor, Koski said. Dashit-Gibson is the director of academic programs at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.
In the letter addressed to the director of undergraduate studies, the Student Senate supports Dashit-Gibson's initiative.
"Every student, school...
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NDBC competition finalists selected
Three student scripts given permission to shoot commercials; public will decide winner
By GENE NOONE
News Writer

Drawing from a pool of 37 submissions, the Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) department chose three scripts as finalists in NBC's Notre Dame football commercial contest.
Senior James Geyer, sophomore Cristina Bafalino, Maria Bafalino and Mandy Miller, and juniors Meghan Hartmann and Elizabeth Meany will now begin production on their 30-second spots.
Karen Heisler, the supervisor of the FTT internship program, was one of the faculty members who reviewed the submitted scripts.
Heisler said three FTT faculty members reviewed each script and chose 10 of the 37, with some members' choices overlapping. The group re-examined those scripts, narrowed the field to three and then selected the finalists.
Heisler said the judges looked for creativity, originality and production feasibility. It was also important that each script reflect NBC's main goal of showing what Notre Dame football means to students, she said.
We were pleased with both the number of entries and the... see NBC/page 6

GuluWalk to raise money for Ugandans
Notre Dame senior organizes annual event to increase awareness of children's plight
By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

On Sunday afternoon, most members of the Notre Dame community will be recovering from Saturday's home football game, but senior Joel Steiner hopes people will take a few hours to participate in the GuluWalk, an event that raises money for children in northern Uganda.
Steiner is organizing GuluWalk South Bend, an annual event started in the area in 2003 by then-Notre Dame student Peter Quaranto and Michael Poffenberger.
Steiner met Quaranto and Poffenberger, now graduates of the University, through his work in Uganda, where he spent part of last year.
Steiner is now an active member of the Notre Dame branch of Resolve Uganda, a Washington, D.C.-based northern Uganda advocacy group.
Steiner said he hopes to draw all types of community members to the walk Sunday... see GULU/page 8

Stressed students seek services
Health Services, Counseling Center see signs of academic anxiety
By KATE MCCLELLAND
News Writer

As midterm week approaches, many students are mentally preparing themselves for all-nighters at the library, coffee breaks at midnight, sleep deprivation and heavy stress.
But for some students, the levels of anxiety can become a chronic medical concern.
Last year, 27 percent of students (957 undergraduates in total) who sought counseling at the University Counseling Center were treated for anxiety—one of the main symptoms of chronic stress.
"Students at Notre Dame have extremely high expectations for themselves, which can cause an extraordinary amount of stress," said Dr. Wendy Settle, a staff psychologist and coordinator for outreach and consultation at the Counseling Center. "I think that unfortunately our environment tends to promote perfectionism and piling on the assignments and the committees along with an attitude of 'suck it up.'"
"Because Notre Dame students are intelligent, they tend to appear as if they are functioning much longer before they finally fall apart."
Often, Settle said, students deny the effects of stress by trying to cope using "solutions" such as adopting perfectionist attitudes, over committing their schedules, bingeing and purging, drinking alcohol or caffeine too much or too often, becoming overly angry or irritable or being unassertive.
"I see many students who think they are sailing right along doing fine until the symptoms of anxiety or depression begin to creep up out of the blue," Settle said. "Notre Dame students are becoming more aware of attending to their own mind-body health, and are showing greater interest in learning how to prevent and manage stress."
For students dealing with stress-related illnesses, there are now more opportunities than ever to learn effective techniques for dealing with what can feel like overwhelming stress.
The Counseling Center and its staff of psychologists and psychiatrists provide individual and group counseling for students that may be suffering from... see STRESS/page 8

Web sites explore South Bend scene
Nightlife, restaurant reviews posted on pages
By SARAH MAYER

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students may venture off campus more often to explore South Bend after two new Web sites—sobeND.com and inthebend.com—were launched earlier this year to shine a spotlight on the city's cultural events and attractions.
While both Web sites promote South Bend's cultural life to college-age students, they do it differently, catering to different types of users.
Whitney Levett, the creator of sobeND.com, said his Web site is geared toward college students and young adults and is therefore focused on the city's nightlife, especially the bar and restaurant scene.
"I targeted the demographic of 18-34 year-olds, or as I call it, generation Y," Levett said.
Set against a black background with neon signs, sobeND.com features different sections that directly aim at students, including "Bendipix," a page where users can upload and post pictures of popular bars and clubs during their busiest... see SITES/page 6
INSIDE COLUMN

Ticked off about a bike

On Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007, between 8 and 9 p.m. United States Eastern Standard Time, my bicycle was stolen from the row of bike racks northeast of South Dining Hall. I'm really truly ticked off about it.

It's not usually a good idea for "being ticked off" to be one's direct and only motivation, although it can be a great primary motivation as long as it leads to other, nobler rationales. For example, when women didn't have the right to vote in the United Kingdom around the turn of the century, many intellectuals were ticked off about this and were able to translate their frustration into a rational examination of the sources of the problem. Then there was Emily Wilding Davison, who was also ticked off about this. In protest, she went on to stand in front of the King's horse and died from trampling-induced injuries.

Clearly, if being ticked off is your sole, direct motivation, bad things can happen. However, this sort of rationalizing doesn't make me any less ticked off that someone stole my bike.

It doesn't have anything to do with the bike itself, which was a piece of junk. If the goodness of bicycle seats would have been only 1-2 percent better than having no seat at all, and as far as shocks rank, I understand that a Notre Dame student losing $50 worth of bicycle isn't exactly the greatest of injustices.

But someone took the 5-10 seconds necessary to break my $3 bike lock, and the football team is 1-5, and both of these facts continue to piss me off.

All I know is that, when I reported my bike stolen to the Notre Dame Security/Police, the officer was friendly enough to recommend that I "check the Guy." And, a few days ago, a football player was overheard claiming that he had beaten up a bike, because the ones he stole were always too small for him. And one of Delhi's new defensive lineman was ticked off about this. In protest, he went on to stand in front of the officer's horse and died from being trampled.

The criminal complaint said Pedro Fernando Brito, 26, drove down the street before dawn on Sunday. He didn't wake when the truck crossed the centerline, or when an officer ran up and jumped on the running board, reached inside and put the truck in neutral.

The criminal complaint said Pedro Fernando Brito, 26, was undisturbed when the officer stopped the truck and woke him up, the complaint said. "This is a weird one. Strange," Richfield police Lt. Todd Sandel said. "He was out to the world, behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. We were lucky it was 3:30 a.m."

Man finds intruder mapping in his bed

ELKTON, Md. — Maybe this intruder should have had a good night's sleep. Police say a man returned to his apartment last week to find a man asleep in his bed. The accused burglar, Mark William, didn't wake up until police placed handcuffs on him while he was snoozing.

Police say the victim came home at 8 a.m. on Oct. 2 to find William asleep in his bed. He called police.

Authorities say William, who goes by the nickname "Weasel," jammed a chair to the back entrance of the apartment before going to bed. He was charged with burglary, theft and malicious destruction of property. William also faces drug charges after police found a small package of suspected crack cocaine in his pocket.

Offbeat

Police find man asleep at the wheel

RICHFIELD, Minn. — Police say a 26-year-old St. Louis Park man was asleep at the wheel of his pickup as it drove down the street before dawn on Sunday. He didn't wake when the truck crossed the centerline, or when an officer ran up and jumped on the running board, reached inside and pulled out the keys.

Then the officer got his attention. "Police had to shake the defendant's shoulder and yell at him to wake him up," the complaint said. "This is a weird one. Strange," Richfield police Lt. Todd Sandel said. "He was out to the world, behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. We were lucky it was 3:30 a.m."

In Brief

The 5 Browns will perform in concert tonight at 7:30 in the Ligonier Concert Hall in the DeLattizo Performing Arts Center. Student tickets are $15. The five siblings are Juilliard-trained concert pianists who perform individually, together and in different combinations.

The Mendez College of Business' Boardroom Insights Lecture Series will feature Nick Shephard, Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Blockbuster, Inc. Friday from 10:40 a.m. 12:15 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

The football Pep Rally will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Students with ID may enter from 5:15-5:45 p.m. through Gate 11; the general public can enter at 5:45 p.m. through Gate 8 if tickets are available.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will face Georgetown Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Hypnotist Tom Delucu will give a free performance Friday at 9 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The Knoth-Koughnaght Institute for Irish Studies' conference, "Race and Immigration to the New Ireland," opens with a keynote address by Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, in Washington Hall Sunday at 7:15 p.m.

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

Correction

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and reserves the right to amend or correct any errors of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-454-1 at so we can correct our error.

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BOOK SIGNINGS OCT. 12 & 13

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
George Porter-Young
"A Boy Amidst The Rubble"

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dorothy Corson
"A Care of Candles"

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Katherine Kana’ema’e Smith
"The Love Remains"

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Matt Cashore
"Celebrating Notre Dame"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Ana Parseghian
"Notre Dame's Greatest Coaches"
Benefit for the Nieman Pr. Foundation. No additional memorabilia will be signed.

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Connie McNamara
"Go Irish"

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Tim Prister
"The New Gold Standard"

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Rosemary Mills-Russell
"Irish All"

12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Gerry Faust
"Tales From the Notre Dame Sideline"

MBA program ranks fifth for stewardship

The master of business administration (MBA) program in the Mendoza College of Business is ranked No. 5 worldwide in the Aspen Institute’s new "Beyond Grey Pinstripes" survey. "Our mission is not just to prepare students to succeed, but to succeed in the right way, to contribute to the common good as we keep faith with our founding mission," said Carolyn Woo, Martin J. Gillen Dean of the College. "Our mission is not just to prepare students to succeed, but to succeed in the right way, to contribute to the common good as we keep faith with our founding mission."
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quality of the scripts," she said. "There were many creative and clever scripts we could not select because the production requirements of those scripts were either too complicated or too unrealistic."

The three finalists have until Nov. 1 to shoot and edit their spots. They are permitted to use VTR equipment, but they must complete all other production elements by themselves.

Cristina Bufalino said the most challenging part of the project for her group was organizing all the individual elements needed for production.

Her group’s commercial will show the life of a student on game day from the student’s perspective. "We wanted to consider and capture a student’s experience on game day because that is what Notre Dame football is to us," she said. "It’s about the experience of game day."

Geyer took a different route for his ad. "The general concept of the short is that Notre Dame football isn’t just on Saturday for the students," he said. His spot will show a classmate and professor’s lecture and ends with his ad having been translated into film.

Hartmann said her commercial’s football theme is related to tradition. "Our commercial has to do with time — the traditions of Notre Dame football that have lasted for generations, but also the people throughout our history who have kept these traditions right up to the spirit of current students," Hartmann said.

From Nov. 3-9, fans will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite spot on the NBCSports.com. The winner will be announced Nov. 10 and NBC will decide when and where the commercial will air.

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The bar and dining guide offers tips on where to get $1 tacos on Tuesdays (Casa Del Mex) and $1.50 domestic beers on Wednesdays (Madison Oyster Bar). The Web site also has a "so-limited" section where it advertises local bands — such as Groupies Wanted, Stillshot and Hypermix — and where they are playing each night of the week.

The BlogStation section allows people to post personal ads from people like 23-year-old Michael, who said he is looking for a girl with pretty eyes, someone who can have an intellectual conversation with. "Someone who isn’t looking to get married in a year but would be up for a road trip or a trip together." (Alex Lusciau, the Web site’s sales representative, said soledert.com was created for people in South Bend "who just want to have a good time.")

The Web site also has a "hendefied," where people can advertise and find postings for houses, cars and other items for sale. Soledert.com’s counterpart, inthebend.com, was created for college students as its "about us" section. "The Web site evolved from an idea by college students who wanted a Web site that provided listings of all events in the area and on local campuses," the site reads. "With a less vibrant color scheme, inthebend.com advertises typical college food places such as Papa John’s also has links for local movies, the theater, and music." The main section of the Web site is called "College Central" and "adverts" people events and sports at IUSB, Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s, Holy Cross, Bethel and Ivy Tech. Another link at the top of the site is the "volunteer" link. The Humane Society of St. Joseph County and Pet Refuge Inc. are both looking for volunteers and have advertisements on the page. The career center and classifieds of the site links to the South Bend Tribune for job listings and all things that need to be bought or sold.

With the parks and recreation link, inthebend.com advertises golf courses, local parks and zoos. The creators of inthebend.com say the site’s main feature is its calendar. "People and organizations in the community can share their event information by filling out the form and submitting it online for posting," the site reads. "I do not know if I will use either Web site," Saint Mary’s freshman Emma Hoffman said, "but I am glad they are out there if I ever want to find something to do." Freshman Justin Browne liked inthebend.com. "It looks like an awesome site to find things to do on Sundays or when there is other free time," he said.

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n the occasion of National Coming Out Day, October 11, 2007, we, the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, join Notre Dame’s gay and lesbian students in gratitude for the love and support they have received from family and friends.

We recommend ourselves to providing educational opportunities for the entire Notre Dame community. Our major educational programs are NETWORK and CommUnity, sponsored in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. NETWORK prepares individuals on campus to offer a confidential and respectful place of dialogue and encouragement regarding gay and lesbian issues. CommUnity focuses on first-year students in an effort to promote awareness and understanding of homosexuality within the Notre Dame community. We also offer opportunities for conversation and fellowship through our monthly coffee hours and informal drop-in sessions with Core-Council members.

In the spirit of inclusion, we urge all members of our community to redouble our efforts to make our campus a safe and welcoming place, free from harassment of any kind.

Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students
http://corecouncil.nd.edu
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Relief group leaves Darfur town**

[JUBA] — The only international aid group in a Darfur town where rebels reported that dozens of people were killed in a government attack said Wednesday it has pulled out for security reasons.

Doctors Without Borders said it could not confirm the deaths but quoted at least 39 seriously wounded people — mostly civilians — in the South Darfur town of Mahajara before it had to evacuate.

"There were casualties reported to us, but we cannot confirm the toll," said Binu Abrahim, a representative of the Paris-based group.

The comments by Hassan Rowlahi were the harshest yet against the hard-line president by a prominent figure in the Iranian leadership, and came after a prominent figure in the Iranian leadership, and that the girl had fallen and hurt her knee while running out of the school.

"I'm scared. I'm hoping there won't be any more people got hurt," Ronnell Jackson said.

"This is a crime against humanity in this country since the U.S.-led ouster of Saddam Hussein in 2003."

"As the largest security firm operating in Iraq, much of that rage has been directed against the private security companies — nearly all based in the United States, Britain and other Western countries — as symbols of the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq."
The letter is useful, Koski said she did not know to whom the letter was addressed, but that it was to the "appropriate director of undergraduate studies.

Some senators questioned whether there was any student interest in the restructuring of the major.

O'Neill senator Matt Molloy said student response to last year's Notre Dame Forum on global health was one indicator that students have interest in a global Studies concentration.

Professor Thomas Noble, the faculty senate liaison to the Senate, told Koski there is a system in each college through which new minors or majors are added and that the Social Concerns committee should find a department or program to "champion its cause.

There is a disqualification to create new programs if there isn't an obvious need for it," Noble said.

The letter is useful, Koski said, because it identifies

Dashti-Gibson as a professor who is planning on presenting the minor concentration to the Kroc Institute.

"It is saying that the students support this idea, and it would help in possibly getting this whole process started," Molloy said.

The Senate unanimously passed the resolution to send the letter, and Koski will forward it to Dashti-Gibson.

"Clocks are beneficial to both students and faculty for the purpose of standard class beginning and ending times and accurate and fair examination periods."

Letter drafted by the Student Senate to the Faculty Senate

Pasquerilla West senator Megan Sennett, who worked on the letter with Hendrickson, said they have not looked at the costs of adding clocks to every building on campus.

In the past, Hendrickson said, it was deemed too expensive to add clocks to the classroom, "because people were stealing them out of O'Shaughnessy and the cost of replacing them was too expensive."

After the Faculty Senate makes its review of the issue, and before the Student Senate passes a resolution, Hendrickson said, the Senate will make sure they know the costs of installing the clocks.

Hendrickson also updated the Senate on a survey about course packets that the Academic Affairs committee conducted during the past week. Of the 800 students they surveyed, 264 responded. Hendrickson said they will show the results to the Kroc Institute and probably submit a resolution to the Senate next Wednesday.

"Every student, school administrator, faculty member and staff is a member of the global community, and we have the capacity and responsibility to positively shape the world that we share."

Letter drafted by the Student Senate

In other Senate news:

- Student body president Liz Brown announced she submitted her report on community relations to Notre Dame's Board of Trustees. Brown will present the report next Thursday.

- The first student-faculty debate, on the topic of immigration, will be tonight at 7 in the Dooley Room of LaFortune Hall. The next debate, on the role of religion in a candidate's political platform, will be on Nov. 14.

- Multicultural Affairs committee chair Ninny Ban said the committee has made shirts to support the Jena 6, a group of black teens in Jena, La., who have been charged with crimes after lingering racial tensions led to brawls in the small town.

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Chrysler, UAW reach 4-year contract

Agreement comes after workers went on strike earlier in day; Ford to negotiate deal with union next

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers union reached a tentative four-year contract with Chrysler Wednesday, hours after going on strike and the same day General Motors workers ratified a separate four-year pact.

Next up: Ford.

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said the strikes proved to the public that Chrysler LLC, NO. 1 percent owned by private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management LP, would end in replaceable jobs, workers should report for their next available shift.

"This agreement was made possible because UAW workers made it clear to Chrysler that we needed an agreement that rewarded the contributions they have made to the success of this company," Gettelfinger said in a statement.

Gettelfinger wouldn't release any details of the contract, but Chrysler said the tentative agreement includes the establishment of a UAW-managed trust that will administered retiree health care. The newly private company didn't say how much money it will contribute to the trust.

"The national agreement is consistent with the economic pattern and balances the needs of our employees and company," said Chris Lada, vice president of corporate communications. "We and the new company will work to improve our long-term manufacturing competitiveness."

Chrysler Vice President and CEO LaSorda said in a statement. "The UAW said its historic contract with GM, which also includes a retiree health care trust, was approved by 66 percent of production workers and 64 percent of skilled trades workers.

The deal, reached Sept. 26 after a two-day nationwide strike, establishes lower pay for some workers and makes promises for future work at U.S. plants.

UAW members at 19 of 24 U.S. Chrysler factories and several other facilities left their jobs for the picket lines at 1 a.m. Wednesday. Among the major issues in the Chrysler talks were the retiree health care trust, the company's desire to outsource parts-trucking jobs, promises that future products will be built at U.S. factories, and parity with health care concessions that were given to Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. two years ago.

A majority of Chrysler workers will have to ratify the tentative agreement before it can take effect. Ford will be the final automaker to barter with the UAW.

Chrysler became a private company shortly after the contract talks began in July. Cerberus bought its share of Chrysler from the former DaimlerChrysler AG in a $7.4 billion transaction in August. Chrysler is now a private company without publicly traded shares.

Boeing: 787 will release 6 months late

CHICAGO — Boeing Co.'s 787 Dreamliner will be the first new American commercial jetliner built in more than a decade. The aircraft maker has long promised it will fly faster and farther than any other medium-sized jet, using 20 percent less fuel and offering increased cabin comfort.

Now it also will be at least six months late.

Acknowledging early problems assembling the first 787s has disrupted the schedule, Boeing's aerospace company said Wednesday it is delaying initial deliveries of the bulkiest of 488 jets for six months. Instead of next May, the first deliveries will be pushed back for late November or December 2008.

The first test flight, already pushed back from the initial target of earlier this fall, now is not anticipated until around the end of the first quarter of 2009. The delay highlights inherent problems in building new airplanes and could slow the momentum Boeing built up after years of lagging behind European rival Airbus, which itself stumbled in introducing its superjumbo A380 two years behind schedule.

Chairman and CEO Jim McNerney expressed disappointment over the delays but said the company remains confident about the 787's design and supporting technologies. "Our most important commitment is to deliver an airplane that performs to expectations over the long term," he said on a conference call.

The 787, Boeing's first all-new jet since airlines started flying the 777 in 1995, will be the world's first large commercial airplane made mostly of carbon-fiber composites, which are lighter, more durable and less prone to corrosion than aluminum.

But the company's effort has been shadowed by difficulty getting the right parts from its suppliers on time, among other issues, and is facing a global shortage of fasteners that hold large sections of the plane together.

Boeing said the postponement will not materially affect its earnings or guidance for next year.

McNerney had publicly voiced confidence as recently as four weeks ago that the airplane maker would be able to deliver the first 787 on time next May to Japan's All Nippon Airways Co., despite skepticism among industry observers following the first postponement.

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In Brief

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BRITISH POUND | 0.4905 |
EURO | 0.7073 |

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the entire community," he said, "and so we are organizing it in collaboration with Indiana University South Bend’s (IUSB) student government."

Last year’s Gulu Walk attracted more than 30,000 people and raised more than $500,000. Although there is no pre-registration for the walk, Steiner said he encourages people to donate to the cause. This year’s walk will take place on Sunday at IUSB’s Student Activity Center. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and the walk starts at 1:30. It will end around 2:30 p.m., Steiner said.

"After the walk, there will be a talk by Stephen Okello, a graduate student at the Ohio B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and a native Ugandan from Gulu, where the two brain-stormed the idea of founding a chapter of Resolve Uganda at Notre Dame. The situation in northern Uganda is a bleak one," Steiner said. "War has been raging in the area for the past 29 years. Uganda’s current president, Yoweri Museveni, overthrew the former government, and violence has persisted throughout the region. The situation has created an increasingly unsafe environment for families, who have faced the brunt of the violence between the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) and the Ugandan Acholi people. The government has set up "protected villages" — dangerous refugee camps, where nearly 1.3 million people live, according to gulawalk.com. The people live in poverty since "in camps, they are away from their lands and have no real source of income," Steiner said.

The name of the GuluWalk draws attention to the approximately 40,000 Ugandan children who walk from their small, unsafe villages into the northern city of Gulu during the week. There they can find a degree of safety and avoid being abducted by the LRA, which has already taken over 20,000 children to be used soldiers or as sex slaves.

"The Ugandan government in the north only gives the people enough to stay alive." — Joel Steiner organizer GuluWalk South Bend

"It should be an event for the entire community and so we are organizing it in collaboration with Indiana University South Bend’s (IUSB) student government." — Joel Steiner organizer GuluWalk South Bend

The Counseling Center works closely with University Health Services (now housed at St. Liam Hall), and often refers students to physicians to rule out physical conditions underlying the stress. Also, the Center sometimes directs students to campus facilities. In addition, the new "Inner Resources Room" at St. Liam Hall provides a wide variety of biofeedback and sensory equipment that students can use to help reduce the symptoms of stress.

Another popular option, used by 3,225 students last year, is the outreach workshops and programs provided by the Counseling Center. Currently, Settle is conducting a "Relaxation and Mindfulness" class in conjunction with RecSports. "Students learn methods not only for relaxing the body but also for calming the mind of ruminative thoughts," she said. "People describe that you feel like you’re melting into the floor, or floating, and your mind becomes clear and focused — it’s really better than taking an afternoon nap."

The hour-long class helps students achieve this deep relaxation with a variety of muscle relaxation and imagery techniques. The next session of "Relaxation and Mindfulness" will be on Nov. 28. Students can sign up through RecSports.

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McCain seeks health care changes
GOP candidate aims to give citizens more choice, control over system

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — John McCain wants to give people more control over their health care — and more options — while injecting more competition into the system in hopes of lowering costs and improving access.

If the Republican presidential candidate will propose a series of changes to the health care system in a speech Thursday, offering a broad overhaul plan that contrasts sharply with those of his Democratic rivals, he has included.

"We are approaching a 'perfect storm' of problems that if not addressed by the next president, will cause our health care system to implode," said John McCain, GOP presidential candidate.

Democrats, to varying degrees, would require individuals and workers to be covered, but McCain includes no such government mandate in his proposal. Rather, he focuses on expanding access for individuals and families.

"We are approaching a 'perfect storm' of problems that if not addressed by the next president, will cause our health care system to implode," he said. "We need to provide options that allow people to buy insurance through any organization or association they choose as well as through their employers or buying direct from an insurance company."

"To say such plans would follow people as they change jobs, and would automatically cover the time between retire­ment and Medicare eligibility.

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"We want to provide universal coverage, whatever its cost, and the massive tax increases, mandates and government regulations that it imposes," McCain said. "I offer a genuinely conservative vision for health care reform, which preserves the most essential value of American lives — freedom."

Aides acknowledged the plan would take time to implement because of its scope, while billing it as a vision for changes he would work toward if elected.

They provided no estimated price tag. To help pay for it, they say McCain would end a provision in the tax code that lets employers deduct the cost of health care from their tax­able earnings. Additionally, they say the bill would not reform to eliminate frivolous lawsuits and excessive damage awards would help reduce costs.

"Broader, McCain calls for an updated system that he says will be more responsive to consumers' needs than it is to the wants of government, insurance companies, lawyers, doctors and hospitals.

"While we reform the system and maintain quality, we can and must provide access to health care for all our citi­zens," he says. "Controlling health care costs is not a challenge; nothing short of a complete reform of the culture of our health sys­tem and the way we pay for it will suffice."

Among the major proposals:

— Allowing people to buy health insurance nationwide instead of limiting them to in­state companies. McCain says this will provide more options and force insurers to compete for business, thus decreasing costs and increasing the quali­ty of care.

— Permitting people to start a personal health account, which would allow them to save up to $2,500 in a tax-exempt account that could be used to buy health care or put toward retirement.

— Raising the cap on health savings accounts to $7,500 for individuals and $15,000 per couple, and allowing contribu­tions to be made after taxes.

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Opinion position dies after interrogation

Junta cracks down on democracy movement

YANGON — A Myanmar opposition party member died during interrogation Wednesday after being arrested by security forces, activists said Wednesday.

The Democratic Green Party Assistance Association for Political Prisoners said security forces had threatened dissidents' rela­tives and neighbors in an attempt to get information on the whereabouts of those involved in last month's anti­government pro­tests, which they said the military brutally sup­pressed by the military.

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Columbia outraged by racist act

NYC police investigate noose hung on black professor's office door

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hundreds of Columbia University teachers and students voiced outrage Wednesday over a noose found hanging from a black professor's office door. The police investigation into the matter of the disfigured noose seems to be calls to police from colleagues.

"Hanging the noose on my door reeks of cowardice and fear on many, many levels."

Constantine said he was at Teachers College, a graduate school of education affiliated with Columbia. At a raucous rally Wednesday, Constantine said it was a "blatant act of racial hatred."

"I'm upset that our community found that we, or at least an unbelievably vile incident," she told the crowd. "Hanging the noose on my door reeks of cowardice and fear on many, many levels."

Police were testing the noose for DNA evidence, said Deputy Inspector Michael Osgood, commander of the NYPD Hate Crime Task Force.

Constantine, 44, told police there was "ill will" between her and another professor, a police official said. But the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation had not been completed, stressed that the dispute was only one possible lead, and that police were also looking into whether "disgraced students, anyone upset with grades" were involved.

Teachers College held a community meeting to discuss the incident, which has roiled the Ivy League campus.

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Sue said he informed Constantine about the noose and she was devastated. "She's doing fine," he said. "She's OK. I've talked to her. She's getting a lot of support."

An e-mail to Constantine was not immediately returned Wednesday, nor were calls to Constantine's office for the publicist for Teachers College.

As word of the incident spread, students and faculty reacted with sadness and anger.

"It's hard hearing about it," said student Danielle Green. "I'm not uncomfortable here but I'm not surprised. I mean, look at the world we live in."

There is a lot of racism going on.

In the message to the college, 5,000 students and 150 faculty members explaining why police were on campus Tuesday, college president Susan H. Fuhrman said: "The Teachers College community and I deplore this hateful act, which violates every Teachers College and societal norm."

"You would think, Columbia being such a diverse campus and New York being such a diverse city, it shouldn't happen here," said student Mikayla Graham.

The Columbia investigation follows the hate crime arrest on Sunday of a white woman accused of hanging a noose over a tree limb and threatening a black family living next door in Queens. The two incidents were "the first noose cases in recent memory" in the city, said Osgood, the task force commander.

Teachers College, founded in 1875, describes itself as the nation's oldest and largest graduate school of education. According to its Web page, the college brought black teachers from the South to New York for training in the early part of the 20th century, when schools in the South were segregated.

The college has a diverse student body, including students from nearly 80 countries. The racial breakdown is 12 percent black, 11 percent Asian American and 7 percent Hispanic.

The discovery of the hangman's noose echoes other recent incidents involving the symbol reviled by many for its association with lynching in the Old South.

Last year in Jena, La., three white students hung nooses from a big oak tree outside Jena High School.

They were suspended but not prosecuted.

Racial tensions rose and a white student was beaten unconscious three months later. Recently, thousands of people protested what they considered to be the unfairly harsh prosecutions of six black students in the incident.

Columbia has been the site of other campus turmoil, most recently last month when Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was invited to speak. Protesting protests by groups angered over his statements questioning the existence of the Holocaust.

Last fall, Columbia was in the spotlight when a group of students stormed a stage to silence a speech by former French finance minister and the founder of a group opposed to illegal immigration.

The widely used chemotherapy drug Taxol does not work for the most common form of breast cancer and helps far fewer patients than has been believed, surprising new research suggests.

If further study bears this out, more than 20,000 women each year in the United States alone might be spared the side effects of this drug or similar ones without significantly raising the risk their cancer will return. That would be roughly half of all breast cancer patients who get chemo now.

"We want to make sure these data are correct before withholding it (Taxol) from some patients ... the stakes are high," said the lead researcher, Dr. Isabel Hayes of the University of Michigan.

"On the other hand, we don't want to keep a therapy that doesn't work."

In the study, Taxol did the most good for women who had overactive HER-2 genes — the targets of the newer breast cancer drug Herceptin.

Cultural attitudes and acquired resistance are barriers to their patients to be aware of this report.

The original study involved more than 3,000 women whose cancer had spread to nearby lymph nodes but not widely throughout the body. This is the situation of about one-fourth of the 175,000 women diagnosed with breast cancer in the U.S. each year.
Panel approves Armenian genocide resolution

President Bush opposes measure, fears damage to U.S.-Turkey relations and American goals in Middle East

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — A House panel defied President Bush on Wednesday and approved a measure that he said would damage U.S. goals in the Middle East.

The measure that would recog­nize the World War I-era killings of Armenians as a geno­cide had been strongly opposed by Turkey, a key NATO ally that has supported U.S. efforts in Iraq.

But Democratic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has sig­ned the bill to the House floor vote on Wednesday.

"Its passage would do great harm to our relations with a key ally in NATO and in the global war on terror," President George W. Bush said hours before the vote.

The committee's chairman, Democratic Rep. Tom Lantos, expressed concerns about secu­rity implications of the resolu­tion but ultimately voted in favor.

Turkey raised the possibility of impeding logistical and other U.S. military traffic now using Turkish airspace.

"Unfortunately, some politi­cians in the United States have once again sacrificed important domestic poli­tics despite all calls to com­mone sense," P resident Abdullah Gul was quoted as saying by the state-run news a gency Anatolia.

"N aturally, this is a sad decision," said Nabi Sensoy, Turkey's ambassador to the U.S., minutes after the vote. "No one can allow others to put an undeserved stain on them.

On Wednesday, hundreds of Turks marched to the U.S. Embassy in Ankara and the consulate in Istanbul to protest the bill.

The vote comes at a tense time in the region. Turkey's government is seeking parlia­mentary approval for a military operation to chase separatist Kurdish rebels who operate from bases in northern Iraq.

"Access to airfields and to the roads and so on in Turkey would very much be put at risk if this resolution passes and Turkey reacts as strongly as we believe they will," Gates said. He also said that 95 percent of new vehicles designed to better protect against mine attacks are being flown through Turkey to get to Iraq.

Lawmakers from both parties who supported the proposal said the moral implications of the measure outweighed security con­cerns and friendship with Turkey.

"The sad truth is that the modern government of Turkey refuses to come to terms with this genocide," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. "For Armenians everywhere, the Turkish government's denial is a slap in the face."

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, the resolution's sponsor, who is not on the committee, said that he hoped that it would now move quickly to a vote on the House floor.

"America must speak candid­ly about the past not only to help heal the wounds of the survivors and the families of the victims, but to give the United States the moral author­ity it needs to take action against other genocides like that taking place today in Darfur," he said following the vote.

Pelosi and the second-ranking Democrat in the House, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, emerged from the meeting unswayed.

Hoyer told reporters he expects a floor vote on the measure before the House adjourns for the week.

Hoyer said he hoped that Turkey would realize it is not a con­demnation of its current government but rather of "another government, at an­other time."

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In defense of The Rover (No, seriously)

Andrew Nesi Presents "Real Men of Genius"
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"It’s real. We salute you, Mr. Irish Rover writer. (Mr. Irish Rover writer)

No matter the topic, you take offense. As a white, Irish Catholic student from a suburb of Chicago, you truly believe that perseverance feels like that every time your best friend is a black Jew.

I-5? Maybe we should hire more devout Catholic football coaches. Then God will be on our side. (He can make Arreloos Benn transfer.)

Vaginas Monologues? Queer Film Festival? Heck, you think we should still be all-male. (God likes men better.)

So crack open an ice cold Bud Light, Mr. Irish Rover writer. Or don’t. You wouldn’t want to disrespect your Goddess by like that. (Mr. Irish Rover writer)

I have a confession to make: I read The Irish Rover. I don’t read it (just) for the comedic value. I don’t read it (just) for its attempts at sarcasm. I don’t read it (just) to find the poor grammar and giggle about it with noted Rover critic and Observer Scene editor Tae Andrews. I faithfully read The Irish Rover because The Rover does this campus a service. It engages issues from an ideological perspective that, like it or not, it essential to a productive campus discussion. Of course, Rover writers are not always universally "real men of genius." But they represent an important section of Notre Dame’s population that must be engaged.

The Rover’s Web site, outlines the publication’s goals: "1. Defend the Faith and honorable traditions of this great University. 2. Articulate conservative principles. 3. Engage in collegiate debate." It is not a newspaper per se; it’s claim to the "news" is frivolous at best. But that’s not what The Rover purports to be. It fattens itself as a "watchdog" that defends our University from itself. And it does a good job of it. According to its Web site, The Rover believes that "Notre Dame’s Roman Catholic identity has come under attack, due to controversial campus events as well as the self-righteous Catholic faculty." These have become The Rover’s pet issues. It consistently bemoans decisions that upset The Rover’s understanding of Catholicism. In doing so, it accurately represents the views of a large number of Notre Dame students and an even larger number of Notre Dame alumni for whom feedback on previous columns about abortion and gay sex would suggest.

Of course, The Rover can be unnecessarily polemical. It is self-righteous. It fails at most of its attempts at humor. At times, it pretends to report conservative principles; 3. Engage in collegiate debate. Reporting and commentary mix. It is the Fox News of Notre Dame.

And that’s a good thing. The Rover’s writers provide an opinion and voice to those disenchanted, unaligned, unformed, and ignorant. Whether any of these views are true should not matter. The Rover provides a soapbox for a viewpoint that is thrashing both at and beyond our campus boundaries. It is an important viewpoint to consider, to listen, and, at times, to confront. I believe the ideology behind The Rover is wrong about many — perhaps most — issues it approaches. I believe a Catholic university is better served by a diversity of viewpoints that can have serious discussion about the meaning and future of Catholicism. But I also believe that this widespread diversity will undermine Notre Dame’s traditional Catholicism — at least as The Rover seems to understand it, I don’t think it can.

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By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Fifty fingers. Five pianos. One night of astounding talent. It isn’t often that a family gets to send a child to Julliard. It has only happened once that a family has simultaneously sent five, and now they are coming to Notre Dame.

The 5 Browns — Desirae, Deondra, Gregory, Melody and Ryan — are five siblings, all piano virtuosos in their early twenties. They all began playing the piano around the age of three. Now, they have formed an innovative music group that is taking the soul of classical piano and bringing it out to a new audience. Featured on everything from “Uprah” to “People Magazine,” these musicians are beginning to invigorate classical music with not only their amazing talent but also their relaxed stage presence and frequent selection of more familiar piano pieces to attract a wider audience.

Between the talent of the musicians and the simple fact that they often utilize all five pianos, the 5 Browns create arrangement opportunities you wouldn’t see otherwise. The classical music they play is anything but simplistic, and yet the 5 Browns still add new depth and excitement to the pieces. The 5 Browns also incorporate other artists into their music, adding another dimension. They have featured musicians like trumpeter Christ Piscolito on their arrangement of “Home Blues” from “An American in Paris” and Dean Martin on “Everybody Loves Somebody.”

The group has released three albums, with “The 5 Browns” along with “The 5 Browns: Along With Everything Else,” which features crowd appealing pieces such as George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue,” an excellent arrangement of “Simple Gifts” and “Going Home” that anyone who has sung hymns in church will recognize, and their take on the 1911 version of Igor Stravinsky’s “The Firebird” that is taking the soul of classical piano and bringing it out to a new audience. Their latest, “Browns in Blue,” includes five new songs that feature all five pianists and several recognizable pieces, such as Rachmaninoff’s “18th Variations,” from “Brahms on a Theme of Paganini,” “Home Blues” from “An American in Paris” and Saint-Saëns’ “Carnival of the Animals: Aquarium.” Whether they are performing solo, as duets, or as a five-piano ensemble, the 5 Browns refresh classical music with their youth and crowd appeal. Most people can recognize dozens of classical pieces of music if they heard them, even if they could not name them, and the 5 Browns do an excellent job of choosing many pieces from that group. Don’t let a little unfamiliarity stop you from taking the opportunity to see these musicians.

The 5 Browns will perform in the DPAC’s Leighton Concert Hall at 7:30 tonight. Tickets are $15 for students, $30 for seniors, faculty and staff, and $35 for general admission.

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By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

There’s something addictive about watching a group of five friends drink constantly, overuse the word “awesome” and love each other unconditionally. Ted, Marshall, Lily, Robin and Barney are a family of sorts, whose bond never weakens despite breakups, the death of Marshall’s beloved Fiero and a spectacular slap bet.

“While I Met Your Mother: Season Two,” now on DVD, continues the story of the five best friends as Ted (Josh Radnor) tries to find love and the future mother of his children. Although it is established in the pilot episode that Robin (Cobie Smulders) is not Ted’s future wife, she is referred to as “ Aunt Robin” throughout the entire series. The second season begins with Ted and Robin finally in a relationship after a season of romance. Meanwhile, engaged Marshall (Jason Segel) and Lily (Alyson Hannigan) are split up. Lily is in San Francisco pursuing her artistic dreams, and Marshall never leaves his apartment in New York City. Of course, Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) remains the perpetual bachelor as he begs Ted to resume the simple life and tries to get Marshall to “suit up” and move past Lily.

The appeal of the series stems from the interaction of the five lead characters. The actors possess an undeniable chemistry and an obvious joy for their work. Co-creators Carter Bays and Craig Thomas partly based the series on their own lives, adding to the authenticity of character development and situations. The finished product, on camera, reflects the fun and collaboration that exists off-camera.

Unique to “While I Met Your Mother” is the way it is filmed. The creators of the show consider it a hybrid of the multi-camera and single-camera sitcom. It is filmed using multiple cameras as in a traditional sitcom, but it forgoes the studio audience allowing for greater flexibility in sets, scene lengths and the use of flashbacks. The finished product is later shown to a studio audience with the laugh track added to the episode.

Whatever process the show creators are using, it’s undoubtedly working. Season 2 magnificently builds on the groundwork laid out in the series’ first season. Everything is familiar — from the situations to the dialogue to the character revelations. Highlight episodes include “Slap Bet,” in which Robin’s secret Canadian past is revealed, “Single Stamina,” where Barney can’t cope when his gay, black brother decides to practice monogamy, and “Something Borrowed,” in which Marshall and Lily finally get the happiness they deserve.

The DVDs’ special features are not overly impressive, but the episode commentary is notable compared to other series’ DVDs. In most of the commentaries, the episode’s writer is paired with a featured actor from that episode. The combination reveals insights into the writing process and the relationship between the writer and the actor. We’re also treated to hilarious behind-the-scenes anecdotes and storylines that almost warrant. While “While I Met Your Mother” isn’t the ratings powerhouse known as “Friends,” it possesses the same warmth and humor that made us fall in love with that NBC sitcom, especially in its earlier seasons. But “Mother” draws from not just “Friends” but many other unpretentious sitcoms, their take on the 1911 version of Igor Stravinsky’s “The Firebird” and “The Wonder Years.” It’s unique and relevant to the new generation of 20-somethings adapting to life after college and before marriage. To borrow a phrase from Barney, Season 2 is “Sagen — wait for it — diary,” and even though by the end of it, Ted still hasn’t met his kids’ mother, we want to stick with the five friends for however long it takes.

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Dashboard Confessional
Carrabba trumps band, album suffers

By JESS SHAFFER
Scene Writer

Dashboard Confessional’s latest CD dropped into stores Oct. 2, but “The Shade of Poison Trees” is a generally lackluster effort. The most recent installment lacks the intelligent maturity that seven years of success would usually create. Rather, “Shade” seems to indicate a complacency and hyper-emphasis on lead singer Chris Carrabba. 

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The un-evolved style of Dashboard’s latest CD offers a catchy, though mediocre, wit. Some phrases — “So now if they’re looking for Carrabba’s usual life affirming independent — will easily get caught in listeners’ heads, but they also offer little intellectually to chew over. This regression in Dashboard’s lyrics is particularly sad considering the group’s commendable past performances and relativearty overwhelmed hearts. Carrabba’s style is unchanging and will continue to drown out the pain of the emo audience, but that isolates those less inclined toward the genre.

The group’s old themes persist. Frustration, anger, guilt, and happiness are once again visited in “Shade.” Though the lyrics generally touch listeners’ more sensitive sides, Dashboard offers a cursory take on these overly explored topics. The band is not quite up to par with its typically poignant lyrics. While Carrabba’s style is unchanging and will continue to drown out the pain of the emo audience, but that isolates those less inclined toward the genre.

Dashboard Confessional
Released by: Vagrant Records
Recommended Tracks: “Little Bombs” and “Matters of Blood and Connection”

The Shade of Poison Trees
Dashboard Confessional

“The Shade of Poison Trees” is the latest album from Dashboard Confessional, but the emo band’s recent release is disappointing.
Senators best Thrashers behind Elliott’s first career start

Red Wings ride offensive wave to victory over Flames as the front line compiles two goals, two assists to stay undefeated

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brian Elliott was ready for this day. After all, he’d been preparing for it since he was seven years old.

Elliott won his NHL debut, stopping 27 shots Wednesday night to get the Ottawa Senators past a 3-1 win over the struggling Atlanta Thrashers.

Antoine Vermette scored the tie-breaking goal early in the third period and the Senators made it 5-0 in the young season, just one win off the franchise record for most consecutive victories at the start of the season.

Ottawa won its first six games in 2005-06. After getting all the way in the Stanley Cup finals last season before losing to Anaheim, the Senators are clearly on a mission.

“We were hungry and excited to get this season started,” Dany Heatley said. “It was a surprise,” said Elliott, the 29th overall pick in the 2003 draft. “You’re nervous. You’re playing in the NHL. It’s a game you have to be prepared for, and I was prepared.”

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Rookie pitchers leading Rockies to success

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Troy Tulowitzki may be the leading candidate for NL rookie of the year. He’s hardly the only Colorado Rockies newcomer to make a huge impact.

When the Rockies lost three-thirds of their starting rotation to injuries in a 16-day span at midseason, they turned to two pitching prospects from their Latin development program and rushed them to the majors. Without 21-year-old lefty Franklin Morales and 23-year-old righty Ubaldo Jimenez, the Rockies wouldn’t be in this purple haze, set to play Arizona in the NL championship series starting Thursday night.

Jimenez (4-4, 4.28 ERA) held opponents to a .228 batting average and provided a big boost to the team with an electric four-pitch repertoire that features a 99 mph fastball. And the bigger the game, the better he’s done.

Jimenez has allowed just one hit in each of his last two outings, both of them covering 6 1/3 innings. The first one was against Arizona on the final day of the season, when the Rockies forced a wild-card tiebreaker with San Diego, and his second one came Saturday when Colorado swept Philadelphia out of the playoffs.

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He got an early hook against the Phillies in Game 2 but he’ll be back on the mound when the NLCS returns to Denver this weekend.

Even their teammates are in awe of what these young kids are doing in pressure-packed appearances.

“It’s been awesome to watch Jimenez and Morales,” reliever Taylor Buchholz said. “They have electric arms and they make it look easy.”

The Rockies had to call on them when they lost starters Rodrigo Lopez, Jason Hirsh and Aaron Cook to the 60-day DL in a 2 1/2-week span in late July and early August, when the playoffs were the farthest thing from anyone’s mind in Denver.

Colorado manager Clint Hurdle relieves rookie pitcher Ubaldo Jimenez during Game 3 of the National League Division Series against the Philadelphia Phillies. The pitching of the rookies have led the Rockies to the NLCS.
A-Rod likely to opt out of last years with Yanks

Star third baseman looking to test free-agent market; agent Boras cites increase in baseball revenue as main reason

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez is ready to cash in.

Again. Rodriguez and Scott Boras hinted Tuesday that A-Rod will opt out of the final three seasons of his contract with the New York Yankees and seek a new deal in the free-agent market that will lock him up through his pursuit of Barry Bonds' home-run record.

Boras negotiated Rodriguez's record $252 million, 10-year agreement with the Texas Rangers before the 2001 season, a contract the Yankees took over when they acquired A-Rod before the 2002 season. His next deal could last for more than a decade.

"When we negotiate in 2000 to where the World Series ends. Rodriguez is due $21 million annually by New York in each of the next three seasons. But part of that would be offset by $21,304,500 the Rangers still owe New York as part of the trade. In addition, Rodriguez is due $3 million each year by the Rangers, money that is deferred a 2 percent annual interest rate and scheduled to be paid from 2016-25. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said that if Rodriguez opts out — and the Yankees lose that $21 million subsidy — the team would cut off negotiations. "That would be my position, yes, that would be my very strong recommendation," he said. "There is a date and if you can make a deal before that date, fine. After that date, it becomes a much different economic animal. It makes less sense..."

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"But he came into the huddle today and took control.” Testaverde does have some familiarity with the offense. Jimmy Murphy’s The Kings of the Kilburn High Road in the DeCio Theater of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday, October 16th and Wednesday, October 17th at 8:00. In this highly acclaimed play, a group of friends take a hilarious and tragic look back on their lives as they gather in a pub twenty-five years after they left their homes in Ireland to make their fortunes in England. The play is the work of Arambe Productions, a professional Irish theater company led by director and performance artist, Bisi Adigun, who currently has a version of The Playboy of the Western World running in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin.

For more information call the Box Office at 631-2800.
NASCAR
Harvick hits tire spikes in Nextel Cup Chase

Associated Press
Kevin Harvick has to wonder what else can go wrong.

Since NASCAR’s latest version of the Chase for the championship began four races ago, Harvick has seemed to be under some kind of cloud.

Flat tires relegated him to 17th at New Hampshire and 20th at Dover; Harvick finished a solid sixth at Kansas, but ran into more problems last Sunday at Talladega in a 20th-place finish.

It could have been worse for the Richard Childress Racing driver.

Four other drivers using engines built by the new RCR-Dale Earnhardt Incorporated alliance blew up, sending Jeff Burton, Harvick’s teammate, and DEI drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr., Martin Truex Jr. and Arie Luyendyk to the garage early.

Harvick’s engine lost power midway through the race, but he somehow got to the finish to preserve a 20th-place finish.

“With 50 laps to go, we dropped a cylinder,” crew chief Todd Berrier said. “Somehow, it hung together to the end. It could have been a lot worse. It was worse for 23 other guys.”

Talladega also extended Harvick’s string of races he has finished to 38, dating to the Dover event in Sept. 2006. He and RCR teammate Clint Bowyer are the only two Chase drivers to have finished every race this season.

But the double-digit finish at Talladega left Harvick, going after his first Nextel Cup title, fifth in the 12-man Chase, 202 points behind Talladega winner and new series leader Jeff Gordon with six races remaining.

And Harvick isn’t real sure in that spot, with Carl Edwards three points behind and 2004 champion Kurt Busch 13 points back.

In between Harvick and the two front-runners are RCR teammate Clint Bowyer in third and two-time Cup champion Tony Stewart. But Harvick is better off than Burton, who is now last in the Chase standings, and all but eliminated from championship contention.

“Yes, it’s been a fight so far,” Harvick said. “I think, in the first two weeks we got three flat tires. Then, it was the engine at Talladega. You can only afford so many situations like that before it takes you right out of the Chase.”

“Our approach hasn’t changed, though. We go and try to be as aggressive as we can every week and make our car run as fast as we can to put ourselves in a position to win. If you can’t do that, then you have to make the best day possible out of the days that you’re having.”

For Harvick to get back into the championship battle, some of the drivers ahead of him will have to suffer some of their own misfortunes and he will have to overcome his less-than-successful Cup history on the 1.5-mile oval at Lowe’s Motor Speedway.

Heading into the Bank of America 500 on Saturday night, Harvick’s only real success at the track in suburban Charlotte, N.C., came in May when he won the non-points All-Star race.

Otherwise, the 31-year-old has only one top-five finish in a points-earning race since his first Cup race there in 2001. The Bakersfield, Calif., native has an average finish of 20.2 at Lowe’s.

In the 600-mile race in May, Harvick survived an early wreck to finish 21st.

“Charlotte seems to be a track where we just haven’t had the finishes we need,” Harvick said. “We have always run pretty well there, but just haven’t been able to put everything together. During the Coca-Cola 600, we were running pretty good and just got caught up in a wreck. We have to find a way to keep everything together. If we can do that, I think we can leave Charlotte with a top-five finish.”

If he does that, chances are Harvick will also be back in the championship race.

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Sharapova upset in Moscow

Amelie Mauresmo also falls; Kuznetsova only seeded woman to win

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Victoria

As a teenager for only the third time, lost to

her defeat in six weeks since

her victory in the Kremlin Cup.

Youzhny beat Ernests Gulbis 6-3, 6-4 in the first set but

lost 10 consecutive points and

40-love in the first set because of a lingering shoulder

injury; Igor Kunitsyn 6-3, 6-4.

Henri Mathieu defeated qualifier Basile Baratti 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1, and Elena

Bartoli 2-6, 6-0, 6-4, and Elena

Svetlana Kuznetsova defeated second-seeded Andy Murray 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, and

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Azarenka then broke the

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last weekend.

Vera Dushechina upset

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Dementieva defeated seventh-seeded Patty Schnyder 6-3, 6-4. Dementieva will face

Azarenka in the quarterfinals.

Kuznetsova and Dulko struggled
to hold serve.

"It seems to me that I was playing against myself, surface and
ears today, not against Dulko," said

Svetlana Kuznetsova tennis player.

But the

Russian broke the former top-ranked

Frenchwoman in the second game of the second set and again in the opening game of the third. Mauresmo broke back at 4-4 but made three unforced errors on her serve in the next game, letting the 24th-ranked Russian serve for the match.

Serena Williams plays

*Tatiana Perekhiny in the second round Thursday.

Amelie Mauresmo, who lost to

the second round in the event.

As a teenager, lost to

Azarenka, the 18-year-old Belarussian saved

two more set points in the

debut breaker before taking the set. Azarenka then broke the
two-time Grand Slam champ twice in the

second set for her first win over the fourth-rank

player.

"I tried to stay
congenial and believed I could win the match," said

Azarenka, ranked 22nd, who was a runner-

up in her first WTA Tour final in Tashkent last weekend.

"She took the

credentials she got," Mauresmo said. "She began very

bad and I was doing well, but then it went the other way."

In the second round, top

seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova was the only seeded woman to

win Wednesday after she rallied to beat Gisela Dulko 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Passion Richardson argues to retain bronze from 2000 Olympics

The International Association of Athletics Federations has

authority over results at the

Olympics, while the IOC controls the medals.

Jones won gold in the 100 meters, 200 meters and the 1,600 relay in Sydney, as well as bronze in the 400 relay and long jump.

U.S. Olympic chairwoman Peter Ueberroth said Monday the
t relays were tainted because of

Jones' presence and all the medals should be returned.

IAAF rules state that all relay team members should be dis-

qualified. However, it's not clear whether that rule was in force during the Sydney Games.

"I mean, you don't know what was going on on the other teams, so how do you really rectify that situation?" Richardson said.

"There's really no positive outcome in either way that it goes." Still, Jamaican Tayna Lawrence, who finished third to Jones in the 100 meters in Sydney, told a Jamaican sports radio show she's glad she knows the truth now.

"I think finally justice is served," said Lawrence, who's retired and has not yet been contacted about upgrading her medal. "There have been specu-

lations for years. I have speculated, a number of people have speculated, and I am just happy that it is out."
**Stars beat Kings behind five goals, defense**

Associated Press

**DALLAS —** The Stars are counting on more offense from Niklas Hagman, a defensive specialist during his first five NHL seasons.

Three games into the season, he's giving his team everything they need and more.

Hagman matched his career high with two goals, one short-handed. Marty Turco stopped 32 shots and the Dallas Stars once again beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-1 on Wednesday night.

Hagman has four goals in his team's first four games.

Last season Hagman matched a career-best 17 goals, but the Stars want more, placing him on a scoring line centered by the team's top setup man, Mike Ribeiro.

"I have to concentrate on scoring a little more when I get a chance to play on a scoring line," Hagman said. "Every game now I'm going to get a couple of good chances. I've got to be ready to bury them."

Antti Miettinen, Ribeiro and Joel Lundqvist added goals for the Stars (2-2), who've won both home games by a combined score of 9-2.

Ribeiro thinks Hagman has the ability to be more of a force on offense.

"He's so fast he keeps the defense on its heels," Ribeiro said. "He has good hands. He has a lot of skills."

The Stars swept all eight games from the Kings last season, and Dallas continued that trend with the help of Hagman's career-high scoring.

"We've got to change that," Kings coach Marc Crawford said. "We've got to change that."

Kyle Calder scored on a rebound at 9:03 of the third period for the Kings (1-3).

Hagman gave the Stars a 1-0 lead at 7:25 of the opening period while the Kings were on their second power play of the night.

Hagman stole the puck from Kyle Calder at the right point, skated in alone and beat Jason LaBarbera through the pads on a backhand.

"I kind of read where Calder was going to try to pass and the puck hit me on the glove," Hagman said. "I was able to get on a breakaway and went through 25 different scenarios before I decided to go backhand."

Turco faced 11 shots in the first period, making a sharp glove-save at 15:04 when he robbed Anze Kopitar on a rising attempt from low in the right circle that seemed ticketed for the upper right corner.

Hagman had two goals and an assist in the 5-1 victory.

Hagman stole the puck from Los Angeles' Sergei Fedorov of the Kings on a short-handed breakaway at 8:20 of the second period, and Miettinen extended Dallas' advantage to 3-0 nearly five minutes later with his first goal of the season.

Ribeiro, activated off injured reserve earlier in the day, knocked a loose puck past LaBarbera from in front of the net on a power play at 16:05 of the second period to stretch the lead to 4-0. Lundqvist connected on a breakaway 16 seconds into the third period to pad Dallas' advantage to 5-0.

**Lightning 2, Panthers 1**

The Lightning were hoping Chris Gratton would provide the offensive depth. They would have dropped from the ranks of the unbeaten three games into the season without him.

Gratton scored twice and Johan Holmqvist made 30 saves as Tampa Bay beat the Florida Panthers on Wednesday night.

The Lightning's top line of Vincent Lecavalier, Martin St. Louis and Vinny Prospal, which combined for six goals and 13 points during the first two games, didn't record a point against Florida.

"When the big line isn't going, we found a way," Tampa Bay coach John Tortorella said. "I thought Grat's line was probably our best line."

Holmquist has allowed four goals in three games this season, helping the Lightning start the season 3-0 for the just the third time in team history.

Last year, most of those shots would go in," Florida captain Till Jokinen said. "I think their goalie played probably the best game since he's been in the league, especially against us."

The Panthers got a goal from Ville Peltonen. Backup goalie Craig Anderson stopped 21 shots in his first appearance of the season.

"That was probably our best game since the start of the season," Florida coach Jacques Martin said. "I think we created some more chances and made some good saves. We just didn't shoot at times, but we did a lot of things better."

Tampa Bay took a 2-1 lead when Gratton redirected Paul Ranger's shot during a power play with 9:24 left in the second. Peltonen had tied it at 1 earlier in the period at 4:04.

Gratton put Tampa Bay up 1-0 with a rebound goal at 9:03 of the first. The goal came shortly after Holmqvist made a strong save on Nathan Horton's shot from low-slot.

Anderson stopped Lecavalier twice on breakaways during the final five minutes of the first. He got the start in place of the struggling Tomas Vokoun, who played in three games without a win.

Anderson faced 20 shots and the Panthers had only one shot on Vokoun over the final 5 1/2 minutes of the first period.

Florida had the first eight shots of the third, but Holmqvist was up to the challenge and stopped them all during the period's opening five minutes.
NFL

Owens refuses to talk to media, leaves a note

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — A new tactic for Terrell Owens: Instead of talking, he wrote a note.

Even Owens apparently knows the Dallas Cowboys’ game Sunday against New England, a pair of 5-0 teams and multiple Super Bowl winners, doesn’t need any extra hype.

Nor does Tom Brady vs. Tony Romo, and more interestingly, Owens vs. Randy Moss in a matchup of the league’s highest-scoring offenses.

In place of the usually talkative receiver, reporters found at Owens’ locker Wednesday a nearly poster-sized, typewritten note:

“Dear Reporters,

“Due to the magnitude of this week’s game and high volume of questions for the Original 81 about the other 81. I will be taking all questions immediately following Sunday’s game.

“Sincerely, (followed by Owens’ signature)

“p.s. Getcha Popcorn Ready.”

The “other 81” was an obvious reference to Moss, the controversial five-time Pro Bowl receiver who after two difficult years in Oakland is flourishing in his first season with the Patriots.

Owens’ postscript referred to his “get your popcorn ready” comment made when he signed with the Cowboys in the summer of 2006 — before he caught an NFL-high 13 TDs in his Dallas debut. Owens has 21 catches for 387 yards and three TDs this season.

“I think he’s pretty focused. We don’t want to give them any bulletin-board material,” tight end Jason Witten said. “There’s enough said. We all know what the challenge is. He’s staying focused. He’s anxious, excited about the challenge.”

Moss is tied for the NFL lead with seven touchdown catches and has a league-high 551 yards (on 34 catches), even after being sidelined much of training camp with a hamstring injury — similar to Owens’ first camp with the Cowboys last year.

While Owens wasn’t in the locker room, he was at practice, an unusual Wednesday workout with players in shorts without pads or helmets.

During the open locker room period, several of Owens’ teammates stopped and read the note, then walked away smiling.

“It was funny reading it,” Chris Canty said. “That’s T.O. being T.O. You’ve got to love that guy.”

Plus, they saw bigger messages in Owens’ short statement.

“He’s going to show it on the field. ... The talk is over. Now it’s all about getting prepared and trying to get a win,” DeMarcus Ware said.
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an attempt to get ready for another run to the NCAA Tournament — and this time maybe a first-round victory.

For his part, Harangody shed 10 pounds and said he is in the best shape of his life.

"The first six weeks I sat down with the coaching staff and we talked about what I needed to do, how I needed to get in the weight room, and how I needed to condition to get my body in the best shape so I could make it through the season," he said. "I got in the weight room, watched what I ate and I think I met my goal."

Sophomore guard Tory Jackson said the summer workouts were "perfect," bringing the squad together on and off the court.

"We all were together," he said. "It was like a big family. Anything we did, we did together. Anytime someone went down, you could look to one side or the other and you would always have a player to pick up. We are all brothers out here."

Junior Kyle McAlarney returns after being suspended for marijuana possession and missing the second half of last season to join Jackson in the backcourt. The two both played point guard early last season, with McAlarney starting and Jackson coming off the bench. But after McAlarney was suspended, Jackson took over the starting role, averaging 7.8 points and 4.3 assists per game.

Because of the graduation of guards Colin Fal l and Russell Carter, Notre Dame's two leading scorers from last season, McAlarney and Jackson will both start this year.

Jackson said the summer workouts helped him adjust to playing alongside McAlarney.

"It will give us a nice balance," he said. "We can run a lot and beat teams that way, just outrunning them."

Although the Irish return eight players who made significant contributions last season, they have just one senior on their roster — forward Rob Kurz, who was Notre Dame's third-leading scorer last season at 12.3 points per game.

"He has done a great job as the lone senior setting the tone for the summer," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I think sometimes before he has turned down shots, and I'm going to start with him tomorrow not turning down shots."

Kurz, Harangody, McAlarney and Jackson will fill four of the five starting line-up spots, and all have starting experience.

Into the small forward role steps junior Ryan Ayers, who scored 2.9 points per game in a little under 10 minutes of playing time per game.

"I can contribute with my all-around game," Ayers said. "I can hit the open shot from three and get in to mix it up in the midrange game or finishing at the rim."

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Men's Basketball

Ayers steps into starting position

By CHris HINE

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With its two leading scorers — Colin Falls and Russell Carter — gone, Notre Dame needs to find a way to replace scoring. Two first-team all-Big East stars contributed on a nightly basis.

Ayers will hardly have to go it alone. Irish coach Mike Brey said Ayers can do it. "He's ready," Brey said. "With his offensive game.

Ayers worked extensively this summer on his dribble-penetrata­ tion and, in the process, gained the confidence of his teammates and his coach so that he can be a leader out on the floor.

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Junior forward will get more time with Carter and Falls gone

By Chris HINE

Sports Editor

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As a freshman, Schrader averaged 10.5 points and 5.4 rebounds per game. A little more than a year after the injury, Irish coach Muffet McGraw says Schrader was ready to go.

"She's probably 90 percent," McGraw said. "She looks really good. She's strong, relentless, attacking, fearless. She's one of the best players on the team.

Suffering through the long rehabilitation took its toll on Schrader, and the hardest part of the injury was being relegated to the sidelines.

"I've always been a person who's always been on the court," she said. "Me taking it off was really bad. The rehab was definitely hard, but not playing was killing me the most.

Schrader said that while not playing was the main consequence, missing other aspects of team involvement also made the time off more difficult.

"The little bonding things that we had during practice, team dinners, stuff like that," she said. "Or the announcements calling my name. That's the things I really, really miss the most."

Teammates said Schrader brought intensity to the team in her freshman year — something the team may need with its weak perimeter defense last season.

"Lindsay brought a lot of intensity all the time," senior guard Tulyah Gaines said. "Her whole aura about her is like an intense player, she's never going to quit.

McGraw said the Irish will play a four-guard system this season, which the team began to learn last year. Although Schrader's role in the offense, McGraw said her time on the sidelines enabled her to better understand the intricacies of the system.

"Now I have a complete understanding of where I'm supposed to go, what I'm supposed to do," she said. "As if it wasn't for my injury, or if I didn't sit out, I wouldn't have been able to see it actually run.

Just because we put in our basic offense and defense against a defense, I completely understand now what Coach was talking about.

McGraw agreed and said that Schrader's time off gave her a chance to grasp the game better than before.

"I think she learned a lot. She listened to her coaches. She conceived things a lot differently," McGraw said. "She's so happy to be out on the court. Sometimes we have to reign her back in, because she is so excited to be out there.

One thing Schrader was excited about was the chance to play with the sophomore class, alongside guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow and center Erica Williamson.

"I just can't wait to see what we'll be able to do and what we're capable of," Schrader said.

Schrader seemed to have found the benefits in the worst of situations, but now faces her favorite situation — getting back on the court once again.

"I haven't played another team in a year and a half," she said. "I was even excited for last year when this happened so I'm double excited now.

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Freshmen bring high expectations

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Last year Notre Dame had three freshmen see significant time off the bench. All three were named to the Big East all-freshman team.

This year, the Irish have another strong class of three freshmen — guard Brittany Mallory and forwards Becca Bruszewski and Devereaux Peters — and hope to get the same level of productivity out of them.

"I think it is important. We've had our classes ranked in the Top 25 for 12 straight years now...but it really depends on how they mature," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Last year, the freshmen had to develop very early in the season because the bench was so thin. After the starting five, three guards feature Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow and center Erica Williamson were McGraw's next best options.

But with three starters and three contributing bench players returning this season, playing time may be much more scarce than it was last year.

"This is probably the deepest team we've had in terms of talent and it's going to be a challenge for me," McGraw said. "Generally we're geared to really play right this year; the system we have is going to go to them to get into the rotation early.

Despite the deep bench, all three current freshmen agreed that McGraw's willingness to play freshmen right away was a contributing factor in their decision to come to Notre Dame.

"It lets you know that you have a chance because some schools you just come in as freshman and don't really get any time," Peters said. "So it's nice to know that you have a chance and based on what you do, you can achieve a lot."

Bruszewski said she was impressed with the program involved with the program were the most important factors in her decision to play for the Irish.

"Actually meeting with the coaches (was important). Coach McGraw is kind of like a mom and the other coaches are amazing," she said. "The girls are so cool and down to earth. We get really good and well. And it doesn't hurt to have a lot of returning experience (Lechlitner) on the team.

Even though they won't be getting their minutes as early, this year's freshmen are excited to contribute a lot if Notre Dame is to be successful.

Bruszewski and Peters will add to the team's depth in the paint and give the Irish a presence that will help the Irish on both sides of the court.

"Devereaux Peters is a highly heralded freshman. She's going to be a lot of fun for us in a lot of ways that we haven't been able to do in terms of defense and in terms of rebounding and blocking shots," McGraw said. And Becca Bruszewski, she's someone that we are expecting to be a versatile player who can come in and be physical and play defense and the basket.

McGraw said she hopes Mallory will be a strong presence in the Irish offense, especially from beyond the arc.

"Brittany Mallory is a great three-point shooter," McGraw said. "We're counting on her to be on from long range, especially again this year in transition we're looking to shoot a lot of threes. I hope that she takes the next steps this year.

Off the court, the team is gelling well, especially the new players.

All three freshmen enrolled at summer school at Notre Dame and spent a lot of time together, Mallory said. Mallory and Bruszewski also roomed together.

"We [the three freshmen] became really close. We spent a lot of time together; we were in class together," Mallory said. "Coach [Brian] Agler did a great job getting that preseason in and getting a feel for each other.

One of the most difficult parts of the transition between high school and college basketball for the freshmen has been the amount of practice — and especially the fitness and conditioning.

While Peters said she never felt like she was struggling, she said, "There's definitely a difference but I think [the freshmen] are prepared for it now."

The upperclassmen have a lot of experience and talent, Bruszewski and Peters adapt to college life at Notre Dame.

"I could relate to them and [the team] treated me as just another player on the team, as if I were in high school coming in," Mallory said.

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Men's Soccer
Unbeaten streak comes to an end

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Irish fall to Spartans 1-0 on sloppy field

No. 3 Notre Dame saw its nine-game unbeaten streak snatched away in the ruins of East Lansing Wednesday afternoon as the Irish fell 1-0 to Michigan State at Old College Field.

The loss was Notre Dame's first since a 3-0 defeat Sept. 2 at the hands of Maryland, and the Irish are now 5-2-2 on the season. Notre Dame still has a nine-game unbeaten streak. Cahill's record is at 7-1-2 with Cahill allowing in more than 321 minutes for Cahill — a season-long scoreless streak. Cahill suffered his first loss of the season, and Notre Dame's record is now 7-1-2 with Cahill in goal.

After Michigan State's goal, the Irish pushed the pace and had a few scoring chances, the final one coming off a break from out of state — the loss to Stanford probably impacted more guys like that more than it probably will the Southern California kids, where they do the majority of their recruiting.

Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

"That's the biggest thing for us — we could have a freshman on every line."

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"Right now they're in on some elite receivers that they have a very good shot at."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may feel forced to take drastic measures if someone won't cooperate. An unexpected, yet humane solution is possible if you can avoid the temptation to overreact. Patience and perseverance, rather than dwelling on personal matters, may be the answer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need to slow down and take some time out. Enjoy yourself or get involved in a new hobby. A love connection is possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gauging your time — to what extent you need the help. Don't let someone else's problems overshadow what you should be doing today. Work within a strict budget and don't let lovers or children cut you financially. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your personal way to get your way but don't let your emotions control the scenario or you will end up doing things that won't help you or anyone else. A parent or parent will put demands on you. Stick stubbornly but on your own self-responsibility. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you have the travel bug, book a trip or make plans to see someone you find inspirational. What you learn from others will help you make your future plans. A trip near your home will work, but don't bring emotional baggage into the scenario. Let everyone else have their day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be unique and original if you want to get success. Protection is preferable to a weak or sure bet, if you say something, it may work for you and you should. Hidden changes may be necessary at home or in your personal life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Follow your new directions and you will serve your advantage. A chance to do something totally different must be taken. A change within a relationship with a co-worker, lover or child will turn out for the best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Collect a debt or deal with legal or financial matters. Although you should be able to make money, you can't get into its unseen and unifying way, the most obvious thing you should be doing is making, doing. Something different for entertainment. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Hard work will bring rewards. You may find a different reason to do something if everyone can see that you are working hard

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your mind on what you are not. What no one you do or whatever you are doing doesn't affect anything about which you feel passionate. It is likely to lead to an emotional outcome and you don't want that to happen

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PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Anything to do with partnerships will have to be done differently. You may find you need to give yourself time, or you may need to get involved in different situations. Otherwise, you may have to face the past and deal with it. 3 stars

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Recruits stay true to struggling ND

Nation's top class continues to remain intact despite record

By CHRIS HINE Sports Editor

For a 1-5 team that has the No. 1 incoming class in the country, according to top Web sites, no news is good news on the recruiting front.

"That's the best news you can hear," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for irisheyes.com. "If you're hopeful, if nothing else, you hang on to these guys that you have, there are still some big targets out there."

Over the past few weeks, none of Notre Dame's 19 verbal commitments for the Class of 2012 have defected and taken their intent to attend Notre Dame despite the team's 1-5 start.

"It's not a case of 'we're broken with pretty much all of them recently and they all seem very solid,'" Frank said. "There are a few that are getting hit with a lot of some calls from various coaching staffs around the country, and they've been getting a lot of mail. But everyone now seems to be very solid."

Frank said Notre Dame's first win of the season last weekend against UCLA helped take some of the pressure off Notre Dame's coaching staff and the recruits themselves.

"You know they have a lot of people giving them a hard time about Notre Dame's season and staff like that and I think a win really helps Notre Dame and the staff by just quieting some of that for a week," Frank said. "They're starting to turn around and play better and that's a big plus. People are seeing Notre Dame is not as bad as people think."

Even though the Irish have a class filled with four- and five-star recruits, Frank said the coaching staff still has some holes to fill.

"In my opinion, they need to land two more wide receivers, a running back and at least one more offensive lineman to kind of close this class out," Frank said. "I think if they can get those four players, anything else would just be icing on the cake."

Notre Dame has offered scholarships to three running backs who have not yet verbally committed to any school — Cyrus Gray, Ryan Williams and Evan Rankin — who will start Notre Dame's first game against No. 15 Wisconsin this Friday, made three saves in his 20 minutes of work for the Blue squad. He also stopped penalty shots from junior left wing Justin White and sophomore right wing Ryan Tang.

All penalties in the first period were awarded penalty shots rather than goals in even strength play.

Junior Jordan Pearce, who will start Notre Dame last season. By BILL BRINK Sports Writer

Lindsay Schrader found not only the silver lining of the injury that kept her out all of last season, but also a way to profit from it.

The junior guard, who tore her ACL on the fourth day of practice last year, is back — and brings with her a slew of benefits from sitting out the 2006-07 season.

"It made me an all-around player, definitely on and off the court," Schrader said. "It was tough for me in the beginning, but I definitely pulled away a better person and a better player. I'm definitely where I need to be."

"Freshman class brings high expectations"

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FOOTBALL

Irish freshman Ian Cole skates up the ice during Notre Dame's Blue-Gold scrimmage Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

HOCKEY

Notre Dame opens the regular season Friday vs. Wisconsin

By DAN MURPHY Sports Writer

Notre Dame shook the rust off its skates last night in the annual Blue-Gold showdown at the Joyce Center.

The Irish — who add seven freshmen to their roster this season — looked a little bit slow out of the gates, struggling to show that puck control was their team strength last season.

"It's not drills anymore, it's real hockey, a scrimmage, so I'm sure that there is some nervousness out there," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "That's the one thing that we all need to recognize is that there are different lines out there — different line combinations."

The split-squad played one 20-minute period of five-on-five followed by 12 minutes of special teams work.

The most intriguing story of the night was the battle to replace last year's CCHA MVP Dave Brown between the pipes. All three goaltenders saw equal time in net and looked sharp, allowing no