Students take advantage of longer library hours

By BRIAN McKENZIE
News Writer

To help students prepare for midterms, Hesburgh Library opened Sunday morning and will not close until Friday night. Though late-night usage so far has not been significant, a library security guard said that change could occur as people grow aware of the extended hours.

Security monitor Terri Harper said after-hours library use would peak at “a couple hundred” people, particularly early today and Wednesday morning. However, her records indicated that there were only 40 people on Monday morning at 3 a.m. and 23 at 5 a.m.

He anticipated that turnout would increase dramatically as the week progressed.

"Word’s out now," he said. "Everybody knows now, and that’s key."

While the change was instituted in the spring of 2006, word of the late-night midterms hours is still spreading.

Senior Kim Ramsey said she hadn’t known the library was open 24 hours a day during midterms week. Although Ramsey said she is a “night person,” she was doubtful she would use the library after 2 a.m.

Parker Ludwig, interim head of Library User Services, said the library has been open 24 hours during midterms for the past three semesters. During that period, he said library attendance averaged 120 users at 3 a.m. and around 50 users at 5 a.m.

By comparison, library attendance during finals week averaged around 160 users at 3 a.m. and 75 users at 5 a.m.

Irish official says integration an issue

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

John Haskins, the senior Irish government official responsible for immigration policy, opened Monday’s panel on the effects of a changing population in Ireland by quoting Irish author George Bernard Shaw.

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past but by the responsibility of our future," Haskins said.

Most of today’s immigrants to Ireland originate from Eastern European countries such as Poland and Lithuania, Haskins said. There are also large numbers from China and Africa.

The overall population of Ireland increased by 10 percent since 2002, as reported by the 2006 census, Haskins said. The population of non-nationals increased by 90 percent and now includes one in 10 residents, an estimate Haskins called “skeptic.”

Between 1945 and 1973, Europe underwent a guest worker phase, but the integration of those immigrants was not as thorough as that of the Northern Irish, Haskins said.

"These are new lives, but this is a historical issue," he said.

NDVotes ‘08, a nonpartisan campus campaign, plans to encourage student voter registration

NDVotes ‘08 consists of various political groups on campus, including College Democrats, College Republicans, ND Right to Life, NAACP and other groups, McKenna said.

While NDVotes ‘08 is not affiliated with the national Rock the Vote organization, it shares some goals, said McKenna.

“Our goals are streamlined with Rock the Vote," McKenna said. "We stress education, registration and awareness.”

Political groups on campus have recently jumped onboard with NDVotes ‘08, but their roles and duties have not yet been specified, said Spencer Howard, co-president of College Democrats.

The president of College Republicans, Sarah Way, sees the affiliation for NDVotes ‘08 as an extended effort to register as many students as possible.

"This is really a bipartisan effort to get people to care enough to vote," she said. "Every vote does count. We, as young Americans, need to start showing concern about our future.”

NDVotes ‘08 will name dorm commissioners shortly after fall break to maximize the spread of their goals, McKenna said.

One of the key elements of NDVotes ‘08 is the voter contact card, which will enable the group to compile information of registered students as well as notify them about voter deadlines, absentee ballot information and local elections.

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Mendoza recognized for ethics

MBA program ranks 5th for stewardship

By JOHN TERNIE
News Writer

The MBA program at Mendoza College of Business ranks fifth in a biennial international study of stewardship in graduate business schools, according to results announced Oct. 10.

The Aspen Institute, an international, non-profit organization that seeks to promote enlightened leadership and open-minded dialogue, conducted the study.

The study ranked business schools not only on the starting salaries of its students and other typical ranking criteria, but also according to the courses taught and research interests of faculty.

Notre Dame’s College of Business Administration ranks 2nd nationally in stewardship.

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“There certainly is an acknowledgement of the need to look deeply at the impact business leaders will have in the world,” she said. "At a faith-based institution, we are very comfortable exploring these issues.”

In addition to requiring courses that help teach students how to conduct business in a way that promotes social responsibility, Mendoza fosters research that addresses the ethical implications of business throughout the business education community, she said.

Editors discuss comic strips

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Editors of The Observer attended Monday’s BOG meeting to discuss student discontent about comic strips published in this paper last week.

Dissatisfaction over the comic strips, which addressed the new and ongoing management responsibilities of Saint Mary’s students, follow protests at the College about past comics printed in The Observer in recent years.

Observer Editor-in-Chief Maddy Hanna, Managing Editor Ken Fowler and Saint Mary’s Editor Katie Kohler were present at Monday’s meeting to answer questions.

Board of Governance

Executive treasurer Courtney Kennedy, student body president Kim Hodges and vice president Kelly Payne at a BOG meeting Sept. 3.
Why midterm week sucks

So two days into the week and everyone is already praying for Friday to come soon. They have to put up with the stress of midterms and the anxiety of exams. Everyone is stressed out and grumpy, they’re snap at other people.

Especially between girls. The high screaming matches can result out of who’s sniffling, sneezing, coughing the most. It’s gross, especially if you’re the one getting sick, and try to pull off papers and tests and come out on the other end rela­tively unscathed.

All this stress just makes everyone irritable and downright grumpy. People are snapping and griping at each other for no apparent reason.

Pensions are so high that huge screaming matches can result out of ridiculously petty disagreements—especially between girls. The high stress levels amplify girls’ natural cat­tiness and make girls more likely to snap at other people.

And if it isn’t bad enough that everyone is stressed out and grumpy, they’re all getting sick. Colds and fevers are in abundance everywhere. It’s impossible to go into a class where at least half the room is sniffing, coughing, or shivering from fever.

Of course all this sickness is incredibly distracting, not to mention kind of gross, especially if you’re the one who’s sniffing, sneezing, coughing or shaking from fever.

It’s terrible, you’re feeling stressed out and gross, it’s when you start to breathe and all you want to do is go to sleep and wake up on Saturday morn­ing for the USC game. All that anyone wants to do is fly through this week and come out on the other end relatively un­scathed.

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Offbeat

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The priest was able to reach up and point the gun at him and asked for money, authorities said.

Heyde told the intruder he only had a few dollars in change, which seemed to frustrate the man, police said.

Heyde’s wide then grabbed a decorative ax from the wall and demanded he leave the home. “While she had the ax pointed at the intruder, she was able to reach up and claw his mask off. That’s when we got a good look at him,” Heyde said.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.
Task forces address campus changes

Energy Week, Honor Code, taxi regulations among discussion topics

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

Task force reports at Monday’s meeting of the Campus Life Council addressed the campus energy summit, treatment of honor codes at peer universities, guidelines for community relations and the rules limiting the waiting time of cabs at Main Circle.

Lauren Sharkey, Hall Presidents Council co-chair, congratulated Student Body codes at peer universities, summit, treatment of honor codes at peer institutions such as Washington and Lee University, she said. “We’re hoping to move to have a big, symbolic statement for the Honor Code.”

Marlis Braun, student body vice president of the Task Force on Campus Energy, said she has been in contact with Virginia administrators, who said they were enthusiastic about the honor code at Notre Dame using the Good Neighbor Guide as a basis for its own pamphlet.

Sheena Plamoottil, who was not present at this week’s meeting, is the chair of the Task Force on Community Relations. Student body president Liz Brown presented a brief report in her place.

The Task Force on Campus Environment will assess the effectiveness of the energy summit, the first of three planned summits to take place this year, Brown said.

Student body vice president Marlis Braun presented the report by the Task Force on Community Relations. After meeting with Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs, faculty co-chair of the Notre Dame Code of Honor Committee, Braun said she is working on ideas of how student government can help the committee raise awareness of the Honor Code.

She discussed the emphasis placed on the Honor Code at freshman orientation. The task force is researching treatment of honor codes at peer institutions such as Washington and Lee University, she said. “We’re hoping to move to have a big, symbolic statement,” she said, mentioning the idea of a poster or a possible service at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart — where students, as a class, would sign the Honor Code.

Kevin Hall senator Gus Gari presented the report of the Task Force on Community Relations. He said he met with the chair of the Student Senate’s Community Relations Committee to coordinate research on relevant topics.

The task force is continuing to compile research from the University of Virginia’s Good Neighbor Guide, to which it is looking as a model for the creation of such a document at Notre Dame.

Brown added that she has been in contact with Virginia administrators, who said they were enthusiastic about the honor code at Notre Dame using the Good Neighbor Guide as a basis for its own pamphlet.

Gari said the task force is seeking short-term solutions to the problem of taxis on campus, and it is researching the handling of the matter at other universities and colleges to search for a long-term resolution.

The Committee on University Affairs is looking into the problem of taxis being turned away or ticketed at Main Circle, Brown said.

She mentioned the possibility of setting up taxi stands at two ends of campus. That would create a system for students to get off campus ... and back to campus safely,” she said.

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SAND calendar to coordinate service

By KRISTEN EDELEN
News Writer

With the launch of an online calendar that charts upcoming service events, the many social service groups at Notre Dame have a new resource for collaborating their event planning and general dialogue.

This resource, which is now up and running, was created by the newly formed Social Action Notre Dame (SAND) network and can be found on the bottom right corner of the Center for Social Concerns’ home page. The calendar shows events through mid-November.

Mary Njik and Chris Esber, both juniors, founded the group. “The main purpose of this group is to start conversation between all the different organizations that focus on social action and social service to avoid groups planning events at the same time, and to allow groups to work together on issues,” Njik said.

Service groups can submit their events to the online calendar, according to Esber, who works in the CSC office. The sharing of information will help organizations plan so that service events can be scheduled at times that do not conflict with other events, he said.

Esber will maintain the calendar with the help of juniors Katie Day and Maggie Condit.

The idea behind SAND resulted from Njik’s participation in a national summer leadership program and an idea of Rosi McDowell, the student outreach coordinator for the CSC. McDowell wanted to create an efficient scheduling network for the many events that occur on and off campus.

Njik said many other campus communities had systems similar to SAND.

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The Kings of Kilburn High Road

By Jimmy Murphy

Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17
8:00 p.m. Decio Theater

To celebrate the conference, “Race and Immigration in the New Ireland,” the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies will host two performances of 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.

Arambe Productions, Dublin, Ireland Presents

The Kings of Kilburn High Road

By Jimmy Murphy
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Hodges said. He cited a popular quote: "We wanted workers, we got people.
Europe as a whole had to invest in wide-ranging social structures to see if these workers could inte-
grade into society, so policies on immigration and integration need to be related, he said.
"Immigration policies define the overall framework within which integration w orks," Hodges said.
A balance is therefore needed, he said.
"... some difficult decisions have to be made." The new note of integration reflects what Hodkins calls the nexus of immigration and inte-
A ll departments must deliver on services to newcomers," he said.
The term integration implies "we are integrating into some-
ing," Hodkins said, a process that involves "understanding our-
selves and cherishing our roots." This process is three-fold, he said, including "them under-
standing us," "us understanding them" and "us understanding us." Hodkins, who visited America for the first time this year, referred to a well-known Latin saying printed on the one dollar bill.
"It's taking many and creat-
ing one that works," he said, emphasizing the idea of creating the "we" in society.
Ownership of integration occurs at societal, institutional, community and individual levels, Hodkins said.

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buyers for BOG members.
Student body president Kim Hodges said BOG sought to learn more about The Observer's process behind publishing comics.
"We wanted to find out the chan-
nels in which articles, specifically comic strips, are channeled and what could be changed," Kim Hodges, Saint Mary's student body president, said after the meeting Monday.
BOG members said they would like to see the Saint Mary's editor panel be preceded by a concurrent panel at Notre Dame, which was productive. She said BOG is working to create forums between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for Irish Studies, Monday morning's panel was preceded by opening remarks from Conor Lenihan, Minister of the Republic of Ireland.

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dents feel their identity has come under attack.
"We want to defend our honor as Saint Mary's women," Hodges said.
Hodges said she and other BOG members wanted to support stu-
dents who were offended by the comic strip.
"We understand that the entire student body doesn't feel the same way," she said. "We are advocating on the behalf of the students who do not want to be viewed as that type of character."
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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Mother stops suicide attack in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan — A mother who tried to stop her son from carrying out a suicide bomb attack triggered an explosion in the family's home in southern Afghanistan that killed the would-be bomber, his mother and three siblings, police said Monday.

The would-be bomber had been studying at a madrassa, or religious school, in Pakistan, and when he returned to his home in Uruzgan province over the weekend announced that he planned to carry out a suicide attack. Interior Ministry spokesman Gen. Abdul Raby said.

Surviving family members told police that the suicide-vest exploded during a struggle between the mother and her son, said Humam Gil Haim, Uruzgan's police chief. The man's brother and two sisters were also killed.

Planes crash on runway at Heathrow

LONDON — Two planes collided while taxi­ing on a runway at London's Heathrow Airport Monday night, television reports said. There were no reported injuries.

Sky News television, citing witnesses, said all 30 people aboard the two planes were unharmed. The planes were an Air Europa Boeing 747 and a Sri Lankan Airlines A340 and said their wingtips had collided. It added that all the passengers were evacuated from the aircraft.

Sky said there were about 20 fire trucks at the scene.

BAA PLC, which manages Heathrow, could not immediately be reached for comment.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Medtronic dishonest wires faulty

MINNEAPOLIS — Medtronic Inc. is stopping distribution of wires that connect some of its defibrillators to patients' hearts after learning they may have contributed to five deaths.

Medtronic shared more than 12 per­cent of its common stock Monday after the disclosure.

A defibrillator monitors a patient's heart beat; if it senses an abnormal heart rhythm, it delivers an electronic shock to reset the heart to a normal beat. A defibrillation system consists of a device implanted near the shoulder with one or more leads connecting the device to the heart.

Medtronic said it discovered a "small chance of fratactures in particular locations" on Sprint Fidelis models 6930, 6931, 6948 and 6949.

The company is asking doctors to stop implanting the leads and return unused leads to Medtronic.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Police being sued by angry parents

HAMMOND, Ind. — The parents of a teenage girl who died after a car crash sued Gary police for $5 million Monday, alleging the department did not look for their son.
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The main cost of keeping the library open during the pre-exam days is staffing, Ludwig said. He declined to estimate the cost because he said University staff salary information is not generally released.

"If the library were open 24 hours more frequently, security for visitors and collections might have to be looked at differently, perhaps with greater cost," he said.

Senior Jo-Bell Rogers said he stays "pretty often until closing." At the library, he said, "it's easier to focus, a better study environment with fewer distractions."

Though Rogers’ workload this week might not be enough to warrant after-hours studying, he said he "definitely would have been there after 2 a.m." if the library had been open late last week.

Carol Hendrickson, chair of the Student Senate Academic Affairs Committee, said Senate "hasn't really focused on midterms" besides compiling a report on study space. She said that the report "in effect will potentially help with midterms."

Senate is working to increase and improve study spaces and printer availability, she said.

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While coalition members called local elections important, they aren’t the group’s priority. NDVotes’08 is focusing on national elections, McKenna said, especially with the top-heavy primary season in January and February.

Local elections tend to draw less attention, Way said. "People tend to see the local elections as not as important," she said. "Most students plan to leave South Bend in a few years and don’t care to get involved in local politics. If students keep taking this attitude, the community will have less of a reason to show concern for our needs."

Local elections remain relevant even to politically disengaged students, Howard said. "People here are from all around the country and the world and they probably know their own local district well," he said. "But the truth is that while they’re here, even if they’re part of the Notre Dame bubble, the local elections and the local government affect them so they should become involved in it."

Howard mentioned the recent South Bend City Council permit ordinance as one example of local politics affecting student life.

NDVotes’08 developed out of partnerships with the Rock the Vote and other national organizations, McKenna said.

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**In Brief**

**Social Security to be put to the test**

WASHINGTON — The baby boomers' stampede for Social Security benefits has begun.

The nation's "first" baby boomer, a retired teacher from New Jersey, applied for Social Security to be put to the test closely watched for signs that after severing of nearly 80 million born from 1946 to 1964, the baby boom is here.

"We can do this," said: "We have every confidence that the plane is fully tested and developed before it enters commercial service."

For Airbus, the challenge is to meet demand for the A380, whose patience has already been stretched, but not with potential converts. With 189 orders or firm commitments, Airbus is hoping to see 200 on its books by year-end.

"She's leading the way for her generation," said: "We have every confidence we can deliver, but what is guaranteed in life?"

"The latest cuts would give AOL more flexibility to expand its business."

"This realignment will allow us to focus our business on the core to our business," AOL Chief Executive Officer Falco said. Its goal, he said, is to attract people in some 30 countries to new Web sites such as its Moviefone and MapQuest properties.

"This is a significant step forward for our company and the company's business."

"AOL believes it is now best at developing Web sites such as its Moviefone and MapQuest properties to attract people in some 30 countries, Falco said. Its goal, he said, is to build "the largest and most sophisticated global advertising network" for marketers to reach that online audience.

"AOL, once the leading seller of Internet access subscriptions, has struggled in recent years as Internet users have ditched their AOL accounts for high-speed services offered by cable and telephone companies."

"To make up for declines in subscription revenues, the company has been trying to boost traffic to its ad-supported Web sites and last year began giving away AOL.com e-mail accounts, software and other features once reserved for paying subscribers."

"Last year's job reductions were mostly in customer-service and marketing personnel as AOL opted to stop producing and distributing its notorious trial discs aimed at luring new subscribers."

"The latest cuts are expected to affect employees across the board. Last month, AOL announced that it was consolidating its advertising operations to share innovations across the company and help potential advertisers more easily buy ads."

"The idea is to help marketers reach Internet users not only across AOL properties but also at outside sites for which AOL now brokers ad sales."

"In a memo to employees obtained by The Associated Press, Falco described the latest cuts as difficult but necessary."

"AOL has acquired a number of companies in recent months and added to its payroll each time. The purchase of ad-targeting technology specialist Tacoda Inc., for example, brought in about 100 employees."

"America Online to slash 2,000 workers"
Catholics and dissent

Back when I wasn’t so possessive and grouseworthy, I was very interested in getting married. I’d only marry a Catholic, since it didn’t make sense to enter into a sacrament with someone who didn’t understand it in the same way. Besides, I’d want my kids raised Catholic, and they’d never get it from me.

I’m not ashamed that one reason I picked Notre Dame was to find a wife — with so many Catholic girls, there was sure to be one stupid enough to like me. I know some girls at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s get ridiculed for being extra-eager to find a husband — the “M. R. S. degree,” this makes no sense to me. How is it in any way shameful to be more interested in finding a spouse than getting a diploma? Which, ultimately, is more important?

So it saddens me that there aren’t more graduation-weddings. It’s a problem that people wait so long to marry these days in general. For one thing, the Church has traditionally underwritten the primary end of marriage to be the protection of chastity. This is clear in St. Paul’s writings (e.g., I Cor 7) and later in St. Thomas Aquinas. Most people, men especially, can’t achieve celibate chastity and couldn’t even if they were at all inclined to. Besides lots of grace, it takes strenuous effort of the soul, constant vigilance, discipline, and a determination to keep getting back up no matter how many times you fall. These are very manly qualities, yet somehow much of our society considers it manlier to be a slavish to pleasure (which always is emasculating) and one’s desires than to disdain them. So anyway, if people wait until they’re 30 to marry, that usually means they spend their twenties habitually sinning against chastity. Bad enough in itself, and certainly not good preparation for marriage. Well, I was sort of new to Catholicism when I came to Notre Dame, so I’m still learning. I assumed Catholic meant Catholic. Now, one potential major problem (obviously) in marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics, or between Catholics with different understandings of being Catholic, is the issue of contraception. Since getting attached to someone you wouldn’t marry is foolish, I had to get girls’ opinions before potentially becoming interested in them. I figured out pretty quick that not all — not even most, I’d say — self-described Catholic girls at Notre Dame agree with the Church’s teaching on contraception. I know about as many who supported it as were categorically opposed to it, though that probably reflected the kind of people I was around.

My point isn’t that contraception is wrong. See Paul VI and Janet Smith for that. Nor am I saying shame on Notre Dame kids for supporting or using it. We all must form and follow our consciences ourselves. No, what I’d like to explain is how dumb it is to say you’re Catholic and yet support contraception.

The Church, particularly in the person of the pope, makes outrageous claims about itself. The bishops in solemn assembly, or the pope ex cathedra, say they’re infallible about faith and morals. That means never wrong. That means not even capable of being wrong. If you believe the Church is in error in its formal announcements about contraception, you are right well at the same time that it’s infallible. So why swear any allegiance to a church which doesn’t know — or worse, knows but won’t admit — the truth about itself? If it can’t be believed when it proclaims other outrageous doctrines, like the Atonement, Real Presence, or the Trinity? The Church claims to speak with the voice of its Founder: if it’s right, it deserves full assent. If it doesn’t, it’s a great big blasphemous fraud that deserves nothing but hatred and opposition.

If you recognize this argument as like C.S. Lewis about Christ, good eye. But I thought of it myself, when I all I knew about Lewis was that he was an Narnia. I say this not to brag but to show that anyone could think of it. Obviously, the argument builds for any issue, but I apply it to contraception because it is the worst, knows but won’t admit — the Church any more than 1 was telling anyone to leave the Church. And so what if you’re a priest or teach Catholic theology.

Am I saying a Catholic has to believe whatever the Church teaches authoritatively? Pretty much, yeah. Does a Catholic have to actually live whatever the Church teaches? Hardly — if that were the case, there would be no Catholics. Failing to live up to our faith is part of being Catholic, but we must try to change our lives to fit our beliefs, not the other way around.

About 85 percent of Notre Dame students consider themselves Catholic. Just about all who are admitted are very intelligent. And I’d bet almost as many think the Church is wrong about one thing or another. These three dots can’t be connected logically. I know I have no right to tell others whether they should be Catholic or not, but I’d seriously like to know — if you disagree with the Church, why not just leave it? I know I would.

Greg wishes to congratulate the rugby team on being re-instated and wishes them best of luck in getting banned again. He can be contacted at gregpy@hotmail.com. The views expressed in this column are the author’s and necessarily those of The Observer.

Editorial Cartoon

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Submit a Letter to the Editor at www.ndsmcobserver.com

A person reveals his character by nothing as much as the joke he resents.

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg, author
Dear fellow members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community especially freshmen! The read portion of this year's football schedule is over for the most part, and we've embarked on a five-game home stretch. There's nothing like a Notre Dame home game, and this month's opponent is something we are creating. As such, we must form a united front — as I'm sure you know — knowing and good taste, but often outright misogyny. It is the comments just get more bitter and vile as women put down and abused by their Notre Dame neighbors. You think you're being clever or self-righteous, but I have to tell you, the observations just get more bitter and vile as the years go by. And they get old. Your hate speech reveals not only a lack of maturity and good taste, but often outright misogyny. It includes not only the cartoons, but also letters to the editor that begrudge Saint Mary's participation in the "Notre Dame community." Obviously, the editors of the Observer either: 1) are unwilling or unable to control the derogatory content in the paper, or 2) condone the anti-Saint Mary's content. Either way, I am ashamed to see this is still happening 20 years after our Saint Mary's. But, how well can it serve us and our university's reputation by continuing to resurrect these offensive types and misconceptions. Enough is enough. It's time to grow up, Notre Dame, and show some class.

Elizabeth Karle
Class of 1995
South Bend
Oct. 15

Learn the lyrics

Album goes back to roots

In reading the Scene review of Dashboard Confessional's new album, "The Shade of Poison Trees" (Oct. 11), I was disappointed to see that Miss Shaffer had failed to do her homework on the band's intentions for the album.

Though the album is, admittedly, not one of Chris Carrabba's best efforts, the idea that his band takes a smaller role in the disc was well documented during the recording process by Carrabba himself. It has long been planned that he would return to the roots that include as much as — as I'm sure you know — knowing and proudly singing the greatest of all university fight-songs, the "Notre Dame Victory March." Of course, we all know the part that starts "Cheer, Cheer for old Notre Dame," but there is also a first verse. Fellow freshmen, you may or may not have noticed that while our sections sing "shake down the thunder," our sophomore, junior, and senior competitors below "U RAH RAH! What's up with that? The tune to the first verse is similar to, but not the same as, the second. I strongly urge you, now, to find a recording of the fight song, and play it as you read the following lines: "Rally, Sons of Notre Dame! Sing her glory and sound her fame! Raise her Gold and Blue And cheer with voices true! Rah! Rah! For Notre Dame (U RAH RAH)! We will fight in every game / Strong of heart and true to her name / We will never forget her / We'll cheer her ever loyal to Notre Dame! Cheer, Cheer for old Notre Dame! Wake up the echoes cheering her name / Send a volley cheer on high / Shake down the thunder from the sky / What tho' the odds be great or small / Old Notre Dame will win over all / While Her loyal Sons go marching onward to Victory!"

So on Saturday, put your game face on. Bush on those tattoos, color your hair green, or dress up like the leprechaun. But remember: above all we must come together to show our support for our team, "what tho' the odds."

Joann Norell
Freshman
McCarthey Hall
Oct. 9

Focus on awareness

To respond to Matt Gore's editorial "Climate control not best use of funds," (Oct. 10), which used Energy Week as an inspiration to criticize funding to research climate change, I would first like to inform him that Notre Dame's first annual Energy Week was not about climate change, but about awareness. The week's events tried to educate the community about our individual energy use, the possibilities of renewable energy sources, and the measures our University is taking on energy issues. But since Mr. Gore brought up climate change:

Uncertainty about what the actual temperature change will be does not translate into uncertainty that climate change is happening. There is no debate in the scientific community that global warming is happening, and the consensus is that it's happening because of humans burning fossil fuels and destroying forests. Unless we change our habits fast and limit the amount of greenhouse gases we emit, there will be significant changes to our planet and dire consequences for the humans that inhabit it. The worldwide effects of a change of 3 degrees Celsius are severe; 5 degrees, unthinkable.

Mr. Gore brings up HIV and malaria prevention programs as alternatives to invest in for humanity, and I believe these issues certainly deserve our attention. But money for mosquito nets is not going to be enough. Global warming will only increase the geographic range and number of people at risk for transmission of malaria and other infectious diseases. Local environmental and socioeconomic conditions, including access to energy, will largely determine the actual occurrence of diseases, making the populations Mr. Gore is concerned about most vulnerable to the human effects of climate change.

If we truly desire to help humanity, we cannot be so short-sighted as to look only at the immediate problems we face today. We must also look to the future, in the generations that will inherit our world and ask ourselves what kind of world we are creating for them.

Caitlin Nora Murphy
junior
Breen-Phillips Hall
Oct. 11

Submit a Letter to the Editor.
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An integral element of growing up is understanding the beautiful and challenging complexities of life. Regina Spektor's new album, "Begin to Hope," is an extraordinary insight into one person's perspective on the curious balance between hope and despair, youth and maturity.

Spektor has quite the life already, a Russian immigrant to the U.S. with no musical training or equipment. As the listener moves through the album as a whole, it becomes increasingly clear. She is a woman who's seen the world and the many levels to the world's she's shared with others and within herself.

The opening track, "Fidelity," is simply stunning. Finding a way to make an acoustic guitar sound fuller without being artificial is not an easy task. Spektor's talent and skill make this song mesmerizingly beautiful. The way she uses the guitar starts to build the listener's expectations early, and she does not disappoint.

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It's tough to tell whether song is a recounting of a single memory, or a dream, or a collection of many different experiences and moments in one striking story. This difficulty is part of its wonderful appeal and carries over most of the album. It can be said that listener never truly knows for sure where Spektor is and so it's constant game of figuring out and catching up, enjoying the game immensely all the while.

In the fashion of artists such as Ryan Adams or Ray Lamontagne, Spektor is excellent at using her voice in virtually every fashion imaginable. Whether it's a near inaccessible whisper of painful remembrance in "That Time's," or a rousing call in "Samson's," she's "Oh we couldn't bring the columns down / Yeah we couldn't destroy a single one / And this history books forgot about us / And the bible didn't mention us / Not even once," Spektor has mastered her understanding and employment of the subtle complexities of the voice to most accurately convey the ideas she's decided to sing about.

Contact James Costa at jcosta@nd.edu

For average Joe, rock-stardom is just a guitar store away.

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The next step is the longest — and the most important. Find yourself an approach that suits your learning style. The best place to do this is the Internet. Some sites advocate finding a difficult piece and working with it until you can prove to yourself that your college afro hairdo is good enough. The next Clapton or Satriani. The play "Kings of the Killburn High Road" opens on the DeMois Mainsage Theatre in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center tonight.

The song "And on the Radio," as she sings, "On the radio / We heard November Rain / 'Cause he's real long / But it's a pretty song" and "And on the radio / You hear November Rain / That sale's awful long / It's a good refrain".

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Scene’s Top Video Picks

Iran So Far
Another SNL digital short along the lines of the now infamous Justin Timberlake skit, this time around a farce about Iran’s president.

Minesweeper: The Movie
For anyone who has ever played the classic game “Minesweeper,” this video will hit close to home.

Man Skips Stone 51 Times
Remember that time when you skipped a stone four times and you were really proud of yourself? Well, Russell Byars skips a stone 50-plus times in this video.

Hardest Mario Mod Part 1
This video is a hilarious clip of a very angry guy trying to conquer a glitch-filled game that is worse than Ann Coulter and an R.L. Stein book combined.

Mantage
A tribute to all things manly, ranging from bear wrestling to chopping firewood. This is a video that can be enjoyed by men and women alike.

Super Mario Guitar
What do you get when you combine two guitars and the most famous video game intro music of all time? This video.

Boom Goes the Dynamite
This clip is from a Ball State student newscast, and features a very nervous (and funny) sportscaster giving it his best shot. An oldie but a goodie.

Elizabeth Taylor On Marriage Rumors
Elizabeth Taylor addresses the rumors about a possible marriage with some interesting results. How many marriages is it now? 10? 11?
Giants cruise over Falcons
Manning leads New York to easy win over struggling Atlanta

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The New York Giants are on another roll. Now, Eli Manning has the team rolling, leading the Giants to their fourth straight win, 31-10 over the Atlanta Falcons Monday night.

Eli Manning (23), who took control after a first-quarter fade in which the teams combined for 24 punts, New York scored final four points in the first quarter. A run, a touchdown pass to Michael Vick, less-than-typical Falcons fumble and a field goal.

"I felt good throwing the ball," said Manning, who completed 12 straight at one point in the first half. "I felt good getting opportunities in a timely fashion as spreading the ball around to all receivers."

The Giants have bounced back after starting the season with losses to Dallas and Green Bay, but they must be mindful of the collapse that knocked them out of the playoffs a year ago.

A five-game winning streak had the Giants at 6-2 midway through the season, but they managed just two more wins until the playoffs. Maybe that's why coach Coughlin didn't sound all that enthusiastic after the game.

"I thought sometimes we did pretty well, but the second half was sometimes we did not," he said.

"There were some issues." Manning threw a pair of touchdown passes and set up another New York TD with three straight completions in six which lesenned the damage of two interceptions and losing a fumble when John Abraham knocked the ball loose just before the quarterback's arm went forward.

Manning had to be played the Falcons, who are averaging just 13.2 points a game.

"They throw a good defensive football team," Coughlin said. "They have tough cornerbacks, obviously on the offensive side of the ball."

Manning was 27-for-39 and put up his highest total since a 312-yard performance against the Cowboys in Week 1. He hooked up with Amani Toomer on a 5-yard scoring pass in the back-and-forth opening period. Before the half was done, Manning went deep for a 43-yard touchdown to Plaxico Burress that gave the Giants a 10-7 lead. Burress turned to the crowd and bowed after getting wide open down the middle.

The Falcons have little reason to take a bow. Their offense is dreadful, a startling contrast to the high-scoring teams that Bobby Petrino coached in college.

Playing behind a patchwork line, Joey Harrington was sacked four times, had several passes deflected at the line and did plenty of scrumming to avoid New York's fearsome pass rush, which had tied a league record with 12 sacks of Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb two weeks earlier.

The Falcons, who were starting two new tackles because of injuries, actually did a better-than-expected job keeping Usi Uwopini, Michael Strahan & Co. away from Harrington. That was largely because Harrington went with quick drops and short passes, not leaving much time to open up big passing windows.

"Eventually, they started to dominate the line of scrimmage," Petrino said. "We couldn't sustain the run and execute the passing game."

After yanking Harrington the previous week in favor of Byron Leftwich, the Falcons didn't have a backup plan against the Giants. Leftwich, who signed with Atlanta after Week 2, was designated as the third-quarter back because of a sore ankle, and backup Chris Redman has not played in a game since 2003.

"Byron probably could have gone in there and played," Petrino said. "But missing two days of practice when he's only been here a month, that would have been hard to do. We decided to stick with Joey and see what he could do."

Not much. Harrington was 18-for-39 for 299 yards, putting him in danger of losing another starting job after he was already dethroned in Detroit and Miami. The Falcons were totally inept after their quick start, managing 159 yards and nine first downs over the final three quarters, most of them coming after the Giants already had put the game out of reach.

"When they pop in that film," Strahan said, "I don't want them to say the defensive line didn't do it. Everything we had."

Redman did start warming up at one point late in the first half after Harrington was shaken up on a sack by Antonio Pierce, but the starter was able to stay in the game, much to the chagrin of Atlanta fans who still miss Vick.

When another Falcons possession fizzled with about 10 minutes remaining, the red-clad fans at the Georgia Dome delivered one last round of boos and bellowed for the exits, leaving a healthy contingent of New York fans to cheer on their team the rest of the way.

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Vinny Testaverde was excited and nervous.

When he signed last Wednesday with the Carolina Panthers, the 43-year-old quarterback thought he could still play. But he wasn't sure he'd gain the respect of the team and his teammates.

"Not having the support of the players was a concern," Testaverde said Monday.

"Dealing with me being 43 years old and the players looking at me and saying, 'Hey, how is this guy going to help us?' He's 43. Hey, how is he going to help us?"

"I wanted to show them through practice and certainly through the game that I was capable of helping every aspect of the bargain."

He had nothing to worry about anymore. Except perhaps being involved in a quarterback controversy.

The man nicknamed "Dad" by his teammates led the Panthers to a 25-10 win at Arizona on Sunday despite not knowing all his teammates' names.

An emergency fill-in with Jake Delhomme out for the season with an elbow injury and啸山 Flatley Carr nursing a sore back, Testaverde started the offens in four days to become the third-oldest quarterback to take a snap as the starting man, behind one win.

A guy when he takes the previous Sunday at home watching TV games on completed 20 of 33 passes for 260 yards, including the go-ahead 65-yard touchdown pass to Steve Smith in the fourth quarter. Testaverde, who had thrown a ball in more than five weeks Wednesday's practice, didn't throw an interception as the Panthers moved to 4-2 heading into a Week 9 game.

"It's a pretty good feeling to be called upon on short notice, knowing your personal, you players are capable of doing it and going out and winning the football game," Testaverde said.

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**University of Nebraska Chancellor Harvey Perlmans speaks at a news conference Monday, Perlmans fired athletic director Steve Pederson after Nebraska suffered a second straight lopsided loss, falling to Oklahoma State 45-14.**

**Nebraska fires athletic director after loss**

**Associated Press**

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska athletic director Steve Pederson was fired Monday, two days after the school's once-mighty football team was rocked with its worst home loss in nearly a half-century.

Pederson, along with coach Bill Callahan, has been heavily criticized after a series of one-sided losses this season. The most recent was a 45-14 loss to Oklahoma State on Saturday with former Cornhuskers coach Tom Osborne and his 1997 national title team in attendance.

Callahan's job is apparently safe for now. Chancellor Harvey Perlmans said the next athletic director would decide the fate of the football staff.

Over the past two weeks, the Huskers (4-3) have lost by a combined score of 86-20, dropping a 41-6 decision at Missouri two weeks ago.

"There is no joy in my heart for having to do this," Perlmans said. He said it would cost at least $2.2 million to buy Pederson out of his contract.

At the end of the July, Pederson's contract was renewed for five years, but this season has been a nightmare for the most part. Even in victory — a 41-40 nail-biter against Ball State — the Huskers' defense was far from the force it used to be.

For the first time in their 118-year history, the Cornhuskers have allowed at least 40 points four times in a season. "You make the best decision you can with the information you have," Perlmans said.

The chancellor also said since July he's noticed a decline in morale and general concern about key personnel in the athletic department. Paul Meyers, a key fundraiser, was among several people who departed.

Several people came forward with concerns about Pederson's management style and his connection with staff, donors and athletes, Perlmans said.

"Every one of you thinks this is because of a football game that was played last Saturday," Pederson said. "It may well be that the vulnerability of the football program encouraged people to come forward when prior to that they had not."

A search for an interim athletic director has begun, with the next step to find a permanent replacement.

**Pereiro gets yellow jersey from the 2006 Tour de France on Monday. The Spaniard moved up from second after the disqualification of Floyd Landis for doping.**

**Bryant sits out second straight preseason practice**

**El SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant sat out practice for the second straight day Monday because of a sore knee, and said he didn't know if he'd play in the Los Angeles Lakers' next exhibition game.**

The Lakers face the Seattle SuperSonics on Thursday night in Bakersfield — the first of six exhibitions in nine days.

Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson said Bryant asked to rest his legs, adding that treatment included ice and massage. Bryant wasn't available to the media afterward, but before leaving the Lakers' practice facility, he expressed uncertainty concerning Thursday night, saying he would continue treatment.

Bryant has said very little to reporters since team owner Jerry Buss said last week in Honolulu that he "would certainly listen" to trade offers for the Lakers' star.
NHL

Ward slims down, shines for 'Canes

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cam Ward lost about 10 pounds. What he hasn’t lost lately are many games.

A winner of four straight starts, Carolina’s slimmed-down goalie has yet to lose in regulation and has emerged as a big reason for the first-place Hurricanes’ quick start this season.

Three months ago, the Hurricanes became just the third team in the modern era to drop from Stanley Cup champions to playoff no-shows. Now, with a revitalized, lighter Ward in net, they lead the Southeast Division and are out to prevent their postseason fate from being determined in the season’s final weeks.

“You’d hate to look back at your season and wish in the early season that you had a better game here or there, or I could have gotten a win here or there,” Ward said Monday. “Every game is huge. It’s not just about the second half or the last week, trying to get into the playoffs. It’s what you do throughout the entire season that really matters.”

So far, all of Ward’s numbers this season are better than last year’s totals — including his weight.

After missing the past two seasons — and winning the 2006 Campbell Smythe Trophy as the playoff MVP — at around 200 pounds, Ward said he most recently weighed in at 177.

Sleeker and quicker, Ward has allowed just nine goals on the 156 shots he has faced through five games, and his save percentage of 942 ranks fifth in the league. His goals-against average of 1.74 is more than a goal better than it was last season, and ranks second among goalies who have played at least four games.

He’s one of three goalies with at least four wins so far, with his lone blemish a season-opening overtime loss to Montreal. Only Ottawa’s Martin Gerber (1.95) has more saves than Ward’s 147.

And, he was the backbone of the Hurricanes’ three-game sweep through eastern Canada last week, helping Carolina sweep Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal by a combined score of 15-5 — a performance that led the NII to name him its No. 1 star of the week.

NFL

Titans’ Young day to day after MRI on leg

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans are hoping quarterback Vince Young is a fast healer.

Young had an MRI exam Monday to check out his strained right quadriceps muscle. The results of the test weren’t immediately available, and coach Jeff Fisher said Young would be considered day to day.

Tight end Bo Scaife saw the quarterback walking around Monday and thought Young looked like he was fine. The healing factor could come from the schedule. The Titans (3-2) visit Young’s hometown Sunday and the team, the Texans 3-3, that passed him over in the 2006 draft.

“It’s not the end of the world,” Scaife, Young’s college teammate at Texas, “I think there’s nothing more for him to be able to play. I’m sure he’s going to do everything he can to try to see that it happens.”

Fisher said the test was to determine the best course of treatment for the 2006 Offensive Rookie of the Year who was injured at the end of a 2-yard run to the sideline midway through the third quarter of Sunday’s 13-10 loss to Tampa Bay.

“He couldn’t practice today,” Fisher said. “If we had practice today, he’d be sore. But he’s not as bad as we thought. So he’ll be day to day, and our treatment path will be to try to get him back on the practice field as fast as we can.”

The Titans will be without receiver Brandon Jones on Sunday. Fisher said the third-year receiver had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Monday and will be out a week or two. Jones hurt his right knee on Oct. 7 in a 20-13 win against Atlanta.

But the Titans have a handful of healthy receivers led by Eric Moulds, Roddy Williams and Justin Gage. The health of the quarterback who has led Tennessee to nine victories in its last 12 games is what matters most.

“No question we’re definitely concerned about our leader on offense,” lineman David Thornton said. “We need him. He’s a guy who’s going to make plays and continue to make plays. We hope the MRI shows it’s not a situation where he’s going to be out for an extended period of time.”

The injury has the Titans considering some roster moves with Kerry Collins the only other quarterback. Tim Rattay was in training camp, but was released Sept. 1 and signed with Arizona, where he played much of Sunday’s loss to Carolina. Ingle Martin, a Nashville native and Green Bay’s fifth-round draft pick in 2006, is on the practice squad.

Punter Josh Miller could be cut to make room for a third quarterback because Craig Hentrich has punted the two weeks since a sore back kept him out of a game Sept. 24.

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Strong pitching leads Indians over Red Sox

Westbrook stars as Tribe wins at home, takes 2-1 series lead

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Not their best. Not even second best. Jake Westbrook, right at home in the Jake, was exactly what the Cleveland Indians needed.

Westbrook, an often overlooked third wheel in the rotation, kept Boston grounded for nearly seven innings Monday night, leading the Indians to a 4-2 win over the Red Sox and a 2-1 lead in the AL championship series.

The laid-back right-hander, who missed a big chunk of the season with an injury, doesn’t possess the overpowering stuff of either C.C. Sabathia or Fausto Carmona — Cleveland’s two aces who flipped badly in Games 1 and 2 at Fenway Park — or their stellar reputations.

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Pair of co-defendants accept deals in O.J. case

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two men who cut plea deals Monday in a Las Vegas hotel that authorities say O.J. Simpson master-minded could hamper the former football star’s defense, but the men’s dubious backgrounds could give prosecutors problems.

The question will be whether prosecutors can build a strong enough case against Simpson on the words of his cohorts or whether the testimony will be eroded through contradictions and cross-examination targeting the unsavory background of his co-defendants.

“It’s a defense lawyer’s dream to cross-examine these witnesses,” said Laurie Levenson, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a former federal prosecutor. “You can put someone up before a firing squad and the squad members can start shooting at each other.”

At this point, prosecutors appear to have the upper hand. Two of Simpson’s co-defendants, one a former friend, agreed to testify against him in return for drastically reduced charges.

“It’s always a prosecutor’s strategy to go after the little fish to get to the big fish,” said lawyer Edward Miley, who represents defendant Charles Cashmore. “In this, it seems to be that O.J. Simpson is the big fish.”

A lawyer for Walter Alexander, a former golf buddy of Simpson’s who plans to testify against him, said he hasn’t been in trouble in a decade.

But he and Cashmore have histories of run-ins with the law. Cashmore, 40, who said he will plead guilty to being an accessory to robbery, was charged with felony theft in a 1996 embezzlement case in Provo, Utah, pleaded guilty and bargained the charge to a misdemeanor and probation. Alexander, 46, said he will plead guilty in conspiracy to commit robbery. He was arrested in Los Angeles in 1987 for kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon, but the charges were dismissed because a witness refused to identify the culprit, court records show.

Charges against Simpson and three others include kidnaping, armed robbery, assault, burglary and conspiracy. A preliminary hearing for them is scheduled Nov. 8 and 9. Cashmore and Alexander waived their right to a preliminary hearing.

Their brushes with the law will be fodder for cross-examination, as will their roles in the Sept. 13 confrontation in a Las Vegas hotel room where Simpson has said he went to retrieve items that belonged to him from a group of memorabilia peddlers.

Simpson’s Las Vegas attorney, Gabriel Grasso, said he wasn’t surprised that some of Simpson’s co-defendants are getting reduced charges to testify against the athlete-turned-actor.

“I never thought this would be anything but an O.J. case and only O.J.,” he said. Grasso said he expects the prosecution to argue that, “In a den of thieves, you have thieves as witnesses.”

Some of the other men in the room had felony convictions, including Tom Riccio, the man who set up the meeting and taped it but was granted immunity and not charged. He is expected to be a key witness.

Prosecutor David Roger has not outlined his strategy and declined comment on it outside court Monday.

Defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr., who represented acquitted defendants Michael Jackson and Robert Blake in cases that turned on witness credibility, said the move by co-defendants to plead out and testify to save themselves shows the prosecution’s motive is to get Simpson.

“This might feed into the idea of a setup,” he said. “They set him up in the hotel room and tape recorded it and now they’re setting him up in court.”

Simpson’s celebrity and the fact that many feel he was wrongly acquitted in 1995 of murdering his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, could weigh heavily against him and may emerge as the dominant theme in the case.

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**Squads continue seasons**

Riders head to Purdue to showcase field hockey team loses 3-2

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Equestrian

At Notre Dame/Saint Mary's equestrian club open house this weekend, the riders presented a show, and Cinalli was out and showed. Krista Jones gave the riders a chance to ride and they performed intermediate flat, riding to fourth place. Laura Divilbissy rode and showed the walk-trot-canter and Katriina Sewart also took sixth in walk-trot. In beginning walk-trot, Catherine Germer and Tiffany Oiler took second and third, respectively, to complete the Irish scoring.

The club will next compete at the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's of the Woods College.

**Field hockey**

A shot-handled field flip 3-2 to Miami (Ohio) this season. Riders had the opportunity to play the rivalry with only one substitute available at the beginning of the game. The Riders were leading early, but Miami fought back. While the second half led the squad with little resistance. The Irish were dominant on the fast break of the first half, by Danielle Nagle. With just over 18 minutes remaining in the game, Carlsen. Both scores were unassisted. In the second half, fatigue showed as the Red Hawks sent wave after wave of fresh players onto the field. Miami scored all three goals in the last six minutes of the game. The game-winner came with about a minute left.

Catherine Duffy was in goal and finished with nine saves.

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Brendan McCarthy fell on the ball in the end zone to cut the deficit to 7-6. But the Rams were unable to quickly strike back, as Garcia found Kelly for a 65-yard score on the first play of the ensuing drive. Kelly broke one tackle near midfield and was in the clear as he headed to the end zone to give the Ramblers a 13-6 lead.

The St. Ed’s offense continued to struggle, moving the ball but coming up empty in crucial situations until midway through the fourth quarter. After an Abingtion interception was nullified by a roughing the passer penalty, the Rams piled on. With 4:14 left, senior receiver Pat Gotebeski took a fast break down the sideline with sophomore quarterback Jeff Skorup for the first score of the game, putting the lead at 20-6.

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Kevin Rabil Fisher quarterback

Fisher senior quarterback Kevin Rabil wasted no time driving his offense down the field, connecting on a deep pass to senior receiver Pat Gotebeski to put the Green Wave on the one-yard line. Rabil then hooked up with junior receiver John O’Connell for the first score of the game, and the Green Wave converted the extra point to make the score 7-0.

“We were down by the end zone, and we needed a quick pass,” Rabil said. “I saw they were playing off and it was open.”

O’Connell credited his quarterback’s vision for the touchdown pass.

“Kevin and I were working out flat today, but we’re better than we let people think we were. I think junior captain Ge Wang said, ‘If we play like we did in the second half, no one can beat us.’”

Freshman Mark Costanzo had two interceptions, and fellow freshman Chris Dinkins record ed a sack for a St. Ed’s defense that allowed 220 yards.

While the Rams may have all but secured a playoff berth, the Rams were still looking forward to Wednesday’s showdown with Fisher in the regular season finale for both teams.

Fisher 7, Knott 6

Fisher stayed undefeated Sunday with a 7-6 victory over Knott in a game characterized by turnovers.

The Juggerknotts were unable to string together promising offensive successes together into a complete drive, falling victim to an interception on fourth-and-four, three of four punt trying attempts, three of four punt returns, all but securing a playoff berth, and was in the clear as he headed to the end zone to give the Ramblers a 13-6 lead.

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The second half started slowly, with both teams punting and fumbling once before Knott’s offense started to show some life.

Lezynski connected deep down the sideline with sophomore receiver Jeff Skorup for Knott’s first score of the game. "I told the team at halftime that if we got into the end-zone we would go for two," Lohr said. "If we were able to convert, it would have taken the heart out of Fisher." But the Juggerknotts were out to convert on the two-point try, and Fisher held onto its 7-6 lead.

The Juggerknotts defense forced a punt on Fisher’s ensuing possession, but a third down drop snap by Lezynski let Fisher to run out the clock and seal the game. Knott dropped to 1-3 and is most likely knocked out of contention for the playoffs.

"We are only graduating three seniors this year," Lohr said. "We do it well next year." Fisher’s 3-0 start puts it in the playoffs.

But the Otters could not get the ball into the end zone, as they had done in the first half. After a 17-yard run by McMahon, Fisher was in position to seal the game.

Sorin 24, Carroll 0

Against the Vermin, Sorin capitalized on the stop, driving his offense down the field for a 25-yard touchdown pass. Sorin said, "Hopefully, we can carry some of this momentum into the postseason."

Sorin 24, Carroll 0

Sorin kept his slim playoff hopes alive Sunday with a 24-0 victory over Carroll. Senior receiver Dan McMahon, on the third play of the possession along the right sideline, McMahon caught the pass at the 25-yard line and scored a touchdown. But that score was also called back because of an illegal motion penalty.

"If we win, we have a good chance," Bove said. "We just have to out and win."

Stanford 12, Keough 7

Stanford’s mistakes nearly cost it the game, but the team overcame two penalties that took touchdowns off the board and defeated Keough 12-7.

"As a team, we feel pretty good about it," said senior quarterback Rob Bluh said. "That being said, as a team, we all feel like we did not play disciplined football with all the penalties we had and almost gave the game away to Keough.

Keough pounded the ball Stanford’s thrust early in the game. But the Griffins’ defense eventually solidified and forced a turnover on downs. Stanford senior running back Bryce Fugarrón had two long runs on Stanford’s opening drive, putting the ball in the end zone on the second down of the drive.

"We had our backs against the wall and were able to come away with a real sense of urgency," Ryan Bove Sorin captain

However, another false start penalty nullified the score at 10-0.

A gainst the Vermin, Sorin and those surrounding him had no time for the Vermin’s offense. With 3:17 left in the first quarter, McMahon caught the pass at the 25-yard line and scored a touchdown. But that score was also called back because of an illegal motion penalty.

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11. "Beep?"
12. Headed out
13. Avenue
14. Noted prima donna composer
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Down
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2. City near Provo
3. Subject of modern "mapping"
4. Fizzy drinks at a five and ten
5. J.F.K. posting
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7. One, two, three or this puzzle's title
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10. It has eyes that can't see
11. 1½ resistance test
12. Bring in the show
13. Tut's kin?
14. Bring in the three-piece comedy duo
15. Bloodhound's trail
16. "Coda"
17. Access the Web
18. "Don't give up!"
19. In first place
20. "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
21. Brownish gray

22. Bronson P "A"...THE 2179, for gold:
23. Averse
24. Confess (to)
25. "Durn it!"
26. Big dog
28. "Golly"
29. Access the Web
31. "Don't give up!"
32. "Phew!"
34. Brownish gray
36. "Phew!"
37. "Yeah I had a phobia, but I do a thing a day. I'm trying to make myself feel better."
38. Kind of vaccine
39. "Sometimes, when my friends are away, I feel so alone and isolated, and I just want to..." (answers tomorrow)
40. Horse course
41. Two
44. Prefix with con
46. Rabbi's wrap
47. "Omm It!
48. Wall plaster talk
49. Big gob section
50. Mother's hermanos
51. "Ah, wanna?"
52. Groom's date
53. Genie in a bottle
54. "What's up?"
55. "I wish I was you!"
56. "You wish!"
57. "You wish!"
58. "You wish!"
59. "Ah, wanna?"
60. "Don't give up!"
61. "Don't give up!"
62. "You wish!"
63. "You wish!"
64. "You wish!"
65. "You wish!"
66. "You wish!"
67. "You wish!"
68. End of a fight
69. Luck of the Irish
70. Largest volcano
71. Athenian lawgiver who introduced trial by jury
72. Big dog
73. "Omm It!
74. Horse course
75. One, two, three or a puzzle's title
76. Guide strap
77. Baby does, briefly
78. It has eyes that can't see
79. 1½ resistance test
80. Bring in the show
81. Tut's kin?
82. Bring in the three-piece comedy duo
83. Bloodhound's trail
84. "Coda"
85. Access the Web
86. "Don't give up!"
87. In first place
88. "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
89. Brownish gray

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Horoscope

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CANCER (June 22-July 22): You may get gossip, slander from your past is likely to surface — proceed with caution but don't run away. You have something to learn that will help you to pull out that 5 star. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you don't overhaul or overhaul you will gain ground. Simplicity from your past is likely to surface — proceed with caution but don't run away. You have something to learn that will help you to pull out that 5 star. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): You have a part you must play if you want to get ahead. Problem is, you can't get away from the feeling it's obvious. Take precautions but don't try to hide. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try to do things that will not break your back. You should begin a new project or get involved in activities that will stimulate you mentally, physically and emotionally. A change in scenery will do you good. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Business problems will settle if you have trusted someone who should have avoided. Be a quick change artist and you should be able to mollify anyone trying to pull a fast one on you. Don't break to make a grand gesture. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not get so wrapped up in what someone else is doing that you neglect your responsibilities. You won't be able to relax with the changes taking place as everyone may be more difficult than you expect. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your desire for something put you in an awkward financial position. If you can't pay outright, wait until you can. Health issues may arise if you let yourself get rundown. Take a little time out. 3 stars

AUSTRALIS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You know what you have to do to get what you want but don't do it as the expenses of someone else. Muddling or getting stumped in something you shouldn't will not bring the results you expect. Concentrate on being productive and helpful. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Changes are good, but you will need to sort out all the information you impair in order to extrait. Travel and communications will be bumpy, causing misunderstandings and misadventures. Don't overreact. 2 stars

Birthday Horoscope: You are well-rounded, worldly and an inventor. You like to try all things, but be careful not to ignore it. You are a rebel, a trouble maker, a warrior, and a birthright. 4 stars

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Siegfried beaten by St. Ed's as Green Wave sweeps juggernauts away

By JARED JEDICK, SAM WERNER, MIKE GOTTIMER and MATT GAMBER
Sports Writers

In its first three games, all victories, St. Ed's did not allow freshman quarterback Matt Abeling to be sacked once. That streak is over.

Abeling was sacked three times and hurried plenty of other times in a 13-12 loss to Siegfried, Sunday.

"We knew they were going to come out throwing, so we just went after them hard all day," said senior defensive lineman Tom Martin, who recorded a pair of sacks for the Rams.

"We hadn't gotten as much pressure up front as we would have liked the last few games, but today we got the job done." Juniors Tom Serace, who claimed the other Siegfried sack, and Tom Owens, who intercepted an errant Abeling throw, led a defense that shut down a St. Ed's offense that had looked dominant the past three weeks.

Saint Mary's hosts Albion tonight at 7 in the Belles' final match at the Angela Athletic Facility this season. The Belles are sixth in the MIAA standings and hope to pass fifth-place Albion.

With a record of 4-7 in league play and 9-14 overall, the Belles have had their ups and downs this season. Their record started to spiral downward after a 3-0 loss to Hope on Oct. 4. Saint Mary's then lost to last-place Olivet in a 5-yard line, Siegfried went three-and-out. A mishandled snap on the punt attempt allowed St. Ed's to block the punt, and Stedsmen junior senior Kevin Kelly, gave the Ramblers all they could handle.

"They're smaller than us, and we felt like we could beat them up and just run it down their throats," Young said. "They only had a few guys in the box, so that's what we stuck to all day.

The Ramblers established their efficient passing game early, as freshman quarterback Mike Garcia hit Kelly for a 43-yard completion on Siegfried's second play from scrimmage. Four plays later, freshman fullback Dan Seime took an outside toss then dropped back and threw a strike to Kelly for an 11-yard touchdown.

After St. Ed's punter pinned the Ramblers back at their own 3-yard line, Siegfried went three-and-out. A scappy team can be the hardest in play against, and Schroeder-Biek is expecting her Belles to meet the challenge.

"Team effort is key in this match," Schroeder-Biek said. "I expect everyone to step their game up. We are in the home stretch and need everyone's full effort.

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