Panel discusses religion in Ireland

Representatives speak about peaceful relations between faith groups within Catholic nation

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Although Ireland has seen an influx of different religions in recent decades, a panel discussion Wednesday, featuring three representatives from different faiths, said the predominantly Catholic nation has allowed them all to exist peacefully with little interference from the government or Roman Catholic Church.

Patsy McGarry, religious affairs correspondent for the Irish Times in Dublin, said the religious revolution is taking place in Ireland.

"It can be said that the long (religious) tradition of 19th-century Ireland is finally thawing and allowing an emergence of new religions," he said. "This is something of a convenience for people of other religions because it is a way of liberating them.

Echoing the current national opinion of freedom of religion in Ireland, McGarry quoted Irish president Mary McAleese saying, "We don't enforce religion on anybody. We hadn't our day with that.

McGarry said the Irish government of Ireland is an "aggressively secular" institution and works to enforce the separation of church and state.

It is also important, McGarry said, to be sensitive to those who don't assign themselves to a particular faith. The number of people who don't consider themselves secu lar, rather than many copy centers on campus.

Over the past several years, student interest in Asian Studies has grown -- promising the University to expand its academic offerings in the subject. Notre Dame's connection to Asia began nearly 30 years ago, as University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh traveled there to create a stable interconnection and exchange with academics in China.

In 1996, eight faculty members founded The Center for Asian Studies on campus. Now in its 11th year, the Center is made up of more than 40 faculty and staff members with its own office. It now supports more than a dozen courses in many diverse fields of study.

The central mission of the Center is to promote and offer interdisciplinary support for classes and research relating to Asian studies and Asian-American studies.

Director of the Center for Asian Studies and Anthropology professor Susan Blum is excited for the opportunities that lie ahead.

"Asia, of course, has 60 percent of the world's population, so anyone who is attentive to world affairs is years ahead of the reli gion of Asia," she said. Blum said this is an opportunity to expand the program's presence on campus even more.
INSIDE COLUMN

A lot to be thankful for

It's midterm week and I am bored up in the library. It's so late the junior has begun to sweep the floor in circles around me. As I look at the gleaming floors and start to appreciate this job, this is what I am doing, thoughts of grades invade my mind, as well they should, because this student has a lot to be thankful for.

An odd thank you to the football team: For their first victory of the season over UCLA. Although I was miserable over the 0-3 start, no one could pay me to give up the experience of rushing out of my dorm, along with what seemed like the rest of campus, to the inevitable gathering at Stonehenge. I didn't care that we were going berserk over a single win that was long past due, or that Jimmy Clausen didn't actually throw a touchdown. No one could have dampened the feeling that night. Forget freshman orientation icebreakers, if you didn't feel a sense of community after that night, you have a screw loose.

A special shout-out and thank you to my friends from Cavaghan and Webb Family who just a month after meeting them, surprised me on my birthday with the most thoughtful present: A cookie cake. Without people like them, Notre Dame wouldn't have the tight-knit community that we all rely on in times of need and celebrate with in times of triumph. For these friendships, I am grateful, as well as the fact that my birthday candles didn't set off the Cavalenna fire alarm. Thank you to everyone's favorite president emeritus, Father Fallon Hurley. In response to my email, meeting with me, and telling me the most helpful thing I can say or think is, "Come Holy Spirit." I can only hope in my years at Notre Dame and beyond that the Spirit works through me half as much as it does through him, and that I have a fingerprint a fraction the size of his.

Last, though they are not physical, the bonds with and between me and my email address if I didn't thank my parents for everything from day one. It occurs to me that upon finding I was accepted here as a transfer student, I never actually asked if I could accept their gift. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for being there for me when I needed a friend. For rescuing me from the student Union Board and the Notre Dame German Club.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY:

AS A CHILD, WHAT DID YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO BE WHEN YOU Grew?

Andrew McKinley
junior Keenan
"A basketball player."

Jaimie Amrhein
junior Lewis
"A tree - I used to do practice."

Don Taynor
junior Carroll
"A leaf - I still do."n

Joe Serafin
Sophomore Dillon
"A hell of an engineer."

John Hennessey
junior Sorin
"A mailman."

OFFBEAT

Dancing cockatoos loves a boy-band beat

SCHUERHEVILLE, Ind. — Snowball the cockatoo can't get enough of the Backstreet Boys. The 11-year-old medium sulfur-crested cockatoo lifts his legs, squawks and bobs his head, flashing his bright yellow crest to the beat of the boy band's "Everybody (Backstreet's Back!)."

When Snowball was given to a bird rescue shelter a few months ago, the man included the CD and instructions to wash his reaction. Irena Schulz said she almost fainted at the sight. "I'm thinking, 'What on Earth is this?' This is unreal," she said. Irena, who runs Bird Labs Only Rescue with her husband, Chuck. The couple said they have been contacted by people from around the world who have watched Snowball on the video-sharing Web site YouTube.

NYC woman finds python in the toilet

NEW YORK — There was no Hallowen bogyman in the closet for one Brooklyn woman — just a 7-foot-long python in her toilet. Nadine Brunacci was washing her hands in her bathroom before dawn Monday when she glanced back and saw the dithering serpent peeking out from her toilet, most of its body hidden in the pipes. "I turned on the light and screamed," Brunacci, 38, told the New York Daily News. "It still makes my heart race."

Brunacci slammed down the lid, put a heavy box on top of the toilet and began calling for help, which came from her landlord and firefighters. Plumbers had to tear apart the downstairs neighbor's pipes to capture the snake, she said. It's unclear how the python made its way into the pipes.

IN BRIEF

Scholar Ann Chakravarty will speak about "Surrounding Consent: The Political Consequences of the Genocide Trials in Rwanda" today from 12:30-2 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

First Year of Studies is sponsoring a monthly luncheon series featuring women at Notre Dame. October's fireside chat that will take place today from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Study Lounge and will feature Carolyn Wut and Marian J. Gillen.

A letter-writing campaign in urge senators to support the DREAM Act will take place today at 5 p.m. in front of the Center for Social Concerns. Letters, stamps and pizza will be provided.

The film "American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver" will be shown at the D'Artelaro Performing Arts Center today at 7 and 10 p.m. as a part of the Solidarity Film Series. Tickets are $3 for students.

The Chief Executive Officer of OfficeMax, Sam Duncan, will speak Friday as a part of the Boardroom Insights Lecture Series from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

The Competitions Kickoff and Elevator Pitch Competition as part of NASIG training sessions will occur from 3-5 p.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

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

THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE THE SHOW:

"American Idealist: The Story of Sargent Shriver"

A Fireside Chat with Sam Duncan

Tickets:

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Public: $5

Tickets are available through the Box Office, the Associated Press.

CHRISTIAN SACRAMENTO/DOMENIC G. HENNESSEY

Strudel Meisters, a German band from Michigan, played during Okdornerfest festivities at Legends. The event, which took place Wednesday, was co-sponsored by the Student Union Board and the Notre Dame German Club.

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Prof. speaks on marriage

By LIZ HARTER
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A wedding is not the most important day in a person’s life, a religious studies professor said during Wednesday’s Theology on Fire discussion at Saint Mary’s.

“You’re the same person the day after your wedding,” Religion Studies professor Anita Houck said. “Your financial status is different, your sexual life may be different, but you’re the same person and your husband is the same person.”

Instead of focusing on the wedding, she said, society should begin to focus more on the vocation, and, more specifically, on the vocation of the single person.

Houck defined vocation as a calling, the path to heaven, God’s will, and a direction. She specified that there are two different types of vocations: The universal vocation, which is the overall calling that all people have to live in the image of God, and the particular vocation, which relates to work that you do or the four life states of single life, marriage, vowed holy life and priesthood.

“I had spent some time chasing a vocation when I was younger,” Houck said. “I had wanted a vocation in my life, but it just didn’t seem like it was for me.”

Houck was single for 44 years and after one of her relationships failed, she began to view being single as her own vocation.

“Singleness was not a burden but something to give the world,” Houck said. “You’re the same person, the path to heaven, everything that I had and everything that I was, whether I was crazy about it or not, became something to give to the world.”

A vocation does not have to be a permanent state, Houck said, and for many people, including herself, singleness was not permanent.

“Single life rocks,” said Houck, who married a little more than a year ago, “Marriage, when you’re with the right person and it’s the right things — as far as I can tell — rocks.”

One of the greatest capacities that human beings have is the idea of permanent commitment, she said.

“It’s a tremendous thing and it’s too bad that we don’t have that for single people,” Houck said. “Not that you want to commit yourself as a single person permanently because most people don’t.”

She added that the greatest gift a single person has is the time and ability to focus on their spirituality.

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important to have all the course packets available at
one location. When freshmen responses were omitted, 25
percent said it was essential or very important to have
one-stop shopping, and 75 percent said it was somewhat
important or not important. Students prefer lower
prices to one-stop shopping, Bant said.

The ability to charge course packets to a student
account was deemed essen-
tial or very important by 39
percent of respondents and
somewhat important or not
important by 61 percent of
respondents.

The option to charge pur-
cesses in a student account
was given as one of the rea-
sions to sell all course pack-
ets through the bookstore,

the resolution said.

"However," the resolution
reads, "the capability to
charge to student accounts
could be added to existing
campus copy centers."

Sriram senator George
Chamberlain commended
Hendrickson and Bant for
their work on the survey and
the resolution.

"I think it's really impor-
tant for the student govern-
ment to do important, mean-
ingful things for the student
body," he said.

Hendrickson and Bant will
present the resolution to the
Arts and Letters Course
Packet Review Committee
at its meeting today on which
they are student representa-
tives. Hendrickson also plans
to forward the resolution to
Dan Skendzel, the director of
administrative services of the
office of vice president for
business operations. Hendrickson said Skendzel is
directly in charge of the
course packet process.

"They don't have to go with
what we say," she said. "It's
just a recommendation, say-
ing what the student body
thinks."

She said she hoped the
Senate's resolution could
influence decisions about
where course packets will be
available in the spring
semester.

The survey also asked for
students' opinions about
making more readings avail-
able through electronic
reserves. The Academic
Affairs committee hopes to
present a resolution regard-
ing electronic reserves at the
next Senate meeting after fall
break, Hendrickson said.

In other Senate news:

♦ Student body president
Liz Brown and vice president
Maris Braun will make a
presentation to the Board of
Trustees today in Saint Liam
Hall. They will discuss issues
surrounding the ordinance
recently passed by the South
Beach Common Council and
future community relations
initiatives, Braun said.

♦ The student government
will organize Sexual Assault
Awareness week Nos. 12-14
to coincide with the perform-
ances of Loyal Doughters.

♦ The Residence Life com-
mitee is exploring expand-
ing Diner Dollars off cam-
pus and talking with Food
Services about holding free
laundry nights, said chair
Mariana Montes.

♦ The Oversight Committee
passed a resolution that
amended the Student Body
Constitution to include the
Student Union Endowment and
to change the amount
allocated from the Charity
Fund to the Rectory Fund
from $15,000 to $60,000.

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there are 40 openly gay stu-
dents at Notre Dame and
another 500 that have not
come out about their sexual-

In two weeks, Allianced will
host a major poster dem-
demonstration in O'Shaughnessy Hall, which will
seek to reach out to those "closet students," Renfo said.

"There will be giant posters reading, 'We're glad
you're here,'" Renfo said.

"It was an article in a magazine that was sent to the
first women on campus and now we're trying to extend it to
the closeted community here at Notre Dame.

In the past, Allianced set up a giant closet outside
South Dining Hall and encouraged students to "come out,"
about some aspect of themselves —
whether as a multi-racial student, an artist or a non-

The Student Activities
Office does not recognize
Allianced as a club, though
the group has applied for the
status — which would allow
them to tap into Student
Activities funds — for sev-
eral years.

The University-sponsored
voice for homosexual stu-
dents on campus is the Core
Council for Gay and Lesbian
Students, a 12-member
field, faculty, administra-
tors and students that
advises Vice President
of Student Affairs Father
Mark Poorman about gay
and lesbian student needs.

"Notre Dame's stance on
giving us club status is that the Core Council already
accomplishes what Allianced would do," said
director Stacey Williams, one of
the group's co-presidents.

"But many students, espe-
cially undergraduates, feel
that there is not enough sup-
port for the gay and lesbian
community here at Notre

Allianced has applied for
and been denied club status
each of the last two years.

According to a March 22,
2005 article in The Observer,
similar proposals have been
denied nine times in the last
10 years, with no gay and
lesbian student group suc-
cessfully securing official
status.

Still, the group plans to
apply again this spring.

"The University has to
reach out to students instead of
students reaching out to them," Renfo said. "The
issues of the gay and lesbian
community are often misun-
derstood at Notre Dame, and
instead of trying to impose
the entire community should
realize that we are just try-
ing to create a more tolerant
environment for all students at
the University.

Allianced leaders have
other events planned for the
school year, all of which will
attempt to build the spirit of
tolerance on campus.

"This is an issue that has been
very polarized in the
community," said Williams.

"We are just trying to bring
people towards a common
ground in order to foster a
spirit of tolerance."

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Turkey allows cross-border attack on Iraq

WASHINGTON — The geographic limits Honda

Ranges from Marion and Henry counties in cen-

tral Indiana south to Switzerland and Jefferson
counties near Cincinnati.

Johnson County District Attorney Phill Kline

said Wednesday that

was charged Wednesday with providing unlaw­

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The crisis along the Turkey-Iraq border, where the Turkish forces have massed since

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Violence.

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He said they did not share any blame

Research. The House on Thursday is expected to fail to override his veto of

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iPhone to have third-party applications

Jobs gives up controlling programs put on handsets by consumers; several lawsuits filed prior

Apple CEO Steve Jobs talks about the new Apple operating system Leopard in San Francisco on Sept. 5. The iPhone will now work with third-party applications.

Apple had allowed developers to build applications that run on the iPhone's Safari Web browser but didn't let programs work directly on the iPhone software platform, which could make them easier to create and make them work more smoothly.

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Savers exceed federal deposit limits

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In Brief

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The owners of those accounts, with deposits totaling $138,421,964, were under the impression that all their money because federal insurance may cover some, and they'll share in the proceeds of the sale of the failed bank's assets. Still, it could take time for the bank to be liquidated, and they may not get 100 percent of their money back.

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Apple's change does not affect the Cupertino-based company's position on keeping the iPhone compatible only with AT&T's network in the United States, Kerris said.

Two lawsuits were filed against Apple on Oct. 5, accusing the company of engaging in monopolistic behavior and unlawfully restricting consumer choice by preventing users from "unlocking" their iPhones.

The iPhone, which combines a cell phone with a multimedia and wireless Internet device, was released in late June amid a flurry of anticipation. More than 1 million iPhones have been sold.

Apple had allowed developers to build applications that run on the iPhone's Safari Web browser but didn't let programs work directly on the iPhone software platform, which could make them easier to create and make them work more smoothly.

Palm Inc. has always welcomed third-party developers to create applications for its handheld computers, or personal digital assistants. They have created hundreds of programs ranging from medical dictionaries to astrology predictions.

Oil, credit cause tension on Wall Street

NEW YORK — Wall Street ended a volatile session Wednesday as investors' concerns about sluggish housing and tight credit intensified the downward pressure on a losing batch of corporate profits. Rising oil prices only added to the market's malaise.

The Dow Jones industrials reports from Yahoo Inc. and Intel Corp. were upbeat and included some hot technology sector, which drove the Nasdaq composite index sharply higher. The Dow, however, was industrial average dipped, with investors uncertain about the earnings picture for America overall. The Dow overall will fare going forward — particularly after International Business Machines Corp. reported modest software sales and United Technologies Group Inc. said sales 2008 will be challenging.

Peter Dunay, an investment strategist with New York-based Leeb Capital Management said third-quar­ter earnings are expected to be weak, and lackluster forecasts for future quarters are unnerving investors.

"We're not getting very strong guidance numbers, and at the same time last week we were at new highs," Dunay said.

The Dow and the Standard & Poor's index both hit records last week, but Wall Street has pulled back cautiously since then, exhibiting nervousness about the slowing econ­omy. On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve said in its Beige Book that growth cooled in the third quarter. Investors are also jittery about accelerating inflation — which could pre­vent the Fed from lowering rates again — after oil prices momentarily touched a fresh high of $89 per barrel.

And the lending landscape contin­ues to deteriorate. Standard & Poor's cut the ratings on 1,713 classes of securities backed by mortgages issued in the first six months of this year. They were valued at $33.5 billion.

The Dow fell 20.40, or 0.15 per­cent, to 13,892.54, paring the ses­son's worst losses. The Dow fell more than 130 points in early trad­ing.

Breadth indexes rose. The S&P 500 index climbed 2.71, or 0.18 percent, to 1,521.24, while the Nasdaq gained 28.76, or 0.34 percent, to 2,790.67.

Wall Street's mixed movements come after two days of broad declines.

In another sign that the economy could weaken further, the Commerce Department said new home construc­tion slowed to the weakest pace in 14 years during September. Bond prices rose sharply on the news. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which moves inversely to the price, fell to 4.55 percent from 4.66 percent late Tuesday.
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At the forefront of the Center's offering the supplementary major in Asian Studies or the minor in Asian Studies. Currently about 10 students are pursuing this supplementary major or minor, with numbers expected to grow rapidly. Many students choose to pursue this particular major or minor with a language such as Chinese. Others choose fields such as Religion and Asian Studies groups. As business, Blum said. “So they can demonstrate their expertise and their knowledge and their commitment to Asia by having a minor or a supplemental major, so I'm expecting our numbers to increase substantially in the next few years.”

Currently hundreds of students are taking Asian Studies and Asian-American Studies courses and Center members hope to see an increase in student presence in the near future. While many students are interested in Asian nations, such as China and Japan, the Center also engages in these areas as those in Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Shanghai and Beijing, China, as well as Thailand, India, and Japan. As the interest in Asia has increased, so has the number of their outreach productions. In response to this summer, the University appointed Jonathan Noble, a professor in the Department of East Asian Languages, as advisor to the Provost on Asian initiatives. Noble said the newly created position creates an opportunity to contribute toward better organization of the University’s developing and coordinating even more expansive opportunities both on campus and abroad. Noble travels to Asia frequently and so students coming even to Notre Dame to learn about how Asia might fit into what they want to do with their careers, and how it may impact their careers in some way,” Noble said. The University has already expressed its support in sending programs to Asia. Popular Asian programs exist in Shanghai and Beijing, China, as well as Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan. A new program at Fu Jen Catholic University in China began this summer, sending students to study Chinese for one year. The University also plans to begin another exchange program with the Chinese University of Hong Kong in its pursuit of energy and business to the American people and in international relations and security agreements, for Tibet. But China denies the spiritual leader and recognizes the spiritual leader and the Dalai Lama is not going to go away.” It also “sends a powerful message, has met with the Dalai Lama several times before and had no reason not to meet with him again. This is a meeting with a spiritual student in a future pontiff. The Bush administration also did not meet with the Dalai Lama and had no reason not to meet with him again.” Noble said. “Clearly,” Noble said, “there’s an indication of greater interest in Chinese language, because they see it, they think, not only because it’s practical, but also in terms of entering the popular imagination.”

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House vigorously defended President Bush’s plan to meet with the Dalai Lama Tuesday, brushing aside China’s warning that it would damage relations between Washington and Beijing. The Dalai Lama is load-ed in much of the world as a figure of moral authority, Beijing rival the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and claims he seeks to destroy China’s sovereignty by pushing for independence for Tibet, where the Dalai Lama is considered a god-king. “We solemnly demand that the U.S. cancel the extremely wrong arrangement,” said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Tang Jiaxuan in Beijing. “It seriously violates the norm of international relations and seriously wounded the feelings of the Chinese people and interfered with China’s internal affairs. Noble said the University’s new program is essential to ensure that “people do care about Tibet. We were not forgotten.” “I have no doubt this will give tremendous encouragement and hope to the Tibetan people,” he told reporters ahead of the visit. “It also sends a powerful message to China that the Dalai Lama is not going to go away.”

Benedict named 23 new cardinals, one in Texas

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Church is getting its first Roman Catholic cardinal in a nod to the influx of faithful from Mercedes-Benz.

Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo’s appointment was to some degree an expected one, given how Watchers say it shows Pope Benedict XVI clearly understands his Church’s Latin American American Church is growing — and who is behind the growth. “It says something about Texas and how wonderful Texas is in the terms of the growth of our Catholic faith,” DiNardo, leader of the Galveston-Houston archdiocese, told reporters in Houston on Wednesday.

DiNardo was among 23 new cardinals named Wednesday by Benedict, who tapped Vatican officials, academics, diplomats and bishops from five continents. Instead of American cardinals are under age 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave; five others, including the patriarchs of Baghdad, were named in recognition of their service to the church. The appointments of DiNardo and another American bring the number of U.S. cardinals to 17 — second only to Italy — and raises the American contingent’s client in any conclave to elect a future pontiff. Benedict said he would give them all their red hats at a Vatican ceremony Nov. 24.

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I'm guessing Mike Gundy isn't a fan of the GOP those days. Gundy is the Oklahoma State football coach whose surgically extracted brain trust in defense of one of his players made him a You Tube.com celebrity. In that rant, Gundy expressed his disapproval with a columnist who had insulted the Cowboys backup quarterback. He insists that the newspaper took up its issues with him and not the players, saying, "Come after me, I'm a man, I'm 40, I'm not a kid." The player Gundy chose to defend is a college sophomore, meaning his status as a "kid" is somewhat in question. One wonders then what level of outrage Gundy reached when right-wing columnist Shushan dwell, and bloggers began attacking 12-year-old Graeme Price.

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The SCHIP program is intended to cover healthcare costs for parents who earn too much for Medicaid but can not afford to buy health insurance. Graeme's father and mother combine to make less than $50,000 a year and cannot afford to purchase insurance.

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Some people like my advice so much they frame it upon the wall. Others have been paying for, and the government has already determined that they qualify for SCHIP coverage. The debate about whether or not to extend the program, or how to stretch it and allocate funding for SCHIP, is really only that thing that should matter.

T.J. Di Leo of The Washington Post and others have extensively detailed the miscalculations and wrong assumptions which have led to what many liberals are calling the "swatting" of Graeme and the Frosts, referring to the questionable campaign to smear Sen. John Kerry's record in Vietnam. Dionne answers the criticism with methodical logic, pointing out that the family does not pay for the private educations that Graeme and Gemma receive, as Graeme is an scholarship and Gemma's tuition is covered by SCHIP, as the school is designed to serve special needs. Referring to a blogger's claim that homes in the Frost's neighborhood sold for over $1000, House reveals that Graeme's father paid $55,000 for the family house seven years ago.

Dolving fully into the intricate finances of the Frost family might be a fun little game for gatechas journalists and trigger-finger bloggers to play, but in the end it is really a meaningless gesture. Graeme's and Gemma's policies have already been paid for, and the government has already determined that they qualify for SCHIP coverage. The debate about whether or not to extend the program, or how to stretch it and allocate funding for SCHIP, is really only that thing that should matter.

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move on to forgiveness

Do you remember Marion Jones? The sprinter everyone loved to love at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney? She won five medals, three gold and two bronze, and won us all over because not only was she a star, she was beautiful, articulate, honest, and kind. But three gold and two bronze, and those medals had a way of living on their own. Teammates have had to return the medals (the last two weeks that those medals had a life of their own). Now that Jones is apparently broke, medal-free and facing jail time; now that she has lost any hope of finding work in the fields of product endorsements or public speaking; now what do we do? Or at least, have we learned anything?

I would propose these take-home thoughts. One, maybe we ought to reevaluate this whole “athletes as heroes” thing we seem so compulsively attracted to as a nation, that would be a subject for another column. Two, I think Marion Jones’ story could have a happy ending. And, three, we should all forgive her, if we have not already. It’s good for all of us.

When I first talked with one of my sons about the story after Jones pleaded guilty and entered a plea agreement, he said, “But now she has to give up her medals?” He was right. She did. And she has to live with an even bigger asterisk after her name than, ahem, Barry Bonds, because on the greatest, most storied stage on the planet, her victories were a sham.

I do believe, though, that however late her confession, it may be the best decision she’s ever made. Now at least she has been honest with herself and the rest of us.

As she said about the first time she was questioned on her possible steroid use in 2003, “I lied to protect myself. It was an incredible stupid thing to do. I made the decision to break the law and have to take full responsibility for doing so. All of this was after my attorneys had specifically told me several times the need to be totally truthful with the agents.”

Imagine living with that lie for four years, even lying again and again to keep up the pretense, and now finally being able to look at myself in the mirror and know she at long last acted with integrity. She has publicly taken, as she says, “full responsibility” for her actions. In a statement she read before entering the courtroom to file her plea she spoke of her great “amount of shame.”

So you might argue that it took her far too long, you might also argue that she has finally truly set a good example. Why should we forgive her? I have no idea if or how Jones’ faith played into her decision to come clean, but our Christian tradition teaches that we are all sinners, that we need God’s forgiveness. In the Catholic Church, the acts of confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness are so important that the Sacrament of Reconciliation recognizes them as an efficacious sign of God’s grace in the world and in our lives.

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So start with Marion, and move on to forgiving those closer and closer to your heart. For whenever we have the courage to apologize for one of the mistakes we have made or will make in our universally imperfect lives, won’t we hope to be forgiven?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Holy Cross community

This is not a response to the comics — as far as I’m concerned, they were not a response to the personal views of the student body. It is a response to the comics because that’s what comic strips are there for. Why would somebody take a comic strip and respond to the personal views of the student body?

This teasing is much different than changing its identity. Making fun of women is no better than making fun of a race. I am sure that people would be extremely offended if the comic made a defamatory point about a smaller race, so tell me, how is this different? It’s not. I suggest you reexamine your point of view and put yourself in their place. You would be offended, too.

St. Mary’s students and Notre Dame students share each other’s clubs and activities. Both Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross send students to participate in our marching band. I am sure that when we hear of the women’s football team that Notre Dame students take part.

Involvement. Saint Mary’s students and Notre Dame students partake in every available activity from the conception of our university, Saint Mary’s has been there with us. Throughout history, the students at both schools have been able to participate in each other’s activities. Coming from the school where tradition might matter most out of any school in the country, it would not be unreasonable to expect you to realize this on your own.

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Saint Mary’s students are an integral part of this university and students on both sides share each other’s activities, time, and fun. There’s a reason they are called our sister school. Comics should be funny, not offensive. Comics in your paper are not offensive yet are still humorous.

Can we then, should our comic writers feel the need to be offensive? It is because they cannot think of anything amusing without being offensive? I hope it became a little clearer why Saint Mary’s plays such an important role in our school.

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Oct. 17

Tradition unites schools

This letter is in response to Jordan Beltz’s letter, “Belles: Give me a reason” (Oct. 17). Jordan, your comments reiterate common political points; I have ever seen on this campus. The involvement of Saint Mary’s students at Notre Dame seems obvious to me, but I will spell it out for you.

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Comics not meant to be personal

In response to Jordan Beltz’s letter (“Belles: Give me a reason” Oct. 17). Thank you for finally bringing to the table the subject of student-athletes as comic book characters. This issue, however, I feel compelled to respond to the personal views expressed in this comic strip.

I am a student of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s and we have every right to do so. We read to find meaning not to even give us a chance. We completely agree with your argument for finally bringing to the table the suggestion of Saint Mary’s coming into Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s “and we have been afraid to. We completely agree with your idea if or how Jones’ faith played into her decision to come clean, but our Christian tradition teaches that we are all sinners, that we need God’s forgiveness. In the Catholic Church, the acts of confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness are so important that the Sacrament of Reconciliation recognizes them as an efficacious sign of God’s grace in the world and in our lives.

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Judging others on the television shows

There's no question I dread more in the world than, "So what kind of music do you like?"

That single question takes away any hope I have of looking "hip" or "down with it." My answers are inevitably the Spice Girls, Mariah Carey and Broadway show tunes. After a brief, awkward pause filled with judgment, I add, "You know, I like The Beatles too. And Kanye." Everyone likes Kanye.

I even got my own WVFI show sophomore year with the hope that I could diversify my musical tastes and be able to rambble off all the super hip and super unknown indie bands I listened to.

Instead, I relied on my co-host to choose the proper underground music, while I played a show tune of the week and talked about Brittany Spears. We did re-energate scenes from "Walker, Texas Ranger" and "The O.C." one time. Our five listeners enjoyed it.

But even though I hate being judged on my love for Christina Aguilera and Kelly Clarkson, I have a nasty habit of judging others on the television shows they watch. Just like some believe that musical tastes reveal everything about a person's personality, I believe that television tastes tell me whether you're going to be best friends, or whether you're going to be that person I sometimes say "hi" too on the quad.

For example, if you tell me that you don't have a lot of time for TV so the only shows you watch are "Grey's Anatomy" and "Desperate Housewives," we're probably not going to be "bitches" off the bat. I'll admit that I don't watch these series myself. I try to watch "Grey's" occasionally, but Meredith is too much of a frazzly and I'm still freaked out by lizzy going all crazy during that whole Denny storyline.

So when Miss North Face 2007 tells me that she only watches "Grey's" and "Desperate," my heart breaks and a single tear runs down my cheek.

"She doesn't know what she's missing," I say to myself, and I leave her in peace as she picks up her hot ipod and goes for a run around the lake.

But then there are those people who fill my soul with joy when they tell me their favorite show is "Arrested Development." We're instant friends, and we talk about "Bob Loblaw's Pet Vets" and "Mrs. Featherbottom" that. Or if you tell me you absolutely love "The Office." Bonus points if it's the BCC version, and double bonus points if you know all the words to "Free Love on the Free Love Freeway.

Then again, everyone watches NBC's "The Office" now, except for those unfortunate few who choose to watch "Grey's" during that time slot.

Maybe I have a special place in my heart for those underdog shows that first with cancellation year in and year out. Everyone can quote from "The Office," but not everyone can sing along to Tracy Jordan's "Halloween Bar Mixkahl" on "30 Rock" with me.

Impress the heck out of me, future friend.

But even if our television tastes don't line up right away, I can still become friends with someone who watches "Private Practice." It just means we can't have meaningless hour-long conversations about "Ugly Betty" and "How I Met Your Mother." Once I'm done judging you, I'll be able to move on and see the real you.

At least meet me halfway, though. If you watch even one episode of "Freaks and Geeks," I'll probably fall in love with you.

Or we can just put in a Spice Girls album and have a dance party.

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Win or lose, no matter the score, come halftime of any Fighting Irish home game, a different war is waged in the student section of Notre Dame Stadium. As NBC’s camera crews cut away to the studio and provide detailed analysis of Notre Dame football at halftime, the senior portion of the Notre Dame student section turns into a maelstrom of marshmallows, as seniors engage in so-called “marshmallow fights.”

Or they used to, anyway, before the so-called “Marshmallow curtain” descended, suffocating the tradition and sucking the fun out of home games. In recent years stadium security has cracked down on students concealing the bite-sized treats on their persons, resulting in ejection from the stadium and the confiscation of the offending student’s ticket booklet, denying them admission to all subsequent home games.

What’s all the trouble over the delectable dollops of sugary goodness, you ask? Well, the seemingly innocent shenanigans took a dark turn in recent years when security officials found foreign substances embedded within the mallows — items such as pennies and pebbles, designed for harm rather than fun. These indiscretions caused the marshmallow fights to turn malicious, creating the curfew situation, in which possession of marshmallows is an offense resulting in the same punishment one would imagine for having a concealed firearm or other sort of weapon while trying to enter Notre Dame Stadium.

Another added impetus for the marshmallow lockdown was a series of complaints from NBC officials to stadium security — they claimed that the offending confectionary projectiles were striking camera equipment. Well, perhaps the malicious pranksters were attempting to hit the despised “TV timeout” official, who sits on the field with his bright orange gloves and makes sure NBC milks every penny out of its all-time commercial breaks.

Maybe they were thinking that, should they manage to knock the TV timeout guy of the game just as Irish safety Tom Zbikowski knocked UCLA quarterback Ben Olsen out of commission in ND’s lone win this year, perhaps we could have a game which, despite technically being just one hour of game time, regularly stretches into over four hours of real time.

That’s four hours of standing, yes “shoulder to shoulder” as the student section shirts read, but more accurately: crammed in like crayons in an all-green Crayola box, swaying and teetering as the intoxicated morons next to you threaten to pass out on you and almost passing out yourself after four hours of watching football.

The saddest part of this whole sordid affair is that now, more than ever, Notre Dame seniors need marshmallow fights to put the fun back in Notre Dame football. With an abysmal 1-6 start, an anemic offense and perhaps worse, increasing apathy among the student section, seniors need a collective pick-me-up during home games.

For most of us (barring, of course, Architecture majors who retain a coveted fifth year of eligibility to watch home games) this is the last year to watch Notre Dame home games from the cozy confines of the student section. And it hasn’t been a pleasant last hurrah.

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By ERIC PRISTER and JARED JEDICK

Dillon looks to gain some momentum going into the playoffs as it takes on architectural Alumni tonight at 7 at Riehle Field.

"We want to go into the playoffs clicking on all cylinders," Dillon senior captain Alex Doherty said.

Dillon will also look to improve its playoff seed with a win.

"This game has to do with being the No. 8 or the No. 9 seed," Duffy said. "Either way we have a tough opponent, but I think our guys will probably much rather be a lower seed."

The Dawgs come into tonight’s game at 8-3, but a game against Dillon always gives them reason to come out and play.

"It’s obvious now that we have nothing to play for except pride," Alumni captain Gray Shapots said. "Making this game even bigger for us is it is against Dillon. When we play Dillon, it makes no difference whether we are 3-0 or 0-3.

Alumni will look to finish the season strong and begin preparations for next year.

"All our younger guys are going to play a big role in this game," Shapots said. "At the same time, the veterans are going to get one final shot on the field. Everyone’s going to make a contribution, and if we can come away with a win, that’s all I can ask for. Then Alumni can ride that into next year."

Duffy stressed the importance of keeping his team focused.

"Last year we came into the Alumni game 0-3 and helped spoil their season. The roles are reversed this year and they are looking for some revenge," said Alumni coach Bobby Raybells know the importance of getting the point and have stressed it to the younger players.

"The upperclassmen know how important it is," Sachire said. "It sets the tone for the rest of the match. It can energize our team or break a team because you play doubles first. It is hard to win four singles matches off of any team in the country, the doubles point is crucial."

The team has come a long way this fall from its opening match in Chicago. There have been a few surprises, but the team is pleased with the progress.

"We have a number of quality tennis players and good guys," Sachire said. "Everyday the guys bring it and are in it together. They really see the big picture. Everyone is competing at a high level and really feed off of each other. Last year we had a lot of talent, but there was a clear break off from the top six to the rest of the team. This year we are all one team."

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Threshers executive vice president and general manager Don Waddell speaks during a news conference Wednesday where he announced that head coach Bob Hartley was fired. Waddell will become interim head coach.

Waddell to temporarily coach Thrashers

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A six-game losing streak to start this season put Bob Hartley's job in danger. A quick exit in last season's playoffs didn't help his cause.

Hartley was fired Wednesday as coach of the Atlanta Thrashers, the only NHL team without a victory. General Manager Don Waddell will coach the team until a replacement is found.

Waddell said the Thrashers were playing as if they have not recovered from losing four straight games to the New York Rangers in the first round of the playoffs last season.

"The emotions were so high last year going into the playoffs and we went out quickly and to be honest I don't know if we've recovered from that yet," Waddell said. "If you look we've lost 10 games in a row now, including the last four last year. That's where I believe a change has to be made."

Waddell said he has no timetable for a hiring and indicated he may look for a coach who is less intense than Hartley.

"Maybe we've got to back off a little bit and let the players have some fun in the game," Waddell said.

"Certainly Bob has been here a long time ... We weren't getting the most, particularly out of our veteran players, and that was a concern," he said.

Hartley did not attend Wednesday's news conference and did not return a phone message.

Michael Gearon Jr., who represented the ownership group at the announcement, said there was great concern the team was losing all momentum gained from winning the Southeast Division last season and making its first playoff appearance. The Thrashers have been outscored 27-9, including a 4-0 loss at Philadelphia on Tuesday night.

"From our perspective, it's important to see progress," Gearon said. "From the start of this season we're not seeing that.

"This is an important time for the franchise. It's not taking one step forward last year and two steps backward. The point is to keep moving forward and to be competitive for a long time."

Added Gearon: "Clearly, there needed to be a change."

Waddell was 4-5-1 as an interim coach after he fired Curt Fraser during the 2002-03 season. Waddell then hired Hartley.

Waddell indicated this interim stint could last longer.

IN BRIEF

Cabrerar recovers to win Grand Slam of Golf

TUCKER'S TOWN, Bermuda — U.S. Open champion Angel Cabrera overcame an arrostrous start with a spectacular finish Wednesday to win the PGA Grand Slam of Golf, outlasting Padraig Harrington in a playoff.

Cabrera recovered from a triple bogey on the opening hole that put him five shots behind with a birdie-eagle finish to close with a 2-under 68 and get into a playoff with the British Open champion at Mid-Ocean Club.

He finally beat Harrington on the third extra hole with another booming tee shot and a 4-iron into 18 feet on the par-5 18th. Cabrera took two puts for birdie, which was all he needed when Harrington hit into a deep bunker off the tee and still had 4 feet for par when the Argentine tapped in.

It was the first time Harrington, who closed with a 69, had trailed all afternoon.

Cabrera is the fifth golfer to win two PGA Majors and a Ryder Cup, and he is only the second to win back to back Majors. The only other golfer to win the Masters and the U.S. Open back to back was Jack Nicklaus in 1963.

MSG asks judge to reduce award in harassment case

NEW YORK — Madison Square Garden and Knicks coach Isiah Thomas have asked a judge to reduce the $11.6 million in punitive damages a jury awarded to a former team executive after concluding she was sexually harassed and fired out of spite.

Anucha Browne Sanders was awarded the damages this month after a three-week trial that portrayed the Knicks' offices as a dysfunctional clubhouse where Browne Sanders endured profanity-laced conversations, with Thomas before he turned unwanted affection toward her.

In court papers filed late Tuesday, lawyers for MSG and chairman James Dolan said constitutional limits require the punitive award be trimmed from a "grossly excessive" amount to a figure in the tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars, in line with comparable awards.

Derby winner Street Sense pre-entered for BC Classic

NEW YORK — The top three Kentucky Derby finishers — Street Sense, Hard Spun and Curlin — will meet again in the $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic in a race that most likely will settle Horse of the Year.

"This is possibly the deepest Breeders' Cup field if not the deepest we've ever had," Breeders' Cup president Greg Avioli said Wednesday after nine horses were pre-entered for the 1.25-mile Classic at New Jersey's Monmouth Park on Oct. 27.

Add two other formidable 3-year-olds in Haskell Invitational winner Any Given Saturday and Goodwood Handicap winner Taigo, plus leading older horse Lawyer Ron and European standout George Washington, and it's easy to see why most will agree with Avioli's assessment.
After celebrating, Rockies go back to work

Team will have eight days off to prepare for Indians or Red Sox as break draws comparisons to Tigers last season

Associated Press
DENVER — Todd Helton and the Colorado Rockies returned to work Wednesday a carefree bunch.

They’re going to the World Series, that’s for sure. Whether they’re headed to Jacobs Field or Fenway Park next week, that can wait.

The Rockies took a much-needed break after clinching their first NL pennant Monday night with their 21st win in 22 games. Helton said he spent his day off “basically sleeping.”

“We didn’t get home until 2 or 3 in the morning. It wasn’t too easy to sleep,” he said.

Helton said it’s been such a whirlwind that he hasn’t had time to savor what’s ahead after a decade of disappointment in Denver.

“I don’t even know if it’s sunk in yet. It may take a little while longer,” he said. “But I don’t want to pinch myself. I don’t want to wake up. It’s a magical ride and I want to stay on it as long as possible.”

The Rockies practiced for two hours in 56-degree, partly cloudy weather, their last workout until a simulated game Friday at Coors Field.

Colorado will start the World Series on the road next Wednesday. Cleveland leads Boston 3-1 in the AL championship series going into Game 5 Thursday night.

With a record eight days off, the Rockies had plenty of time to get ready. Last year, Detroit had six days’ rest, then played poorly in losing the Series in five games.

“I’ve already had six or seven days to work, but it’s not like standing on your feet and playing every day swinging the bat and legs strong,” the right fielder Tulowitzki said. “If anything it will be nice to rest up, I’m a little banged up. We’re going to be fresh and they’re not fretting over this long break.”

The Rockies will play simulated games of between four and eight innings Thursday through Sunday. They’ll have a regular workout Monday before flying to the AL champion’s city.

“This is ground breaking,” Hurdle said. “The other option is we could have lost a couple more games, we could have gotten on a plane, we could have made another flight and that would have really cut down on all this down time.

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Not that any of them mind the hassle, just like they’re not fretting over this long break.

NFL teams get seven days. So, what’s one more?

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Several of the Rockies planned to take in the ALCS. As for who they’re rooting for, they’re going to have to deal with and that’s having some time off,” Baker said. “But if it does go seven and Boston comes back and they battle it out, that’s only going to help us. They’ll beat each other up, hopefully get some bullpens tired and that could be an advantage for us.”

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Josh Beckett and the Red Sox

Thursday, October 18, 2007

Red Sox try to overcome odds against Indians

Beckett looks to continue postseason dominance, help Boston emulate 2003 Marlins comeback against Cubs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — History gives Josh Beckett and the Red Sox a pretty good shot. They’ve come back from big postseason deficits.

Then again, they didn’t do it against these Cleveland Indians.

Down 3-1 in the AL championship series, Beckett and Boston will try to save their season when they face C.C. Sabathia on Thursday night. It’s a rematch of the opener, the only game the Red Sox won.

“I don’t think there’s anyone in the league that we’d prefer on the mound for our team in this situation,” Boston third baseman Mike Lowell said. “We can believe all we want, but we have to get hits off Sabathia and hold them down.”

In 2004, the Red Sox ended an 86-year World Series championship drought with a four-game sweep of St. Louis. First, though, they had to overcome a 3-0 deficit in the ALCS against the New York Yankees.

The Red Sox became the first team to win a postseason series after losing the first three games.

“When you see something that’s never been done before, you can believe in anything,” first baseman Kevin Youkilis said. “For us, it’s all about winning one game.”

Only seven players from that World Series team, including David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez, are still with the Red Sox.

One who wasn’t there also came back from a 3-1 LCS deficit.

Beckett started Florida’s comeback in 2003 with a two-hit shutout against the Chicago Cubs in Game 5. He struck out 11 and walked one, a remarkable NLCS performance that was soon overshadowed.

Working on three days’ rest, he pitched a World Series-clinching, five-hit shutout in Game 6 against the Yankees.

“It’s kind of like a party in 2003,” Beckett said. “It was fun. It was a bunch of young guys, and we were just out having fun.”

The Marlins exceeded expectations that season. Anything less than a championship would be an emotional blow to the Red Sox and their passionate fans.

As is Rafael Betancourt cares.

“The confidence we have playing right now, we’re going to do it on Thursday,” said the former Boston farmhand, now a lights-out reliever for Cleveland.

“We don’t want to go back. We want to finish it here.”

To do that, the Indians will have to break Beckett’s postseason spell.

He won the first round opener over the Los Angeles Angels with a four-hit shutdown. Then he out-pitched Sabathia, who said he wasn’t aggressive enough, in Game 1 of the ALCS.

“I didn’t even give us a chance the other day,” Sabathia said. “I looked to stay calm and stay in control and not try to overthrow and do so much and I think I’ll be fine.”

Beckett’s back stiffened up on the chilly night. Red Sox pitching coach John Farrell said on Wednesday’s off-day that Beckett is feeling fine and his back is not an issue.

“His bullpen session two days ago was as strong as others throughout the course of the series,” Farrell said. “So there’s no restrictions of any kind going into tomorrow.”

After losing the opener 10-3, the Indians took the momentum with a 13-6 win in 11 innings at Fenway Park. They won the next two games in Cleveland behind their third and fourth starters, Jake Westbrook and Paul Byrd.

They scored seven runs in the 11th in Game 2, and another seven in the fifth of a 7-3 win in Game 4, four scoring on homers by Casey Blake and Jhonny Peralta.

“We just got hot at the right time,” Sabathia said. “It doesn’t matter how you play during the season. It matters how well you’re playing right now.”

The teams did tie for baseball’s best record, 96-66, and Boston won home-field advantage by winning the season series with Cleveland.

That means nothing to Indians manager Eric Wedge.

“It’s not about where we play or who we play. It’s about how we play,” he said. “We’d love to do it here at home, but the heartbeat and the pace and the way we play, it needs to be the same we’ve been doing all year.”

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BASEBALL

Korpi, Dupra shine in intra-squad series

Blue and Gold squads split first two games of annual 3-game set

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

In the first game of Notre Dame’s annual intra-squad Blue-Gold series Tuesday, senior left-batter Wade Korpi won the battle between the top two Irish starting pitchers, leading the Blue team to an 8-1 win over the Gold team.

Korpi struck out six in 4.2 innings of work, while allowing just four hits and holding the Gold team scoreless.

"Wade’s been dominant all fall, like you saw today," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "He did some work with [Irish pitching coach] Sherard Clinkscales on his breaking ball and he’s throwing that pitch for a strike."

Gold team junior right-batter David Phelps, Notre Dame’s ace last season, took the loss while giving up five earned runs in 4.2 innings.

"I’m not worried about Phelps because he’s pitched very well this fall," Schrage said. "I think he made a few bad 0-2 pitches today. But he’s going to be a leader for the team in the spring."

The Blue team jumped on Phelps early when leadoff hitter Brett Lilley lined a single to right. The senior shortstop came around to score when the next batter, sophomore left fielder Bryce Hidayak, drilled a double into the left-center field gap.

Intlekofer went 2-for-5 and also reached on an error and scored a run.

"Byrne’s a good scrappy guy at the plate who always puts the ball in play," Schrage said. "We’d like to make him a utility player and he played left and played well today."

Phelps was able to avoid further trouble in the first thanks to a sliding catch by senior left fielder Ross Brezovsky and a running grab by sophomore center fielder Bill Warmonders. Korpi, meanwhile, almost lost his shutout in the first, but the Blue team displayed some stellar defense of its own.

The Gold leadoff batter, sophomore center fielder James Grosso, reached base on an infield single. Gold sophomore second baseman Herman Petzold then tried to bunt Grosso to second but reached on an error by Korpi. After Phelps erroneously threw to first, the Gold team had runners on first and third with nobody out.

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At the plate, Pollock reached on an error and scored a run. "A.J.’s just a great athlete, and he’s already a solid defensive outfielder," Schrage said. "We’re going to use his speed to help us win some games."

At the plate, Pollock reached base in three-of-four plate appearances stole a base and added an RBI.

After the early score, Korpi rolled through the Gold order, facing just 19 batters in his 4.2 innings.

"I was getting ahead of batters and that was the key," Korpi said. "I was throwing my fastball for strikes so I was also able to throw my off-speed pitches."

The Blue squad scored two runs in the third, fifth and seventh innings to put the game out of reach. Jeremy Barnes picked up an RBI in the third, with Pollock and Blue freshman first baseman Ty Adams driving in runs in the fifth.

Blue freshman catcher Cameron McConnell hit the first home run of the Blue-Gold series when he nailed a solo shot down the left field line in the sixth.

In the second game of the series, Gold won 3-1 behind strong pitching from Brian Dupra, who went 5.2 innings and allowed just one run while striking out three. Grosso, Brezovsky and center fielder David Mills all scored for the Gold squad.

The third game in the Blue-Gold Series will be played today at 4:30 p.m. at Eck Stadium.

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BASKETBALL

Harangody to miss 3-6 weeks with injury

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Sophomore forward Luke Harangody will miss three to six weeks with a torn ligament in his right thumb, Irish coach Mike Brey announced in a statement Wednesday.

Harangody was injured in practice Monday, the statement said. Doctors evaluated him on Tuesday and determined the ligament was torn.

The statement said Harangody will be re-evaluated after three weeks.

"A timetable for his return has yet to be determined, but doctors and men’s basketball trainer Skip Meyer will evaluate the situation in three weeks," it said.

At minimum, the sophomore will miss Notre Dame’s first exhibition game against Saint Ambrose on Nov. 2. If Harangody is held out for a full six weeks, he will also miss the second exhibition game against Saint Edward’s, as well as the opening game of the season against Monmouth and the team’s trip to the Virgin Islands for the Paradise Jam tournament.

Harangody averaged 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds per game last season. He also had seven double-doubles.

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Kobe back at practice, expected to play today

Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant returned to practice after sitting out the previous three days, and coach Phil Jackson said he expects the disgruntled Los Angeles Lakers' star to play in an exhibition game Thursday night.

"Yeah, we'll probably play him, get him out there," Jackson said after practice Wednesday. "He seemed all right, sure did."

The Lakers face Seattle in Bakersfield on Thursday night in the first of six exhibition games in nine days. They lost their first two exhibition games to Golden State last week in Honolulu.

Bryant hadn't practiced since Saturday because of a sore knee. He didn't speak with reporters Wednesday, but made his feelings clear a day earlier in his only formal interview since Lakers owner Jerry Buss stated he "would certainly listen" to trade offers for the two-time defending NBA scoring champion.

"One thing I said at training camp was that I didn't want this to be a distraction," Bryant said Tuesday. "It's our understanding not to bring up the situation and not talk about it. We just wanted to keep things quiet and go about our business. It kind of caught me off guard a little bit."

Bryant asked to be traded 47 months ago, then avoided speaking about the Lakers until the beginning of training camp Oct. 1, when he talked more positively, saying he was looking forward to the season.

It seemed the parties had put negative feelings behind them before Buss made his comments to three beat writers last week.

Jackson said it was essential business as usual Wednesday, although Bryant wasn't involved in scrimmaging at the end of practice.

"He was extremely helpful with young players today, helping them with the offense," the coach said.

"It was good — he was out there smiling and looking good, helping guys," teammate Ron Artest said. "He was out there working, hopefully that means he's going to play. We want him to play, we need him to play."

Brown said the Lakers haven't been distracted by the fact that Bryant missed practice the previous three days and his apparent differences with management.

"We didn't know what was going on. We thought it was his knees," Brown said. "Hopefully, they can handle that upstairs."
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classmate Joseph Lapira. Lapira took a touch and then fired the ball low and to the left, beating goalkeeper Clay Cain for a 1-0 lead.

"I think I'm feeling a bit more comfortable," Lapira said. "I've been coming on and off of injuries all year and hopefully I'm coming into it now."

Lapira, who now has six goals on the season, scored two for the Irish for the second straight game. He also had two in a 3-3 tie with No. 1 Connecticut Saturday. Last year's Hermann Trophy winner has struggled to produce offensively so far this year but seems to be hitting his stride as the postseason nears.

"He is doing exactly the same thing. He's just putting them in the net," Clark said.

Lapira's second goal tied the game at 2-2 with just under 17 minutes remaining.

Indiana had taken the lead only a few minutes earlier when Eric Alexander found Kevin Noschang on a transition play, and Noschang was able to sneak it under a diving Chris Cahill to give the Hoosiers a one-goal advantage. The senior forward leads the Hoosiers with five goals so far this season.

The lead vanished temporarily when Eric Alexander scored. Kevin Ashton misplayed a ball in the box, allowing Lapira to put in his second of the game, but the Hoosiers recovered quickly.

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The game winner, like Noschang's goal, came after the Hoosiers won a free ball in transition. Noschang took over at midfield, and he and Neil Wilmarth sprinted down field with two Irish defenders. Both defenders collapsed on the ball, leaving Wilmarth wide open for an easy finish.

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Prior to the 3-3 tie with Connecticut, the Irish defense had surrendered three or more goals only once before this season in a 3-0 loss to Maryland Sept. 2.

"I think we're very good at bouncing back from losses," Lapira said. "I think we'll come out on senior day and show why we've been here for four years kicking some rear end."

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I'm a captive and I just have to deal.

For the man who called Notre Dame football games from 1980-2005, his best chance might come soon.

Westwood One, Notre Dame's radio broadcast partner for 40 years, is ending its exclusive deal with the Irish after this season. The two sides failed to come to terms on an agreement that would have extended the only national contract in college football.

"The Notre Dame relationship was a long and mutually beneficial relationship, but I would categorize it as a mature property with us depending on how one wanted to look at it," Westwood One CEO Peter Kosann said in an August conference call to discuss the company's earnings. "It was a low cash flow business in all 50 states and overseas. The contract also allowed for Roberts' departure without the University having a say in the decision. According to terms of the deal, Notre Dame allowed the radio distributor to choose the on-air personalities.

Westwood One replaced Roberts with Don Criqui, a Notre Dame graduate who works NFL games for the company and was the play-by-play man from 1974-76. And while companies may change, the provision that led to Roberts' departure is likely to remain. Kosann said Notre Dame wants to have "great faith" in its new radio partner to make corporate and business decisions in the best interest of both the school and the company.

That seems to indicate that if Roberts were to come back, it would be the result only of Notre Dame's new partner extending an invitation to him.

That's an invitation at which Roberts would jump. Roberts remembers the days when Tim Brown and Rocket Ismail were the speedy return men for Irish teams battling for national titles.

"That was so much fun. It was wonderful to be there with the best. If it wasn't for Notre Dame, I wouldn't have made my career," said Roberts, who now does work with the Web site Blueandgold.com. "I've done a lot of nice things before I got the Notre Dame job. But Notre Dame was the chocolate sauce, the whipped cream and the cherry on top of the sundae."

Roberts says he isn't trying to be greedy, but he firmly believes he will have another shot at the dessert.

"I don't want to sound pious, but if you can't pray and you don't have faith, they might as well dig the hole and put you in the box," he said. Before being replaced at Westwood One, the biggest criticism of Roberts had been that he didn't tell the down and distance or the score often enough. Roberts thinks that perception is, well, hogwash.

"I carry an egg timer with me that goes about 2 minutes and 45 seconds," he said with a hint of indignation, stressing that he always went through the details by the time the timer went off. Even among those who had their complaints, Roberts was—and probably still is—a favorite for his emotional outbursts at dazzling plays.

"I'm Italian—you're supposed to be passionate," he said.

And he's still passionate about at least one thing: his belief that he can still call a football game.

Whether Notre Dame's new radio partner, whoever that may be, believes the same will shape his future.

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**MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL — BLUE LEAGUE**

**Fisher falls to Siegfried for first loss of season**

By LAURA MYERS and PETE REISENAUER

The tide turned on the undefeated Green Wave Wednesday when Siegfried defeated Fisher 26-6.

The Rams used their running game to great effect and took advantage of four Fisher turnovers.

On the Rams' first possession of the second quarter, Siegfried freshman quarterback Mike Garcia put his team near the goal line with a 53-yard pass and scored two plays later with a quarterback sneak on second-and-one.

Now leading 6-0, the Rams quickly ended Fisher's next two possessions with turnovers. Siegfried returned the second one, a fumble for a touchdown.

"They won the turnover game tonight," Green Wave coach John Donovon said. "Whoever gets the turnovers is going to do well."

But the turnover game was not over. On Fisher's first possession, junior Tom Owens intercepted Green Wave junior quarterback Kevin Babf's pass.

On the ensuing Siegfried possession, junior Marcus Young ran the ball five times for 41 yards and a touchdown, putting the Rams up 20-0.

"We did a good job running the ball tonight," Young said. "The turnovers put us in a good position."

But the Rams still weren't done. On second-and-11, Rahil's pass was tipped into the arms of Siegfried junior Patrick McMastor for Rahil's third interception of the night. This turnover led to another touchdown, a 26-yard pass to sophomore Xavier Burton, a punter making his first offensive start of the season.

The win put the Rams at 3-0 for the season, giving them a solid position heading into the playoffs.

Fisher was able to score a touchdown late in the fourth quarter as senior Pat Grotebol caught three passes for 35 yards, but it was too little, too late for the calmed Green Wave.

Zahm 8, Sorin 0

After being stifled all game, Thre-Ostr-Anto finally broke loose.

Zahn's junior running back broke a 66-yard run in the final two minutes to set up Zahn's only touchdown in an 8-0 win over Sorin Wednesday.

"We had lots of momentum on offense and were able to move the ball effectively," Zahm head coach John Donovon said.

Irish midfielder Alex Yoshinaga kicks the ball upfield in Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Indiana Wednesday at Alumni Field. The Irish are winless in their last three games.

**Irish open home series against No.5 Denver tonight**

By KYLE CASSILY

There were no red practice jerseys at No. 11 Notre Dame's practice Wednesday to signify injured players who couldn't be touched, but banged-up leers have presented the team from forming cohesive lines and defensive pairings already this season.

The Irish (1-1) play host to No. 5 Denver (2-0) tonight at the Joyce Center in the first matchup of a two-game series, less than a week after Notre Dame surrendered three third-period goals in a 4-1 loss to No. 13 Wisconsin.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the vibe and chemistry of the lines in that game were out of whack, and the team will be hard-pressed to fix them until the return of injured sophomore center Dan Kissel.

"Where we put Danny Kissel is going to have a lot to do with everything up there, because before we started the season we were anticipating him to be a top two-line guy potentially," he said. "I don't think anything, unless I find out where he fits in, will bring to the series 11 this weekend."

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Irish right wing Erik Condra celebrates his goal in Gold's 3-2 win over Blue in Notre Dame's Blue-Gold Game on Oct. 10.