Staph infection common on college campuses

Antibiotic-resistant strain affects students at Notre Dame; cases not suggestive of outbreak

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

A staph infection caused by the antibiotic-resistant "super-bug," known as MRSA, is a common problem on college campuses and serves as a reminder of the importance of hand-washing and personal hygiene. Assistant Director of Clinical Services Pat Brubaker said, "It's not spread," she said. "Staphylococcus aureus bacteria are normally found on the skin or in the nose of about 1/3 of the population, according to the Mayo Clinic's Web site. "Not everybody gets sick from it," Brubaker said. "The problem arises when the bacteria gets under the skin, either because of a break in the skin, dry skin or an abrasion. Then, an infection appears on the skin resembling a pimple or boil, she said. "The students at the University with staph infections right now, Brubaker said, but they "have been instructed on what they're supposed to do." "The students who have those kinds of infections are told how to cover the wound and given strict instructions on how to act on campus so it's not spread," she said. The incidence of staph infections at Notre Dame is not an "outbreak," Brubaker said, because there is no traceable common origin of the infections. "I'm not saying we're not a little worried when we see it, but we're good at treating it," she said. In order to treat the infections with an effective antibiotic, doctors must look for the source, Brubaker said. "Two students last year had infections related to the fact they hadn't washed their sheets ... you could get an infection in an open area just by dirty laundry," she said. Living in shared spaces and sharing towels can also spread the bacteria. Staph can also cause a bad break, or abscess, in the lining of the skin, called furunculosis. By dirty laundry, "she said. "It's not spread," she said. "Staphylococcus aureus bacteria are normally found on the skin or in the nose of about 1/3 of the population, according to the Mayo Clinic's Web site. "Not everybody gets sick from it," Brubaker said. "The problem arises when the bacteria gets under the skin, either because of a break in the skin, dry skin or an abrasion. Then, an infection appears on the skin resembling a pimple or boil, she said. "The students at the University with staph infections right now, Brubaker said, but they "have been instructed on what they're supposed to do." "The students who have those kinds of infections are told how to cover the wound and given strict instructions on how to act on campus so it's not spread," she said. The incidence of staph infections at Notre Dame is not an "outbreak," Brubaker said, because there is no traceable common origin of the infections. "I'm not saying we're not a little worried when we see it, but we're good at treating it," she said. In order to treat the infections with an effective antibiotic, doctors must look for the source, Brubaker said. "Two students last year had infections related to the fact they hadn't washed their sheets ... you could get an infection in an open area just by dirty laundry," she said. Living in shared spaces and sharing towels can also spread the bacteria. Staph can also cause a bad break, or abscess, in the lining of the skin, called furunculosis. By dirty laundry, "she said. "It's not spread," she said. "Staphylococcus aureus bacteria are normally found on the skin or in the nose of about 1/3 of the population, according to the Mayo Clinic's Web site. "Not everybody gets sick from it," Brubaker said. "The problem arises when the bacteria gets under the skin, either because of a break in the skin, dry skin or an abrasion. Then, an infection appears on the skin resembling a pimple or boil, she said. "The students at the University with staph infections right now, Brubaker said, but they "have been instructed on what they're supposed to do." "The students who have those kinds of infections are told how to cover the wound and given strict instructions on how to act on campus so it's not spread," she said. The incidence of staph infections at Notre Dame is not an "outbreak," Brubaker said, because there is no traceable common origin of the infections. "I'm not saying we're not a little worried when we see it, but we're good at treating it," she said. In order to treat the infections with an effective antibiotic, doctors must look for the source, Brubaker said. "Two students last year had infections related to the fact they hadn't washed their sheets ... you could get an infection in an open area just by dirty laundry," she said. Living in shared spaces and sharing towels can also spread the bacteria. Staph can also cause a bad break, or abscess, in the lining of the skin, called furunculosis.

Welch speaks out against death penalty

Father of McVeigh victim visits campus

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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Bud Welch, the father of one of the 168 people who died in the Oklahoma City bombing, spoke against the death penalty during Wednesday's Right to Life meeting in LaFortune. "Normal human beings do not feel good out of watching another human being's last breath," Welch said. He said Americans have a limited understanding of the death penalty and need to learn more. "Education, education, education," he said. During his talk, Welch focused on his struggle to forgive Timothy McVeigh, who bombed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995. Welch's daughter, Julie, who worked at the Oklahoma City federal building, was among the people killed. Welch was devastated when his daughter died. He wanted to see McVeigh killed. "All of my life I opposed the death penalty. Now, I didn't even want them to have a trial," Welch said. He turned to alcohol to ease the pain. But one day, as he stood in front of the memorial that was built up in front of the Federal
INSIDE COLUMN

Keep the mic away

Don Shula, the famous NFL coach who led the 1972 Miami Dolphins to a perfect, undefeated season (culminating in a Super Bowl win) is the winningest head coach in the history of football. He is a tremendous football coach, a font of football wisdom and, I am sure, a nice man. After his coaching career, he opened a line of steakhouses and appeared on various commercials, and was successful in each endeavor.

However recently Coach Shula decided to throw opinion into the public forum of sports journalism, commenting on the Patriots’ run toward an undefeated season and their cam­era-spying incident earlier this year. "The Spygate thing has diminished what they’ve accomplished. You would hate to have that attached to your accomplishments. They’ve got it," Shula said. "Belichick was fined $500,000, the team was fined $250,000 and they lost a first-round draft choice. That tells you the seriousness or significance of what they found." I find Shula’s opinion absolutely pre­posterous, and it almost sounds like whining.

As a native New Yorker, I can cer­tainly tell you that I hate Boston sports as much as the next guy. However, I have always believed you have to give credit where credit is due. The Patriots are simply playing at a level beyond any­one in the NFL this year, murdering medioc­re opponents and knocking off good ones.

Yet despite the fact that not only is stealing signals common in the NFL (the Patriots are just the first to get caught), but it is clear when looking at the quality of the losses and the Patriots that the signal-filming was not need­ed.

"I guess you got the same thing as putting an asterisk by Barry Bonds’ home run record," Shula continued, "I guess it will be noted that the Patriots were fined, and a No.1 draft choice. That tells you the seriousness or importance of what they found."

I won’t even address the reference to Bonds, as it is so farfetched it is not even worth discussing. What I mean, though, is the fact that the 1972 Miami Dolphins themselves are not necessarily under­going an asterisk.

For one, they played a 14 game reg­ular season — should we asterisk their team now? In looking at their sched­ule, according to NFL.com, the Dolphins did not beat a single playoff team, and the best record of a team they played was 8-6. So we should asterisk the 1972 season saying that their strength of schedule was so laughable the perfect season was too easy?

Let’s get serious: stealing signals is common in every single sport, Belichick is no innovator when it comes to this. Also, the Patriots look like a varsity team playing the fresh­man B-squad most of the games this year. If they are able to run the table this year, the Patriots deserve the un­tarnished, un-asterisked record in Canton.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and do not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Pat Stynes at pstynes@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Bobby Arbogast
Fisher law student

"A squirrel from any of the quads. They’re really friendly."  

Francesca Pennino
junior Walsh Hall

"A Notre Dame squirrel because they are chubby and spirited. And a penguin. I don’t think that needs an explanation."  

Patrick Finnigan
senior St. Edvard’s

"A tiger. It could take down your pets."  

Paul Spadafora
senior Dillon

"A monkey. ‘Cause haven’t you always wanted a mon-key."  

Peter Biava
senior off campus

"‘I’ll keep a tiger, because they are ferocious, and that’s my Chinese horoscope.”

TODAY  TONIGHT  FRIDAY  GAME DAY  SUNDAY  MONDAY

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Ohio State University pro­fessor James Bartholomew will deliver the lecture “Is There Anything Unique About Modern Japanese Science?” today at 4:15 p.m. in 215 DeBartolo Hall.

Heather Stoll, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will deliver the lecture “Presidents, Powers and Parties: The Sources of Legislative Electoral Coordination in Presidential Periods” today at 4:15 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The 2007 MBA Diversity Conference will take place Friday from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pamam Mathur, the senior vice president for corporate diversity and community affairs for MGM Mirage, will be the keynote speaker. He will speak at 6 p.m. in Room F of North Dining Hall. More information about the confer­ence can be found at http://www.nd.edu/~mba/diver­sityconference/agenda.shtml

OFFBEAT

Shop owner finds urn in back of Buick

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The back seat of a Buick wasn’t intended to be the final resting place, but that’s where a car repair shop owner found an urn containing a cremated remains.

"The owner said he doesn’t know how it got there," said Desmond McElveen, whose shop bought the car after it was towed there. "She’s in there, it’s got the number on the bag." Dickerson was from North Charleston and the widow of Franklin Dickerson. She died March 5, 2003, according to a newspaper obituary.

McElveen called Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten, who said family members plan to have the remains buried.

Tallest man in U.S. stands 7 feet 8 inches

NORFOLK, Va. — To all those people who blink at 7-foot-8 Norfolk sheriff’s deputy, he knows. And now, the world will know, too. The lanky, 7-foot-8 Norfolk sheriff’s deputy is being recognized Thursday by Guinness World Records as the Tallest Man in the United States.

That makes him 2 inches taller than the NBA’s current tallest player, Yao Ming, but too short to be the world’s tallest living man. He stands below, according to Guinness, Ukraine’s 6-foot-5 Leonid Stadnyk and China’s Bos Xi Shun, who is 7 feet 8.95 inches.

To answer the inevitable questions: Bell wears size-19 shoes, pants with a 43-inch inseam and shirts with 45-inch sleeves.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.
The population of the college campus feels that they're susceptible to staph infections. Some students diagnosed with MRSA have not been practicing good hygiene, of students diagnosed with MRSA. It's been suggested that even simple things like washing hands, wiping shared equipment, drying linens in clean clothes, cleaning linens can prevent staph infections, she said.

"Because this is a campus setting where we share many things—spare parts and facilities—you're just more prone to getting staph," Pat Bruhaker, assistant director of Clinical Services, explained.

"You should not try to pinch it, but rather make the infection go in further rather than get out," she said.

CA-MRSA can be potentially fatal, but it's rare that anyone in this age group would die out of staph infection, she said.

Most deaths related to the bacteria occur when people have weakened immune systems or when the infection gets internalized in the bloodstream or joints.

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Native American singer performs

By KATIE STAAK
News Writer

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Saint Mary's Office of Multicultural Affairs sponsored singer-songwriter Michael Jacobs Wednesday night at Halloway's, the cafe on campus. Jacobs, a Cherokee recording artist, shared not only his music but also his Native American heritage with the audience. His performance filled Halloway's, and few seats were left when the music began.

Jacobs explained what each of his songs meant before he performed them. Many songs had stories that he shared along with the music.

"I sing about life from an Native American perspective," he said. "But, also life in general, so it is accessible to everyone.

He used his guitar and voice for the majority of the night. For one song, however, he used a Native American flute that he taught himself to play a few years ago. Office of Multicultural Affairs Director Larisa Oliva Ortiz said Saint Mary's invited Jacobs to help celebrate the month.

"It is important to say that this month is National American Indian Heritage Month," she said. "By organizing this type of program, educating the community, providing resources such as books, publications and documents and sharing information about events taking place on and off campus, we are recognizing the many contributions of American Indians and Alaskan Natives, something we should not only celebrate in November, but throughout the year."

Ortiz and her office run a year-long cultural campaign to help inform and diversify the Saint Mary's campus.

Wednesday was the second time Jacobs has performed at the College. He performed last year, again in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.

"I know how to connect with the audience by sharing my journey to discover his American Indian roots with his passion for music," Ortiz said. Saint Mary's junior Mariam Eskander called Jacobs' performance "amazing."

"He was so fresh," she said.

Many girls applauded after each song and laughed at the jokes Jacobs told between his music.

"I loved his voice and his style," junior Andrea Ortiz said.

Jacobs spoke about how he started his music career and what got him where he is today.

"I've been playing since I've been a kid and I've always wanted to do it," he said.

Jacobs was in a rock band during the 1980s. He then retired, but in 2002 decided to get back into professional music by going solo.

"I started pursuing my culture and writing songs about this," he said. These songs, which he wrote mainly for his friends, eventually became his first solo album.

Jacobs said the purpose of his music is "to humanize native people. I want people to view them as real people, rather than have them demonized," he said.

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calls for the student body presi-
dent, or any qualified person ac-
greed to by the Senate, to give the Senate documenta-
tion from the CCAC meetings.

"This shall include but shall not be limited to agendas and min-
utes, presentations, discus-
sions, and debriefings. In ad-
passage of any measures," the proposed amendment read.

"The student president must provide said docu-
tation to the Student Senate at least one week before any meeting of the CCAC." 

Lockwood asked the senators to support his resolution pro-
posing the amendment.

"I just think informing the Senate of the issues that are taking place in the council meeting will allow us to go back to our dorms, like we are supposed to, and tell our con-
stituents that the city has issues that concern a, b, and c, and e, and f, and how we can address this, so it doesn't give-
lyate into any rift between the Student Senate, University and the
community," Lockwood said.

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Ian Secviar said the amendment was passed unanimously on the floor. He compared the proposed ordinance with current lan-
guage present in the Constitution, stating that the student body president is required to report to the Senate about what takes place in the Council of Representatives (COR) meet-

ings.

"I don't think that this is any way out of sync with what's been previously put into the constitu-
tion," he said.

Student body president Liz Brown said the Secviar's comparison between the proposed amendment and the wording stipulating that she report back to COR meetings. She said the COR reference is "extremely gener-
al," whereas the proposed amendment details the docu-
ments the student president must bring to the Senate.

Brown said she found the proposed amendment "over-
broad.

"There is nowhere else in the constitution where the stu-
dent body president is required to bring documentation such as this back," she said.

In some situations, Brown said, the CCAC may discuss issues that would require the member to report the closed.

"I would just say that, in my experience in the last couple months, in all the discussions of the (South Bend Common Council's) park permit ordinance, there are certain things that shouldn't be distributed to the public at large. There are particular tan points in discussion," she said.

Brown said there are other ways in which to include a provision in the constitution, such as requiring the student body president report back on the CCAC.

"If you don't have a way to do it," Brown said, "and I think this is overhearing.

Secviar said the Senate should clarify the student body president's responsibilities, give a description of how the

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Building, Welch realized he
needed to move forward.

"Julie not only opposed the
depth penalty, she was active
gainst it," Welch said. Three
weeks after he stood in front of
the Federal Building, Welch
decided the death penalty was
wrong. He started to speak out
and tell Julie's story.

As a teenager, Julie Welch
was very interested in foreign
language. She traveled to Spain
as an exchange student during
her junior year of high school
and later got a scholarship to
Marquette for her achievement
in foreign language. She attended Marquette and, dur-
ing her sophomore year, went abroad again. She got
her degree in Spanish and be

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said Tina Durski, the senior
administrative assistant for the
marching band.

Durski estimated that 60 to
70 students will go, but said the
number is not yet deter-
determined.

The tour begins in Beijing
with concerts at the Beijing
Concert Hall and the National
Academy of Chinese Theater
Arts. The band will then travel
to Xi'an, Shanghai and Tokyo.

The band has also arranged for
participants to tour histori-
cal sites and experience cul-
tural activities in both coun-
tries. Band members will be
able to attend an a cromatic
show and tour the factory
that manufactures terracotta war-
rriors, and horses in Xi'an.

"They will also get the chance
to meet with a translator.

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process. They find out this
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One student is planning to
play at some amazing venues," she said.

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While the overall experience is
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Guatemala común

OCT. 6, 2007 — Guatemala opened five on-campus buses returning from a march Wednesday in which 80,000 President Hugo Chávez's attempts to expand his power. At least one person was killed and six were wounded, officials said. Photographers for The Associated Press saw at least two gunmen — one wearing a ski mask and another covering his face with a white T-shirt — firing handguns and a shotgun. Terrified students ran through the campus as ambulances arrived.

National Guard troops gathered outside the cam­ pus, Venezuela's largest and a center for opposition to Chávez, carrying automatic weapons and security forces from entering the campus, but Luis Ávila, the minister of higher education, said they could be called in if the university requests them.

Seven killed in Finland school shooting

TURKU — An 18-year-old gunman opened fire at his high school in this placid town in southern Finland on Wednesday, killing seven other students and the principal before mortally wounding himself in a deadliest massacre in a Nordic country where mass mur­ der is rare.

Police were analyzing YouTube postings that appeared to anticipate the massacre, including clips in which a young man calls for revolution and apparently prepares for the attack, by firing a semiautomatic handgun.

Investigators said the gunman, who was not identified, committed the shooting in the middle of the school day and was seen running through the campus.

Police said the campus police, who may a separation barrier jutting into the territory and cut off east Jerusalem, where they want to establish their capital.

It has been a bitter issue for years, and finding a solu­tion will tax efforts to work out a final peace accord.

“Everything that Israel is doing on the ground is, of course, an obstacle to what we are trying to achieve,” said Shas party leader, a top aide to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Nonetheless, he said the Palestinians want to negoti­ ate “until the last minute.”

Israel continues to expand many of the 122 settlements in the West Bank, where 267,000 Israelis lived as of last month, according to government statistics.

Peace Now, an Israeli set­ tlement watchdog group, issued a report Wednesday saying building is going on in 88 of the settlements, though most of the work is in the East Bank. Israel hopes to retain a peace deal.

The Palestinians said Monday that they received assurances from Washington that Israel would meet its short-term obligations under the “road map,” a U.S.-backed peace plan being revived in hopes of boosting confidence between the two sides after a peace conference later this month.

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Study reveals many homeless are veterans

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Veterans make up one in four homeless people in the United States, though they are only 11 percent of the general adult population, according to a report to be released Thursday.

And homelessness is not just a problem among middle-age and elderly veterans. Younger veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are trickling into shelters and soup kitchens seeking services, treatment or help with finding a job.

The Veterans Affairs Department has identified 1,500 homeless veterans from the current wars and says 400 of them have participated in its programs specifically targeting homelessness.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness, a public education nonprofit, based the findings of its report on numbers from Veterans Affairs and the Census Bureau. 2002 data estimated that 194,254 homeless people out of 744,331 on any given night were veterans.

In comparison, the VA says that 20 years ago, the estimated number of veterans who were homeless on any given night was 230,000.

Some advocates say the early presence of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan at shelters does not bode well for the future. It took roughly a decade for the lives of Vietnam veterans to unravel to the point that they started showing up among the homeless.

Advocates worry that intense and repeated deployments leave newer veterans particularly vulnerable.

"We're going to be having a tsunami of them eventually because the mental health toll from this war is enormous," said Daniel Tooth, director of veterans affairs for Lancaster County, Pa.

While services to homeless veterans have improved in the past 20 years, advocates say more financial resources still are needed. With the spotlight on the plight of Iraq veterans, they hope more will be done to prevent homelessness and provide affordable housing to the younger veterans while there's a window of opportunity.

"I think they'll be forgotten," Keaveney said of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. "People get tired of it. It's not glitzy, able, patriotic Americans. They'll just be veterans, and that happens after every war."
Dow Jones

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VIENNA — Record oil prices edged closer to $100 a barrel Wednesday amid expected losses of the world's largest buyer of U.S. supplies. The weak dollar and OPEC's apparent reluctance to push more crude into the market also broadened the market's bull run.

The contract hit a high of $97.10 Tuesday before closing at $96.79 a barrel, a record settlement 66 percent higher than the close on the first trading day of the year. That left crude prices within the range of inflation-adjusted highs set in early 1980, the year before the oil crisis on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Trade watchers worry whether supplies will be adequate to meet demand for heating fuel in winter, and they worry about the impact of the high prices on the economy. The administration contends the rising debt, with interest payments swelling as debt levels rise, could derail the economic recovery. A rising debt could make it harder for the economy to weather the looming GitHub effect. Metals prices are expected to rise by 30% this year. The U.S. Commerce Department said Tuesday that its profit for the first quarter of 2007 was $3.835 million.

Date rape drug found in children's toys

WASHINGTON — Millions of Chinese-made toy beads have been pulled from shelves in North America and Australia after they were found to metabolize into a powerful "date rape" drug when ingested.

The toy beads are sold in general merchandise stores and over the Internet for use in arts and crafts projects. They can be arranged into designs and fused together when sprayed with water. Some beads, when ingested, metabolize into the so-called date rape drug gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), also known as "liquid Ecstasy." The drug is marketed in five grams of powder or two milliliters of liquid, and it is taken over a one-hour period. It results in a loss of consciousness, seizures, drowsiness, coma and death.

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Market Recap

A customer fills up at the GetGo gas station in Warrensville Heights, Ohio, where the price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline is $3.09.

"The price rise is really driven by expectations of drawdowns in crude oil and distillate stocks inventories in the U.S. inventory report," said Shum. "Some cold weather reports out of the U.S. and Europe serve as a reminder that winter is coming and that there are still supply concerns." On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Energy's EIA said oil stocks in the country of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development are forecast to fall this winter, ending the year at the lowest level since January 2005. In London, International Energy Agency head Nobuo Tanaka said he shared those concerns.

"Stocks provide an important cushion between supply and demand," he told reporters. "They add supply side flexibility, reduce volatility and minimize the incentive for speculation. At current prices the market is signaling that stocks need to be higher — something that is in the power of producers to address."

The Observer

General Motors reports $39 billion loss

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. reported a $39.1 billion loss for the third quarter, as a charge involving unused tax credits brought an abrupt end to a string of three profitable quarters for the nation's largest automaker.

The loss was one of the biggest quarterly corporate deficits ever. GM's adjusted quarterly loss was $33.7 billion, according to Standard & Poor's. The $33.7 billion was the largest quarterly loss for a U.S. automaker in GM's history.

GM attributed most of the third-quarter loss to a $32.1 billion non cash charge related to accumulated deferred tax credits in the United States, Canada and Germany. Accounting rules require companies to write down the value of such credits if they have scant prospects for a return to profitability in the near term.

GM also reported a loss of $757 million from its 49 percent stake in GMAC Financial Services, due largely to losses at ResCap, GMAC's mortgage arm. It was the second-worst quarterly net loss in U.S. corporate history, exceeded only by AOL Time Warner's $44.9 billion loss in the fourth quarter of 2002 when the value of the AOL operations was marked down, according to Howard Silverblatt, a senior index analyst for Standard & Poor's.

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"There is no impact whatsoever on our cash position, no impact on our ability to use the tax offsets in the future, and from my perspective, really no change whatsoever in our outlook or optimism about the future of getting the business turned around," he said.

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Marc Rich decided to use his billions to finance Swiss political candidates through stand trial for tax evasion. Oscar Collazo attempted to assassinate President Truman, and in doing so shot and killed a police officer. Orlando Bosch placed an explosive device in the bathroom of the Cuban airline, killing all 73 people on board. Do you know what these men have in common? United States presidents, whose powers are reserved in our system of government because the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, and the majority of the first secretary of the treasury, and the story of its inclusion in our system of government is a testament to its egregiousness. At the Constitutional Convention in 1787, the Constitution's inclusion was one of the pet causes of Alexander Hamilton, though more famous for his financial wizardry as the first secretary of the treasury, and of course for being shot by Aaron Burr, was well known in his day as a supporter of a powerful federal government. Many of his proposals at the Philadelphia Convention were interpreted by his peers as supporting a sort of elected monarch, a charge which was levied against him in later years, nullifying his reputation. The pardon is one of the few Hamilton's ideas which was adopted.

We came to Notre Dame to get a solid, valuable education. In order to receive that education, we must do a considerable amount of studying and work. For us Walshies, and for most South, West, and God Quad residents, the Coleman Morse Lounge is an ideal workspace. Complete with pop, corn, soda, coffee, and a general aura of joy and happiness, CoMo makes the Library look like the bottom of St. Joe's Lake. Unfortunately, our happiness in its two branches has threatened the Dredded Signs. All too often, students who frequent the Coleman Morse Lounge are faced with these signs: "x group has reserved this space for the next 72 hours... at least." Okay, so we exaggerate, but it sure feels like that to us.

Did you know that there are more affordable classrooms on the upper floors of CoMo than are actually opened for use after hours. Those classrooms should be put to use. It all comes down to one very simple question; Does the University of Notre Dame want successful students? Or us? We think you know what to do. Of course, American presidents have always been known for their fear of perceived "omniscience." This four-person explanation will not reduce the number of executive members who should be pardoned. If you think that such an example of executive orders is appropriate for a monarch than for a President who is supposed to be accountable to the public, you are quite right. The pardon is a carry-over from the English monarchy, and the story of its inclusion in our system of government is a testament to its egregiousness.

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Sex in the dorms

Once on retreat, I asked my 70-year-old spiritual director, a Trappist monk, "When does your sex drive finally calm down?" After a moment's pause, he answered, "As best I can tell, about a half-hour before you die."

So much for easy solutions. Growing up, sexuality is a life-long journey, with no end in sight.

Many, many students on our campus - male and female - are struggling with the role of pornography in their lives. It is not surprising. Take one of your deepest, most powerful, often seemingly insatiable human drives - your sex drive - and offer it instant, stimulating, no-strings-attached, anonymous, and often free gratification, especially at a time when, biologically, you are at the peak of your sexual lives. This can lead to decisions of personal computer products. Throw in the general stress levels with a student in a competitive environment.

Given this set of conditions, what would really be surprising was if pornography use on campus was declining, which as you know, it is not.

So, in the midst of this extraordinarily explosive set of circumstances, I want first to say thank you to all the students who have had the bravery and wholeness, to bring this up, and to share their stories with us, in order to find ways to live out their sexual lives. Your witness - even if you have not overcome this temptation - even if you are still struggling with it - is a light illuminating a dark, labyrinthine street. Though it is a confusing and sometimes seemingly overwhelming road, it is one on which our God, who gave us this gift of sexuality, promises to walk closely with us - continually offering us true intimacy - saying yes to our deepest, highest, most intimate and true joy.

Your struggles have illuminated for me some of the subtly harmful consequences of repeated pornography use - ones that seem to slowly approach us at any single moment of consumption, but begin to form corrosive patterns over time. I bring them up here in the hope that they may become fruitful for others.

Pornography seems to tame the very ways its users relate to other people, including people they really want to love. Because pornography is so immediately stimulating and does not require the interpersonal, long-term effort that friendship requires, and also because pornography generally requires solitude and anonymity, many students have noticed in themselves a dumbed-down desire to deepen friendships with others that becomes corrosive over time. I bring them up here in the hope that they may become fruitful for others.

Pornography also, over time, leaves its users with an increased sense of loneliness and emptiness - the exact opposite of the fulfillment it promises. As intimate as the act of watching porn may seem in the moment - alone, another human being unveiled before you - your deepest self is not doped because no truly human relationship is ever formed. It is all virtual.

Perhaps one of the most tempting features of pornography is that it does so follow up with your "partner" in a virtual space. It is the exact opposite of something that seems extremely convenient at the time, but which actually frustrates our deepest human desire for companionship. It probably is also worth reminding ourselves - for each of you is looking through the fantasy that, as spontaneous as pornographic acts present themselves, in fact they are almost always behind the scenes, deliberately filmed and edited products of a $2 billion a year industry that is interested in making money, not fulfilling any human need for relationship. In fact, the industry can hardly make money if it actually succeeds in fulfilling your companionship needs, its increased profits - and they are increasing at an amazing rate - are dependent on repeated use.

Perhaps the most pernicious consequence that students have struggled with is that, as time wears on, repeated pornography use threatens to turn sexuality into an enemy.

Students who struggle with pornography frequently talk about their sexuality primarily as something they need to overcome. In fact, it is the use of pornography they are so desperate to overcome, but often this slips into a general adversarial relationship with one's entire sexual identity. Perhaps you have been so traumatically, especially people to whom they are attracted - primarily as sexual objects.

Needless to say, such an approach is not going to work.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), formed in 1993 to fight these injuries, is achieving better wages and working conditions for farmworkers. In 2004, Taco Bell signed an agreement to pay a penny more per pound to workers, which increased wages for tomato pickers by 70 percent. That may seem like a lot, but it had been 30 years since farmworkers had received a raise. And last year, McDonalds signed on to a similar agreement. These corporations are the same ones that have asked for lower and lower costs for years, which were passed down to the workers. Unfortunately, these agreements represent only one per two percent of the industry.

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SPORTSCASTERS PUT SPOTLIGHT ON THEMSELVES, NOT ON SPORTS

Chris McGrady
Assistant Scene Editor

Oh, ESPN, how far you have fallen. It used to be that ESPN was my favorite channel—the perfect music for any rabid sports fan. But these days, ESPN is about as entertaining as a rainy curling match.

The problem starts with the sportscasters. They make a joke-like remark about everything they comment on. I say joke-like because, well, it’s meant to be a joke but it’s missing that one key element—humor.

Listening to the sportscasters on ESPN is like listening to a group of over-hyped teenagers battle it out to see who can make the cute girl in class laugh. With ridiculous puns, analogies and broad and baseless sweeping statements, ESPN has ruined its image in my mind.

Every telecast, show and piece is so sportscaster-centric that I have to wonder if they are more interested in the ratings than the sport itself.

Unfortunately, the most recent was about 20 years ago. Now he is most famous for his annoying sounds. His signature noise is something he makes when an athlete (usually a football player) jukes another player. It goes something like this: WHOP! Think high-pitched, like a flamingo in heat.

Do it with me—WHOP! It’s mildly entertaining—WHOP!—until you have—WHOP!—heard it for the—WHOP!—20th.—WHOP!—time. Get my drift?

How lame is ESPN now? Well, they gave Keyshawn Johnson a microphone and said, “Here, tell the world what you think.” Listening to Keyshawn in about as enlightening as a brain freeze. I think I will just save myself the time and pack my head in ice, thank you very much.

Then there are the blowhards who attack debates like freight trains—Michael Wilbon and Mark May. Despite being Notre Dame haters from the other side of the country, they are not content unless they get to dem onstrate their knowledge of Notre Dame football on “College Football Live.” Many disagree with his strong opinions.

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and the Notre Dame Glee Club will perform their respective annual fall concerts tonight and tomorrow night in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The Symphony Orchestra’s repertoire includes all ballet music this year, including Tchaikovsky’s famous “Rodeo.” The program also features “Invitation to the Dance,” a lesser-known ballet by Carl Maria von Weber, one of Beethoven’s younger contemporaries, who was 15 years his junior.

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The other night on SportsCenter, ESPN’s centerpiece show, host Stuart Scott had a freelance, beat poetry introduction. Did you catch that? Poetry.

"I wanted to do a ballet concert with the orchestra centered on the 'Natteracker.' Suite,” said conductor Daniel Stowe in an email Monday, “and I thought that Copland ‘Rodeo’ music would be a good pairing.”

"The show will feature four selections from the ballet, concluding with the famous ‘Ho-Down’ music. Both suites run about 25 minutes. Stowe said he chose the Natteracker set for the quality of its music in addition to the status as a popular winter music suite.

"The ‘Natteracker’ Suite, for all its familiarity, is just a joy to play because of the tremendous quality of Tchaikovsky’s craftsmanship in writing for the orchestra,” Stowe said. "I think the piece is very much underrated by many critics in this respect."

He went on to say that he selected Copland’s jazz suite because he allows the orchestra to show a different aspect of its versatility in music that doesn’t normally get to demonstrate.

"The Copland really swings, too,” Stowe said. "Orchestras don’t actually get much of an opportunity to swing like a big band, but they do in this piece.”

In addition to conducting the nearly 80 members of the Symphony Orchestra, Stowe also conducts the 55 voices of the Notre Dame Glee Club. Unlike the orchestra’s all-ballet lineup, Stowe says the Glee Club concerts have no real theme, focusing instead on half of classical music and a second half of spirituals, folk songs, barber-shop pieces and Notre Dame songs.

The Undertones, the 12-member a cappella group made up of Glee Club members, will also perform during the second half.

"For the Glee Club, I always like to do some Renaissance sacred music in each program,” Stowe said. The first half of the concert includes music by Morales, La Rue and Joplin, in addition to 20th-century pieces by Poulenc, Dusider and Biebl.

The Renaissance songs represent Stowe’s efforts to branch out and infuse the concert with variety, particularly among the works from the latter three artists. Poulenc’s four-piece set entitled “Laudes of St. Anthony” features what Stowe calls “very interesting harmonies,” while three Dusider pieces are poems by the German poet Eduard Mörike set to music. All three contrasts in tune and quality, Stowe said.

In addition to the new songs, the Glee Club will also stick with tried-and-true numbers including Franz Biebl’s “Ave Maria,” along with an arrangement of “Danny Boy” written for the Glee Club by 2003 Notre Dame graduate and former Glee Club member Patrick Quigley. Stowe mentioned one type of music as a particular concert favorite.

"Barbershop is always great fun for singer and audience alike,” he said. "The Biebl performance is also popular, Stowe said.

In arranging the performances of both the Symphony Orchestra and the Glee Club, Stowe said his greatest challenge is creating concerts that appeal to both classical music aficionados and casual audience members.

"In assembling programs, one always aims to entertain, educate, and inspire wherever, but otherwise, consider me a lost customer. Besides, if I want to see two blowhards go at it in a boring debate, Election 2008 is just around the corner."

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The views expressed in Scene and Heard are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
On Tuesday night, a group of students gathered in the Coleman Morse Lounge for a celebration of the written word. Ten students whose works of poetry and prose had been selected by the Student Union Board read their works aloud as a part of the Notre Dame Literary Festival Student Night. Audience members enjoyed a wide variety of offerings highlighting the literary talents of every class, from freshmen to graduate students. Meaghan McGinley kicked off the evening with two poems about a forgotten mirror and growing older and a humorous retelling of the Rapunzel fairy tale. David Karapetyan shifted to a slightly darker mood with four poems about subjects ranging from office life to a cynic's view of French townspeople, and Tanya Barrios shared her tributes to a friend and to her personal sanctu­ry. The serious mood continued with Nady Murphy's glimpses into a shattered relationship and the superficiality of Barbie, and lightened with Joe Pau's reworking of a Shakespearian sonnet, penned from Decio's in the form of journal entries, and a humorous ode to Keystone Light. Michael McDonald and Loren Higbee shared their stream-of-con­sciousness impressions of life, Michael's in the form of journal entries from his journey to Uganda and Loren's in the form of poems penned from Deirdre Commons. 

Freshman Eillian Civantos shared her poetic thoughts about the transition from high school to college, and Mychal Stanale closed the evening with a short story recounting the awkward first meeting of a girl and boy brought together by a burning building.

Fortuitous beginnings
The student event marked the beginning of this year's Notre Dame Literary Festival, which is celebrating its 41st year. Inspired by an event held at the University of Mississippi that started in 1967 with Notre Dame student Richard Russo as a series of films and lectures by literary scholars on the works and life of William Faulkner. Russo passed the responsibility of organizing the festival to sophomore John Mroz. Mroz wanted to expand the festival into a major event featuring nationally known writers, but with only $7.72 in the festival bank account and meager support from the University, bringing these authors to Notre Dame seemed impossible.

Salvation arrived at the hands of Father Charles Sheedy, then-dean of the College of Arts and Letters, who gave Mroz his first contact — Joseph Heller, author of "Catch 22." Sheedy began exchanging letters with him shortly after the book's publication and soon, Mroz found success - Heller agreed to attend the festival. Soon, other writers responded, and the program expanded to include Norman Mailer, Wright Morris, Ralph Ellison, Granville Hicks, William F. Buckley Jr., Kurt Vonnegut, and Isaac Bashevis Singer.

National exposure
The festival stirred up enthusiasm at a national level, and international film critics even attended to view Norman Mailer's film, "Beyond the Law." However, during the week of the festival, the nation was rocked by a surge of protests over the Vietnam War, Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination and President Lyndon B. Johnson's announcement to forego re-election. The authors, however, and the final symposium were flavored with commentary on the recent events. Yet, the festival managed to be both a suitable celebration of the authors' literary talents and a fitting commentary on world issues.

This year, the festival moves to November and expands into a month-long celebration of fiction, poetry, film and song. This year's featured authors are as diverse as their work.

Patricia Smith, a performance poet, playwright, biographer and children's author, will be holding a question-and-answer session at Montgomery Auditorium in LaFortune at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, and a poetry slam at 8 p.m. on the same day. Smith has performed poetry at venues ranging from Carnegie Hall and the Poets Stage in Stockholm to Lollapalooza and Paris' Sorbonne. Her books of poetry include "Close to Death" and "Teahouse of the Almighty," which was chosen for the 2002 National Poetry Series. Her works of fiction include "Africans in America," "Jasna and the Kings," and "Mahina, the Mad Mad Moon." Smith also performs with her band, Bop Thunderous, and sings with the jazz group Paradigm Shift.

Lydia Davis
Lydia Davis, a short story author, travel writer and novelist, will be holding a question-and-answer session Nov. 15 in the McNeill Room of LaFortune at 5 p.m., and a reading at 8 p.m. and a reception at 9 p.m. in the same room. Her works include the novel "The End of the Story," as well as several collections of short fiction including "Varieties of Disturbance," "Break It Down" and "Samuel Johnson Is Indignant." Davis has also translated many memoirs, novels, and literary criticisms from French into English; her translation of Marcel Pruvost's "Swann's Way," earned the French-American Foundation Annual Translation Prize.

Steve Almond
Steve Almond is a journalist, commentator and fiction writer. On Nov. 19, his question-and-answer session will be at 4 p.m. in the McNeill Room in LaFortune. He will be discussing his new book "Goodbye, Bad Times," which was his question-and-answer session will be at 5 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Almond has written two story collections — "My Life in Heavy Metal" and "The Evil B.B. Chow" — the memoir "Candyfreak" and the novel "Which Brings Me to You" in collaboration with Juliana Baggott. His recent work, "Not That You Asked," is a collection of essays featuring various life experiences and commentary, from his resignation from Rixton College after Condoleezza Rice was chosen as the commencement speaker to his fight with Sean Hannity and his obsession with Kurt Vonnegut.

Larry Doyle
Larry Doyle is a novelist, film and television writer and producer. On Nov. 27, he will be holding a question and answer session at the McNeill Room at 4 p.m., a reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Room, and a reception at 8:30 p.m. in the Dooley Room. He currently writes screenplays and plays for the "New Yorker," "Esquire" and other magazines. His television writing credits include "Beavis and Butt-Head," "Looney Tunes" and "The Simpsons" and his film writing credits include "Looney Tunes: Back in Action" and "Dukes." 

Michael Martone
Michael Martone, short story author, non-fiction writer and editor, will be holding a question-and-answer session at 5 p.m. in the McNeill Room and a reading at 8 p.m. and a reception at 9 p.m. in the Montgomery Room on Nov. 28. His short story collections include "Double-wide," a recently-published collection of early stories, as well as "Fort Wayne is Seventh on Hitler's List" and "Alive and Deading in Indiana 5." His stories have also appeared in several magazines, including "Harper's" and "Story." He has published several works of nonfiction, including "The Blue Guide to Indiana" and "The Flatness and Other Landscapes." He currently teaches at the University of Alabama.

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**NBA**

**Hawks ruin Nash’s big game with 105-96 win**

Big three lead Boston to blowout win over Denver; Bobcats almost set franchise-low for points scored in 94-63 loss

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Associated Press

**ATLANTA —** The stands were packed, and the home team made every big shot down the stretch. Could this possibly be an Atlanta Hawks game? Josh Smith scored 22 points, rookie Al Horford led a dominant performance on the boards and the Hawks beat another 60-win team from last season, holding off Steve Nash and the Phoenix Suns 105-96 on Wednesday night.

Atlanta, which hasn't made the playoffs since 1999, got back to .500 in a brutal opening stretch of games and added to its opening-night win over Dallas. Once again, the Hawks drew a sellout crowd to watch them beat a Western Conference powerhouse.

"The atmosphere here this year is incredible," said Marvin Williams, one of three Hawks to put up a double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. "It really gives us a boost of confidence." Atlanta led throughout the second half, but the Suns were right there when Nash drove for a basket with 4:42 remaining. Williams responded by hitting a basket with 4:42 remaining.

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**Williams, one of three Hawks to contribute. The Suns played their third straight game without Amar'e Stoudemire, who sat out because of a sore knee. "We ran into a team that's more athletic than we are," Nash said, a huge compliment to the Hawks.

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Kevin Garnett added 23 points and 13 rebounds, and the Celtics shot 72 percent during an overpowering first half en route to a victory over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

"We are just scratching the surface on what we can do," Pierce said. "We enjoy seeing the next player make a great play and no one cares who gets credit." Boston improved to 3-0 overall and has won both its home games by an average of 24 points. Ray Allen scored 22 points and is shooting 63 percent since joining the Celtics.

"They Garnett, Pierce and Allen like each other," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They've all decided that they don't need anything individually and it is all about what's best for the team." The Celtics barely broke a sweat in building a 77-38 halftime lead. Boston had multiple uncontested layups, dunks and an array of dazzling passes, outrebounded Denver 25-9 and dominated essentially every statistic on the box score.

Allen Iverson led the Nuggets with 22 points, but Carmelo Anthony was held to only 11 on 5-of-13 shooting. Denver dropped an emotional game on Tuesday with Denver trailing 50-25, Iverson barked to referee Scott West, "We're down 25, isn't that enough?" Rivers returned for Boston after missing a game due to the death of his father.

"The homework was preaching to us about repetition," Garnett said. "We knew Denver could put up 150 points if they wanted to, but we want to be known as a defensive team." The Bobcats were blown out by 32 points, had 20 turnovers and 26 of 66 shots were missed by the end of their four-game homestand, which ends Sunday.

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Charlotte's 2-0 start was the first time the four-year team had ever won two games in a row at any point. But the Bobcats were blown out by 32 points against the Suns on Tuesday night and then narrowly avoided a record-low point total, needing one last jumper against the Sikers to surpass the 62 scored against Houston on Dec. 8, 2000.

"We just have to forget about it," guard Derek Anderson said. "We've got to figure out a way to do things right." Matt Carroll scored 16 points and Emeka Okafor had 11 points and 11 rebounds, but the Bobcats had 29 turnovers.

While Charlotte has the same record (2-1) as the Sixers, the altitude was much more upbeat in the home locker room. Picked to finish near the bottom of the Eastern Conference, the Sixers have been competitive in all four games and want to be over .500 by the end of their four-game homestand, which ends Sunday.

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**Sixers 94, Bobcats 63**

The Bobcats went from unbeaten in the first two games to beaten badly in the next two.

So much for the confidence and momentum built off their perfect start.

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The Sixers blew open the game in the second quarter and built a 20-point lead in front of about 6,000 fans. Not that the nearly empty arena mattered much to Philly.

"When I'm playing, I'm just focused on the court," forward Rodney Carney said. "It could be 20,000 people or 5,000. I'm just concerned about winning."
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### NFL

**Goodell upholds Jones’ year-long suspension**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—NFL commissioner Roger Goodell told Titans cornerback Adam “Pacman” Jones in April to sit out the 2007 season. On Tuesday, the commissioner informed Jones he still hasn’t changed his mind.

Jones had met with the commissioner last week in New York, pleading for some leniency and an early return. But the commissioner, whose biggest concern was buying wrestling tickets for Atlanta students to watch him at pay-per-view event last month didn’t convince Goodell.

The commissioner told Jones his suspension will last through this season, which would include the playoffs if the Titans (6-2) qualify.

“T’s will be eligible to begin working out at the Titans’ facility following the conclusion of the team’s season,” the league said in a statement late Tuesday afternoon.

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### In Brief

**Clemens signs with Astros as personal-services consultant**

ORLANDO, Fla.—Roger Clemens is ready to join the Houston Astros—as a consultant.

In a sign that Clemens’ pitching career could be over, his agent told the Astros on Wednesday that the seven-time Cy Young winner is set to start his personal-services contract with the team.

“He’s moving toward retirement and leaving open the possibility of playing,” agent Randy Hendricks said. “As Roger has stated several times, he failed at retirement repeatedly.”

Hendricks sent Astros owner Jim Crane a letter offering Clemens’ services to his team for the last two weeks.

The third-year receiver stayed out of trouble during the suspension and left one man paralyzed. Jones was arrested on two felony counts of coercion in June after dropping an appeal of his NFL punishment.

**Angels’ Matthews meets with MLB over HGH allegations**

NEW YORK—Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr. met with baseball officials Wednesday to discuss allegations that he received human growth hormone.

Matthews was sent HGH in 2004 from a pharmacy being investigated for illegal distribution of performance-enhancing drugs, The Times Union of Albany, N.Y., reported last winter. Matthews denied using HGH, which was not banned by baseball until 2005.

Several other players implicated in receiving performance-enhancing drugs also have met with baseball officials. Baseball is trying to arrange an interview with Cleveland pitcher Paul Byrd, who said last month that he took HGH for a medical condition before it was banned.

**Bengals’ Henry, recently reinstated, in trouble again**

CINCINNATI — Receiver Chris Henry was involved in an altercation with a parking attendant on the eve of quitting the Cincinnati Bengals from his right-game suspension.

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**Tennessee Titans’ cornerback Adam “Pacman” Jones, right, is interviewed prior to his pro wrestling debut on Aug. 12. Jones’ one-year suspension for violating the NFL’s personal conduct policy was upheld by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell on Tuesday.**
**MLB**

**NYY will not trade pitching for Cabrera**

Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. —** Hank Steinbrenner was clear on what the New York Yankees won’t do to acquire Miguel Cabrera.

“It’s pretty obvious which players we’re not going to trade,” Steinbrenner said. “I think the player’s preference is to stay in Boston, first and foremost,” he said.

Cashman predicted it would take a serious offer to do so. The Yankees have, however, been making available. The idea was suggested by Boston’s Theo Epstein and Florida’s Larry Beinfest, co-chairs of this year’s Winter Meetings.

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**NCAA Football**

**New clock rules make games faster**

Associated Press

The NCAA’s rules changes have done what they were expected to do to college football this season.

More kickoffs are being returned, more plays are being run and more points are being scored.

On a less positive note, more games are dragging on.

A big change made this season was the implementing of a new kickoff rule.

“With not as many balls kicked into the end zone, that becomes a play in the ballgame that’s important,” Georgia coach Mark Richt said.

“Seven kickoffs now are average,” he said.

The change was to eliminate a sea of balls kicked into the end zone, which is a trend that Richt said has made games slower.

Not much is different in terms of the kicking game, Richt said, but there are some changes to note.

A few kickoffs were in the end zone and have resulted in a delay of game call. Richt said that has been the case in a few games.

“I think the change was for the best, but I think it’s a bit of a learning curve,” Richt said.

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Arenas has left knee drained again

Coach expects guard to play at New Jersey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even if Gilbert Arenas is having problems with his left knee, Washington Wizards coach Eddie Jordan isn’t quite ready to worry.

"Washington Wizards coach Gilbert Arenas is having problems with his left knee, said. "He just has to keep getting through his therapy, his rehab, and getting some rest when he can."

"Asked how long it might be until Arenas is 100 percent healthy, the coach said: "We don’t know how long it’s going to take. You know, Gil's pretty darn good at whatever percent he's at, anyway."

"Arenas said his knee felt stiff after Washington’s last game, a 94-82 loss to Orlando on Saturday that dropped the Wizards to 0-3. He hasn’t practiced since.

"It feels like a 5-pound weight is on it," Arenas said that night, adding he thought he might need to have fluid drained. His left knee also was drained of excess fluid Oct. 17.

"Arenas did not speak to reporters Wednesday, but he did refer to the knee on his blog. "I have to get my knee drained and get the fluid out so I can be ready for the next 15 days. I guess it’s like a 15-day period after I drain my knee that I’m at 100 percent," the blog says. "There’s no pain, it’s just stiffness."

"Arenas spoke Saturday about tailing off in what was his first set of back-to-back games since hurting his knee in April. "That’s where I thought he wasn’t his explosive self," Jordan said. "That’s the only game."

"Arenas made his first three shots against Orlando, then went 0-for-12 the rest of the game. He shot 0-for-4 on 3-pointers that night, making him 1-for-17 from beyond the arc this season. Arenas is shooting 33 percent overall.

"I’m just shooting really bad right now," his blog says, "but I’ll get the mojos back in a minute."

The Wizards began the season by playing three games in four nights, and they have another such stretch now. Thursday’s game is followed by one at home against Denver on Friday, then a game at Atlanta on Sunday.

"Arenas went five days without playing in an exhibition game after his knee was drained last month. But Wizards captain Antawn Jamison said Arenas told him he’ll be ready to play Thursday."

"From my understanding, he said he was mentally ready and physically he felt good," Jamison said. "So we’ll see tomorrow."

Adding teammate DeShawn Stevenson. "Gil’s a gamer. He can sit out five games and come out and play the way he plays. He’s going to be all right."

"The Wizards probably could use Arenas against the Nets. New Jersey won all four of the teams’ meetings last season, with Nets point guard Jason Kidd averaging a double-double in those games.

"Plus, there’s this. Washington is shooting an NBA-worst 35.4 percent from the field so far — only one other team, the Chicago Bulls, is under 40 percent — and averaging only 91.2 points, a decrease of more than 12 points from last season’s output.

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PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb doesn’t miss blocks or run wrong routes, and he can’t be held responsible for the defense allowing points. So the five-time Pro Bowl quarterback feels it’s unfair to blame him for the Philadelphia Eagles’ 2-5 start.

"I’m definitely not the whole reason why we lost these games," McNabb said Wednesday. "Can I help? Yes. I can. But I’m not fully to blame for everything that goes on around here. I can help, but I’m not that main solution. I’m a piece of the puzzle and when the puzzle’s put together, then we’ll have success."

Just two days after coach Andy Reid left the door slightly open for a change at his quarterback position, McNabb seemed a bit defensive.

"We all have to play well," he said. "We all have to do our jobs individually. If we all step up and do our job, then we wouldn’t be sitting here right now (at 3-5). I can’t be held responsible for the defense leading to 14 points now."

McNabb had a fumble and two interceptions in a 38-17 loss to Dallas on Sunday night, with two of those turnovers leading to 14 points in the first half.

Asked Monday if McNabb would remain the starter for the rest of the season, barring injury, Reid said: "That’s where I’m looking at things. Again, there’s nothing is guaranteed. That’s how I’m looking at it, yes."

"The fact Reid said it’s not "guaranteed" was a departure from the coach’s usual position. Instead, the honest response suggests Reid would consider benching McNabb at some point, especially if Philadelphia is mathematically out of the NFC title race.

"The Eagles are last in the NFC East and trail nine teams in the conference. With rookie Kevin Kolb expected to be McNabb’s eventual successor, the future could come as early as this month."

"McNabb, of course, wouldn’t support that decision."

"No, that’s my job," he said. "Why would I want to give up my job?"

"Less than one year removed from knee surgery for a torn ligament, McNabb clearly isn’t the same player who led the Eagles to four consecutive NFC title games and one Super Bowl."

However, his mobility is improving and his overall numbers for this season are respectable. McNabb has a 59.4 completion percentage, 2,044 yards passing, nine touchdowns, four interceptions and a passer rating of 86.3.

"I’m not happy about the way I’ve played," McNabb said. "I have to do my job better, and everyone else has to, as well."

Teammates rallied around McNabb, offering support and flatly dismissing any need for a switch.

"Everything that goes wrong on the team is Donovan’s fault," running back Brian Westbrook said. "Everything from fumbles to interceptions to sacks, these are not all Donovan’s fault, not totally. Because it’s a team sport, one man can’t make a football team. I’ve seen Donovan do great things, and I know he still has that in him.""

Backups A.J. Feeley agreed.

"He’s getting better," Feeley said. "You make changes where there’s problems. If you’re going to make a change, if you’re going to make a correlation between the quarterback play and the problems, I don’t see it, if I don’t see it, if I don’t see it."

The Eagles could use the final eight games to make a decision on McNabb for next season. McNabb is signed through 2013, but he certain- ly won’t be around to collect the $52.4 million he’s due to earn in the last four years of his contract.

His base salary next year is $11.2 million and $6.3 million for 2009. If the team feels starting Kolb next year would be the way to go, McNabb could be used as trade bait. Or McNabb could be let go if the organi- zation decides to rebuild and Kolb get on-the-job experi- ence.

Despite the speculation, McNabb still thinks he’ll end his career in Philadelphia.

"I’m sure everyone’s just going to write that, but I do," he said. "Everyone goes through ups and downs. All quarter- backs do. Brett Favre went through it; other quarterbacks have. This is a situation, if you continue to build, do you start over? It’s an ultim- ate decision, but I expect to be here."
Laperriere nets two goals in Avs' win

Associated Press
DENVER — Ian Laperriere won't win any beauty pageants.
Neither will Avalanche coach Joe Sakic.
Laperriere scored two goals and assisted on another as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 in a shootout Wednesday night.

"He's a big, strong guy, and he's a good player," Sakic said.
Wojtek Wolski and Marek Svatos scored shootout goals and Públik Svoboda turned back 30 saves against Colorado, but the Avalanche held on for the sixth win in seven games.

There's nothing complicated about Laperriere's game — crash the net, find the puck, knock it in. He'll do whatever it takes to score.

That's evident by his face. His nose isn't pretty, which makes him look like the hero of a Greek tragedy.

"It's not a goal-scoring face. I know I can help the team that right regard," Laperriere said.

"I was at the right place at the right time.

"I just happened to be the right man to score against us all the time," Oilers coach Craig MacTavish said.

Budaj finished the game with 30 saves, including the shootout, turning back Sam Gagner, Ales Hemsky and Marty Reasoner.
"They have good shooters," Budaj said. "But the guys came through it. We won a big win.

The Oilers remain winless in their last four games. Yet the Edmonton players take solace in the effort after losing 5-2 to the Minnesota Wild on Monday night.

"We came out and showed they cared, showed that we have heart for the organization," Jarret Stoll said.

"We weren't happy with our last outing. We played really hard and battled in every area. They are a good hockey team.

Dwayne Roloson feels like an unlucky goalie right now.
Budaj said.
Roloson gave up three goals on eight first-period shots against the Wild, before being yanked.
He bounded back with 35 saves against Colorado, but couldn't preserve a 3-2 lead.
Laperriere scored his second goal of the night and had lots of chances. We stuck with the game plan and our character showed up,

Denis Savard
Blackhawks coach

Colorado's red-hot second line, the Avalanche's checking line of Laperriere, Alex Golub and Yesik Arniesson picked up the slack, as Sakic had a goal and an assist and Golub chipped in an assist.
"I think they were very good," Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said.

"I wasn't happy with our last outing. We played really hard and battled in every area. They are a good hockey team.

The Orlando Magic were the ones to be criticized in their game against the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

"I think they were very good," Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said.

"We had confidence," Kentucky forward Perry Stevenson said. "We've just got to keep working hard and make sure it doesn't happen again."

The tournament, benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, had been set up to send four top programs — No. 3 Memphis, Connecticut, Oklahoma and Kentucky to New York next week to play in the semifinals.

However, instead of the Wildcats, Gardner-Webb, which finished 9-21 last season and did for seventh in the Atlantic Sun Conference, will play the winner of Thursday night's game between Buffalo and Connecticut.

"We had confidence," Gardner-Webb forward Thomas Sanders said. "We wanted to play four minutes at a time and go to timeout to timeout and give ourselves a chance to win in the final minutes. We ended up not needing to do that, though.

As it turned out, the Wildcats never had control of this game, trailing 14-0 just four minutes in, missing its first four shots and turning the ball over four times during that span.

Pitts hit a critical 3-pointer midway through the first half that opened the Bulldogs' lead to 26-10.

Kentucky cut the deficit to seven less than three minutes later on a long jumper by Joe Crawford but would get no closer.

Wildcats guard Michael Porter fouls Runnin' Bulldogs forward Thomas Sanders during Gardner-Webb's 64-68 win Wednesday over Kentucky.

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Irish forward Kerrl Hanks eludes a Villanova defender during Notre Dame's 5-0 win Oct. 31 over the Wildcats.

And Bock should return to provide a potent threat in the air on Hanks' corner kicks and sophomore forward Michelle Weissenhofer's long throw-ins. Bock has 16 header goals in less than three seasons with the Irish. When senior midfielder Amanda Canali is added to the offensive mix, the Irish can control the tempo against anyone.

So unless the Hoyas or Louisville is able to control the tempo against anyone, the Irish should capture their third Big East crown during their 13 years in the league.

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West Virginia continues to move toward BCS

West Virginia has one of the most intimidating in the country.

NCAA Football

Associated Press


Rodriguez has seen the movie "Evan Almighty" twice, including the team's most recent road trip when the comedy about a congressman recruited by God to build an ark was the in-flight movie.

"In the movie they kept saying it was all about destiny," Rodriguez said. "I'm not a believer in being destined to win a championship.

No. 6 West Virginia (7-1, 2-1) controls its own destiny in the Big East and can win the conference and a Bowl Championship Series berth by winning its final four games, starting Thursday night at home against Louisville (5-4, 2-2).

West Virginia has won three straight since a loss to South Florida. "Our players know determination wins championships," Rodriguez said. "Five guys have taken that approach since that loss."

Since the USF loss, South Florida, Rutgers and Cincinnati have lost combined eight games. "We have a chance to control that play by play," Rodriguez said. "They've done a great job of turning the ball over. We have a chance to control that play by play." Rodriguez said.

"Hilarious."

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"Our players know determination wins championships." West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez

West Virginia was ranked third straight 1,000-yard season and White ran for 156 yards and threw for 144 against Rutgers.

"People talk about yards after contact," Kragthorpe said. "With these guys, they ought to talk about yards after juke."

"They've done a great job of not just breaking tackles but creating vapor tackles. There are tacklers there, and they're just swinging at air."

The Cardinals were a top 10 earlier this season, but their poor defense and sloppy play has made them one of the biggest disappointments in the country.

Still, a strong finish and lots of help could still get them back to the BCS for a second straight season.

The way things have gone this season in the Big East, anything seems possible.

"Hopefully they have a sad bus ride or plane flight home," Slaton said.
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Minorla's game was also the debut for highly-touted freshman goaltender Brad Phillips. Phillips was rarely tested but was able to keep his focus and looked comfortable between the pipes. Junior Jordan Pearce, who has played every other game in net for the Irish, has also done well replacing Dave Brown. Neither of the goalies bring the experience nor hockey smarts that last year's CCHA MVP had, but keeping the puck out of the net has not been a problem.

The main inconsistencies on the ice have been with the special teams. Notre Dame has shuffled through countless line-ups for the power play, but Jackson has still not settled on a No. 1. The Irish have struggled to play consistenlty and the penalty kill can continue at their strong pace (93.3 percent successfully killing its last 24)

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twice about diving for loose balls or shying away from contact. Even through the first half St. Edward's hang around most of the game. Harangody's 14 second-half points made sure the Hilltoppers didn't beat the Irish like Findlay and Gran Valley State upset Ohio State and Michigan State, respectively, in the past week.

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"That's basically where we were," Brey said. "They had us pushed out a little bit. What we said was a low-post touch. We were talking about six passes, reversing the ball, a low-post touch, a Harangody-touch before we do anything. And that's no mystery. That's how we're going to play." St. Edward's trailed 38-28 at halftime and made things interesting in the beginning of the second half.

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33. Fictional pirate novelist, 1940
34. A.L. team, on a report of
35. Captain of a cruise ship
36. Second in a Latin series
37. Common injury
38. Break in at the Glacier National Park
39. Carmel one
40. Like many eggs in labs
41. Like some like muscles
42. Hunter-gatherer
43. Present-day King's position, "I do," e.g.
44. Receive a walletful
45. Like many muscles
46. Unpopular, in a way
47. Makes a Call
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49. Hunter-gatherer
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51. Earl's castle
52. Place for breakfast
53. Roll call call
54. Auto accident sound
55. Emerald Green World musician
56. "Wayne's World" musician
57. Cruise ship
58. Robin
59. Dealer
60. Tutor in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
61. Who is being held in 97, 38, 38- and 45-
62. Eat, drink and be merry
63. Librarian
64. Reference
65. Captain of literature
66. Turf
67. Conference in college sports
68. "The Power and the Glory" novel
69. Waterfall
70. Like many games
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**King of the Hill**

Luke Harangody wasn't going to let something as small as an injured thumb affect the way he played.

The sophomore forward, who is recovering from a torn ligament in his right thumb, overcame first-half "jitters" in his first game back to finish with 15 points and eight rebounds in 26 minutes in Notre Dame's 71-56 win Wednesday over St. Edward's.

"When I first went in there I was thinking about [the thumb] a little bit and finally I just said, 'If something happens it happens,'" Harangody said.

Harangody played with his usual wrecking-ball mentality in the second half, never thinking merchant you prefer, both a round hole. Regardless of the wall. Or fitting a square peg into

**Irish Assault**

Leading a slew of young, inexperienced talent, Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson is in his third year behind the bench for the Irish. His team lost eight seniors and finally connected on the ice in both games.

Prior to those games, Notre Dame had given up 10 of its 17 goals in the final period. Three of those came in a 4-1 loss to No. 14 Wisconsin to open the season and two more in a disappointing 2-0 shutout to Ferris State.

Jackson said he felt the team starting to click after Friday night's 4-1 victory over the Lakers. He said he hadn't seen them play like that yet this season. A lot of the change had to do with junior right wing Erik Condra moving to play with senior captain Mark Van Guilder and freshman Robin Bergman. Jackson moved freshman playmaker Ben Ryan into Condra's spot alongside sharpshooters Kevin Deeth and Ryan Thang. The move proved to be the spark the team needed. Condra had six points on the weekend (five on the first night alone), and Van Guilder added five of his own.

The Irish offense is rounded out with a dangerously quick 6-foot-4 junior forward Brittany Bock, who sat out from injury, leads Notre Dame 71-56 win Wednesday over St. Edward's. Harangody finished with 15 points and eight rebounds.

**Football**

**Clausen to start this weekend**

Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen will start Saturday against Air Force, Notre Dame Director of Football Media Relations Brian Hardin told reporters Wednesday.

Clausen started every game from Sept. 8 at Penn State to Oct. 13 against Boston College. He has 618 yards one touch- down and five interceptions. Junior Evan Sharpley started Notre Dame's losses to USC, and Navy and played most of the second half against Boston College. He has 736 yards, five touchdowns and three interceptions in eight games this season.

This is Notre Dame's third change of starting quarterback.

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**Hockey Analysis**

**Young squad starting to put it all together**

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Irish forward Luke Harangody is fouled underneath the basket during Notre Dame's 71-56 win Wednesday over St. Edward's. Harangody finished with 15 points and eight rebounds.

**ND Women's Soccer Analysis**

**Bock kick starts Irish offense**

Imagine nailing Jell-O to a wall. Or fitting a square peg into a round hole. Regardless of the merchant you prefer, both describe what it has been like to defend Notre Dame during its current 12-game win streak.

On Sunday, the No. 11 Irish (14-4-1) beat Rutgers 2-0 despite the absence of three key players, including junior for-

**Fran Tolan**

**Sports Writer**

junior forward Brittany Bock dribbles the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14.

**ND Volleyball**

**Fesl sisters go head-to- head with high stakes**

Imagine nailing Jell-O to a wall. Or fitting a square peg into a round hole. Regardless of the merchant you prefer, both describe what it has been like to defend Notre Dame during its current 12-game win streak.

On Sunday, the No. 11 Irish (14-4-1) beat Rutgers 2-0 despite the absence of three key players, including junior for-

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Junior forward Brittany Bock dribbles the ball upfield during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Villanova on Oct. 14.

**Iowa and introduced Megan and Annie to the sport at a young age. "My mom" coordinates all of the leagues, classes and clinics for middle and high school kids for the Arlington Heights Park District, so we were always in the gym with her and we started playing volleyball at a relatively young age," Fesl said.

When the sisters started middle school, their mother began to coach the club volleyball team, where they first became competitively involved in the sport. Megan and Annie played side-by-side throughout high school as varsity starters at Hersey High School.

"Annie and I are really, really good friends," Fesl said. "We