Student wins state beauty pageant

Buhler becomes first African-American to hold Miss South Dakota USA title

By AMBER TRAVIS
News Writer

Sophomore Charlie Buhler is crowned Miss South Dakota USA on Nov. 11. She has competed in pageants for three years.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, Potawatomi land...
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Power trips**

The definitive, wholly subjective list of Notre Dame's most powerful alumni:

1. Gandolfozzi Rico — For being the first female secretary of state to earn a post-graduate degree from a Catholic institution in the Midwest.
2. University President Father John Jenkins — For running one of the premier Catholic institutions in the country.
3. University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh — For having the most awe-inspiring office view in Indiana — and access to No. 1.
4. Charlie Weis — For running an operation that brings in nearly $70 million each year and helps produce a profit of more than $20 million to be used for the academy.
5. Richard Notebaert — For stabilizing Qwest and directing the Notre Dame Board of Trustees.
6. Jeff Faine — This NFL center is definitely "powerful." Just Google his image.
7. Joe O'Neill — For having the ear of President Bush and, allegedly, introducing the president to First Lady Laura Bush.
8. Steve Hartman — For single-handedly (or, alternatively, with help from a certain shortstop) keeping the Curse of the Billy Goat alive.
9. Anne Thompson — For her environmental reporting for NBC News.
11. Tim Roemer — For his work on the 9/11 Commission.
12. Former Panamanian President Ernesto Perez Balladares — For his influence in his home country and elsewhere in the Americas.
13. Mike Coffey — For feeding addictions.
14. Bob Golic — For his exemplary, often-criticized and acclaimed acting in "Saved by the Bell: The College Years."
15. Mike Golic — For being the brother of Bob Golic.
16. Chris Thomas — For being a basketball megastar.
17. Alan Page — For his work on the Minnesota State Supreme Court.
18. Nicholas Sparks — For writing "The Notebook," which made me cry.
19. Patrick J. Borcherds — For his insatiable analysis and service to Crechtong University.
20. Brady Quinn — For his dashing good looks — and his top-10 most popular jersey in the NFL.
21. Chuck Lennon — For his roof-raising ability.
22. Steve Curf — For being so effeminate that Pangborn was converted to a girl's dorm the year after he left.
23. Hugh Andrews — For his work as president of Andrews McMeel Publishing.
24. Hannah Storm — For her work as a host of CNN's morning show.
25. The guys who made Shrek — For their creative genius.

**The views expressed in the Inside Columns are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ken Fowler at sfowler16@nd.edu**

**CORRECTIONS**

Due to an editing error in the Nov. 19 article "Giffens won second Bank of Chapal," the score of the Kansas State basketball football championship game was incorrectly reported as Stanford 12, Kansas 8. The actual score was Stanford 7, Kansas 4. The Observer regrets the error.

**QUESTION OF THE DAY:**

If you were a turkey, where would you hide?

- Alyssa Ratliff, senior Howard
- Bryant Welter, sophomore O'Neil
- James Spitalnie, junior Knott
- Steve Tortorello, senior O'Neil
- Tom Staust, sophomore O'Neil

**Inside another turkey.**

In Mario Mannheim's front yard, because he can't catch anything.

**OFFBEAT**

Panty flash earns cheerleaders suspension

RIPON, Calif. — Six cheerleaders are fighting suspension after they flashed football fans a message on their underpants. Vice Principal Ken Goeken ordered the girls to serve suspensions Tuesday and Wednesday for defiling their coach and going ahead with a special cheer they choreographed for the last day of the football season.

At the end of the cheer, the girls bent over, lifted their skirts and showed the crowd the words "Indians No. 1" on their bloomers.

The girls — who missed reading scenes from William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and fear their grades will suffer — are asking to make up coursework and instead be banned from cheering at an upcoming basketball game.

100-year-old receives high school diploma

MADISON, Ala. — A woman who led a full life on the West Coast after dropping out of school received an honorary high school diploma at her 100th birthday party.

Dozens of Elva Cook's relatives from as far away as Washington, Oregon and California came to Elva's Restaurant to wish her a happy birthday and attend her graduation ceremony Sunday.

Huntsville City Council President Glenn Watson read a resolution congratulating Cook, who accepted the diploma from William Winlock Miller High School in Olympia, Wash. She quit attending the one-room school in 1925 with her best friend and another classmate.

"We thought we knew more than the teachers, so we stopped going," Cook said. "We wanted to sleep. We were having so much fun."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

**IN BRIEF**

Notre Dame hockey will play Bowling Green tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Multicultural Student Programs and Services will host a Thanksgiving Study Break tonight in the LaFortune Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9. All are invited to come out.

There will be a panel discussion titled "The Evolution of Microfinance: One Tool to Address Global Poverty" today at 12:30 p.m. in C-100, Hesburgh Auditorium.

Craig Cramer will deliver a faculty organ recital today at 8 p.m. in Hesburgh Chapel. DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Thanksgiving mass will be celebrated Friday at 11:30 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Notre Dame women's basketball team will play Boston College Saturday at noon at the Joyce Center. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ticket office at 574-631-7356.

Classes resume at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Monday.

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

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Group sponsors woman from war-torn region

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) will help sponsor a woman from a war-torn region through the Women for Women International organization, BOG missions commissioner Mary Franzi said.

The organization was created to help protect the rights of women in strife-filled countries, to provide job training and give small-businesses assistance. The sponsorship is a year-long commitment to donate $30 each month.

"They are helping women in war-torn regions by providing emotional and physical support," Franzi said.

The sponsorship may also include direct correspondence with the woman in need. Women for Women International was founded in 1993. Since its founding, the organization has helped more than 125,000 women in 105 countries—including Afghanistan, Rwanda, Iraq, Sudan and Nigeria.

Franzi is working to make applications for sponsorship available to students, but currently BOG is focused on a group effort. The idea is still in the early stages, and the group is hoping to send out more information in the coming months.

In other BOG news:

- Cassie Conlon, the student activities board president, announced there will be festivities during finals week. On Dec. 13, the Student Activities Board will show the movie "The Holiday." The Student Activities Board will also sponsor a breakfast in Le Mans Hall on Dec. 14. A free spa day will take place on Dec. 16 in the lounge of the Student Center. Exact times and locations will be announced at a later date.

- Disabilities Week will take place after Thanksgiving break. student diversity board president Abby Hinchy said. There will be a movie showing in Vander Venet Theatre called "Emmanuel's Gift" as part of the week.

- There will also be an eye-glass drive that week. Students are encouraged to bring old eyeglasses so they can be fixed and donated to the needy.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Task forces present progress

Second to last meeting focuses on groups' objectives, accomplishments

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

In Monday's penultimate meeting of the Campus Life Council this semester, task force leaders informed the group of the progress made toward their objectives.

Task Force on Campus Environment chair Sheena Plamoottil announced that the second of three green summits will take place today at 4 p.m. This summit is intended for rectors, but due to scheduling conflicts with a rector meeting, "hopefully rectors will send a representative of hall staff," she said.

Knott Hall Rector Brother Jerome Meyer said the date of the summit was a "bad choice.

"This is a week when everyone is busy," he said.

The third green summit will take place Dec. 3. Plamoottil gave a brief follow-up of Campus Architect Doug Marsh's visit to the Council on Nov. 5. She said she asked student senators to ask members of their residences if they would be interested in seeing Marsh's presentation in small groups. The presentation outlined possible future plans for campus expansion and highlighted current construction projects on campus.

Student body president Liz Brown presented for the Task Force on Student Development in place of absent student body vice president Maris Braun.

Brown said the Task Force is continuing to plan Honor Code awareness events but will be handing off most of the responsibility to the University Code of Honor Committee.

"We will keep in talks with the University Code of Honor Committee, but it will become less a Campus Life Council issue," she said.

The Task Force will continue to work on issues of student gambling and Freshman activities outlined in earlier meetings.

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Saint Mary’s students win accounting prize

College team of juniors and seniors rank third in state competition; first time SMC places in contest’s finals

By KATIE KOHLER

Four Saint Mary’s students placed third in the Indiana Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Society 2007 Case Study Competition, which began on Nov. 2. Saint Mary’s has participated in the contest sporadically for years, but this is the first year the College placed in the finals.


The competition was open to every college in Indiana, said Mary Ann Merryman, chair of the Department of Business Administration and Economics and advisor to the team.

"There is a sense of pride in competing against such large schools," she said, referencing Purdue, Ball State and Indiana University. "They are big players, and I’m really proud of the Saint Mary’s team for doing so well."

The team was composed of seniors Erica Reidenbach and Noreen Sherred and juniors Megan Clarkson and Anna Hoefer. The prize for third place was $500 per student.

The contest consisted of a case-study evaluation in which the teams had 10 days to research the designated topic and write a lengthy solution to the problem. This year’s topic was succession planning — how small companies prepare for succession, Merryman said. "But each student carried their share of the load and was committed to the project."

"Once we received the case, we did a lot of background research on the Internet, as well as talking to CPAs."

Anna Hoefer

team member

Noreen Sherred

team member

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Noreen hopes for continued success with Saint Mary’s participation in this event. "This is the best showing we have ever had," she said. "It was truly a great experience that helped build my teamwork and leadership skills."

"I acted as a coach for the girls and a resource," she said. "It was their work that got them to the finals."

Of the participating schools, six were chosen to advance to the finals and present their case study to a panel of practicing CPAs in Indianapolis.

Saint Mary’s came in third behind the University of Southern Indiana, which has won the competition the past four years, and Valparaiso. Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), Butler and Manchester College filled out the rest of the finalists.

"Southern Indiana really has it down to a science," Merryman said.

Typically, the Saint Mary’s team is composed strictly of seniors.

"It is such a big time commitment for seniors, so I thought it would be a good idea to include juniors who are willing to put in the time and effort," Merryman said. She said Southern Indiana’s continuity-enhancing practice of including juniors and seniors on the team has aided in its success.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Cambodian leader formally charged

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Cambodia's U.N.-backed genocide tribunal arrested the former Khmer Rouge head of state and charged him Monday with crimes against humanity and war crimes, a spokesman said.

Khieu Samphan was the last of five senior officials of the brutal regime to be taken in custody for crimes, a spokesman said.

The more than 30 tigers in the Bิง Chuan park in Shenyang have been receiving less than three percent of their normal allowance of about 11 pounds of frozen chicken and beef per day because of a lack of funding, said a park official, who gave only his surname, Li. While the park relies on entrance fees for most of its income, cold weather has kept visitors away, Li said.

The winter in northeast China is too cold, no one wants to come out and go to the zoo, so there are almost no visitors during the winter," Li told The Associated Press by telephone.

**TIGERS die at Chinese animal park**

BEIJING — Animals rights activists called Monday for improved living conditions at China's wild animal parks after the deaths of captive tigers from disease and starvation, blaming the loss of up to four tigers in a fight over meager food supplies at a zoo in northeast China.

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**Cyclist killed in collision with deer**

WASHINGTON — A woman who was discovered Sept. 8 in a bathroom after several days of alleged captivity was raped, a spokesman said.

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Justice Department headquarters here.

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**Local News**

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WASHINGTON — A 4-year-old girl was killed when his motorcycle collided with a deer on a rural road Monday.

Spaulding was thrown from his motorcycle into the roadway and was struck by a westbound car driven by James A. Murphy, 46, of Jeffersonville, Ind., the release said.

The woman's husband, William D. Morin, 58, of Auburn, claimed he had been a child at the time of his grandmother's death and that he was never told about it by his parents.

Morin, who was charged with second-degree murder, was arrested in May 2002 after the woman's death.

A hearing is scheduled for Oct. 17 in Indiana Superior Court to determine whether Morin should be held for试过的.
**SMC junior receives NCC award**

McInerney to represent residence hall boards of Great Lakes region nationally

**By KATIE KOHLER**  
**Saint Mary’s Editor**

Saint Mary’s junior Katie McInerney received the National Communications Coordinator (NCC) of the Year award from the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (GLACURH) at a recent conference.

The NCC is a position that exists on Residence Hall Association (RHA) boards across the country. It is both demanding and time-consuming, Saint Mary’s RHA president Cassie Quaglia said. “Her dedication to Saint Mary’s and to her NCC position is unquestionable,” Quaglia said. “She has been able to do both jobs great justice.”

McInerney’s duties involve intercollegiate communications and conference organization at the state, regional and national level.

“Winning this award was a bit of a shock,” McInerney said. “I was excited just to be nominated, but winning means my work is recognized on a national level.”

This is McInerney’s second year as NCC at Saint Mary’s, allowing her to fully come into the role this year. “Last year, I didn’t know what I was doing and I wanted to fix that this year and do the best I thought I could,” she said. “I wanted Saint Mary’s to be known at these conferences and for the women who are student leaders here to really take something out of the conferences they were attending. It means a lot that the work I did was well worth it and recognized.”

“We are very proud of Katie because GLACURH is a very large and competitive region,” Quaglia said. “Katie has also been so dedicated in teaching a younger RHA board about the RHA community and how we can grow and expand.”

Since winning the award, McInerney will have a new set of responsibilities in addition to Saint Mary’s NCC. “Winning this award means I will represent the Great Lakes region on the national level,” she said.

There will be a national conference in May where she will be nominated again for the award, but against the representatives from all seven regions of RHA boards in the nation.

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NCC is equivalent to a full-time internship, Quaglia said. McInerney is also a resident advisor in McGannell Hall.

GLACURH includes Ball State, Illinois State, Loyola, Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin and the University of Windsor.

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WASHINGTON. The housing market bust has punished homeowners, lenders and investors. Now those who are hungry may be victimized. Charitable executives are nervously monitoring the mortgage debacle while food and energy costs continue to rise. Food banks and homeless shelters are already grappling with reduced federal aid as fears grow that more people will need help just as charity giving starts to decline.

Shelters and food banks are already reporting more need among households. One shelter in Minneapolis served more people by the end of September than in all of 2004. In New York, food banks are serving 24 percent more people, but receiving half as much federal aid as in 2004.

There is some growing concern about the effect of the housing slowdown on charitable donations, said Michael Nielsen, a spokesman for the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The backbone of those charities, U.S. households with $200,000 or more annual income or more than $1 million in assets, are also the ones most likely hit by the recent drop in stock prices sparked by the mortgage mess, according to research.

Those households make almost two-thirds of charitable donations, according to Bank of America Corp. funded study. And research also shows stock prices have more of an effect on giving and income changes, said Patricia M. McLean, director of research at Indiana University’s Center for Philanthropy, which carried out the Bank of America study in 2006.

Despite the roller-coaster ride stocks have taken in recent months, the Standard & Poor’s 500 is up 2.9 percent so far this year. But as of Nov. 16, the benchmark index was 6.3 percent lower than a record high hit in October.

There are anecdotal reports the mortgage mess is forcing corporations to pull back too. Carol Schneider, media relations manager for the Food Bank for New York City, said a major U.S. bank—she wouldn’t name the company—has reduced its donation by 60 percent this year, citing the fallout from mortgage losses.

If a recession can’t be avoided, look out. The inflation-adjusted level of private donations fell in 2001-2002 amid the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and Internet stock bubble bust. Unfortunately, when giving falls, it’s most often when demands on charitable groups are rising, said Rick Belous, United Way’s vice president of research.

Food pantries around the country are scrambling to meet rising demand from households that can’t afford food because of rising housing costs. The crisis also affects renters, who are heading for emergency shelters after landlord-owners foreclose on apartments and houses, said Steve Berg, vice president of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

### Judge rules to stop immigration scam

**WICHITA, Kan.** — A judge in Texas on Monday ordered a group of individuals that claims to be an American Indian tribe to stop selling memberships, charging them with the false premise that they would become U.S. citizens.

State District Judge Noe Gonzalez ruled that Malcolm Webber and his Wichita-based Kaweah Indian Nation admitted the allegations by default after failing to respond to a lawsuit filed by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott.

The suit, filed in August, alleges that the tribe violated the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act by selling memberships for up to $400 per person to immigrants by saying that members could get a Social Security number.

The lawsuit also alleged that immigrants were told they would be entitled to receive U.S. citizenship once the tribe was federally recognized.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs ruled in 1984 that the Kaweah group had no historical link to American Indian tribes and that Webber is not an Indian.

A federal indictment charging the group, Webber and 10 other people with mail fraud and other counts was unsealed in September.

A trial is set for Aug. 5, but a federal prosecutor said earlier this month that he expects to add more defendants and charges in the complex case, when spans at least 10 states and involves an estimated 10,000 victims.

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Notre Dame Prize for Distinguished Public Service in Latin America and the Caribbean, however, was a cause close to heart. Being a public service organization, ACCION was established to help those in need. Otero, who was a member of the Board of Directors of ACCION, said that microfinance has been crucial in empowering people in Latin America.

"If [the poor] are given an opportunity, they will use the money in a productive way," said Tara Kenney, a 1982 Notre Dame graduate, who nominated Otero for the prize. "They are able to make payments, sometimes loaning five dollars at unreasonable rates, which would not be eligible for banks."

Maria Otero, ACCION International CEO, said that microfinance has become a popular trend in recent years. "We did this because it is clear that there is a trend in microfinance work in the country."

Tara Kenney, a 1982 Notre Dame graduate, who nominated Otero for the prize, said that Otero's vision and leadership have changed the lives of people around the world. "I admire Otero's vision and leadership to empower those without access to anything," said Kenney.

Otero's interest in ACCION began when she was working with women in Africa and saw they needed to make money for themselves. She wanted to join an organization that helped people become self-employed. Otero joined ACCION, where she had worked for the past 20 years.

"When you go to some of those really poor villages, it became clear that women need to earn some money, to be able to work, to be able to survive," she said. ACCION began using microfinance to help the poor in 1973. Otero said.

Microfinance institutions provide loans for people who normally would not be eligible for the credit they need to obtain credit to start small businesses. Small businesses can help families improve their lives.

"I think that is the best way to go if you're an immigrant," she said. "You can help your family, help yourself, but isn't that what the American Dream is all about?"

Otero next plans to expand ACCION in Africa and India and to make the loan process faster and cheaper.

"I have worked in Africa and Asia and thought, 'We have to be there,'" she said. "There's a need."

ACCION, however, has experienced difficulties in some countries, especially when it comes to increasing population growth. Sometimes, as Otero said, "we do have to take a step back.

"I definitely felt the support and love from my family and the Notre Dame family back here," she said. "My Notre Dame family was very supportive with text messages and phone calls."

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"They of course moved around a lot, but they moved along the St. Joseph River to farm, hunt and gather."

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"The Pokagon band, Roman Catholic by the end of the century, moved along the St. Joseph River now."

Notre Dame anthropology professor Mark Schurr led an archaeological field school in the late 1990s, before pilgrimage Band, lasted about three years and revealed a few village sites along the river, Schurr said.

American settlers began mov­ing westward, consequently pushed for removal of American Indians by the U.S. government, Daugherty said.

In compliance with settlers' demands for westward migration, the Indian Removal Act of 1830 required that all native peoples east of the Mississippi River move to present day states of Kansas and Missouri.

"Just as the Cherokee's removal charges stemming from the lawsuit, the archbishop said under no circumstances is the only woman who ever had sex with Drew Peterson to face charges in disappeared fourth wife.

"I am so very sorry for the collateral damage it has caused our family and the families hurt by the removing the charge of murder."

"I am the person who received the mandate of head pastor a year and a half ago."

"We do not expect to be entered by what's hilarious. It's just not how I responded it."

"A pathologist who conducted the death of Peterson's wife said last week he thought we were friends. For a little boy, he could kill her and make it look like an accident."

"I was not necessary to be back to a God-consciousness," the youngster Paulk, explaining that the church he had become too personality-driven and prone to pastor worship.

"At the time, authorities ruled her death an accident. Connolly doesn't know if it was driven by sex with Peterson or just something else.

"They do not know what's going on," Peterson said. "I have no idea why someone would want to be spending my retirement funds, but I do not know what's going on.

"I have not said anything like that," Peterson said. "I don't know what's going on through her head. The claimant denied that while she didn't know what was going on, she confided in Bolingbrook police officers she considered as friends.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finding religious convergence

If you use current headlines as a barometer of Christian-Muslim relations, you may come to the conclusion that there is little convergence between Christianity and Islam. But if you suspect that it might be unfair to compare the ideas of one’s own religion (e.g., that the Beatitudes call Christians to be peacemakers, but we do not always live up to this with the realities of another (e.g., that the extremists depicted in the nightly news may in fact be condemned by many Muslims as un-Islamic), then where can you go for a brief summary comparing Christian and Muslim beliefs?

In addition to consulting Muslim sources, a handy resource for Catholics is a short but significant document from the Second Vatican Council, Nostra Aetate (Declaration on the Relation of the Church to non-Christian), which is the first substantial conciliar teaching about Islam (and Judaism, for that matter).

In its section on Islam, Nostra Aetate lists areas of theological convergence and divergence. Areas of convergence include belief in one God, judgment day and the resurrection of the body (ours, not Christ’s); it also mentions that both religions also honor Mary. The document singles out three practices Muslims and Christians share: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It also mentions points of disagreement, such as the fact that Muslims consider Jesus a prophet but not divine. Interestingly, the document is silent about two other significant points of Christian-Muslim divergence: the status of Muhammad as a prophet and the Quran as revelation.

Christian knowledge of these areas of convergence and divergence is not new, even 12th-century theologians who knew very little about Islam (and were critical of it) recognized that Muslims were monotheists who practiced prayer, fasting and almsgiving. So what is revolutionary about Nostra Aetate?

Nostra Aetate is significant as the first positive statement about Islam issuing from a church council. Its section three begins, "The Church regards with esteem the Muslims." The importance of this phrase and what follows cannot be underestimated. While there are examples from history of individual theologians whose writings included sporadic praise of Islam — e.g., medieval figures like Saint Ivo of Chartres and Saint Thomas Aquinas — then Pope Gregory VII — Nostra Aetate is the first unequivocally positive statement about Islam from the highest level of church authority, the Council.

Nostra Aetate is important for another reason. After outlining basic doctrinal similarities and differences, it concludes by exhorting Catholics and Muslims to "work sincerely for mutual understanding and to preserve as well as promote" social justice, peace and freedom. The document encourages — indeed, calls — Catholics to enter into dialogue and collaboration with Muslims. Nostra Aetate is in fact the impetus for all Catholic interreligious relations. We do it not because it’s the "in" thing to do, but because it’s the Catholic thing to do.

Nostra Aetate’s call to dialogue over 40 years ago has since sparked many encounters: From formal discussions between bishops and imams in Rome and Cairo to grassroots meetings between Catholic and Muslim moms in suburban Bridgeview, Illinois. Unfortunately, these dialogues don’t make the headlines. But they should, because these ordinary encounters are in fact a supremely important kind of convergence between Islam and Christianity. One that is relational, not theological. After all, there really is no such thing as a dialogue between "Catholicism" and "Islam" — there are only relationships between Catholics and Muslims.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"If we knew what we were doing, it would not be called 'research.'"
Albert Einstein
physicist

QUOTE OF THE DAY
"First love is a kind of vaccination which saves a man from catching the companion disease at a later time."
Honore de Balzac
French novelist
The halftime marshmallow fight is a tradition Notre Dame students look forward to for three years. The morning of the last football game, seniors can be found all over campus finding creative ways to elude ushers and smuggle precious marshmallows inside — whether by shoving them down their pants or duct taping bags to their armpits, for Notre Dame students, when there is a will, there is a way.

Despite the University's best efforts, which included forcing students to remove clothing to gain entrance to the stadium, Saturday's marshmallow fight attracted more attention than the halftime show, proving that our beloved ushers had failed.

Not to be outdone, however, the ushers had a plan. Rather than make any attempt to stop the fight in action, confiscate marshmallows during the fight, or even display their displeasure, the five or six ushers in my section appeared to be enjoying the spectacle. The mood quickly changed when the students ran out of marshmallows and the fight calmed. By this point, the prompt ushers to switch gears and randomly choose at least 20 students to be kicked out of the game. When one student was asked why she was being kicked out of the stadium, an usher responded "we're making an example out of you." The usher then explained that they were shucking students off the ends of the sections since it was too hard to get the students in the middle. Clearly, law enforcement at its best. I've heard many different arguments against marshmallow fighting: They are extremely hard to clean up, they can injure people if heavy objects are shoved inside, marshmallows landing on the field pose a safety hazard, etc. All I have to say is, graduating from Notre Dame is hard, too. Most people are smart enough to come up with better objects into marshmallows and as harsh as it may sound, I'm not terribly worried about Trevor Laws, Jimmy Clausen or anyone else being downd by a white fluffy projectile. I can understand taking away all the marshmallows you can find upon entering the stadium. I can understand kicking someone out for being hopelessly intoxicated and chucking marshmallows at the grandmas sitting in the neighboring general admission sections.

Errors in terminology

Kevin Sherrin's article ("Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior"). Nov. 19 is well intentioned, but it incorrectly employs terminology. We'll start from the beginning.

The idea of an "absolute moral truth" is that within human beings there are inherent standards of conduct which we can derive using logic and common experiences. The idea is not the equivalent of a "true value" as Aristotle, though structures employ the idea from time to time. For instance, the Catholic Church uses moral law to formulate doctrine and social justice teachings. Absolute moral absolutes are part of the Church's tradition, in line with the Church's belief that God created the human mind oriented to itself, towards truth and love. Sharron actually confirms this by his example of a hypothetical situation. "If your code and all laws ceased existing at this very moment, what would you do? Would you commit murder or steal from the person sitting next to you?...I would not commit these crimes because I care about humankind and value order in society." Thus, he asserts that if all government structures were to fall, he would still feel responsibility to act justly towards his neighbor, regardless of the circumstances, he still feels he has the tug of justice and order. This is precisely the assertion of moralists who believe in an absolute moral code; I applaud Sharron for understanding the concept even if he misuses the terminology and he himself is evidence of this inherent standard of justice.

And now, a hypothetical of my own. Fred, the moral relativist, disagrees that there is an inherent standard of conduct. That means he has no rules. He thinks that what's okay for GK might be wrong for Lewis, or that Lewis can't formulate an opinion on GK's behavior unless GK is harming Lewis. Fred has the right to do anything, for he is the only one allowed to decide what Fred can do. GK and Lewis get nervous because if Fred is right and there is no such thing a moral absolutes, GK and Lewis might be Toast. To this, Fred replies that "morality is relative, so long as it does not harm other people" or "morality is relative, and people can be harmed only for the common good," but GK and Lewis snicker to themselves because they know that Fred has just added an absolute requisite to his relativistic philosophy. Thus, Fred joins the chorus with Karl and Pete (a great singer) in a rousing hymn of "no rules, no such thing as absolute truth, except for this statement!"

Continued discussion of moral relativism

Circular judgment

This is a response to Kevin Sherrin's letter on moral relativism ("Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior," Nov. 18). Mr. Sherrin writes: "By claiming that no universal standard of morality exists, moral relativists allow themselves to judge the goodness of actions by whatever standard they choose." While this may be the case, such a judgment is circular. When relativists judge by whatever standard they choose, they are making a judgment call between competing standards. In the end, whether their method of decision is reducible to an absolutely correct standard or their judgment is reduced to mere opinion.

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Actions speak louder than words

In his Nov. 19 letter ("Absolute moral code not necessary for moral behavior"). Kevin Sherrin says that "It strange that [Nathan Loyd] believes that "this stance" does not impair an informed decision to actively love your neighbor as yourself. Delia is an ethical relativist. V may be aware of the good; she ignored the consequences of her whole life to find cures for diseases and made sound moral judgments about right and wrong. One should also remember that actions speak louder than words. Consider the scenario of doctor Delia Sorridge from the movie "L for Vendetta." She had hoped her whole life to find cures for diseases and participated in huge atrocities against other human beings. She had felt guilty for participating in this effort but hopeful about finding this cure for a good cause. In exacting his own sort of justice, the protagonist V states: "I have not come for what you had hoped to do. I have come for what you did." Delia's actions were morally wrong although she had initially hoped that they would lead to some further good; she ignored the consequences of her active participation in a project that actually committed crimes against humanity. Delia is an ethical relativist. V may be a moral absolutist. As a nominial Christian, I turn to the parable of the good Samaritan. Jesus states: "Whoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me." (Matthew 25:40). The set of moral absolutes includes a commandment to actively love your neighbor as yourself. Love is part of a universal human conscience that all people are capable of agreeing upon.

My advice is this: Stay informed and alert, and listen to your conscience. Make decisions based on true facts. Grow in wisdom and understanding. Make a positive difference. How? In the words of Aristotle, "Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation." Actions speak louder than words. Live that vocation, and live it well.

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Keenan Hall lost to Stanford in the Interhall championship game.

Keenan responds to column

Let me preface with this: Congratulations on your victory, Stanford, in the Interhall championship game. It was a well-fought game on both sides and a truly rivalry game.

Tae Kang

My name-sake wrote an article demeaning my beloved home and this cannot stand. He’s done something that we at Notre Dame expect BC to do: gloat excessively. Yes, you won. Yes, Gregg Duerksen scored a touchdown. Yes, there were birds hovering over the Stadium.

Congratulations once again. I’m sure your parents are proud.

Tae Kang

By TAE ANDREWS

Scene & Heard

Every kid, college or otherwise, has the same: to go to Disney World. Junior Andrew Nesi did that this semester, but his trip took on a fairy tale twist, different than most people making the trip to the Mecca of magic.

He did it for free.

Two of Nesi’s classes this semester — U.S. Environmental History and Disney in Film and American culture — required final papers. The first required an analysis of nature in an American source and the second called for a research paper on anything Disney-related. So naturally, Nesi, who edits a biweekly column for The Observer, did what any resourceful college kid would — he decided to kill two literary birds with one stone and combine the papers with a trip to Orlando to do research on Disney World and nature.

Nesi spent five days in Orlando from Nov. 1 through Nov. 5. A Undergraduate Research Opportunities (UROP) grant paid for his airfare, hotel, rental car, park tickets and meals during the trip. Nesi fueled the bill for souvenirs and a picture of himself on Splash Mountain. He spent the first day reading local newspaper clippings from the 1970s in the Orlando Public Library, researching the beginnings of Disney World and the initial plans for the park. Nesi then spent three days in Disney World. That included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Animal Kingdom on the first day, a trip to EPCOT to visit “Future World,” an obligatory trip to the Magic Kingdom for fireworks, a nighttime ride on Splash Mountain, a Jungle Cruise, quality time spent in Tomorrowland, Frontierland, and Adventureland and a stay at the high-end Animal Kingdom Lodge.

After talking with Disney experts about nature, Nesi learned that park officials have to reconcile their wish to keep the park a “natural” environment while still making it appealing to children. Originally, park officials didn’t want Disney characters showing around the place, but high demand forced them to accede to the wishes of their customers. Even so, they continue to try and keepCarnivalers away from the real ones. As Nesi put it: “The monkeys will never see Bubbles.” (In fact, the Animal Kingdom uses biodegradable paper straws, which Nesi describes as “weird but are supposedly better for the environment.”)

“Like EPCOT, I think the Magic Kingdom focuses on nature as a tool of progress,” he said. “But not something to be conserved for its own sake.”

Of course, Nesi had to do his homework before going out to play. So writing a five-page grant proposal, seeking a letter of recommendation and drafting a budget proposal, Nesi applied for a grant through UROP.

The rest, as they say, is history — although Nesi wasn’t sure his proposal would be taken seriously. “I was worried that they wouldn’t believe me that it was a legitimate project,” he said, “so I had to do pretty substantial research before I proposed the idea to demonstrate that I was serious about this and I wasn’t just in it for the fireworks over Cinderella’s Castle.”

“Going to Disney alone was fun because it let me move at my own pace and ride whatever I wanted whenever I wanted,” he said, noting that lines are much shorter for singles than for groups. “But you also feel some euvoge sometimes walking around alone, standing in line behind little kids and taking extensive notes.”

Like many other young people who have visited Disney, Nesi said his only regret was that he had to return home. He lamented the change in climate in particular, mentioning that on his last day in Florida it was 85 degrees. When he got home, it was “Barrying.”

To answer the obligatory question, Nesi did see Mickey Mouse during his time in Orlando, three times in all, dressed once as a Park Ranger, once for a parade and once to meet kids in his house in the Animal Kingdom.

“I’m a pretty serious guy,” Nesi said. “I even took a picture of him.”

He went on to say that he has three favorite Disney rides from the trip, one from each park. “In the Animal Kingdom, it was definitely Kilimanjaro Safari,” he said. The ride takes thrill seekers on a no-boundaries tour complete with lions, giraffes and elephants. Nesi said that he spent so much research on this ride that he became a “Safari” expert, which takes riders on a mock flyover of California complete with the smell of fresh oranges. “It was a great ride,” he said. Finally, Nesi said his favorite Magic Kingdom ride was,”and has always been, Splash Mountain, having ridden it seven times during his most recent visit. “The drop always gets me, even if the rest of the ride can be kind of annoying,” he said.

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To wit, Nesi rates “The Lion King” his favorite Disney film, but cites “Beauty and the Beast” as a “closed second.”

“The Lion King has all,” he said. “The animation is great, and the music is even better. But the best scene in any Disney movie has to be in Beauty and the Beast. When they’re dancing in the ballroom, the animation takes you up to the ceiling and swoops down through the chandelier to them dancing. It’s the best animation I’ve seen all semester in my Disney in Film and American Culture class.

Having conquered the Magic Kingdom, Nesi has since contemplated setting his sights on new research opportunities. “I loved the research experience,” he said. “I’m also considering applying for other grants to work in Beijing on another paper this summer on American Media Coverage of the Olympics.”

He also hasn’t ruled out a second trip, this time to California’s Disneyland, to build on his current research.

“When you tell people you’re going on a research trip to Disney World, or that you’re taking a class that requires you to watch ‘The Little Mermaid,’ they tend to laugh,” Nesi said. “But this was a serious project. Obviously, it was a lot of fun, too, but it was research first and foremost.”

Nesi plans to spend time during the Thanksgiving break in the Hesburgh Library to write his paper.

“What’s great about funding grants like this,” he said, “is that it encourages kids to think big — and creatively — about the possibilities for what they can do with their time here.”

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Scene Writer

If you have yet to hear Ms. Colbie Caillat's pervasive hit, "Bubbly," you might be wearing some heavy-duty ear-muffs. But seriously, though, if you're oblivious to this chart topper you should probably consider rejoining the human race. This song is nearly impossible to avoid (at least if you engage in normal human activity). Whether you're a blogger, lifetime addict, or just your average radio listener, you've no doubt been inundated with Caillat's serenade.

You don't have to be "Top 20" addict to appreciate Caillat. And even if you don't enjoy Britney Spears, Ashlee Simpson and the typical girl solo act, she assured that your venture into pop culture will not be a waste of your time. Caillat avoids the sometimes ridiculous feminine musician image, and instead opts for a sweet yet stylish sound wrapped in a down to earth package. She's kind of the California girl-next-door of music; relaxed and real. if not sometimes a bit simplistic.

Caillat seems to have won the musical lottery. That or she just has executed some seriously smart strategy to achieve her success. She has the typical story of girl finds music, decides to try her hand at singing, embraces the sound of pop and the power of song writing, and then has the Cinderella-esque discovery. But rather than debuting on "Mirkey Mouse Club" or clawing her way to the top through ruthless promotion, Caillat's success is actually web based. Her discovery results from the MySpace cultural phenomenon. Caillat's decision to put her then unknown work on the site paid off. As of yesterday her MySpace site has had 14,175,936 hits. That type of populari­ty gave her songs the exposure it takes to break into the industry. Not to mention, having an already intact fan base, assuredly made her an intriguing prospect for what is now her label, Universal Republic. Organic talent plus bloggers apparently does yield an almost unprecedented rise to fame—a tantalizing idea for any musician playing in relative obscurity. In fact, if you give her page a quick glance you'll find a wall overwhelmed with cries of sup­port from hundreds of struggling artists.

If anything, "Coco" is a commendable departure from pop culture norm and redundancy. Perhaps she will pick up where artists like Jack Johnson start­ed, but "Coco" could never be the cd to do it. Caillat still has a long way to go in terms of musical maturity. While her style of charming and cheerful melodies is extremely catchy, lacks the sophisticated to make true lasting classics. "Bubbly" may be exception to the rule and is the sole high point of the album. Caillat makes the mistake of front-loading her Coco with tunes like "Dyson," "One Fine Wire" and "My Feelings Show." She would have done well to conclude her CD with as much power and energy as she started it with. Songs like "Capri" disappoint compared to her earlier tracks.

In a break from her inexperienced repetitiveness, "Tied Down," is Caillat's attempt at musical experimentation. In this track she tacks advantage of her band. Mute Math's recent work, yet different. This isn't to say it's all bad though. It almost works. Yet unfortunately, too many of the sounds fall into the realm of cliched mainstream marching as underground—very much like the trouble encountered by Matchbox.

This isn't to say it's all bad. It's just different. I'm curious to see what Caillat will give us next. Her poppy, yet soulful tunes would be a welcome addition to our radio dial. Her latest album "Robbers and Cowards." After a first listen, it reminds me of Mute Math's recent work, yet different in how it uses live studio recordings with creepily and mechanical sonic effects to create an indelible sound. Like most current "smart" bands, the Cold War Kids have an affinity for showing off just how smart and clever they are. This is seen most in their plentiful use of references to Salinger, Garcia Marquez and Jesus. Indeed, the references are the type that would make a slightly brainy high school kid grin with glee at his ability to understand the meaning of the lyrics, however they can get a bit old.

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Magic continue hot start with win over injury-plagued Hornets; Wallace and Felton key Bobcats win over Blazers

Associated Press

MEMPHIS Tenn. Stromile Swift scored a season-high 24 points, Mike Miller added 19 points and seven assists and the Memphis Grizzlies beat the Seattle SuperSonics 125-108 on Monday night.

Damon Stoudmire had 16 points and seven assists and Hakim Warrick added 16 for the Grizzlies, who stopped a three-game skid. Pau Gasol had 14 points, seven rebounds, five assists and six blocks, one short of his career-high for rejections.

Dolente West led Seattle with 17 points, Chris Wilcox added 16, and Jeff Green had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Memphis built an early lead and Seattle never really threatened in the second half. The Grizzlies shot 57 percent through the first three quarters, building the lead to as many as 27 before coasting to their largest margin of victory this season.

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Swift scored 12 points in the first half, including a thunderous dunk during the first quarter, when the Grizzlies outscored the Sonics 19-7.

Seattle missed its first seven shots and scored only two points in the first six minutes.

The Sonics struggled with foul problems, allowing Gay to play small for most of victory this season.

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Memphis Grizzlies beat the Portland Trail Blazers 101-92 on Monday night.

The Bobcats' second straight win and third in a row at home left them 6-4, the best they've been in their four-year history.

"We know we have to have a great start," guard Raymond Felton said. "We're on the road a lot this year, so we have to be prepared."

The Magic nearly blew a 20-point lead before rallying to tie their best-ever 12-game start.

Chris Paul, who started for Paul, scored 18 points. West had 14 rebounds.

The Bobcats had 12 assists to 10 by the Hornets for just about all of March.
Carr resigns after 13 seasons in Ann Arbor

Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Lloyd Carr, alternately choked up and chuckled, announced his resignation Monday, as he announced his 13th season as Michigan football coach will be his last.

"I want to be able to walk out of here knowing that to the very last minute, I did my job to the best of my ability," Carr said with watery eyes. "And I know I'll be able to do that."

The best of Carr's ability brought Michigan a national title and five Big Ten championships. It also included an unselfish loss to Appalachian State to open this season and a fourth consecutive defeat and sixth in seven years to Jim Tressel and Ohio State to close it.

"Many of these memories were very close to the surface at Monday's news conference during which the public that rarely got to see his true personality also learned what had happened behind closed doors the previous day when Carr broke the news to his players and staff.

"I cried more tears than I knew I had," said Carr, who spent 28 seasons on the Michigan coaching staff. "And I've never laughed so hard in my life because there were so many memories."

Carr will coach the Wolverines in their bowl game, likely to be either the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio or the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla. Following the bowl game, he will become an associate athletic director.

The retirement announcement surprised no one.

Last winter, Carr had his contract reworked to pave the way for this to be his last season and later made sure the school gave his assistants unprecedented two-year deals.

The only unknown was where the 62-year-old Carr would choose to step away from the sideline for the present or after the bowl game.

"My timing is based on one thing, what is best for Michigan football," he said. "There are no other motives."

"To do it after a bowl game would have been a lot more painful and ridiculous."

The departure opens a job at the nation's winningest football program and the timing of it might make things uncomfortable for top-ranked LSU and coach Les Miles.

Miles seems to be at the top of the list in Ann Arbor. He played for Bo Schecter at Michigan, where he met his wife and later became an assistant under Schecter. On Monday in Baton Rouge, La., though, Miles insisted he's not looking for a job and said Michigan has not called him.

"I love LSU," he said.

In Brief

Tyson serves one day in jail for DUI

MESA, Ariz. - Mike Tyson could have received more than four years in prison. He left the courtroom having to serve all of one day in an open-air jail.

The former heavyweight champion was sentenced Monday for cocaine possession and driving under the influence.

"I take responsibility for my actions," Tyson told the judge. He left the courthouse flanked by supporters, lit a cigar and drove away in the back of a black Mercedes.

The 41-year-old boxer will serve his day in jail Tuesday for DUI. He received three years of probation for the cocaine charge and also will have to pay a fine, submit to drug testing and serve 360 hours of community service.

Chicago's Garland shipped to Angels for Cabrera

CHICAGO - Gold Glove shortstop Orlando Cabrera was traded by the Los Angeles Angels to the Chicago White Sox for pitcher Jon Garland on Monday in a surprising swap of dependable players.

The deal came 12 days after the White Sox re-signed shortstop Juan Uribe to a $4.5 million, one-year contract. Now, he could wind up on the bench or with another team.

"We saw an opportunity to acquire one of the best shortstops in the game and one of the smartest in the game, somebody who can fit into the No. 2 spot in our lineup for 155 games," Chicago general manager Ken Williams said, adding the trade frees up money that could help the White Sox pull off another deal.

Vick surrenders, begins prison sentence three weeks early

RICHMOND, Va. - Michael Vick got a head start on a possible long prison stretch Monday, surrendering three weeks before he was to be sentenced for his involvement in a bloody dogfighting ring.

The disgraced Atlanta Falcons quarterback surrendered to U.S. marshals in what his lawyer said was another step in his public repentance.

"From the beginning, Mr. Vick has accepted responsibility for his actions, and his self-surrender further demonstrates that acceptance," attorney Billy Martin said in a statement.

"Michael wants to again apologize to everyone who has been hurt in this matter, and he thanks all of the people who have offered him and his family prayers and support during this time."
NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez has millions of dollars in his investment accounts, three AL MVP awards for his trophy case and zero World Series rings for his fingers.

"There's definitely a huge hole in the trophy case," he said. "It's my third MVP and I'm here to say that I would trade all three for one World Championship. I wouldn't think twice about it," said Rodriguez.

Of course, a World Series will have to wait. But for now, he has the satisfaction of his latest MVP, won Monday in a romp over Detroit's Magglio Ordonez.

While A-Rod wouldn't address why he opted out of his old Yankees contract or the reasons for his decision to reverse course and return to New York, he did slip this into a 30-minute conference call: Yankees general manager Brian Cashman asked him after the 2006 season, after he was dropped to eighth in the batting order in the playoff finale against Detroit, whether he'd prefer a trade.

"I had many, many opportunities," Rodriguez said. "There was a lot of interest from a lot of other teams and I felt I didn't want to go anywhere." Cashman later confirmed that he approached Rodriguez about a trade after the 2006 playoff elimination and asked the star third baseman whether he wanted to be traded. Despite four seasons in New York and 550,000 people, and then when Rodriguez won his first MVP in 2003, his last season with the Texas Rangers. He also won with the Yankees in 2005. Those yearly fluctuations bother him.

"It's something I'm aware of and something that needs to stop," he said. "I'd much rather have above average every year or great every year or good every year.

He started this year 14 homers in his first 18 games, hit .314 for the season and led the majors with 342 points. He was the first player since New York's Roger Maris in 1961 to lead the majors in homers, RBIs and runs, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

An 11-time All-Star, Rodriguez became the ninth player to win the MVP three or more times. Barry Bonds holds the record with seven — all in the NL — and Yogi Berra, Roy Campanella, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial and Mike Schmidt won three apiece.

"I'm expected to do great things, I mean, for a lot of reasons, and I understand that," Rodriguez said.

The only two first-place votes that didn't go to Rodriguez were from Tom Gage of The Detroit News and Jim Hawkins of The Oakland Press in Pontiac, Mich.

"Magglio is a friend and had an unbelievable season," Rodriguez said. "I've been on that side of the fence many, many times."

He remembered back to his first full season in the majors with Seattle, when he finished three points behind Texas' Juan Gonzalez in MVP balloting.

"I was almost in tears in 1996 when I didn't win the award," Rodriguez said. "At the time, I was 20 years old and thought I would never get another chance to win it."

Still, there is the absence of a title. He's spoken with quarterly John Elway about the need for one to validate a career.

"Definitely the explanation point in his career was the two championships at the end, and I have tremendous faith that I will be a world champion," Rodriguez said. "What better place to do it than in New York?"

Rodriguez didn't want to talk about his negotiations with the Yankees that are leading toward a $275 million, 10-year contract. "There is a finish line in sight," Rodriguez said, adding he would talk about the contract "when the time is right." He also wouldn't detail the advice he was given by investor Warren Buffet.

"We usually visit every year," he said. "Warren is a friend," Rodriguez said. "He's done a great job of foreseeing things in business. Now he's doing it in baseball, too, so that's pretty good."

A-Rod struggled in the playoffs again this year as the Yankees lost to Cleveland in the first round. He went 4-for-15 (.267) with one RBI against the Indians, leaving him in an 8-for-59 (.136) postseason funk dating to 2004 and hitless in his past 18 playoff at-bats with runners in scoring position.

He had talked about his desire to get more postseason at-bats, but that didn't happen.

"Part of the reason I'm not getting those at-bats is because I'm not performing," he said.

As soon as Rodriguez arrived at spring training this year, he took a new approach. He finally admitted he no longer was best buddies with Yankees captain Derek Jeter, ending a charade that had gone on for three seasons.

"I thought being honest was the best policy," he said.

Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez holds his bat after a Sept. 29 at-bat against the Orioles. Rodriguez won his third AL MVP award Monday over Magglio Ordonez.
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**MLB**

**Glavine returns to Atlanta with one-year deal**

ATLANTA — Tom Glavine never got used to making that unfamiliar turn in the tunnel beneath Turner Field, the one that took him to the visiting clubhouse the last five years. Now he's back with the home team.

Glavine returned to the Braves on Monday to finish a career that likely will send him to the Hall of Fame, though this isn't just a sentimental farewell. Atlanta believes the crafty left-hander, who will turn 42 before next season, can help them get back to the playoffs after a two-year hiatus.

"Starting pitching has been our Achilles' heel. We just didn't have the depth we had in past years, and we wanted to address that," new general manager Frank Wren said. "Tommy was our No. 1 target.

This was an easy one to hit.

Glavine, who is married and has four children, was eager to add depth to a career that took him to the visiting clubhouse the last five years. I'm ecstatic," Wren said.

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So are the Braves, who were eager to add depth to a rotation that relied heavily on John Smoltz and Tim Hudson. The team never settled on reliable options in the fourth and fifth slots, finishing third in the NL East for the second year in a row. Glavine, despite a dismal record to his season, went 13-8 with a 4.45 ERA in 200-3-3 innings for the Mets.

"Sentiment goes a long way," Braves manager Bobby Cox said, "but we all think Tommy can still win at the major league level. That's the stage of my career to address that," new general manager John Schuerholz said.

"The biggest moments in all our careers, when things happen and decisions are made, we can look back and say, 'Well, geez, if this conversation had gone a little different or this situation had gone a little different, then the outcome would have been different.'" Glavine said. "Things happen for a reason."

While he got more and more comfortable with the Mets, he always felt a little strange coming to Turner Field.

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"John really wanted to be home," Wren said.

Glavine said he relied on his faith to cope with the disappointments he felt about leaving Atlanta.

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"I'm supposed to be doing things for my kids," Glavine said. "But more and more, my kids were sacrificing for me, whether it was missing their ballgames or missing their worlds," the two-time NL Cy Young Award winner said. "I always felt a little strange coming to Turner Field.

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NHL
DiPietro nets 100th win as Isles edge Rangers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rick DiPietro earned his 100th NHL victory with an 18-save effort Monday night and the New York Islanders beat the New York Rangers for the third time this season, 2-1.

DiPietro, the first goalie ever drafted No. 1 when the Islanders selected him out of Michigan in 2000, followed up a 1-0 win Friday against New Jersey with another stellar performance against Long Island's biggest rival.

The Islanders are 8-1-2 in their last 11 against the Rangers, and now have 500 road wins in franchise history. DiPietro earned his 100th victory over New York and snapped the Rangers' winning streak at five.

The Islanders' last seven games were all decided by one goal and in regulation.

The Rangers came home after a four-game road sweep and had won nine of 10, but are 0-3 against the Islanders.

Ruslan Fedotenko and Josef Vasicek shodked the Islanders in a 2-0 lead in the second period.

Michal Rozsival scored for the Rangers, who got 22 saves from Henrik Lundqvist but fell to 8-3-0 at home.

After a sluggish first period in which the teams combined for 11 shots, and the Islanders were able to do little more than shoot and even worse ball handling, that they never fully recovered from.

Maryland's press, settled things in regulation, but out-rebounded the Islanders, who had 11 offensive rebounds. Greivis Vasquez had 18 points and 10.3 rebounds, while Kevin Love had his way the first half and hit a 3-pointer with 28 seconds left.

Counting all the goals scored in the Rangers' 4-3 overtime win at Pittsburgh on Saturday — including two by Rozsival — they had five straight tallies from defensemen.

Maryland had 21 turnovers and was just 1-for-11 on 3-pointers, keeping its streak of at least one 3-pointer alive at 289 games when Errol Haynes connected with 28 seconds left. Greivis Vasquez had 18 points and Bamboe Olajude added 13 for the Terrapins, who had 11 fewer offensive rebounds.

They were always getting second shots when they did miss," Maryland coach Gary Williams said. "Rebounding a lot of times is effort, not technique.

Love had his way the first three games, averaging 20.7 points and 10.5 rebounds, while shooting 65 percent. But that was against the likes of Portland State, Youngstown State and Cal State-San Bernardino.

The burly 6-foot-10 forward didn't have as much luck against the bigger, stronger Terrapins early, forcing up several shots against double teams without much success. He figured it out quickly, though, using patience against the bang and run instead of trying to build through it.

Love had 10 rebounds in the first half and hit a 3-pointer before flipping in a quick tip shot at the buzzer to put the Bruins up 28-18.

He then hit a couple of tip-ins to start the second half, starting a 15-5 run that put UCLA up 43-23, and later made a crisp pass to break the press, setting up a 3-pointer by Russell Westbrook to end a brief Maryland run.

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DENVER — Eighty yards here, 62 there, another 48 somewhere else. And just like that, the Denver Broncos found themselves in a spot they only could have dreamed of a few weeks ago — tied for first place in the AFC West.

Jay Cutler threw touchdown passes of 41 and 48 yards, and little-known Demetrius Martínez and Andre Hall added to Denver’s slow-building of big scoring plays Friday night in a 34-20 victory over the Nashville Predators.

It’s been a long season, up and down, a little panic in Denver. Cutler said. “But we pulled it together. That’s two big wins the last two weeks.”

Viorel Young threw for a career-high 308 yards — for the third straight week. But this one resulted in a loss for the Titans (6-4), who played career-high 24-game winners in the same way they did in a 28-13 loss to Jacksonville last week.

Before we have a 4-year receiver signed off the practice squad in September, returned a punt 80 yards to give Denver a 14-0 lead in the first.

Hall, a first-year player with six carries this season, turned a big play at that time and that’s one thing about the running game. You keep pounding and eventually, you break one of those.

The Broncos improved to 5-5, good enough to the San Diego for the league in the worst West.

But suddenly, the Broncos, who have 44-7 and 41-3 losses on their wildly disparate scorecard this year, are playing like real contenders. They piled up 359 yards against the Titans, who were missing Albert Haynesworth on the defensive line but nonetheless came in with the second-ranked defense in the league.

Not that the Broncos are perfect, or anywhere near New England level.

Martínez also muffed a punt that led to a Tennessee touchdown late in the first. That touchdown, a 4-yard run by Young, came after the second of two ill-advised timeouts called by Denver.

A team that had only one touchdown of 20 yards or more all season on offense got its second early, when Cutler found Brandon Stokley in the middle of the field and Stokley outran the Titans defense for a 49-yard score.

Denver wide receiver Brandon Marshall scored on a 41-yard touchdown pass in the Broncos’ 34-20 win over the Titans on Monday night.

On the first drive of the third quarter, Cutler found Brandon Marshall in single coverage on Calvin Lowery, who went for the ball and missed, allowing Marshall to score from 41 yards for a 27-10 lead.

NHL

Smith picks up fourth career shutout in Dallas victory

Associated Press

DALLAS — This time, the Dallas Stars didn’t just protect a third-period lead. They extended it.

Ott Ott scored a rare goal, and Mike Smith stopped 22 shots for his fourth career shutout to send the Stars to a 3-0 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Monday night.

In their last meeting on Nov. 10, the Stars gave away a 4-0 third-period lead and lost to the Kings in overtime 6-5.

Three days later, owner Tom Hicks initiated a front-office shake-up that included the firings of general manager Doug Armstrong and since then the Stars are 2-0.

Dallas hadn’t forgotten the wasted opportunity against the Kings, and Niklas Hjalmarsson and Jere Lehtinen scored in the third period to extend the Stars’ lead to 3-0.

“It didn’t even need to be mentioned,” Ott said. “It was still in the back of all of our minds. We remembered it and wanted to have a big game against them.”

Ott was more of a checker and insulator than for his goal-scoring, matched his 12th in 214 career games, and scored in the third period to put Dallas in front, and got his second start of the season to beat the Kings in Dallas for the 16th straight time.

Hjalmarsson had an assist-high ninth goal on a breakaway at 13:10 of the third, and Lehtinen scored his sixth on a power play 2:14 later to give Dallas a 3-0 advantage.

“It was good to play the way we did in the third, especially remembering what happened last game against these guys,” Hjalmarsson said.

The Stars got off to a slow start before picking up the pace in the second period, following up on Friday night’s 6-1 win over the Colorado Avalanche, Dallas’ most complete performance of the season.

Smith, Dallas’ backup goalie, was making his second straight start for the Stars in place of Marty Turco. Smith’s strong effort in the victory over Colorado earned him another start and he got his first shutout of the season.

“I got a one-handed little deflection and put it on the net,” Smith said. “I’m going to enjoy this while I have it,” Smith said. “I’m just going with the flow right now. The coach wants to keep (who starts) a secret as much as he can.”

Jason LaBarbera had 23 saves for the Kings, 0-3-1 in their last four games.

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Belles look to find consistency against Ravens

Kessler leads young team with 16 points per game this season

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

After bringing in their first victory of the year against Aurora University on Saturday, Saint Mary's faces Anderson University tonight at 7 p.m.

The Belles lost 73-56 in their season opener to Wheaton College on Friday in the Lee Pfund Invitational at Wheaton, but rebounded with an 83-47 win against Aurora.

"We are excited to have the season underway. Anderson will be a good challenge for us on Tuesday," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said. "We did not play as well as we could have against Wheaton College. Our second-half defense was terrible. This team bounced back the next day and did a much better job with Aurora."

The Belles, with 77 rebounds in their first two games, are in a bit of a rebuilding phase. Star guard Bridget Lipke graduated in May, though all-MIAA shooting guard Allison Kessler is poised to take over some of Lipke's responsibilities.

Kessler has gracefully stepped into Lipke's shoes in terms of team leadership, on the court and with her stats. She leads the team with 16 points per game and is tied for fourth in rebounds with junior Katie Rashid. She is closely followed in points by junior Erin Newsom, who has 13 per game. Newsom leads the team in rebounds with a total of nine.

As Saint Mary's prepares to make the Belles work tonight, Henley has a few improvements she would like to see on the court.

"We still need to establish a stronger inside game," Henley said. "We need to have more control on the boards and continue improving our free-throw percentage.

Henley expects Anderson to make the Belles work tonight. The Ravens will be looking for revenge after a three-point loss last season to the Belles. Kessler sunk a free throw and Newsom hit a lay-up to pull out the last minute victory.

"Anderson is going to be very physical and have a lot of hard denial defense," Henley said. "They are a solid team."

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The Evolution of Microfinance: One Tool to Address Global Poverty

Two members of the board of the microfinance nonprofit ACCION International discussed the organization’s work to get poor entrepreneurs the loans they need to work their way out of poverty.

"I think that’s how you get better," McGraw said.

The coach also said that one reason her squad hasn’t gotten many looks is because the teams they have played this season have played a lot of man-to-man defense against the Irish. McGraw added that she doesn’t expect to change her offensive philosophy significantly, because pull-up jumpers are working best for Notre Dame this season.

The Chippewas have spread the ball around on offense this season. Their leading scorer so far is guard Angel Chan (12.2 points per game), while guards Laisha Lockett (11.3) and Shonique London (11.7) are not far behind.

Even though Central Michigan does not have any post players as tall as Notre Dame’s duo of 6-foot-3 Erica Williamson and 6-foot-5 Melissa D’Amore, it has five 6-footers on the roster, which could create matchup problems for the Irish.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Stadium to import greener grass soon**

Fresh turf will be put down on football field beginning this Friday

Special to The Observer

There's a new grass football field in the works for Notre Dame Stadium.

Workmen this morning began tearing out the current turf, which has been in use for five seasons. On Friday, they will begin installation of the new grass field, with that portion of the project expected to be complete at some point next week. The sod will come from a Colorado turf farm, the same supplier as for the recently-installed new grass field at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Overseeing installation of the new field is George Toma, considered the country's leading authority on grass athletic fields. He has overseen grass installation and preparations for all the NFL Super Bowls played to date.

The new Notre Dame Stadium field will be ready for use by the Irish during spring football drills in April 2008.

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2 CCHA (for the second of four games between the two squads this season — Jackson's third behind the Irish bench.

"I commented when we played Bowling Green last year that they were a much better hockey team than they were early in the season," he said. "It's kind of like they were a different Bowling Green after that."

"They're a bunch of hard workers, but they have some pretty good talent over there this year," Van Guilder said.

Mark Van Guilder
Irish captain on Bowling Green

The Irish offense, however, took a big step forward last weekend when it lumbered past Western Michigan with 71 shots in two games.

Notre Dame had been concerned in the several weeks prior to the Western Michigan series that it was not generating enough scoring chances at even strength. But that concern seems to have disappeared, along with the team's struggles to gain superior puck control to its opponent.

"We're starting to value the puck a lot more instead of just throwing it away," Jackson said. "It's good to see because we've spent a lot of time on it."

The Irish won't be able to sit down to Thanksgiving turkeys after the Bowling Green game. They will travel Wednesday night to Troy, Ohio, to play top-ranked Michigan State on Thursday night. The game is set to begin at 7 p.m. (TNT).

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the season to pick up the No. 4 seed in the conference tournament in Milwaukee.

The Irish started strong with the win over Western Michigan, and were ranked No. 21 in this week's poll to finish in the basement, said of the Falcons. "They're a bunch of hard workers, but they have some pretty good talent over there this year."

"They've been a hard team to figure out, there's been so much conditioning." Mark Van Guilder Irish captain on Bowling Green

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"I think that we showed a lot of heart and fight in the Big East tournament," Stasiuk said. "We fought as hard as we could, and you can never be disappointed with that." Notre Dame moved on to the semifinals where they played top-seeded Cincinnati. Despite beating the Cardinals the previous week, the Irish were unable to repeat the performance and ultimately fell 3-0 (30-25, 30-27). Feal, Stasiuk earned 20 kills and 17 digs, while Feal recorded 23 kills and nine digs. Senior setter Ashley Taurutsch also aided the offense with 50 assists and 14 digs.

"We played well in both matches. Louisville has some very big athletes who out matched us on Saturday," Feal said. "We were out of system with our passing more on Saturday, and Louisville took advantage of that. We played our hardest and it was a tough loss to Louisville."

The Irish have not played the Vols (11-17) since the end of the 2005 season. The Irish hosted Tennessee at the Irish Thanksgiving Invitational and lost 3-2.

"Since Tennessee will probably be our last match of the season, and Adrianna (Stasiuk) and Ashley (Taurutsch) both have big matches left in college, we're really going to go all out and play our hardest," Feal said.

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injuries.

"Both teams had some players missing back then and there have been some lineup changes," Waldrum said.

The Irish know they have a challenge ahead of them especially having to travel down the unfriendly tobacco road, but more than two-thirds of their lineup is made up of veterans of the team that made a run to the national title game last season.

And, after going undefeated in Big East regular season play, they feel they are good enough to compete at the national level.

"We have to beat good teams along the way to win the national championship, so we just take them as they come," Waldrum said.

The Irish face the Tar Heels at 12 p.m. Saturday at North Carolina's Fetzer Field.

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"I don't think the conditioning is a problem," Van Guilder said of handling the heavy workload.

"I think its more focus with having classes and everything. Focus is more of a problem, not so much conditioning." Contact Kyle Cassity at kcassity@nd.edu

**FOOTBALL**

**Stadium to import greener grass soon**

Fresh turf will be put down on football field beginning this Friday

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**BLACK DOG**

MICHAEL MIKUSKA

**JUMBLE**

HENRI ARNOLD MIKE ARGINON

Unscramble those four Jumbles, one letter at each square, to form four ordinary words.

DYSUK

RIPEV

BELFEE

COSHUL

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the blank across the bottom.

Answer:

(Answers tomorrow)

**DEUCES MANOR**

MATT HUDSON, ANDY MANZA & PAUL TASSINARI

Hey, how was the wedding?

Glad you even matched 20 before someone danced.

That bad hair.

We need to have a speaking-musical-kid-appletini!

I can, and it makes me weird.

**TASTES LIKE FAILURE**

RICH PROTIVA & ANDY SPANGLER

**CROSSWORD**

**WILL SHORTZ**

Across

1. Speaks, informally (7)

2. A lot of.

3. Robinson's music genre, for short (6)

4. There (5,7)

15. End of a hangman's rope (7)

16. Love to bits (5)

17. Housekeeping (8)

20. Have in one's head (4)

21. and outs (6)

22. The "I" in T.G.I.F. (5)

23. Bear (5)

28. Nap (5)

29. "Golden" song (8)

32. Alt., musicically (7)

36. Sign before Virgo (7)

36. Person performing an exercise (8)

Down

1. Have a chair by, as a table (5)

2. Yale, for whom Yale University is named (6)

3. Six in 1,000,000 (6)

4. Of a sight (7)

5. Also (4)

6. Sawyer (4)

7. Reverse of WW (7)

8. Fix the electrical connection of a battery (7)

9. Didn't have enough supplies (5)

10. Problem in housing for short (9)

11. Don't worry about it (5)

12. "Psycho" (6)

13. Panhandlers (6)

14. Club with a lodge (9)

15. Bank robber accent (5)

16. Knucklehead (9)

17. Tribulations (6)

18. Day (5)

19. Lens or Kan of film (7)

20. Those (4)

21. Thin (7)

22. Lopez album (8)

23. French weapon (8)

24. Sight of after-Christmas sales (8)

25. Web address for the video library (10)

26. "Will you marry me, e.g.?" (8)

27. Stable sound (6)

28. Branford (5)

29. Come afterward (5)

30. "I want John" (7)

31. French summers (8)

32. Computer image file format (10)

33. French weapon (5)

34. Ladies' headgear (6)

35. Coif of yarn (5)

36. Lab's dish (6)

37. Soft powder (5)

38. Suffix with Israel (6)

39. Biblical suffix (5)

40. Dr. provider (4)

41. Old acquaintance (4)

42. Suffix with imagination (5)

43. Movie name (5)

44. Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter at each square, to form four ordinary words. (7)

45. Star through a lady's headgear (6)

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54. Art

55. Exorcism (9)

56. Hand in hand (3)

57. A WIRED ADDICT (10)

58. NO TON KER (6)

59. EYE OF THE TIGER (4)

60. EYEBROWS (7)

61. EYE OF THE TIGER (6)

62. A WIRED ADDICT (4)

63. EYEBROWS (5)

64. A WIRED ADDICT (3)

65. EYEBROWS (8)

66. EYEBROWS (7)

67. EYEBROWS (6)

68. EYEBROWS (5)

69. EYEBROWS (4)

70. EYEBROWS (3)

71. EYEBROWS (2)

72. EYEBROWS (1)

73. EYEBROWS (9)

74. EYEBROWS (8)

75. EYEBROWS (7)

76. EYEBROWS (6)

77. EYEBROWS (5)

78. EYEBROWS (4)

79. EYEBROWS (3)

80. EYEBROWS (2)

81. EYEBROWS (1)

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**JUMBLES**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**

Kerri Strug, 39; Juice Newton, 45; Meg Ryan, 49

Happy Birthday! You'll have a good eye and opportunities to take advantage of what you are so good at in your own way. This year is a progressive and productive time for you as you start to check out abilities and potential. You will have a lot of people around you to give you confidence and any help you need. You may feel as if you are in a push-pull situation. Things may be more difficult than you were hoping for. A different approach will probably work best. Someone with experience will lead to greater success. 5 stars

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting angry will be a waste of time. Learn from whatever previous experiences you have and move on. A short trip will open your eyes and you will learn a lot. You may spend a bit too much, but you'll also learn to be more responsible. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Good moves can be made but take a little bit of thought first. Your dream process will probably work best. Someone may push you that you are in the right direction. A good talk with someone you are in a partnership with will lead to a more positive result. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have great ideas and feel certain that you can make great work, but you are not yet taking all those babies, nor are you able to see the signs of what to do on the rise. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make some fabulous decisions regarding work, hobbies, children or even a social event you want to attend. Now is the time to step up, be proactive and secure your position. It's better to let other people watch and cheer you on in your own way. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Concentrate on how you can improve your financial situation. You may be confused about some of the people in your life. Look for someone new and someone appears to be hanging around you for the wrong reasons, address the situation promptly. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may feel as if you are in a rush-pull situation. Things may be more difficult than you were hoping for. A different approach will probably work best. Someone with experience will lead to greater success. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You've got a whole lot more going for you than you realize. You are gifted, so make use of some confidence and you'll do great. Travelling or making changes at home will lead to greater success. 5 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can take chances and expect to get away with many misdeeds, but don't plan anything too massive on some people, some of the time, but not today. Things probably will not go as planned in your life, and this will not last, but there will be a surprise answer, as only the best can do for you. 4 stars

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on work, career and getting ahead. You've got everything going for you but, if you become impatient, angry and impulsive, you will miss out on something worth pursuing. Pick your battles wisely and deal with others. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Think before you speak. Your emotions will be running high but, before you make a promise or delve into something that may not be completely right, think about the consequences. Be generous and patient with others. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be very changeable and this may be misleading to those who have to deal with you. You are better off working alone, focusing on finance, getting your own thing off the ground and dealing with settle­ments, legal concerns, children and your health. 3 stars

**BIRTHDAY BABY**

Meg Ryan, 49; Kerri Strug, 33; Larry King, 74

Birthday Baby: You are incredibly insightful as well as creative, original and imaginative. You are quick to respond and know how to get what you want. 4 stars

**EUGENIA LAST**


**AS A RESULT**

Yesterday's: FAINT ROACH HECTIC MARMOT

Answer: When they met on the tennis court and later married, it was a MATCH MATCH

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**Paradise lost**

Hoosters drop two at Jam tournament in U.S. Virgin Islands

By CHRIS KHOREY

Georgia Tech guard Matt Cawsey came around a screen, took the ball and found himself sandwiched between sophomore TAKE HARRANDOY and the sideline.

But the fifth-year senior was undaunted. He heaved the ball toward the basket anyway, watching it swish and give the Yellow Jackets a one-point lead over Notre Dame with two seconds left in the third-place game of the Paradise Jam Tournament in the Virgin Islands Monday.

The Irish got a chance to respond, but when junior guard Kyle McAlarney's jumper went in and out at the buzzer, Notre Dame suffered its second close loss of the Paradise Jam Tournament.

Senior forward Rob Kurz goes up for a lay-up in Notre Dame's 71-56 win over St. Edward's on Nov. 7 at home. Kurz had 15 points in the team's 70-69 loss to Georgia Tech on Monday night.

**ND faces Tar Heels in championship rematch**

Team takes on one-seed UNC in Round of 16

By FRAN TOLAN

Notre Dame will head to Chapel Hill, N.C., to take on defending NCAA champion North Carolina in a rematch of last year's national title game — this time, in the Round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament at noon Saturday.

The third-round match will end one of the team's chances of a repeat Final Four appearance.

Despite being a No. 4 seed and underdog against top-seeded North Carolina, the Irish are eager for the match against a team they tied 2-2 in an August exhibition match.

"Our kids will be very excited to play next week," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "It's a great place to play and they are a No. 1 seed. ... It will be a difficult task trying to beat them on their field but our players will be fired up for the challenge."

The Irish have outscored opponents 44-6 in their last 15 games. But North Carolina might be the toughest test Notre Dame has encountered.

With a 3-1 win over UNC-Greensboro this Sunday, the Tar Heels moved to 19-3-1 on the season. The squad has also advanced to the third round in all 26 NCAA Tournaments and won 18 of 20 ACC tournaments.

Last week, North Carolina sophomore defender Nikki Washington was named Soccer America's national player of the week after scoring in all three of her team's conference tournament wins.

She also hit the back of the net in the victory over UNC-Greensboro this weekend.

The Irish (17-4-2), meanwhile, are deeper than the team that tied visiting North Carolina on Aug. 19 and outshot the Tar Heels 14-7 in that game. In the preseason match, junior defender Carrie Dew and senior forward Susan Flinnick sat out with one bright spot after three games this season has been the play of freshman center Adrina Stasiuk said.

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**Upstart Falcons enter JACC**

By KYLE CASSILY

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson saw the Irish in the latter half of his first year begin to take the steps that eventually produced a league championship in his second season.

Yet no one recognized it, and Notre Dame was picked to finish toward the bottom of the midle of the CCHA before Jackson's sophomore campaign. Instead of meshing to the middle of the league, the Irish rusted to No. 1 in the country.

And now Jackson has witnessed another team start to turn the corner similar to how the Irish once did. That team — Bowling Green — will travel to the Joyce Center tonight at 7:30 to face No. 9 Notre Dame on Friday.

**Chipewas up next for McGraw and Co.**

Squad looks to rebound from NIT loss to Terps

By JAY FITZPATRICK

After falling to No. 3 Maryland in the third round of the Women's Preseason NIT, No. 23 Notre Dame will start its regular season with a road game against Central Michigan tonight at 7.

McGraw said that her team made some crucial mistakes that cost the team in the 75-59 loss — things that have to be corrected before the game against the Chippewas.

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