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## Blog

### The Albireo Game

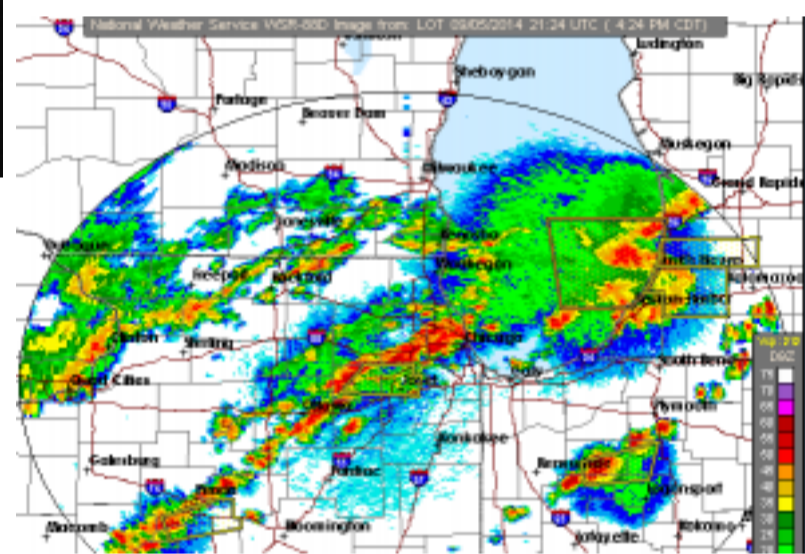
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The 2014 gridiron match-up between Notre Dame and Michigan is Saturday, September 6. The other [Albireo Game](#), which is the preceding night in downtown South Bend, IN, let's you decide if the stars are with your team.

On that [First Friday](#) night of September, amateur astronomers will aim telescopes at the star **Albireo**. It's actually a stunning binary star with prominent colors. Gaze through a telescope, then vote whether the stellar pair are Maize & Blue, or Blue & Gold.

#### Update at Friday, 6 PM: Hunkering down...



To show your team colors, visit the crosswalk at Washington and Michigan Streets ([map](#)). It's the [newly painted](#) crosswalk with the star chart that depicts South Bend's [First Midnight](#). On Friday, Sept. 5, the [Student Expo at The Gridiron](#) will also be rocking the corner with eight student and local bands.



On the crosswalk bricks, the stars of the constellation Cygnus are outlined in yellow. Look for [Albireo labeled in chalk](#), provided rain hasn't erased it. [Within the Summer Triangle](#), Albireo is deemed the beak of Cygnus the Swan, and the base of the Northern Cross.

Weather permitting, members of [Michiana Astronomical Society Inc.](#) and of [Notre Dame Department of Physics](#) will have telescopes set up after twilight and will prod passers-by to take a look. "Describe what you see."

Ask them to help you find Albireo in the night sky, high in the southeast above the waxing moon. Then check out Albireo through a telescope.

Now what do you think?!



### Are the Stars With Your Team?



The Albireo Game simply asks, "**Is Albireo maize and blue, or blue and gold?**"

Cast your vote for Albireo's color scheme. One vote costs one dollar. Vote early and vote often, for the proceeds from this brief campaign are going to two astronomy camps.

Votes for Maize & Blue will be donated to [AstroCamp](#) at YMCA Camp Eberhart in Three Rivers, MI. Votes for Blue & Gold will be donated to [Art 2 Science Camp](#) in Notre Dame, IN.

We appreciate your support of astronomy education as we celebrate school colors among the stars.

Astronomer [Jim Kaler describes](#) the star Albireo.

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### Chill with an Albireo

"Al-beer-ee-oh"

Visit Cafe Navarre on the northwest corner of Washington and Michigan Streets and ask for an *Albireo*, a Bell's Oberon with floating blueberries. Summer yum.

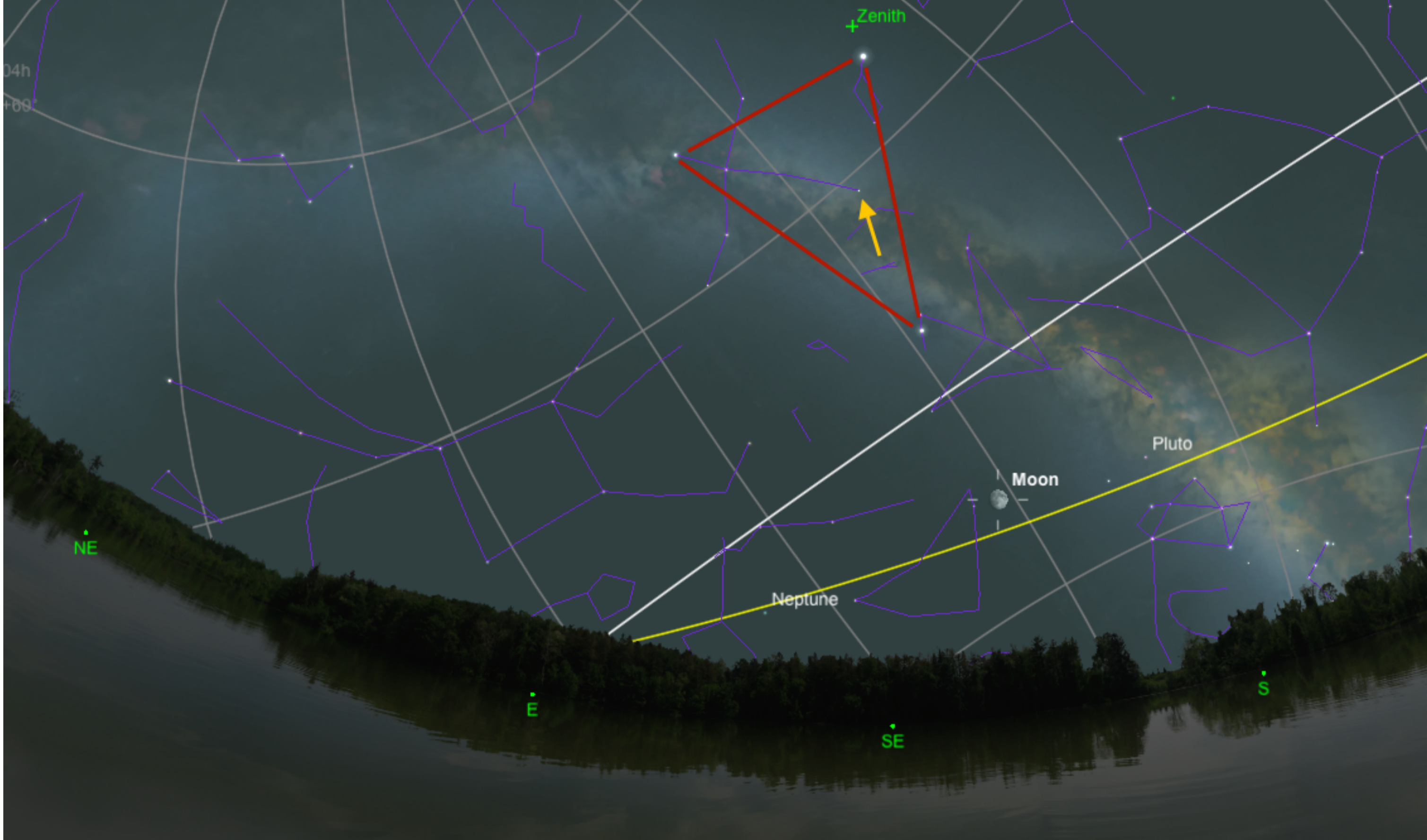


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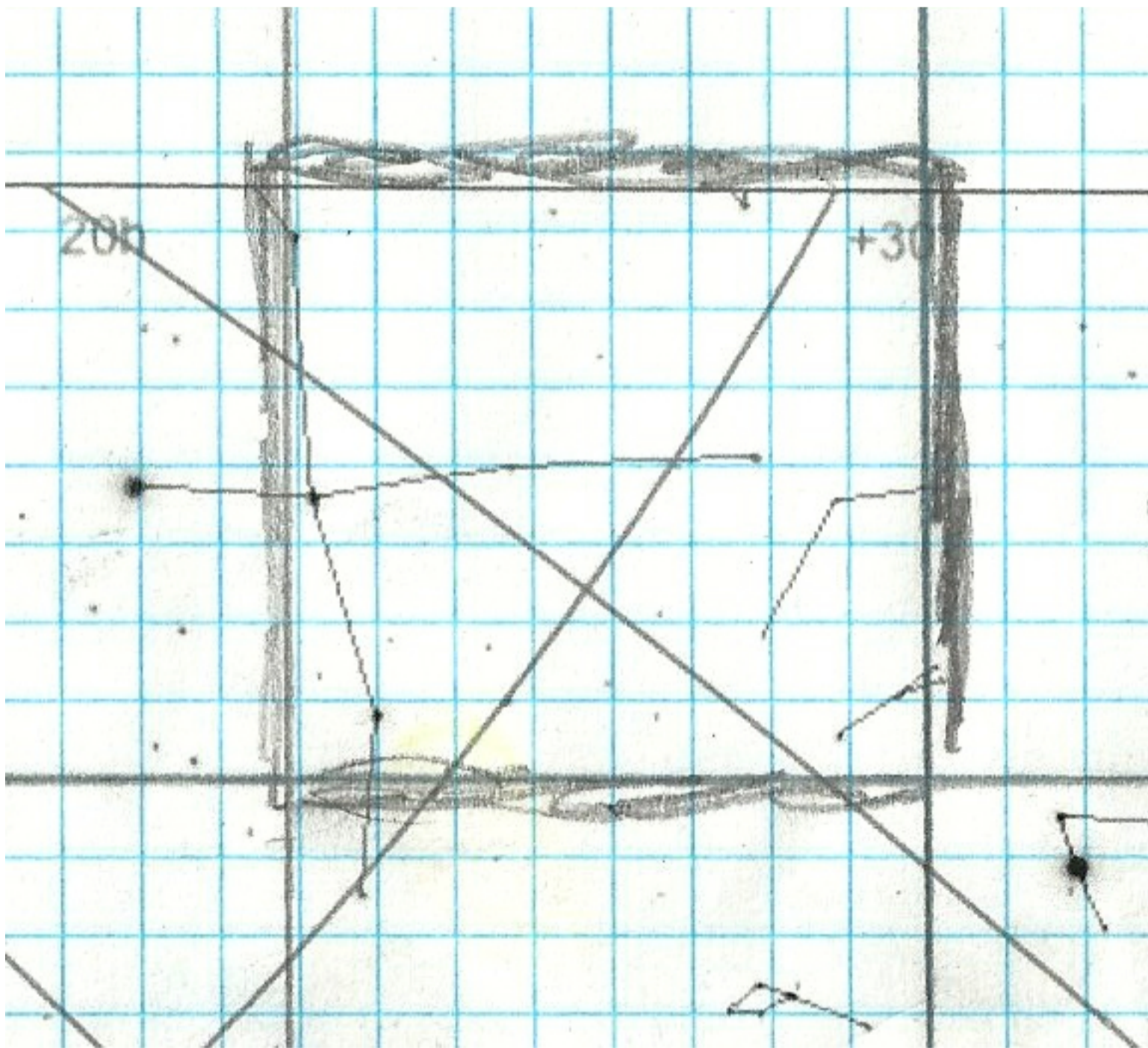
### The Big View

On Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, a large moon dominates the night sky. The binary star Albireo (yellow arrow) is at the base of the Northern Cross and the beak of Cygnus the Swan, within the Summer Triangle (red).





Cygnus in [crosswalk](#) design.



**Student Expo at The Gridiron**  
Saturday, September 5, 2014

- 5:30pm Joshua Schleer (acoustic, IUSB)
- 6:00pm Jon Schommer and the Town Cuties (folk, ND)
- 6:30pm The Tides (indie/pop, IUSB)
- 7:00pm Simple Twist (jazz/blues, SB)
- 7:45pm Ratboys (incredible, ND)
- 8:30pm the rutabega (carp rock, SB)
- 9:00pm Half Fiction (hard rock, IUSB)

9:30pm Sober Sinners (punk rock, ND)

Presented by [The Bridge Project](#), in partnership with [DTSB](#), [The State of South Bend](#), and [The Music Village](#).



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