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Off-campus housing options prompt choices, risks

Students deal with reality of paying, losing security deposits

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

While Notre Dame prides itself on having 80 percent of its students living on campus, one-fifth of the population resides off campus, adding responsibilities for the students who live there.

One of these students, Lori Clark, a 2005 Notre Dame graduate, said she felt "cheated" after her off-campus experience.

Before moving into the College Park apartment complex on Bulla Road last fall, Clark said previous residents warned her that students who leased from the complex were "notorious for not getting [their security] deposit back."

But Clark and her three roommates put down a \$955 security deposit in spring 2003, a requirement to rent an apartment. When she moved out two years later, College Park returned \$177.99 of

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer
Graduate Lori Clark said she paid for damages she didn't cause in her unit's common area at College Park, above.

Saint Mary's seniors enjoy on-campus living arrangements

By SARAH VOSS
News Writer

Senior Lauren Siegel did not consider living off campus after Saint Mary's opened Annunciata Hall, the fourth floor housing area in Holy Cross Hall set apart for seniors only.

"It's nice to be surrounded by people who are all at the same point in life," she said. "It's quieter and easier to study."

Siegel said she loves the feeling of "a separate togetherness" that senior halls have with the rest of campus.

As the College continues to expand on-campus housing, many Saint Mary's seniors are choosing not to move to one of the popular off-campus housing complexes, like Turtle Creek, College Park or Castle Point. Instead, many prefer Opus Hall and Annunciata Hall, which are exclusively available to

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Katrina blame questions posed at forum



KERRY O'CONNOR/The Observer
Panellists discuss the hurricane tragedy at a forum sponsored by the Black Law Students Association on Tuesday.

By KATIE PERRY
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Since Hurricane Katrina made landfall in New Orleans on Aug. 29, a surge of resentment has risen nearly as high as the perilous waters that breached the city's levee system and washed away the lives of those who called the region home.

This resentment was addressed at Hesburgh Library's Carey Auditorium at Notre Dame Tuesday as part of a two-part series of panel discussions sponsored by the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) in conjunction with the Notre Dame Law School.

The discussion, titled "An American Tragedy: Katrina in Focus," was an open forum centered on sparking dialogue about the sociological, organizational and environmental causes for the widespread nature of the tragedy.

Panellists were diverse in their areas of expertise and focus, but they agreed that while Mother Nature

could not be controlled, preemptive actions in the days, months and even years before disaster was in the hands of the local, state and federal governments.

"It's not a question of a lack of authority," visiting assistant law professor Jennifer Mason said. "The real problem was in the practice, the operational and the personnel levels."

Mason said there are two aspects to consider when dealing with the placement of blame — first, how clear, on paper, the governmental allocation of authority was stated; and second, how in practice the local, state and federal governments exercised this allocation of authority.

"On paper the lines of authority are [clear]," she said. "Failures were at the operational level — not at the lines of authority."

Mason said Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco took nearly all the necessary precautions to limit impending destruction, including

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College adds new film minor

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

Saint Mary's women now have one more option to choose from when selecting an area of study or picking up an extra class: film studies.

The minor, which was approved by the College's Administrative Council in the spring of 2005, is still in the planning stages. While no courses are offered this semester, Ted Billy, professor of English at Saint Mary's and a key player in the development of the film studies program, hopes to have courses ready in the spring.

"We recognized that film was the one major art form in the 20th and 21st centuries that was not addressed in any systematic way by the current curriculum at Saint Mary's College," Billy said of the reasoning behind the development of the minor. "Our students generally love to see films and to respond to them, but we believed that they needed some guidance with regard to how to 'read' a film as a text."

In order to teach students how to think about film in this manner, the College will offer mandatory class requirements in three major categories: Film Interpretation and Criticism, The Political Economy of Films and Film Production/Visual Art.

Modeled after the successful Women's Studies Program and Justice Education Program at Saint Mary's, the Film Studies Program plans to offer 14 courses, spanning the three major areas of the discipline.

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NDSP releases new campus crime report

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) released the University's most recent campus crime report last Thursday, detailing an increase in burglary and larceny on campus since 2002.

NDSP officials encouraged the University community in an e-mail to look through the collection of statistics detailing criminal activity, including all violations that occurred on-campus from 2002-2004.

The report presents data from each of the years in the areas of burglary, larceny, sex offenses, liquor law arrests and drug law arrests, as well as several other types of crime, associate director of NDSP Philip Johnson said.

There is consistency in most of the categories from year to year, but the numbers for burglary and larceny saw the greatest increase.

According to the NDSP crime statistics, 43 reports of burglary were recorded in 2002, 49 in

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MATTHEW SMEDBERG/The Observer
The University has increased the number of security patrols on campus to create a safer environment.

INSIDE COLUMN

Bathroom duty

My mom's greatest fear of her youngest daughter going to college had nothing to do with homesickness, falling behind in school, or finding new friends — it was that I would refuse to use public bathrooms. To give you an idea of how much I truly hate the concept of community toilets, consider this: in grade school, Mom would pick me up at 3 p.m., run me home to go and change, and return me back to school for volleyball practice.

Lisa Schultz

News
Production
Editor

Even though public bathrooms still gross me out on a daily basis, it is not fair to lump all campus toilets together. Some are cleaner than I keep my bathroom at home, while others are more rancid than dog kennels. After a year of research, here are the Notre Dame bathroom superlatives.

Most worth the walk across campus: Hammes Bookstore. There's a reason this is the second biggest tourist site in the state of Indiana, and it's not the new Popeye leprechaun.

Most reverent: Main Building. I actually saw someone drying off the counter with the towel they'd just used to dry their hands yesterday. High school seniors touring campus should be informed that their residence halls' bathrooms will look nothing like this.

Most awkward: Notre Dame Stadium. Why are all the flush handles crooked?

Most likely to creep you out past dark: Basement of SDH. Any female member of The Observer staff will vouch that you'd almost rather drip dry than continue freaking out over the possibility of someone breaking into the window — the basement window. Also, although not really contributing to its creepiness, this location attempts masking the unavoidable public bathroom aroma with a cinnamon overload.

Most popular: CoMo. Although the bathrooms are identical on every floor, they only get cleaner as you go upstairs. Plus they never run out of paper towels.

Most likely to be called a whore: DeBartolo. Used often, utterly forgettable and always dirty.

Most Old School: split: O'Shag and The Rock. O'Shag has archaic fixtures, including a mystery closed valve on the sink in the individual female bathroom. The Rock's bathrooms get the title for sheer age, but the first floor bathroom is just one giant fart. Therefore, O'Shag definitely scores more points for allowing users to inhale while in the com-mode.

Most desperate for attention: LaFortune. A male source wishing to remain nameless for knowingly breaking male bathroom code informs me that there has been a penny in the middle urinal of the basement level since the beginning of this semester. Clean the place.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND ALL FOUR YEARS LIVING ON CAMPUS?



Ben Hechler
freshman
Alumni

"Yes, it seems like it would be nice to live with all of our friends from the dorm instead of moving off campus."



Paul Schlueter
freshman
Zahm

"Heck yes! I like living in HOUSE. Come on."



Michael O'Connor
sophomore
Carroll

"Heck yes, because of Carroll's jacuzzis, water slides and petting zoo."



Susan Bigelow
freshman
Badin

"I would definitely live in my dorm all four years. It's right across from CoMo and I love CoMo!"



Richard Pineda, Jr.
freshman
Morrissey

"Yes, I would stay in my dorm because you become familiar with the people there. Plus, I'm close to SDH."



Marcus Gatto
freshman
O'Neill

"Sure I would. I really have nowhere better to go and our basement looks like a fallout shelter."



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Mary Beugelsdijk, left, Rachel Barretto, Michelle Byrne, Lauren Cummings and Elizabeth Pillari, residents of Cavanaugh section 2B, take a break from studying Tuesday night to have a techno dance party.

OFFBEAT

Alleged naked burglar asks for shorts

COTTONWOOD, Ariz. — A man accused of trying to burglarize a home while naked Tuesday stopped in mid-escape to ask the victim for a pair of shorts, a sheriff's spokeswoman said.

The victim threw the shorts to the accused burglar, who then fled, said Susan Quayle, a spokeswoman for the Yavapai County Sheriff's Department.

Nickos George Kopsaftis was later arrested next door, apparently while trying to steal a car, Quayle said. "He was wearing the shorts that were donated to him," she

said.

Quayle said a man house-sitting for his father found Kopsaftis standing naked in an upstairs room holding two rifles belonging to the homeowner.

The victim told sheriff's deputies that he got the rifles away from the man, who ran away, but not before stopping outside to ask for clothes, Quayle said.

Cops: student passes out in college office

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Dude, you just didn't pass out on campus. You passed out in the college president's office.

A University of Buffalo stu-

dent is likely enduring razzing after campus police said he was found passed out in the president's office over the weekend.

Officials at the campus told The Buffalo News that a student headed home after a night of drinking got into the president's suite early Saturday morning after the overnight cleaning crew left the door ajar.

Campus police say the cleaner returned a few minutes and found the student lying in the office's reception area.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The women's volleyball team will take on Valparaiso in the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. today.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre (FTT) will present Arthur Kopit's "Wings" today to Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theatre of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

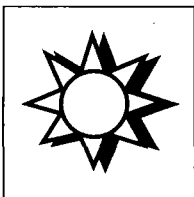
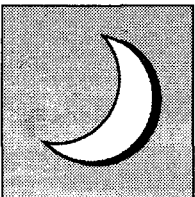

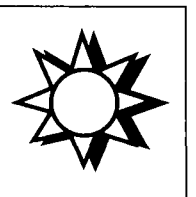
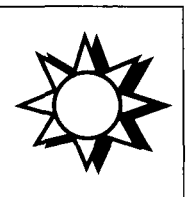
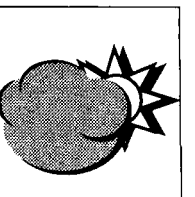
"The Long Reach of African American Poetics," a mini-conference and panel discussion celebrating the influence of African American cadences and verse, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 100-104 of McKenna Hall.

The 13th annual American Cancer Society Great Lakes Symposium will be held Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at McKenna Hall. Titled "Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer," the event is open to the public.

Bernd Sturmfels, professor of mathematics and computer science at the University of California at Berkeley, will give a lecture titled "Algebraic Statistics for Computational Biology" at 5:30 p.m. Friday in Hayes-Healy Hall.

José Miguel Insulza, secretary general of the Organization of American States, will be the keynote speaker at a conference titled "Democratic Governance in Latin America" 4:45 p.m. Friday in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

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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Nun discusses free trade

College holds lecture on the importance of fair trade, international justice

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Under the trade agreements set by North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), businesses have been successful in suing countries over trade restrictions, a hotly-debated topic discussed Tuesday by Sister Mary Turgi, director of the Congregants Justice Committee for the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

"That is a scary thing when a business can have the power to sue a national government," Turgi said.

Her lecture, which focused on the importance of fair trade and justice issues involving international relations, was presented by Saint Mary's Campus Ministry as the second part in the College's series themed "What difference does it make?"

The previous lecture, titled "Choices that Affect the Environment and our Faith," focused on health care and environmental issues.

Turgi explained the difference between free and fair trade — free trade lifts all impediments on trade, which could include environmental laws, human rights and labor laws, and laws that protect the Earth.

"[It] allows corporations and businesses to operate however they want, without restrictions," she said of free trade.

According to statistics from the World Bank, free trade has a neg-

ative impact on the poorest 40 percent of the world and only benefits the well-off, Turgi said.

Turgi tied in the goal of the Sisters of the Holy Cross' goals for fair trade and said that the sisters are interested in the global involvement in the fair trade movement through education and example.

"There is no coincidence that the same problems [of trade injustice] are happening on each continent," Turgi said.

After Turgi gave her analytical point of view, she introduced Sister Mary Tiernan, who spent several years working with poor farmers in Brazil for 26 years.

She began by giving a personal anecdote on the price difference of Coca-Cola in Brazil versus that of the United States.

"I learned that when the product is cheaper, it is not always the best option. It just means that the people who made it are getting nothing," Tiernan said. "They [the workers] do the same work, have the same risks, have the same desires to raise their children, but their salaries are proportionally much smaller in the Southern Hemisphere of the globe."

She said she focused on "the injustice of the global economic system ... and the more analytical point of view of trade."

Through education of these landless laborers, they were better able to recognize the global problem and seek the guidance to learn how to negotiate, transport their goods to a fair market and

package their goods efficiently, she said.

Tiernan showed pictures of the farmers in her village to illustrate the extreme poverty the workers face still today.

Tiernan and Turgi proceeded to show a short video sponsored by Equal Exchange, a fair trade corporation. Equal Exchange, which began in 1986 as the first company to adopt fair trade standards in America, is currently the leading producer of fair trade brand coffee in the world. Equal Exchange produces organic, high quality products for a slightly higher price, but benefits the workers rather than exploits them. Equal Exchange also promises to honor minimum price for a product according to the world market, the video said.

The video showed that a small village in Nicaragua was able to receive relief from poverty by selling their products to Equal Exchange in a time characterized as "the best of times for coffee, but the worst of time for farmers."

After the video, Turgi said that it is important to buy fair trade products, noting that Catholics spend over \$5 billion a year on coffee.

"If even a fraction of Catholics switched to fair trade coffee, think of the impact it would have on people's lives," she said.

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Funds granted to study religion in America

National Endowment for the Humanities awards ND \$1 million for three-year program

Special to the Observer

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded a \$1 million grant to the University for a new program dedicated to examining the role of religion in American public life.

The grant will be administered over a three-year period and must be matched by an additional \$3 million from other sources, providing a permanent \$4 million endowment for the new program.

"The aim of the new program is to provide scholarly depth and breadth — both historical and philosophical — to issues surrounding the different visions of

religion in American politics," said Michael Zuckert, the Nancy Reeves Dreux Professor of Political Science and director of the new program.

"This program is very well suited to Notre Dame's mission and its strengths. We can offer the depth of talent and the seriousness of purpose to make this program a success."

Titled "Religion in American Life," the program is designed to elevate the level of public discourse on the role of religion in American democracy through scholarly activities and outreach programs, Zuckert said. It will be implemented in 2006.

The grant will fund an annual lecture series and interdisciplinary faculty seminars, postdoctoral teaching fellowships, dissertation fellowships, graduate student stipends, conferences and an annual summer seminar for journalists.

Of a pool of 36 applicants, Notre Dame was one of seven institutions awarded a challenge grant from the NEH.

Created in 1965, the NEH is an independent federal agency funding projects that promote excellence in the humanities and convey lessons of history to all Americans.



Zuckert

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Deposits

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their deposit, she said.

Gail Clark, Lori's mother, faxed The Observer the deposit settlement dated June 29, 2005. Both mother and daughter took issue with two items on the settlement relating to "Cleaning & Damages."

"We were charged \$25 an hour for cleaning fees for seven hours when I know other places had crews charging \$15," Lori Clark said.

While Lori Clark knew they would pay for a cleaning crew to come in, she said she cleaned the place herself before moving out, so the amount that was left to do could not have amounted to seven hours of work. Also, she compared what she was paid to what her sister, who lived in Castle Point, paid when she moved out the same year.

"If there are [cleaning] companies half as cheap, they should be using those," Lori Clark said.

Lori Clark said there was also a problem with a charge of \$112.31 for "Unpaid Utilities." Upon discussion with College Park and South Bend Water Works, Lori Clark discovered that the charge was for February 2003 use, a year and half prior to her residency.

Lori Clark said College Park ultimately told her to contact the water company to resolve the issue.

Both Lori and Gail Clark have spoken with College Park management, but no adjustments have been made to the deposit settlement. College Park management did not return multiple phone calls from The Observer.

Other apartment complexes

Local apartment complexes that lease to students have their own policies, but the timeline of renting a unit is relatively standard.

The first step to living off campus is to fill out a housing application, said Kristy Nozykowski, property manager at Clover Ridge Apartments on Irish Way.

At Castle Point, on Cleveland Road, students first receive a pamphlet describing the different units available, said Judy Logan, property manager. They then fill out a "guest card," which gives Castle Point an idea of the students' needs.

Students also receive a rate letter that breaks down the prices of each type of apartment, all of which are subject to change. Lastly, students get a packet that includes the application. Within that application, there is a seven-page lease agreement that requires a cosigner signature, Logan said.

At Clover Ridge, if one's application goes through, a deposit is required to be placed onto the wait list. There is no penalty for declining housing when you are still on the wait list, Nozykowski said.

On the other hand, being on the wait list at Turtle Creek — located on Turtle Creek Drive — means one is guaranteed an apartment, but no address is assigned at that point, said Josh LaMore, Turtle Creek Apartments community manager.

LaMore said students have 72 hours to cancel once paperwork is turned in.

"The security deposit has to be turned in with the lease before

you even have an apartment," said junior Ray Jones, a second-year resident of Turtle Creek.

Turtle Creek charges \$150 per person for the security deposit regardless of how many people are living in a unit, LaMore said.

"Basically, you forgo all rights to that money once you hand it over," Jones said. "There are way too many things that can go awry throughout the course of the school year, and the inspection at the end of the year will always turn up something."

In addition to paying a security deposit, Castle Point has leasees sign a three-page "community rules and regulations addendum to the lease agreement" which spells out any responsibilities the occupant has not addressed in the leasing agreement, Logan said.

Brian Vieth, a junior living in Castle Point, said he has a hard copy of his security deposit policy. He summarized the policy by saying that damage "which is obviously subjective to management's behavior" and eviction would constitute losing the security deposit.

The type of scenario that would cause a renter to not get his deposit back is the difference between "common sense and extravagance," Logan said.

"For example, normal nail holes are okay, but holes from a dart board are not," Logan said.

At Turtle Creek, any damages prior to move-in will be addressed.

"Every resident has a move-in inspection form,"

LaMore said. "Students record any damages so when it comes time for them to move out, they are not charged for damages they did not cause. We hope [the end of the year inspection form] comes back completely blank."

Behavior can be reason for eviction and thus a loss of the security deposit.

"We tell our renters that everyone has a peaceable right to their home at all times," Logan said.

Rental housing

Collecting security deposits is not unique to apartment complexes.

Mark Kramer, managing member of Kramer Properties, formerly Domus Properties, said he charges each student \$500 for the security deposit.

Students have until the December prior to the leasing year to back out of the lease without losing money, said Kramer, who has rented houses in South Bend solely to students since 1989.

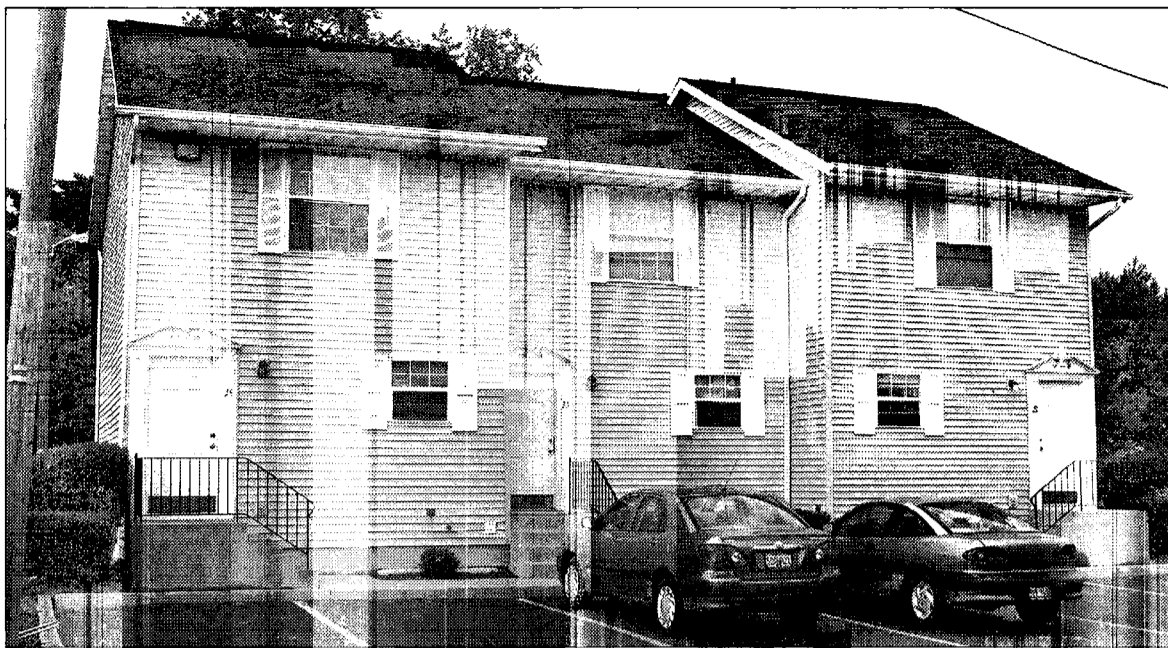
"[A deposit must be paid] the moment you want the house to be taken off the list and identified as yours," said senior Brian James, who rents from Kramer Properties. "If you don't put the deposit down, the house is still available for everyone else."

Kramer said he doesn't look to make money off security deposits.

"Security deposits are really not a profit source for us," Kramer said. "We want students to get their deposit back because there's less work for us for the following year."

Similar to the move-in inspection form at Turtle Creek, Kramer conducts a walk-thru at each house with the students so that "there's a list of flaws students won't be charged for."

Kramer also gives leasees a handbook that "spells out what to



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Lafayette Apartments are an option for off-campus housing for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

do [when moving out] so there's no question."

He said students get about 75-80 percent of their deposit returned on average. But Kramer Properties is not the only company requiring security deposits for student houses.

"Any time you rent a house, you always have to pay a housing deposit," said senior Meghan Reagan, who rents a house from Lafayette Apartments. "It's not just a thing for student housing."

Reagan said she paid \$218 for her security deposit.

"Half of it had to be paid at the time we signed the lease," Reagan said. "The remainder was due when we moved in."

The amount of money students pay for security deposits depends on who they lease from.

"We had to pay a deposit equal to one month's rent," said senior Marty Mooney, whose landlord is Greg Anderson of Anderson ND Rentals. "[It] was due when I signed the lease, about a year and a half before we moved in."

Reagan said the security

deposit naturally works in favor of the landlord.

"Any damage to the house other than 'natural wear and tear' [would cause us to not get our deposit back], so it's pretty debatable," Reagan said.

Words of advice

Even though paying security deposits does not deter Notre Dame students from living off-campus, it often becomes an issue when moving out.

"You are going to pay a security deposit no matter where you live if you're not buying the property," Jones said. "For me, the freedom of being off-campus far outweighed the chance that management could possibly hold back some of my [deposit]."

In light of her experience, Lori Clark suggests making copies of all contracts and using e-mail so all communication is clearly dated.

She also said students should examine their contracts closely.

"People should be warned they'll be charged for their neigh-

bors' damages because it's something you don't think about," Clark said.

She said her apartment unit had to pay \$105 to patch a hole in the stairwell drywall caused by someone else's party.

Renters said it is possible for students to get their security deposit returned.

"Ask questions about utilities, when the rent is due, late payment structure and the big rent," LaMore said.

Nozykowski suggests students use Clover Ridge's auto-rent program so monthly payments are not late.

With Castle Point's most popular apartment choice for students — the Matterhorn — students should ideally have all paperwork filed the Christmas prior to the fall they want to move in, Logan said.

"Sophomores should start looking soon [for their senior year]," Kramer said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

First parliamentary elections end

KABUL, Afghanistan — Powerful warlords, a former Taliban commander and women's activists were among the frontrunners as vote counting drew to a close Tuesday in Afghanistan's first parliamentary elections in more than 30 years.

Preliminary results will be announced starting Wednesday or Thursday and in phases, in the event of unrest, officials said. Losing candidates are expected to bombard election authorities with complaints and accusations of cheating. Final certified results are due Oct. 22.

Suspected Taliban insurgents who failed to stop 6.8 million Afghans from voting Sept. 18 resumed attacks this week. A bomb at a Afghan-Pakistan border crossing Tuesday killed three people — a woman and two boys — and wounded 20 others.

EU considers Turkish membership

LUXEMBOURG — The European Union opened membership talks with Turkey early Tuesday — a historic first step that would transform the bloc by taking in a predominantly Muslim nation and expanding its borders to Asia and the Middle East.

Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul flew late Monday night to Luxembourg for a late-night ceremony to formally open entry talks, following an agreement reached after two dramatic days of diplomacy that included strong U.S. lobbying for Turkey's candidacy.

NATIONAL NEWS

New kidney-swap program studied

CHICAGO — Researchers are reporting a high success rate for a novel kidney-swap program that proponents say could someday ease the nation's shortage of transplant organs.

Most kidney transplants use organs taken from cadavers. But doctors prefer using organs from live donors, because the success rates are higher.

In a live-donor practice used increasingly in the U.S. over the past few years, a patient who needs a kidney is matched up with a compatible stranger; in return, the patient must line up a friend or relative willing to donate an organ to a stranger, too.

The practice is particularly useful in cases where a kidney patient's friends or relatives are willing to donate an organ to their loved one but are not a suitable match.

In the first U.S. success-rate study of what are called "kidney paired donations," Johns Hopkins University researchers tracked 22 patients who received kidneys from living strangers.

Of the 22 transplants, only one failed, because of clotting problems unrelated to organ rejection. That patient eventually received a kidney from a dead donor. Four patients also had treatable immune-system reactions. There were no deaths.

NASA proposes theory for damage

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Workers may have accidentally cut or crushed the section of foam that broke off Discovery's fuel tank during its launch two months ago — a mishap that threatened the safety of the astronauts and grounded the shuttle fleet.

That is the leading theory for the cause behind the disturbing loss of foam insulation that cast a cloud over NASA's return to space, said Wayne Hale, the newly appointed manager of the space shuttle program.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday, Hale said the shuttle will not fly again until the foam insulation problem is resolved — no sooner than spring.

Mayor lays off government workers

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor Ray Nagin said Tuesday the city is laying off as many as 3,000 employees — or about half its workforce — because of the financial damage inflicted on New Orleans by Hurricane Katrina.

Nagin announced with "great sadness" that he had been unable to find the money to keep the workers on the payroll.

Bush reaffirms Supreme Court choice

President fights conservative criticism of his decision in news conference

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush pushed back against suggestions by some skeptical Republicans that Harriet Miers was not conservative enough, insisting on Tuesday that his nominee to the Supreme Court shares his strict-constructionist views.

"I know her heart," Bush told a Rose Garden news conference. "Her philosophy won't change."

As his White House counsel made the rounds of Senate offices, Bush reached out to his conservative supporters with words of reassurance.

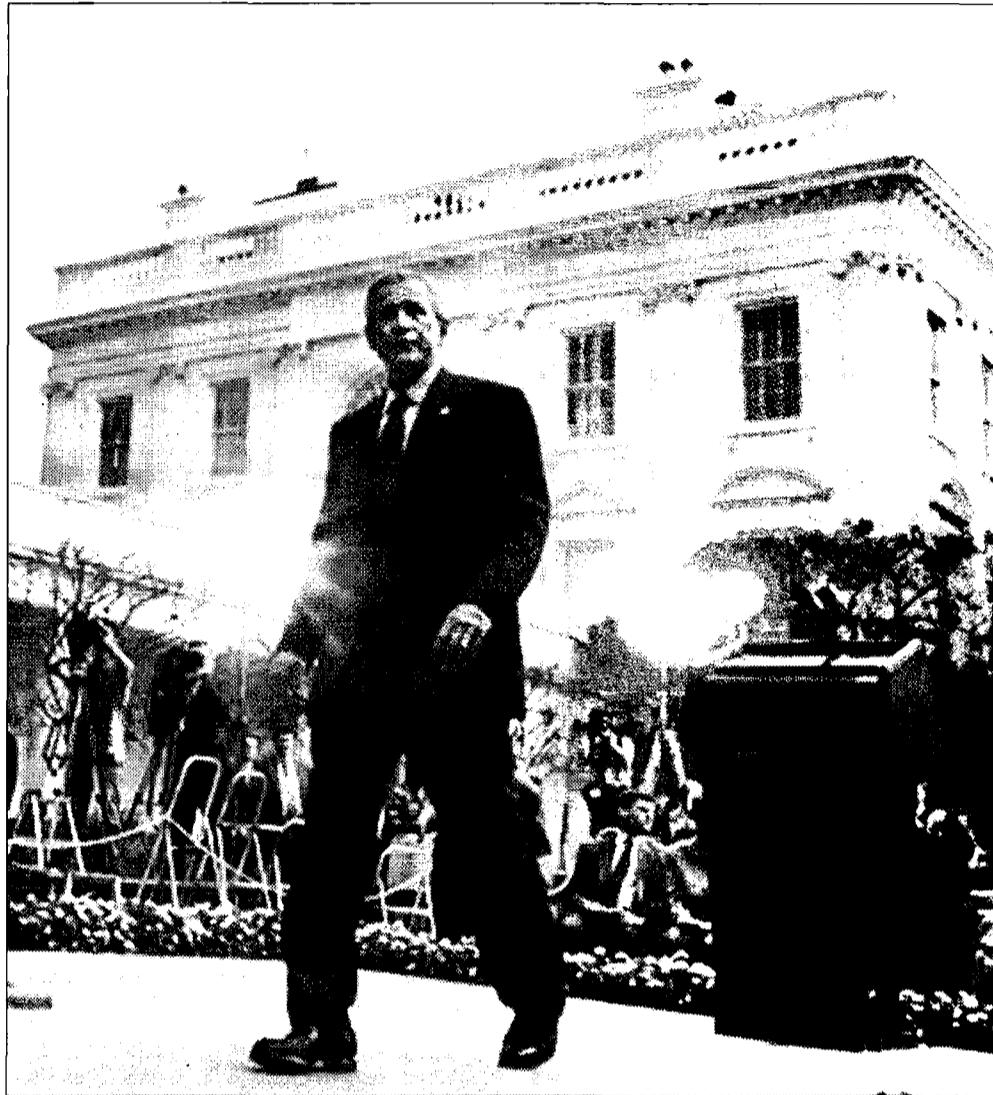
"I hope they're listening," said the president as he worked to appease conservatives without giving new ammunition to Democrats.

Some commentators and activists have expressed open disappointment with Bush's selection of Miers, citing her lack of a judicial track record and complaining that Bush had passed over more prominent, proven conservatives.

Bush suggested he would not release documents relating to her work at the White House, saying it was "important that we maintain executive privilege," even as Democrats demanded more information on her role in administration decisions. He urged Democrats to give her a chance to explain her views of the law and the Constitution at her confirmation hearing.

In welcome news to the White House, Miers won the unqualified support of one of the Senate's top conservatives, Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

"A lot of my fellow conservatives are concerned, but they don't know her as I do," said Hatch, a former



President Bush leaves the Rose Garden after discussing his choice of Harriet Miers for Supreme Court justice in a press conference yesterday.

chairman of the Judiciary Committee. "She's going to basically do what the president thinks she should and that is be a strict constructionist."

The term refers to justices who believe their role is to decide cases based on a close reading of the Constitution rather than ranging more widely in interpretation.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., a strong abortion foe, said he was yet to be convinced. "I am not yet confident that Ms. Miers has a proven track

record," Brownback said.

In his 55-minute news conference, Bush repeatedly implied that conservatives should trust his judgment in picking Miers to succeed the retiring Sandra Day O'Connor, who often was the swing vote on divisive social issues including abortion.

Asked point blank if Miers was the most qualified person he could find in the country for the high court, Bush said, "Yes, otherwise I would not have put her on."

His father, George H.W.

Bush, made a similar claim about Clarence Thomas — and was derided for it — while defending his controversial Supreme Court pick in 1991. Thomas was confirmed 52-48.

Pressed on whether he and Miers had ever discussed the court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion, Bush said: "Not to my recollection..." He reiterated his own opposition to abortion, but said he had not asked any judicial candidates about the subject.

SWITZERLAND

WHO releases disease report

Associated Press

GENEVA — Chronic ailments such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes will kill nearly 400 million people over the next 10 years and cost countries like China and India hundreds of billions of dollars, a new report on the world's health says.

"The lives of far too many people in the world are being blighted and cut short by chronic diseases," said Lee Jong-Woo, the director-general of the World Health Organization.

He was citing the latest WHO report to draw attention to the increasing threat from diseases that can be prevented in part by healthier diets and giving up smoking.

Until recent years, these chronic conditions were overshadowed by infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS, though they cause far more deaths. Chronic, or noncommunicable diseases, account for three out of five deaths worldwide, the WHO says.

The 128-page WHO report estimated that 39 million deaths from chronic diseases in the next 10 years can be prevented through healthier lifestyles and relatively cheap medication, including 28 million in developing countries.

The projections were based on surveys conducted in countries that have already implemented measures to encourage healthier habits. Exercise and better diets can help prevent 80 percent of premature cases of heart disease,

strokes and diabetes, the report said.

Although other studies have predicted the number of deaths from individual diseases, the WHO report was the first to project the toll from all major chronic conditions.

It was also the first to quantify the economic burden of treating such conditions in individual countries. China could spend \$558 billion treating heart disease, strokes and diabetes over the next decade, the study said. Russia could spend \$303 billion and India \$236 billion.

"This is a preventable epidemic," said Robert Beaglehole, co-author of the study. "We know what to do, we know how to do it, preventions are very cheap."

Housing

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Saint Mary's seniors.

Nearly one year since its Oct. 8, 2004 dedication, Opus Hall is currently housing its second round of 72 seniors. The hall, which was designed with input from students, is fully furnished and includes both Internet and cable access. There is also a full kitchen, which includes a microwave, stove, dishwasher and refrigerator. There are 24 apartments in the building, broken up into 12 doubles and 12 quads.

Annunciata Hall currently hous-

es 50 seniors. The hall contains rooms ranging from singles to quads. The floor features a large break room with an overstuffed couch and big screen TV. Residents of Annunciata also have special access to a basement entrance that allows them to bypass the first floor lobby.

Seniors on campus have noticed several benefits to living there.

Senior Emily Fannon, a resident of Opus Hall, enjoys the flat fee of campus housing, as opposed to the month-to-month expenditures of off-campus living.

"All of our expenses are covered, so we never have to worry about paying the bills," Fannon said.

Senior Mary Buehl, a resident

of Opus Hall, agreed.

"Not having to worry about utilities is great," she said.

Many seniors living on campus said that the locations of Opus and Annunciata allow them to stay involved with Saint Mary's activities.

"It's nice to be able to use the campus services," Buehl said. "I'm involved in the Education Club and it'd be difficult to do that if I had to drive."

Fannon said her friends living off campus have a difficult time staying involved in the Saint Mary's community. And seniors living on campus said living on campus makes it was easier to manage classes.

"I'm an art major, so I have to

be on campus a lot," said senior Catherine Bradley, a resident of Opus Hall. "Living in Opus is helpful because I can get from my room to class very quickly."

Bradley was happy with her decision to live on campus during her senior year.

"I'm glad I'm still a part of campus," she said, adding that she has plenty of time to move into an apartment later in her life.

Many residents of Opus and Annunciata Halls also said they feel safer than many of their off-campus friends.

Despite many seniors moving off campus to find greater freedom, many senior hall residents said they have found the same thing living on campus.

"The roommates here at Opus set up specific rules, so we have lots of freedom as to what happens in our apartment," Fannon said.

Notre Dame has no such senior housing area on campus, as all dorms house students from all four years.

"I feel like Opus is the best of both worlds — a place of my own but much nicer than being off-campus," Buehl said. "Plus, I've noticed that my friends from Notre Dame are jealous of our apartments."

"We have a place of our own to call home during senior year."

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Katrina

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declaring a state of emergency and requesting President Bush corroborate her declaration. These actions are established to trigger specific powers — such as federal aid — which can then be used to prepare for disaster, she said.

"When the scope of a disaster is so huge, it's the job of the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to step in," she said. "FEMA could and should have set up command centers for food, medicine and other [necessities]."

Mason said Blanco requested help from other mobilized National Guard troops in Louisiana and requested additional troops from the President, but she delayed her request for troops from other states — a procrastinated action Mason said was "one of the things she did wrong."

Even so, Mason said "virtually everything" Blanco did in the face of the approaching hurricane was correct and criticisms that say she failed to take the right steps are unfounded.

"I believe the criticism aimed at FEMA is fair," Mason said. "For [former FEMA head] Michael Brown to say he didn't realize how dysfunctional Louisiana was is disingenuous at best."

Notre Dame law professor Jay Tidmarsh admitted he had little expertise about "response or root causes," but said there are also

historical explanations for certain aspects of the tragedy.

Tidmarsh said the failure to follow through with policy helped plant the seeds for Katrina's racial and socioeconomic implications more than 50 years before the Category 4 storm slammed the Gulf Coast.

"New Orleans had a segregated school system prior to [Brown vs. Board of Education in] 1954 — not until 1960 did anything serious about segregation in New Orleans begin to occur," he said. "All of four black children were allowed to leave their regular schools to go to predominantly white schools."

Tidmarsh said due to its past record of segregation, and the subsequent racial divide, both poverty and race played into the inability of some people to flee New Orleans.

"One of the things I think about is how it goes back to education," he said. "Everything I've understood is that the public school system in New Orleans wasn't extremely successful. Many issues trace back to an educational system that we ourselves are responsible for."

Dr. Phillip Linden, a professor of theology at Xavier University of New Orleans, echoed Tidmarsh's recognition of historical implications when dealing with the possible causes for Katrina's consequences.

Linden described a friend and colleague who lived in New Orleans and had to be air-lifted from her home. She left behind her cats and a private library that she had accrued for many years,

but Linden said even this doesn't compare to the sadness of poverty.

"The tragedy of Katrina occurred a long time prior to the [hurricane's landfall]," he said. "It had an economical, sociological and political framework ... In my view, this serves to reveal what's been concealed in inner-city America."

Associate law professor Alejandro Camacho, who emphasized the environmental facets of the issue, said the disaster was the result of widespread ignorance to what was already obvious.

"Rather than thinking of this as a wakeup call, from an environmental perspective I see it as a consequence of people ignoring

previous wakeup calls," he said.

Camacho said levies were "insufficiently planned by the Army Corps of Engineers and insufficiently funded by the federal government."

"The various levels of government let down the people of New Orleans through lack of past action ... A fair amount of damage could have been prevented by wiser policy choices," he said.

Camacho also cited wetland destruction as a contributing factor to Katrina's extensive damage. Louisiana has one of the largest expanses of coastal wetlands and marshes that, historically, worked as a natural buffer system in hurricane situations.

Camacho said ecosystem restoration plans in the late 1990s were never fully funded and the federal money granted was "not even enough to restore the levee system."

"This wasn't incompetence, but policy choice that left Americans to question [Katrina's] disproportionate impact," he said.

Linden said future calamities of this nature are inevitable unless significant changes are made.

"New Orleans is only an example of what's yet to come," Linden said. "We are in trouble as a nation."

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IN BRIEF

ISO reports Katrina damage estimates

NEW YORK — Hurricane Katrina is likely to result in at least \$34.4 billion in personal and commercial property loss claims, according to the first publicly released survey of the nation's insurers.

ISO's Property Claim Services Unit said Tuesday that the preliminary estimate of damages to homes and businesses in six states would make Katrina the most costly U.S. natural disaster ever, surpassing the inflation-adjusted \$20.8 billion in losses from Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

Several risk assessment companies earlier released projections of insured losses from Katrina, with totals ranging from \$14 billion to \$60 billion.

The ISO's tally includes anticipated insurance industry losses for personal and commercial property, including boats and vehicles, business interruption coverage and additional living expenses. Reported damaged to insured onshore oil facilities is included, ISO officials said.

Bankruptcy is often used as a lifeline

NEW YORK — Three years ago, life looked awfully bleak to Carmine Warren.

While undergoing surgery and chemotherapy for cancer, Warren and his wife Lynette found that the insurance payments they were getting didn't make up for his inability to work for weeks at a time, and their bills began piling up.

"It got to the point of: 'Do we pay the bills, do we pay for medicines or do we pay for food for us and our boys?'" Warren remembers.

When creditors threatened to put liens on their home in Orlando, Fla., the Warrens felt they had no choice but to file for bankruptcy.

Bankruptcy is a scary word for many families, who often associate it with failure. But experts say the majority of people who seek bankruptcy protection have suffered a severe financial setback.

The 'big three' causes: they've lost a job, their spouse has divorced them or died, or they are hit with heavy medical bills, according to Cleveland bankruptcy attorney Alan Kopit.

While the bankruptcy law that goes into effect Oct. 17 aims to stop consumer abuse of the system by making it harder to wipe out debts, it also can be a lifeline for families like the Warrens who are overwhelmed by situations beyond their control.

Delta cuts flights to conserve fuel

Airline will cancel some of its 4,500 daily flights as part of bankruptcy plan

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc., buffeted by high fuel costs in the wake of Katrina and Rita, said it is reducing its domestic flight schedule.

The Atlanta-based carrier isn't experiencing a shortage of jet fuel, but is conserving energy, it said.

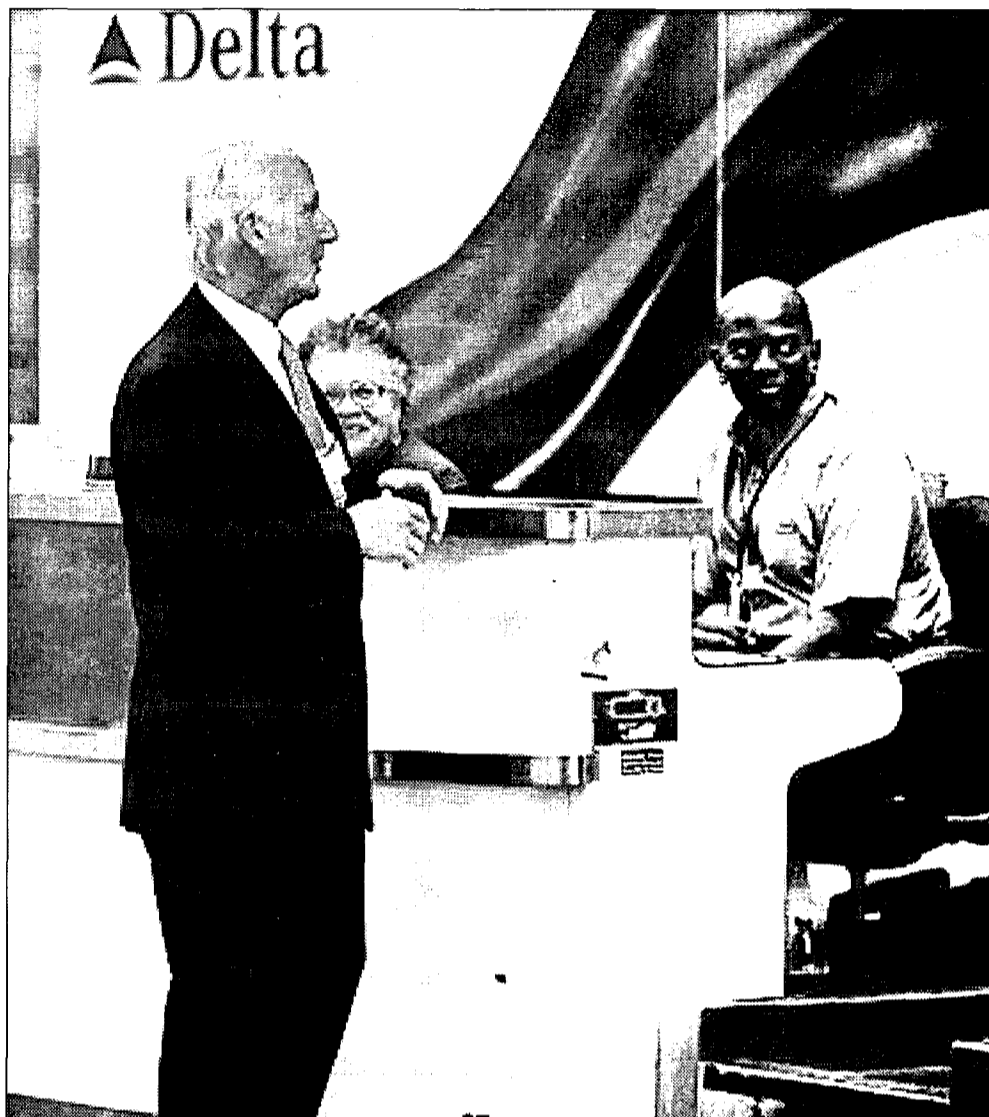
Delta spokeswoman Chris Kelly said it's impossible to say exactly how many flights will be reduced because it will depend on travel each day.

The reductions will be minimal, though, affecting early morning and late-night flights that have low bookings, Kelly said. For example, flights are more likely to be cut on Tuesday or Wednesdays rather than on busier travel days such as Friday, Sunday and Monday.

Delta will notify affected passengers a few days in advance and will try to offer them choices about rescheduling flights, Kelly said. The company has no end date for the flight reductions.

International flights will not be affected since it would be harder to accommodate passengers with other flights on those routes, she said.

An airline industry expert said Delta's move came as no surprise when other airlines also have been temporarily curbing flights. American Airlines on Friday announced that it was temporarily cutting flights from two hubs. American, owned by AMR Corp., cited high jet fuel prices, which were also blamed for a new round of fare increases.



CEO Gerald Grinstein speaks with employees at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. Delta, the world's third largest air carrier, is facing bankruptcy.

"You want to save fuel to avoid higher costs in the future. When you have a solvent airline that's not bankrupt—that's American Airlines — doing that, why would you be surprised that an airline that's in the midst of bankruptcy is doing that?" said Anthony Sabino, a professor at St. John's

University's Peter J. Tobin College of Business in New York. "Delta has to get lean and mean ... This is what they have to do. This is the first wave, but it's going to continue."

Also Tuesday, Delta said it plans to fly eight new routes to Mexico as part of its bankruptcy reorganization

plan, which includes boosting international capacity. The nonstop service would include flights from Atlanta to Acapulco and Zihuatanejo-Ixtapa; from Boston, Cincinnati and Washington to Cancun and from Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta and Zihuatanejo-Ixtapa.

Federal Reserve's actions stir debate

Special to the Observer

The Federal Reserve (the Fed) increased interest rates — or Federal Funds Rate, the rate at which banks loan cash to each other — from 3.5 percent to 3.75 percent, continuing the steady trend of increasing the rate by 0.25 percent at each of the last several Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting.

This past meeting and decision, however, has been scrutinized as a controversial move. With Hurricane Katrina's upsetting disturbance likely to remain with people for years, debates stirred as to how much the devastation would affect the U.S. economy. For the first time in two years, the vote to raise the Federal Funds Rate was not unanimous — there was one dissenting vote from a regional Fed president now sitting on the Committee.

By raising rates, the Fed intends to somewhat slow the economy which has been fighting to exit the recession of 2001. The principle aim is to fight and curb inflation. This is where debaters have been flailing their arms in protest. Over the last few years, inflation has been relatively stable/low. Raising the

Federal Funds Rate too high in light of recent events, some argue, could instigate a spiral into a severe recession, and perhaps even, significant deflation. Some worry that the Fed's recent action will hold-back GDP growth and job creation in the midst of one of the nation's largest natural disaster recovery efforts. The fact that several regional Federal Reserve banks have been reluctant to follow suit concurs this assertion.

As two category 5 hurricanes — Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita — ripped through the Gulf of Mexico, domestic oil production and refinement have been hit hard. Align this with OPEC's insistence of maintaining production limit quotas and there is a high probability that oil prices may skyrocket.

Price increases in certain commodities alone may cause inflation. Oil is no exception. Because oil is used to produce and supply many goods and services, general prices in many products have increased. This creates a spillover effect to create a sort of inflation. Increasing the Federal Funds Rate may combat oil price increases as a potential source of inflation. This thinking seems to be somewhere in the minds of Allan

Greenspan and his cronies.

As the economy continues to react to interest rate increases, oil supply shortages, and oil price increases, the Fed will discover the aptitude of its recent decisions. However, at a critical juncture such as this, the central bank does not have the luxury of waiting out current events. Hence, the Fed has already made its decision: fight inflation and risk entering a recession of unknown magnitude. It cannot afford not to be proactive. The belief stands that interest rates in the range of 3.5 percent to 5 percent are ideal — they have a minimal effect on inflation and cause no constraint on economic growth.

There appears to be no apprehension in further increasing interest rates; the nation's central bank even noted in the press release to last week's meeting that they intend to further hike the Federal Funds Rate. One result is clear. For the first time in a while, there has been considerable debate over the Fed's current and future monetary decisions.

This report was contributed by the Federal Open Market Committee of the Student International Business Council.

NDSP

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2003 and 62 in 2004. Larceny rose from 436 in 2002 to 459 in 2004.

Johnson said a large portion of the reported incidents of on-campus theft and burglary are preventable. Of the 62 burglaries that occurred in 2004, 38 occurred in residential buildings. Of these 38, only four were the result of forcible entry. Thirty-four of these burglaries happened because dorm rooms were left unlocked, Johnson said.

Notre Dame has a relatively low crime rate when compared to many other universities, but the University must still work hard to address the present crime on campus by taking smart preventative action, Johnson said.

In response to the burglary and larceny statistics, Johnson said the University security patrols have grown in numbers and that some arrests have been made already regarding on-campus burglary.

Johnson also said security is working closely with residence halls to ensure continued safety in the dorm environment.

One of the best defenses the Notre Dame community can have against crime on campus is to be informed and to take precautionary action, Johnson said. The NDSP Web site keeps a crime blotter, a daily-updated post on campus crime news.

Johnson said the campus e-mails and telephone messages notifying students of the latest criminal activity are important and deserve attention.

Johnson encouraged faculty, staff and students to be mindful of their belongings. He said students should always lock their bikes — bike theft is a large contributor to the increased larceny numbers. Johnson said students should keep their dorm rooms locked during the night and while they are out. Being alert for any suspicious activity is imperative, as well.

Johnson urged any member of the University community to promptly report any crime to NDSP.

"We as a community must work together," he said.

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Salvaging caused two explosions

Associated Press

MARION, Ind. — Two explosions about six weeks apart have some people who live and work near a closed Thomson television picture tube plant uneasy about the salvage work being done behind the factory's gates.

An explosion and fire on Tuesday injured four workers who were removing equipment from inside a building, police said. The fire, which was sparked when a live electrical line was mistakenly cut, critically burned one worker, with the three others and a firefighter suffering less-serious injuries.

Worries about possible exposure from chemicals stored in the building prompted authorities to ask many nearby residents to leave their homes before air quality tests found no con-

tamination, police Sgt. Del Garcia said.

Tuesday's explosion at the sprawling 1 million-square-foot plant followed an Aug. 29 blast that killed a salvage worker, who police said was using a blowtorch to detach a tank from a building when it blew up.

Brenda Beaman, who lives near the plant, said she was worried that the salvage work was being done by unqualified workers. She left her home Tuesday even though it was outside the area where police asked for evacuations.

"This is the second time this happened. The first one shook my house," Beaman said. "This is just out of hand. I'm extremely nervous."

Ralph Carey, who owns a restaurant near the plant, said he did not believe the salvage work had been going well.

"They don't know what they're doing — they've got a crew over there salvaging the place that shouldn't even

be in the place," he said.

Thomson closed the plant on the city's south side in March 2004, costing the community midway between Fort Wayne and Indianapolis nearly 1,000 jobs.

Lester Lee, a North Vernon businessman whose companies include the Lees Inn motel chain along with concrete and trucking firms, bought the plant from Thomson last spring and has been preparing to market the property to potential buyers.

Lee told The Associated Press soon after the 8:15 a.m. explosion that he did not know what work was being done on Tuesday and that he would be traveling to the plant, but did not speak to reporters Tuesday morning. Several messages seeking comment were left at Lee's office later in the day.

Marion Mayor Wayne Seybold said the building and equipment inside it are old, which may mean more dangerous work. He said the job site would be shut down until officials know it is safe.

Seybold also said Occupational Safety and

Health Administration inspectors had visited the factory after the August explosion and that they approved further work at the site. He said OSHA would be called again to check that the site is safe.

"We're just going to make sure they know what they're doing," Seybold said of the salvage workers. "We're not going to let anybody go back to work until we know it's safe."

Messages seeking comment on the two explosions were left for state OSHA officials.

The badly burned worker from Tuesday's fire was taken by helicopter to St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. Two other workers and a firefighter suffered some burns and were taken to a Marion hospital, Garcia said. A fourth injured worker was treated at the scene.

Janet Haisley said her best friend's husband was working in the plant and suffered minor burns Tuesday. She said she had never worried about any danger from the plant before Thomson closed it last year.

"There's never been any threat," she said.

Minor

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Completion of the minor requires 15 credit hours, Billy said.

The idea of offering students some sort of film-related program has been in the works for about two years, Billy said.

Currently, the Departments of Communication and Performance Studies, English, History, Art, Sociology, Modern Languages, Religious Studies and Political Science are all teaching or are planning to teach a course that is related to the study of film. However, Billy said any faculty member from any discipline willing to offer a course "with a signifi-

cant film component" is welcome to do so.

Any new course requires the approval of the Program Committee. This committee is comprised of Billy, professor of art Doug Tyler and professor of Department of Communication, Dance and Theatre Vicente Berdayes. Each faculty member represents one of the three

major categories of the Film Studies Program.

"Because Film Studies is a brand-new program, we are only on the ground floor," Billy said of student involvement.

Prior to pre-registration for the spring 2006 semester, all Saint Mary's students will be contacted and informed of the requirements of the minor.

Billy encouraged any Saint Mary's students interested in the Film Studies Program to contact him for more information on how to become a part of the newest area of study for Saint Mary's women.

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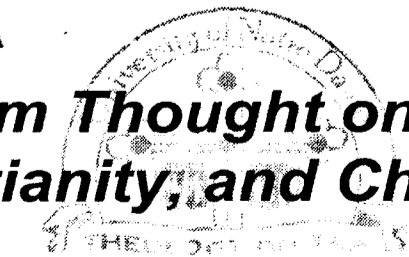
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Charges against DeLay rare

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A little-used Texas law could decide the future of Rep. Tom DeLay, the former House majority leader who is charged with conspiracy and money laundering in an alleged campaign-finance scheme.

Grand jurors looking into 2002 campaign contributions indicted DeLay on Monday for the second time in less than a week. House rules required him to step down from his leadership post pending the outcome of the case.

"I have not seen a criminal conspiracy case in Texas for a long, long time," said Austin-based defense attorney Ray Bass, who is not involved in the DeLay case. "In the last 20 years, I can't even think of one."

Rather than relying on conspiracy charges, Texas prosecutors often use an alternative law known as the state's "parties statute," which allows them to accuse or implicate groups of people who allegedly participated in a crime together, Bass said.

The use of the rarely invoked conspiracy law suggests that prosecutors are getting "very inventive" in their case against DeLay, Bass said.

DeLay was first charged with conspiracy to violate the state election code, which bans the direct use of corporate money for political campaigns.

His lawyers filed court papers Monday attacking that charge on technical grounds. Hours later, a new grand jury brought an indictment against DeLay that included one count of conspiracy to launder money and one count of money laundering.

Under Texas law, a conspiracy occurs if someone agrees with one or more other people to commit a felony, and if someone in the group performs an overt act to carry out that plan. The agreement can be inferred, Bass said.

State prosecutions rarely rely on conspiracy, said George Dix, a law professor at the University of Texas. Bass said both conspiracy and money laundering charges are more often seen in federal court, where money laundering is almost exclusively connected to drug cases.

The indictment claims DeLay's political committee, Texans for a Republican Majority, accepted corporate contributions and then sent \$190,000 to the Republican National Committee with a list of seven Texas state House candidates that should receive contributions. The committee then allegedly issued checks to the candidates for a total of \$190,000.

Prosecutors have argued that was a violation of the state's ban on the use of corporate money in local election campaigns.

DeLay defense attorney Dick

DeGuerin believes the new indictment replaces the first. But District Attorney Ronnie Earle, in a statement released Tuesday, said prosecutors would press ahead with all three charges, and the final decision would be resolved by a judge.

Earle's office said prosecutors found new evidence over the weekend and presented it to the grand jury on Monday, leading to the new indictment against DeLay. Earle did not release any details about the new evidence.

The previous grand jury had declined to indict DeLay on the additional allegations, the statement said.

"Out of an abundance of caution because of the passage of time, the district attorney's office presented some evidence of those allegations to another grand jury. That grand jury declined to indict on the last day of its regular term," on Sept. 28, the statement said.

DeLay is accused with associates John Colyandro and Jim Ellis in the campaign-finance scheme allegedly hatched to boost Republicans to victory in state House races in 2002. The GOP won a majority in the House that year and took control of the chamber in January 2003 for the first time in 130 years. The Republican-controlled Legislature then passed a GOP-leaning congressional redistricting plan brokered by DeLay that put more Republicans in Congress.

DeGuerin argued the original indictment was based on a conspiracy provision that the Legislature added to the law in 2003.

Bush proposes ban on cattle parts in feed

President's new plan would reduce risk of mad cow disease

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seeking to close a gap in the nation's defense against mad cow disease, the Bush administration on Tuesday proposed to eliminate cattle parts from feed for all animals, including chickens, pigs and pets.

The government already bans cattle remains from being used in cattle feed. The proposal from the Food and Drug Administration "will make an already small risk even smaller," acting FDA Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach said.

The plan would reduce the risk of infection by 90 percent, said Stephen F. Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine. After a public comment period, the rules should take effect sometime next year, he said.

Critics said the proposal falls short of what FDA promised 19 months ago, after the nation's first case of mad cow disease was confirmed. FDA originally said it would prohibit in cattle feed the use of blood, restaurant plate waste and poultry litter, all potential pathways for mad cow disease.

The proposal is designed to eliminate the need for banning chicken litter, because chickens would no longer be fed at-risk cattle parts. It does not apply to cattle blood, often fed to calves as a milk replacer, or to restaurant leftovers.

The feed rules are important because the only way cattle are known to get mad cow disease is from eating feed containing contaminated cattle remains.

Ground-up cattle remains — leftovers from slaughtering operations — were used as protein in cattle feed until 1997, when Britain's outbreak prompted the U.S. to ban the use of those remains in cattle feed. The ban applies specifically to brains and spinal cords,

tissues that can carry mad cow disease.

FDA's new proposal bans using in cattle brains and spinal cords from cows older than 30 months. The age cutoff is specified because infection levels are believed to rise as cattle grow older.

The proposal does not include other tissues, such as eyes or part of the small intestine, considered "specified risk materials" by the Agriculture Department, which requires their removal from meat that people eat. FDA regulates animal feed.

Consumer groups criticized the government for not closing all the gaps in the feed ban.

"There is no question that we should not be feeding the remains of any mammals to food animals, and by not closing this dangerous loophole, we are exposing the American public to unnecessary risk," said Michael Hansen, a biologist for Consumers Union.

Chris Waldrop, a spokesman for Consumer Federation of America, accused the agency of caving to pressure from the meat industry.

"Americans remain vulnerable to the health risks created by having the organisms that cause 'mad cow' disease pass into the human food supply," Waldrop said.

The FDA's Sundlof countered that Tuesday's proposal "is much more protective" than the earlier proposal.

"By removing the brain and spinal cord, you've taken out 90 percent of the risk," he said, citing a risk assessment prepared by Harvard University researchers.

The meat industry applauded the new rules, saying a broader ban on at-risk tissues from cows of every age would have forced meatpackers to dispose of 1.4 billion pounds of materials annually.

The new plan "is the appropriate, science-based policy," said Jim Hodges, president of the meatpacking industry's American Meat Institute Foundation.

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LGBTQ 101

To my irritation, everyone I meet automatically assumes that I am straight.

Of course, I am not actually bothered by this, except on a bemused and superficial level, since — having been out for some time — I am quite comfortable with myself, and anyway if I were concerned with what most people think of me, I would not be a columnist.

However, it is puzzling to me, since I have outed myself in this newspaper on five separate occasions (albeit, usually in fairly subtle ways), and still people who have read my column, and with whom I am otherwise well acquainted, continue to assume my heterosexuality. It seems that I neither look nor act like I should be gay, and this plays a nontrivial role in how some people interpret what I say and do. I wonder if my years at Notre Dame would have been more complicated if I had been less straight-acting.

It is because of these subtle biases, like those that people have about a gay person's appearance, that I fear that the vast majority of people on this campus are not equipped to have a remotely profitable discussion about gays and lesbians, their emerging role in society and the pros and cons of contemporary gay culture. Some lack the proper vocabulary, or have only the most rudimentary idea of what being gay means to a gay person or worst of all, get their stereotypes from Bravo, Showtime or Genesis. Given all of this, it is no wonder that the level of discussion about gays in this paper almost never rises above dogmatism and heterosexist sophistry, with the occasional childish rant.

There is not a great deal that I can do about all this from the vantage of a

newspaper, but at the very least I can give a basic lesson in vocabulary and then address one extremely common underlying misunderstanding.

First, for those who find themselves confused, the preferred terms for referring to persons who are attracted (physically, romantically and/or emotionally) to members of the same gender are "gay" (adjective), "gay person" (singular) and "gay people" (plural). These forms are useful because they are gender neutral and implicitly include bisexual subjects; however the gender-specific terms "gay man" and "lesbian" are also acceptable in any situation. The increasingly common term "queer" is slightly more dangerous, since it is still seen as offensive by some. It is usually a synonym for gay, however if used in reference to a person it can also mean "gay in an undefined way."

Obviously terms like "fag," "homo," and "dyke" are always highly offensive. However, the term "homosexual" is also derogatory and should never be used, as many — myself included — increasingly find it offensive. Likewise avoid any propaganda terms like "gay agenda," "avowed homosexual" or "gay lifestyle," which are laced with false assumptions.

Probably the most common, and unfortunate, assumption that people have about gays is that their lives revolve around sex, and that accepting oneself as gay is a fundamentally erotic definition. One would think, to read the opposition, that gay rights is a matter of fighting over who gets to [have sex with] whom and how, and possibly the right to post pornography on billboards outside of grade schools. (Mind you, some of the opposition would consider two women holding hands to be pornography...)

Accepting oneself as gay is a sexual definition, but only for a given value of "sex." Sexuality is a profoundly holistic concept that touches every aspect of life. For example, Notre Dame's basic social building block is the gen-

der-segregated dorm, and the most intimate passages in the Hebrew Scriptures frame spirituality as a conjugal union with God. Sexuality runs more broadly and more deeply through the human person than many are willing to admit.

It is also more complex. Consider the definition of a gay person I gave earlier: someone who is physically, romantically and/or emotionally attracted to the same gender. Psychologists distinguish between physical and emotional attraction, which together make up most of a person's sexual orientation. Emotional attraction is the desire to build a lasting and intimate relationship with another person.

It may surprise you to learn that there are a growing number of people, some of them gay, who refer to themselves as asexual and who are not physically attracted to others in the classical sense. Yet these people are still compelled to seek out lasting and intimate relationships with others — certainly ones that go beyond mere friendship — even though the relationships have little, if anything, to do with physical sexuality. This is an example of emotional attraction operating independently of physical attraction.

My point in all of this is that the landscape of human sexuality, for both gay and straight people, is more complicated than is usually appreciated. It defies simple or narrow definitions and touches many different aspects of a person's life.

On a side note, Tuesday, Oct. 11 is National Coming Out Day. If you are planning on making an entrance, I wish you the best; if you are not — well, consider it.

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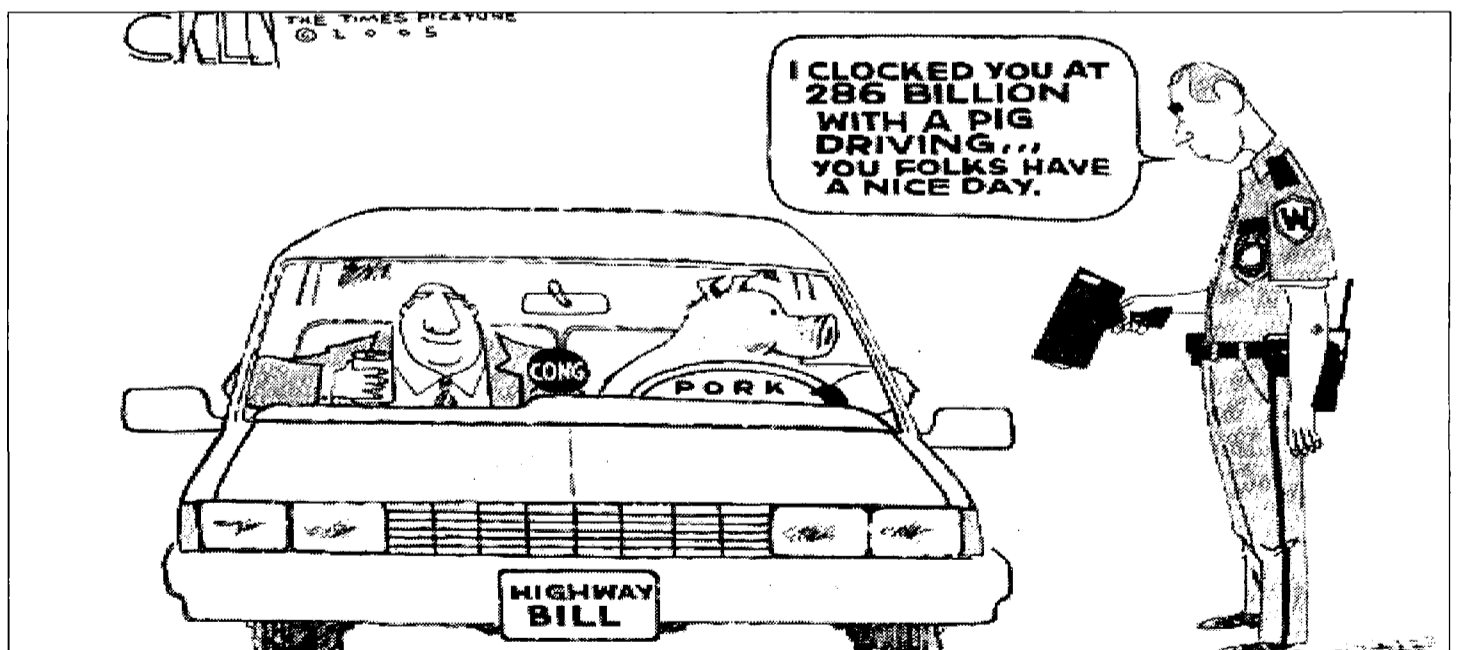
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness."

Dalai Lama
Tibetan religious leader

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'War culture' the wrong path

I was disturbed to pick up a copy of The Observer on Oct. 4 (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who prayed, "Make me an instrument of Thy peace,") and see a front page article blandly treating the activities of the "Notre Dame Army ROTC."

There was no indication in the article, as there is no indication in the campus culture, that naming a battalion after Our Lady might be blasphemous. But what insanity, to honestly believe that the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps is under the guidance of Our Lady, who is known as the Queen of Peace!

What madness has fallen on the population of this University? How can people who are named with the name of Christ so simply dismiss all the words of Jesus in the Gospels and allow our brothers and sisters here to be taught to kill and, maybe worse, to be taught to order others to kill as well?

Do we think Jesus was exaggerating when he said, "Offer no resistance to injury?" Or that he was speaking in riddles when he said, "Those who live by the sword will die by it?" Or that he was smugly ironic when he ordered us to "love our enemies?"

I pray for all those currently enrolled in the ROTC program, that they will search the Scriptures and search their hearts, knowing that Christ is the end of the law and the prophets, and turn from the path of the violence on which they currently walk. I pray that they — that all of us — will instead walk in the way of the cross, which teaches us to take suffering upon ourselves instead of heaping sufferings upon others, even when to do so means our very lives, as it did for our Savior.

I pray for those who teach in the ROTC program and those who lead this university, that they will stop teaching us with false teachings that are so obviously contrary to the mind of Christ.

May God have mercy on us all, who are so used to living a life contrary to the divine teachings that quotations of scripture like those above seem ridiculous, subversive, irresponsible and dangerous.

And happy Feast of St. Francis, by the way.

Michael Schorsch
graduate student
Oct. 4

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Schools for prejudices

Recently, a 14-year-old student named Shay Clark was expelled from the Christian high school that she was attending. For teenagers to get expelled from high school, they usually have to do something extreme and outrageous.

However, for this Ontario, Calif. girl, it took much less for her to be kicked out of school. Clark was told that she could not return to Ontario Christian School because she has lesbian parents.

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The superintendent wrote in the expulsion notice that "her family does not meet the policies of admission." According to the school policy, parents of students are not allowed to live lives that are "inconsistent with a positive Christian lifestyle." At least one parent must be a good God-fearing Christian who does not live with a partner out of wedlock. Administrators learned of her parents' "inappropriate" relationship after the teenager was reprimanded for talking to the crowd during a football game.

How did Clark get admitted to a school with such a policy in the first place? On the school's Web site, it explicitly states that there is a required family interview for all applicants before being admitted. It also states that the family must be regular churchgoers and active in the community. It is not plausible for the school to keep track of everything that a family does. What happens if a student misses church one week? Is the student responsible for tattling on his parents if they do something that is unholy and against school policy? The school is obviously not conducting thorough interviews if a girl, with parents who are not even allowed to be married, is admitted.

Now, it is not known whether or not Clark's parents are good God-fearing Christians, but it is safe to assume that they are not committing debaucheries left and right. People with dubious morals are usually the last people sending their children to Christian schools.

In addition to Christian schools around the country, there are private schools that choose their students by the color of their skin. As it turns out, people can show their prejudices just as long as they pay for it. While free speech

activists will argue that the schools are protected under our Constitution, it does not mean that such institutions are right or good for our country. The schools are not only isolating their students from the real world, but they are telling another generation of kids that it is okay to discriminate against people of different racial or religious backgrounds. Use of free speech to support backwards and offensive ideologies does not help America move past its racist and sexist history.

Furthermore, those involved with this Christian and other discriminatory educational institutions are simply burying their heads in the ground. Ontario is less than an hour away from Los Angeles. Other discriminatory schools are in the heart of urban America. As hard as they may try, they are not going to be able to avoid the unrighteous lives of lesbians and other "heathens" while living near such a diverse area. Here is a suggestion: move. Just as conservatives tell anti-war protesters to move to Canada, these Christian conservatives and racists need to pack up their bags. There are plenty of Amish and Mennonites living in the ignorant 18th century out in Pennsylvania. They would fit right in. These are the same people who favor federal funding for private schools.

Such instances of discrimination in private schools show the problem with any funding for these schools from the government, including the vouchers that our president supports. Even if an intelligent child wanted to go to a specific private school that would challenge her academically, she potentially would be rejected — not because of inferior intellect, but due to ideological or religious differences. Racism, classism and prejudice still rule our nation's private schools. Having these schools exist is harmful enough to our nation's citizens; we do not need the federal government supporting them through vouchers.

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Domestic violence must be confronted

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and there couldn't be a better time to highlight this problem afflicting our nation.

Domestic violence isn't going away, and the problems it causes in our society are more severe than people may think. The disgrace doesn't end with abusive acts, but often continues when victims seek help they can't find.

There's some hope in the battle, but presently, it's clearly not enough to foresee a victory. The House of Representatives recently voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act by a 415-4 margin days before its Oct. 1 expiration, but the bill must still be passed in the Senate, according to U.S. Newswire. At least awareness month has begun on a positive note.

The Violence Against Women Act protects victims in many ways. With government grants, research programs, strengthened law enforcement and education, creators of this bill hope to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault. The legislation strengthens training; it helps prevent domestic violence in the military, the workplace and underserved communities.

The National Organization for

Women and other women's rights groups have feared the act wouldn't be reauthorized. However, there's still a large dispute regarding the VAWA's authority to provide assistance to programs geared toward women of color and immigrants, according to Ms. Magazine. However, this amendment to the act is still in debate until the Senate and House can agree on its legislation.

Such legislation is a step in the right direction, but domestic violence still affects millions of people each year. Women suffer the most, making up 90 to 95 percent of victims. The American Bar Association reports estimates that one million to four million women suffer nonfatal violence by an intimate partner each year. Shockingly, nearly one in three women will experience a physical assault by a partner in her adult life, according to the ABA.

One of the biggest problems domestic violence causes is the displacement,

and subsequent homelessness, of victims and their children. Ninety-two percent of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual abuse in their lives, according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Many cities report domestic violence as their biggest cause of

homelessness, yet there aren't nearly enough federal housing rent vouchers to accommodate the need. Some people remain on waiting lists for years. Sometimes women are even advised not to file protective orders because it will make them less appealing to landlords, according to the National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women.

Long-term assistance is largely unattainable and many victims of domestic violence can't get good jobs because of deficient daycare assistance and lack of simple job skills. Since many abusers control their victims' lives, they're often unable to learn skills needed to enter the workforce and become self-

sufficient. As a result, women and children are forced to stay in shelters longer, and those shelters are consequently forced to turn more women and families away. Some victims even resort to returning to their abusers because they can't find housing.

Social services often get the short end of the stick, especially because the Bush administration values tax breaks over social programs.

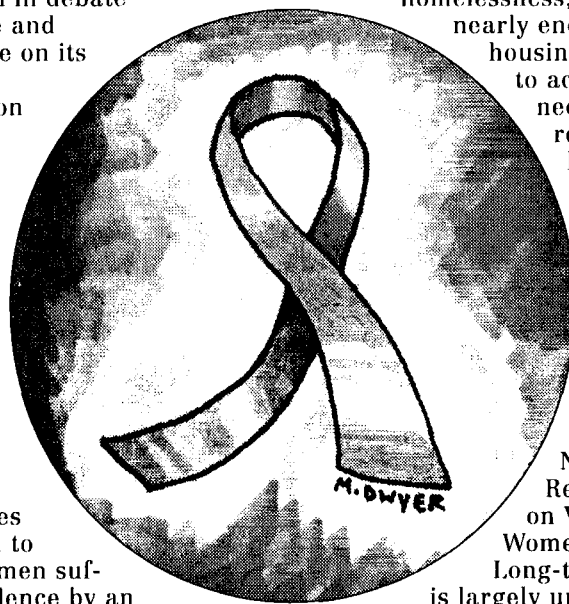
Helping victims of domestic violence takes a lot of money. With inadequate funding, non-profit organizations are forced to rely heavily on donor money, and raising dollars takes time away from the programs themselves.

October is a good time to learn more about domestic violence, but one month out of the year isn't enough. Now more than ever, nonprofit organizations need funding to help women and families get away from the horrendous situations their abusers put them in.

Donating clothes and food to local charities that assist battered women can help, and awareness of the ongoing problem is essential to combat abuse — every month of the year.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

'Violence' a history lesson worth taking

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Critic

How far would you go to protect your family? How far would you go to protect those you do not know? How far would you go to protect a deep, dark secret?

David Cronenberg's "A History of Violence" is a gripping movie that tries to answer these questions and leaves many more in its wake.

Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen, "Lord of the Rings" trilogy) is a quiet family man who owns a small diner in small-town Indiana. He and his loving wife Edie (Maria Bello, "The Cooler") have two children, Sarah (Heidi Hayes) and Jack (Ashton Holmes), and seem to be the quintessential American family.

But everything changes when two criminals barge into Tom's diner at closing time and threaten Tom and the customers. In response, Tom kills the men so quickly and efficiently that he seems to be a trained soldier. The ensuing media frenzy brings plenty of attention to the humble family, but unwanted visitors in suits and dark sunglasses arrive, led by the heavily scarred Carl Fogarty (Ed Harris, "A Beautiful Mind," "Apollo 13"). These strangers turn out to be Philadelphia mob men who think Tom is really a fellow mobster named Joey Cusack and

want him to return with them. What follows is a bloody hunt for all involved to find out the truth about Tom's past.

Director David Cronenberg ("Spider", "The Fly") does an excellent job of adapting the 1997 graphic novel by John Wagner and Vince Locke to the big screen. Cronenberg is known for depicting extremely graphic violence, and "A History of Violence" is similarly explicit to his other work.

The opening scene of the film seems much like a Western because it consists of a single shot, following the two criminals, who will later try to rob Tom Stall, as they check out of a motel. The

shot appears to be boring and pointless until the camera moves inside and finds the motel owners brutally murdered by the two men.

The rest of the movie follows the formula of carefully arranged drama scenes

interrupted by brief, graphic violence.

At its heart, "A History of Violence" is a family drama in which violence estranges a father from his family, and he must make amends. Mortensen and Bello give excellent, believable performances as a husband and wife who passionately love each other despite — and throughout — the whole ordeal.

When the movie takes on the vein of an action film, viewers find out exactly how far Tom Stall will go to protect his family. Mortensen portrays his character as a capable hero, but the ease with

A History of Violence



Director: David Cronenberg

Writer: Josh Olson

Starring: Viggo Mortensen, Ed Harris, Maria Bello and William Hurt



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen) and his wife Edie (Maria Bello) live peacefully in Indiana until unwelcome visitors disrupt their lives in "A History of Violence."

which he kills causes viewers to consider Stall as treading a very fine line between good and evil.

One lesson to take away from this film is that violence can only beget more violence. Once Tom sets out on his vicious path of retribution, he seemingly cannot stop. Cronenberg makes a point not to stylize the violence, but to portray it in a simple, cold, visceral manner. The fact that none of the characters reacts strongly to this brutality speaks volumes about Cronenberg's takes on the prevalence and acceptance of violence in the world today.

These themes of the film are what

really make it worth watching. While Mortensen and Bello give strong performances and Ed Harris plays an unforgettable role as Carl Fogarty, many of the other supporting actors, especially the younger ones, leave something to be desired.

The movie is also quite short, only 96 minutes, so there are several plot holes, but the quick pace makes the violence more explosive for viewers.

Overall, however, the issues and questions Cronenberg's "A History of Violence" raises make it well worth the price of admission.

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Burton's 'Corpse Bride' surprisingly lively

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Critic

"Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," the long-awaited follow-up for fans of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," sustains a sense of fun and accessibility, but isn't quite up to its predecessor's originality.

"Corpse Bride," though, certainly reaches its artistic expectations and simultaneously provides a fun, if fleeting, evening's worth of entertainment to a varied group of moviegoers.

"The Corpse Bride" opens as a marriage is being arranged between Victor Van Dort (voiced by Johnny Depp), the son of wealthy fishmongers, and Victoria Everglot (voiced by Emily Watson), the daughter of bankrupt aristocrats. Despite several clumsy first attempts — mostly on Victor's part — they seem to have fallen in love by the end of their first meeting. Unfortunately, Victor fails to properly recite his vows during the rehearsal wedding and ends up running into the woods to practice.

There, he accidentally says his vows a bit too well and places the wedding ring on to what he believes is a tree branch, but is actually the skeleton of the Corpse Bride. Victor ends up inadvertently marrying her and is initially scared out of his wits. Instead of a fearsome monster,

however, the Corpse Bride ends up being a poor girl named Emily (voiced by Helena Bonham Carter). Murdered before her wedding day, Emily is still looking for her own true love, whom she now believes to be Victor.

Meanwhile, upon Victor's disappearance, Victoria has been re-engaged to another man, the suspicious Lord Barkis. What follows is a sweet, if simple, tale of love lost and gained as Victor, Victoria and Emily struggle to put their hearts in the right place.

Thankfully, despite the romantic nature of the storyline, the humor of many of Tim Burton's films is retained. The audience has chances to laugh as skeletons tell a priest about to start exorcising demons to "Keep it down, will yer? We're in a church."

Emily pouts about her rival Victoria, calling her "Little Miss Living," and Victor tells his already skeletal dog to "play dead." The film's comedic elements are some of its

best and most charming attractions.

The music is not nearly as successful as the humor. Though the score and the numerous piano pieces Victor — and occasionally Emily — play add to the movie's appeal, the actual singing parts are at best forgettable. Often the songs feel forced, and while their straightforward fun may entertain the younger members of the audience, the older crowd will be less enthused.

Once again, Tim Burton's use of stop-



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Tim Burton brings his familiar quirky sense of humor and mastery of stop-motion animation to "Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride," his second film this year.

motion animation, despite computer advancements, results in a quirkily beautiful film. The worlds of the living and the dead are strikingly painted in very different colors that match their feel.

Ironically, the land of the dead is filled with bright neon colors, while the land of the living is painted in muted grays and purples, reflecting the idea that only death or love can overcome the world's difficulties and trivialities.

The stop-motion animation itself provides an enjoyable and whimsical look to the movie that is often lost in the "perfection" of computer-generated images. Because they are animated, the charac-

ters' physical appearances become great reflectors of their personalities.

"Tim Burton's Corpse Bride," like "The Nightmare Before Christmas," does excel at remaining entertaining for audiences of all ages and types. The PG rating and fun storyline attracts kids, while the humor attracts older crowds and the artistry tempts film enthusiasts.

With its mass appeal, quirky beauty and entertaining storyline, "Tim Burton's Corpse Bride" is a fun movie definitely worth catching before it passes on.

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Tim Burton's Corpse Bride



Director: Tim Burton

Writer: Caroline Thompson

Starring: Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Emily Watson



MOVIE REVIEW

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

For the first time in years, the frontier of outer space was quiet.

With "Revenge of the Sith" recently finishing its triumphant blitz through the summer box office and "Star Trek: Nemesis" already three years removed from theaters, two of the most lucrative, beloved science fiction franchises were suddenly silent.

Into that vacuum steps one of the most unlikely, but worthy, heirs to the science fiction throne — director Joss Whedon's "Serenity," a film that by all rights never had a good shot at entering production in the first place.

Based on Whedon's short-lived "Firefly" television series, "Serenity" is a big-screen sequel to a TV show that lasted only 11 episodes on Fox back in 2003. Fortunately, Whedon was able to sell the rights to Universal, a studio willing to bankroll the 40 million dollars needed to test the film's flight potential.

And what a flight it is.

The ragtag crew of Serenity, a cargo ship that navigates the far reaches of space, takes freelance jobs as they come, even if those business ventures aren't exactly legal. Their captain, Malcolm Reynolds (Nathan Fillion), is a hardened veteran who was on the losing side of a galactic civil war. He leads his crew from job to job, scrapping together a living that enables them to keep flying.

After Reynolds unknowingly harbors a pair of fugitives, the crew members of Serenity find themselves in the crosshairs of the Universal Alliance, the coalition that won the civil war.

Suddenly, Reynolds and his crew can no longer free-float through space, as they elude a mysterious, ruthless Alliance operative (Chiwetel Ejiofor) backed by all

of the Alliance's military might.

While intergalactic crusades are nothing new for a genre long associated with numerous "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" offerings, "Serenity" offers something many \$100 million extravaganzas cannot — heart. The heart of "Serenity" — and the reason why it is so memorable — is its deep, charismatic cast.

Whether running from one threat to another, hanging on for dear life in the film's numerous outer space skirmishes or arguing back and forth with pithy banter, the cast is clearly having a lot of fun with their respective roles and it shows on-screen.

In one scene early in the film, Reynolds and his crew are in the process of robbing a bank safe associated with the Alliance. After forcing their way into the practically empty safe, Zoe, Reynolds' long-standing first mate, quips,

"At last, we can retire and give up this life of crime."

These exchanges of terse, but genuine, comedic wisecracks are sprinkled throughout and lend a charming personality to the film. The characters in "Serenity" could easily have been written into any number of different genres and been just as endearing and memorable.

Whedon, who pulled double duty on the film as both the director and writer, is a creative genius. Juggling nine principal characters is no easy task, especially in a two-hour film. But Whedon's script is so captivating and so balanced that not a second is wasted, especially as the tension is ratcheted up with each ensuing scene.

With witty dialogue, charming characters and captivating action scenes, "Serenity" accomplishes more than anyone thought it could. Whedon, his cast and his crew have served notice that, given a chance, their little film can sufficiently fill the void left in the science fiction genre.

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DVD REVIEW

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Editor

Joss Whedon doesn't give up easily.

Although "Firefly," a science-fiction show the writer/director developed for Fox in 2002, enjoyed a small but zealously devoted fanbase, it was terminated mid-season by Fox executives who thought they were cutting their losses early. Surprisingly positive sales of the "Firefly" DVD set allowed Whedon to whisk his creative darling away from Fox and convince Universal Studios to finance "Serenity," a big-screen sequel to his small TV project.

Looking back at the early episodes of "Firefly," it's easy to see why Whedon fought so hard to keep the show alive.

Billed as Whedon's unique vision for the future, "Firefly" drops vampires and demons for a roaring, high-spirited trip to the far reaches of outer space.

The scene is the vague future, and the destruction of Earth and the development of interplanetary travel have led to the colonization of various planets, yielding a unique hybrid lifestyle that is equal parts Western- and science-fiction. The show

follows an ensemble cast of nine characters, each with his own outlook on life aboard their interplanetary cargo ship, affectionately dubbed Serenity.

At the show's epicenter is Malcolm Reynolds (Nathan Fillion), a renegade soldier who was on the losing end of an interplanetary civil war. Fiercely loyal to his crew, Reynolds guides Serenity below the radar of the Alliance, the unified central government that emerged victorious in that civil war, as the ship flies between the border planets.

Reynolds' ragtag crew includes: Zoe (Gina Torres), who served with Reynolds in the war and remains extremely loyal to him; Wash (Alan Tudyk), her self-deprecating, witty husband and the ship's pilot; Kaylee (Jewel Staite), the ship's sunny, good-natured mechanic; and Jayne (Adam Baldwin), a tough, brash mercenary hired to help the crew's "business" enterprises.

With such a large, colorful cast of characters, "Firefly" has plenty to offer in terms of drama and story development. Indeed most of the show's produced episodes focus on expanding the background of each of the show's diverse principal characters. "Firefly" succeeds

because Whedon frequently dips into the past of each character, mining a wealth of character development.

The DVD includes all 11 of the show's original episodes and an additional three that were never broadcast on Fox. Some of the standout episodes include: "Out of Gas," in which the spaceship loses power and the show's creators creatively use flashbacks to introduce how each of the ship's inhabitants came to join Reynolds' crew; "Ariel," an action-packed episode that shows how far Simon (Sean Maher), a young, rich doctor, is willing to go to rescue his sister, River (Summer Glau); and "Serenity," the show's two-hour pilot episode, which introduces Reynolds and shows how he became a hardened leader after losing most of his troops during the civil war.

The special features for this box set are extensive. Seven episode-specific audio commentaries featuring various members of the cast and crew highlight how much work, sweat and love went into the show's

Firefly

The Complete Series

20th Century Fox



creation. Also included are several featurettes, including a fascinating 28-minute documentary that explores how the series was conceived and offers a look into the creators' difficulties in keeping the show alive.

"Firefly" is one of those exceptional shows that burned brightly with a lifespan that was far too short. Fortunately, the release of "Serenity" in theaters has drawn more attention to this little-known gem. Every episode on the DVD is a reminder of why Whedon was so unwilling to let the show fizzle without a fight.

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Captain Mal Reynolds (Nathan Fillion), left, and Jayne (Adam Baldwin) fend against a seemingly unstoppable military force in Joss Whedon's "Serenity."



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The cast of the show "Firefly," which was canceled after only 11 episodes, returns in the feature film "Serenity." The complete series is available on DVD.

DVD REVIEW

'The Longest Yard' nearly goes distance

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

Remakes have become a staple in Hollywood these past years. They do well financially, as they appeal to fans as well as newcomers. However, they are almost universally panned by critics for not reaching the bar the previous movie set.

Fortunately, the remake of the 1970s classic "The Longest Yard," directed by Peter Segal, proves to be a solid effort, both standalone and as a remake. It may not be incredibly deep, but it was also never meant to be. As a piece of pure entertainment, it succeeds admirably.

One of the traits that "The Longest Yard" has going for it is that it has almost as much star power as "Ocean's Eleven." Starring Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, Nelly, Bill Goldberg, Tracy Morgan and a wealth of others, it proves to be worth watching for sheer screen charisma alone.

Each star is given more than a simple cameo, however. They all play important

roles within the movie, to varying extents. Of course, some actors get more screen time compared to others, but that only works to heighten the enjoyment when comedian Tracy Morgan or Kevin Nash pops onto the screen.

The story at first almost seems secondary to the characters on the screen, but fortunately, it's ultimately not. If there is any real complaint, it's that the movie is too short. A little more time could have been well spent developing each of the characters, but as the movie stands now the lack of background doesn't hurt its flow.

The sound and video on the DVD are up to standards, meaning that they neither stand out nor detract from the movie. However, with the movie largely set in a prison, it's unlikely the image quality could be much improved to any real effect.

The extras on a DVD that star this many personalities tend to go either two ways, often being a bare bones release. Fortunately "The Longest Yard" went the other way, with the extras filled with as much charisma as the movie.

"First Down and Twenty-Five to Life" is one of the best features, as it shows most of the actors talking about their roles, the difficulties they encountered trying to act like real football players and what it was like filming in a desert, in a real jail. However, it also looks

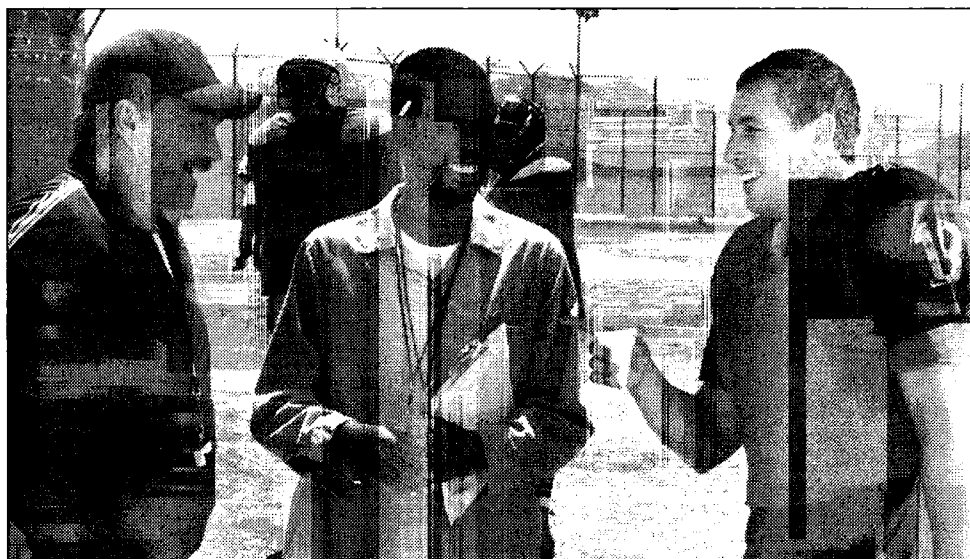


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Nate Scarborough (Burt Reynolds), left, goes over a football play with Caretaker (Chris Rock), center, and Paul Crewe (Adam Sandler) in "The Longest Yard."

like the standard extra, so the video quality isn't the greatest.

Another interesting feature, at least for non-athletes, is "The Care and Feeding of Pro Athletes." Since many of the actors in the movie were actual football players, or at least athletic enough to be one, they had to be fed proportionate amounts. It is an interesting feature for those who never experienced the athletic appetite first-hand.

The other features are equally entertaining and informative, running the gamut from how producers made the hits look real to the computer rendered ten-

nis ball in the movie. It's a decent inclusion for the computer aficionados out there.

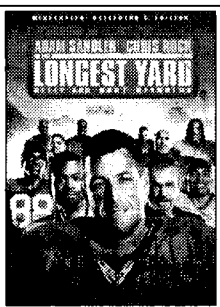
Overall, the movie may not be the deepest around, or the most logical. But it wasn't intended for that. It was intended to be a good, humorous football movie, at which it succeeds nicely. The hits look real, and the actors could pass for real football players, which is good enough for a lightweight film like "The Longest Yard."

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The Longest Yard

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Scorsese's first masterpiece to be screened at DPAC

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

"Loneliness has followed me my whole life, everywhere" says Travis Bickle (Robert DeNiro) midway through Martin Scorsese's "Taxi Driver" (1976). "In bars, in cars, sidewalks, stores, everywhere. There's no escape. I'm God's lonely man."

This may be the key passage in a key film for everyone involved, including director Scorsese, screenwriter Paul Schrader and (especially) lead actor Robert DeNiro.

The trio, along with cinematographer Michael Chapman, would be pushed to even greater heights in 1980's "Raging Bull," perhaps the finest American film of all time. If "Taxi Driver" isn't at quite the same level, it is still one of the great masterpieces of the latter half of the twentieth century and a revealing snapshot of its time.

The Browning Cinema will be screening "Taxi Driver," Scorsese's first masterpiece, on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Browning Cinema, located in the DPAC.

"Taxi Driver," more than anything, is about isolation and loneliness in the post-Vietnam, post-Watergate era. Bickle, one of the cinema's most indelible creations, is a ticking time bomb given terrifyingly realistic life by Robert DeNiro, in one of the most intense performances of his career.

The film follows Bickle, an insomniac cab driver and Vietnam veteran, as he begins to undergo a mental breakdown. Bickle is a loner who is unable to make real connections with people, including

Betsy (Cybill Sheperd), an attractive political campaign worker, and his fellow taxi drivers.

The first half of the film is more atmospherically evocative than plot-oriented, though the climax and denouement, which follow Bickle as he rapidly becomes unhinged, ranks among anything filmed last century.

Based loosely on John Ford's seminal 1956 Western "The Searchers," the plot begins to unravel as Bickle becomes obsessed with saving a young prostitute (brilliantly played by a 12 year old Jodie Foster) from her sleazy pimp (reliable Scorsese mainstay Harvey Keitel).

Taxi Driver



When: Saturday, Oct 9 at 3 pm
Where: Browning Cinema, DPAC

"Mean Streets" (1973) might have put him on the map, but it was "Taxi Driver" that really solidified Scorsese's reputation as a director.

He fills the film with indelible moments

throughout, most notably in the famous "You talkin' to me?" mirror scene. Like most of his films, "Taxi Driver" is discomfiting and disquieting, with many difficult and shocking moments.

DeNiro is staggeringly unrelenting in what may be his most famous role. Watching him as he self-destructs is fascinating and terrifying in equal measures.

Yet, the other actors are equally up to par, especially Foster, who gives a compellingly bravura performance as the prostitute Iris.

Her Iris as both nonchalant and vulnerable, often simultaneously, making Bickle's obsessive quest to become her savior more believable.

"Taxi Driver" was a major critical success, winning the Palme d'Or at the 1976

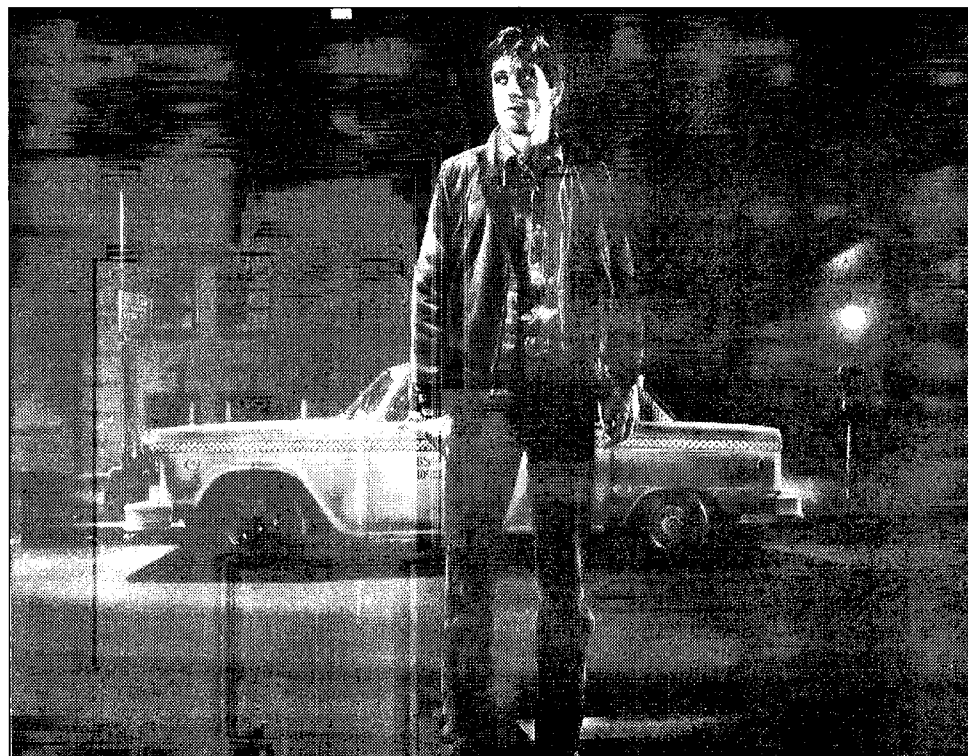


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The Browning Cinema will host Martin Scorsese's seminal "Taxi Driver" this Saturday as part of the PAC Classic 100. The 1976 film stars Robert DeNiro.

Cannes Film Festival. Oddly enough, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences dropped the ball on this one, as neither Scorsese nor Schrader even received nominations. DeNiro lost the acting Oscar, which was posthumously awarded to Peter Finch for "Network."

The big winner of the year was John G. Avildson's "Rocky." If Sylvester Stallone competing against DeNiro for the acting Oscar and beating out Paul Schrader for a writing nomination seems absurdly unbelievable, remember that he had not yet made such masterpieces as "Rambo:

First Blood Part II" and "Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot."

As for Scorsese, he went on to make "Raging Bull" and "Goodfellas," while Avildson (the director Oscar winner of the year) went on to make "The Karate Kid Part III" and "Rocky V." Oops. Sometimes hindsight really is 20-20.

"Taxi Driver" is one of the most important American films of the 20th century and should not be missed.

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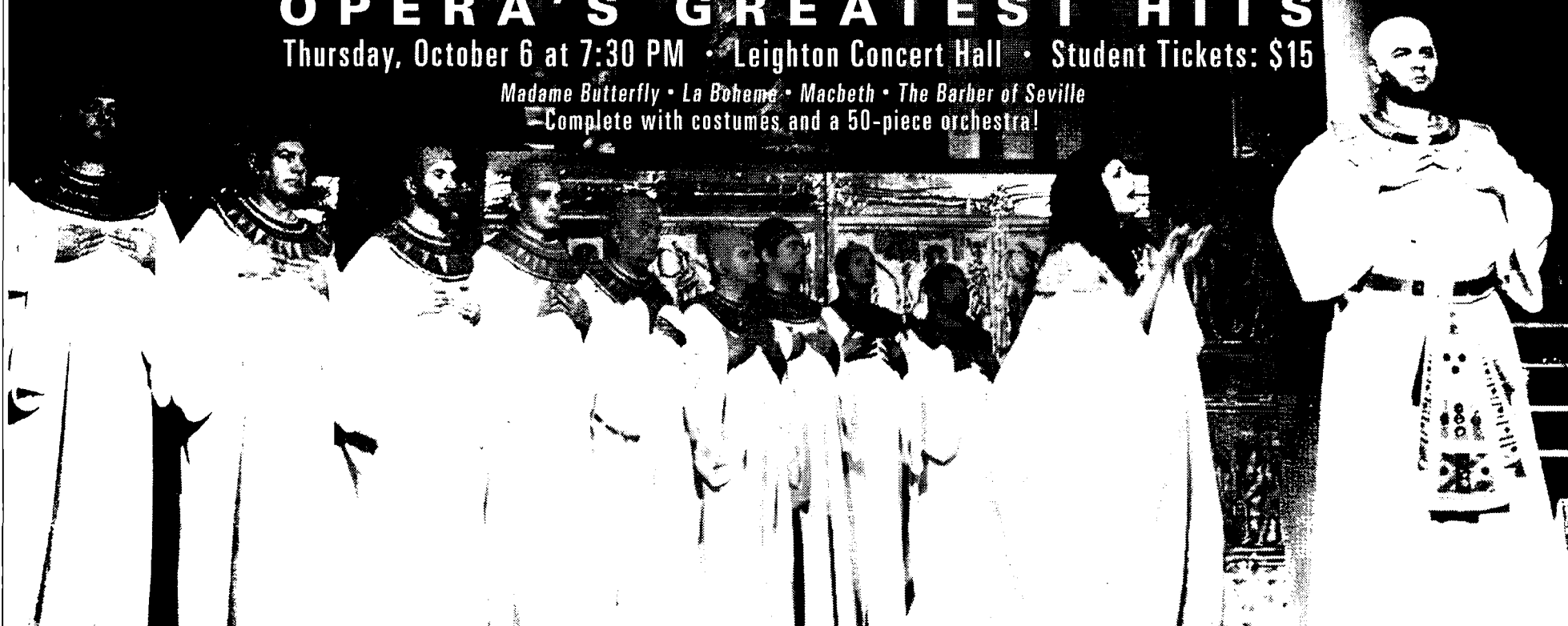
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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Red Sox black and blue after loss to White Sox

Yankees ride arm of Mussina to win over Angels in division series opener

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The White Sox got the winning socks. Five of 'em. Now, after such a powerful start, maybe it's their turn to end a title drought.

Stunning the World Series champions with five homers — two by A.J. Pierzynski — Chicago routed the Boston Red Sox 14-2 Tuesday in their play-off opener.

"It's nice when you get a game like this, but we've played enough of the other ones to not expect this," White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said. "I don't think we really felt comfortable until we were up eight, ten runs."

Pierzynski went the final month of the regular season without a homer, but his first one Tuesday — a three-run shot — capped a five-run first inning against Matt Clement. And, surprisingly, it came right after the catcher tried to bunt, only to have the ball roll foul.

"Just one of those things, I got good pitches to hit and I hit 'em," Pierzynski said. "In the playoffs you get to start over and forget what you did in the past."

Konerko, Juan Uribe and even leadoff hitter Scott Podsednik — who didn't have a homer all season — also connected.

Jose Contreras pitched effectively into the eighth inning, ending Boston's eight-game postseason winning streak that carried the team to its first title in 86 years last season.

But it was Chicago's bats that took Boston out early and made Contreras' job easier.

"The power, obviously, surprises you. Podsednik hits his first homer of the year, that's surprising," Boston's Kevin Millar said. "But it doesn't matter how they do it. We'll just come back tomorrow and try to win a game."

The White Sox are trying to end a championship drought that's even longer the one Boston faced a year ago.

It dates way back to the days of Shoeless Joe Jackson and their most recent World Series crown in 1917, the last time they won any playoff series at

all.

One sign in the stands summed up hopes on the South Side:

"2004: Their Sox. 2005: Our Sox."

Then again, Boston has done fine overcoming October deficits. The Red Sox rallied from 3-0 down to beat the New York Yankees in the AL championship series last year before sweeping St. Louis in the World Series for their first title since 1918.

They started that remarkable run last October after they were beaten 19-8 in Game 3 of the ALCS.

"That was a long time ago," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "It's a different team. I've said so many times that last year doesn't matter. What matters to this team is how we bounce back tomorrow."

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Wednesday at U.S. Cellular Field with Chicago's Mark Buehrle facing Boston's David Wells.

The White Sox got their first playoff victory since 1993, and the home run derby sent a sent a raucous, towel-waving crowd of 40,717 into delirium as they roughed up Clement.

"It's disappointing. No excuses. I pitched bad," Clement said. "I threw bad pitches. They hit them."

Yankees 4, Angels 2

Mike Mussina felt much better as soon as rookie Robinson Cano gave the New York Yankees an early lead. Just like that, the right-hander wasn't as concerned about his tender elbow.

Mussina pitched scoreless ball into the sixth inning, Cano lined a three-run double in the first and the Yankees beat Bartolo Colon again, defeating the Los Angeles Angels in Game 1 of their AL division series Tuesday night.

"This is only the third time I've been to the mound since I had three weeks off," said Mussina, who missed much of September because of his ailing elbow. "One was good and one was bad, so I didn't have any idea what to expect. The two extra days off certainly helped



Chicago's Juan Uribe, left, is congratulated at home plate by A.J. Pierzynski after a home run during the White Sox 14-2 win over the Red Sox Tuesday in Game 1 of the American League Division Series.

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Mariano Rivera saved it for the Yankees, who looked completely fresh — even after a cross-country trek on the heels of a seven-game road trip to end the regular season. They traveled west late Sunday, one day after clinching their eighth consecutive AL East title with a victory over the rival Red Sox in Boston.

"We've been playing important games for the last month or so now," Yankees captain Derek Jeter said. "It doesn't matter whether we're home or on the road."

Darin Erstad's RBI single cut it to 4-2 in the ninth, only the 10th earned run Rivera has allowed in 71 career postseason appearances. But the right-hander got pinch-hitter Casey Kotchman on a pop for his first postseason save since blowing chances in Games 4 and 5 against Boston in the 2004 AL championship series.

"I always have confidence,"

Rivera said. "It's big. It's good to win."

New York produced all its offense with two outs and wasted little time getting to Colon, a 21-game winner and leading contender for the AL Cy Young Award.

The Angels' ace threw one ball in his first 13 pitches, but allowed three straight two-out singles in the first to the middle of New York's order — Jason Giambi, Gary Sheffield and Hideki Matsui — prompting a visit from pitching coach Bud Black. Cano then lined a double over Garret Anderson's head in left, clearing the bases.

"I had two strikes. I wanted to take my chance," said Cano, whose hit went to the opposite field. "It's something I've been working on all year in the big leagues, to use the whole field."

Cano began the season with Triple-A Columbus, but was promoted in May as general manager Brian Cashman shook things up to get the Yankees out

of an early-season skid.

After a sensational September that earned him AL rookie of the month honors, Cano's clutch hit Tuesday helped the Yankees to their first victory in a division series opener since they took Game 1 from the Angels in 2002 before losing the next three. New York lost its first-round opener to Minnesota the past two seasons before winning three straight to advance.

Colon retired Jeter and Alex Rodriguez on five total pitches to start the game, then had two strikes against all four players who got first-inning hits.

"He's as tough as any pitcher in baseball," Jeter said. "We tried to score early and Robby had the big hit."

The burly right-hander, who allowed three homers to A-Rod on April 26 in New York's 12-4 win, reached 48 pitches after only two innings. He plunked Rodriguez in the back in the second after allowing a two-out single to Jeter.

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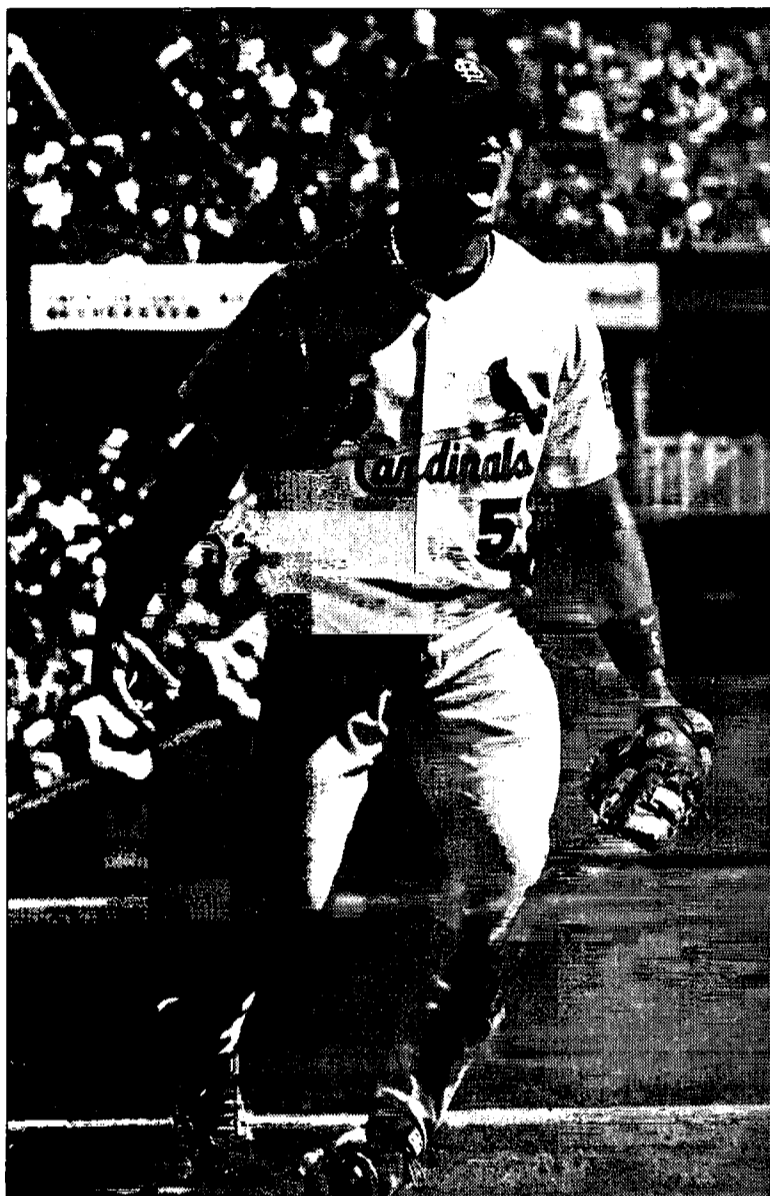
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MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sanders knocks in six runs as Cardinals roll

St. Louis too powerful for San Diego as Carpenter throws six scoreless innings



St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols argues a call during the Cardinals' 8-5 win over the Padres Tuesday.

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Reggie Sanders, Chris Carpenter and the St. Louis Cardinals looked every bit like the best team in baseball — even with a shaky ending.

San Diego played as poorly as its record suggests for most of the day. And now, with ace pitcher Jake Peavy out for the postseason with a broken rib, the Padres might be over-matched.

Sanders hit a grand slam and set an NL division series record with six RBIs. Carpenter pitched six scoreless innings before being pulled as a precaution and the Cardinals built a big lead and held off the Padres 8-5 Tuesday in Game 1.

"It's huge," Sanders said. "Let alone getting one RBI in a week, you get six in one day and especially under postseason pressure. It's a great day."

"But it's not over, we've got a long way to go."

Facing a team that won the West despite an 82-80 record, the Cardinals — who led the majors with 100 wins — opened an 8-0 cushion in the fifth inning against Peavy. He pitched with an injury that worsened in the third and was taken to a hospital after lasting only 4 1/3 innings.

An MRI showed one broken rib on his right side and the possibility of a second break. A Padres spokesman said the injury would take four to six weeks to heal.

"He felt something on his

right side," manager Bruce Bochy said. "He said he felt it during the course of the game."

Even without Peavy, the pesky Padres weren't done. They scored once in the seventh, added another run in the eighth and then got right back into it in the ninth. San Diego scored three times and loaded the bases with two outs before closer Jason Isringhausen struck out Ramon Hernandez.

"We're playing a tough team," Sanders said. "As you can see, they fought to the last out."

Mark Mulder will oppose San Diego's Pedro Astacio on Thursday in Game 2 of the best-of-five series.

Jim Edmonds helped St. Louis with a home run, double and single. Eric Young had a pinch-hit homer in the eighth for San Diego and an RBI groundout in the ninth.

Manager Tony La Russa's team won for the fifth time in six NLDS openers. That includes a victory in 1996 when the Cardinals swept the Padres.

The 37-year-old Sanders was on pace for the first 30-homer, 30-steal season of his career before missing 54 games after breaking his right leg in an outfield collision with Edmonds in mid-July. Sanders rediscovered his stroke in the final week of the regular season, driving in 10 runs in the last six games and homering three times in the final four.

Against Peavy, Sanders had both of the key hits. His two-run single off the glove of diving first baseman Mark Sweeney put the Cardinals ahead 4-0 in the third, and his grand slam into the left-field seats on a 3-0 fastball chased Peavy in the fifth.

Carpenter was 21-5 with a 2.83 ERA, the ace the Cardinals lacked in the playoffs last fall when they were swept in the World Series by the Red Sox. But he struggled in the final month, with a 9.14 ERA in his final four outings, and said he lost motivation after the Cardinals clinched the Central with two weeks to spare.

"It feels nice to get zeros and get a win," Carpenter said. "You go out there to execute pitches and give your team a chance to win and I was able to do it all day."

The Padres saw the dominant Carpenter again. He allowed only three singles while benefiting from three double plays from the team that led the majors.

"Our key is to make him throw pitches and get him out of there," San Diego's Ryan

Klesko said. "He pitched himself out of a couple of jams."

Carpenter's biggest battle was with the weather. It was an unseasonably warm 84 degrees at gametime and 86 when he experienced cramping in his right hand while warming up before the seventh. The Cardinals said dehydration caused the problem and took him out as a precaution.

Carpenter said his fingers started cramping when he put on his batting glove before striking out in the sixth. He also said his hamstrings and calves were cramping.

"It only happened twice," Carpenter said. "But they weren't going to take a chance."

Peavy appeared to be the Padres' best shot at postseason success after going 13-7 with a 2.88 ERA — only five points behind Carpenter — and leading the NL with 216 strikeouts. But he couldn't make it through the fifth.

his second-shortest outing of the season, and gave up eight runs on eight hits.

The Padres had been planning to pitch Peavy in Game 4 on Sunday in San Diego on regular rest if the series goes that far.

Now, the likely starter is Adam Eaton, who had been slotted for Game 5.

The Cardinals got to Peavy immediately. With one out in the first, Edmonds hit his 11th career postseason homer to the opposite field to give St. Louis the lead.

Five straight batters reached safely with one out in the third as the Cardinals scored three more times.

A bases-loaded wild pitch by Peavy that didn't even reach the dirt allowed one run to score and Sanders' infield hit drove in two more.

In the fifth, four straight Cardinals reached with one out. Edmonds began the rally with a sharp grounder off Peavy's glove, Albert Pujols singled and Larry Walker walked to set up Sanders' grand slam.

The Padres had 13 hits, but eight came in the last two innings.

"I think anytime you're down eight runs and you end up getting the winning run at the plate, I think that shows a lot of character and heart of the club," Bochy said.

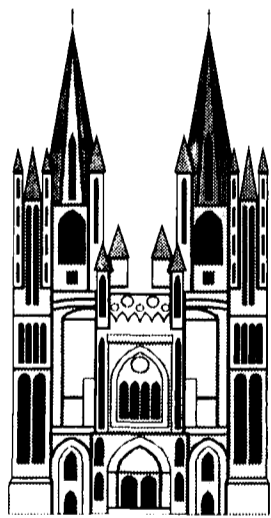
"They were battling to the end."

Khalil Greene had a sacrifice fly off Cardinals reliever Brad Thompson in the seventh and Young homered off Randy Flores to start the eighth. Mark Loretta and Brian Giles had RBI singles in the ninth.

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team	conf.	perc.	overall	perc.
Louisville	4-0	1.000	14-0	1.000
Notre Dame	3-0	1.000	11-1	0.917
Villanova	3-1	0.750	13-4	0.765
Syracuse	3-1	0.750	11-6	0.647
Cincinnati	3-1	0.750	9-6	0.600
Pittsburgh	3-1	0.750	10-7	0.588
West Virginia	2-2	0.500	12-5	0.706
Marquette	2-2	0.500	8-7	0.533
St. John's	1-2	0.333	15-5	0.750
Connecticut	1-2	0.333	7-7	0.500
Seton Hall	1-3	0.250	7-9	0.438
Rutgers	1-3	0.250	6-11	0.353
Georgetown	1-3	0.250	5-11	0.312
DePaul	0-3	0.000	3-11	0.214
USF	0-4	0.000	1-11	0.083

Men's Soccer National Poll

	team	record	Prev.
1	New Mexico	8-0-0	NR
2	North Carolina	6-0-1	3
3	California	6-0-1	5
4	Akron	8-0-0	7
5	Indiana	4-0-3	1
6	Old Dominion	5-1-1	18
7	Farleigh Dickinson	6-0-1	10
8	St. John's	4-1-3	8
9	Duke	5-1-1	11
10	Missouri State	6-0-2	14
11	Virginia	5-1-1	4
12	Santa Clara	5-2-0	13
13	Connecticut	5-2-1	12
14	Wake Forest	5-2-0	15
15	Washington	6-1-0	24
16	Maryland	5-3-0	6
17	Tulsa	3-2-3	NR
18	Pennsylvania	5-1-0	NR
19	Binghamton	7-1-1	21
20	Creighton	4-1-2	9
21	Cincinnati	5-2-1	NR
22	Clemson	4-2-1	17
23	UCLA	4-2-0	25
24	New Hampshire	6-1-1	23
25	Georgetown	6-2-0	NR

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4	UCLA	8-1-0	4
5	Santa Clara	7-1-1	5
6	NOTRE DAME	9-1-0	6
7	Virginia	7-2-1	13
8	Boston College	7-0-1	9
9	Duke	7-1-1	7
10	Pepperdine	8-0-1	11
11	Wake Forest	5-1-1	8
12	Brigham Young	9-0-1	15
13	Texas A&M	7-1-1	14
14	Florida State	8-1-0	12
15	California	7-2-1	9
16	Connecticut	7-2-1	18
17	Florida	6-2-1	17
18	Marquette	9-1-1	20
19	Cal State Fullerton	7-2-0	25
20	Tennessee	4-4-1	NR
21	West Virginia	4-3-3	23
22	Michigan	5-2-2	NR
23	Cal Poly	6-1-3	19
24	Arizona	4-2-2	22
25	Nebraska	6-3-0	NR

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NFL



San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith throws a pass in an Aug. 13 preseason game against the Oakland Raiders. Smith was promoted to the starting quarterback position for the 49ers over Tim Rattay on Tuesday.

Smith gets starting QB job in San Francisco

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Overall No. 1 draft pick Alex Smith was promoted to be the San Francisco 49ers' starting quarterback on Tuesday, ascending to the job after just four games as Tim Rattay's backup.

Smith will make his first NFL start on Sunday against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts at Candlestick Park. The former Utah star played in two of the 49ers' first four games, mopping up in losses to Philadelphia and Arizona. "I feel that Alex gives us the best chance to

win, and I believe he's ready," San Francisco coach Mike Nolan said. "Tim has handled everything very well, but at this time in the process, I believe it's time to get Alex in the game. ... At 1-3, we didn't draft Alex to just sit him on the bench. At 1-3, I believe we need to begin to utilize him."

Rattay completed 57.7 percent of his passes this season for 677 yards, five touchdowns and six interceptions. He compiled impressive statistics in a season-opening win over St. Louis and a last-minute loss to Dallas.

But the 49ers' offense

has been mostly terrible, with stark deficiencies in time of possession, total yards (1,989-995) and points (132-76) — and Rattay has been shaky and indecisive in the fourth quarter, when San Francisco has been outscored 48-0. The 49ers managed just 168 total yards in last Sunday's 31-14 loss to Arizona in Mexico City. San Francisco's offense was shut out by the Cardinals, though Smith went 6-of-10 — his first NFL completions — for 34 yards after Rattay was pulled in the fourth quarter.

Smith was the 49ers'

starter in their first two exhibition games, but he struggled to move the offense. His throws frequently were hurried and inaccurate, and he still was learning the intricacies of the West Coast offense.

Nolan gave the starting job to Rattay, Jeff Garcia's longtime backup who had an impressive preseason. The seventh-round draft pick started nine games in 2004 while recovering from three injuries.

At the time, Nolan said it was important not to be "wishy-washy" with the decision so Rattay could play without fear.

IN BRIEF

Leinart hurt by late hit against Arizona State

LOS ANGELES — Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart's black beard disguised evidence of the seven stitches he needed after briefly getting knocked out of the game against Arizona State.

His feelings about the late hit by Robert James, however, were quite apparent Tuesday.

"I don't understand the philosophy of cheap shots, but I'm not one to talk about that," Leinart said. "Maybe people do want to knock out a quarterback from what I've accomplished. It's just normal."

He went to the sidelines for a few plays in the first quarter of Saturday's 38-28 comeback victory by the No. 1 Trojans (4-0, 2-0 Pac-10). Arizona State coach Dirk Koetter later apologized to the Heisman Trophy winner.

"He was the only one, though," said Leinart, who acknowledged that

he was a little foggy after the hit. Tigers sign Leyland to manager's position

DETROIT — Jim Leyland was enjoying his leisurely life working as a major league scout for the St. Louis Cardinals.

The 60-year-old could've been content with his managerial career that included a World Series title, two NL Manager of the Year awards and three division championships.

But he wasn't — so Leyland accepted the challenge of trying to turn around the Detroit Tigers.

Detroit signed Leyland on Tuesday to a three-year contract to replace manager Alan Trammell, who was fired a day earlier after three seasons.

Leyland found he was regretting his last experience as a manager six years ago in Colorado more than he was reminiscing about leading the Florida Marlins and Pittsburgh Pirates.

Hart resigns as general manger of Rangers

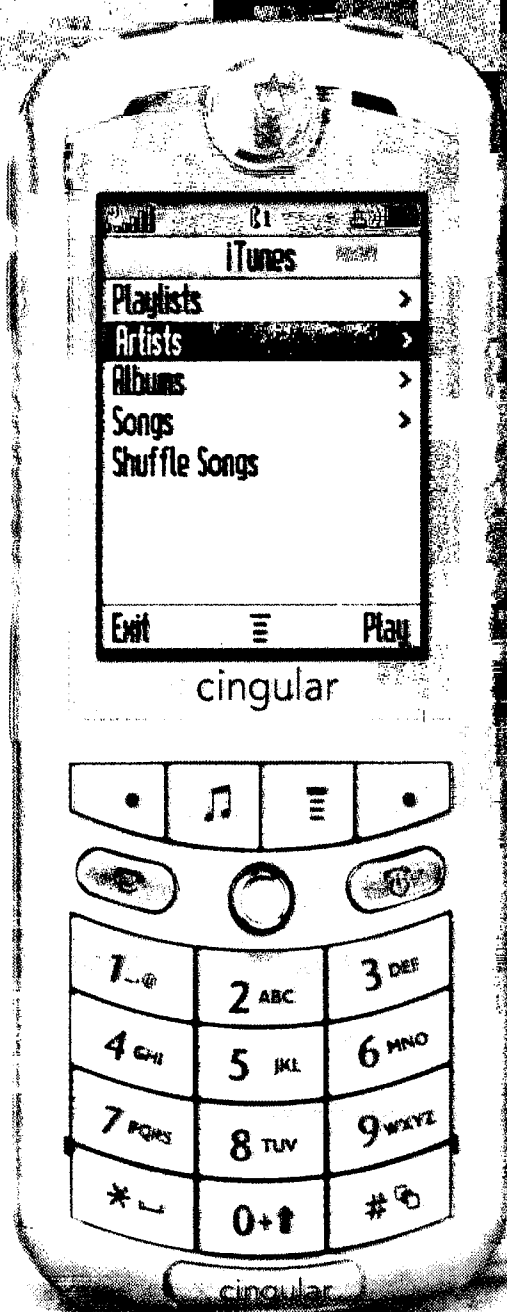
ARLINGTON, Texas — John Hart stepped down Tuesday as general manager of the Texas Rangers, clearing the way for 28-year-old Jon Daniels to become the youngest GM in major league history.

Hart's resignation came two days after the Rangers finished 79-83, their third losing season in four years under Hart and their fifth since winning their last AL West title in 1999.

Hart, whose teams won six division titles and twice went to the World Series in his last seven years in Cleveland ending in 2001, will be replaced by Daniels, who at 28 years, 41 days, is about 10 months younger than Theo Epstein was when he became Boston's GM on Nov. 25, 2002.

Daniels was promoted from assistant GM and Hart will remain a team consultant.

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And he said the main part of his job during such a hot streak is to make Quinn work to do what he does best consistently.

"I think there are a lot of things Brady has done well, and you just continue to remind him of what he needs to do to have that consistency," Vaas said. "Trust me, it's not rocket science, it's just very little things now and then. Brady just continues to practice and practice ... and as a result he becomes more consistent."

Vaas' experiences with coaching in the NFL and in college are memory banks for his current coaching style. Since the sixth grade, Vaas said, he wanted to be a coach. As he lives that dream, he constantly is reminded of his own develop-

ment as a football coach and a football mind.

"Growing up, I watched [Boston Celtics coach] Red Auerbach a lot on television, watched the Celtics games or whatever it may be, so it's been an ongoing process," Vaas said. "When people say you're a student of the game, you're also a student of your profession. You watch different coaches on TV conduct interviews, you watch different coaches with practices, how they interact with people, you ask [questions]."

He feels privileged to have one of the most well-respected quarterback tutors in the nation in Weis coaching along with him and teaching him new aspects of the game.

"One of the exciting things for me to come here was to learn from Charlie and to see how he interacts with the quarterback," Vaas said. "So when that happens, it's a learning experience

for me and I relish that opportunity."

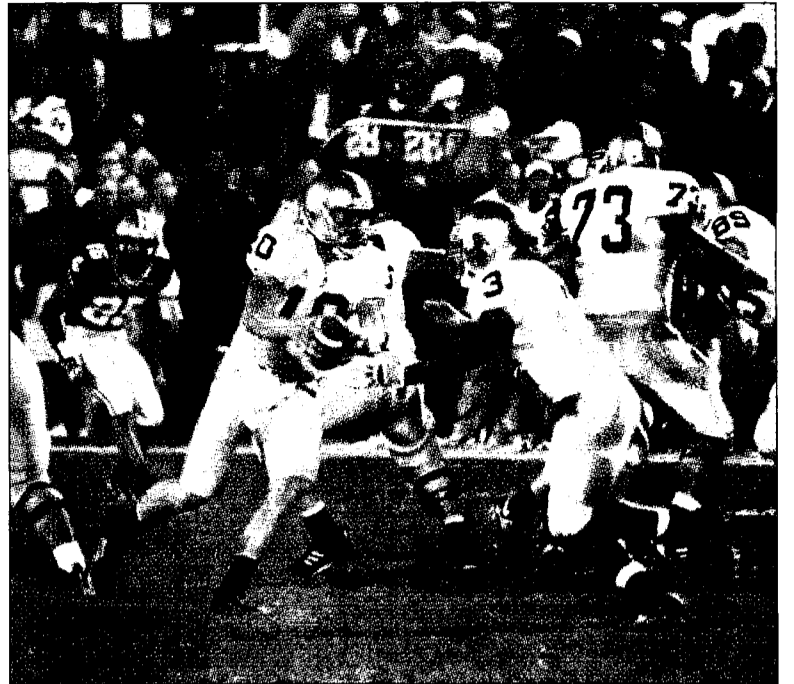
Vaas has coached many quarterbacks since taking his first job as running backs and quarterbacks coach at Allegheny College in 1974. But he was wary of naming a favorite.

"I don't want to insult anybody else along the way, but right now Brady is my favorite because he's the one I'm with," Vaas said.

Note:

♦ Seven Irish assistant coaches will be on the road recruiting Thursday and Friday. Weis, Vaas and tight ends/assistant special teams coach Bernie Parmalee will remain in South Bend to be Weis' "skeleton crew," as the head coach described it Monday, for Thursday's practice.

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Brady Quinn, left, hands off to Darius Walker in Notre Dame's 49-28 win over Purdue Saturday.

Interhall

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defender Judith Kaczmarek ran back to inside the 10-yard line as time ran out.

In the game as a whole, there were two interceptions and seven sacks — three by Cavanaugh and four by Lyons. Lyons also was able to put pressure on Ruffer on every down, forcing unsure passes by Cavanaugh, and to contain the stellar Chaos running game effectively.

"This was the best game we've played so far this year," Lions coach John Harrington said. "It showed we have some serious talent. If not for a few bad breaks, we could have won."

Next week Cavanaugh will face Howard, while Lyons will take on Walsh.

Lewis 18, Badin 9

The Lewis Chicks started quickly and didn't let up as they soundly defeated Badin Tuesday night.

The Bullfrogs had no answer for Lewis quarterback Elisa Valdez as she threw for three touchdown passes.

"They were more aggressive," said Badin freshman Allison Lang. "They all seemed to want it a little bit more than we did."

Lewis' intensity was apparent throughout the game, not only on offense but on the defensive side of the ball as well.

The Chicks didn't allow Badin's offense to smell the end zone until late in the fourth quarter.

With only minutes left to play, Badin quarterback Katie Rose Hackney found wide receiver Meg Charlebois for a 15-yard touchdown.

The same two, in reverse order, hooked up for a three-point conversion as Hackney was on the receiving end of a wide receiver reverse throwback from Charlebois.

This cut the Lewis lead to 18-9, but the Bullfrogs couldn't muster any more points.

This result leaves Badin with little hope for the playoffs as the Bullfrogs are 1-3-1 with only one game left to play.

Lewis, on the other hand, has won two games in a row and is picking up momentum for the playoffs.

Walsh 19, Howard 0

The Walsh Wild Women, behind a stingy defensive performance, shut out the Howard Ducks Tuesday night at Riehle West Field.

Wild Women sophomore cornerback Julie Campbell accounted for two of three Walsh interceptions and ran one back for a touchdown to seal the score at 19-0 going into halftime.

"The defense played really well and just held the score to where it was after halftime," Campbell said.

Adding to an impressive effort by the defense, the Walsh offense was able to capitalize on two key turnovers that resulted in excellent field position.

Walsh quarterback Mary Sullivan ran for one touchdown in

the first quarter and followed this early effort with a touchdown pass to C.G. Low in the second.

Sullivan was also able to connect with Marie Brenner and Laurie Wasikowski for several key completions on these scoring drives.

"Mary is really consistent and just makes big plays when we need them," Campbell said.

The outcome of this contest came as a huge disappointment for the Ducks, who were looking to end their season on positive footing with a victory.

Despite the loss, Howard sophomore linebacker Laura Plis commended her team's effort and was quick to point out the talent the Wild Women possess on offense.

"Our offense was really able to move the ball downfield in a couple of our drives and we really had some opportunities to put some points on the board but things just weren't going our way tonight," Plis said.

"[Walsh] has a really quick quarterback who is also a good passer."

The Ducks were able to drive the ball twice within the Wild Women 5-yard line but were unable to turn their offensive production into scores.

"We had a couple of tough breaks on offense with those interceptions coming off of tipped passes and were just unable to take advantage of some opportunities to score," Plis said.

Despite the tough season for the Ducks, the team is still hopeful looking ahead to next year. Howard ended the season without a win or an offensive touchdown, but showed remarkable improvement on offense throughout the course of the year.

"Regardless of how the scores look, our offense really showed its improvement tonight," Plis said. "They brought us to within striking distance twice and moved the ball."

"We're looking forward to next year with one of four seniors coming back and a lot of underclassmen who really came together and improved as the year wore on."

The Wild Women, meanwhile, look ahead to a difficult playoff schedule and seek to hang tough against a strong field of competitors.

"We're definitely optimistic about the playoffs and we're hopeful to prove ourselves," Campbell said.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Duran dominates as Farley stops BP



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer
A Badin runner runs tries to avoid the tackle of a Howard defender during the teams' 6-6 tie Sunday.

By ADAM FONTANAROSA
Sports Writer

Farley beat Breen-Phillips 19-6 Tuesday night at Stepan Field in a hard-fought battle as two first-half touchdowns by the Finest sealed the win.

On the opening drive of the game, Farley quarterback and captain Katie Popik found junior wideout Diane Duran for the first Finest touchdown. After the Farley defense forced a punt, Popik came back to throw another touchdown pass to Duran.

Following an interception by a Breen-Phillips defensive back, it looked like the Babes might have a chance to make a late charge before halftime, but time expired before they could complete the drive. Farley missed both conversions and the score stood at 12-0 at the half.

Breen-Phillips opened with the ball in the second half and the ensuing drive was the only one where the Babes offense seemed to find success. After a long, penalty-sustained drive, the Breen-Phillips quarterback hit a Babe wide receiver for a touchdown. After a missed con-

version the score was 12-6 still in favor of Farley.

Two drives later, however, the Finest came back strong as Popik threw her third touchdown pass of the game, this time to another junior receiver, Annie Parrett. The first successful conversion for either team followed and pushed the score to 19-6. Breen-Phillips did get two more opportunities to put points on the board but both drives ended with the Babes turning the ball over on downs.

The difference in the game seemed to lie with the play of the passing game for both teams. Farley's wide

outs dominated the BP defense, grabbing three touchdown passes and catching numerous balls, while the Babe offense was plagued by dropped balls and overthrown passes.

Popik raved about the play of her receiving corps.

"They dominated the game," she said.

With a 1-3 record and two more games to go, the Finest are thinking playoffs.

"Our defense has played great and our offense is finally

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Observer File Photo
A Howard defender focuses during the Ducks' 19-0 loss to Walsh Tuesday night at Riehle West Field.

Crusaders

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The Crusaders have played a daunting early-season schedule and come through it fairly unscathed.

They played No. 21 UCLA back-and-forth before falling 28-30, 30-21, 30-24, 24-30, 9-15. Before that, they fell to No. 8 Wisconsin in a tight match, 21-30, 21-30, 22-30.

The Crusaders are 2-0 against Big East opponents this season. They defeated DePaul and Villanova. The team will also play Marquette later this season.

"I think the challenge for us is that they are a really balanced offensive team," Brown said. "And that makes it a little tougher to stop when

they've got five hitters that all take a decent amount of swings, as well as their setters and pretty accurate — and pretty offensive also."

After playing UCLA and Wisconsin tough, the Crusaders will be gunning for their first upset of a ranked team this season.

They'll be trying to end a streak — a losing streak against ranked teams. But, at the same time, they'll be trying to keep their winning streak against Big East opponents alive.

Though the Irish fell 3-2 in last season's early regular season match, they played the Crusaders in the NCAA tournament and won, 3-1.

While the Irish have played four straight road matches and have four more road matches to go after tonight's

home match, they're fully aware that, this time, home could be more difficult than the road.

Their preparation has been satisfactory as Brown said they had a good practice today and a helpful film session, Brown said.

"That was good for us," she said. "It was good to look at some film and get a good idea some of the offensive plays patterns that they run."

Though this is a mid-week, non-conference match, Brown and her players realize they're in for a challenge.

When asked if her players are taking Valparaiso lightly or as a break from Big East play, she didn't hesitate.

"Not at all," Brown said.

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Marquette

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Virginia, Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said the team has been finding its stride.

"I think guys are just starting to grow," Clark said. "When you lose five starters from the previous year, it takes a little while before they really start to believe in themselves. I think we're making progress in that."

After finishing a four-game homestand with a record of 2-1-1, Notre Dame plays at Marquette today before returning to face Connecticut.

It is currently in a four-team tie for third place in the Blue League of the Big East Conference with Connecticut, Seton Hall, and West Virginia.

Although Marquette is 1-3-1 in the Big East and seventh in the Blue League division, it could be a formidable opponent.

"We're playing a team that is very well-organized and consistently, apart from its game against Connecticut, has really conceded very few games," Clark said.

The Irish left for Wisconsin on Tuesday. Clark said his team prepared for this game like any other.

"We look at game tape, and we talk to people who have played [Marquette]," he said. "We'll watch game tape tomorrow morning at the hotel ... practice, discuss some of the things ... that would be it."

Marquette has given up 12 goals in nine games, but six of those scores came in a blowout loss to Connecticut on Oct. 1. The team is 3-1-0 at home and

has not lost to the Irish since 1988. However, the teams have not played in 15 years.

Clark is confident going into today's contest.

"I think it will be a good test, but every game on the schedule is a good test," he said, noting that the Big East is traditionally one of the strongest conferences in the nation.

"It's one of the hard things but it's also one of the good things," Clark said. "You go into every game knowing you have to play to your potential because if you don't it could be tough ... There's no easy games on our schedule."

Against West Virginia, the

Irish led three times but gave up a goal with less than five minutes to play and were unable to score in overtime. Joe Lapira notched a goal and two assists for his first career four-point game, while midfielder Nate Norman has been a force in

the front, tying Lapira for a team-high three goals.

Ian Etherington has two goals and one assist while John Stephens has one goal and three assists. Freshmen have also contributed to the team on both offense and defense.

"There's been several of the freshmen who have established roles in the team, which is great that you've got some of them involved," Clark said.

Notre Dame has high-caliber players, but the season has shown it can upset a top-10 team and lose to an unranked opponent. The Irish need consistency.

"That's the interesting thing," Clark said. "We can win every game and lose every game and you have to come to play. If we don't come to play and we're not prepared we can rue that, you can regret it."

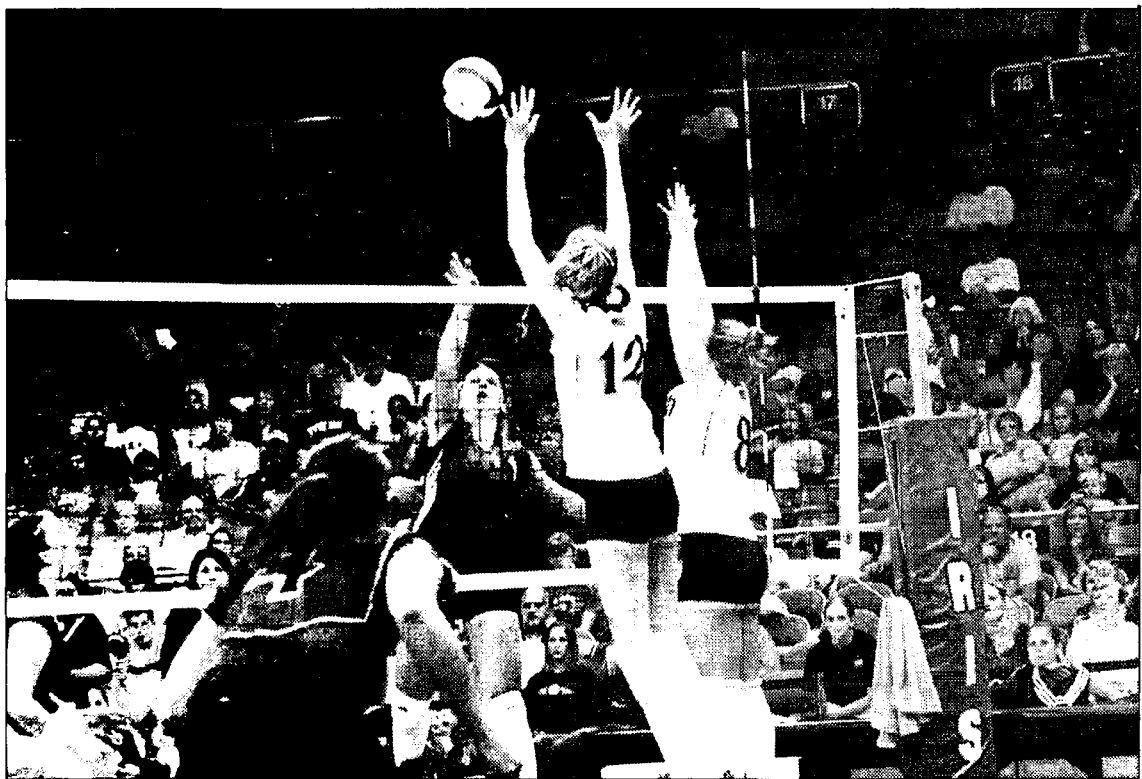
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Middle blocker Lauren Brewster (12) and setter Ashley Tarutis (8) combine for a block in a Sept. 25 win over Seton Hall. The Irish will look to avenge last season's loss to Valparaiso today.

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Tough challenge looms before trip

Saint Mary's will face Adrian tonight then play nine road games

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Finishing a season with nine of the final 10 matches on the road would frighten most coaches.

Saint Mary's coach Julie Schroeder-Biek doesn't see this schedule as a problem.

"We're a better team on the road," she said.

Saint Mary's begins a long stretch of away matches beginning tonight with a 7 p.m. game at Adrian. The Belles have played six consecutive home matches over the past three weeks, compiling a 3-3 record.

Schroeder-Biek thought her team could benefit from getting away from distractions involved with playing at home.

"There are home game pressures that you don't face on the road," she said.

"You can't control as many things on the road, though. It's just a different challenge for our team."

The Belles will face a challenge tonight.

The Bulldogs (12-3, 4-2 MIAA) enter the match with momentum following a 3-game win over Kalamazoo Friday.

Adrian also has notched a win over a solid Alma team, which swept the Belles in three games earlier this season.

The Bulldogs' strength is their attack game, led by two-time MIAA player of the week Lindsay Eschelman.

The outside attacker leads the team with a .376 hitting percentage and averages 6.13 kills per game.

Schroeder-Biek said the Belles may have to game plan for Eschelman specifically.

"She's a strong attacker, and they are a good team," she said. "We will have to overload our

blocking if she causes us trouble."

Saint Mary's faced a strong attacking team in its 3-0 loss to Bethel on Saturday. The Belles used different defensive rotations to combat the Pilots' offense with some success, playing scrappy defense to earn points.

Despite her team's solid defensive play over the weekend, Schroeder-Biek felt there was room for improvement in her team's blocking.

"We didn't block poorly [Saturday]; we were just a little off on our timing," she said. "We have to make some small adjustments."

A strong blocking game will be crucial for the Belles. Shelly Bender anchors the middle of the Saint Mary's defense. She leads the team with 13 blocks.

The Belles focused on defense in practice Monday, and Schroeder-Biek was pleased with the results.

"I saw some good things both individually and as a team," she said.

Following Saturday's loss, the Belles' record sits at 8-10, 2-4 in the MIAA.

Saint Mary's is in sixth place in the MIAA with all 10 of its remaining matches to be played against conference foes.

After facing Adrian tonight and Albion Saturday, the Belles will have played all conference opponents once.

They will play each of the MIAA teams again during the final eight games, meaning Saint Mary's fate will be in its own hands.

Schroeder-Biek thinks her team has the proper attitude heading into the second half of the season.

"They've seen almost everyone once, and now they are ready for the challenge of playing them again," she said.

"The team has high goals, and they are real excited for the upcoming games."

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Kalamazoo too quick for Belles



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Belles defender Shannon Culbertson, left, strives for the ball along with Hornets forward Aliza Caplan. Saint Mary's fell to Kalamazoo Tuesday, 1-0.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

They came within a fingertip of mounting a late comeback, but the Belles could not put the finishing touches on a hard-fought game, losing 1-0 at home to Kalamazoo Tuesday.

The Hornets knocked off the Belles in an intense mid-season MIAA match up and dropped Saint Mary's to 5-3 in conference play and 6-5 overall.

The Hornets scored their lone goal a mere five minutes into the game when Kalamazoo midfielder Sarah Arnosky slid the ball past Saint Mary's goalkeeper Laura Helene for the score. Saint Mary's head coach Caryn Mackenzie described the play as a breakdown in the backfield due to a lack of communication.

The Belles' best scoring chance came when attacker Mandy Thomson received the ball above the goalkeeper's box in the waning minutes of the

second half and pivoted to shoot. Her shot arced high and was headed for the back of the net, just below the crossbar, when Kalamazoo goalie Jennie Smith jumped and managed to brush the ball up over the goal with her fingertips.

The Belles got down in the opening minutes of each period and were forced to play catch-up for a majority of the first and second half. They pressured well, and contained the ball in the Hornets' zone in an attempt to capitalize on one of their many scoring chances.

"We came out pretty flat and they took advantage; then they put it in the net," Mackenzie said. "For the next 85 minutes we spent time spinning our wheels trying to figure out how to put the ball in the back of the net. We just couldn't do it."

Despite a consistent attack aimed at the Hornets' goal, the Belles did not get another scoring chance similar to Thomson's in the remaining regulation time.

Lauren Hinton came within inches of tying the game, as well. The freshman attacker received a pass up the middle from midfielder Carrie Orr and turned to boot a hard shot on net. The ball sailed just over the crossbar, though, leaving the Belles scrambling to get back in the game.

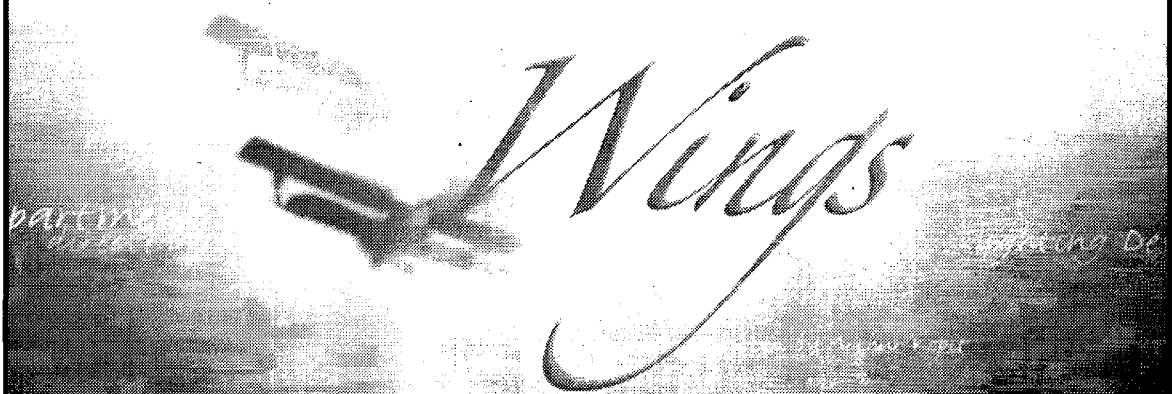
"I just think it was a very physical game; it suited their style of play and not necessarily ours," Mackenzie said of the game's rough play. "You have got to respond, whatever the situation is and it was on our home field. We just really didn't step up and do that today."

Helene kept the Belles within striking distance during the second half by making several sliding saves. The Belles tallied 14 shots while Kalamazoo fired just six shots at Helene.

Saint Mary's will next play at noon Saturday at home in a rematch with rival Hope.

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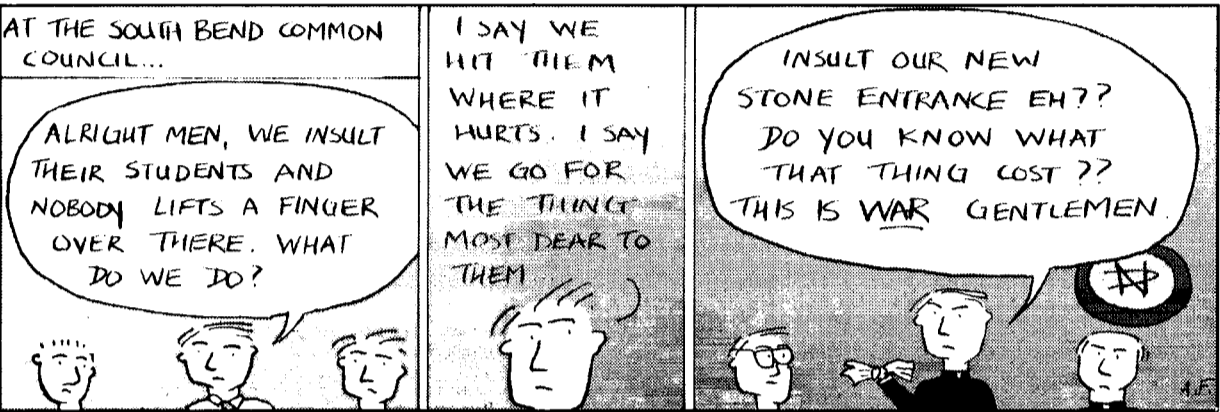
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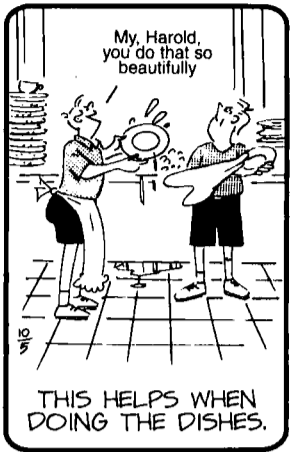
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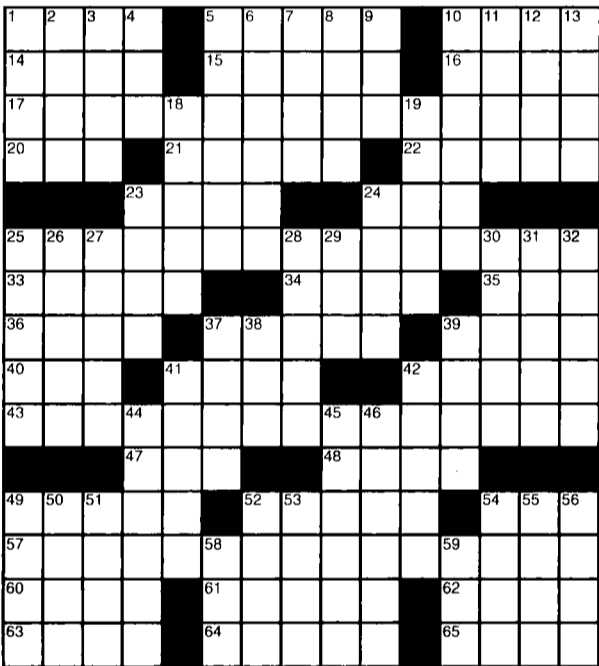
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WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spur on a climbing iron
 - 5 Temple V.I.P.
 - 10 Less than a one-star movie
 - 14 Saragossa's river
 - 15 Lake Geneva spa
 - 16 Mishmash
 - 17 Macedonian king to those who knew him when
 - 20 Old-fashioned ingredient
 - 21 Medieval merchants' guild
 - 22 Dug up
 - 23 Pitts of old Hollywood
 - 24 Quantity: Abbr.
 - 25 Czar to those who knew him when
 - 33 Waters naturally
 - 34 Summit
- DOWN**
- 1 Reverse, e.g.
 - 2 Well
 - 3 Unfettered
 - 4 Sexy lass
 - 5 Go over and over
 - 6 Way of approach
 - 7 Brief lives
 - 8 Stripped
 - 9 Third line on a ballot: Abbr.
 - 10 Kind of shark
 - 11 "The Good Earth" heroine
 - 12 Difficult place to walk
 - 13 Hopalong Cassidy actor
 - 18 "___ life!"
 - 19 Commingle
 - 23 Stoicism founder
 - 24 Yemeni port
 - 25 86 is a high one
 - 26 Gormandizer
 - 27 British chemical lab measurement
 - 28 Like the corn god Yum Kax
 - 29 Prefix with center
 - 30 Minister's calling, with "the"
 - 31 Bulldogger's venue
 - 32 Use with effort
 - 37 1939 co-star of Haley and Bolger
- 35 Bagel filler**
- 36 Herr Bismarck**
- 37 Store away**
- 39 Be ominous**
- 40 "___ the fields we go"**
- 41 It's a long story**
- 42 Fiddle with**
- 43 Prussian king to those who knew him when**
- 47 "Lady" preceder, often**
- 48 Put up**
- 49 Draconian**
- 52 Aplomb**
- 54 Wanted notice: Abbr.**
- 57 Czarina to those who knew her when**
- 60 Mosque V.I.P.**
- 61 Use a soapbox**
- 62 Kill**
- 63 New York's Carnegie ___**
- 64 Whimpered**

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Puzzle by Mel Taub

- 38 86 is a high one**
- 39 Stain**
- 41 Jumping garbage cans on a motorcycle, e.g.**
- 42 Dolts**
- 44 Moolah**
- 45 Narcotic**
- 46 Like some coins and salads**
- 49 Lose traction**
- 50 Far from risqué**
- 51 Enumerator's ending**
- 52 Indiana town where Cole Porter was born**
- 53 Iridescent stone**
- 54 Leigh Hunt's "___ Ben Adhem"**
- 55 Dance exercise**
- 56 German auto pioneer**
- 58 Quaint dance**
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Rachael Leigh Cook, 26; Alicia Silverstone, 29; Susan Sarandon, 59; Anne Rice, 64

Happy Birthday: Don't say you can't when it's so important that you try. You will have staying power and some very unique ideas, so exercise your right to follow a dream. Love relationships may undergo some problems this year. Talk things through for the sake of everyone involved. Your numbers are 9, 11, 23, 25, 34, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be overreacting and very likely to make a fool of yourself if you don't calm down and think before you retaliate. Someone may be trying to push you buttons, but your job will be not to respond. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have to clear up all the loose ends that are getting in the way of your progress. Once you have, you will be free to start something new. An interesting change will occur, so take part in an organized event. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something that will relax you and put you in a creative frame of mind. Social gatherings will help you figure out what you want to do next. Start taking better care of yourself. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone you live with or are close to is likely to give you a hard time. Get out of the house and do something to help bring about an image change. Learn more about something you want to pursue in the future. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan your next vacation or take a short trip to somewhere informative and fun. The more time you spend with your peers, the better you will feel about yourself and your accomplishments. This is a great time to follow your dreams. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make a move from one career to another or even get a job if you have been out of work. This is a perfect day for business deals, increasing your income or making an investment. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will find it difficult to control your emotions. Try to look at the bright side of things and stay positive. If you want good things to come back to you, that's what you have to send out. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It will be difficult to keep something a secret today. Meddlers will want to get involved in your affairs. Someone will twist your words and could jeopardize your position. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A chance to step into the spotlight has to be taken. You will make a huge impact on someone you are trying to impress. Put time aside to spend with someone special. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take one thing at a time. As soon as you overload your plate, you will fall behind and make mistakes. Someone will be waiting for you to slip up. Put off dealing with large institutions, if possible. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mind will be a million miles away. Travel, learning and interacting with people who stimulate your mind should be on your agenda. Love is looking very promising; if you want to make a commitment, this is a great day. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money matters be dealt with. The opportunity to clear up an old debt looks good. Helping someone who can no longer do for him- or herself will lead to a surprise you don't expect. ***

Birthday Baby: You have a heart of gold. You are willing to help everyone around you and are forever trying to maintain the peace. You are fair, just and a true blue friend.

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FOOTBALL

QB coach Vaas plays key role in Quinn's development

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

There are a few secret ingredients to Notre Dame's passing success. And one of those ingredients is named Peter Vaas.

Vaas replaced previous quarterbacks coach David Cutcliffe in the offseason when Cutcliffe resigned for health reasons. And though Charlie Weis is a higher-profile quarterback teacher, the head coach notices Vaas' positive influence on his thriving starter, Brady Quinn.

"I have total confidence that [Quinn] is being coached by an upper-level person," Weis said in Monday's press conference about his attitude during practice. "It frees me up from having to worry about what [Quinn is] going to do if I am not there."

Since 2000, Vaas has been the head coach of both the Cologne Centurions and Berlin Thunder in NFL Europe. Earlier in his career, he coached running backs and quarterbacks at Notre Dame in 1990 and 1991, respectively.

Now, the return to South Bend

has been a welcome homecoming of sorts for Vaas. As the man working closest on a day-to-day basis with the quarterbacks, he has worked behind the scenes as Quinn has amassed career- and program-high numbers — 65.3 completion percentage, 1,621 yards passing, 13 touchdowns and just three interceptions.

Quinn is raising eyebrows with his play, but Vaas said he is not surprised with the quarterback's success. He is pleased.

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Quarterbacks coach Peter Vaas, right, instructs Evan Sharpley during practice Aug. 16.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL— BLUE LEAGUE

Chaos continues



Howard lines up against Walsh in women's interhall action Tuesday. The Wild Women defeated the Ducks 19-0.

Cavanaugh remains undefeated, handles Lyons in 13-6 battle

By JAY FITZPATRICK,
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Sports Writers

Even though Cavanaugh won Tuesday night's game against Lyons at Riehle West field, 13-6, the Lions can claim a small victory — they stopped the Chaos' streak of consecutive shutouts at four.

With time running out in the second half, Lions quarterback

Kim Murphy threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Meghan Reagan to end the streak.

Despite ending their shutout run, the Chaos improved their record to 5-0 and remained the only unbeaten team in the women's Blue League.

Cavanaugh put the nail in the coffin just before halftime when Chaos defensive back Aislinn Doyle intercepted a Lions pass and ran it back to the 7-yard line before finally being tackled. Despite losing six yards on a sack by Bridget Trainor, Chaos quarterback Lisa Ruffer found receiver Tara Brown in the end zone to make the score 13-0 before half.

The first touchdown came on

Cavanaugh's first possession of the game when Ruffer threw a 19-yard pass to Nancy Powaga.

After failing to score on fourth-and-goal late in the game, the Lyons defense stepped up and faced the vaunted Chaos offense. The Lions forced a punt and got the ball back inside their own 20-yard line.

After driving to midfield, Reagan caught the ball at about the Chaos 35-yard line, broke free from the Cavanaugh defenders and outran the rest of the defense to make the score 13-6.

Just before the half, Lyons showed some promising defense with an interception that Lyons

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish refusing to take Valpo squad lightly

Notre Dame hoping to avoid a repeat of last season's upset

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Even after a long run against top-ranked teams and solid Big East foes, the No. 10 Irish don't think they are getting a break tonight when they take on Valparaiso at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Not after losing last season's regular season match

against the Crusaders or after seeing the way the Crusaders have played so far this season.

"I think they basically have the same team that they had last year," coach Debbie Brown said. "They have a new libero and a new defensive specialist. Their hitters are the same. Their setter is the same, and they're very experienced."

"They're very comfortable playing with each other."

Valparaiso enters the match with a 14-3 record.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Golden Eagles eager for Irish

Seventeen years have passed since last ND win over Marquette

By KATE GALES
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A 2-2-1 record in conference play is solid, but it doesn't indicate an unbeatable team and, therefore, does not instill fear in opponents.

The Irish are set to change that as they travel to Marquette, a team they haven't beaten since 1988. Coming off a 3-3 tie with Big East foe West

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Midfielder Matt Besler dribbles around a Bradley defender in a 1-0 Irish victory Sept. 28.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's at Adrian

The Belles start stretch of road games tonight against the Bulldogs.

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SMC SOCCER

Kalamazoo 1
Saint Mary's 0

Sarah Arnosky scored to lead the Hornets past the Belles Tuesday.

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NFL

No. 1 draft pick Alex Smith was named the starting quarterback for the 49ers' game Sunday against the Colts.

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MLB — NL PLAYOFFS

St. Louis 8
San Diego 5

Reggie Sanders led the Cardinals with six RBIs, an NL division series record.

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MLB — AL PLAYOFFS

Chicago 14
Boston 2

The White Sox hit five home runs on their way to a rout of last year's champions.

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MLB — AL PLAYOFFS

New York 4
Los Angeles 2

Mike Mussina pitched six scoreless innings to lead the Yankees.

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