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ND to continue using early action

Class of 2010 Early Applicant Pool

- 47% (1,241) of early applicants were admitted
- 22 applicants had perfect SAT scores
- Each accepted applicant was in the top 3.7% of his or her class
- The average SAT score was 1420
- The average ACT score was 32
- 19% were ethnic minorities
- 22% were children of alumni

Source: Office of Admissions JARRED WAFER/The Observer

Princeton and Harvard eliminate early admissions programs, University encourages students to apply when best prepared

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

A few days before Christmas 2005, freshman Chris Holland arrived at his Louisville home to see that his mom had posted a Notre Dame flag in his front yard. Inside was an official acceptance letter granting him admission to the University's Class of 2010 via the Early Action program.

"I was ecstatic," he said. "Not only because Notre Dame was my dream school, but because the whole college admissions process was finally over."

Just as Holland's white-knuckled

months of sleepless nights ended, his current roommate, Conor Troy, discovered his Early Action application was deferred to the regular decision pool.

"I was clearly discouraged at first because Notre Dame was my first choice," Troy said. "But I also realized it was a big application pool and I was hopeful for the regular decision results, so I focused on working hard senior year and keeping my grades up."

Both Holland and Troy's scenarios point to the ambiguity involved in the college-admissions process — and, more specifically, the debate sparked by Princeton

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SBPD to heighten presence

Excise police will focus on Washington and St. Peter's Streets

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

A meeting of the Northeast Neighborhood Council of South Bend (NENC) two weeks ago prompted Notre Dame's Off-Campus Council to send an e-mail Thursday warning students that police are heightening their presence on Washington and St. Peter's Streets, said Josh Pasquesi, Senate Community Relations committee chair.

"It has come to our attention that there have been numerous complaints from neighbors on Washington St and St. Pete's St.," the e-mail read. "The South Bend Police Department is planning on taking an increased presence in the area and Indiana State Excise has been notified that this has been a problem area."

Captain Wanda Shock of the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) spoke to the NENC Sept. 11 in a special presentation on the relationship between off-campus students and South Bend residents, said Krystal Hardy, the student representative on the NENC.

Shock acknowledged that the neighborhood had a history of noise violations and the police continued to receive complaints from neighbors about student parties.

"The last two weeks of August and the first few weeks of September, we had a lot of wild party complaints," Shock said Monday.

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New dorm construction remains priority

Four dorms still waiting for approval, locations pending

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

The issue of overcrowded residence halls continues to plague Notre Dame — especially with the record size of this year's freshman class — and the construction of four new dorms remains a top priority of the University's Residential Master Plan, University officials said.

"Nothing has been approved by our trustees, but we are hoping to make an announcement in the near future," Vice President of Business Operations James Lyphout said Friday.

The four proposed dorms — which could potentially be built

east of Pasquerilla East and Knott Halls as well as on West Quad, Lyphout said — are part of the University's 10-year Residential Master Plan, crafted in 2003 and authorized by trustees.

But at this point, some key specifics of that plan are uncertain. The actual construction of each dorm is not yet approved, Lyphout said, and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Ann Firth said funding has not been resolved.

There's also the question of the precise location of the new halls. While Firth said "a number of campus sites are under consideration," she also pointed at the area on the eastern edge of campus — an area that has recently opened up, thanks to the closing of Juniper Road before the school year began.

Though the closing of Juniper Road was not directly related to any single new building or residence hall, "it is

part of the University's larger plan to expand the campus in that direction," Firth said.

The idea of new dorms has become an increasingly large part of campus discussion during the past year. At a Student Senate meeting Feb. 22, 2005, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves included the topic of new dorms while outlining the University's extensive future development plans.

While the campus will expand, Affleck-Graves told senators the University's population would not increase.

The University's goal, Firth said Monday, is to preserve the best current and traditional features of residence halls in the new dorms. Of the four proposed dorms, she predicted two would be for men and two for women.

Plans for the new dorms aim to incorporate "those elements that promote a strong and cohesive community life ...

while also providing the space and some of the amenities current students would like to have," she said.

As the new halls are constructed, the University plans to uncrowd and renovate the existing halls, decreasing the number of students assigned to a given room and creating more study and social space within the halls.

The University hopes to offer a greater variety of rooms — especially for junior and senior students — so that students can look forward to having progressively better rooms as they advance through their undergraduate careers, Firth said.

"As has been true for the past few years, some first-year students are currently housed in study lounges or in very small rooms, which is obviously not an optimum situation,"

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Student football ticket exchange held today

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

With this weekend's fourth-quarter show in Spartan Stadium, football tickets in today's student exchange are likely to sell out — just like Penn State and Michigan tickets did — officials said.

"Demand for exchange tickets this year is consistent with previous seasons," said Josh Berlo, Director of Ticket Operations.

Today's ticket exchange for Saturday's Purdue game is the third of seven exchanges for the 2006 football season and will

allow up to 300 students to exchange a student ticket for a regular ticket.

The exchange will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gate 10 Box Office of the Joyce Center.

The football ticket exchange is sponsored by Student Government and the Athletic Department and "provides students the opportunity to exchange a game ticket from their student booklet for a non-student ticket for the same location printed on their booklet," according to a letter written to students by the ticket office in

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Starbucks announces price hike

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

Starbucks announced Thursday that coffee-drinkers nationwide will have to fork over an extra nickel for drinks bought at any of their 8,614 locations, including the LaFortune Student Center shop.

In the first price change since 2004, all drinks will cost an extra five cents and all pound bags of whole bean coffee will go up by fifty cents, David Prentkowski, Director of Food Services, said.

The increase — which Prentkowski said was "not unusual" — was necessary to cover increasing labor, product

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CHRIS MASSAD/The Observer
Junior Chris Weinacht pays at Starbucks in LaFortune Student Center. The price increase is deterring regular student customers.

INSIDE COLUMN

Alternate histories

A fascinating type of entertainment is alternate history. It is written to address current policies, like New York Magazine's counterhistory of a world without 9/11. It exists for dark humor such as in Kevin Wilmot's mockumentary "C.S.A., Confederate States of America." At other times a possible future, such as in Tom Clancy's "Red Storm Rising," becomes alternate history when global realities change. And still at other times, it exists for mere curiosity, such as in the famous "What If" series.

Ryan Sydlík

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However, one aspect that is commonplace in all alternate histories is a point of divergence, as this is what links alternate history to real history. The point of divergence is when the author changes, adds or eliminates a single event from real history. From this point on is when the author's imagination takes over and the alternate history begins.

The classic alternate history case is in World War II.

The real history: German bombers go off course and mistakenly hit women and children instead of factories. In response England bombs German cities. Hitler is outraged and German bombers go after civilians instead of strategic targets. England's war machine is left intact and wins the Battle of Britain. A frustrated Hitler invades Russia instead and the Allies end up winning the war.

The fake history: The bombers stay on course. Germany continues bombing industrial and military targets, crippling the English war effort. England surrenders. Germany, satisfied with its victory, sits back building jets, nuclear bombs, and other wonder weapons. Hitler invades Russia and annihilates America. Those of us left end up speaking German.

Sometimes, real history can even repeat itself but diverge in a similar way. On two occasions, a President named Bush faced the prospect of war with Iraq. One proceeded cautiously consulting with his generals and the other did not. One had a three day ground war and was surprised to find Saddam Hussein had a nuclear program. The other had a three year ground war and was surprised to find that Hussein did not have a nuclear program.

This brings us to the topic at hand. There were two ND coaches facing MSU who had had 9-4 records two games into their second season. One lost and ended up walking into mediocrity. The other won one an intensely close game. Where the second's career will go is not set, but history tells us that we have a good reason to hope for a better future.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, information in the headline of an article in the Sept. 25 edition of The Observer incorrectly stated the MCAT will be administered "online-only." While the exam is computerized, students do not take the exam via the Internet. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH SONG BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PERSONALITY?



Michelle Carlisle
freshman
McGlinn

"I Wear My Sunglasses At Night." Yup."



Nisha Sherry
senior
Pasquerilla West

"I Wish I Was a Little Bit Taller" by Skee Lo because I appreciate his concerns."



Liz McLaughlin
sophomore
Pangborn

"Crash Into Me" by Dave Matthews Band because I wear nothing but I wear it so well."



Mike Kaiser
sophomore
Morrissey

"Call On Me" because that video is just like my life."



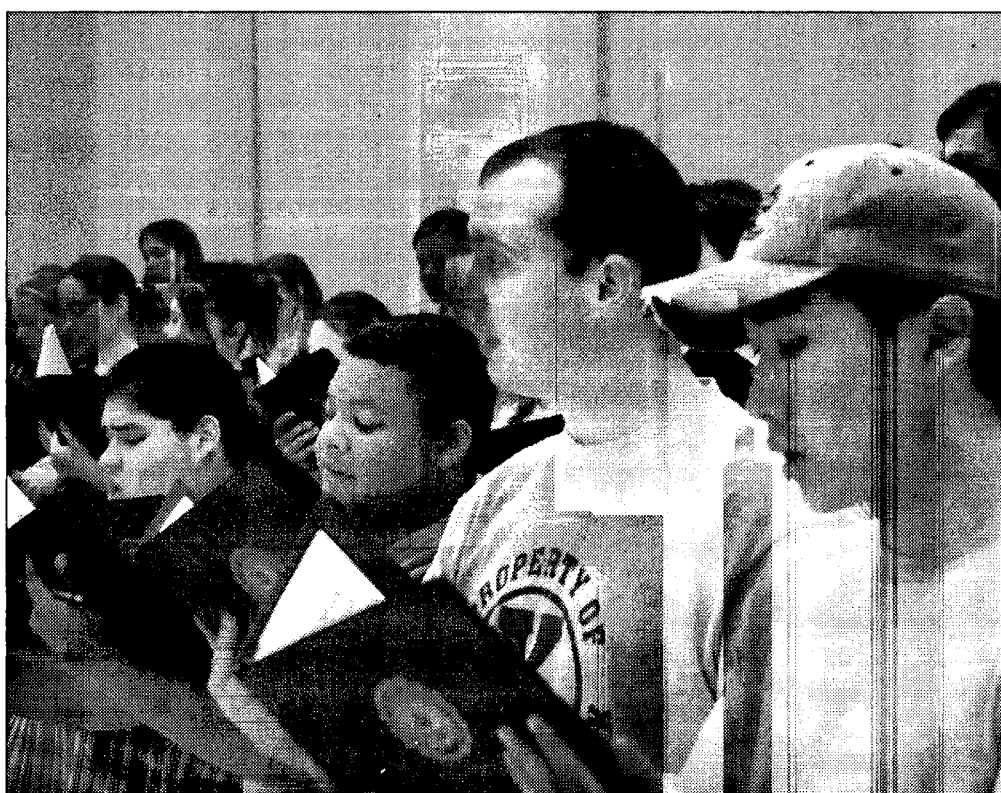
Mary Clare McGregor
sophomore
Pangborn

"Still Tippin' by Mike Jones... No, seriously."



Eric Shappell
sophomore
Dillon

"Stacy's Mom" by Fountains of Wayne. You can ask Mary Clare why."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

The Notre Dame Chorale practiced Monday at Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for Performing Arts. The four-part mixed group is preparing for its Nov. 18 concert.

IN BRIEF

Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow **Juliet Hooker** will deliver her rescheduled lecture entitled "The Institutional Design of Multicultural Citizenship in Nicaragua: Effects on Afro-descendant & Indigenous Collective Identities and Political Attitudes" today from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

University President **Father John Jenkins'** Annual Address to the Faculty will take place today at 4:30 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The lecture "What Difference Does It Make What Media We Consume?" will be given by **Dr. John Pauley** Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge. Pauley is professor of Communication Studies at Saint Mary's College.

"Politics and Security in Central Asia: Opportunities for Peacebuilding," a lecture by **Anna Matveeva**, associate fellow in the Crisis States Research Centre in the London School of Economics, will be held Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

Robert Lane, Chairman and CEO of John Deere, will be delivering the **Berges Lecture** at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business.

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

OFFBEAT

PETA upset about Six Flags roach contest

GURNEE, Ill. — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals wants Six Flags Great America to scrap its Halloween-themed cockroach-eating promotion.

A spokeswoman for the animal rights organization says the contest at the amusement park's FrightFest is "gratuitously cruel."

The park in Gurnee, Ill., is joining other Six Flags parks in offering unlimited line-jumping privileges to anyone who eats a live Madagascar hissing cock-

roach. The bugs are up to three inches long.

The contest begins next month.

Skunk supporters gather in northern Ohio

NORTH RIDGEVILLE, Ohio — People from as far away New Mexico and the Netherlands were in northern Ohio over the weekend, getting up close and personal with skunks.

Skunk owner Jeri Lynn Poling says others may not understand, but skunks make great pets and are soft and cuddly. She thinks having a rat or a lizard or a snake is weird.

Poling and other polecat enthusiasts gathered in North Ridgeville, about 25 miles southwest of Cleveland, for the sixth annual Skunkfest.

The event raises money for Skunk Haven, a non-profit group that saves and rehabilitates injured skunks. And, pet skunks compete in beauty, personality and costume contests.

By the way, they all pass the sniff test, because those domesticated skunks are deodorized.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 71 LOW 60	HIGH 58 LOW 54	HIGH 67 LOW 48	HIGH 56 LOW 40	HIGH 58 LOW 44	HIGH 59 LOW 46

Atlanta 79 / 55 Boston 72 / 53 Chicago 72 / 59 Denver 75 / 48 Houston 87 / 61 Los Angeles 81 / 60 Minneapolis 72 / 52 New York 75 / 57 Philadelphia 74 / 53 Phoenix 102 / 77 Seattle 76 / 54 St. Louis 78 / 56 Tampa 89 / 72 Washington 76 / 58

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

New resolution postponed

Wireless and cable services in need of addressing, problems increasing

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) decided Monday to delay voting on a resolution that would point out problems with and recommend improvements to new technology — particularly wireless and cable services — in residence halls until further discussions take place.

Student Senate Residence Life Committee chair Pat Knapp presented the Residence Hall Technology Report to the CLC.

"The reason we produced this report was ... overall it's a call to action to solve the technological problems," Knapp said. "Rather than have to go and inventory everything on their own, we feel we have done that to make their job easier."

After Knapp presented the report to council members, Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs G. David Moss recommended the CLC first meet with Robert Guthrie, program manager for strategic initiatives planning and programs at the University and overseer of new technology installation project. Moss recommended that the group ask Guthrie about the process for fixing deficiencies in the new technology. The CLC should question him about complications he has

encountered with the new wireless and cable service and the enhanced cellular service, Moss said.

Welsh Family rector Candace Carson moved to postpone a vote on the resolution until the council talked to Guthrie at the CLC's next meeting Oct. 9.

The report listed problems students had encountered with wireless Internet availability and connection speed, cellular service and cable television feed in 17 dorms. Knapp and his committee collected the information in the report through their own personal observations and by communicating with the members of each dorm's hall council and hall senator. The information they compiled was current as of Sept. 5.

"I should stress that the Residence Life Committee — and particularly myself — are not experts in these technologies," Knapp said. "We just know these problems exist."

The committee found slow wireless service in many of the dorms, particularly at the end of hallways. Some halls, like O'Neill and Pasquerilla East, reported slow service throughout the dorm. The committee recommended the installation of additional routers to enhance the wireless signal.

Cell phone reception grew progressively worse in dorms

farther away from the cell tower located behind South Dining Hall on West Quad, Knapp said. North Quad and Mod Quad also reported poor cellular reception, he said. The committee recommends an additional cell phone tower, he said, unless there is a better solution.

The committee found few problems with cable television. The only dorms that reported difficulties were Badin, Fisher, and Keough, Knapp said. The report recommended dealing with these problems on an individual basis.

In other CLC news:

Student Voice and Input Task Force chair Liz Brown said her committee discussed student involvement in planning the college town, how to address global health issues stemming from the academic forum and decided to work on compiling a tentatively titled "Du-Lac for Dummies" — a summarized version of the important elements of the student handbook.

At their meeting, the Conduct Awareness task force discussed alcohol-related problems associated with dorm "Dis-Orientation" activities in the beginning of the year, chair Bill Andrichik said.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Leaders replace week's meeting with lecture

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members joined the Saint Mary's resident assistant staff in a diversity workshop with diversity lecturer Bryant Smith in lieu of their regular meeting Monday night.

"We felt in order to [increase awareness of diversity at Saint Mary's], we need to educate BOG on matters of dealing with diversity on a leadership standpoint," student body vice president Maggie Siefert said.

The trip was Smith's second visit to Saint Mary's, having visited campus in March to present at the Diversity Student Leadership Conference. He will return to the College to discuss the culture of hip-hop Wednesday evening.

"You are about to participate in what I call a cultural confidence course," Smith said to the group.

Smith does not like to call his lectures diversity workshops because there are different definitions of diversity, he said. He changed the name to cultural confidence courses because he thinks people lack the assurance to put themselves in uncomfortable situations — such as learning about other cultures.

The group participated in question and answer activities

that are normally avoided in everyday conversation — such as, "If you could make everyone one race what would it be?"

Students said they avoided asking this question to others in the workshop because they weren't sure how to answer the question themselves.

Smith then asked if anyone in the room was a card-carrying member of any racist, sexist or ageist groups and presented a list of words that can be considered offensive.

"People use words that can sometimes be offensive," Smith said. "I don't want you adding these words to your vocabulary."

Smith ended his presentation with a quote from Dr. Benjamin E. Mays.

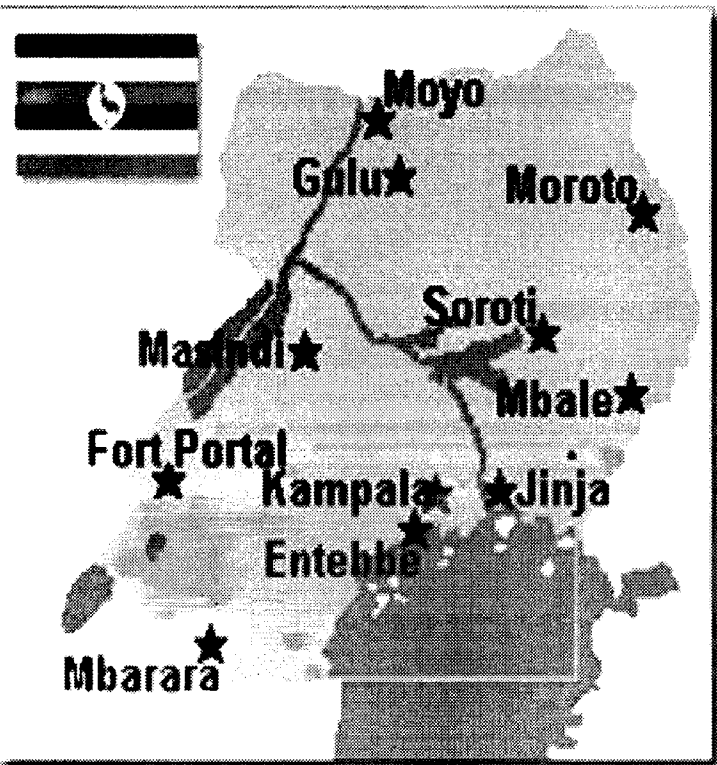
"If you are ignorant the world will cheat you, if you are weak the world will whoop you, if you are a coward the world will keep you running," he said.

Smith said that this quote is important to college students because they will encounter the real world shortly and need to be prepared for some of its realities.

"[Smith] was an energetic speaker who was able to keep are attention while making us aware of many different issues on dealing with diversity," she said.

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University and Harvard College, two schools that just cut their early admission programs for classes entering in the fall of 2008.

With the rising competition to gain admission into highly selective universities like Notre Dame, the University's Early Action program is not just a method to increase yield, said Son Nguyen, assistant director of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

"The hype for American colleges is increasing, and people want more and want to know sooner," Nguyen said. "But here at Notre Dame, we want our Early Action program to be a service to our students."

Notification under Early Action gives students — whose credentials are considered in the context of a smaller application pool — a clear admissions decision early in their college application process, even if it causes unhappiness, said Assistant Provost for Admissions Dan Saracino.

"Under the Early Action program, to notify denied students before Christmas allows them more time to start focusing on other colleges," Saracino said. "High school counselors have called us and asked for us to keep it because it really works towards students' advantage."

Applicants who wish to be considered under Early Action typically submit their completed application file by Nov. 1 and receive a response by mid-December about whether they were admitted, deferred to the regular decision pool or denied.

Notre Dame's unrestrictive Early Action program differs from those of other institutions, which typically offer either a binding Early Decision agreement or Single-Choice Early Action.

While the other two choices generally prohibit students from applying early to more than one institution, Notre Dame's program permits Early Action students to apply early to as many schools as they wish.

"With regards to Notre Dame, the Undergraduate Admissions office wants a student to apply early when they feel that their profile is at its best," said Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions Gil Martinez. "It's the fairest and kindest method available for them."

But it's likely that Notre Dame's Board of Trustees and admissions officers are taking note of the Princeton and Harvard decisions.

In a statement released on Sept. 18, Princeton President Shirley Tilghman said Princeton's binding Early Decision program "advantages the advantaged" and a single admissions process would insure greater equality in determining each class.

As a result, colleges nationwide have found themselves scurrying to re-evaluate their systems and decide whether they should follow suit. Ivy League schools in particular — like Cornell — are under pressure to begin monitoring the pros and cons of their respective programs.

Senior Tim Chlon, who was accepted under Early Action

during his senior year of high school, said the early notification and the non-binding commitment was convenient for him.

"I don't think that Early Action benefits the advantaged anymore than anyone else, because it's just an application, and it doesn't require any more money to send it in earlier or later," Chlon said. "Instead, it gives you as many options as possible."

Martinez also said the process of Early Action doesn't put any students at a disadvantage.

"While it's true that upper class applicants may have more resources than lower class students, the choice is usually up to the students," he said. "If they understand the process, they make the choice."

Nguyen said students who can no longer apply early to other schools may look more into places like Notre Dame that retain the Early Action program.

"We like where we stand by offering our applicants a lot of flexibility compared to other schools," he said. "Then again, for now, we're only dealing with Harvard and Princeton, so we'll wait to see what's going to happen later on."

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Starbucks

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and fuel costs associated with the procurement of coffee beans.

As a licensed store, the LaFortune branch will follow the practices recommended by the company, Prentkowski said.

Analysts say that the price change — which is set to take place sometime this week — comes at a good time for the company because "the average price of gasoline has declined 16 percent" in the last month alone, according to Reuters. Though there are many economic pressures facing consumers, a decrease in gas

prices always alleviates some of the pressure from consumer wallets.

In July, Starbucks posted its weakest monthly same-store sales increase since 2001, which it blames on the high demand for Frappuccino drinks that take a longer time to prepare, according to a Sept. 22 Reuters article. Customers are becoming unwilling to wait on long lines for these drinks, taking a toll on overall sales.

Notre Dame freshman Courtney Ball said she isn't happy with the price increase on her tall vanilla latte, which already costs \$3.00.

"It seems like [Starbucks] makes a significant profit ... I don't see why they need to raise their prices ... it's already

'designer coffee,'" she said.

While students may not be pleased with the price hike, those on Wall Street were pleasantly surprised, telling Reuters that the move "is sure to boost sales and earnings, but unlikely to spook customers who see a trip to the chain as an affordable luxury."

The company's management has also said that Starbucks stores are unlikely to be affected if the economy takes a turn for the worse.

"I don't see anything that indicates in the near future that Starbucks is going to be susceptible to the economy," chairman Howard Schultz told Reuters on Monday.

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Lottery

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August.

Students must know the first and last name of the person using his or her exchange ticket at the time of purchase — a new policy being implemented by the ticket office this season. The person to whom the exchange ticket is going must show photo I.D. to enter the stadium on game day.

"Thus far this year, we have seen a decrease in the abuse of student exchange tickets," Berlo

said. "However, we have still had problems with students reselling their exchange tickets for profit."

Under du Lac policy, students are prohibited from selling tickets above their face value or to a ticket broker or agency who will resell the ticket at an above face value price. Students found in violation of this policy will "lose his/her ticket privileges for a minimum period of one year and reimburse the University for the amount greater than face value," according to du Lac.

Students who wish to exchange a student ticket for a

non-student ticket must pay the difference between the student price and regular admission price for a home game, which is \$30 for Notre Dame students and \$20 for Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

The number of student exchange tickets available for home games is capped at 300, with the exception of tickets available for the UCLA game which falls at the end of fall break. The number of tickets will be increased to 750.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shanghai's top leader dismissed

SHANGHAI, China — Shanghai's top leader was dismissed Monday for alleged corruption, the highest level official to be sacked in more than a decade as President Hu Jintao consolidates his power.

Chen Liangyu was fired as Shanghai's Communist Party secretary, kicked off the party's powerful Politburo and is under investigation by its anti-graft watchdog, the official Xinhua News Agency said. His dismissal "demonstrates the party's determination to fight corruption," Xinhua said.

The move ends a potential challenge to Hu, who has been targeting political opponents through an anti-corruption crackdown in the run-up to a key party congress in 2007. That meeting will reapportion jobs among the political elite, with Hu, who heads the party, expected to install favored leaders for his second five-year term.

Canadian Air India Inquiry opens

TORONTO — The long-awaited Air India inquiry opened Monday with emotional testimony from families of some of the 329 people killed in a plane bombing 21 years ago — Canada's worst case of mass murder.

Mark Freiman, chief counsel of the probe, said testimony from relatives and rescue personnel involved in the 1985 crash of an Air India passenger jet off Ireland would be excruciatingly painful for the families, but would put a human face on terrorism.

"It takes a great deal of courage to speak in a public forum about matters that reach into the innermost parts of one's being," Freiman told the opening of the commission in Ottawa.

Air India Flight 182 from Toronto to London, originating in Vancouver, exploded and crashed off Ireland on June 23, 1985.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. rejects visa for Muslim scholar

NEW YORK — The government has rejected a prominent Muslim scholar's application to enter the country, contending that he gave support to a terrorist group, but his attorneys allege the U.S. is using charitable donations he made as a pretext for stifling his views.

Tariq Ramadan, a Swiss citizen who teaches at Oxford University, was denied a temporary business and tourism visa Thursday "based solely on his actions, which constituted providing material support to a terrorist organization," said Janelle Hironimus, a State Department spokeswoman.

Hironimus said she could not reveal specifics about Ramadan's case due to confidentiality rules regarding visa applications.

Ports, transit systems to get millions

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration doled out nearly \$400 million Monday to help protect seaports, commuter trains and other transit systems from terrorists, boosting money to high-risk cities that saw funding cuts earlier this year.

Major winners included New York City, which won \$79.5 million to secure its port, subways, bus and rail systems — up from \$50 million in 2005.

Losing cities that got no money for 2006 after being on the Homeland Security Department funding list last year included Memphis, Tenn., and Tampa, Fla., which lost funds for ports.

LOCAL NEWS

Child services cost taxpayers millions

CORYDON, Ind. — The state attorney general's office is suing to stop a Democratic-leaning group from making automated phone calls just one week after he filed a similar lawsuit to stop a group from calling on behalf of Republicans.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in southern Indiana's Harrison County against Washington, D.C.-based American Family Voices, accusing it of violating state law by making prerecorded phone calls for political purposes.

"Again, this is an instance where citizens have stepped up and provided us with concrete information which allows us to take action," Attorney General Steve Carter said.

Retired officers criticize war

Former officials bluntly accuse Rumsfeld of mismanagement at Democratic hearing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Retired military officers on Monday bluntly accused Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld of bungling the war in Iraq, saying U.S. troops were sent to fight without the best equipment and that critical facts were hidden from the public.

"I believe that Secretary Rumsfeld and others in the administration did not tell the American people the truth for fear of losing support for the war in Iraq," retired Maj. Gen. John R. S. Batiste told a forum conducted by Senate Democrats.

A second military leader, retired Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, assessed Rumsfeld as "incompetent strategically, operationally and tactically."

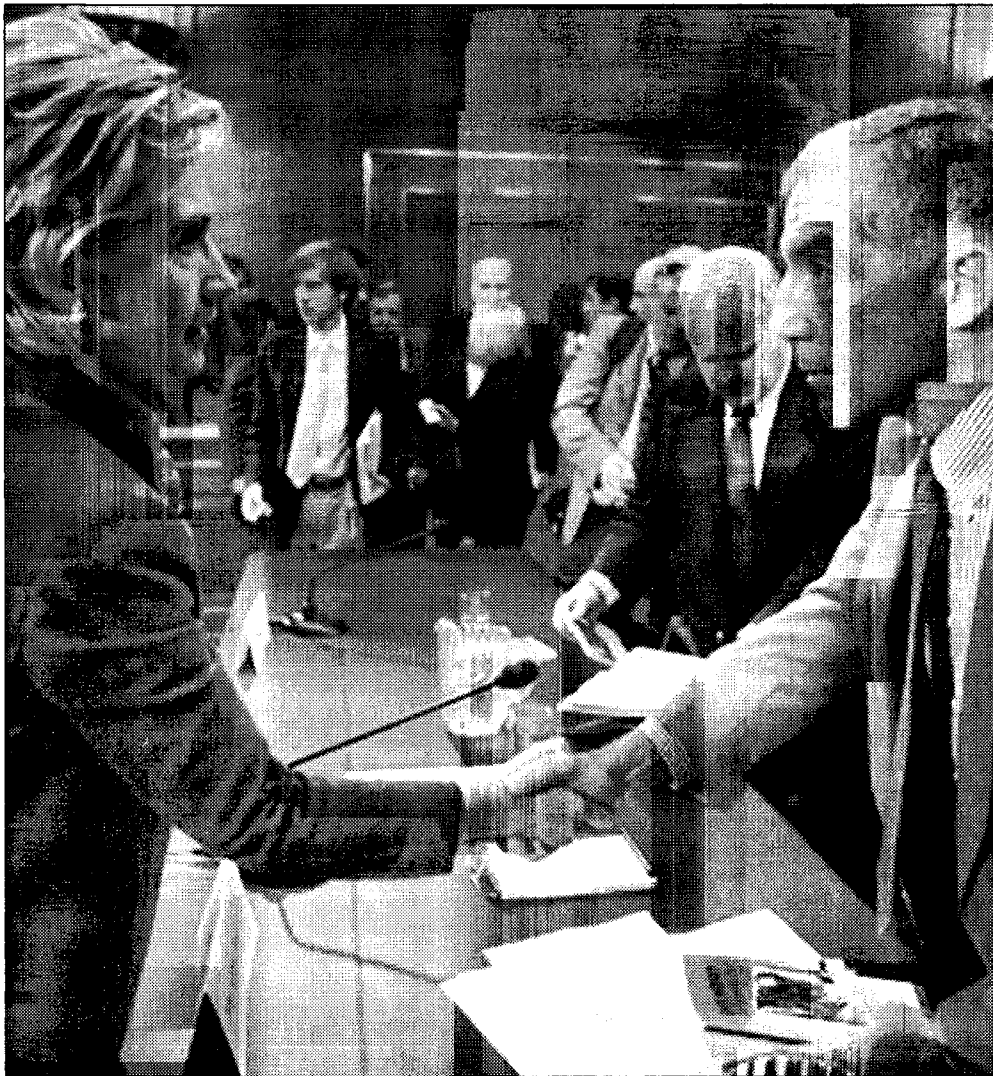
"Mr. Rumsfeld and his immediate team must be replaced or we will see two more years of extraordinarily bad decision-making," Eaton added at the forum, held six weeks before the Nov. 7 midterm elections, in which the war is a central issue.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a member of the Armed Services Committee, dismissed the Democratic-sponsored event as "an election-year smoke screen aimed at obscuring the Democrats' dismal record on national security."

"Today's stunt may rile up the liberal base, but it won't kill a single terrorist or prevent a single attack," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said in a statement. He called Rumsfeld an "excellent secretary of defense."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Arlen Specter, speaking Monday at the National Press Club, said election-season politics may be what's standing in the way of finding a solution to the insurgency in Iraq.

"My instinct is, once the election is over, there will be a lot more hard thinking about what to do about Iraq and a lot more candid observations about it," said Specter, R-Pa.



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, left, greets Retired Army Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton after he testified at the Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing regarding Iraq Monday.

The conflict, now in its fourth year, has claimed the lives of more than 2,600 American troops and cost more than \$300 billion.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., the committee chairman, told reporters last week that he hoped the hearing would shed light on the planning and conduct of the war. He said majority Republicans had failed to conduct hearings on the issue, adding, "if they won't ... we will."

Since he spoke, a government-produced National Intelligence Estimate became public that concluded the war has helped create a new generation of Islamic radicalism and that the overall terrorist threat has grown

since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Along with several members of the Senate Democratic leadership, one Republican, Rep. Walter Jones of North Carolina, participated. "The American people have a right to know any time that we make a decision to send Americans to die for this country," said Jones, a conservative whose district includes Camp Lejeune Marine base.

It is unusual for retired military officers to criticize the Pentagon while military operations are under way, particularly at a public event likely to draw widespread media attention.

And Senate Republicans circulated a statement by

four retired generals that said, "(We) do not believe that it is appropriate for active duty, or retired, senior military officers to publicly criticize U.S. civilian leadership during war." The group included two three-star generals, John Crosby and Thomas McInerney, and a pair of two-star generals, Burton Moore and Paul Vallely.

But Batiste, Eaton and retired Col. Paul X. Hammes were unsparing in remarks that suggested deep anger at the way the military had been treated. All three served in Iraq, and Batiste also was senior military assistant to then-Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.

ISRAEL

Palestinian unity talks called off

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Rivals Hamas and Fatah called off top-level talks Monday on forming a Palestinian unity government that might ease crippling international sanctions, the latest indication of difficulties in bridging their ideological differences.

With the Palestinians stuck, another channel for Mideast progress appeared to open when Israeli media reported that Prime Minister Ehud Olmert had a secret meeting with a senior official from Saudi Arabia. Both sides predictably denied the reports, as

they have no official relations.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, the head of Fatah, postponed his planned trip to the Gaza Strip for talks with Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas, and both sides said no new date has been set.

Since a Hamas government took office last March, a cutoff of Western aid has brought the Palestinian Authority to its knees, leaving most public sector workers without pay for months and shutting down vital projects. Israel and the West insisted that Hamas must recognize Israel, renounce violence and accept pre-

vious peace accords, but the Islamic militant group has refused to comply.

Hamas trounced Abbas' Fatah in January parliamentary elections, a reflection of voter dissatisfaction with decades of inefficiency, corruption and high-handed rule rather than an endorsement of the Hamas ideology rejecting the existence of Israel.

Thrust into power for the first time, Hamas has refused to bend its main goal - an Islamic Middle East without a Jewish state. During the past decade, dozens of Hamas suicide bombers have killed hundreds of Israelis.

Excise

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Shock told The Observer that Turtle Creek Apartments and Lafayette Square are also considered problem areas for excessive partying and underage drinking, although she did not single them out at the NENC meeting.

First Sergeant Tim Cleveland of the Indiana State Excise police said they have received numerous complaints about loud parties and trash in the streets in this neighborhood, both from anonymous callers and the SBPD.

"Along with the wild parties and the noise offenses, there are complaints of minors consuming alcohol," Cleveland said. "It sounds like that neighborhood's probably a little out of control."

Senior Ryan Keckley, who lives on St. Peter's Street, said the neighborhood can get noisy and he understands why neighbors would complain.

"I would say that it is pretty loud most nights just because on our block alone, from Colfax [Street] to Washington [Street], there are four student houses right in a row," Keckley said. "And then on Washington, between Notre Dame Avenue and St. Louis [Street], there are probably 10 or 15. And they all like to have parties and have kegs."

No one house is the problem, said Keckley, who thought the combination of all the student houses led to noise complaints.

Cleveland was not aware an e-mail was sent out to students notifying them that the Excise Police had been informed the Washington Street neighborhood was a "problem area."

"If the e-mail that they've sent

out alleviates the problem, then that's all the better," Cleveland said.

Shock said informing students about complaints, rather than sending police in to break up parties without warning, is a new approach the SBPD is trying this year.

Mark Kramer, the owner of Kramer Properties and the landlord for approximately 60 houses in the South Bend area, has been working with the SBPD to settle complaints without police involvement. Kramer gave his phone numbers to many South Bend residents who live near his student houses so they can reach him at any time with complaints.

Shock said the new tactic seemed to be working.

"What we thought was, if the landlord can handle it in a short period of time, and the residents are happy, then the police don't need to be involved unless there is a possibility of serious injury and other damage," Shock said.

She said she still wanted residents to call her the next business day to clarify that the issue was properly resolved.

But that preventative plan may not work with students, Keckley said.

"Until it actually becomes a problem, until the cops come, people aren't going to change behavior because of an e-mail," he said.

And residents, Kramer said, may also be hindering the police's new approach to dealing with students. He said the complaints to the police are persisting — particularly on Washington Street, where he owns most of the houses — because South Bend residents are not willing to compromise.

"I think they have a vendetta and with that sort of attitude we

will never build relationships between the students and the residents," Kramer said.

Even though they have his number and can reach him at any time, neighbors have not called him, Kramer said. He said he received one complaint by phone a month ago and got out of bed at midnight, went over to the house and found it was not a legitimate complaint.

"There are two particular residences on Washington Street that just don't like students in the neighborhood," Kramer said. "But I own the majority of the neighborhood and they were fully aware students were there when they moved in."

Despite the concern about Washington and St. Peter's Streets, complaints about off-campus students are low this year, Shock said. She recommended that students — if they are 21 — improve community relations by talking to their neighbors and tell them that they will keep their parties under control.

That advice was central to the Off-Campus Council's e-mail, written by Pasquesi and student body president Lizzi Shappell.

"We want to reinforce our message of living together as neighbors," Pasquesi said.

The e-mail advised students living off campus to introduce themselves to their neighbors and invited them to get to know members of the community Friday at the Northeast Neighborhood Picnic.

"Students are starting to realize that this city is cracking down on some of the bigger parties and I hope that they are becoming more invested members in the community," she said.

Many students, like senior Stephen Hansen, have taken that idea to heart. Hansen said he and

his roommates introduced themselves to almost all their neighbors when they moved in to 716 E. Washington Street. He said most of them seemed accepting of the fact that students were living in the neighborhood and was "a little surprised [by the e-mail]."

Hansen and his roommates were out of town for the Michigan State game last weekend, so they didn't have to worry about the ramifications for hosting noisy parties. In the future, they may tell their neighbors before they have a party and ask them to call if it gets too loud, Hansen said.

Stu Stypula, who lives with Hansen, said he was both surprised and upset by the e-mail. He said none of their neighbors have personally approached them about any problems with noise.

"[I hope] that it's another house, but it could very well have been one of our neighbors who never said anything [to us] and just went to the police," Stypula said.

While the police have come by senior David D'Onofrio's house at 815 E. Washington Street on several nights, he and his roommates have not received any noise violations.

"We just talk to them nicely, they tell us what to do, and we do it," D'Onofrio said.

And that's what police are hoping for. Shock said as long as students keep the parties inside, under control, and do not serve alcohol to minors, they should not have a problem with the police.

"We really do not have the intention to go out and bust students and arrest them," Shock said. "We want students to live happily in the area and be safe."

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Dorms

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she said.

The process behind the Residential Master Plan began in 2003, when Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman created a committee to advise the University's approach to the construction of the new dorms.

This Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Residential Life, which was comprised of students, faculty members, administrators and residence hall rectors, helped formulate a strategic plan for the formation of the new dorms, Firth said.

Now, funding for the renovation of existing halls is among the University's chief priorities. The sooner the University can begin to address these "critical residential needs," Firth said, the better.

"Given the University's rich tradition of residential life and its importance in the lives of Notre Dame students, we are very hopeful that the University will be able to identify benefactors who will fund the construction of the new halls," Firth said.

From the time a benefactor indicates his or her interest in underwriting the construction costs, Firth said it will take two to three years to design and build a new hall.

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2006 Opus Prize Notre Dame Student Award

The Opus Prize is a \$1 million award given annually by the Opus Prize Foundation to an unsung hero working on the front lines of the most dire social problems of our day. The recipient is an individual whose faith-based, entrepreneurial leadership helps people transform their lives. In conjunction with this award, the University of Notre Dame will select a student to receive a \$5,000 award to be donated to an organization that he or she has founded.

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The University of Notre Dame, on behalf of the Opus Prize Foundation, will award the 2006 Opus Prize on November 8. The student prize will also be awarded at that time.

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Up: Same: Down: Composite Volume:	2,234 130 1,053	2,746,990,140	
AMEX	1,898.90	-19.37	
NASDAQ	2,249.07	+30.14	
NYSE	8,398.38	+53.71	
S&P 500	1,326.37	+11.59	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	15,608.82	-24.99	
FTSE 100(London)	5,822.30	-74.40	
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.90	61.45	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.50	595.90	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	0.00	86.50	
Exchange Rates			
YEN		116.3500	
EURO		0.7839	
POUND		0.5256	
CANADIAN \$		1.1168	

IN BRIEF

Political risks abound in new markets

NEW YORK — When investors size up emerging markets, booming economic growth often trumps underlying political risk. Instead, they should be thinking the opposite way.

Look at how political instability has rocked parts of the developing world in recent weeks. In countries including in Thailand, Poland, Hungary and Ecuador, seemingly stable financial markets suddenly sold off.

That should remind investors to proceed with caution when plunging money into white-hot emerging markets because just a bit of unrest can certainly shake things up.

It's easy to see what has drawn investors to emerging markets in recent years - opportunity that they often can't find elsewhere. In many developing countries, industrialization is still small relative to population size.

Places like China and India are great engines of economic growth. The International Monetary Fund forecasts India's growth for this year to be 8.3 percent, while estimates for China are 10 percent — that's sharply higher than the expectations of 2 percent to 3 percent growth in the United States.

Feds say slow growth reduces inflation

NEW YORK — Stocks rose smartly Monday after Dallas Federal Reserve President Richard Fisher suggested inflation would be dampened by a slowing economy and said that while the housing and auto sectors are economic weak points, the rest of the U.S. economy is doing "extremely well."

The bond market, however, seems convinced an economic downturn - and cuts in the Fed's benchmark short-term interest rate, are on the way. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 4.54 percent from 4.59 percent Friday. The yield on the 10-year Treasury bill has plummeted quickly and now stands at a seven-month low.

Fisher's remarks pushed stocks higher in what had been a session of seesaw trading, with investors first bidding stocks higher on lower oil prices, then sending them lower on falling housing prices.

Investors, alert to any sign of a sharp economic slowdown, have been especially skittish in recent sessions as data has shown a slowing housing market while bond yields and oil prices have fallen hard.

Prices of existing homes tumble

August decline is the first in eleven years, sales drop for the fifth straight month

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Annual existing home prices declined in August for the first time in more than a decade as sales fell for a fifth straight month.

The year-over-year drop in median sales prices represented a dramatic turnaround in fortunes for the once high-flying housing market, which last year was posting double-digit price gains.

"Pop goes the housing bubble," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. He predicted prices will tumble farther as home sellers struggle with a record glut of unsold homes.

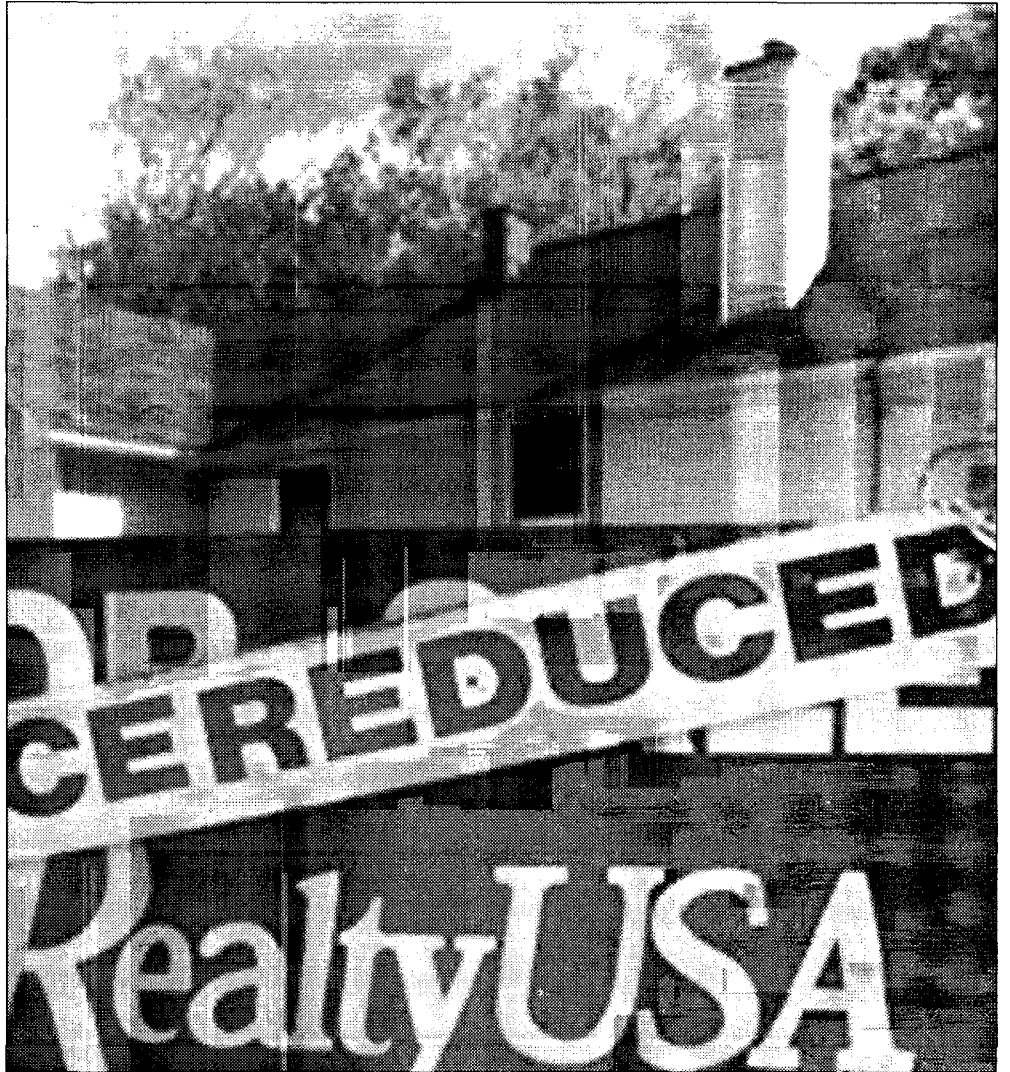
The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of existing single-family homes and condominiums dropped 0.5 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.30 million units. That was the fifth straight monthly decline and left sales 12.6 percent below the pace of a year ago.

The slowdown in sales meant that the inventory of unsold homes rose to a record 3.92 million units at the end of August. At last month's sales pace, it would take 7.5 months to clear out the backlog of unsold homes, the longest stretch since April 1993.

The median price of a home sold last month fell to \$225,000. That was down 2.2 percent from July and down 1.7 percent from August 2005. That marked the first year-over-year drop in home prices since a 0.1 percent fall in April 1995.

Last year, when the five-year housing boom was reaching its peak, median prices posted a string of double-digit gains on a year-over-year basis. The median price is the point where half the homes sell for more and half for less.

David Lereah, chief economist for the Realtors, predicted price declines would continue for the rest of this year as sellers adjust asking



A house for sale in Clarence, N.Y., has a "price reduced" sign affixed to the "for sale" sign Monday, Sept. 25. Sales of existing homes fell for the fifth consecutive month in August.

prices downward in light of the inventory glut.

"This is the price correction we've been expecting," Lereah said. "With sales stabilizing, we should go back to positive price growth early next year."

But some home sellers around the country, worried that cutting prices may not be enough, have been offering incentives to attract buyers, including in some cases new cars.

Dave Armon, who lives in the New York City suburb of Pelham Manor, said he started out asking \$1.6 million for his six-bedroom Tudor-style home three months ago — below the \$1.82 million a neighbor received — but has slashed the price by \$300,000 because he has

attracted few interested buyers.

"I am sitting here thinking maybe if I buy a car and park it out front with a bow on it, that will help," he said.

The drop in existing home sales in August was not as steep as expected and some said the recent declines in mortgage rates may help keep the housing market from falling off a cliff.

Bolstered by the lowest mortgage rates in more than four decades, housing set sales records for both new and existing homes for five consecutive years through 2005. However, this year, analysts are forecasting that sales are likely to fall by 10 percent.

The worry is if the decline could become so severe that

it would mirror the bursting of the stock market bubble in 2000, which helped push the country into a full-blown recession. That is something Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are monitoring carefully.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average gained 67.71 points to close at 11,575.81 as investors were reassured by comments from Richard Fisher, president of the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, that inflation was likely to be dampened by a slowing economy.

Fisher said that while housing and autos were economic weak points, the rest of the economy was "healthy and robust."

Juror e-mails cited in corruption case

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Jurors in the corruption case against former Gov. Don Siegelman and ex-HealthSouth CEO Richard Scrushy discussed the case in e-mails before convicting them, violating the judge's instructions, defense attorneys said in a motion Monday seeking a new trial.

The motion cited a sworn statement from a juror, who was not identified, and copies of e-mails that attorneys said they were anonymously mailed. In those e-mails, jurors express confusion about evidence and indicate they discussed the case among themselves over the Internet, the motion

says.

"We expect to get what every defendant is guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment and that is a fair trial," said David McDonald, one of Siegelman's attorneys.

Chief federal prosecutor Louis Franklin said he had not read the motion and had no immediate comment.

Siegelman and Scrushy were found guilty after a two-month trial on bribery and conspiracy charges. Prosecutors said Scrushy arranged \$500,000 in contributions to Siegelman's campaign for a statewide lottery in exchange for being appointed by Siegelman to a seat on an influential hospital regulatory board.

U.S. District Judge Mark Fuller warned jurors not to discuss the case among themselves, except during formal deliberations at the end of the trial, at the end of testimony every day during the trial and before jurors left the courtroom for lunch and other breaks. Jurors were also told repeatedly that during deliberations they should only discuss the case if all 12 jurors were present.

The motion for a new trial said two jurors wrote e-mails to one another on May 29, a month before the trial ended. The motion said the e-mails identified two other jurors as being "still off trac," and that one says "some of the kounts r confusing 2 our friends."

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Examining Benedict's remarks

The original New York Times story on the Pope's University of Regensburg address was headed, "Pope Calls West Divorced from Faith, Adding a Blunt Footnote on Islam." That footnote, three paragraphs in a 30-minute academic speech, prompted the violent response in the Muslim world.

Let's look at what Benedict XVI actually said. The address was essentially on the West's divorce of reason from religion. Benedict first noted that when he began teaching at the University of Bonn in 1959, it was "accepted without question," within the university as a whole, that one could "raise the question of God through the use of reason ... in the context of ... the Christian faith." He said that he was "reminded of all this recently" when he read the fourteenth century dialogue between the Byzantine emperor Manuel II Paleologus and "an educated Persian on the subject of Christianity and Islam, and the truth of both."

"[T]he emperor," said Benedict, "touches on the theme of the jihad (holy war). The emperor must have known that sura 2:256 reads: 'There is no compulsion in religion.' It is one of the suras of the early period, when Mohammed was still powerless and under [threat]. But naturally the emperor also knew the instructions, developed later and recorded in the Koran, concerning holy war." Benedict stated that the emperor put to the Persian, "in these words ... the central question on the relationship between religion and violence: 'Show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he

preached.'"

"The emperor," continued Benedict, "goes on to explain ... why spreading the faith through violence is ... unreasonable. Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the nature of the soul. 'God is not pleased by blood, and not acting reasonably ... is contrary to God's nature. Faith is born of the soul, not of the body. Whoever would lead someone to faith needs the ability to speak well and to reason properly, without violence and threats ... To convince a reasonable soul, one does not need a strong arm, or weapons of any kind or any other means of threatening a person with death ...' The decisive statement in this argument against violent conversion is this: Not to act in accordance with reason is contrary to God's nature."

Benedict then stated that Theodore Khoury, editor of the dialogue, observed that "for Muslim teaching, God is absolutely transcendent. His will is not bound up with ... rationality." Benedict did not state this, or the emperor's view, as his own opinion.

Benedict went on to note that God acts with "logos," which "means both reason and word." God is reason, which is not the same as saying that reason (our reason) is god. From "Christian faith" and ... "Greek thought now joined to faith," said Benedict, "Manuel II was able to say: Not to act 'with logos' [with reason] is contrary to God's nature."

The dialogue between Manuel II and the Persian was relevant to Benedict's main theme, a critical analysis of the Western divorce, dating from the late Middle Ages, of reason from faith and religion. Benedict discussed the "sola scriptura" approach of the Reformation; the later distinction between "the God of the philosophers and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"; the presentation of Jesus as merely "the father of a humanitarian moral message"; and the "modern concept of reason" with

"mathematical and empirical" certainty as the measure even of the "human sciences, such as history, psychology, sociology and philosophy." That method "excludes the question of God [as] unscientific or pre-scientific." Therefore questions of religion and ethics have nothing to do with "reason as defined by 'science.'" They are "subjective."

Benedict's intent is one of "broadening our concept of reason and its application ... We will succeed in doing so only if reason and faith come together in a new way, if we overcome the self-imposed limitation of reason to the empirically verifiable ... [T]heology rightly belongs in the university and within the ... dialogue of sciences ... as inquiry into the rationality of faith."

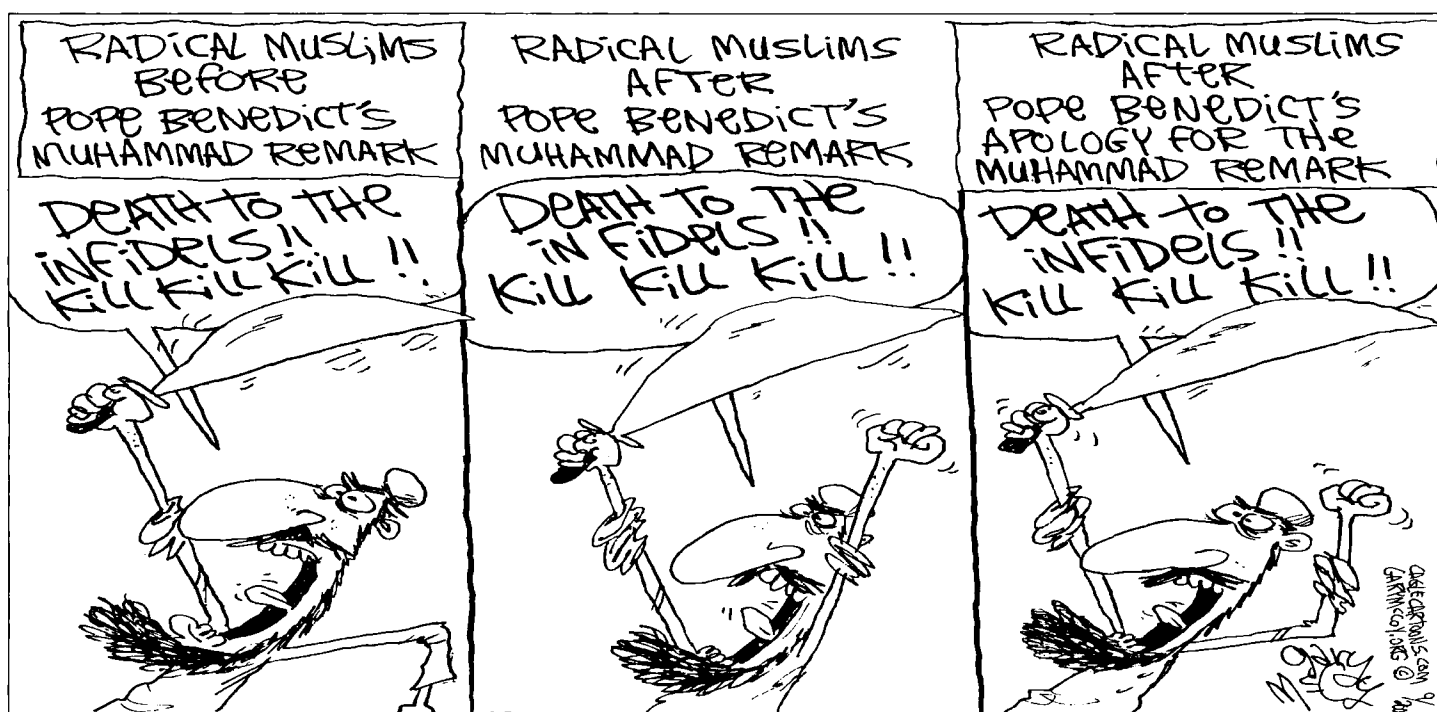
Pope John Paul II described Faith and Reason as "like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth." Benedict's address gave a new dimension to that insight. "I am deeply sorry," Benedict said, "for the reactions in some countries to a few passages ... which were considered offensive to the sensibility of Muslims. These were a quotation from a medieval text which do not in any way express my own personal thought ... [M]y address ... in its totality was and is an invitation to frank and sincere dialogue, with mutual respect."

Those who react with violence to this address validate Emperor Manuel II's opinion of Islam. Benedict, as the Vicar of Christ, has done the world an important service. It would be a good idea to read this address. And anything else Benedict says. Habemus papam. Deo gratias.

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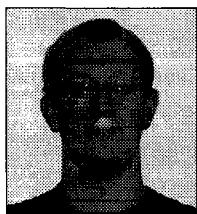
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it."

George Bernard Shaw
Irish dramatist

Osama bin Laden, U.S. foreign policy & Al Qaeda 2.0

As of this writing, rumors of Osama bin Laden's death are once again circulating throughout the news media. This is at least the third time that rumors of this sort have made the rounds, and in all likelihood they will once again prove to be exaggerated. But, true or not, the rumors do provide an opportunity to voice a provocative question: What would happen if Osama bin Laden were to die today? How would Al Qaeda and the face of global terrorism be changed if its apparent leader were removed? This is not just an intellectual exercise, it is a critical policy question for those nations that stand in opposition to Al Qaeda.



Lance Gallop

Tidewater Blues

There is not a consensus among the intelligence community as to exactly how wide-spread Al Qaeda actually is, or how much direct influence bin Laden has, if any, over the activities of individual terrorist cells. Most accept that the relative strength of Al Qaeda is due to its decentralization and network-based structure, rather than its core hierarchy of leaders. Understood in this light, Al Qaeda seems more than capable of surviving the death

of its leader, and in deed seems designed to do so. However it would still be greatly weakened by his death, since his personality binds the network.

But this is only one model of Al Qaeda. A growing number of commentators are beginning to see a new kind of Al Qaeda, one which has evolved in reaction to the opposition being directed against that organization by the Western world. They have coined the term Al Qaeda 2.0 to describe this new incarnation of an old enemy.

The defining characteristic of Al Qaeda 2.0 is that the term "organization" cannot adequately describe it. Unlike the original Al Qaeda, version 2.0 is foremost a methodology and an idea. Although its core attributes are inherited from its parent — a puritanical approach to Islam, the widespread use of information technology and an amoral willingness to use any weapon to achieve its ends — Al Qaeda 2.0 has no ties, formal or informal, to its parent organization. Because it is an idea rather than an entity and because, consequently, it has no definable borders, Al Qaeda 2.0 could take the death of Osama bin Laden without blinking.

The global anti-terrorism strategy of the United States and its allies, even if it is effective against the first generation of Al Qaeda (which is highly debatable), does not stand a chance against Al Qaeda 2.0.

The American strategy is grounded on the fundamental yet incorrect assumption that it is fighting a concrete entity, when in fact it now finds itself facing an idea.

The collective opinion of the intelligence community, recently leaked in The New York Times, is that the actions of the United States in Iraq and Afghanistan have aided, rather than hindered, the psychological efforts of Al Qaeda. Based on this evidence it is clear that America is utterly unequipped to wage an effective war against a non-concrete enemy.

There are exactly two ways to destroy a powerful idea. The first way is to demonstrate empirically to its believers that the idea is incorrect. The second way is to replace it with a better idea. These were two strategies that the United States used successfully against communism during the Cold War. When America fought wars against communism, it created the humiliations of Korea and Vietnam. It was only by exporting its capitalism, its ideals and its freedoms to the rest of the world that the United States undermined its opposition from within.

Today, America has again employed the exact opposite of this winning strategy. When it should be reaffirming its morals and visions, instead it tries to degrade them through unconstitutional imprisonment and the use of torture against its enemies. When it should be demonstrat-

ing the foolishness of Al Qaeda's fears, it justifies them by destroying and abandoning Afghanistan and by invading Iraq to create an impotent democracy that lends no confidence to the strength of the system. When it should fight a war of ideas, it can only understand a war of arms. And as the nature of Al Qaeda changes, unless U.S. policy changes as well, it will be utterly unable to cope with an Al Qaeda that, at its heart, is a deadly idea.

Retraction: In paragraphs three and four of my Sept. 15 column, "The incredible shrinking university press" I made claims about academic publishing that, after introspection, proved to be based not on perspectives gained from that industry but on a strong personal bias against academics in general and their ability to make fair judgments. Since this is precisely the attitude I am opposed to, I retract those paragraphs as hypocritical and apologize for their inclusion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Best serving global health?

Emmanuel Levinas once said of enjoyment, "There are times when one is ashamed of it, as of feasting during a plague."

On Thursday, I attended the global health forum. Two physicians and an economist starkly presented the plague to us — AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and hunger. Our African sisters and brothers die daily, for they cannot afford medicines costing just a few dollars, and they have no food. I felt ashamed, but proud — what a wonderful community Notre Dame is that we would educate ourselves about such dire issues, and launch an initiative to solve them.

Later the same day, while passing the new Jordan Hall of Science, I noticed a crowd of well-dressed people entering it. I followed them, and found inside an opulent feast — lobster, crab, shrimp, scallops, lamb chops, asparagus in puff pastry — complete with ice sculptures of our famed gold dome, displayed as a seal of approval for this ostentatious display of wealth. I ate three scallops, and I understood anew Paul's words from 1 Corinthians regarding eating and drinking condemnation on oneself. What I consumed cost the same amount as malaria treatment for one child of God in Africa. I scored a treat snack; another person died. Paul's words need not concern the Eucharist alone. All food becomes holy for one dying. All eating condemns us if we feast during a plague.

Surely we should show gratitude for donors' generosity. But how do Catholics give thanks — by feasting during a plague? The wisdom of the world mandates fleshly, sensual extravagance as the suitable response to gifts. But do not we Catholics subscribe to the folly of the Cross?

The University intentionally scheduled Thursday's two events — the forum and the hall dedication — on the same day, so we might identify the problem and venture toward a solution by educating tomorrow's health care professionals. I applaud this. But why did Thursday's feast happen? Will we, with hearts frozen like ice sculptures (Satan in "Dante's Inferno"?), prepare for a better future while forgetting those dying at present? Ought we not to feel shame? Ought we not to change how we thank our benefactors?

Peter Fritz
grad student
Department of Theology
off campus
Sept. 17

Looking into ticket distribution

Complaints ill-founded

My, my, Sue Grant is sure feeling sorry for herself having to walk a long way to the stadium. Guess she hasn't heard about the shuttle from the White field on the north where anyone can park. Alumni that give a little, those in the middle and those who give a lot help each other with tickets all the time. Anyone who stays in touch can get tickets for games — maybe not all — but for most games. Quit whining, girl! You are part of a great community of people who are dedicated to helping others and each other. Most of your fellow citizens and residents of this country can only dream about what you have done and are doing. Notre Dame is unique and the world knows it.

Pat Moran
alumnus
Class of 1970
Sept. 25

'Corporate' jobs favored

Amen to Sue Grant's letter ("Questioning ticket distribution," Sept. 25). I graduated in '58. I made a contribution virtually every year. Not a large one, as Army officers did not make a lot of money either. I requested tickets probably 24 times. Got tickets 3 times to second-tier games. When I last got tickets, I also received an advertisement for Corporate Tent sales — which included game tickets.

I have often wondered if the Corporates participated in the Lottery.

Gerald W. McCabe
alumnus
Class of 1958
Sept. 25

Commending school spirit, band

Community emphasis reaches beyond Notre Dame

It isn't just about winning. College football is about school spirit. What sets Notre Dame's spirit apart from other schools is its emphasis on community; not just Notre Dame's, but that of the world beyond.

The Fighting Irish football team [properly] remains one of the great meeting places for that community. It brings together students and alumni (including the subway kind) and provides an event to celebrate their shared experience. Whether it is expressing pride for the University, countering anti-Catholic bigotry or just having something to cheer for, football is part of the Notre Dame experience; it is part of believing that the world is bigger than just "me."

Those who would walk out when it isn't going well do not understand. Both as individuals and as communities, we all have pride, and we all suffer falls. Those who abandon the collective when the group suffers are not truly members. By insulating themselves from the fall, they show they care only about "me." That is not the Notre Dame way.

I am not an alum, not even the subway kind, nor am I Catholic. Having gone to school in the Big Ten, I sharpened my stereotypical dislike for Notre Dame over the years, only to have that stereotype

shattered both watching football games in South Bend and attending my wife's class reunion. There I learned that Notre Dame is not merely about winning, it is about community — not just its own, but the world beyond. That is something to be immensely proud of, even when the breaks are beating the boys. Stay to the end. Sing the alma mater. Don't be "me." Be Notre Dame.

David Beach
San Francisco, CA
Sept. 22

Band delivered praiseworthy performance

I don't know what everyone else thought, but the performance of the Notre Dame band at the Michigan State was truly amazing. Despite the hard rain throughout the second half, the band came through as loud as could be on television, and it just never seemed to stop playing. Great performance, guys and gals! I am certain your inspired play in the second half helped the team rally to victory.

Jim Blase
alumnus
Class of 1982
Sept. 25

SCENE & HEARD

Celebrity babies hold media, public attention

I have absolutely shocking news. It turns out that nearly four months ago, the world was introduced to Baby Cruise. Yes, celebrity personalities and occasional couch-jumpers Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes combined their genes into an offspring named Suri, and on that fateful May day, the Scientology heiress was born.

Actually, this most likely will shock no one other than maybe Mimi Rogers. Unless you currently reside underneath a rock, you will have heard about the birth of little Suri. Considering that nearly every major publication and news channel featured a countdown to her birth (complete with unnecessary details such as Tom's unsettling focus on the placenta), avoiding hearing about the spawn of TomKat would be pretty much incredible.

But Suri is not the first among the latest tidal wave of pop culture progeny. Apple and Moses Martin, Coco Cox-Arquette, Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt and Sean Preston Federline are among the recent crop of celebrity babies whose omnipresence is puzzling and more than a little obnoxious.

"What? Obnoxious?! No one hates babies, you soulless fiend," defenders say. Yes, I've heard it before. And I of all peo-



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ple certainly do not hate babies. They're extremely cute, even if they occasionally smell funny.

However, I can't say I'm a fan of the fact that each time a celebrity mom pops out a new kid, the world (or at least, the ever-realistic world of entertainment news) feels the need to stop dead.

Even so, that won't prevent me from peering through the pages of the latest issue of "Vanity Fair," in which Suri Cruise has a multi-page spread. She looks just like her dad! Seriously, look at that face. Adorable.

Celebrity babies are an addiction. We want to know the London boutique where Mama Gwyneth bought their onesies, the formula brand of choice in the Cruise or Federline household, even the maker of their designer bassinets. If we had access to the doctor's ultrasound images, we'd want those too. Framed, and with captions.

If this sounds more than a little extreme, consider the case of baby Shiloh Nouvel. The product of the union of A-listers Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, Shiloh became an international sensation while still in utero. The world watched with rapt attention at the diplomatic power of the Jolie-Pitt fetus undoubtedly impressed that she could revolutionize the Namibian tourist economy without actually being born yet. Would Angelina give birth in Paris or Namibia?

The debate raged for weeks, with angry defenders on both sides of the "Us Weekly" Letters to the Editor page.

Extreme? Nah.



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Actress Katie Holmes, right, holds new baby Suri Cruise during a recent photo shoot with Vanity Fair. The media frenzy surrounding her birth is the latest in a recent trend.

What's also both impressive and more than a little terrifying is the clout that these babies have obtained in the media. For the public, the emergence of the formerly enigmatic Suri in the pages of a major publication trumps any story about Iraq that MSN.com may feature on its front page. Even I shamefully admit glossing over Iraq and Katrina headlines to check the status of Britney Spears' latest Cesarian.

We just can't help ourselves.

Maybe it's the allure of their glamorous lifestyles that draws us in like moths to the

\$1,000-Manolo-Blahnic-bootie-wearing flame. Or it might be the proverbial image of new life entering the world. If someone is a little happier in this crazy world because Gwyneth Paltrow named her son after a Coldplay love song written by her husband, well, worse things could happen.

They could be Mimi Rogers.

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SCENE & HEARD

Nickelodeon classics remain fondly remembered

Submitted for the approval of the Midnight Society, I call this story The Tale of the Nick Kid Who Never Grew Up.

I wanted to be a Blue Barracuda. I am not ashamed to say that I was afraid of the dark. Camp Anawanna is where I wanted to spend every summer. And I will still swear to this day that Clarissa really can explain all.

There is a reason why at campus events — such as the Dillon Pep Rally or the Keenan Revue — old Nickelodeon theme songs never fail to be played. Or why the whole audience continues singing the songs long after they have been turned off. We were all Nick kids.

Aside from those poor souls who had no cable-access growing up, our childhoods revolved around excursions up the Aggro Crag, trips out to the Bar None Dude Ranch and watching the mischievous Wrigley brothers.

And now, thanks to the respective glories of Comcast and Netflix, I can be a Nick kid whenever I want.

Thanks to cries of outrage and a steady stream of demand from our generation, it is now easier than ever to submerge yourself in nostalgia and take procrastination to new heights by watching these Nickelodeon treasures.

Nickelodeon (Ch. 31 in the dorms) now



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has timeslots that they classify under "NICK Rewind" during their regular schedules. In these programming blocks, they show some of the old cartoon shows that we so fondly remember. Recently "Rewind" has shown episodes of "The Angry Beavers," "Ren and Stimpy," and "AAAHH!!! Real Monsters." Nickelodeon has also recently had marathons where they will show some of the shorter-lived series in their entirety — like this summer's complete run of "Salute Your Shorts."

If you splurge towards the next level of Comcast pleasure, you gain access to both Nicktoons Network and Nickelodeon Games and Sports (Nick GAS, for short). This is where Nickelodeon excels in raising the dead. Nicktoons has "Rocko's Modern Life," "Ren and Stimpy" and "Invader Zim" built in to their daily schedule. And more frequently than the regular channel, Nicktoons has specials where they resurrect some of the other cartoons (like "Kablam!") for a day or two.

Nick GAS brings back the amazing game shows that we would spend our every minute wishing that we could play. Shows like "Legends of the Hidden Temple," "Family Double Dare," "GUTS" and "Nick Arcade" are on each and every day. Not only are the shows themselves treasures, but they have the additional bonus of letting you relive your childhood consumerism by remembering how badly you wanted those Hush Puppies sneakers or the super sweet mountain bike. Plus, Kirk Fogg is a pretty good-looking guy.

But what about the crème de la crème of the Nickelodeon opus — the live-action shows? Although slow in the follow-



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"Legends of the Hidden Temple" host Kirk Fogg poses with two contestants from the Blue Barracudas team. The popular game show aired on Nickelodeon in the '90s.

through, Nickelodeon has been releasing these masterpieces in their Nickelodeon Rewind DVD collection. The first two seasons of "The Adventures of Pete and Pete" have already been released, with the third on the way.

Now you can watch "Petunia" dance, watch random items attach themselves to the plate in Mom's head and watch little Pete go head to head with Pitstain when it starts getting too cold to head out to the Backer.

Also in this collection is the first season of "Clarissa Explains It All." This is especially important to us Domers, because Jason Zimbler — who plays Clarissa's

brother, Ferguson, or "Ferg-face" — is a 1998 graduate of Notre Dame. Future claimed releases in this series include "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" and "Salute Your Shorts."

Whether your passion is unlocking Olmec's secrets, laughing at Donkeylips or playing with a Log, it's easier than ever to relive that passion each and every day. So until next time, I declare this meeting of the Midnight Society closed.

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SMOKE & MIRRORS

Norton, Giamatti illuminate supernatural 'Illusionist'

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MESMERIZING LEADS ANCHOR 'ILLUSIONIST'

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Scene Writer

Renowned illusionist David Copperfield once opined, "The real secret of magic lies in the performance." Director Neil Burger seems to have taken note of Copperfield's wisdom when fashioning "The Illusionist," an impressive foray into the mind and methods of a gifted conjurer at the turn of the 19th century.

Supported by stellar performances, the film works, even as it makes rapt audiences wonder — if only at the far corners of their minds — as to why it does.

At the center of this supernatural mystery stands Eisenheim (Edward Norton), a cabinetmaker's son whose innocent childhood romance with duchess Sophie von Teschen (Jessica Biel) ends in heartbreak. Setting off to explore the Far East, Eisenheim returns 15 years later to his native Vienna as an esteemed illusionist, adored by the masses for his charm and mystical talent.

But a chance encounter with Sophie during one of Eisenheim's stage performances reignites their passion, drawing the ire of Sophie's recent fiancé, the powerful and conniving Crown Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell). Hiring his longtime friend Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti) to discredit the magician, Leopold prepares to dispatch

a rival he sees a minor nuisance, despite Eisenheim's growing influence over the citizens of Vienna.

Based on a short story entitled "Eisenheim the Illusionist" by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Steven Millhauser, Burger's cinematic adaptation succeeds on multiple levels, despite a number of plot twists that are anything but unordinary. Burger recognizes the importance of style in a film such as this, placing the onus of the picture's emotionality on two of the finest actors of their respective generations — Norton and Giamatti. The two carry the film from start to finish, and Burger wisely chooses to shine the spotlight on their combative but respectful relationship.

Norton's quiet, regal and slightly aloof performance allows Eisenheim to remain as much of an enigma as each of his illusions. He commands every scene he appears in, allowing for an all-too-rare opportunity to see the thespian embrace his talent as a leading man. The last few years have been lean for Norton, who has twice been nominated for an Academy Award. Lately, he's been relegated to back-seat roles in films like "Kingdom of

Heaven" and "The Italian Job." But here, he's as magnetic and as watchable as he was in Spike Lee's 2002 drama "25th Hour," the last entry on Norton's filmography worthy of mention.

Playing opposite Norton is the equally charismatic Giamatti. In the past, he's been a quirky wino in "Sideways" and a quirky superintendent in "Lady in the Water." There's nothing quirky about his role in "The Illusionist," just the quiet humanity he instills in each of his ubiquitous "everyman" roles.

Sadly, Biel is left with almost nothing to do, the victim of a script that utilizes her as a damsel masquerading as plot device. None of the memorable scenes in the film involve her character, perhaps further perpetuating the typecast that Biel belongs firmly entrenched in 20th century American suburbia, not some long-gone countryside in Vienna.

The film's biggest flaw has nothing to do with magic, artifices or even the dark arts. Rather, "The Illusionist" builds a full head of steam and then hits an emotional brick wall two-thirds of the way through the journey. Instead of further mining his largely fascinating characters, Burger

chose to pull off a narrative sleight of hand — the plot putters along for another 20 minutes before dropping a stunning final-act denouement.

Burger's play doesn't quite work. The characters in this film are paramount, the plot secondary — a shame considering the impending arrival of Christopher Nolan's "The Prestige," the story of rival magicians dueling in turn-of-the-century London. Given the star power involved in that film — Christian Bale, Hugh Jackman, Scarlett Johansson and Michael Caine — it's hard to imagine "The Illusionist" standing the test of time, given its decidedly ordinary plot saved by effective execution. At the very least, Burger's film has launched an impressive opening salvo in a duel between the year's two magic-driven period pieces.

"The Illusionist" is a fine film, even enchanting on occasion. In a day and age where solid films are all too rare, it stands head and shoulders above the tripe currently laying waste to America's multiplexes. Like any great magic trick, it lingers in the mind, leaving audiences gasping for more. But if Burger and his crew had pushed the envelope, they could have left audiences with an achievement worthy of remembrance for years, rather than months.

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ED OF ALL TRADES

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Most movie stars of today rely on their personalities shining through in the roles they play, regardless of whether or not that fits the characters. Actors like Tom Cruise or Matthew McConaughey, in whatever film they star, always essentially play the same character — themselves.

Then there is another class of actors who never seem to do the same thing twice, and instead completely lose themselves in the characters they are playing. Johnny Depp is often mentioned at the forefront of this category. And although he has only been in the movie business for ten years, Edward Norton is quickly rising in his own right, treading a career path similar to Depp's.

Even after seeing all of his films, it is enormously difficult to say what a typical "Ed Norton-type" is like. Norton immerses himself so deeply into each of his characterizations that his own personality disappears.

After spending his adolescent years in Maryland, Norton graduated from Yale University in 1991 with a degree in history. It was at Yale that Norton became heavily involved in theater, taking as many classes as he could in his free time. Actors Ron Livingston and Paul Giamatti were classmates and fellow collegiate actors.

After working in Osaka, Japan for his grandfather, Norton decided to move to New York and begin his acting career in off-Broadway theater. Shortly thereafter he began working in film, and found success with 1996's "Primal Fear," in which he played a young man accused of murder. This role won him both a Golden Globe and an Oscar nomination.

Norton continued to build up his impressive and diverse body of work with an incredible performance in "The People vs. Larry Flynt" (1996), and then was nominated for the Best Actor Academy Award for his role as a reformed neo-Nazi in 1998's "American History X." Continuing on his upward spiral, Norton co-starred with Matt Damon in "Rounders" (1998) and with

Brad Pitt in the 1999 adaptation of Chuck Palahniuk's novel "Fight Club." He also received a great deal of critical acclaim for his starring role in Spike Lee's "25th Hour."

Norton, not limited to starring in intense dramas, has also found success with comedy. Norton films in this category include "Keeping the Faith" with Ben Stiller and the dark-comedy favorite "Death to Smoochy" with Robin Williams. Norton has covered everything from action ("The Italian Job") to thrillers ("Red Dragon"), and has even dabbled in musicals (Woody Allen's "Everyone Says I Love You").

Aside from acting, Norton has become heavily involved with film in a variety of ways. Following his success directing "Keeping the Faith," he's directing the upcoming film adaptation of the novel "Motherless Brooklyn," as well as writing the screenplay. The film "Frida," for which he wrote an uncredited screenplay, was nominated for six Academy Awards and won two. He also recently won the Obie Award for his off-Broadway performance in "Burn This" by Lanford Wilson.

Norton also recently created Class 5 Films in partnership with his brother, Jim Norton. Class 5 has produced numerous films which have aired on PBS and the Sundance Channel. Class 5 is currently working with Brad Pitt's Plan B and National Geographic to produce a ten-part series for HBO based on "Undaunted Courage," Stephen Ambrose's acclaimed book about the Lewis and Clark expedition.

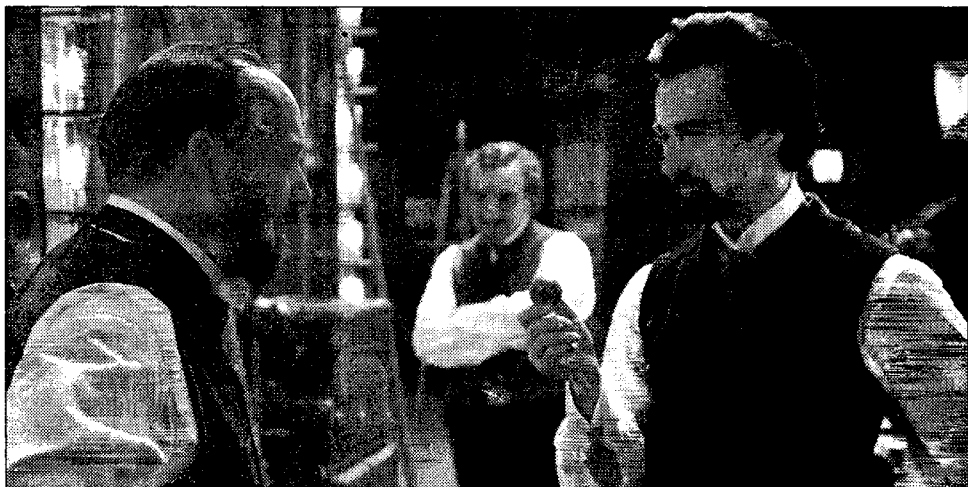
Norton is also a committed social and environmental activist. The actor serves on the Board of Trustees of the Enterprise Foundation, which works to move families out of poverty and develop decent housing. He also created the Solar Neighbors program in Los Angeles, an initiative in which a solar energy company will donate full home energy systems to low-income families each time public figures purchase one.

A unique and admirable individual, Ed Norton is an inimitable actor, an entertainer who continues to be a respectable force in the movie industry.

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Jack (Edward Norton), right, meets an unlikely friend in the slick, soap-dealing Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt) in "Fight Club," director David Fincher's 1999 cult hit.



Eisenheim (Edward Norton), right, reveals the method behind one of his tricks to an admiring Chief Inspector Uhl (Paul Giamatti), left, in "The Illusionist."

MLB

Griffey homers in return to lead Cincinnati

Reds center fielder even with Jackson on all-time dinger list

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. moved into 10th place on baseball's career home-run list with a three-run, pinch-hit shot in the eighth inning Monday that lifted the Cincinnati Reds to a 5-4 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

Griffey, in his first appearance after missing 17 games with a toe injury, hit a 1-1 pitch from left-hander Scott Eyre (1-3) into the right-field seats for his 27th homer this season and 563rd of his career, tying Reggie Jackson on the home run list. It was the fifth pinch-hit homer of his career.

Griffey hadn't played since dislocating the second toe of his right foot while trying to catch a homer by Barry Bonds on Sept. 4 at Great American Ball Park.

Scott Schoeneweis (2-0) got two outs in the eighth inning to earn the win. David Weathers pitched the ninth for his team-leading 12th save in 18 opportunities.

Griffey's homer cost Wade Miller his first win since beating Kansas City 8-5 for Boston on Aug. 3, 2005. The right-hander, in his fourth start after missing the first five months of the season after offseason shoulder surgery, allowed three hits and three walks with two strikeouts.

Cincinnati put at least one runner on base in every inning against Miller, but none got past second base.

Bronson Arroyo lasted seven innings, giving up only four hits and no earned runs with two walks and five strikeouts. He fell short in his second try at a career-high 15 wins. He won 14 with Boston last season.

The Cubs took advantage of Cincinnati errors on back-to-back batters to score four unearned runs on two hits in the first inning. Shortstop Rich Aurilia was unable to make a barehanded grab of Matt Murton's slow grounder, loading the bases. The next batter, Angel Pagan, hit a one-hopper back to Arroyo, but catcher Dan Ross dropped Arroyo's throw, allowing Juan Pierre to score the first run.

Aramis Ramirez scored on John Mabry's groundout, and Henry Blanco lined a two-run single to left field.

Arroyo threw 43 of his 113 pitches in the first inning.

Aurilia broke up the shutout with a two-run single to right off of reliever Michael Wuerz with the bases loaded in the seventh inning.

Indians 14, White Sox 1

The Chicago White Sox are closer to an early winter vacation than any of them expected.

The defending World Series champions, overtaken by two teams in their division this season, were shoved to the edge of elimination from the AL playoff race as Cliff Lee pitched seven strong innings in Cleveland's win Monday night.

One season after they ended an 88-year title drought by storming through October, the White Sox might have to watch the postseason unfold this fall along with 22 other teams.

Chicago's most lopsided loss of the season meant a win by Minnesota at home over Kansas City would ensure the Twins of a postseason berth — and eliminate the White Sox.

Casey Blake hit a grand slam — Cleveland's major league record-tying 14th this season — to highlight an eight-run sixth inning that finished off Jon Garland (17-7) and the White Sox on this night — and maybe for all of 2006.

After adding Jim Thome to their already powerful lineup during the winter, Chicago came into the year picked by most to make another run at a championship. But things didn't go well from the start.

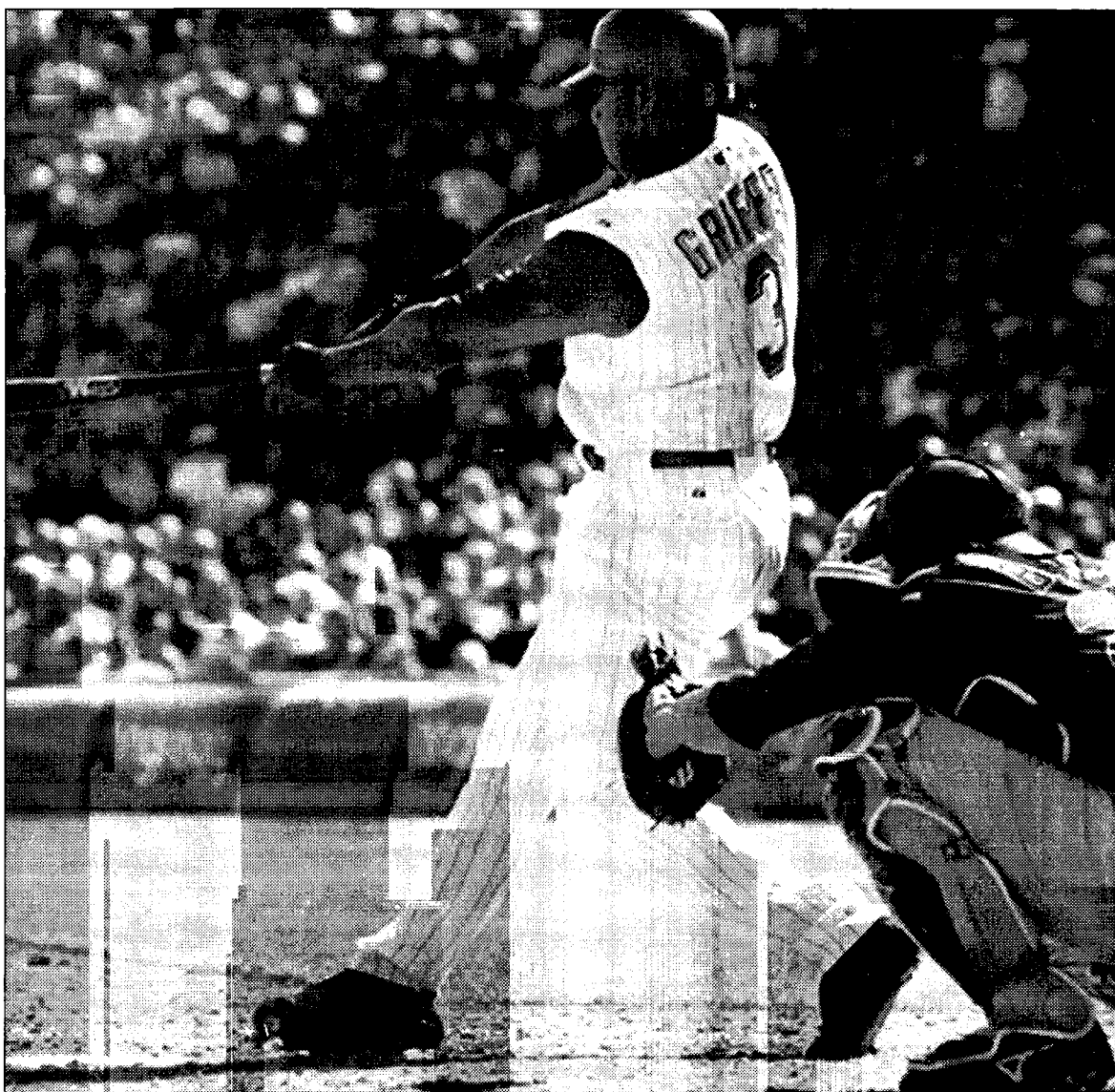
The White Sox first found themselves chasing the surprising Detroit Tigers and then couldn't keep pace with the Twins, who passed them in the final few weeks and haven't looked back since.

Chicago was done in by its shaky bullpen and what so far is a 9-15 record in September.

"It was a bunch of different things, errors, strikeouts and lately we struggled as a team to put everything together," manager Ozzie Guillen said before the series opener. "We weren't consistent."

Lee (13-11) limited the White Sox to one run and four hits.

The Indians, whose season was as disappointing as Chicago's, had the satisfaction of possibly ending the White Sox's postseason hopes. A year ago, the opposite was true as the White Sox swept a three-game series from Cleveland on



Cincinnati outfielder Ken Griffey, Jr. hits a three-run pinch-hit home run in the eighth inning against the Chicago Cubs Tuesday. The Reds went on to win 5-4.

the final weekend of the season to end the Indians' playoff quest.

After Guillen pulled Garland and headed back to the dugout, fans seated near the field mimicked the choking gesture Chicago's animated manager made toward them as the Indians collapsed in 2005.

Just as the Twins and Royals were getting underway in Minneapolis, the White Sox made two errors on one play in the fifth, helping the Indians score twice and open a 6-1 lead.

Jason Michaels walked leading off and Victor Martinez dropped a single in front of center fielder Brian Anderson, who misplayed the ball and let it roll by. Michaels scored all the way from first and when Jermaine Dye's one-hop throw was mishandled by shortstop Juan Uribe, Martinez went to third.

One out later, Shin-Soo Choo's

sacrifice fly made it 6-1.

The Indians blew it open in the sixth against Garland, who came in with a major league-leading 11 road wins. Andy Marte had a run-scoring double, Martinez hit an RBI single and Garko doubled in two.

Garland was rocked for 12 runs, eight earned, and 12 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

With one out in the sixth, Blake connected for his slam off reliever Boone Logan as the Indians tied the major league record for slams in a season. They share it with the 2000 Oakland Athletics.

Blue Jays 5, Red Sox 0

Shaun Marcum and Jason Frasor combined on a two-hitter, and the Toronto Blue Jays moved into second place in the AL East with a victory over the Boston Red Sox on Monday night.

Alex Rios and Bengie Molina

homered for the Blue Jays, who are a half-game ahead of Boston. Toronto has finished third in the AL East seven of the past eight years, the exception being a last-place finish in 2004.

The Red Sox have come in second behind the New York Yankees for eight straight seasons.

Toronto hadn't had sole possession of second place since April 26.

Marcum (3-4) allowed only Alex Cora's infield single in the sixth and Eric Hinske's single in the eighth.

The rookie right-hander struck out a career-high 10 and walked one in a career-best eight innings, the 13th start of his career.

Before the game, Toronto manager John Gibbons said the team didn't know what Marcum's role would be next year.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	93-62	.600	4-6	-
Toronto	83-73	.532	7-3	10.5
Boston	83-74	.529	4-6	11.0
Baltimore	68-88	.436	5-5	25.5
Tampa Bay	60-95	.387	3-7	33.0

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	94-62	.603	7-3	-
Minnesota	92-63	.594	7-3	1.5
Chicago	87-69	.558	3-7	7.0
Cleveland	72-83	.465	4-6	21.5
Kansas City	58-97	.374	3-7	35.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	90-65	.581	7-3	-
Los Angeles	84-71	.542	6-4	6.0
Texas	78-78	.500	4-6	12.5
Seattle	75-81	.481	6-4	15.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	93-62	.600	3-7	-
Philadelphia	82-73	.529	8-2	11.0
Florida	76-80	.487	3-7	17.5
Atlanta	75-81	.481	5-5	18.5
Washington	68-87	.439	5-5	25.0

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	80-74	.519	3-7	-
Houston	77-78	.497	6-4	3.5
Cincinnati	77-79	.494	5-5	4.0
Milwaukee	73-83	.468	7-3	8.0
Pittsburgh	65-91	.417	5-5	16.0
Chicago	63-94	.401	4-6	18.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Diego	83-72	.535	7-3	-
Los Angeles	82-74	.526	5-5	1.5
San Francisco	75-80	.484	2-8	8.0
Colorado	74-82	.474	6-4	9.5
Arizona	73-82	.471	5-5	10.0

Wild Card Standings

National League

team	record	GB
Philadelphia	82-73	-
Los Angeles	82-74	0.5
Houston	77-78	5.0
Cincinnati	77-79	5.5
Florida	76-80	6.5

American League

team	record	GB
Minnesota*	92-63	-
Chicago	87-69	6.0
Los Angeles	84-71	8.0
Toronto	83-73	9.5
Boston	83-74	10.0

*Clinched Wild Card Monday

NFL



Saints running back Deuce McAllister flies over Falcons defensive back Chris Crocker as safety Lawyer Milloy makes the stop in New Orleans' 23-3 victory, the first game in the reopened Superdome since Hurricane Katrina.

Saints victorious in Superdome return

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Superdome got a new roof after Hurricane Katrina. The New Orleans Saints did their best to blow it off again.

In an earsplitting return to their rebuilt stadium, the Saints gave the Big Easy something to cheer about — an undefeated football team that made it look easy with a 23-3 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Monday night.

This one couldn't have been scripted any better for a team that spent all of last season on the road, and it couldn't have come at a better time for a city that is still struggling to overcome

the devastation of Katrina.

After a Super Bowl-like pregame show that included a performance by supergroups U2 and Green Day, the Saints wasted no time turning their welcome-home party into Mardi Gras: The Falcons' first drive stalled, and special teams demon Steve Gleason sliced through the middle of the Atlanta line to smother Michael Koenen's punt.

The ball skidded across the goal line, where Curtis DeLoatch fell on it for a touchdown — the first given up by the Falcons this season. Just 1 1/2 minutes into a homecoming that was over a year in the

making, the Saints sent an emphatic message to the NFL and the entire country.

New Orleans is back.

DeLoatch ran over to the stands and pointed at the crowd of 70,003, as if to say, "Take that Katrina!" Undoubtedly, many more were cheering around this still-recovering city, some of them vowing to set up televisions outside government-issued trailers that pass for homes more than a year after the storm blew ashore, the levees broke and the water poured through.

The Saints (3-0) poured it on against the Falcons (2-1), who fell behind 14-3 in the first quarter and never

recovered. Devery Henderson scored New Orleans' second TD on an 11-yard double-reverse, taking a handoff from Reggie Bush and cutting inside the pylon with help from a gutsy block by quarterback Drew Brees.

John Carney kicked two field goals in the second period, including a 51-yarder that cleared the crossbar as time ran out. The Saints trotted to the locker room with a 20-3 lead and a rousing ovation ringing in their ears. The Falcons straggled off in the opposite direction, as if they already knew this wasn't going to be their night.

IN BRIEF

Bengals linebacker Odell Thurman out for season

CINCINNATI — Coach Marvin Lewis expects middle linebacker Odell Thurman to be suspended for the rest of the season following his arrest early Monday on a drunken driving charge, making him the sixth Cincinnati Bengal arrested this year.

Thurman, already serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, could get an additional one-year suspension from the league.

The arrest came less than a week after commissioner Roger Goodell visited Cincinnati and reminded players of their responsibility to stay out of trouble and represent the league honorably. It also drew Lewis' most stinging comments since receiver Chris Henry was arrested last December, starting the streak of court appearances by Bengals players.

Yzerman named Red Wings Vice President

DETROIT — Steve Yzerman joined the Detroit front office on Monday, becoming the vice president of the Red Wings.

Yzerman, the former captain, helped guide Detroit to Stanley Cup victories in 1997, '98 and 2002. He retired in July.

"After retiring as the longest serving captain in NHL history and the on-ice leader of our franchise for 23 years, it is only fitting that he join our management team," Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch said in a statement.

Yzerman ranks eighth all-time in the NHL record books with 185 playoff points. The 10-time All-Star led all active players last season with 1,755 regular-season points, a total that trails only five others in league history.

His No. 19 jersey will be retired Jan. 2 and hoisted alongside Gordie Howe's No. 9.

Brother of Colts WR Wayne dies in car accident

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis' victory celebration turned somber Monday.

The usually boisterous locker room noise was replaced by emotional, thoughtful reflection as Colts players offered support to their grieving receiver, Reggie Wayne.

Wayne's older brother, Rashad, was killed in an automobile accident Sunday — something Colts players didn't learn until well after Sunday's game ended. After hearing the news, Wayne flew back to his home state of Louisiana so he could help the family make funeral arrangements.

"I was at dinner and I was in a big state of shock, I almost started crying," said Aaron Moorehead, another Indy receiver and one of Wayne's closest friends. "I'm really almost in tears right now. He said he wanted us to pray for him and that's what we're going to do."

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NFL

Simms out indefinitely after being hospitalized

Bucs have not ruled out allowing QB to return this season

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Chris Simms took hit after hit, responding the way football players are taught.

He endured the pain and kept on playing.

"In the huddle, he was gasping for air," Buccaneers receiver Michael Clayton said Monday, a day after the Tampa Bay quarterback's spleen was removed following a 26-24 loss to the Carolina Panthers.

"He'd call part of the (pass) routes, then gasp for air and finish it. ... Everybody was saying: 'Chris, are you OK?' You could tell he was fighting it."

Simms is out indefinitely, although coach Jon Gruden has not ruled out his playing again this season.

In the meantime, rookie Bruce Gradkowski becomes the starter. Tim Rattay will be the backup, and the Bucs will explore signing a veteran to fill in as the No. 3 quarterback until Luke McCown comes off the physically-unable-to-perform list.

The Bucs initially thought the 26-year-old son of Super Bowl-winning quarterback Phil Simms had difficulty breathing because of sore ribs and dehydration, but rushed him to St. Joseph's Hospital when it became apparent the injury was more serious.

"He got hurt early in the game and was able to complete the first half. He went into the locker room, was diagnosed carefully and had no symptoms whatsoever of a spleen injury," Gruden said. "He got an IV. ... He was persistent about playing and was confident he could fight through it."

It was not clear if Simms was hurt on a particular play or if the injury resulted from an accumulation of blows. Gruden felt the most damaging may have occurred late in the fourth quarter when Carolina's Al Wallace hit Simms on a pass play and landed on top of the quarterback.

Gruden thought Wallace should have been penalized for roughing the passer. Two plays later, Matt Bryant kicked a 28-yard field goal that gave Tampa Bay a 24-23 lead with five minutes remaining.

Simms attempted one more pass after that, overthrowing Joey Galloway on a deep route. Gruden called on third-and-5 from the Tampa Bay 25. A first down would have given the Bucs an opportunity to burn more time off the clock.

Instead, the Panthers drove 48 yards in the final 1:41 to set up John Kasay's winning field goal with 2 seconds left.

Despite dropping to 0-3, Gruden was encouraged by the way the team battled back after trailing 17-0.

Simms was a big part of that, overcoming his seventh interception in three games to give Tampa Bay the lead twice in the second half.

"He's a tough guy. There's been people out there that have questioned his toughness," Gruden said. "Those people hopefully were silenced yesterday."

Gruden said he didn't learn

Simms was in the hospital until he was driving home from the stadium and received a call from the team trainer. He visited the quarterback early Monday and found him in good spirits.

"He's going to be just fine. ... His football career is in no jeopardy," Gruden said.

"He said it's the first time he's ever been knocked out with a sleeping pill and he didn't think it would work. ... He's a great kid. He's obviously very frustrated, very disappointed that physically he can't play."

Teammates were shaken when they learned Simms had surgery.

Some heard about it from television reports, while Simeon Rice — who rarely reads the newspaper or watches NFL highlights on TV when the Bucs lose — didn't find out until he walked into the locker room Monday.

"I just really had a sick feel-

ing," center John Wade said.

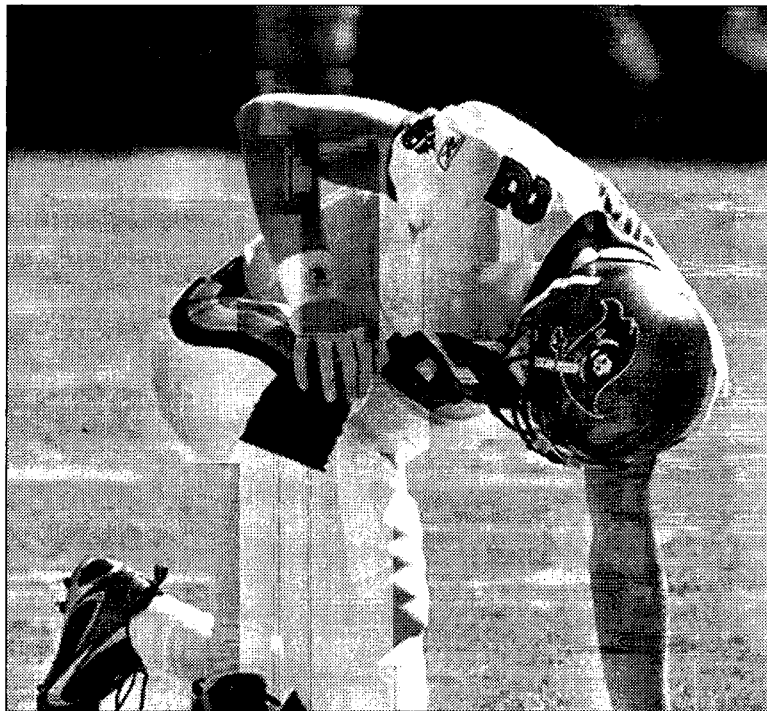
"I didn't even know what a spleen was," rookie guard Davin Joseph said. "Talk about toughing it out for the team."

Clayton said anyone who knows Simms knows that's the type of individual he is.

"No matter how hurt he is, he's going to want to play," Clayton said. "Sometimes that can work not in your best interests."

Texas coach Mack Brown related a story about Simms facing Nebraska in 2002, when the former Longhorns quarterback had an ugly looking dislocated finger on his throwing hand. Simms went to the sideline, had it popped into place and finished with 419 yards passing, still a Texas regular-season record.

"He wouldn't let us pull him out of the game. He said 'Please call timeout so they can pop it back in.' He didn't want to miss a play," Brown recalled.



Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms kneels on the turf during the Buccaneers' 26-24 loss to the Carolina Panthers Sunday.

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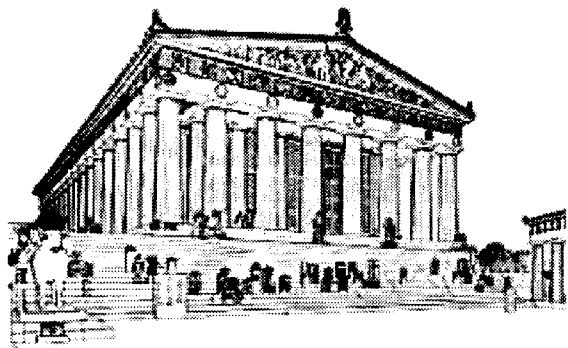
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Teams prepare for season's final stretch

By MIKE BURDELL and BILL BRINK
Sports Writers

Cavanaugh and Walsh — both desperately needing a win — will continue their heated rivalry Tuesday at 9 p.m. on Riehle West Fields.

The Chaos (2-0) could gain a playoff berth with a victory, while the Wild Women (1-1) must win to stay in contention.

The Wild Women lost their season opener to Welsh Family 8-6, but bounced back with a victory over Pasquerilla East. A win Tuesday would provide momentum for a playoff run.

"We had a shaky start against Welsh Family Hall, but we're really starting to gel more as a team," Walsh halfback Laurie Wasikowski said. "We have a stellar defense and our offense is looking better each game."

While the Wild Women look to their offense for consistency, the Chaos will rely heavily on defense — one that's allowed just one touchdown all season.

"Our defense has been great so far," captain middle linebacker Kerri Bergen said. "Everyone has done a great job of working together and helping each other out. We have a bunch of returning players as well as some new upcoming players, all of who contribute."

Bergen emphasized the excitement surrounding the rivalry.

"It's always a big match-up when we play Walsh," Bergen said. "I think there is definitely a lot of hype. It's been a great rivalry and every time you have the big hype like this against a good opponent there's a lot of excitement. Everyone's just really anxious and pumped and ready to play."

Wasikowski agreed with Bergen about the rivalry but emphasized overall consistency as the team's focus.

"We've played [Cavanaugh] so many times. They're probably our biggest rival," Wasikowski said. "We need to focus on execution. We know our offense is capable of doing well, but we need to really just get the ball in the end zone."

With perhaps the biggest game of either teams' season tonight, players can feel the tension mounting.

"Some [of Cavanaugh's] players were trash talking to our coach in DeBartolo today," Wasikowski said. "I think they're overconfident and looking past us."

Badin vs. Lyons

It's been a rocky start to the season for both the Bullfrogs and Lyons.

Badin started off strong with a win against PE, but then lost two straight to Cavanaugh and Welsh Family. Lyons is still looking for its first win after also losing to Cavanaugh and Welsh Family.

But despite each team's recent lack of success — they can both fix their problems tonight at 7 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Lyons freshman Claire Connell stressed the development of her young, inexperienced team as a reason for the slow start. The Lyons are maturing together on the field with each game.

"Our team has a lot of freshmen and young players, and they need more experience," Lyons freshman quarterback Claire

Connell said. "But even in the second game, we were showing improvement. We work well as a team and have a lot of fun."

Badin, on the other hand, has all the pieces in place to be successful, but needs to utilize them more effectively.

"We have a lot of talent and skill, but we need everyone focused," Bullfrogs captain Meghan Charlebois said.

Both teams have the ability to perform, but need to put it together for the entire game.

"We came out against Welsh Family at the beginning and drove down the field well, and we were connecting," Charlebois said. "But we came out flat in the second half, when they got most of their points."

"We were moving the ball down the field in the first half, but ran out of time," Connell said.

Offense will be the key to tomorrow's game.

"Our defense has been doing well, they had some big stops last game," Connell said. "We need to keep the offense going, and I need to get passes off more quickly."

P.E. vs. Welsh Family

Pasquerilla East has its work cut out when it takes on Welsh Family at 8 p.m. tonight at Riehle West field — in a matchup that could either cement the Whirlwinds' place atop the Blue League or put the Pyros right back in the race.

Lyons and Badin both have two losses, so a Pasquerilla East (PE) win may allow it to climb back into the playoff picture. And against the strong Whirlwind offense led by Jenni Gargula, the Pyro defense will need to be solid.

"We have a strong defense, we stopped Walsh," Pyro captain Molly Fox said. "They only scored on an interception return."

But even a strong defense will be tested against Welsh Family. Whirlwind captain Brittany Scott knows her team competes regardless of the score.

"We come to play," Whirlwind captain Britany Scott said. "We play when we have a lead, or we can come from behind like we did against Badin. We always play like the score is 0-0."

PE has not scored a touchdown yet this season. Against a high-powered offensive team like Welsh Family, it will need to put some points on the board.

"Our offense is young, and the first two games have been necessary practice," Fox said. "We need to complete our offensive plays."

The versatile Whirlwind defense will not be easy to move the ball against, however.

"We can play either man-to-man or zone, sometimes a combination of the two," Scott said. "It depends on what we're seeing from the offense."

PE has its own versatility to counter the different defensive looks. The Pyros lost running back and wide receiver Tara Pillay to a sprained ankle, but have two options at quarterback — Mora Adams and Caroline Nally.

"We have depth at quarterback, and we want to utilize dif-

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offense that has gained just 299 yards on the ground all year, led by Darius Walker's 243 yards on 63 attempts. Excluding sacks, Notre Dame is averaging only 3.72 yards per carry — compared to 5.27 yards per rush for Irish opponents.

But Weis isn't blaming Walker for the ground game woes.

"I definitely do not find Darius as being a problem," Weis said. "I think Darius is running hard. I think this problem is more of an offensive problem. It's a problem that we're going to have to work to rectify."

But in the past two games, Notre Dame hasn't had time to try to rectify the problem against its opponents. Notre Dame fell behind 30-7 in the first half against Michigan and 17-0 after one quarter against Michigan State.

"I'd like to run the ball 40 times every game," Weis said. "If I had my druthers, I'd like to run it 40 times. It just doesn't play out like that."

Discounting yardage lost on sacks, Notre Dame gained just 23 yards against the Wolverines. Against the Spartans, the total was 58 yards.

"I also am not ignorant to the fact that if things aren't working ... why keep calling them?" Weis said. "You got to be willing to go off the plan, to find something that's going to give you a chance of winning the game, because if not you lose a game like [Saturday's]."

Notes:

♦ After facing unbeaten teams in the first four

games, Notre Dame will face another undefeated squad to continue the team's tough opening stretch. Purdue enters the contest 4-0, with wins over Indiana State, Miami (Ohio), Ball State and Minnesota.

In this week's Sagarin Ratings — one of the computer polls used in the Bowl Championship Series rankings formula — the Irish have the No. 1 strength of schedule in the country. Thanks to that, Notre Dame is ranked No. 7 in the version of the ratings — the highest of any team with a loss. By comparison, Sagarin lists Purdue No. 154 in strength of schedule and No. 27 in the BCS-used ranking.

♦ Irish quarterback Brady Quinn was named the Walter Camp Foundation National Player of the Week award Monday. Quinn completed 20-of-36 passes for 319 yards and five touchdowns.

A week ago, the Irish were on the other end of the award. The foundation honored Michigan wide receiver Mario Manningham Sept. 18 after his three-touchdown performance against Notre Dame in Week 3.

♦ Notre Dame was named the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week for the 16-point deficit the Irish erased in the final 8:18 of play. The award is voted on by members of the Football Writers Association of America who vote in the Grantland Rice Super-16 poll.

♦ ESPN Classic will broadcast an "Instant Classic" replay of Notre Dame's 40-37 comeback victory over Michigan State Wednesday at 9 p.m.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to bounce back

Saint Mary's hosts Tri-State in league play

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

After a disappointing loss Friday against Calvin, the Belles will need to recover before playing another conference foe — Tri-State.

With a record of 3-3 MIAA conference record (6-10 overall), Tri-State is right behind the Belles in the conference standings at fifth place. The Belles, who have a record of 3-2 in the MIAA and are 10-3 overall, are ready for the challenge.

Senior setter Amanda David had encouraging words for the Belles.

"The team has been working really hard in practice and in games to achieve our high goals," she said. "Every game we always aim to play with no regrets left on the court. This

attitude will continue to contribute to our success in the matches we play."

Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek explained what the Belles needed to improve upon for Tri-State.

"We need to re-focus on our goal to finish in the top four of the conference," she said. "And move on determined to always be focused competitors when we step on that court."

The Belles will have some help from this week's MIAA Specialty Player of the Week — senior Anne Cusack.

Cusack received the honor after her strong effort against Kalamazoo and Calvin. Cusack averaged 7.3 digs and 1.2 service aces against the two teams.

It's the second time Cusack has won the award — she also earned the award at the end of the 2005 season. The tri-captain and libero is averaging 7.31 digs a game in conference matches and 5.74 overall.

"We need to re-focus on our goal to finish in the top four of the conference."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

The Belles take on Tri-State at 7 p.m. in Angela Athletic Center for the first of three conference matchups this week.

"As always, every single match that we play is very important," Schroeder-Biek said. "It is one step at a time toward accomplishing our goals. Tri-State is a good team. In league play, they are right there with us. This will be a good match."

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Colleen Courtney said. "The first six games haven't gone exactly as planned, but that does not matter in the long run."

Alma, who has lost its last three games, comes into the contest with a 2-6 overall record. The Scots lost their first conference game this season 2-1 in overtime against Concordia College.

Junior Kelly Walsh, who leads Alma with four goals on the year, had the lone goal late in the second half.

The Scot offense spreads the ball around effectively, with five different forwards combining for their 12 goals. In comparison, sisters Ashley and Lauren Hinton have all but one goal for the Belles this year. Senior Caroline Stancukas has the other tally for Saint Mary's.

The team will have to produce a little more offense in order to compete with Alma

and the rest of the MIAA. In the Belles last game, they were only able to get two shots on net in a 4-0 loss to Illinois Wesleyan Sunday.

Saint Mary's coach Caryn Mackenzie installed a new offense for the game, but the team struggled to adjust which allowed Illinois Wesleyan to get out to an early lead. The team is still unsure whether it will stick with the new offense or return to its old style.

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was an issue, as Cavanaugh was able to put pressure on the quarterback throughout the game.

Numerous penalties against Lyons, indicative of their inexperience, stifled many drives — but Cavanaugh head coach John Harrington has confidence in his ever-improving team.

"Our game is definitely an evolving process," he said. "Looking back on last week, we are definitely improving. We are trying to pick up the tempo with quicker passing and play-calling. We made improvements on both sides of the ball."

Harrington also added the Lions need to improve the play of their secondary. Lengthy passes set up all three Chaos touchdowns.

Cavanaugh's back-up quarterback Aileen Wu saw a good amount of playing time and had an impressive performance Sunday.

"Our girls were excited and ready to play today," Wu said. "The girls on our offense are amazing. They played good and hard. You can expect to see more of what we showed today in the weeks to come."

Cavanaugh's defense was equally impressive against Lyons. The Chaos stopped a driving Lions offense on multiple occasions and allowed six points throughout the game.

Badin 28, Welsh Family 18

Two late interceptions by the Whirlwind secondary helped erase a 12-point halftime deficit to beat Badin Sunday — clinching a playoff berth in the process.

The Whirlwinds began the second half with an interception that was returned for a touchdown, cutting the lead to

five.

On the ensuing drive, the Bullfrogs turned the ball over on downs. The Whirlwinds took over and threw an 18-yard touchdown to take the lead.

The Bullfrogs were able to get off to an early lead thanks to effective play calling by the coaches and precision-passing by quarterback Katie Rose Hackney.

Badin began the game strong on both sides of the ball, establishing a zone defense that

would not allow Welsh Family to establish anything offensively.

The Bullfrog passing attack was polished in the first half, showing no signs of weakness. Receivers ran tight routes, varied patterns and were consistent with their receptions. Hackney

was sharp with her passes, hitting a variety of receivers all over the field.

Not to be outdone, the Whirlwinds defense increased their intensity in the second half, intercepting two passes — one for a touchdown — and created a turnover on downs.

"At half time we got it together," Whirlwinds freshman Demi Hueth said. "We adjusted and our defense played great. We got down early, but our team showed we can still be tough." Hackney credited the coaches of Welsh Family and the persistence of the entire Whirlwind team.

"I would like to point out the excellence of [Bullfrog receiver]

Kelly Daniels," she said. "She had a great touchdown catch and adds a lot to our offense, especially as a freshman."

Pangborn 20, Howard 6

A dominating performance by the Pangborn offense — led by Meghan Bescher — propelled the Phoxes to a victory over Howard Sunday on West Quad.

Pangborn quarterback Katie Mooney led the offense on two scoring drives, one resulting in a Meghan Bescher score and

the other a Brynn Johnson touchdown reception.

But Bescher made her presence felt more in the defensive backfield, where she picked off five errant passes.

With Pangborn leading 14-0 in the second half, the Ducks attempted a trick play, which Bescher turned into six more Phox points. After a quick screen to the right sideline, Howard's receiver took a step back with the ball and looked to heave a deep pass downfield.

Flushed out of her pocket by a tenacious Pangborn defense, she had no other choice but to run to her left and throw a deep ball across her body. Bescher was there, picking off the pass, zig-zagging across the field and finally crossing the goal line.

"It's key that we were putting pressure on the quarterback," she said. "We played tight coverage and it's been working so far."

Each team scored only six points in their week-one victories and knew more points than that would be necessary to win this game.

Howard's offense was neutralized for the majority of the contest, but a scoring drive in the game's final minutes put the Ducks on the board.

Pangborn coach Tom Holder noted that his team's offense struggled in the first half but were able to recover. He also knows that after today's dominating victory, his team's potential is nearly limitless.

"When we get the kinks worked out, we're going to be a scary team," he said.

Pangborn will try to notch another victory against McGlinn at 9 p.m. Thursday, while Howard will try to get back to their winning ways against Farley at 7 p.m.

Pasquerilla West 20, Farley 0

Earlier in the week, Pasquerilla West's captain Maureen Spring called her defense the team's "rock." Sunday against Farley, they lived up to that billing, shutting out yet another opponent as the Purple Weasels pulled out a victory over Farley.

The defense was able to contain Farley's short passing attack, limiting quarterback Brittany Baron to 11-of-19 passing for 73 yards and three interceptions.

"The key to the game was the defense," Spring said. "Without them, we wouldn't have had such great field position to work with throughout the game."

But perhaps the thing that stifled Farley's upset bid the most were a pair of critical and

controversial penalties.

In the first half, the Finest drove the ball into Purple Weasel territory threatening to score, when an unsportsmanlike foul on a Farley fan derailed the drive's momentum.

"We all felt that penalty contributed to our inability to convert on offense," Farley captain Kim Crehan said. "We had just marched down the field and would have most likely scored, given our great field position."

Pasquerilla West converted on a key Spring interception late in the first half when she and quarterback Cara Davies connected for a 10-yard strike to make it 7-0.

The score could have been higher had the Purple Weasels converted earlier in the

game following an interception by senior Annie Brusky. But Farley answered back with an interception by freshman Chrissy Andrews.

A controversial play occurred late in the second half. With the score still 7-0 and the Purple Weasels deep in Finest territory, Davies was intercepted by Megan Hurt in the end zone.

Farley's defense was then called for a rare "bull rushing" penalty that gave Pasquerilla West a first-and-goal.

Several plays later, Spring made a tremendous catch in the corner of the end zone, adeptly dragging one foot to make the diving catch.

"The quarterback gave me a tremendous pass," Spring said. "I wasn't really thinking about where I was on the field. I just wanted to make sure that I caught it."

After stopping the Finest on their ensuing possession, the Purple Weasels embarked on another scoring drive led by Davies, who finished 9-of-21 for 98 yards and two scores.

Davies converted a key first down with a 28-yard completion inside the Farley 10-yard line and capped off the final scoring drive with a four-yard scramble.

"Although it wasn't a great game, the score definitely did not reflect how we played today," Crehan said. "We take consolation out of the fact that it was 7-0 the majority of the game."

Farley will try to rebound Thursday against Howard. Pasquerilla West will have to wait until Sunday to play Lewis.

Breen-Phillips 25, McGlinn 6

McGlinn simply couldn't shut

down the Tara-Tara combination.

Senior Tara Johnson and sophomore Tara McCarron combined for three touchdown receptions as Breen-Phillips rolled to a victory Sunday over an inexperienced Shamrock team. The Babes used a methodical, potent short-passing attack to pick apart the underneath coverage of the McGlinn defense.

Melissa Meagher led the offensive onslaught for Breen-Phillips, completing 13-of-24 passes for 173 yards, four touchdowns and one interception.

The Babes struck early and often, as Sarah Ball intercepted McGlinn quarterback Stephanie Grandits on the opening drive of the game. On the ensuing play, Meagher connected with Johnson from 18 yards out.

McGlinn tried to answer, driving close to midfield on their next possession. But Grandits was intercepted again, this time by Christie Golubski.

On the Babes' first play following Golubski's interception, Meagher hit McCarron on what seemed to be a harmless check-down pass. But the shifty receiver avoided several Shamrock tacklers and scampered for a 52-yard touchdown.

In just two offensive plays, the Babes led 12-0. In a battle of two young teams, that early edge proved vital.

"We have a young team," Breen-Phillips captain Megan Ohlenforst said. "We learned from our mistakes in our earlier games, and were able to click in this one."

McGlinn captain Maddie Boyer had similar feelings about her team.

"Everyone's young and we're mainly freshmen," she said. "We haven't had time to get in a groove. Last game our defense was able to score for us, but this week they couldn't."

Breen-Phillips forced two interceptions in the first half, as Golubski pulled in her second of the day, and freshman Sam Vadas snagged one before the half. The latter set up a late touchdown pass from Meagher to Ohlenforst, stretching the lead to 18-0 at the break.

Meagher found Johnson one more time in the second half, this time from 26 yards

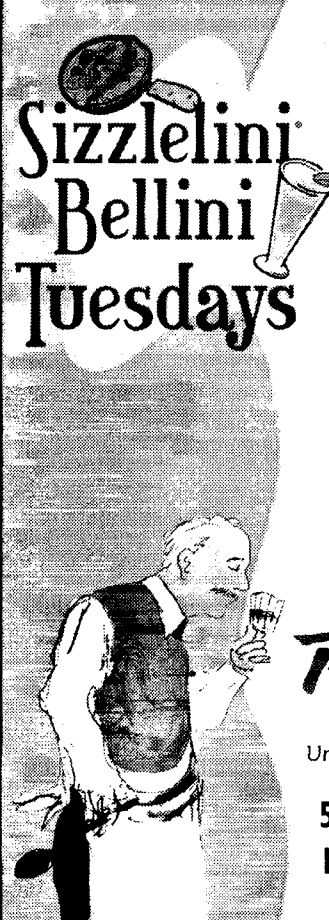
away, making it 25-0. "This was our first win in a while," Ohlenforst said. "Once we got the first interception and touchdown, they felt the taste of success and built off of it."

Despite the disappointing performance, McGlinn rallied late to get an eight-yard touchdown pass from Grandits to end the shutout. It was one of the few bright spots for the quarterback, who finished 10-for-20 for 81 yards.

"We have to have our corners stay in our zone," Boyer said. "Everyone's talented and eager to play, but most of them are new to the game. This was a learning experience."

Both teams are in action Thursday as Breen-Phillips tangles with Lewis and McGlinn faces Pangborn.

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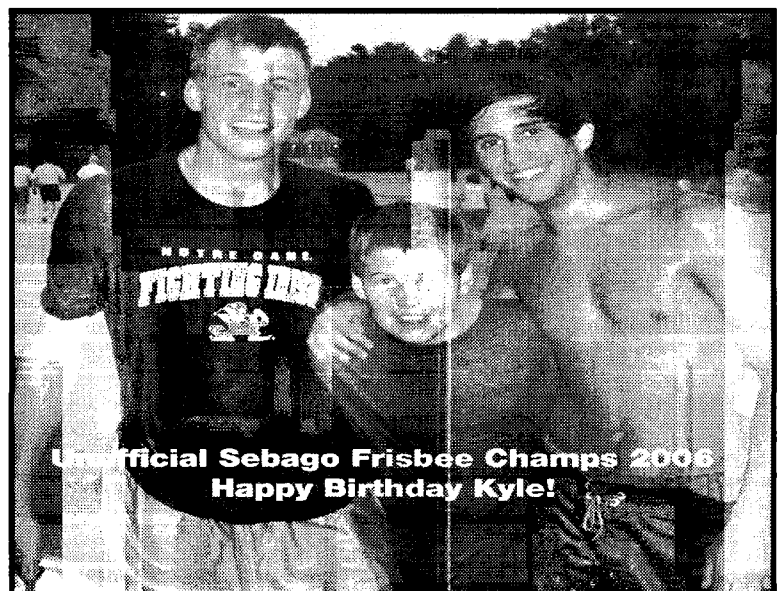
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Fisher

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we feel we can stop the run with six men," Fisher coach Ryan Bradel said. "That allows us to play a rover back in the defensive secondary who can clean up plays. We're not big, but we're quick."

A Fisher fumble gave Zahm the ball on its own one-yard line at the end of the third quarter, but three plays later the ball popped out of Rabid Bat running back Cory Brisee's hands and was recovered by O'Connell in the end zone.

"We weren't playing the type of football we should be playing," Zahm captain Sean Weiland said. "We need to come back in two weeks and play four good quarters of football."

Penalties also killed the Rabid Bats. An interception return for a touchdown was negated by a pass interference call, and a dead-ball personal foul in the end zone gave Fisher a first-and-goal on the four-yard line.

"It's always good to beat the defending champions," Bradel said. "We played inspired — we played with a fire in our hearts."

Siegfried 16, Knott 6

A 25-yard touchdown pass from Siegfried quarterback Max Young to wide receiver Gary Burke with 1:39 left in the fourth quarter proved to be the go-ahead score for the Ramblers as they beat Knott.

The touchdown pass was set up by a 30-yard completion to Kevin Kelly that put the end zone within reach.

A snap over Juggerknott quarterback Justin Betz's head was recovered in the end zone by Tom Martin to seal the victory.

"We were dominated defensively," Siegfried head coach Patrick O'Brien said. "We made big plays, Kelly had a huge play and we made a great play in the end zone and pulled it out."

The first three quarters were characterized by mistakes. Betz was intercepted by defensive back Nick Harper, which led to a 25-yard field goal in the first quarter.

Young was intercepted by defensive back Joe Raupp, but on the very next play Harper came down with his second pick of the game.

Penalties and fumbles were also prevalent. Knott scored its only points in the first quarter — coming from a 12-yard pass to Jeff Skorup in the corner of the end zone.

The Juggerknott running game was led by Trey Patrick, who had 17 carries for 53 yards. In the second half, however, the Rambler defense keyed on the run and slowed down the rushing game.

"We sent more guys at [Patrick], especially cornerbacks," O'Brien said.

"Their defense played better in the second half, and with the lead we got conservative," Knott captain Matt Crosson said.

Burke was all over the field, catching the winning touchdown pass, intercepting Betz on defense in the final minutes and running a reverse.

The point-after attempt on Burke's touchdown was blocked, making the score 9-6.

Young was 5-of-9 for 79 yards and a touchdown. Siegfried was held to just 21 yards rushing, but its defense held Knott to only 35 yards passing.

Sorin 6, St. Ed's 0

Sorin running back Rob Gallic had 13 carries for 46 yards as part of a rushing attack that led the Otters to a 6-0 win over St. Ed's.

The only touchdown of the game was scored by Otter quarterback Casey McGushin on a 10-yard run in the first quarter. The point after was no good.

Gallic helped sustain Sorin's drives in the first half, averaging 3.5 yards per carry and keeping St. Ed's undersized defense on the field.

"My offensive line was making holes, and all I had to do was find daylight," Gallic said. "Our line got great push off the ball."

While the running game played well, the Otter defense also shut down the Stedsmen. In St. Ed's first possession of the second half, running back Zach Labrecque was stopped four consecutive times.

When Sorin was forced to punt in the fourth quarter, the ball was downed on the St. Ed's two-yard line. After three incomplete passes, Sorin intercepted the fourth-down throw to seal the victory.

St. Ed's was hampered by the loss of starting quarterback Jon Brewis last week to a broken finger. Backup quarterback Nick Strom got the start Sunday.

"Strom was great for us last week and good for us today," St. Ed's head coach Jon Heintz said. "He hadn't had much time playing with St. Ed's though."

McGushin was pressured but he made many plays out of the pocket, usually rolling to his right when he felt backside pressure. However, he also threw two interceptions, including one in the end zone — both to defensive back Matt Posluszny.

The second pick, on fourth-and-goal, ended a possible scoring drive.

After the second interception, Strom threw a 44-yard pass to Labrecque down the left sideline. St. Ed's could not capitalize, however, and were shut out.

"Sorin controlled the line of scrimmage and got great penetration on defense," Heintz said. "We went to a passing attack, but we had trouble stringing plays together."

"We played hard," Sorin captain Pete Lavorini said. "But when you're playing against a

girl's dorm, it's not that hard."

Morrissey 18, Alumni 0

The gridiron battle between Alumni and Morrissey Sunday was dominated by the complete Morrissey defense in an 18-0 Manorite win.

Despite four offensive turnovers, the Manorite defense was able to prevent Alumni from crossing the goal line. After last week's bye, Morrissey showed up ready to play, and they never let up.

On its first possession, Morrissey marched down the field and was able to drive the ball into the end zone on a short run. The extra point missed wide right, but the Manorites had an early 6-0 lead.

The pressure was on the Dawgs to put some points on the board, but they were unable to make significant gains against the fierce Morrissey defensive line. After having to punt the ball away, Alumni rallied when it recovered a fumble on Morrissey's next drive.

The Dawgs were unable to take advantage of the turnover because once again the Morrissey defense proved to be too tough for the Alumni offense.

Morrissey's next offensive series seemed like déjà vu.

The Manorites had a long, steady drive down the field, but on first-and-goal Alumni intercepted the ball on the one-yard line. The Morrissey defenders were forced back onto the field again, but they kept the Dawgs scoreless heading into the half with a 9-0 lead on a field goal.

Morrissey was determined to not rest on its lead, and it came into the second half looking even sharper than they did in the first two quarters. The Morrissey defense continued to stop Alumni's runs and the defensive backs played strong man-to-man coverage.

The Alumni defense put up a good fight, but the Manorites were able to capitalize on their mistakes. The Morrissey quarterback found his receiver deep in the end zone for a 16-0 advantage.

Morrissey earned a safety to set the final score at 18-0.

Morrissey takes on Dillon Sunday, while Alumni has a bye next week.

O'Neill 26, Keough 0

O'Neill dominated both sides of the ball in its 26-0 victory Sunday over Keough.

The Angry Mob managed to push through the end zone on every possession during the first half. The Mob offense scored 19 points by the end of the second quarter — in addition to the shut-out of the Roos' offense — to give O'Neill momentum.

O'Neill started the game with the ball and marched down the field for an early touchdown. The extra point was wide right, but the defense was pumped by the 6-0 lead and stormed the

field to prevent Keough from gaining any ground.

After being forced to punt, Keough looked for a big defensive stop. It looked like the 'Roos were going to be able to stall O'Neill's drive, but the Mob running back saw a hole and dashed 20 yards into the end zone.

Keough couldn't catch a break as O'Neill intercepted quarterback Matt Bruggeman's pass intended for a receiver downfield. O'Neill took full advantage of the turnover and quickly added seven points for a 19-0 lead at halftime.

The Keough defense composed itself at the beginning of the second half, and the Mob offense was unable to make any plays. The Kangaroos, encouraged by a strong defensive stop, made their first big move toward the end zone.

But O'Neill recovered a fumble on the goal line after a Keough drive and sealed the 'Roos' fate.

The Angry Mob offense managed to score another touchdown with a 15-yard run before time expired, making the final score 26-0.

Keough will look for its first win of the year against Stanford next week, while O'Neill hopes to continue its stellar defensive effort Sunday against Keenan.

Stanford 13, Dillon 7

Stanford and Dillon both sought first wins of the season Sunday, but it was the Griffins who emerged victorious.

"[Our motivation is to] get some wins this year and get into the playoffs," Stanford's Matt McQueary said.

After working hard all week in practices, putting in new formations and plays, each squad was hungry for a victory. The Stanford offense took the field first.

On the third down of the first series, Ryan Shestak came up with an interception to give Dillon the ball.

After a long complete pass to Brian Coughlin, a first-down run by Alex Duffy and a recovered fumbled snap, Big Red quarterback Joseph Garigliano completed a 14-yard touchdown pass to Coughlin. The extra-point was earned on a run by Duffy to put the Big Red up 7-0 in the first quarter.

The ball changed hands four more times before, with one minute left in the half, Stanford's Bob Huguelet sacked Garigliano for a loss of four yards.

After a timeout, the Big Red converted on a fourth-and-inches for a first down on the 26-yard line. With just over 30 seconds left in the half, Dillon's Garigliano threw a series of incomplete passes, beginning with a dropped pass in the end zone by Paul Kuppich. The Stanford defense ended the half without allowing the Big Red offense to capitalize on their

field position.

"[We knew Dillon would be] running up the middle and throwing over the top," McQueary said about his team's halftime preparation.

The second half began with the Big Red on offense and a 14-play series that ended in a field-goal attempt. Dillon tried to convert the fourth down with a fake field goal but was unsuccessful — the pass was incomplete in the end zone to Kuppich.

Stanford took the field with enough time for three plays before the third quarter ended. After a mix of handoffs, pitches and passes, the Griffins found themselves on the Big Red 13-yard line with six minutes left in the game.

Dillon called a timeout to regroup and design a defensive attack to keep Stanford from tying the game.

The Griffins' Tregg Duerson and Rick Loesing ran in the next two plays, leaving Stanford on the two-yard line with just under five and a half minutes left to play.

Loesing scored the Griffins' first touchdown on a handoff on the drive's 17th play. However, a fumbled pitch to Duerson on the two-point conversion left Stanford down 7-6 with 3:20 left in the game.

Dillon's next possession would lead to a turnover on downs from a failed fake punt. With 1:24 left to play, Stanford ran a reverse with Matt McQueary throwing a long pass broken up by two Big Red defenders at the 20-yard line. One of these defenders, Josh Stull, suffered a full-break to his left tibia during the play.

He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment.

The Griffins' offense continued driving after the game moved to a new field and scored another touchdown on a short pass to McQueary with a minute left. The extra point attempt was good with a run by Duerson to make it 13-7 Stanford.

The Stanford squad would not let up one inch after this score and Huguelet recorded his second sack of the game with 56 seconds left for a loss of three yards. The Big Red offense felt the pressure, completed two quick passes for a first down and spiked the ball for some time. With 11 seconds left, Garigliano threw a long pass intercepted by Stanford's McQueary to end the game.

"We played well the first half and did not make much adjustment during halftime," Dillon's Alex Duffy said. "But they did, so that is why they were able to move the ball on us."

Dillon will play Morrissey Sunday, while Stanford faces Keough.

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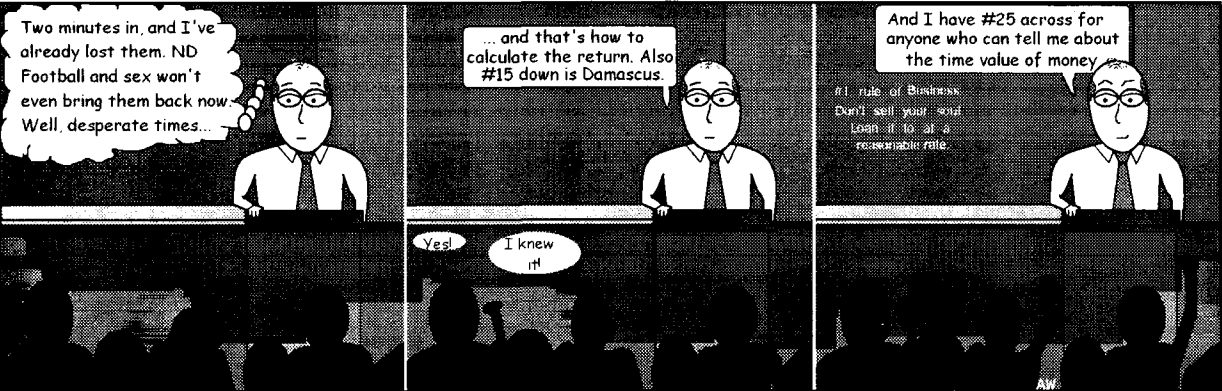






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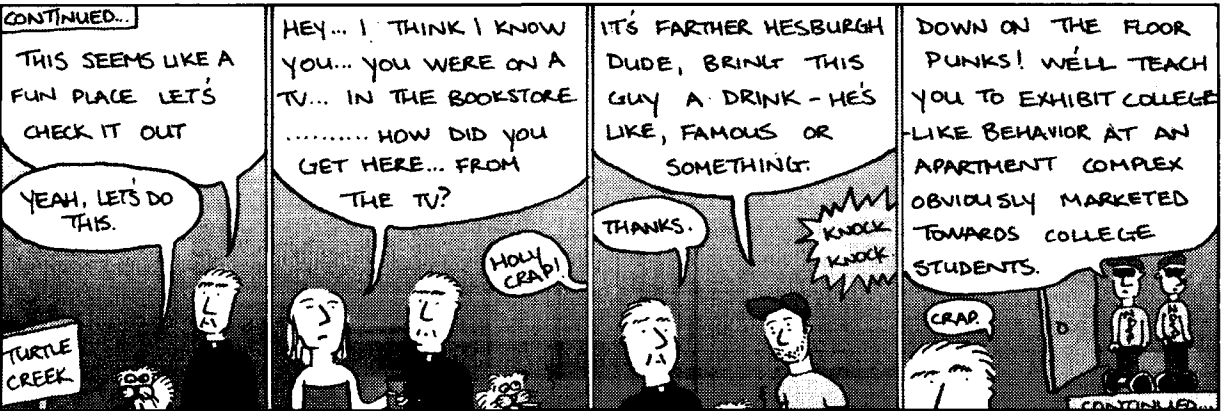
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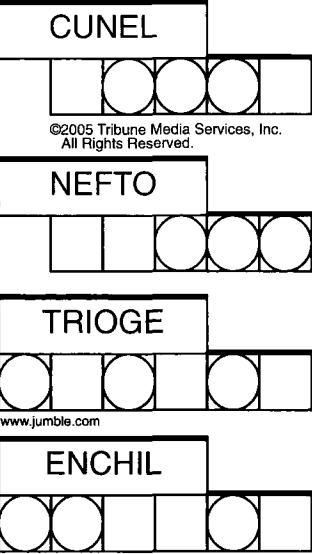


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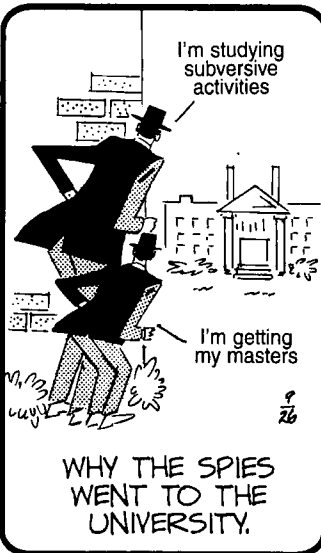
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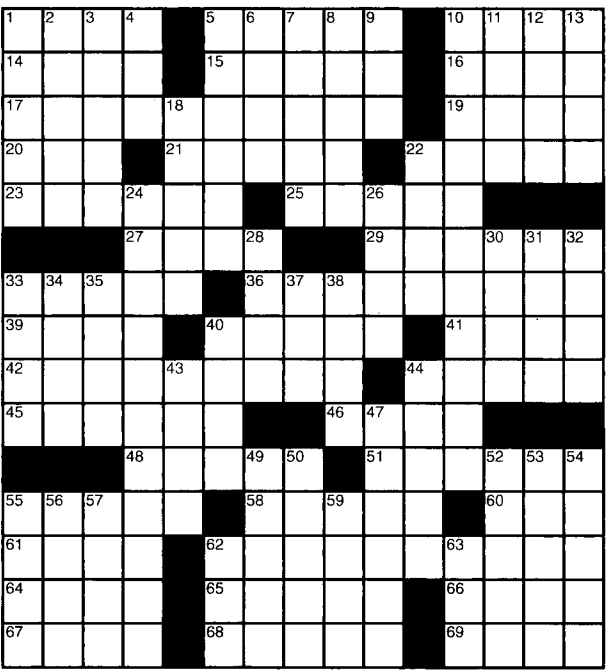


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 - 15 Appointed
 - 16 Popular computer operating system
 - 17 Dollars for rocket research?
 - 19 Trillion: Prefix
 - 20 Sitter's handful
 - 21 Prefix with dollars
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 - 23 Housetop laborer
 - 25 Former F.B.I. chief Louis
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 - 40 Kind of club appropriate for this puzzle?
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 - 42 Dawdling
 - 44 Waste conduit
 - 45 "Ta-ta!"
 - 46 Largest continent
 - 48 Yellowfin and albacore
 - 51 Montezuma's people
 - 55 Sounds of relief
 - 58 Soothing stuff
 - 60 Curly's assaulter
 - 61 Month before Nisan
 - 62 Fabrics manufacturer?
 - 64 Hefty volume
 - 65 Daughter of Lear
 - 66 _ onto (grab)
 - 67 Otherwise
 - 68 With regard to
 - 69 Hess who was a dame
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 - 2 Jerky sort
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 - 4 Cousin of a cassowary
 - 5 Often-unpaid worker
 - 6 Wilson's predecessor
 - 7 Blue toon
 - 8 Madrid mister
 - 9 Peculiar
 - 10 Killer tulip?
 - 11 Lulu
 - 12 Old Italian money
 - 13 Midterm worry
 - 18 Glasses, informally
 - 22 Pursue
 - 24 Trio running the Mafia?
 - 26 Write on glass, e.g.
 - 28 Raven-colored
 - 30 Marcus who co-founded 63-Down
 - 31 Hamburg's river
 - 32 Orbital period

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- 38 Territory
- 40 Goat-man of myth
- 43 Debtors' notes
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- 47 Idiot _
- 49 Pale with fright
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- 52 Post with good etiquette
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change going on around you will lead to a way out of a sticky situation. Be quick to take advantage and make your move. Someone who feels the need to direct you will ask questions. Do what you consider most beneficial for you. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional, over the top and not too clear about what's going on around you should be reason enough to keep things plain and simple today. Avoid getting into any deep discussions with a partner. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): By changing your attitude to suit the people around you, it will be easier for you to get things done your way. An emotional reaction from someone you have to deal with can be avoided if you listen and compromise. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's important for you to talk about your ideas and share your insight and vision with the people around you. Good suggestions will be made and a partnership is likely to form. Love will take on an interesting twist. Don't get angry or upset. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may think you are getting your point across but the people who actually have to get it are questioning what you are trying to do. Expect conflict and even some deception. This is not the time to open up about your feelings. 2 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be wondering how you can align yourself with people who are walking down a different path. A draw toward a different profession or a need to explore an interest you have in more depth must not be ignored. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you see a career opportunity, jump at it. A change may not be what you want initially but, once you make your move, you will realize you did the right thing. Don't let laziness or procrastination stop you from moving forward. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't feel limited by the changes that are taking place around you. Watch what's going on but don't let insecurities put you in a vulnerable position. An emotional change shouldn't overshadow what you are supposed to be doing. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be sitting in the line of fire if you have been pushing everyone around you to do things your way. Back down and worry about your own future, not everyone else's. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your good will may help out when it comes to doing business but, if you are overly helpful, you will be taken advantage of. Charity begins at home, so don't overlook where you can do your best work. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on deals, health and legal matters. You will come into something you don't expect. An idea you have will pay off. Exaggeration will get you into trouble no matter whether it's you or someone else stretching the truth. 2 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money is heading your way -- collect old debts, make an insurance claim or ask for a loan. A love connection may take on an interesting new direction. You will attract exactly what you are looking for from your partner. 5 stars

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Seperation Sunday

Fisher defense shuts out Zahm 14-0 and forces two turnovers

By BILL BRINK, KATHERINE DONLIN and SARAH THOMAS
Sports Writers

Fisher's defense held Zahm scoreless and forced two turnovers in the Green Wave's 14-0 victory over the Rabid Bats Sunday.

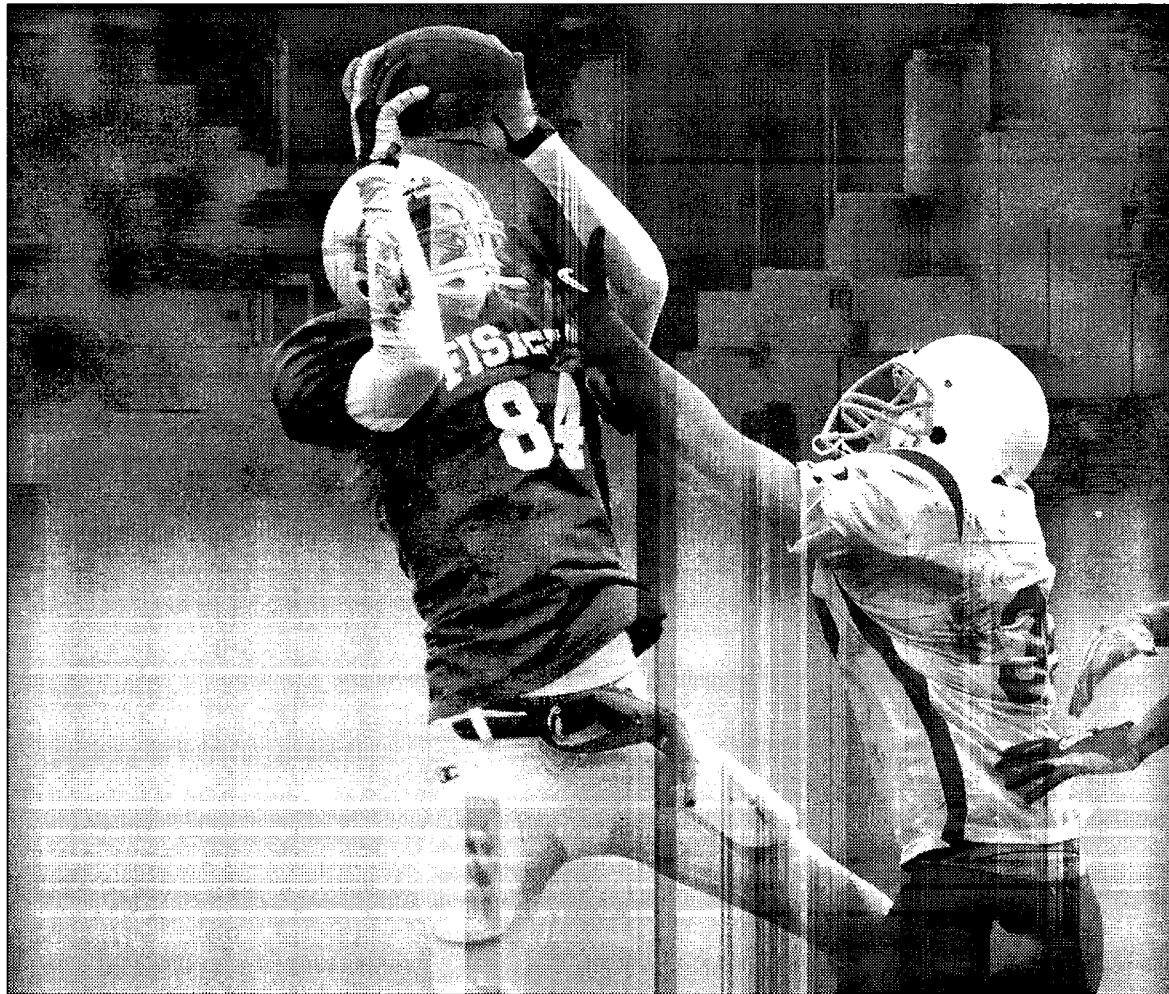
Fisher Quarterback Kevin Rabil was 8-of-13 passing for 106 yards, including a 20-yard completion to the Rabid Bat one-yard line on the team's opening drive. That set up senior Tom Hessert's one-yard touchdown run on fourth-and-goal.

Fisher safety John O'Connell intercepted a pass on the three-yard line near the end of the first half and also recovered a fumble in the end zone for the Green Wave's second touchdown.

The Green Wave defense is not physically imposing, but with their nickel defense, they don't have to be.

"We swarm to the ball, and

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Fisher wide receiver Patrick Donnelly makes a high grab over a Zahm defender during the Rabid Bats' 14-0 victory Sunday over the Green Wave.

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Cavanaugh utilizes zone coverage to beat Lyons 30-6 Sunday

By MICHAEL BURDELL, ANDREW KOVACH and COLIN REIMER
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Cavanaugh looked impressive on both sides of the ball Sunday as they defeated Lyons Hall 20-6 Sunday.

With great quarterback protection, Cavanaugh's offense blew by Lyons' zone defense, completing pass after pass en route to 13 first-half points. The Chaos were able to take advantage of shallow-zone coverage to complete long passes when they needed them most.

The Lions showed improvement from last week, driving down field three times and threatening the Chaos defense. But a lack of pass protection

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FOOTBALL

Aldridge ready to hit holes

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

With the Irish rushing game stuck in a rut, Charlie Weis will get some help today in the form of freshman running back James Aldridge.

One of three freshmen who enrolled in January, Aldridge suffered a knee injury in spring camp and has not seen action in Notre Dame's first four games. But Weis said the 6-foot, 209-pound product of Crown Point, Ind., would suit up with the first two offensive units this week, starting with today's practice, and likely be ready to play Saturday against Purdue.

"He's going to start practicing for real this week," Weis said in his press conference Sunday. "He's been practicing now. We just have not repped him with the first group up there."

Aldridge will join an Irish

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Freshman James Aldridge runs drills April 19 during spring practice. Aldridge will be ready to play Saturday against Purdue.

SMC SOCCER

Belles kick off MIAA season against Alma

Saint Mary's brings 1-5 record into match

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Belles will finally join the party.

Saint Mary's will begin its 2006 MIAA conference schedule this afternoon against Alma College. The Belles will be the last member of the nine-team conference to start — most teams began league play Thursday.

So far, Saint Mary's has accumulated a 1-5 record and it is 0-2 against opponents in the MIAA. The Belles lost to Calvin and Albion earlier in the year, but neither game counted towards the teams' conference records.

This year will be the first time the MIAA will hold a tournament to decide its

champion at the end of the season. The conference has existed since 1989, but until this point the first-place finisher was decided from regular season wins.

Saint Mary's and its senior leaders are confident going into this year's schedule that they will be able to compete with everyone in the MIAA and make a run at the conference title at season's end.

"I feel that the team is going to do very well this year," senior goalkeeper Nicole Leach said Sept. 6. "We hope to at least finish within the top three teams of our conference."

Despite the slow start, the senior corps is still confident that they will be able to improve as a unit and challenge anyone they face.

"Against Alma we start with a clean slate," senior captain

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Tri-State at Saint Mary's

tonight, 7 p.m.

Belles look to rebound from Friday loss to Calvin.

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Cavanaugh and Walsh meet tonight at 9 p.m. on Riehle West field in a crucial battle for the playoffs.

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NFL

Buccaneers quarterback Chris Simms is out indefinitely after rupturing his spleen in Tampa Bay's 26-24 loss to Carolina.

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MLB

Indians 14 White Sox 1

Chicago inches closer to playoff elimination as Cliff Lee gets the win for the Indians.

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Reds 5 Cubs 4

Cincinnati outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. moves into 10th place on all-time home run list with No. 563.

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Blue Jays 5 Red Sox 0

Toronto pitchers Shaun Marcum and Jason Frasor combine to two-hit Boston.

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