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Police question proposed ordinance

SBPD spokesman Phil Trent doubts department can enforce plan intended to control student parties

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

Leaders of the South Bend Police Department believe the Common Council's proposed ordinance to require permits for some off-campus parties is not the best way to address out-of-control gatherings — and might not even be enforceable.

"The question is, how far is everybody willing to stretch or fund the city's resources to necessarily enforce this,"

said Capt. Phil Trent, a spokesman for the police department. "We need to take a really good look at all the city resources and our ability to do what we say we're going to do."

When faced with a city of more than 105,000 people to police, patrolling officers will need to respond to calls — not pore over a list of potential parties, he said.

Sponsoring Council members argue the ordinance would introduce responsibility and order to students in

residential neighborhoods. The Council's proposed ordinance would require residents of boarding houses — buildings in which more than two unrelated people live — to file an application for a permit 10 days before hosting a party at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol. Failure to register such a gathering would be punishable by a \$500 fine, with a \$1,000 fine for any subsequent violation. Violations of any other city laws would retain their own

finances.

The specifics of the bill are not conducive to efficient patrolling, Trent said.

"We've got legitimate bars, fully licensed, with 100 patrons spilling out onto the streets," he said. "Somebody's party with 25 people isn't even going to register on the radar."

Council members readily admitted during community relations committee meetings that the ordinance would pri-

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Penalties for Hand unknown

Junior guard allegedly solicited a prostitute

By CHRIS KHOREY
News Writer

Notre Dame students, alumni and sports fans are asking questions regarding the punishment by the Office of Residence Life and Housing of junior football player Derrell Hand, who was arrested for allegedly soliciting a prostitute on South Bend's south side Aug. 3.

But answers may be slow in coming.

Irish football coach Charlie Weis said that Hand, who was suspended indefinitely from the team immediately following his arrest, was "reinstated" Monday and has attended classes and football practice all week.

The junior nose guard will be held out of at least the season's first three games against Georgia Tech, Penn State and Michigan. But, Weis said, the suspension was his and had nothing to do with Residence Life.



Hand

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Notre Dame nabs 19th in rankings

University, at 20th spot last year, gets high marks in US News and World Report survey

2008 U.S. News and World Report College Rankings: National Universities

1. Princeton

2. Harvard

3. Yale

19. Vanderbilt (tie)

19. University of Notre Dame (tie)

21. University of California, Berkeley

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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US News and World Report recently placed Notre Dame in a tie for 19th in its 2008 rankings of the country's best colleges — one spot up from a No. 20 ranking last year.

The rankings, published annually by US News and World Report, put Notre Dame in a tie with Vanderbilt. Princeton, Harvard and Yale occupy the first three spots on the list.

Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown said the University is pleased with the top-20 ranking, but added that Notre Dame has "always had reser-

variations about the methodology that is used in the rankings."

US News and World Report collects data from universities to compile the rankings. The data include the retention and graduation rate for each college, the average freshman retention rate, the selectivity of admissions, class size, the academic credentials of incoming students and the number of faculty members. Those factors account for 75 percent of the school's ranking.

The remaining 25 percent of a school's score is determined by a peer assessment review, in which the president, provost and dean of admis-

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Students count down to game time

Excitement buzzes around season opener against Georgia Tech

By AMANDA GONZALES
News Writer

The long, agonizing wait for many students will end Saturday at 3:43 p.m. when the Notre Dame football season kicks off in Notre Dame Stadium against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets.

Because of the graduation of quarterback Brady Quinn and wide receivers Jeff Samardzija and Rhema McKnight — and running back Darius Walker's early departure for the NFL Draft — Notre Dame is not ranked in the top 25 for the first time since Charlie Weis' first game as coach, against



JACKIE SPENGLER/The Observer

Hundreds of students sit on South Quad Thursday to watch the Dillon Pep Rally, an annual tradition before the first football game.

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Undergrad research director announced

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

The most recent product of University President Father John Jenkins and Provost Thomas Burish's public commitment to research is the appointment of former Assistant Dean of the Graduate School Cecilia Lucero to be the new director of undergraduate research.

The newly created position is designed "to expand research opportunities for undergraduates ... and to encourage current and entering students to participate in research," Vice President and Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies Dennis

Jacobs said Thursday.

Jacobs said Lucero was chosen to fill this position because her years as an academic advisor and assistant dean of First Year of Studies have made her familiar with undergraduate students and what the University will need to do to engage them in more research projects.

"Roughly 30 percent of students do undergraduate research currently, and I'm hoping that by reaching out to students, especially first and second-year students, we can increase that percentage," she said in a news release shortly after taking office last May.

Lucero said one way she

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INSIDE COLUMN

A Falcons fan's lament

There are a lot of reasons to be proud to be from Atlanta. Coke, Home Depot, Chick-Fil-A, Hank Aaron, Waffle House? Unfortunately this past summer our city was enveloped in controversy and embarrassed by a star we once embraced — Michael Vick.

When drafted from Virginia Tech in 2001, Michael Vick was a quarterback unlike any the NFL had ever seen. From the day the Falcons traded up to select him with the first pick, Vick was an instant celebrity in Atlanta. I was in attendance at a Braves game a few days after the draft, and I swear the ovation for Michael Vick throwing out the ceremonial first pitch was louder than Chipper Jones' walk-off homer nine innings later.

We wanted to love Michael Vick, and for the first few seasons of his NFL career we had no reason not to. In his first year starting, Vick led us to the playoffs and beat Brett Favre and the Packers at Lambeau Field.

Even though the Falcons fell to the Eagles in the next round, Michael Vick was the hottest athlete ever to hit Atlanta. The No. 7 jersey was the best-selling of any player in the NFL. I happily unwrapped my jersey Christmas morning and wore it every Sunday of the season.

A season later, Vick signed a huge 10-year contract worth \$130 million. The Georgia Dome was sold out every week and had never been so loud — we wanted Michael Vick to be a Falcon for life.

The warning signs began in 2005 with the "Ron Mexico" incident, when Vick was sued for allegedly passing on a Sexually Transmitted Disease. The suit was privately settled out of court, and little was made of the incident in Atlanta. To us, he was still the most talented quarterback in football, and he was our quarterback.

As Vick led the Falcons to the NFC Championship game the following season, we as fans looked past his off-field issue to watch him win. But then last year, the tide turned. While the Falcons struggled and Vick struggled, his relationship with the city and fans grew worse. As losses piled up, Vick gave fans in Atlanta the finger while we booed him going into halftime.

Our former superstar's demise culminated over the past eight months, ending with the investigation of "Bad Newz" kennels, the indictment, the plea bargain.

It was a tough summer for a Falcons fan because it was the end of Vick's once-promising career with the team.

His entire career and once bright future have crumbled down before our eyes, all because of some dumb decisions and horrible actions.

If anything, I hope no teams, fans, or cities ever have to deal with players like Michael Vick.

In the mean time, as Michael Vick trades in his jersey for prison garb, I'll sadly have to make a trade of my own — my No. 7 jersey for the No. 13 of Joey Harrington.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: Who will win the season opener Saturday and by how much?

					
Adebola Giwa junior Alumni	Emilie Prot junior Pasquerilla East	Julian Lagoy senior off campus	Lili Nguyen sophomore Welsh Family	Simon Chun sophomore Knott	Melissa Harintho freshman McGlinn
"Notre Dame because although Georgia has technology, we've got heart."	"Dude, I don't even know."	"Georgia Tech will blow us away because we don't have Brady."	"Hmmm. I say Notre Dame by a field goal."	"Notre Dame. 20-14."	"Notre Dame, of course! By nine points."



Mitch Gillespie's profile is outlined against the August sky as the Good Year blimp drifted over campus Thursday. The blimp is one sign that the season opener against Georgia Tech on Saturday is quickly approaching.

IN BRIEF

A pep rally for the game against Georgia Tech will be held in the Joyce Center tonight from 6 p.m. to 7. Students with IDs may enter through Gate 11 between 5:15 p.m. and 5:45. The general public may enter through Gate 8 at 5:45 p.m. with tickets.

The Summer Shakespeare company will perform "Love's Labor Lost" tonight at 8:30 in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$20-35 for faculty/staff/seniors and \$12-15 for all students. Performances will run through Sept. 2.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening Michael Moore's documentary "Sicko" tonight at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will take on Michigan tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame marching band will present its Drummer's Circle outside the Main Building tonight at 11:59 p.m.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer a Vigil Mass 30 minutes after the Georgia Tech game Saturday.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "The Night of the Hunter" Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public.

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

OFFBEAT

School outlaws playground game "tag"

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — An elementary school has banned tag on its playground after some children complained they were harassed or chased against their will.

"It causes a lot of conflict on the playground," said Cindy Fesgen, assistant principal of the Discovery Canyon Campus school.

Running games are still allowed as long as students don't chase each other, she said.

Fesgen said two parents complained to her about the ban but most parents

and children didnt object.

In 2005, two elementary schools in the nearby Falcon School District did away with tag and similar games in favor of alternatives with less physical contact. School officials said the move encouraged more students to play games and helped reduce playground squabbles.

Baby born with 12 fingers, 12 toes

NEW YORK — Jeshuah Fuller's parents expected him to be born with extra fingers. The extra toes, though, were a surprise.

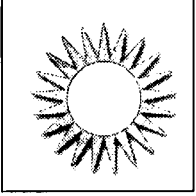
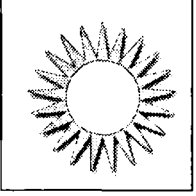
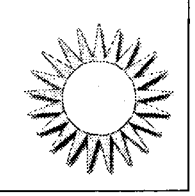
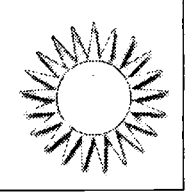
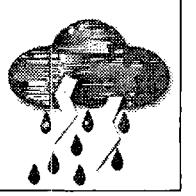

Jeshuah, healthy and

weighing 7 pounds, was born in Brooklyn on Tuesday with 12 fingers and 12 toes. His rare condition, called polydactylism, is usually genetic.

His dad was born with an extra finger on his left hand. His mom, Quana Morris, said she'd had an ultrasound image taken during her pregnancy and knew the baby would have extra fingers.

"We were counting them on the sonogram," she told the Daily News.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	GAME DAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 75 LOW 55	HIGH 65 LOW 45	HIGH 78 LOW 60	HIGH 83 LOW 67	HIGH 85 LOW 67	HIGH 88 LOW 70

Atlanta 87 / 69 Boston 78 / 58 Chicago 76 / 59 Denver 86 / 62 Houston 89 / 75 Los Angeles 93 / 67 Minneapolis 81 / 61 New York 81 / 63 Philadelphia 86 / 66 Phoenix 109 / 87 Seattle 73 / 56 St. Louis 84 / 58 Tampa 91 / 75 Washington 86 / 67

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Thursday's article about the Hilton Garden Inn next to Saint Mary's incorrectly stated the hotel's opening date. The hotel will open Sept. 22, not Nov. 1. The banquet center will hold up to 750 people, not 8,400. The Observer regrets the errors.

Residence halls filled at 104 percent capacity

Study lounges converted into rooms, doubles turned into triples to accommodate high percentage of students on campus

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Notre Dame's on-campus housing crunch hasn't gotten any better.

For students in dorms like Farley, study lounges have been converted into extra bedrooms due to overcrowding.

According to the Office of Residential Life and Housing, the University's 27 residence halls are at 104.1 percent capacity, which means that 179 beds are squeezed into forced triples, forced doubles and converted study spaces in all 13 women's dorms and most of the men's residence halls.

Four of those extra beds are in the Farley first floor study lounge, room 115, and have been for at least three years, said Farley's rector, Sister Carrine Etheridge.

One of the four girls in room 115, freshman Krissy Kemnetz, does not mind her living

arrangement.

"It's kind of crowded, but we managed to squeeze a futon and a fridge in there," she said. "There's really a lot of room in the basement, so the lounge isn't that much of a loss, plus it's nice to have more people on our floor."

Scott Kachmarik, associate director of the Office of Residence Life and Housing, who began working at Notre Dame in the late 1990s, said the dorms have been above 100 percent capacity for the past five or six years. He reviewed data on dorm populations dating back to 1991-1992 and said

at no time in those years were the residence halls below 96 percent capacity.

Notre Dame seems to be an anomaly when it comes to on-campus college dormitory living trends. Kachmarik said many universities would say their best year for students living on campus would be one where the dorms were at 96 percent capacity.

"We are very fortunate that students want to live in the halls," he said.

Though the capacity numbers have gone up, the University's population has not experienced a grand expansion in the last 10 or 15 years, he said.

"Last year, 100 more students enrolled than anticipated, and that adds to the overflow," he said. "The impact of that overflow is felt in the residence halls, dining halls, classrooms and all places on campus."

Though the dorms are crowded, Kachmarik does not believe that particular fact contributes to students' decision to move off campus.

"Being at 104.1 percent capacity in the residences indicates that a good number of the upperclassmen are still here," he said.

Kachmarik said it is mostly the freshmen and sophomores who have the least space, in

general, and that the overcrowding affects them in particular. The juniors and seniors, under the seniority-based

lottery system, get better room picks.

"Students tend to grit and bear it freshman and sophomore year, knowing they can get a better room configuration junior and senior year," he said.

The University is in the process of building

four new dormitories — one of which, Duncan Hall, is already under construction. These dorms will provide 1,000 new beds, and will help to alleviate the overflow experienced now.

Roughly 750 beds will be removed from the current 27 residence halls to reduce the overcrowding — this means beds from lounges, one room triples and crowded doubles. The net affect of the new dormitories will be 250 extra beds.

"This will help us to provide for more opportunities for stu-

dents living on campus to keep living on campus and for other students to move onto campus," Kachmarik said.

Etheridge said she hopes the addition of four more dorms — including two women's dorms — will mean Farley is less crowded.

The demand for on campus living is still high, and currently 30 men and 30 women are on the waiting list to live on campus for the fall 2007 semester, Kachmarik said.

The new dorms will mean that, at some point, Farley residents will be able to reclaim their first-floor lounge, a computer room, a music room and two additional study lounges in the basement. The four basement rooms are four senior singles that share one bathroom — meaning one sink, one toilet and one shower.

"Even though we're crowded, seniors still want to live here," Etheridge said.

Of the 255 Farley residents, 53 are seniors.

"It reflects the spirit of the hall," she said. "Students enjoy the residential experience of dorm life ... they desire community, and will get cozy to have that."

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Rankings

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sions of a school evaluate the academic programs offered by other colleges, including its own.

This factor in the rankings, Brown said, makes the survey less precise.

"[Most presidents, provosts and deans of admission] only know really a handful of schools in terms of how good they are," Brown said.

"To ask them to evaluate several hundred institutions is not very practical."

Brown said Notre Dame belongs in the top 20, but said he thought Notre Dame could be placed higher on the list.

"It is interesting to us that among the top 25 schools we had the lowest peer assessment score, and we are not quite sure why that is," Brown said. "That is one thing that probably weighs us down a little bit."

But Notre Dame did advance one spot on the list since last year, a shift Brown attributed to several factors. A change in the University's computer system allowed Notre Dame to report a larger percentage of full-time faculty members, creating a more consistent record of the faculty population.

Brown also noted revisions in federal reporting guidelines that updated the way faculty were counted as either full-time or part-time.

The large number of applicants for the Class of 2011, with 14,500 applicants for fewer than 2,000 spots, also improved Notre Dame's rating in the selectivity and acceptance rate categories, Brown said.

In an additional US News ranking of schools with the lowest acceptance rates, Notre Dame, with a 27 percent acceptance rate, was one of the most competitive schools in the country.

"A little bit here and a little bit there, and you nudge yourself up a bit," Brown said.

A little bit of nudging goes on in the registrar's office as

well. Harold Pace, the University registrar, said the ranking system does sometimes influence class size decisions.

US News factors into its rankings the percentage of classes at a school with fewer than 20 students and the percentage of classes with more than 50 students. Schools get

better scores with smaller classes and lower scores with a higher number of bigger classes.

Pace tries to keep classes under 20

and under 50, if he can, so students might notice that they frequently have classes of 19 or 49.

"If there is a class that is taught and a department has suggested a class size of 20, we will see if that would also work for 19," Pace said. "And in the same way, the other cut-offs, just for that consideration."

But if a department or dean would rather have a larger class size, Pace said, then the

University will allow the class to be taught with 20 students, for example, rather than 19.

Notre Dame does try to increase its score in the report, Brown said, but always takes the rankings "with a grain of salt."

"In some ways, we can argue that universities all have such unique missions and constraints and weaknesses that to try to numerically

rank them is not even credible in some ways, but US News chooses to do that, and certainly parents and prospective students use that tool," he said.

On its Web site, Notre Dame lists its distinguished rankings, including its status as a top-25 school in the US News rankings, on its "About Notre Dame" page.

Both observations and Admissions office research show students and their parents are "not fixated" on rankings, said Assistant Provost for Admissions Dan Saracino.

"If you are ranked in the top 20, it affirms you are one of the top schools in the country," Saracino said. "But a student is not going to select a school that is 17th over one

that is 19th ... for that reason. Because there are a lot of other reasons."

Freshman Kellie Sciacca went through the college search process not long ago but said she didn't look at rankings when she decided to apply, and later enroll, at Notre Dame. What attracted her to the school, she said, was the "academic prestige."

"Everyone knows Notre Dame is a great school," she said.

Does she think No. 19 is an accurate rank for Notre Dame?

"I think it should be ranked higher, but obviously I'm biased because I really like this place."

Senior Katie Miller was glad that Notre Dame had moved up in the rankings but said that even if it dropped dramatically, the school would still get a huge applicant pool.

"I think there is so much more about Notre Dame that is attractive other than just their ranking," she said.

Seniors like Miller may soon appreciate Notre Dame's high ranking a lot more when they begin to look for jobs. Lee Svete, the director of the Career Center, which was

itself ranked second in the country by The Princeton Review, said he thinks employers are starting to look more closely at the rankings when they decide where to recruit.

Svete cited BusinessWeek, which listed the Mendoza School of Business seventh in the country in its 2007 rankings of undergraduate business programs. That, Svete said, is an "extra selling point" for companies to recruit Notre Dame graduates.

"I don't think it makes or breaks a deal, but I think it's an added bonus to be in the top 10," he said.

For the past six years, US News and World Report has also published a list of schools that have "outstanding examples of academic programs that are believed to lead to student access," according to the magazine's Web site.

Notre Dame's First Year of Studies, its International Study program and service learning offerings are all recognized in the unranked lists. Notre Dame also was ranked 20th out of 50 schools with the best values. The ranking was determined based on the percentage receiving need-based grants, the average school cost after the grant and the average discount from the total cost of attending the college.

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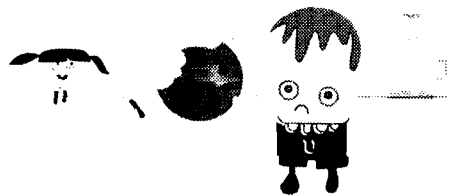
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

8 killed as trains collide near Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — A train slammed into a stationary train Thursday near a Rio de Janeiro depot, officials said. A firefighter said there were reports of casualties.

The collision occurred about 200 yards from the Austin station on Rio's poor north side, said a firefighter who gave his name only as Sgt. Goncalves, in line with company policy.

"We heard there were various victims, including fatalities," he said by telephone.

Civil Defense officials said 60 firefighters were working at the site to remove victims.

"Our priority is to give support to the survivors, the passengers trapped in the wreckage, and reduce the number of fatal victims," Col. Souza Filho, the head of Rio de Janeiro's Civil Defense Department, said in an interview with the Globo TV network.

Souza Filho said preliminary reports were that one train was empty and the other was carrying commuters. He said he didn't have an estimate of the number of victims.

China replaces finance minister

BEIJING — China replaced its finance minister Thursday amid reports he was involved in a sex scandal and also named a new chief of secret police. The reshuffle appeared aimed at putting President Hu Jintao's allies in key positions before a Communist Party meeting that will set policies for the next five years.

Jin Renqing, the finance minister since 2003, was resigning "for personal reasons," a Cabinet spokeswoman said without elaborating, fueling speculation that he had run afoul of the Communist Party leadership.

Rumors that the 63-year-old Jin was on his way out as finance chief had circulated for days, raising concerns in global financial circles.

NATIONAL NEWS

Suspicious material found in office

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. weapons inspectors discovered a potentially hazardous chemical warfare agent that was taken from an Iraqi chemical weapons facility 11 years ago and mistakenly stored in their offices in the heart of midtown Manhattan all that time, officials said Thursday. The material — identified in inventory files as phosgene, a chemical substance used in World War I weapons — was discovered Aug. 24. It was only identified on Wednesday because it was marked simply with an inventory number, and officials had to check the many records in their vast archives, said Ewen Buchanan, a spokesman for the U.N. inspection agency.

Report brings more Iraq debate

WASHINGTON — An independent assessment concluding that Iraq has made little political progress in recent months despite an influx of U.S. troops drew fierce objections from the White House on Thursday and provided fresh ammunition for Democrats who want to bring troops home. The political wrangling came days before the report was to be officially released and while most lawmakers were still out of town for the August recess, reflecting the high stakes involved for both sides in the Iraq war debate. President Bush, who planned to meet Friday at the Pentagon with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is nearing a decision on a way forward in Iraq while Congress planned another round of votes this fall to end the war.

LOCAL NEWS

Cocaine ring busted in SW Indiana

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Law enforcement officers announced Thursday a federal indictment that named more than two dozen men responsible for bringing crack cocaine into southwestern Indiana.

All but four of the 26 men named in the indictment were in custody after search warrants were served in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky.

"We certainly have put a heck of a dent in the drug dealing community," said David Wedding, chief deputy of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

Virginia Tech leader on defensive

School president refuses to step down despite demands from angry parents

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — With anguished parents demanding his firing, Virginia Tech's president bristled at suggestions Thursday that he bears responsibility for the bloodbath on campus, calling it a crime "unprecedented in its cunning and murderous results."

At a news conference where he was grilled about an independent panel's conclusion that lives could have been saved had the school warned the campus sooner that a killer was on the loose, Charles Steger suggested there may have been nothing anyone could have done to stop the April 16 rampage by gunman Seung-Hui Cho that left 33 people dead.

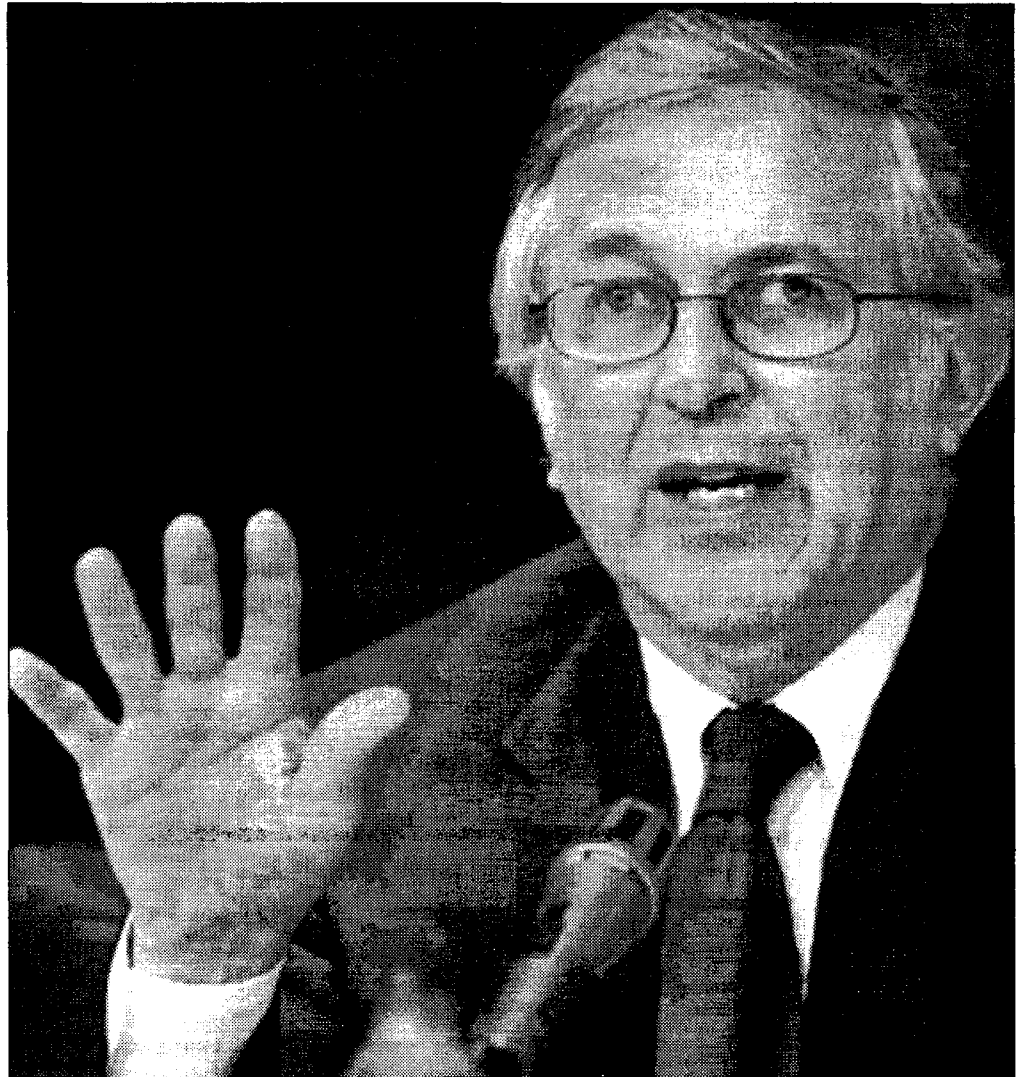
"No plausible scenario was made for how this horror could have been prevented once he began that morning," Steger said.

He said he will neither resign nor ask the Virginia Tech police chief to quit, despite bitter demands by some of the victims' families that he and others be held accountable for the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

"In my view of the world, the buck stops at the top," said William O'Neil, whose son Daniel was among the students slain. "I think that in this case, his lack of leadership and his lack of compassion for the families is just astounding."

It took administrators more than two hours to get the first e-mail warning out after Cho killed two people in a dormitory. In the interim, Cho mailed off a video confession to NBC and then made his way across the Blacksburg campus to a classroom building, where he killed 30 more victims and committed suicide.

Steger said that during those two hours, administrators carefully considered how to deal with the



Virginia Tech president Charles W. Steger answers questions from the media at a news conference in Blacksburg, Va., Thursday. Steger has been facing calls to resign.

first burst of gunfire, including a warning or a complete campus lockdown.

In the end, according to the report, administrators concluded that the shooting was a boyfriend-girlfriend dispute and that the gunman had probably left the campus. Also, the report noted, they were afraid of causing panic, as happened at the start of the school year, when the first day of classes was called off because an escaped murder suspect was on the loose near campus.

Asked whether he would have done anything differently that day, Steger said no.

"I am not aware of any-

thing the police learned that would have indicated that a mass murder was imminent," he said at the news conference in Blacksburg. "The panel researched reports of multiple shootings on campuses for the past 40 years and no scenario was found in which the first murder was followed by a second elsewhere on campus. Nowhere."

The panel, appointed by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, released its report late Wednesday, and Kaine said he was standing by Steger and other top administrators and not pressing for their firing because they have suffered enough.

"This is not something where the university offi-

cials, faculty, administrators have just been very blithe," Kaine said. "There has been deep grieving about this, and it's torn the campus up."

Instead, he said he would focus on preventive measures, such as better communication between the parents of troubled children and the colleges they are planning to attend.

"The information needs to flow both ways," the governor said.

The governor's panel, which spent four months investigating the massacre, said the two-hour gap could have been used to craft potentially lifesaving text or phone messages warning students of the gunman.

PERU

Nation still in bad shape after quake

Associated Press

Relief officials urgently appealed for more aid Thursday for earthquake survivors along Peru's shattered southern coast. Medical help, blankets and tents top the list, along with food, water and latrines.

Two weeks after the devastating quake, survivors are huddling in cardboard shelters in desperate, unhygienic conditions, said Doctors Without Borders spokesman Francois Dumont, speaking from the town of Guadalupe.

"We found the town completely destroyed," Dumont told The

Associated Press. "In makeshift shelters made of cardboard and bed sheets in front of their destroyed houses, families are living in cold and unhygienic conditions. They have no latrines, no drinking water and no real space to bathe."

"It's like one day after the quake," said Dumont, whose group has 35 people operating mobile clinics and offering psychological counseling in the disaster zone.

The magnitude-8 earthquake on Aug. 15 leveled most of Pisco, a port city 125 miles southeast of Lima, killing at least 519 people, injuring 1,366 and destroying 40,000 homes.

At least 40 other people remain missing, said Alberto Visual, a director in Peru's civil defense agency.

Despite substantial help initially from Latin America, Europe, Japan and the United States, some 200,000 people still need help to save their lives, said Elisabeth Byrs, spokeswoman for the U.N.'s humanitarian affairs office, which has appealed for US\$37 million more in donations.

The town of Cabeza del Toro is one of many where survivors are in dire need of help, said Mar Mora, an adviser to the U.N. World Food Program.

Opener

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Pittsburgh to start the 2005 season.

But that hasn't hampered many students' enthusiasm.

Junior Tony Piskurich is optimistic that Notre Dame will do well on Saturday — and all season long.

"I do have realistic expectations for the season and believe that our new players will be able to contribute to the team," Piskurich said. "... I do believe we will finish in the top 25."

Junior Megan Planicka echoed Piskurich's optimism for the upcoming football season.

"I do believe that it will be a learning experience, but I hope that we upset some

teams as the underdog," she said.

For senior Lawrence Sullivan, this is the beginning of his final football season as an undergraduate student at Notre Dame.

When asked if he is sad about this being his final season, Sullivan replied, "I'm not really sad yet, although I may be at the end of the season. ... I'm just so excited about football starting again."

Sullivan is hoping for at least an 8-4 record this season and said he believes freshman Jimmy Clausen will be the starting quarterback for the Irish.

The annual Dillon Hall Pep Rally, the dorm's signature event, took place Thursday, drawing hundreds of students to South Quad to watch the dorm's skits and listen to the

guest speakers. This year, the guest speakers included Weis, retired Indiana State Police Officer Tim McCarthy, tight end John Carlson, linebacker Maurice Crum and Chris Zorich, a

member of the 1988 National Championship football team.

McGlinn freshman Courtney Ensslin said the rally made her more excited for Saturday's game.

"I'm not really sad yet, although I may be at the end of the season. ... I'm just so excited about football starting again."

**Lawrence Sullivan
senior**

Ordinance

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marily affect students.

Council member Al "Buddy" Kirsits, a co-sponsor, has said many neighborhood problems are caused by "a culture of drinking" among college students.

The ordinance's other sponsor, Council member Tim Rouse, said student partying has required increased city response and resources.

"There's a perception that things have gotten better, but when you look at the data, they've actually regressed," he said at the Aug. 20 community relations committee meeting. "We have more instances of things that cost the city money."

Later during that meeting, Chief Thomas Fautz of the South Bend Police Department disagreed.

Fautz said police had seen a "slight improvement" in off-campus student partying last year, a change potentially related to the amendment added to the disorderly house ordinance during the summer of 2005.

The Common Council amended the disorderly house ordinance, changing the number of noise violations needed for eviction from three to one — in part because the measure, like this proposed ordinance, was introduced while most students were away from campus for the summer.

Though Council members said the proposed ordinance would provide police with information about large parties, the city's police have their own concerns about the legislation, police spokesperson Trent said.

"They're making it sound like the South Bend Police Department is the principal

body that's trying to push this ordinance," he said. "I think if you look back at what our police chief said during the council meeting ... he basically listed some things to the effect that on a football Saturday, we don't have time to do what the ordinance mandates we do."

Trent emphasized the need to be "realistic" when enforcing laws. Telling seasoned police officers how to find out-of-control parties would use city resources while accomplishing little, he said.

"If there's a party on East Washington Street with 400 people, they're not going to hide that very well," he said. "It's not going to be a news flash."

One positive aspect of the proposed ordinance, Trent said, would be the requirement of contact information for someone who considered himself responsible for the event.

"You usually get out there and ask who owns [the house,] you get 199 shrugs," he said.

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke has encouraged Council members to revise the ordinance before bringing it to vote. The city administration has prepared a working draft of a revised ordinance that was discussed at a community relations committee meeting Monday. In that

draft, the application submitted to the city 10 days in advance of an event was changed to a notification to the police department 24 hours before an event.

"It doesn't do any good to have an ordinance that is ignored, not enforceable or taken to court," Luecke said after the community relations committee meeting Aug. 20.

Students had already responded strongly to the ordinance and its emphasis on drinking-related problems when the Aug. 21 shooting of two Notre Dame seniors — both whom are recovering — attracted campus attention to violent crime in South Bend.

Discussion of the ordinance has highlighted one frequent misconception about the police department, Trent said.

"One of the things we hear as a complaint would be, 'Why don't you guys have anything better to do than write tickets for underage drinking? Why are you so fixated on this as opposed to catching people doing crimes?'" he said.

As with any public service agency, police departments are subject to a strict division of labor, Trent said. Some officers patrol the streets to prevent crime, while others serve as excise officers.

No officer whose duties include checking for underage drinking at Saturday tailgates would otherwise be walking the streets to investigate crime, he said.

Whether the current allocation of resources to various police ventures is the best possible division, he said, can be debated.

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"We've got legitimate bars, fully licensed, with 100 patrons spilling out onto the streets. Somebody's party with 25 people isn't even going to register on the radar."

**Capt. Phil Trent
spokesman
South Bend Police
Department**

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"I love that the students have so much school spirit," she said.

Another freshman, Lauren Edger was happy to see Weis make an appearance and thought it was nice to get a reprieve from her first week of college classes.

"Since we just started class on Tuesday, this was a nice change of pace," she said.

For freshmen like Edger and Ensslin, the contest will be their first game as students cheering on the Irish and a chance to execute the student-run cheers that they learned during orientation.

Although this is not freshman Nola Seta's first Notre Dame game, she said she is still thrilled about Saturday's home opener.

"I am very excited for the game and can't wait to do the push-ups when we score a

touchdown," she said.

A win would make it even sweeter for Seta, who is a native of Georgia and has many friends who attend Georgia Tech.

"If we win, I could call all my Georgia Tech friends and brag about the game," she said. Junior Maggie Condit is also excited to see the freshmen experience their first pep rally and the football game.

"I am glad that they get to share in the Notre Dame experience."

This season opener marks the 193rd consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium. This will be the 34th meeting between the schools, with Notre Dame leading the series 27-5-1.

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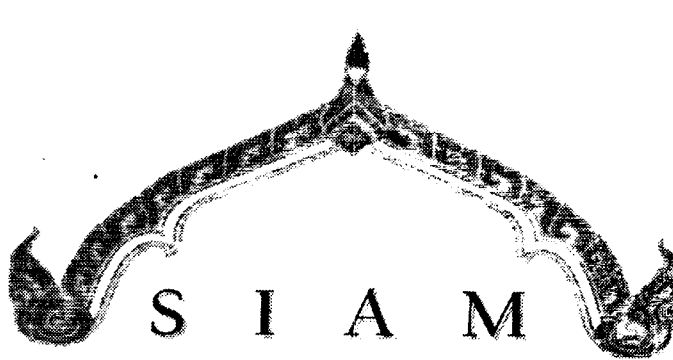
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NASDAQ	2,565.30	+2.14
S&P 500	1,457.64	-6.12
FTSE 100 (London)	6,212.00	+79.80

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-0.27	-0.39	146.15
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NTEL CP (INTC)	+0.76	+0.19	25.28
SUN MICROSYS (JAVA)	+1.55	+0.08	5.25

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.12	-0.051	4.502
13-WEEK BILL	-3.12	-0.120	3.730
30-YEAR BOND	-1.11	-0.054	4.825
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.56	-0.067	4.216

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Toys 'R' Us product recalled for lead

TRENTON, NJ — Toys 'R' Us is recalling thousands of art sets made in China due to excessive levels of lead in some black watercolor paints.

Wayne-based Toys 'R' Us Inc. and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall Thursday, saying printed ink on the packaging of the Imaginarium Wooden Coloring Cases also contained lead. They said no injuries have been reported.

"Toys 'R' Us has terminated its relationship with Funtastic, effective immediately," the company said in a statement.

Toys 'R' Us bought the sets from Funtastic, a unit of a Hong Kong distribution company called FPL Group. They are manufactured by a company in Ningbo, China, called Danxiang International Trading.

The 213-item set contains crayons, pastels, colored pencils, fiber pens, water colors, a palette and other art supplies in a wooden carrying case.

Wheat prices soar in tight market

NEW YORK — Wheat prices surged again into record territory Thursday as dry weather menaced crops in the Southern Hemisphere, exacerbating the concerns of a world market bound by extremely tight supply and unrelenting demand.

Other commodities finished mixed, with energy prices retreating slightly from sharp gains a day earlier and metals ending in a mixed range. Gold slipped at the market close, while industrial metals including copper and nickel rose modestly.

The price of wheat has had a spectacular run higher since mid-May, as one wheat crop after another around the world has been damaged by too-hot or too-dry weather. Now the market has its eye on crops in the Southern Hemisphere: Forecasts are calling for dryness in Argentina and Australia, when the winter wheat crop emerging there needs moisture, said Richard Feltes, senior vice president and director of MF Global Research in Chicago.

Stocks finish mixed amid worries

Back-and-forth session stand still despite concerns about economy, credit market

Associated Press

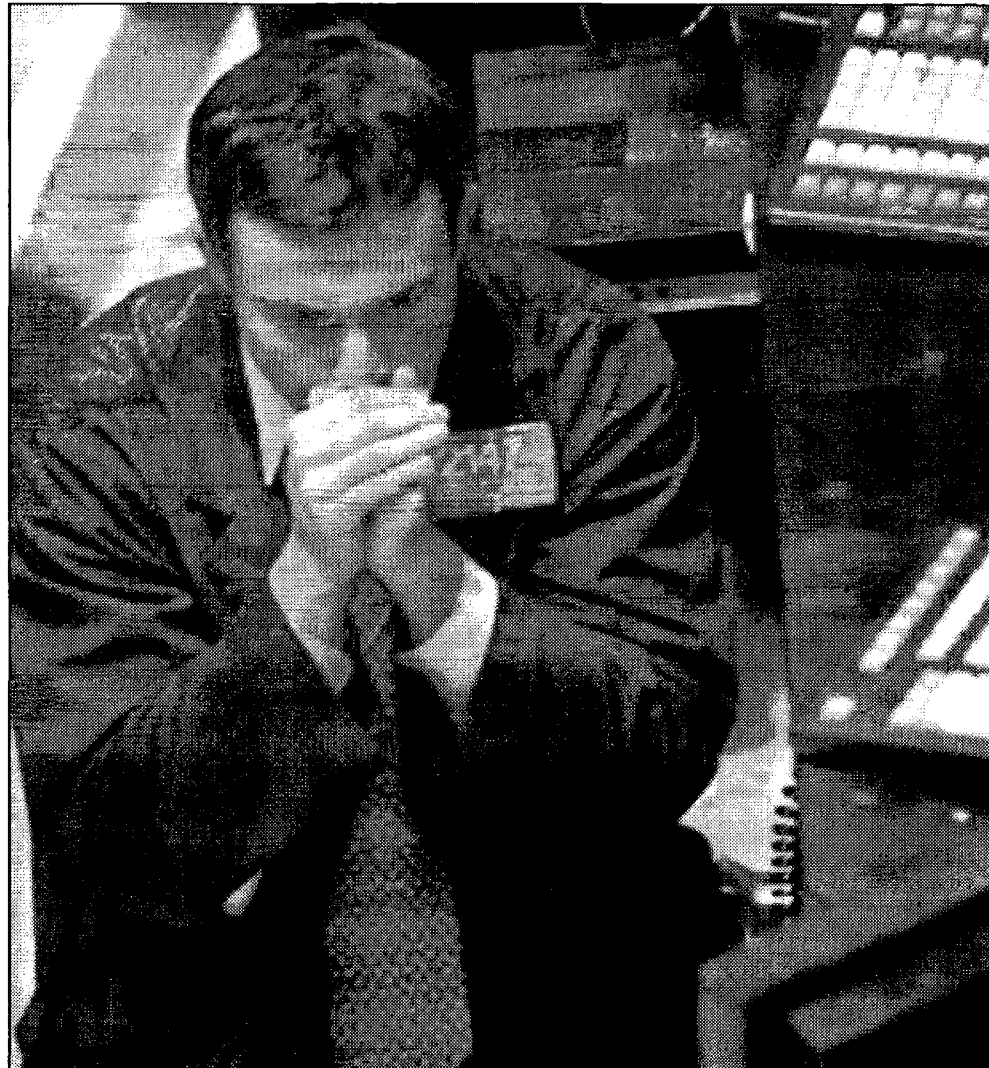
NEW YORK — Stocks finished a back-and-forth session mixed Thursday as investors grappled with weaker-than-expected economic data and weighed the chances of the Federal Reserve lowering interest rates.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke is expected to speak Friday at the central bank's annual conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and said in a letter Wednesday to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., that Fed policymakers are "prepared to act as needed" if the market's turmoil damages the economy. The Fed's next meeting is Sept. 18, but some on Wall Street expect the central bank could act sooner.

The Commerce Department said second-quarter gross domestic product grew 4.0 percent — its fastest pace in more than a year, and well above the 0.6 percent increase in the first quarter. But the broadest measure of economic health came in slightly lower than many anticipated, and the report also suggested that business investment, not consumer spending, was the main driver of growth.

In a sign that Americans' spending power may keep declining, the Labor Department said U.S. jobless claims rose last week to the highest level since April. Employment has been one of the stronger pillars of the economy recently, enabling robust consumer spending.

Considering how sluggish consumer spending has been this quarter, it's likely to post its worst back-to-back quarterly performance since early 2000, said Michael Strauss, chief economist at Commonfund. And given all of the mortgage market troubles, "there is a growing challenge for the economy to continue to grow at a 2.5



An investor observes the early numbers at the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. The mixed results of the stock market came after the previous session's major tumble.

percent pace in second half of the year," he said.

To some investors, that's not bad news, because weaker-than-anticipated economic readings bolster the argument for a rate cut, which could loosen up the credit markets.

The Dow fell 50.56, or 0.38 percent, to 13,238.73 after dropping about 100 points early in the session.

Broader stock indicators finished mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 6.12, or 0.42 percent, to 1,457.64, while the Nasdaq rose 2.14, or 0.08 percent, to 2,565.30.

In other economic news, the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight said U.S. home prices rose just 0.1 percent in the second quarter compared to the first quarter, the lowest quarterly increase since 1994.

A worse-than-expected quarterly earnings report from Freddie Mac due to troubles in mortgage lending fed some selling early in the day, as did signs that companies are still finding that demand is low for commercial paper.

In addition, Lehman Brothers lowered its ratings on investment banks, stir-

ring concerns about how well their profits will hold in a market where its tougher and more expensive to get deals done. Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Merrill Lynch & Co. and Morgan Stanley lost ground. Goldman fell \$2.34 to \$171.38, Merrill Lynch slid 93 cents to \$72.18 and Morgan Stanley fell \$1.05 to \$60.16.

In one possible bright spot, some investors regard the outlook for the technology sector as decent, giving the technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index an especially large boost.

Salmonella prompts spinach recall

Associated Press

FRESNO, CA — Consumer advocates and some lawmakers say that a Salinas Valley company's recall of spinach because of a salmonella scare shows that the federal government must do more to protect the nation's food supply, but industry officials call it proof that their voluntary regulations are working.

Metz Fresh, a King City-based grower and shipper, recalled 8,000 cartons of fresh spinach Wednesday after salmonella was found during a routine test of spinach it was processing for shipment. More than 90 percent of the possibly contaminated cartons never reached stores, company spokesman Greg Larson said.

California's leafy greens industry adopted the voluntary regulations last year after a fatal E. coli outbreak, but advocates said a nation-

al, mandatory inspection and testing program overseen by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is needed.

"Eight thousand cartons left the plant for distribution in the U.S. That's 8,000 too many," said Jean Halloran, a food safety expert with Consumers Union. "At this point, we are relying on the leafy green industry to police itself."

Some growers said Metz Fresh's ability to catch the bacteria showed that the new testing regimes are working. No illnesses have been reported from eating spinach linked to the company.

"I think the test of the industry is how we react to these types of situations," said grower Joseph Pezzini, who heads the board that administers the new produce safety rules. "No one was harmed by the product and that's important."

Larsen said the recalled spinach, which was picked Aug. 22, had test-

ed negative in earlier field and production tests. Metz Fresh began telling stores and restaurants on Aug. 24 not to sell or serve the lettuce after a first round of tests came up positive.

"The first thing we are looking at right now is making sure this product, as much as possible, is under our control," he said. "The next step is to back up and take a hard look at how this happened."

Metz Fresh has complied with the California Leafy Green Products Handler Marketing Agreement, a set of voluntary food safety rules drafted after last year's E. coli outbreak in fresh spinach killed three people and sickened 200. By joining the program, participants also agree to have their fields and plants checked for compliance.

In two separate plant and field visits earlier this month, California auditors found no signs of danger.

Research

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hopes to get the word out is through the development of a Web site where students can find all the information and pointers they need to get started on a research project.

"There have been many undergraduate research opportunities available to students for years but many people don't know about them because all the information hasn't been centralized," she said.

Currently, students interested in conducting individual research can go to different centers, institutes and offices on campus to find the financial and academic support they may need to get started. The Kellogg Institute for International Studies and the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) has been giving students research grants for more than a decade.

Science and engineering students can also receive financial support for their research proposals from programs sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Lucero said. Another alternative may be side-by-side participation in the research endeavors of faculty and graduate students.

Those options, however, are scattered throughout the University and may be difficult to locate, she said. She hopes the Web site — which should be ready for the spring semester — will help students identify these possibilities easily.

Lucero said there might be a portion of the Web site dedicated to individual profiles that students can set up — profiles that could include explanations of their fields of study, expertise, interests and other pertinent information. Faculty members would check these profiles to be paired up with undergraduate research assistants. In the same way, students would be able to browse different faculty profiles to find potential mentors or academic advisors.

"It would be a more coordinated effort to try to get students and faculty together," Lucero said. "... It's a great for students to meet the faculty and start developing the mentoring relationships that are key to the success of undergraduate research and the

student's college career as well."

She is aware, nonetheless, that students may require additional incentives to commit to an ongoing research project.

That is why she and Jacobs also have emphasized the need to improve the publication prospects for any works

undergraduate researchers may complete.

Jacobs said Lucero's role will also include "helping students disseminate their research findings through presentations and publications to provide recognition for those students who have excelled at research."

Lucero said she's working on a commercial that would air during home football games. The clip might talk about the research activities of students and professors — a nod to researchers' hard work.

She is also eyeing a campus-wide fair where undergraduate students could exhibit their research accomplishments.

Last May, the College of Science hosted a "Day of Research" where students presented their findings to their peers and professors, and prizes were given to the top projects. Lucero said she wishes a campus-wide research

fair could provide students from other colleges a similar opportunity to share their work with the campus community. The logistics and coordination of a fair of that magnitude, however, make that scenario unlikely right now, she said.

This semester, she said, she'll focus on launching the

Web site and developing one-credit seminars for second-semester freshmen who demonstrate an interest in conducting individual research.

The seminars would introduce freshmen to different research methodologies, helping them learn to write grant proposals, track their findings and present them.

Lucero said she might help create different seminars for five possible fields of research — social sciences, arts and humanities, science, engineering and business. Students in the seminars would be identified by their academic advisors or professors during their first semester as freshmen and encouraged to enroll in the class.

And she doesn't expect to have problems finding driven,

enthusiastic students.

Sophomore Jeff Lakusta has been researching the HIV/AIDS crisis in South Africa with some help from the University. During a trip to the country, he became interested in the health crisis and founded a non-profit organization, the Eyes on Africa Foundation, to raise money to sponsor his relief opportunities and his research in the region.

"Father [James] Foster is working with me both on the

research side for my project and helping spread the word for the new foundation," Lakusta said.

"Notre Dame has already proven to be an incredible resource, and the willingness of faculty to get personally involved in their student's interests is inspiring."

Jeff Lakusta
sophomore

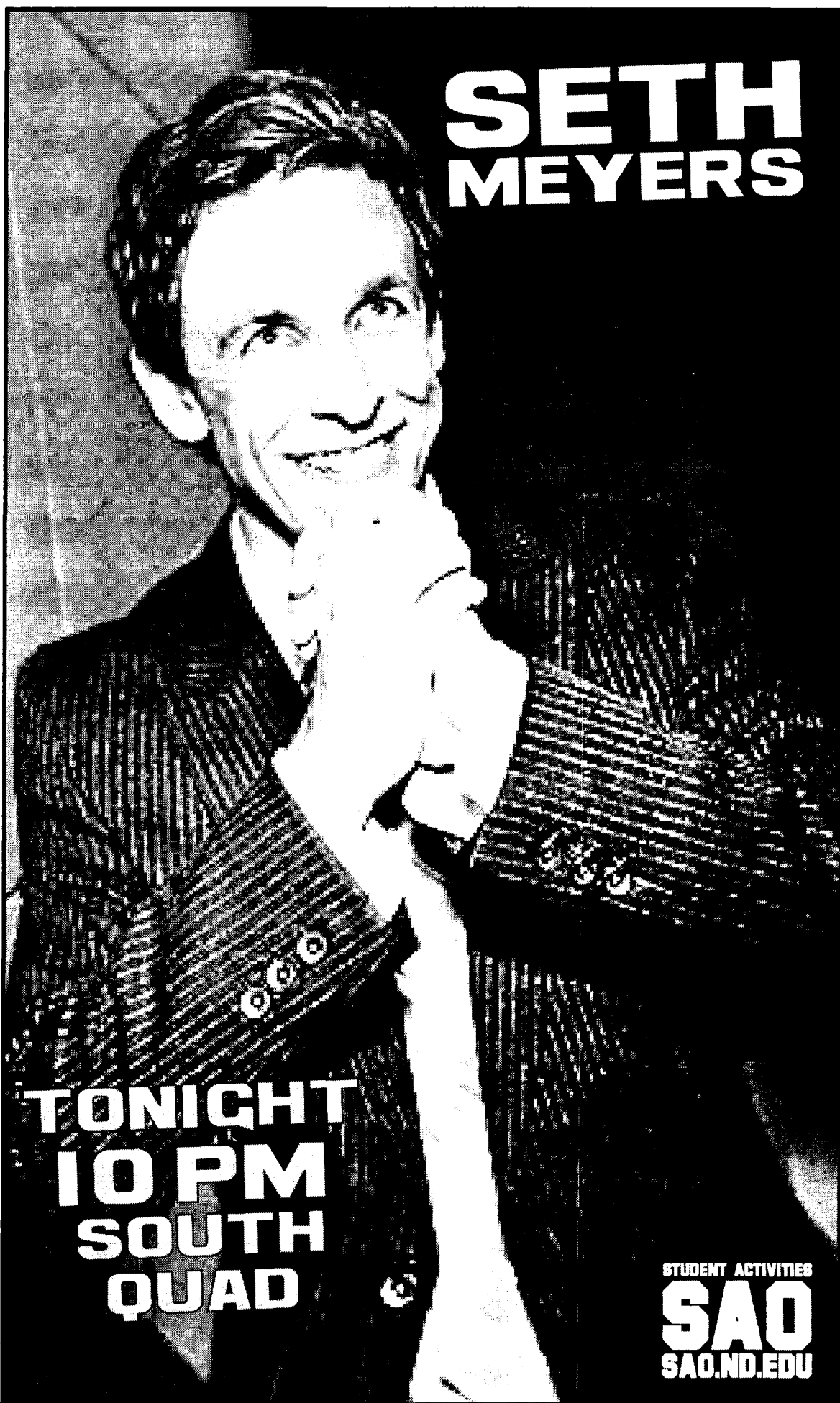
involved in research projects is senior Andrew Harms. He said his work with radio technologies has helped him prepare for graduate school. His findings in the lab complement

the classroom, and he has enjoyed working closely with the electrical engineering faculty.

"Almost every faculty member in the [Electrical Engineering] department is more than happy to talk with students and work with students who are interested in research," he said. "Most professors have projects lying around but lack the manpower needed to do everything. Even younger students like sophomores, or even freshmen, can find some great projects to work on."

To help students like Lakusta and Harms, Jacobs said, the University will continue to develop the infrastructure and the resources students need to conduct research.

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Hand

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"It's not the school's [suspension]," he said. "It's football's."

What the University handed out for Hand's violation is still a mystery. Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycliff said the University administration had no comment. Associate Vice President for Residence Life Bill Kirk did not return several phone calls Wednesday and Thursday.

Even if they wanted to comment, Wycliff and Kirk would have to speak within the bounds of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA says that "schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record," which means any comment from the University would have to come in the form of generalities.

According to duLac, the Notre Dame student handbook, there are 12

possible sanctions that Residence Life can levy against students that have violated University rules. They range from a verbal warning to permanent dismissal.

Many sections of duLac prescribe specific punishments for various crimes. However, there is no section that specifically covers solicitation of a prostitute — which

"It's not the school's [suspension] It's football's."

Charlie Weis
Notre Dame Irish
football coach

leaves the question of punishment somewhat open-ended.

DuLac does say that "offensive sexual behavior is a serious offense," and that "students should be aware of Indiana state law," but while solicitation is illegal in Indiana, it is unclear whether solicitation constitutes "offensive sexual behavior."

This open-endedness has created confusion among Irish fans, including those who post on the message boards attached to popular fan site ndnation.com. Some have even posited that the administration has decided to ease punishments for duLac violations.

"Maybe they changed it right after the MacAlarney debacle and

Hand is just the first high profile student to benefit," one poster wrote.

Posters on the message board have compared Hand's situation to that of junior basketball player Kyle McAlarney, who was suspended for the 2007 spring semester after being arrested on marijuana possession charges.

"Suspension for an entire semester for smoking pot but not for soliciting a prostitute?" one poster wrote. "I don't get the administration sometimes."

However, duLac says that "possession, use or misuse of any controlled substance, including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, amphetamines and depressants, is a serious violation. Students who possess, use or misuse such substances shall be subject to disciplinary suspension or permanent dismissal." There is no such specific sanction provision for solicitation or "offensive sexual behavior."

In Hand's absence, fellow junior Pat Kuntz and freshman Ian Williams will man the nose guard position. Weis said that Hand, who missed all of fall training camp, has to get back in shape before he can contribute on the field.

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Kosher meals provided as option at universities

UW-Madison to meet needs of religious students

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Heather Zucker ate mostly salad and spaghetti during the years she lived in the University of Wisconsin-Madison dorms. Sometimes, her dinner was just a bowl of ice cream.

Zucker wasn't being picky. She keeps kosher, and she said there were "slim pickins" for Jewish students in the dining halls.

"It got old pretty fast," said Zucker, who graduated in 2005.

That's about to change. UW-Madison is opening a kosher meat kitchen in a residence hall dining room starting this fall. Muslims who follow Islamic dietary laws, called halal, will also be accommodated.

A growing number of schools are offering kosher dining options, but few have full kosher meat kitchens, said UW-Madison housing director Paul Evans. Other schools with the service include the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University.

"We know this is being talked about because it's fairly unusual," Evans said.

The goal is to make Jewish and Muslim students more comfortable and help the university attract potential students.

About 4,000 Jewish students attend UW-Madison, making it among the largest Jewish student populations at U.S. public universities, according to Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, a Washington, D.C.-based group that has foundations on many campuses.

Kashrut, or Jewish dietary laws, prohibit mixing milk and meat, and bar consumption of pork and shellfish. The kosher laws detail how animals should be slaughtered. Muslim dietary laws also prescribe how animals should be killed, and bar alcohol and other items.

The school spent \$129,000 to buy equipment for the kitchen, which is expected to open in November as part of a renovated dining room in Chadbourne Hall. The university is hiring two mashgichim — Orthodox rabbis or those appointed by rabbis to monitor food preparation — to supervise the kitchen. Rabbi Sholem Fishbane of the Chicago Rabbinical Council reviewed the university's plans to ensure compliance with complicated kosher laws.

While the kitchen will be separated from other food preparation areas, the food will be served in a marketplace near other stations with traditional fare and have similar prices.

Grilled chicken sandwiches, roast beef and fish will be on the lunch and dinner menus.

"It's a whole new concept, a whole new cuisine that we're working with," said Bob Fessenden, the university's food service director, who worked with staff to taste potential dishes this summer. Among their discoveries, he said, was a delicious soy crepe.

Greg Steinberger, executive director of Hillel's foundation at UW-Madison, said many students who grew up eating kosher meats are forced to become vegetarians in college. Others skip the dorms to live in apartments so they can prepare their own food or try to keep kosher by eating at Hillel, which offers kosher meals through the week, he said.

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Testimony starts in Iraq massacre trial

Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — A Marine testified Thursday that he saw a roomful of frightened women and children moments before they were killed by his squad mates in Haditha, Iraq, but he said he did not see who shot them.

Lance Cpl. Humberto Mendoza was the first witness at a hearing to determine whether Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, 27, of Meriden, Conn., will face a court-martial on charges of murdering 17 civilians.

Wuterich had been charged with murdering 18 Iraqis in a bloody combat operation that left 24 civilians dead, but at the outset of Thursday's hearing prosecutors withdrew one murder count.

While the number of suspected murders makes Wuterich's case the biggest to have emerged against any U.S. service member to have served in Iraq, the hearing comes after a string of setbacks for Marine prosecutors.

The case centers on whether Wuterich, who had never experienced combat before, acted within Marine rules of engagement when he shot men by a car and then led his squad in a string of house raids.

Wuterich asserts that he was following combat rules and that he assaulted the houses because he thought gunfire was coming from them.

Mendoza described the events of Nov. 19, 2005, as being a fast-flowing series of engagements. After a Marine Humvee driver was killed in a roadside bomb, the troops raided several homes.

"When I opened the door, the first thing I see is womens and kids laying down on a bed," Mendoza, who is from Venezuela and has a heavy accent, recalled seeing in the second house he helped raid. "I believe they were scared."

Aerial footage from an unmanned drone shows that Marines were engaged in sever-

al other combat operations around Haditha that day. The Associated Press obtained the footage on Thursday.

Mendoza testified that he had shot an unarmed Iraqi man who opened the front door to the home, and that he shot a different man in another house who he thought was reaching for a weapon.

Mendoza said the killings were within combat rules because the occupants of the homes had been declared hostile.

Prosecutors called as a witness Capt. Kathryn Navin, a Marine lawyer who testified that she instructed Wuterich's company on rules of engagement in August 2005.

Navin said she taught Marines to have "knowledge to a reasonable certainty that the target you are engaging is a lawful military target," though she conceded there were occasions when positive identification of every individual in a military strike is not needed.

One of Wuterich's military defense attorneys, Lt. Col. Colby Vokey, said the government was no longer charging Wuterich with murdering an Iraqi man who died in the final house cleared by Marines.

The count was withdrawn after the general overseeing the case dismissed charges against another Marine accused of killing three other men in the same room of the house, ruling that they posed a legitimate threat, Vokey said.

Mendoza is one of several Marines granted immunity by prosecutors to testify. He claimed not to have seen Wuterich kill anyone in the two houses he helped clear with Wuterich.

"I think he's a great Marine, sir," Mendoza said when asked by a defense attorney what he thought of Wuterich.

Wuterich, who like all Marines in the court wore desert camouflage, sat with his tattooed arms folded on the table in front of him and appeared to be grinding his teeth.

Officer: Craig lied in interrogation

Audiotape of arrest shows Idaho Senator complained of entrapment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The officer who arrested Sen. Larry Craig in a police undercover operation at an airport men's room accused the senator of lying to him during an interrogation afterward, according to an audiotape of the arrest.

On the tape, released Thursday by the Minneapolis Airport Police, the Idaho Republican in turn accuses the officer of soliciting him for sex.

"I'm not gay. I don't do these kinds of things," Craig told Sgt. Dave Karsnia minutes after the two men met in a men's room at the airport on June 11.

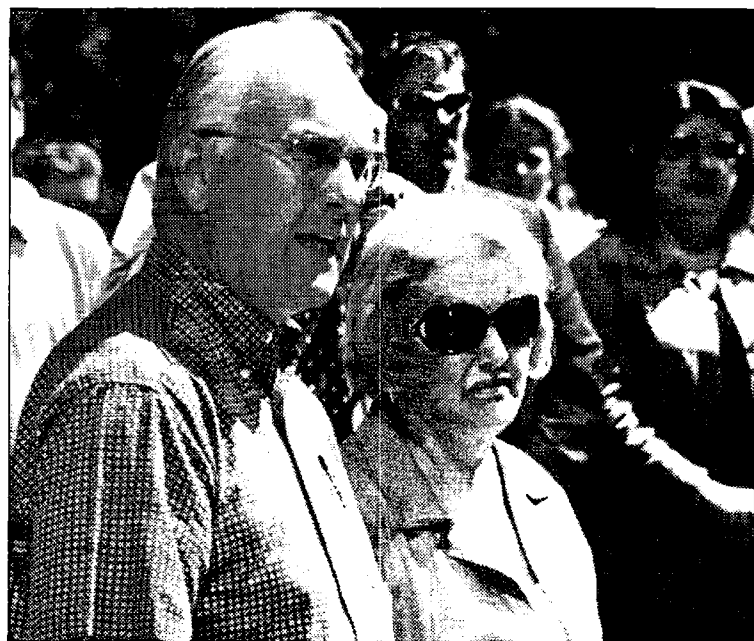
"You shouldn't be out to entrap people," Craig told the officer. "I don't want you to take me to jail."

Karsnia replied that Craig wouldn't be going to jail as long as he cooperated.

The two men disagreed about virtually everything that had occurred minutes earlier, including whether there was a piece of paper on the floor of the stall and the meaning of the senator's hand gestures. At no time did Craig admit doing anything wrong, although weeks later he pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct.

"You're not being truthful with me," Karsnia told Craig during the interrogation. "I'm kind of disappointed in you, senator."

Karsnia later told Craig he was "sitting here lying to a



Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, stands with his wife Tuesday as he responds to allegations that he solicited sex in an airport.

police officer," adding: "I expect this from the guy we get out of the 'hood. I mean people vote for you. Unbelievable."

Meanwhile, more of Craig's Republican colleagues moved away from him Thursday in the wake of his guilty plea earlier this month to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct in the undercover police operation aimed at sex solicitors. Republican National Committee officials had considered calling for his resignation early Thursday, Republicans with knowledge of the deliberations said, but had not done so by day's end.

Sen. John Ensign of Nevada, who chairs the

GOP's senatorial campaign committee, stopped short of calling on Craig to resign but suggested strongly that he should.

"I wouldn't put myself hopefully in that kind of position, but if I was in a position like that, that's what I would do," Ensign told The Associated Press in his home state. "He's going to have to answer that for himself."

Sens. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, each turned over to charity \$2,500 in campaign donations they had received from Craig's political action committee. Coleman and Collins both face potentially tough races for re-election next year.



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Judge rules astronaut Nowak may remove ankle monitor

Bracelet no longer necessary because of good behavior; Navy Captain awaiting trial following attack against romantic rival

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Former astronaut Lisa Nowak can remove an electronic monitoring bracelet from her ankle while she awaits trial on charges she attacked a romantic rival, a judge ruled Thursday.

Nowak had argued that the bracelet was expensive, bulky, uncomfortable and prevented her from exercising, as required of a military officer. Judge Marc L. Lubet said that those claims did not matter, but that Nowak had behaved well enough over the past seven months to remove the device.

Nowak, a Navy captain, said in a statement through her publicist: "It's a great relief not to worry about safety issues related to the batteries life while I'm driving. I'm also really looking forward to get-

ting back into my former aerobic fitness programs."

The woman Nowak is accused of attacking had argued to require Nowak to continue wearing the device. Colleen Shipman said she still feared Nowak, who has filed an intent to plead temporary insanity.

Nowak is still prohibited from contacting Shipman or Bill Oefelein, the former shuttle pilot both women dated, Lubet said in the order. Nowak has no reason to travel to Florida, where Shipman lives, other than court, or to Virginia, where Shipman's boyfriend lives, the judge said.

Nowak is also barred from neighboring Maryland, Delaware and Washington, D.C., without court approval, according to the filing.

Shipman's attorney, Kepler Funk, condemned the ruling in a public statement Thursday and expressed concern the

order didn't address Nowak's mental health.

"Colleen Shipman has already been victimized once by Lisa Nowak, and now it seems she is being further punished for wanting to have a relationship with William Oefelein and try, despite the attack, to lead a normal life free from fear of further violence," Funk said.

"At some points the rights of the victim to feel safe in her own home should be given significant weight. In our opinion, justice requires that Lisa Nowak's aerobic fitness should not override Colleen Shipman's peace of mind."

Lubet wrote Nowak was still under previous bond of \$25,500 and that the military has assured him Nowak would face additional penalties if she violated the new conditions of parole. He also noted Shipman testified going to Houston, where Nowak lives, three or

four times since the incident.

"During these trips by Ms. Shipman to Houston, the electronic monitoring GPS device afforded no protection or benefit to Ms. Shipman, as the defendant could freely move about Houston with no fear of violating any condition of the electronic monitoring GPS device," Lubet wrote.

Shipman has said that she felt safe in Houston because she was with Oefelein, her boyfriend, but that the monitor is comforting when she is alone.

The bracelet cost \$105 a week, Nowak said, adding that it kept her from exercising and swimming with her children. She also called it dangerous, because batteries have to be changed twice daily or a loud alarm sounds even while driving.

Nowak, 44, was arrested in February after confronting Shipman over a love triangle.

The former astronaut is accused of stalking Shipman at the Orlando airport, then attacking her with pepper spray as Shipman arrived at her car.

The married mother of three is suspected of driving nearly 1,000 miles from Houston to Orlando, using diapers to avoid taking breaks, to execute the attack. Police said she was carrying a duffel bag containing a steel mallet, a 4-inch knife and a BB gun.

Nowak suffered from major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, insomnia and "brief psychotic disorder with marked stressors," according to the notice to plead insanity written by defense attorney Donald Lykkebak.

Lubet has asked for another hearing before deciding on Lykkebak's requests to throw out Nowak's long arrest interview with police and the search of her BMW.

Pet dog gets inheritance

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Leona Helmsley's decision to leave \$12 million to her dog so it could live out its life in luxury proved once and for all that she was not one of the little people.

But legal experts say that, size aside, Helmsley's gift to her beloved pet — a Maltese named Trouble — wasn't unique.

A growing number of people, not all wealthy, have been setting up trust funds or adjusting their wills to ensure that their pets are well cared for if they die, according to attorneys and animal welfare groups.

States have rushed to make such gifts easier. At the close of the 1990s, only a handful recognized so-called "pet trusts." Now, 39 states plus Washington, D.C., have enacted laws dealing with such gifts.

The types of bequests vary. Some well-off Americans go as far as to set aside tens of thousands of dollars to allow their pets to continue to live comfortably in their past homes with a professional caretaker, rather than be shipped off to a relative.

Others leave money for future veterinary bills, or just to compensate a new owner for taking on the responsibility of a new dog or cat.

Rachel Hirschfeld, an estate lawyer in New York who specializes in pet trusts, said the idea isn't so crazy.

"People really think of their pets as their babies," she said.

Yes, she said, gifts like Helmsley's are extraordinary. Her clients more commonly leave \$5,000 to \$10,000, although she had one who set aside \$5 million.

Tales about eccentric millionaires leaving chunks of their fortune to a pet go back decades, but the cre-

ation of trusts for that purpose became easier in 1990 because of an update of the Uniform Probate Code, a model upon which many states base their laws regarding wills.

Animal welfare groups have also lobbied for a federal bill that would create tax benefits for a pet owner who creates such a trust, then leaves the remaining money to charity when the animal dies.

Sara Amundson, a director of legislative affairs for the Humane Society of the United States, said even a small gift can keep a pet from winding up in dire straits.

"As a nation, we still euthanize 4 to 6 million cats and dogs every year, and a good number of those are pets left without care when their owners die," she said.

Pet owners of moderate means can ensure some stability for their animals by including a few lines in their will spelling out who gets the family dog, said Kim Bressant-Kibwe, associate counsel of trusts and estates for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"Maybe it's a situation where a person only has \$500 or \$1,000 to leave for a pet's care, and that's fine," Bressant-Kibwe said. "What we want people to think about is making arrangements."

The specifics of Helmsley's gift to Trouble are spelled out in private trust documents and aren't publicly known. Her will says only that the dog will be cared

for by her brother, and that when it dies, its remains will be buried next to her own in a lavish family mausoleum.

Hirschfeld, who was also a longtime acquaintance of

Helmsley's, said that even given the hotelier's famous penchant for fine living, the trust's size is startling.

"Twelve million is outrageous. Come on! Let's get real!" she said. "If someone had

come to me and said, 'I want to leave 12 million bucks, I'd say, 'Why?'"

One possible reason, she speculated, is that money left over after the dog's demise might ultimately be destined for animal-welfare charities.

A strongly written trust, she said, could likely protect the dog's gift from becoming the subject of a court fight.

New York state law allows a court to reduce bequests to pets if a judge finds they are more than needed for the animal's care, and there is always the possibility that disappointed relatives might be waiting in the wings to argue that the dog got too much.

Helmsley, a hotel and real estate magnate who died Aug. 20 at age 87, decreed that the vast bulk of her multibillion-dollar estate would go to charity, not to her family, although she made individual gifts of \$5 million to \$10 million to several relatives.

She also expressly stiffed two grandchildren with whom she had feuded, saying in her will that they would get nothing, "for reasons that are known to them."

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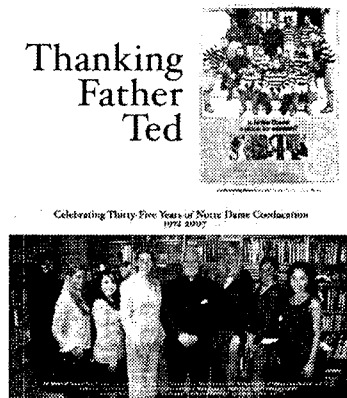
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Texas gov. cancels inmate execution

In rare decision, murderer will serve life sentence

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — In a small cell a few feet from where 23 men this year have taken their last breaths, condemned prisoner Kenneth Foster received a surprising and unexpected message from a warden. He would live.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, in a rare and uncharacteristic move Thursday, spared Foster hours before he was to be executed for his role in a San Antonio robbery-shooting 11 years ago. The decision came on the heels of an equally unusual recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

"The first thing I did was drop to my knees and say a little prayer," Foster said. "I owe a lot of people."

The 30-year-old became only the second inmate since Texas resumed carrying out executions in 1982 that the parole board voted to stop an execution this close to punishment time. And in that case, in 2004, Perry rejected the board's recommendation and mentally ill prisoner Kelsey Patterson was executed.

"I was real worried about that," said Keith Hampton, Foster's lawyer.

He was walking toward the governor's office in Austin when he received a call about Perry's decision.

"I did go into this thinking this is a governor who went ahead and let Kelsey Patterson be executed," Hampton said. "It all happened so fast, to tell you the truth. ... It's a good day."

Not for Nico LaHood, whose brother, Michael, 25, was gunned down Aug. 15, 1996, on the driveway of his family's home.

"No one requested to talk to us. No one. Nothing," a frustrated LaHood said after a reporter told him of Perry's decision.

LaHood watched Foster's codefendant, Maurice Brown, die last year in Huntsville and had planned to be in the chamber Thursday evening to see Foster's lethal injection.

"For the governor to do that, I believe he folded to political pressure," LaHood said.

Over his two-plus terms in office, Perry has commuted 30 other death sentences, but his hand had been forced in the other cases. All were either juveniles at the time of their offenses or mentally retarded, people who the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled cannot be executed.

This time, with the Supreme Court still considering appeals in Foster's case, Perry agreed with the parole board. He signed an order Thursday that sends Foster to prison for life, calling it "the right and just decision."

"I was surprised, but I had faith he was going to do the

right thing," Foster said as he was being taken from the Huntsville Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, where executions are carried out, for a return trip to the Polunsky Unit near Livingston, where death row inmates are housed.

He'll soon be moved to another prison.

Perry, a staunch supporter of the death penalty who has fought attempts to water down Texas' laws on capital punishment, said capital murder defendants should not be tried together, as Foster and Brown were.

"I am concerned about Texas law that allows capital

murder defendants to be tried simultaneously and it is an issue I think the Legislature should examine," the governor said.

Death penalty opponents had launched a public relations campaign to save Foster, specifically objecting to Texas' unique so-called law of parties, in which each participant of a capital crime is held equally responsible.

Hampton, whose appeal to the Supreme Court focused on that issue, estimated at least a dozen of the 402 inmates put to death in Texas since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982 have been executed under the same law.

Last weekend, a group picketed outside Perry's Austin church.

"We commend Governor Perry for preventing this miscarriage of justice," said Sue Gunawardena-Vaughn, director of Amnesty International USA's Program to Abolish the Death Penalty. "We also share the governor's concerns about Texas death penalty law and urge him to examine all injustices plaguing the capital punishment system in his state."

David Atwood, founder of the Texas Coalition Against the Death Penalty, applauded Perry for recognizing that the death penalty "had been grossly misapplied in this case."

Foster and Brown were tried jointly for killing Michael LaHood. Both prosecutors and defense lawyers asked for separate trials for the pair but the trial judge declined their requests.

Foster acknowledged he and Brown and two friends were high on marijuana and alcohol and had robbed at least four other people in San Antonio that night when they followed LaHood

and his girlfriend. Brown got out of a rental car Foster was driving, demanded car keys and a wallet from LaHood, then shot the man when LaHood didn't immediately produce them. Brown ran back to Foster's car and they drove off.

During the shooting, Foster was about 80 feet away, sitting behind the wheel.

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Kenneth Foster
former death row inmate

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Assessing priorities

Two weeks is all it takes for 10 people — including two Notre Dame students — to get shot in South Bend, but it's not enough time for the Common Council to realize its priorities are misplaced.

For more than a month, the Council has insisted on repeatedly reworking a party permit ordinance that its own police department warns is unenforceable. The proposed ordinance would require residents of houses with more than two unrelated occupants to apply for a city permit for any parties that host more than 25 guests and serve alcohol.

Council members pitched the ordinance as a way to crack down on disruptive house parties that they and their constituents say have become a tiresome — and serious — problem.

The far more serious problem of gun violence, however, hasn't gotten nearly as much attention at recent Council meetings.

Admittedly, it's easier to prevent parties than shootings, and it's up to the police, not the Common Council, to fight violent crime. Still, as South Bend's governing body, it's the Council's job to decide how city resources are allocated. And passing an ordinance like this will only stretch valuable police forces thinner.

Council members have spent weeks debating details: How

many guests should people be allowed to host without applying for a permit? And how long before should they have to apply?

Police, however, don't have time for those details. They have 10 unresolved shootings to worry about. When they get shuffled to other assignments — like checking up on a party with 30 guests — attention inevitably gets diverted from more important concerns.

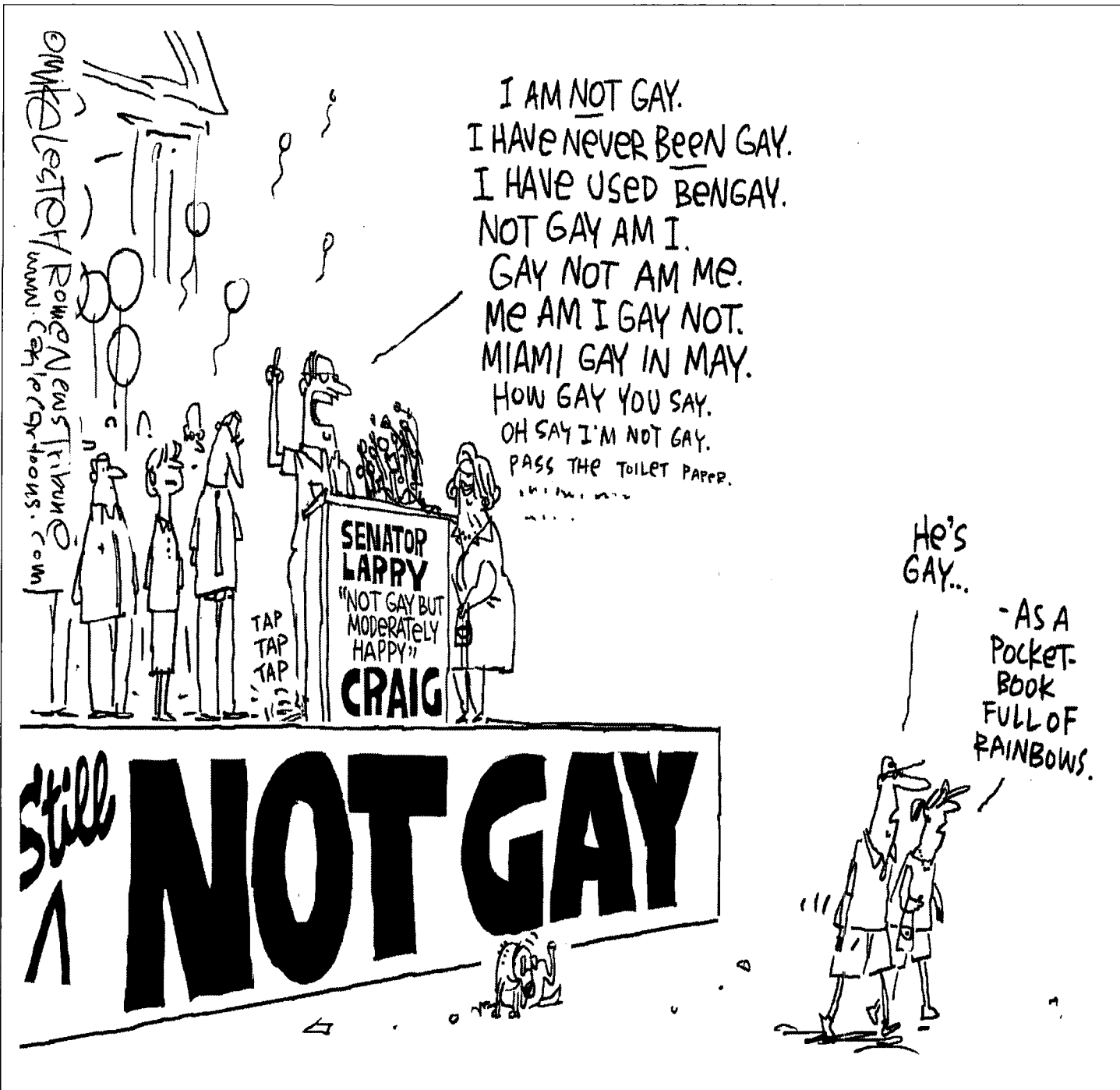
"The question is how far is everybody willing to stretch or fund the city's resources to necessarily enforce this," South Bend police public information officer Phil Trent said last week. "We need to take a really good look at all the city resources and our ability to do what we say we're going to do."

Two years ago, the Common Council amended its disorderly home ordinance, encouraging landlords to evict rowdy tenants after a single noise violation. While off-campus parties are a noisy, messy headache for South Bend residents, the legislation to address that already exists. Spending weeks upon weeks struggling to enact a piece of legislation that's riddled with problems — when there are worse ones out there — is a waste of time.

The Council must pour hours, money and manpower into stopping violent crime, not noise violations, if it truly wants to better the city it was elected to serve.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The world is a tragedy to those who feel, but a comedy to those who think."

Horace Walpole
English author

NFL Memo: Ban Vick the equivalency of his dog fighting days

One would imagine that whoever coined the state's tourism slogan, "Virginia is for Lovers," might have lived in the rolling hills of Surry County at a quaint-sounding address like 1915

Moonlight Road. Tragically, for six years Moonlight Road housed the Bad Newz Kennels where characters called "Ookie," "T," "Q," "P-Funk" and "Funk" established, promoted and bankrolled a vicious illegal interstate dog fighting and gambling enterprise. Their primary concern had nothing to do with love. It was to kill the weak.

Former Atlanta Falcons quarterback, Michael Vick, a.k.a. "Ookie," not only financed the venture, but served his social needs by showing off before gamblers who used death as a means of wagering. Witnesses recall Vick personally paying tens of thousands of dollars on lost bets. When Vick entered his guilty plea this week to only a single conspiracy count, he admitted in court documents that he was deeply involved in the venture and endorsed the hanging or drowning of poorly performing dogs. His associates admitted to shooting and electrocuting pit bulls.

Remarkably, the man whose minimum salary was \$130 million chose friends in need of financial backing for an ongoing gambling business that tortured and brutally killed animals. Vick not only managed and promoted

an operation for hosting dog fights, but also purchased the main staging area that housed, bred and trained dogs. He approved rape stands that tied down aggressive females in heat, and automobile axils implanted into the ground so that a dog could run in a circle without hindering its chain. Vick was the primary source of funding for property improvements, dog food, medicine, travel expenses and purse fees.

Vick may also face state charges based on an 18-page federal grand jury indictment that outlines many of the sordid, heinous acts that his associates and other witnesses revealed in vivid detail. While Vick's attorneys deliberated to carefully word his plea in such a way that would prevent state prosecutors from preferring charges, federal witnesses and others yet to be called may compound Vick's legal problems.

Vick's enterprise began flourishing in 2001. As the number of events increased, so did the size of the purses. In 2002, Vick hosted a "Grand Champion Fight" pitting dogs that each won five consecutive fights and sponsored from Maryland and the "Junior Mafia" of North Carolina. Quickly \$300 bets grew to \$13,000 per sponsor by March 2003. After Vick's dog lost, he personally took a book bag with nearly \$23,000 in cash from his car to pay the winning sponsor. His associate then conferred with Vick about destroying the losing dog before ultimately electrocuting it.

Nothing mentions Vick's involvement in side betting, a typical practice among spectators at such contests. However, too many witnesses saw Vick attend numerous fights. In fact, the indictment cites a late 2003 fight at Bad Newz Kennels where federal cooperating witness No. 3 sponsored a dog. The witness was criticized by one of Vick's many regulars after the witness yelled out Vick's name in front of the crowd during the fight.

One of Vick's Virginia neighbors also owns a condominium in my neighborhood. As an entertainment promoter, he knows celebrities, politicians, athletes and journalists through gossip and alliances that barely reach the third degree of separation. The promoter sought out superstar Vick to become a regular with Vick's crew, attending training and fighting competitions in their neighborhood. His firsthand, eyewitness account of how Vick sanctioned the "rolling," or testing of dogs for fights, is gruesome.

Kennel associates smeared raw ground beef on meek dogs before throwing them into the "box," or blood-splattered walled fighting ring, to watch them be eaten alive. Kittens and puppies whose demeanor was less than vicious, outweighed and outnumbered, were often chased as a training exercise before eaten alive. Dogs that held promise as an aggressive fighter, however, were kept for further training.

America's dog fighting subculture is as useless and reprehensible as the Ku

Klux Klan. Vick just may be the poster boy who helps end this barbaric and inhumane competition. Fifty dogs were seized from Vick's property. Nationally, nearly three million pit bulls each year are rescued but euthanized for being unfit to adopt. Nobody knows how many are killed by their handlers for poor performance.

As for Vick, his fate will be determined through three phases — federal court, state court and the National Football League. Vick knowingly sponsored and sanctioned a death sport, sometimes driving from his home in Atlanta during football season. For example, in the fall of 2003, Vick and associates drove to South Carolina to wager \$3,000 on their dog, "Magic."

The NFL must judge Vick's callous disregard for life and his rampant gambling in light of its corporate standards and ethics. The league should simply reclaim the time Vick wasted on the gambling, mutilating and killing of dogs while an NFL player — ban Vick for six years. After all, nobody can breathe life back into those dogs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Off-campus behavior to affect proposed ordinance

Members of the student body:

As you know, student government has been working extremely hard to represent the best interests of the student body in relation to the party permit ordinance proposed by the South Bend Common Council. We have made significant progress over the past month. The third public hearing on the ordinance is delayed until Sept. 17, and the Mayor's office recently introduced an updated version of the ordinance. I consider both of these developments to be positive and initial steps in the right direction.

That being said, continued progress is absolutely contingent on the state of student behavior off campus in the coming weeks and throughout the school year.

Do not perceive my statements as supportive of a cessation of student parties. I enjoy going out with my friends, but I am also a strong advocate for students behaving as responsible members of the South Bend community. If you live off campus, be a

respectful neighbor. Introduce yourself to those living around you, and encourage your neighbors to contact you directly with any complaints they may have. Be mindful of their schedules and try to avoid holding late night parties outside. If you live on campus and attend parties off campus, you have an equal responsibility to be respectful toward South Bend residents.

We are all intelligent college students who are more than capable of controlling our own actions. Have a blast celebrating our first home football game, but be respectful of those living in the surrounding community. We will continue to work our hardest to represent the students' interests, but we can not be successful unless the student body contributes to our efforts in a positive way.

Go Irish,

Liz Brown
student body president
August 30

Fair pay for Huddle workers

On May 6, three Huddle Employees accompanied by more than 50 students, faculty and community members presented a petition regarding pay and working conditions on Football Saturdays to University administrators. All but two of the 43 non-student employees in this department signed their names in support.

The petition describes the long and difficult hours worked by Huddle Employees on these Saturdays as an endless stream of customers pass through Sbarro, Burger King, Starbucks, Subway and the Huddle Store. It expresses concern over the unnecessary stress placed on Employees' lives and the lives of their families on these weekends.

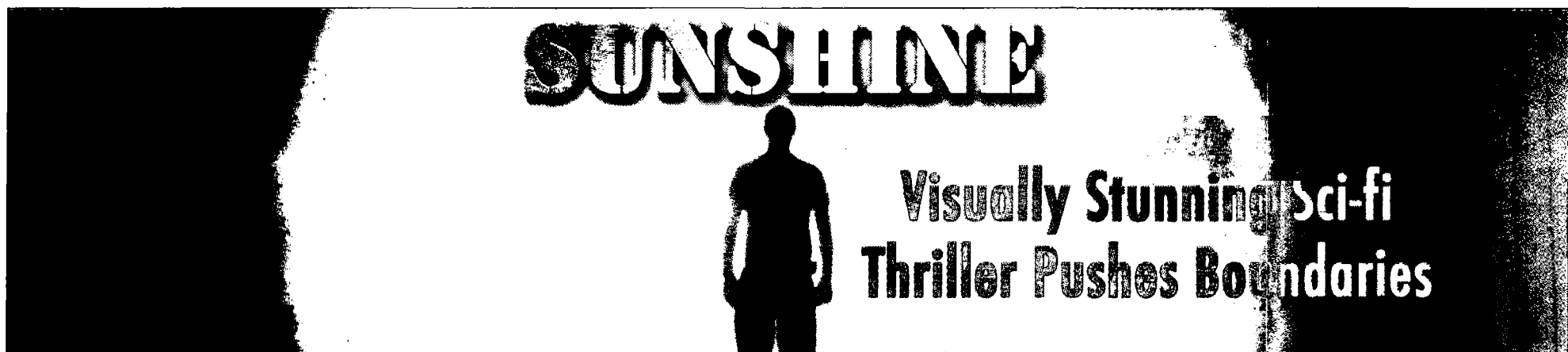
The petition concludes with the following statement: "Employees of Huddle Food Services are proud of our work and certainly do not ask the University of Notre Dame to sacrifice any part of its wonderful community tradition on our behalf. However, we do ask that we are fairly treated and fairly compensated for our work. We, the Employees of Huddle Food Services, ask the University of Notre

Dame to pay us time-and-a-half wages for all of our hours worked on Football Saturdays. We also ask the University of Notre Dame to abide by a strict break schedule of one 15-minute break for every four hours worked." For anyone who has seen the crowds in LaFortune on Football Saturdays, this request should not seem outrageous.

Not all the goals of the petition have been met. While it will clearly take patience and persistence to right this situation, I ask you to join me in demonstrating to these members of the Notre Dame family that someone here does care about them. It's the little things that count. Treat these members of our community with respect, and express your appreciation for their service. It's because of these people who work so hard behind the scenes that we can enjoy the great things that this University has to offer.

Stuart Mora
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August 30

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OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Julie Grisanti

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Sensually stunning, suspenseful, and thought-provoking without falling into pomposity, "Sunshine" immerses the viewer in its depths from the instant it begins. Though it seems to have slipped below much of the summer cinema radar, "Sunshine" is a spectacular film that should definitely be caught before it leaves theatres.

In "Sunshine," an eight-member space crew has set out to re-start the sun, whose death is threatening humanity with extinction. Just after crossing out of

contact with Earth, the Icarus-2 begins picking up the distress beacon of their unsuccessful predecessors on the Icarus-1.

After deciding to attempt to board the Icarus-1, the crew suffers an accident that forces them into a fight — not for their lives, but for the life of the human race. This is, of course, an excellent start to a science-fiction thriller, but "Sunshine" offers more than that to its viewers.

Director Danny Boyle, known for his "28 Days Later" and "Trainspotting," succeeds in expanding the conventions of this genre as he has done with others (like "Millions," his take on more family-centered film). "Sunshine" remains perfectly balanced on the line between science-fiction and something more, asking questions without boring the audience.

Unlike "Solaris," a film to which this has often been compared, "Sunshine" is truly suspenseful and enjoyably frightening. Yet, it still tackles questions of God and religion, guilt and

responsibility, and how hard humans are willing to struggle for the survival of their species.

"Sunshine" succeeds because it creates realistic characters that the audience can learn to like or sympathize with, and then asks them to sacrifice everything for the demands of a humanity that remains completely abstract. While many space disaster films, from "Deep Impact" to "Armageddon," continually return to the story back on Earth, "Sunshine" refrains from doing so until the very end, after everything is said and done. Not only does this heighten the movie's sense of claustrophobia, but it also approaches its issues on a very personal level. The characters are left alone with their beliefs and their dilemma, and nothing more.

"Sunshine" is an absolutely stunning study in contrast. It uses every perspective and sense it can, reveling in vibrancy as much as darkness, strong score as much as silence, and panoramas as much as nearly suffocating close-ups. As a result, simply watching the film is a captivating experience.

Backed by a strong cast that includes Michelle Yeoh and Chris Evans, Cillian Murphy (who has starred in movies such as "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" and "Breakfast on Pluto," but is probably

best known for his roles in "Batman Begins" and "Red Eye") is a wonderful choice for the lead role of Capa in "Sunshine."

Every cast member does an excellent job of illustrating the multitude of reactions to the situations the crew faces and forcing the audience to sympathize with all of them.

The film is not without its blemishes. Some of the situations feel a bit forced in order to progress the plot — and some of the characters remain somewhat predictably heroic — but, on the whole, "Sunshine" has a strong, uninterrupted storyline.

Most of its faults can be forgiven in order to enjoy the drama they produce. Furthermore, the plotline is kept (within the realm of science-fiction) believable and understandable.

If nothing else, "Sunshine" holds your attention. Because it is suspenseful and exciting, it can be enjoyed on a very basic level. For the more interested viewer it can offer more, and it does so in a way that allows them to contemplate without feeling force-fed philosophy with their popcorn.

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Sunshine

Directed by: Danny Boyle

Starring: Cillian Murphy, Michelle Yeoh, Chris Evans and Cliff Curtis



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Julie Grisanti

By CASSIE BELEK
Assistant Scene Editor

A 40-year-old virgin tries to get laid with the help of his friends. An unemployed schlub gets laid and gets a girl pregnant. Two seniors in high school attempt to buy beer so that they can get laid.

The last scenario is the synopsis for the recent summer comedy "Superbad," and it's the latest in a string of Judd Apatow projects featuring horny men, boys and manboys with giant hearts.

In "Superbad," Apatow puts on his producer's hat while Greg Motolla directs this R-rated teen flick starring

Jonah Hill ("Accepted") and Michael Cera ("Arrested Development") as Seth and Evan, two best friends dealing with their approaching separation as they venture off to different colleges. The friends are joined by the nerdy Fogell (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), who procures a fake I.D. (with the new moniker "McLovin") so that the trio can buy beer for a graduation party and finally get some action.

Co-writers Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg started the script when they were just 13 years old,

and the two main characters are named after the pair. The much-revised result of their teen labor is a hilarious raunch-fest that rivals even the Apatow-written and directed "Knocked Up" for the best comedy of the summer.

Rogen himself co-stars as one of two cops who befriend "McLovin" after a liquor store burglary prevents the boys from getting their beer for the

party. Without Fogell's fake I.D., Seth and Evan are left to find new and creative ways to get the booze, get to the party and get the girls.

Along the way viewers encounter a slew of cameos from actors spanning Apatow projects as far back as "Freaky and Geeks" all the way to the upcoming movie "The Pineapple Express."

Apatow clearly takes care of his own, and the most notable cameos come from Martin Starr (Bill, "Freaky and Geeks") and Carla Gallo (Lizzie, "Undeclared"), who has the honorable distinction of being credited as Toe-Sucking Girl in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," but will most likely forever be remembered for her credit as Period Blood Girl in "Superbad." Gallo's is certainly a scene to be remembered, employing the same gross-out humor that made "Van Wilder" and "American Pie" instant successes.

However, "Superbad" is more sophisticated and sensitive than "American Pie" or any other gross-out comedy we've seen in recent years.

Apatow and the comedic fleet he's been training bring the laughs but,

thankfully, don't forget the heart. Seth may swear like a drunken frat boy (even when sober) and both boys may say whatever's on their mind, however inappropriate it may be, but the two possess a sweet innocence.

Even though they spend the whole movie pursuing beer and babes, all they're really trying to do is hang on to each other. Leaving behind a best friend to go to college is a situation many of us have faced, but Seth and Evan are more co-dependent than most, and the underlying tension of their inevitable separation is prevalent throughout their entire adventurous evening together.

"Superbad" is an extraordinary conglomeration of talent, and its success on the big screen is the result of years of work by Apatow and the group of actors, writers and directors that he has collected around him, with Hill and Cera as its latest additions.

Just as "Knocked Up" made Seth Rogen a new staple in comedy, "Superbad" is sure to do the same for these two young actors.

The Frat Pack may have been the reigning kings of comedy in the past few years, but 2007 is the year of Apatow and company. So far, they have yet to disappoint.

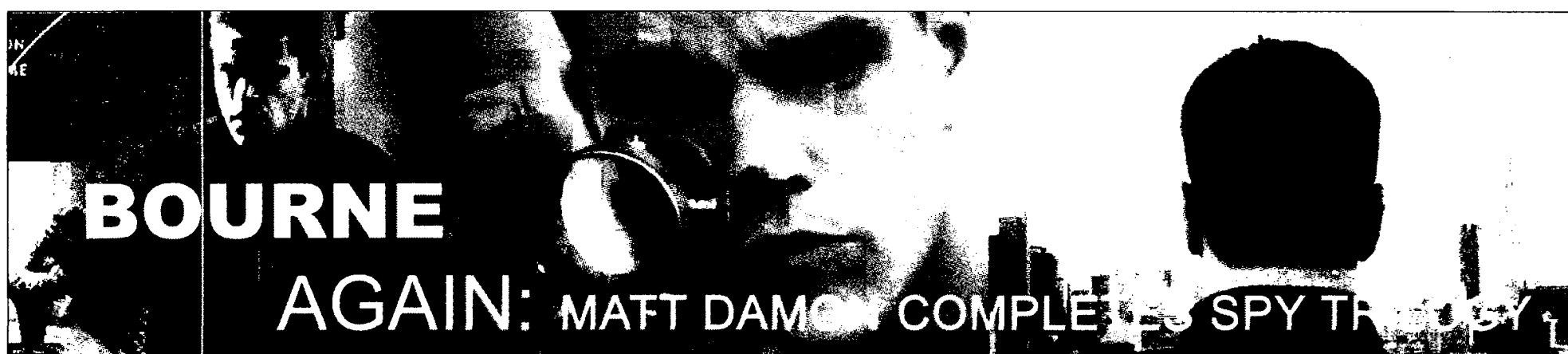
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Superbad

Directed by: Greg Motolla

Starring: Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, Seth Rogen and Christopher Mintz-Plasse





OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Julie Grisanti

By JAMES COSTA
Assistant Scene Editor

In a recent interview promoting "The Bourne Ultimatum," Matt Damon was asked who would win in a fight: Jason Bourne or James Bond? Very dryly, Damon replied that it'd be hard to compete with the gadgets and gizmos of Bond.

In that response, however, Damon unintentionally defined the exact appeal of Jason Bourne, and why so many of us have already paid more than an hour's wage to watch his exploits on screen one more time.

It's pretty simple. Jason Bourne is a man tormented by his inability to realize an identity that has already been defined for him in previous days and years. Thrown into a life of shadows, he must contend with ruthless and violent forces beyond his control as he goes about

reclaiming the life that was taken from him.

Loosely based on the Robert Ludlum novel of the same name, the film is a sequel to "The Bourne Supremacy" and the third flick of the Bourne Trilogy. It stars Damon as amnesiac CIA assassin Bourne with returning cast members Julia Stiles and Scott Glenn reprising their roles from the previous two Bourne films. The film continues the tale of Bourne after he lives through the unsettling "Bourne Supremacy" car chase in Moscow. Keeping with the international flair of the Bourne franchise, the film moves through the locales of Paris, London, Madrid, Tangier and New York City as Bourne searches for his natural identity.

Differing from the spy swagger and pomp of James Bond is Jason Bourne's pounding silence throughout the film. Commenting on the decrease in spoken dialogue, Damon says, "We realized that Bourne is a lot more effective when he's not talking, so we cut a lot of the original dialogue in the script." In short, the cuts worked. Bourne's silence highlights the perils of mind and body he faces as he struggles towards the film's climax. In place of verbal confrontation and vocal eruption is a far more menacing and gripping experience of true determination plagued by fear.

Of course, the film is wild as hell. Viewers can't forget that Bourne is a finely tuned killing machine caught in a battle of fierce rebellion against the CIA operatives who so ably created him. Unfortunately for them, he's remembered enough over the last two movies to realize that he is neither who he thought he was nor the man the CIA thought it created. With this knowledge, Bourne is finally nearing the end of his journey toward redemption.

The film's treatment of Bourne as a man whose humanity is coupled with his deadly side resonates strongly with the film's prevailing theme — the tense and anguished difficulty in surviving while retaining control of one's actions. Perhaps the most refreshing aspect of the film is its reliance on real human beings. Not to criticize "Harry Potter," "Cars" or any other movie that heavily relies on computer animation, but audiences can appreciate that the images in the "Bourne" films aren't computer-generated. Especially in today's ever-unstable social climate, the film also hits a strong nerve with its sharp and topical realism. The cinematography is also shaky and unstable, an effect resulting from the extensive use of hand-held cameras.

In Jason Bourne, there is a universal element of the everyman, someone wondering who he is and who he might be — if only he could simply run away from it all, just for a chance to get back to where he should be.

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Matt Damon is superspy and cerebral assassin Jason Bourne.

The Bourne Ultimatum

Directed by: Paul Greengrass

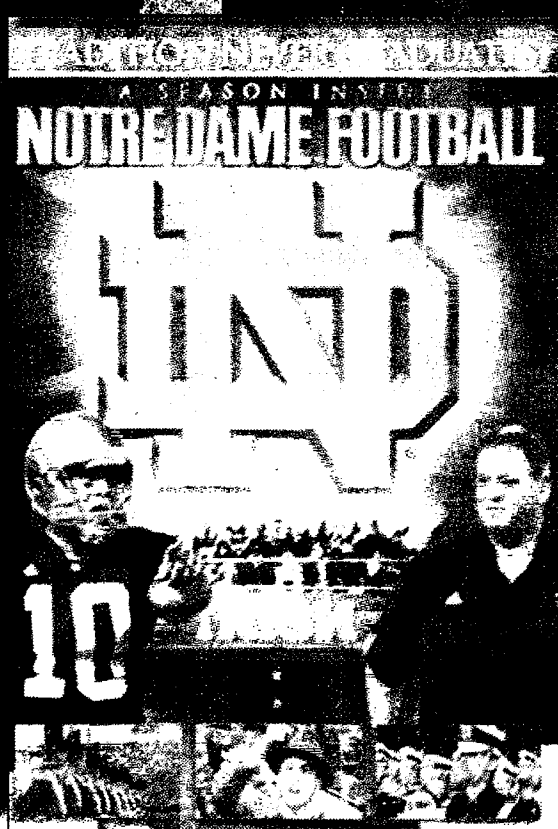
Starring: Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Scott Glenn, Joan Allen and David Strathairn



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MLB

Yankees pull to within 5 after sweeping Sox

Philadelphia 2 games back after 4-game sweep of Mets; Ordonez helps keep Tigers in playoff contention

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With drama and flair, the New York Yankees completed another August sweep of the Boston Red Sox and moved into prime position for a September playoff run.

There was a week's worth of highlights during the Yankees' 5-0 victory Thursday: a no-hit bid by Chien-Ming Wang into the seventh inning, a pair of big home runs by Robinson Cano off Curt Schilling, a disputed play involving Alex Rodriguez that led to the ejection of Boston manager Terry Francona.

And then in the ninth, Yankees rookie sensation Joba Chamberlain was tossed following a pair of pitches over Kevin Youkilis' head.

It's not even Labor Day, and already there was late-season passion between these old foes.

"If that young man is trying to get our attention, he did a very good job," Francona said.

Edwar Ramirez, another rookie, completed a two-hitter and the Yankees' first shutout of Boston since Sept. 11, 2005. Following a 2-5 trip to the Los

Angeles Angels and Detroit, New York rebounded quickly.

"We need wins. I'd tell you the same thing if we just beat a high-school team three games in a row," said Derek Jeter, who went 4-for-4. "Now we have to play well against Tampa. Otherwise these games don't mean anything."

Last year, the Yankees swept a five-game series at Boston from Aug. 18-21, opening a 6 1/2-game lead in the AL East.

It's so different this season. The Yankees, who outscored the Red Sox 14-6 in the three games and outthit them 30-13, closed within five games of the division leaders and put themselves in position to possibly end the day in the wild-card lead. New York, which began the day one percentage point behind Seattle, had not finished a day in playoff position since April 10, when the Yankees were 4-3.

"If we play well enough, we'll be where we want to be," Jeter said.

Chamberlain's ejection left bad feelings all around. Throwing 98-99 mph, he pumped a pitch over Youkilis'

head with one out in the ninth. The next pitch went to nearly the same spot, and Youkilis stared as plate umpire Angel Hernandez ejected the pitcher.

Chamberlain, his palms out, was shocked. He said both pitches slipped and he intended nothing nefarious.

"That's absolutely ridiculous," Yankees manager Joe Torre said about the ejection. "Unfortunately, in a lot of situations, the umpires do not apply common sense. And I've seen it too many times. And something has to change. Either they have to school them or do something that certainly gives them a feel for the game better than they showed today."

Youkilis was angry. "I didn't see any other pitches going that far out of the strike zone," he said. "Who knows what it really meant?"

On June 1, five batters were hit when the Yankees played at Fenway Park.

Phillies 11, Mets 10

A rout, a rally and a rare call gave the Phillies their first three wins over the Mets in a pivotal series.

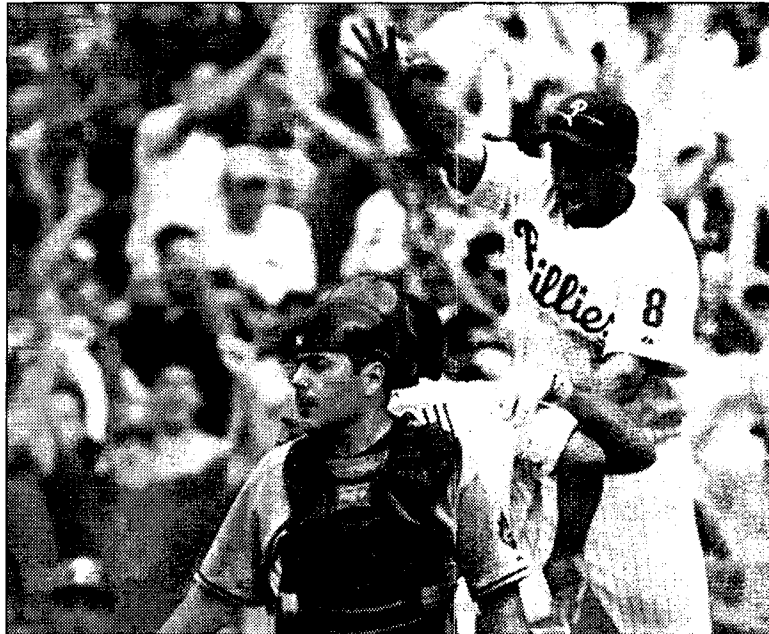
Then came the wildest game of all.

Chase Utley hit an RBI single off Billy Wagner in the ninth inning and Philadelphia completed a huge sweep of first-place New York by rallying for a victory Thursday in a back-and-forth struggle that lasted 4 hours.

By winning four straight against the Mets, the Phillies moved within two games of the NL East leaders and suddenly set up an exciting September pennant race.

"We've overcome a lot of obstacles," Utley said, referring to numerous injuries that have plagued the team. "We want to win."

Mets nemesis Pat Burrell homered twice. Ryan Howard and Aaron Rowand also connected for the Phillies, who wasted leads of 5-0 and 8-5 before falling behind 10-8 in the eighth. That's when the Mets called on Wagner, who hadn't



Phillies outfielder Shane Victorino and second baseman Tadahito Iguchi celebrate after the Phillies' 11-10 win over the Mets Thursday.

pitched since last Friday after experiencing a tired arm.

Looking for his first six-out save in eight years, Wagner (2-2) gave up Burrell's solo shot in the eighth and immediately ran into trouble in the ninth.

Jayson Werth hit a leadoff single, then stole second and third on consecutive pitches with one out. Pinch-hitter Tadahito Iguchi's single to left tied it at 10.

Jimmy Rollins was intentionally walked after Iguchi stole second, bringing up Utley, who entered the game leading the NL in batting average. The All-Star second baseman, playing his third game after missing a month with a broken hand, worked a full count before lining a single to right field to score Iguchi and send the crowd into a frenzy.

Fans chanted "Sweep! Sweep! Sweep!" as they left the ballpark. One man held a broom he sneaked in.

Tigers 6, Royals 1

Magglio Ordonez is much more interested in the American League standings than the batting race.

Ordonez homered and got

three hits Thursday, raising his major league-leading average to .359 and helping the Detroit Tigers beat the Kansas City Royals to avoid a three-game sweep.

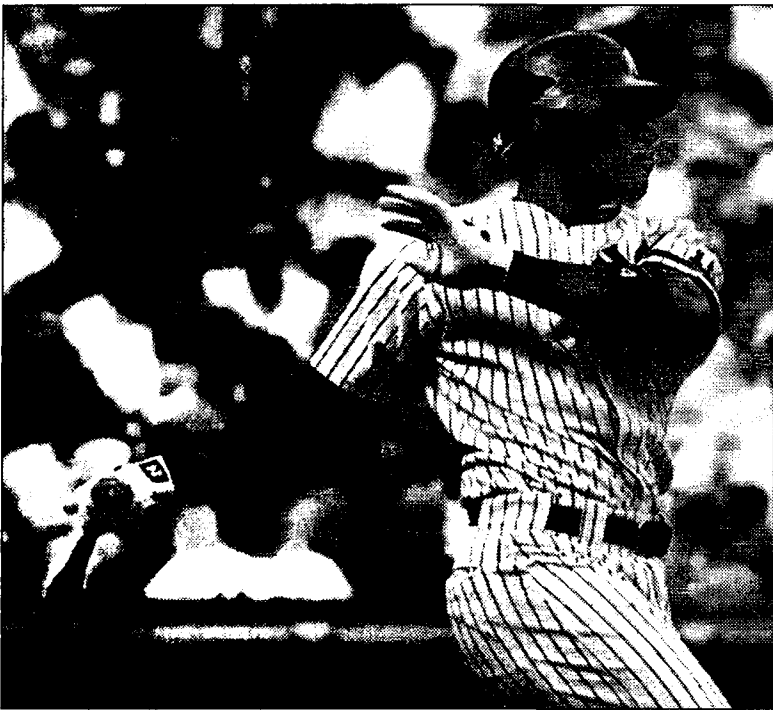
"I don't check the batting race. I'm just going to go up there and do my job," said Ordonez, looking for his first batting title. "I'm just going to play baseball, and we'll see after the season."

Jeremy Bonderman (11-7) pitched seven strong innings to snap his six-game losing streak. Curtis Granderson joined Ordonez with three hits and a home run.

"It's about time to do everything — hitting and pitching," said Ordonez, who had three RBIs. "We haven't done that in a while. It was good for our team."

The Tigers began the day 4 1/2 games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central and three back in the wild-card chase.

"I think we have a great chance to make the playoffs," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said. "I think we've got a shot. Why not? There are a lot of games to be played yet."



Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano hits one of his two home runs during New York's 5-0 win over Boston Thursday.

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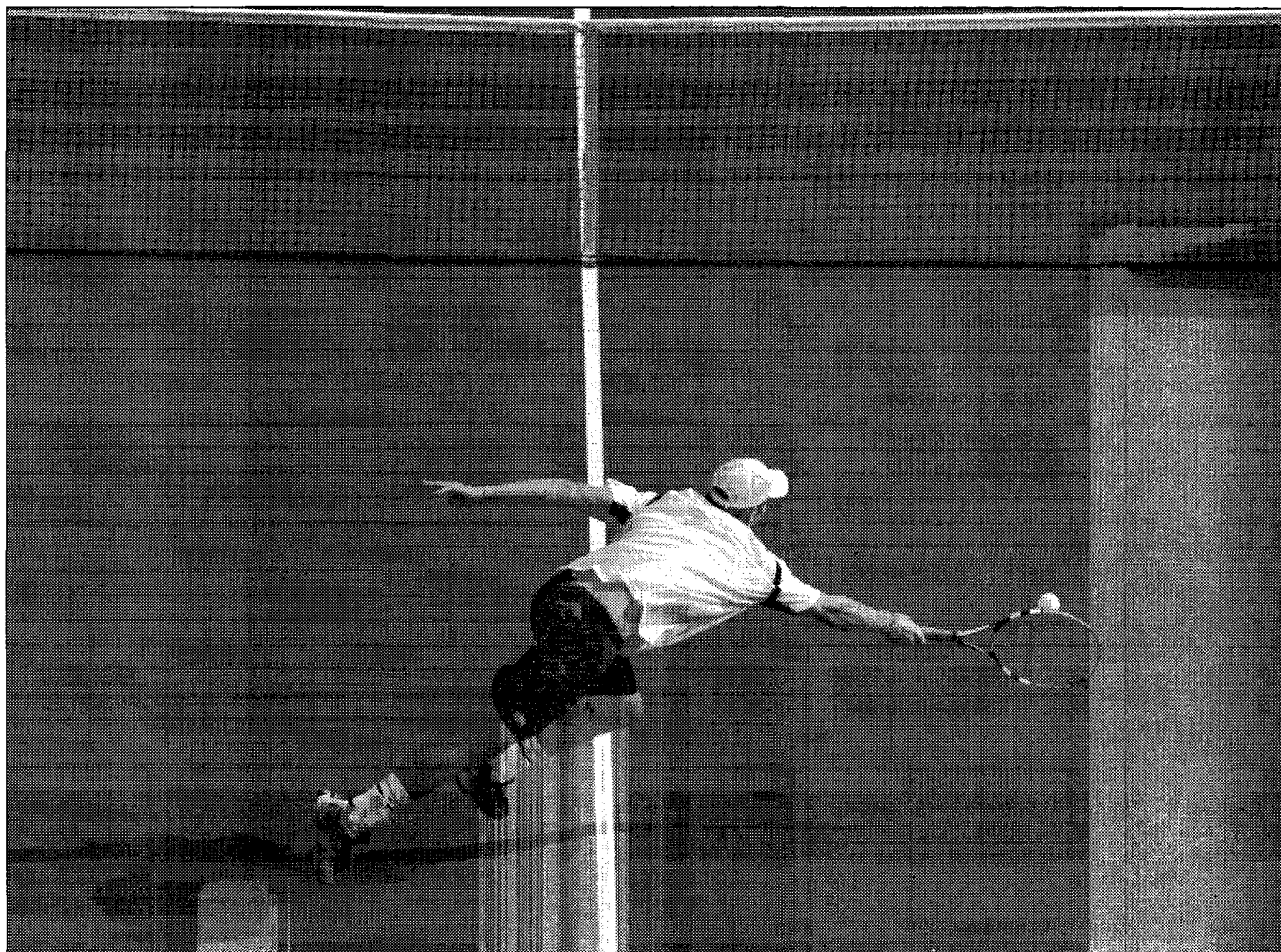
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Andy Roddick celebrates his 25th birthday as he returns a shot to his opponent, Jose Acasuso, in his second round win Thursday in the U.S. Open.

Roddick reaches 3rd Round of U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a kid, Andy Roddick was hard-pressed to come up with a better birthday treat than going to the U.S. Open with his mom. At 9, he was thrilled to be on the scene while Jimmy Connors made a stirring run to the semifinals.

"I'd get here for the first match, and I wouldn't leave till it was over. Those are probably my fondest memories, just sneaking into the nose-bleed sections," Roddick recalled Thursday. "I actually snuck into the players' lounge one time and stole a cheesecake."

He still comes to Flushing Meadows at birthday time, nowadays as a competitor — and with a certain James Scott Connors tagging along as his coach.

Roddick turned 25 on Thursday and marked the occasion by reaching the U.S. Open's third round, although not before losing the opening set and moving on when his opponent, Jose Acasuso of Argentina, quit after the third because of a left knee injury.

"That's the good thing about Grand Slams: You get in the grind, and whoever doesn't mind the grind wins," Connors said

after watching the match through silver wrap-around sunglasses. "The way Andy played today, especially in the second and third sets, is always good. As long as he's playing the right kind of tennis, that's all that counts."

A trainer came out to wrap white tape above Acasuso's left knee after the second set, then added another bandage below the knee at the next changeover. By the end, he was as stiff and creaky as the Tin Man in "The Wizard of Oz," barely bending or moving at all, and the score was 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 when Acasuso decided he couldn't con-

tinue.

"I don't think you like winning matches like that," the No. 5-seeded Roddick said. "But at the end of the day, your goal is to get through."

In other words: no complaints. Same for Donald Young, the 18-year-old Chicago native who was 0-11 in tour-level matches until last week and never had won a Grand Slam match until this week.

Now he's in the Open's third round, and he didn't have to lift a racket Thursday, because his scheduled opponent, No. 13 Richard Gasquet, withdrew, citing a viral infection.

IN BRIEF

Gay sets meet record in 200M

SAKA, Japan — Tired and sore, Tyson Gay didn't have energy left to celebrate completing one of the most impressive sprint doubles in the history of the world track and field championships.

"This was the hardest race of my life," he said. "I couldn't think or nothing."

"I really couldn't put my arms up to celebrate. I couldn't even really jog on my victory lap."

The latest dominant American sprinter pulled away from Jamaican Usain Bolt down the straightaway to win the 200 meters Thursday in 19.76 seconds, breaking the meet record of 19.79 set 12 years ago by American Michael Johnson in Goteborg, Sweden.

"Tyson is the man to beat right now hands down. He just proved it," bronze medalist Wallace Spearmon said.

Irish football star caught in dogfighting scandal

DUBLIN, Ireland — A star of Ireland's Gaelic football league was exposed Thursday as a director of an illegal dog-fighting club, an underground gambling activity that has wrecked the reputation and career of Atlanta Falcons football player Michael Vick.

The 17-month undercover investigation by BBC Northern Ireland's "Spotlight" program, broadcast Thursday night, found evidence of 15 illegal dog-fighting operations in the British territory of 1.7 million people.

The program secretly filmed Gerard Cavlan, a 31-year-old member of the County Tyrone Gaelic football team, discussing his ownership of more than a dozen dogs — and bragging about how one "hard-mouthed dog" gripped another in its jaws.

"Sure he had him in the chest, and

he shook him and he shook him for 25 minutes," Cavlan said during a conversation filmed covertly in his vehicle.

Tiger roars back after week-long hiatus

ORTON, Mass. — The crowd following Tiger Woods around the TPC Boston grew steadily throughout the morning sunshine until it lined the length of the 18th fairway as he finished his pro-am Thursday at the Deutsche Bank Championship.

Woods skipped the first round of the PGA Tour Playoffs last week at Westchester, saying his body and mind needed a brief vacation after back-to-back victories in stifling heat, the second title coming at the PGA Championship.

He looked plenty refreshed on the refurbished TPC Boston during the pro-am round, playing without a bogey and without much effort on his way to a 63.

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Boise State extends winning streak to 14 games

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Yes, Boise State ran a trick play.

Coming off an undefeated season, the No. 24 Broncos ran their winning streak to 14 games — the longest in major college football — and even dipped into the bag of tricks that helped them upset Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl last season, beating Weber State 56-7 on Thursday in the season opener for both teams.

Ian Johnson ran for 129 yards and three touchdowns and Taylor Tharp was steady in his first start at quarterback, leading Boise State to touchdowns on its first seven possessions and a 49-0 lead at halftime.

But the first touchdown had everybody remembering that night in January.

Wide receiver Vinny Perretta, who threw for a score in the Fiesta Bowl, lined up at quarterback on third-and goal from the 7 and ran up the middle for a touchdown.

"I was surprised how well they executed on both sides of the ball," said second-year Boise State coach Chris Petersen. "With as many new guys as there were getting into the mix, I was surprised how

well they came out."

Just about the only thing that didn't go right for the Broncos came at the end of their eighth drive, when they were finally stopped on fourth-and-goal from the 1 with the second quarter winding down.

The overmatched Wildcats picked up just two first downs in the first half, fumbling the ball away on their next play on both occasions.

"We wanted to come out and look fresh and fast," said Weber State coach Ron McBride. "But what we looked was tired and slow. I've never been so disappointed in my life."

Boise State has now won 52 of its last 54 games on its home blue turf.

Tharp, a senior, appeared poised and sturdy, throwing the ball away when necessary and hanging in the pocket to deliver a 53-yard touchdown pass to Titus Young just before getting hit. Tharp was

slow getting up, and Petersen checked on him with a look of concern as Tharp walked off the field.

"I kind of just chucked it and got hit and got the wind knocked out of me," Tharp said. "But it doesn't hurt as much when you look up and see your guy running into the

endzone."

Tharp, who took over for Jared Zabransky, directed five more touchdown drives before the half for the defending Western Athletic Conference champions.

"I felt good out there," he said. "We're still explosive, and we have a lot of good players."

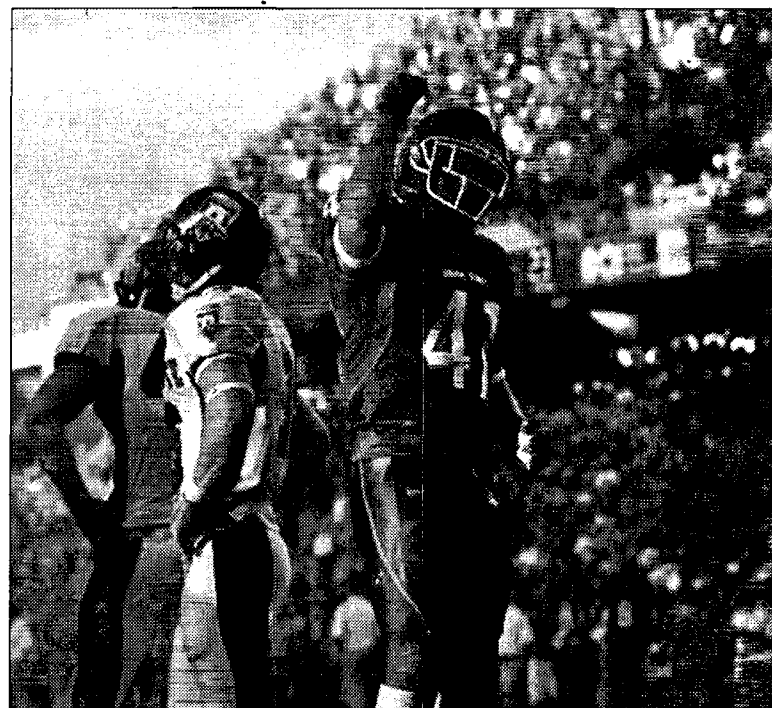
Tharp led another touchdown drive to start the second half, making it 56-0 with 10:49 to go in the third quarter. He left the game after completing 14 of 19 passes for 184 yards and a touchdown.

"He's a little different from Z [Zabransky]," Johnson said. "Z is a little more animated, but he went out and took control of that huddle. He was leading us. He was telling us everything we needed to hear."

Johnson, who proposed to former cheerleader Chrissy Popadics on the field immediately after scoring the 2-point conversion that clinched the Fiesta Bowl, sat out the entire second half.

He did enough damage over the first 30 minutes, his longest run coming late in the first quarter when he scurried around the left side and cut up field, easily accelerating away from defenders for a 54-yard touchdown run that gave the Broncos a 28-0 lead.

Weber State, out of the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) Big Sky Conference, got on the board with 3:40 left in the third



Boise State running back Ian Johnson celebrates one of his three touchdowns during the Broncos' 56-7 win over Weber State.

quarter when Jimmy Barnes hit Bryant Eteuati with a 21-yard touchdown pass to make it 56-7.

By then, any nervousness that Peterson had about the season opener had probably dissipated.

"I was thinking about that before the game, and going, 'Was I feeling like this last year?'" Peterson said. "I wasn't feeling good going into tonight because of so much uncertainty. It's a very painful time

before the game, and it doesn't get much better once the game starts."

Boise State rushed for 386 yards and seven touchdowns, while limiting Weber State to 74 yards. The Broncos threw for another 199 while the Wildcats passed for 71. Boise State ended up with 30 first downs to Weber State's eight.

"This game we dominated," said Broncos safety Marty Tadman. "That's all I can say about it. We dominated."

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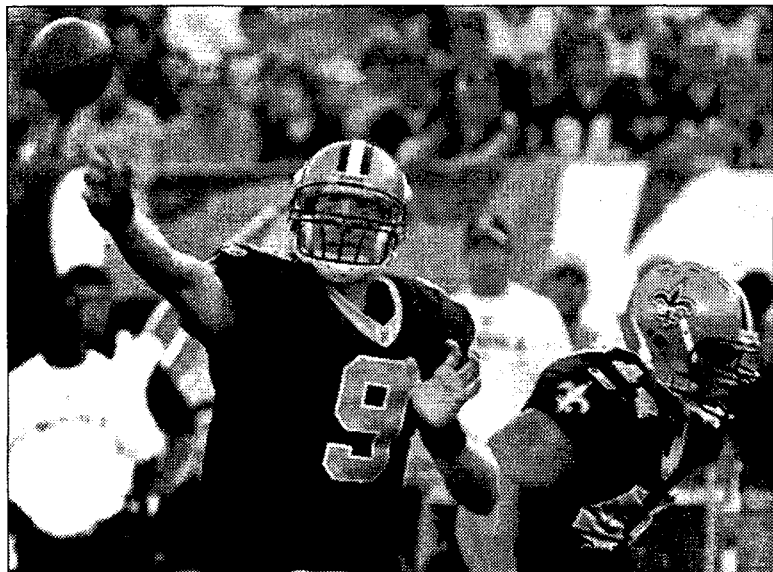
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Brees has good control of dangerous offense

Efficient preseason bodes well for Saints



Saints quarterback Drew Brees throws a pass during a 27-19 win over the Cincinnati Bengals on Aug. 18.

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Rookie Tyler Palko has been learning the Saints' vaunted offense by studying starting quarterback Drew Brees' game film from last season.

Along the way, he's noticed something that might serve as a warning to defenses all across the NFL.

"From what I saw with Drew last year on film to how he's operating now in the preseason, he's head and shoulders above what he was," Palko said. "When things are clicking, especially with someone like Drew, you can't be stopped, you can only stop yourself, and that's a fun offense to play in."

Palko's observations would be one thing if Brees was coming off a mediocre season. But Brees was the runner-up for MVP in 2006 after leading the NFL in passing.

The Saints' starter, who threw for 4,418 yards and 26 touchdowns last season, is now more than a year removed from complicated throwing shoulder surgery. His arm has looked much stronger throughout the preseason than it did a year ago, while his comfort with coach Sean Payton's versatile offense apparently has improved.

He completed 90 percent of his passes (35-for-39) to numerous wide receivers, tight ends and running backs during his last three appearances in preseason games, then shrugged off those performances with seemingly no intention of patting himself on the back.

"I think it's what you expect," Brees said. "In the preseason, you want to look efficient and sharp. That's obviously what I've tried to do."

In improving from 3-13 in 2005 to a playoff worthy 10-6 last season, the Saints were fortunate not to have too many injuries at key positions. If Brees went down, for example, it could be disastrous.

But in good health, the league's leading offense in 2006 may be even better now.

Reggie Bush had a tremendous last few months of his rookie season, scoring nine touchdowns in his final seven games. He reported for training camp confident and fit, eager to join veteran running back Deuce McAllister in a dynamic backfield that can pun-

ish defenses with power and speed.

"Both of those guys appreciate what each other brings to the table. I think they both are guys that put the team first and they both want to see us be successful," Payton said. "The objective is for us to score enough points to win games. There's a flow to game sometimes that might feature one more than the other. I think there are enough touches and I think there was a year ago for both of those guys to be effective."

Receiver Marques Colston, one year ago a little-known seventh-round pick from Hofstra, returns primed for a Pro Bowl season as the Saints' No. 1 receiver. The 6-foot-4 playmaker has bulked up by about 10 pounds in the weight room, surpassing 230. He'll be joined by returning starter and big-play threat Devery Henderson, along with veteran David Patten, who may have won the No. 3 receiving job with a strong preseason.

And a new receiving threat has arrived in tight end Eric Johnson, who when healthy was among the most productive members of San Francisco's passing game.

Meanwhile, the Saints' defense, which wasn't dominant but held the fort by making clutch stops, should be stronger and deeper.

The Saints preserved the strength of their defense by extending the contract of defensive end Charles Grant, who worked effectively last season with fellow end Will Smith in the pass rush.

And after last season's success, Payton, the reigning NFL Coach of the Year, didn't have to do much of a sales job to attract free agents. Linebacker Brian Simmons, safety Kevin Kaesviharn and defensive tackle Kendrick Clancy wanted to be in New Orleans, where they're all expected to contribute. Clancy, who was a starter for most of last season in Arizona, has so far unseated Hollis Thomas for a starting job.

"I think players in our league look for destinations where they can win and places where the fit is right," Payton said. "Part of it is related to the contract and money. But hopefully, we continue to become a place where guys look at, players, coaches or anyone for that matter, as a good spot to work in as an organization that's a winner."

LPGA

Steinhauer leads Classic

Defending champion Sorenstam finishes day 4 shots back of lead

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — U.S. Solheim Cup player Sherri Steinhauer shot a 5-under 67 in windy conditions Thursday to take a one-stroke lead in the LPGA State Farm Classic, while Annika Sorenstam was four shots back in defense of her last tour title.

Steinhauer, the last of the 10 automatic qualifiers for the U.S. team for the Sept. 14-16 matches against Europe in Sweden, had five birdies in her bogey-free round on the Panther Creek Country Club course. Winless since the 2006 Women's British Open, Steinhauer played alongside Solheim Cup teammate Angela Stanford (72).

"I think we do consider ourselves teammates out there and we're pulling for each other ... And we were talking

about some things with Solheim out there today, and we're just really looking forward to the competition," said the 44-year-old Steinhauer, making her 20th appearance in the tournament.

Sorenstam, the winner last year at the Rail Golf Club, had two birdies and a bogey in a round of 71. On Saturday, Sorenstam announced that she's marrying Mike McGee, her boyfriend of two years. It will be the second marriage for the 36-year-old Swede, who filed for divorce from David Esch in February 2005.

"I think I played really well today," Sorenstam said. "I hit 16 greens and didn't miss any fairways, so I think I played very, very solid. I had a lot of chances and had a lot of looks out there. If that is any indication of how I'm going to play the next few months I'm happy about it. I'm just going

to go out there tomorrow and continue what I'm doing and hopefully it works out."

Last season at Rail, Sorenstam won the last of her 69 LPGA Tour titles, closing with a 10-under 62 to match the lowest final-round score by a tournament winner in tour history. The tournament moved to Panther Creek this year after 31 seasons at Rail.

"I thought today was tougher than the practice round and the pro-am," Sorenstam said. "The wind picked up and the ball traveled to different places. The greens are getting firmer and the fairway is getting firmer."

Japanese star Ai Miyazato and Marcy Hart opened with 68s.

"It was very windy today," Miyazato said. "I just tried to make one shot at a time. I had good concentration today, so I feel very satisfied."

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Aaron feels message to Bonds is adequate



Hank Aaron speaks at an event celebrating the 50-year anniversary of Milwaukee's 1957 World Series win.

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — In Milwaukee, at least, Hank Aaron remains baseball's home run king.

Aaron received that esteemed — if now outdated — introduction as he and several other members of the 1957 Milwaukee Braves came to Miller Park on Thursday for a 50-year reunion of their World Series victory.

While Aaron wasn't willing to hit the road to follow Barry Bonds' pursuit of his career home run record earlier this month, he was thrilled to travel back to Milwaukee to reunite with his former teammates.

"I am very much enjoying this," Aaron said. "As I mentioned before, some of these guys I haven't seen for a long time and I wanted to see them."

Aaron originally said his reluctance to go see Bonds break his record in person was because he was getting older — he's 73 — and simply didn't like to travel.

But on Thursday, Aaron said that by not following Bonds around the country, he also could avoid answering questions about whether he suspected that Bonds' achievements came with the help of performance-enhancing drugs — and whether that would taint the record.

"I guess I kind of stayed out of that, really," Aaron said. "Because I didn't want to get involved. For seven or eight years, I went through a thing where people were talking about all of the other things."

"If I had decided that I was going to go and follow Barry, or do anything like that, then people were going to start talking about steroids, and I didn't want to get into that. I didn't want to, didn't have to, so I kind of avoided it."

Feeling he needed to do something to acknowledge Bonds breaking the record, Aaron recorded a short video tribute that was played on the scoreboard after Bonds hit his record-breaking 756th home run Aug. 7 — a solution that, at least in Aaron's mind, was the best way to bring closure to the situation.

"I thought it was," Aaron said. "I certainly wasn't going to fly to San Francisco or fly to Chicago or anywhere else to be with anybody. I didn't think I

had to. Because I wasn't prepared to answer all these questions that people were going to have."

Aaron said that no matter how he reacted publicly to Bonds breaking the record, he was "damned if you do, damned if you don't."

But above all, he didn't want people to think he was resentful.

"That's not true," Aaron said. "I've said many times, records are made to be broken. I congratulated Barry, and that's enough."

And with that, Aaron left to join his former teammates for a photo opportunity at a small Braves monument by the youth baseball field adjacent to Miller Park.

The '57 Braves beat the New York Yankees in seven games in the World Series, and the city of Milwaukee hasn't seen much baseball success since.

The Braves moved to Atlanta in 1966. The Brewers have made one trip to the World Series, in 1982.

With the current Brewers team struggling to stay in contention in the NL Central race, the consensus among Aaron and the Braves' other stars seemed to be that the young Brewers are still a year away.

"I've been watching this club," Aaron said. "It's just a young club. I think it's going to take another year before they really get to where they're probably going to be sure of themselves, and I think they're going to be all right."

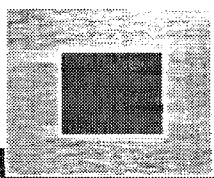
Del Crandall, a catcher for the Braves and former manager of the Brewers, said he couldn't offer much in the way of advice.

"You have a very young ball club here, and you've had problems with your pitching," Crandall said. "And I don't think anything is going to do them any good except experience, and they will probably all be much, much better [next year]. Everybody would like to win. We couldn't win in 1956. We weren't ready to win."

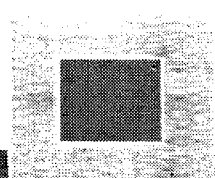
After a strong start early in the season, the Brewers have hit an extended slump and went into Thursday night's game in Chicago 1 1/2 games behind the first-place Cubs.

"Now, can they handle defeat after winning? Can they recover fast enough to make the next run, is going to be the question," former Braves outfielder Wes Covington said.

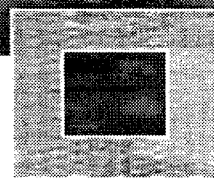
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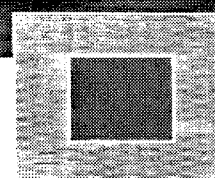
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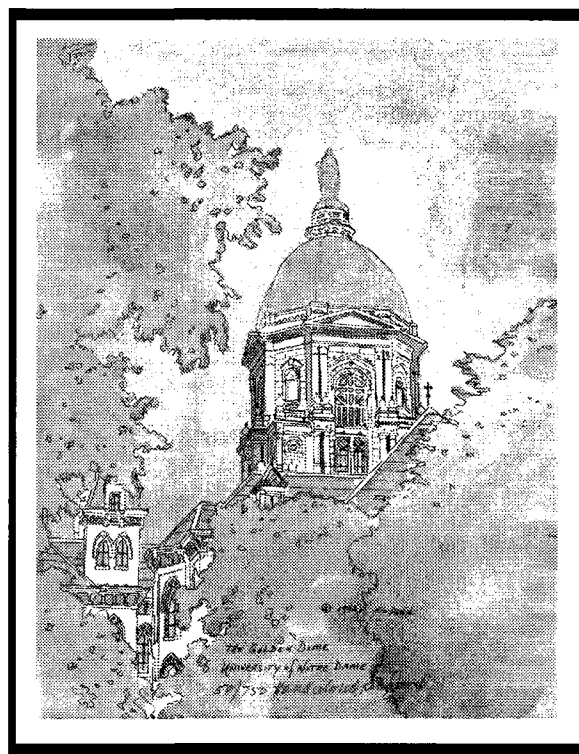
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MLS

Beckham could miss remainder of season

Midfielder diagnosed with sprained MCL

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — David Beckham could miss the rest of the Los Angeles Galaxy's season after being diagnosed with a sprained right knee Thursday.

The English midfielder underwent an MRI exam that confirmed he sprained the medial collateral ligament in his knee, the team said in a statement.

Beckham, 32, was injured in a tackle with Pachuca midfielder Fernando Salazar in the first half of Wednesday night's SuperLiga title match. The Galaxy lost 4-3 on penalty kicks.

He was expected to be out about six weeks, and will immediately begin rehabilitation, the team said.

That would place his return at mid-October, when the Galaxy would have three regular-season games remaining — against Toronto FC on Oct. 13, New York on Oct. 18 and at

Chicago on Oct. 21.

"It's just gone from one thing to another thing," Beckham said Wednesday night. "Maybe it's time for me to just say, 'I need the rest,' and get it right and don't come back until it's right."

He had already been nursing a left ankle injury that caused him to miss seven games since joining the team July 13. That injury occurred while playing for England on June 6.

Beckham's extended absence deals a serious blow to the already slim chance the Galaxy had of making the playoffs. Its Major League Soccer record is 3-10-5 — last in the Western Conference.

"The biggest thing is that we're markedly better when he's on the field," Chris Klein said after Wednesday's loss.

"Just having his presence around the guys gives us a much needed boost. When he's not there, it hurts us."

"Maybe it's time for me to just say, 'I need the rest,' and get it right and don't come back until it's right."

David Beckham
Galaxy midfielder

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Nifong denies wrongdoing

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — The former prosecutor who led the now-discredited Duke lacrosse rape case never intentionally tried to mislead the court and believed he gave all DNA test results to defense attorneys, a lawyer for Mike Nifong said Thursday during his criminal contempt trial.

Nifong turned over all the information during the pretrial discovery phase in his case against three Duke lacrosse players, said his attorney, Jim Glover. And when he told a judge the defense had all the DNA test results, it was a mistake — but little more than an oversight.

"The question is not whether those statements Mr. Nifong made are literally true or literally false," Glover told Superior Court Judge W. Osmond Smith III. "The question is were they willfully and intentionally false and were they also part of an effort ... to hide potentially exculpatory evidence, and that's the issue before the court."

Defense attorneys for the three falsely accused young men asked a judge to punish Nifong for initially telling the court he had turned over all DNA test results when he knew, and failed to disclose, that genetic material from multiple men was found on the accuser — but none from any lacrosse player.

If held in contempt, Nifong

faces up to 30 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500. Nifong pleaded not guilty to the charge at the start of the hearing, which began Thursday and was to resume Friday.

Nifong, the former Durham County district attorney, led the investigation into a woman's allegations that she was raped at a March 2006 lacrosse team party where she was hired as a stripper. That spring, Nifong secured indictments against R e a d e Seligmann, Collin Finnerty and Dave Evans for rape, kidnapping and sexual offense.

A month later, Nifong learned that a private laboratory determined the genetic material found on the woman was from several men, none of whom were Duke lacrosse players.

But Nifong didn't provide that information to the defense until October, and only then amid nearly 2,000 pages of raw DNA test data that defense attorney Brad Bannon testified Thursday took almost all of November to decipher.

Glover said Nifong believed he was being truthful when he told the judge he had given the

defense all the DNA testing results, though he didn't always know the specifics in every report, Glover said.

During his cross-examination of Bannon, Glover tried to portray the initial DNA report prepared by lab director Brian Meehan in May 2006 as adequate while suggesting no additional information would have helped clear the players.

"The fact is, you've got nothing significantly exculpatory beyond what you already knew from the report itself."

Jim Glover
Mike Nifong's attorney

"The fact is, you've got nothing significantly exculpatory beyond what you already knew from the report itself," Glover said to Bannon.

"That's absolutely false," Bannon said abruptly. "And you know it."

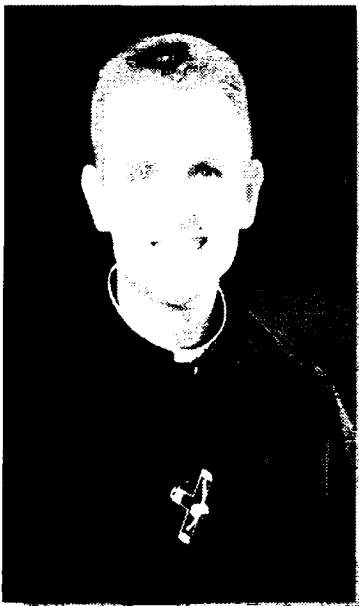
Meehan, who testified later Thursday, denied that Nifong told him to withhold any exculpatory material. He said he considered the DNA results provided to the defense to be an "interim" report since other test specimens had yet to arrive.

Afterward, Meehan told reporters that he included all test results by referring in the report to other "non-probative" but unspecified DNA materials — the genetic material found on the accuser.



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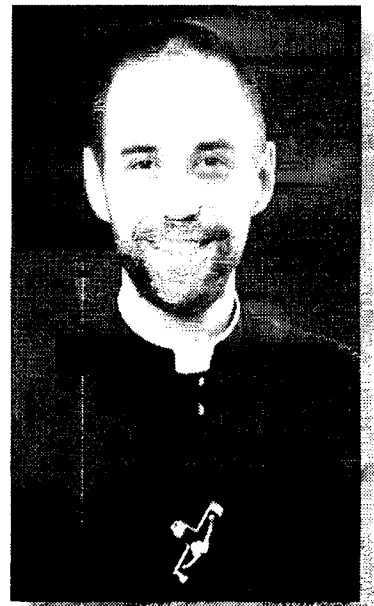
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NFL

Johnson shakes off rust after ending holdout

Losman, Edwards are efficient in win over Detroit; Campbell returns from injury looking sharp and healthy

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Larry Johnson got the break-in work he needed while supplying a lackluster Chiefs-Rams preseason finale with just a smidgen of star power.

Johnson, who ended a 25-day holdout earlier in the month, was the only starter of substance for either team who got on the field in St. Louis' 10-3 victory Thursday night. He shook off a bit of rust, carrying three times for 12 yards at the start of the Chiefs' first drive.

"It was good to get in the game and get a couple carries," Johnson said. "That's the toughest adjustment, getting back in the speed of the game and getting your timing down with your offensive linemen."

Third string quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Marques Hagans in the third quarter to give the Rams (2-2) a 10-0 lead. Hagans, battling for an extra receiving spot, had four catches for 53 yards.

The Chiefs (0-4) were held to a 40-yard field goal by Justin Medlock late in the fourth quarter and wound up winless in the preseason, trailing the NFL with 32 points. Kansas City lost the Governor's Cup game, a contest so uninspiring that the Rams bought the final 900 tickets to ensure a sellout for only the second time in six seasons.

The Rams figure to have a high-scoring offense featuring Steven Jackson and Marc Bulger, but totaled only 46 points in the preseason. Jackson, who led the NFL with 2,334 yards rushing and receiving last year, ended the preseason with only two receptions and no carries.

After ceremonial starts the previous two games, Jackson spent the whole time on the sideline watching the Chiefs.

The Rams gave cornerback Fakhir Brown a start before he begins a four-game suspension for violating the league's substance abuse policy on Friday. Ronald Bartell, a second-round pick in 2005, will be making his first career start in place of Brown in the Rams' opener Sept. 9 at home against the Carolina Panthers.

Chiefs defensive end Jared Allen, suspended for a DUI for the first two games, also made his final appearance before an enforced absence.

Bills 16, Lions 13

Trent Edwards will watch J.P. Losman take every significant snap, if all goes well for the Buffalo Bills this year.

If it doesn't, the rookie quarterback hopes he can draw on experience from the exhibition season.

Edwards directed a 90-yard drive that set up a tiebreaking field goal with 1:46 left, and

Buffalo recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff to seal a win over the Detroit Lions on Thursday night in the preseason finale.

"It's going to be a long stretch of sitting on the sidelines and watching, so I need to be able to use what I learned in the preseason," Edwards said.

Edwards was 18-of-24 for 182 yards, perhaps solidifying a job as Losman's backup ahead of Craig Nall even though coach Dick Jauron said the decision would be made soon.

"I was really happy with Trent," Jauron said. "He's performed so well. He just gets a little better all the time. He's pretty good to start with, like we said when we drafted him."

Losman was 5-for-6 over two drives.

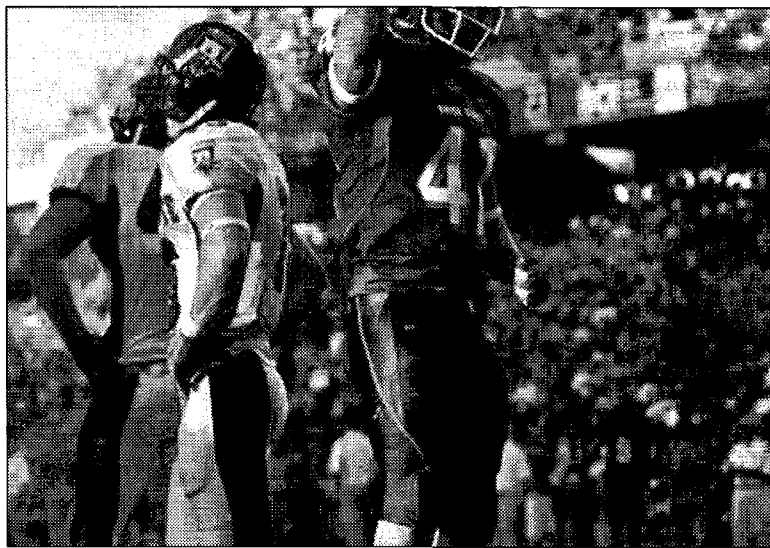
"I felt sharp, personally," he said. "I'm definitely ready for next week."

The Lions hope J.T. O'Sullivan is relegated to the sidelines this season, but like Edwards, he gained some needed experience in case Jon Kitna can't withstand 63 sacks as he did last season while taking every snap.

Jaguars 31, Redskins 14

Jason Campbell got a much-needed touchdown. Mark Brunell got a loud ovation. And most of the Jacksonville Jaguars got a night off.

Campbell returned to the start-



Chiefs running back Larry Johnson breaks past Rams safety Todd Johnson during Kansas City's 10-3 win Thursday.

ing lineup after missing last week's game with a bruised left knee. He was 5-of-5 passing for 54 yards and a touchdown in Washington's loss to the Jaguars on Thursday night in the preseason finale for both teams.

Campbell played just one series, but it was exactly what the Redskins (2-2) wanted to see from the third-year pro. Although he got hit once, he had ample time in the pocket and capped the drive with a 23-yard strike down the sideline to Antwaan Randle El.

It was Campbell's first touchdown pass of the preseason, an

encouraging sign for an offense that scored just 37 points in its first three games.

"It couldn't be a better way for him to end the preseason," Brunell said.

Brunell took over from there, getting plenty of playing time in his first game in Jacksonville as an opposing player.

The face of the Jaguars for nine years, Brunell got a warm welcome as he jogged onto the field. He didn't get quite the same reception when he threw a 14-yard TD pass to Ryan Hoag late in the first half to give the Redskins a 14-3 lead.

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NFL

Quinn keeps pushing for Browns starting job

Rookie had to wait his turn, but led team on touchdown drive once he saw the field



Bears defensive end Dan Bazuin, left, tackles Browns running back Jason Wright during Cleveland's 19-9 win Thursday.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Brady Quinn says he's ready to make an impact for the Cleveland Browns and he did in the pre-season finale. When his next opportunity comes remains to be seen.

The rookie from Notre Dame was efficient, if unspectacular, leading the Browns to a touchdown in a 19-9 victory over the Chicago Bears on Thursday night.

Now, it's up to coach Romeo Crennel to decide if Quinn's time is sooner or later.

Although incumbent Charlie Frye feels he did nothing to lose his job, Crennel said he won't announce the starter for the season-opener against Pittsburgh until next week.

"I think the competition has brought out the best in me on and off the field," Frye said. "Made me a stronger person, being able to handle different situations. It's pushed me."

Quinn will continue to push if Frye gets the nod. His time is coming for the Browns (3-1), but against the Bears, he had to wait a quarter.

Frye played the first two possessions, completing two of five passes, and Derek Anderson led a field-goal drive late in the first quarter before Quinn entered the game. The 22nd pick in the draft, he started the second and was 9-of-14 with 64 yards. He threw an interception but led a touchdown drive.

Overall, not a bad performance. And not a bad preseason.

Quinn was 29-of-45 with 300 yards, three touchdowns and one interception in three pre-season games, after reporting late to training camp because of a holdout.

"I think I progressed," Quinn said. "I think things went well not only for myself, but for our team, our offense. We did a lot good things this preseason."

It was not a good night for the Bears, who were shaky on special teams and lost rookie tight end Greg Olsen to a knee injury late in the first half. He was hurt while getting tackled after catching a short pass and will undergo an MRI.

Chicago's Daniele Manning fumbled a kickoff near the goal line in the closing seconds of the first quarter after Anderson led the Browns to a field goal, resulting in a safety that gave

Cleveland a 5-0 lead. Joshua Cribbs returned a punt 70 yards for the game's first touchdown early in the second quarter. And Quinn led a 50-yard drive on the Browns' next possession that ended with Jerome Harrison carrying it in from the 1.

Bears starting quarterback Rex Grossman left after the first possession — a three-and-out affair in which he completed a pass to Olsen for no gain. Cedric Benson had one carry for 2 yards.

Brian Griese came in and completed one of three passes — a 12-yarder — before giving way to Kyle Orton to start the second quarter.

Pro Bowl defensive tackle Tommie Harris started for the Bears after missing the first three preseason games while recovering from a season-ending hamstring injury.

"What did I accomplish in two series?" Harris said, repeating a question. "Just getting a feel of preparing for a game, staying at the hotel, getting my mind right for the game. I wanted to do that and not go to San Diego (for the season-opener) ... and have to do that for the first time."

Otherwise, it was an uneventful conclusion to a difficult week for the Bears (3-1), one that began with linebacker Lance Briggs leaving his Lamborghini alongside a highway after he crashed it early Monday morning.

The Bears now can turn their attention toward their NFC title defense. They figure to be tested in the opener against the Chargers, where former defensive coordinator Ron Rivera is coaching linebackers.

"I'm excited about using the experience I have from last year, starting 19 games, and hopefully that shows," Grossman said.

Frye completed a 16-yard pass to Braylon Edwards on the game's first play from scrimmage but did little else. Anderson was 6-of-9 for 53 yards — 21 coming on a pass to Cribbs that set up the 24-yard field goal by Phil Dawson.

Then, it was Quinn's turn.

He was 4-of-4 for 27 yards on that touchdown drive as the Browns' lead grew to 19-0.

"Really across the board, every position was just amazing," Quinn said. "I think you can truly see that."

MLB

Rays complete rare sweep

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Tampa Bay Devil Rays finally found a city they didn't want to leave.

The Baltimore Orioles couldn't wait to get out of town.

The Devil Rays completed their first road sweep in more than two years, getting a three-run homer from B.J. Upton in an 8-6 victory over Baltimore on Thursday night that extended the Orioles' losing streak to nine games.

Josh Wilson and Akinori Iwamura also homered for the Devil Rays, who trailed in all three games of the series. Tampa Bay's last road sweep came in Cleveland on Aug. 12-14, 2005, and the Devil Rays hadn't won three straight on the road since September of the same season.

"We talked earlier about finishing strong, and certainly to come out and get these three games ... it certainly sets us on the right track," Wilson said as the Devil Rays packed for a trip to Yankee Stadium.

"Now we go into New York," Wilson said, "and hopefully we'll play them tough and get on our way to finishing the season the way we want to and take it into next year."

Nick Markakis and Kevin Millar homered for the Orioles, who won the opener of a 10-game homestand before a 30-3 loss to Texas began the skid on the same day the team announced manager Dave Trembley would return in 2008.

It's enough to make a team want to go to Fenway Park for a three-game series against the AL East-leading Boston Red Sox.

"Yeah, maybe we'll start a winning streak in Boston," Trembley said. "That's the mind-set you've got to have. I don't think there's any other way to look at it. What's done is done."

It was the worst 10-game homestand in Orioles history, surpassing a 2-8 mark in September 1987. Baltimore surrendered 100 runs to Texas, Minnesota and Tampa Bay — the most the Orioles have ever yielded in a 10-game stretch.

Baltimore has been outscored 98-38 during the nine-game losing streak, which matches a season high. The last time it happened, in mid-June, the Orioles fired manager Sam Perlozzo after the run reached eight.

Although the bullpen has received much of the blame for the current slide, Baltimore failed in the clutch Thursday, going 2-for-14 with runners in scoring position.

"We had some chances to do some things and blow it open," Trembley said, "and we didn't."

Tampa Bay starter Scott Kazmir (11-8) allowed five runs, four earned, in five innings. He struck out five to raise his single-season club record total to 194.

Al Reyes gave up an RBI double to Corey Patterson in the ninth before finishing up for his 22nd save.

Jeremy Guthrie (7-5) gave up six runs, five earned, and eight hits in six innings. The rookie went 0-2 in six August starts.

Tampa Bay snapped a 5-5 tie in the sixth. Jonny Gomes led off with a double, advanced on an infield hit by Wilson and scored on a two-out single by

Carl Crawford.

Iwamura homered off Jim Hoey in the eighth to make it 7-5, and Greg Norton added a sacrifice fly in the ninth. That all but assured the Devil Rays their first three-game sweep in Baltimore; Tampa Bay swept a four-game series at Camden Yards in 1998.

The first three batters to face Kazmir provided the Orioles with a 3-0 lead. Brian Roberts hit a leadoff double, Patterson reached when Kazmir misplayed his bunt, and Markakis hit his 15th homer on an 8-2-0 fastball.

"We came out like gangbusters and put three on the board in the first inning and we thought, 'Hey, we're off to the

races. We're going to break this thing wide open,'" Trembley said.

But Tampa Bay went ahead with a four-run fourth. Wilson led off with his first major league homer, and Guthrie got two outs before Crawford doubled and Carlos Pena walked. Upton followed with his 21st home run, the fifth in 12 games.

"B.J. totally shifted it back, turned the momentum around and gave us a much better feel about it," Devil Rays manager Joe Maddon said.

Baltimore regained the lead in the bottom half when Millar homered into the fourth row of the left-field seats after a one-out single by Miguel Tejada.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

LSU crushes Mississippi State 45-0 in opener

Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Matt Flynn was average in his first game as LSU's No. 1 quarterback. It looked great compared to the way Mississippi State's Michael Henig played Thursday night.

Craig Steltz grabbed three of Henig's record-tying six interceptions and the second-ranked Tigers rumbled past the Bulldogs as usual 45-0. Flynn and new offensive coordinator Gary Crowton struggled to find a rhythm early, but they received plenty of help from Henig and the Tigers' defense on a rainy night.

"We knew the plays were going to come," Flynn said. "It was really messy out there. The rain was really coming down out there. It was tough to hang on to the ball, tough to put yards together."

Just ask Henig, who practically handed LSU its eighth straight win overall. The Tigers scored points after five of his interceptions and a fumble by backup quarterback Wesley Carroll set up another.

"I'll be the first to admit he wasn't playing well," Mississippi coach Sylvester Croom said. "There's not a whole lot to say."

It was LSU's eighth straight win in the series with the Bulldogs. Since Mississippi State's last win in 1999, LSU has outscored the Bulldogs 340-81, including three shutouts by 42 or more points.

Mississippi State has lost 12 straight games to Top 10 opponents and 11 of its last 13 home games.

Steltz, Curtis Taylor, Jonathan

Zenon and Danny McCray had interceptions in the first half and Steltz added two more in the second half. The Tigers needed the help as a stout Bulldogs defense held them scoreless on every drive but one that wasn't set up by a turnover.

Henig also fumbled the snap on a fourth-and-1 attempt after he led the team on a nine-play drive in the first quarter that put the Bulldogs at the Tigers 36. It was one of only two serious forays into LSU territory.

Henig tied the school record for interceptions in a game that had stood since 1949, when Max Stainbrook did it against Cincinnati, before giving way to Carroll midway through the fourth quarter. It was Henig's fifth multiple-interception game in 10 career starts and the most picks he's thrown since giving away three passes against Alabama on Nov. 5, 2005, as a freshman.

How does a quarterback recover from a six-interception game?

"A lot of prayer to clear my head," Henig said. "I know a lot of people will say bad things this week. But I can't pay attention to that."

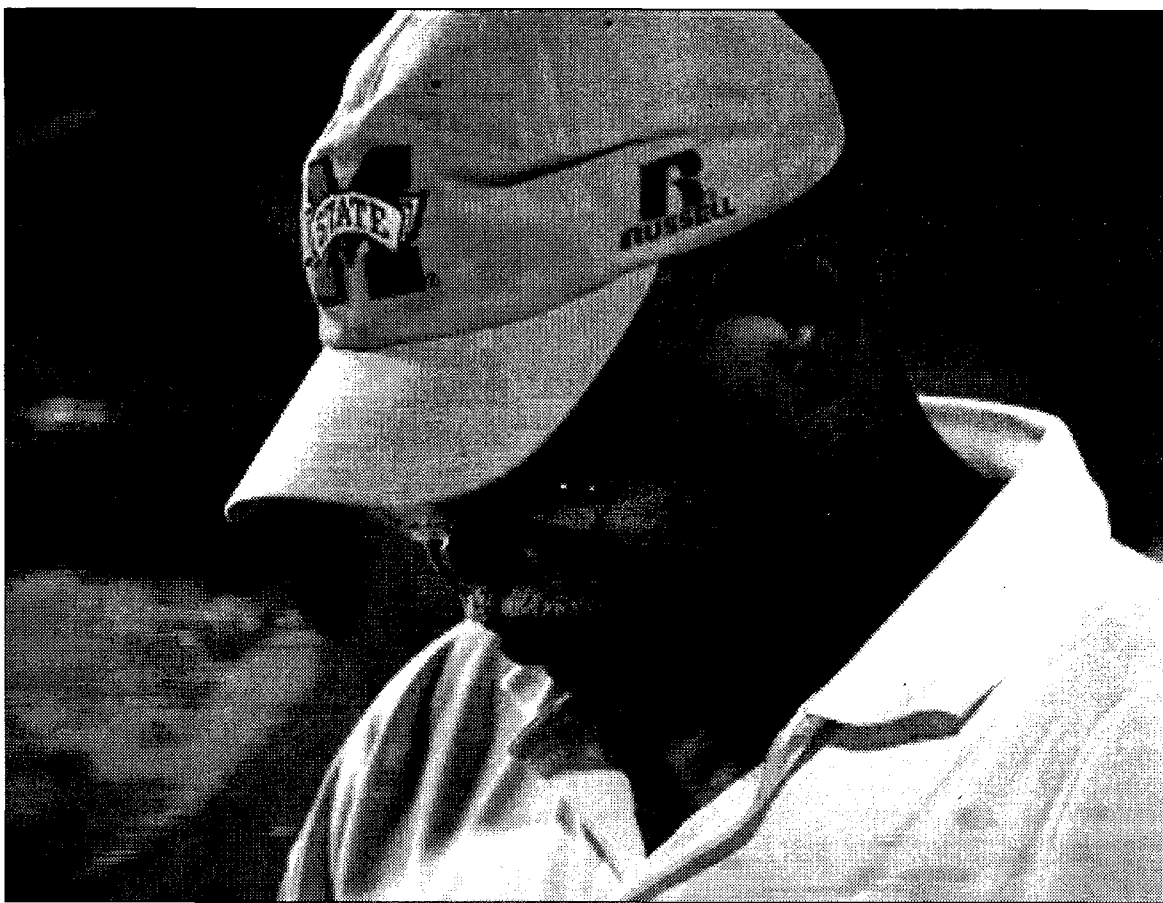
LSU coach Les Miles said he'd never had team pick off six passes in a game.

"I hope it's not the last," he said.

Croom said the turnovers undermined any chance the Bulldogs had.

"You lose field position, you lose offensive opportunities and the big thing is you can't give the defense a rest," he said.

While Henig struggled, Flynn gained confidence as the game progressed. After completing 3 of 7 passes for 23 yards in the first



Mississippi State coach Sylvester Croom bows his head following his team's 45-0 loss to LSU Thursday. Croom is 9-26 as Mississippi State's coach.

quarter, JaMarcus Russell's replacement zeroed in on Early Doucet. The fifth-year senior QB finished with 128 yards on 12 of 19 passing with two touchdowns and no turnovers in his second career start. Doucet had nine catches for 78 yards and a touchdown.

Flynn also ran for 42 yards.

"Flynn made good plays and was really the key to our efforts on offense," Miles said. "He moved well in the pocket and avoided negative yardage."

Jacob Hester gave LSU a boost early and finished with 68 yards rushing on 14 carries. He also served as the lead blocker on two 1-yard TD runs by Keiland Williams that helped the Tigers to a 17-0 halftime lead.

While LSU's offense will have to find some consistency as the team prepares for next week's game against No. 9 Virginia Tech, its defense appeared to be as dominating as last year.

The Tigers allowed 146 total yards and held the Bulldogs to 10

yards rushing. LSU also had four sacks and a fumble recovery.

Mississippi State can take some consolation in keeping the game close in the first half. Last season, the Tigers led 21-0 after the first quarter and 35-3 midway through a 48-17 win.

But the result certainly won't take the pressure off Croom, who has lost 26 games in four seasons at Starkville and will be searching for his 10th win when the Bulldogs travel to Tulane on Sept. 8.



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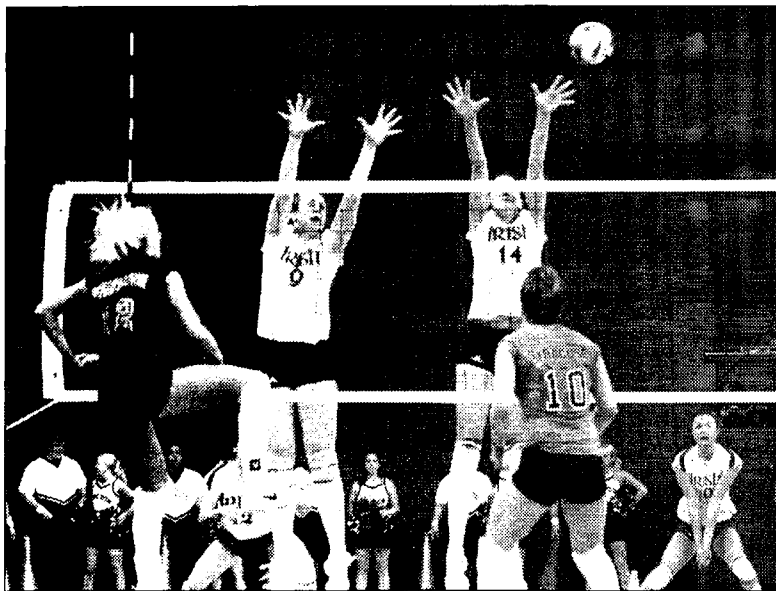
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Outside hitter Megan Fesi and middle blocker Justine Stremick attempt to block in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Syracuse in 2006.

Missouri

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Monday. The Irish will now face tournament host Missouri today and Florida International Saturday.

"The Invitational is a good opportunity to continue to play strong competition and better ourselves for the season," Brown said. "Specifically we are looking to be a much better hitting team."

The last time the Irish faced the Tigers, Missouri escaped with a 3-2 victory. The Tigers currently hold a 2-1 overall record and the No. 20 ranking in the nation. They also are undefeated all-time against the Irish, with a 2-0 mark.

Notre Dame has never faced Florida International, and the

Irish are looking for a win against the 2-1 Golden Panthers to start the series.

"I think as a team we are going into this weekend really determined," Brown said. "We're a competitive group and we don't like losing. We're looking to go undefeated this weekend."

The Tiger Invitational marks the first of three tournaments in which the Irish will compete before the conference slate begins. Next weekend the Irish will host the Shamrock Invitational, where they will face the College of Charleston, Alabama and Ohio. Their conference season will begin with an away match on Sept. 22 against Pittsburgh.

Notre Dame and Missouri square off today at 7 p.m.

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NBA

Stern answers gambling questions

Special prosecutor hired to investigate referee betting scandal

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — David Stern defended his current referees, blasted a pair of former ones, and vowed to wait until a review of the NBA's officiating program is finished before he decides on any punishments stemming from gambling activities.

The commissioner was in Las Vegas on Thursday to watch the United States play Argentina in the FIBA Americas tournament, and it wasn't long before questions turned to gambling.

The league recently chose former federal prosecutor Lawrence B. Pedowitz to oversee a review of its policies regarding gambling and its referees in the wake of the Tim Donaghy scandal.

Donaghy has pleaded guilty to betting on games, including some he worked, and providing inside information to others to help them win bets. An ESPN Radio report said the former official was set to name as many as 20 other referees who took part in gambling activity, though not necessarily criminal.

"There has been no release of any information, there have

been leaked news reports about what Mr. Donaghy might have said," Stern said. "We think the fairest way to deal with this is to allow the referees to tell us what the facts are, and our referees are very anxious to tell us what the facts are and then we'll know. And the speculation is hard for them, but we're very much on the same page as we seek to move forward."

"Many people have been happy to condemn them on the basis of either disgruntled former officials or press reports about what Mr. Donaghy is alleged to have said, and that's not fair."

The former referees the commissioner spoke of were Mike Mathis and Hue Hollins, who have been critical in some recent newspaper stories of the current state of the profession under director of officials Ronnie Nunn. NBA officials are generally prohibited from speaking to the media.

"I think that their statements about current referees, which they're happy to take shots at, are kind of interesting," Stern said. "And I guess that's all I'll say, is that Messrs. Mathis and Hollins at the end of their careers were not model referees."

"As a staff, the quality is a lot better than when Mr. Hollins and Mr. Mathis were roaming the floor, I might say. Certainly toward the end of their perhaps otherwise distinguished careers, so I'm very protective

of our existing officials and their staff and their development, and I doubt very much that our existing staff would do to their younger colleagues what Mathis and Hollins now find to be open. So when you talk about officials you should make the point that those are disgruntled former officials."

Stern said Pedowitz and his staff have as much time as they need to conduct their review, which will include interviews with referees, and league and team officials. He said there would be "no holds barred."

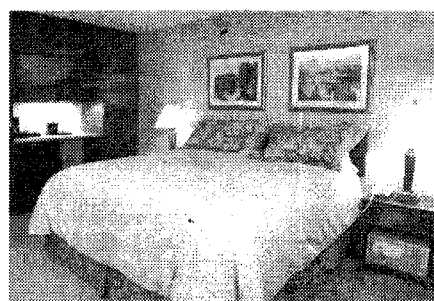
But he's not ready to say yet what will happen if more gambling activity among his officials is proven. NBA policies prevent referees from any type of betting, other than trips to the race track during the offseason.

"Some of them might have actually bought a lottery ticket, or played bingo in a church, two forms of gambling that I'm sure everyone is very familiar with," Stern said. "I don't want to prejudge it, but I think there are some things that would perhaps cause me to pause more than others."

"And I think that's the problem here, that everyone (says) 'Oh my God, I saw him play, I don't know what you call it, \$5 nassau on the golf course.' That's why rather than speculate about what they did or what would happen if they did it, we agree that the best way to do it is find out what they did and then understand it all."

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Irish forward Amanda Cinalli fends off a Tar Heels defender in North Carolina's 2-1 win over Notre Dame in the national championship match on Dec. 3, 2006.

Michigan

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One of those freshmen, goal-keeper Nikki Weiss, is one of three keepers who has seen playing time throughout the preseason. Weiss, sophomore Kelsey Lysander and senior Lauren Karas received equal playing time, about 30 minutes each in both exhibition games. Coach Randy Waldrum has not decided on a starting keeper and will continue to rotate them until one separates from the others.

Notre Dame has won 32 straight games at home and has not lost in 41 straight home games. The Irish are 17-2-0 in season openers.

"It's definitely a whole new set of games, but a 32-game home winning streak is pretty fun," Cinalli said. "We love playing at home. Home crowds are so much fun, they really pump us up. Just having all the cheer-

ing and our friends and family here really helps out a lot. I think that support is really key for us."

Five starters graduated last year, but Cinalli said their spots have been satisfactorily filled.

"Some of [the freshmen] have filled those roles, we've also had a transfer [junior Elise Weber, from Wisconsin] who's stepped into that hole and is helping with that a lot," Cinalli said. "And then some of the underclassmen have stepped up, so it's been everyone."

The graduation of Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek left a large hole at the midfield position. Freshmen Lauren Fowlkes, who had a goal against Virginia, should start there, along with juniors Brittany Bock and Becca Mendoza.

Junior Carrie Dew, back from an ACL injury, will play alongside Weber and sophomores Amanda Clarke and Haley Ford in the backfield, helping to fill the void left by the departure of Christie Shaner and Kim

Lorenzen. Cinalli and Waldrum said Weber has been a great help to the team since joining them this summer.

Notre Dame is 12-2 against Michigan and defeated the Wolverines 2-0 in Ann Arbor last season. The Wolverines, who were 9-7-6 last season and lost in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, had a 1-1 pre-season record. They defeated Ohio 5-0 and lost to Dayton 2-1.

Cinalli said Notre Dame's loss to North Carolina in last season's NCAA championship and the subsequent tie this pre-season provided the team with extra motivation.

"Obviously it was a heart-breaker, the national championship," Cinalli said. "Coming into preseason and playing North Carolina, I mean, we completely dominated them and should have beat them, but we did tie them and so that kind of built our confidence going into the season."

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMENTARY

Students should support contenders



DUSTIN MENNELA/The Observer

Irish forward Susan Pinnick handles the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over St. John's in the Big East quarterfinals in 2006.

Eight months after Notre Dame fell to North Carolina in the 2006 national championship game in the Tar Heels' home state, a record crowd of 3,412

turned out at Alumni Field on Aug. 19 for the rematch of that final. The Irish played the defending champions to a 2-2 draw in the friendly.

But tonight's contest is Notre Dame's first regular-season Irish home game.

And the Irish deserve a tremendous home-field advantage.

"Last year, the fan support had as much to do with us going to the Final Four as anything," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said.

While the crowd for the North Carolina game was a sellout, it was a group composed primarily of South Bend natives. Tonight, every student is back on campus, providing the main ingredient for a raucous crowd.

"The local community has always been very supportive but it was great last year to have such student support," Waldrum said. "Let's be honest, the student body gives the games the great atmosphere."

The Irish still are ranked No. 2 nationally despite the loss of five starters from the 2006 national title game. With enough fan support, it'll be easier to assure that the

Irish will not fall in the rankings because of a setback at home.

The effect of having a huge crowd on their side was evident as the Irish outshot North Carolina 14-7. Because host Notre Dame was able to handily outplay the top-ranked team in the country, it is difficult to imagine that it could drop a match at home.

Waldrum said that it was energizing to see so many students in the stands last year, even when weather conditions deteriorated toward the end of the season.

Clear skies and warm temperatures are expected tonight. With the increased school spirit common to football weekends, fan participation should swell.

"We're expecting a packed house," Waldrum said.

So, after this afternoon's pep rally, help one Irish squad in its first step towards another possible Final Four appearance.

"We want [students] to come learn the chants and be loud and harass the other teams," Waldrum said. "We basically want them to do what good fans do."

Because if they do, the unranked Wolverines don't stand a chance.

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Irish defenseman Jack Traynor battles for the ball in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory over DePaul in the first round of the Big East tournament on Oct. 25, 2006.

UCLA

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America team.

"We know they are going to be a great team," Clark said. "They don't have any weak spots, but to be truthful we don't either."

Strikers Joseph Lapira and Kurt Martin will lead the Irish. Martin is starting for the first time in his career but has

emerged as serious scoring threat in Notre Dame's two preseason matches.

Lapira is the reigning winner of the Hermann Trophy Award, widely recognized as the most prestigious national player-of-the-year honor.

Notre Dame won both of its exhibitions 3-0, over No. 9 New Mexico and No. 14 Northwestern. The key to its success was striking early — Martin scored goals within the first five minutes of both contests.

Lapira saw slightly less time than usual in the preseason due to a strained muscle in his calf. He is expected to be at full strength for tonight's game.

"He's more than 100 percent," Clark said. "He is very excited and I think he is ready

to go."

The 5-foot-10 speedster scored his first goal of the season against Northwestern earlier this week. Prior to that, Lapira's last goal broke a scoreless tie in overtime of the round of 16 in last season's NCAA Tournament against

Maryland. The goal gave Notre Dame its first quarterfinal berth in program history.

The Terrapins will get their chance for revenge early this season as they face the Irish Sunday in the final game of the

Adidas/IU Classic.

Maryland begins the season No. 7 in the nation, going 2-0-1 in preseason play with wins

over Fairleigh Dickinson and Montreal and a 2-2 draw with Virginia Commonwealth. The Terps will also open up their season tonight against tournament host Indiana.

"We will get a good look at them on Friday and we will have an opportunity to really evaluate their team then," Clark said.

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ResLife

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differently. Personally, I do not think either merits a suspension for a semester, but my issue is less with the degree of the punishments and more with their relative inconsistency. By refusing to address this inconsistency, the University has created a number of perceptions I am sure it does not want circulating among students and fans.

One such perception is that the University considers using drugs a more significant crime than soliciting a prostitute. That would surprise me. This is Notre Dame, right? The place where you can get in trouble just for being in an opposite-sex dorm room after midnight during the week? I suppose all the regulations the University has in place to make this a chaste campus do not mean that much.

Just imagine the next time somebody receives a ResLife for breaking parietals. The obvious response of the student would be, "Well, I only broke parietals. Maybe next time I should go out and find a prostitute instead. The University can barely touch me." Is this the message ResLife wishes to send to students?

Maybe the University has acted similarly in the past regarding prostitution and handled the case similarly to Hand's. If so, then ResLife still contradicts the strict rules it has established over many years regarding sexual relations.

Another perception the University has created is that it favors football players over other athletes and students. I am certain it does not want to create this perception. In the past, ResLife has used a stiff hand when dealing with football players. Two years ago, when former fullback Rashon Powers-Neal was arrested on

charges of driving under the influence, ResLife suspended him from any extracurricular activities — which meant missing the last half of his final season. Based upon the precedent the University set in the cases of Powers-Neal and McAlarney, its treatment of Hand is suspect.

If the police had arrested a regular student for solicitation, there would be no three-game suspension. It is hard to see ResLife doling out a slap on the wrist when possessing marijuana equates a semester-long suspension. Let me be clear — I am not saying the University favors football players — but given this set of circumstances, that argument can certainly be made. In this particular case, perception is just as important as reality.

It is hard to know the specific circumstances surrounding Hand and McAlarney because ResLife refuses to discuss individual cases. This policy, though designed to protect student privacy, contributions to perceptions that can sometimes damage the reputation of this University.

In the future, ResLife must implement a standard, transparent policy regarding off-campus arrests in which a punishment could be amended with additional penalties depending on the case. This might be more prudent than the current policy, which is hard to decipher from the outside.

Such a policy would protect the integrity of the University's disciplinary system while preventing allegations about favoritism.

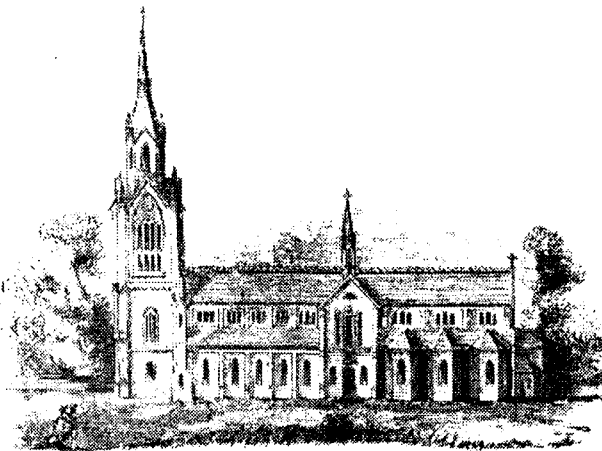
Until then, people will speculate — and the University will have to deal with its silence.

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Across

1 Positive

10 Vacuum maintainers

15 Like some fruit bats and petrels

16 Cornrow component

17 Whine

18 Royal jelly consumer

19 Jungian principle

20 Samoan, e.g.

22 Kind of party

23 Top of a stadium

25 Comic character

26 From Niger to Zambia: Abbr.

27 Hacker of the Middle Ages

28 "The Dram Shop" author

29 Squeals

30 Start of a Spanish Christmas greeting

31 Certify

34 Unwelcome discovery on a credit card statement

36 Period to find out more

37 Tough companions?

38 Minor leader?

39 Carving in an Egyptian tomb

41 Relief may follow it

44 Botanist's beard

45 Unproductive

46 Rubberneck

47 Where cell phones don't work

49 Weed-B-Gon maker

50 200 milligrams

51 Popular reference work

54 Match point?

55 "Shoot!"

56 Name on a truck

Down

1 Opportunities to run away from home

2 Gustavo's good

3 Require

4 Female role in "Chicago"

5 "Paint the Sky With Stars" singer

6 Suffix with proto-

7 Abbr. on a key

8 They're back on board

9 City on the Permian Basin

10 Extend awkwardly

11 Sparkle

12 Cousin of a hyena

13 Be what you're not

14 Be a night watchman?

21 Manhattan ave.

23 Sudden impact

24 First home of the University of Nevada

27 Firm assistant, briefly

28 Couple of pizzas?

29 Revelation exclamation.

30 Work unit: Abbr.

31 Black-and-white

32 Spent from all the conflict

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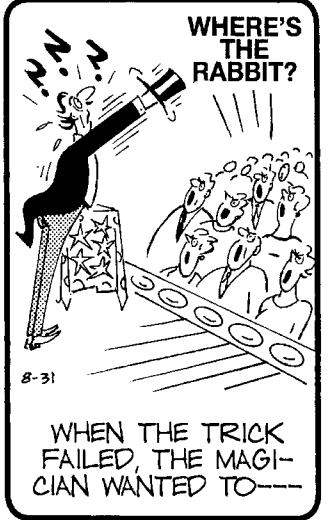
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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

One step at a time

No. 2 squad gets set for opening match

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

On the heels of a successful preseason, No. 2 Notre Dame opens the regular season against Michigan tonight at 7:30 on Alumni Field.

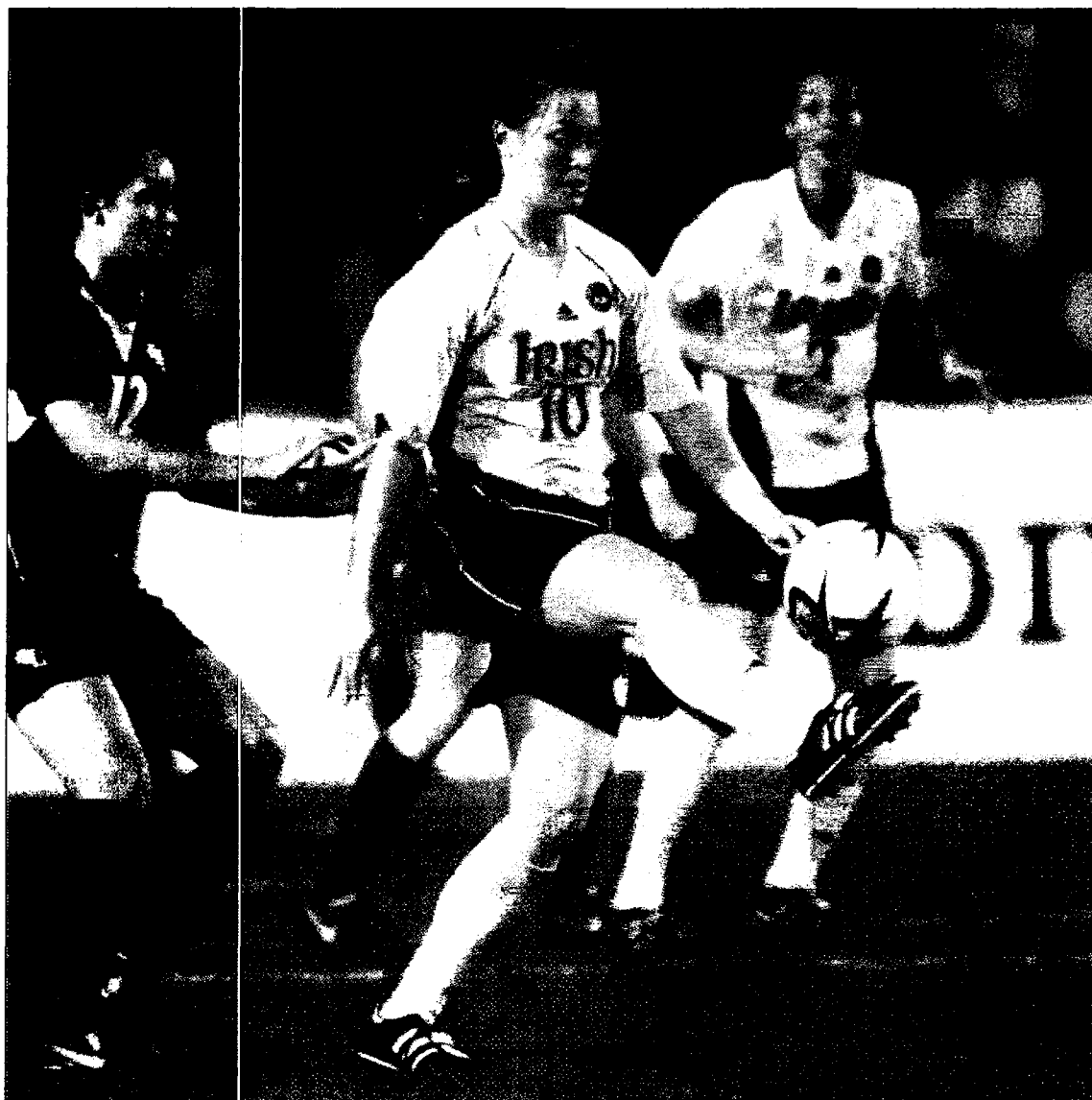
Senior forward and captain Amanda Cinalli seemed slightly taken aback when asked what worried the team most about the game against Michigan.

"Worried? I don't know if we're too much worried," Cinalli said. "I think we're just excited."

The Irish tied No. 1 North Carolina 2-2 and beat No. 11 Virginia 3-1 in their preseason campaign. The exhibition games gave freshman players a chance to experience the game at the collegiate level, and so far the transition to college has been smooth.

"They've been doing really well for us," Cinalli said. "We already feel like they're veterans, which is great."

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Irish junior midfielder Brittany Bock concentrates on the ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 national semifinals win over Florida State in Cary, N.C., on Dec. 1, 2006.

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FOOTBALL

ResLife's actions not consistent

I am confused.
Last winter, Notre Dame basketball player Kyle McAlarney was arrested for possession of marijuana. The University's Office of Residence Life suspended McAlarney for the rest of the spring semester, after he entered a pre-trial diversion program to expunge the charge from his record.



Chris Hine

Sports Editor

This summer, South Bend police arrested Notre Dame defensive end Derrell Hand on charges of soliciting a prostitute. Hand also entered a pre-trial diversion program. His punishment: a three-game suspension from football coach Charlie Weiss and, apparently, little from the University.

Here's why I am confused. Both offenses occurred off campus and involve athletes in high-profile sports. While duLac makes no explicit mention of prostitution, the University surely does not condone either offense. It has decided, however, to handle these cases involving high-profile athletes very

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MEN'S SOCCER

No. 1 UCLA awaits in season debut

No. 9 Irish try to snap losing streak against top-ranked opponents

By DAN MURPHY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame has faced a No. 1 ranked team five times in program history. The result has been the same each time: an Irish loss.

But No. 9 Notre Dame has a chance to start its 2007 season with a bang by reversing that trend against top-ranked UCLA tonight.

Four of the five losses have come at the hands of in-state rival Indiana — the most recent loss to the then-No. 1 Hoosiers being a 2-0 defeat in 2004 — and the fifth was another 2-0 loss to Connecticut in 1998. The Irish were shut out in all five contests.

"To start off the season beating anyone is special, whether they are No. 1 or just another

good team," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "The important thing in this game is that we have to look after ourselves."

The UCLA match is part of the Adidas/IU Classic in Bloomington, Ind. The tournament is in its 25th year and features four top-10 clubs this season. It has hosted the eventual national champ nine times since 1982.

The Bruins were only one goal away from claiming their own national crown last year, but lost 2-1 to UC-Santa Barbara in the title game. UCLA returns eight starters from that squad and 16 total players — all of whom are hungry for a second chance at a championship.

One key loss from last season's UCLA squad was goalkeeper Eric Reed. But sophomore Brian Perk, who takes over the starting role, played with the U.S. Under-20 National Team and was recently named to the preseason All-

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VOLLEYBALL

Irish travel to Tiger Invitational

Team hits the road hoping to rebound after rough week

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

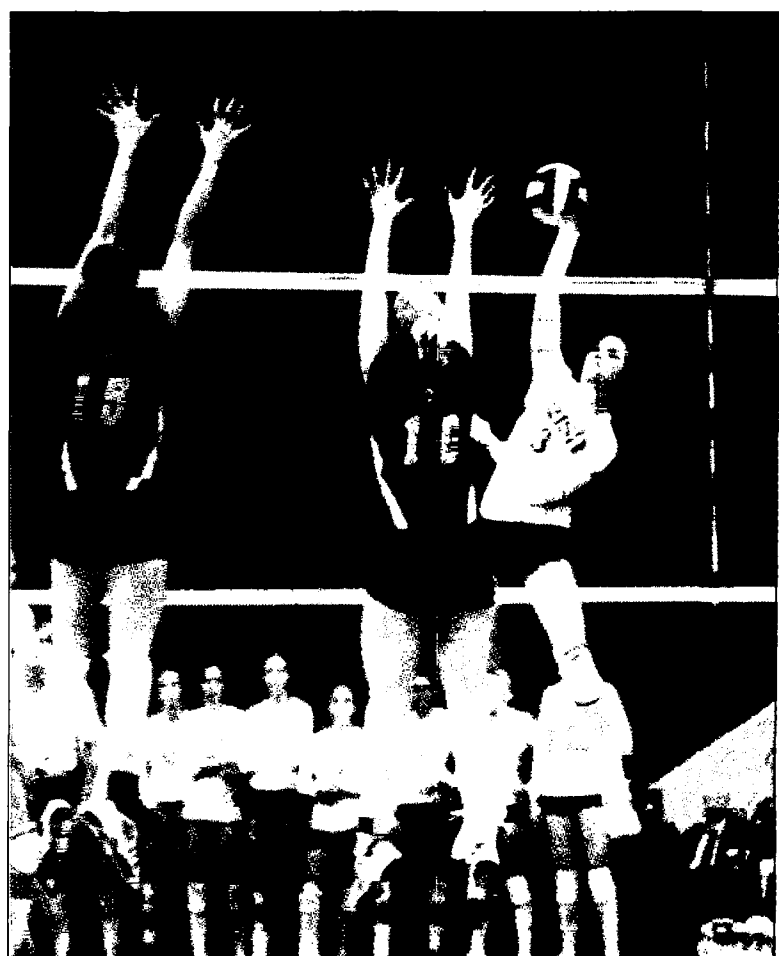
After two tough losses against No. 9 Minnesota and No. 7 Florida, Notre Dame will look for its first wins of the season this weekend in the Tiger Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

"We played two tough teams last week," coach Debbie Brown said. "We played and hit much better against Florida than Minnesota. We hope to continue this upward trend and improve both our play and our record."

The Irish lost to Minnesota 3-0 in the first game of the weekend. The Irish played a closer match against the Gators, but Florida won in four games.

Though this weekend's tournament traditionally has four participants, Florida A&M withdrew from the field

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Irish sophomore outside hitter Christina Kaelin spikes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Bowling Green Aug. 26, 2006.

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Notre Dame's young
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The Corwin Brown Effect?

Going back to a familiar unknown

In 2007, Irish fans step back into the unknown. Some people dread the unknown and fear that 2007 will bring disappointing results. After all, who could blame them for thinking that way? Last season, everybody knew who everybody was on the team. Quinn, Samardzija and Walker were known quantities. They were reliable, consistent and brought with them the security of a good season, but those days of security are now over.

This season is for those who relish the unknown and the chance to take a journey that is sure to hold moments of both disappointment and excitement. The first and most obvious unknown is at the quarterback position. Some have called coach Charlie Weis arrogant for not revealing his starting quarterback earlier, but in reality, what difference does it really make whether or not fans learn the starter Saturday morning or if they had learned a month ago? The starter does not have to deal with all the preseason buildup of being Notre Dame's quarterback and maybe it will confuse Georgia Tech. Maybe it will not, but it does not hurt to try.

Fans should be confident knowing that whoever gains the starting job had to beat out two very good candidates this training camp and will be ready to take the field Saturday. Come Sunday morning, the question, "Who is the starter?" will be a distant memory and all the talk will be about the play of the quarterback. Regardless, there is little to fear given the talent at the position and Weis's ability to develop his quarterbacks into



Chris Hine
Sports Editor

national stars, as he did with Quinn.

On defense, the Irish bring back some familiar faces, such as defensive end Trevor Laws, linebacker Maurice Crum Jr. and safety Tom Zbikowski. The unknown here is whether Corwin Brown's new 3-4 personnel scheme can stop big plays and keep the Irish in games when they may not score bunches of points.

Based on the results of summer camp, the Irish are pushing themselves harder than ever on defense. Sophomore Darrin Walls beat out traditional starter senior Ambrose Wooden for the cornerback spot opposite Terrail Lambert. The competition for each defensive spot must have been intense and only makes the secondary better in the end because everybody has to push harder everyday in practice.

Nobody knows what to expect from anybody this season. Remember 2005, and having that feeling of uncertainty that the season could come crashing down or, if a couple things went right, could be memorable?

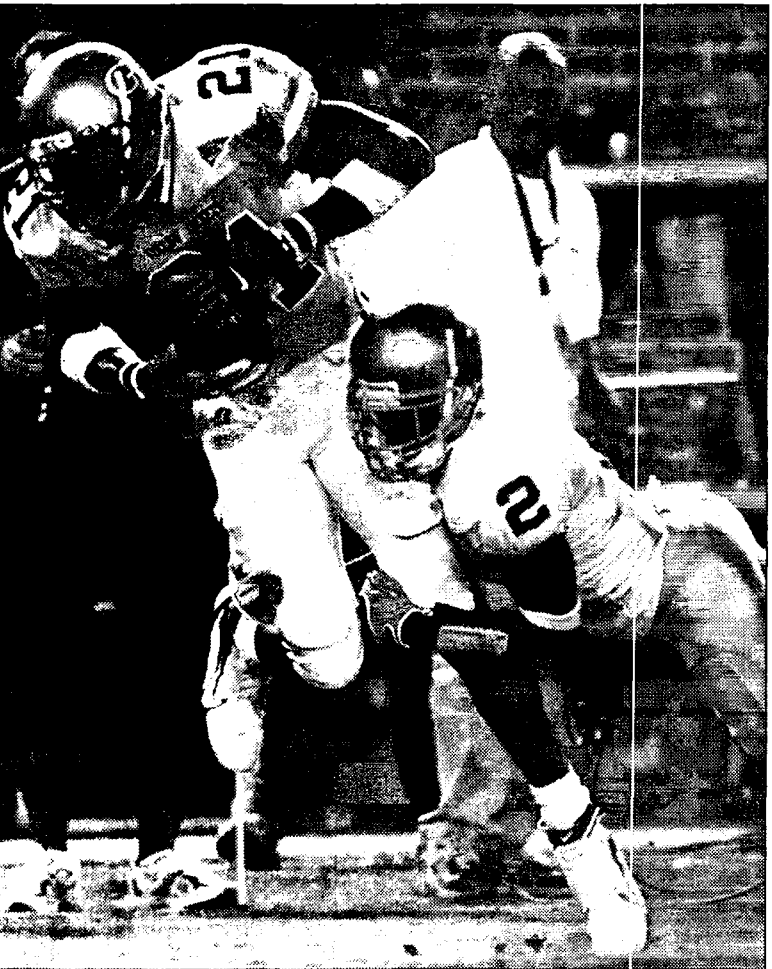
I have the same feeling.

Notre Dame has a roster mixed with veterans and younger players with untapped potential. They face a schedule, which, on paper, is among the hardest in the nation. Expectations should be low.

But after all, this is Notre Dame — a place where the term "low expectations" doesn't exist. Maybe Notre Dame can win 10 games and make it to another BCS bowl game, but the odds are that will not happen.

Just have a little patience while some of the younger players find their groove and this season could be a special one. In other words, welcome back to the unknown.

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Sophomore cornerback Darrin Walls tackles Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson in Notre Dame's 14-10 win last September.

2007 Irish opponents

		Last game	Next game
	(0-0)	N/A	at Notre Dame
	(0-0)	N/A	vs Fla. Intl.
	(0-0)	N/A	vs. App. State
	(0-0)	N/A	vs UAB
	(0-0)	N/A	at Toledo
	(0-0)	N/A	at Stanford
	(0-0)	N/A	vs Wake Forest
	(0-0)	N/A	vs Idaho
	(0-0)	N/A	at Temple
	(0-0)	N/A	vs S.C. State
	(0-0)	N/A	vs UConn
	(0-0)	N/A	vs UCLA

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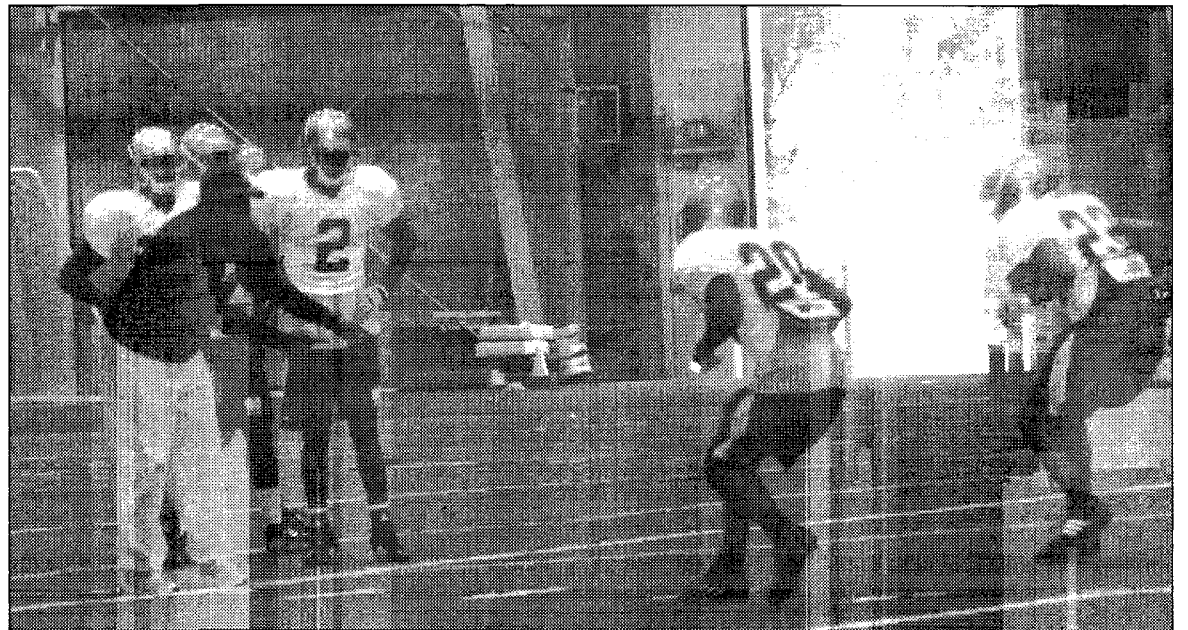
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A players' coach

Defensive Coordinator Corwin Brown brings new attitude, new scheme to Irish



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Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown looks on during practice, left, and runs drills with cornerbacks Terrail Lambert and Ambrose Wooden, right. Brown has made an impact with the Irish on the recruiting trail, with Notre Dame receiving a slew of verbal commitments for 2008, including two from his hometown of Chicago.

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Corwin Brown is a players' coach.

Yes, the product of the Bill Parcells-Bill Belichick-Al Groh-Eric Mangini coaching tree is a players' coach.

No, he's not a lackadaisical, non-disciplinarian.

He's not a guy who is going to play favorites or coddle starters.

And Brown certainly is not a guy who is going to say anything other than what he thinks.

But talk to the Notre Dame defense, and they'll tell you that the team's new, 37-year-old defensive coordinator is what they think a "players' coach" should be.

He relates well.

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Something about the former standout at Michigan — who grew up in a tough neighborhood of Chicago, earned a spot in the NFL, studied the game closely enough to land an assistant coaching gig in college and then a spot on a pro team's staff — connects with almost every defender for the Irish.

"He's a great players' coach. He knows how to get guys fired up," fifth-year defensive lineman Trevor Laws says. "You really feel like you're playing

for him when you're out there because he's always right behind you, always pushing you. He knows how to get players to play, and you really do want to play for him."

Laws says that Brown's youth is a benefit in his relationship with players, something related to what some of Laws' teammates say.

For other defenders, having a coach whose playing experience was substantial and recent means an extra level of comfort and respect. Brown played for the New England Patriots from 1993-96, for the New York Jets from 1997-98 and for the Detroit Lions from 1999-2000. Meanwhile, Irish head coach Charlie Weiss didn't play any college ball, and defensive backs coach Bill Lewis ended his playing days 45 years ago, when he graduated from East Stroudsburg (Pa.) State.

Though former Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter played in college at Henderson State (Ark.) in the 1970s, Brown's experience is more relevant and tangible for players aspiring for NFL stardom.

"It's a lot easier, too, when he's actually played and he's telling you things that you know you really can't question it because he's been there," Irish linebacker Joe Brockington says. "I think that was the biggest thing ... opening your ears and listening to what he

had to say."

Sophomore cornerback Darrin Walls says Brown "understands a lot of our situations" because "he's been in the game, he knows what it's like."

More than just one change

When Weiss announced that Minter's contract would not be renewed and Brown would be the team's new defensive coordinator, the offensive-minded coach said he better understands Brown's scheme and his goals.

But the change was more than just a man named Corwin Brown replacing Rick Minter. It was more than just the 3-4 personnel grouping replacing the 4-3.

It was aggressiveness replacing a passive defense. It was energy replacing analysis. It was two years of underperformance replaced by a new hope.

Brockington says one of Brown's strengths is his energy, which is far greater than Minter's. But Lewis insists Brown is more than just a rah-rah coach; he's also an intellectual. Indeed, Lewis says Brown has taught the 44-year veteran of coaching things about defenses and ways of interacting with players.

"Corwin is extremely bright. He has a great grasp of the game of football," Lewis says. "I enjoy every moment I can be with him because he's a secondary guy, and I'm a secondary guy, and so we enjoy talking about the same aspects of the game."

Every once in a while, Lewis walks past Brown in the football office, sticks his head in the door and tells him how well the new defensive coordinator handled an on-field or in-classroom situation with players.

"He's really helped the secondary tremendously with things he brought from his playing experience and his coaching experience at the National Football League level," Lewis says. "He has a great way of relating to players. Players can really relate easy to him, and he can relate easy to them."

Brown's playing past and his ability to relate to young players aren't quite two separate

qualities. The Irish defenders say his padded past means something to them. Fifth-year senior Ambrose Wooden gets a kick out of Brown when he challenges the cornerbacks to try and catch a ball with the coach defending them. Brown runs drills with the team, trying to prove "he's still got it," Wooden says.

And Wooden isn't surprised that players gravitate toward Brown's personality.

"If you're at practice, he runs around. Between him and Coach Lewis, I think they sweat about two gallons a day just running around with us," Wooden says. "He actually does the drills, gets in at it, works press drills, all types of drills."

"It just kind of keeps us invested. Sometimes you need that coach that you feel like he's one of the guys that you feel like you could talk to him if you have a question."

Brown also has shown a penchant for being like "one of the guys," Wooden says. During the summer, Brown sent text messages to players, telling them to think about different situations and alignments they could face and how they would react.

The question for Saturday is, will Brown's attitude and the players' positive response to the fresh blood result in a better defense?

Whatever the answer, the change in schemes will surely be a major factor.

Junior free safety David Bruton says the 3-4 will allow the safeties to concentrate a little less on run containment because of the additional linebacker in the second line of defense. But when asked if that would also mean an easier time defending the play-action pass, Bruton was cautious, though optimistic.

Among the more subtle differences in the defense will be more contact by cornerbacks at the line of scrimmage. Walls, who saw limited action in 2006, added weight and core body strength to help him in bump and run coverage.

While Saturday will be the first true indication of how the defense has responded to Brown, another indicator is

already pointing in Brown's favor.

Early results

In terms of recruiting, the Windy City-native Brown appears to have parlayed his ability to relate with young players and turned it into wind-falls for the Irish. Less than a week after his hiring, the Irish landed a verbal commitment from Chicago, running back Robert Hughes, who is expected to compete for playing time this season as a true freshman. For the class that will sign letters of intent in February 2008 and enroll next summer, the Irish have taken an early lead in the recruiting rankings thanks to 12 highly-rated defenders announcing their intentions of coming to Notre Dame. Two of those — linebackers Steve Filer and Darius Fleming — are Chicago products.

Wide receivers coach Rob Ianello is Notre Dame's recruiting coordinator but has ceded much of the Chicago region to Brown because of his connections to the area and with its football coaches.

"If I wasn't into there prior, he probably would have that [alone]," Ianello says. "But certainly, with anybody, if you come and you have contacts some place, we're going to use your contacts. We'd be foolish not to, regardless of where they are."

"He's got a really good personality, a really good demeanor, and he's very energetic. ... I think he relates well. He really relates well to the high school players, and I think that they like him."

What Weiss did for Notre Dame's offensive recruiting almost immediately after being hired is what Brown has done for the defense.

Wooden sees a lot of the same qualities between Weiss and Brown that makes them successful.

"They don't B.S. you," Wooden says. "If they see something in you, see a special talent you have, they're going to tell you about it. ... That's what I think they bring to the table — they're up-front. They'll tell you exactly what they think of you, whether it's good or bad."

And, at least in Wooden's view, that makes them players' coaches.



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Irish defensive coordinator Corwin Brown talks to Irish linebacker Brian Smith while he stretches with a teammate during practice Tuesday.

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Charlie Weis
head coach

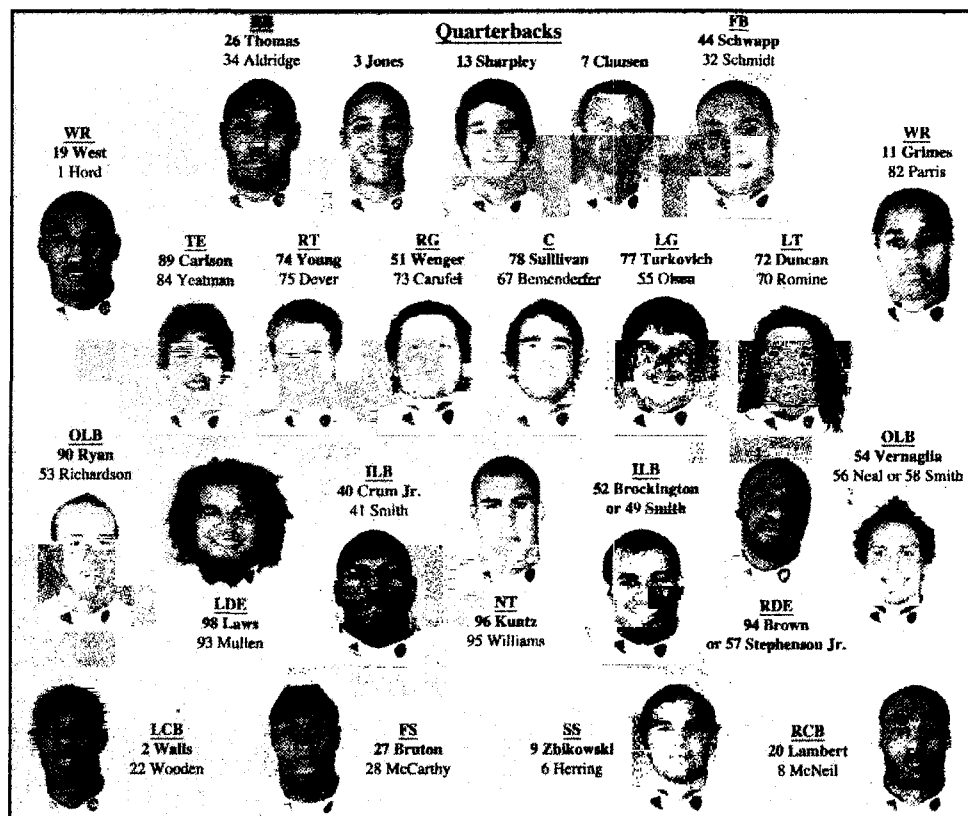
Charlie Weis
third season at
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at Notre Dame:
19-6
against
Georgia Tech: 1-0

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	196	JR
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	180	SO
3	Demetrius Jones	QB	6-4	213	SO
4	Gary Gray	DB	5-11	180	FR
5	Armando Allen	RB	5-10	190	FR
6	Ray Herring	DB	5-10	197	SO
7	Jimmy Clausen	QB	6-3	207	FR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	187	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	6-0	207	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	5-10	177	JR
12	Darrin Bragg	QB	6-1	188	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	216	JR
14	Bryan Walker	K	6-3	197	FR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	189	SR
16	Justin Gillett	QB	5-11	180	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	208	SR
18	Duval Kamara	WR	6-5	222	FR
19	George West	WR	5-10	197	SO
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	191	SR
21	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	185	SO
22	Ambruse Wooden	CB	5-11	196	SR
23	Golden Tate	WR	5-11	188	FR
24	W. David Williams	DB	5-9	173	SR
25	Leonard Gordon	DB	5-10	194	SO
26	Munir Prince	DB	5-10	184	SO
27	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	216	SR
28	David Bruton	DB	6-2	207	JR
29	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-1	207	SO
29	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	203	SO
30	Jake Richardsville	WR	6-1	180	SO
31	Harrison Smith	DB	6-2	205	FR
31	Sergio Brown	DB	6-2	196	SO
32	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	248	SO
33	Robert Hughes	RB	5-11	238	FR
34	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	222	JR
35	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
36	Kevin Smith	DB	6-0	180	SR
36	Dex Cure	DB	6-1	220	SO
37	Junior Jabbie	RB	5-11	205	SR
38	Wade Iams	WR	5-9	183	SR
39	Ryan Burkhart	K	5-11	196	SO
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	TE	6-2	241	SO
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-4	235	JR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	241	JR
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	170	JR
43	Eric Maust	P	5-10	177	SO
43	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
44	Asaph Schwapp	FB	6-0	261	JR
45	John Leonis	DB	5-9	169	JR
45	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	185	JR
47	Aaron Nagel	LB	6-1	229	FR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	231	JR
49	Toryan Smith	LB	6-1	245	SO
50	Steve Paskorz	LB	6-2	235	FR
51	Dan Wenger	OL	6-4	287	SO
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-2	240	SR
53	Morrice Richardson	LB	6-2	244	SO
54	Anthony Vernaglia	LB	6-3	234	SR
55	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	303	SO
56	Kerry Neal	LB	6-2	245	FR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	272	SR
59	Chris Stewart	OL	6-5	339	SO
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-5	306	JR
67	Tom Bemenderfer	OL	6-5	285	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	266	SR
70	Matt Romine	OL	6-5	279	FR
71	Bartley Webb	OL	6-6	305	SO
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	308	JR
73	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	295	SO
74	Sam Young	OL	6-8	310	FSO
75	Taylor Dever	OL	6-5	289	FR
76	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	301	JR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	303	SR
80	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	204	SO
82	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	209	SO
83	Mike Ragone	TE	6-5	230	FR
84	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	264	SO
85	Sam Vos	WR	5-10	199	SO
88	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	255	SO
89	John Carlson	TE	6-6	255	SR
90	John Ryan	LB	6-5	253	SO
91	Emeka Nwankwo	DL	6-4	283	FR
92	Derrill Hand	DL	6-3	287	SO
93	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	290	JR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	261	SR
95	Ian Williams	DL	6-2	300	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-3	285	JR
97	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	257	SO
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	296	SR

Notre Dame 2007 Schedule

Sept. 1	GA. TECH
Sept. 8	at Penn State
Sept. 15	at Michigan
Sept. 22	MICHIGAN ST.
Sept. 29	at Purdue
Oct. 6	at UCLA
Oct. 13	BC
Oct. 20	USC
Nov. 3	NAVY
Nov. 11	AIR FORCE
Nov. 18	DUKE
Nov. 25	at Stanford



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

In two years as Notre Dame head coach, Charlie Weis has led the Irish to back-to-back three loss seasons and two BCS berths. Although he is just 1-5 against Top-10 teams, he is 18-1 against teams outside the Top 10 — like Georgia Tech.

Notre Dame's three-headed monster at quarterback is unlikely to live up to Brady Quinn's lofty standards in whoever-it-is' first start. Sharples, Clausen, and Jones have just one career completion between them.

Darius Walker is gone, but five talented backs, each with different skill sets, replace him in the Irish backfield. Meanwhile, Notre Dame's offensive line is young, but talented and huge — four of the starters weigh in at over 300 pounds.

Notre Dame has three quarterbacks to choose from, but none of them have any experience. Similarly, the Irish have a whole host of young wide receivers. Tight end John Carlson is one of the best in the country and should make an impact against Georgia Tech.

GEORGIA TECH

Gailey has never lost less than five games in a season at Georgia Tech but always gets his team up for big games, like the Yellow Jackets' 14-10 loss to ND last year. Defensive coordinator John Tenuta is one of the best in the game.

Taylor Bennett torched West Virginia's abysmal pass defense last season in the Gator Bowl in just his second start. Whether that's an indicator of things to come is still up in the air, but it was a promising start to his career.

John Tenuta favors speed over size, and it shows on his defensive line, where the largest player is just 285 pounds. The entire front seven is fast, however, and the confusing blitz schemes the Jackets employ can make offenses look silly.

The Yellow Jacket pass rush has been terrorizing opposing quarterbacks since Tenuta has been defensive coordinator. Philip Wheeler is one of the best pass rushing linebackers in the country. The defensive backs are solid, but not spectacular.

ANALYSIS

The chess match between Tenuta and Weis will be interesting to watch. While the Jackets' defense shut down the Irish for a half last season, Notre Dame moved the ball well in the second half and with more options on offense, Weis should be able to do it again.

Neither starter will be particularly experienced, but Bennett's performance against the Mountaineers gives him an edge. Not only has he played in a big game, he played very well and will be confident coming into ND stadium.

The Irish have a major size advantage up front — and they're very deep at tailback. After a whole game of pounding at the Georgia Tech defense, Notre Dame should wear them down, allowing for some big fourth-quarter runs.

Georgia Tech terrorized Brady Quinn last year and there's no reason why they won't be chasing the new Irish starter all day long. Notre Dame will have to get rid of the ball quickly to have any success through the air.

Irish experts



Ken Fowler
Managing Editor

Don't count on the new quarterback being the biggest difference in the Notre Dame offense. That distinction will belong to Charlie Weis' imagination. After a reported meeting with West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez, Weis will utilize a spread-option offense that will play to the Jacket defense's weaknesses. For the first time since he got here and said he would create an offense around its players, Weis will do just that.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Georgia Tech 17



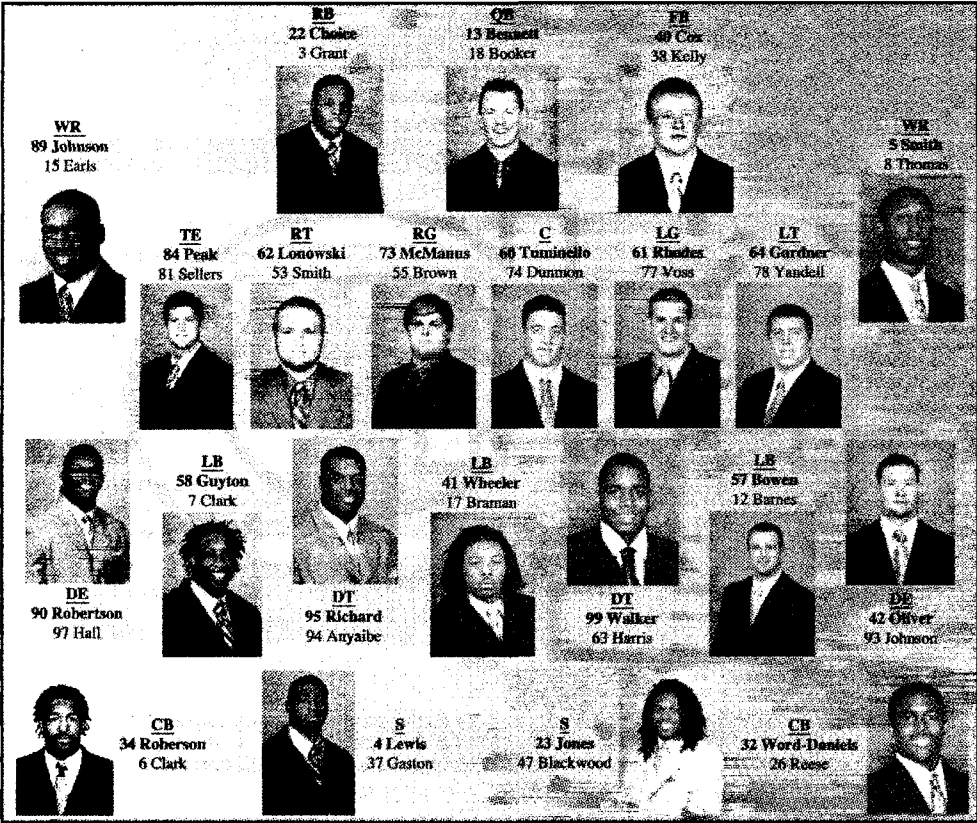
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Notre Dame's quarterback (whoever it is) won't matter. The Irish running game will control the clock and the defense, which will show immediate improvement over last year, will set up at least one touchdown with a turnover. Tashard Choice will get his yards, but in the end Notre Dame will pull out a hard-fought defensive battle.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 21
Georgia Tech 17

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Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets



Georgia Tech 2007 Schedule

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Sept. 8	SAMFORD
Sept. 15	BC
Sept. 22	at Virginia
Sept. 29	CLEMSON
Oct. 6	at Maryland
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Oct. 20	ARMY
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Nov. 11	at Duke
Nov. 18	N. CAROLINA
Nov. 25	GEORGIA

Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

Record: 0-0
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Chan Gailey
Fifth season at Georgia Tech
career record:
61-38
at GT:
37-27
against Notre Dame: 0-1



Chan Gailey
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Morgan Burnett	DB	6-1	182	FR
2	Mario Butler	DB	6-2	180	FR
3	Rashaun Grant	RB	5-10	200	SR
4	Jamal Lewis	DB	6-0	199	SR
5	Greg Smith	WR	6-3	195	JR
6	Pat Clark	DB	5-11	185	SR
7	Tony Clark	DB	6-1	200	JR
8	Demaryius Thomas	WR	6-3	220	SO
9	Josh Nesbitt	QB	5-10	180	SO
10	Martin Frierson	DB	6-2	200	JR
11	Kyle Manley	QB	6-2	210	SR
12	Anthony Barnes	LB	6-3	235	SO
12	Tyler Jones	K	5-8	185	JR
13	Taylor Bennett	QB	6-3	215	SR
14	Scott Blair	K	6-0	170	FR
15	Correy Earls	WR	6-0	192	SO
16	Tyler Barrett	DB	5-10	180	JR
17	Matt Braman	LB	6-3	235	JR
18	Calvin Booker	QB	6-4	245	SR
20	Jamaal Evans	RB	5-8	196	SO
21	Jonathan Dwyer	RB	5-8	197	FR
22	Tashard Choice	RB	6-1	205	SR
23	Djay Jones	DB	6-1	200	SR
24	Chandler Anderson	K	5-11	195	FR
25	Paul Reese	WR	6-0	180	FR
25	DeRon Jasper	DB	6-2	192	SO
26	Dominique Reese	DB	5-11	180	SO
27	Jonathan Malone	WR	5-9	170	SO
28	D.J. Donley	WR	6-4	218	FR
29	Miles King	WR	5-10	183	SO
30	James Lipfert	LB	6-0	230	SR
31	Mahomed Yahiaoui	K	5-11	215	SO
32	Jahi Word-Daniels	DB	6-0	180	SO
33	Troy Garside	S/K	5-11	195	JR
34	Avery Roberson	DB	6-2	200	SR
35	Michael Peterson	DB	5-11	195	FR
36	Lucas Cox	FB	6-0	245	SO
37	Joe Gaston	DB	5-11	195	SR
38	Quincy Kelly	FB	6-0	230	SO
39	Durant Brooks	P	6-0	202	SR
40	Mike Cox	RB	6-1	250	SR
41	Philip Wheeler	LB	6-2	230	SR
42	Adam Oliver	DL	6-4	265	SR
43	Tyler Evans	RB	5-8	190	SO
44	Albert Rocker	LB	6-1	205	FR
45	Jason Davis	RB	5-10	195	JR
46	Matt Kamp	RB	5-11	238	SO
47	Jake Blackwood	DB	6-1	188	JR
48	Jarrard Tarrant	DB	6-0	187	FR
49	Trevor Bray	FB	6-0	236	SO
50	Bret White	LS	5-11	240	SR
51	Brad Jefferson	LB	6-2	215	FR
52	Travis Chambers	LB	5-11	232	SR
53	A.J. Smith	OL	6-7	300	SR
54	Sedric Griffin	LB	5-11	220	SO
55	David Brown	OL	6-3	275	SR
56	Osahon Tongo	LB	6-3	225	FR
57	Shane Bowen	OL	6-1	225	SO
58	Gary Guyton	LB	6-2	230	SR
59	Kyle Jackson	LB	6-0	225	FR
60	Kevin Tuminello	OL	6-4	292	SR
61	Matt Rhodes	OL	6-3	280	SR
62	Jacob Lonowski	OL	6-5	300	SR
63	Marcus Harris	DL	6-1	280	SR
64	Andrew Gardner	OL	6-6	298	SR
65	Andrew Folkner	DL	6-1	298	JR
66	Luke Snider	LB	6-5	290	SO
67	Steven Powers	LB	6-2	221	SO
68	Drew Brannon	OL	6-4	286	SO
69	Will Minter	OL	6-5	325	JR
69	Anthony Egbuniwe	DL	6-4	250	SO
70	Joseph Gilbert	OL	6-4	280	FR
71	Cord Howard	OL	6-5	300	JR
72	Zach Ware	LS	6-0	220	JR
73	Nate McManus	OL	6-3	300	SR
74	Trey Dunmon	OL	6-4	305	SO
75	Jason Hill	OL	6-4	290	SO
76	Nick Claytor	OL	6-6	312	FR
77	Dan Voss	OL	6-4	290	SO
78	Clyde Yandell	OL	6-5	304	FR
79	Zach Krish	OL	6-5	276	SO
80	Alex Paquette	TE	6-5	260	SR
81	Brad Sellers	TE	6-2	265	JR
83	Andrew Smith	WR	5-11	195	SR
84	Colin Peek	TE	6-6	250	JR
85	Austin Barrick	TE	6-3	265	SO
86	Tyler Davis	WR	6-0	195	SR
87	Travis Bell	K	6-0	220	SR
88	Willie White	WR	6-3	183	FR
89	James Johnson	WR	6-0	190	SR
90	Darrell Robertson	DL	6-5	245	SR
91	Derrick Morgan	DL	6-2	270	FR
92	Jason Peters	DL	6-4	270	FR
93	Michael Johnson	DL	6-7	250	JR
94	Elris Anyaibe	DL	6-3	273	SR
95	Darryl Richard	DL	6-4	285	SR
96	Jeff Lentz	TE	6-5	222	SO
97	Robert Hall	DL	6-3	225	SO
98	Ben Anderson	DL	6-2	270	SO
99	Vance Walker	DL	6-2	275	JRS

JACKETS RUSHING

Notre Dame's defensive line is undersized for a 3-4 set. The linebackers should be much improved over last year, but they too are on the small side. Defensive coordinator Corwin Brown will have to vary his looks to confuse the Jackets offensive line.

Tashard Choice came into his own at the end of the season, finishing with over 1,500 yards and 5.0 yards per carry. He didn't see the ball much in the opener last year against the Irish, but he did manage to run for 58 yards on 14 carries.

Georgia, Wake Forest, and West Virginia all struggled to stop Tashard Choice — and so will Notre Dame. The Irish front seven will need big performances from its experienced members, like Maurice Crum and Trevor Laws, in order to have success.

JACKETS PASSING

The Irish secondary struggled last year, but with a lot of returning talent and two former NFL defensive backs coaches on the defensive staff, it should be improved in 2007. Meanwhile, Brown's 3-4 allows for blitzes from all sorts of angles.

Bennett looked good in the Gator Bowl, but West Virginia's pass defense was among the worst in the country last year — significantly worse than Notre Dame's, even. Furthermore, Calvin Johnson has moved on to the Detroit Lions.

If Notre Dame's pass defense doesn't improve this year, it never will. Meanwhile, Bennett hasn't been able to watch film on a defense that will attack him all day from all sorts of angles. It will not be easy for him to replicate the Gator Bowl.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Geoff Price is one of the best punters in the nation and Tom Zbikowski is always dangerous as a punt returner. Freshmen Armando Allen and Golden Tate will run back kickoffs and have blazing speed. Brandon Walker and Nate Whitaker are still competing for the starting kicking job.

Durant Brooks is back to punt and Travis Bell is back to kick field goals after making 12-of-18 last year. Bell is also perfect on extra points in his career. The Jackets, however, have struggled in kick coverage for the past two seasons.

With speedy returners for both kicks and punts, the Irish have the possibility of a touchdown return every time Georgia Tech kicks. If Notre Dame's offense struggles, Price may be called upon to keep his team in the game.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame is at home with low expectations, which means a raucous crowd if things start going well. Georgia Tech has no film of Corwin Brown's defense, has no idea who will start at quarterback and will be caught by surprise by new wrinkles from Weis.

The Jackets come in looking for revenge after feeling like they let last year's game slip away. However, they threw everything at the Irish last year in Atlanta and Weis knows what to prepare for.

Notre Dame has almost all the intangible advantages in this one. They have the home crowd and Georgia Tech has struggled to figure out what to prepare for. If the element of surprise is worth anything, it will be a huge plus for the Irish.

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ANALYSIS



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The Irish defense and special teams save the day in this close game. Armando Allen runs back the opening kickoff. The offense only manages to pull together one impressive drive early in the second half, but it does not matter as the defense holds Georgia Tech to limited second half yardage. Notre Dame starts off the year 1-0 and gains key momentum heading into Penn State.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 14
Georgia Tech 10



Jay Fitzpatrick
Associate Sports Editor

Even without a clear successor to Brady Quinn, Notre Dame's offense should still be ready for anything Tech can throw at them. Weis still has a potentially great running back combo in Aldridge and Thomas. The one real question mark is whether Corwin Brown's defense is going to be enough to stop Tashard Choice. But anything has to be better than the Irish defense in years past.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Georgia Tech 14

Irish experts

Crunching the numbers

2006 STATISTICS (AVERAGE PER GAME)

GT points scored	24.9
ND points scored	31.0
GT points allowed	18.4
ND points allowed	23.8
GT rush yards	162.4
ND rush yards	125.7
GT rushing allowed	104.8
ND rushing allowed	136.8
GT pass yards	169.6
ND pass yards	264.1
GT passing allowed	195.8
ND passing allowed	203.4

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Arkansas St. at No. 4 Texas	UT	UT	UT	UT
Appalacian St. at No. 5 Michigan	UM	UM	UM	UM
Western Kentucky at No. 6 Florida	UF	UF	UF	UF
Washington St. at No. 7 Wisconsin	UW	UW	WSU	UW
North Texas at No. 8 Oklahoma	OU	OU	OU	OU
E. Carolina at No. 9 Virginia Tech	VT	VT	VT	VT
Youngstown St. at No. 11 Ohio St.	OSU	OSU	OSU	OSU
No. 15 Tennessee at No. 12 California	UT	UT	UC	UC
Oklahoma St. at No.13 Georgia	OSU	UG	UG	OSU
No. 14 UCLA at Stanford	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
FIU at No. 17 Penn St.	PSU	PSU	PSU	PSU
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Nevada at No. 20 Nebraska	UN	UN	UN	UN
Troy at No. 21 Arkansas	UA	UA	UA	UA
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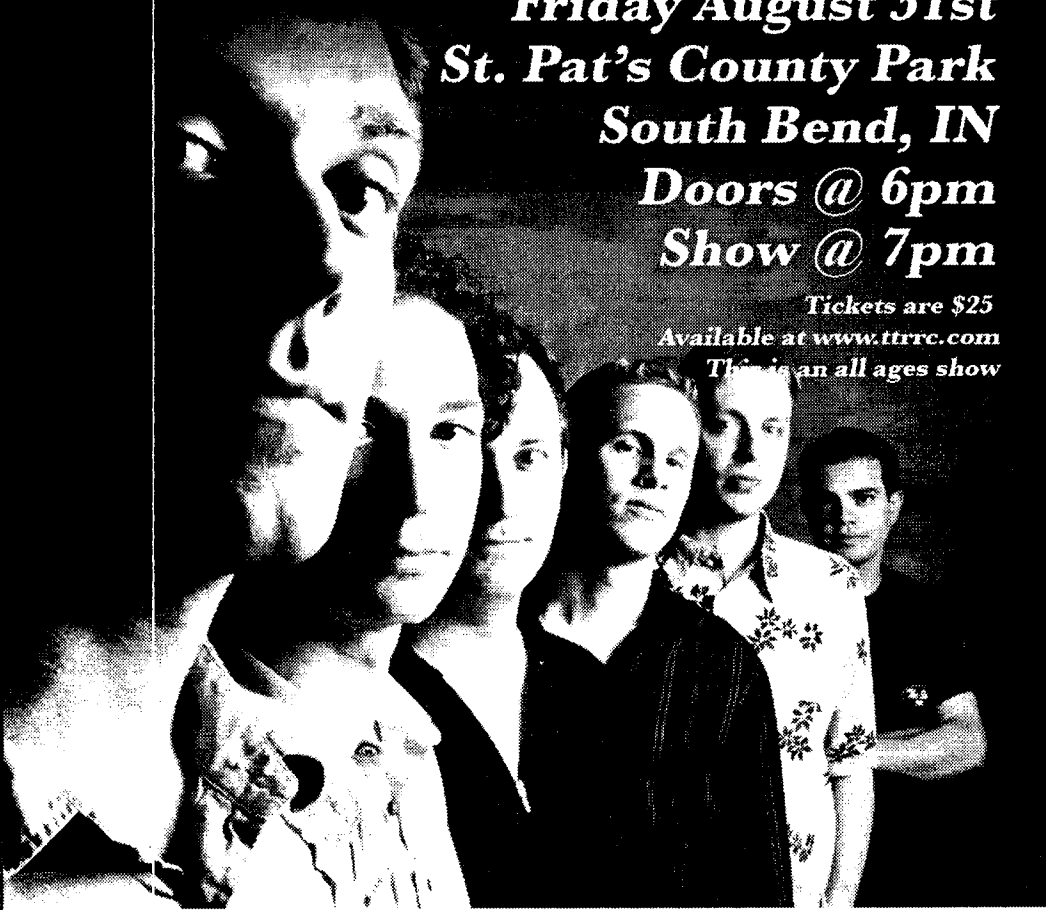
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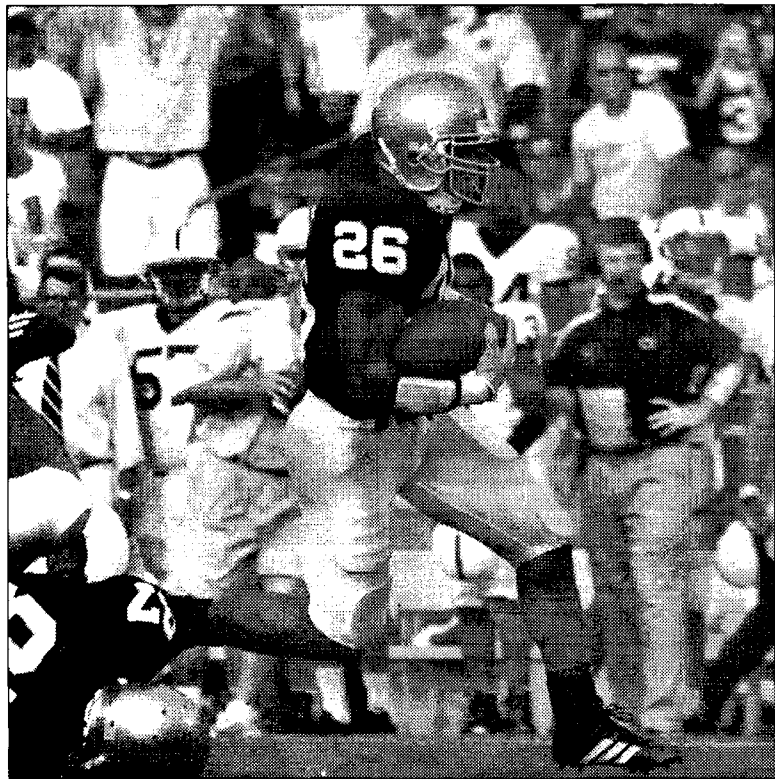
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Running backs look to establish offense



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Fifth-year Irish running back Travis Thomas carries the ball in Notre Dame's 41-17 win over Penn State on Sept. 9, 2006.

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Travis Thomas spent almost all of last season on defense and special teams — a departure from his natural position of running back — in order to help bolster the Irish defense with speed.

But Saturday, the fifth-year senior captain returns full-time to the offensive backfield and

can already visualize the big plays he wants to make against Georgia Tech.

"I think everyone is excited right now, hopefully," Thomas said. "I'm just looking forward to the first hit."

Thomas is one of five running backs at head coach Charlie Weis' disposal this season, along with senior Junior Jabbie, sophomore James Aldridge and freshmen Armando Allen and Robert

Hughes. The stable of running backs has allowed offensive coordinator Mike Haywood to expand his rushing attack in preparation for the Yellow Jackets.

"You have different types of backs," Haywood said. "You have power backs, you have speed backs, and when you're going into all your different personnel sets — maybe three tight end sets, two tight end sets, three receiver sets — you spin backs in and out just to see how do they react versus this, how do they protect this blitz."

The variability in the backfield is one of the biggest changes from last year's offense, when then-junior Darius Walker had 60 percent of all rushing attempts and 67 percent of all rushing yards for the Irish.

Although having more running backs available means each player gets less playing time, Thomas sees it as a benefit.

"With the diversity that we have, it allows me to not only do certain things, maybe necessarily a little bit better than some of the backs," Thomas said. "But it allows me to get a rest in, and, you know, stay fresh, which is something not a lot of teams can do because they may not necessarily have the depth at this position."

One reason the offense has so many backs at its disposal is the quick change the two freshman backs have made to college football.

"The freshmen are adapting

pretty fast, surprisingly, and things are going pretty good," Aldridge said. "The older guys help out. Even though I'm a sophomore, I've been here for a while so I'm willing to help anybody out."

And Aldridge himself is ready to start taking meaningful handoffs — something he had to wait on last year after a knee injury sidelined him for the first six games of the season.

"I feel good. I mean, it's time to play. I'm past all the injury stuff and I'm ready to play now," Aldridge said. "Now I can do things that I wanted to do. No limitations, so I'm excited about it."

The running backs will have the important task of taking the pressure off whichever quarterback lands the starting job. Haywood and center John Sullivan said the most important thing a young quarterback can do is establish a rushing attack early, which will be a focus of this weekend's game.

"When you run the ball effectively it allows for play action and just more passes in general," Sullivan said. "It means they have to put more defenders in the box to try and stop the run. That's if you run the ball effectively though, which of course will be one of our goals."

Another step in creating a better situation for the quarterback is for the running backs to perfect their pass protection schemes. Going against a Georgia Tech defense that Haywood calls "dial-a-blitz," the running backs have to be

ready to protect the new signal caller.

"You have to be conscious of your protections and your responsibility on every play knowing that they could throw something at you at any time, and we're expecting that," Thomas said.

The running backs have focused on preparing for the blitz throughout their game planning. Haywood said they have spent two individual practices solely focused on pass protection and have gone against the linebacker squad in preparation.

The practice is important, Aldridge said, because of the difference between high school and college pass rushes.

"In high school you may have somebody running in there and you can just butt them and the quarterback can throw the ball off," Aldridge said. "But in college you really have to strain the gut to protect the quarterback."

Regardless of the quarterback on Saturday, the Irish offense will look to its tailbacks to ease the transition from backup to starter.

"Whenever you have a young offense, you try to take as much practice off the quarterback as you can," Haywood said. "What we're trying to do is take pressure off the quarterback, put more pressure on more experienced players we have on our team."

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Dynamic duo highlight G-Tech attack

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Last season, as Notre Dame prepared to face Georgia Tech in the opening game of the season, Irish defensive coaches had one name on their minds — Calvin Johnson.

But the Yellow Jackets' All-American wide receiver, who caught seven passes for 111 yards and a touchdown against Notre Dame last fall, has moved on. Johnson was the second overall pick in the NFL Draft, selected by the Detroit Lions in April.

Into his place step two players that were on Georgia Tech's roster during the game last September in Atlanta but were hardly household names — running back Tashard Choice and quarterback Taylor Bennett.

Choice was the Yellow Jackets' starting running back against the Irish last year, but he carried only 14 times for 58 yards.

Bennett was the back-up to then-starter Reggie Ball and had only seen action in three previous games. He did not play against the Irish.

Fast forward to a year later and Choice and Bennett make up a backfield duo that has Yellow Jackets fans excited about their offense.

Choice came into his own late last season, rushing for more than 100 yards in each of his last seven games, including a 169-yard performance in the Gator Bowl against West Virginia.

"Obviously the mainstay of their running game is [Choice]," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "The thing about

this kid, that I always admire with running backs, is he's very, very durable."

Choice said he felt like he could have run for more than 100 yards in last season's game against Notre Dame, but then-offensive coordinator Patrick Nix decided to concentrate on the passing game.

"We didn't run the football as much, we didn't convert on that many third downs," Choice said. "Last year we had a chance to win the game but we came up a little short. We knew that we could compete with anyone. This season we want to show people that we can go into a hostile environment and win games like that and do that for the course of the season."

Bennett can point to his performance last year against the Mountaineers as proof that he can play well in big games. He threw for 326 yards on 19-for-29 passing and two touchdowns.

"[The Gator Bowl] helped

him tremendously," Yellow Jackets coach Chan Gailey said. "I think it helped everybody tremendously. The more experience you have, and the more positive experiences you have, it helps you."

For his career, Bennett has completed 45 percent of his passes for 668 yards, with six touchdowns and two interceptions.

But Weis said what impressed him most on film was Bennett's composure.

"The thing that stood out about this kid is he shows very good poise," Weis said. "He has a strong arm. I think he's a very good athlete."

Bennett will have to be poised coming into a hostile environment at Notre Dame Stadium against the new defensive scheme of the Irish under defensive coordinator Corwin Brown. But Gailey said his quarterback will be up to the challenge.

"I think that our guys can make the adjustments that are necessary," he said. "The experience factor really plays a big part into that."

Although Bennett has yet to start a true road game for the Yellow Jackets, Gailey said Bennett will be unfazed by the mystique of Notre Dame.

"You can't let the situation get to you," Gailey said. "Our guys have been in some pretty tough places to play in and have been successful, so I don't think I have to go make a long speech about the Four Horsemen or anything."

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Georgia Tech running back Tashard Choice breaks free in the Yellow Jackets' 31-23 victory over North Carolina State last season.

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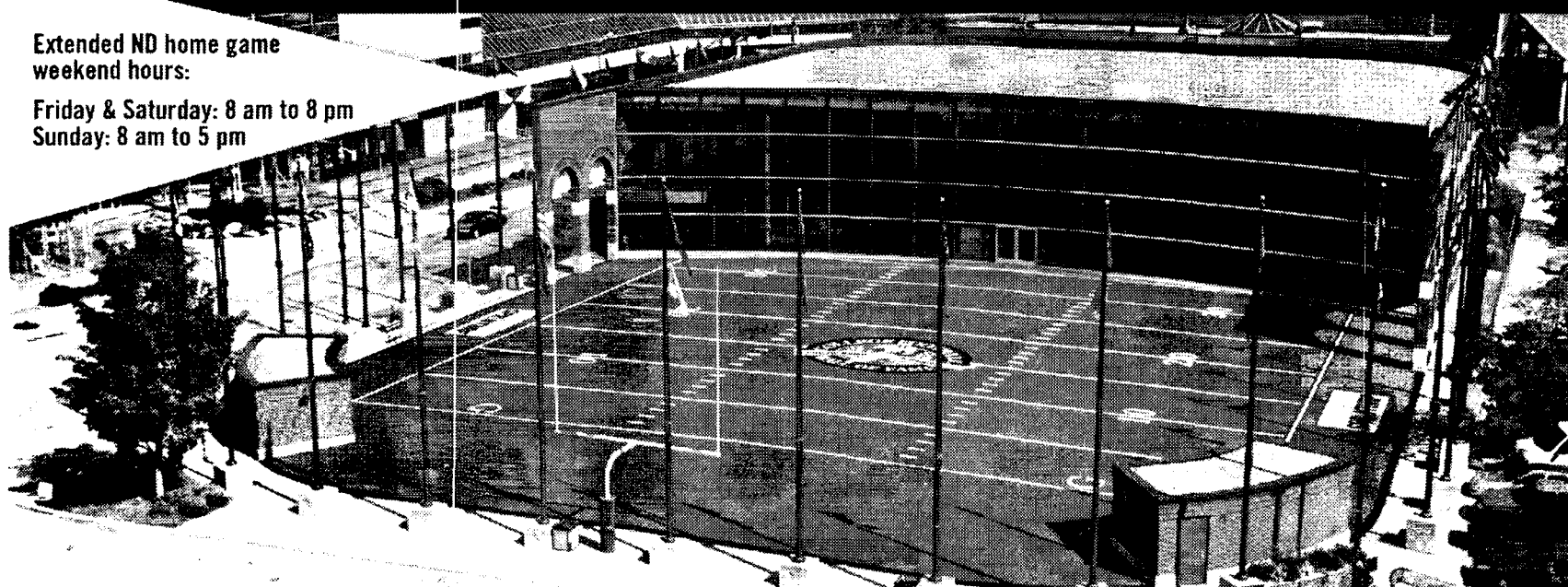
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