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Dillon Hall pep rally returns to campus

Following last year's cancellation, traditional event to feature new format, entire football team

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

After a one-year hiatus, the Dillon Hall pep rally, a 40-year tradition, returns to campus with an updated format featuring an array of surprise guest speakers and the entire football team.

"The reason it was canceled last year was that everything didn't come together in a timely fashion," Dillon Hall president Kevin Doyle said. "It was a whole bunch of different things but basically it just didn't come together in time for us to put the rally on and get it up

on stage and have everything good to go. This year that is not going to be the case."

Event director and Dillon Hall resident assistant Keith Ruehlmann said losing the pep rally last year made the dorm leadership even more eager to stage the signature event.

"You really don't know what you have until it's gone, and when we lost it last year I was really upset about it," he said.

In years past, the Dillon Hall pep rally was an event primarily organized for students. Unlike other pep rallies, usually held in the Joyce Center, it

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Observer File Photo

Dillon Hall residents perform a sketch during a previous pep rally in 2005. The event was cancelled for the 2008 season.

College welcomes five new trustees

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees elected four new members and appointed a student member in June.

The new trustees include Sr. Maureen Grady, Rose Marie Lopez Jones, Almira Wilson Cann and Carmen Murphy.

Kristle D. Hodges was appointed as the student trustee.

Hodges was appointed to serve as the student trustee for the 2009-2010 school year. She is senior at the College, currently majoring in English writing. She also has minors in Religious Studies and Women's Studies. Hodges has served on the Board of Governance since 2007.

As the student representative, Hodges "is a full voting member so she participates exactly like any other trustee. She attends the committee meetings, the full board meetings, the executive sessions, the whole bit," Susan Dampeer, executive assistant to the president, said.

"No restrictions are on her that aren't on anybody else."

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Cause of fire near LaFortune under investigation

Friday morning fire forces evacuations; Jenkins thanks community for quick response to incident



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Firefighters from around the area help extinguish the blaze which began near the LaFortune Student Center Friday morning.

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

The cause of the fire in a utility tunnel under the area near LaFortune Student Center Friday morning is still under investigation, according to University spokesman Dennis Brown.

"There will be work over the next few days on a variety of things — repairing cable television connections, phone and Internet," Brown said.

The fire was reported around 8:15 a.m. Friday and was extinguished around

10:45 a.m.

LaFortune Student Center and several surrounding buildings, including dormitories, were evacuated during the time.

St. Edward's Hall, St. Liam Hall, Nieuwland Science, Cavanaugh Hall, Stepan Chemistry, Breen Phillips Hall and Farley Hall were among the evacuated buildings.

A University employee was treated at a local hospital for smoke inhalation, but was released the same day.

Brown said the fire affected

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ESS minor grows in popularity

Students say coursework helps give them valuable experience

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA
News Writer

Notre Dame's Education, Schooling and Society (ESS) minor has only existed for eight years, but during that time, it has morphed from a small program of only twelve students to one of the most popular minors in the College of Arts and Letters.

Nancy McAdams, the program's undergraduate advisor, said the massive growth in popularity is easy to explain — the minor's subject matter is unique.

"I think it has filled a need on campus that was there that

no one has recognized," McAdams said. "Students want to learn about education. They come from good educational backgrounds, so that's inspired them to learn about education. Also, a lot of them want to give back to the community, so ESS teaches them how to give back to the community in a very satisfying way."

The ESS curriculum is comprised of a combination of traditional lecture classes and a senior-year research component, where students conduct studies at local schools targeting specific problems. McAdams said this research is a pivotal part of the minor

because it shows students how they can help.

"It gives them the satisfaction of working on real problems, so they feel like they're doing something authentic that will make a difference," she said.

The minor has about 100 students every year. Although some students who minor in ESS decide not to go into education, those who plan to will benefit from the strong foundation it provides, according to junior Elizabeth Young.

"The ESS minor is kind of like the sociology of education as opposed to a teacher certi-

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RecSports hosts annual biathlon

By CASEY KENNY
News Writer

Saturday's brisk weather and overcast skies did not prevent over 100 students and faculty members from converging at St. Joe's Lake to participate in RecSports' annual biathlon.

The biathlon featured several divisions of participants — varsity and non-varsity, individual and team and male and female — and tested the participants' endurance and stamina as they competed in a half-mile swim followed by a two-mile run.

All participants began the race

waist deep in the chilly waters of St. Joe's Lake, then swam to various buoys and back to the starting point on shore.

After completing the half-mile swim portion, competitors dried off, changed and continued or tagged their teammate who then completed the running portion of the race — a two-mile run around St. Joe's and St. Mary's Lakes in a figure eight loop.

RecSports coordinator for special events Tim Novak said they have sponsored this event for over 20 years and he sees it as a good way to begin the school year.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Beautify Mod Quad

I am a resident of Pasquerilla East Hall. "Is that one of those dorms back behind North Dining Hall?" you might ask.

"That is the farthest possible dorm from me," is another popular response, followed by, "I've never been to Mod Quad. I'm sorry that you have to live back there."

I am happy, however, to point out some perks of being a PE Pyro.

PE is the closest girls' dorm to Rolfs, and one of the closest to the library. We also live next door to Grace Hall, home to the best café on campus.

I've made it to O'Shag in under 5 minutes, which is probably faster than some of the dorms all the way at the end of South Quad.

When the weather is bad, PE girls walk through the PW on their way to North Dining Hall, therefore only spending one minute outside. Cavanaugh and BP girls have a much wetter or colder walk.

It does not bother me that PE is less than beautiful in outward appearance. We have air conditioning, big rooms and huge closets.

Last, but not least, our floors are numbered 5 through 8. I enjoy living in the only room 819 on campus.

While some fellow Pyros gaze longingly at Farley or Cavanaugh, I love living on Mod Quad.

I have just one complaint.

Landscapers clearly worked hard all summer long to keep campus gorgeous. Did they get lost on their way to Mod Quad?

Every fall when I return to Notre Dame, I am once again in awe of our beautiful campus. God Quad is bursting with flowers, North Quad always has a few new trees and the grass is greener than ever.

The sidewalks and so-called flowerbeds between the four Mod Quad dorms are littered with decomposing leaves left over from last fall. The rest of the area is covered in weeds and mud.

I understand that Mod Quad cannot have flowers or grass because not enough sun reaches the walkways between the four dorms.

I do know that we would all appreciate at least a little bit of leaf blowing. Some mulch would be ideal. An extra special bonus might be some plants or ground cover that grow well in shady areas.

When it rains, a small lake forms between PE and PW. I wish this was an exaggeration, but it does not take much rain to make it ankle deep and unavoidable.

I would venture to guess that if there was a similar water buildup between Farley and BP, where that beautiful new walkway was built this summer, maintenance crews would dig new drainage within a few days.

This week, maintenance crews will be working hard to make campus sparkle for the first home football game.

Mod Quad might not be a priority because the flocks of fans will not venture to that far corner of campus. But on behalf of the students who call Mod Quad home, we do not deserve to be forgotten.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Laura McCrystal

News Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE STUPIDEST RULE IN DU LAC?



Tom Carnevale
sophomore
Dillon

"You can't walk on the grass!"



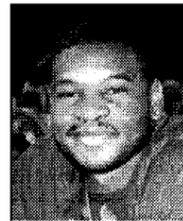
Marques Camp
senior
Keough

"You're supposed to read du Lac?"



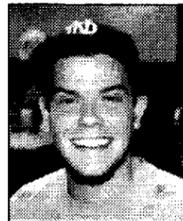
Cristina Anaya
senior
Howard

"Du Lac? Que?"



DeShaun Gasque
junior
Alumni

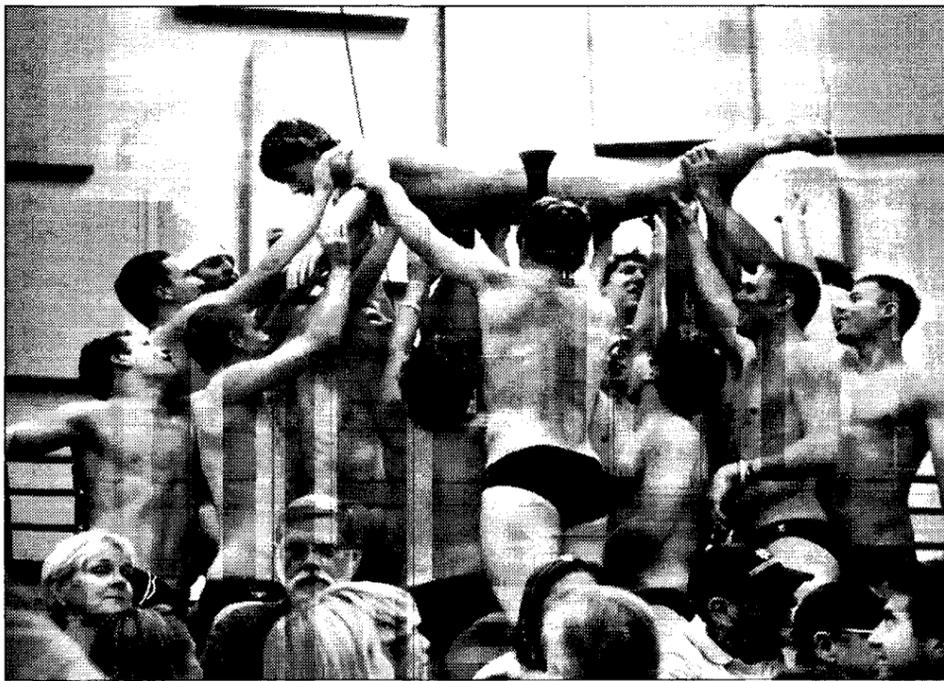
"If you have sex, you're going to hell."



Rick Morasse
sophomore
Alumni

"That the legal age is still 21."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Members of the Men's Swim team do push-ups to tally the score at the Women's Volleyball game vs. Stanford on Saturday. The Irish beat the No. 5-ranked Cardinal in straight sets.

OFFBEAT

Jackson fans in Mexico City go for Thrilling record

MEXICO CITY — They say they beat it. Thousands of Mexicans claimed they broke the record for most people dancing to "Thriller" simultaneously in one place on Saturday, which would have been Michael Jackson's 51st birthday.

"We did it!" organizer Javier Hildago shouted to thousands of people wearing black fedoras, white gloves, aviator shades and ghoulish face paint, breathless after trying to recreate the groundbreaking 1983 video.

Did they? The Guinness Book of World Records will decide in a week.

Farmer pays record price for ram, intends to breed animal

LONDON — A British farmer who paid a new world record price for a sheep says the animal is the finest specimen he has ever seen.

Farmer Jimmy Douglas shelled out 231,000 pounds (\$347,000) for the 8-month-old Texel ram called Deveronvale Perfection at an annual sale in Lanark, Scotland.

Douglas says the ram has "a great body and strong

loin." The British Texel Sheep Society says the fee paid Thursday is a world record, eclipsing a 205,000-pound price paid in Australia in 1989.

Society member John Yates says the ram will likely father pedigree lambs worth millions of pounds (dollars) for his new owner.

Breeder Graham Morrison, of Banff, Scotland, says he was staggered by the price but insists Deveronvale Perfection lives up to his name.

Information compiled from The Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Graffiti Art Project (GAP)" - Art Exhibition is being held at Crossroads Gallery at Notre Dame Downtown, 217 S. Michigan St. The gallery is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the exhibit runs until Sept. 30. GAP is the culmination of a summer project with South Bend students, age 10 to 17.

"Thin: Photographs by Lauren Greenfield" is running at the Snite Museum of Art through Oct. 18. The exhibit showcases photographs of women with eating disorders at a Florida treatment facility. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The Brothers Bloom," a film, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Sept. 6. The film follows two brothers, who just so happen to be expert swindlers, as they take on their last job - a wealthy heiress. Tickets are available online or at the Ticket Office 574-631-2800.

"The Irish Sublime," a lecture by Professor Terry Eagleton, the Excellence in English Distinguished Visitor, will take place in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium on Sept. 4 at 3 p.m. This lecture discusses the place of the sublime in Irish culture, tracing continuities in literature, politics, and aesthetics from the Middle Ages to the present. A reception will follow the event.

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

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DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Top, a Notre Dame Fire Department truck is parked outside of the LaFortune student center Friday morning. Middle, Notre Dame employees work near the area where the fire originally began. Bottom, firefighters from the Notre Dame and South Bend fire departments respond to the incident.

Fire

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Internet, telephone and cable services in 36 buildings on campus, and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has been working over the weekend to restore the services.

Network access has been restored in most campus buildings but OIT is still working to restore landline services.

Landline and network service in affected campus buildings will not be fully restored until the end of the day Wednesday, according to the OIT Web site.

Brown said cell phone service has been restored, but AT&T users might see degraded service when using the phones near the Main Building.

University President Fr. John Jenkins thanked students, faculty, staff and emergency personnel in an e-mail to the Notre Dame community Friday.

Jenkins noted the quick response of Notre Dame, Clay Township and South Bend fire departments and thanked students and faculty for evacuating the buildings quickly and calmly.

"It is in times of crisis that I am reminded why the Notre Dame community is so special," he said in the e-mail.

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Trustees

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Dampeer said the trustee-ship committee of the Board nominated each new trustee. The new trustees will serve three-year terms while the student representative will participate for one year. Each representative may be reelected for three terms.

"There are two classes of members of the Board," Dampeer said. "Class one consists of the president of the Congregation and two other persons appointed by the president of the Congregation. Class two trustees are all other trustees."

The current chair is John J. O'Connor, and the vice chair is Susan Fitzgerald Rice.

Grady's professional experience includes nursing and pastoral services. In the past she has served as a director of field ministry, visited the Middle East while working in Lebanon and has worked as a professor of pastoral formation at the Latin Rite Diocese.

Grady earned her diploma as a registered nurse from Holy Cross School of Nursing, as well as a bachelor's degree from Loyola University. She received her Master's Degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling from the Christian Theology Seminary. She also earned a Doctor of Ministry degree.

Since 1980, Jones has

worked as a surgeon with Carmel Surgical Specialists PC in Carmel, Ind. She also worked as a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine since 1990.

She earned a Bachelor's Degree in chemistry from Saint Mary's. She was given her medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Previously a member of the Board, Cann served from 1996 to 1999. She has worked as an ophthalmologist in Pasadena, Calif.

She received her Bachelor's Degree in chemistry from the College. She went on to earn her Ph.D. at Columbia University. She earned a medical degree and her Master's in Business Administration from the University of California.

Like Cann, Murphy was also re-elected to the Board after a one year break. Murphy served from 1999 to 2008.

As a local community member, Murphy has worked in the area as a volunteer. She served on the Indiana University South Bend Arts Foundation Board as well as the Indiana University South Bend Campaign Committee. She has also served on the Family and Children's Cent Foundation Board, The WNIT Public Television Board and the United Way Campaign Board.

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Biathlon

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"RecSports puts on this event in order to give students, faculty, and staff something fun and productive to do during the first week of classes, and to promote future RecSports events," he said.

In order to monitor the safety of the event's participants, lifeguards in kayaks and rescue boats were present, as well as members of the Notre Dame Fire Department Rescue Squad.

"These safety precautions were in place in order to pull anyone out who wants to stop or who is struggling and needs obvious rescue," Novak said.

Results from the biathlon and winners from each division were be posted on the RecSports Web site.

The men's swim team took part in the event. Varsity coach Tim Welsh said it is a fun way for his

team to test their skills.

"It is a fun opening event and everyone enjoys it," Welsh said. "The freshmen are required to do both parts of the biathlon, but everyone is eager to take part."

Seniors Avery Scott and Aaron Pierre competed together in the team division and were pleased with their performance.

"We placed a lot better than I thought we would, especially since we were up against a lot of great athletes," Pierre said. "I expect to be getting calls from the coaches pretty soon."

Scott said he was just happy to finally have a chance to swim in St. Joe's Lake.

"It's something I've always wanted to do and I've been looking for an excuse to swim in the lake for a while," he said. "I really enjoyed it and, besides, whether I won or lost, I got to shave my chest."

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Dillon

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did not include the entire football team and cheerleaders.

Instead, the Dillon pep rally featured humorous sketches, some of which drew complaints for being offensive. However, despite some updates, the traditional format is not being completely abandoned.

"We're still having skits," Dillon resident assistant and director of the pep rally T-shirt Sean McRoskey said. "The first 45 minutes will still be all pep rally skits, and then after that we'll mix in the team."

In addition, alumni will be able to attend the event this year, although the primary focus will be on the students.

"The stage might be bigger and there will be alumni since it is on Friday," Doyle said. "The students will still have the front of the audience and the alumni will fill in behind ... It's really not going to feel different to the students."

However, the larger audience also forced the scriptwriters to carefully edit their jokes.

"Given the larger audience, there's been a push to make it more acceptable to the entire audience and not just the student body," Ruehlmann said. "Because we know that we have to be more careful with it, we've kind of been editing it ourselves. And if there's still something in the script that we're a little tentative about, we approach either one of the

[assistant rectors] or [Dillon rector] Fr. [Paul] Doyle directly."

Dillon resident assistant and pep rally scriptwriter Patrick Duffey said the prominence of this year's event and the likelihood of skits being posted on the Internet were also factors taken into account when editing the script.

"The responsibility kind of shifted from writing something that is representative of Dillon Hall and entertaining to writing something that's representative of the entire University to really the entire world," he said. "This will probably be filmed and things will probably be put up on YouTube."

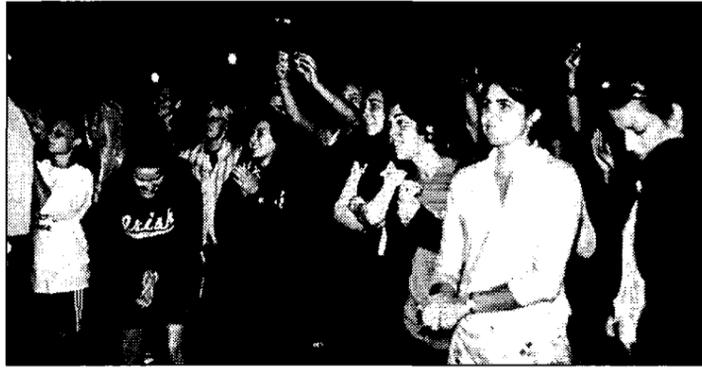
Doyle said complaints in the past about offensive humor often had little to do with the script, but instead were filed against improvised jokes that were sometimes in bad taste.

"In the past the scripts were never that distasteful," he said. "A lot of the stuff that gets people in trouble is what happens when people get on stage and do whatever they want."

Instead, Doyle said the humor was more "subtle" this year.

"It is more playful banter than anything else," Ruehlmann said. "There isn't anything insulting."

Despite rumors that last year's pep rally was cancelled due to censorship, the scriptwriters said they had encountered no problems from the University administration or from the Dillon Hall staff. Although the writers had consulted with Dillon Hall's rector, they said the final script did



Observer File Photo

Students on South Quad laugh and take pictures during the Dillon pep rally in 2005.

not need to be approved by anyone.

"Normally Fr. Doyle stays out of it," Ruehlmann said. "He trusts that what we're putting into the script will be handled in a mature and responsible fashion."

Ruehlmann said the scriptwriters had received nothing but support from Dillon's rector, who announced the cancellation of last year's pep rally.

"Fr. Doyle knows how important this is to the dorm," he said. "This year he offered us an incredible opportunity to bring it back with a bang."

McRoskey said the enthusiasm of many members of the dorm for the event also helped lead to its reinstatement.

"What happened last year made people want it even more than normal," he said. "The pep rally has a 40-year legacy, we want to keep that going."

Doyle said despite last year's cancellation, he believes interest in the event will be higher than ever.

"Everyone, and not just us, but even people off campus and on blogs like ND Nation was mad that it was canceled last year, so they're going to want to come back and see it," he said.

Ruehlmann said the new format of the pep rally would also attract many spectators, but over the course of the week Dillon will be "pushing advertising." In addition to the football team and guest speakers, the Knights of Columbus will be grilling steaks and T-shirts will be sold during the rally.

"It's bigger, it's changed from what it has been, but I certainly think that it is going to bring in a large crowd, especially with the added dimension of having the entire football team there," Ruehlmann said.

The Dillon Hall pep rally will be held Friday, Sept. 4, on South Quad and begins at 5:45 p.m.

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Education

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fiction program," she said. "I think it will give me a good background to work with Spanish-speaking children or get involved with ESL classes."

Senior Tommy Walton said ESS complements his computer science major and has helped him develop a career path.

"I became an ESS minor because I am studying to be a videogame developer, and I was interested in researching the effectiveness of videogames as educational tools," he said.

Another benefit of the ESS minor is the variety of electives offered, Young said.

"I think the ESS minor gives its students a lot of flexibility and freedom to pursue their individual education-related interests," Young said. "Students can take anything from abnormal psychology to Mexican-American history to coaching youth sports and it all counts toward the minor."

Whatever students' reasons for minoring in ESS, McAdams said choosing to do so will help them in later life, especially if they decide to go into education and try to improve the education system.

"I wish I'd had this minor, I would've understood going right into the classroom what is the best way to approach education so that the students will be participating citizens later in their lives," she said.

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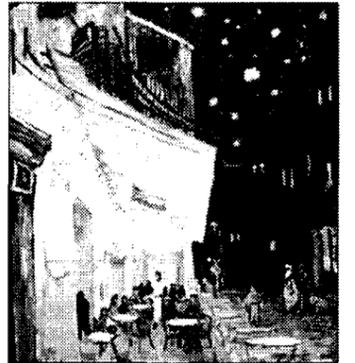
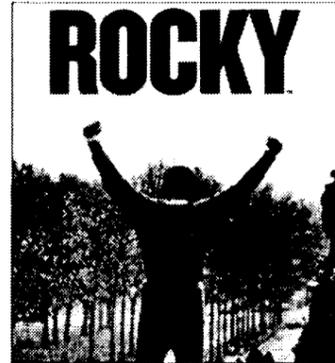
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Former Israeli Prime Minister indicted

JERUSALEM — Former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert was indicted on corruption charges Sunday, becoming the first Israeli premier to go on trial and highlighting a series of cases that have shaken the public's faith in the political system.

The charges likely end the three-decade career of a man who just three years ago seemed poised to lead his nation to a bold withdrawal from the West Bank and an aggressive push for peace with the Palestinians.

Olmert, who was forced to step down because of the case, was accused of illegally accepting funds from an American backer, double-billing for official trips abroad and pocketing the difference, concealing funds from a government watchdog and cronyism.

Dalai Lama says visit is not political

TAOYUAN, Taiwan — The Dalai Lama denied any political agenda as he began what he described as a "purely humanitarian" mission Sunday to comfort victims of Taiwan's worst storm, trying to calm fears that he would further anger China by verging into politics.

Although the Tibetan spiritual leader has traveled to Taiwan before, many fear his arrival could hurt the island's improving relations with rival China — the signature issue in the 15-month-old administration of Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou. China has protested the visit.

The Dalai Lama, who clasped his hands and smiled as he greeted Buddhist followers and supporters at the Taoyuan International Airport near Taipei, said his visit would have no political overtones.

"I've visited different parts of the world, and I may have a political agenda there ... my visit here is purely for humanitarian concerns," he said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Police extend kidnapping investigation

ANTIOCH, Calif. — Armed with rakes, shovels and chain saws, about 20 officers on Sunday combed the backyard of a couple charged with kidnapping and raping Jaycee Lee Dugard and used cadaver dogs to search an adjoining property where neighbors say one of the suspects once served as a caretaker.

Sheriff's deputies and prosecutors from two counties and officers from two city police departments were using the dogs, shovels and other tools to inspect the neighboring yard, which sits behind a off-white house with a chain link fence.

Lee would not elaborate on what kind of evidence investigators were seeking or the nature of the possible crimes involving the second property.

Two injured in hot tub during firestorm

LOS ANGELES — A Los Angeles County Sheriff's official says two people tried to ride out the firestorm in Big Tujunga Canyon in a backyard hot tub and were critically burned.

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Sunday that the pair "completely underestimated the fire" and the hot tub provided "no protection whatsoever."

The two individuals made their way to firefighters Saturday and were airlifted out by a sheriff's rescue helicopter.

LOCAL NEWS

9-year-old boy leads car chase

GREENFIELD, Ind. — Greenfield police say a 9-year-old boy led authorities on a half-hour car chase.

Police got a call of a driver swerving on U.S. 40 around 11:30 p.m. Saturday. Authorities chased the car into Henry County before the vehicle was finally stopped about two miles west of Knightstown.

Greenfield Police Department deputy chief Derek Towle says preliminary reports found that the boy had apparently been angry with his parents before taking off with the family car to go see one of his friends.

JAPAN

Japanese election upends long-ruling party

Liberal Democratic Party loses majority as country faces economic upheaval

Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's opposition swept to a historic victory in elections Sunday, crushing the ruling conservative party that has run the country for most of the postwar era and assuming the daunting task of pulling the economy out of its worst slump since World War II.

A grim-looking Prime Minister Taro Aso conceded defeat just a couple hours after polls had closed, suggesting he would quit as president of the Liberal Democratic Party, which has ruled Japan for all but 11 months since 1955.

"The results are very severe," Aso said. "There has been a deep dissatisfaction with our party."

Unemployment and deflation — and an aging, shrinking population — have left families fearful of what the future holds.

Fed up with the LDP, voters turned overwhelmingly to the opposition Democratic Party of Japan, which ran a populist-leaning platform with plans for cash handouts to families with children and expanding the social safety net.

"This is a victory for the people," said Yukio Hatoyama, leader of the Democrats and almost certainly Japan's next prime minister. "We want to build a new government that hears the voices of the nation."

Hatoyama and his party — an eclectic mix of former Liberal Democrats, socialists and progressives — face a daunting array of challenges, economic and demographic.

Japan's economy has been hit hard amid the global recession and falling demand for its exports. The unemployment rate has spiked to a record 5.7 percent and younger workers have watched the promise of lifetime employment fade. Incomes are stagnant and families have cut spending.

The country also faces threats as its population ages, which means more people are



Yukio Hatoyama, leader of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, smiles in front of a white board with names of winner candidates on Sunday.

on pensions and there is a shrinking pool of taxpayers to support them and other government programs.

The Democrats' plan to give families 26,000 yen (\$275) a month per child through junior high is meant to ease parenting costs and encourage more women have babies. Japan's population of 127.6 million peaked in 2006, and is expected to fall below 100 million by the middle of the century.

The Democrats are also proposing toll-free highways, free high schools, income support for farmers, monthly allowances for job seekers in training, a higher minimum wage and tax cuts. The estimated bill comes to 16.8 trillion yen (\$179 billion) if fully imple-

mented starting in fiscal year 2013 — and critics say that will only further bloat Japan's already massive public debt.

In foreign relations, the Democrats have said they want Tokyo to be more independent from Washington on diplomatic issues, though they have stressed that the U.S. will remain Japan's key ally and that they want to keep relations good, while also strengthening ties with their Asian neighbors.

Official nationwide results were expected to be announced midmorning Monday, but public broadcaster NHK projected early Monday that the Democrats would win 308 of the 480 seats in the lower house to the LDP's 119, citing local election

results. Other parties and independent candidates won a total of 53.

The Democratic Party needed to win a simple majority of 241 seats in the lower house to ensure it could name the next prime minister. The 300-plus level would allow it and its two smaller allies the two-thirds majority they need in the lower house to pass bills.

"It's a historic election in that a clear alternation of power has happened for the first time in the postwar period," said Koichi Nakano, professor of political science at Sophia University in Tokyo.

"It's hard to know whether this is going to lead to a real change in policy, at least for the short term."

USS Missouri gets shipyard makeover

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — The "Mighty Mo," the World War II battleship best known for hosting the formal surrender of Japan in 1945, is heading to the shipyard for repairs.

The USS Missouri, now a decommissioned vessel called the Battleship Missouri Memorial, will leave its historic spot at Battleship Row at Pearl Harbor in October.

The move will come shortly after the vessel on Wednesday hosts a ceremony marking the 64th anniversary of Japan's surrender. U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, and Ret. Lt. Gen. Wallace "Chip" Gregson, newly sworn in as Assistant Secretary of

Defense, are scheduled to speak at the event.

At least 20 World War II veterans are expected to attend, including 89-year-old Pearl Harbor survivor Edward F. Borucki of Southampton, Mass.

"It's a sentimental journey," Borucki said, who lost 33 shipmates when a Japanese torpedo and bombs hit the USS Helena.

The 65-year-old ship is in good shape, but it still needs to go to Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for repairs because rust is protruding from peeling paint in areas and the teak wood deck is warped and bent in others.

The warship's exterior is due to be sanded down and repainted in a \$15 million overhaul paid for by memorial

reserve funds and a Department of Defense grant.

"Rust never sleeps as they say," said Michael Carr, the memorial's president. "It's a big job. It has to be done."

Most of the work will be done after the 887-foot ship is put into a closed dock and the water around it is drained. This will allow workers to paint the entire hull, even parts that are normally submerged. Some of the repairs have already begun pierside, however. Tourists visiting the ship now can see scaffolding encircling the ship's mast.

Memorial officials have started warning Hawaii tour operators they'll be shut down for three months starting mid-October.

Daniels 2012 rumors persist

Associated Press

BAINBRIDGE, Ind. — Republican Mitch Daniels has repeatedly insisted that his 2008 run for a second term as Indiana's governor was his last election and that he's not interested in the "savagery" of a national campaign.

But like it or not, Daniels' name is being dropped in conservative GOP circles as someone to watch in 2012. Many say Daniels is just what the battered GOP needs, a blend of conservative values, cool demeanor and fiscal discipline.

"Mitch has been steady to the cause, he's stayed principled," said Michael Steele, chairman of the Republican National Committee. "The nation is going to recognize him."

Some political observers say Daniels is as good a bet as any for a national party reeling from Democrats' solid victory last year and the recent stumbles of former vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin and two other rising GOP stars — South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford and Nevada Sen. John Ensign.

Palin resigned as Alaska's governor abruptly in July, and an independent investigator said he found probable cause she had violated ethics laws by trading on her position as she sought money for legal fees. Sanford and Ensign admitted extramarital affairs. Another person often mentioned as a contender, Louisiana Gov.

Bobby Jindal, was widely panned after he delivered the national GOP response to Obama's first address to Congress in February.

Given the turmoil, Daniels may not stay on the sidelines, said John Pitney Jr., a professor of politics at Claremont McKenna College in California.

"If you look at the list of presidents who said they weren't going to run for president, it's a long list," he said.

The 60-year-old millionaire governor is equally at home in Washington and Indiana after serving as President George W. Bush's budget director and an adviser to President Ronald Reagan. He earned a reputation in Washington as the "blade" for his efforts to promote fiscal responsibility in Congress and carried that to Indiana, where he took over a state with a \$800 million deficit and worked with lawmakers to pass a balanced budget in his first year. The state's fiscal year ended June 30 with a \$1.3 billion surplus.

Republican observers believe his track record in Indiana would resonate with voters weary of billions in federal bailouts for banks and the auto industry, and record federal red ink.

"First of all he's a successful governor. Secondly, he is deeply informed on the subject about which deep information is now particularly needed, and that is budgeting," said conservative commentator George Will.

"Third, he has an all-purpose general intelligence, and fourth, he is funny. He is a witty man and a graceful writer."

Daniels is popular with voters, winning Indiana easily in a year in which Barack Obama gave Democrats their first presidential victory in the state in 40 years. And he doesn't hesitate to speak his mind, criticizing his own party for being too placid and putting politics above policy and saying the GOP needs to get in touch with average citizens — something he excels at.

He's even taken jabs at fellow baby boomers, telling a Butler University commencement crowd, "We were pampered in ways no children in human history would recognize" and chastising his generation for fiscal irresponsibility.

The speech prompted conservative columnist Bill Kristol to ask whether the nation is "ready to elect a boomer president who disdains his own generation, and urges younger Americans to reject boomer vanities and self-indulgence in the name of freedom and greatness."

Daniels' businesslike approach to state government — including a highly criticized move to privatize many state welfare eligibility functions and a 75-year lease of the Indiana Toll Road to a foreign consortium — has caught the eyes of other states looking for savings and revenue-generating ideas.

Three missing Texas boaters rescued at sea

Associated Press

PORT ARANSAS, Texas — Three Texas boaters missing for a week were reunited with their families early Sunday after they were found alive, sitting on top of their capsized catamaran 180 miles from land, the Coast Guard said.

The crew of the Affordable Fantasy spotted the men Saturday night off Port Aransas and rescued them from their 23-foot catamaran, said Petty Officer 3rd Class Renee Aiello. A Coast Guard boat met them and brought them back to land, where emergency management services crews were waiting for them. They declined medical attention.

They were identified as Curtis Hall, 28, of Palacios; Tressel Hawkins, 43, of Markham; and James Phillips, 30, of Blessing, who owned the boat.

The three were reported missing Aug. 22 after they left Matagorda, about 90 miles southwest of Houston, on a fishing trip and never returned. Port Aransas is about 130 miles from Matagorda.

The three went to sleep that Friday night and were awakened by water coming in, said Shane Phillips, whose husband, James, was relaxing Sunday with his five children.

"They tried to start the pumps to get the water out," she told

the Houston Chronicle. "They would not start."

They fired off three flares hoping to get the attention of workers at a nearby oil rig, but no one responded. The boat capsized that night.

The Coast Guard officials said they survived because they stuck with the boat. The men also rationed bubble gum and crackers and used a hose to suck fresh water out of the internal "wash-down" tank. Fishermen often keep such a tank to wash fish slime off their boat when they are out in the salt water.

"It's not the cleanest, not the greatest and it tasted like diesel," Shane Phillips told the newspaper.

The Coast Guard had called off its search Friday after scouring 86,000 square miles of water without finding them.

"It's like finding a needle in a haystack out in the Gulf of Mexico," Aiello said late Saturday. "It's obvious they had a will to survive, and they did it for seven days."

Hall's fiancée, Rebecca Kern, said it was difficult to describe her emotions.

"It's just been a roller coaster of emotions all week, the not knowing, getting upset and fearing for them out there. We weren't going to give up," she said. "We knew they were out there on that boat and we had to bring them home."

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Vittorio Montemaggi has been appointed by the College of Arts and Letters as the new Assistant Professor of Religion and Literature. He joins Notre Dame from the University of Cambridge, where he received a BA in Theology and Religious Studies, an MPhil in European Literature and a PhD in Theology, and where he held research and teaching positions in the two fields.

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Stocks			
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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
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AMEX	1,686.04		-6.43
NASDAQ	2,028.77		+1.04
NYSE	6,709.04		-13.27
S&P 500	1,028.93		-2.05
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,534.14		0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	4,908.90		+39.55
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CITIGROUP (C)	+3.56	+0.18	5.23
FANNIE MAE (FNM)	+6.25	+0.12	2.04
E*TRADE Fin Corp (ETFC)	+13.10	+0.19	1.64
FREDDIE MAC (FRE)	+7.14	+0.16	2.40
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.32	-0.0110	3.45
13-WEEK BILL	-7.14	-0.01	0.13
30-YEAR BOND	-0.52	-0.0220	4.21
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.13	-0.0280	2.46
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.25		72.74
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+11.50		958.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.70		76.50
Exchange Rates			
YEN			93.4250
EURO			1.4307
CANADIAN DOLLAR			1.0907
BRITISH POUND			1.6259

IN BRIEF

Wisconsin cigarette tax increases

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin's cigarette tax will go up 75 cents per pack on Tuesday, making it the fifth-highest tax in the country and the most expensive among neighboring states.

Securing the higher tax was part of a one-two punch secured by anti-smoking advocates this year. The other was convincing the Legislature to pass a statewide anti-smoking ban that takes effect on July 5, 2010.

Those who fought for the ban and the tax increase say it provides those looking to quit, like Maurice "Moe" Bird of Waterloo, with more motivation.

The latest increase, taking the state tax to \$2.52 per pack, comes less than two years after a \$1 per pack increase in 2008. In April, federal cigarette taxes went up 62 cents to \$1.01 per pack.

Blackwater tapped foreigners

WASHINGTON — When the CIA revived a plan to kill or capture terrorists in 2004, the agency turned to the well-connected security company then known as Blackwater USA.

With Blackwater's lucrative government security work and contacts arrayed in hot spots around the world, company officials offered the services of foreigners supposedly skilled at tracking terrorists in lawless regions and countries where the CIA had no working relationships with the government.

Blackwater told the CIA that it "could put people on the ground to provide the surveillance and support — all of the things you need to conduct an operation," a former senior CIA official familiar with the secret program told The Associated Press.

But the CIA's use of the private contractor as part of its now-abandoned plan to dispatch death squads skirted concerns now re-emerging with recent disclosures about Blackwater's role.

The former senior CIA official said he had doubts during his tenure about whether Blackwater's foreign recruits had mastered the necessary skills to pull off such a high-stakes operation. Blackwater's later hiring of several senior CIA officials who were involved in or aware of the secret program showed the blurred lines of using a private contractor for such a highly classified and dangerous project.

State fairs offer badly needed jobs

Fairs report record numbers of applicants to tear tickets, serve food, clean

Associated Press

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. — A year's worth of failed job leads prepared Richard Briggs for anything, including night shifts as a Minnesota State Fair custodian.

For \$8.50 an hour, the out-of-work financial analyst vacuums and cleans bathrooms in fairground buildings. Briggs, 38, said he's "something of a curiosity" among his co-workers.

"You know, they don't hire financial analysts to clean the sidewalks," Briggs said.

A crippled economy has sent droves of unemployed and underemployed people to fairs nationwide, with many reporting record numbers of applicants to tear tickets, serve food and clean up after crowds.

Iowa's state fair closed most of its hiring weeks earlier than usual. Colorado's fair is finished hiring but was still getting more than 50 people a day trying to apply as the fair opened last week. In Indiana, about 2,300 people — at least twice as many as usual — applied for 800 open positions.

"And the nice thing about it for us is that we got, I guess you could say, many overqualified candidates," said Andy Klotz, a spokesman for the Indiana State Fair.

In Minnesota, more than 10,000 people applied for the fair's 3,000 jobs. At the same time more people were applying, fair vendors intent on keeping costs down were requesting far fewer employees than in years past.

And, more experienced fair workers were returning. The fair had room for just 1,250 new employees, about one-third the number of last year.

Briggs lives in the Twin Cities suburb of Mendota Heights with his wife and two stepchildren. He lost his job last September, and he's



Richard Briggs, 38, an out-of-work financial analyst, cleans buildings during his temporary job at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul, Friday.

found few openings in the financial sector since. Over dinner in June, his wife suggested he apply for a job at the Fair, which he hadn't attended since childhood.

"It'll get you out of the house, and you'll be busy for 12 straight days," Briggs remembers her saying.

After a visit to the State Fair's employment center, he got an offer. Though the family still has his wife's income as a regulatory analyst, Briggs said his fair paycheck has given their budget "some breathing space."

"We have a mortgage to pay and mouths to feed," he said.

As the fair opened its 12-day run last week, Josh Chaika was working a day shift as a custodian.

Chaika, 27, signed up to

work for the first time this year. He has a part-time job for 30 hours a week, but when he saw a newspaper advertisement for fair jobs, he decided to apply because he "just needed the extra cash."

He was surprised when he heard about the size of the waiting list.

"I didn't think it would be that tough," he said.

Jerry Hammer, the general manager of Minnesota's fair, said it's not always like this.

"I've seen other years where we're telling staff to go home and tell your friends and neighbors" workers are needed, he said.

The Minnesota State Fair still attracted a large number of teenagers and 20-somethings. Jessica Schoenleber got a job tear-

ing tickets on one of the fair's parking lots. The 23-year-old from nearby Roseville wanted to make some money before she moves to New Zealand this fall.

"This was more like short-term, high intensity and a lot of fun," Schoenleber said of the job.

The high demand for state fair jobs is occurring at time when attendance is up as more people cut back on travel and look for attractions close to home. Minnesota set a first-day record Thursday with more than 114,000 attendees.

"We seem to be one of those sectors of the economy that we're doing quite well," said Jim Tucker, CEO of the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions.

Barriers threaten growth of internet

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Goofy videos weren't on the minds of Len Kleinrock and his team at UCLA when they began tests 40 years ago on what would become the Internet. Neither was social networking, for that matter, nor were most of the other easy-to-use applications that have drawn more than a billion people online.

Instead the researchers sought to create an open network for freely exchanging information, an openness that ultimately spurred the innovation that would later spawn the likes of YouTube, Facebook and the World Wide Web.

There's still plenty of room for innovation today, yet the openness fostering it may be eroding. While the Internet is more widely available and faster than ever, artificial barriers threaten to constrict its growth.

A variety of factors are to blame. Spam and hacking attacks force network operators to erect security firewalls. Authoritarian regimes block access to many sites and services within their borders. And commercial considerations spur policies that can thwart rivals, particularly on mobile devices like the iPhone.

"There is more freedom for the typical Internet user to play, to communicate, to shop — more opportunities than ever before," said Jonathan Zittrain, a law professor and co-founder of Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society. "On the worrisome side, there are some longer-term trends that are making it much more possible (for information) to be controlled."

Few were paying attention back on Sept. 2, 1969, when about 20 people gathered in Kleinrock's lab at the

University of California, Los Angeles, to watch as two bulky computers passed meaningless test data through a 15-foot gray cable.

That was the beginning of the fledgling Arpanet network. Stanford Research Institute joined a month later, and UC Santa Barbara and the University of Utah did by year's end.

The 1970s brought e-mail and the TCP/IP communications protocols, which allowed multiple networks to connect — and formed the Internet. The '80s gave birth to an addressing system with suffixes like ".com" and ".org" in widespread use today.

The Internet didn't become a household word until the '90s, though, after a British physicist, Tim Berners-Lee, invented the Web, a subset of the Internet that makes it easier to link resources across disparate locations.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Business owners victims too

As a local business manager and frequent customer of the Chipotle restaurant chain, I was somewhat disturbed when I heard that the local carpenters union would be protesting at the opening of their Eddy St. Commons location. This protest is in response to the Chipotle's owners' decision not to use the union in their build out.

Even more disturbing was the union's gall to come to my place of employment and threaten the same action if we did not choose union carpenters. Organized labor certainly had its place in the early- to mid-20th century when workers had few (if any) bargaining rights. However, in the last 50 years we have learned that

globalization has produced a market where products which are not competitive will not survive.

It is sad that the union can not sell themselves on the quality of their work or their competitive pricing, but must resort to fear tactics which will surely hurt all parties involved. Let's support our local unions, but let's also support our local businesses in making financially prudent decisions without fear of strong-arm retribution.

Nick DeMaegd
 Mishawaka, IN
 Aug. 28

It's Carroll Hall

Dear SAO and Office of Sustainability, We, the Vermin of Carroll Hall, would appreciate it if you spelled our dorm's name correctly on all future posters and magnets.
 Sincerely,

Chris Lee junior
 Rich Schroeder junior
 Sam Russ junior
 Hugh McDermott junior
 Odaro Omusi sophomore
 Cody Borgstrom junior

Mike Sobolewski junior
 Nick Ruof junior
 John Sanders sophomore
 Kristopher Kast junior
 Mike Hannigan sophomore
 Jonathan Fisher freshman
 Keith Marrero freshman
 Eric Huang freshman
 Bo Brinkmen freshman
 Stephen White sophomore
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 Robby Toma freshman
 Rich Estes freshman
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 Brian R. Vaio junior
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 Javier Andres Soegaard senior
 Li Weijing senior
 Benjamin Isack sophomore
 Eric Dowdey freshman
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 Zack Stackhouse sophomore
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 Carroll Hall
 Aug. 29

UN Article 6.9: Statute on Roommate Relations — Sexiling Subsection

I. In the event of a nightly rendezvous involving two or more parties, there are two ways in which the union is to be handled diplomatically.

a. If the parties involved in the union (hereafter referred to as "the sexilers") have knowledge or suspicion of said union at least one and a half (1.5) hours prior to the initiation of the union, they are required to provide the roommate (hereafter referred to as "the sexiled") with a period of no less than two minutes in which s/he may gather personal affects from the room to be used which s/he may wish to have for the remainder of the evening. Such affects may include, but are not limited to, laptop computers, computer chargers, cellular devices (including chargers), pillows, blankets, changes of clothing, etc.

b. If the union of the sexilers is more spontaneous in nature, then the sexilers are bound to — at minimum — put such aforementioned personal affects immediately outside the door of the room to be used and subsequently to provide the sexiled roommate with enough notice to secure said affects prior to their mysterious disappearance.

c. Regarding the frequency of said unions:

i. Two unions (with the same partner) in one weekend is, in general, excessive and unnecessary.

ii. One union per week is to be the limit, with "special occasions" providing the opportunity for exception.

iii. The sexiled has the right to oppose said unions if s/he has a test to prepare for or if said unions fall under other circumstances which may be detrimental to the academic standing of the sexiled.

d. Furthermore, if any acts which might lead to the soiling of property common to both the sexiler and the sexiled (i.e. a futon cover) occur, the sexiler is required to clean said property.

e. Failure to comply with the above statute may result in:

i. Temporary impeachment from the room.
 ii. Subsequent vulnerability to pranking from all affected parties.
 iii. Inordinate amounts of awkwardness.

Jeremy Lamb
 sophomore
 Knott Hall
 Aug. 29

U-WIRE

Confidence key, not cockiness

After a hot and sweaty summer, there is nothing more refreshing than new classes and (let's be honest) new love interests. I love sitting in class or at work and studiously checking out the prospects for a new year, imagining what they would do to me in bed instead of picturing economic principles. There is nothing better than finding a super hot guy in an otherwise underwhelming class or discovering that your co-workers at a grueling, unpaid internship are gorgeous.

Ally Pregulman
 George Washington University
 The GW Hatchet

Despite all the pro-feminism yelling, when it comes to moving from fantasy to reality, girls still melt at a guy who has the balls to approach them. Guys: Regardless of whether you are just starting out at school or a senior with years of experience, you need a gameplan. I'm not talking about wearing a shirt to all of your classes on the first day that says, "I'M SINGLE" with your number on the back (although that could work). There is no better attention-getter than a guy who confidently walks up to me and starts a conversation.

If you've noticed that cute girl across the room in biology or at that party making eyes at you, take that as her waving a sign in the air and screaming "I'M INTERESTED." Keep it simple. Catch her as she is walking out of class or across the room with an easy question. When she answers, jump in and remember: KEEP IT SIMPLE. Example script:

Guy: "Weren't you in human sexuality last semester?"
 Girl: "No..."
 Guy: "Oh, well I thought I recognized you. I'm Craig, nice to meet you."
 Girl: "Hi, I'm Ally and I'd like to jump your bones right now."

Now that last part may not happen — if it does, you're a lucky guy. But from this point, get to talking. You don't necessarily have to ask for her number and how many kids

she wants at this moment, or even friend her on Facebook, but next class sit next to her and ask her if she'd like to go out for coffee after class. Remember that confidence, not cockiness, is the key.

Want to meet a cute girl in a new and fun situation? Take an exercise class and offer to help her "study" outside of class — but try to not make it sound sleazy. Exercise classes are overflowing with flexible, available women who love getting hot and sweaty both in and out of the gym.

We will all probably end up at some back-to-school parties, but trust me when I say you do not need liquid courage to meet or hook up with people at them. My craziest first kiss with a guy was at a party, but there was no alcohol involved. Just a little bit of flirtation, an accepted invite to a party, and one courageous guy.

Really, what it all comes down to is that girls love it when guys do things unexpectedly — new situation or not. Now, don't run up to your TA and start making out with her (although that could be incredibly hot, minus the likely failing grade) but if a girl is clearly checking you out, do something about it next time! College is all about trying new things and pushing your boundaries, right? Mine wouldn't be nearly as interesting if the guys I have met (and those I have pursued) had not taken a chance in a new situation.

The moral of the story is that it's pretty easy to tell when a girl likes you. We love it when you make the first move, or at least strike up a conversation, and what better time to do so than the first week or two back when a long summer makes everything seem new again, even if you are not a freshman? Creativity can produce some pretty satisfying results, so try something new and welcome back to school!

This column first ran in the Aug. 27 edition of The GW Hatchet, the daily newspaper serving George Washington University.
 The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Cursive

Stuck in the Middle & Left with Mediocrity

By RYAN RAFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Don't want to live in the now / Don't want to know what I know" are the lines that kick off the latest full-length effort by Omaha's finest indie band, Cursive. Appropriate words coming from the mouth of Tim Kasher, who has spent the latter part of this decade trying to follow up the critical acclaim he received in the first half.

2000's "Domestica" and 2003's "The Ugly Organ" made year-end best-of lists everywhere, and are widely regarded as two of the best albums ever to be marginally associated with that ugliest of words: "emo." Lyrically, they were about little more than Kasher's life as the singer of Cursive and his failing relationships. However, the way he articulated his self-doubt and self-loathing was noteworthy, and he was rightfully placed among his generation's finest lyricists.

Cursive's 2006 album, "Happy Hollow," added a horn section to their previously staunchly indie sound, and Kasher turned his lyrical focus to small town environments and Christianity. This was a mistake, as the album was inconsistent at best. So where would they go from there? Back to basics or continuing off into the great unknown?

The answer is both and neither – sort of. Lyrically, 2009's "Mama, I'm Swollen" is generally along traditional Cursive lines. However, the instruments sound like a subdued version of "Happy Hollow" – or to be more accurate, like a marginally angrier version of Kasher's folk side project the Good Life. The result is an album that sounds indecisive, like the group is treading water.

In fact, repetition is a huge part of most songs on the album. The aforementioned first track, "In the Now," has no more than half a dozen different lines to the song, which are repeated ad nauseum through its two and a half minute runtime. For a sup-

posedly great, prolific lyricist, that's pretty suspect songwriting. The chorus to "I Couldn't Love You" is just "I couldn't love you anymore" repeated four times. It's difficult not to be disappointed when past efforts have made it clear that Kasher is capable of so much more than this.

When there are lyrics of substance to analyze, it becomes clear Kasher's main concern is reconciling adulthood with being in a band – the ultimate Peter Pan lifestyle. Then of course, self-awareness raises its ugly head on tracks like "Mama, I'm Satan" where Kasher confesses "I'm writing out a confession / Every record I've written has left me smitten." This is the good stuff, what people listen to Cursive for.

The jackpot is the final track "What Have I Done?" where in six minutes, Kasher breaks down his entire career as a songwriter, wondering if he has accomplished anything of substance. It's almost painful to listen to lines like "I spent the best years of my life / Waiting on the best years of my life / So what's there to write about?" It towers above any of the other songs on "Mama, I'm Swollen," and is among the finest Cursive has ever recorded.

Musically, much of the album splits the difference between "Happy Hollow" and The Good Life. The lyrics – that is, when there are lyrics – are vintage Kasher. However, the biggest flaw of "Mama, I'm Swollen" is that it feels so safe. Songs like "From the Hips" are good, but there's a nagging feeling that the album could have been so much more.

So while the songs range from mind-blowing to forgettable, the album as a whole evens out to be a rather mediocre set. Maybe from another band this album would have been a pleasant surprise, but Cursive gets graded on a steep curve. They can do far better than this, so why are they resting on their laurels?

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WILCO (The Review)

By COLIN RICH
Scene Writer

America's current mainstream musical landscape reflects an impermanence best characterized by single-saturated playlists and a hype-ridden media that often fawn over "the next great thing."

Today's pubescent pop is tomorrow's Vh1 series (I couldn't help double-taking after stumbling upon "I Love the New Millennium" last week). Getting to the top proves relatively easy when compared with staying on top, and staying power requires a loyal fan base as well as a freshening musical malleability.

Wilco possesses both of these. Their ability to ground their music in a part-rock, part-folk ether draws fans from both realms and provides the band musical license to explore an expansive stylistic range. Perhaps this lends insight into the band's alternative magnetism.

There is something so innately clear-cut about the impressionist harmonies of Wilco – a countryside simplicity underpinning a genre-defying expression. Similar to their Midwestern roots, Wilco exists as a crossroads for the band's far-reaching influences, ranging from The Band to Brian Wilson to John Coltrane. Beginning with "A.M." in 1995, Wilco's previous works explore outward from this confluence down avenues of pop, country, and folk depending on the album (some came to label the band indie over that time as well). Yet to this day their musical peregrinations never stray too far from the harmonic niche Wilco began carving for themselves 15 years ago.

As Jeff Tweedy and Co. saddle up to bring us to "Wilco (The Album)," their self-titled and seventh studio album, one would expect

a deeply introspective (perhaps retrospective) work from a band many consider a plinth in the terrain of American alternative rock.

Yet against this billing "Wilco (The Album)" falls flat. The album begins to compel on the noteworthy third track "Bull Black Nova," a rhythmic and repetitive rock dissonance that juggles a variety of strings and serves as an almost certain jam-platform for live gigs. Tweedy's recognizably soft rasp plays beautifully alongside Feist's melodic guest vocals on "You and I," a

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gentle swansong about two people trying to save their relationship. The pulsing heart of the album, this sweeping serenade precedes "You Never Know," a jukebox-ready, Petty-esque single infused with resounding piano and acoustic Americana. Wilco

hits a final high with a sophisticated pop turn on "Sonny Feeling," a steady, foot-stomping finale laced with Wilco's effervescent country twang.

Unfortunately "Wilco (The Album)" tells us little about Wilco (The Band). Few if any bands possess Wilco's home-style sound, and for a man whose ability to musically emulate the modern American heartland rivals that of Bruce Springsteen, Tweedy sounds downright bored this time around.

Wilco deserves acknowledgement for their ability to stay influential and interesting in a mainstream that associates youth with commercial viability. However, unlike much of the Wilco arsenal, this album strikes with the force of a beanbag relative to the band's historically expectation-matching blows. Wilco lacks a passionate foothold from which to make its stand, and though the band's faithful will most certainly download in droves for this latest work, an enthusiastic revisit a year from now will be rare.

On to the next great thing, Vh1.



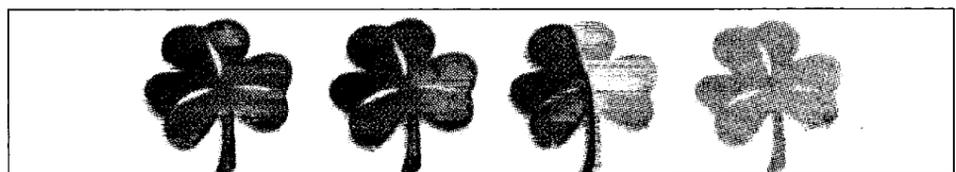
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Mama, I'm Swollen The Cursive

Studio: Saddle Creek

Recommended Tracks: "What Have I Done?," "From the Hips"



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Wilco (The Album) Wilco

Studio: Nonesuch Records Inc

Recommended Tracks: "Bull Black Nova," "You and I," and "Sonny Feeling"



A BLOCK PARTY BASH

By GENEVIEVE McCABE
Scene Writer

Saturday saw the exit of one campus tradition and, perhaps, the entrance of another.

On a cool August evening, Eric Hutchinson and Matisyahu, two very different artists, delivered entertaining shows during first-ever B1 Block Party which place in the B1 parking lot south of Notre Dame Stadium. Held in place of "The Show," the event continued a tradition of bringing noteworthy musical acts to campus within the first two weeks of school.

Eric Hutchinson and band took the stage following two student bands, Samurai Jim and the Pat McKillen band. A sharply dressed group, Hutchinson and crew delivered an enjoyable, if not overly energetic set. This is not to say that the band was without energy or enthusiasm, but rather Eric Hutchinson's music does not lend itself to a high-energy concert atmosphere. Like so many of his singer/songwriter counterparts, Eric Hutchinson's sound was largely piano driven, somewhat soulful, and catchy if not especially noteworthy.

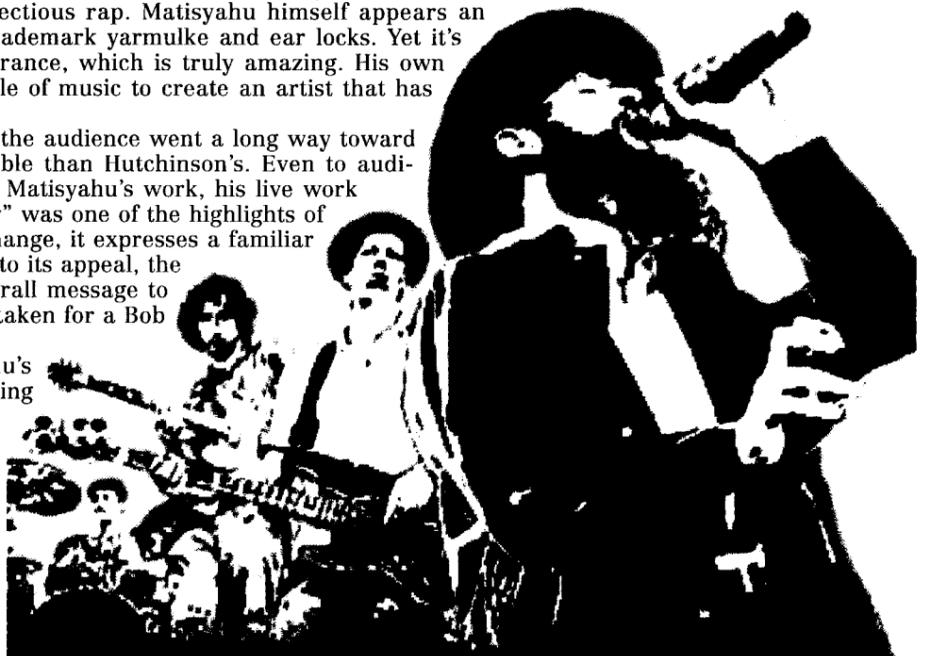
Hutchinson's sense of humor, shown not only through occasional comments between songs but also in the music itself, made the performance memorable. At one point he delivered a song, which he had made up "during the last song" about audience members who were playing corn hole rather than watching his set. Complete with lyrics about how stupid corn hole is, and whether it ought to be called corn hole or beanbag toss, the song was witty commentary, relevant to the student crowd. It also proved that Hutchinson is a very talented and innovative musician.

Further proof of his innovation and a highlight of the evening was his rendition of "My Girl" by the Temptations, intermixed with "Ignition Remix" by R. Kelly.

Matisyahu followed Eric Hutchinson. Judging by the crowd response, most people were there to see this headlining act. He got off to a rocky start, performing several lesser known songs, before hitting his stride with a performance of "One Day."

A Hasidic Jew, Matisyahu's music has a distinctive religious undercurrent mixed with reggae beats and infectious rap. Matisyahu himself appears an unassuming guy, complete with trademark yarmulke and ear locks. Yet it's his singing, rather than his appearance, which is truly amazing. His own personal style combine with his style of music to create an artist that has perfected the art of being himself.

The increase in energy level from the audience went a long way toward making Matisyahu's set more enjoyable than Hutchinson's. Even to audience member previously unaware of Matisyahu's work, his live work was surprisingly enjoyable. "One Day" was one of the highlights of his show. A song about peace and change, it expresses a familiar sentiment of our generation. Adding to its appeal, the reggae sound combined with the overall message to create a song that could easily be mistaken for a Bob

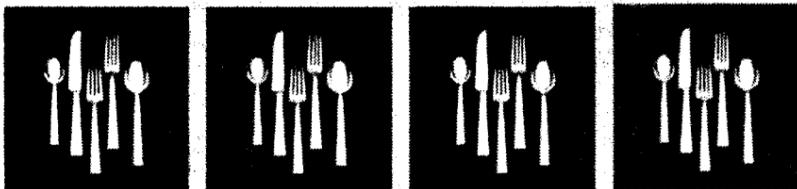


Marley song.

The climax of the evening was "King without a Crown", the closing song in Matisyahu's set. Perhaps Matisyahu's most well known song, the majority of the audience was singing and dancing along as Matisyahu twirled around the stage delivering the lyrics "I give myself to you [God] from the essence of my being, and I sing to my God, these songs of love and healing." Toward the end of the song, the student body, led by student body vice president Cynthia Weber, got up and danced on stage.

All in all, the B1 Block Party was a fantastic hit, better than any version of "The Show" from the past few years. Matisyahu and Eric Hutchinson both delivered memorable performances, and made the audience anticipate future Block Parties to come.

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Dining Hall Dish

By ERIC PRISTER
Scene Writer

Sandwiches have always been the prototypical lunch food, but they can become boring, especially because people have the tendency to choose the same sandwich over and over again. Here are three hot sandwiches that can add some variety to one's normal lunch menu.

Frisco Melt

For those who enjoy Steak 'n Shake food but prefer not to eat at 3 a.m. when Steak 'n Shake is normally consumed, this recipe is helpful.

Grab one of the pre-made

grilled cheese sandwiches, open it, and put a hamburger in between the two slices of bread. Then, add another slice of cheese to the sandwich on top of the burger. Finally, mix about 2/3 of a ladle full of Thousand Island dressing to 1/3 of a ladle of French dressing, and put this homemade "Frisco" sauce on top of the cheese to finish off your Frisco Melt.

Hot Roast Beef and Cheese Grinder

Remove most of the bread from one half of a sub bun. Split the bun in two, and place on the toaster. While it's toasting, take twelve slices of roast beef. Place six slices, or as many as fit, directly on the Panini press to

heat them. Once all six have been placed, flip them over and heat them for a few more seconds.

The bread should be ready by this point, so put the six heated slices of roast beef on the side with the bread removed. Immediately pour copious amounts of shredded cheese on top of the roast beef. Repeat the process with the other six slices, and put them on top of the cheese. Garnish with desired vegetables, preferably lettuce and tomato to balance out the hot sandwich with crunchy, cold vegetables.

Chipotle Chicken and Bacon Sandwich

Place two grilled chicken

breasts on a slice of hearty bread, preferably rye or pumpernickel. Top with two slices of cheese, and then with Chipotle sauce. On the other slice of bread, place desired vegetables, though lettuce and tomato are once again recommended.

Then, grill four slices of bacon directly on the panini press, just like the roast beef in the previous recipe. Add the bacon to the sandwich, and then put the entire sandwich through the toaster to finish the creation.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail jshaffe1@nd.edu

MLB

Teixeira's four RBIs lead Yankees past ChiSox

Greinke throws one-hitter and retires last the 22 batters as Royals beat Mariners with three runs in fifth inning

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira and the New York Yankees are playing so well, they can focus on Joba Chamberlain's future and still win big right now.

Teixeira homered and drove in four runs, Johnny Damon also went deep and New York polished off a three-game sweep of the struggling Chicago White Sox with an 8-3 victory Sunday.

Alfredo Aceves (9-1) provided stellar relief following an abbreviated outing for Chamberlain. With the Yankees determined to limit his workload, the 23-year-old right-hander was pulled after only three innings and 35 pitches.

"It's good that we're winning. Because I'm sure if we weren't playing well and we weren't winning, then people would make a bigger story out of it," Derek Jeter said. "But you have to realize that Joba hopefully is going to be here for a long time, so in the same sense you want to make sure that he's healthy."

Jeter scored three times for the AL East leaders, who boosted baseball's best record to 82-48. They are 31-11 since the All-Star break, also the top mark in the majors.

Jermaine Dye homered in the ninth and Scott Podsednik had three hits for the White Sox, who have dropped seven of eight.

"Well, we came to New York and visited the new Yankee Stadium. It is a very nice ballpark, and the hotel we stayed at was also very nice," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "That's all I have to say about these last three days."

Up next, a three-game series at AL Central rival Minnesota. It will be Chicago's final visit to the Metrodome, where the White Sox are 2-14 in their past 16 games and 88-112 overall.

"I think the next three games, we're in or we are out," Guillen said. "We have to win the series out there, there's no doubt."

While the White Sox are fading in the playoff race, Teixeira is making a push for AL MVP honors. The switch-hitting slugger, in his first season with the Yankees after signing a \$180 million, eight-year contract, has 32 homers and 101 RBIs.

He's reached 30 home runs and 100 RBIs for six straight seasons, joining St. Louis star

Albert Pujols as the only major leaguers to accomplish the feat.

Damon's two-run shot off Freddy Garcia (0-2) in the third gave New York a 3-2 lead, but Chamberlain never got a chance to hold it.

"You've got to realize what they're trying to do — to protect me for a long time," Chamberlain said. "It's humbling for me to know that they care that much about me. ... I feel good, but I also understand this is a process."

Phil Hughes retired Jayson Nix with two on to end the seventh, preserving a one-run lead.

The Yankees broke it open against Chicago's bullpen in the bottom half, highlighted by Melky Cabrera's RBI double off the left-field fence and Teixeira's high drive that cleared the short porch in right.

Aceves entered in the fourth and pitched three scoreless innings of two-hit ball to earn the victory. The versatile right-hander has nine wins out of the bullpen, most among big league relievers.

"He's been huge. As a reliever, nine wins, that's incredible," Teixeira said. "Very flexible. Whatever you need from Ace he's going to give it to you."

The White Sox lost 10-0 on Saturday, when they made three errors and managed one hit against Sergio Mitre and Chad Gaudin.

After that one, Guillen said everyone in his clubhouse "should be embarrassed." He mixed in a few expletives, but never shouted.

Before the series finale, Guillen offered similar comments.

"As a group, we all stink right now," he said, adding that the only two members of the White Sox currently earning their paychecks are the trainers.

Jeter singled with two outs in the third and Damon drove the next pitch deep into the second deck in right. It was Damon's 24th home run, matching the career high he set in 2006 with the Yankees.

"We have such a great team from top to bottom," Damon said.

Damon came out in the seventh with cramping in both calves. He was pulled for pinch-hitter Jerry Hairston Jr., who delivered a bases-loaded sacrifice fly.

"I'm expecting to play tomorrow," Damon said.

Teixeira also had a sacrifice fly, in the first.

Royals 3, Mariners 0

His team may be in last place, but that hasn't stopped Kansas City ace Zack Greinke from building his case as the best pitcher in the American League.

Greinke pitched a one-hitter Sunday, allowing only a second-inning single by Kenji Johjima as the Royals beat the Seattle Mariners.

Greinke (13-8) retired the final 22 batters after Johjima's two-out, soft single to center field.

The right-hander leads the majors with three shutouts and six complete games, and his 2.32 ERA is best in the AL, all substantial arguments for the Cy Young Award.

It was the best low-hit game of his career — he pitched a three-hitter on April 24 against Detroit.

"He's just a full-dimensional guy," Royals manager Trey Hillman said. "He's overpowering, he misses bats, he knows how to use his defense and that's what he did today. He was just in total command the whole day. Very impressive."

Last Tuesday, Greinke struck out team-record 15 against Cleveland. He didn't fan any Mariners until the sixth inning and finished with five overall.

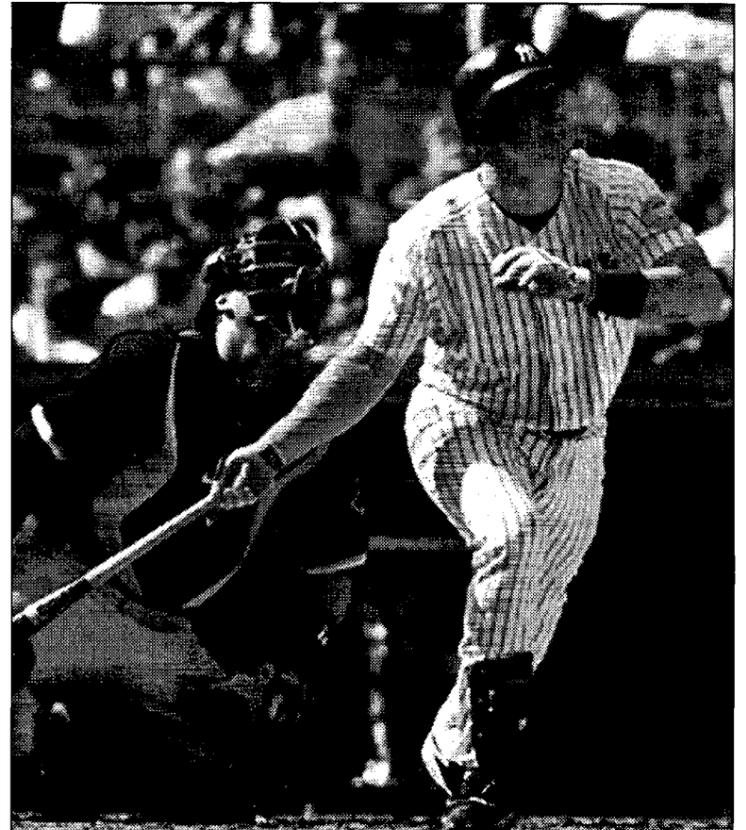
A few days ago, Greinke talked about how Toronto's Roy Halladay and Seattle's Felix Hernandez were economical with their pitches and got more grounders than strikeouts. Greinke talked about saving himself some pitches, and also said the Mariners' hitters made more contact than the Indians' big hitters.

Greinke has 202 strikeouts this season, making him the first Royals pitcher to reach 200 since Kevin Appier in 1996.

"This one's a lot of luck, a complete-team effort," Greinke said. "That other one (Cleveland) was as good as I could pitch, as nasty as I could be. Today, everyone just played well behind me."

Seattle's lone threat was in the second. Bill Hall drew Greinke's only walk with one out and took second on Johjima's single.

Johjima's ball fell in front of center fielder Mitch Maier. He played it on one hop, holding the runners at first and second.



Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira watches his three-run home run leave the stadium in the seventh inning Sunday afternoon.

The next batter, Jack Wilson, bounced out to short to end the threat.

"Had I taken another step and dove, there's a chance I could have come up with it," Maier said. "But that's something they teach all the time, if you're diving and you don't have someone backing you up, you better make sure you're going to catch it. If I miss that and it bounces over my head, a run scores and the guy gets at least a double, maybe a triple."

Greinke said that if he tried to catch it, "more likely than him catching it, it gets by him and they score a run and the ballgame is a different story. He's smart. He knows what he's doing out there."

Seattle was held to one hit for the 16th time in franchise history, the first since April 8, 2006 by Oakland. It was the 10th individual one-hitter, the last one coming by the Yankees' Ted Lilly on April 27, 2002.

"That's one of the better pitched games I've seen in a long, long time," Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu said. "Just a clinic today. The guy was almost unhittable. I think you go into a ballgame like this offensively with a guy that struck out 15 in his last appearance, and really the

only way you beat a guy like that is try to get his pitch count up.

"You look up on the board in the last inning, on his 113th pitch it's 96 miles per hour, and with that he complements it with a 65-66 mph curveball with command," he said.

Ryan Rowland-Smith (2-2) went a career-high eight innings for the Mariners, allowing five hits and three runs. He walked one and struck out a career-high seven.

Rowland-Smith matched Greinke for much of the afternoon except for one bad inning—the Royals' three-run fifth.

Alberto Callaspo opened with a double that left fielder Michael Saunders had trouble finding in the sun. Miguel Olivo's RBI single with one out made it 1-0.

Maier walked with one out, David DeJesus singled home a run and another scored on a wild pitch.

Greinke fanned Josh Wilson to end the sixth for his first strikeout of the game. That began a string in which Greinke struck out three of four hitters. Hall was his 200th strikeout.

"It feels good," Greinke said. "It's really, really hard to do. But people do it."

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"DH is maddddd chill."

"222 is so nice right now."

Highlights of The Observer Fantasy Football Draft:
Larry Johnson in the fifth round.
Rohnie Sykes in the 14th round, followed by Martin Gramatica in the 15th and David Akers in the 16th. All by the same team.

Nice pick Jenn: Jeremy Shockey in the eighth.

Since 2004, Martin Gramatica has attempted a grand total of 24 field goals. He made 18 of them.

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NSCAA/ADIDAS Division 1 Women's Soccer Rankings

team	points	previous
1 North Carolina	824	1
2 NOTRE DAME	761	3
3 Portland	740	4
4 Stanford	736	2
5 Florida State	682	6
6 Texas A&M	668	7
7 Florida	594	10
8 Penn State	567	12
9 UCLA	543	5
10 Virginia	436	9
11 Duke	426	16
12 Southern California	412	8
13 Illinois	314	17
14 West Virginia	296	14
15 San Diego	292	13
16 Georgia	257	18
17 Minnesota	235	19
18 Colorado	229	RV
19 Santa Clara	226	22
20 Boston College	203	23
21 Oklahoma State	195	11
22 Missouri	186	24
23 Rutgers	157	20
24 Washington State	150	21
25 Texas	132	15

NSCAA/ADIDAS Division 1 Men's Soccer Rankings

team	points	previous
1 Maryland	25	1
2 North Carolina	24	3
3 Wake Forest	23	2
4 Akron	22	9
5 St. John's (N.Y.)	21	4
6 Creighton	20	5
7 Indiana	19	6
8 California	18	12
9 Northwestern	17	7
10 UIC	16	11
11t South Florida	15	8
11t Connecticut	14	14
13 NOTRE DAME	13	18
14 Tulsa	12	16
15 UC Irvine	11	10
16 UC Santa Barbara	10	22
17 Dartmouth	9	20
18 Loyola (Md.)	8	15
19 UCLA	7	RV
20 Michigan State	6	17
21 St. Louis	5	21
22 Michigan	4	13
23 Cal Poly	3	23
24 Boston University	2	RV
25 Louisville	1	RV

Golf World/NIKE Division 1 Men's Golf Rankings

team	points
1 Texas A&M	25
2 Arkansas	24
3 Georgia	23
4 Michigan	23
5 Arizona State	21
6 Southern California	21
7 Washington	21
8 Oklahoma State	21
9 TCU	17
10 Georgia Tech	16

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES



Andy Rios of Chula Vista's 12-year-old Little League team runs a victory lap with his teammates and the banner that boasts Sunday's 6-3 victory over Taiwan that made them 2009 Little League World Series champions.

California wins Little League World Series

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Andy Rios couldn't wait to get home to Southern California to have some french fries.

There's a big victory meal upcoming back in Chula Vista.

Bulla Graft's sharp single scored the go-ahead run in the fourth inning and Kiko Garcia pitched three-plus scoreless innings of relief to lead California to a 6-3 victory Sunday over Taoyuan, Taiwan to win the Little League World Series.

With the U.S.-partisan crowd on their feet, Garcia closed out the victory by striking out Yu Chieh Kao, completing a comeback from

a 3-0 deficit. The California fans yelled "USA! USA."

"We knew we could come back," said the 13-year-old Garcia in between laughs with his teammates. "We always do."

They're surely celebrating in the San Diego suburbs after California secured the fifth straight Little League championship for the United States.

After a wild celebration around Garcia, the Californians invited Taiwan to accompany them on the customary victory lap around Lamade Stadium on a sun-splashed afternoon.

But the championship banner belonged to California.

"It seems San Diego comes

so close all the time. The Padres come close and don't win. The Chargers come close and don't win," manager Oscar Castro said. "It was nice to do it for the city."

Castro sought to shield his team from the pressure of the tournament as they advanced, forbidding them to surf the Internet for the last three weeks to prevent them from seeing the media exposure back home.

Victory on Sunday looked in doubt early. Wen Hua Sung and Chin Ou hit back-to-back homers in the third to give Taiwan a 3-0 lead.

California scored a run in the third before surging ahead in the fourth. Seth Godfrey drove in a run on a sacrifice fly before Nick

Conlin scored on a wild pitch.

Even Vice President Joe Biden, who attended the game, was impressed, standing and clapping as his three granddaughters looked on.

Later, Taiwan walked slugger Luke Ramirez with two outs to bring up Graft. The 12-year-old second baseman hit a 1-1 pitch to right to score Rios from third.

Taiwan loaded the bases in the fifth off two hit batters and a walk, but Garcia escaped the jam after getting Ou to ground into an inning-ending double play. Rios snagged the bouncer, tagged the runner going to third before throwing to first to get Ou.

IN BRIEF

Chiefs struggle as Flowers, Cassel suffer injuries

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The winless, worried and wounded Kansas City Chiefs launched a short work week Sunday while awaiting medical tests on quarterback Matt Cassel and cornerback Brandon Flowers.

Cassel limped off the field and out of sight after he was sacked on the third play of Saturday night's dismal 14-10 loss to Seattle, and the extent of his injury was uncertain. The same was true for Flowers, who returned an interception 28 yards for a touchdown before hurting his shoulder early in the first half.

Wide receiver Devard Darling also was helped to the sideline in the third quarter with an apparent leg injury.

Coach Todd Haley said he would discuss the injuries "at a later date." A team spokesman said Sunday there might be additional information following a practice on Monday that figured to be tough and demanding following what was by far the most disappointing of Kansas City's three preseason losses.

Hoosier coach suspends players for season opener

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana coach Bill Lynch suspended defensive tackle Deonte Mack and linebacker Ian Reeves on Sunday and will hold them out of Thursday night's season opener against Eastern Kentucky.

Lynch said in a statement issued by the athletic department that both players violated team rules. He did not elaborate.

Mack, a junior, started nine games last season and finished with 21 tackles, 2½ sacks and one fumble recovery. He has played in 23 games over the past two seasons after redshirting in 2006.

Reeves, a sophomore, played in all 12 games last season, starting one as a fullback.

Neither player was listed on the team's two-deep depth chart, which was released Friday.

Bengals signed Smith three games into preseason

CINCINNATI — Offensive tackle Andre Smith signed a contract Sunday with the Cincinnati Bengals, ending an impasse that dragged on a month into the preseason.

The Bengals originally planned to have Smith start at right tackle, but he has missed three preseason games. He was in Cincinnati and agreed to the deal shortly before the start of a late afternoon practice, allowing him to get back on the field.

The Bengals finish their preseason schedule with a home game against Indianapolis on Thursday. It's unclear whether the rookie will be ready to play in that game.

"We'll ease him into practice, see where his conditioning level is and see where he is this week," coach Marvin Lewis said. "We haven't made a decision about Thursday and won't know until after Wednesday."

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Slocum surprises himself with win at Barclays

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Heath Slocum might have been the one player no one expected to win The Barclays.

He was locked in a tense battle over the final hour Sunday at Liberty National with some of the biggest names in golf — Tiger Woods, Steve Stricker, Padraig Harrington and Ernie Els.

Even more incredible is that a week ago, Slocum was not even sure he would make it to the opening event of the PGA Tour Playoffs. Having missed the cut, he had to wait until the tournament was over to learn that by the slimmest of margins — two points — he was the No. 124 seed out of the 125 players who qualified.

"My fate was not in my own hands," Slocum said.

He had his hands around that putter on the 18th green, however, and delivered the biggest shot of his life.

On the same green where Woods stunned the crowd by missing from 7 feet, Slocum knocked in a 20-foot par for a one-shot victory at The Barclays to get this FedEx Cup bonanza off to a compelling start.

Slocum closed with a 4-under 67 to win for the third time in his career, and first time in four years. The victory, worth \$1.35 million, moved him from No. 124 to No. 3 in the FedEx Cup standings, giving him a shot at the

\$10 million prize next month in Atlanta.

"It was an incredible day, incredible experience," Slocum said. "I was just kind of lucky to come out on top. A lot of good players. At the end of the day, that putt on the last was magical. I'll remember that for the rest of my life."

It was another finish Woods would like to forget.

In his first tournament since losing a two-shot lead to unheralded Y.E. Yang in the PGA Championship, the putter again cost Woods a chance to win — not only the final round, but all week on greens he could never trust.

Woods rimmed out a 3-foot par putt early in the round. He twice missed from inside 10 feet on par 5s. And after another clutch shot on the 18th hole, this one a 6-iron from 189 yards to 7 feet with a chance to tie for the lead, the birdie putt slid by on the left.

"It happens," said Woods, who shot a 67. "Not too many golf courses that you misread putts that badly. This golf course is one."

The drama unfolded even after some of the stars had left the course.

Els finished his bogey-free 66 and had his clubs in the trunk of his car when he heard the loud cheer from the 18th green after Woods stuffed his 6-iron close. Then

came a groan after the missed putt. Els had his golf shoes in a plastic bag when he was told that Slocum and Stricker, tied for the lead at 9 under had driven into fairway bunkers on the 18th. He quickly changed shoes and headed to the range.

Stricker caught the lip of the bunker, which left him short of the green, and hit wedge to 10 feet. Slocum also came up short, as did his wedge, leaving him 20 feet from the top of the ridge.

Slocum raised both arms in the air when his par putt broke gently back to the left and disappeared into the cup. Stricker's putt to force a two-way playoff caught the left lip of the cup.

In the third year of these playoffs, the FedEx Cup finally has a winner that resembles a real underdog.

"That's what it's all about," Slocum said. "I was sweating it out last week. I didn't even know if I'd be here. I came in here with the attitude that I had nothing to lose."

He turned into a huge winner.

Slocum, who came into The Barclays at No. 197 in the world ranking, finished at 9-under 275 for the biggest win of his career. His other two victories were opposite-field events, when the best players in the world were competing elsewhere.

He faced an All-Star cast

across the Hudson River from Manhattan, and Slocum shined.

The 35-year-old knocked in a 25-foot birdie at No. 2, the toughest par 3 at Liberty National, then surged into a share of the lead by holing out from 157 yards with a 7-iron for eagle on No. 5. He was steady the rest of the way, especially on the 18th.

"Anybody here in this field has the potential to win the tournament," Stricker said. "Heath is a very steady player. He's a very good player. I don't think we should be surprised that he won."

The surprise came from Woods.

The world's No. 1 player was lurking most of the day, unable to get any traction while missing so many putts. A 3-footer for par rimmed around the cup at No. 4, and he failed to convert birdie putts on two of the par 5s from inside 10 feet.

Down the stretch, everything changed.

He made a 10-foot birdie on the 14th, saved par with a 15-foot putt on the next hole, and got in range with pitch to 2 feet for birdie on the 16th. And with everything riding on one shot, he nailed his 6-iron to birdie range.

Any other week, any other course, Woods making that putt was practically a given.

This one never had a chance.

"Usually, he makes it," Slocum said. "Ho-hum for him. I guess you can't make 'em all."

Els played bogey-free and pulled into a tie for the lead with a birdie on the par-3 14th. He might have been hurt using a new driver, after discovering a crack in his other one on Saturday. Els felt his tee shots were getting away to the right, and he didn't want to risk such a mistake on the par-4 16th, which played only 287 yards in the final round. He laid up and made par.

"From where I've come from, where my game has been, where my confidence has been, this is moving in the right direction," said Els, who has not won since March 2008 at the Honda Classic.

Harrington continued his solid form, getting into the mix for the third straight tournament. He finished with four birdies over the final seven holes, making a long birdie at the 18th.

The final round featured endless possibilities, except for the guys atop the leaderboard.

Steve Marino and Paul Goydos, tied for the lead at 9 under to start the final round, and Webb Simpson and Fredrik Jacobson, both two shots behind, combined to go 11-over par. Marino shot 77, while Goydos made only one birdie in his round of 75.



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West goes six strong as Marlins top Padres

Figueroa strikes out career-high 10 Cubs in 4-1 Mets victory; Veteran Byrd leads Red Sox to sweep of Blue Jays

Associated Press

MIAMI — Sean West is making the most of his second trip to the majors this season.

John Baker and Cody Ross each drove in two runs, leading West and the Florida Marlins over the San Diego Padres 6-4 Sunday and ending their three-game losing streak.

West (6-5) won for the fourth time in his last five outings at home. He gave up one earned run in six innings.

This was the third win in five outings for West since being recalled from Double-A Jacksonville on Aug. 8. He went 3-4 in 10 outings during his first stint with the Marlins from May 23-July 11.

Chris Coghlan's leadoff single started a five-run burst in the fourth inning that made it 5-3.

Coghlan has 46 hits in August, the most in any month by a National League rookie since Wally Moon had 52 for the St. Louis Cardinals in July 1954.

"It's all about winning," Coghlan said. "All that stuff is individual and right now we're trying to win games and get to the playoffs and that's the big picture, not how many hits I get."

West gave up seven hits and struck out seven, tying his career-high of seven strikeouts last achieved against the New York Yankees on June 19. Leo Nunez pitched a scoreless ninth for his 17th save in 21 opportunities.

"Today I tried to do a little more pitching than throwing," West said. "I wanted to get as deep as I could because our bullpen is a little worn out."

The Padres took a 3-0 lead in the fourth, helped by West's error. Oscar Salazar led off with a single, Kevin Kouzmanoff hit an RBI double and Chase Headley walked. Will Venable bunted and West threw wildly to first, allowing Kouzmanoff to score. After West struck out the next two batters, Headley scored from third on a passed ball by Baker.

The Marlins bounced back in their half to take the lead. After retiring the first nine batters, Mat Latos (4-4) gave up consecutive singles to Coghlan and Ross Gload to open the inning. With one out, Latos walked Jorge Cantu to load the bases. Baker had a two-run single and Ross added a two-run double. Latos remains winless in his last four starts.

"One minute you're on top of the world, the next minute you are down at the bottom," Latos said, who grew up in nearby Margate, Fla. "I left a couple pitches up and didn't make quality pitches when I needed to. Give them credit, they are a good hitting team and when I made mistakes, they hit them."

The Marlins avoided getting swept by the Padres for the first time since May 13-15, 2005.

"It was a tough weekend for us and today was nice to salvage the series," Ross said. "We got some timely hitting and some walks when we needed it and it was a good win for us."

San Diego closed to 5-4 in the eighth when Headley singled, Adrian Gonzalez had a pinch-hit single and Tony Gwynn Jr. had an RBI grounder.

Coghlan drew a bases-loaded walk in the eighth from Greg Burke.

"We jumped out to a nice 3-0 lead, Mat was throwing the ball great, and then they strung an inning together," Padres manager Bud Black said. "It was a hard-fought game the rest of the way, we just fell a little short."

Mets 4, Cubs 1

Nelson Figueroa had command of all his pitches and that was too much for the Cubs hitters.

Figueroa struck out a career-high 10 and had an RBI single to lead the New York Mets to a 4-1 victory over Chicago on Sunday.

"We used all of them. I think that was one of the keys," Figueroa said. "They never could sit on one certain pitch, looking for a slider with two strikes. I was able to throw my fastball and move it around to different spot on the plate. Just really expanded the zone and taking advantage of some of their aggressive swings."

Figueroa (2-3) allowed one run on six hits in seven-plus strong innings and won his first start since April 27, 2008. Figueroa, who took Johan Santana's spot in the rotation, got Jake Fox swinging for the second out of the fourth inning for his ninth strikeout of the game.

Mets manager Jerry Manuel was impressed how Figueroa attacked the hitters.

"He is the epitome of getting secondary pitches over," Manuel said. "And it also looks like to me he's kind of a cerebral guy where he has a good memory out there as to what he did before to get a particular guy out and able to command his fastball enough to be able to attack them in different spots."

Mets leadoff hitter Angel Pagan had three hits against his former team as New York won just for the second time in nine games.

Brian Stokes pitched a perfect eighth inning and Francisco Rodriguez pitched a scoreless ninth for his 28th save in 33 opportunities.

The Cubs had a chance in the ninth against Rodriguez with Kosuke Fukudome on first. Right fielder Jeff Francoeur dropped Jake Fox's short pop up, but second baseman Luis Castillo recovered the ball and forced out Fukudome at second.

Starter Carlos Zambrano (7-6) couldn't get through the fourth inning for the Cubs, who failed to complete a three-game sweep of the Mets. Zambrano hasn't won since July 22 at Philadelphia.

Zambrano allowed four runs and 11 hits in 3 1-3 innings. It was his second poor outing since being activated from the disabled list with a sore back. In his first start back, Zambrano yielded a season-high eight runs in 4 1-3 innings of a 15-6 loss to Washington

Tuesday.

"I pitched OK today. I didn't make too many mistakes," Zambrano said. "It looked like they came ready to hit today. I made some good pitches to Pagan and (Luis) Castillo and they were able to get the head of the bat on the ball."

Trailing 1-0 in the third inning, Pagan walked and advanced to second on Castillo's single. Zambrano tried to pickoff Pagan at second, but his throw went into center field, moving Pagan to third and Castillo to second. Daniel Murphy and Francoeur followed with back-to-back RBI singles to give the Mets a 2-1 lead.

The Mets added to its lead off Zambrano in the fourth inning. After getting Fernando Tatis to fly out, Zambrano allowed five consecutive hits before being pulled by manager Lou Piniella and booed by the fans. After Brian Schneider singled, Anderson Hernandez followed with an RBI triple.

With the infield in, Figueroa helped himself out with a single to score Hernandez. Zambrano's outing ended after he gave up back-to-back singles to load the bases.

Reliever Tom Gorzelanny limited the damage by getting Murphy to fly out and got Francoeur to hit into a fielder's choice.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella is concerned with Zambrano's mechanics.

"He is opening up his front shoulders. They're getting a good look at him, because

they're not swinging and missing at all. That's usually a pretty good indication you're showing the ball to the hitter a little prematurely and you're giving the hitter a longer look," said Piniella.

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 0

It was a scene right out of the movies. A former major league right-hander spends the spring and early summer throwing batting practice to his son's team before he returns to the bigs with six shutout innings.

That's exactly what Paul Byrd did Sunday.

Byrd, making his first major league start since last September, held the Blue Jays to three hits and the Boston Red Sox completed a three-game sweep with a victory over Roy Halladay and the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I'm throwing to a 13 and under team and the Red Sox called and I say, 'I don't know how long I'll take to get ready,'" said Byrd, still clutching the game ball and wearing the youth league hat in an interview room after the game.

"I'm just so excited to be back. I want a World Series ring," he said. "Hopefully I can help this team get there. I'll clean toilets if I have to, and I told them that."

Byrd (1-0), out of baseball after finishing last year with the Red Sox, signed a minor league contract on Aug. 5. He struck out one and walked three.

"I think he missed compet-

ing," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. "He's with a team fighting for their playoff life, so he gets to be a part of that, which I think he enjoys."

The win was the sixth in seven games for Boston, which moved 3 ½ games ahead of Texas in the AL's wild-card race after the Rangers lost to Minnesota, 5-3, on Sunday.

Scoring single runs in each of the first four innings, the Red Sox sent Halladay (13-8) to his third consecutive loss for the first time since last April.

"It's a little tough to pitch when you don't get any runs," Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston said. "We're just not scoring for him, that's all."

The Blue Jays fell to 0-6 in Fenway Park this year and were swept in a three-game series by the Red Sox for the second time this month, losing at the Rogers Centre Aug. 18-21.

Toronto lost for the 11th time in 14 games.

Billy Wagner, acquired by Boston from the Mets for two players to be named Tuesday, pitched one scoreless inning with three strikeouts and one hit in his debut. Takashi Saito, the fourth pitcher, completed the five-hit shutout.

Halladay, shopped at the July 31st trading deadline before he remained with Toronto, is 3-5 since the all-star break.

"I felt fine. It's a good offensive team. We make a couple mistakes here or there and you don't score runs, it's tough," Halladay said. "Early runs cost you games like that."

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Line

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line coach in Frank Verducci, optimism abounds for a unit that significantly improved last year following one of the worst performances in school history in 2007.

While four starters from last year's line return, there were still some shuffling and position battles over the offseason. The biggest change was the switch of senior Eric Olsen from guard to center, where he takes the place of classmate Dan Wenger.

"Danny [Wenger] was hurt a lot in the spring last year. We started experimenting with [the switch] last spring because he was on the shelf a good part of the spring," head coach Charlie Weis said. "I think we intend to play the best five guys."

Replacing departed senior Mike Turkovich at left tackle is fifth-year senior Paul Duncan, who missed the entirety of 2008 after surgery on his right hip. Duncan started every game for the Irish in 2007.

Moving into a permanent starting role in Olsen's vacated spot at right guard is sophomore Trevor Robinson. Weis said he was impressed with Robinson's work as a freshman and recovering from a shoulder injury last year.

"I think with our scheme, the guy who gets isolated a whole bunch of times is the right guard," Weis said. "I think we believe that he's a guy that could athletically be in that position to give us the best chance to be successful."

Returning at the left guard and right tackle positions for

the Irish are seniors Chris Stewart and Sam Young. The 650-pound tandem returns additional power and leadership to an offensive line that already has strength in both areas.

Wenger's absence from the starting role doesn't spell the end of the senior's contributions for the Irish, but rather should add depth and stamina to this year's unit.

Weis also mentioned receiving positive contributions from many rotation players in the two deep, specifically junior Matt Romine, who has pushed Duncan for time at left tackle.

"This is the first time we've had this many guys on scholarship on the offensive line," Weis said. "To have 15 guys on scholarship has put a little different light to it. This is going to be the first time we're going to start with three units who legitimately play left and right tackle, left and right guard and center."

Leading the veteran group is the new offensive line coach Verducci, who replaced John Latina in the winter. Verducci has over 27 years of coaching experience at both the NFL and collegiate levels, most recently with the Cleveland Browns.

"Frank provides an excellent background on both the offensive line and run game in general from two perspectives, having coached several years in professional football and at the Division I level — predominantly in the Big Ten," Weis said on Verducci's hiring in January. "His experience will be an asset both to our players and our staff."

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Receivers

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est one-two punch on the out-sides, and with a blend of experienced returnees and highly touted newcomers at both receiver and tight end, Irish quarterback Jimmy Clausen is surely licking his chops.

Add to that fact that Notre Dame's first opponent, Nevada, had, statistically, the worst pass defense in college football last season, and the general consensus is that Clausen and Co. will have a field day against the Wolfpack on Saturday.

The Irish are so deep at the receiver position it's almost ridiculous. Realistically, Clausen could complete passes to nine different wide receivers — plus three different tight ends — this season in meaningful action.

Included in the group behind Tate and Floyd are seniors Robby Parris and George West, junior Duval Kamara, sophomores John Goodman and Deion Walker, and freshmen Shaquelle Evans and Roby Toma.

Kamara has battled a knee injury throughout camp but will resume full practice today and is slated to play in Saturday's opener. He entered the fall as the favorite for the No. 3 receiver slot, but between his own health and the impressive play from several young Irish wide outs, it remains to be seen where he'll be listed when Weis releases an updated depth chart on Tuesday.

It is clear that Evans has worked his way, at the very least, into the third-receiver discussion, and many Irish fans were likely excited by his long touchdown catch in Notre Dame's open practice

on Aug. 15. Just how much playing time will be available for Evans remains unclear, but he's staked his claim to this point.

"We like the fact that he has really good hands and good speed — almost deceptive speed, because he's a long strider. And he's done a good job mentally picking up the system," wide receivers coach Rob Ianello said. "He's playing one position in our two-receiver set and another in our three-receiver set, which has allowed us to tax him a little bit mentally, and he's done a nice job with that."

Parris and West give Notre Dame a pair of veteran targets with reliable hands, a luxury many teams don't have. Both received more action in 2007 than in 2008, with Parris' reception total dropping from 29 to nine and West's from 21 to one — a reflection of the young talent that has taken over at the position.

Neither Goodman nor Walker saw game action as freshmen last season, but both have worked their way into the crowded position battle and will likely receive more of an opportunity as sophomores.

Listed at 5 feet 9 inches, 175 pounds, one might think Toma could use a year to bulk up and transition into the college game. But Weis said Toma, a high school teammate of super-freshman linebacker Manti Te'o, has impressed so much that he could see the field right away.

Floyd said earlier this summer that guys like Goodman, Toma and Walker — those

who haven't yet played in an Irish uniform — have helped give Notre Dame even more depth at the receiver position.

"They got at it this summer," Floyd told scout.com. "Getting stronger and faster, and the coaches and the guys that have played like to see that because there's a lot of depth and you have help when someone goes down."

Though there may have been some cause for concern a few months ago regarding Notre Dame's depth at the tight end position with the transfer of Joe Fauria to UCLA, impressive performances in presea-

son practice have erased much of that uncertainty. Rudolph is the unquestioned starter after catching 29 passes as a freshman, and junior Mike Ragone is back from a knee injury that held him out of action last season. Former walk-on Bobby Burger, who earned a scholarship last week after turning heads in camp, will see time as the No. 2 tight end, especially in situations where the Irish need an extra blocker.

Freshman Tyler Eifert has also worked his way into contention for playing time, though he may be a luxury at this point and could be held out of games to preserve a year of eligibility.

[Eifert is] making it tough for us to want to not play him," Weis said. "He's picked it up mentally and physically he's handled the roles of a tight end, including the blocking, which has been a very pleasant surprise for us."

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"[Shaquelle Evans has] done a good job mentally picking up the system."

Rob Ianello
Irish receivers coach

Belles

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share of 20th with a 174, and the Belles' lone senior, Perri Hamma, finished 17th with a 172.

The Belles look to continue their solid start when they next see action at their first home tournament, the O'Brien D-III Championship, on Sept. 13 and 14.

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Shamrock

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Notre Dame was lifted by exceptional individual accomplishments, but the team's greatest assets may be its poise and experience.

"I think I go back to this May when we got to take the team overseas," Brown said. "We went to Italy and had two weeks of training in there that helped the chemistry and helped the team get a little bit stronger. We played against some really big blockers and some players that hit the ball extremely hard, so it wasn't like we were coming in here thinking we hadn't seen this before."

Notre Dame now hits the road as it prepares to compete in the Xavier Invitational next week in Cincinnati. The Irish will look to carry over the momentum from this weekend's success as they take on Xavier, Tennessee and No. 16 Michigan.

"We do have to guard against a letdown," Brown said. "I know the team realizes that they're good, but there's just the emotional high of winning. It's going to be tough."

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"Our start was much better [than last week]," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "Some of the things we worked on during the week we improved on."

Henderson nearly scored again with 18 minutes left in the second half. The Irish sophomore escaped the Ramblers' (0-3) defenders and faced only the Loyola-Chicago sophomore goalie Katie Groesch. Henderson's shot was aimed at the low right corner, but Groesch managed to block it, keeping the Ramblers within striking range.

Notre Dame's leading scorer helped put the game out of the Ramblers' reach early in the second half with her passing. An apt pass from Henderson to sophomore midfielder Molly Campbell was quickly redirected into the back of net by Campbell, giving Notre Dame a 2-0 lead.

Notre Dame had 21 shots on goal, whereas Loyola-Chicago only managed six on Irish senior netminder Kelsey Lysander.

"One of the things we did well was create a lot of shot opportunities, and in the last few years that is something we

have accomplished," Waldrum said. "A couple of times even though we created those shot opportunities, we weren't there for rebounds or added opportunities. That is something we need to improve."

The early-season rust aside, the victory over Loyola-Chicago was the ideal way to close Alumni Field. In its final game, the field was soaked from 24 hours of rain, with standing water at some spots on the pitch.

"There are a lot of mixed feelings as we move to Alumni Stadium," Waldrum said. "Alumni Field has 20 years of history, and 10 for me personally. I will miss the atmosphere of the field."

Since Alumni Field first opened in 1990, the women's soccer team has amassed a 222-16-4 record. The team currently has a 27-game winning streak at the facility, and has now won its last 30 regular season games.

Having outscored its two opponents this season 5-0, the Irish have started the season in an impressive manner, yet Waldrum is not satisfied.

"We are not where we want to be yet," the Irish coach said. "At the same time, I would not want to be at peak form this early in the season."



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Junior forward Rose Augustin looks to cross during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over Loyola Friday.

Peak form was not needed to top Loyola-Chicago on Friday, but may be necessary in Notre Dame's next game. The team will christen Alumni Stadium this upcoming Friday against

rival and defending national champion No. 1 North Carolina.

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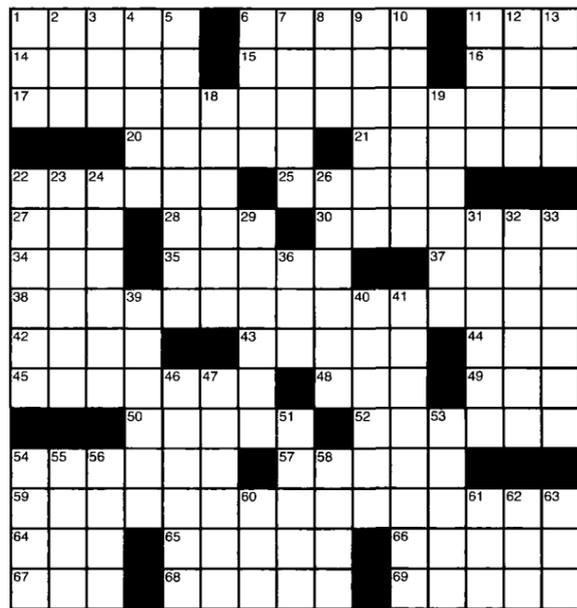
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CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Boggled down
 - 6 Sword handles
 - 11 ___-Magnon man
 - 14 High-speed train from Boston to Washington
 - 15 Stand in a queue for, say
 - 16 Drink with Grabbin' Grape and Smashin' Wild Berry flavors
 - 17 College professor's mantra
 - 20 Splenda rival
 - 21 Short-sheeting a bed, TP'ing a house, etc.
 - 22 2K race, e.g.
 - 25 Bloodhound's trail
 - 27 Yoko of "Double Fantasy"
 - 28 Uganda's ___ Amin
 - 30 As, chemically
 - 34 G.P.S. offering: Abbr.
 - 35 Highway entrances and exits, typically
 - 37 "First, ___ harm" (medical axiom)
 - 38 Highly collectible illustrator
 - 42 Kuwaiti chief
 - 43 ___ orange
 - 44 The upper Midwest's ___ Canals
 - 45 Hits the hay
 - 48 Stimp's cartoon pal
 - 49 Ernie of golf fame
 - 50 Penny vis-à-vis a dime
 - 52 Gird oneself
 - 54 Finisher of pottery or cakes
 - 57 ___ note (dictionary bit)
 - 59 Lafayette or Orleans
 - 64 Bed-and-breakfast
 - 65 Dazzling effect
 - 66 Dull, in poetry
 - 67 "Wanna ___?"
 - 68 What light bulbs and bootblacks do
 - 69 English nobles



Puzzle by Allan E. Parrish

- Down**
- 1 Atlas page
 - 2 Critical hosp. area
 - 3 Yank's foe in the Civil War
 - 4 Aunt from "Oklahoma!"
 - 5 Rum and lime juice drink
 - 6 LOL, out loud
 - 7 Mil. truants
 - 8 Distant
 - 9 One leaving cash on the table?
 - 10 Backs of boats
 - 11 It might be cut by an uppercut
 - 12 Jeopardy
 - 13 Adolph who was chief of The New York Times from 1896 to 1935
 - 18 Dairy Queen order
 - 19 Deemed not suitable for kids
 - 22 Previous
 - 23 Wild
 - 24 1944 Jean-Paul Sartre play
 - 26 One of the Wise Men
 - 29 "Please help me with directions"
 - 31 Boom, zoom and vroom
 - 32 Cushiony part of a shoe
 - 33 Matt Lauer or Meredith Vieira for "Today"
 - 36 They have precincts: Abbr.
 - 39 Nancy's 56-Down in the comics
 - 40 Feature of a May-December romance
 - 41 Deserter
 - 46 ___ Peanut Butter Cups
 - 47 Fortify with vitamins, e.g.
 - 51 Style of Chinese cuisine
 - 53 ___ incognita
 - 54 Fast-talking
 - 55 Unaccompanied
 - 56 See 39-Down
 - 58 Completely fill
 - 60 Rope-a-dope boxer
 - 61 Suffix with cash
 - 62 "My gal" of song
 - 63 60-min. periods

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 TARP NEOREALISM
 PROPOSEMARRIAGE
 ACLEF TINOSTE
 RELATE NOISE
 RETAG SWAN
 ONT NUMISMATIST
 VESTEDINTERESTS
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Andy Roddick, 27; Rich Cronin, 34; Lisa Ling, 36; Cameron Diaz, 37

Happy Birthday: This can turn into an interesting year with lots of room for change as well as success. Reevaluate your current living arrangements and make alterations to set your mind at ease and lead you to personal freedom. Make the moves that will bring you happiness. Your numbers are 7, 10, 18, 20, 29, 34, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have to dodge someone who is persistently trying to get you to take on more. You have to draw the line so that you can work on the things that mean the most to you. It's time to help yourself. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do anything that will get you out of the house and away from any controversy that will lead to changes you do not want. You need time to think and to plan your next move. Ask someone you trust for input. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Taking on a little responsibility is fine if it will bring you personal benefits but do not sign up for something that will deter from your own freedom and progress. You have to be the judge of what's important to you and what isn't. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can do so much more to make your life better if you share your knowledge, intent and desires with someone who complements you. Don't shy away from taking on greater responsibility. The rewards will be huge. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get things out of the way that have been hanging over your head and you will feel so much better. A neighbor or friend will be able to shed some light on the possibility of something you want to do. Investigate any problem you have with a colleague. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make some major changes personally and to your home. Don't be shy when it comes to presenting your ideas or plans. It's up to you to start the ball rolling. Don't let doubt slow you down. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use caution when making decisions that will affect your home life. Back away from something or someone to protect your interests and spare your loved ones grief. Unpredictable actions should be kept to a minimum and disagreements avoided. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is an interesting opportunity that involves travel, money, an investment and trying something altogether different. A change will help you get out of a situation that has caused you to spin your wheels for a long time. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be completely off-base with your assumptions and may have to backtrack to get anything out of your current situation. Use charm, rather than demands, with the people who can make a difference to your financial future. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is money to be made and deals to be struck if you are fast to take action. You may be under some pressure to contribute more of your time to family. Juggle your plans to keep everyone happy. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't give out information that should be kept a secret. Build on a friendship instead of trying to force a relationship on someone who isn't ready for one. Be fun, compassionate and understanding. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A serious connection can be made if you volunteer or participate in something you feel strongly about. Your views will have an impact and the people you interest will be willing to support your position. ★★★★★

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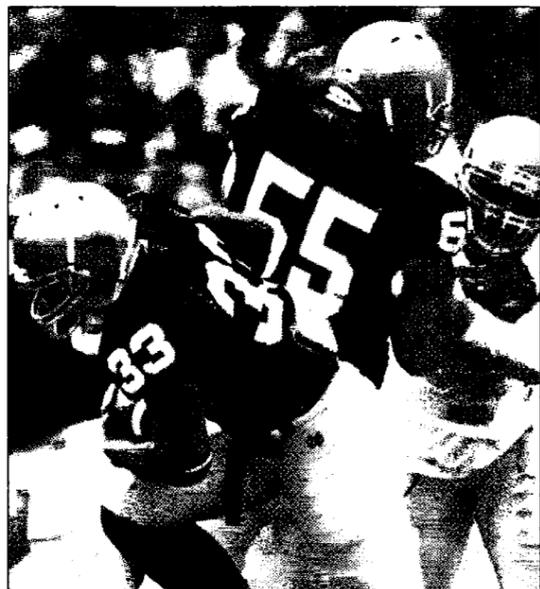
Veteran offensive line settles in, hopes for marked improvement

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Associate Sports Editor

Statistics and recent success have shown that offensive line experience is one of, if not the most important factors in determining a team's success. Assuming that strong trend holds true, the Irish should be in for quite a season.

The Notre Dame offensive line returns with the experience of 100 career starts, tied for tops in the nation with Virginia Tech. With an abundance of returning starters and veterans and a new offensive

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PAT COVENEY/The Observer
Center Eric Olsen, then a starting guard, makes a block during the Blue-Gold game April 18.



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer
Wide receiver Golden Tate runs after a catch during Notre Dame's Hawaii Bowl victory Dec. 25.

Wide receiver, tight end units give Notre Dame increased flexibility

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

The secret's out — Notre Dame's receiving corps is pretty darn good.

The wide receiver position undoubtedly boasts more depth than any other on the current Irish roster, and this year's stable of receivers is certainly among the nation's best. Junior Golden Tate (58 receptions, 1080 yards, 10 touchdowns) and sophomore Michael Floyd (48 receptions, 719 yards, 7 touchdowns) might pose the country's scari-

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish upset No. 5 Stanford, finish 2-1 at Shamrock Invite

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

In one of the most significant victories in program history, the Irish volleyball team defeated No. 5 Stanford in straight sets Saturday to highlight a 2-1 opening weekend at the Shamrock Invitational, which also included a win over Denver Friday and a loss to LSU Sunday.

The upset win over the Cardinal marks just the second time the Irish have dealt a loss to a top-five opponent, the first since 1993.

"We have tremendous senior leadership on the team, and I thought all the seniors played really well," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We played really poised, and we didn't get nervous down the stretch, and I think that's indicative of a team

that has experience. It's a huge win for our program."

The Irish improved their all-time record to 37-7 at the annual event. The squad racked six consecutive sets in the win column to sweep Denver on Friday and the Cardinal on Saturday, before falling in straight sets to LSU on Sunday.

The Pioneers wrapped up the weekend winless in three tries, while Stanford and LSU both

finished the showcase with records of 2-1.

The Tigers opened the invitational by falling in five sets to the Cardinal in a hard-fought match, but bounced back to snap Notre Dame's hopes for a three-team sweep. LSU outside hitter Michele Williams was named tournament MVP, finishing the event with 37 kills (2.85 per set) and 19 blocks (1.46 per set).

Despite the loss to the Tigers, the Irish's strong performance this weekend will no doubt turn some heads in the volleyball community. The squad was paced by impressive performances from senior outside hitter Serenity Phillips and sophomore outside hitter Kristen Dealy, both of whom were named to the all-tournament team.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Old stadium closes with a 'W'

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

The all-day rain stopped just in time for Notre Dame to win the final game at Alumni Field Friday night. Loyola-Chicago challenged the No. 2 Irish on a soaked field, but sophomore forward Melissa Henderson's goal and assist led Notre Dame to a 2-0 victory.

Contrary to the team's first game, the Irish (2-0) started strong, as Henderson put the scoreboard to use after less than 14 minutes of game time. Junior midfielder Julie Scheidler assisted on the goal.

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IAN GAVLICK/The Observer
Sophomore Melissa Henderson gets past two defenders during Notre Dame's 2-0 victory over Loyola Friday.

SMC GOLF

Belles place second at Trine Invitational

By BRENDAN CORSONES
Sports Writer

The Belles were able to pull a second place finish at this weekend's Trine Invitational in Angola, Ind., squeaking by Illinois Wesleyan but falling 24 strokes behind Division II powerhouse University of Indianapolis.

Saint Mary's was led by freshman Martyna Mierzwa, who shot a 79 on the second day to finish third overall in the tournament with a 155. Junior Mary Kate Boyce came in at ninth overall with a 160

two-day total.

The Belles closed the first day behind Indianapolis, a lead that only increased as the tournament continued. The individual winner was Indianapolis' Lyndsay McBride, the reigning Division II individual champion, who carded a 148 for the weekend.

Also in contention for the Belles was sophomore Natalie Matuszak, who finished 11th with a 164. Two strokes back in 13th was junior Rosie O'Connor. Sophomore Christine Brown garnered a

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