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ND renews effort to attract faculty

Jenkins builds on predecessors' tradition, creates office for recruiting Catholic profs

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writers

Editor's Note: This is the second story in a three-part series examining the role of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame.

While University President Father John Jenkins announced two weeks ago the creation of a new office to recruit Catholic faculty members, that drive is nothing new to a school so deeply rooted in its religious identity.

After all, when Father Edward Sorin founded Notre Dame more than 150 years ago, he dreamed it would become a great American Catholic university.

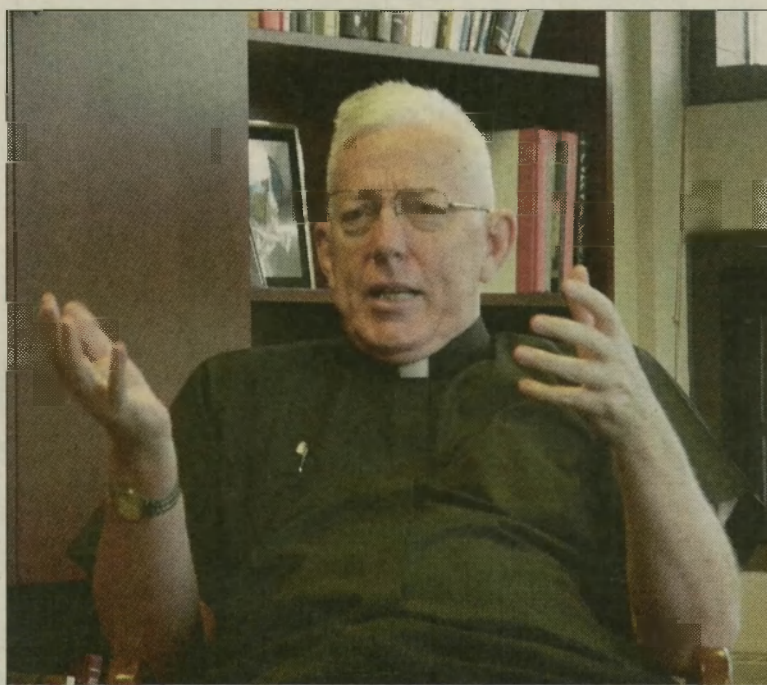
So this year's more aggressive approach to bumping up the

continually slipping percentage of faculty members who are Catholic — now just under 54 percent — is not a redefinition, but a “re-articulation” of the goals of the University, said Vice President and Associate Provost Jean Ann Linney.

“Across the University there is attention now — but it's not that it wasn't there in the past — but more heightened [attention] perhaps, as to who we're hiring and whether they are Catholic or not,” Linney said.

That attention was certainly present during the tenure of University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy, who was involved in crafting a part of Notre Dame's mission statement

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer
University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy gestures during a Sept. 7 interview in his office on the third floor of DeBartolo Hall.

Donations break \$180 million

Total for 2006 fiscal year hits record high

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

Notre Dame benefactors went above and beyond in the 2006 fiscal year and the University has the numbers — a record-high \$180.7 million to be exact — to prove it, officials announced Monday.

The amount is the highest the University has ever received in cash contributions from alumni, parents and friends of Notre Dame, not including account pledges of future gifts, according to a University press release.

“This record year in fund raising is tangible evidence of the enthusiasm in the Notre Dame family for the bold vision of our new president, Father John Jenkins. Indeed, Notre Dame benefactors are our co-creators in this venture, advancing the mission and tradition of the University in exceptional and exciting ways,” said Lou Nanni, vice president for University Relations.

The previous high of \$173.7 million in 2004 was set largely due to the \$50 million donation from the estate of Joan Kroc, the largest single contribution in the University's history.

“These fund-raising records are a tribute to the loyalty and insight of the Notre Dame family and the

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‘Gay? Fine by me’ shirts sprinkle campus



Observer File Photo
Students in orange “Gay? Fine by me” T-shirts gather around the symbolic closet on South Quad in 2005.

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

“Gay” might be fine by the students and faculty sporting bright orange shirts today, but more than two years after the “Gay? Fine by me” slogan first flooded campus, homosexual student groups are still not officially recognized by the University — a fact that troubles gay activists both inside and outside Notre Dame.

The first “Gay? Fine by me” T-shirt day was organized by then-senior Joe Dickmann in March 2004 to dispute a Princeton Review ranking that put Notre Dame at the top of the “Alternative Lifestyles not an Alternative” list. He wanted to prove that Notre Dame students

were “gay-friendly,” and he hoped the shirts would push the University to rethink its stance on gay and lesbian student groups.

The 2,400 orange shirts dotting campus that day brought national media attention in what history professor Gail Bederman called a “breathtaking” example of student acceptance.

Dickmann graduated two months later, but he said Tuesday from St. Louis that more work must be done. The shirts might have made students realize “there were allies on campus,” but its statement has failed to penetrate the University's policy of not recognizing gay and lesbian student organizations, he said.

“I want the [Notre Dame] envi-

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Student business offers alternative to Huddle

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Buying groceries can be an annoyance for many Notre Dame students, especially those without access to a car. But because of the limited selection at the Huddle Mart, off-campus store runs are often necessary. Now, three business students hope to capitalize on these inconveniences with a service that will deliver groceries directly to dorm rooms.

Domer Delivery is a student-run business that purchases grocery and household items — and just about anything else someone might want — from retail stores and delivers them to a stu-

dent's dorm room for a small fee. Founded by senior Clint Gille, senior Mike Sciortino and junior Nick Zehrbach, the service receives orders for retail goods from Notre Dame and St. Mary's students online at www.domerdelivery.com.

The students founded the business as a project for their Introduction to Entrepreneurship class with a \$40 startup loan from their professor. The goal of the assignment, called ‘The \$25 Challenge,’ is to make 1,000 percent of the startup cost as profit by Thanksgiving. The \$25 Challenge is the same assignment that produced the “Charlie's Army” T-shirts last

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Scholar lectures on African crisis

Israeli professor, author Chazan urges international intervention



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer
Renowned author Naomi Chazan discusses the troubles afflicting the African continent in the Hesburgh Center Tuesday.

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

Several celebrities have recently captured media attention through African relief activism — but the continent was not taken lightly in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies Tuesday during a lecture from renowned professor Naomi Chazan.

Chazan — the Notre Dame Provost's Distinguished Woman Lecturer — spoke about the African continent's AIDS plight, political instability and economic hindrances, and stressed the importance of international intervention to provide relief in her talk “Can the World Afford to Abandon Africa?”

“If you don't think that things

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INSIDE COLUMN

Catastrophic computer crash

Like many people today, I feel like I spend my life at a computer. Probably because I do, and I think it's starting to catch up with me.

It all started to go downhill last year. I was sitting in my room on a warm and sunny after-noon enjoy-ing the breeze drifting in through my open window. I had just finished typing a paper and proofreading. I was ready to print.

Disaster.

My printer would not print.

Fifteen minutes later I had unplugged, plugged-in, shut-down, restarted, jiggled and wiggled my way into a frenzy. The stupid hunk of plastic was obviously not going to fulfill its one purpose of existence.

I thought to myself, well I'll just e-mail it and print it out at the library later. I had more important things to attend to at the time. I had new photos from the weekend rotting on my digital camera, and they needed to be uploaded STAT.

Catastrophe.

Turns out my USB ports were on a level 5 meltdown. No printing. No uploading.

One year later, I have learned to live without.

The printer was one less thing to pack. I'm saving money on ink and paper, and I can make a quick stop at Walgreen's to have my photos put on a CD for about two dollars. Overall, my programs were still functioning, and at least my hard drive hadn't crashed.

My computer and I were at peace. Until today that is.

Today, I come home from class and sit down to check my e-mail. I gently push the power button to wake my machine from sleep mode and am greeted by the most horrendous sound I have ever heard.

My computer sounds like a garbage disposal with a spoon stuck in it intermingled with almost peaceful moments of a high-pitched whine somewhat similar to a table saw ripping through a two-by-four.

Apocalypse.

Approaching its fourth birthday my PC is well beyond the years of warranty coverage, and I am almost certain all signs of functioning are about to cease.

As I sit here and compose what could be my last Word document on the old boy, I can not help but remember the good times. There were the late nights at the library, the warm sunny days by the lake or on the quad (noise update: it now sounds like a percolating-coffee-pot-and-shoelace-stuck-in-a-vacuum-cleaner hybrid) ... I can still remember when I brought him home from Best Buy.

Maybe a little well-deserved rest will help him.

Forget sleep mode, I need a button for drug-induced coma mode.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DURING WHAT TIME OF DAY ARE YOU MOST PRODUCTIVE?



Colleen Huml
freshman
McGlinn

"Right now, so leave me be."



Jacquelin Sibears
sophomore
Badin

"At night, obviously ... [wink]."



Kevin Bailey
junior
Sorin

"3:33 a.m. EXACTLY 3:33 a.m."



Megan McDonald
grad student
off-campus

"Mid-morning, just because I'm most awake then."



Mike Hoffmann
freshman
Alumni

"I'm never productive."



Stephen Eckart
sophomore
Dillon

"I usually hit my second wind around three in the morning."



Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis shares a laugh with a young fan as he signs copies of his autobiography at the Bookstore Tuesday night.

OFFBEAT

Camera catches prosecutor naked

HAMILTON, Ohio — A security camera caught a city prosecutor walking around naked in a government building after business hours, authorities said.

Scott Blauvelt, 35, was arrested Monday and charged with two counts of public indecency. He was released from the Butler County jail and is awaiting a hearing in Hamilton Municipal Court, where he usually works, sheriff's Maj. Anthony Dwyer said.

A guard monitoring a security camera spotted a nude man investigators identified as Blauvelt in a building that houses county offices Thursday night, Dwyer said. The night before, security video had captured Blauvelt naked in another area of the building, where city offices are located, he said.

Woman charged with drunk horse riding

CLAYTON, Ga. — Well, that's a DUI of a different color. Heather Darnell, 22, of Mountain City, Ga., faces a drunk driving charge after she steered the horse she was riding onto the highway and tangled with a car, authorities said. Darnell also

was cited for entering a traffic lane.

She remains in fair condition after being airlifted to the Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville, Ga.

The horse apparently survived, officials said.

Three people who were in the Pontiac Bonneville that struck the horse Friday night were treated at Mountain Lakes Medical Center in Clayton, Ga., and released: Ancella Gragg, 32, of Lakemont, Ga., who was at the wheel; and a 13-year-old girl and 9-year-old boy.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

All are welcome to a showing of the 1967 film "Titicut Follies" tonight at 7 in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. The screening is part of the Notre Dame Law School Legal Aid Clinic's Francisco de Vitoria Film Festival. Post-film discussion will be led by Michael Jenuwine of the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic. Two more films, "The Orphan Trains" and "Rabbit-Proof Fence" will be shown tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center as part of the same series.

Professor Naomi Chazan of the Academic College of Tel Aviv will give a lecture on "Options for an Israeli-Palestinian Peace: Thinking Out of the Box" tonight at 8 in the auditorium of McKenna Hall. A reception is to follow the lecture, which is sponsored by the Notre Dame Holocaust Project and the Kroc Institute. Chazan will deliver a third lecture entitled "What Women Bring to Peace: A Comparative Look at the Role of Women in Conflict Resolution Today" at 4 p.m. tomorrow in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center.

Israel Consul General to the Midwest Barukh Binah will give the lecture "In the Wake of a Summer of Conflict: An Israeli Perspective" tonight at 7 in 102 DeBartolo.

Musicians Patrick Noble and Juan Pablo will perform tonight at 8 in Dalloway's Coffee House at Saint Mary's.

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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Donnelly visits Saint Mary's as race intensifies

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

When double Domer Joe Donnelly spoke to a crowd of 40 in Carroll Auditorium Tuesday night, he admitted it was not his first time on Saint Mary's campus.

"The chance to speak with you is very special," he said. "While I was at Notre Dame I took some classes here, dined here [often] and was turned down by Saint Mary's girls many times."

The Democratic candidate in the race for Indiana's Second Congressional District put joking aside, however, to address voters' concerns about Iraq, foreign trade and the national budget.

Donnelly visited the College in an effort to increase political activism and discuss his intense congressional race against current Republican Congressman Chris Chocola. Recent polls show Donnelly ahead of Chocola by approximately 10 points, but Donnelly lost the 2004 race to Chocola 55 percent to 45 percent.

Despite the disappointing loss just two years ago, the 2006 Congressional elections have a new spin, Donnelly said.

The New York Times referred to the Second District as "ground zero" — a microcosm of all that needs to be improved in America, Donnelly said.

"This is your country," he

said. "You are going to shape and mold it through your votes. I hope to go to Congress and make this a better place for you."

Donnelly said his race has received national attention because the party that wins is likely to control the House of Representatives, stressing that it is possible to "change the world right here in northern Indiana."

He said the foreign relocation of jobs has hit the Indiana economy hard, taking away jobs that rightfully belong to American citizens in this area dominated by industrial manufacturing and small business.

The solution to create more jobs and boost the economy while breaking the nation's ties to foreign oil can also be found in this region, he said.

"Two counties from here are building the largest bio-diesel plant in the world. ... [It] will put money in the pockets of U.S. farmers and make the economy more secure," he said.

As students' concerns grow over the wartime situation in Iraq, Donnelly said the solution is to "stabilize the country." "[The War in Iraq] is an extraordinarily difficult situation," he said. "It is easy to

[keep fighting] when it is not your son, daughter, husband or wife over there."

"The current leadership in Washington has not carried the ball and has let [the troops] down in making them successful."

Donnelly asked how Washington leadership could be so unprepared for the creation of success within Iraq. Not only are America's troops dying, but "there are a huge amount of Iraqis with no electricity, water, or refrigeration. We need to provide basic supplies to make them happy," he said.

"Change can begin with you. You are in a magical place for this congressional election."

Joe Donnelly
Democratic congressional candidate

"If there is any reason to send in a new Congress, this is one of them," he said.

Donnelly said he was concerned that Chocola votes in agreement with President Bush 95 percent of the time.

"[Congressmen] need to ask tough questions," he said.

"Where are weapons of mass destruction? ... Where is Al Qaeda? ... If we leave tomorrow I think that Iraq will become even more chaotic and disastrous ... We need to have Iraqi troops become more successful."

"[We need to ask], what is the exact plan? We cannot drift along forever," he said.

Donnelly also said he feared the \$9 trillion national deficit is running dangerously high.

"You are going to be making the decisions for your generation and the people behind you," he said. "We are running up bills you have to pay. You have to step up and say, 'Enough.'"

Donnelly concluded his discussion by fielding questions from the audience, who among other national interests was fixated by the campaign commercials Chocola aired against his competitor.

Chocola has run slanderous ads against him for the past five months, Donnelly said. Donnelly's campaign, however, did not earn enough money to counter the commercials until September.

When asked why he ran a counter-attack, Donnelly said if he doesn't, people will believe Chocola's ads.

Donnelly finished his talk by focusing on domestic and global concerns.

"Do want to fix Darfur? ... Do you want to fix Iraq? ... If so, elect a new Congress to make America the shining city on the hill you heard of. How do you do this? Start right here."

"We can bring change," he said. "Change can begin with you. You are in a magical place for this congressional election."

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Seminar to research in Europe

Special to The Observer

At a time when nuclear threats from North Korea and Iran have the world on edge, 17 Notre Dame students will spend their fall break in Europe meeting with leaders of organizations committed to controlling the proliferation of nuclear arms and other weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The students are enrolled in a new seminar titled "(Non-) Proliferation of WMD," taught by political scientist Luc Reydam, who will lead the European field trip.

Among the officials with whom they will meet is Ambassador Greg Schulte, the permanent U.S. representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations office in Vienna, and other international organizations in Vienna. He is responsible for advancing U.S. policies regarding proliferation, terrorism, organized crime and corruption, while promoting the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

The Notre Dame students also will meet with officials at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons at The Hague, and Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna.

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Beloved SMC duck duo vanishes

Community suspects foul play; online forum searches for answers

By COURTNEY BALL
News Writer

The recent disappearance of Saint Mary's most beloved duck duo has watchers fearing the worst, and disturbed students have begun to investigate the mystery.

The popular duck pair goes by the names of Bonnie and Clyde or LaFawnduh and Kip, depending on whom you ask. Despite disagreement over what the famous duck pair should be called, everyone who saw them agreed that the two were inseparable.

"They were together all of the time every day, walking side by side, and it was really cute," said Saint Mary's junior Andrea Moon.

The faculty also took notice of the duo. Janet Flahaven, the assistant director of marketing at Saint Mary's, was one of its regular watchers.

"They were very social," she said. "They would waddle on up to people and look for food. They were part of the campus."

However, early on a Sunday afternoon in September, the female duck went missing. The sight of the male duck swimming all alone concerned many stu-

dents and faculty alike.

"I saw the little brown and white one wandering aimlessly and quacking," said Moon, who began an online forum to investigate the disappearance. "I think he was trying to call out for the black duck. He did it all day. He just seemed lost."

The forum received numerous responses from people wanting to know what had happened to the female duck and expressing their regret at the pair's separation.

"As much as I like seeing them together, it is even more heart-breaking to see him all alone," Moon said. "I would rather them both be taken."

"We all just want them to be reunited," Flahaven said.

Students have many theories on what happened to the missing mallard. Some believe she died or simply flew away. Saint Mary's freshman Carly O'Connor has another idea.

"Last Friday I was sitting by the lake and noticed there was a new duck in town ... I think he kicked her out and replaced her with the mallard, because I saw them swimming together," she said.

Soon after the female went, the male duck also disappeared. The

most popular explanation is that someone from Security or Building Services caught the duck to take care of it over the winter.

"Someone with a red truck came in mid-afternoon one Sunday and had the black duck caged in the back," said Angie Yates, assistant administrator in Marketing at Saint Mary's. "We assumed it was Building Services or Security. However, we called and both stated they had no involvement."

A post in the Saint Mary's forum indicated that Officer Derrick Chambliss with the Security Department had taken the ducks to his farm. However, Chambliss denies any involvement.

"I do not even own a farm," he said.

No satisfactory explanation for the missing ducks has yet surfaced. Wherever they have gone to, students and faculty are most concerned that they remain together.

"I hated to see them separated," Yates said. "I called them the dynamic duo."

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Saint Mary's closes its only pool indefinitely

Deteriorated facilities led to College's decision

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

When Saint Mary's students returned to school this August, they found the campus' only pool — housed inside Regina Hall — drained and empty. Though little information about the pool had been made available since then, recently it was announced that the Regina pool would be closing indefinitely.

Initially, the pool was drained in order to determine the source of the leaks that caused the loss of thousands of gallons of water over the years, according to Lynn Kachmarik, the athletics director and swim team coach.

Karen Johnson, vice president of Student Affairs, said the room that contains the pool and the age and extent of the damage of the actual pool are two major reasons for its closing.

In Regina, the pool is enclosed in a glass courtyard with a roof overhead. Originally, this was an open-air courtyard with no pool and was later enclosed, but not specifically for a pool, Johnson explained. So when the pool was finally added, several problems came up, including issues with drainage, heating and moisture.

The roof of the enclosed courtyard is also damaged, and there is currently a project underway to fix it, according to Johnson.

The pool itself "is very old and damaged beyond repair," Johnson said.

Unfortunately for students

who use the pool, there will be no replacement pool — at least not for a while. Johnson said because of the construction of a new academic building, putting in a new pool isn't an option right now.

There are alternatives to the Regina pool, according to Kachmarik. Students can use the swimming pool in Notre Dame's Rockne Memorial for recreational swimming. The swim team will continue to practice at LaSalle Academy and Rolfs Aquatic Facility at Notre Dame, as they have been doing for quite some time, she said. Kachmarik said she is also planning on working with the Red Cross to find a way for students to still be able to get lifeguard and WSI certifications.

Despite the obvious loss to the Saint Mary's community, few students seemed concerned. Kelly Tighe, a member of the swim team, expressed concern with the loss of her lifeguarding job at the pool. The pool's only benefit to the team, she said, was its availability as a place to make up for missed practices.

Students who weren't on the swim teams seemed even more apathetic about the pool.

"I don't think anyone cares about the pool," sophomore Meg Varty said. "The pool was useless and the space could be used for something more useful."

Heather Quick, a freshman was equally flippant concerning the pool.

"I don't really care about the pool in Regina," she said. "It's disgusting."

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Gay

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ronment to be a place where gays come on purpose instead of by accident," Dickmann said. "I want the shirt program to be even bigger and I want it run by an official club sanctioned by Student Activities."

Despite Dickmann's sentiments, this year's "Gay? Fine by me" shirt organizers are striving for student awareness and acceptance, not necessarily University policy changes.

Stacey Williams is leading the project this year — ordering about 200 orange T-shirts for today (though there is a "stockpile" of leftover shirts from previous years as well). The goal of the shirts is not to change minds, but to raise awareness that gay students are not alone, said AllianceND president Aine Richards.

"I think there's a large group of students here that are welcoming and accepting and if you find those students, it can be a very great place to be," Richards said.

But she noted that many AllianceND members wearing the shirts today are hoping their efforts won't go unnoticed by the Office of Student Affairs.

The Observer could not reach Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Sister Susan Dunn for comment Tuesday. Dunn is co-chair of the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, a 12-member group of faculty, staff, administrators and students that advises Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman about gay and lesbian student needs.

Dickmann agrees that the student body is generally accepting of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students but there is a disconnect, he said, between students and the University's administration. The University's policy casts a shadow over the progress that has been made so far on campus, he said.

"The word 'gay' itself is so taboo at Notre Dame's campus and the administration evokes that by not allowing a gay student group," said Dickmann, who currently

serves on the Board of Directors for Fine by Me, Inc., a non-profit company that trademarked the "Gay? Fine by me" logo and has distributed 60,000 of the T-shirts to colleges, businesses and small communities since January 2005.

"Particularly in a conservative community, people are often surprised with how many others agree with them," said Lucas Schaefer, Fine by Me's executive director. "The program can be empowering in terms of showing that support you have."

"I think [the T-shirt] can start to move a campus in a different direction and it certainly sends a signal to the people who make policy that homophobia is not tolerated by a huge percentage of the campus."

Bederman has witnessed that movement. She recalled teaching a history class about 15 years ago examining gender in the United States since 1942. When she tried to devote one class to examining gay life during the time period, she found her students speechless. She asked if they had done the reading.

"They said 'Oh no, professor, we did the reading. But we've never talked about homosexuality in public before and we just don't know what to say.'"

Bederman said she "can't imagine" Notre Dame students in 2006 feeling the way her students did in the early 90s. That's progress that can be partly attributed to the T-shirts, she said.

"The shirt does a lot to say on an ongoing basis that we welcome the student of whatever sexuality," said Bederman. She also said the Core Council is also largely responsible for the change in student attitude toward homosexuality.

Regardless of University policy, Williams said the effectiveness of the shirts around campus today can be measured one student at a time.

"There are members of this community who have open arms to all persons, regardless of sexual orientation," Williams said. "If only one student realizes that he or she is welcome here, the shirt campaign has fulfilled its purpose in my mind."

But is the repetition of the T-shirts season after season dulling its effect?

"That is something we talk about a lot," Richards said. "But every time we do it we get tons of people asking for shirts. ... The repetition is a way to show people that we're here for good and we're not going away."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran vows to continue nuke program

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran will not retreat from its nuclear program, Tehran's hard-line leaders said Tuesday, one day after North Korea announced it had conducted a nuclear weapons test.

"Our policy is clear: Progress, offering transparent logic and insisting on the rights of the nation without retreat," supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said, according to state-run television.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also affirmed that Iran would continue its nuclear program, which it says is for peaceful purposes.

"The Iranian nation will continue its path of dignity based on resistance, wisdom and without fear," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying.

Putin downplays slain journalist

MOSCOW — Hundreds of Russians, journalists and Western diplomats filed past an open casket Tuesday to pay their respects to a slain investigative reporter who had criticized President Vladimir Putin and Russia's conduct in Chechnya.

In Germany, Putin called the killing of Anna Politkovskaya a "disgustingly cruel" crime that cannot go unpunished, but he also played down her influence on Russian political life as "very minor."

No high-ranking government officials attended the funeral of the award-winning journalist, who made her name fearlessly exposing abductions and torture in the war in Chechnya.

"The authorities are cowards. Why didn't they come? Are they afraid even of a dead Politkovskaya?" asks Boris Nemtsov, a 1990s reformer who served as deputy prime minister under former President Boris Yeltsin.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush attends meeting on shootings

CHEVY CHASE, Md. — President Bush, bemoaning an "incredibly sad" wave of deadly school shootings, challenged the nation Tuesday to turn its remorse into aggressive action to keep kids safe.

"In many ways, I'm sorry we're having this meeting," Bush told a conference on school safety organized by the White House. "In other ways," he said, "I know how important it is that we're having this meeting."

Bush called experts together for a meeting in the Maryland suburbs after shootings at schools in Wisconsin, Colorado and Pennsylvania. In panel discussions led by members of his Cabinet, speakers said the best response is basic: get parents, school leaders, students and police to work together.

Seven rescued from border tunnel

SAN DIEGO — Seven people were rescued Tuesday after they became trapped in a makeshift tunnel running between Mexico and the United States, authorities said.

Border patrol agents noticed about 14 people gathering on the Mexican side of the fenced border shortly before 7 a.m. and a short time later saw a man and a woman "coming up out of the ground" on the U.S. side, Border Patrol spokesman Robert Harvey said.

LOCAL NEWS

Great Lakes to see live fire exercises

DETROIT — The U.S. Coast Guard's proposal to periodically close 2,500 square miles of the Great Lakes for live machine-gun firing exercises is vital to maintaining its ability to protect the nation's security, commanders said Tuesday.

A number of U.S. and Canadian mayors, as well as business leaders and environmentalists have criticized the proposal, saying it could be unsafe, disruptive and unnecessary.

The Coast Guard says it has safely conducted live-fire tests in the nation's coastal waters for years.

China condemns nuclear test

Nation's U.N. ambassador says North Korea must face 'some punitive actions'

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — North Korea must face "some punitive actions" for testing a nuclear device, China's U.N. ambassador said Tuesday, suggesting that Beijing may be willing to impose some form of Security Council sanctions against Pyongyang.

China's U.N. Ambassador Wang Guangya told reporters that the council must give a "firm, constructive, appropriate but prudent response" to North Korea.

"I think there has to be some punitive actions but also I think these actions have to be appropriate," he said.

Wang spoke before a meeting of the five permanent members of the Security Council — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — plus Japan, to discuss a U.S.-proposed draft Security Council resolution. It would impose an array of sanctions, including a ban on imports of military goods and luxury items, and crack down on illegal financial dealings.

While the U.S. and its allies want a swift, tough resolution, the question has been how much punishment China would allow. China has been North Korea's major ally and a source of both food and fuel for the desperately poor nation of 23 million.

Wang's comments suggested that Beijing will at least allow some muscle in the resolution.

The meeting ended without any decision. Experts from the 15 Security Council nations planned to convene again to discuss the American draft.

"We're making progress and we'll keep at it steadily," Britain's U.N. Ambassador Emyr Jones-Parry said.

In Beijing earlier Tuesday, China's Foreign Ministry vented its anger against its communist ally



Wang Guangya, China's ambassador to the United Nations, arrives for a meeting with the Security Council on the North Korea Nuclear Test at the UN in New York Tuesday.

over the test for a second day, with a spokesman saying that relations had been damaged.

"The nuclear test will undoubtedly exert a negative impact on our relations," the spokesman, Liu Jianchao, said at a routine media briefing. He said Monday's test was done "flagrantly, and in disregard of the international community's shared opposition."

Wang went a step further than Liu, who said the time was not right for punishment, much less military action.

China finds North Korea as a useful if irritating buffer against U.S. forces stationed in South Korea. The worry for Beijing is that too much pressure could cause economically

unsteady North Korea to collapse, sending North Koreans streaming across the border into northeast China and inviting intervention by the American military.

The North, meanwhile, stepped up its threats aimed at Washington, saying it could fire a nuclear-tipped missile unless the United States acts to resolve its standoff with Pyongyang, the Yonhap news agency reported from Beijing.

"We hope the situation will be resolved before an unfortunate incident of us firing a nuclear missile comes," Yonhap quoted an unidentified North Korean official as saying. "That depends on how the U.S. will act."

The official said the

nuclear test was "an expression of our intention to face the United States across the negotiating table," reported Yonhap, which didn't say how or where it contacted the official, or why no name was given.

Even if Pyongyang is confirmed to have nuclear weapons, experts say it's unlikely the North has a bomb design small and light enough to be mounted atop a missile. Their long-range missile capability also remains in question, after a test rocket in July apparently fizzled out shortly after takeoff.

The Bush administration rejected anew Tuesday direct talks with North Korea and said it would not be intimidated by the reported threat.

Ex-Foley aide to testify Thursday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mark Foley's former chief of staff, who says he warned the House speaker's staff three years ago of inappropriate Foley conduct toward male pages, is to testify Thursday before the House ethics committee.

Kirk Fordham will insist that he warned Speaker Dennis Hastert's chief of staff about the conduct in 2003 or possibly the previous year, Fordham lawyer Timothy Heaphy said.

Earlier Tuesday, Rep. Jim Kolbe of

Arizona said a former page he had sponsored contacted his office in 2000 or 2001 to complain of e-mails from Foley, the Florida Republican who has resigned. Kolbe said he "passed along" the complaint to Foley and to then-House Clerk Jeff Trandahl.

Trandahl's lawyer, Cono Namorato, said Trandahl "will cooperate fully with the FBI and the House ethics committee investigations."

Trandahl has refused to discuss actions he took when he learned about Foley's approaches and, until now, had declined even to disclose

the name of his attorney.

Fordham is a key figure, not only because he's a former top aide to Foley, but because his public statements have been at odds with those of Hastert chief of staff Scott Palmer. Palmer denied Fordham's assertions that he warned Palmer about Foley at least three years ago.

"He'll reaffirm things he said. He sticks by that," Heaphy said.

Meanwhile, Hastert said Tuesday he'll dismiss anyone on his staff found to have covered up concerns about Foley's approaches to former pages.

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directly tied to faculty recruitment: "The Catholic identity of the University depends upon, and is nurtured by, the continuing presence of a predominant number of Catholic intellectuals."

"[A predominant number] refers to both more than 50 percent and not simply being satisfied with 50 percent," Malloy said. "It's an effort, without specifying a specific number, to take seriously that numbers and percentages make a difference."

Malloy said he and University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh believed, as Jenkins does now, that the presence of Catholic faculty makes an important contribution to the University.

Internal, external aspirations

In 2003, Malloy and other leaders of the University drafted a strategic plan called "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise," which described Notre Dame's commitment to become a premier university while simultaneously maintaining its Catholic identity.

The agenda — which was approved by the Board of Trustees in 2004 — outlined ways for Notre Dame to remain "the premier center of Catholic intellectual life" and promoted the recruitment of both Catholic intellectuals and non-Catholics who can contribute to broad conversation. The University must "recruit aggressively" to bring Catholic scholars to Notre Dame, the document said.

His administration recognized the importance of actively seeking out Catholic faculty members, Malloy said, as their numbers gradually declined over the years — a decline he saw as a threat to Notre Dame's Catholic identity.

"We felt that that was putting our academic mission and its connection to the Catholic identity of the institution at risk," Malloy said.

Malloy took several steps during his presidency to maintain a predominantly Catholic faculty.

A simple first step was to find out whether faculty position applicants were Catholic. Notre Dame started to ask interested scholars to self-identify their religion as part of the application and interview process, Malloy said — something he said "most Catholic universities" don't do at the time of hire.

The University then designated some faculty positions as "targets of opportunities" so deans could hire Catholic scholars they otherwise may not have been able to hire, he said. To find applicable Catholic scholars, Malloy advanced efforts to identify Catholic students in graduate school who might teach at the University — and encouraged Notre Dame undergraduates to go to graduate school to prepare for future teaching careers.

The Vatican document *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, approved by U.S. Catholic bishops in 1999, described the identity and mission of Catholic universities in a way that closely parallels Notre Dame's mission: "The university should recruit and appoint faithful Catholics as professors so that, as much as possible, those committed to the witness of faith will constitute a majority of the faculty."

"The spirit of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* is that we need to take seriously our mission and identity as a Catholic university," Malloy said.

What that means, he said, is that the University should announce its Catholicity to "try to attract to our midst faculty and administrators and staff and students who think this provides a

special dimension to the education available here."

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said the University's commitment to a mostly Catholic faculty predates the Vatican document, calling it rather an "internal aspiration."

A new strategy

In his first address to the faculty last fall, Jenkins stated his commitment to maintaining a predominance of Catholic faculty members at Notre Dame, describing the University's Catholic character as an academic strength. Maintaining this character is a goal Jenkins has established for his presidency.

"Notre Dame was founded with a religious character," Jenkins said last October. "Its statutes state it should retain this character in perpetuity. It is a priority of mine to keep this distinctive character strong."

His second address to the faculty renewed this commitment to strengthen the presence of Catholic faculty at Notre Dame and established a concrete plan to reverse the declining numbers of Catholic faculty — an office led by Father Robert Sullivan and funded by a donation from the Keough family designed to identify Catholic scholars.

Sullivan, who as director of the Erasmus Institute has prior experience in bringing Catholic scholars to the University, called the office an "information retrieval operation."

The mission of this office, he said, is not to hire faculty members — since this is the job of each individual college — but "simply to provide information."

A newly developed database will fulfill that function. Roche approached Sullivan in June of 2005 to ask him to create a directory of scholars, mainly Catholics, who would be qualified to teach in the College of Arts and Letters.

Sullivan and those working with him collected hundreds of potential candidates for Roche. Last spring, University Provost Thomas Burish asked Sullivan to explore the possibility of expanding this database to find scholars to fill faculty positions in departments throughout the University.

Those within the Notre Dame community who feel strongly about the importance of increasing the number of Catholics on the faculty say they are encouraged by the latest push toward that goal.

Malloy said Jenkins' speech was consistent with the University's aims throughout the years and that he is excited about the possibility of boosting Catholic faculty numbers.

"I have great confidence that both Father Jenkins and Provost Burish will pursue this goal with great enthusiasm and a recognition that it's not an easy goal to achieve, but one that requires constant and dedicated effort," Malloy said.

Roche called the Keough office a "very promising project."

W. David Solomon, director of the Center for Ethics and Culture, agreed with Jenkins' statement that Notre Dame needs a strong preponderance of Catholics to retain its identity. Faculty members set the tone of the University, Solomon said — but not everyone will embrace Jenkins' mission.

"I think there are a fair number of faculty members that would like Notre Dame to be more like secular institutions," Solomon said. "I think they are going to feel threatened by Notre Dame's enthusiasm toward this goal."

The third part of this series will explore the response of faculty members to Jenkins' initiative to recruit Catholic professors.

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can get worse, you are wrong," said Chazan, the head of the School of Government and Society in the Academic College of Tel Aviv and a former member of the Israeli Parliament. "They can and they will [get worse] unless these problems are corrected."

She referred to the political breakdown of states due to ethnic fragmentation and conflict, famine and the AIDS epidemic.

"Imagine what it must be like to wake up in the morning and not know if you will eat anything at all during the day," she said. "Most people in Africa live their lives this way — barely scratching subsistence."

However, Chazan reminded her audience that hunger and poverty are not the end of Africa's troubles, as she suspected that roughly 60 percent of the population in several parts of the continent was infected with the HIV virus.

"That's enough to send shivers down your back isn't it?" she said, noting gasps when she mentioned the statistics.

Chazan compared the AIDS epidemic to a form of genocide. The world's sluggishness in reacting despite millions of deaths is reminiscent of other genocides, such as the Holocaust, and in more recent years, the Rwandan massacres of 1994 and the ongoing crisis in Darfur, she said.

One of the possible explanations for the international community's hesitation to engage in Africa could be the failed involvement of the United Nations and the United States in Somalia in 1993, which resulted in casualties for both sides, Chazan said.

She warned against nations using this and other similar unsuccessful precedents as excuses to wash their hands of responsibility.

"Sometimes engaging is painful but the alternative is worse," she said.

As Africa is neglected by the more developed nations, she said, it is exposed to exploitation and abuse — such as arms trafficking and resource poaching, in reference to foreign diamond smugglers in the Ivory Coast.

In outlining a recommended relief strategy for the international community, Chazan said the establishment of "a global partnership" is essential.

"Africa cannot do without international involvement, but the work needs to be done by the Africans, as they know the problems they are facing better than anybody else," she said.

She also spoke about providing aid that will first restore stability to the region — not just humanitarian comfort.

"Humanitarian work makes you feel better but focusing on the macro levels of this problem is far more effective," she said.

Though teaching villagers to read and write is an admirable accomplishment, Chazan argued there are more pressing needs that have to be fulfilled, such as the stabilization of regimes and state capabilities.

She urged her audience to lobby in Washington D.C., London, or elsewhere to persuade governments to invest in rebuilding African institutions and infrastructure — which has seriously deteriorated in most states as a result of the perpetual political turmoil and conflicts between ethnic factions.

A member of the audience asked Chazan if she believed Notre Dame was making a mistake by investing in the Millennium Development Initiative in Uganda, discussed in the Global Health Forum earlier this semester, which proposed teaching individuals how to overcome poverty.

She replied that certainly these noble efforts alleviate the miseries of a few people, but that they do not offer long-term solutions to the continent's troubles.

"If you ignore these basic needs, the [states] will continue to

break down and as chaos grows, it will destroy all the good your humanitarian efforts may have done," she said.

The lecture hit a sour note when an older man in the audience vehemently grilled Chazan and demanded why she placed the burden of responsibility of the African crisis on the entire world, instead of telling affluent African-Americans to return to their ancestral land and help.

While the episode stirred tension in the auditorium, Chazan remained collected.

"African-Americans are citizens of the United States — like any other white citizen — and this is their home," she said. "The African continent is their responsibility as much as it is that of the entire world."

At the beginning of the lecture she mentioned that her Jewish background, presence at a Catholic university, and African subject matter might have seemed a humorous combination. At the same time, she said the continent's troubles were so overwhelmingly catastrophic to human beings that any person in any corner of the world would inevitably be touched if he was well informed of the situation.

"Those who have been to Africa know that once you've seen what's going on, once you've caught the bug — it stays with you," Chazan said.

Notre Dame sophomore Alexandra Kotchell agreed on the relevance of the topic to all students and future leaders.

"This school embodies the sense of giving back to the community — both locally and globally — and so it's really important to stay informed about the situation at hand," she said.

The lecture was sponsored by the Notre Dame Holocaust Project, the Kroc Institute, the Office of the Provost, and the Abrams Fund for Excellence in Jewish-Christian Studies.

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IN BRIEF

Weather shuts off Alaska pipeline

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline was closed down Tuesday after operators lost communications amid rainy weather to remote valves that close in the event of a spill.

Mike Heatwole, spokesman for Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., said company protocol calls for the shutdown when valves cannot be shut down from long distance. The valves must be staffed by crews that can manually operate the valves, he said.

Flooding caused by heavy rain in south-central Alaska is suspected of knocking out fiber optic communication lines along the highway, Heatwole said.

Earlier Tuesday, a power outage caused by high winds forced BP PLC to close operations at Prudhoe Bay in northern Alaska, cutting production from 350,000 barrels to about 20,000 barrels, BP spokesman Daren Beaudou said.

BP expected power back later Tuesday and anticipated ramping up production, said spokesman Daren Beaudou.

Government cracks down on fraud

WASHINGTON — Software maker Oracle Corp. agreed Tuesday to pay \$98.5 million to settle complaints that it overcharged the government on multiple contracts, Justice Department officials said.

The settlement with Oracle's PeopleSoft kicked off what the department called a crackdown on waste, fraud and abuse in federal contacts.

Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty was to announce the settlement with Oracle Corp. along with a new government-wide task force, including investigators from at least 20 federal agencies, at a late afternoon news conference in Washington.

Oracle's PeopleSoft had a number of software and service contracts with the General Services Administration between 1997 and 2005, and provided "defective price disclosures," according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the settlement had not yet been announced.

"At a time of heightened concern for our nation's security, every tax dollar is precious," said McNulty said in a statement. "We simply cannot tolerate fraud and abuse in government contracting."

Forecasts made for heating bills

Natural gas costs expected to fall; oil and electricity prices predicted to rise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Families using natural gas can expect their heating bills to drop about \$119 this winter. Those who heat with oil or electricity are likely to see their bills rise.

The government issued predictions Tuesday based on its forecast of a mild winter for most of the nation and its assessment of energy supplies and costs as the nation's oil and natural gas production and refinery output recover from hurricane damage in 2005.

"This is a very different scene than we had a year ago in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita," said Guy Caruso, head of the Energy Information Administration, the Energy Department's statistical agency.

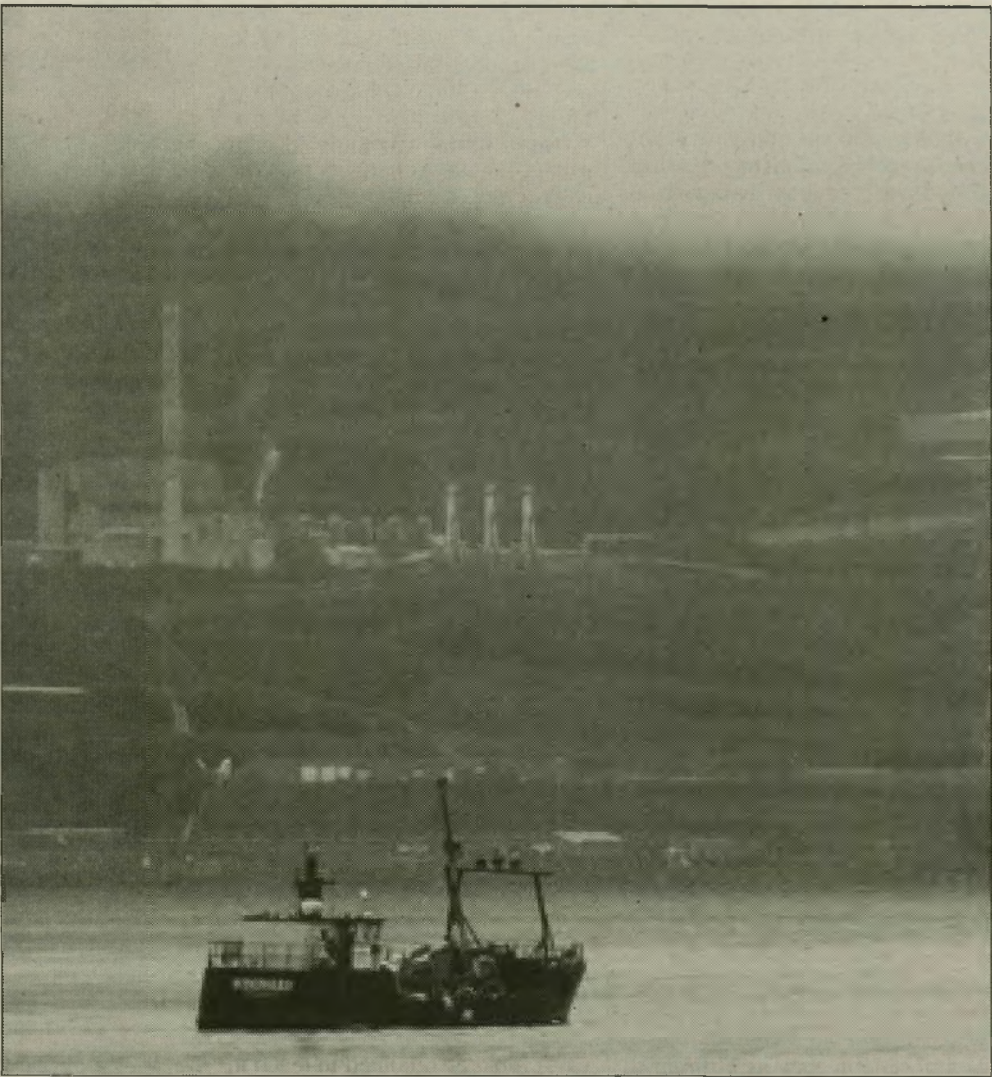
The hurricanes knocked out 20 percent of the nation's gas production, severely damaged Gulf Coast gas processing facilities and shut more than a dozen refineries — an impact "we're only now recovering from," Caruso said.

"The greatest beneficiaries will be those who use natural gas because prices went up 29 percent last year" and have since fallen back, he said. Natural gas stockpiles are expected to be near capacity by Nov 1.

The Energy Department forecast that the average household using natural gas will pay \$826 for home heating this winter, down \$119 or 12.5 percent from last winter.

Natural gas is the largest source of home heating in the United States — the primary fuel for 58 percent of all households including almost four out of five in the Midwest.

A third of U.S. households rely on electricity as their primary heating fuel. The government estimates they are expected to pay an average of \$839 for heat this winter, up \$58 or



A fishing vessel cruises past Alyeska's trans-Alaska oil pipeline terminal, an 800-mile system that ends in Valdez, Alaska, Wednesday.

7.4 percent from last winter. Electric heat is most prevalent in the South where 52 percent of households use it.

Fuel oil users can expect to pay \$1,522 on average this winter, up \$91 or 6.3 percent from last winter. They represent only 7 percent of nation's households, but about half the homes in New England.

Households that rely primarily on propane are expected to pay an average of \$1,265 this winter, down \$15 or 1.1 percent from last year. Propane is the primary heat source for only 5 percent of U.S. households.

Energy officials cautioned that these predictions are closely tied to

weather forecasts.

"As always, the uncertainty is substantial and significantly colder temperatures could lead to substantially greater expenditures," Caruso said.

Last year, the warmest January on record reduced demand and held down some of the increased consumer expenses anticipated because of the hurricane damage.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration projected Tuesday that most of the country will see above-normal winter temperatures, though slightly cooler than last year's very warm winter.

"December is really a wild card right now, but

Stocks fall in advance of earnings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Tuesday as investors locked in gains in advance of Alcoa's after-the-bell quarterly financial report which traditionally marks the start of earnings season.

With the Dow Jones industrial index setting three new records last week and the Standard & Poor's 500 not far from its 5 1/2 year highs, investors have largely moved to the sidelines as they wait for a new round of earnings reports.

"If I'm an investor and I didn't already buy, I don't know what's going to make me buy now," said Doug Sandler, chief equity strategist,

Wachovia Securities. "We'll wait for the facts to come in when earnings come out."

Stocks wavered in trading Tuesday, selling off after comments from Dallas Federal Reserve President Richard Fisher, who warned that the U.S. central bank will raise rates again if inflation doesn't ease, then bumping higher as oil prices fell on confusion about a possible OPEC production cut. A barrel of light crude sank \$1.16 to \$58.80 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In midafternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 21.05, or 0.18 percent, to 11,836.76. The Dow remains near its record closing high of 11,866.69.

Broader stock indicators also dropped. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.23, or 0.09 percent, to 1,349.43, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 6.37, or 0.28 percent, to 2,305.40.

Earnings season begins in earnest Tuesday when the aluminum maker Alcoa Inc. reports its third-quarter results after the closing bell.

Investors will be watching earnings keenly and they're likely to take a hard line toward companies that either merely meet analysts' expectations or disappoint by however narrow a margin. Wall Street is split between those who feel stocks are at a top and those who feel the market has further to run.

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year.

"Most groups just make something and slap the Notre Dame logo on it and hope people buy it. We're trying to do something that might help students out a little bit," Sciortino said.

The Domer Delivery team said their service can be a great assistance to all students, even to those who have a car, because of its convenience. For those students who do not have a car, Domer Delivery offers lower prices and better selection than the Huddle and more convenience than taking the Transpo bus or a cab to the store. And for students with access to a car, Domer Delivery saves time out of the day.

According to their Web site, "all orders placed by 1 p.m. on the date of purchase will be delivered between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on that day [...]. All orders placed after 1 p.m. will be delivered on the next day."

Domer Delivery charges students a 15-17.5 percent delivery fee for each order. While this fee may sound high to students, "it's no different than what you'd tip at a restaurant," Gille said.

More importantly, the fee is also less expensive than the markup at the Huddle. According to Gille, a Snapple at the Huddle costs \$1.42, which is marked up 80 percent over the same Snapple at Martin's. Similarly, the Huddle marks up Doritos 75 percent and Pop-Tarts 48 percent, he said.

"In comparison, our fee really isn't that bad," Gille said.

In the first week since Domer Delivery began posting advertisement fliers in

dorms, the company filled 10 orders off its Web site for items from Draino to blacklights, Zehrbach said. More promising, however, is that one order came from a satisfied repeat customer and that the Web site is receiving 520 hits per day.

"It's all about getting the word out right now," Zehrbach said.

The Domer Delivery team said the open-endedness of its Web site — there is no list of things available for purchase — is just like being at the store, where the possibilities are seemingly limitless.

There are, however, a few limits to what they can deliver. According to their Web site, Domer Delivery will not purchase or deliver "any alcohol or tobacco product [or] any pornographic materials or contraceptives."

In the long term, the Domer Delivery team hopes their venture can "help students out a little bit," Sciortino said.

For now, they're "just excited to get started."

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Former CFO gets 25 years

Energy company executive convicted of embezzling \$77 million

Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — A former executive who admitted to embezzling millions of dollars from oil and gas drilling company Patterson-UTI Energy Inc. was sentenced to 25 years in prison Tuesday.

Jonathan D. Nelson, 36, was accused of taking more than \$77 million from the second-largest land-based oil and gas drilling rig fleet in North America through a bogus invoice scheme. Authorities said he spent the money on an airplane, an airfield, a cattle ranch, a truck stop, homes and vehicles.

Nelson also was fined \$200,000 and ordered to pay restitution of about \$77 million minus the money that has been recouped — about \$44 million — from the sale of assets Nelson had purchased with the stolen money. He had faced a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine.

In comments to the court before Nelson was sentenced, Cloyce Talbott, the president and chief executive of the company, called the former chief financial officer a "sophisticated, high-dollar con man," who before the embezzlement came to light had become "like a son to me."

"I'm not here to talk about money: what we've lost can't be measured in dollars," he said. "Jody stole reputations that I will not live long enough to rebuild. We all trusted Jody. I can't tell you how many people he betrayed."

Several members of Nelson's family, including his father, mother, brother and estranged wife, and numerous friends filled the gallery section. Nelson told the court that his embezzlement was "not fueled by greed or maliciousness."

"I am truly very sorry and ashamed of my betrayal," he said. "I know that words are cheap for me, but I want to apologize to the board, management and employ-

ees, and specifically to Mr. Talbott and Mr. Patterson."

In an agreement with prosecutors, Nelson pleaded guilty in April to one count of wire fraud and aiding and abetting; and one count of engaging in monetary transactions derived from specified unlawful activity and aiding and abetting.

During the eight years that Nelson worked for the company his compensation package was estimated at \$10 million.

"We mentored him, we gave him opportunities most people would die to have," Talbott said. "He had the opportunity to become a wealthy man honestly."

Nelson, who resigned in November, also was accused in a Securities and Exchange Commission civil lawsuit. He was named in a criminal complaint in November that accused him of falsely certifying an SEC report. The complaint came a day after the SEC sued Nelson alleging he embezzled the money.

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hard work of our dedicated development team," University President Father John Jenkins said in the release.

New records were also set in a variety of categories.

Unrestricted giving hit a record high \$25.4 million, exceeding last year's record by \$2.5 million. \$17.6 million of that total were contributed by members of the Edward Frederick Sorin Society, the Founders Circle and President's Circle members, who donate \$1,000, \$3,000 and \$25,000, respectively, each year in unrestricted gifts.

A record-high 53.2 percent of undergraduate alumni donated in the 2006 fiscal year, breaking the record of 53 percent set in 1994.

The University also received a record \$132.4 million in new pledge commitments, five of which were for \$10 million or more.

Overall development production was \$247.2 million, exceeding last year's record of \$200.2 million.

The Law School received \$14.8 million in donations due to the increased push to raise money for the renovation of the school.

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GOP seeks crackdown on illegal immigrants

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana House Republicans will seek legislation designed to crack down on illegal immigration in Indiana, although some of their proposals announced Tuesday already are covered under federal law.

“Hoosiers are concerned that individuals living in this country illegally are receiving state benefits paid for by Hoosier tax dollars,” said Rep. John Smith, R-Kokomo. “It’s a problem that negatively affects every citizen in Indiana.”

Rep. Eric Turner, R-Gas City, said Republicans hoped the plan would have a “chilling effect” on the flow of illegal immigration in Indiana.

House Democrats said they were against illegal immigration, but said the bill lacked teeth because it did not include enhanced penalties for employers who hire illegal immigrants.

Some of the proposals are designed to ensure that state agencies comply with federal laws by denying illegal immigrants public benefits such as assisted housing, post-secondary education, unemployment assistance, and health care paid through Medicaid. Republicans said a state law would reinforce such federal restrictions.

Another provision would require the Indiana State Police to seek a pilot program with the federal government that would broaden the authority of troopers to investigate immigration violations and detain illegal immigrants.

Other provisions include requiring Indiana authorities to notify federal officials if incarcerated people are in the country illegally — something already in federal law.

Another provision seeks the increase criminal penalties for those who provide or possess fraudulent identification not issued by the state or federal governments involving illegal immigrants.

Other provision include passing a resolution urging the federal government to take stronger action to deter illegal immigration and give states more authority in that arena.

According the Pew Research Center, there are between 55,000 to 85,000 illegal immigrants in Indiana.

Some of the provisions are similar to those in a bill that was defeated 74-19 last year. The GOP controls the Indiana House 52-48, and 32 Republicans — including Smith — voted against it following an emotional speech by Rep. Mike Murphy, chairman of the Marion County GOP.

He said then that the bill went too far by barring illegal immigrants from receiving child protective services in abuse cases, and denying even those suspected of being here unlawfully due process rights. He also said people might take such a law beyond its intent, and there could be a day when people walking the streets would have to wear a marker showing they were legal.

IVORY COAST

UN: Smugglers export diamonds despite ban

Associated Press

ABIDJAN — Smugglers in war-divided Ivory Coast are violating a United Nations-imposed ban on diamond sales, illegally exporting the gems to neighboring countries for overseas sales, according to a draft U.N. report obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press.

The illegal trade in “conflict diamonds” has long fueled African wars and the U.N. Security Council imposed the diamond embargo on Ivory Coast in a bid to keep rebels in the turbulent country from profiting from the gems.

The draft report, which has not yet been published, says \$9 million to \$24 million worth of diamonds mined in the rebel-held north of the West African country are being sold on the international market each year via brokers in Ghana and Mali.

Ivory Coast has been split in two since fighting erupted in 2002, and rebels control the arid northern half. About 10,000 U.N. and French peacekeepers have been deployed to maintain a fragile peace.

Rebel officials could not immediately be reached to comment on the report’s findings.

Earlier this year, U.N. experts compiling the report visited five diamond mining sites controlled by the New Forces rebel movement.

The report identified four major diamond dealers — a Ivorian, a Malian, a Belgian and another whose nationality was not known — in the northern rebel town of Seguela. It also cited two Belgian buyers who relocated to Ghana following the outbreak of Ivory Coast’s war.

A 60 percent rise in diamond exports from Ghana since 2000 could be explained by U.N. embargoes on Ivorian and Liberian diamonds, the report said.

Ivorian rebels impose taxes on trucks carrying goods through their territory to finance their activities and admit to smuggling cocoa to neighboring countries.

Porous borders and poor controls are to blame for the illicit diamond trade, according to the U.N. report, which urged Ghana and Mali to take steps to prevent Ivorian diamonds from being smuggled through their territory.

The diamond ban made Ivory Coast part of the “Kimberley Process,” established in 2002 to help control conflict diamonds — sometimes called “blood diamonds” — that have fueled and funded wars that killed millions in Angola, Congo, Sierra Leone and Liberia.

The process is designed to track diamonds from mines to jewelry display cases, certifying the origin of each stone.

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Desperate doodlers

I have always thought the Hesburgh Library a great place to do homework, but my studies this weekend were a struggle.

The problem was the desks on the twelfth floor. For all readers who have never ventured to the library's upper levels, the desks there are not so much desks as striking wooden giants nestled at intervals throughout the stacks. All are crafted, not just made, of wood. All are pleasingly oversized and bordered on three sides by short wooden walls.

No view of good-looking premeds, no electric outlet for one's laptop, nothing. Complete sensory deprivation. In theory, these desks give college students the perfect environment to study, sleep, drool, whatever.

But alas, the hypnotic powers of these desks have been rendered ineffective by the thick layer of graffiti that coats each one.

The graffiti itself is wonderful in its diversity. Some is contemplative ("What is love?") and some is heart-rending ("Mike — don't let me go yet. I'm waiting for you.") Some is ironic ("I hate all you people who write on desks!") and

some is delightfully obsolete ("I luv BRITNEY Spears.") From the compulsive (an elaborate pen-on-wood etching of the Dome) to the politically incorrect ("Theology is Gay") to the timeless ("I hate physics!!!") to the profound ("If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea, does the 5th enjoy it?"), the desks in the Hesburgh Library are records of thoughts that occur to most sensory-deprived minds in passing but does not usually end up carved in wood.

I've heard it suggested that the graffiti system is for many students a sort of confession. Sounds like a reach, but actually the idea is compelling. Since Vatican II, countless Catholics have thrown Reconciliation by the wayside and yet retain that confessional mentality peculiar to the Church. With a little imagination, an anguished and deeply bored mind could easily turn the desks into confessionals. The readers of the graffiti are then transformed into priests, hearing confessions and absolving sins.

Then again, consider the schmuck who professed his or her "luv" for Britney Spears on a library desk near the BX 1620. Ms. Reconciliation? Maybe not.

Perhaps, then, the graffiti is an ongoing dialogue — a way for students to reach out to the rest of the community. There are all kinds of studies floating around nowadays proving that advancements in technology isolate

people from one another to the point that they are uncomfortable relating to other human beings in person. They are forced seek new ways to connect with others at an emotional level. For example, ten years ago, people wouldn't dream of letting anyone read their personal journals. Now they post them online. Could desk graffiti yet be another way of expressing oneself without having actual human contact? Facebook for the unplugged?

I don't know. What I do know is that the library is occupied, on any given afternoon, by hundreds of intellectually inclined individuals, all brimming with youthful vigor and a professed thirst to make a mark on the world. All have been told that studying in the library will help them do just that.

Then they lose focus and make their marks on the library instead.

Maybe I'm being sanctimonious. After all, right now, I am making my mark on the world in a most comfortable manner. In a few days this paper will be tucked into the library's microfilm archives, in no danger of anyone scratching it out or writing over it.

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It sounded better in my head

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Examining pro-life values

As I walked through the rows of crosses on South Quad last week, I recalled the first, and only, meeting of the Right to Life club I attended. Two years ago, I listened expectantly to their student leaders and heard the mission statement. I was told of the popularity of abortion and the proposed actions taken by the club to help stop it. The meeting ended. As everyone filed out of the LaFortune room, I followed, rather dissatisfied. Surely this could not have been the entirety of the meeting.

The Catholic "pro-life" mission is the protection of life from the time of conception until natural death. This means that it is not just a matter of abortion, but of any injustice against the human person in which the inherent sanctity of a person is ignored. As a potential member of the club, I perused the activities and lectures; the topics were valuable and well meant, but it was decidedly abortion-focused.

A couple months after this meeting the courts ruled against the continuation of medical care for Terri Schiavo; the courts ruled that she had no right to life. Where was the Right to Life outcry on campus? Would her case have more weight if she were still a fetus? I realize the issue of abortion is a critical topic today, but we cannot lose sight of what it is to be pro-life. The Right to Life club avows that it is pro-life, but what is it but the Anti-Abortion league?

The ultimate question is this: who are we to narrow the Catholic understanding of pro-life to include abortion, but exclude all other issues? We cannot pick and choose. If we wish to be pro-life, we must seek to protect all those in society who have no voice. Where are the crosses for those thousands dying from capital punishment each year? The mal-treated elderly and mentally disabled? The euthanasia victims? The mistreated prisoners of war? The hungry in Africa? Each of these groups has a right to life, but these people, just like the child in the womb, are being passed over by society.

I realize that to give all these issues their proper due is a monumental task for any one group on Notre Dame's campus, but I believe simply raising awareness of these issues and some sort of address by the Right to Life club is in order. Perhaps donate some money from the football concession stand to other organizations besides the anti-abortion organizations or sponsor more lectures that incorporate a fuller understanding of being pro-life. As the named "Right to Life" club on campus, to ignore other groups where the sanctity of human life is threatened is not only an injustice to these groups, but is also a disservice to the Notre Dame community, which has a right to be informed of these issues by the group that claims to protect them. So great are the injustices to the sanctity of life in today's world that we cannot, in the Catholic call for social

justice, fight for the end of abortion, while turning a deaf ear to all the rest.

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Community acceptance of coming out

When I came to Notre Dame four years ago, I was convinced that I had made a mistake. I knew that I was gay, and I felt that there was no one on this campus who I could trust. I felt like I didn't belong. That being gay didn't belong at Notre Dame.

It wasn't until I started seeing people wear the "Gay? Fine by me." shirts that I realized that I had judged this campus too soon. In fact, I couldn't have been more wrong.

Four years later, I can confidently tell you that I have experienced infinitely more acceptance on this campus than rejection. In fact, sometimes acceptance can come from the most unusual of places. So to anyone who might be questioning their sexual orientation, while everyone here might not accept you, there is an army of people, of every orientation, made up of faculty and classmates that are glad that you are here. And if you look, you'll find there is a list of just a few of those people in this Observer.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

George Bernard Shaw
Irish dramatist

Where state and justice intersect

This is part two in a three-part series examining capital punishment.

Terre Haute, a city in Western Indiana, is the home of the only federal death chamber in the U.S., where inmates sentenced to death by the federal government are executed by lethal injection.

Andrea Laidman

Guest Columnist

Just a few miles from the Federal Correctional Institute in Terre Haute is the intersection of State Road and Justice Drive.

More than an intensely ironic image (captured in a photo of the street signs on Amnesty International USA's website), the literal meeting of State and Justice in such proximity to the only federal death row in the U.S. provides a visible illustration of a current political shift in capital punishment advocacy and decisions.

In his October 2 Viewpoint column, "You, Me & the Death Penalty," Will McAuliffe emphasized that each time a prisoner is removed from confinement and executed, the supervising state government and judicial system acts on behalf of its people.

Thinking that you and I, and the majority of citizens, endorse state-sanctioned homicide, most states currently uphold capital punishment — in our name. But recent developments and

restrictions placed on the death penalty, both within state legislation and on the federal level, suggest that it doesn't have to be so.

Whether it be the U.S. Supreme Court or the state of Illinois, American institutions are increasingly taking into account both domestic public opinion and widespread disapproval of the international community regarding the death penalty. And the Supreme Court's rationale in two major and recent capital punishment rulings provides concrete incentive to Americans to speak out on this issue, utilizing grassroots activism to institute change in state laws, which can then translate into federal reform.

Most recently, in 2005 the Supreme Court struck down the legality of executing juvenile offenders in *Roper v. Simmons*. The Court's decision took into account the increasing infrequency of the application of the death penalty to juveniles. At the time of the ruling, the juvenile death penalty was legal in twenty states, only six of which had executed prisoners for crimes committed as juveniles since 1989. In seeking a "national consensus," the Court decided to abolish the death penalty for all citizens younger than eighteen on a national level. This decision aligned with American public opinion, as polls consistently reported that roughly 70 percent of the US population opposed the practice of a juvenile death penalty at

the time of *Roper v. Simmons*.

The international community provided even stronger opposition to juvenile executions. According to Amnesty International, Iran and the Democratic Republic of the Congo are the only other countries in the world that sanction the execution of juvenile offenders. Moreover, the practice directly violates numerous international human rights agreements, including the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

In 2002, with *Atkins v. Virginia*, the Supreme Court ruled that executing the mentally retarded violates the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment. The Court again took into account both international opinion and state laws.

The Court's decision stated that the Eighth Amendment should be interpreted in light of the "evolving standards of decency that mark the progress of a maturing society," which it said were indicated by reforms in state legislation.

Justice John Paul Stevens, in writing for the Court in *Atkins v. Virginia*, noted that it is not the number of States with laws preventing the execution of mentally retarded murder defendants that is especially significant (though eighteen states have banned it in the past fifteen years), but "the consistency of the direction of change."

This consistent shift in public opinion and state law regarding the death

penalty does not end with mentally-ill death row inmates; rather, it reflects an overall trend in a reforming criminal justice climate in our nation. For the first time since the death penalty's 1976 re-instatement, momentum has turned against capital punishment not only in public opinion, but also among judges and legislators.

Cases like *Roper v. Simmons* and *Atkins v. Virginia* demonstrate that efforts at the state level can have an impact federally. In working for a moratorium on the death penalty in Indiana, we can embrace this trend, recognizing that local political action and grassroots activism can effect both state and federal decisions on capital punishment.

This reality is a responsibility we must acknowledge as we work for the end of the use of the death penalty in Indiana, and move toward the day when the intersection of Justice Drive and State Road in Terre Haute will no longer be a site of irony.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rally reform needed for attendance increase

Campus unity needed

After reading the articles about no motivation last weekend for the Stanford game, I fully agree about the pep rally comments. I think that Siegfried President Tom Martin said it best: "Pep rallies are catered to the public." Tom is right; they are. Students are forced to arrive extremely early, not allowed to bring anything with them, and recite the same cheers over and over and over again. I have been coming to pep rallies since freshman year and they have not changed one bit except for the fact that we do not do that stupid clap thing that we did when Ty was the coach. I think that this is one problem that should be addressed: the fact that it seems to be more catered to the visitors rather than the student body.

Another problem I think with the current pep rally system is the separation of dorms, the "Balkanization of Notre Dame." In my honest opinion, from Sunday through Thursday, dorm rivalries are alright, but on Friday and Saturday, you are a student at Notre Dame and a representative of Notre Dame, not Zahm or Keenan, or any other dorm on campus. I think that students should wear The Shirt to the pep rallies and bring the towels that Coach Weis gave us for Penn State and yell your head off like the game is going on. Cheer with your fellow students, not against them because they may live in another dorm. It may sound weak, but come on, I think it is ridiculous that at a pep rally, instead of cheering for Notre Dame, you are cheering against rival dorms.

My father went here and graduated back in the 1970s. Back then, the pep rallies were held in Stepan and were basically riots: people throwing toilet paper, band playing, coaches and team yelling at the fans to cheer louder, you get the idea. Today, we have MCs who tell a little story, then pom squad and cheerleaders, then the band, then the players and coaches

walk out, and then they speak, then they leave, then the band plays, then it is over. In a nutshell, the pep rallies are the same every week.

I propose this: move the pep rallies back to Stepan. Stepan has no seats, hence nobody can sit down. Stepan is also smaller, so it would be louder, and loud noises excite people. Let in students and crazed fans only, everybody else who wants to sit down can go to the Joyce Center and watch it on screens from cameras inside Stepan. Have NDSP on hand, but in a state-school-type capacity. What I mean by this is crowd-control only. The police should not be there to wage war on our fun. They should be there to monitor everything and make sure the students do not fight or burn couches, etc.

Let us drink for crying out loud.

At other universities where I have attended pep rallies, they will tell you to finish your beer.

Stop citing kids. It's college. Have no MCs at all; have the Leprechaun introduce the team, band, everyone. Other than the players and coaches, the Leprechaun should be the only guy with a microphone.

Have everybody wear The Shirt and bring the green towels. Get the band in fast and keep playing; let the pom squad and cheerleaders in and dance, then bring in the team: make it like it used to be, create a tailgating, party atmosphere. We should not have to spend time in the pep rallies yelling at people to stand up.

Attendance should not be decreasing, it should be increasing. Tossing out free shirts or providing incentives or some silly trophy is not going to make people decide to show up. The entire system itself must be changed.

Revert back to rallies of the 70s

I'm a '76 alum who normally doesn't feel it's appropriate to get involved in The Observer's discussions. However, in the case of Rohan Anand's article on the decline in pep rally participation, I think a little "institutional memory" jog would be helpful. I've attended one of the events that ND now calls a "pep rally," and — in honor of Lloyd Bentsen — I have to say, "I've known ND pep rallies. ND pep rallies were a friend of mine. But, current ND students, these are NOT real pep rallies!"

Why don't today's students want to attend? Simple: Today's events are automated, sanitized, emotionless shells of what used to rock Stepan Center and, before that, the Field House. You're a high IQ bunch — you can smell a fake a mile away. A real pep rally requires approximately 30 minutes of the following: • A locale that ensures extremely crowded, standing-room-only conditions. • Attendance by only students, team, coaches, and the band. (Everyone else should be afraid to attend.) • Room temperature of at least 90 degrees. • Poor loudspeaker quality. • Loud, hoarse tributes by the coaching staff. • Loud, hoarse exhortations by select-team members. • Loud, hypnotic, repeated playing of the Victory March. • Constant screaming by students.

I don't want to hear that Stepan is too small. It was too small in the '70s, too. That just gave us extra incentive to get there early and get in. Father Jenkins was in my class and Coach Weis was two years later. They remember what pep rallies used to be. Enlist them to help bring back the real Notre Dame pep rally experience. Believe me, you won't regret it.

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National holiday?

"In fourteen hundred and ninety-two Columbus sailed the ocean blue." We all remember this catchy little rhyme from grade school about the "discovery" of America. From an early age, children are taught to look at Columbus as a hero. When they get older they celebrate actively or just enjoy the day off on the federal holiday established to commemorate the glorious achievements of Christopher Columbus.

However, fewer Americans are celebrating each year. In fact, people in seventeen states no longer recognize the holiday. On this Columbus Day more people need to take the time to think about what they are celebrating.

When Columbus "discovered" America, there were millions of people thriving in this land. His contributions to the indigenous groups were disease, slaughter, rape, greed and an interruption of well-balanced societies. Truer facts about who Columbus really was have surfaced and many Americans, indigenous and non-indigenous alike, are re-examining Columbus' contribution to America.

Through this, they give a more accurate portrayal. Teachers are offering young students honest accounts surrounding Columbus, allowing them to decide for themselves: hero or villain. In celebrating this man's memory once a year, we have to ask ourselves: What are we really celebrating? For many indigenous people, it is yet another reminder of colonization, pain and injustice ... America is celebrating genocide.

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LIVE TOGETHER

ABC'S 'LOST' SETS SAIL ON CHA

STORIES BY SEAN SWEANY

SEASON TWO DVD PUSHES ALL THE RIGHT BUTTONS

The first 48 days were bad enough. The survivors of the Oceanic Flight 815 crash survived polar bears, smoke monsters, demented French women and each other. Little did they know, this was just the beginning.

After this harrowing first season of "Lost," season two picked up the reigns and chronicled the next 18 eventful days on the island. Recently released on a comprehensive seven-disc DVD, fans of the show can rejoin their favorite characters and relive all the thrilling moments from the sophomore season of "Lost."

During the second season, viewers were slowly introduced to the various facets of the hatch, including the eccentric Desmond (Henry Ian Cusick), the meaning of the numbers, "the button" and the purpose behind the shadowy Dharma Initiative. New characters discovered from the tail section of the plane — including a Nigerian drug-dealer turned priest Mr. Eko (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje) and the vilified ex-cop Ana Lucia (Michelle Rodriguez) — joined the regulars in a "Survivor"-esque merger of traumatized individuals ever contemplating their pasts.

The main focus of the season was on the mythology of the island and the mysterious hatch discovered in the jungle. Central characters Jack (Matthew Fox) and Locke (Terry O'Quinn) cement their roles as island leaders and uncover many secrets and revelations about both the island and the hatch. Tensions on the island escalated through the final episodes of the season until they

boiled over in the dramatic season finale.

The episodes in season two are enjoyable and entertaining, although they do not have the same cohesiveness and punch as those from the first season. While the success of season one is nearly impossible to replicate, the second season of "Lost" also suffered because of the temporary loss of co-creator J.J. Abrams to "Mission: Impossible III" and the departures of several key writers to various television programs. Despite its faults, season two still maintains the prestige of this often-imitated but never-duplicated show, keeping it atop the television world.

Unlike the choppy, hiatus-heavy broadcast schedule of the second season, this set allows for uninterrupted viewing in "Lost" marathons. While an obvious trait of any television DVD set, this especially helps the second season of "Lost" and makes the overall narrative much more fulfilling.

All 24 episodes from this season come neatly packaged on the first six discs in this box set, and many of the episodes, including the premiere, have commentaries with cast and crew. The rest of the special features are on the seventh disc, and they're more than worth the time of any "Lost" fan.

All of the special features are excellently themed to the eerie Hanso Foundation, a mysterious corporation with connections to the island. Minor details such as the DVD's unnerving

menus indicate just how much effort went into producing the discs.

Some of the more noteworthy extras include on-location set visits, an interesting documentary on the making of the hatch, deleted scenes, additional character flashbacks and much more.

Especially entertaining is a short montage of "Sawyerisms" — the funny and sometimes allusive quotes, nicknames and sayings Sawyer (Josh Holloway) calls his fellow survivors. Some of these include "Freckles" for Kate and "Chewie" for Jin.

More than eight hours of bonus features offer chances to deconstruct the show's mysteries. With another season under its belt, the "Lost" DVDs dig deeper into the show's mythos, elevating this DVD set over its predecessor.

On a technical level, each episode in the set is quite impressive. The lush, natural beauty of the island shines forth in the crisp widescreen presentation. Enjoying "Lost" on a surround sound system literally puts the viewer in the jungle and makes Michael Giacchino's alternatively brooding and uplifting score all the better.

By all accounts, most thought it would be difficult for this season of "Lost" to outdo the first season's release. However, this new special edition outdoes its younger sibling in every way. It is truly everything a "Lost" fan can ask for, allowing them to fire up the DVD player, push the button and see what happens.

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'Lost' Third Season Rediscovered

Near the climactic end of the second season of "Lost," the ominous Henry Gale, leader of the Others, remarked that his followers — prone to wearing fake beards and kidnapping children — are "the good guys." This startling revelation led fans of the hit television show to question just how many groups of "Others" might exist on this paranormal island and what their motives might be.

Having recently begun its third season, the hit ABC drama "Lost" has become famous for a suspense-filled, mystery-driven plot that always seems to raise more questions than it answers. With both season two and the hatch done away with, the show's creators have stated that the focus will now turn towards the mysterious Others — specifically who they are, why they inhabit the island and what they want with everyone's favorite castaways.

As the start of the third season, Jack (Matthew Fox), Kate (Evangeline Lilly) and Sawyer (Josh Holloway) were held captive by the Others in separate prison cells and each faced various dilemmas. Most notable was perhaps Jack's interaction with an Other named Juliet (Elizabeth Mitchell) and the emerging possibility of romance between the two.

Other romances will emerge on the island this season as well, possibly between Kate and Sawyer, Charlie and Claire or between new cast members. Recent hires Rodrigo Santoro ("Love Actually") and Kiele Sanchez ("Stuck on You") will emerge as a good-looking couple that managed to remain unnoticed in the background of the island for two seasons.

Although romance will play a big role in the third season (the show's creators have dubbed it the "season of romance"), "Lost" will stick to the formula that catapulted it to fame. In true "Lost" fashion, this forebodes that castaways will die and that there will be enough plot twists and surprises to keep Hitchcock happy.

The first six episodes of season three will act as a mini-series that focuses the spotlight on the Others (although it won't neglect the regular castaways and the events that have occurred since the hatch implod-



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ed). After this, "Lost" will break until February, when it will return without a hiatus until what will likely be another cliffhanger season finale.

As the phenomenon that is "Lost" enters its junior year, it is perhaps embarking on its most exciting journey yet. The show works so well because, at its heart, it explores humanity at its very best and very worst, allowing viewers to connect with the characters' emotional fluctuations under the harshest of conditions.

With so many of the show's characters having reached stages ranging from depression to disbelief regarding their conceptions of life, the resolution of these dilemmas should make for excellent television.

Fantastic, mysterious elements pepper the landscape of "Lost" through imaginative, well-written stories, making the character drama even more meaningful. Whereas season two dwelt mostly within the hatch, the current season will have a chance to explore the mythology of the entire island, from its polar bears to the smoke monster to a four-toed statue of a giant foot seen in the season two finale.

Insights into these mysteries keep the show's fan base appeased and maintain a freshness and vitality to "Lost" that many other programs lack. Series co-creators J.J. Abrams and Damon Lindelof seem to have struck the perfect blend of humanity and mythology in their show. Between writing, directing and producing what has now become a behemoth, Abrams and Lindelof keep busy schedules but seem capable of maintaining the quality and originality that make "Lost" special.

As "Lost" progresses through its third season, a continued focus on what has carried it thus far — character-driven storytelling in fantastic settings — will continue to bestow further success and acclaim. No matter who lives or dies on the island, "Lost" is that rare show that will survive.

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THE SIX DEGREES OF J.J. ABRAMS

Plane crashes, covert agencies and impossible missions clutter the mind of one man, bubbling to the surface to satiate a global audience starved for serialized storytelling. He's been called the next Steven Spielberg, a television auteur whose moniker has become a name brand coveted by viewers and executives alike. Millions have been gambled on the chance that his next project will reach the heights enjoyed by "Alias" and "Lost," two good reasons for ABC's phoenix-like ascent to its current perch atop the ratings throne.

As a television producer, writer, director, composer and actor, J.J. Abrams, 40, is a rare talent. As a child, Abrams would experiment with short films that he captured using a Super-8 camera. One of his first such efforts — a horror movie called "The Attic" — starred childhood friend Greg Grunberg, who now plays a lead role on NBC's "Heroes" and has made cameos in each of Abrams' shows.

"[J.J.] shot it, then scratched in the monster, frame by frame. It was a bolt-of-lightning creature. He compensated ahead of time for where the monster would be," Grunberg said in an interview with USA Today. "We were, like, 11."

Abrams hasn't lost that youthful enthusiasm despite a career that spans two decades. He's an executive producer on three different shows this season alone, all of which are on ABC — "Lost," "What About Brian" and "Six Degrees." And if that doesn't seem taxing enough, those three

shows are filmed in Hawaii, Los Angeles and New York, respectively. Juggling even two shows simultaneously would be a handful for anyone, but Abrams continues to balance the Herculean task of guiding these three shows with developing his burgeoning film career.

The latest installment of the "Mission: Impossible" franchise, last May's "Mission: Impossible III," marked Abrams' feature film directorial debut. Critics and the general public hailed "M:I III" as the best of the series, praising Abrams for his dual role as writer and director in redeeming Ethan Hunt from the bullet-repelling caricature he became after John Woo's "M:I II."

Executive producer and star Tom Cruise handpicked Abrams for the job after inhaling all 22 episodes of the first season of "Alias" — also a tense drama revolving around a secretive government agency — in just two days.

Cruise is just one of many a television viewer mesmerized by Abrams' knack for serialized drama. Abrams has created or co-created three shows in his career to date — "Felicity," "Alias" and "Lost." And while "Lost" has revitalized serialized storytelling and spawned NBC's "Heroes" and CBS' "Jericho," Abrams hasn't forgotten a time when networks were "begging him" to avoid serializing the story in "Felicity" and "Alias."

As for Abrams' greatest success to

date, "Lost" continues to be a commanding force in the ratings and one of the most hotly discussed shows on the air.

But for both "Lost" fanatics and Abrams himself, it's been far too long since Abrams got his feet wet in the show's writing process. Since co-writing the pilot with Damon Lindelof more than two years ago, Abrams finally returned to the fold this season. He reteamed with Lindelof to pen "A Tale of Two Cities," the premiere to the show's highly anticipated third season.

The next chapter in Abrams' career will involve directing and producing "Star Trek XI," slated to revive the Star Trek franchise in 2008, and possibly directing the season three finale of "Lost."

Despite constantly having to swap his writer's cap for his director and producer hats, Abrams remains much the same person he was in Sarah Lawrence College, the writer who would pen his own stories using Alvin Sargent's Academy Award-winning screenplay to "Ordinary People" as a guide.

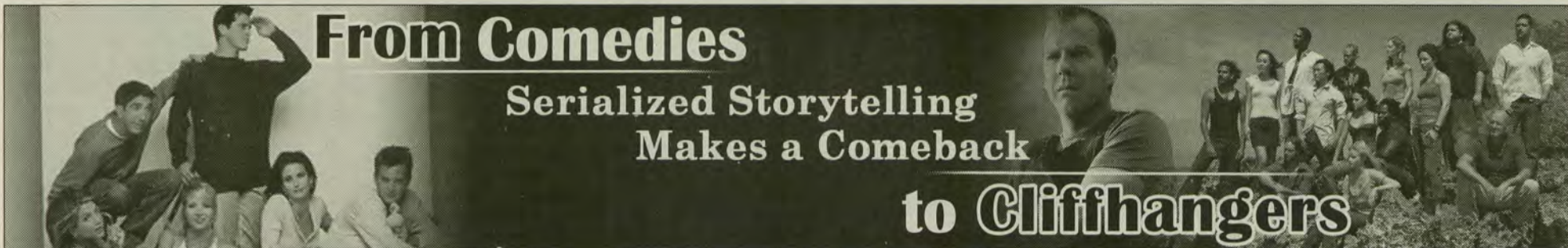
His Midas touch has crossed the line separating feature films from television, perhaps because Abrams recognizes the secret to his success better than anyone — it all starts and ends with the story.

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Assistant Scene Editor

"LOST."
So says the stark, sprawling script across the television screen at the conclusion of each week's episode of ABC's smash hit. "Lost," however, can describe more than simply the plight of the show's marooned characters. This show uses a formula only recently reintroduced to visual media: the concept of the serial, rather than episodic, television show. Unfortunately, the fallout between the two types of programs can leave the casual viewer both confused and frustrated.

The first appearance of the serial goes back to times before the advent of television, when cinemas showed weekly serial programs featuring a protagonist whose adventures always ended in a cliffhanger. Each installment of these stories, like those of Hopalong Cassidy or Flash Gordon in the 1930s and '40s, influenced subsequent episodes in a manner not unlike "Lost" or "24" today.

With the advent of television came a formula so familiar to modern audiences that it needs no introduction — the episodic sitcom. Shows like "Father Knows Best," "The Donna Reed Show" and others profiled the weekly exploits of a set group of characters, with each installment's action closing off neatly at the episode's conclusion.

"Friends," "Two and a Half Men" and "Everybody Loves Raymond" and are heirs to this formula today, as they profile the ongoing lives of characters through the lens of episodic, encapsulated narratives.

What "Lost" and its co-creators J.J. Abrams and Damon Lindelof have done so thoroughly is bring television back to its roots in the serial films of the '40s and '50s. While most television dramas contain serial elements like general plotlines that arch over multiple episodes, they tend to have some degree of the episodic in their execution.

"Lost," in contrast, gets down to the true roots of serial programming by incorporating complex, multi-episode plotlines, integral details and cliffhangers into its structure — tactics that require a significant returning audience week after week.

It is this aspect of serialized story-



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"Lost" co-creator J.J. Abrams, right, directs series star Matthew Fox. Serial programs have proliferated on TV thanks to the overwhelming success of shows like "Lost."

telling that draws in legions of fans. An aware audience might logically seek something intellectually challenging in its entertainment, and serials require some level of smarts in order to simply keep track of the plotlines involved.

Serials also allow for extensive creativity and character development. Imagine if "Saving Private Ryan" or "Forrest Gump" were 22 hours long — the sheer scope of narrative and artistic range in the original two-hour films would be exponentially multiplied.

Serials, unlike episodic television, have this rare opportunity to continue and extend their mythologies. "Lost" in particular serves as a prime example. ABC recently launched an interactive website, the "Lost Experience," which features multiple puzzles, clips, links and character profiles in order for viewers to become further engulfed in the show's mysteries. It would seem as though there was no way for a serial's dedicated, returning audience to get enough.

The problem, then, lies with the patience of that returning audience. Watching "Friends" is simple enough for the casual viewer, even with out-

standing plot elements like Rachel's pregnancy or Monica and Chandler's infertility. A brief recap at the opening of each episode is all that a first-time viewer would need, as "Friends" and other sitcoms work and thrive in that week-to-week context.

Shows like "Lost" and "24," however, require a bit more effort for those trying to jump on the bandwagon. As any devout fan of either program will tell these "newbies," it is nearly impossible to simply sit down and decide to start watching. An understanding of previous episodes, if not whole seasons, is essential in order to come to the table prepared for each week's new revelations and developments.

Fixing this discrepancy can require hours of effort beyond watching the actual show, such as renting previous seasons on DVD or looking up episode summaries online. In truth, this process seems curiously counter-intuitive when considering television is by far one of the most sedentary of pursuits. Should TV require this much effort?

"Lost" especially plays into this dichotomy between obsession and casual pastime. The world of "Lost"

has become an ever-expanding phenomenon and an increasingly complex web of information. Passing references can return later as critical bits of information, and it seems that every facet of the show's universe is rapidly evolving and changing.

For example, one item discovered after the fateful plane crash, a fictional, unpublished manuscript entitled "Bad Twin," has recently been published as an actual book, further adding to the show's already complex mythology. If "Lost" were an episodic program, these possibilities simply would not exist.

Issues arise for the networks when choosing to invest in serialized programs — particularly in light of ratings. From one angle, developing a show with a complicated history and mythology locks in a loyal contingent of fans, which spells out successful ratings and a guaranteed audience. "24" is another such program to find success in this way, as the serialized exploits of Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) are followed from season to season almost religiously by its dedicated viewers.

Conversely, the accessibility of such programs to new audiences becomes increasingly limited as the show continues its run. Fewer and fewer audience members make the effort to stick around when something like "Lost" becomes too complicated to handle. This kind of problem inevitably limits the capacity for the show's audience to grow and, more practically, for its ratings capacity to increase.

Advertising — dependent on successful ratings — is a central factor in the fate of any television show, making this is a real issue with serial programming.

The serialization of television is, as "Lost" demonstrates, a chance for a formerly maligned medium to thrive creatively and stretch its wings. It allows for a complexity of narrative storytelling and a sense of artistic, aesthetic and thematic achievement is now available for the taking.

However, viewers — the ultimate capital of a television production — can be lost in the shuffle. How networks will determine the balance between creative storytelling and accessibility remains to be seen.

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"Friends" was one of the most popular and successful sitcoms in television history. The show's episodic nature made it easy for viewers to begin watching at any time.



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Jack Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) stands at gunpoint in FOX's "24." Serialized TV dramas tell stories that span entire seasons, hooking viewers from week to week.

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MLB — PLAYOFFS

Rodriguez, Inge homer as Tigers take first game of ALCS



Detroit pitcher Nate Robertson, left, and left fielder Craig Monroe celebrate after the end of the fourth inning against Oakland in Game 1 of the ALCS. The Tigers won 5-1.

Detroit pitching keeps A's at bay in 5-1 win

Associated Press

OAKLAND — Brandon Inge, Nate Robertson and the Detroit Tigers are showing no signs of slowing down in the AL playoffs.

Inge hit a solo home run and RBI double from the bottom of the order, Ivan Rodriguez also homered and Robertson pitched the Tigers past the Oakland Athletics 5-1 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the American League championship series.

The Tigers battered Barry Zito, turned four double plays and once again relied on their flame-throwing relievers. Only one thing went wrong: Sean Casey, Detroit's No. 3 hitter, left early because of an injured left calf and expected to be out a couple of days.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series — a rematch of the 1972 ALCS — is Wednesday night, with Oakland's Esteban Loaiza facing Justin Verlander.

Fresh off surprising the New York Yankees in four games in the opening round, the typically free-swinging Tigers worked the count against Zito.

"We thought if we slowed down against him a little bit, it would work a little better," Inge

said.

The A's ace retired the first eight batters he faced before running into trouble, with 10 of the last 13 Tigers facing him reaching base on the way to a 5-0 lead.

"After that I started to nitpick a little bit instead of coming right after them," Zito said. "This is the playoffs. If you don't get ahead in the count it becomes more exposed than in the regular season."

The wild-card Tigers showed off their gloves, too, tying a league championship series record for double plays, last accomplished by the San Francisco Giants exactly 19 years earlier — on Oct. 10, 1987.

Robertson, who lost Game 1 against the Yankees in his post-season debut, threw five shutout innings to win for the first time in the Coliseum. The 29-year-old lefty struck out the side to escape a fourth-inning jam after Frank Thomas drew a leadoff walk and Jay Payton doubled him to third.

Oakland never trailed in its division-series sweep of the Minnesota Twins, taking quick leads in all three games. This time, the A's grounded into double plays to end both the second and third innings to squander early scoring chances, then had

another double play in the fifth.

The A's made mistakes resembling some of their blunders in four straight first-round losses from 2000-03 — not the clean, crisp defense they showed in the division series. They also went 0-for-12 with runners in scoring position, leaving them 3-for-34 so far this postseason.

"With three days off, I think guys came in here a little over-anxious and tried to do things we don't normally do," Thomas said.

Zito, Oakland's lone All-Star this season, didn't allow a hit until Inge — the No. 9 hitter — lofted a drive that stayed just inside the left-field foul pole with two outs in the third.

Curtis Granderson followed with a double, then Placido Polanco walked on Zito's 56th pitch. After Casey followed with a walk, pitching coach Curt Young paid a visit to the mound before Magglio Ordonez's infield single that five-time Gold Glover Eric Chavez bobbled at third base.

Zito threw 38 pitches, 18 balls, in the inning after needing only 31 to get through the first two, and he gave way to Chad Gaudin after only 3 2-3 innings. His line: seven hits, five runs, three walks and no strikeouts on 92 pitches.

Inge was 3-for-24 lifetime against Zito coming in. But just

like they did the final three games with the Yankees, the Tigers found success against a starting pitcher they'd had trouble with in the past.

With two outs in the top of the sixth, Casey hit a grounder to shortstop, took one step and then grabbed his left leg in pain. He made it about halfway down the line and was thrown out to end the inning. Manager Jim Leyland and a trainer came out to tend to Casey, who hobbled to the Tigers' clubhouse after the inning.

Casey was in a walking boot after the game. Carlos Guillen will likely shift from shortstop to fill in at first.

"Hopefully tomorrow it feels a lot better and I'll get treatment and be back in there soon," Casey said. "It's frustrating. I've been down this road before. I'm sure those guys will be fine."

Robertson and his relievers were in control, with Oakland's only run coming on Payton's RBI groundout in the eighth.

Fernando Rodney and Joel Zumaya each reached triple digits on the radar gun, with Zumaya topping out at 102 mph. Todd Jones finished it.

The Tigers — whose deep and talented pitching staff was baseball's best this season — held

Thomas 0-for-3 with a walk after the Big Hurt had a hit in each of the A's first three playoff games, including two home runs in the division series opener.

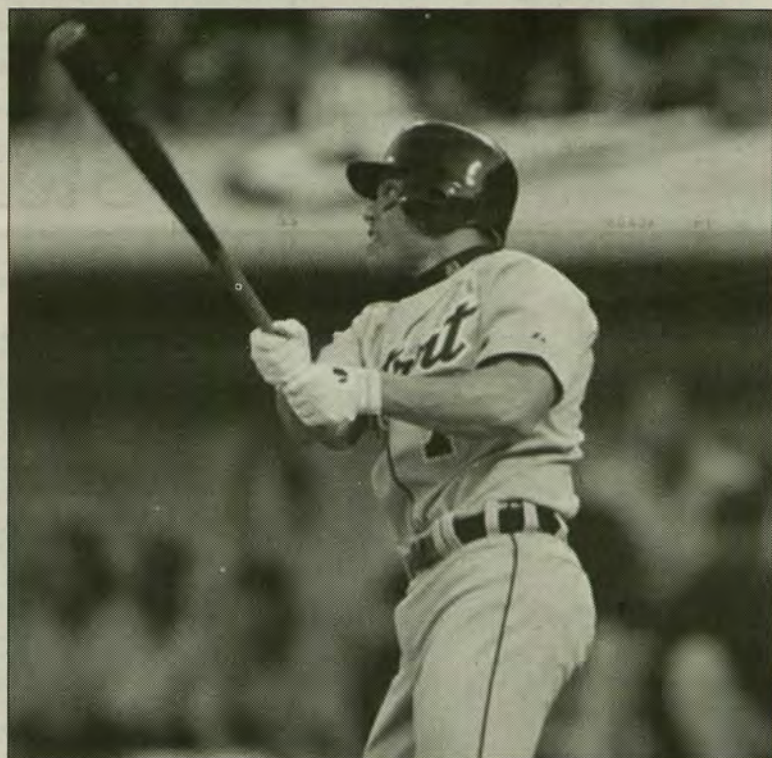
Even Marco Scutaro, who matched an A's postseason record with four RBIs in the first-round clincher, went hitless — despite a sellout crowd of 35,655 chanting "Marco! Scutaro!"

Rodriguez hit his fourth career postseason homer leading off the fourth.

The Tigers' success this season has finally allowed them to shed the loser label that came after the club's 119-loss season three years ago. This is Detroit's first ALCS since 1987, and the first for Oakland since '92.

Unless the A's reach the World Series, this was likely Zito's last start before he is expected to leave as a free agent after the season — just like stars Jason Giambi and Miguel Tejada before him.

Zito, with his nasty, looping curveball, had been 3-0 in his last five starts against the Tigers and hadn't lost to Detroit since Aug. 7, 2003. He earned the Game 1 nod again after he beat Cy Young favorite Johan Santana in Oakland's playoff opener against the Twins.



Detroit catcher Ivan Rodriguez watches his home run to right field off Barry Zito in the fourth inning of Game 1 of the ALCS.

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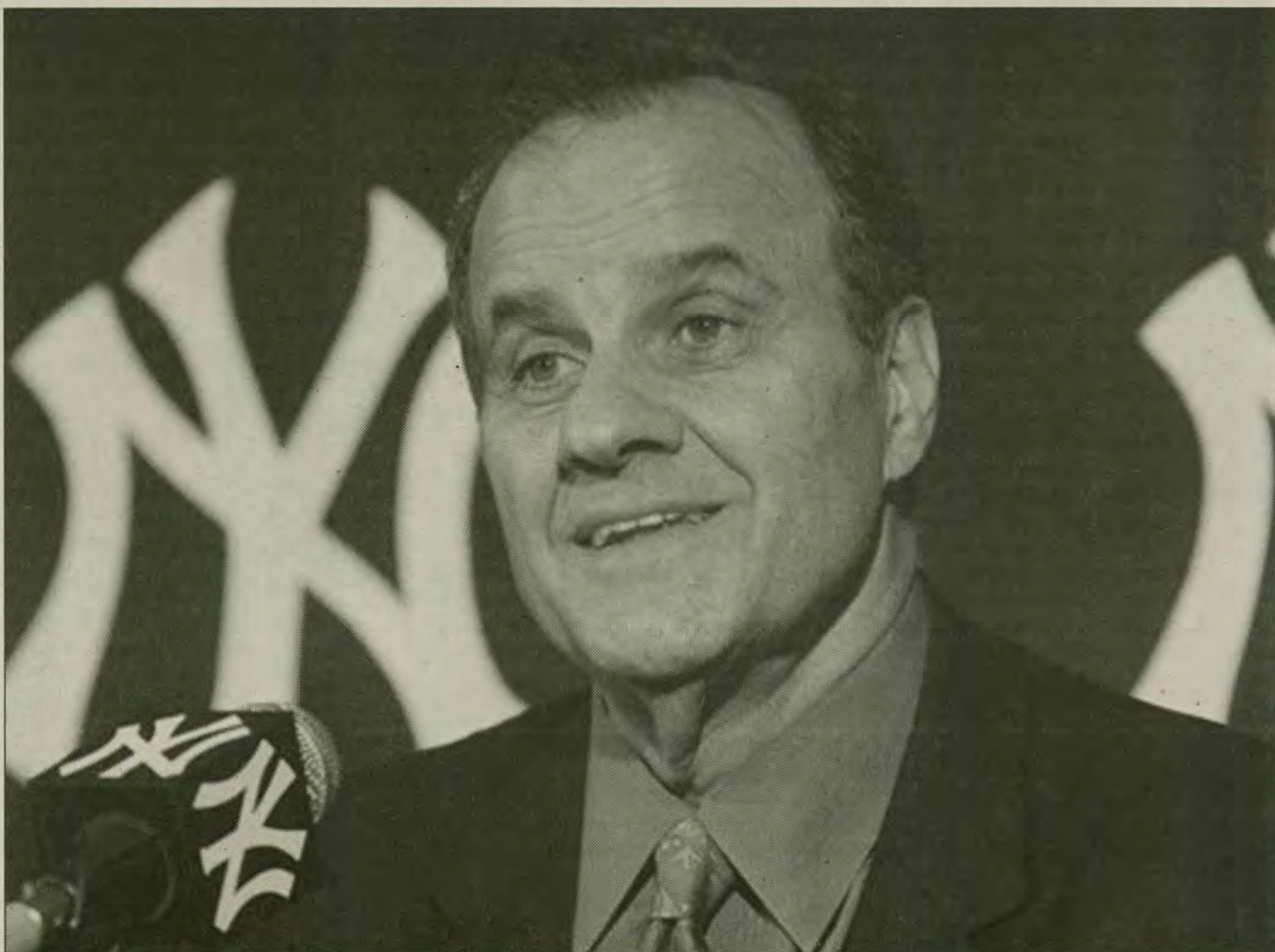
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8	Villanova	3-3
9	Connecticut	2-3
10	Seton Hall	2-4
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14	Georgetown	0-5
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New York manager Joe Torre fields reporters' questions Tuesday at Yankee Stadium in New York. Torre said he will stay on as Yankees manager for the 2007 season.

Steinbrenner sticking with Torre

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Torre was in his office at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, about to give the media his season wrapup, when general manager Brian Cashman walked in and handed him his cell phone.

George Steinbrenner was on the line.

"He has informed me that I will be here as his manager next year," Torre said about 15 minutes later.

And with that, Steinbrenner ended three days of speculation that followed his team's second straight first-round exit

from the AL playoffs.

Ever since Detroit eliminated the Yankees on Saturday, reports of Torre's imminent dismissal dominated New York media. When Steinbrenner left Monday to return to Tampa, Fla., he said he still hadn't made a decision.

Would he revert to his old ways, when he changed managers 20 times from 1973-95? Or would he stick with the revered Torre, who led the team to four World Series titles in his first five years but none in the six seasons since?

"Let's just say that he echoed support and com-

mitment to having me go on in this job," Torre said. "I felt comfortable with the conversation."

Steinbrenner recounted the talk in a statement issued through spokesman Howard Rubenstein, saying he told Torre: "You're back for the year. I expect a great deal from you and the entire team. I have high expectations, and I want to see enthusiasm, a fighting spirit and a team that works together. Responsibility is yours, Joe, and all of the Yankees."

"Yes, I am deeply disappointed about our loss this year," Steinbrenner added. "We have to do better, and

I deeply want a championship. It's about time."

Since Saturday's loss, Steinbrenner spent his time listening to the advice of his top executives. On Monday, Torre spoke with him about 15-to-20 minutes, and told him: "If you feel in your heart a change has to be made, go ahead and do it." After that phone call, Torre said he felt more confident he would keep his job.

All the while, camera crews camped outside Torre's home in suburban Westchester.

"I thought I had the cure for cancer or something," Torre said.

IN BRIEF

Toledo player dies after coronary vessel ruptures

TOLEDO — A Toledo basketball player who collapsed during conditioning drills died of a ruptured blood vessel to his heart, according to preliminary autopsy results released Tuesday.

Haris Charalambous, a backup center for the Rockets, was stricken Monday as players started some light running during a routine workout. His aortic arch ruptured, caused blood to fill the sac around his heart and stopped it from beating, said Dr. James Patrick, Lucas County coroner.

Several more weeks of testing will be needed to determine what caused the rupture, a well-known cause of sudden death, Patrick said.

"Even though the emergency response — what our trainers did was great — once the heart can't pump blood because of pressure around it, there's just not a very good likelihood that he is going to live," said Dr. Roger Kruse, team physician.

NASCAR teammates feud after costly wreck

CHARLOTTE — Here's one thing race fans won't see any time soon: Jimmie Johnson and Brian Vickers buddying up at the track, or anywhere else.

Johnson's anger toward his teammate and friend had not subsided Tuesday, two days after Vickers wrecked Johnson and Dale Earnhardt Jr. on the final lap at Talladega Superspeedway.

Johnson spent the bulk of his weekly conference call avoiding even mentioning Vickers' name, finally unloading on his teammate about 20 minutes in when asked if the two had spoken.

"I got a message from him, but that was about it," Johnson said. "I don't have much to say or much to talk to him about."

Asked if their relationship had changed, Johnson said he wasn't sure because it had only been two days since the incident.

'Happy to be alive,' Jackson apologizes to team

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers guard Stephen Jackson is "happy to be alive," after being punched in the mouth and hit by a car during a fight at a strip club in which police say he fired a gun in the air.

"I want to apologize to my teammates, to the fans and to this organization," Jackson said Tuesday after his first practice since the fight early Friday. "It was a very unfortunate incident. I definitely take responsibility for my action and everything I've done."

Team president Larry Bird said he was disappointed, especially because the Pacers are still trying to win their fans back after the brawl with Detroit Pistons fans two years ago. Jackson was suspended 30 games for his part in the brawl.

"This is a tough one, there's no question about it," Bird said. "We're not very happy with what happened, but we've got to move on and really concentrate on the season."

MLB

Rodriguez to stay in pinstripes

G.M. Cashman denies New York is trying to trade third baseman



Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez throws his glove in frustration during the 8th inning of game 4 of the Yankees playoff series Saturday against Detroit. The Tigers won 8-3, taking the series 3-1.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe Torre will be back with the New York Yankees and it looks as though A-Rod will be, too.

General manager Brian Cashman said the team had no intention of trading Alex Rodriguez, who failed to drive in a run in the playoffs for the second straight year and was dropped to eighth in the batting order.

"I fully expect him to be here," Cashman said Tuesday. "We're going to figure this thing out together."

Earlier, Torre said he would return as manager for his 12th season.

Rodriguez, who has a no-trade clause in his contract, struggled during his third season with the Yankees and was booed throughout the year by fans at Yankee Stadium. Cashman revealed that teams inquired about Rodriguez's availability up until the July 31 deadline to make trades without waivers.

"The first one I got hit on was late May, I think, or early June and then it got real heavy in the deadline period," Cashman said.

Right after Saturday night's loss eliminated the Yankees, Cashman received an e-mail inquiry from a team.

"I wanted to message back:

'Buzzard,' " Cashman said, adding that he expects to receive more offers during the offseason and intends to turn them down.

Rodriguez, the reigning AL MVP, hit .290 with 35 homers and 121 RBIs, and his 24 errors were the most among AL third basemen. He went 1-for-14 (.071) in the first-round playoff loss to Detroit and is 4-for-41 (.098) with no RBIs in his last 12 postseason games.

In New York, where the Yankees are always in the spotlight, Rodriguez has at times seemed uncomfortable in a clubhouse filled with other big stars. Torre said Rodriguez still feels the need to be the central run-producer, even though he has powerful hitters next to him in the lineup.

Even in an "off year" for Rodriguez, his run production was among baseball's best.

"I know there would be interest in him. There's no denying that. He's a very talented player," Cashman said. "Despite the difficult times that he's experienced here, people see the results and know that he's fighting not just the pitcher on the mound, he's fighting a lot more than that at times."

After the Yankees were eliminated Saturday, Rodriguez said he wanted to

stay with the team.

He is owed, in effect, \$66.6 million by New York over the last four seasons of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract. Rodriguez receives \$95 million, with the Yankees getting \$28.4 million from Texas to offset part of that.

"Alex Rodriguez is one of the important pieces to this puzzle here," Torre said. "He is a human being and there's a lot of times that he's not perceived that way. The fact of the matter is that he'll never be able to be compared to other people because, probably, (of) the enormity of his ability."

Cashman didn't think Rodriguez was angry about being dropped to eighth in the batting order in Game 4. He batted sixth in Games 1 and 2, and cleanup in Game 3.

"I don't know if there is an issue from Alex's perspective about batting eighth. I haven't talked to him about it," Cashman said. "I know one thing that we try to do is check all egos at the door when it comes to who should play and when they should play, where they bat."

Scott Boras, Rodriguez's agent, didn't return a call seeking comment. Cashman said if there was lingering disagreement, Rodriguez and Torre would have to settle it.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Indiana hopes to keep momentum

Hoosiers look to start Big-10 win streak

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON — When Terry Hooppner met with his team Sunday, he sensed changes.

Players were more upbeat, more enthusiastic and eager to keep the momentum rolling.

Saturday's comeback at Illinois counted as only one notch in the win column, but it was clear by Tuesday that the improbable comeback meant much more to the Hoosiers.

"The sun shines a little brighter and the water tastes a little better after you win," Hooppner said at his weekly news conference. "I felt good after the game. It was really timely, and, hopefully, that's something we can build on."

Indiana (3-3, 1-1) needed this one badly.

The victory ended a seven-game Big Ten losing streak, a conference road losing streak that dated to November 2001 and an overall three-game skid that threatened to send Indiana's season into a tailspin after a befuddling loss to Wisconsin.

Instead, the Hoosiers responded by demonstrating their resilience, their toughness and an ability to make the kind of plays Hooppner anticipated all season.

It was a refreshing change.

"It kind of gives you a breath of fresh air," center Justin Frye said. "You get in a slump, you lose some games and that's when you get attacked from the outside. We have to use this to our advantage."

From smiles to personal encounters and Internet exchanges to awards, the shift has noticeable everywhere players went.

Austin Starr, who kicked the winning 33-yard field goal, said he's made many new friends around campus over the past several days.

On Tuesday, kick returner Marcus Thigpen was named the Big Ten's special teams player of the week, marking the first time an Indiana player won that award since punter Drew Hagan on Oct. 31, 1999.

Thigpen opened the third quarter with a 98-yard kickoff return to give Indiana its first lead against Illinois.

With 197 return yards, Thigpen also set a school single-game record as he improved his national leading return average to 41.8 on kick-offs.

His three return TDs also tied the Big Ten's single-season mark, which was set by Purdue's Stan Brown in 1970, and tied by Michigan State's DeAndra Cobb in 2003.

Thigpen also rushed for 91 yards Saturday, easily his best effort of the season and the Hoosiers are hoping it's a start.

"We wanted to establish the running game and we did that," Frye said. "Kellen (Lewis) made the right decisions, and I think it's a confidence-building thing for Marcus."

It could, in fact, serve as a boost for the entire team.

Frye and others acknowledge there has been a little more bounce in workouts and meetings this week, an attitude Hooppner believes will create a productive week as Indiana prepares

for one of its biggest challenges of the season against No. 15 Iowa.

But Hooppner didn't have to see his players to sense the renewed vigor.

"I always ask our strength coach how things are going in the weight room because that's a good test," Hooppner said.

"He said they were lifting with an extra smile on their face."

Hooppner, too, seemed more at ease Tuesday as he explained why he defended his players so passionately over the past couple of weeks.

"I see how they prepare and work on a daily basis," he said.

But with the Hoosiers mired in a 25-7 deficit early in the second quarter, it took another pep talk from Hooppner to get things righted.

He called his defenders together on the sideline, a rare moment for the second-year coach, and the coaches decided to simplify the coverages.

The Fighting Illini managed only one more score and put the Hoosiers in position to produce their most significant victory of the season.

"The sun shines a little brighter and the water tastes a little better after you win."

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Indiana coach

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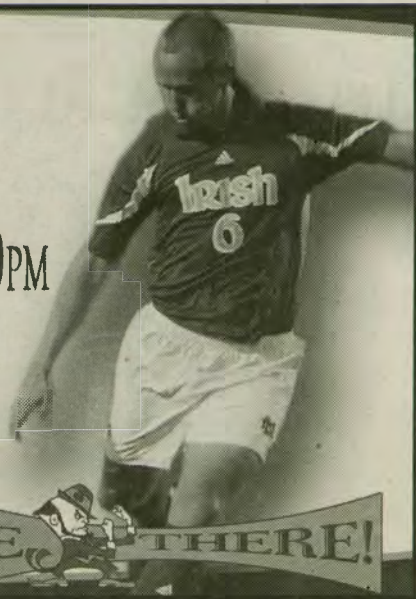
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McAllister satisfied with playing in Bush's shadow

Veteran running back quietly makes impact for 4-1 New Orleans with four touchdowns and 433 total yards

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Tacklers buckled under the force of his stiff-arm, bounced off his lowered shoulders and thick, churning legs, or lost their grip on his kicking feet.

Others couldn't even get a hand on Deuce McAllister as he danced around them and accelerated upfield.

"I'm pretty good for an older

guy," McAllister, in his sixth season but still only 27, said with a confident grin.

He also is pretty good for someone coming back from reconstructive knee surgery, often a tricky proposition for running backs, who tend to take more of a pounding than quarterbacks or receivers.

If no one makes a fuss over how strong he's looked this season, the low-key country

guy from central Mississippi appears content to continue chewing up yardage with quiet satisfaction.

"People are going to make their opinion and comments in the way they choose," McAllister said. "It's something I can't control."

For several years, McAllister has been the face of the New Orleans Saints, his No. 26 jersey worn by fans throughout

the region. This season, however, the more popular is the No. 25 worn by flashy rookie Reggie Bush, the Heisman Trophy winner whose selection by the Saints in last spring's draft set off an impromptu citywide party for a full weekend.

Bush once again grabbed the headlines in last Sunday's 24-21 victory over Tampa Bay with his first NFL touchdown,

a game-winning 65-yard punt return late in the fourth quarter.

"He can have it," a still grinning McAllister said without a moment's hesitation when asked about Bush stealing the spotlight.

In that same game, McAllister rushed for 123 yards on 15 carries, an average of 8.2 yards per run. His bruising, 57-yard run set up a field goal. His 24-yard touchdown, during which he danced out of trouble in the backfield, slipped two tackles across the line of scrimmage and then cut sharply into the open field, gave New Orleans its first lead.

Following the game, McAllister was coy about the condition of his right knee, which still requires treatment to keep the swelling down after practice and games.

He calls himself "game ready."

"It doesn't matter," McAllister said. "I just try to go out there and play whether I'm 100 percent or 85 percent."

Sharing carries with Bush, McAllister has only once broken the 100-yard mark in a game this season. But he has averaged 4.8 yards per carry through five weeks. He also has a team-leading four touchdowns for the Saints, who are off to a surprising 4-1 start and in first place in the NFC South.

"I knew coming here he was a Pro Bowl running back and a guy that's respected throughout the league," new Saints coach Sean Payton said.

"The big thing is: How's he coming off of a season with a knee injury? I've been real pleased with everything I've seen, his work ethic. He's got his weight right where it needs to be. He's got his strength. He's playing with intensity. He's practicing well. ...

"He played fantastic."

Going by statistics, opposing defenses might be wise to give equal attention to McAllister and Bush, because Payton is balancing the pair's work evenly. McAllister has 79 carries and seven receptions for 433 total yards. Bush has 54 rushes and a league-leading 34 receptions for 420 total yards.

But Bush, who lines up all over the field as either a runner or receiver, seems to be more distracting to defenders. Payton has used him as a decoy, sometimes freezing linebackers on fake handoffs to Bush during several of McAllister's runs.

"Everyone focuses on Reggie, but at the end of the day No. 26 is a hell of a football player," Tampa Bay cornerback Brian Kelly said.

McAllister said the fakes to Bush have made it easier for him to read the defensive pursuit and find open running lanes.

"I'll take some easy runs if that's what they're going to give me," McAllister said. "The defenses out there, they respect my talents enough. But obviously Reggie has talent as well, so they're definitely going to pay attention to him."

"So give me a second or two and let me see the reads and I think I can make some plays."



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NFL

Despite 5-0 start, serious questions remain for Colts

Run defense allowing 166.8 yards per game

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The AFC standings show Indianapolis as the AFC's only perfect team. Look deeper, and you'll find the Colts are a flawed team.

Two-time MVP Peyton Manning has waited impatiently on the bench as the defense gets continually overrun by opponents. If the kick coverage team doesn't break down, crazy trick plays might threaten the Colts. There have been uncharacteristic penalties and inexplicable struggles against far inferior teams.

The once perfect blueprint now needs some modifications.

In a little more than a month the Colts have gone from trendy Super Bowl pick to this year's version of the luckiest and most unlikely unbeaten team in football.

Sure, it's tough to argue with 5-0, even one with all these warts and pimples.

Consider, though, the road the Colts have taken. They escaped Tennessee's improbable upset bid Sunday, had to rally twice in the final three minutes to beat the New York Jets, and have

been besieged by a run defense so bad coach Tony Dungy challenged his players with the no-so-subtle phrase that makes defenders across America wince.

"We're a little bit soft right now," Dungy said of his run defense after reviewing another bad tape Monday.

Nobody said replacing Edgerrin James would be easy, but few anticipated the bigger challenge would be replacing linebacker David Thornton and defensive tackle Larry Tripplett.

Sunday's game provided the latest testimonial to the Colts' woes. The winless Titans, averaging 70 yards per game rushing, rocked Indy for 214 yards and led almost the entire game — until Manning delivered his third late game-winning drive of the season.

The run defense is yielding 166.8 yards, a pace that would lead to nearly 2,700 yards rushing allowed this year. Not exactly Super Bowl numbers.

Without drastic improvement, the Colts can forget about any February plans for Miami.

One must wonder where Indianapolis would be without this strange yet manageable early-season schedule or Manning's late-game heroics? Perhaps 2-3?

But as shaky as the Colts have

been, opponents still have not produced a winning formula.

It's given Dungy a chance to send a stronger message to his team during the bye week. As one of two unbeaten teams in the NFL, the Colts again have control of the AFC South after sweeping three home games over division rivals.

The problems have also given Dungy a chance to keep his players focused.

"We are not playing as well as we need to play," Dungy said after Sunday's unimpressive 14-13 win. "It's probably my job to get us better. We will work on that next week and the following week."

Yet it's also possible these strong challenges may be just what Indy needs to eliminate the postseason blues. The Colts have tried it the other way and failed.

In 2005, when their quest for perfection became the hottest story in the NFL, they won nine of their first 13 games by double digits. They were so good, yet so nicked, that Dungy benched the starters for the last two weeks. Still, everybody penciled them in for the Super Bowl.

Instead, they got derailed by Pittsburgh in the divisional playoffs.

During Manning's record-breaking 2004 season, the Colts lost their opener and finale, but between won 12 of 14, including eight by double digits. Then they lost at New England in the

second round of the playoffs.

Certainly, Dungy doesn't want 103-yard kickoff returns forcing Manning to deliver another comeback drive, like he did against the Jets, just to create a mentally tougher team.

But who would have expected the Colts to be 5-0 under these circumstances?

— Former NFL sacks champion Dwight Freeney has been shut out the first five weeks.

— Manning, a two-time MVP, has scored as many touchdowns (two) as the wide receiver tandem of Marvin Harrison and

Reggie Wayne.

— Former Pro Bowl defensive tackle Corey Simon, the Colts' best run-stuffer, was lost for the season after banging his knee in training camp Aug. 4.

— Pro Bowl safety Bob Sanders and Adam Vinatieri, the NFL's best clutch kicker, haven't played since Week 2 against Houston because of injuries.

— They had to contend with another traumatic experience when Wayne's older brother, Rashad, was killed in a traffic accident last month.



Indianapolis head coach Tony Dungy patrols the sideline Sunday during the Colts game with Tennessee. Indianapolis won 14-13.



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feat Sept. 26 in the third round of the John Dallio Memorial in Chicago.

"I'm not sure that's ever been done in college competition," Kubinski said.

Isban was pleased with the hole-in-one and also wasn't disappointed with Notre Dame's play. He noted that the Irish defeated four teams that had been ranked higher than Notre Dame entering the tournament.

Baylor, Florida State, Vanderbilt and Augusta State had each received more votes in the Sagarin Performance Index than the Irish had before the Gridiron Classic.

"We beat some good teams," Isban said. "For our team to finish second, I was pretty pleased."

Lamar University ran away with the victory as it carded a 20-over-par 860, 29 strokes ahead of the runner-up Irish.

"I think we should have been a little more competitive with Lamar," senior captain Cole Isban said.

Irish coach Jim Kubinski said that, before the event began, he had hoped to finish among the top three this week.

"I'm happy with [our performance]," Kubinski said.

He also pointed out that some strong teams played in the event.

"After the season's over, I think we'll look back and see five or six NCAA [regional-qualifying] teams," Kubinski said.

The Irish trailed by 19 shots after the first two rounds Monday. They lost more ground to Lamar Tuesday, which finished No. 8 in last season's Golfstat rankings.

"We played a little better [Monday]," Kubinski said. "The hole placements were a little



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Irish freshman Carl Santos-Ocampo has a hole-in-one in each of his last two tournaments.

tougher for the final round and the weather was worse."

Leading the way for the Irish was Isban, who finished in second place after a heartbreaking sequence on the eighteenth hole of the final round.

Lamar's Justin Harding, who was tied with Isban after 53 holes of tournament play, made a 25-yard chip shot to birdie the final hole of the event while Isban watched from the fairway.

"He had a tough shot and hit it too hard, but it just caught the hole," Isban said.

Isban, who celebrated his birthday Tuesday, then narrowly missed a long birdie putt that would have put him into a play-

off against Harding.

"Cole just missed the putt," Kubinski said.

Isban recorded a par and finished with a 4-over-par 214, good for a second-place tie with Vanderbilt's Luke List.

"I'm happy with the way I played," Isban said. "There's not really much you can do about [the close loss]."

Isban was joined by sophomore Josh Sandman (+12), senior Adam Gifford (+15), freshman Doug Fortner (+18) and junior Mike King (+25) as the top five scorers for the Irish.

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key to the Vermin's success tonight could rest on the shoulders of senior running back and free safety Mike Johnson.

"We need to always know where Mike Johnson is on the field," Bupalino said. "He had a big game against us last year and is a key to their success so we have to be aware of where he is."

Fisher has been equally dominant, outscoring its opponents 38-3 while recording two shutouts.

"It's imperative that we win this game," Bupalino said. "If we do, we probably wouldn't see Carroll until the championship."

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**Tom Bupalino
Fisher captain**

victory tomorrow would propel the Rabid Bats to third place in the Blue Division while a loss would drop them to sixth.

"A win would be huge because we started 0-2, and the prospects looked pretty bleak," Zahm captain Sean Wieland said.

The Stedsmen have not fared well so far this season, getting shutout by the Siegfried, Sorin and Carroll.

While the offense has struggled, the defense has had its moments, holding both Siegfried and Sorin to one touchdown.

The key to spoiling the Rabid Bats' dreams could be the per-

formance of St. Ed's wide receiver Corey Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick is predicting a full mile of total yardage in tonight's game.

"We have to win the game with big kickoff returns," St. Ed's captain Ge Wang said. "I think as long as we hit our free throws we'll be fine."

Wieland is quite aware of the possibility that St. Ed's could stop their season short, citing last year as an example.

"Our final game last year was against Knott who was winless while we were undefeated, and it was our toughest game of the year," he said. "St. Ed's has nothing to lose tomorrow. They want a victory too. We just need to go out and put together four quarters."

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Irish goalkeeper Chris Cahill makes one of his four saves in Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Georgetown Oct. 7 at Alumni Field.

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last season.

"The combination of his receptions, the number of his receptions and touches at carrying the ball are almost identical," Weis said. "The yards are by a slight margin a little bit more per game than where he was at this stage last year."

At wide receiver, Jeff Samardzija has the same number of catches through six games he did in 2005, but his yards per catch has fallen from 17.6 to 10.9. Weis said Samardzija's individual statistics are not as important as the overall statistics of the top two receivers in the core.

"I think you really have to group the two receivers together," Weis said. "Group Jeff and Rhema [McKnight] together compared to Jeff and [2005 Irish starting receiver Maurice Stovall]."

With McKnight's seven touchdown receptions and Samardzija's five, compared to Samardzija's nine and Stovall's one last season, Weis said he is content with the production.

On defense, Weis said one of the biggest surprises he saw going over the statistics was the play of middle linebacker Maurice Crum. Playing strong-side linebacker in 2005, Crum had 24 tackles through six games. This season, he has 43 tackles, compared to the 30 tackles 2005 starting middle linebacker Corey Mays had through six games.

But Weis said the combined statistics of Travis Thomas and Joe Brockington at weak-side linebacker was not as good as the play of 2005 starter Brandon Hoyte.

"We have had a drop-off statistically at the Will position," Weis said, using the team's pseudonym for the position. "Brandon had a lot more tackles at the Will position, tackles for loss and sacks at this time, than we have right now. ... Brandon would have a significant edge at that Will position

from where we are."

Overall, though, Weis saw defensive improvement.

"I'd say the biggest improvement on the entire team is our pass defense," Weis said. "Last year at this time we were giving up over 300 yards a game. It was 304.8, okay. Now it's 212.8, which is by far the most significant stat on the positive vein by far."

Weis noted that the defense has surrendered eight more rushing yards per game this season, but yards per carry is actually down.

Weis highlighted Chinedum Ndukwe's production in the secondary and the play of Trevor Laws and Derek Landri at defensive tackle. Laws had nine

tackles in the first six games of 2005 compared to 32 now. Landri went from 16 to 24. Ndukwe also has compiled far more tackles in 2006, going from 24 to 43 through six contests.

"As I've talked about people who have played better, it's pretty obvious when you looked at [Ndukwe]," Weis said.

Notes:

◆ Weis said Notre Dame coaches will use four of their allotted six in-season days off campus over the next two weeks for recruiting purposes. According to Weis, two of those days will be Thursday and Friday.

"Now, some of [the coaches] will get to see a game on Thursday and a game on Friday," Weis said. "Some of the guys will just go to schools on Thursday and go to schools on Friday and see a game. Some of those guys will see two games on Friday where there's an afternoon game on Friday and there's a night game on Friday. But the coaching staff will be out."

NCAA regulations allow only seven of 10 coaches on a coaching staff to be off campus recruiting at any one point. To maximize efficiency, Weis said he will employ a technique known as "tag-teaming" to connect recruits with specific coaches.

"I need [defensive coordina-

tor] Rick [Minter] here on Thursday," Weis said. "He'll go on the road for Friday, [and] [defensive line coach Jappy] Oliver will come off the road on Friday so that Coach Minter can get into his area for a full day."

◆ Weis said he is experimenting with the possibility of freshmen kickers Ryan Burkhart or Nate Whitaker taking Notre Dame's field goal attempts of more than 40 yards. Senior kicker Carl Gioia is 0-of-2 from that distance.

"We're going to take a look at Burkhart; we're going to take a look at Whitaker," Weis said. "Let those guys kick from 40 to 50, see what it looks like."

◆ Weis said a group of students tried to steal his golf cart during the weekend of the Notre Dame-Purdue game.

"The most interesting [experience] I've had so far were guys on reunion weekend trying to steal my golf cart at 4:30 in the morning coming back from the bars," Weis said. "I looked at them and I said, 'What the hell are you doing?' [They said,] 'We're trying to steal the golf cart.' I said, 'It's mine.'"

"I actually put them on my golf cart and drove them over to the dorm and piled them into a garbage can, got them back there."

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lead to Michigan," Clark said. "They're a good team."

Michigan State's double overtime loss to Indiana also marks the one time in three games that the Spartans have failed to come away victorious against a ranked opponent. Earlier this season, Michigan State defeated No. 3 New Mexico and No. 19 Virginia Commonwealth, both by the score of 1-0.

"[Beating New Mexico and Virginia Commonwealth] shows they're not intimidated by a team that's highly perceived," Clark said.

"I don't think they'll be intimidated by us, but I don't think we'll be intimidated either."

If their recent play is any indication, Notre Dame isn't scared of anyone.

The Irish have won five straight games since their last loss, a 2-1 defeat at

Cincinnati Sept. 17. Throughout its winning streak, Notre Dame has averaged three goals a game while only conceding 0.4 goals a game.

Clark, while pleased with the recent success of his team, won't let the success be a distraction.

"Winning is a habit, and losing is a habit, so I'm very happy we're in the winning habit," Clark said. "The secret is not to get caught up in it. When you do that, other things like extra pressure come into play."

While he respects his opponents, Clark is also mindful of Irish history. Notre Dame has never lost to Michigan State in South Bend, and Clark is confident that his team can maintain that record.

"It will be a good test, but we have to worry about our focus," Clark said.

"If we keep our focus, I think we'll be fine."

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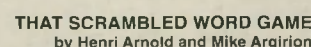
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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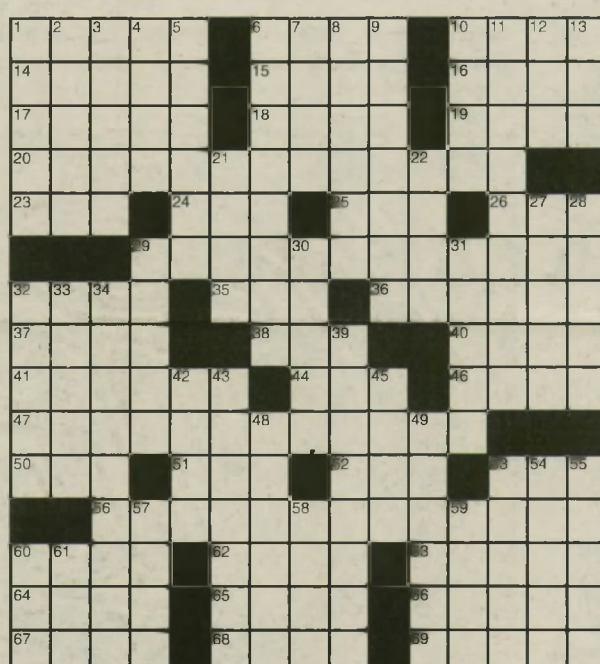
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| ACROSS | 35 New Deal program, for short | 60 Usually unopened mail |
| 1 Congregation leader | 36 C. S. Lewis's "The Chronicles of ____" | 62 Eisenhower's Korean counterpart |
| 6 Noted movie terrier | 37 It's trapped indoors | 63 George Burns movie |
| 10 Excellent, in slang | 38 Finis | 64 St. ____, spring break mecca |
| 14 Columnist Goodman | 40 Polish border river | 65 Evening on Mt. Etna |
| 15 Very top | 41 Protozoan | 66 Mapquest offering |
| 16 Prefix in the airplane industry | 44 Preschooler | 67 Parrots |
| 17 Large antelope | 46 Guernsey, e.g., in the English Channel | 68 Mince words? |
| 19 A bit blue | 47 Holy chicken? | 69 "Fabulous!" |
| 20 False rumor about seafood? | 50 Disco ____, "The Simpsons" character | |
| 23 Needle part | 51 A Perón | DOWN |
| 24 Whistle blower | 52 Timberwolves' org. | 1 Witherspoon of "Vanity Fair" |
| 25 "Delta of Venus" author | 53 Onetime United rival | 2 Put to rest, as fears |
| 26 Barnyard sound | 56 Chic scavenger? | 3 Proclaim loudly |
| 29 40¢ per fifth of a mile, in New York City? | | 4 Not stay rigid |
| 32 Greek earth goddess: Var. | | 5 A Gandhi |
| | | 6 Rest awhile |
| | | 7 Oil price-setting |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Leonard Williams

- DOWN**
- 1 Witherspoon of "Vanity Fair"
 - 2 Put to rest, as fears
 - 3 Proclaim loudly
 - 4 Not stay rigid
 - 5 A Gandhi
 - 6 Rest awhile
 - 7 Oil price-setting grp.
 - 8 Lessee
 - 9 Tony Blair, collegially
 - 10 Catherine who wed Henry VIII
 - 11 Sweat absorbers
 - 12 Parabola, essentially
 - 13 Play (with)
 - 21 Queue cue
 - 22 Kournikova of tennis
 - 27 Sharon of Israel
 - 28 On ____ (how pranks may be done)

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| 6 Rest awhile | 29 Spud | 43 Unfavorable | 54 Penned |
| 7 Oil price-setting
grp. | 30 ____ Domingo | 45 Forbidden: Var. | 55 Viper |
| 8 Lessee | 31 C-3PO, e.g., for
short | 48 Redeemed, as
a check | 57 Iowa college
town |
| 9 Tony Blair,
collegiately | 32 Lens | 49 Stubble | 58 Actress Garr |
| 10 Catherine who
wed Henry VIII | 33 Shoot for | removers | 59 Mao colleague |
| 11 Sweat
absorbers | 34 Immunize | 53 Advice to a
base runner
before leaving
base | 60 Bathroom
installation |
| 12 Parabola, | 39 Conductor's
cue, maybe | | 61 Get-up-and-go |
| | 42 Shade of red | | |

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FOOTBALL

Internal assessment

Weis evaluates team at halfway point of season, singles out squad's best performers

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Charlie Weis is happy to have a bye week.

In his weekly press conference Tuesday, Weis said he will use the week off to continue recruiting, rest injured players and look deeper into position and personnel battles.

But, of course, it all started with statistics for the number-crunching coach.

Weis went through nearly every major statistic and compared it to Notre Dame's performance up to this point of the 2005 season. And what he saw were generally close correlations.

Weis noted that Irish quarterback Brady Quinn's completion

percentage through six games in 2006 (63.5) is "almost identical" to his percentage in 2005 (63.6). Quinn has thrown for two more touchdowns (16) this season but 45 yards a game (273) and one interception (4) less.

"He's statistically done a little bit better job because of the 16-to-4 touchdown interception versus a 14-to-5 touchdown interception at the same time last year," Weis said.

Weis noted that running back Darius Walker, who is averaging 88 rushing yards per game this season compared to 100 a year ago, has far more receiving yardage than he did in 2005. Walker has 38 catches for 258 yards in 2006. He had 21 receptions for 159 yards at this point

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Notre Dame receiver Jeff Samardzija, left, slips past Stanford linebacker Clinton Snyder in Saturday's 31-10 Irish win. Samardzija's mid-season stats are similar to his 2005 numbers.

MEN'S SOCCER

Skidding Spartans offer Irish non-conference challenge

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Although No. 8 Notre Dame will take a break from its Big East schedule to take on Michigan State, there will not be any drop-off in the level of competition when the Irish and Spartans meet Wednesday

night on Alumni Field at 7 p.m.

Michigan State enters the game with a record of 6-4-2 coming off a 1-1 tie with in-state rival Michigan last Saturday. While many Irish opponents use their non-conference games as a reprieve from the rigors of the Big East, Notre Dame coach

Bobby Clark sees it differently.

"We're allowed 18 regular season games, so you try to find the best competition that you can," Clark said. "Michigan State is perennially very strong, and this will be another quality game for us."

Clark also pointed out that regional games, such as Wednesday's contest against

Michigan State or the Sept. 4 game against Michigan, are strongly taken into consideration for the NCAA tournament.

The Spartans enter their contest with Notre Dame on a four-game winless streak, but haven't played as poorly as their record indicates. Michigan State led the Wolverines 1-0 Saturday

before it gave up the tying goal, and one of the Spartans recent losses was in double overtime to No. 14 Indiana.

These facts have not been lost on Clark.

"I know they were unlucky against Indiana, and they'll be disappointed to have lost the

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MEN'S GOLF

Freshman nails second hole-in-one



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Freshman Doug Fortner surveys the green during the Fighting Irish Gridiron Classic at the Warren Golf Course Tuesday.

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame finished second in a 12-team field Tuesday on its home course as it watched one of its freshman card a hole-in-one for the second consecutive tournament as the Irish hosted the inaugural Gridiron Golf Classic at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

Freshman Carl Santos-Ocampo, who played as an individual not on the team scorecard, recorded a hole-in-one for the second straight event. Santos-Ocampo registered the ace on the par-3 fourth hole.

He also accomplished the

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INTERHALL

Green Wave hopes to drown Vermin

Fisher, Carroll set to determine No. 1 seed for upcoming playoffs

By MATT HOPKE
Sports Writer

The regular season's last night features a clash of the unbeaten as the Green Wave of Fisher (3-0) and the Vermin of Carroll (3-0) will meet tonight at 7 on Riehle Field.

The winner will capture the regular season title in the Blue Division and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

Adding to the significance of this game is the bad blood between the two teams. The Green Wave views the contest as a chance to reverse last year's 28-0 drubbing at the hands of the Vermin.

"Carroll beat us pretty badly last year," Fisher captain Tom Bupalino said. "They're a big rival for us. We've lost to them the past two years, so everyone is pretty motivated for the game."

The Vermin have impressed so far this season, outscoring their opponents 48-6 and recording two shutouts. The

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INTERHALL

Fisher vs. Carroll
7 p.m. Riehle Field

The final night of the regular season includes a battle for the Blue Division title.

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Despite Indianapolis' 5-0 start, Colts coach Tony Dungy says he still has many questions about his team.

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Iowa at Indiana

After a dramatic win over Illinois, Indiana hopes to keep its momentum in the Big Ten.

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New York general manager Brian Cashman says he will not trade third baseman Alex Rodriguez.

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MLB — AL

Joe Torre announces he will return to the Yankees for a 12th year as manager with owner George Steinbrenner's support.

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Tigers 5
A's 1

Brandon Inge and Ivan Rodriguez homer in Detroit's Game 1 win.

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