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Malloy recovers after kidney operation

President Emeritus donates organ to anonymous recipient in four way procedure

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

67-year old University president emeritus Father Edward A. "Monk" Malloy, C.S.C, returned to work last week after donating a kidney to an anonymous 61-year-old woman on August 11.

The procedure was part of a four-patient operation during which the woman's son donated his kidney to Johnny Rorapaugh, Malloy's nephew.

Malloy said donating his kidney was a sort of natural progression in his life.

"My father only had one kidney from the time he was born to age 77," he said. "It never had any bad effects. It was just a fact about our family."

Malloy had discussed organ donations in an academic setting in the 1970s and early 1980s while he taught biomedical ethics as a professor of theology at the University.

"I discussed all the issues of transplant theoretically, but never imagined it as a reality," he said.

There are about 80,000 people in the United States waiting for kidney transplants and for Rorapaugh to move to the top of the list he needed a family member or friend with the same blood type to volunteer to donate their own kidney. Other family members were unable to offer their organs to him because they didn't match his blood type or there were other health reasons preventing them, so Malloy decided to donate his.

"At first, I thought I was too old, but they told me I wasn't," Malloy said.

Until two weeks before the scheduled August 11 date for the procedure, Malloy expected his kidney to go to Rorapaugh. However, his doctors notified him of the anonymous mother-son pair, who were incompatible for each other. Malloy, however, was a compatible donor for the mother, while the son was a compatible donor for

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Sterling given new role

Former Arts & Letters dean to lead grad school

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Gregory Sterling, the former executive dean of the College of Arts and Letters was appointed dean of the Graduate School over the summer.

The appointment follows a split between the University's Graduate School and Office of Research in 2007 and Sterling plans to use his new role to help strengthen the Graduate School and increase collaboration between graduate and undergraduate programs.

"The Graduate School has long been seen as a secondary citizen in the University of Notre Dame," Sterling said. "The University has made its reputation on the basis of the undergraduate programs and the graduate school has, to a great extent, been an afterthought. My task is to help put the graduate school on firm footing so that it takes its rightful place in the University."

Notre Dame has only one graduate student for every 4.3 undergraduates, Sterling said. By comparison, Princeton has 2.3 undergraduates of every graduate student, and Brown has 3.5 he said.

"I don't know of any of our peers that would have as few graduates in comparison to undergraduates as we do,"

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ND opens year with Mass, picnic

Sustainability a theme throughout the evening, Jenkins calls for a hopeful perspective

JESSICA LEE/The Observer

University president Fr. John Jenkins presided over the first Mass of the academic year. Tuesday, emphasizing environmental issues.

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

University president Fr. John Jenkins told the Notre Dame community to pray they are "afflicted with hope" when facing problems — especially emphasizing global environmental and sustainability issues — during his homily at Notre Dame's Opening Mass Tuesday evening.

Students, faculty, staff and their families were invited to participate in the annual Mass in the Joyce Center, and enjoy the traditional University picnic dinner afterwards on the Hesburgh Library Quad.

The Mass, led by Jenkins, included words of welcome from University provost Thomas Burishand and was centered on Psalm 104, which asks God to "send forth [His] spirit and renew the face of the earth." Both tied in part to issues of sustainability, a theme throughout the evening.

Jenkins' message made note of the Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy on Sept. 24.

The challenges of sustainability go beyond high prices at the gas pump, Jenkins said. The complex issues include depletion of fossil fuels, higher energy prices, increased food prices associated with increased malnutrition in certain areas, and increased competition in the search for resources, particularly oil.

In response, Jenkins said his "fervent prayer... is that

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SMC opens new building

Spes Unica Hall will house 13 of the college's 20 academic departments

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

It wasn't just the freshman who had to find their classrooms and navigate a new building when classes began at Saint Mary's Monday morning. Upperclassmen and professors have joined the first years in exploring Spes Unica Hall, the College's new academic building, since it opened at the start of the semester.

The College announced plans to build Spes Unica — which means "our only hope" in Latin, referring to the cross

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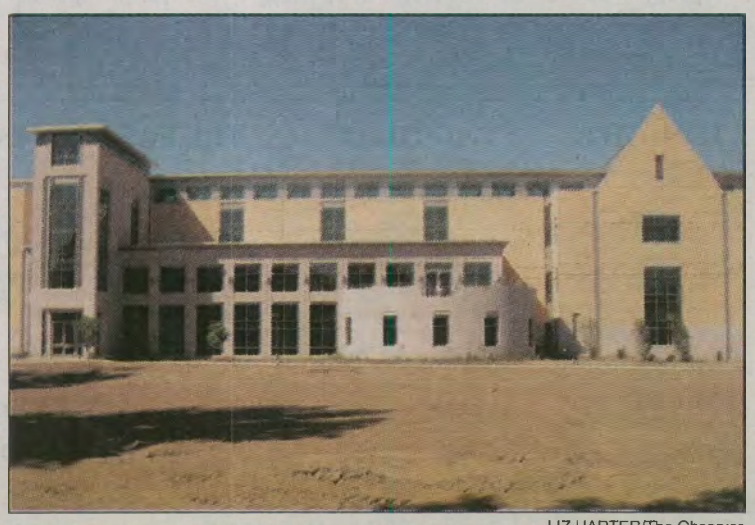

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Saint Mary's new academic building Spes Unica Hall opened for classes Monday.

Students reflect on first day back on campus

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

For some, it's nerve-wrecking. For others, it's a walk in the park. For all undergraduate students at Notre Dame, Tuesday was the first day of classes.

Every year, students return from a summer of doing nothing – or a summer of doing everything – and re-enter the classrooms of O'Shaughnessy and DeBartolo, Fitzpatrick and Flanner.

On a day in South Bend with a high of 80 degrees and a low of 58, Notre Dame students walked down the quads, most with backpacks, and some in specially-chosen First Day of School outfits, like sophomore Amanda Bremer.

Bremer, wearing a white polo, white tank top and a blue and white striped skirt, laid out her outfit Monday night.

"I wanted to go to the Opening Mass, so I wanted to dress up a bit," she said. But Bremer, who lives in McGlinn, had an 11 a.m. class at Flanner Hall, across the campus from her dorm, so she wore casual flip flops with her outfit.

Ronny Kunst, a freshman, said he did not experience

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Inside Column

Wake-up call

Jenn Metz

News Editor

So. Another start to another year here at Notre Dame.

I haven't been on campus since December, and some things have changed — there's a gorgeous new male ... dormitory, scaffolding all over the Basilica and modern bathrooms in Cavanaugh (finally).

Some of the more unfortunate things I remember from campus, however, remain the same.

When I was in Rome last semester, I loved (almost) everything about the vibrant city life — the open-air markets, the cafes, the constant activity, the people.

The Eternal City, however, was home to eternal traffic — motorinos and Vespas going 100 miles per hour and unnecessarily honking at all hours.

Considering that my bedroom in my apartment there was three-quarters windows, those motorcycle noises were particularly irksome at night, when I was trying to sleep. My roommate resorted to earplugs.

Imagine my excitement at finally returning to the Midwest, to a beautiful, clean campus that, most of the time at least, is quiet at night.

Much to my dismay, I was awoken my first night (or morning, rather) here by the sound of various trucks near LaFortune delivering things.

My bedroom in Cavanaugh, with its one window (now open, to encourage air circulation) becomes filled with the dreaded sounds I thought I left behind when I boarded my trans-Atlantic flight: the screeching of tires, the beeping large vehicles make when they back up, the droning of engines.

These noises followed me to Indiana. And they wake me up. At 6 am.

Every day.

Except Sunday. Even delivery trucks have a day of rest.

With this new year comes a new schedule. Now, I've found, when rising with the delivery trucks, I have about four extra hours of my day to fill.

I could exercise?

Maybe this is a good time to take up running. I'm really embarrassed to run outside. I could go around the lakes in the cool of the morning, when it's unlikely I'd be seen.

I could read?

Who knows how many of those great books that everyone claims to have read (but really never has) I can get through in a semester if I read for all those extra hours a week.

I could write?

Forget reading those great books, maybe I will be struck by inspiration and write the great American novel in the mornings before class.

I could knit?

I can knit a pretty sweet looking scarf. Unfortunately, that's all I can knit. But when the weather changes and my window is no longer always open, I could wrap up in all the awesome scarves I would make.

I could learn some unique trade? I could spend the hours trying to come up with cooler things to do to pass those hours?

I'm probably not going to do any of these things, though.

I'm probably going to go back to sleep.

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

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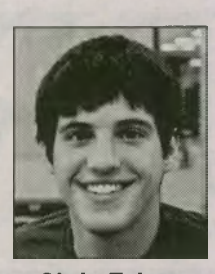
Question of the Day: *What advice do you have for the incoming freshman?*



Chris Esbers

senior
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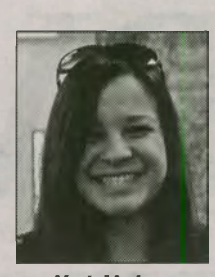
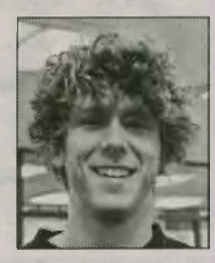
"Enjoy the good life."



Kat Hake

senior
off campus

"Call your mom."



Rob Plasschaert

senior
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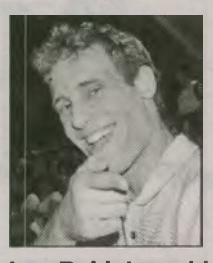
"Don't eat after midnight — and stay away from water."



Leo Rubinkowski

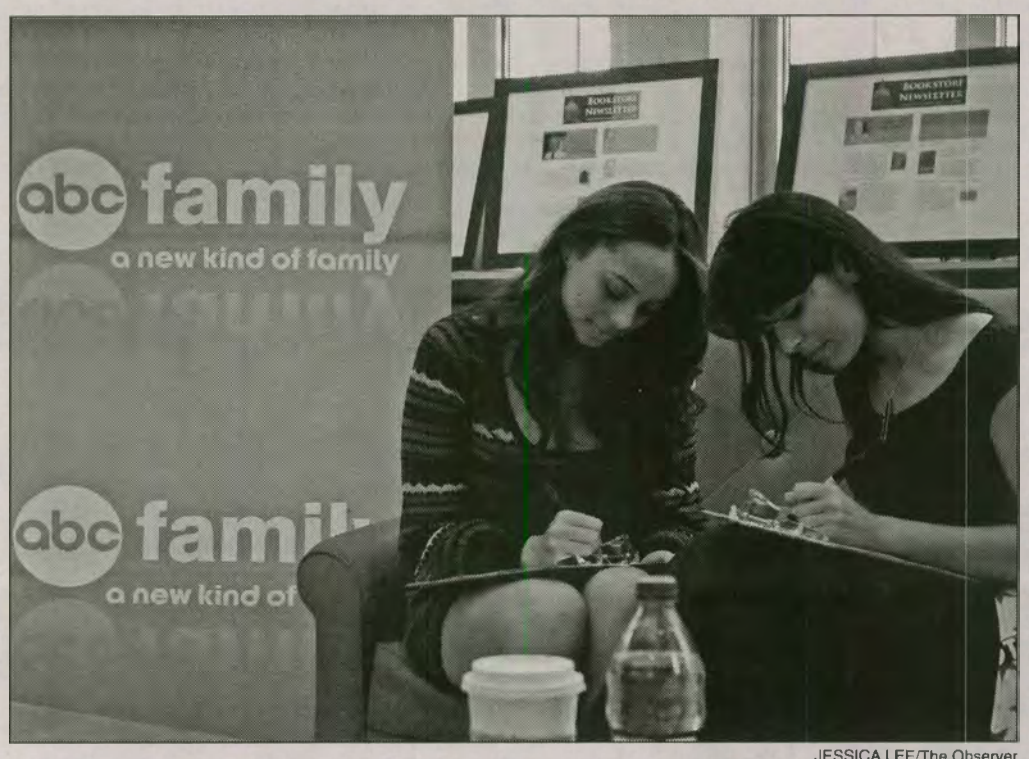
senior
Stanford

"Don't get between the baby geese and their mothers."

Erin Wash

senior
off campus

"Four years at Notre Dame go by fast, so live it up!"



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Amber Stevens, left, and Dilshad Vadsaria, right, who play Ashleigh and Rebecca Logan on the ABC family tv show "GREEK" visited the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore promoting voting registration Tuesday.

Offbeat

Priest stops nuns from walking pageant catwalk

ROME — An Italian priest who had planned an online "pageant" for nuns has suspended the project, saying he was misinterpreted and had no intention of putting sisters on a beauty catwalk.

"My superiors were not happy. The local bishop was not happy, but they did not understand me either," Father Antonio Rungi told Reuters by telephone from his convent in southern Italy on Tuesday.

"It was not at all my intention to put nuns on the catwalk," said Rungi, a priest of the Passionists religious order, speaking from his convent in the town of Mondragone.

Rungi's idea appeared in newspapers around the world after he wrote of a contest for nuns on his blog, called by some "Sister Italy 2008."

Dogs get own vacation spot in Cyprus

NICOSIA — Cyprus's popular holiday resort of Ayia Napa has introduced the island's first legal beach exclusively for animals after complaints it was becoming a dog's life for man's best friend.

Better known for all-night partying by Western tourists, the southeastern resort is now catering for dogs amid growing discontent that pooches had no place to cool off from the sweltering summer heat.

"We have seen lots of people taking their dogs for a walk since the establishment of the designated area, and we have been inundated by phone calls from happy pet owners thanking and congratulating us for this initiative," said Antonis Tsokkos, mayor of Ayia Napa.

Information from the Associated Press.

In Brief

There will be a **Meet and Greet** hosted by **The Department of Film, Television and Theater today** at **6 p.m.** in the **Philbin Studio Theater** in **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.** Auditions for "The Dispute" will follow.

Campus Ministry will host an **open house tonight** from **7-9** in the **Coleman-Morse Lounge.**

Seniors must attend a **mandatory Career Center Presentation** in **Stepan Center today** from **6-6:30 p.m.**

The movie **"Ferris Bueller's Day Off"** will be shown on **North Quad tonight** at **9.**

The annual **Saint Mary's Club Fair** will be in **Angela Athletic Facility Thursday** from **6-8 p.m.**

The **welcome back picnic** for **graduate students** will be **Friday** from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** in the **Fischer O'Hara-Grace (FOG) Graduate Residence Parking Lot.** There will be free food, music, games and prizes.

The **Student Activities Office** is hosting illusionist **Mike Super**, the winner of NBC's Phenomenon, **Saturday** at **9 p.m.** in **Washington Hall** for an interactive magic experience. Super will make an audience member levitate four and a half feet off the ground with absolutely no connections of any kind. He will also make is snow from his bare hands.

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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New V.P. for public affairs and communication elected

Special to The Observer

Janet M. Botz, executive director and chief communications officer for Dow Corning Corp., has been elected vice president for public affairs and communication at Notre Dame by its Board of Trustees, on the recommendation of University president Fr. John I. Jenkins. The appointment is effective Nov. 1.

"Jan has very successfully led a communications office with international reach, and in a career that has spanned decades she has gained experience in all aspects of organizational communications," Jenkins said. "We are fortunate to have someone with her intelligence, discernment and background heading our Office of Public Affairs and Communication."

"It's a great honor for me to be invited to join this great university," Botz said. "It will be exciting to be part of its long tradition of excellence and to work with all the dedicated people who will assure its continuing success."

In her new role, Botz will be responsible for advancing Notre Dame's interests and contributions in the public arena and directing the University's communications with its multiple internal and external audiences. Established in 2001, the public affairs and communication division is composed of some 50 staff members in news and information, community relations, the Robinson Community Learning Center, Notre Dame Magazine, and the marketing communications units — Notre Dame Web Group, Notre Dame Media Group and ND Works.

Botz has worked since 1980 for Dow Corning, a high-technology, specialty chemical company based in Midland, Mich., with service and sales of approximately $5 billion and 10,000 employees.

For the past seven years, Botz has been responsible for the global direction and implementation of the company's internal and external communications strategies. Her primary role has been management of Dow Corning's reputation by integrating communications to customers, employees, managers and external publics — including government and community relations. She has served as the chief communications counsel and strategist for executive management and has been responsible for corporate branding, employee and management communications, corporate contributions, and risk, issue and crisis communications.

From 1996 to 2001, Botz managed various communications divisions for Dow Corning for the Americas, Europe and globally. She began her career at Dow Corning in sales, then spent five years in marketing before becoming cash manager and then finance manager in the treasury department. She joined the communications team in 1992.

Botz has been honored by the International Association of Business Communicators with two Gold Quill and two Silver Quill Awards of Excellence in employee communications and crisis communications. She is an invited member of the Arthur Page Society, chair of the Conference Board's Council of Corporate Communications Strategy, chair of the American Chemistry Council's communications committee, and a member of the Vice Presidents' Forum.

BOG unveils 2nd annual "SMC-tee"

SMC students will wear the shirt to the San Diego State pep rally

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

With the tagline "Helping the Dome Shine One Victory at a Time since 1874," the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) has unveiled the second annual "SMC-tee" for Saint Mary's students to wear to the San Diego State pep rally the College will co-host on Sept. 5 as well as to football games.

The shirt is a way for Saint Mary's students to be a part of the Notre Dame community at football games while still maintaining their identity as students at the College.

"Last [year's BOG] wanted Saint Mary's women to be able to represent their school pride at football games while still fitting into the 'Sea of Green,'" student body vice president Sarah Falvey said.

The first SMC-tee was dark green, to match the color of last year's "The Shirt." It said "Saint Mary's Belles" on the front and the back said "Ringing in Irish Victories since 1844," referencing the year Saint Mary's was founded.

It was unveiled on Nov. 15, 2007, the night before Saint Mary's co-hosted Duke pep rally.

Since that shirt was a success, BOG decided the second SMC-tee needed to make an earlier appearance and therefore was unveiled at the First Year Orientation last week.

"This year, we decided to continue the tradition but reveal the SMC-Tee earlier so students could take advantage of it at our pep rally [which will take place earlier in the year]," Falvey said.

JESSICA LEE/The Observer

A Saint Mary's student models the SMC-tee Wednesday evening after BOG revealed the second annual shirt.

This year, in keeping with BOG's desire for Saint Mary's students not to stand out while wearing the shirts they decided to once again match them to "The Shirt," Falvey said.

"In keeping with "The Shirt" we made our shirts navy blue with white writing," she said.

The slogan on this year's SMC-tee refers to the fact that the College donated the famous Golden Dome to Notre Dame after the Main Building built by University founder Fr. Edward Sorin burned down in 1879. The 1842 date refers to the year that the Notre Dame football team began to meet unofficially even though the inaugural game against Michigan didn't take place until Nov. 23, 1887.

While it may seem as though BOG is trying to usurp the popularity of Notre Dame's "The Shirt," Falvey said there was never any intention of replacing the Notre Dame tradition. It was more about school pride, she said.

"I don't think we made the SMC-tee with the intention of wearing it over "The Shirt," she said. "We are asking students to wear it to our pep rally on September 6. We want students to be able to show school pride."

She also said that, like profits from "The Shirt," BOG has decided to donate any proceeds to a local charity, which will be determined at a later board meeting.

Falvey said many students seem excited about the shirt.

"Our first year students — and their parents — were really excited about the shirt," she said. "We got a lot of compliments on the design and I've already seen the shirts all around campus."

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you will be afflicted by hope."

Jenkins asked those in attendance to consider the distinction between hope and optimism. He compared the viewpoint of the optimist and pessimist to clarify what he considers hope.

"No matter how bad the situation, the optimist believes there's a solution," Jenkins said. "The pessimist believes the problem is not only grave but insolvable."

Jenkins called optimism and pessimism "excuses" for analysis, and stated that the person "afflicted with hope," however, is required to analyze the situation as it is.

Hope isn't an excuse, Jenkins said. Hope demands that one see the world as it is, analyze, and then act.

With that hope in mind, Jenkins prayed that God afflict the Notre Dame community with hope and that they might "face problems with perspicacious honesty, respond with courage... to act, and inspire others to act."

Following the Mass, the Notre Dame community enjoyed the picnic lunch that also emphasized sustainability.

"A major event at the beginning of the academic year is the perfect time to educate the Notre Dame community on the University's recycling and procurement initiatives, as well as about how to make individual decisions that are earth-friendly," said Rachel Novick, a coordinator in the University's recently established Office of Sustainability, in a press release.

The picnic used locally grown produce, 100 per cent recycled paper plates, and recycling bins.

Tuesday's Mass and picnic were the first of several University events to focus on sustainability. After the Notre Dame Forum, Notre Dame's second annual Energy Week begins Sept. 17 and a Forum Film Festival begins Sept. 19.

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Students enjoy the picnic Tuesday on Library Quad after attending the first mass of the year. The picnic used locally grown produce, recycled paper plates and recycling bins to highlight sustainability.

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SMC students Claire Orfanos, Grace Lape and Caitlin Buzaid study in a lounge in Spes Unica Hall Tuesday.

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of Jesus Christ — in the spring of 2006 and broke ground in the fall of that same year. The term is the motto of both Saint Mary's and the College's founding order, the Congregation of the Holy Cross

"This building represents our future — a future that will see us ever more ambitious and ever more widely recognized for the excellent education of women," College president Carol Ann Mooney told The Observer in January.

The 65,000 square-foot new building is home to 13 of the College's 20 academic departments as well as the Center for Academic Innovation, the Center for Spirituality and the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL). It also offers state-of-the-art classroom, laboratory and office spaces and contains a number of common areas where faculty and students can gather, such as a café, a reflection room and a patio. It will be dedicated in October.

It is a vast improvement over Madeleva Hall, where the majority of the College's classes were held prior to Spes Unica's opening, Mooney said in January.

"One of the hallmarks of a Saint Mary's education is that students and faculty work and learn together," she said in January. "Collaborative work requires the kind of spaces that will be found in this new building. This first rate facility will match the quality of our faculty and reflect the value we place on them and on the learning environment for our students."

While students have only attended a few classes in the building so far many of the upperclassmen are excited to finally be able to attend class in the building that has been under construction for so long.

"I'm so excited it opened for my senior year," student body vice president Sarah Falvey said as she walked to her first class in the building. "Our freshman class is so lucky that they can take advantage of it all four years."

Senior Sarah King had only had two classes in Spes Unica Tuesday afternoon but she loved the design of the building.

"It's beautiful," she said. "It was exciting just to go in with the [College's] seal on the floor and there's a spiral staircase there that I really like. It's a place where I want to go and study and a place where I want to go hang out."

Sophomore Caitlin Buzaid met with junior Claire Orfanos to do just that in one of the many student lounges after their classes ended in Spes Unica Tuesday.

"Everything is nicer than Madeleva," Buzaid said. "I love it."

She said the classrooms in the building, some of which have stadium-style seating, are more like what she imagined classrooms would be like before she came to college.

Orfanos agreed with Buzaid, saying she liked the comfortable chairs and seats in both the classrooms and the lounges.

Junior Grace Lape said she enjoys the windows in the building, which she says are nicer than those in Madeleva.

She is also looking forward to using the new Social Work laboratory.

"It has a two-way mirror so we can tape each other doing fake sessions with clients," she said.

The faculty in the 13 academic departments housed in the building moved their offices from Madeleva over the past two weeks and history professors Bill Svelmoe and Dave Stefancic love their new offices.

"I like the fact that we're in a suite with our colleagues from English," Svelmoe said. "You get to interact with more people on a daily basis and the English people are cool."

Stefancic said he has more room for the 69 crates of books he moved from his office in Madeleva and now that they're put away he feels like his office is his own again.

"I love the window for the fresh air," Stefancic said.

Svelmoe said he like the natural light that comes in through the many windows in the building's hallways and classrooms and the fact that the building is environmentally friendly.

"It's very green," he said. "The lights are all on timers so we don't waste too much electricity. The toilets are supposed to be all tricked out, although what that exactly means I'm not entirely certain and I'm not sure I want to know."

The "tricked out" toilets are another green aspect to the building — literally. The flush handles have a green plastic coating on them to protect against germs.

Each bathroom stall has a how-to diagram on the back of the stall doors to explain how to flush the toilets to keep them environmentally friendly. The handle is supposed to be pushed up for "No. 1 (liquid waste)" and pushed down for "No. 2 (solid waste)."

The diagram also has a note saying that by installing the water-saving handle with the dual-function flush Spes Unica "has demonstrated its commitment to protect and preserve the environment. For the system to work, we need your help. Please take a look at the diagram above and push the handle in the direction which best suits your needs."

One complaint students and faculty have had so far is the fact that there aren't clocks in any of the classrooms.

"The classrooms are well designed but what's up with no clocks in the entire building," Svelmoe said. "I guess I've got to start wearing a watch."

Orfanos said the lack of clocks bothered her too but she has asked her professors why there weren't clocks in the building and was assured they would be arriving soon.

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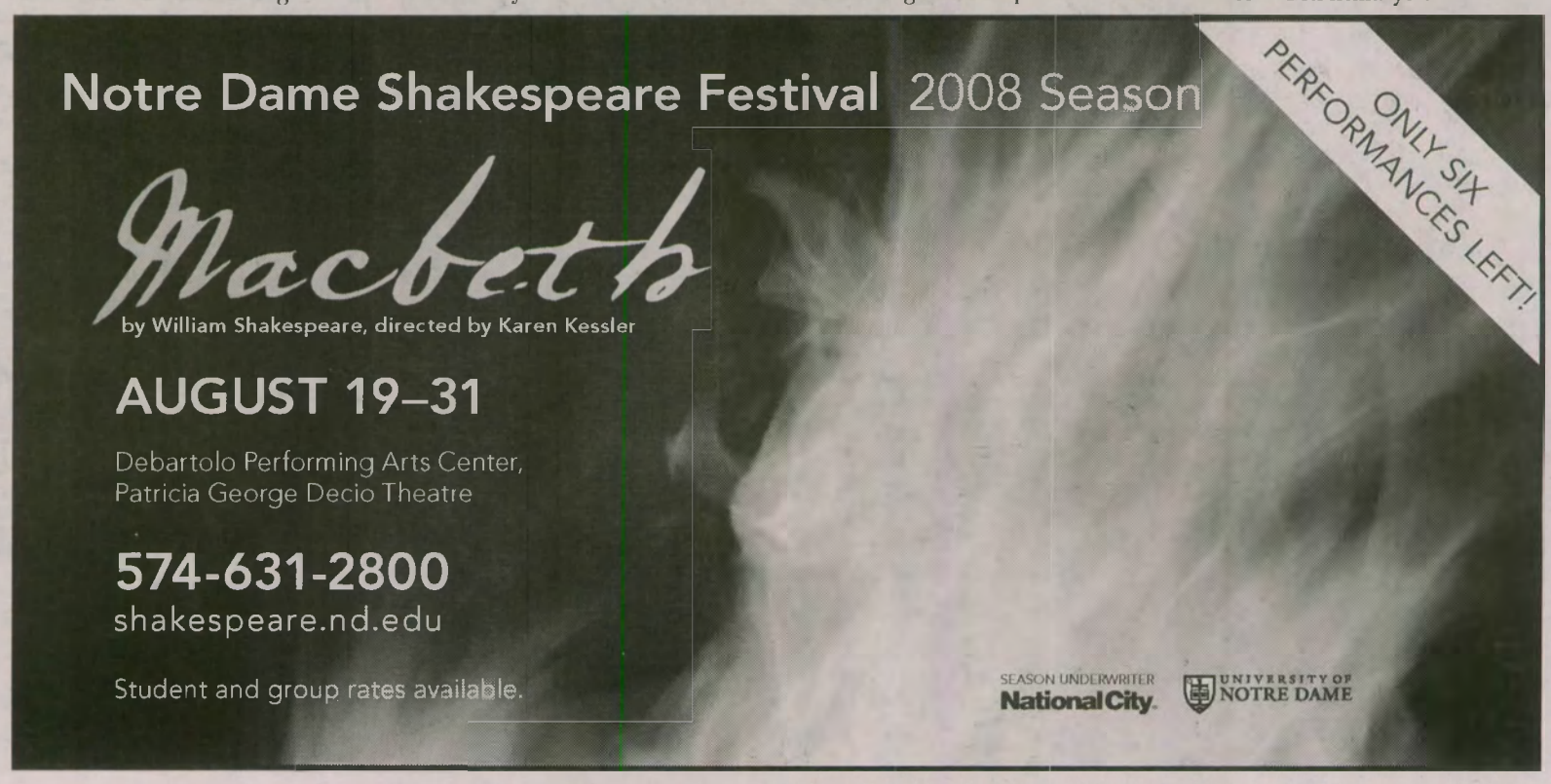


WORLD & NATION

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

US troops accused of civilian deaths

KABUL, Afghanistan — In a stark warning to U.S. forces, the Afghan government said it will try to regulate the presence of U.S. troops and their use of airstrikes, while the U.N. on Tuesday announced that "convincing evidence" exists that an American-led operation killed 90 civilians.

The U.N. sent in a team of investigators, who relied solely on villagers' statements in alleging the American-led operation in the western province of Herat on Friday killed 60 children and 30 adults. The U.S. military stood by its account, that 25 militants and five civilians were killed in the operation.

The U.N.'s allegation of such a large number of civilian deaths could set the U.S., U.N. and the Afghan government on a collision course over the use of military force in Afghan villages, where international troops battle Taliban and al-Qaida militants daily.

Rice clings to Mideast peace hopes

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Tuesday there is hope for a Mideast peace deal but she offered no reason for optimism beyond the fact that the two sides are speaking.

"God willing, with the goodwill of the parties, and the tireless work of the parties, we have a good chance of succeeding," Rice said after summoning top negotiators for a joint status report. It was her seventh peace mission since President Bush set an ambitious year-end goal for a Palestinian state. And like the others, it ended without announcement of any specific agreements.

NATIONAL NEWS

Detroit mayor faces removal hearing

DETROIT — Mired in criminal charges for months, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick now finds his political future strapped to a little-used provision in the Michigan Constitution that allows a governor to remove an elected official for misconduct.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a fellow Democrat, confirmed Tuesday what had been in the works for much of the summer: A hearing will begin Sept. 3 to determine whether Kilpatrick was seeking private gain when he endorsed an $8.4 million settlement with three fired police officers.

It will be the first time since 1982 that a Michigan governor has considered the removal of an elected official. The target then was a township official who drank too much.

SAT scores lowest in a decade

COLUMBIA, Mo. — For a second straight year, SAT scores for the most recent high school graduating class remained at the lowest level in nearly a decade, a trend attributed to a record number of students now taking the test.

The 1.52 million students who took the test is a slight increase from last year but a jump of nearly 30 percent over the past decade. Minority students accounted for 40 percent of test-takers, and 36 percent were the first in their families.

LOCAL NEWS

Eddy street to be paved this week

SOUTH BEND — The west side of Eddy Street at LaSalle and Colfax avenues will paved this week as part of an improvement project, according to city engineer Carl Littrell.

Littrell said utility relocation slowed down the project, but completion is still expected to be on time in late October.

Littrell said contractors are working on some driveway approaches this week and all the curbs are back in place.

Hillary addresses convention

Speech aimed to unify Democratic Party, provide "catharsis" for Clinton supporters

Associated Press

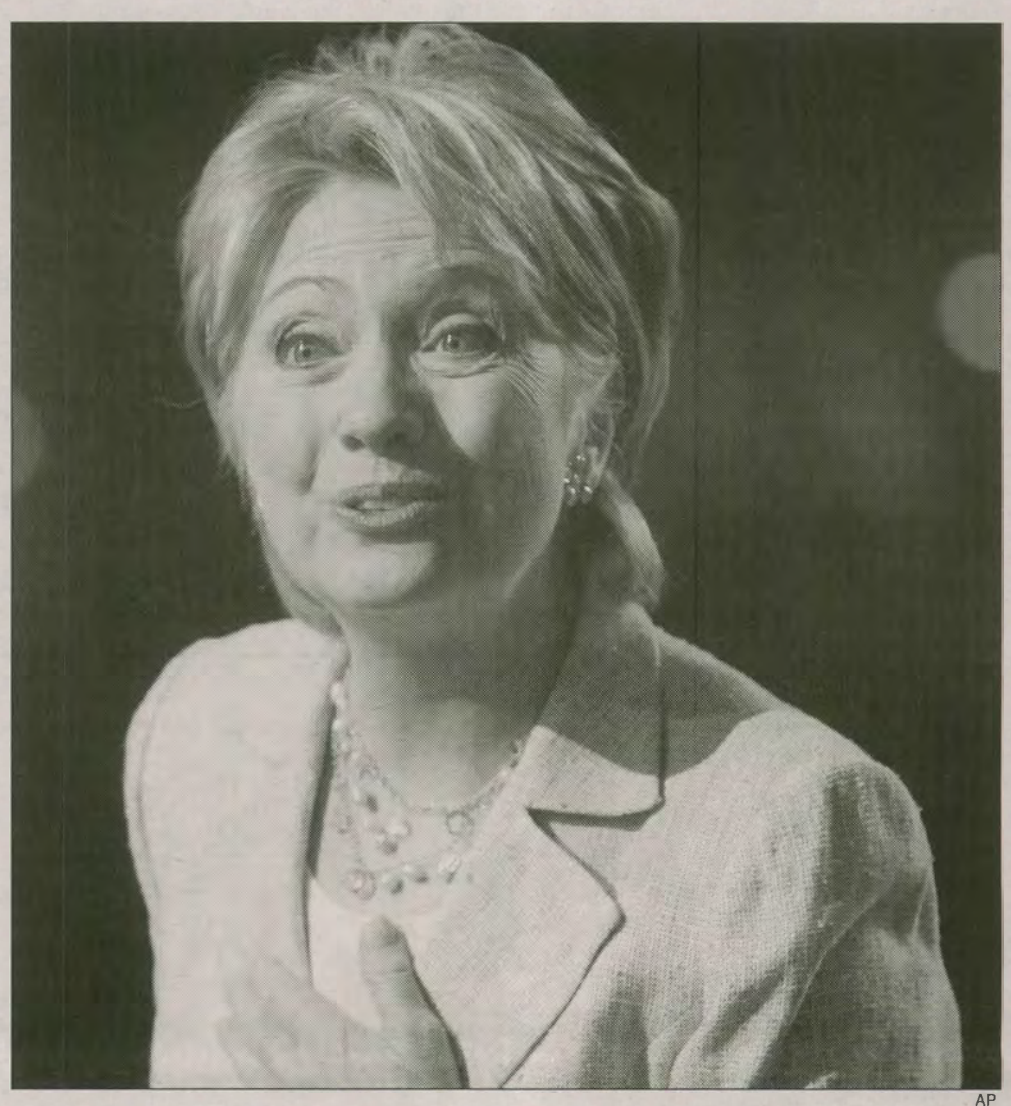
DENVER — Former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton closed out her history-making 2008 quest for the White House Tuesday with a prime-time appearance at the Democratic National Convention, while party leaders were caught up in curious debate about the wisdom of assailing Republican John McCain from the podium.

Despite lingering unhappiness among some delegates nursing grievances over Clinton's loss, party chairman Howard Dean declared the convention determined to make Barack Obama the nation's first black president. "There is not a unity problem. If anyone doubts that, wait till you see Hillary Clinton's speech," he said.

Former Virginia Gov. Mark Warner was tapped to deliver the keynote address on the convention's second night. It was the same assignment that Obama — then an Illinois state lawmaker running for the Senate — used four years ago to launch his astonishing ascent in national politics.

Clinton paid an advance visit to the convention hall in late morning with her daughter, Chelsea. While her appearance was the main event of the night, it was far from the role she envisioned more than a year ago when she launched her bid to become the first female commander in chief. She was the prohibitive front-runner then, but soon found herself in a riveting struggle with Obama that she could not win.

Obama campaigned in Missouri Tuesday as he slowly made his way toward the convention city. Speaking to airline workers in a giant hangar, he accused the Bush administration of failing to enforce health and safety laws and said McCain "doesn't get it" when it comes to the concerns of blue collar workers.



AP

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., acknowledges a well-wisher during a podium tour at the Democratic National Convention in Denver, yesterday.

The 47-year-old Illinois senator formally receives the nomination on Wednesday in a roll call that will also give Clinton's supporters a chance to cast votes for her.

Obama delivers his acceptance speech Thursday night at a football stadium. An estimated 75,000 tickets have been distributed for the event, meant to stir comparisons with John F. Kennedy's appearance at the Los Angeles Coliseum in 1960.

The Republican National Convention meets in St. Paul, Minn. next week to nominate McCain and his still-unnamed running mate. That will set the stage for a final sprint to Election Day in a race that is remarkably close.

Obama's aides, already working to ease the ill feelings among Clinton's delegates, suddenly grappled with a second challenge when two well-known aides to former President Clinton said the convention speeches were too timid.

Paul Begala spoke dismissively of Warner's plans to go easy on McCain. "This isn't the Richmond Chamber of Commerce," he said.

"If this party has a message, it's done a hell of a job hiding it," James Carville told CNN as he reviewed the opening night's program.

If Obama's advisers had any reaction to the sniping, they kept it to themselves. The Illinois senator has cast himself as a different kind of politician, a "post-partisan" whose stock in trade is to forge a change in the way campaigns are conducted. Still, Obama has gone after Clinton and McCain sharply when aides thought it necessary.

"My inclination is you have to be careful about attacking McCain" because his life's story buys him deference, Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen said in an Associated Press interview. The Republican presidential hopeful was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for more than five years.

Dean, the party chairman, bristled at criticism from two of the men who helped put Bill Clinton in the White House.

"We don't need to attack McCain" at the convention's opening events, he said. "There will be plenty of time for that."

Russia recognizes Ossetian independence

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia stunned the West on Tuesday by recognizing the independence claims of two Georgian breakaway regions, and U.S. warships plied the waters off of Georgia in a gambit the Kremlin saw as gunboat diplomacy.

The announcement by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ignored the strong opposition of Europe and the United States, and signaled the Kremlin's determination to shape its neighbors' destinies even at the risk of closing its doors to the West.

"We are not afraid of anything, including the prospect of a Cold War," President Dmitry Medvedev said hours after announcing the Kremlin's decision and one day after Parliament had supported the recognition.

While the risk of a military clash with the West seemed remote, the lack of high-level public diplomacy between the White House and the Kremlin added to an uneasy sense here at least of an escalating crisis.

Medvedev also promised a Russian military response to a U.S. missile defense system in Europe. Washington says the system would counter threats from Iran and North Korea, but Russia says it is aimed at blunting Russian nuclear capability.

The Kremlin's recognition of the breakaway regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia suggested it was willing to risk nearly two decades of economic, political and diplomatic bonds with its Cold War antagonists.

Medvedev's grim announcement, carried on national television, inspired jubilation on the streets of the rebel capitals. In the South Ossetian capital of Tskhinvali, a parade of cars bearing the South Ossetian and Russian flags blared their horns, women cried for joy and gunmen fired their weapons in the air.

The United States, surprised by the speed of the Russian response, threatened a veto in the U.N. Security Council should Russia ask for international recognition for the territories.

Malloy

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Rorapaugh.

The doctors at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, where the procedure occurred, proposed a switch, so that Malloy would donate to the mother and the son would donate to Rorapaugh. Malloy said he and his nephew agreed that "it was the right thing to do."

The procedure marked the first time ever that a compatible pair (Malloy and Rorapaugh) decided to trade kidneys with an incompatible pair (the mother and son).

While the trade in donors benefited the mother, who would not have been able to receive a kidney without it, the 40-year old Rorapaugh also benefited because he now has the kidney of the son, who is in his 30s, as opposed to Malloy's 67-year old kidney.

Malloy said he was not scared of the procedure because of his faith.

"I never lost any sleep in the days before," he said. "I had great confidence in the surgeons and my capacity to sustain the surgery. Ultimately, I placed my trust in God."

He also said he was inspired by several people he knows who had donated organs in the past.

"They all talk about what a meaningful thing it was to them and say that they would do it again," he said.

Prior to donating his kidney, Malloy spent the summer traveling, initially to Uganda and Kenya to visit the Holy Cross activities there. He then went to Australia, to help open the new medical school at the Notre Dame Australia complex. He was in Sydney during World Youth Day and was able to see Pope Benedict XVI.

His travels concluded with an eight-day tour of Ireland with Notre Dame alumni, during which his primary responsibility was to celebrate daily Mass.

Malloy continues to teach a freshman literature university seminar and is working on his memoirs. He has a book contract for the first volume of his memoirs and has completed half of the second volume. He is also working on a book on ethics and spirituality.

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School

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any first-day-of-school-at-Notre-Dame jitters.

"I was not really nervous so much as sad that summer is officially over," he said. Kunst began his Notre Dame career with three classes, including a "pretty rough" 9:30 a.m. political science seminar.

But even with a full schedule, Kunst was able to take a break to get pot stickers and sloppy joes at South Dining Hall for lunch.

"It was fantastic," he said. "Always is."

Freshman Yulie Lee said she was excited but also nervous Monday night, and couldn't get to bed until around 2 a.m. Lee attended physical education orientation and a University seminar Tuesday, but her biggest challenge might come later this week, when Lee participates in the mandatory swim test.

"I can't even float," Lee said. "So I'll just go and I'll try."

First year law student Brett Bean was walking across South Quad Tuesday afternoon after his second day of classes; he began school on Monday. Bean said his professors are "awesome," and that law school — so far — hasn't been as hard as he imagined it would be.

"It was supposed to be like storming the beaches of Normandy," Bean said, "but it was all right."

Bean, who was an undergraduate at Boston College, said he loves being at Notre Dame. As for first day of school jitters, he said he had a little anxiety.

"But it wasn't like I was vomiting in the bathroom before class," he said.

Sophomore Edward Larkin's first class was later in the day, so after a summer of relaxing, he was able sleep in one more day. The "shock" of the school year beginning will come when he has to be up for his 9:35 a.m. Wednesday class, he said.

Lawrence Cunningham, the Rev. John A. O'Brien professor of Theology, was leaving campus Tuesday afternoon after teaching his first class of the year, a two and a half hour doctoral seminar. Cunningham, who has been at Notre Dame for 20 of his 35 years of teaching, said he is always eager for school to start again.

"Once the students are back, it's like an adrenaline rush," he said.

Junior Marvin Langston was rushing Tuesday, as he hurried down South Quad in the direction of the Joyce Center for the Opening Mass. Langston, a member of the Glee Club, had a relatively easy first day of school, since he had just one class. But with four classes, Langston has a packed Wednesday.

Freshman Erin Vogel finished her first day at Notre Dame confident that she will be able to take on her four years at Notre Dame.

"I think it's going to be a lot different from high school, but I expected that," she said. "I'm just excited for the school year to get underway."

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Sterling said.

However, far from detracting from the college, Sterling said strengthening the Graduate School would actually be beneficial to everyone at the University.

"I actually think the graduate studies are complementary to undergraduate education. They mutually reinforce one another," he said.

One particular area where graduate students could help undergraduates is research, he said.

"The emphasis that we are now putting on undergraduate research is going to feed into this because graduate students are primarily here to do research and they're actually going to have more and more of a leading role in helping foster undergraduate research," Sterling said.

While he stressed there is nothing wrong with professional studies, Sterling also said having more graduates at Notre Dame could help foster the pursuit of intellectual studies, rather than just the pursuit of a career.

"Graduate students help to set an intellectual tone," he said. "It's one thing to think about a career, but it's another thing to engage a discipline for the sake of engaging that discipline. That adds an intellectual richness to one's studies that looking for a career won't add, and I think graduate students will help set that tone."

He said he believes a stronger Graduate School will help improve the academic environment at Notre Dame and could be another hallmark of an already prestigious university.

"When graduate studies were established in 1918, the immigrant population was looking for a way for their children to advance socially and there was an interest in professional schools," he said. "I think we've now reached the point where we can take one more step and put an emphasis on advancing not only professionally but also within the academy, and that will elevate the academic reputation of Notre Dame."

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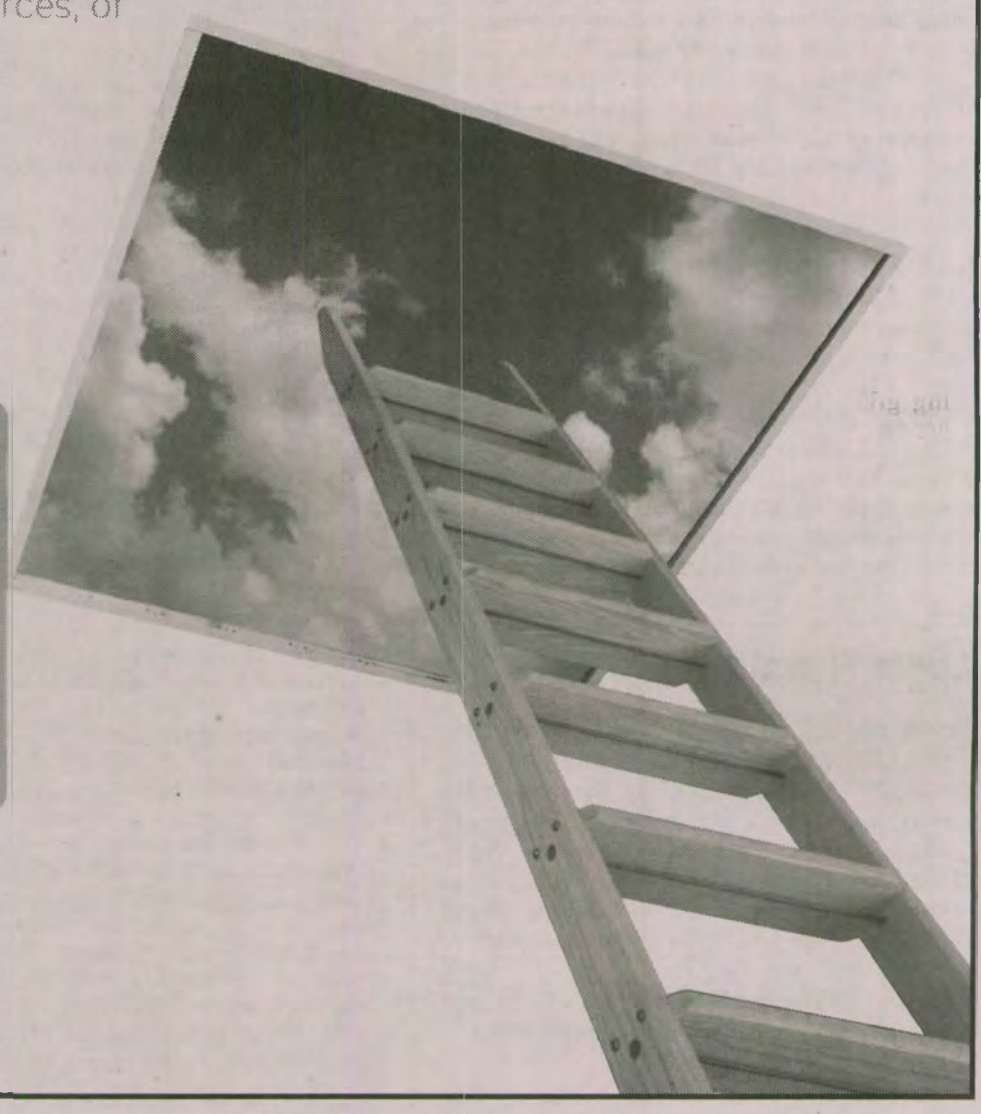

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NYSE	8,263.72	+34.69
S&P 500	1,271.51	+4.67
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	12,717.35	-64.85
FTSE 100 (London)	5,470.70	-34.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
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S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-+0.29	+.37	127.39
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.13	-0.06	46.43

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-0.18	-0.007	3.784
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30-YEAR BOND	-0.18	-0.008	4.395
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IN BRIEF

Banks languish amid credit slump

WASHINGTON — The number of troubled U.S. banks leaped to the highest level in about five years and bank profits plunged by 86 percent in the second quarter, as slumps in the housing and credit markets continued.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. data released Tuesday show 117 banks and thrifts were considered to be in trouble in the second quarter, up from 90 in the prior quarter and the biggest tally since mid-2003.

The FDIC also said that federally-insured banks and savings institutions earned $5 billion in the April-June period, down from $36.8 billion a year earlier. The roughly 8,500 banks and thrifts also set aside a record $50.2 billion to cover losses from soured mortgages and other loans in the second quarter.

"Quite frankly, the results were pretty dismal," FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair said at a news conference, but they were not surprising given the housing slump, a worsening economy, and disruptions in financial and credit markets.

The majority of U.S. banks "will be able to weather" the economic and housing storms,with 98 percent of them still holding adequate capital by the regulators' standards, Bair said.

Number of U.S. uninsured declines

WASHINGTON — The number of people without health insurance fell by more than 1 million in 2007, the first annual decline since the Bush administration took office, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Incomes edged up for the middle class while poverty held steady.

The numbers represent a scorecard on President Bush's stewardship of the economy at the kitchen-table level. But they only went as far as the end of last year, before the current economic downturn started gathering force. Although there were some bright spots, it was a mixed picture.

Marshals detain 600 plant workers

Raid nets alleged illegal immigrants in Mississippi factory, hundreds in custody

Associated Press

LAUREL, Miss. — The largest single-workplace immigration raid in U.S. history has caused panic among Hispanic families in this small southern Mississippi town, where federal agents rounded up nearly 600 plant workers suspected of being in the country illegally.

One worker caught in Monday's sweep at the Howard Industries transformer plant said fellow workers applauded as immigrants were taken into custody. Federal officials said a tip from a union member prompted them to start investigating several years ago.

Fabiola Pena, 21, cradled her 2-year-old daughter as she described a chaotic scene at the plant as the raid began, followed by clapping.

"I was crying the whole time. I didn't know what to do," Pena said. "We didn't know what was happening because everyone started running. Some people thought it was a bomb but then we figured out it was immigration."

About 100 of the 595 detained workers were released for humanitarian reasons, many of them mothers who were fitted with electronic monitoring bracelets and allowed to go home to their children, officials said.

About 475 other workers were transferred to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in Jena, La. Nine who were under 18 were transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

John Foxworth, an attorney representing some of the immigrants, said eight appeared in federal court in Hattiesburg on Tuesday because they face criminal charges for allegedly using false Social Security and residency identification.

He said the raid was traumatic for families.

"There was no communication, an immediate loss of any kind of news and a lack of understanding of what's happening to their loved ones," he said. "A complete and utter feeling of helplessness."

AP

A U.S. Marshal deputy directs several suspected illegal immigrants in Hattiesburg, Miss., to a waiting van for transportation to a overnight holding facility, yesterday.

The superintendent of the county school district said about half of approximately 160 Hispanic students were absent Tuesday.

Roberto Velez, pastor at Iglesia Cristiana Peniel, where an estimated 30 to 40 percent of the 200 parishioners were caught up in the raid, said parents were afraid immigration officials would take them.

"They didn't send their kids to school today," he said. "How scared is that?"

Those detained were from Brazil, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, and Peru, said Barbara Gonzalez, an ICE spokeswoman.

Elizabeth Alegria, 26, a Mexican immigrant, was working at the plant Monday when ICE agents stormed in. When they found out she has two sons, ages 4 and 9, she was fitted with a bracelet and told to appear in federal court next month. Her husband, Andres, was not so lucky.

"I'm very traumatized because I don't know if they are going to let my husband go and when I will see him," Elizabeth Alegria said through a translator Tuesday as she returned to the Howard Industries parking lot to retrieve her sport utility vehicle.

"We have kids without dads and pregnant mothers who got their husbands taken away," said Velez's son, Robert, youth pastor at the church. "It was like a horror story. They got handled like they were criminals."

Howard Industries is in Mississippi's Pine Belt region, known for commercial timber growth and chicken processing plants. The tech company produces dozens of products ranging from electrical transformers to medical supplies, according to its Web site.

Gonzalez said agents had executed search warrants at both the plant and the company headquarters in nearby Ellisville. She said no company executives had been detained.

FAA warns of flight delays nationwide

Associated Press

ATLANTA — An electronic communication failure Tuesday at a Federal Aviation Administration facility in Georgia that processes flight plans for the eastern half of the U.S. was causing hundreds of flight delays around the country.

An FAA Web site that tracks airport status showed delays at some three dozen major airports across the country. The site advised passengers to "check your departure airport to see if your flight may be affected."

FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen in Atlanta said there were no safety issues and officials were still able to speak to pilots on planes on the ground and in the air.

She said she did not know exactly how many flights were being affected, but she said it was in the hundreds. She added that officials might not have total figures until Wednesday. Bergen said that in a 24-hour period the FAA processes more than 300,000 flight plans in the U.S.

Bergen said the problem that occurred Tuesday afternoon involved an FAA facility in Hampton, Ga., south of Atlanta, that processes flight plans. She said there was a failure in a communication link that transmits the data to a similar facility in Salt Lake City.

As a result, the Salt Lake City facility was having to process those flight plans, causing delays in planes taking off. She said there were no problems landing for planes that were already in the air.

"There will be flight delays," Bergen said. "It could be any location, because one facility is now processing flight data for everybody."

Bergen said there was an unrelated hardware problem at the Hampton facility on Aug. 21 that resulted in issues processing flight plans, but she was unsure if there were any flight delays.

A spokesman for Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport, did not immediately return a call seeking comment on the impact there from Tuesday's episode. Bergen said officials at the Atlanta airport were entering flight data manually to try to speed things up.

Colleges purchase survival program

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Hundreds of colleges across the nation have purchased a training program that teaches professors and students not to take campus threats lying down but to fight back with any "improvised weapon," from a backpack to a laptop computer.

The program — which includes a video showing a gunman opening fire in a packed classroom — urges them to be ready to respond to a shooter by taking advantage of the inherent strength in numbers.

It reflects a new response at colleges and universities where grisly memories of the campus shootings at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University are still fresh.

"Look at your environment through the lens of survival," said Domenick Brouillette, who administered the course at Metropolitan Community College, which serves more than 20,000 students. "Survivors prepare themselves both mentally and emotionally to do what it takes. It might involve life-threatening risk. You may do something you never thought you were capable of doing."

Nearly 300 professors at Metropolitan Community College were shown the video as part of a training exercise before the first day of classes on this downtown campus. The training, produced by the Center for Personal Protection and Safety, a for-profit firm based in Spokane, Wash., is also available for the school's students.

The training drills teachers and students in a "survival mindset," said Randy Spivey, a former U.S. Department of Defense hostage negotiator who is executive director of the center. The center's roster includes retired FBI agents and others with federal law enforcement experience.

"There are two extremes. On the one hand is paranoia, and on the other is oblivion," he said. "We're just trying to get people to keep this on their radar."

The training discourages cowering in a corner or huddling together in fear, Brouillette emphasized at the Kansas City session.

Instead, Metropolitan Community College faculty members were taught to be aware of their surroundings and to think of common classroom objects — such as laptops and backpacks — as "improvised weapons."

The program has been bought by nearly 500 colleges, which tailor the company's safety messages — laid out in instructional videos and other training guides — to craft localized violence prevention programs. Spivey expects that by year's end that number will have grown to about 1,000 schools.

Schools may provide the training to students as well as staff, as at Metropolitan, or limit it to instructors or security personnel.

Campus safety experts interviewed by The Associated Press said they are not aware of any similar survival training courses marketed specifically to college campuses.

"It's a dark subject," Brouillette said. "But we can't say 'It's never going to happen again.' It's 'When is it going to happen?' And we have to be prepared to survive that."

"I do think it's important that we talk to our folks and give them some guidance on how to prtoect themselves. It's not something that 10 years ago we thought we'd be talking about. But unfortunately, it's something we need to do now."

Jeff McCracken
U.N.C. Campus police chief

The sort of aggressive survival response cited by Brouillette troubles school violence researcher Loren Coleman, a retired University of Southern Maine professor.

Showing students violent images of school shootings could trigger post-traumatic stress or other reactions that resident advisers, graduate assistants and similarly untrained workers would be unequipped to handle, Coleman said.

And the techniques shown in instructional videos such as "Shots Fired" could provide inspiration for troubled students considering their own acts of violence, Coleman suggested.

"You more or less are giving them a blueprint for how to avoid law enforcement," he said.

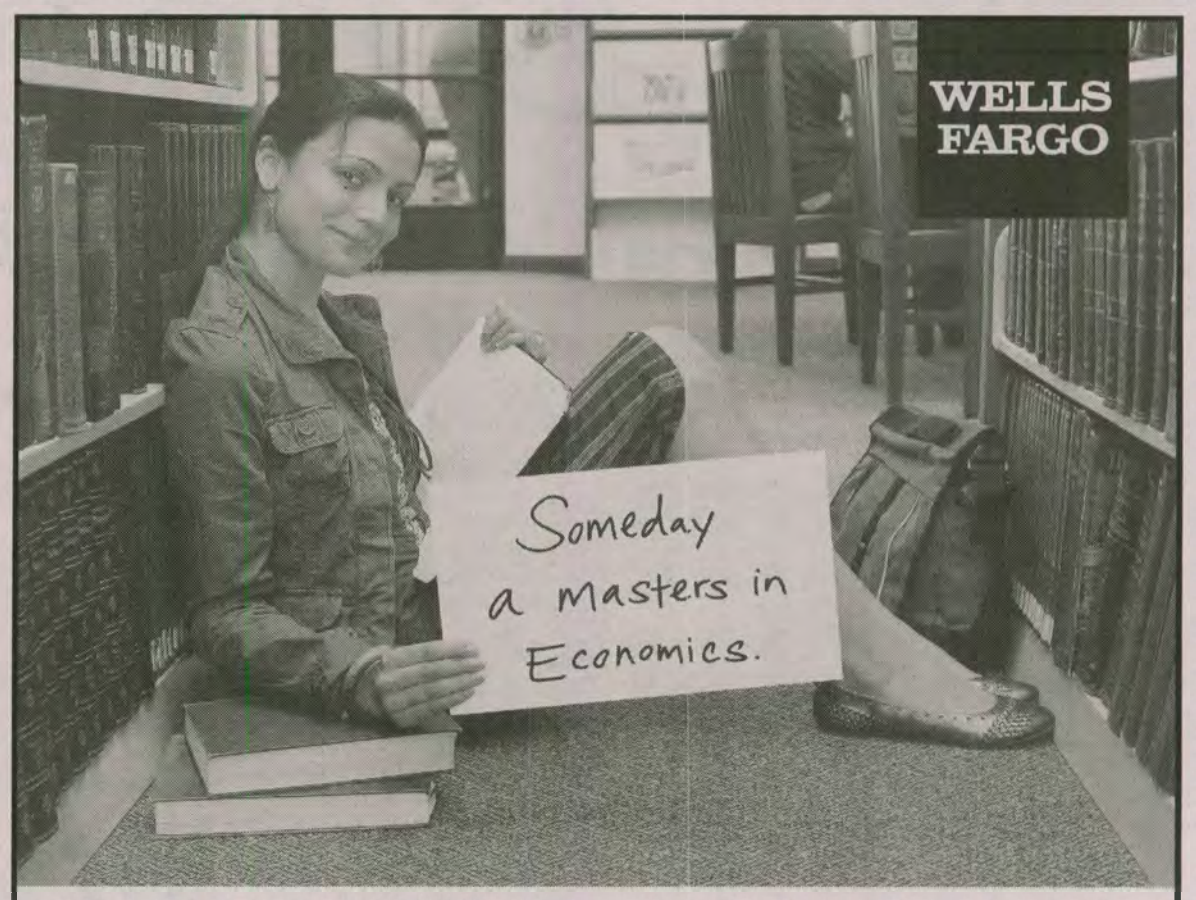
At the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, officials are looking for ways to incorporate the training as part of the school's "Alert Carolina" program. Campus police chief Jeff McCracken said the school may offer hands-on training to students and faculty, or simply post a link on the university Web site.

Despite the relative rarity of deadly violence on campus, colleges can no longer assume that they are immune from such problems, McCracken said.

"I do think it's important that we talk to our folks and give them some guidance on how to protect themselves and others," he said. "It's not something that 10 years ago we thought we'd be talking about. But unfortunately, it's something we need to do now."

Todd Bowdish, a Metropolitan Community College life sciences professor who participated in the recent training session, agreed that today's classroom climate requires extreme caution.

"It's a really basic thing," Bowdish said. "We have drills for fires and tornadoes. This is just another tool for the toolbox."



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EGYPT

Septuplet births cause ethics debate

Fertility drugs given to couple spark controversy over population control

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA — The 27-year-old woman and her husband already had three children — all girls. They badly wanted a boy, and she had not conceived in five years, so doctors gave her hormones.

The startling result was healthy septuplets — four boys and three girls — heralded by Egyptian doctors as a miracle. But debate persists about the ethics of fertility treatment in a nation where medical oversight is lax, incubators and neonatal respirators are rare, and many families face pressure to have a son.

In addition, Egypt faces concerns about overpopulation and cheap fertility drugs could lead to a wave of multiple births. President Hosni Mubarak warned in June that growth is hindering Egypt's economy, saying Egypt's population of 79 million — mostly crammed into the 3 percent of the country's area around the Nile River — will double by 2050.

For the mother, Ghazala Khamis, the most pressing question now is how her impoverished family is going to get by.

"I'm really scared," she said, lying in her hospital bed in this Mediterranean coastal city. "We live in a mud hut with only two rooms. I don't know how we're going to afford 10 children now."

Khamis' husband Farag Mohammed Ali, a 31-year-old farm laborer, can find work only a few days a week, she said. "I'm really worried about what the future looks like."

Much about the Aug. 16 birth, by Caesarean section, was stunning. The babies are large for a multiple birth, weighing between 3 pounds 3 ounces and 4 pounds 10 ounces each. The duration of the pregnancy was also the longest ever for septuplets — 34 weeks.

By contrast, the world's first surviving septuplets, born to the McCaughey family in Iowa in 1997, came at 31 weeks and the biggest baby weighed about the same as Khamis' smallest. There are two other sets of surviving septuplets, both born to Saudi women.

Khamis' doctors waited so long to deliver the babies because Egypt has only a few respirators for newborns, and none were available. So for weeks, doctors kept Khamis in Alexandria's Shatby Maternity University Hospital, letting the fetuses develop enough that their lungs could function on their own after birth. But the wait also increased the risk to the mother.

PAKISTAN

Diplomat attacked by Islamic militants

Head of U.S. consulate Lynne Tracy survives heavy gunfire directed at armored vehicle

Associated Press

PESHAWAR — A U.S. diplomat narrowly escaped an attempt on her life Tuesday when two men with AK-47s jumped in front of her armored vehicle and sprayed it with bullets, staging a brazen attack that raised fears other foreigners could be targeted.

The attack — which the driver eluded by jamming the vehicle into reverse and speeding away — came just hours after the collapse of the governing coalition that drove Pervez Musharraf from the presidency as Pakistan grapples with escalating violence by Islamic militants.

A late nighttime bombing at a cafe on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital killed seven people and wounded 20, police reported.

Lynne Tracy, an Ohio native who heads the U.S. consulate in restive northwestern Pakistan, left her home in an upscale and heavily guarded area of Peshawar with a bodyguard provided by the local anti-terrorism squad about 8 a.m., police chief Arshad Khan said.

Moments later, the vehicle came under heavy gunfire, Khan said. He said no one was hit by bullets but a rickshaw driver was hospitalized after his three-wheeled taxi was hit by the consulate vehicle during its rapid retreat to Tracy's home.

A spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Lou Fintor, declined to identify or describe any of three consulate employees in the vehicle, including where they were from or what role they played in what he would only refer to as a "security incident."

The attack follows a week of extremist violence and political strife in this nuclear-armed nation. There have been at least three suicide bombings, the deadliest outside the country's largest and most sensitive weapons factory, just 22 miles from the capital, Islamabad.

Police said a homemade bomb exploded late Tuesday at a street cafe and rest stop on the edge of the capital and seven people were killed and 20 wounded. The blast also damaged vehicles and left a large crater at the scene.

Senior police official Ahmed Latif described it as a low-intensity bomb and said it was unclear why the site was chosen. The casualties included truckers and laborers and not security forces, which tend to be target of militant attacks, Latif said.

The United States and other Western nations have been nervously watching the ruling coalition unravel since close ally Musharraf resigned last week after nearly nine years in power to avoid the humiliation of impeachment.

A decision by the coalition's second largest party to quit the government Monday could concentrate power in the hands of a more-Western leaning party that says it is committed to supporting the U.S.-led war against extremist groups.

The government immediately announced a ban on the Pakistani Taliban — blamed for the wave of suicide bombings — and it rejected a cease-fire offer from militants in the Bajur tribal region, where the army has been on the offensive for several weeks. The fighting in Bajur has reportedly killed hundreds of people and caused 200,000 to abandon their homes.

Washington has pledged $750 million toward a five-year drive to develop impoverished areas along Pakistan's frontier with Afghanistan, which it hopes will reduce extremism.

Militant activity is rampant in parts of northwest Pakistan, which is a rumored hiding place for Osama bin Laden and where U.S. officials say insurgents have found havens allowing them to mount attacks across the border in Afghanistan.

Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment runs deep, is considered a hardship posting for U.S. diplomats, with many coming for one-year stints without family. Attacks on Western targets do occur, but ones targeting individual diplomats are relatively unusual.

Talat Masood, a political and military analyst, said that could start to change.

"I think (foreign diplomats) have to be very careful" he said, especially as the army intensifies its offensive in the tribal regions along the border with Afghanistan. "They should take a low profile; their movements should be restricted during this period."

Masood cautioned against Western nations scaling back their presence, however, saying that would further embolden al-Qaida- and Taliban-linked militants and demoralize Pakistanis.

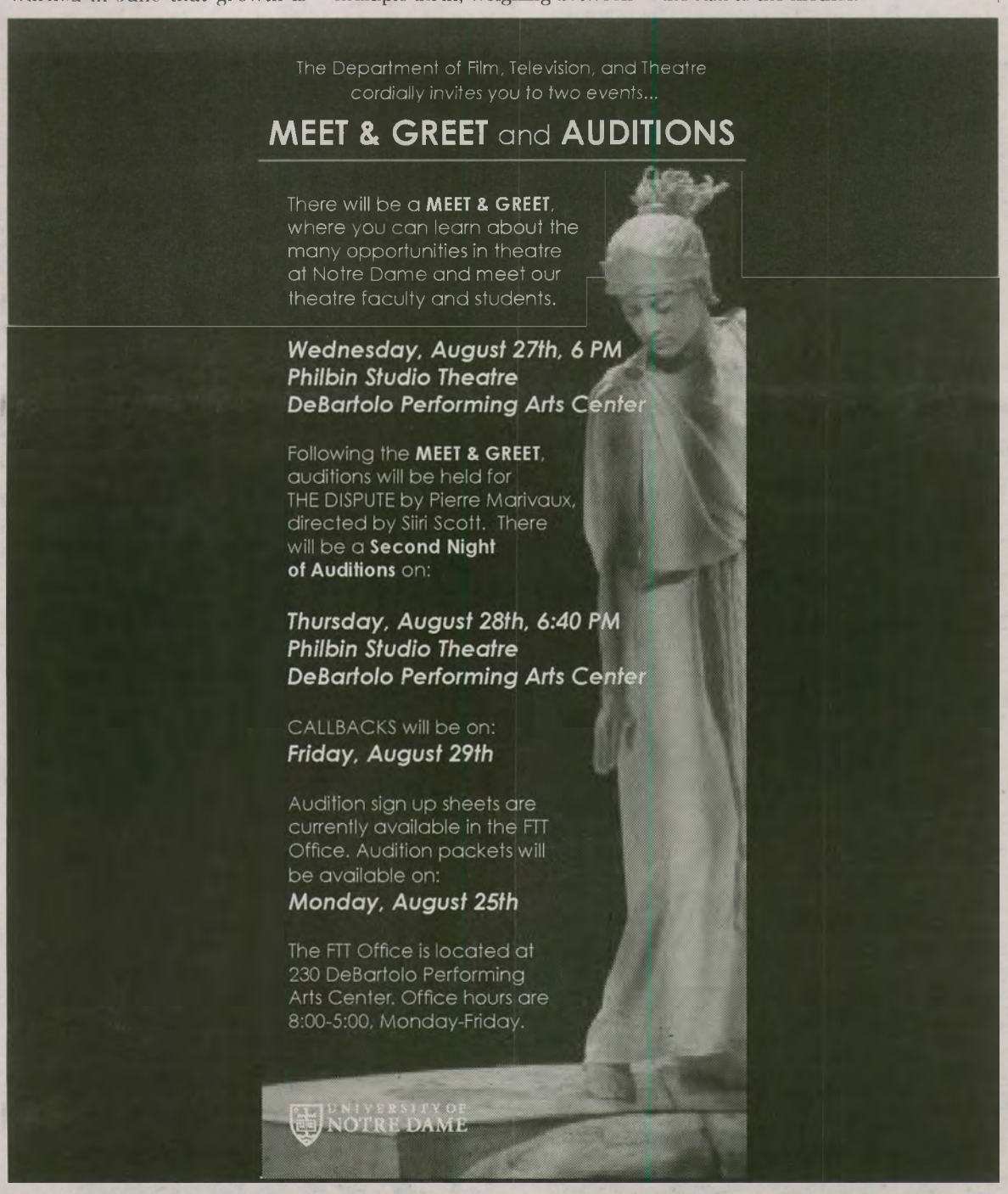
Pakistan's Foreign Ministry condemned the attack on Tracy and said the government was committed to ensuring the security of diplomats.

Peshawar, a crowded, dusty city, has not been immune from violence. Concerns about militant activity in and around the city prompted the government to conduct an offensive in the neighboring Khyber tribal region earlier this year.

There have been several attacks in recent years on Western targets.

In 2006, a suicide attacker blew himself up outside the Karachi consulate, killing a U.S. diplomat, and five people, including two Americans, died in 2002 when a militant hurled grenades into a Protestant church in Islamabad.

This March, a bombing at a restaurant frequented by Westerners in the capital killed a Turkish aid worker and wounded at least 12 others, including four FBI personnel. A suicide bombing outside the Danish Embassy three months later killed at least six people.



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Not so predictable after all

Andrew Miller

The Road Scholar

What ever happened to predictability? More importantly, what ever happened to "Full House?" From 1987 until 1995 it was broadcast on ABC and was extremely popular — the key element of ABC's TGIF Friday night line-up. Now it's a show on which people reflect with mixed reviews.

The serious: "I'm busy every weekday at 12:00 p.m. watching it."

The ironic: "I bet Comet has some stories to tell from that set!"

And the confused: "I just don't get it."

No matter how you feel about "Full House," you have to admit that this family-oriented sitcom which ran for eight seasons became part of the nineties cultural zeitgeist.

Many nineties sitcoms began to push boundaries. In its third season, "The Simpsons" became a giant of television that remains on the air to this day, simultaneously ushering in the genre of the animated sitcom not inherently intended for youth audiences. Meanwhile, Jerry Seinfeld and Larry David received the opportunity to create a show about nothing. The thirty minute comedy did not have to present a problem in a wholesome atmosphere and force that problem to be resolved by the end credits anymore. The standard sitcom progression would no longer suffice as Ivy League writers and outsider comedians pushed the limits of what is funny. In the midst of all this, the showrunners on "Full House" said, "Nuts to you, avant-garde sitcoms!"

Not that "Full House" didn't change the rules. It most certainly did. In 1987, America was still holding on to traditional family models. Reagan's "Morning in America" had not yet turned to dusk: the color of states remained dominantly crimson. Full House played to the conservative by using traditional sitcom themes. The premise of the show itself, however, offered a non-conformist family model: a widower who raises his three daughters with his brother-in-law and his best friend. At a time when America was not necessarily ready to see a strong family bond exist without both a dominant mother and father figure, "Full House" showed that as long as love exists in a household, a family will survive.

"Full House" also deserves much more respect than it is given in terms of its comedy. We look at shows like "The Simpsons" and "Seinfeld", with ironic jokes so subtle and clever that most audiences will never pick up on them, and we say, "'Full House' comes nowhere near their comedic sensibilities." But that's because all we remember is Uncle Joey's "Cut it out," Stephanie's "How rude," Michelle's "You got it, dude" and Uncle Jesse's "Have mercy." What we forget is the subtle physical humor that Bob Saget and Dave Coulier brought to the table, the facial expressions that Candace Cameron and Jodie Sweetin exchanged at Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen's expense and the hilarious use of the dog Comet who could lighten the mood of any situation. I implore you to watch old episodes of "Full House." Give them a second or third or fourth try and you will see that there's much more humor there than you would immediately expect. For example, who could forget the episode where Jesse's Greek family visited San Francisco. Papouli, Jesse's grandfather, brings the Katsopolis cousins, including a Michelle Tanner look-alike named Melina. The look-alike was in fact the other Olsen twin in a brown wig playing alongside her sister. Only a show as smart as "Full House" would think to do this: subvert child labor law to introduce a completely unnecessary one-time character and in the process produce a lasting hilarious impression on its audience.

I could have discussed any number of family-oriented sitcoms. "Two and a Half Men" is hugely popular right now despite the eponymous fractional character growing ever nearer to full numeric maturity. If I wanted to sustain a retro portrait of the family sitcom, I could have discussed "Family Matters", "Step by Step" or the lesser known "Aliens in the Family." The elder sitcom purists will be mad if I don't tip my hat to the comedic forebears of "Full House:" "The Brady Bunch," "All in the Family," "Happy Days," "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet." But I chose "Full House." And I purposely intended to choose "Full House" if only for the reason that Jodie Sweetin is a consistently underrated comedic actress. (It still bothers me that the show's producers sacrificed launching her stardom in favor of the behemoth that is the Olsen twins, leading Sweetin into a lack-luster television career after the show ended).

Yet "Full House" is not universally accepted as a high-quality program. People hate it for reasons as varied as its campy humor or its unrealistic analysis of suburban San Francisco life in the mid-nineties. The reason I adore it (as a show, as a source of entertainment, as a way of life) is its unceasing ability to provoke such reactions and yet remain a genuinely wholesome thirty minute program at its core. That is, disregarding its inevitable turn as Olsen twin vehicle.

So the next time you're in Best Buy or flipping channels on basic cable, go past "Family Guy" and "Everybody Loves Raymond," even "Seinfeld" and "The Simpsons." Direct yourself toward the bastion of hope that is "Full House". When you're lost out there and you're all alone, the Tanners will be there to carry you home. Choopa-ta-pop-pa-pa.

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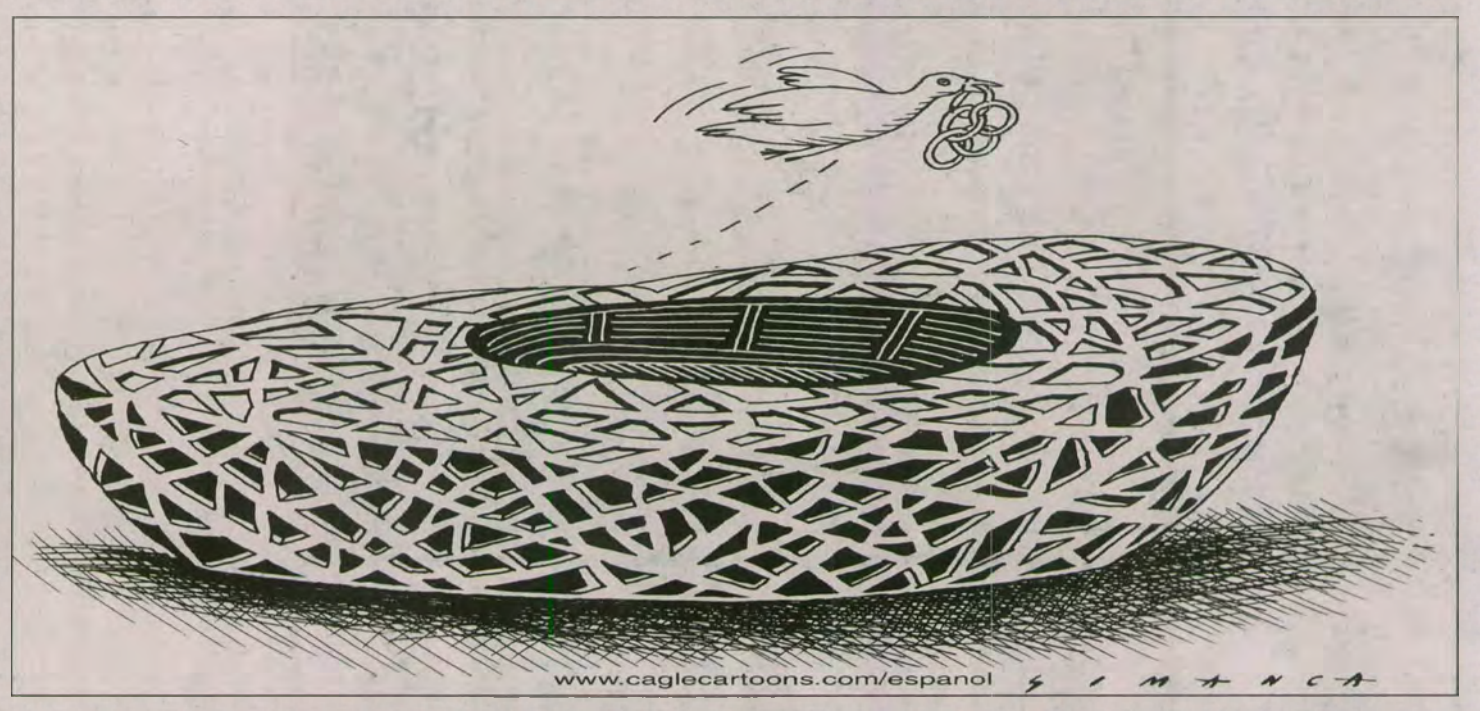

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"For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbours, and laugh at them in our turn?"

Jane Austen
English author

U-WIRE

Lowering drinking age not a bad idea

Earlier this week, more than 100 university and college presidents signed their names to an initiative launched in July to encourage lowering the drinking age to 18.

Leaders expressing support for the initiative include presidents of Duke University, Dartmouth College and Ohio State University.

Staff Editorial

The Daily O'Collegian

The movement has been met with widespread dissension and debate from many groups, including Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Also, a state not enforcing the 21-and-older drinking age faces a penalty of 10 percent of its federal highway appropriation, thanks to the National Minimum Drinking Age Act that Congress passed in 1984.

Oftentimes, when people discuss whether 18-year-olds should be allowed to drink, some will argue that young adults aren't mature enough to partake in such activities.

Personally, we're of the opinion that many students start drinking in high school, and all of us either experimented with alcohol ourselves or had friends who drank.

We are all in agreement that if, at 18, a person is considered old enough to vote, pay taxes and serve in the military and possibly die for his or her country, that person should be allowed to drink.

Naturally, we would advocate educational programs in high school about drinking, as well as education at home by parents. If people can learn at an earlier age the difference between binge drinking and social drinking, the less likely they would probably be to do it later on.

If people want to drink, they're going to find a way, regardless of the legal age.

Just because a person is 21, he or she isn't instantly able to drink with an air of maturity. From our experience, it's quite the opposite; people sometimes go a little crazy with the bottle once they turn legal.

For instance, when one of us celebrated turning 21, it involved losing the ability to walk and being carried out of one of the bars on The Strip.

Another board member remembered this summer doing doughnuts in a go-cart at a Tulsa public park and trying to crash through a locked baseball field gate.

This immature behavior is not limited to twentysomethings. Basically, there's no age limit on stupidity.

It's time we let the 18 -year-olds come socialize at the bar.

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Smoke, vote and drink?

It's Saturday night and you and some friends are headed to the bars. You enter and find yourself rubbing elbows with seniors from U-High.

This could become reality according to a story by the Associated Press which noted that presidents of some of the nation's most prestigious universities are among others vying to lower the drinking age to 18. Enraged groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving are fighting to ensure this law becomes nothing more than a pipe dream.

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Our first impression of this topic led three of us to believe that this change would not necessarily be the worst thing to happen. The United States assumes its citizens are old enough at the tender age of 18 to choose a president, purchase cigarettes and decide to potentially put their life on the line to defend their country, so why not let them knock back a few cold ones?

We are not naive enough to believe that all of these students began drinking when they arrived at college. These laws have not stopped teenagers in high school from drinking in the past, and experimenting with alcohol as a teen is an element of American culture that is as expected.

This driver's license, the crowning achievement of most 16-year-olds, is the problem. Can 18-year-olds be expected to juggle the responsibility of driving a car with their newly obtained freedom to drink? What about driving somebody else's kids around?

Surely the parents would step in and intervene at some point if this law did go over, and would it be to stop their children from getting a license or driving? If so, the burden on parents to drive their kids everywhere would be heavier and as a result teenagers would be walking around intoxicated, running the risk of breaking other laws like public intoxication and curfew.

We all agree that drinking is something that is going to happen, at age 14, 18 or 21 because the fact remains that if kids want to obtain alcohol, they will always find a way.

One stance is that students will be more prepared for college if drinking is something that is not new to them.

Even 21-year-olds are often heard proclaiming that now that they can drink, it has lost the thrill. If this law was passed, there would certainly be some sort of drinking frenzy that would take place, but after it became commonplace, would drinking become as nondescript as it is in say, Europe?

Drinking is a privilege, not a right. The current legal drinking age is 21 for a reason. We are all so busy waiting to reach some age that we are missing the most enjoyable years of our lives, sober or not. For right now, the combination of 18-years-olds drinking and driving is a cocktail too lethal for anyone to stomach.

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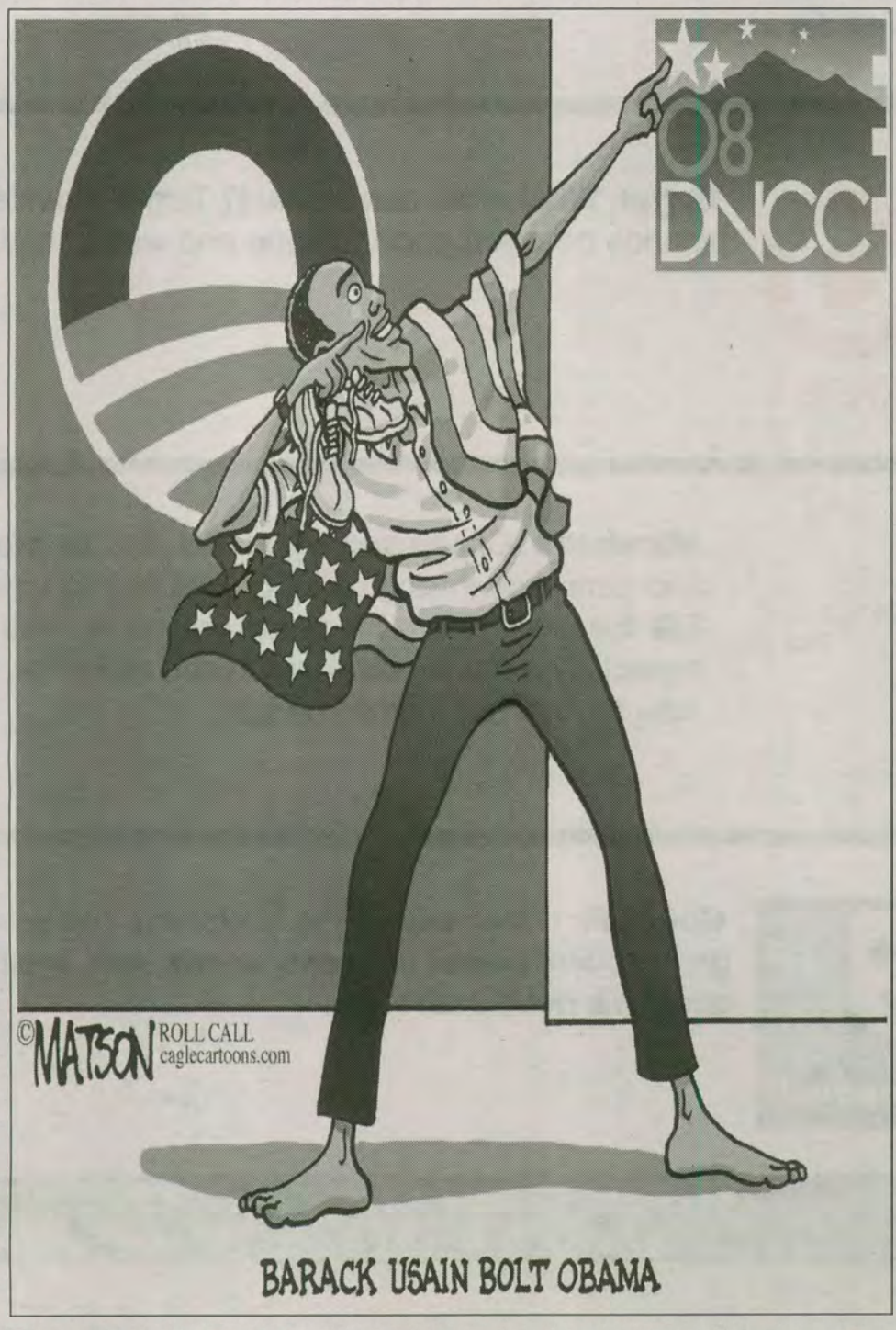

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Dorm Decor: Creativity never goes out of style

By JESS SHAFFER
Assistant Scene Editor

It's that time of year again: hammers pound lofts into place and bunks shuffle and slide across miniscule living spaces. But before you're lost in an endless maze of homeless couches, bedding, carpet, and posters, consider the dogma of dorm décor: creativity never goes out of style. Check out these tips, thoughts, and hints before you get a case of the move-in blues.

Captivating Creativity: Unusual objects make dorm room bliss

It seems that there's an endless number of Breakfast at Tiffany's Posters and Notre Dame pennants to go around, but it is the unusual items that will give your room a homey, personal touch and that added distinction. You may even have the power to turn trash into treasure. A perfect example of this is found in Pasquerilla East, where some freshmen roommates created surprisingly chic wallpaper from trash. Accumulating wrappers from Vitamin Waters, the roomies created a pattern with pops of color that covered an entire wall. What about the slides attached to lofts, as seen in Keenan Hall? What a better way to start your morning than to enjoy a kiddy classic? Or if you're looking to bring a bit of Zen into your room, you could take a note from some Zahm residents who crafted a fishpond, complete with an accessory hammock in their room. Who knows, maybe your idea for an end table crafted out of water bottles could be the next great thing.

Compromised Vision: Why negotiating is worth it

Though your vision may seem as infallible as Kanye West's latest sunglasses fad, remember that in reality there is more than one worthwhile approach to decorating your dorm. It may be the compromise between your various roomies that takes your abode to the next level. Not only can you avoid the tension that comes from arguing over assorted aesthetics, you may stumble upon an unexpectedly brilliant idea. A painless way to include all your roomies taste into one item is that tried and true staple of a collage. For an easy do it yourself project, collect magazines, postcards, and other miscellaneous items. Then go crazy with glue, scissors, and markers to craft an original piece of art just for your room. Just remember that kindergarten safety measures still apply (i.e. be careful not to mix enthusiasm with sharp objects).

Mod Quad: Simplicity lends elegance and modernity

Does excessive color make you cringe? Do you abhor multitudes of posters? Can't identify with the wild bohemian vibe of tapestries? Than a more mod style might be for you. Try picking out a few colors to play with in your bedding, curtains, and carpets. The pop of color will be refreshing but not overwhelming. Neutrals are relaxed classics. Black, chocolate brown, khaki, and navy are solid tones that make a statement without being obnoxious. Simple lines (especially found in plain curtains) can break up the various parts of your room that you'd like to divide. Also try selecting a single focal point like a bright throw pillow to add in personal touches without becoming overwhelmed.

Suite School Spirit: Rah, rah, fight, fight, gee I hope I look alright?!

Make use of the ridiculous amounts of free ND stuff to show your spirit and add some flare. And what better common ground than the love of the Irish? Not to mention the fact that green is very "in" right now. So shake your shamrocks and display your ND pride in your décor choices.

Shabby Chic: In with the old, out with the new.

Nothing is cooler than vintage classics to accent your fresh pad. And, lucky for us students on a budget, old school decorations are really cheap. Check out local thrift stores and antique shops for steals that no one else will have. South Bend abounds with hidden, and — more importantly — cheap treasures. Used furniture is comfy, inexpensive, and easily spruced up. And if your budget is a little bigger, consider reupholstering couches and chairs to freshen up old pieces.

Overall, the name of the game is creativity. The trick is to commit to your vision and to just have fun. Cheers to another great year with awesome dorm décor.

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Value City Furniture. This old school department store is surprisingly affordable. Also it has wide variety of styles that will satisfy even the pickiest shopper.

Meijer. The super-Target of the Midwest. Good place to check out when other options fail. Plus great selection of fish, for a room pet of course.

The Salvation Army: A great place for those hidden treasures. There are shelves of objects full of character that ensure your room won't look like something out of a catalogue. Don't forget to bring your creativity. For example, you can take a stack of the ten-cent records, repaint them, and hang them up on your wall.

Hobby Lobby: The best place for cheap craft supplies. Check out their ads every Sunday; there is always something on sale. And remember you don't have to buy a lot. Want your own artwork in your room? Buy the paint and use the cardboard from your moving-in boxes as you canvas.

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Tips for setting up your dorm room

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

The first step is being aware of your space. Know what you have to work with. Take measurements so that when you are out shopping for things you know what will fit.

The first thing that should go in your room is the carpet. Know how much you want to cover. Do you want carpet covering the whole room, including under the beds, or just in certain areas? You want to do carpet first because it's hard to move everything out if you change your mind and want to put one in after everything's set up.

Let's face it, the bed is the centerpiece of your life, and of the room. Talk to your roommate about where you want the beds to go. Should they both be against one wall? Putting beds perpendicular to each other is a way to create new space and break up the boxiness of a room. If you can, try lofting the beds on top of the desk and dresser or each other.

When you place your desk, be sure it is somewhere where you can work. If you like natural light, try to arrange the room so that it is nearest to the window. If you don't like being interrupted, avoid putting your desk near the door. It's easy to create your own space if you put the desk up against a wall and cover the wall with pictures and posters that motivate you or remind you of home.

Designate a place where you can be artsy. Pick a corner or a shelf that is all your own, that you can decorate without roommate input. Take care to make it look good, whether it be a leveled structure where you organize your jewelry, or a shrine to your favorite baseball player. When the rest of the room becomes a mess, this area should stay neat, and is your "interior decorator" place.

Look for places to coordinate. Matching accent pillows, similar patterns for hanging up photos or just a color theme can make a room look more deliberate and planned out.

Decide where your "messy corner" is. It's annoying for everyone if you leave all of your stuff in the middle of the room. Pick a place where you can throw your dirty laundry or drop your books so that they are out of the way when your roommate comes in. Sometimes you won't have time to do laundry or clean everything up, but if your mess is somewhat tucked away, it makes the room as a whole look nicer.

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MLB

Baseball's new instant replay era to begin Thursday

In spite of new system, commissioner opposes use of 'unlimited instant replay,' calls change 'emotional and difficult'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Replay ball!

Umpires will be allowed to check video on home run calls starting Thursday after Major League Baseball, guardian of America's most traditional sport, reversed its decades-long opposition to instant replay.

"Like everything else in life, there are times that you have to make an adjustment," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said following Tuesday's announcement. "My opposition to unlimited instant replay is still very much in play. I really think that the game has prospered for well over a century now doing things the way we did it."

The 74-year-old Selig, who described himself as "old fashioned" and an admirer of baseball's "human element," softened his opposition following a rash of blown calls this year.

For now, video will be used only on so-called "boundary calls," such as determining whether fly balls went over the fence, whether potential home runs were fair or foul and whether there was fan interference on potential home runs.

"Any time you try to change something in baseball, it's both emotional and difficult," Selig said. "There's been some concern that, well, if you start here, look what it's going to lead to. Not as long as I'm the commissioner."

Replay will go into use with three series scheduled to open Thursday: Philadelphia at the Chicago Cubs, Minnesota at Oakland and Texas at the Los Angeles Angels. For other games, replays will be available to umpires starting Friday.

Cubs manager Lou Piniella wondered whether a team could challenge a call.

"I'd love to be able to throw a red hankie or a green hankie. Imagine being able to throw something on the field and not be ejected," he said. "I shouldn't say it's not going to work, but this could turn into a little bit of a fiasco initially."

The NFL first used replay to aid officials in 1986, the NHL in 1991 and the NBA in 2002. Even at stuffy old Wimbledon, technology has been used on line calls since 2006. Replay equipment to help determine calls was in place at this year's Little League World Series.

Fan interference has been a big issue in baseball, with almost constant debate since Jeffrey Maier reached over the wall and gave Derek Jeter a home run during the 1996 AL championship series. Many blown calls have occurred at newer ballparks, where fans are closer to the field have the ability to reach over fences.

"In this day and age, where all these ballparks are being built now where people can reach out over the outfield fence and catch balls, fan interference is becoming more and more of an issue," Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine said.

Detroit pitcher Kenny Rogers called the decision "a slap in the face of umpires that have been here for a long time" and said the decision might have been made because Alex Rodriguez lost a home run on a blown call May 21.

"It overshot the mark by far just because, what, in a Yankee game someone didn't get a homer? Please. It's happened thousands of times," Rogers said. "That's part of the game. It's the beauty of the game. Mistakes are made."

Baseball general managers voted 25-5 last November to recommend use the technology, and baseball's lawyers spent recent weeks finalizing agreements with the unions for umpires and for players.

"I find it very strange that, with 30 games to go in the season, that they would start it now. I find that very peculiar," Baltimore Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "If they wanted it so bad, what took them so long to get it going and why wait until this particular point in time?"

Baseball officials wanted to avoid having a situation in the postseason where fans with access to televisions and viewers at home knew what the correct call was but the umpires on the field did not.

"Some people thought that we ought to wait until the postseason," Selig said. "I'd rather go into the postseason knowing that we've already used it."

Video from available broadcast feeds — not every team televises every game — will be collected at the office of Major League Baseball Advanced Media in New York, where it will be monitored by a technician and either an umpire supervisor or a retired umpire. If the crew chief at a game decides replay needs to be checked, umpires will leave the field, technicians at MLBAM will show umpires the video and the crew chief will make the call, overturning the original decision only if there is "clear and convincing evidence."

Leaving the dugout to argue a call following a replay will result in an automatic ejection. Replays of the boundary calls will not be shown on stadium video boards, MLB executive vice president for baseball operations Jimmie Lee Solomon said.

MLB said replay delays will be offset by fewer arguments.

"So if the game is held up for a couple of minutes a couple of times a year, I think that's OK," New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina said. "It's certainly not going to be seen as often as it is in the NFL."

Selig would consider refinements during the offseason but boldly said he never will allow replays to be used for other calls, such as determining whether a ball was caught or trapped. The use for safe/out calls hasn't been considered.

"I believe that because of the configuration of ballparks, both new and old, that calling home runs is really much more difficult than it once was," Selig said. "I don't believe in the use of instant replay for other things."

Players generally agreed.

"I just don't want it to open up Pandora's box, with calls at home and calls at the bases and eventually behind the plate," Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria said.

The players' association agreed to replay for the balance of the season but retained the right, through Dec. 10, to ask for additional bargaining for future years. If players don't, the replay agreement will run through 2011.

Union head Donald Fehr doesn't anticipate an expansion of what calls replays can be used to determine.

"We haven't talked about that. I think that that's unlikely over the term of this agreement," he said. "What we'll obviously do is look at it after the World Series. We're hopeful that we're going to say it was great."

Umpire Gary Cederstrom said his crew had a training session Tuesday at Yankee Stadium.

"We talked to the technicians and he explained what they're going to be doing," he said. "We just basically did a dry run."

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MLB umpires, from left to right, Jeff Kellogg, Sam Holbrook, Mark Wegner, and Chad Fairchild discuss a potential homerun off the bat of Cubs outfielder Reed Johnson as Diamondbacks shortstop Stephen Drew looks on in a game against the Cubs on July 23, 2008 in Phoenix.

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MLB

American League, East Division

team	record	perc.	GB
Tampa Bay	79-51	.608	-
Boston	76-55	.580	3.5
New York	70-61	.534	9.5
Toronto	68-63	.519	11.5
Baltimore	62-70	.470	18

American League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	GB
Chicago	76-56	.576	-
Minnesota	74-57	.565	1.5
Cleveland	64-67	.489	11.5
Detroit	64-68	.485	12
Kansas City	56-75	.427	19.5

American League, West Division

team	record	perc.	GB
Los Angeles	79-51	.608	-
Texas	64-68	.485	16
Oakland	60-71	.458	19.5
Seattle	49-82	.374	30.5

National League, East Division

team	record	perc.	GB
New York	73-59	.553	-
Philadelphia	72-59	.550	.5
Florida	67-64	.511	5.5
Atlanta	57-74	.435	15.5
Washington	47-85	.356	26

National League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	GB
Chicago	81-50	.618	-
Milwaukee	76-55	.580	5
St. Louis	73-59	.553	8.5
Houston	66-65	.504	15
Pittsburgh	57-74	.435	24
Cincinnati	57-74	.435	24

National League, West Division

team	record	perc.	GB
Arizona	68-63	.519	-
Los Angeles	65-67	.492	3.5
Colorado	62-71	.466	7
San Francisco	58-73	.443	10
San Diego	49-82	.374	19

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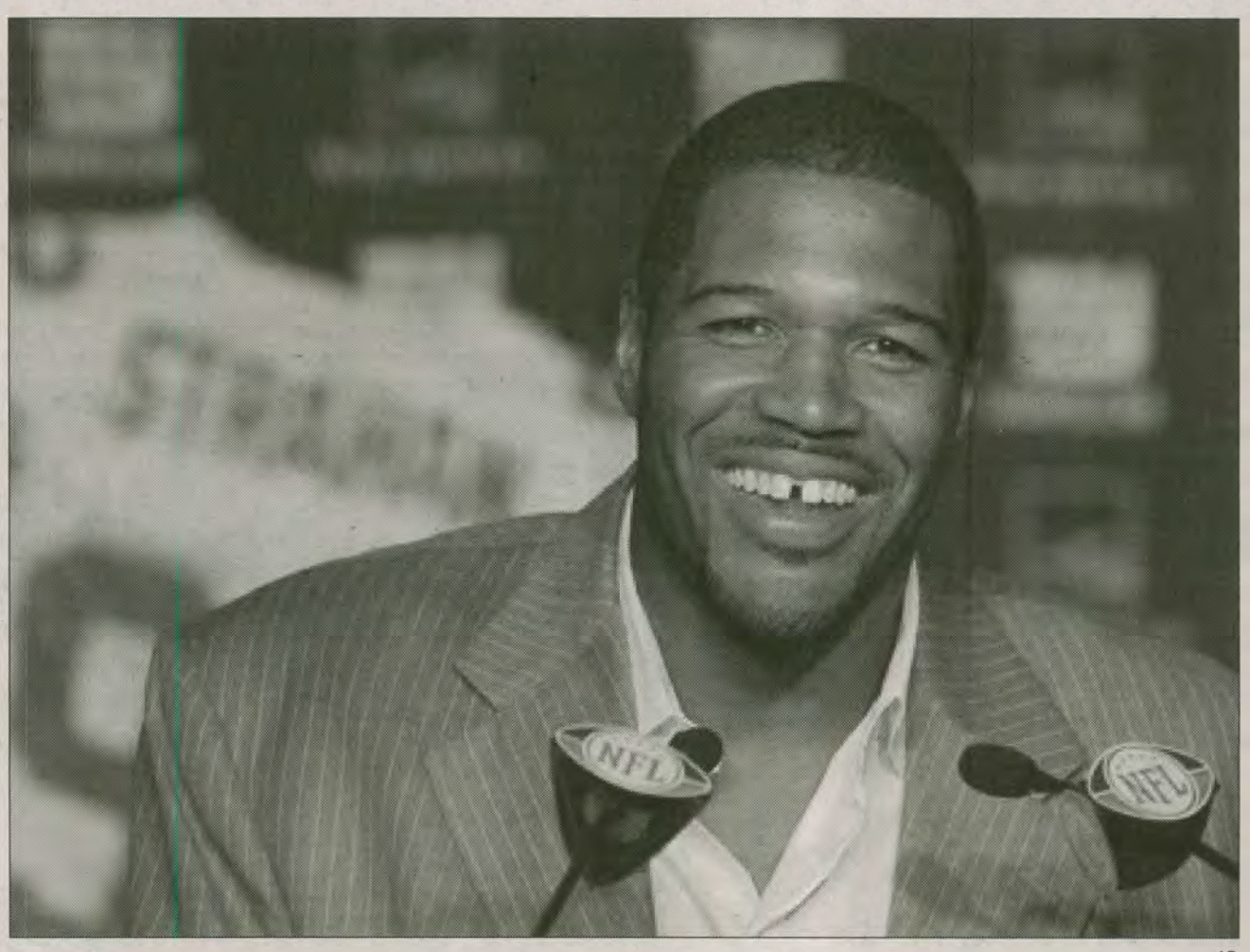

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Former New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan talks about his retirement at a news conference June 10 in East Rutherford, NJ. Strahan turned down an offer from the Giants to return to the team Tuesday.

Strahan turns down offer to return

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Seven-time New York Giants Pro Bowler Michael Strahan is staying retired.

"This has been one of the toughest nights of my life," Strahan told FoxSports.com in a story released Tuesday afternoon. "But after long deliberation and throwing around a million scenarios in my head for the past day, I think it's just best if I stay retired."

Tony Agnone, Strahan's agent, did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Giants general manager Jerry Reese has asked the 36-year-old Strahan to reconsider his retirement on Monday, just 48 hours after the Super Bowl champions lost Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora for the season to a knee injury in the preseason game against the New York Jets.

Strahan needed just about a day to turn down an offer to return for a 16th season with what could have been an $8 million contract.

"I really love my life now," he told FoxSports.com while on vacation in Greece. "It's great having nobody put a finger on me. You really put yourself through an awful lot in this league, more than people realize.

Reese did not seem surprised by the decision.

"We knew it was a long shot, but we owed it to ourselves to exhaust the possibility," Reese said late Tuesday evening. "We appreciate Michael even considering ending his retirement. He has a new career in front of him and we wish him nothing but the best. As we all said when he announced his retirement, Michael was and is a great Giant."

The Giants moved Mathias Kiwanuka from linebacker to defensive end on Monday to take over for Umenyiora, who had successful knee surgery on Tuesday morning and was placed on season-ending injured reserve.

The move will not be a major one for Kiwanuka. He was drafted in the first round in 2006 as a defensive end and started nine games as a rookie. He also lined up as a defensive end in third-down situations last season.

"There is a reason he went in the first round obviously," middle linebacker Antonio Pierce said. "The guy, he is playing behind Strahan and Osi, and then we moved him to linebacker, so obviously he is one of our top players on the team and he is going to show that he is a top defen-

In Brief

Knee injury will bench Jurevicius for six weeks

CLEVELAND — Cleveland Browns wide receiver Joe Jurevicius will miss the first six weeks of the regular season while he recovers from knee surgery.

The Browns placed Jurevicius on the physically-unable-to-perform list Tuesday.

Jurevicius had swelling and discomfort in his right knee related to a previous operation and needed another procedure in June to further clean it out.

After the sixth week of the season, the Browns have three weeks to allow Jurevicius to start practicing. Once he begins practicing, the Browns will have another three weeks to make a decision on his roster status.

Jurevicius had 50 catches for 614 yards and three touchdowns last season.

Yastrzemski discharged from hospital

BOSTON — Baseball Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski was released from a hospital Tuesday, one week after having triple bypass surgery.

The former Boston Red Sox outfielder had surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital after experiencing chest pains. His discharge was announced by team spokesman John Blake.

Yastrzemski, the last player to hit for the Triple Crown by leading the AL in batting average, homers and RBIs in 1967, turned 69 last Friday.

His family released a statement after the surgery saying it was "a complete success."

Yastrzemski took over for Ted Williams in left field in 1961 and spent his entire career with the Red Sox before retiring after the 1983 season.

LPGA to require players to speak English

ORLANDO — The LPGA Tour boasts players from all over the world, and it wants all of them to be able to speak English.

The LPGA will require players to speak English starting in 2009, with players who have been LPGA members for two years facing suspension if they can't pass an oral evaluation of English skills. The rule is effective immediately for new players.

"Why now? Athletes now have more responsibilities and we want to help their professional development," deputy commissioner Libba Galloway told The Associated Press. "There are more fans, more media and more sponsors. We want to help our athletes as best we can succeed off the golf course as well as on it."

NFL

Manning back in the saddle again at Colts' practice

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — More than a month after having knee surgery and enduring weeks of rampant speculation about whether the injury was worse than first feared, two-time league MVP Peyton Manning finally provided his doubters with one emphatic answer Tuesday: He's back, right on schedule.

"This is a significant step for me to get back out on the practice field," Manning said before throwing and running with teammates. "If things go well, as we expect they will, then I hope to be full go next week and ready for the season opener."

Manning will be limited in practice initially after being activated from the physically unable to perform list.

Coach Tony Dungy said the Colts will be cautious with the franchise quarterback during this short week — Indy played Buffalo on Sunday night and faces Cincinnati on Thursday — before giving him a full complement of snaps next week.

"We're going to monitor him and (rookie tight end) Tom Santi, who will start practicing today," Dungy said. "So we do have a pitch count on those guys."

It's been a crazy month for Manning, the Colts iron man who has never missed a start in his 10-year NFL career.

He was instructed by doctors not to report to training camp with his teammates July 24, 10 days after having surgery to remove an infected bursa sac from the left knee. Team officials said it would take Manning four to six weeks to recover, and the six-week anniversary came Monday when the Colts did not practice.

Still, local radio talk shows, bloggers and fans continually questioned Manning's whereabouts and readiness even after Dungy said July 29 that Manning had arrived in Terre Haute, Ind., the Colts' training camp site.

When Manning didn't appear at any practices or games, the doubts increased. A local television station ran what appeared to be a cell phone photo of Manning wearing a brace on his right knee — a photo Manning later called not true. Late last week, a national blogger suggested Manning had a second surgical procedure on the right knee, something Manning would not confirm Tuesday.

"I think it's somewhat irrelevant because of where we are today, and I kind of like to keep you guys guessing," Manning said, drawing laughter. "I never really like talking too much about an injury because if you play well, they say 'Man, look how tough he is.' And if you don't play well, they say 'That's the reason.'"

Manning's return has taken on even greater significance given the Colts depleted situation at quarterback.

Longtime backup Jim Sorgi was expected to play into the third quarter Sunday night but never made it out of street clothes because of what the team described as a gimpy knee. Dungy said that although X-rays and tests were negative, Sorgi wasn't at practice Tuesday because doctors were still trying to control the swelling.

Sorgi's absence means the Colts have just two quarterbacks, Jared Lorenzen and Quinn Gray, who were both signed July 24, available against the Bengals. Last weekend, Lorenzen produced one significant drive in the first half while Gray threw four interceptions and one touchdown in the 20-7 loss.

But activating Manning doesn't necessarily mean he will start the season opener, Sept. 7 against Chicago.

"I'm not really doing predictions at this point," Manning said. "I hope to be ready, and I certainly don't want to create this dramatic announcement. I think I will do some parts of practice today and tomorrow and I may even dress for (Thursday's) game though I won't play. We'll do a short practice Monday, and then, hopefully, I'll be full go Wednesday."

If all goes according to plan, No. 18 will then start against Chicago.

The question that still lingers is how long will it take for Manning to round into MVP form?

Even he's not sure.

Manning has never missed this much time as a professional or college athlete. One thing that should help in getting the timing down, is that Manning did participate in the team's spring and summer minicamps and teammates know Manning well enough to know he won't be behind when he steps onto the field.

"He's been doing it forever, he's been doing it since he was 6 years old in his backyard," two-time Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne said. "He and Marvin (Harrison) have been together forever, and this is my eighth year, so you kind of get used to it."

With the Manning saga perhaps nearing a conclusion, there are more injury concerns for a Colts team that has opened the past three seasons with at least seven straight wins.

Indy is still trying to figure out what's wrong with Jeff Saturday's right knee. Saturday, a three-time Pro Bowler at center, was injured during Sunday's game and Dungy said doctors are evaluating how serious the injury is.

"We really don't know, at this point, where it is," Dungy said. "It could be anywhere from a couple of weeks to a major injury. We don't know that yet. Jeff has some options, but we don't know how bad it is and it could be through this weekend before we know for sure."

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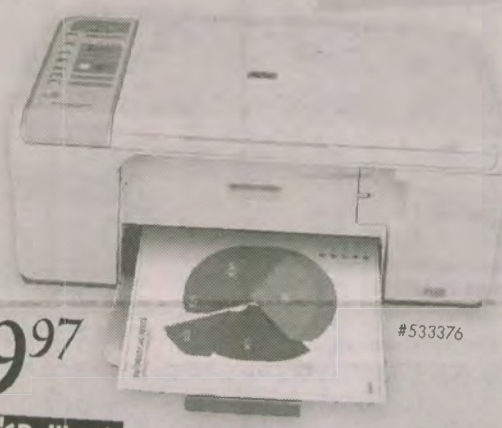

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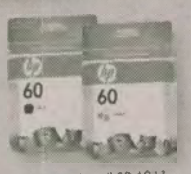

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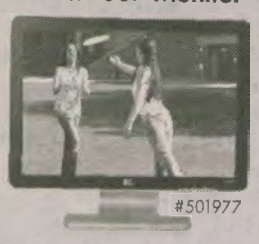

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US OPEN

Ivanovic avoids early exit, defeats Dushevina

Serena Williams crushes Bondarenko on home turf, sister Venus follows suit in straight sets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ana Ivanovic raised her racket, ready for an easy overhead slam in what was shaping up as an easy match.

Then she somehow spiked the ball right into the net from just a few feet away.

Out of whack lately because of an injured right thumb, the world No. 1 was suddenly out of sorts. Ivanovic recovered in time Tuesday to avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the first round at the U.S. Open, rallying past Vera Dushevina 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

"I could feel some shots, lack of practice," Ivanovic said.

Serena Williams took a more direct approach. Favored by oddsmakers to win the women's title, she overwhelmed Kateryna Bondarenko with her serve in a 6-1, 6-4 victory.

Wearing bright red, the fourth-seeded Williams was dressed for an afternoon workout — chances are, she'll reveal her more elegant outfits at evening matches. The two-time U.S. Open champion is ready to dominate the Grand Slam event she last won in 2002.

"I don't even remember holding up the trophy," she said. "I didn't even know I won this tournament."

Seventh-seeded Venus Williams advanced, too, beating Samantha Stosur 6-2, 6-3. Like her younger sister, she's twice won this Open.

"I've had a chance to play and be healthy, so I'm excited to be here," the elder Williams said.

Roger Federer, aiming for his fifth straight U.S. Open title, played later Tuesday night.

Sixth-seeded Dinara Safina of Russia, No. 9 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, No. 13 Agnes Szavay of Hungary and No. 16 Flavia Pennetta of Italy won. Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany beat No. 11 Daniela Hantuchova.

No. 13 Fernando Verdasco of Spain, No. 14 Ivo Karlovic of Croatia and No. 15 Tommy Robredo of Spain won. Tommy Haas of Germany beat No. 12 Richard Gasquet of France 6-7 (3), 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 and Sam Querrey beat No. 22 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Marat Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champ, was as volatile as ever, throwing a tantrum after being called for a foot fault during his 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win over Vince Spadea.

"I don't want fight. I don't want to shout," the Russian said later. "I wish I could play normal matches and enjoy tennis sometimes."

Expected to cruise, Ivanovic struggled against a Russian ranked No. 57. Down 3-2 in the third set, the French Open champion found her confidence — and her winning strokes.

The 20-year-old Serbian star had played only two matches since Wimbledon in mid-July while her thumb healed. The injury forced Ivanovic to withdraw from the Olympics before they began and kept her from practicing until last week.

"Happy finally to be without the pain," she said.

The worst start ever for a No. 1 woman at the U.S. Open came in 1967 when Maria Bueno drew a first-round bye and then lost in the second round. The last top-seeded man to lose in the first round at Flushing Meadows was Stefan Edberg in 1990.

Ivanovic was breezing as she took a 4-2 lead in the second set. Ahead 40-15, she seemed on her way to a comfortable win when, at deuce, she charged forward but netted her smash — one of her 40 unforced errors.

After that, her problems really flared.

"I dropped my concentration," she said.

Soon, Ivanovic was tentative on backhands and failed to finish forehands. Gone was her signature fist pump after winning key points. Instead, she spent more and more time looking into her family box during breaks.

By the final set, Ivanovic was moving better, covering the court and pressuring Dushevina into misses. Even so, she made it tough on herself, double-faulting while trying for a match point.

Ivanovic certainly wasn't worn down from her recent hours on the court. Her travel time, however, took its toll — she left Beijing to see her doctor in Australia and then came to New York.

Despite winning her first Grand Slam championship this year, Ivanovic sensed her limited practice session would make it tough to take this title.

"I think at the moment it's a lot to ask for," she said.

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MLB

AL Cy Young contender Lee gets 19th win in rout of Tigers

Blue Jay's Halladay beats Rays for first time this year; A-Rod flops in loss to Red Sox in Yankee stadi-

Associated Press

DETROIT — Cliff Lee got his American League-leading 19th win and Ben Francisco hit two home runs in the Cleveland Indians' ninth straight victory, 10-4 over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Jamey Carroll and Kelly Shoppach hit back-to-back homers for Cleveland, which overtook Detroit for third place in the AL Central. The Indians are three games under .500 for the first time since May 24.

Edgar Renteria hit a home run for the Tigers, who have dropped three straight.

Lee (19-2) allowed two runs and six hits in 7 2-3 innings to tie Brandon Webb of Arizona for the major league lead in wins. It's also a career-high; Lee won 18 games in 2005. Lee has won five straight starts, and eight of nine. The Cy Young contender is 5-0 with a 1.86 ERA in August.

Lee became the eighth pitcher since 1920 to win 19 of his first 21 decisions in a season, according to Stats LLC. The last to do it was Roger Clemens, who was 20-1 after beating the White Sox on Sept. 19, 2001, while with the Yankees.

Chris Lambert (0-1) gave up six runs — two earned — and five hits in 2 2-3 innings in his major league debut for the Tigers. Lambert's contract was purchased from Triple-A Toledo earlier on Tuesday.

The Indians used the long-ball and two Tigers errors to score six in the third. Carroll and Shoppach led off with back-to-back home runs. Carroll's was his first since last Aug. 11.

Lambert then hit Orlando Cabrera with a pitch. Cabrera stole second and came home on third baseman Ryan Raburn's error on a groundball by Franklin Gutierrez. One out later, Jhonny Peralta singled and Guttierez scored when the ball skipped past left fielder Marcus Thames for an error and rolled to the fence.

Peralta later scored on David Dellucci's double, and Carroll chased Lambert with an RBI single.

Francisco's first two-run homer, in the fourth, made it 8-0. He added a second in the seventh inning and has 14 on the season.

The Tigers got on the board in the fifth on Raburn's run-scoring double and Brandon Inge's RBI single, and scored two more on Renteria's ninth-inning home run.

Grady Sizemore, a night after becoming the 14th American League player to join the 30-30 club, went 0-for-4.

Blue Jays 6, Rays 2

Roy Halladay beat Tampa Bay for the first time this season, and Vernon Wells homered and had three RBIs as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the AL East-leading Rays on Tuesday night.

Halladay (16-9) gave up two runs and six hits in six innings. The right-hander posted a 5.32 ERA in losing his previous three starts against Tampa Bay this year. No team has beat Halladay four times in the same season.

Wells had two run-scoring singles and added a solo homer in the ninth that made it 6-2. He has four homers and nine RBIs over his last three games.

Rod Barajas hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays, who have won 10 of their last 13 road games.

Eric Hinske drove in two runs for Tampa Bay, which has lost consecutive games for just the second time since the All-Star break. Tampa Bay is an AL-best 47-19 at home this season.

Red Sox 7, Yankees 3

Alex Rodriguez flopped all night when the New York Yankees needed a big hit.

Tim Wakefield won in his return from the disabled list and the Boston Red Sox moved a step closer to squashing New York's playoff hopes, beating Andy Pettitte and the Yankees 7-3 Tuesday night.

Jason Bay drove in two runs, David Ortiz had a strong game at the plate and Boston got an outstanding effort from its bullpen to close out the opener of a key three-game series.

Johnny Damon homered twice for the Yankees, but Rodriguez grounded into two double plays — one with the bases loaded — and struck out for the final out.

This is Boston's final regular-season visit to Yankee Stadium, the site of so many memorable moments throughout the teams' long rivalry. Next year, New York moves into a lavish new ballpark being built across the street, and this isn't the way A-Rod and the Yankees wanted to say goodbye.

The three-time MVP finished 0-for-5 and was booed loudly as New York fell six games behind Boston, which leads the AL wild-card race by a slim margin over Minnesota. Rodriguez also committed an error at third base.

With a couple more wins this week, the Red Sox can leave the Yankees with a huge hill to climb and little time left to do it. New York hasn't missed a postseason since 1993.

Wakefield (8-8) allowed three runs and eight hits in five innings. The 42-year-old knuckleballer hadn't pitched since Aug. 6 because of tightness in his right shoulder.

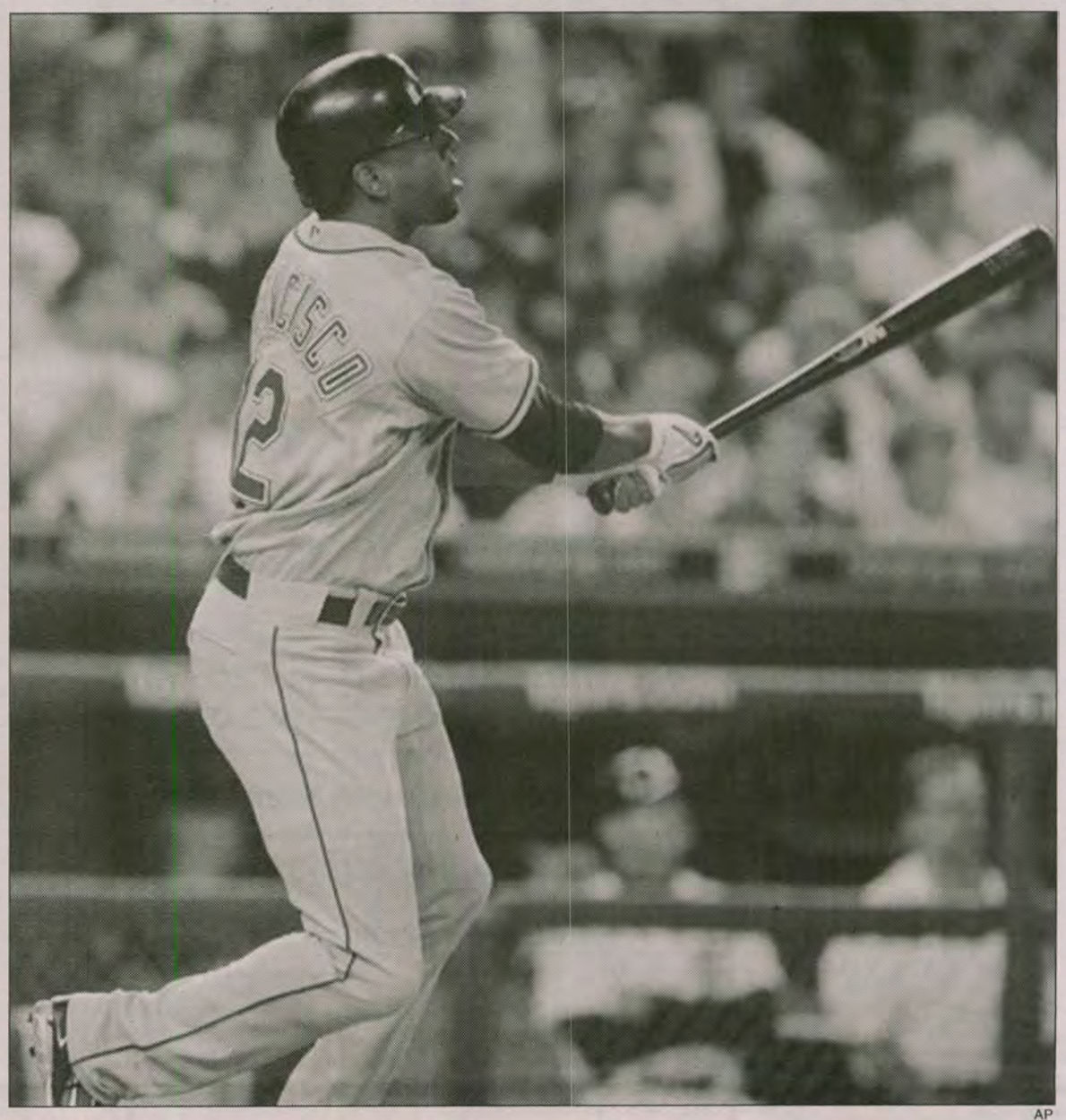
Five Red Sox relievers combined for four scoreless innings, and Jonathan Papelbon got four outs for his 34th save in 38 chances.

Usually reliable in big games, Pettitte (13-10) was touched for six runs and 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Ortiz hit two doubles and walked twice. Playing his first game in the rivalry, Bay had an RBI single in a two-run third and a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Rodriguez flied out with two on in the fifth. With the Yankees trailing 7-3 in the seventh, he came up with the bases loaded and grounded into an inning-ending double play against Justin Masterson.

That left A-Rod 1-for-10 this season with the bases loaded — 0-for-7 when there were less than two outs.



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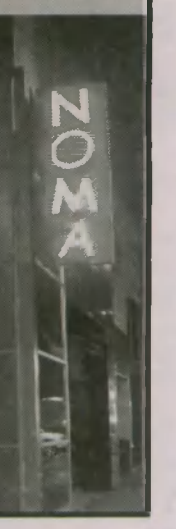

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Patriots have glut of running backs, unsure who will stay

Belichick to face Super Bowl spoiler Giants in final preseason game; players focused on improvement, not cuts

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH — The New England Patriots have a deep group of experienced running backs and just one more exhibition game before they decide which ones to keep.

So improvement is more important than the identity of that opponent — the team that beat them in the Super Bowl.

"We really don't care," third-down back Kevin Faulk said Tuesday. "The thing that we care about right now is getting our team better. If you watched our first three preseason games, there's a lot of work we have to do."

Hoping to avoid a winless exhibition season, New England visits the New York Giants on Thursday night. Then coach Bill Belichick will have less than 48 hours before the 4 p.m. deadline on Saturday to decide which players to cut to get down to the regular-season limit of 53 players.

"Whether it's your second year in the league or 12th year in the league, it's a pretty somber day," running back Sammy Morris said, "just in the sense of guys that are potentially losing their jobs. Typically, it's kind of weird."

The Patriots reached the 75-player limit by Tuesday's 4 p.m. deadline by placing starting guard Stephen Neal on the physically-unable-to-perform reserve list, sidelining him for at least six weeks, and backup tackle Ryan O'Callaghan on the injured reserve list, ending his season, and releasing fullback Kyle Eckel, cornerback Jason Webster and offensive lineman Ryan Wendell.

Laurence Maroney, the team's top rusher last season, and Faulk, are virtual locks to make the 53-man roster. Morris, who missed the last 10 games last season with a chest injury, and LaMont Jordan, signed July 26 after being released by Oakland, also have a solid chance to stick.

Fullback Heath Evans, a strong special teams player, is highly regarded by Belichick. The coach even praised Benjarvus Green-Ellis, an undrafted rookie free agent running back.

Green-Ellis appears to be a longshot but the other five all could be on the opening day roster.

"I don't think that the players at the same position are necessarily in competition with each other," Belichick said. "We want to keep the best players and that may be a balanced roster or not. It may include a few more players at one position and a few less at another.

"All of our running backs have been productive."

Jordan, entering his eighth season, had a strong opening game. He rushed for 76 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries in New England's 16-15 loss to Baltimore, missed the next two games with an undisclosed injury but said Tuesday he had no restrictions in practice.

"I know the backfield is crowded but I've also said I know what I'm capable of doing," he said. "Unfortunately, I had this setback with the injury this past couple of weeks. But once they make their decision what they're going to do, if I'm here it's just up to me to make sure that come Sunday I'm at my best."

Morris also had played seven seasons when the Patriots signed him on March 3, 2007. He rushed for 384 yards and three touchdowns in six games before going on injured reserve but said Tuesday he's fully recovered.

With so many running backs carrying the ball in exhibition games, it can be difficult to get into a rhythm.

"A lot of it is established in practice," Morris said. "I guess, especially in preseason, we actually get more reps or more carries than we do in the actual game. I think it puts the onus a little more individually to go out and execute with the limited amount of actual game reps."

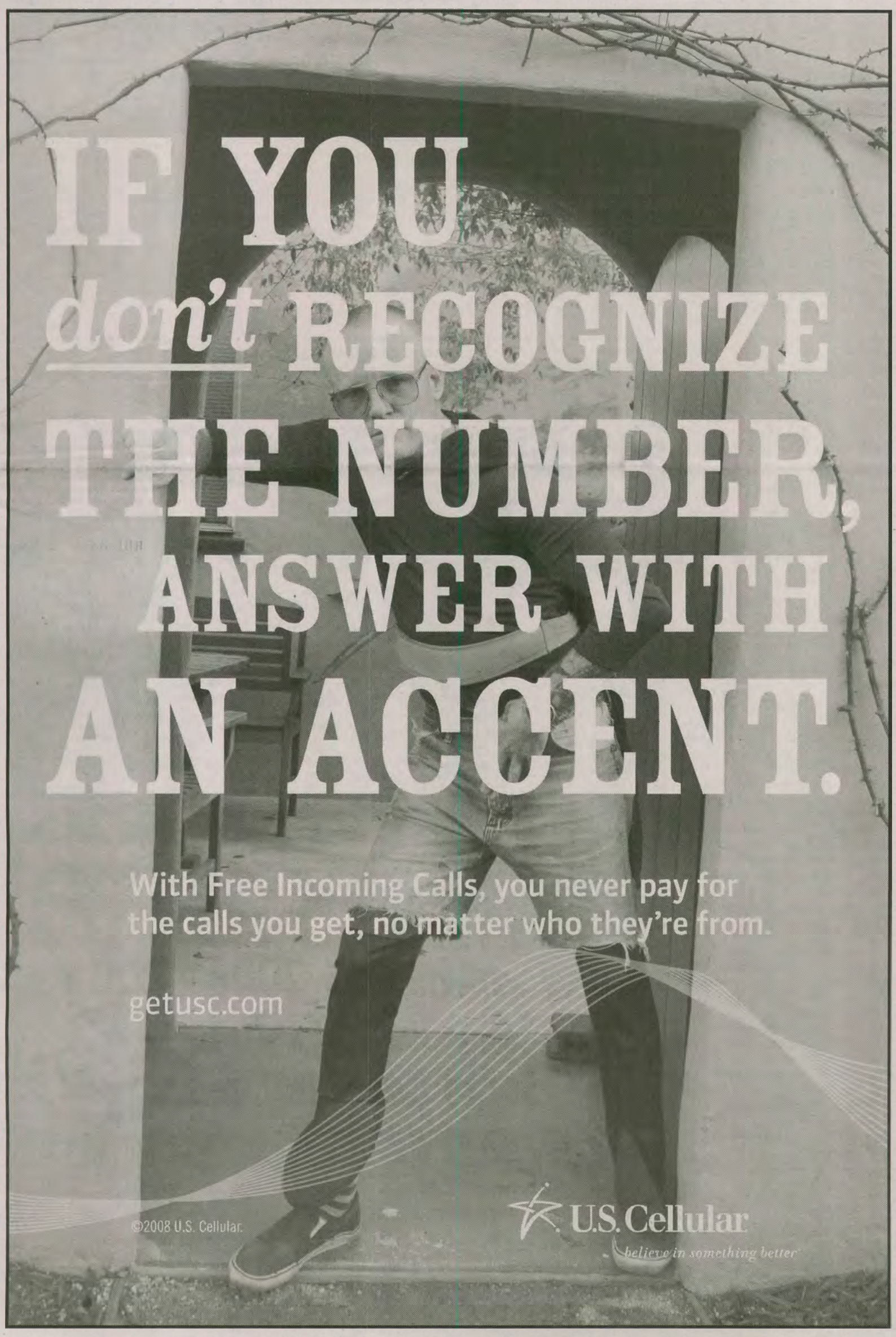
Maroney, more elusive than Jordan and Morris, is in his third season. Faulk's 323 receptions in his eight years are the most by a running back in club history.

"We probably have one of the deepest backfields in the league," Jordan said. "The thing about us is that we all bring something different to the table, which gives the defense a different look."

With Tom Brady throwing an NFL-record 50 passes last season, the Patriots led the league in overall offense and yards passing. They were 13th in rushing.

They have plenty of options to improve their ground game. By Saturday afternoon, Belichick must decide how many of those options will still be with the team. He also must decide who to keep at other positions. Many decisions have been made and those still trying to impress him will have one last chance Thursday night.

"If you are running a race with a guy and he is a lap ahead of you and you have a strong finish, you are still going to finish behind him," Belichick said. "If you are neck and neck with the guy and you have a strong finish then you beat him and it makes a lot of difference.



Health

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imated us. Our big key will be to stay healthy and improve as the season progresses," Irish coach Tim Connelly said.

Connelly said that the key to staying healthy is sleeping enough, eating well, and doing all the things needed to recover from the strenuous training that a long distance runner puts herself through.

"That is something that most college kids aren't always really conscientious of," he said. "But our runners have to be conscientious of it if they hope to stay healthy and reach their potential as runners."

With underclassmen making up over half the team, the Irish will be relying on young talent to carry the team this year. The team has three seniors and two juniors who have previously run in the top seven.

"If we are to be successful, the reality is that we will need several freshman and several others who have not been contributors in the past to step up and contribute," Connelly said.

Junior Lindsey Ferguson and sophomore Marissa Treece are expected to be among the fastest finishers this season. Both ran well last season for both the cross country and track teams. Their cross country years were cut short last fall when both Treece and Ferguson contracted mono.

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Tim Connelly
Irish coach

Connelly is hopeful that if his runners can stay healthy that they will be competing for a Big East championship and at the very least qualify for the NCAA Finals.

The team starts their season Sept. 5 at the Crusader Invitational in Valparaiso, Ind. — an event that the Irish won in 2007.

"Our first several meets in September will be fairly low-key, and we will use them to assess where we are as a team. It will give us an idea of where some people are fitness and competitiveness wise," Connelly said.

Connelly said he wasn't planning on running the entire team at Valparaiso and would most likely hold most of the

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Dew

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well."

Dew has immediately taken charge on the field, leading an Irish defense that held Michigan to just one shot-on-goal in a 7-0 Notre Dame rout to open the season last Friday.

Notre Dame out shot the Wolverines 34-4 in a statement game for the 2008 season. Dew and company have not surrendered a goal to Michigan at any point in their collective careers. The five-game streak of shutouts dates back to 2004.

"She has shown that she is definitely, completely back," Waldrum said.

Dew was named Big East defensive player of the week Tuesday for her performance against the Wolverines.

It is the third time in her career the senior has earned that honor and she also adds the accolade to her 2006 Big East defensive player of the year award.

Still, Waldrum said that Dew is an underappreciated player for No. 5 Notre Dame. The Irish have some of the best strikers in the country and consistently finish as one of the top-scoring squads in the NCAA.

"If you play on the defensive side of the ball on this team, you definitely feel underappreciated," Waldrum said. "People who know soccer understand how important it is to have a terrific central defender like [Dew]."

Waldrum said that last season's team did not reach its full potential because Dew was not fully healthy. But despite her injury, the California native notched one of Notre Dame's two goals in its College Cup semifinal loss to Florida State.

Now, Waldrum said he expects her to thrive in her final season.

"She has such a calm mannerism and way of going about things," Waldrum said. "She's the perfect player to have in the back of the defense."

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Senior defender Carrie Dew looks on as a teammate battles during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Oklahoma State last year.

Draw

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the 35th minute when he made a diving stop off a snap header from the Flames forward Phillip Mitchell. Earlier in the half, Quinn was beaten to his near post, but Charlie Trout's low drive rebounded back off the post.

"The lads were in meetings and sessions all day long, and I thought it looked like we had been in sessions all day long during the first half," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "I thought in the first half we played a lot of patches without penetrating."

Clark made some half-time adjustments that put Notre Dame on the offensive in the second half. The wide midfielders started to press higher up the field and attack more often to put the pressure on Illinois-Chicago's defense. The result was an Irish onslaught that resulted in everything but the winning goal. Notre Dame outshot Illinois-Chicago 8-2 and held a 5-1 advantage in corners for the second forty-five minutes.

The best chance came late in the game when freshman Brendan King played a neat one-two with sophomore Jeb Brovsky. Brovsky's flick put King one-on-one with Flames' goalie Johan Buboja, but King's effort rebounded off the same post that had denied Trout earlier in the game.

Clark said King and fellow outside midfielder Josh Thiermann provided a much-needed spark to the Irish attack in the final half.

"They had the benefit of talking about it at halftime — getting higher up and making things happen," Clark said. "They took it to heart. They brought energy and they got forward. They made good things happen."

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Irish coach

Both King and Thiermann came on at half-time as substitutes. Clark used last night's contest as an opportunity to give many players a shot as Notre Dame tries to pin down its rotation before the regular season and conference play begin.

"We played nineteen players last night, and that's quite a lot to get into a game," Clark said. "We're trying to find out what we've got. The sooner the better, but it's starting to shape up."

Last night's game served as a fundraiser for Grassroots Soccer — an AIDS awareness and education organization that reaches youths through soccer clinics. Money was raised through the one dollar admission price as well as additional donations. All proceeds will be matched by a Notre Dame alumnus that wishes to remain anonymous.

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Gold

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Sada Jacobson in the women's sabre event. She also added a bronze medal to her two golds — the first of which came at the 2004 games in Greece — in the team sabre event a few days later.

Zagunis has already racked up All-America honors at Notre Dame as well as winning a national championship in 2006.

Boxx and Markgraf (formerly Kate Sobrero) also won a national championship with the Irish in 1995. Both women played all 120 minutes in the overtime finals match against Brazil.

"Any time you go to the Olympics there are hopes that you come back better."

Janusz Bednarski
Irish fencing coach

"I don't think we ever doubted [we would win the gold], but we just didn't think about it," Markgraf said to USSoccer.com following the win.

On their road to the finals, the U.S. also took down Canada in a 2-1 quarterfinal match. The game featured four former Irish players with alums Candace Chapman ('06) and Melissa Tancredi ('05) playing for the Canadian side.

"We're very proud of all four of them," Notre Dame soccer coach Randy Waldrum said. "It shows you that ND has been a women's soccer power for the past 15 years and it's great to be a part of that."

Waldrum coached both Canadian players but Boxx and Markgraf graduated before he took over as head coach for the Irish in 2000.

Boxx served up the game-winning assist on a header play the overtime win to the United States.

"Amy [Rodriguez] got it in the corner and just laid it back and I was wide open," she said immediately following the game. "I knew Natasha [Kai] was in there, so if I could get that cross in behind the back four she could head it in."

Along with Zagunis and the foursome of soccer players, an additional five current or former ND athletes competed in the Beijing Games.

Junior Kelley Hurley and freshman Gerek Meinhardt joined Zagunis on the U.S. Fencing team. Meinhardt, 18, was the youngest male fencer in the Olympics by nearly five years. All three Irish fencers are projected to be major forces on the collegiate level this year and are hoping that their Olympic experience will take them to the next level.

"Any time you go to the Olympics there are hopes that you come back better," Bednarski said. "It is a very stressful competition so it really helps on the mental level."

Former track standouts Selim Nurudeen ('05) and Thomas Chamney ('07) competed for Nigeria and Ireland, respectively.

Nurundeen ran a personal best 13.58 in the 110-meter hurdles to advanced to the second round but did not make it any further.

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AP

Irish junior Mariel Zagunis celebrates after winning a gold medal in the women's sabre event in Beijing on Aug. 9.

Pound

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Mendoza created specifically for them.

Right tackle Sam Young said the plan consisted of many drills tailored to linemen, such as flipping tires, King of the Ring, and even some Sumo wrestling.

"Across the board, everyone's gained weight, everyone's gotten stronger," Young said.

But Young said the weights weren't the only tool they used for adding some pounds.

"Bruno's [Restaurant] put the weight on," he said. "I guess you could say it was our carbo shake."

In addition to the offensive line's increased strength, the unit also benefits from its experience, right guard Eric Olsen said.

"As we've gotten older a year as a group, things have gotten easier with that experience, so I don't know if the schemes are that much simpler. But when you gain experience, it really slows the game down for you," he said.

Young also said the offensive line has assumed the responsibility inherent in Weis' "pound it" offense.

"That puts a lot of responsibility on us. We establish the line of scrimmage, and as an offensive lineman that's what you love to do. Instead of being passive-aggressive and pass block, you have to be aggressive and knock the other guy in the mouth," Young said.

But the offensive line is only half of the "pound it" philosophy; the running backs will also need to pull their own weight. In his Monday news conference, Weis said he is pleased with all the running backs on the depth chart.

"Bruno's [Restaurant] put the weight on."

Sam Young
Irish right tackle

"The only way to find out [if we can pound it] is getting the big boys up front to get off the ball and hand it off to those backs. I like all of them. I like all of those backs. You've got to keep fresh legs out there at [half]back and keep pounding it," he said.

Going into the opener against San Diego State, sophomore Armando Allen is the No. 1 running back listed.

"[The running backs] are very, very confident in the offensive linemen. I think that's one of the strengths of the team that's really improved this year," Allen said. "The offensive line's improvement gives us confidence as well."

Young also noted the importance of running the ball for developing an offense.

"When you run the ball you can control the clock much better," Young said. "And to go along with that, you run the ball, you suck the safeties in. Then you can throw over the top, play action, it all plays off each other."

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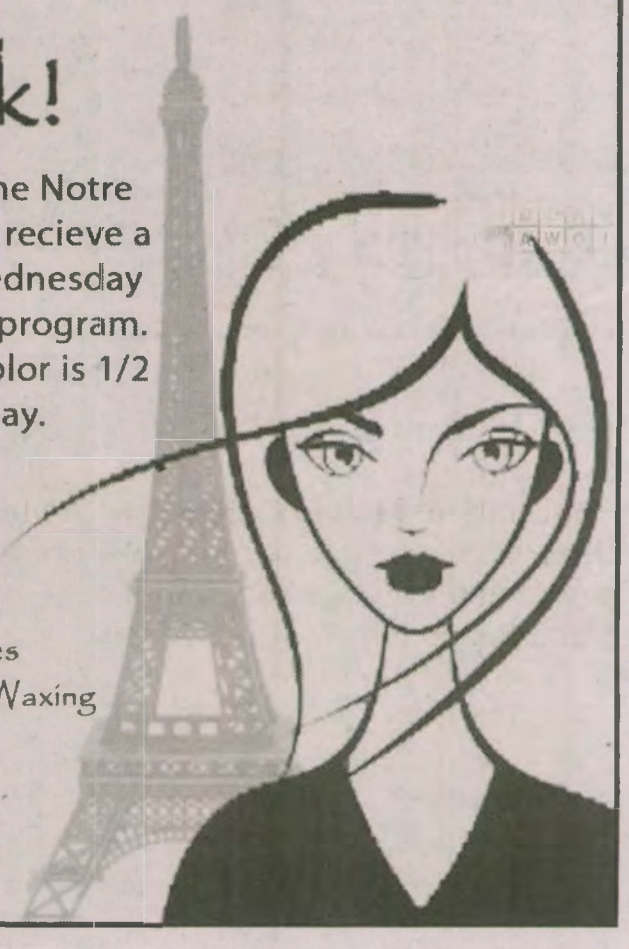

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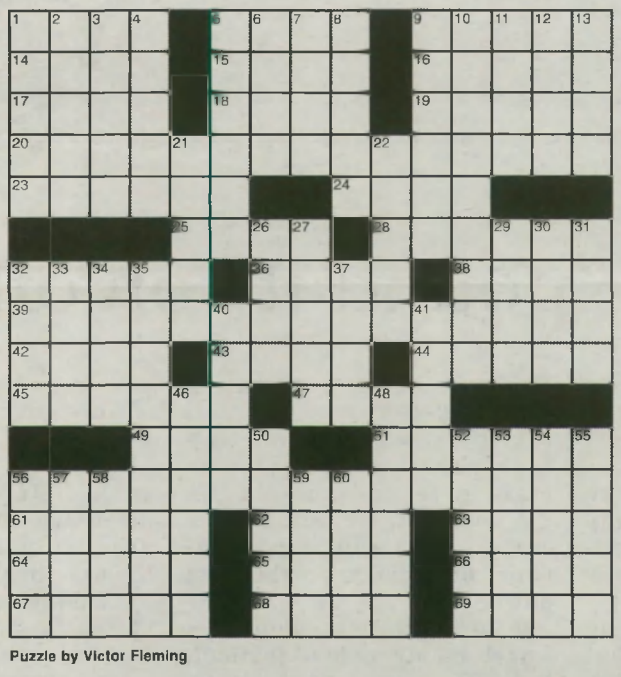

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17 "What ___ Did" (classic children's book with a punny title)
18 ___ Spee (old German warship)
19 Catcher's position
20 Enjoying an outing, of sorts
23 "Gets the red out" sloganeer
24 Italian auto, for short
25 Scientology founder ___ Hubbard
28 For no profit
32 Sister of Marge Simpson
36 Forsaken
38 Get ___ the habit
39 Enjoying an outing, of sorts
42 Homecoming figure, for short
43 Yin's counterpart
44 Checking out
45 Michelin offering
47 Flagston family pet
49 Gin flavoring
51 Edit
56 Enjoying an outing, of sorts
61 Like wild tigers
62 Drought relief
63 Hi Flagston's wife, in the comics
64 Garden plant support
65 One hired by a corp. board
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67 Cheated, slangily
68 One of "The Addams Family," informally
69 Comrade in arms

Down

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2 Tehran denizen
3 Actress ZaSu
4 Greet cordially
5 Paul Bunyan, e.g.
6 River of Spain
7 Mideast airline
8 Port of Israel
9 Treat leniently, with "on"
10 Talkativeness
11 France's Côte d'___
12 Actor Stephen and kin
13 Renaissance family name
21 China's Zhou ___
22 Trolley sound
26 Gymnast Korbut
27 Ad infinitum
29 "The ___ Love" (R.E.M. hit)
30 British W.W. II-era gun
31 Chinatown gang
32 Exchange jabs
33 Former Connecticut governor Grasso
34 Speak well of
35 "I can't blame anyone else"
37 Latvia's capital
40 Fishing line material
41 Georg who wrote "The Philosophy of Right"
46 Trued up
48 Twist badly
50 Everglades wader
52 Home overlooking the sea, maybe
53 How some tuna is packed
54 Dexterity
55 Lamb or Bacon piece
56 ___ browns (diner fare)
57 Analogy part
58 Havana aunts
59 Kind of stand
60 Doesn't dally

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen and take in all the information you can. If you speak up or pretend to know more than you do, you will not maintain your status quo. A change in one of your relationships or with a partner may be a surprise. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An opportunity to make a move professionally or personally is in the stars. Your love life is peaking and, as long as you don't get angry, jealous or too clingy, everything will turn out as planned. Changes to your residence will please the ones you love. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you talk about helping someone or an organization, you better follow through. Your reputation is at stake. A twist in a settlement you've been trying to resolve will give you something to think about. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Step back and you will clearly see that you are in the right and you don't have to defend yourself. Someone will come to your rescue if you need help. However, don't overspend. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There is no telling what might happen if you don't stay calm and do your best to deal with whatever emotional trauma is unfolding. Someone you know will overreact or take something out on you. Quietly take control. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take advantage of any opportunity to discuss a project you are working on. It's word of mouth that will help you move to the next level. Someone you meet along the way will have a greater interest in you. Don't be shy. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone may try to trick you out of something. Keep your money in your pocket and only pay for your fair share. An older, more experienced individual will create uncertainty. Question anything you don't understand. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a direct approach. Fast, productive maneuvers will get you what you want and when. This is a great time to begin renovations, buy or sell property or make future plans with your partner of choice. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Socialize but don't make promises you won't be able to keep. This is not the day to let money slip through your fingers. A partnership will develop through a function or fundraising event you attend. Your services or talent will be all that's required of you. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Love is on the rise. Getting together with someone socially will help you form a closer relationship. Unexpected results will come from working in partnership with someone you look up to. You can expand your skills, knowledge or services. 5 stars

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Irish athletes rack up three golds in China

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Blue and Gold got a little bit more gold this summer when three athletes with Notre Dame ties brought home first-place medals from the Beijing Olympics.

Junior fencer Mariel Zagunis and alumnae soccer players Shannon Boxx ('99) and Kate Markgraf ('98) all won the second gold medals of their Olympic careers this August for the United States.

"The Olympics are a great adventure, it's a very exciting time," Irish fencing coach Janusz Bednarski said.

Zagunis became the first U.S. athlete to win a 2008 gold when she defeated fellow American

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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

ND looks to bounce back in '08

By MARIE BUGNITZ
Sports Writer

After a disappointing season last fall, Notre Dame is hoping to stay healthy and atop the Big East in 2008.

The Irish ran to first place finishes in the National Catholic Championships and the Crusader Invitational in early September before seriously dropping off. They ended the year with an 11th place finish at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, which knocked them out of contention for the national race.

"We are coming off of a very disappointing season last year where we had a number of injuries and illnesses that dec-

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FOOTBALL

Weis says team will "pound it" on offense this season

Beefed up O-line is ready to run the ball

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

At Irish head coach Charlie Weis' press conference on Monday, he clearly set the team's offensive identity.

"Ever since I've been here, I've wanted to be able to pound the football. And we haven't yet. So we're going to find out. Because we're going to pound it," he said.

Offensive coordinator Mike Haywood said on Tuesday that the first step in developing a "pound it" offense is instructional.

"The most important thing in which we're doing is that we're teaching guys football, we're teaching guys situational football," Haywood said. "We're teaching them that on first-and-ten when we call this play, we're expecting four yards on this play to make it second-and-six. On the next call, we're making a call to get us in third-and-short or to pick up the first down."

In order to implement this smash mouth style of football, the offense will need to see improvement from two key positions: running back and offensive line. Last season, Notre Dame gained 903 net yards on the ground and allowed an NCAA-worst 58 sacks. But Notre Dame's offensive coaches said they are confident that won't be the case this season.

"I think what Coach [Weis] is really saying is that we have an offensive line who is a lot bigger and stronger, we have multiple backs that are running a lot better than they've run in the past years," Haywood said. "So it creates an opportunity now for us to run the ball a little bit more effective in which we've run over the past several years."

The offensive line's added bulk this season comes mostly from the summer weight regiment that strength and conditioning coach Rueben

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MEN'S SOCCER

Midwest battle ends in tie

Team ends preseason with scoreless draw

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

In its final preseason tune-up, No. 3 Notre Dame played to a scoreless draw with No. 16 Illinois-Chicago Monday night at Alumni Field in front of 2,053 fans.

Despite the similarity of the box score, the game was a tale of two halves for the Irish. In the first forty-five minutes, the majority of the best chances went to the Flames. Only some great saves by Notre Dame keeper Andrew Quinn and a little help from the woodwork prevented Illinois-Chicago from taking the lead.

Quinn's best save came in

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Sophomore midfielder Jeb Brovsky stretches for a loose ball during Notre Dame's 3-3 tie with Connecticut Oct. 13, 2007.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dew expected to have big year at full strength

Irish senior anchors strong defense after long recovery period

By FRAN TOLAN
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Last season, Notre Dame defender Carrie Dew — who was then a junior — anchored a back line that was a key to the team's run to the national semifinals. Imagine what she could have done playing on two good legs.

Carrie Dew

Now that Dew has fully recovered from the ACL surgery that cut her sophomore season short, Irish fans should get to see what she can do when she is healthy.

"She's definitely her old self again," Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said of his central defender. "I mean, last season she played the whole year coming off surgery and we made it to the College Cup, so who knows what she can do when she's a hundred percent."

Dew, who has shed the bulky knee brace she wore last season, was named a team co-captain in the preseason.

"She has taken that role on really well," Waldrum said. "She has such leadership skills and understands our system so

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