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Crimes, citations spark concern

Students question off-campus incidents

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Within just two weeks of returning to South Bend, one student has been assaulted in her Turtle Creek apartment, another robbed on Notre Dame Ave., a few burglarized, two arrested and at least 86 cited for underage drinking.

The series of events has some students questioning the decision to move off-campus, or even to pop outside the bubble of Notre Dame on the weekends.

For most, money — like the prospect of forking it over to South Bend for an underage drinking citation — was the greatest concern.

"I really don't think it's worth the risk," sophomore Miranda Moyer said. "For me, getting a ticket ... wouldn't be a good thing."

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Senior Matt McQueary leaves his Clover Ridge apartment Monday. Recent events have raised doubts about off-campus living.

FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Shappell still pushing for ordinance changes

By EILEEN DUFFY and
MADDIE HANNA
News Writers

The recent police bust at Turtle Creek apartments has re-illuminated the community relations debate, and student body president Lizzi Shappell has committed her administration to improving the often-strained relationship between Notre Dame students and their neighbors.

Shappell's focus centers on South Bend's disorderly house ordinance, which was amended in July of 2005.

Previously, tenants were allowed three reported noise violations before the city of South Bend could send them a notice to abate. Now, the ordinance allows the city to send a notice to abate after just one reported noise violation.

The city also sends the landlord

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RecSports hosts 2006 biathlon

Participants swam a half mile, ran two

By MEGAN WONS
News Writer

Eighty-three students braved the waters of St. Joe's lake and tested their endurance in Notre Dame's annual biathlon on Saturday, with the quickest competitor finishing the half-mile swim and two-mile run in just 18 minutes.

Although there were different divisions in the race, including varsity and non-varsity, male and female, and individual and team, all competitors began the race together — waist-deep in the notoriously murky St. Joe waters.

The first leg of the biathlon was a half-mile swim, which required competitors to swim out to a buoy, across to another buoy, and then back to the starting point on the shore, said Assistant Director of RecSports Bill Reagan.

Swimmers who were racing as part of a team exited the lake and tagged their partners, who then began the two-mile running leg of the competition.

Individual competitors made the transition from water to land as they hurriedly dried off their feet, slipped on socks and tennis shoes and took off running. The two-mile loop followed a figure eight course around St. Joe's and St. Mary's lakes.

Reagan said there was no entry fee for the biathlon and that RecSports holds the biathlon annually "purely for the thrill and the fun of the event in itself."

"It also promotes fitness and gets students thinking about how

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CLAP maintains demand for living wage

Group to meet with Staff Advisory Council

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

The Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) emerged on campus last fall as a small but vocal group of students campaigning loudly for a "living wage" for workers, and despite losing several leaders to graduation, the group has no plans to back down from its demands.

In the spring, CLAP members pushed for a \$12.10 per hour salary in an 11-page report

delivered to University President Father John Jenkins and other University officials.

This year, they plan to continue those efforts — more organized and more targeted.

"We're making a more concerted effort [on an] individual and group basis to go out and talk to workers," said CLAP member Nick Krafft, who is part of CLAP's organizing core. "We've stressed that before, but never made a concerted effort until now."

"It's their campaign, ultimately, and not ours."

To that end, Krafft and other CLAP members will meet with the Notre Dame Staff Advisory

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2006 Notre Dame graduate Kamaria Porter gets signatures in support of a living wage in front of South Dining Hall last spring.

PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Honors program receives \$10 million donation

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Beginning next fall, the Arts and Letters and Science Honors Program will become the Glynn Family Honors Program — the result of a \$10 million donation from 1962 graduate John Glynn and his family.

The donation, announced in July, will help pay for more research opportunities abroad, and students accepted into the program for the Fall 2007 semester will be called Glynn scholars.

"[The endowment] is going to be used primarily to obviously keep the number of students

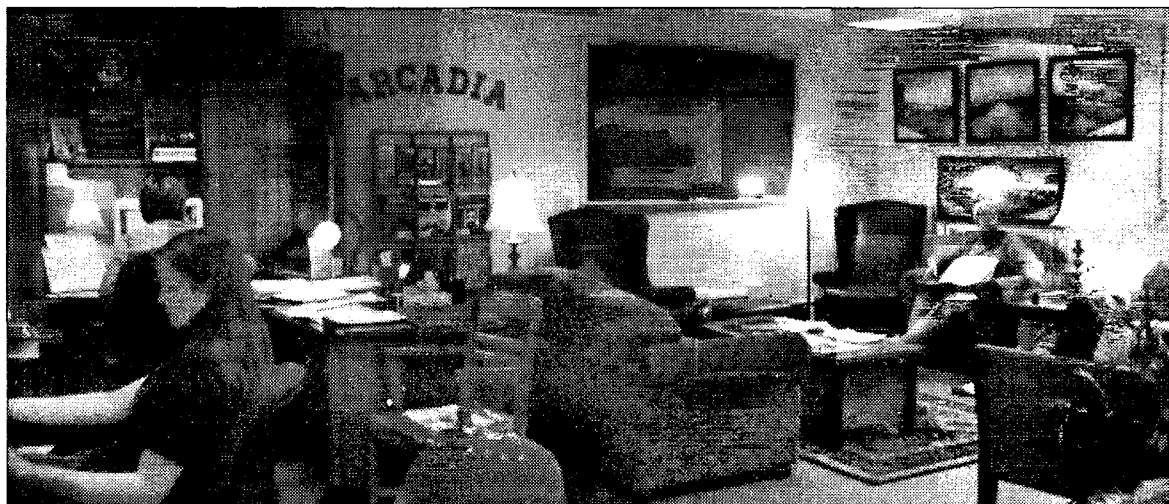
[admitted to the Honors Program each year] at 100 and is also to fund summer research opportunities at places like Oxford, Cambridge, and the Sorbonne," said Arts and Letters Honors Program Director C.F. Delaney.

The Honors Program is designed "to provide a more intense academic experience for students who are inclined and capable of taking advantage of it," Delaney said.

When it began in 1983, the program had 40 students and the number has been increasing since then, Delaney said.

"At the moment, it's 50

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Honors students study in O'Shaughnessy Hall. The Honors Program has made it possible for a significant amount of students to participate in abroad programs.

PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

INSIDE COLUMN

Sophomore slump

It's official. For the class of 2009, the time to sit back and relax is gone. We're big kids now — Toys-R-Us commercials aside — and we're no longer the little frosh we once were.

Analise Lipari

At this point, we're supposed to know it all. How do you find the Stepan Center? Take a left at Flanner and head straight for that giant golf ball. Is it safe to jump into the lakes? Not if you'd like to keep your molecular makeup intact. Will we beat USC this year? Obviously, and by 50 points (knock on wood).

Scene Writer

With our vast expertise of all things collegiate, the expectations are high. We have to step up and live up to what will be our best year yet.

To the rest of the world, however, sophomore year may not seem so big. In their eyes, we have, as Jane Austen might say, "little but our charms to recommend us." Lowly freshmen last year, we have yet to prove ourselves. Even the word "sophomore" tells us that our knowledge isn't so spiffy after all.

It's true that life gets a little harder for us Niners this time around the Bend. Getting lost is officially inexcusable, as is not knowing how to use your ID card in any and all of its faculties. Writing a paper with a nonexistent thesis will grant you, rather than the kind words and welcome rewrite of yesteryear, an almighty F. And if you don't know where Legends is at this point, even I, a self-confessed hermit, will refuse to help you.

Will Organic Chemistry or Intro to Lit Studies defeat us? Will we be seduced by our now-inherent napping tendencies into skipping class for three days straight (as incredibly tempting as that sounds)? Or will we not?

To quote "Legends of the Hidden Temple," all I have to say is that "the choice is yours, and yours alone." This year, like the one before it and those to come, is what we make it. Cheesy graduation-esque sentiments aside, we do know quite a bit more than we did this time last year. Using that wealth of information can only make us that much more prepared to deal with the college world.

For example, we know not to get pudding at the dining hall, because it is the definition of all that is "sketchy." There will never be a time when it is not sketchy. Would a wide-eyed freshman know that? Of course not. Sophomores are also all the wiser when it comes to which freshman classes are easy, and which classes leave you with the desire to jump into a bottomless pit. Impressive, to be sure.

So let's go, class of '09. We're here, we're ready, and we're pretty flipping sweet. It's official.

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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU WANT TO LIVE OFF-CAMPUS?



Amanda Gonzales
sophomore
Pangborn

"Yes, because
parietals don't
exist."



Noah Franske
freshman
Keenan

"No, because
Keenan is the
best place to
live — ever."



Jenny Heil
freshman
PW

"No, it would be
too far away. I
couldn't walk to
class."



Lauren Bugos
senior
off-campus

"Yes, because I
love being able
to see my
friends at all
hours of the day
and night."



Peter Hochstedler
freshman
Morrissey

"Yes, because
Morrissey does
not — contrary
to what the Web
site said —
have a common
kitchen and I
want to make
soup."



Sal Thomas
junior
Sorin

"I am already
off-campus.
Sorin College
seceded from
the University."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

A Notre Dame cheerleader waves the Irish flag in front of fans at the Notre Dame vs. Georgia Tech football game in Atlanta Saturday. Notre Dame won the game, 14-10.

IN BRIEF

"Freedom on the Internet and the Ethical Responsibility of IT Companies in China: A Panel Discussion" will begin at 5 p.m. today in Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will present "Which counts more: Race, Gender or Class?" on Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Vander Vennet Theatre.

The 2006 Endowed Fall Lecture Series will kick off with "Welcoming the Stranger: Hospitality in the Christian Tradition" featuring Ana Maria Pineda of Santa Clara University at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

The 2006 Endowed Fall Lecture Series will host a "Special Follow-up Event: Immigration Issues: A Catholic Common Ground Conversation" Thursday, at 3:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

Student Comedy Night at Legends will begin at 10 p.m. Thursday. ND/SMC/HCC student ID required to enter.

The traditional marching band step-off will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday in front of the Main Building, heading through campus to its practice in the Joyce Center parking lot.

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

OFFBEAT

New York City man arrested 100th time

QUEENSBURY, N.Y. — A New York City man has been arrested for the 100th time.

Officials with the Warren County Sheriff's Department in eastern New York said they found Anthony Love, 40, of Brooklyn with \$1,300 worth of merchandise stolen from outlet stores in his car.

He had 99 prior arrests, including several for violent felonies. "We were number 100 for him," Sheriff's Sgt. James LaFarr said.

Love was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of stolen property, a felony, and possession of an anti-security item, a misdemeanor.

Question in a bottle finally answered

NORTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — A message in a bottle found after being hidden in a wall at Quonset Naval Air Station for more than 60 years came with a question its authors knew couldn't be answered unless their makeshift time capsule was discovered.

The message asked, "Will this bottle see the sun?"

It did after being found in May, and Quonset Development Corporation authorities in North Kingstown made the bottle and its contents public Friday.

Harry Berrio, a demolition crew member, found the bottle while taking down barracks at the Quonset station. Berrio said when he saw the writing, he realized it was something special.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 73 LOW 63	HIGH 60 LOW 58	HIGH 72 LOW 58	HIGH 78 LOW 53	HIGH 80 LOW 60	HIGH 77 LOW 58

Atlanta 81 / 63 Boston 73 / 60 Chicago 70 / 59 Denver 78 / 53 Houston 86 / 66 Los Angeles 78 / 67 Minneapolis 74 / 53 New York 73 / 65 Philadelphia 76 / 62 Phoenix 96 / 79 Seattle 81 / 53 St. Louis 78 / 57 Tampa 90 / 74 Washington 80 / 64

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Leaders face stricter standards

2.8 GPA required for student government

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) officials voted to increase the grade point average requirement for those running for student government at their meeting Monday night.

"Right now you need to have a 2.5 GPA," student body president Susan McIliduff stated. "We are thinking that this should be increased to 2.8 because that is the minimum GPA necessary to maintain the dean's scholarship."

McIliduff said the higher requirement is a standard that student government should aspire to.

"[This new rule] is not going to be a requirement of the [freshmen] because [every high school grades differently]," said elections commissioner Christin Molnar. "It will be a requirement that they maintain the GPA into their second semester."

It was unclear whether or not an election would be necessary to choose new board members if freshmen officers have not met the GPA requirement by their second semester.

There was no opposition to the increased GPA, and the motion passed quickly.

After the discussion over the GPA increase, Residence Hall Association (RHA) president Amy Dardinger announced that RHA went on a safety walk with interim Security Director Dan Woods to discuss security issues on campus.

One of the main concerns was increasing lighting on campus and Woods agreed to place lights behind Holy Cross hall. Woods also said he will work with the grounds crew to improve existing lighting.

"A lot of the lighting on campus is dim, not because there aren't lights, but because there are trees [obscuring] them," Dardinger said.

Another problem area is the backpack rack outside the Noble Family Dining Hall.

Students leave their backpacks and laptop bags on the floor rather than on the bag racks, especially during the lunch rush.

This not only presents a fire hazard, but some students have reported thefts from their bags, Dardinger said.

"Between 12 and 1 p.m. there aren't enough racks to put backpacks on," sophomore class president Francesca Johnson said.

"I would love to see bags allowed in the dining hall," Johnson said.

A brief discussion ensued on why students are not allowed to bring bags into the dining hall. Members debated if the rule should be changed due to theft and the limited space available to keep bags outside the dining hall.

Members agreed bags should be allowed in the dining hall, though BOG cannot make that decision and the issue will have to be discussed with Sodexo, the company that provides food for the College.

Commissioners also said the quality of food service this year has diminished. Though the posted hours for dinner are 4:30 to 7 p.m., members noted that some of the stations stop serving food before 7 and often take the food away.

Athletic commissioner Anne Cusack said some sports teams go to dinner after practice and don't arrive at the dining hall until 6:45 p.m. Since the food is put away early, the girls on sports teams are eating cereal multiple times a week for dinner, Cusack said.

McIliduff said she would look into the matter.

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a notice to abate. If the noise violation reoccurs, both the landlord and the tenants get fined — unless the landlord evicts the tenants within 30 days of the receipt of notice of the prohibited conduct.

The amended ordinance is a city-wide law that affects all residents. South Bend Common Council members and Assistant City attorney Ann-Carol Nash deny that it's targeting students.

Student government took action against the amendment last spring, though, and appeared in front of the Common Council. Then-student body president Dave Baron argued that the notice to abate doesn't actually give tenants the chance to abate and wanted to change that provision.

"There were mixed reactions [at the meeting]," said Josh Pasquesi, who currently chairs the Senate Community Relations Committee. "Some were good, some were a little more ... stubborn."

The issue was delegated to the Common Council's own Community Relations committee, Shappell said. On Friday, she and Pasquesi will meet with Karen White, the chair of that committee, along with one of the Common Council's legal counselors.

Shappell, who remained in contact with members of the Common Council last spring and this summer, said she will have to wait until the meeting to see what the next steps are.

"These are uncharted waters for student government," she said. But she did make their goals

clear.

"We want to make the punishment fit the crime," she said. "We believe a fine should occur after the first offense and eviction after the second, in order to more fully reflect the offenses."

Shappell added that the presence of students on campus again should strengthen the voice of student government and fuel their efforts in the Common Council.

Working "retroactively" to change the ordinance is just half of the Senate two-part initiative to improve community relations, Pasquesi said. The other is an information session with the Notre Dame Law School that, according to Shappell, "works proactively to improve landlord-tenant as well as student-neighbor relationships."

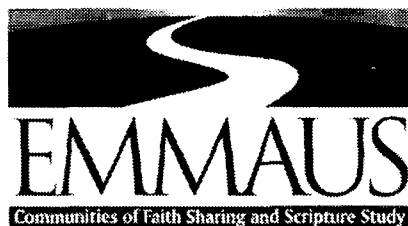
The program, put on by Senate with the help of Bob Jones of the Notre Dame Legal Aid clinic, debuted last spring. A second information session will probably take place sometime in November.

A consultation program for students who do get in trouble is in the "very beginning stages," too, Pasquesi said. In theory, the program would allow students to sit down with law students to talk about their options.

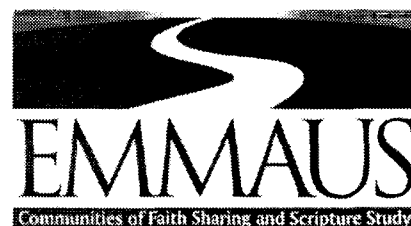
In the meantime, Pasquesi suggested students take community relations into their own hands.

"If [students living off-campus] are going to have a party, they should call their neighbors and landlords and say 'Hey, we're having some people over. If things get too loud, give us a call and we'll shut it down,'" he said. "The problem is the disconnect between students and their neighbors in the

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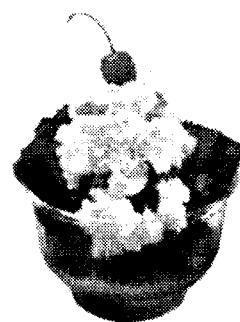
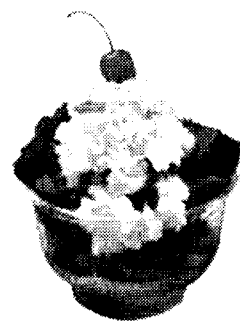
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Honors

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Science [students] and 50 Arts and Letters [students], and that is the plan for the indefinite future — we're sort of maxed out at that number," Delaney said.

Delaney said students interested in doing advanced work in both the humanities and the sciences are often attracted to the Honors Program, since "Notre Dame is peculiar in that there is no College of Arts and Sciences," Delaney said.

Students receive invitations to apply for the Honors Program during the admissions process, and there is no formal essay application.

"The admissions office just sends me a folder of the top applicants and I select from those," Delaney said.

Once invited, students indicate that they are interested and "almost all" students that enter the Honors Program remain in it, he said.

While the classes are no doubt challenging, Delaney is confident that students admitted to the Honors Program will be successful.

"Basically, the students we pick are capable of doing the additional work," Delaney said.

Many Honors students choose a major in both the College of Science and the College of Arts and Letters, Delaney said.

The Honors Program is unique because the curriculum consists of "small, writing intensive seminars" for all University requirements, Delaney said. Honors students also have the opportunity to take Honors electives, and at the end of their senior year, they must complete a major

project. Arts and Letters Honors students complete an Honors Thesis, and Science Honors students must complete an Honors Research project.

Senior Honors math and physics major Tony Bendinelli said students undergoing the Honors Research process choose an advisor and have weekly meetings to track progress. Some students begin their research as early as sophomore year, he said.

The time commitment might be significant,

but ultimately it's up to the student how much time he or she will invest in their classes.

"I don't feel I would spend any more time doing the work for the Honors Program than for any other course," Bendinelli said.

The Arts and Letters Honors Program offers trips to Chicago to experience museums, theater, music, and dance, according to the Program's website.

"The best part is the opportunities," sophomore Honors student Claire McGathey said. "Very few of my friends had heads of departments that could write them [recommendations] at the end of the first semester of their freshman

year."

The Glynn family has four children, two of which have already graduated from Notre Dame. John Glynn is founder and president of Glynn Capital Management in Menlo Park, Calif. He has served on the Arts and Letters Advisory Council at Notre Dame since 1998.

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Arts and Letters
Honors Program

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Claire McGathey
sophomore
Honors student

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Junior John Wloch, who was cited in Friday's Turtle Creek bust, has taken on a job in order to pay his fines, which he has heard will amount to \$500 — that is, \$300 from the city of South Bend and \$200 from the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

Wloch, who now plans not to drink alcohol or go off campus until he's 21, said he feels "taken advantage of."

"[The Indiana State Excise police] issued nearly 100 tickets at \$300 apiece. ... It seems to me, in some ways, a money-making scheme — they are targeting Notre Dame students," Wloch said.

Without mentioning money, Moyer agreed the authorities seemed to be singling out the students' parties and handling them "a little excessively."

"If it were a huge party and the neighbors called the cops,

that would be one thing," she said. "But it seems like they were targeting in advance. They said they read about it online and had undercover cops check it out."

Wloch also said the status of the party upon the authorities' arrival — "it wasn't loud or out of control" — didn't warrant police action, and Moyer echoed his sentiments.

"It sounded like at the time they gave out tickets, the party was already dying down," she said. "... Maybe they shouldn't have worried about it, or just sent people home."

According to Wloch, that's what police in the area used to do. Officers also arrived at a Turtle Creek gathering his freshman year, he said — but they weren't nearly as harsh.

"They simply told everyone to leave. No citations were given," he said. "It wasn't a big deal—I had no ill feelings toward South Bend in general."

For some, it's the danger — not just the drinking — that is on their minds.

"We can have fun in our rooms without having to wander off campus, or worry about getting there," said an anonymous male freshman, who plans to live on campus all four years. "It's a lot safer, and it's more fun to hang out with people you actually know."

Lewis freshman Michelle Maloney said that while recent events could sway her opinion, staying on has its negative aspects, too.

"[The events] are a downside to moving off campus, I would think," she said. "But staying on campus, you have to deal with rectors, too."

Moyer said she feels the problem is isolated to Turtle Creek apartments.

"As long as I wasn't living somewhere like Turtle Creek where there are parties going on all the time, as long as I was moving into a better apartment complex, I think it would be fine [to move off campus]," she said.

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Biathlon

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they can be active," Reagan said.

Certified RecSports lifeguards, volunteers from the sailing club, and members of the Notre Dame Fire Department's rescue squad ensured biathlon participants were safe. Lifeguards used kayaks and sailing club members patrolled in motorboats to monitor the swimming portion of the event.

Reagan said three participants were pulled from the water.

The men's varsity swim team members, who have participated in previous biathlons, was a large presence this year.

Reagan said the first competitor to cross the finish line was from the varsity male team division, with a time of approximately 18 minutes.

Individual competitors were not far behind, as the winners from both the individual male varsity and individual male non-varsity divisions crossed the finish line within a minute of each other, in a little over 20 minutes. Reagan said official results from the event will be posted soon on the RecSports Web site and that winners from each division will receive intramural champion tee

shirts.

The biathlon was senior Katie Fischl's first.

"I used to swim and I am training for the Chicago marathon, so I thought [the biathlon] would be fun to try," Fischl said. "It was a lot harder than I expected, but it was a good experience and I'm glad I did it."

Katie Fischl
biathlon participant

Reagan said he is happy with the number of participants the race drew and is looking forward to more competitors next year.

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Coffee and Conversation

For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

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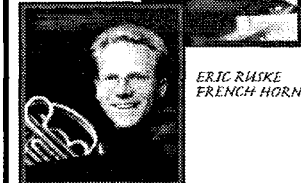
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldiers may be Court-martialed

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. Army investigator has recommended that four American soldiers accused of raping a 14-year-old girl and of killing her and her family face a court-martial, a lawyer in the case confirmed on Monday.

Col. Dwight Warren, the investigator in the case, said in a report issued Sunday that "reasonable grounds exist to believe that each of the accused committed the offense for which he is charged."

The report was given to lawyers in the case and obtained by The Associated Press from David Sheldon, the lawyer of one of the defendants.

The four soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division are charged with raping Abeer Qassim al-Janabi in her family's home in Mahmoudiya, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, then killing her along with her parents and her younger sister. Military prosecutors say the four set the teenager's body on fire to hide their crime.

Haiti, U.N. unite to disarm gangsters

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's government and U.N. peacekeepers will launch a major campaign seeking to persuade hundreds of gangsters to disarm with promises of money, food and job training, but top gang leaders will not be eligible, the U.N. envoy said Monday.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, special U.N. envoy Edmond Mulet said officials will begin airing radio and television ads in coming days to inform the public about the disarmament plan.

The move represents the most sweeping effort to persuade well-armed gangsters to lay down their weapons and rejoin society since U.N. troops arrived in the troubled Caribbean nation two years ago to restore order following a February 2004 revolt.

NATIONAL NEWS

Wildfires prompt hunt for wildlife

RENO, Nev. — A string of wildfires that scorched hundreds of square miles of prime habitat has prompted an emergency antelope hunt and relocation of unprecedented scope in Nevada, state officials said.

Nevada Department of Wildlife officials authorized a special hunt of 200 antelope and the relocation of up to 350 others after determining the blackened rangeland is unable to support the herd of more than 1,000 animals northwest of Elko, about 290 miles east of Reno.

The department has never before been forced to conduct an emergency hunt and relocation of such magnitude, spokesman Chris Healy said.

Biologists fear there would be a major die-off this winter if the antelope herd is not thinned.

Candles caused deadly Chicago fire

CHICAGO — Candles used for light in an apartment without electricity probably caused a fire that killed six children inside, a fire department official said Monday as fire investigators continued sifting through debris.

The fire, the city's deadliest in years, has been classified as accidental but the Chicago Police Department also was investigating, which is a standard when there are deaths, Officer Marcel Bright said.

A preliminary investigation shows the Sunday morning blaze "was caused by candles" in the three-bedroom apartment on the city's North Side, Fire Cmdr. Will Knight said.

LOCAL NEWS

Mount Vernon fire destroys store

MOUNT VERNON, Ind. — Fire destroyed a hardware store Monday but firefighters from about a dozen departments saved the retailer's lumber yard.

The fire at the Mount Vernon Homecenter Inc. was reported about 11 a.m. and also destroyed a showroom and offices. Several nearby homes were evacuated until firefighters were able to bring the blaze under control.

Firefighters poured as much as 50,000 gallons of water, some of it from the Ohio River just blocks away, onto the fire that sent up a large plume of smoke visible from miles around.

Police continue manhunt for fugitive

New York state trooper dies after being shot in leg during search for escaped convict

Associated Press

FREDONIA, N.Y. — A state police official said Monday that "the noose is tightening" in the manhunt for an escaped inmate accused of a deadly police ambush, and warned hunters to stay out of the woods where the fugitive may be hiding.

Hunters in rural and wooded Chautauqua County are "interfering" with the search and face danger from Ralph "Bucky" Phillips and authorities pursuing him, State Police Maj. Michael Manning said.

"They can certainly be mistaken for the wrong individual," Manning said.

Many officers are scouring the western New York woods for Phillips, the prime suspect in Thursday's ambush of troopers Donald Baker Jr., 38, and Joseph Longobardo, 32, who died Sunday. Baker remained in serious condition at a hospital Monday, police said.

Phillips, 44, wounded another trooper near Elmira in June and has eluded police since his April 2 escape from an Erie County jail.

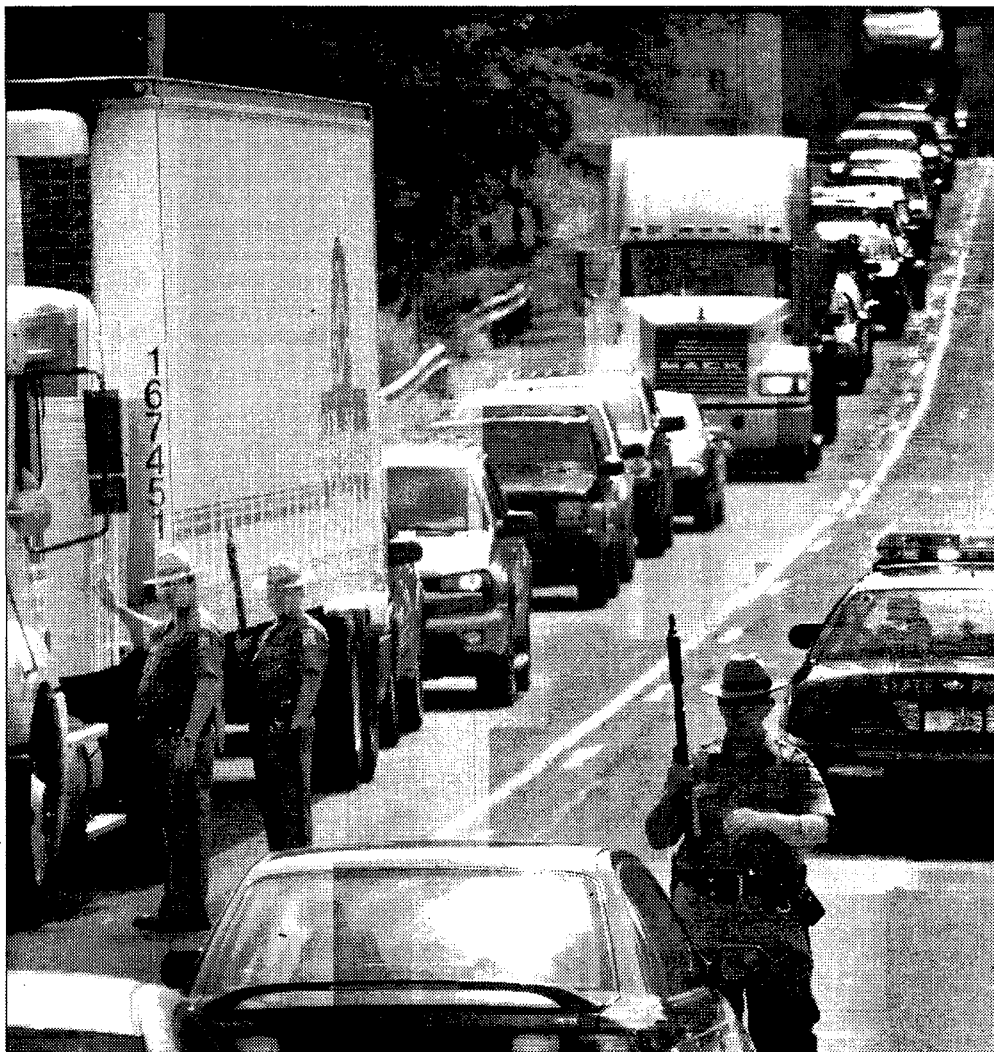
SWAT teams from Buffalo, Rochester and Jamestown joined troopers in the search Monday, Manning said. Other reinforcements have come from the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, nearby Erie County and police agencies in neighboring Pennsylvania.

Manning would not say how many law enforcement officers are involved in the manhunt, but said the search and recent arrests of Phillips' supporters have put pressure on the suspect.

"I think he's in hiding. I don't think he has any place to go now," Manning said. "The noose is tightening."

Manning added that there is "no reason to believe he has left the area."

Baker and Longobardo were in woods behind the isolated hilltop home of Phillips' former girlfriend



Police check vehicles in Pomfret, N.Y. Monday, in search of Ralph Phillips, who escaped from prison last April and fired at two state troopers Thursday — injuring one of them fatally.

when a gunman caught them by surprise and fired 11 high-powered rifle rounds, police said. Longobardo died three days after being hit by a bullet that severed a major artery in his leg. Baker was wounded by a bullet that pierced his bullet-resistant vest.

There is a \$225,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Phillips, who has threatened "suicide by cop" and once promised to "splatter pig meat all over Chautauqua County."

He has left a trail of burglaries and car thefts across central and western New York and neighboring Pennsylvania. He is suspect-

ed of stealing 41 weapons from a gun shop in late August, including rifles of the type that could have been used in Thursday's ambush.

Phillips' former girlfriend, their daughter and the daughter's boyfriend have been charged with helping him elude authorities.

The pastor of a Roman Catholic church near Phillips' hometown on Monday renewed his offer to help the fugitive surrender, but Manning said Phillips and his family and friends do not need an intermediary.

"All they have to do is call and say Ralph Phillips wants to turn himself in, he's at this present location."

Manning said. "We will be happy to meet him and guarantee his safety."

Before the evening ceremony in Longobardo's honor Sunday, State Police Superintendent Wayne Bennett sent Phillips a threatening message: "You can run but you can't hide. Sooner or later, I don't care how good you are, we will find you."

Longobardo's leg had been amputated, and he never regained consciousness after being shot. He died at a Buffalo hospital with his wife and parents at his side.

"He was your advocate. He was our trooper. Don't ever forget it, please," Bennett said.

AUSTRALIA

Stingray's barb kills Crocodile Hunter

Associated Press

CAIRNS — He stalked lions. He faced off with poisonous snakes. He wrestled with crocodiles.

When the end came for television's beloved "Crocodile Hunter," it was in an encounter with a stingray and its venomous tail barb.

Perhaps it wasn't surprising. Steve Irwin died doing what he loved best, getting too close to one of the dangerous animals he dedicated his life to protecting with an irrepressible, effervescent personality that propelled him to global fame.

The 44-year-old Irwin's heart was pierced by the serrated, poisonous

spine of a stingray as he swam with the creature Monday while shooting a new TV show on the Great Barrier Reef, his manager and producer John Stainton said.

Marine experts called the death a freak accident. They said rays reflexively deploy a sharp spine in their tails when frightened, but the venom coating the barb usually just causes a very painful sting for humans.

"It was extraordinarily bad luck," said Shaun Collin, a University of Queensland marine neuroscientist. "It's not easy to get spined by a stingray, and to be killed by one is very rare."

News of Irwin's death reverberated around the world, where he won popularity with millions as the man who regularly leaped on the back of huge crocodiles and grabbed deadly snakes by the tail.

"Crikey!" was his catch phrase, repeated whenever there was a close call — or just about any other event — during his TV programs, delivered with a broad Australian twang, mile-a-minute delivery and big arm gestures.

"I am shocked and distressed at Steve Irwin's sudden, untimely and freakish death," Australian Prime Minister John Howard said. "It's a huge loss to Australia."

CLAP

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Council — a 30-member freely elected council of non-exempt staff — on Sept. 14.

"We are the agenda for this next meeting," said Krafft, who noted that discussions about a meeting between the two groups began last spring. "Right off the bat at the beginning of [this] school year, [Staff Advisory Council was] willing to meet with us."

The Council, which defines non-exempt staff as "hourly wage earners and employees who are salaried but receive overtime after 40 hours," gathers 12 times per year to compile formal input and present issues that "affect the staff" to University administrators, according to the Staff Advisory Council Web site.

The Staff Advisory Council serves as a link between non-exempt staff and the administration, and is a "big part of the worker relationship," Krafft said.

"They [Council members] are in a position of power, and if they're on board ... I think other workers would follow," he said.

Staff Advisory Council, which identifies itself as a "pipeline of information between the University administration and staff" on its Web site, is made up of staff from all different venues on campus. Members, who are self-nominating, must have completed at least six months of employment and must be a regular full-time or part-time non-exempt employee.

The meeting with the Council is the first of many meetings with different campus groups and administrators CLAP plans on having this year to create dialogue about the living wage.

University administrators have agreed to more meetings this year, Krafft said, but the group decided it did not want to just continue where it left off last year.

"I think just the way the semester ended was a blow to our momentum," he said.

The "blow" came at the May sit-in when roughly a dozen CLAP members sat outside Jenkins' office to present petitions signed by more than 1,300 supporters. Though Jenkins had met with the group five previous times that year, former senior and CLAP organizer Kamaria Porter wanted to meet to discuss the formation of a task force to evaluate the University's wage policies.

While Jenkins refused to meet with the group at that time, Krafft said he considered the sit-in "really key." Prior to the sit-in, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves released a statement backing the University's existing wage policies.

The group is still pursuing the idea of the living wage, "but we also want to strive to form a relationship with the workers so that we can address labor issues together," said junior Joe Murphy,

who is a member of CLAP.

Krafft said the group is not expecting to see a change in wages immediately, but rather a change in the University's willingness to examine the issue.

"I don't think we can necessarily win on campus this year, but I think by the end of the year, we could get the University task force we're asking for," he said. "I don't think this year we'll just be treading water."

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Autism expert coming to campus

Special to The Observer

Dr. Elizabeth Berry-Kravis, associate professor of pediatrics, neurology and biochemistry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, will deliver the 14th annual Emil T. Hoffman Lecture at 10 a.m. Sept. 9 (Saturday) in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium at Notre Dame.

Titled "Developmental Disorders and Autism: Hints and Paths to Treatment from the Neuroscience of Fragile X Syndrome," the lecture is free and open to the public.

A 1979 graduate of Notre

Dame, Berry-Kravis received her medical degree and doctorate from the University of Chicago and completed pediatrics and child neurology fellowships there.

Her major area of research is Fragile X Syndrome, and she established a Chicago-area Fragile X clinic in 1992. Fragile X Syndrome is a family of genetic conditions that is the most common cause of inherited mental impairment. This impairment can range from learning disabilities to more severe cognitive intellectual disabilities.

Berry-Kravis currently sees

200 patients with Fragile X Syndrome for management of neurological, medical and behavioral issues. She also co-directs the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory at Rush, including Fragile X DNA analysis.

The Emil T. Hoffman Lecture Series is a medical education program sponsored by St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in conjunction with the Notre Dame Alumni Association. The series honors the dean emeritus of the First Year of Studies and professor emeritus of chemistry at Notre Dame.

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IN BRIEF

Cattle business soars in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. — Hard red spring wheat has been king in North Dakota for decades, but good times in the cattle industry are making cattlemen smile.

Officials say cattle and calves are not likely to capture the crown of leading value producer in North Dakota agriculture, but ranchers are still pleased with how far the industry has come in the past decade.

"We've maintained all along that there's more potential for livestock in North Dakota than is being utilized," said rancher Melvin Leland, president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association. "We think there's far more potential for advancing livestock production than there is, possibly, in cereal grain production."

Buoyed by prices that reached record highs last year and earlier this year, the value of cattle and calf production in North Dakota has set a record for three straight years. Earl Stabenow, a U.S. Department of Agriculture statistician in Fargo, said record-keeping began in 1965.

In terms of value of production, the gap between spring wheat and cattle and calves also has narrowed dramatically over the past 10 years. Last year, the two were close to equal: \$808 million for spring wheat and \$760 million for cattle and calves, a difference of \$48 million. In 2003, the gap was \$314 million, and in 1996 it was slightly more than \$1 billion.

Leland said he thinks cattle and calf production value has a chance of surpassing that of spring wheat in North Dakota in coming years — if the growth of ethanol plants with feed byproducts boosts the cattle-feeding industry in the state and prolonged drought keeps the nation's cattle numbers low and prices high.

Tim Petry, a livestock economist with the North Dakota State University Extension Service, said drought in the nation's cattle country has "completely wreaked havoc" on the typical 10-year cattle supply-and-demand cycle.

With good prices, ranchers should be building up herds now, which would increase supply and eventually lead to a drop in prices, and a drop in production value. Instead, many are not adding to their herds or are selling off animals because of a lack of forage caused by drought.

Bush delivers economic message

President touts emerging energy technologies, American competitiveness

Associated Press

PINEY POINT, Md. — President Bush marked Labor Day on Monday by promising to help keep U.S. workers competitive in global markets and reduce U.S. reliance on foreign oil so it doesn't choke U.S. economic expansion.

"Dependence on foreign oil jeopardizes our capacity to grow," Bush said in a speech focused on the U.S. economy — a key issue in November elections that will determine whether the GOP retains control of the House and Senate.

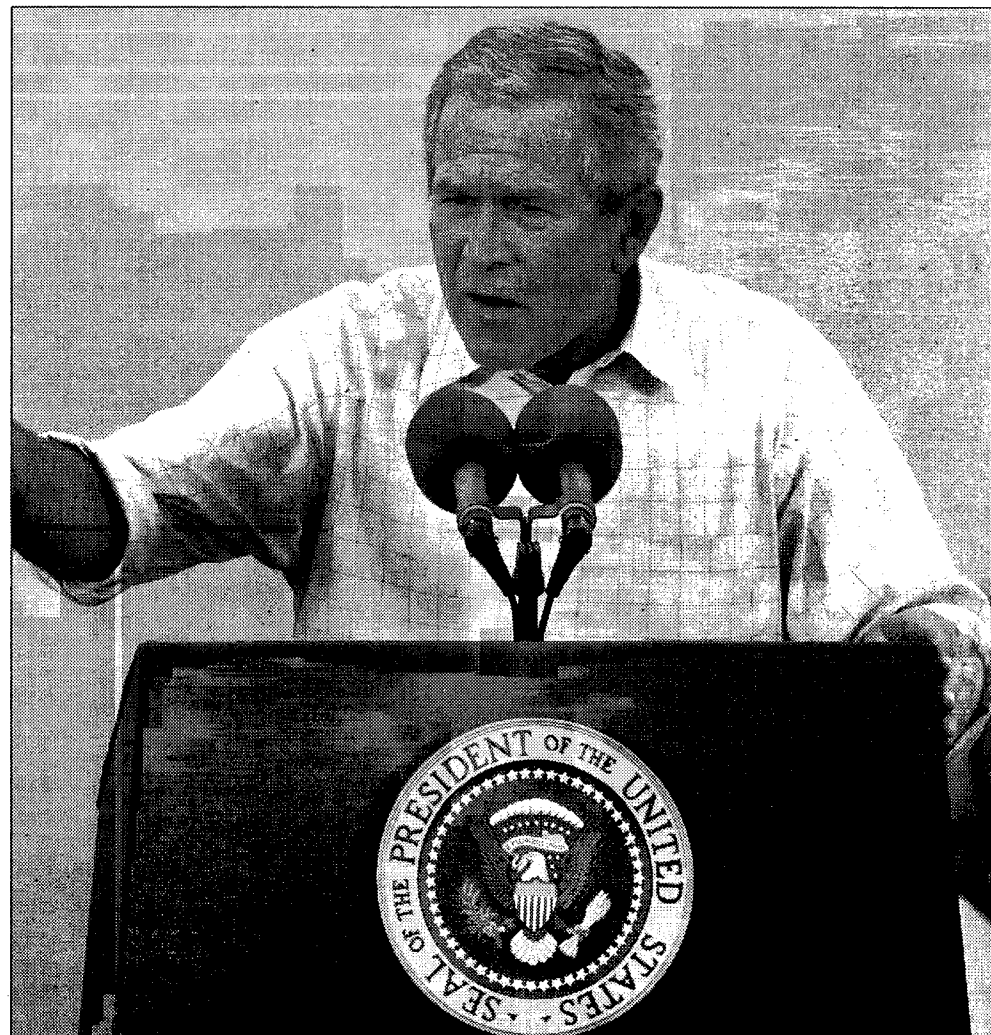
Democrats contend the middle class isn't enjoying the benefits of recent U.S. economic gains. They say sluggish median earnings show paychecks have failed to keep pace with inflation, and they note rising health care and energy costs.

Average prices at the gas pump have eased over the past month from more than \$3 for a gallon for unleaded regular gasoline to \$2.79. That has given Americans some relief, but Bush warned against continued reliance on oil-producing countries where the United States is unpopular.

"The problem is we get oil from some parts of the world and they simply don't like us," Bush said. "And so the more dependent we are on that type of energy, the less likely it will be that we are able to compete, and so people have good, high-paying jobs."

Bush said he is working to advance technologies so batteries can power automobiles on short trips and ethanol can replace gasoline. He also renewed his support for nuclear energy.

The president gave his 11-minute holiday address at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education, which offers



President Bush delivers a Labor Day address at the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education in Piney Point, Md. Monday.

vocational training to members of the Seafarers International Union.

Technology has allowed the union to be more productive, Bush said, and "technology is going to enable us to become less dependent on oil."

Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said Bush didn't mention one proposal aimed at easing U.S. addiction to foreign oil: Upgrading fuel economy standards from levels set in 1975 to reflect nearly 30 years of new technologies.

"President Bush's willful disregard of imposing

tough new fuel economy standards is hobbling our national security, our economy and our environment," Markey said. "And proposing nuclear power as an answer to cars, SUVs and trucks burning oil shows that the president isn't serious about our dangerous Middle East oil dependence."

Bush also urged Congress to make permanent a host of tax cuts. And he thanked America's fighting men and women for their sacrifices and said, "They may hear all the political discourse going on, but the people of this country — the people of the United States of

America — stand squarely behind the men and women who wear our uniform."

Before his outdoor remarks, Bush spent time "steering" a U.S. Coast Guard cutter in a simulation room where he was surrounded by video screens offering him a panoramic view of the harbor in Baltimore and gurgling sounds of water.

"Just make sure I don't run into the wall," he joked.

Later in the day, Bush spent a little more than an hour biking on the grounds of a Secret Service training facility in Beltsville, Md.

AFGHANISTAN

Opium cultivation rose 59 percent

Associated Press

KABUL — Afghanistan's world-leading opium cultivation rose a "staggering" 59 percent this year, the U.N. anti-drugs chief announced Saturday in urging the government to crack down on big traffickers and remove corrupt officials and police.

The record crop yielded 6,100 tons of opium, or enough to make 610 tons of heroin — outstripping the demand of the world's heroin users by a third, according to U.N. figures.

Officials warned that the illicit trade is undermining the Afghan government, which is under attack by Islamic militants that a U.S.-led offensive helped drive from power in late 2001 for harboring Osama bin Laden and

al-Qaida bases.

"The news is very bad. On the opium front today in some of the provinces of Afghanistan, we face a state of emergency," Antonio Maria Costa, chief of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, said at a news conference. "In the southern provinces, the situation is out of control."

He talked with reporters after presenting results of the U.N. survey to Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who voiced "disappointment" over the figures. "Our efforts to fight narcotics have proved inadequate," Karzai said in a statement.

With the economy struggling, there are not enough jobs and many Afghans say they have to grow opium poppies to feed their families. The

trade already accounts for at least 35 percent of Afghanistan's economy, financing warlords and insurgents.

The top U.S. narcotics official here said the opium trade is a threat to the country's fledgling democracy.

"This country could be taken down by this whole drugs problem," Doug Wankel told reporters. "We have seen what can come from Afghanistan, if you go back to 9/11. Obviously the U.S. does not want to see that again."

The bulk of the opium increase was in lawless Helmand province, where cultivation rose 162 percent and accounted for 42 percent of the Afghan crop. The province has been wracked by the surge in attacks by Taliban-led militants that has produced the worst fighting in five years.

Study seeks safer warfarin dosages

Blood thinner poses problems for patients

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's the nation's most troublesome lifesaver. Every day, 2 million Americans swallow a blood thinner called warfarin that puts them on a tightrope: Too little, and they won't be protected from lethal blood clots. Too much, and they can bleed to death.

Something as simple as a big serving of spinach or stressful travel can alter how much of the drug stays in the body, putting patients in a danger zone.

Even picking the best dose in the first place is perilous, as doctors basically use trial-and-error for each patient.

That could soon change. Scientists have discovered two genes that help determine if someone can tolerate only a little warfarin or needs a lot. So the Food and Drug Administration is launching a major study to see if testing new patients' genes will dramatically reduce side effects during the critical first weeks of therapy.

Even before that study gets under way this fall, the FDA is about to alter the warning labels on generic warfarin and the brand-name version, Coumadin. The message to doctors: Be aware that some patients' genes dictate far lower doses than you usually prescribe, and stay tuned for more precise instructions.

"It's a very difficult drug," says Dr. Brian Gage of Washington University in St. Louis, who is leading a pilot study of the gene testing for another government agency, the National Institutes of Health. "Each person has a limited range where they have the right thinness of blood. ... It's hard to get right the first time."

The difficulty doesn't stop once doctors finally settle on an initial dose. Patients need regular blood tests — daily at first, then weekly or monthly — to check that their blood is clotting properly. Few get those checks at specialized clinics trained to recognize impending side effects and avert them.

And a recent survey by the National Consumers League suggests too few understand other basic steps they're supposed to take to avoid warfarin complications.

"Patients, some were absolutely clueless. It was scary how much they didn't know," said Rebecca Burkholder, health policy director at the consumer group, which has begun a patient-safety campaign to try to change that.

Among the leading myths: that warfarin users must avoid vitamin K-rich green, leafy vegetables. Warfarin works by blocking a step in the blood-clotting process that is largely regulated by vitamin K.

Actually, the key is consuming about the same amount of vitamin K all the time, learned Lynn Levitt, 32, of Highlands Ranch, Colo., who has used the drug for three years since developing a life-threatening clotting disorder.

Levitt initially thought if tests showed her blood wasn't too thin

one week, "I could go celebrate with a big salad. Actually, I could eat salad every single day but I need to do it consistently," she now knows.

Warfarin is one of the most widely used medicines, and doctors' top choice in blood thinners to prevent heart attacks, strokes and other lethal blood clots. It cuts some patients' risk of death by up to 70 percent.

At the same time, warfarin is one of the most side-effect prone drugs. The FDA cites research suggesting warfarin alone accounts for 15 percent of severe drug side effects. For every 100 patients, there are anywhere from one to seven major bleeding episodes.

And most of the side effects occur in the first month of treatment, says FDA pharmacology chief Dr. Lawrence Lesko.

Enter the gene tests.

A gene known as CYP2C9 produces an enzyme that helps the body metabolize a variety of medicines. Variations in that gene can make people metabolize warfarin more slowly, so that they need a smaller dose.

But that's not the only factor. A vita-

min K-related gene called VKORC1 produces the blood-clotting protein that warfarin blocks. People who produce less of that protein need less warfarin.

Say doctors start a 200-pound, 40-year-old man on 10 milligrams of warfarin. But if he had the warfarin-sensitive gene combination, he'd only need 3 mg — the higher dose puts him at risk of a hemorrhage. Today, doctors would know that only once routine blood tests show the patient's clotting levels out of whack, and it can take days for a dose adjustment to kick in.

In November, FDA-funded researchers will begin enrolling up to 800 warfarin patients to see if gene testing gets them the right dose faster, with fewer side effects in that first month.

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Protests have not produced votes

Expectations for new registrations not met

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Immigration protests that drew hundreds of thousands of flag-waving demonstrators to the nation's streets last spring promised a potent political legacy — a surge of new Hispanic voters.

"Today We March, Tomorrow We Vote," they proclaimed.

But an Associated Press review of voter registration figures from Chicago, Denver, Houston, Atlanta and other major urban areas that had large rallies found no sign of a new voter boom that could sway elections. There was a rise in Los Angeles, where 500,000 protested in March, but it was more of a trickle than a torrent.

Protest organizers — principally unions, Hispanic advocacy groups and the Catholic Church — acknowledge that it has been hard to translate street activism into voting clout, though they insist they can reach their goal of 1 million new voters by 2008.

"I was anticipating a huge jump in registration. I didn't see it," said Jess Cervantes, a veteran California political operative whose company analyzes Hispanic voting trends. "When you have an emotional response, it takes time to evolve."

It's impossible to count exactly how many new registrants were inspired by the new movement because counties typically don't ask for race or ethnicity.

New registrations were up this year compared to last year, but they were well below the numbers in 2004, and the increase is not surprise at a time Democrats and Republicans are struggling for control of Congress. Even without that factor, the numbers don't indicate the watershed awakening advocates had envisioned.

The emotional response that erupted in huge rallies across the country last spring was a reaction to federal legislation that would have overhauled



Demonstrators participate in a Labor Day pro-immigration rally in front of the Capitol in Phoenix on Monday.

current immigration policy, including criminalizing the estimated 11 million immigrants here illegally.

While that legislation is effectively dead this year, immigration remains a campaign issue.

Hispanic voters are a pivotal voting bloc, especially with their numbers projected to continue to grow. But they have long voted in numbers far below their share of the population, in part because many are under 18 or not U.S. citizens. A study by the Pew Hispanic Center found that while Hispanics accounted for half the nation's population growth between the 2000 and 2004 elections, they represented only one-tenth of the increase in votes cast.

The lack of political experience helps explain why the flow of new registrations has been halting.

Some activists acknowledge that their groups have yet to master the nuances of voter registration drives — typically a face-to-face task more complex than mobilizing a march. Others complain that political parties with the most to gain

haven't financed registration efforts.

"Until the money is spent, 'Today We March, Tomorrow We Vote' will always just be a slogan," said Nativo Lopez, president of the California-based Mexican-American Political Association.

"A million new registrations would cost about \$10 million. Is anybody willing to pay that? I haven't seen it," Lopez said.

What's more, no galvanizing leader of the immigrant-rights movement has emerged, and the largest pool of potential voters — young people — tends to be the hardest to reach.

The AP reviewed new registration numbers over several years in metropolitan areas that include Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose, Calif.; Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.; Dallas and Houston; Chicago; Atlanta; Denver; and Jacksonville and St. Petersburg, Fla. The time frames included January-through-July periods dating to 2004 and periods before statewide elections, when registration efforts are most intense.

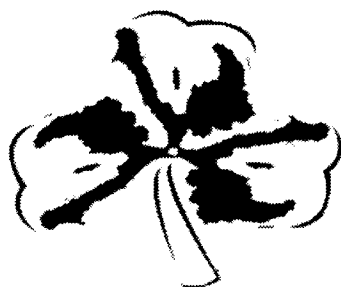
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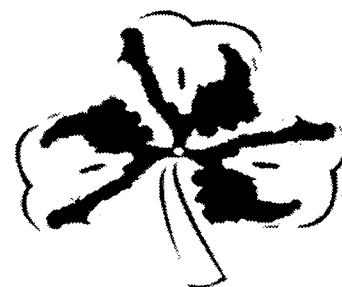
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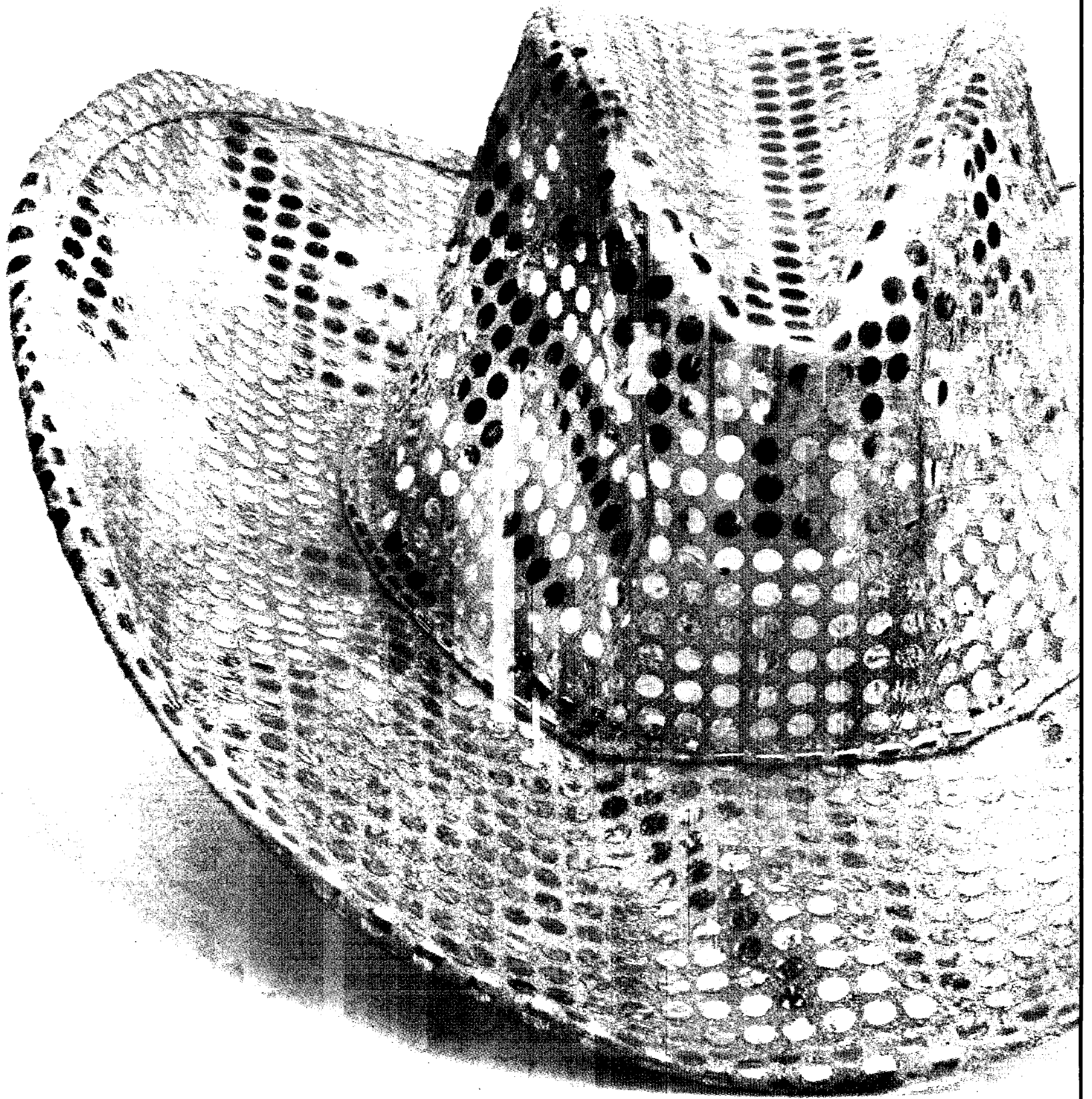


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Beyond the living wage

I have struggled to keep up with campus news since I moved to Washington in January, and other than the outcry surrounding Father John Jenkins' approach to academic freedom, the emergence of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) appears to be the big story of the semester.

The heart of the living wage argument is the claim that the best way of solving the great problems of poverty is to provide all workers with an hourly rate of pay that will allow them to fulfill their needs and those of their families. I think that we all desire to live in a world in which no working person would go without the means to survive and care for loved ones. Unfortunately, after careful study, I don't think that the living wage is the right tool for the job.

Policy should be implemented through the proper use of the right tools. A screwdriver shouldn't be used to clean a carpet, and a chisel should not be used to brush teeth. Likewise, a policy intended to help low-income wage earners with dependents should not end up harming those very people. According to the Employment Policies Institute (www.epionline.org), a foundation that funds independent economic studies in universities across the country, the living wage actually hurts many low-income wage earners.

Enacting a living wage raises compensation for a job without increasing job requirements. This is great for those workers who receive the benefits of a pay raise, but as workers retire, greater pay leads to greater competition for jobs. Logically, employers choose the most qualified applicant for a job, and doubling the pay for a certain position will result in workers of the original skill level being displaced by more

skilled applicants. Just as urban renewal leads to low-income families being priced out of their homes by increasing property values, the 'gentrification' of the workforce will lead to fewer jobs for the very workers the living wage seeks to help.

While large institutions with three billion dollar endowments, like Notre Dame, may be able to absorb increased labor costs, most small businesses cannot. Adopting a living wage will force many small, mom-and-pop stores to close or cut employees. Many of the University's contracted workers are employed by small businesses, and CLAP's demands would exact a heavy toll on the people who lose their jobs due to cost-cutting.

Despite the problems that some low-income workers would face as a result of a living wage, not all would suffer. The employees who survived layoffs, labor gentrification and, not to mention, a higher cost of living, would likely experience a substantial increase in pay. The greatest problem with a living wage is not its negative effects on low-income wage earners, but its wholesale failure to actually target working families.

CLAP's 'Living Wage Report' calculates its target hourly rate, \$12.10 an hour, based on the income needed to support a family of four. The last clause is very interesting because UCLA Professor Richard Sanders' study of a proposed living wage ordinance in Los Angeles states, "[A] majority of low wage workers are not the sole or even principle source of income in their household or family. Of those low wage workers who do not live alone, less than one quarter are the only wage earner in the family. As a result, most low wage workers do not live in families that are below the poverty line." In fact, a U.S. Census Bureau study found that only 15 percent of workers affected by a proposed \$6.15 increase in the minimum wage were single wage earners with kids. Forty-one percent of workers

affected by a minimum wage increase live with a parent or a relative.

Enacting a living wage raises prices, forces lower skilled citizens out of the workforce, assaults small businesses (which employ 52 percent of all private employees), and worst of all, is more likely to help an adult living with his or her parents than a single mother with two children. That is horrible policy — like using a hammer to chop firewood.

Our standard of living is closely related to the productivity of the American worker. The best way to give workers a fair wage is to increase their productivity through investment in human and physical capital. Education is an essential part of this equation, and Notre Dame is in a unique position to help working families earn more by targeting employees with families who are below the poverty line. The administration should allow these employees to attend selected computer and business classes for free and 'on the clock' so that they can gain the additional skills they need to obtain higher paying jobs that will support their families.

In the interim, the University should revisit its pay scale and investigate methods of ensuring that all employees of the University are able to have fair wages determined on an individual basis. All of the people who keep Notre Dame running should consider themselves part of the Notre Dame family. I can imagine no better way of demonstrating this than providing every member of that family with the opportunity to learn.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The superior man thinks always of virtue; the common man thinks of comfort."

Confucius
Chinese philosopher

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Middle East tensions continue

A stand against double-barreled white supremacy is necessary for international improvements

Both Ryan Davidson ("An invalid assumption," Aug. 29, "Stereotypes versus Statistics," Sept. 1) and William McAuliffe ("The War on Errorism," Aug. 25) present a logic that justifies the suppression of Arab and Muslim self-government. They are simply debating each other about how to best administer the U.S. Empire: whether to use the carrot or the stick. This empire, in its ideologies, practices and institutions, rules today through a revamped version of white supremacy. As such, both of their philosophies are inconsistent with basic standards of democracy and anti-racism.

Davidson is angry with Clare Feeney for calling him a racist ("Beware Stereotyping," Aug. 30). But I don't see what else you can call someone who believes people of color are barbarians who must not govern themselves. Davidson opposes the idea that "the Muslim world is, at root, a sane, rational civilization" like Canada, Britain or Germany. Here, he makes a classic divide between higher and lower cultures, a divide that has replaced the 19th century idea of higher and lower races since openly talking about races has become distasteful. But Davidson makes basically the same point: white nations are rational and civilized, while the Middle Eastern countries they have colonized are not, and therefore, they deserve what they get. To support his claim that Muslims are barbarians, Davidson writes like a 19th century anthropologist, documenting a laundry list of their savage behaviors, from suicide bombing to executing women for being raped. Making no effort to put any of these acts into context, he talks as if Iran, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon are all the same place.

This creates a specter of Middle Eastern people as uniformly and timelessly violent, forever at war with what he calls "Christendom." He lumps all Muslim politics under the ridiculous term "Islamofascism," whitewashing the differences between heroic Islamic democratic struggles and the opportunistic projects of aspiring religious elites.

I agree that suicide attacks on civilians are absolutely unjustified. But let this be clear: the Palestinian, Iraqi and Lebanese people are currently fighting an anti-colonial struggle against regimes that use supposedly civilized U.S. training and tanks to terrorize and suppress the self-government of the majority of their civilians through bombings, assassinations and torture. They have a right to defend themselves with arms. Were American citizens justified in building guerrilla militias to fight against British tyranny? Few would dispute this. Why then should the American people be justified in waging an anti-colonial struggle but not the Palestinians, Lebanese or Iraqis? The common response "because they are terrorists" doesn't cut it: the American Revolution also spawned inexcusable acts of terrorism, but these do not invalidate the overall legitimacy of the struggle. Why should they in the Middle East, unless we are to adopt a racist double standard and say, "well, brown people can't be trusted with guns?"

Such a double standard is implicit in Davidson's position. He admits that Americans, Canadians and Germans are not blameless and says they have "blood on their hands," but this does not make them uncivilized. I agree: we shouldn't demonize all Western people simply because of the crimes of their

states. Tellingly, however, Davidson doesn't apply this same standard to Arab and Muslim people. Atrocities committed in their names become characteristic of the barbarism of entire peoples. Furthermore, he equates the disastrous politics of states in the Middle East with the ethos of their peoples and then concludes that everyday people should not be self-governing because they will simply, as he puts it, "choose reactionary and backward-looking governments." He refuses to recognize the existence of democratic movements in the Middle East against these authoritarian regimes, whether secular or Islamic: i.e., the second Intifada was driven by the Palestinian people rising up against the Palestinian Authority.

McAuliffe would disagree with Davidson's all-the-natives-understand-is-force counterinsurgency style. However, he portrays people in the Middle East as having a "narrow perspective on world affairs and U.S. foreign policy" as if they have no agency and are susceptible to the suggestions of manipulative terrorists. He is upset that the U.S. is engaging in unintelligent violence that is hard to explain to the empire's dimwitted subjects. He wants the administration to adopt a more humanitarian imperial policy so as to "demonstrate that the West can be a positive, healing, peaceful power in an unstable region." But the region is not unstable because everyday people are narrow-minded, underfed and undereducated innocents, prone to manipulation by extremists who cause trouble. In fact, by subscribing to this view, McAuliffe portrays Middle East peoples as barnyard animals who would be happy and peaceful if only

the U.S. would reattach the oat bag to their faces through better infrastructure development and aid. He fails to see that the region is unstable precisely because everyday people are in revolt against the U.S. Empire.

The American state will never play a "healing, peaceful" role in the world. It rules by claiming to develop its subjects and tutor them in democracy. But the class of bureaucrats who claim to bring freedom and development to the Middle East are the same people who suppress our freedoms at work and have their boys beat us with clubs in our neighborhoods! Then they leave American cities like New Orleans and Detroit to crumble to pieces and rot.

Davidson's open racism is hard to take seriously today. McAuliffe's condescending strategy of playing the kind father to abused Arab children is more dangerous since United States official society today claims to be a defender of human rights, as if the U.S. military really brought freedom to the women of Afghanistan (even while it lifts their veils only to rape them.) But the crisis is not simply the "errorism" of the Bush administration, as if the fires burning across the world could be put out by a kinder, gentler empire if you all only vote Democrat in the next elections. In reality, both parties are defenders of white supremacy. My hope is that movements for self-government in Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon and America succeed, leaving them both in the historical dustbin that currently houses the British Empire, Jim Crow and Apartheid.

Matthew Hamilton
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Sept. 4

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Roads in Lebanon

In your Sept. 3 issue, the student Naseem al-Helo states that in the recent war Israel bombed all roads on which Lebanese civilians could have left the area to safer ground ("Misconceptions inhibit progress"). This is a factual error. Israel bombed only roads leading east and northeast from Lebanon in the direction of Syria. Roads leading North and Northwest were left open during the entire duration of the war. Anyone who doubts this may refer to CNN footage of Lebanese civilians returning in great numbers to the South after the war, with vehicles, on intact roads. Escape routes were not closed off.

Indeed, Israel's policy was to drop leaflets warning civilians of impending bombings. Whereas criticism of Israel can no doubt be made on some matters, it should be made on factual grounds and on solid evidence of policies, not on factual errors. On the other hand, there were reports of Hizbullah not allowing Lebanese civilians to evacuate their homes. I do not know if these reports are true. They are worth investigating further in order to determine the extent of Hizbullah responsibility for civilian deaths in Lebanon.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



SCENE & HEARD

Confessions of a
soap opera fan

My name is Cassie and I'm a soap-a-holic. There are others of you like me on campus, hiding behind closed doors, not willing to admit your slight disappointment that your class schedule conflicts with your favorite soap opera. You try to tape your soaps, read detailed recaps online or maybe you even got DVR to maintain your addiction.



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Whatever the case, you love soap operas with all your heart, but you're just a little bit ashamed to admit it. When friends walk by and hear the intro to "Guiding Light" or "General Hospital," they scoff and immediately begin a tirade on the inferiority and mindlessness of the soap opera. You search for words to defend yourself, but nothing will convince the nonbeliever that soaps are a legitimate form of entertainment.

Now is the time to rise up, my fellow soap opera fans. Be proud of daytime television!

However, this article is not for you. It is for those who let their misguided elitism stand in the way of being truly entertained and captivated by soaps and for those who don't realize how on fire "General Hospital" is right now. Like, amazingly on fire.

Soap operas have evolved since their days on radio but their soul remains the same — relationships. Relationships between friends, lovers, enemies and families drive these shows as familiarity with the characters increases.

Each episode, we learn more about the characters and develop an intimacy with them. We anticipate their next actions and discuss their relationships with friends. In this way, watching soaps becomes a social activity and a way to see parallels in our own lives. Sound familiar?

Actually it sounds like "Desperate Housewives" and "Grey's Anatomy." A soap is nothing more than a serialized drama broadcast five days a week, 52 weeks a year. Many of your favorite primetime programs are just glittery soap operas with storylines already used in daytime.

Soaps, by any other name, have just as many suds.

But many will argue that the acting in primetime is of a higher caliber than daytime. This assumption is not without reason. Several daytime actors, mostly the newbies, are terrible. Soap opera acting is a difficult craft to hone. Actors are constantly memorizing lines and going through pages and pages of dialogue every day in order to keep up with filming. Some actors naturally fall behind.

However, the majority of daytime actors are superb. One look at veterans Maurice Benard ("General Hospital") or Erika Slezak ("One Life to Live") and my belief is validated. They are Emmy-award winning actors who could easily find work in primetime or films, but stay in daytime because they love their jobs and they love their characters.

One last message to the nonbelievers: soap opera fans are not stupid. We know that storylines are sometimes ridiculous. We know that realistically a human being does not go through such a high degree of trauma.

We know that when we die, we won't come back five years later with a new husband and a severe case of amnesia. The purpose of a soap opera is to entertain using drama — not to depict absolute realism. But for every vampire storyline, there is a drug addiction storyline. For every psychotic serial killer, there is a character struggling with HIV or cancer.

Soap operas draw on human emotions and tackle social issues in depth and in real-time so that the audience may see the day-to-day effects of disease or an unexpected pregnancy on relationships, health and state of mind.

My words today may not convince a single person to stop ridiculing soaps, but I am an absolute defender of soap operas (even "Passions," I suppose) and I urge all non-fans to keep an open mind — to recognize quality acting and fascinating narratives and to realize both the frivolity and the seriousness of daytime dramas.

And if anyone out there watches "General Hospital," let me know. We need to talk.

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DVD REVIEW

'Lights' a true sports wonder

By SEAN SWEANY
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With the arrival of Notre Dame football back in South Bend this weekend, there will be many opportunities to revel in the gridiron sport, especially watching inspirational movies in the days leading up to games. While "Rudy" is always an obviously popular choice, there are many other fine films that can fire up one's adrenaline before Saturday rolls around.

One such movie is "Friday Night Lights," a 2004 film by Peter Berg ("The Rundown") based on the Pulitzer Prize winning book by H.G. Bissinger that showcases the true story of the poor town of Odessa, Texas and its 1988 football team, the Permian Panthers. The crazy, almost maniacal love of Texas high school football becomes clear in this movie and appears to rival, if not surpass, that of Notre Dame.

Billy Bob Thornton ("Bad Santa") plays Gary Gaines, the head coach who must try to guide the Panthers to the state championship amidst distractions and high expectations placed upon him and his team from the town of Odessa.

His exhortations to "be perfect" and urgings that "we will win state" rest on the hopes of star running back Boobie Miles, played by Derek Luke ("Antwone Fisher," "Glory Road"), a flashy, cocky superstar who entertains dreams of the NFL.

When Boobie gets hurt early in the season, the team must band together behind quiet, humble quarterback Matt Winchel, played by Lucas Black ("The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift") to keep their hopes alive to win state. The rest of the movie follows their quest and chronicles the emotional highs and lows that come along with it.

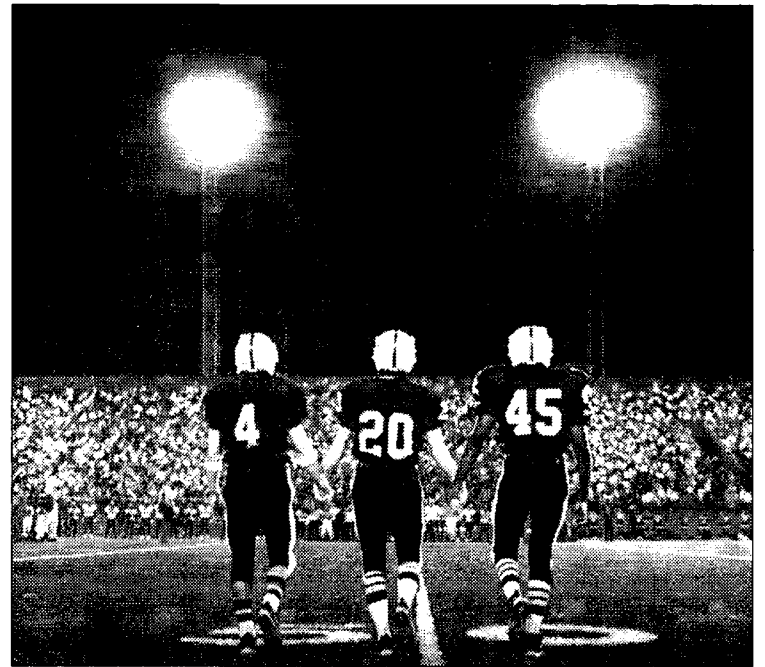


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Three Permian Panthers head onto the gridiron in "Friday Night Lights." The film chronicles the team's championship journey.

The film is well acted, most notably on the part of Thornton as an emotional, inspirational coach, but the young unknown actors that play members of the football team deliver believable and appropriate performances.

Singer Tim McGraw portrays the alcoholic and abusive father of one of the players. A former player himself, McGraw's Charles Billingsley won a state championship in his own day and expects the same from his son. Several other family conflicts like this pepper the plot of the film and add real human problems to the pressure of Texas high school football.

Berg's camera is constantly moving and changing focus, hinting at an instability and uncertainty among the characters in the film as to whether or not football and remaining in Odessa are the most important things in the world. The only static shots depict scenes of the town from afar, showing the bleakness and poverty of rural Texas in the 1980s.

As a football movie, "Friday Night Lights" exists in a broad spectrum of films that have been made about the sport. The writing, acting and gritty storytelling here enable the film to stand as one of the better football movies ever made.

Deeper and more real than films like "Remember the Titans" and "Varsity Blues," it also shows more humor and vitality than "Any Given Sunday" and is regarded by some as one of the best sports movies of all time.

The widescreen DVD of "Friday Night Lights" presents the film clearly, and any player with Dolby Surround Sound will get a workout from the bass-heavy and rousing soundtrack. There are several worthwhile extras on the DVD, including a documentary on the real 1988 Permian Panthers and an extended interview with Tim McGraw detailing his thoughts on acting versus singing.

As is so often true with football, when the lights are turned on, the intensity ramps up, the stakes are raised and emotion runs higher. "Friday Night Lights" is a movie that turns on those lights and then basks and thrives in their intensity. It stands as one of the best football movies of all time and is worthy of a spot in any DVD collection.

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Friday Night Lights

Full and Widescreen Edition

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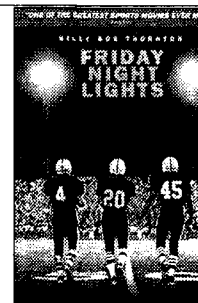
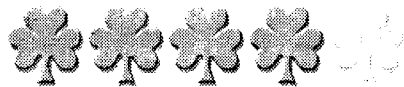


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Often filled with dramatic moments, "One Life to Live" is among daytime television's longest-running dramas.

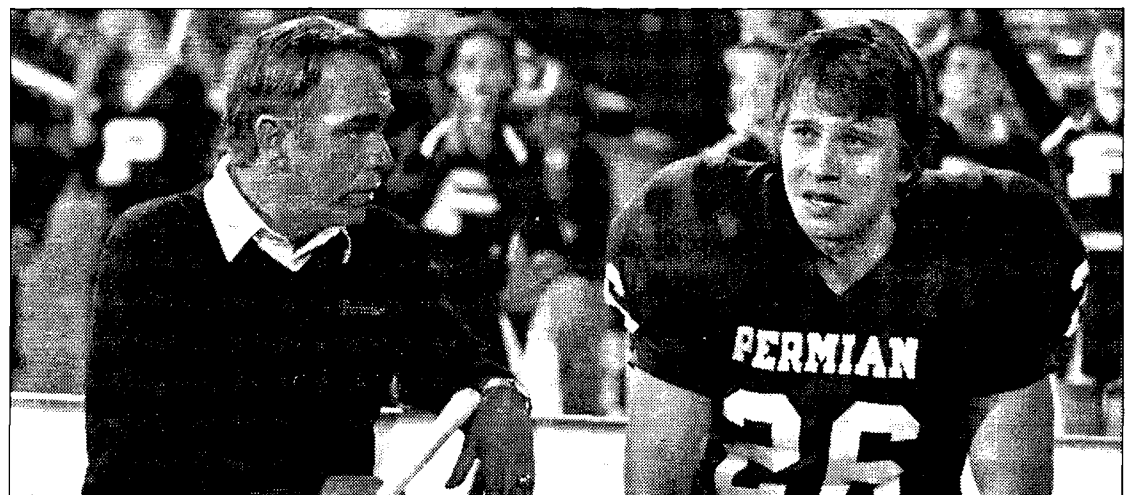


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Coach Gary Gaines (Billy Bob Thornton) calmly consults football player Don Billingsley (Garrett Hedlund) during a tense point in "Friday Night Lights."

MOVIE REVIEW

'Sunshine' blends drama, humor with heart

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Little Miss Sunshine" almost perfectly meshes the dysfunctional family drama with a road trip comedy.

The focus of the movie is on the Hoover family road trip from Albuquerque, N.M. to Redondo Beach, Calif. where seven year old Olive (Abigail Breslin, 'Raising Helen') is set to compete in the Little Miss Sunshine beauty pageant.

Along for the ride is Olive's father, Richard (Greg Kinnear, 'The Matador'), a motivational speaker who is trying to sell his "nine-step program" for success. Also among Olive's entourage are her perpetually exasperated and overworked mother, Sheryl (Toni Collette, 'In Her Shoes') and her brother, Dwayne (Paul Dano, 'Girl Next Door'), who has taken a vow of silence (he hasn't spoken in nine months) until he gets in the Air Force Academy.

Completing the dysfunctional family are Uncle Frank (Steve Carell, '40 Year Old Virgin'), a gay Proust scholar who recently tried to take his own life, and the porn-loving Grandpa (Alan Arkin, 'Grosse Pointe Blank') who was evicted from a retirement home for snorting heroin, a habit he continues without the family knowing.

Despite constant bickering, a steady

diet of take-out fried chicken and a huge difference of opinion, the Hoovers agree to drive Olive, in their beat-up Volkswagon van, which they wind up hilariously pushing for much of the movie. The two-day journey pushes the family to the limits and ultimately defines the difference between being a loser and tasting victory.

The husband-and-wife directing team of Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris (who have not directed much besides music videos) don't miss a beat, balancing

the eccentricity and darkly funny and offbeat events with tender moments, but they never linger too long in the sentimental territory.

First-time screenwriter Michael Arndt demonstrates how perfection is found in simplicity. For

this story and these characters Arndt delivers the perfect ending. His screenplay has something going on almost every minute and each scene flows smoothly into the next.

The performances are excellent, and in the end, all of the characters are incredibly endearing. Kinnear has a lightweight presence, but shows surprising poignancy as the motivational guru who can't motivate anybody. Carell is incredibly pretentious as the cynical ex-professor, and his approach to dry humor serves the film well. Breslin is adorable as little Olive and the ending scene at the beauty

Little Miss Sunshine



Directors: Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris

Writer: Michael Arndt

Starring: Greg Kinnear, Toni Collette, Steve Carrell, Abigail Breslin



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Olive Hoover (Abigail Breslin, far left), Sheryl Hoover (Toni Collette), Uncle Frank (Steve Carrell) and Richard Hoover (Greg Kinnear, far right) star in "Sunshine."

pageant is absolutely priceless.

The pursuit of happiness is the main theme, along with sidebar discussions about what separates winners from losers. Grandpa's philosophy is the one the film adopts — "A real loser isn't someone who doesn't win. A real loser is someone so afraid of not winning that they don't even try."

The world would look upon the Hoovers as a bunch of losers, but they want to be winners. More importantly, they want to think of themselves as winners. Despite the indie-film stereotypes in

the character profiles, the actors find the humanity in their roles and stick to it through every joke and tragedy.

Much of the story is predictable, but not what happens when Olive takes the stage at the beauty pageant. This is not just a surprise, but also an epiphany. Suffering may be part of the human condition, but happiness can triumph at the strangest moment.

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CD REVIEW

Spektor keeps 'Hope' alive in latest release

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Scene Critic

"Begin to Hope" Regina Spektor unites her anti-folk association and new place on a major label (Sire Records) into a polished and appealing, but still quirky album.

She takes advantage of her new resources without losing the originality and spontaneity of her music. Spektor has maintained a fragile balance between her classical upbringing, eccentricity and intelligence, and she has not lost her footing in her latest album, "Begin to Hope."

Spektor's music is nothing if not diverse. She has been compared to everyone from Billie Holiday to Tori Amos, but her sounds are really her own.

She has the range of any jazz singer (sometimes exploring all the timbers and vibratos of her voice over the course of a few measures), but she unashamedly beat boxes like any hip-hop artist.

While her fingers contain the ability to play Chopin, she doesn't hesitate to grab a drumstick and start banging on her stool if it suits her. Spektor mixes higher learning with the day to day, one moment singing

about only reading Shakespeare and the next only "the backs of cereal boxes."

Furthermore, unlike many songwriters, Spektor does not write her lyrics as small autobiographies, but instead as glimpses into fictional stories and character studies.

The first four songs of "Begin to Hope" are most likely to become poplar listens. Backed by some synthetic touches, Spektor playfully scats and jumps her way through "Fidelity," probably the most romantic song on the album.

"Better" is a broad open song that takes advantage of both electric guitar and percussion. "Samson," a tender balled recreated from her self-released album "Songs," clashes the well-known Bible story with modern elements of Wonder Bread, creating a song that is alluring and amusing.

The second half of the album recalls Spektor's ability to jump across genres.

"Hotel Song" is a surreal depiction of a hotel love affair as the speaker cries, "I have dreams of orca whales and owls/But I wake up in fear."

"Après Moi," the first released song to include Spektor's native Russian, has a thunderous and stern sense to it, reflected in Spektor's steady beating voice and heavy piano.

"Field Below" and "20 Years of Snow" display Spektor's talent for voice and piano, the second flowing off of building arpeggios.

"That Time" is an



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Russian-born singer-songwriter Regina Spektor showcases her versatility and unique style in "Begin to Hope." On the album, Spektor explores multiple musical genres.

extremely simple song, but its cyclic melody and surprising and somewhat arbitrary lyric choices make it grow on you. The dissonant subject matter (suddenly switching from energetic cries of "so sweet and JUL-cy" to "remember when you OD'ed?") at the end is at first jarring, but on second glance is an honest reflection of life's series of random choices interrupted by moments of meaning and importance.

Spektor culminates with "Summer in the City," twisting what would be a predictable love song, in classic Spektor fashion, until it has more of an edge and challenges the listener to change their expectations.

Long time fans do not have to worry; Spektor's voice and piano are not overshadowed by new instrumentation. "Begin

to Hope" is an experiment with making something more unified and approachable.

It may not be as ranged as her previous large release "Soviet Kitsch," or as jazzy as "11:1," but it is much more refined.

Spektor does not back away from her eccentric feel. Sometimes this becomes overwhelming, threatening to make all her songs sound similar. Yet, relative to most of the popular music flowing out of the music industry, Spektor's album is a refreshing release.

It can be honest, quirky, and theatrical, while still being appealing and catchy.

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Regina Spektor

Begin to Hope

Sire Records



Recommended tracks: 'Après Moi,' 'Summer in the City.'

regina spektor



MLB

Utley wins it in the tenth; Rocket hurt in loss

Clemens day-to-day after leaving game with a strained groin

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley feels at ease in the playoff push.

Utley's home run with two outs in the 10th inning gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 3-2 win over Houston on Monday, their first over the Astros in more than two years.

"I think it's pretty relaxed around here," Utley said. "We're having a great time. We're playing great baseball so I think that helps. I don't feel any pressure around here."

Roger Clemens was long gone by the time this one ended, forced out of his 15th start of the season with a strained right groin. The Astros said the 44-year-old right-hander is day-to-day.

After both teams wasted opportunities to win late in the game, Utley hit his 25th homer to right off Dave Borkowski (1-2). The second baseman was mobbed by his teammates and helped the Phillies snap a 12-game losing streak to Houston that dated back to May 18, 2003.

"I guess that's how you beat them," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Rick White (3-1) pitched a scoreless 10th for the win, retiring the final two batters he faced to leave a runner stranded on third. The Phillies entered 1 1-2 games back of San Diego in the NL wild-card standings.

Clemens, 6-4 with a 2.27 ERA, gave up one run, struck out six and walked two. Clemens felt something on the next-to-last pitch he threw in the fifth inning.

"I feel better. The tenderness I felt has relaxed," he said. "I'm still on for Saturday unless something changes. We'll give it a chance to heal and see what happens."

Charlton Jimerson hit a pinch-hit home run in his first major-league at-bat for the Astros and Ryan Howard hit his major league-leading 53rd homer for the Phillies.

Howard earned some surprising respect leading off the ninth when Chad Qualls intentionally walked him. But Qualls worked out of a bases-loaded, one-out

jam, striking out pinch-hitter David Dellucci and retiring pinch-hitter Jose Hernandez on a pop-up to first base to send the game into extra innings.

"We're not going to let him hit one out of the park," Astros manager Phil Garner said.

Twins 2, Devil Rays 1

Boof Bonser made his first start in his hometown something special.

Bonser allowed one run in 6 1-3 innings and Rondell White hit a go-ahead two-run homer to help Minnesota beat Tampa Bay on Monday, continuing the Twins' domination of the Devil Rays.

"You never know what's going to happen, of course, coming home, pitching in front of a lot of friends," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "I think he's past that stuff. He's been in control of himself pretty good."

Bonser (4-5) allowed five hits and had six strikeouts. There were a number of fans who had Boof signs at the game.

"I wasn't really looking up in the stands because I'm sure I'd pick somebody out and started laughing or something," Bonser said. "It's nice to finally get a chance to pitch in front of the home crowd."

Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon was impressed with Bonser's command of all his pitches.

"He has a nice demeanor on the mound," Maddon said. "A typical Minnesota pitcher, he does not walk people. If you look at them, they're very good at not walking. You have to earn what you get from that group."

Bonser departed after center fielder Torii Hunter made a leaping catch at the wall on Kevin Witt's drive leading off the seventh.

"I lost it for a minute," Hunter said. "I knew it was hit pretty far. I went up and tried to make something happen."

Trailing 1-0 in the seventh, White gave the Twins the lead with a shot to left off Tim Lincecum (4-7).

"I wanted to bounce it," Lincecum said of the home run pitch. "I felt like he was going to be over-aggressive and swing at anything like that. I left it up. It looked like a ball off the plate, but that's what he was looking for and he jumped at it."

It was White's first career

homer at Tropicana Field, coming in his 61st at-bat. The 12-year veteran has now homered in every major-league park he has played in except Mile High Stadium in Denver.

Marlins 8, Diamondbacks 5

For a team that overcame an 11-31 start, a five-run deficit was nothing.

The resilient Florida Marlins became the first club in major-league history to climb above .500 after being 20 games under, rallying Monday to beat the reeling Arizona Diamondbacks.

"I don't think we're surprised at what we're doing," closer Joe Borowski said. "But I'm sure everybody else is shocked."

Joe Borowski's three-run homer capped a six-run sixth inning against the Diamondbacks, who have lost six in a row despite leading in each of the past five games.

With four consecutive victories, the Marlins (69-68) have a winning record for the first time. They were 11-31 on May 21.

Florida, which has the youngest team and lowest payroll in the major leagues, began the day trailing NL wild-card leader San Diego by two games.

"It's incredible," Borowski said. "We're playing for something very important, and every single one of us wants it badly. Why not? We've got a shot at this thing."

The Diamondbacks, fading from the playoff picture, have lost 14-of-17 to fall nine games below .500 for the first time.

"It's a terrible time to go in a slump as a team," third baseman Chad Tracy said. "We pretty much have to win out the rest of the year to have a chance. I think everybody knows that."

Florida, starting a 10-game homestand following a weekend sweep at Milwaukee, trailed 4-0 after one inning and 5-0 after five.

"It looked like we were still in Milwaukee — that's how bad we looked," Borowski said. "Before you knew it, we were leading 6-5."

Dan Uggla capped the scoring with a two-run homer, his 22nd, to break Jeff Conine's franchise record for RBI by a rookie with 81. Uggla also made a key play on the basepaths and twice robbed Arizona of hits with diving stops at second base.

Pirates 5, Cubs 4

Carlos Zambrano has been the ace of the Chicago Cubs'



Phillies second baseman Chase Utley, center, is surrounded by teammates after a game-winning homer off Astros reliever Dave Borkowski in the 10th inning on Monday.

beleaguered pitching staff all season. Now his back is paying the price.

Xavier Nady's three-run double capped a four-run first inning against an injured Zambrano and the Pittsburgh Pirates held off the Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Monday.

Zambrano left the game in the second with lower back stiffness and will get an MRI Tuesday. The 25-year-old has had problems with his lower back in the past but this is the first such instance this season.

"I couldn't throw today," Zambrano said. "I couldn't bend today, and as a pitcher, you have to bend as much as possible to get the strike zone and to get your command. If you throw straight, you let your pitches go high and that's what happened today."

It was the shortest outing of his career. After a meeting with the trainer on the mound, Zambrano (14-6) left the game

trailing 5-0. He gave up four earned runs, four hits and four walks and lost for the first time in five starts. Zambrano hasn't missed a start, has thrown 193 innings this season and has been the only constant in the rotation.

Zambrano said he requested the MRI but he didn't feel anything more serious than muscle tightness and spasms. If he were to go on the DL, he would join teammates Mark Prior and Kerry Wood, who have missed most of the season with injuries.

"There are certain things that we look for," Cubs trainer Mark O'Neal said. "It seems like it's all muscular. He's not having some of the other symptoms you would be worried about with significant disc injuries."

The Pirates have won four straight against the Cubs in a battle of the NL's two worst teams and are just a half-game back of the Cubs for fifth place in the NL Central.

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NCAA Men's Soccer Top 20

	team	record	previous
1	Maryland	19-4-2	1
2	Connecticut	16-3-2	9
3	New Mexico	18-2-3	2
4	Virginia	12-5-3	11
5	North Carolina	17-4-3	7
5	Clemson	15-6-3	3
7	Southern Methodist	14-6-3	3
8	Creighton	15-5-3	6
9	Akron	18-1-4	5
10	UCLA	12-5-3	19
11	California	14-4-3	8
12	Indiana	13-3-6	17
13	Penn State	13-7-2	10
14	Duke	12-5-3	16
15	NOTRE DAME	12-8-3	15
16	Wake Forest	13-8-2	12
17	St. John's	11-6-5	13
18	South Florida	13-6-2	RV
19	Cal State Northridge	15-4-3	13
20	Santa Clara	13-6-3	20

NCAA Women's Soccer Top 20

	team	record	previous
1	Portland	23-0-2	1
2	UCLA	22-2-2	3
3	Penn State	23-0-2	2
4	North Carolina	23-1-1	5
5	NOTRE DAME	22-3-0	6
6	Florida State	20-4-1	4
7	Santa Clara	17-5-2	7
8	Virginia	18-6-1	8
9	Texas A&M	18-4-2	11
10	California	16-4-2	9
10	Boston College	13-6-2	10
12	Duke	14-6-1	16
13	Illinois	12-7-3	20
14	Tennessee	15-6-2	15
15	Cal State Fullerton	18-4-0	12
16	Connecticut	15-5-2	25
17	Arizona	11-8-3	17
18	West Virginia	12-6-3	19
18	Florida	13-6-1	24
20	Pepperdine	15-4-3	18

PGA Tour Career Wins Leaders

	Player	wins
1	Sam Snead	82
2	Jack Nicklaus	73
3	Ben Hogan	64
4	Arnold Palmer	62
5	Tiger Woods	53
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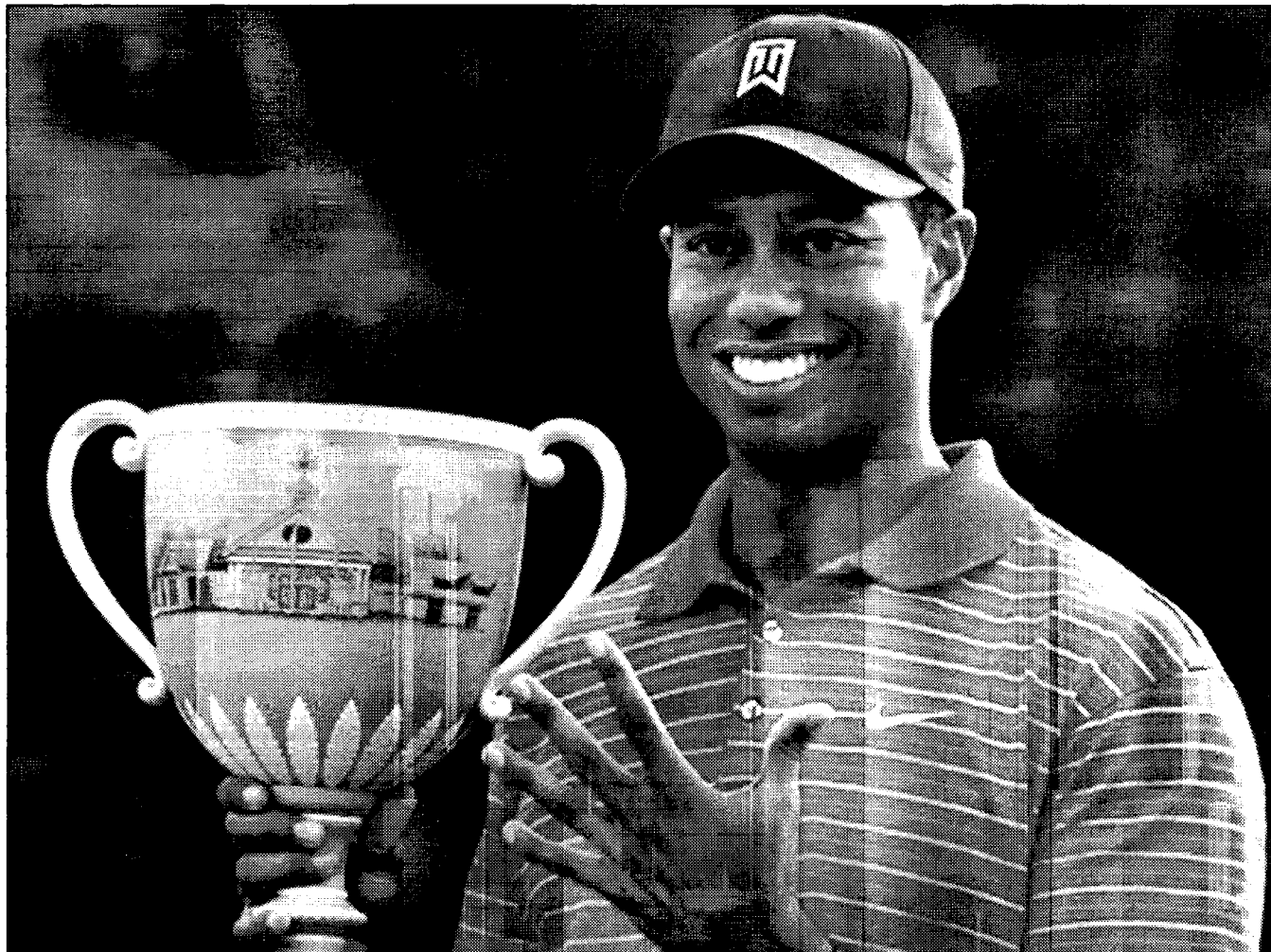
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PGA TOUR



Tiger Woods flashes five fingers after winning the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament — his fifth straight PGA Tour victory. Woods defeated Vijay Singh in an 18-hole playoff Monday.

Tiger captures fifth straight tournament

Associated Press

NORTON — What began as a rally quickly turned into a rout for Tiger Woods, who matched the lowest final round of his career Monday in the Deutsche Bank Championship to win for the fifth straight time on the PGA Tour.

With a splendid array of shots and key putts, Woods crushed Vijay Singh's spirit on his way to an 8-under 63, turning a three-shot deficit into a two-shot victory for his longest winning streak in a season.

The streak began in July with a victory in the British Open, his first since his father died in May. It con-

tinued on a sunny afternoon outside Boston with some of his best golf of the year and allowed him to avenge a loss to Singh at this tournament two years ago.

Woods needed only three holes to erase the deficit, including a 7-iron over a marsh and into 10 feet for eagle at No. 2. He pulled ahead with a 25-foot birdie putt at No. 5, and he seized control with a 3-wood from 266 yards, a piercing shot into a gentle breeze that banged into the slope fronting the green and stopped 10 feet away for another eagle.

He played his first seven holes in 6 under par, and Singh never got closer than

two shots the rest of the way.

Singh beat him two years ago to end Woods' five-year reign atop the world ranking. The 43-year-old Fijian closed with a 68, not his best golf but ordinarily enough to win with a three-shot lead in swirling breezes.

But not against Woods, and certainly not when the world's No. 1 player is on this kind of a roll.

"Tiger played unbelievable," Singh said. "He made two eagles and just took it away."

Byron Nelson won 11 straight tournaments in 1945, a streak regarded as one of the most untouch-

able in sports. Woods won six straight at the end of 1999 and the start of 2000, and Ben Hogan won six in a row in 1948.

Woods now takes a week off before heading to England for the HSBC World Match Play Championship, followed by the Ryder Cup. His next PGA Tour start will be the American Express Championship outside London at the end of September.

He still isn't even halfway home to Nelson's hallowed mark, but he surpassed Lord Byron in one category with his 53rd victory, moving into fifth place alone on the career list.

IN BRIEF

Roddick defeats Becker to advance to quarterfinals

NEW YORK — Like a party carrying on after the guest of honor has left, the U.S. Open proceeded Monday without Andre Agassi, the most obvious evidence of which was when a fan cried out, "Do it for Andre!" during Andy Roddick's fourth-round match.

Roddick obliged, putting together a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Benjamin Becker, the German qualifier who ended Agassi's career by beating him the day before.

With another legend of the game, new coach Jimmy Connors, in his guest box, Roddick reached the quarterfinals with the help of 19 aces and zero double-faults. His showing here, so far, is a step forward for the 2003 U.S. Open champion, who lost in the first round a year ago and struggled this season until his current 10-match winning streak.

Vinatieri declares himself ready to play in opener

INDIANAPOLIS — Adam Vinatieri slipped a brace onto his non-kicking foot Monday, then calmly pronounced himself ready to play.

Five days after the most discussed foot in Indianapolis become a headline topic, Vinatieri ended the discussion about his availability for the Colts' season opener Sunday at New York. He says he'll play.

"I feel pretty good, actually," he said in his first comments since hurting the foot last month. "I'm getting some work in this week, and I'll be ready to go for the weekend."

Vinatieri was Indy's biggest offseason acquisition.

The Colts signed the NFL's best clutch kicker to a five-year contract worth \$12 million in March, bringing him in to replace Mike Vanderjagt, the NFL's most accurate kicker. Vanderjagt signed as a free agent with Dallas.

Chargers linebacker Foley expected to miss season

SAN DIEGO — Chargers linebacker Steve Foley will miss the season after being shot near his suburban home by an off-duty police officer.

Foley was placed on the non-football injured reserve list on Monday, a day after he was shot by an off-duty Coronado officer and a week before the Chargers open at Oakland.

The outside linebacker, who was being counted on to help anchor the toughest run defense in the NFL, remained hospitalized in stable condition, according to his agent, David Levine.

Because it wasn't a football injury, the Chargers were letting Levine provide medical updates.

But Levine said information remained sketchy, and his access to Foley had been limited. On Sunday, Levine said he was told Foley was shot three times, in the arm, leg and chest. On Monday, he said he wasn't certain where Foley was shot.

WNBA FINALS

Griffith leading with passion and attitude

Sacramento center has team on brink of second straight title

Associated Press

When Yolanda Griffith kicked a water cooler and stalked out of practice late in the season, Sacramento Monarchs coach John Whisenant fined her — yet he seemed secretly pleased.

Perhaps that's because the coach recognizes his own passion in his veteran center. After all, Griffith was angry because of Whisenant's biting instruction.

These two ferocious competitors might disagree at times, but they're united by a common cause. They have willed the unsung, star-free Monarchs to the brink of their second WNBA championship with a devotion to defense and an uncompromising attitude that sometimes comes out a little rough.

After four successful seasons together in Sacramento, Whisenant said he "couldn't have a better" team leader.

"There's not a better one for my philosophy, for the way I preach defense, team play, unselfishness — hard-nosed, tough, never-say-die," Whisenant said. "There's not one that I know out there in the WNBA like her. I lucked out when I got Yolanda."

With Griffith scoring 15 points in just 17 minutes to rest her arthritic 36-year-old knees, the Monarchs trounced Detroit 89-69 Sunday in Game 3 of the WNBA finals. Sacramento can close out the series Wednesday night at home.

Though Whisenant believes he was lucky to inherit a star player with Griffith's mental focus, she also was fortunate when the Maloof brothers promoted their friend and former business consultant from New Mexico midway through the 2003 season to replace Maura

McHugh.

The Monarchs had won just one playoff series in Griffith's first four seasons with the club, missing the postseason entirely in the previous season, but — Whisenant thought he knew how to fix that.

The coach figured his roster would thrive playing physical defense, so he shifted the focus to aggressive, cerebral defensive play. Griffith always loved such an approach, but rarely played it with Sacramento and her winter club in Russia.

"He did a great job getting us focused on what's really important," Griffith said. "We never played defense like this before he got here. We got a new commitment."

Sacramento has reached the Western Conference finals in all four of Whisenant's postseasons with the club, breaking through last season to win the franchise's first title. Their roster of solid role players took the league by surprise, winning a WNBA title without a true offensive star.

The Monarchs have faced far more obstacles this season, however. Whisenant worked through distractions ranging from his mother's death to the Maloofs' interest in interviewing him for the Sacramento Kings' coaching vacancy, while Griffith managed the constant pain from her swollen joints — and her frustrations when the Monarchs got off to a slow start.

"Everything started coming together (when) Coach came back and said, 'You play my defense. You don't play my defense, you don't play,'" Griffith said. "We knew Coach was back. ... We knew, once everybody got back, what kind of team we were going to be."

Sacramento hit its stride shortly before the playoffs, and has been nearly unbeatable for three weeks. The Monarchs swept their first two postseason series before outplaying the Shock in perhaps 11 of the finals' 12 quarters so far.

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U.S. OPEN

Mauresmo needs three sets to defeat unseeded Williams

Roddick defeats Becker in straight sets a day after Agassi's exit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gasping for breath after long exchanges, Serena Williams ran out of energy and shots against Amelie Mauresmo.

In a showdown between two women who've been ranked No. 1 and own a total of nine Grand Slam titles, the top-seeded Mauresmo won nine of the last 12 points Monday night to beat the unseeded Williams 6-4, 0-6, 6-2 and reach the U.S. Open quarterfinals.

After a tight first set, Williams rolled through the second and looked as if nothing could prevent her from improving her career record against Mauresmo to 10-1. But the outcome turned in the sixth game of the final set, when a 35-stroke exchange ended with Williams pushing a backhand into the net, then pausing for air. That sent Mauresmo on her way to a key break, and Williams wouldn't win another game.

On match point, they engaged in a 24-stroke rally that Mauresmo ended with a sharply angled volley Williams couldn't get to in time.

Williams came to Flushing Meadows having played only 12 matches all season because of a six-month break she used to rehab her surgically repaired left knee and to refresh herself mentally, too. During the time off, Williams tumbled out of the top 100 in the rankings, and needed a wild-card invitation to play at the Open.

If there have been questions about Williams' health and preparation of late, Mauresmo has been steadily erasing the doubts about her mental toughness. She didn't win any of her first 31 Grand Slam tournaments, but she's now closing in on her third such championship this year, after the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

"The experience I've got really helped me tonight," Mauresmo said. "It's starting to show a little bit on the court."

That was certainly the case the way she hung in there after a disastrous second set.

Mauresmo lost 20 of the set's first 26 points and finished with one winner. But she regrouped in the third, while seven-time major champion Williams appeared to tire, and the Frenchwoman began controlling the tempo the way she had early.

Mauresmo wrong-footed Williams with groundstrokes and gave her fits by mixing speeds and spins. One example: Mauresmo broke to end the first set by launching a high-bouncing shot that Williams' backhand couldn't handle, sailing the ball wide.

With that, Mauresmo raised a fist, clenched her jaw and jogged to her sideline seat. Williams walked over slowly, her sister Venus (sidelined with a wrist injury) and mother looking on from the guest box, while her father snapped photos from elsewhere in the stands.

There was a whole different scene in the second set, when Williams played some standout defense. It was the strongest rebuttal yet to those who've wondered whether Williams is in good enough shape to compete with the best.

As if to make a point, Williams walked around the far side of the net when the players switched sides after the first game of each set; she didn't take advantage, as Mauresmo did, of the chance to pause for a sip of water or an extra breath by her seat.

Now Mauresmo plays No. 12 Dinara Safina, whose path to the final eight hasn't included a match against a seeded player.

The match under the lights at Arthur Ashe Stadium brought back some electricity to a tournament that felt a bit Monday afternoon like a party carrying on after the guest of honor has left. The U.S. Open did indeed proceed without Andre Agassi, although a fan cried out, "Do it for Andre!" during Andy Roddick's fourth-round match.

Roddick obliged, putting together a 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Benjamin Becker, the German qualifier who ended Agassi's career the day before.

Roddick and No. 5 James Blake, whose fourth-round match against No. 12 Tomas Berdych is Tuesday, are the only U.S. men left in the tournament. No. 18 Robby Ginepri bowed out with a 7-6 (1), 6-4, 3-6, 3-6, 7-6 (1) loss to No. 14



Serena Williams reacts during her match against Amelie Mauresmo at the US Open in New York on Monday. The unseeded Williams ended up falling in three sets.

Tommy Haas.

Haas next faces 2000 Open champion Marat Safin, Safina's older brother. Other past winners still in it are Lindsay Davenport and Justine Henin-Hardenne, who set up a quarterfinal clash with straight-set wins. But 2004 Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova is gone after losing to No. 19 Jelena Jankovic 6-7 (5) 6-3, 6-2. Also into the quarterfinals were No. 3 Maria Sharapova, who lost the first three games before eliminating No. 24 Li Na of

China 6-4, 6-2 along with 2004 runner-up Elena Dementieva.

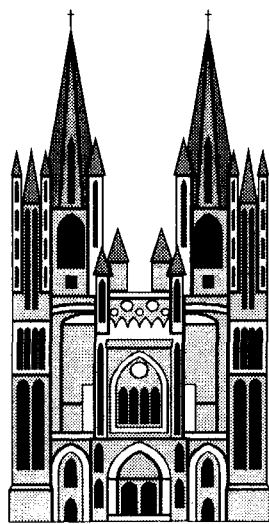
Roddick won the 2003 Open but lost in the first round last year, part of a dismal stretch that briefly dropped him out of the top 10. Now he has Jimmy Connors as his coach and a 10-match winning streak.

"If you can't draw motivation from six months of bad results," Roddick said, "then you're not going to draw it from much."

His next foe is 2001 U.S. Open champion Lleyton Hewitt

or No. 25 Richard Gasquet, who were to meet in Monday night's last match on Ashe. That main court was the scene of Agassi's last hurrah, a four-set defeat against the unheralded and 112th-ranked Becker on Sunday.

"It was tough yesterday for me to enjoy it, because it was tough for me to accept that I deserved to be the last guy that Agassi played," said Becker, competing in his second major. "It's been a pretty, pretty amazing trip for me."



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Revamped Giants 'D' ready for Peyton



Giants coach Tom Coughlin reacts during New York's 31-23 preseason win over the New England Patriots Thursday, Aug. 31.

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — For more than a month, Antonio Pierce has studied videotapes of Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts offense as if he was preparing for a test.

For every snippet of tape that the New York Giants middle linebacker watched on the Colts quarterback, notes were taken and memories were stored.

When the Colts have a first down, they have a tendency to do this. On second and short, they do that. When they are in this personnel package or on third down, Manning and company do whatever.

Not only do the Giants need to know tendencies, they have to watch Manning. He can drive defenses nuts with a no-huddle offense. He is constantly moving people at the line, pointing in different directions and seemingly calling audibles for 20 seconds before snapping the ball.

"It's a poker match because a lot of times, it's nothing," Pierce said. "We have guys that played over there, and some is real and some is not. We have to read his cards."

"We have guys that played over there, and some is real and some is not. We have to read his cards."

Antonio Pierce
Giants linebacker

The final examination for Pierce and a revamped Giants defense is scheduled for Sunday night, when New York will open the regular season against the Colts in the so-called Manning Bowl, the contest that will feature Peyton against little brother Eli, the Giants quarterback.

"They have been the best offense in the league for a number of years," Pro Bowl defense end Osi Umenyiora said. "It looks like we've improved our defense, but nobody is talking about completely shutting them down. To be able to contain them would be good."

While the Giants defense only gave up two touchdowns in a perfect preseason, there are a lot of areas that will be tested.

The middle of the defensive line is new with Fred Robbins and rookie Barry Cofield at the tackles. The secondary has three new faces. The Wills — Allen and Peterson — are gone at cornerback, replaced by veteran Sam Madison and second-year pro Corey Webster. Veteran Will Demps was signed as a free agent to take over at

safety from Brent Alexander. R.W. McQuarters is the new nickel back.

Safety Gibril Wilson, the only starter in the secondary returning from last year, said that the Giants have to do several things to limit the Colts. They can't let Indianapolis run the ball much. They have to put pressure on Peyton Manning and they need to slow down the Colts receivers at the line of scrimmage.

The defense also has to keep Manning guessing, Wilson said.

"This is one of the weeks you have to be at your best," Wilson said. "Mentally, you have to disguise, show false looks. You have to have him think that we're in one defense and be in something totally different."

One of the videotapes that the Giants have studied closely is the Pittsburgh Steelers' 21-18 win over the Colts in the AFC semifinals. The Super Bowl champions crushed the pocket on Manning in blanking Indianapolis for the first three quarters.

New York does not run a 3-4 defense like the Steelers, but it employs a 3-4 look quite often.

"You have to ratle that quarterback," said Pierce, who also noted that San Diego did a good job of that in handing the Colts their first loss in week 14 last season.

If Manning is allowed to sit back in the pocket, he will pick apart the defense. Pierce also noted that the Giants can't get too cute by moving too much on defense. Manning will find the hole and make the big play.

Demps, who played against Peyton Manning several times while with Baltimore, thinks the Giants are ready.

"We just have to play our game," he said. "We can't play into their game. We know he is going to audible at the line. He wants to see the defense real early so he is going to hold until there are five seconds on the play clock. We can't show our hand early. It's a chess match. We have to eliminate the big plays for them and they have to make the big plays."

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After being shot by police officer, Foley will miss season

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Chargers linebacker Steve Foley will miss the season after being shot near his suburban home by an off-duty police officer.

Foley was placed on the non-football injured reserve list on Monday, a day after he was shot by an off-duty Coronado officer and a week before the Chargers open at Oakland.

Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said Foley won't be paid this season. Foley's base pay is \$775,000, and it's believed he was due a roster bonus of \$875,000.

The outside linebacker, who was being counted on to help anchor the toughest run defense in the NFL, remained hospitalized in stable condition, according to his agent, David Levine.

Because it wasn't a football injury, the Chargers were letting Levine provide medical updates.

But Levine said information remained sketchy, and his access to Foley had been limited. On Sunday, Levine said he was told Foley was shot three times, in the arm, leg and chest. On Monday, he said he wasn't certain where Foley was shot.

Based on the medical information he was given, Smith decided to put Foley on non-football injured reserve.

"I can't reveal all of that information except that I had

enough information that I had to make a football decision," Smith said. "I had to ask, 'What's the timetable?' We felt in the best interest of him and the team, that he would be out of action for the year.

"Obviously this is a big blow," Smith said. "It's a tragedy in itself, as far as the player is concerned. And it's a blow to our football team." San Diego has missed the playoffs nine times in the last 10 seasons.

In March 2005, the Chargers signed Foley to a three-year contract extension through 2009 worth roughly \$10 million, including a signing bonus of more than \$3 million.

Foley was at Sharp Memorial Hospital. He was visited briefly on Monday by coach Marty Schottenheimer. Trainer James Collins and the Chargers security director, Dick Lewis, also were seen at the hospital.

"I would say he's doing pretty well, given the circumstances," said Schottenheimer, who declined to comment on Foley's condition. "It was good to get a chance to see him again. We're anxious to see him recover as quickly as possible."

Kathy Gambito, Sharp Memorial's marketing director, said she couldn't comment because there wasn't a patient registered under the name Steve Foley.

The Chargers were counting on Foley to rebound from last

season, when he was slowed by an abdominal injury and his production fell off to 4 1/2 sacks. He had a career-high 10 sacks, which led the team.

Foley fit perfectly in San Diego's 3-4 defense, with a nasty disposition that made him a strong pass rusher as well as a run-stopper. Last year he lined up opposite Shawne Merriman, the league's defensive rookie of the year who had a team-high 10 sacks.

Shaun Phillips, a pass rushing specialist in his third NFL season, moves into the starting lineup. He was second behind Merriman with seven sacks last year and made three starts in

place of Foley.

"We think he's pretty darn good," Smith said. "Now we need to see if he has a good all-around game."

There was no new information released Monday about the shooting.

The Coronado Police Department continued to refer calls to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's spokesman Capt. Glenn Revell said he didn't expect any new information to be released Monday from the homicide division, which was investigating. Revell said he didn't know when the identity of the Coronado police officer would be released.

Sheriff's officials said the

shooting early Sunday occurred after the off-duty Coronado officer followed a suspected drunken driver weaving in and out of freeway traffic at speeds up to 90 mph. Authorities said the driver nearly collided with several other vehicles.

It was Foley's second run-in with authorities in 4 1/2 months. He was arrested April 21 on charges of resisting arrest after police said he scuffled with officers. He also was booked on charges of battery on a police officer and public drunkenness.

The district attorney's office reviewed that case but decided there wasn't enough evidence, spokesman Paul Levikow said Monday.

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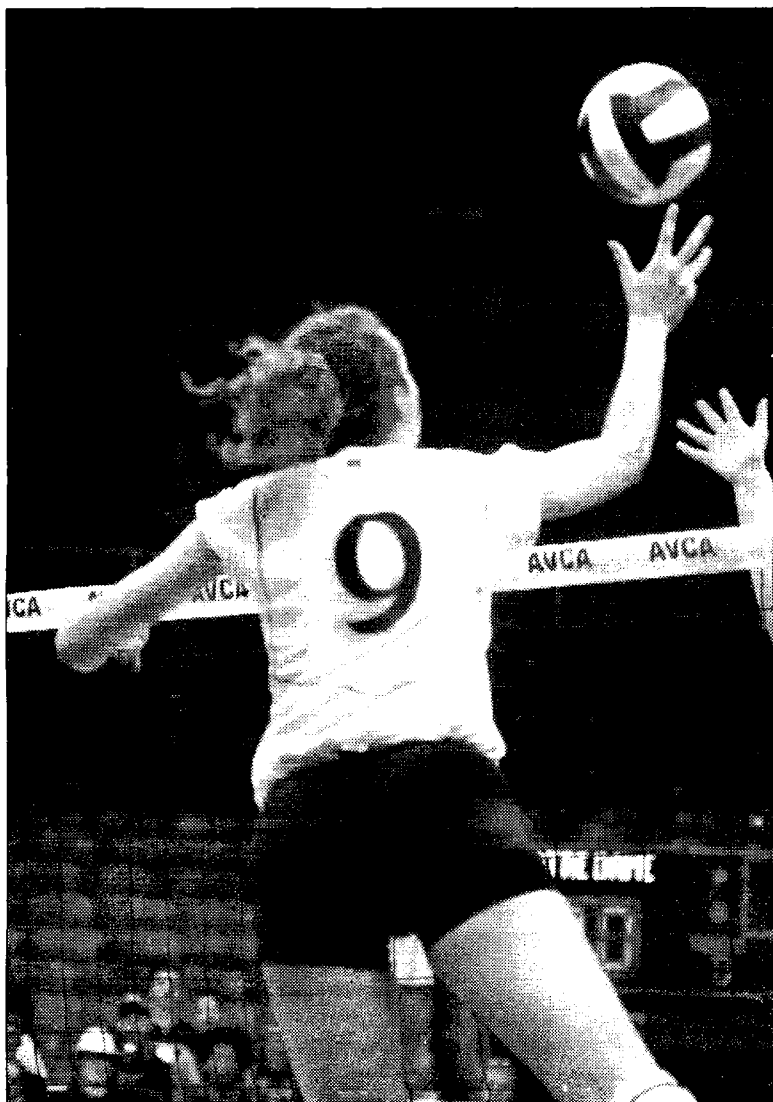
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Irish freshman Megan Fesi elevates to return a volley against Missouri during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to the Tigers Friday at the Joyce Center. College Sports Television Network broadcast the game nationally.



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lege life.

"It's always difficult when you step into college and [Coach King's] resignation came as a shock," Wetzel said. "But it's been nice to have the girls around to help us out and Coach Veltri has always been really supportive and you need that in a new environment."

Veltri called Maunu and Nakazaki "role models" for Wetzel and the freshmen.

"I've been really impressed with how they and the freshmen have handled the situation," Veltri said.

"When you're in the junior national tournaments in high school, you're playing for yourself. But in college you play for the team, so you can't quit because your score can count no matter what and Lisa and Noriko have really helped the freshmen in this area and in managing the course out here."

Maunu posted a 79.81 scoring average last year, while Nakazaki had five top-10 finish-

es including a tie for first at the Notre Dame Invitational last fall. She plans on qualifying for the LPGA Future's Tour in November.

"They both played a competitive summer schedule," Veltri said. "They come into the fall season well prepared to compete. They've done well in qualifying. It's Noriko's senior year and I expect great things out of her."

Last week the team met to discuss the upcoming season. And being a senior captain, Nakazaki outlined not only her personal hopes for the season — but also what she'd like to see the team accomplish in her final year.

"Our goals are to be ranked in the top-30, a [sub]300 scoring average in tournaments and to make it to NCAA Regionals," Nakazaki said. "We were disappointed when we didn't make it last year. But those are our goals and not Coach Holt's, so they're subject to change."

The Irish open the season Sept. 11 at the Cougar Classic in Charleston, S.C.

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said. "But like Coach [Piane] says, every time you put on the jersey it's a big meet, so right now I'm looking forward to running at the National Catholic Championship next week."

The National Catholic Championship is one of two regular season races held at Notre Dame's Burke Memorial Golf Course, giving the Irish a big advantage for the rest of their season.

"It's nice to run on our home course," Hagerman said. "Being at home is a better atmosphere, and it's a lot easier to run in front of a home crowd there for you."

This year's team also has the added pressure of maintaining their national promi-

nence last season.

They finished in the top three of every race last season, including a second place finish at Regionals and third place at Nationals.

This strong performance led to a No. 5 final ranking for the Irish, something they hope to maintain.

"I'd say we look to do well in the Big East and then in the regional tournament," junior James Millar said. "We also want to be in the top ten teams at nationals again."

In order to reach this goal, the Irish have to continue their summer workout plan to be able to run well in their meets.

Notre Dame's summer plan,

including their new freshmen, included both straight distance and time trials that built up slowly over the summer, culminating at about 70-80 miles per week currently.

"The goal was to start low and build up every week," Hagerman said. "We wanted to be in shape, but not necessarily at our top fitness level."

The system seems to be working, according to Millar. "The team looks sharp right now," he said. "We really feel good about our fitness for this season."

Notre Dame begins its season Friday with the Valparaiso Invitational. After the following week's National Catholic Championship, the team returns to action Sept. 29 with the Notre Dame Invitational.

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MLB

After scare, new tests reveal Giles has a healthy heart

Second baseman may have been suffering from acid reflux

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tests determined that Marcus Giles has a healthy heart and he can keep playing baseball, a huge relief to the Atlanta Braves and their second baseman after he was told he might have a heart defect.

Giles was en route to Shea Stadium on Monday evening to rejoin his teammates, who played the New York Mets in the opener of a three-game series.

On Saturday, the scrappy infielder missed a doubleheader against the Phillies and visited a Philadelphia hospital, where he said he was told he might have a heart defect.

He returned to Atlanta on Sunday for medical tests, and was cleared to play.

Braves manager Bobby Cox said doctors think the problem is related to acid reflux, a common condition that is easily treatable. No surgery is required.

"He checked out fine," Cox said. "He was pretty worried. All the indications were a partially open valve. ... Scared him to death, which it should."

Cox said he hadn't seen Giles yet and wasn't sure when his second baseman would be able to return to the lineup.

Giles, an NL All-Star in 2003, was batting .268 with nine homers and 51 RBIs.

Pete Orr started at second base and batted leadoff against New York.

It's been a frightening year of health issues for Giles and his wife, Tracy. He missed 10 days in spring training following the premature birth of his daughter, Sawyur Rae, who struggled with lung problems after she was born.

Giles and his wife have another daughter, Arrington

Mae, but lost a baby following a premature birth.

On the field, the Braves were also without longtime Mets nemesis Chipper Jones, sidelined by a sore oblique muscle on his left side. Cox doesn't expect the third baseman to be able to play in the series at Shea, where Jones has had a tremendous amount of success throughout his career.

Jones was on the disabled list last month with the same problem and has been bothered by the injury much of the season.

He is batting .318 with 23 home runs and 79 RBIs.

Willy Aybar started at third base in place of Jones again.

The Braves also optioned right-hander Anthony Lerew to back Triple-A Richmond, two days after he was called up.



Atlanta Braves second baseman Marcus Giles throws out Washington catcher Brian Schneider during the seventh inning of Atlanta's 10-1 win on Friday, Aug. 26.

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their Alma Mater," Weis told The Observer after his press conference Sunday. "And having been a student at this school, it went through my mind, 'Hey, why don't we do this?'"

Weis graduated from Notre Dame in 1978. And because the Irish head coach has not been a part of the student body for 28 years, he was initially unaware if anything similar had been done in the past. That's when Weis contacted Dye.

Dye has been the Notre Dame Director of Bands for nine years. He also served as an arranger and composer for the 2000 Olympic band and pops arranger for the Dallas Symphony. He graduated from the University of Houston with a Doctorate in Music Education and a Master's in Business Administration.

"It evolved over the last year [when] the team kept wanting to participate in things," Dye said in a phone interview Monday. "They were kind of in tune with the audience, and so [Weis] called on Friday and said 'What do you think about this?'"

"I was delighted to get a call from the coach ... and I think it's a great idea to share that with

the team and the students."

Weis said his team was in favor of idea after discussing the details. The Irish have honored their fans in the past by standing in front of the student section after games — notably last season after defeating Michigan on the road and this past Saturday after beating Georgia Tech.

But now, they will be involved in a more intimate manner —

right down to singing the lyrics at the same time as their classmates.

"The players love being part of the student body," Weis said. "This is a little different place than a lot of other schools."

"I just thought that as

long as we're here, and the band's here, and the students are here, you could do this."

Dye agreed that Notre Dame's unique position as a community-oriented institution makes an idea like singing the Alma Mater especially powerful. And as such, anything the Notre Dame band can do to promote this spirit is important in Dye's mind.

"We just want to try to capture these couple of minutes where it's a hard fought victory and just have that bonding," Dye said.

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Charlie Weis
Irish coach

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an extremely attractive opportunity," Byrne said in a statement released by the athletic department. "Notre Dame is a symbol of athletic excellence and I know we have the student-athletes, coaches and facilities to get back to the Final Four."

After leaving Notre Dame, Byrne continued playing lacrosse for several professional teams throughout the 90s, before entering the business side of the game. He was a marketing executive for Brine lacrosse equipment and two other sports marketing firms — while running two lacrosse camps — before scratching at his coaching itch.

Byrne won the 2001 New Hampshire Coach of the Year award after taking the reigns at Souhegan High School. He parlayed that success into the

head position the last three years at Saint Anselm in Manchester, NH, where the 1986 Magna Cum Laude UMass graduate also taught courses.

"I know [Byrne is] a very smart and very creative guy," Corrigan said of his long-time acquaintance. "He's extremely hard working and he has a great passion for the game of lacrosse and teaching."

"[Fisher] is very thorough — a hard worker, very conscientious and fits the bill for exactly what we wanted in that position."

Kevin Corrigan
Irish head coach

"He's a little bit different in that he hasn't just been coaching for the last 18 years. I think all those experiences make him

an even better coach and I'm really excited to have him back."

The additions were prompted by the summer departures of assistants Anderson and Cornell.

Cornell, who had been with the Irish since late 2004, left in the middle of the summer to take the head position at Connecticut College — replacing former Irish assistant Dave Cambell who

became the head coach at his alma mater, Middlebury College in Vermont.

Anderson decided to leave coaching altogether after 10 years at Notre Dame to pursue business interests, according to Corrigan.

"[Connecticut] is a good opportunity for Dave Cornell," Corrigan said. "And Kevin Anderson is doing what he thinks is best for his family."

Though Corrigan said Anderson helped run Irish camps this summer, the coaching vacancies forced Corrigan to lead a solo Irish recruiting effort. Despite the extra work on the recruiting trail, Corrigan — who believes this year's freshman class his best yet — is pleased with the end result.

"It was hard because I was doing all three jobs," he said. "We spend the whole summer recruiting every year, but this year I was the only one doing the evaluations from about mid-July on but also the only one calling recruits. This just meant everything was on me, but I worked things out with the guys I wanted for the two positions."

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Big Win



Notre Dame senior Jill Krivacek dribbles during the 3-1 Irish win over Santa Clara Sunday. Krivacek tied the game at 1-1 with a left-footed goal in the 64th minute.

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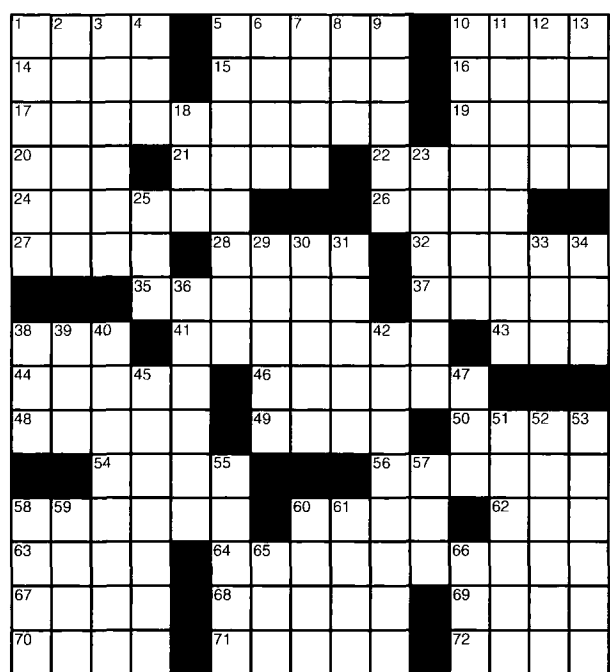
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Deal with any matters that concern your pet if you have one or your own personal health and well-being. The more changes you make to ensure a better lifestyle, the better. Consider a career change. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plan a social event at your house or make plans to do something exciting with friends or family. Don't let things get too serious. It's time to relax and enjoy yourself. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have a creative eye today but are likely to meet with opposition. Don't dictate what you are going to do. Plant the seed and let everyone around you think that the idea is a group effort. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your heart is in the right place, and offering a helping hand should work out in your favor. Don't expect your loved ones to be too happy about your spending time assisting someone else. A short outing will appease ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try to incorporate something in your day that relates to work, making money and getting ahead. Someone you know outside of work will be able to shed light on how the people around you perceive you. A disciplined approach will ensure success. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A hectic pace may not be your thing, but today you will thrive on the excitement it provides. Being a little unpredictable will keep others guessing. Love may be on your mind, but don't let it consume you. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may want to take on a new project at home. The chance to do some of the work yourself will not only save you money, but it will bring you great satisfaction. Lady Luck is in your corner. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): By doing for others, you will raise your profile and ensure that nothing will stand in the way of following your dreams. Organize an event -- you will win favors from people who will help you out in the future. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be charming and think you've won over the people you have talked to along the way. However, someone is likely to hit a sensitive subject that makes you appear unsure of yourself. The individual trying to derail you will not be who you suspect. **

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your own pain will be to your benefit. ***
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Corrigan reloads staff with 2 new assistant coaches

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame head coach Kevin Corrigan's summer recruiting effort may have been his most important yet. Amid the search for next season's high school seniors, he had a more pressing mission — to find a coaching staff.

After losing both of his assistants — Kevin Anderson and Dave Cornell — by the middle of the summer, Corrigan announced last week the hiring of former Rutgers assis-

tant Brian Fisher, who will join former Saint Anselm College head man Gerry Byrne for his second coaching stint at Notre Dame.

Fisher spent five years with the Scarlet Knights working for Rutgers head coach and Corrigan's good friend Jim Stagnitta — the same man from whom Corrigan hired



Fisher

departing assistant Kevin Anderson in 1997 when Stagnitta and Anderson were at Washington and Lee.

"[Fisher is] a guy I knew coming from the background he came from—he was in a program very similar to [Notre Dame]," Corrigan said. "[He] is very thorough — a hard worker, very conscientious and fits the bill for exactly what we wanted in that position."

The former Rutgers midfielder and face-off man has been on the Scarlet Knight coaching staff since graduat-

ing in 2001. Fisher is also assistant director of MVP Lacrosse Camps.

With five years of experience, according to und.com, Fisher believes his youth will be an asset to a program that found its NCAA tournament rhythm after a four-year hiatus.

"I think I relate well with the student-athletes," Fisher said in a statement released by the Notre Dame athletic department. "Only being 27 myself and not too far removed from Division I lacrosse, I can relate pretty well with what

they are going through."

Byrne returns to Notre Dame after serving as Corrigan's first-ever Irish assistant from 1989-91. In 1989, the Irish defensive coordinator was Corrigan's lone sidekick before spending the next two years as one of three MBA graduate assistants, where he helped the Irish to their first ever Great Lakes Conference title and NCAA tournament berth.

"The opportunity to work with Kevin Corrigan again was

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FOOTBALL

New tradition

Senior captains, band director agree to have players sing Alma Mater

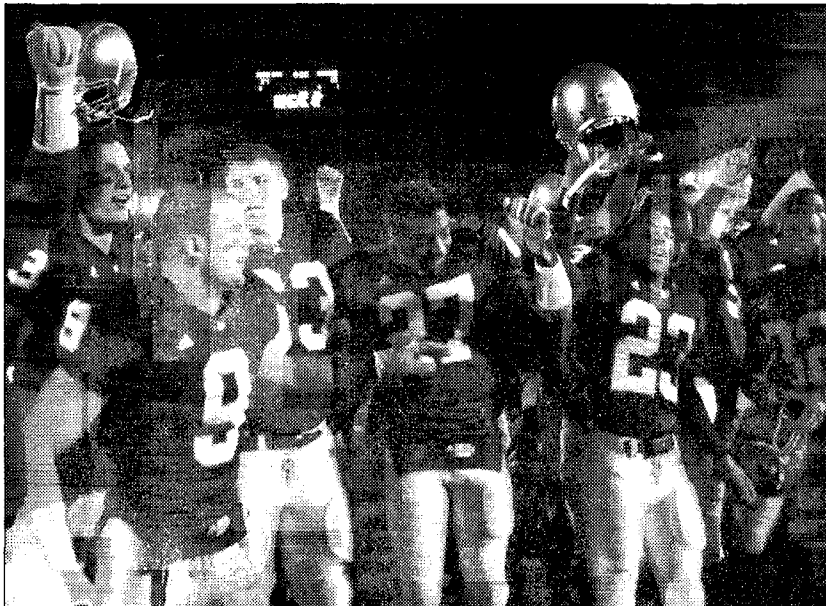
By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Irish head coach Charlie Weis will begin another tradition this week in Notre Dame's first home game of the 2006 season against Penn State — one that has nothing to do with scoring points on offense.

Weis and Director of Bands Kenneth Dye spoke on the telephone Friday and worked out details on a post-game collaboration between the fans, marching band and football team.

While it's been customary in the past for the crowd to sing the Alma Mater after the game, Weis and Dye saw room for expansion.

"I talked to the captains this summer ... and last year when we honored Navy we went over and stood behind their team while they were singing



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Irish safety Tom Zbikowski (9) sings the Alma Mater with teammates after Notre Dame's 34-10 win over Syracuse Nov. 19, 2005.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Veltri directs squad in transition period

Veteran leaders appreciate assistant coach's guidance

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

During a fairly tumultuous period following the resignation of former coach Debby King and before the hiring of current coach Susan Holt — Notre Dame found a source of stability in three individuals.

The team relied upon the constant guidance of assistant coach Kyle Veltri and the leadership of sophomore Lisa Maunu and senior Noriko Nakazaki.

"[Coach Veltri] has constantly been

there for us for anything that we need," Maunu said. "She's always there for us."

Veltri joined the Irish before the 2005 season after graduating from Saint Mary's in 2001. In between graduation and earning her job at Notre Dame, Veltri worked as an assistant golf professional at the Palmer Course at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia. Her experience organizing events has come in handy recently.

"She's done so much during this time," Nakazaki said. "She was so busy.



Veltri

She's helped out in practices and organized our tournament schedule."

Veltri will continue to lead Notre Dame until Holt takes over Sept. 23 for the Notre Dame Invitational. She was overwhelmed by her team's reception of her leadership.

"They're a great group of kids and they deserve everything they get," Veltri said. "I really can't put into words how I feel about them. I'm very fortunate to be around this team."

Nakazaki and Maunu have been particularly important in helping the three freshmen — Annie Brophy, Julie Kim and Kristen Wetzel — adjust to not only the coaching situation, but also to col-

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish hope to perform up to expectations

Notre Dame graduates four of top seven, remain confident with freshmen

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has some big shoes to fill.

Entering the season with high expectations, the Irish will have to fill holes left by Vinny Ambrico, Tim Moore, Sean O'Donnell and Kaleb Van Ort — all of whom competed in the 2005 NCAA Championship — with a combination of new freshmen and returning players waiting for their chance.

Although the Irish did lose experience after last season, they still maintain a hearty talent pool, including last year's top runner Kurt Benninger, who placed second at the Great Lakes Regional and eighth overall at the NCAAs. Notre Dame will also need their current No. 2 runner, sophomore Patrick Smyth, to step up and cement the top of their team.

Smyth had flashes of brilliance last season, including a top finish at the National Catholic Invitational and ninth place at the Big East finals. But he was not always so dominant, finishing 34th or higher in three of his other four races.

Among the freshmen looking to make an immediate impact on this year's team is Brock Hagerman, who last year was the Indiana state champion.

"Right now my goal is just to make varsity, be one of those top seven guys who gets to run at the end," he

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Two days after a medical scare, Marcus Giles was cleared to play for the Braves.

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San Diego general manager A.J. Smith said linebacker Steve Foley will not play this season after being shot by an off-duty police officer.

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The revamped defense of the New York Giants believes it is ready for its opening-week matchup with the Colts.

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U.S. Open

Andy Roddick beat Benjamin Becker a day after Becker ousted Andre Agassi.

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Deutsche Bank Championship

Tiger Woods had two eagles and won his fifth straight tournament.

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Chase Utley hit a homer with two outs in the 10th for the win.

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