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Endowment jumps \$1.4 billion

Dramatic growth continues; in one year, total increases from \$5.08 to \$6.54 billion

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

The Notre Dame endowment pool has grown by more than \$1.4 billion during the last fiscal year, making it likely the University will continue to rank in the top two or three American universities in investment performance, Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass said Wednesday.

The endowment grew at an annual rate of 25.9 percent during the 2007 fiscal year — among the top rates of return of all university endowments, Malpass said.

This rate of return is markedly higher than the

17.7 percent returns experienced by the TUCS Large Fund Median, a compilation of other endowment foundations and pension funds of more than \$1 billion, Malpass said.

The University endowment pool was \$6.54 billion when the 2007 fiscal year ended on June 30. A year earlier, the endowment pool was \$5.08 billion.

Investment strategies at Notre Dame differ from those at some peer institutions in that University investments must follow the guidelines of Catholic social teaching, Malpass said.

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Chief Investment Officer Scott Malpass, left, meets with Father Theodore Hesburgh Wednesday to discuss the endowment.

Facebook prompts concerns

Job hunters fear scrutiny in hiring

By ROHAN ANAND and NICK BOCH
News Writers

Facebook, undoubtedly the most popular social networking site for college students, is now posing a problem for those ready to apply for jobs after graduation.

User privacy concerns are believed to be the most common reason why a growing number of students have chosen to discontinue their Facebook accounts. Until last year, Facebook access was limited to high school and college students by requiring a school e-mail address in order to create an account.

Now that it is open to the public, more students are growing concerned about how easily their information can be accessed by non-students — particularly important individuals like potential employers in the job market.

"Students aren't protecting certain parts of their Facebook," said Lee Svete, director of career services at Notre Dame.

In the past, employers have joined Facebook, Svete said, "and invited students to be Facebook

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186 companies attend career fair

Students meet with representatives; organizers say 600-800 interviews scheduled today

By KRISTEN EDELEN
News Writer

Students brought résumés for representatives of 186 companies at Notre Dame's fall career fair Wednesday in the Joyce Athletics and Convocation Center (JACC).

Though students say the fair appears geared toward business majors, Lee Svete, director of the Career Center and an organizer of the fair, said all students could benefit from the variety of companies represented.

"There is actually quite a bit of the marketing area

represented here tonight, which is a career suitable for any major," Svete said. "General Mills, Target [and] even Abercrombie and Fitch from the corporate levels are here. These are the people responsible for branding and such. These are creative opportunities."

Until 2001, Svete said, the fair was "only associated with the Mendoza College of Business. It was even held in the Mendoza building. Moving it to the JACC has opened up the scene for underclassmen as well as a variety of other majors."

Still, Svete said, many of the companies present

offered opportunities geared toward finance and accounting majors.

There were also opportunities for engineering majors to contact companies including Nestle Waters and Chevron.

Though Svete is proud of the fall fair, he said, the second career fair, held in January, will be "less business driven."

Saint Mary's junior and finance major Erika Lowe was prepared for the large number of companies present at the fair. She had done research and was ready to talk to possible future employers.

"It is a little bit intimidating, but you just have to get in there and talk to people. You can't hold back on opportunities like this," she said.

Off-campus senior Brian Ronan, also a finance major, targeted representatives from investment banks and consulting firms. Going into the fair, he was not partial to any company but decided to scout firms in attendance.

The fair was once geared primarily toward seniors looking for careers but has evolved into something accessible for sophomores

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Author speaks on writing process

Ann Cummins reads from 'Yellowcake,' a story about a Navajo family

By KATIE STAAK
News Writer

Acclaimed short story author Ann Cummins read from her first novel, "Yellowcake," and explained her character development process in an event Wednesday at Notre Dame sponsored by the Department of Economics.

"Yellowcake" is set during the 1990s and focuses on memories of a Navajo family living with the effects of working in a uranium mill. The



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Author Ann Cummins reads from her novel "Yellowcake" on Wednesday in the hospitality room of South Dining Hall.

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ND takes health research to U.N.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Notre Dame and Purdue University researchers will present their work on global health initiatives Sept. 25 at a side event for the opening of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

This one-time event, sponsored by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, is a chance to tell four stories from Notre Dame, said Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost at Notre

Dame.

The event, entitled "Global Health in Focus," will take place at 1:15 p.m. in Holy Family Hall on 315 E. 47th St. in New York City.

Approximately 30 countries have received personal invitations to the presentation, Jacobs said, most of which are African countries that have been devastated by HIV/AIDs. The rest of the U.N. assembly has been invited as well, he said.

The Notre Dame delegation, which will present some of the work professors are doing to

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INSIDE COLUMN

NL Central in a nutshell

As the Major League Baseball season winds down and the divisional races heat up, there is one division that has baseball writers puzzled on who will take it.

On the one hand you have the young and very talented Milwaukee Brewers. The Brewers were not the big spenders this off-season like the division rival Cubs, but instead chose to stick with home grown talent. Milwaukee fans have been hearing for years from the Brewers, much like the Cubs, that the talent will come soon enough. We just have to be patient.

The Cubs, who have not been to the World Series since 1945 and have not won it since 1908, are looking to get back to the playoffs for the first time since their heartbreak in 2003. The Cubs management went out and spent big time money on free agents and resigning players already within the organization. They spent \$136 million on Alfonso Soriano for eight years in hopes of solidifying the lead-off spot.

Soriano has been a key trigger in the offense, but his home run production is down this year, and strikeouts have plagued his offensive numbers. Despite his numbers, Soriano has provided a great help to the offense in front of Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez.

They also spent \$44 million on left-handed starter Ted Lilly. Many questioned general manager Jim Hendry's motives for signing Lilly, never a big game pitcher having pitched in Toronto for most of his career. They also signed Jason Marquis, who was 14-16 with a high earned run average last season with the Cardinals. Couple these two off-season signings with the already very excitable Carlos Zambrano, and the Cubs rotation will be a force in a short playoff series.

Then there are the Brewers. The Brewers line-up card packs quite the punch, and their starting rotation is nothing to scoff at.

Long gone are the power-hitting players of Richie Sexson, now in Seattle, and Jeromy Burnitz. The Brewers have a few new power hitters. The names of Prince Fielder, Ryan Braun and Rickie Weeks probably do not strike fear in the minds of too many baseball fans quite yet, but soon these three will become household names.

Fielder has been lighting up scoreboards across the country this summer, blasting 46 home runs to lead the Brewers power surge. Braun has made a great showing with the former pushover Brewers.

The Brewers' rotation is not full of big name pitchers, with the exception of Ben Sheets, and Jeff Suppan, an off-season acquisition from division rival Saint Louis. Sheets has always intimidated opposing hitters minds. With a knee buckling curveball and at times overpowering fastball, he has quieted many a bat.

Overall, it seems to be the Cubs division to lose. While they were 8.5 games behind the Brewers as late as June 23, they have brought themselves back into the race, and the next two weeks both sets of fans will definitely be scoreboard watching. Beware world, the Cubs and Brewers are the teams of the future.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the article in the Sept. 18 issue of The Observer titled "Cinalli leads Irish by example, puts squad ahead of self," said Amanda Cinalli was the team's third captain in the program's 20-year history. She is the team's third solo captain in its history.

The Observer regrets the error.

Katelyn Grabarek
Sports Wire Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY ANIMAL AS A PET, WHAT WOULD IT BE



Laura Lauck
sophomore
Welsh Family

"The squirrel by Mendoza, because he has a great personality."



Mark Lyons
sophomore
Knott

"A magical Leopluradon, so he could take me to Candy Mountain."



Davina Passeri
sophomore
Cavanaugh

"A dog, because they're the most fun of all the animal kingdom."



Kara Trohaugh
sophomore
Cavanaugh

"A horse, so I'd never have to walk to class."



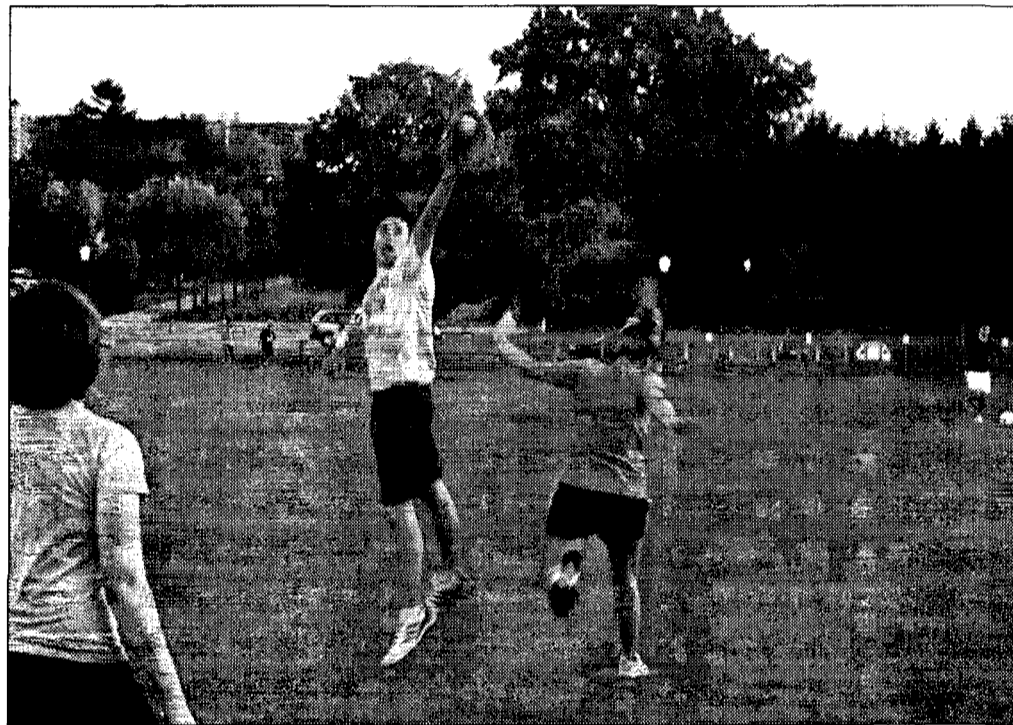
Elizabeth Berger
junior
Walsh

"A small monkey trained to ride a miniature unicycle to entertain me."



Meghan Casey
sophomore
Badin

"I would never have an animal as a pet. I hate animals."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Maddie Debot was safe at first in a game of co-rec softball played Wednesday evening at the Stepan fields.

IN BRIEF

Eric J. Brown, director of the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis at the University of California, San Francisco, will deliver the lecture "Can Fish Really Get Tuberculosis? I Thought They Didn't Have Lungs" today at 4 p.m. in 283 Galvin Life Science.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show a screening of the film "The Namesake" tonight at 7.

Whirlpool's chief financial officer, Ted Dosch will speak Friday at 10 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium as part of the Mendoza College of Business Boardroom Insight lecture series.

The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir will give a concert at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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

The FTT Talks lecture series will present "Screenwriters Showcase" Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Browning Cinema. Featured speakers are Larry Karazewski, Jim Jennewein and Stephen Susco.

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

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

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

OFFBEAT

Man bitten after putting snake in mouth

PORTLAND, Ore. — Snake collector Matt Wilkinson of Portland grabbed a 20-inch rattler from the highway near Maupin, and three weeks later, to impress his ex-girlfriend, he stuck the serpent in his mouth.

He was soon near death with a swollen tongue that blocked his throat. Trauma doctors at the Oregon Health and Science University saved his life.

"You can assume alcohol was involved," he said. Actually, not just beer. It was something he called a "mix-

ture of stupid stuff."

Calls from cable network television stations poured in Tuesday, when he still had sore muscles and nerves from the venom.

It happened at a barbecue with friends.

Vet extracts toy lizard from real lizard

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Seven-year-old Finley Collins thought her pet 12-inch bearded dragon might be giving birth when she noticed an unusual protrusion near the lizard's tail.

But Finley's father, Jeff Collins, feared it might be something more ominous

and rushed Mushu to an animal hospital, where a veterinarian pulled out a 7-inch toy rubber lizard.

"I've never extracted a lizard from another lizard before," said veterinarian John Rossi.

"The next thing I knew, I was seeing legs and a body and a head. It was very strange to be tugging on this thing," he said.

By the time the rubbery lizard's legs began to appear, Rossi realized what it was.

"We were all laughing," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	GAME DAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 80 LOW 65	HIGH 71 LOW 59	HIGH 88 LOW 60	HIGH 79 LOW 57	HIGH 77 LOW 57	HIGH 80 LOW 67

Atlanta 84 / 63 Boston 81 / 56 Chicago 80 / 58 Denver 89 / 54 Houston 92 / 72 Los Angeles 69 / 60 Minneapolis 78 / 56 New York 81 / 59 Philadelphia 81 / 58 Phoenix 96 / 74 Seattle 66 / 46 St. Louis 88 / 65 Tampa 86 / 72 Washington 80 / 60

STUDENT SENATE

Leaders address pollution

Senators urge University to reduce emissions 10 percent by 2015

By **KAITLYNN RIELY**
Assistant News Editor

A resolution urging the University to pledge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 10 percent by 2015 passed unanimously in the Student Senate Wednesday.

The resolution, presented by Student Environmental Task Force co-chairs Felipe Witchger and Zach Einterz, also calls for a long-term commitment to carbon neutrality.

The Task Force is a volunteer group of club leaders that meets occasionally to discuss ways to make campus more environmentally friendly, Einterz said.

The resolution describes global climate change as "one of the most serious challenges facing humanity today" and says Notre Dame has a "moral obligation to safeguard Creation for future generations."

The resolution cites the grade of D- received by Notre Dame on the 2007 College Sustainability Report Card as a reason necessitating the resolution. The data used in the study, conducted by the Sustainable Endowments Institute, was questioned by University administrators, who said that no one from the

Institute ever spoke with a University representative and that the information used in the evaluation came only from Notre Dame's Web site.

Einterz credited the University with looking at ways to decrease energy use and increase energy efficiency and said it has expanded its recycling program. However, Notre Dame still lags behind its peers in environmentally sustainable practices, he said.

"One of the reasons for that," Einterz said, "is our administrative support hasn't been as strong as we would like."

More work can be done by the University, Einterz said.

The purpose of the resolution, he said, is "for the University to publicly say they are committed to dealing with climate change in a concrete and definable way."

The resolution acknowledges that Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves created the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee in January 2007. The committee's Web site says its intent is to "broaden energy and environmental awareness, report on Notre Dame green initiatives and advise University leadership on eco-friendly opportunities." Witchger sits on the committee.

Witchger said he did not have data on the current levels of

greenhouse gases emitted by the campus. But he said 10 percent is a feasible goal for the University by 2015. Harvard University has reduced its emissions by six percent in the past two years, he said.

"Ten percent is a very basic, a very small goal," Witchger said.

If the University were more progressive, he said, it could probably reduce emissions by 30 percent by 2015.

"This ten percent would just give a public statement, saying the student body wants to take action forward," he said.

In other Senate news:

◆ Some senators reported that concession stands at the stadium did not take their Domer Dollars.

Concession stands behind student seating should take Domer Dollars, student body president Liz Brown said, but she said she would look into why they could not be used behind the freshman seating section.

◆ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution amending the Student Body Constitution. The amendment eliminated mention of the Student Union Board presidential division, which no longer exists.

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Brown: Wear black today, green Friday

By **KAITLYNN RIELY**
Assistant News Editor

"The Shirt" solidarity day, originally scheduled for today, was postponed to Friday because of the previously scheduled national solidarity day on which people have been asked to wear black to show support for a group of six black teenagers facing criminal charges in a small town in Louisiana.

The African-American teenagers — known as the "Jena 6" — allegedly assaulted a white teenager following a string of racial flare-ups in the racially charged town of Jena, La. They were originally charged with attempted second-degree murder.

Student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun sent an e-mail to the student body Tuesday evening encouraging students to wear "The Shirt" today to show support for the football team, which is 0-3 heading into its fourth game Saturday, against Michigan State.

Brown and Braun said Wednesday that many people notified them of the conflict after their first e-mail was received. They said they were aware of the

trial but not aware that Thursday was designated as a day to wear black in support of the Jena 6.

Brown said leaders of "The Shirt" Project and officials at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore approached student government to encourage students to take part in a show of support for the football team.

"We didn't select the day for a particular reason," Brown said. "We were just in support of the cause."

Once they realized the conflict, Brown and Braun sent an e-mail to the student body postponing "The Shirt" day until Friday and

encouraging students to wear black today.

"It was not the intention of Student Government to plan a day in support of ND Football on the same day as a national movement to support the Jena 6," the e-mail said. "This was obviously an oversight on our part, and by no means a political statement or an attempt to overshadow the importance of this national issue."

At the Student Senate meeting Wednesday, Brown recommended senators and their constituents wear black today.

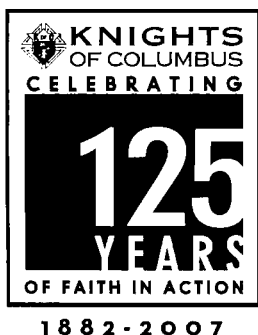
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Liz Brown
student body president

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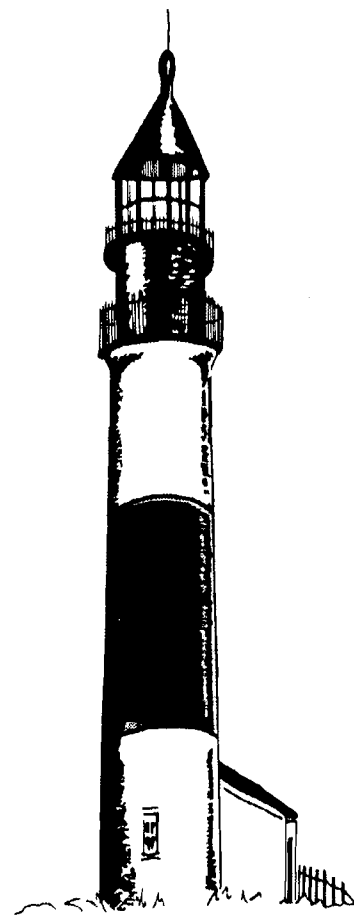
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran warns of weapons readiness

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has drawn up plans to bomb Israel if the Jewish state should attack, the deputy air force commander said Wednesday, adding to tensions already heated up by an Israeli airstrike on Syria and Western calls for more U.N. sanctions against Tehran.

Other Iranian officials also underlined their country's readiness to fight if the U.S. or Israel attacks, a reflection of concerns in Tehran that demands by the U.S. and its allies for Iran to curtail its nuclear program could escalate into military action.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner said Sunday that the international community should prepare for the possibility of war in the event Iran obtains atomic weapons, although he later stressed the focus is still on diplomatic pressures.

Fiery meteorite strikes Peru

LIMA, Peru — A fiery meteorite crashed into southern Peru over the weekend, experts confirmed on Wednesday. But they were still puzzling over claims that it gave off fumes that sickened 200 people.

Witnesses told reporters that a fiery ball fell from the sky and smashed into the desolate Andean plain near the Bolivian border Saturday morning.

Jose Mechare, a scientist with Peru's Geological, Mining and Metallurgical Institute, said a geologist had confirmed that it was a "rocky meteorite," based on the fragments analyzed.

He said water in the meteorite's muddy crater boiled for maybe 10 minutes from the heat and could have given off a vapor that sickened people, and scientists were taking water samples.

NATIONAL NEWS

Tennessee lethal injection halted

NASHVILLE — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Tennessee's new lethal injection procedures are cruel and unusual punishment, interrupting plans to execute a killer next week.

The protocol "presents a substantial risk of unnecessary pain" and violates death row inmate Edward Jerome Harbison's constitutional protections under the Eighth Amendment, U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger said.

The new protocol, released in April, does not ensure that inmates are properly anesthetized before the lethal injection is administered, Trauger said, which could "result in a terrifying, excruciating death."

Troop bill fails to pass Senate

WASHINGTON — Democrats' efforts to challenge President Bush's Iraq policies were dealt a demoralizing blow Wednesday in the Senate after they failed to scrape together enough support for legislation that would have guaranteed troops more time at home.

The 56-44 vote — four votes short of reaching the 60 needed to advance — all but guaranteed that Democrats would be unable to muster the votes to pass tough anti-war legislation by year's end. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., was seen as the Democrats' best shot because of its pro-military premise.

"The idea of winning the war in Iraq is beginning to get a second look," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who led opposition to the bill alongside Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

LOCAL NEWS

State reports first West Nile death

INDIANAPOLIS — State health officials say a Floyd County resident has died from the West Nile virus, the first reported death from the mosquito-borne illness this year. The agency did not release the person's name or any other details.

The department also reported that two new human cases of West Nile, one each in Lake and Vanderburgh counties. They bring to 10 the number of confirmed infections in Indiana this year.

Health officials say the hot, dry weather this summer is perfect for the mosquitoes that carry the virus. Those over age 50 are at greatest risk from the virus.

LEBANON

More violence takes toll on diplomacy

Six killed, including Lebanese politician, and 67 wounded in latest bomb attack

Associated Press

BEIRUT — A powerful bomb killed an anti-Syria lawmaker and six others Wednesday in a Christian neighborhood of Beirut, threatening to derail an effort by an already deeply divided Parliament to elect Lebanon's next president in voting to begin next week.

Antoine Ghanem, a 64-year-old member of the Christian Phalange party who had returned from refuge abroad only two days earlier, was the eighth anti-Syria figure and fourth lawmaker from the governing coalition to be assassinated in less than three years.

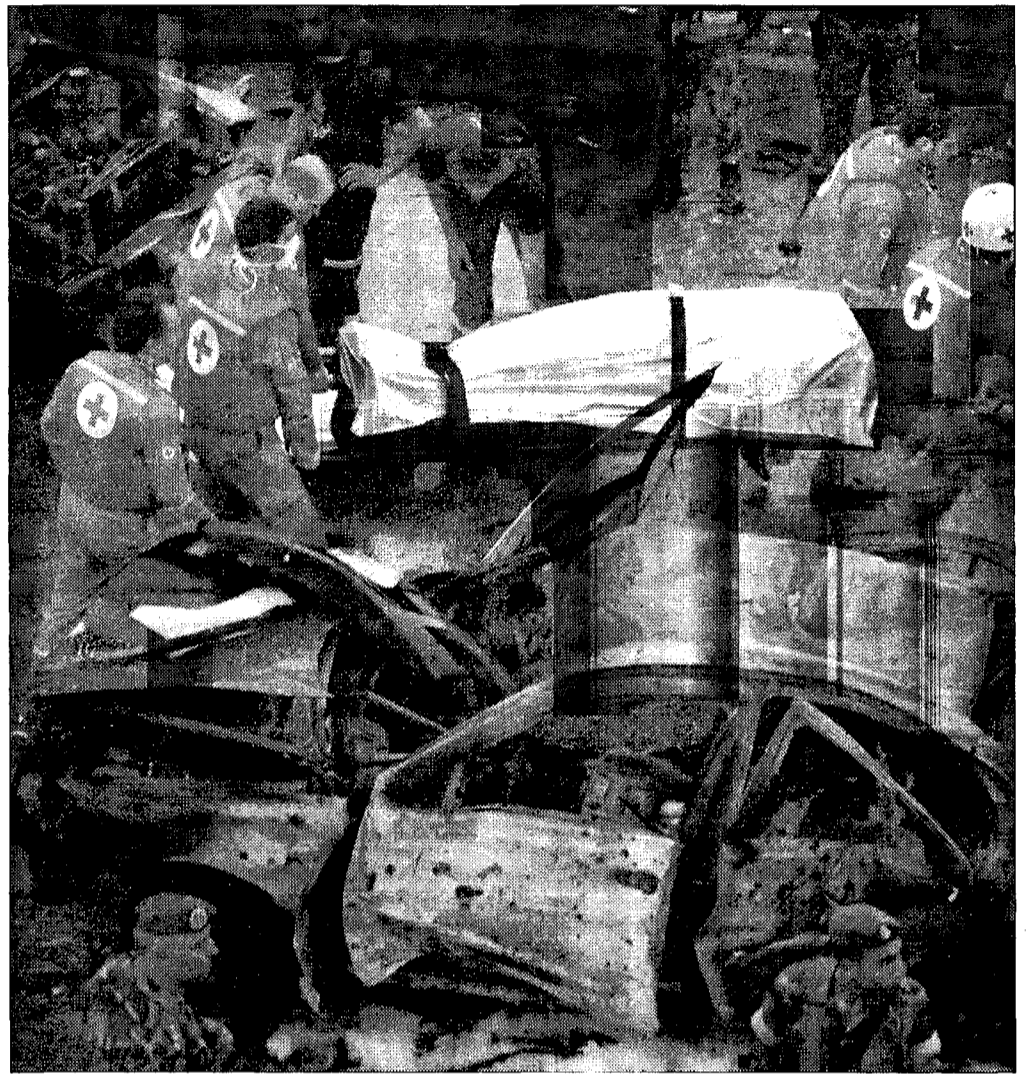
Coalition members blamed Syria. Damascus denied involvement, as it has for the previous seven assassinations, including the 2005 bombing death of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri — a killing that ignited huge protests that forced Syria to withdraw its troops after a three-decade occupation.

Security officials said at least 67 people were wounded in Wednesday's blast, half of which had left the hospital by day's end. The explosion occurred at rush hour on a busy street in the Sin el-Fil district, severely damaging nearby buildings, setting several cars on fire and scattering blood and debris along the street.

Explosive experts were seen checking the engine of Ghanem's car, which was thrown more than 150 feet. A security official said the bomb was likely detonated by remote control near Ghanem's car.

"I have never seen a more cowardly regime than that of Bashar Assa's," lawmaker Saad Hariri said, blaming the Syrian president for Ghanem's death. Hariri replaced his father, the assassinated ex-premier, as head of anti-Syria forces, which now hold a majority in Parliament.

Cabinet member Ahmed Fatfat also blamed Syria for the attack, saying Damascus



Red Cross workers carry away a body in Beirut, Lebanon, Wednesday after a bomb attack that targeted Lebanese parliament member Antoine Ghanem.

wanted to derail efforts by majority and opposition leaders to reach some accommodation as they begin presidential voting in Parliament on Tuesday.

"It is the only regime that does not want presidential elections in Lebanon to be held," Fatfat told The Associated Press.

President Emile Lahoud, an ally of Syria, also implied Ghanem's death was meant to undermine the presidential vote, saying "it is no coincidence that whenever there are positive signs" that someone is killed.

Syria said the attack was aimed at sabotaging efforts by the Lebanese people to reach agreement.

"This criminal act aims at

undermining efforts paid by Syria and others to achieve Lebanese national accord," Syria's state-run news agency SANA quoted an anonymous Syrian official as saying.

Many people fear the divisions over the presidency could lead to creation of two rival governments, a grim threat to repeat the last two years of Lebanon's 1975-90 civil war when army units loyal to competing administrations battled it out.

The United States has accused Syria of trying to undermine Lebanon's government, but has stopped short of tying the Damascus regime to the political killings.

"The bombing that claimed

these lives was another in a campaign of terror by those who want to turn back the clock on Lebanon's hard-won democratic gains," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a statement. "Enemies of peace and freedom want to gain through violence, threat, and intimidation what they cannot win in free and fair elections."

The assassination of anti-Syria figures began with the killing of Hariri on Feb. 14, 2005, in a bombing that killed 20 other people. Mammoth demonstrations coupled with international pressure forced Syrian troops to leave, and Lebanese elected a government led by anti-Syria politicians.

Bush proposes expansion of spy law

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — President Bush said Wednesday he wants Congress to expand and make permanent a law that temporarily gives the government more power to eavesdrop without warrants on suspected foreign terrorists.

Without such action, Bush said, "our national security professionals will lose critical tools they need to protect our country."

"It will be harder to figure out what our enemies are doing to train, recruit and infiltrate operatives into America," the president said during a visit to the super-secret National Security Agency's headquarters. "Without these tools, our country will be much more vulnerable to attack"

The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

governs when the government must obtain warrants for eavesdropping from a secret intelligence court. This year's update — approved just before Congress' August break — allows more efficient interceptions of foreign communications.

Under the new law, the government can eavesdrop without a court order on communications conducted by a person reasonably believed to be outside the U.S., even if an American is on one end of the conversation — so long as that American is not the intended focus or target of the surveillance.

In requesting the change, the Bush administration said technological advances in communications had created a dire gap in the ability to collect intelligence on terrorists.

Such surveillance generally was prohibited under the original law if the wiretap was conducted inside the U.S., unless a court approved it. Because of changes in technology, many more foreign communications now flow through the U.S. The new law, known as the Protect America Act, allows those to be tapped without a court order.

Civil liberties groups and many Democrats say the new changes go too far. Democratic leaders in Congress set the law to expire in six months so that it could be fine-tuned; that process now is beginning on Capitol Hill.

Democrats hope for changes that would provide additional oversight when the government eavesdrops on U.S. residents communicating with overseas parties.

Author opines on affirmative action

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Author Tim Wise spoke to a standing-room-only crowd Wednesday about affirmative action, saying that affluent white America is given a head start in the college admissions game.

Wise, author of "White Like Me" and "Affirmative Action in White America" spoke at the Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's College Wednesday as part of a lecture series entitled "Undoing Systems of Racism: Privilege and Equality in Higher Education."

The series was hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Wise presented his views on affirmative action and the difference in opportunities available for white and African-American students. He also discussed the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and how he felt the government made no effort in helping African Americans evacu-

ate. The educational system failed the African Americans who were not able to evacuate their homes, he said. Because of a lack of education, some of these people did not have the money or connections to move to safety.

Wise quoted William Bennett, a former U.S. Secretary of Education, who said the biggest problem with the educational system "is that too many people are going to college."

Bennett meant that in order for America to stay on track economically, people would be needed for manual labor, Wise said. Bennett was referring to racial minorities.

African Americans do not have certain advantages that increase the odds of college admission, Wise said. White students, on the other hand,

have more access to scholarship funds, large libraries and programs to increase standardized test scores.

"White people who end sentences with prepositions, make grammar mistakes and struggle with answers do not stick in the minds of admissions counselors nearly as much as people of color do," Wise said.

Wise said wealthy white students start two laps ahead of African-American students and, in turn, the African-American students feel pressure to

catch up. This pressure is created entirely by white people, he said.

"White folks created race as an issue and decided it would be an issue," he said.

"White folks created race as an issue and decided it would be an issue."

Tim Wise
author

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Health

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improve global health on a local scale in countries like Haiti, Uganda and Benin, hopes speak with delegates from the countries where Notre Dame representatives are working.

Another goal of the delegation is to put Notre Dame's work on global health issues "on a world stage," Jacobs said.

Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Permanent Observer to the Holy See at the U.N., came to Indiana last spring and heard about what Notre Dame and Purdue were doing in the field of global health issues, Jacobs said. He then offered to hold the presentation event in New York City.

Notre Dame turned its focus to global health publicly last fall with the Global Health Forum, which featured speakers who were leaders in initiatives to address health issues around the world.

In January, University President Father John Jenkins led a Notre Dame delegation to Uganda to visit a Millennium Village Project co-sponsored by Notre Dame and Uganda Martyrs University.

Father Bob Dowd, a political science professor and the director of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, will give a presentation related to Notre Dame's work in the village of Nindye, entitled "Partnering with Local Institutions to Fight Extreme Poverty in Rural Uganda."

He will discuss using a holistic approach to address issues like health care, education and HIV/AIDs in rural Ugandan villages and the benefits of partnering with local institutions, like Uganda Martyrs, to do so, Jacobs said.

Father Thomas Streit, whose work in Haiti has been featured on Notre Dame commercials during football games, will discuss efforts to end elephantiasis, a disease carried by mosquitoes that attacks the lymphatic system and leads to the swelling of body parts.

"It's a socially stigmatizing disease, and it's completely preventable," Jacobs said. Streit's goal is to eliminate the disease by 2013.

Stephen Silliman, a civil engineering and geological

sciences professor, will give a presentation entitled "Partnering to Protect Quality Water in Benin." Silliman has taken students to Benin to work with and train villagers so there is a local, trained work force, Jacobs said.

There will also be a presentation describing work done by Frank Collins, the George and Winifred Clark professor of biological sciences and the director of the Center for Global Health and Infectious Disease, who has been assessing the effectiveness of common malaria control apparatuses, like bed nets or insecticides.

These four projects are centered on relatively small locations, but the lessons learned in a place like Haiti can be "easily extrapolated and expanded," Jacobs said.

"These efforts are important steps to understanding how local efforts can be expanded or scaled from regions to much larger areas across continents," he said.

Purdue will make five presentations. Jacobs said Notre Dame and Purdue have been collaborating on research related to global health.

"They are devising an instrument that would be very useful for the diagnosis of HIV/AIDs," he said. "Some of the technical aspects of that device are very similar to the projects going on at Notre Dame."

The Purdue group, led by Senior Associate Vice President for Research Alan Rebar, will feature presentations by Joe Pekny, director of Discovery Park's e-Enterprise Center entitled "Applying Systems Engineering to Global Health Challenges," and "Development of Novel AIDS Testing Device." Richard Kuhn, the head of biological sciences, will present "Emerging Diseases and Lessons from the Common Cold;" Jess Lowenberg-DeBoer, the associate dean of the College of Agriculture, will give a presentation entitled "Nutrition and Business Development Initiatives"; and Stephen Byrn, the head of the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy will discuss "Pharmacy Education in Tanzania."

The event is also co-sponsored by the Path to Peace Foundation.

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Dennis Jacobs
vice president and
associate provost

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and juniors looking for internships as well, Svete said.

Svete said students have arranged between 600 and 800 interviews for Thursday with companies present.

Notre Dame alumna Molly Hogan recruited for M&I Bank at the fair.

"Researching companies well enough and dressing for the roles they wish to have is something that is extremely important," she said.

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ND political scientist publishes new book

Special to The Observer

"In Search of the Good Life: A Pedagogy for Troubled Times," by Fred Dallmayr, Packey J. Dee professor of political science recently was published by the University Press of Kentucky.

The book examines the development of the Aristotelian understanding of the "good life" as the purpose of human existence from ancient to modern times. Following its expression in Greek philosophy, Judeo-Christian tradition, the Eastern religions, and postindustrial social criticism, Dallmayr explores the works of numerous thinkers including Bonaventure, Nicolaus of Cusa, Leibniz and Montesquieu. He also suggests the notion's relevance to the turbulent present era and its applicability to contemporary personal conduct, civic virtue and political engagement.

According to Cornel

West, professor of religion and African-American studies at Princeton University, "Dallmayr is not only a major figure in critical theory and political philosophy but also an exemplary teacher who cares deeply about the future of paideia (the highest learning). Don't miss this powerful and poignant book."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1978, Dallmayr specializes in modern and contemporary European thought as well as in comparative philosophy and non-Western political thought, cross-cultural dialogue, and global human rights. He is the author of 14 books, including "Achieving Our World: Toward A Global and Plural Democracy"; "Dialogue Among Civilizations: Some Exemplary Voices"; "Beyond Orientalism: Essays on Cross-cultural Encounter"; and "Alternative Visions: Paths in The Global Village."

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Consumer spending slows slightly

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices posted a rare decline in August while the battered housing industry saw construction fall to the slowest pace in 12 years.

The new economic reports Wednesday were seen as justification for the Federal Reserve's bolder-than-expected cut in interest rates to try to ward off a recession. Analysts said the waning inflation pressures gave the Fed the room to cut interest rates while the continued severe downturn in housing gave the central bank a reason to move.

The Labor Department reported that consumer prices dipped by 0.1 percent in August. It was the first decline since a 0.4 percent drop in October 2006 and reflected a big drop in gasoline and other energy prices.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes fell by 2.6 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.331 million units. That was the slowest pace since June 1995 and put construction activity 19.1 percent below the level of a year ago.

New pricing raises food maker's profits

MINNEAPOLIS — Charging more for Cheerios and Lucky Charms and Yoplait yogurt helped General Mills report an 8 percent increase in its first-quarter profit on Wednesday. The foodmaker said more price increases might be on the way if ingredient and fuel prices keep rising.

"We are actively monitoring the need to pass along additional input cost pressures as they arise," Chairman and Chief Executive Steve Sanger said on a conference call with analysts.

Golden Valley-based General Mills Inc. announced in June that it would shrink its cereal boxes slightly to make them more like competitors. Shoppers might have seen lower prices on each box, but the price for each ounce of cereal actually went up. General Mills raised prices on Yoplait in July, and also raised prices on Green Giant vegetables and in its food service division that delivers food to cafeterias.

Corporations look ahead to holidays

Companies plan to keep workers happy, customers satisfied for annual rush

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Big companies like L.L. Bean and Hallmark are already in holiday mode, sending out catalogs and putting merchandise on display. Small business owners might want to follow their lead.

Although Christmas is still three months away, doing some holiday planning now will make life — business and personal — a lot easier come December. That includes thinking about year-end staffing and parties and buying gifts now.

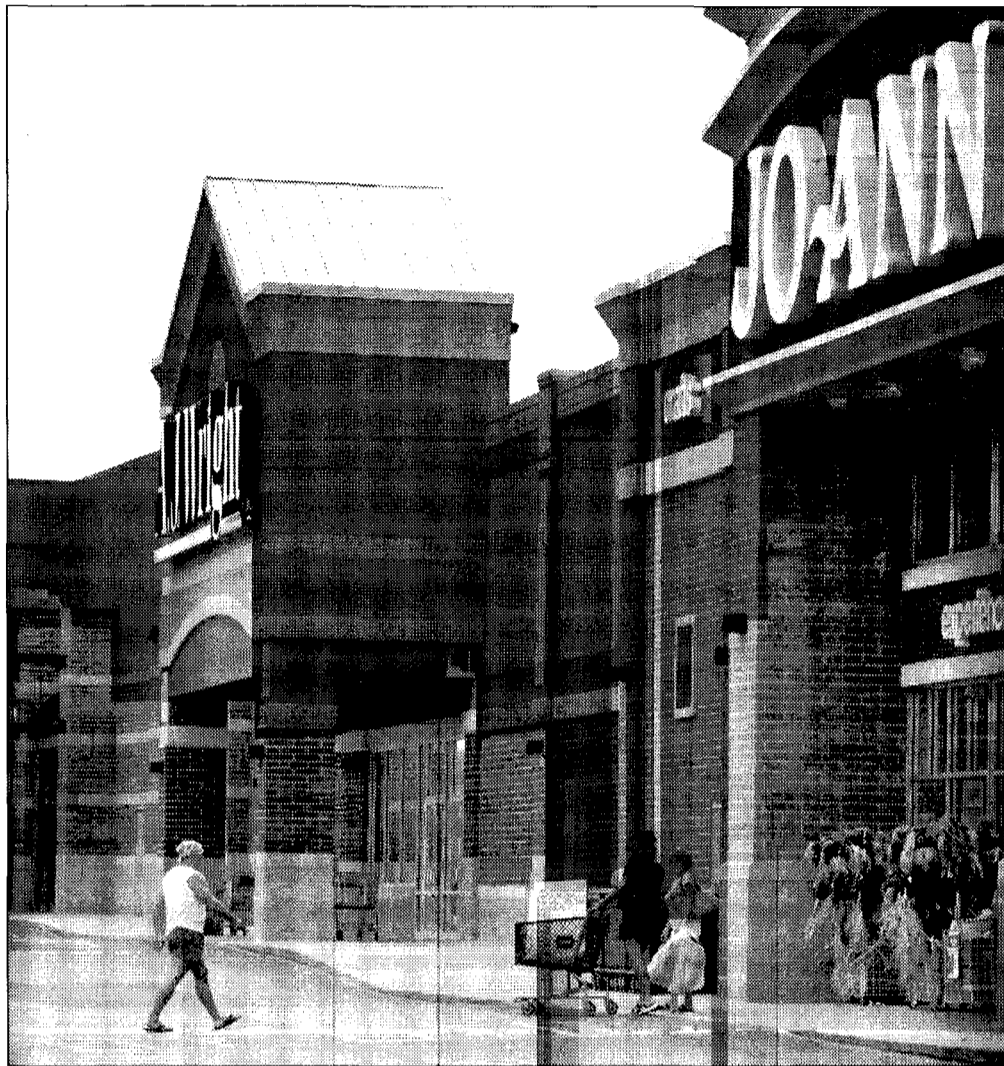
It can also mean getting customers ready. At Pooch Chicago, an upscale day-care, kennel and spa for dogs, owner Robin Tomb began reminding customers in July that they need to book early for the holidays, or risk not being able to board their pets when December arrives.

"We have found over the past several years that come early December, we're completely booked, and people haven't planned," Tomb said. Some of her best customers were surprised when they called on Dec. 22 and learned it was too late to board their pets.

To try to avoid such disappointments, the Pooch Hotel is sending another reminder this week "so we can take care of clients now," Tomb said.

Many companies have learned that planning holiday staffing levels — including who'll be off and at what times — is best done early to avoid conflicts between employees, and to be sure that customers and clients are taken care of.

At PR by the Book, an Austin, Texas-based publicity firm, planning means asking employees how much time they need to



Because of the current weak retail market, many companies are feeling the need to make preparations early for the holiday season.

take off for the holidays, and then coordinating the company's workload accordingly.

Owner Marika Flatt says the company won't take on more projects than it can handle during the holidays because "we all have young kids and we all want to spend time around the holidays with our families."

"We like to prepare for that in advance; the worst thing we can do is overcommit and not deliver," Flatt said.

That can mean turning away some new business, but Flatt said that because

two-thirds of the company's clients are book-related, for the most part their needs can often be handled before or after the holidays. So she'll arrange in advance with clients to do the work when it's not the height of the holiday season.

Early planning for holiday parties is critical if owners want to insure they hold their events at the locations they want on the dates they want. Basho Strategies Inc., a Burlington, Mass.-based company that provides sales training, has picked

dates for its client and employee holiday parties, and already booked a spot for the latter event.

"It's absolutely essential to start looking" early, said Renay Picard, Basho's vice president of marketing. "If we had waited any longer, it would be too late."

Like many companies, Basho learned the hard way that it should have planned in advance, Picard said. Planning has also become critical because the company has grown so much; now, an executive assistant handles many of the details.

Genesco purchase hits roadblocks

Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Investment bank UBS AG has stopped working on closing documents for The Finish Line Inc.'s buyout of Genesco Inc. because of concerns about Genesco's performance since the deal was announced.

Indianapolis-based Finish Line said on Wednesday that UBS Loan Finance LLC and UBS Securities LLC have asked for additional information before signing off on the \$1.5 billion deal for Genesco.

Genesco's Chairman and Chief Executive Hal N. Pennington responded in a letter released publicly to Finish Line that UBS' reluctance is unrelated to the financial performance at the Nashville-based retailer.

"They are now looking for a way to

back out of their commitment — in our view, not because of Genesco's results but because the upheaval in the credit markets makes this deal less profitable for them," Pennington said in the letter.

"We are not going to allow the litigation consulting firm they have hired to go on a fishing expedition," he said.

Genesco said late last month that it swung to a loss of \$4.2 million, or 19 cents per share, in the quarter ended Aug. 4. That compared to a profit of \$5.9 million, or 24 cents per share, in the year-ago quarter. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had expected a profit of 31 cents per share.

Finish Line made the \$54.50-per-share offer for the athletic footwear and apparel retailer in June.

Genesco's shareholders approved the buyout on Monday. Finish Line said

in a release that it is still working toward the closing, though "it continues to evaluate its options in accordance with the terms of the merger agreement."

UBS said in communications with The Finish Line that it "intends to defer any further work on the remaining closing documents ... pending the results of its analyses of Genesco's financial condition and performance," according to a Finish Line statement.

Finish Line operates 698 Finish Line stores in 47 states, 95 Man Alive stores in 19 states and seven Paiva stores in seven states.

Genesco sells shoes, hats and accessories in more than 2,000 retail stores in the United States and Canada under several store names, including Journeys, Johnston & Murphy, Hatworld and Lids.

Facebook

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colleagues or used a search mechanism on the site to do background checks."

Default privacy settings allow all members of a user's school, region or work network to view their information. These settings can be adjusted to limit information to be available to confirmed friends only.

"I have the highest security settings available on my account, and definitely try and keep my information as vague as possible," senior Lauren Benenati said. "Even still, I've heard stories from friends that despite these settings, recruiters can still access information."

Benenati said the most likely way of encountering problems is through photographs that the user — or others — "tags" on Facebook, thus identifying the subjects of the photographs. Although she said she has never been told during a job interview that her profile has been searched, she has researched some company Web sites that claim to check Facebook and MySpace for incriminating material.

"One of my friends from the University of Florida told me that an interviewer for pharmaceutical sales company in Florida had seen a picture of him with beer on Facebook," she said. "During the interview, the recruiter mentioned this just to verify that he was 21 and not breaking any laws, but even such a minor thing like a beer turned into something fairly intense."

"There are definitely two school of thought out there, in that some people are looking to see if there are alarming things on somebody's page, whereas others think that it's their space; leave it alone."

Lee Svete
director of career services

Recruiting though profiles

Still, students feel it's unfair for paranoia over job interviews to prevent them from posting spring break pictures or expressing their political views on Facebook.

Svete said that such concerns should not be blown completely out of proportion.

"Some employers have stopped checking Facebook

in a backlash because students feel that it's their space," he said. "There are definitely two schools of thought out there, in that some people are looking to

see if there are alarming things on somebody's page, whereas others people think that it's their space; leave it alone."

A Notre Dame alum who works for a top-tier investment bank, but requested to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions from her current employer, said checking the Facebook accounts of job candidates can serve to her company's benefit.

"Often times, the people recruiting you are people who are a couple of years out of college," she said.

"[We look] at profiles to see if they would be a good fit for our group based on common interests. It doesn't really affect whether or not you will get the job, but rather what department would suit you best within the company," she said.

When asked about how students should approach controlling certain types of content — such as pictures of underage drinking — she said that usually recruiters have a fairly relaxed opinion toward that kind of display, but that the student should just be generally cautious of the kind of perception he delivers to the public.

"We understand that alcohol is a part of college, and

once you get to corporate cultures, you'll be drinking with colleagues during your training, so it's not a huge deal," she said. "You just have to understand the boundary between what is and isn't appropriate, and the kind of image you convey to your boss before you even reach the job."

A conservative approach

There are still some upperclassmen, like junior Kirk Fogg, who have chosen not to toy with privacy settings on their Facebook account and are still comfortable with leaving their information open to the public.

"Anybody can access my information," he said. "But I really haven't touched it in months — the only thing that keeps changing is the pictures people tag of me. I

think that if I post something on there that is funny, my hope is that somebody else who sees it will also find it funny as well."

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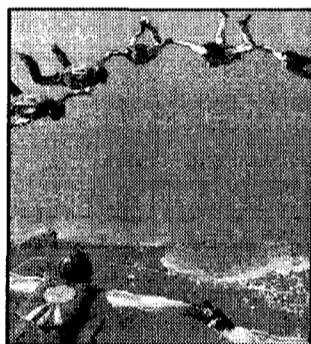
Fogg said he tries to stay conservative with what he posts. "I know an employer won't be disturbed with what's on there as long as I am not completely out of

control, like posting pictures of nudity," he said. "And personally, I don't want to work for an employer that gets bent out of shape for [me] drinking alcohol once in awhile."

"Still, I understand that it's all part of the culture we live in, and once in awhile you have to abide by the so-called 'rules,' so just use common sense," he said.

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"It's ingrained in everything we do," he said. "As a Catholic university, it's very much consistent with our mission."

A formal policy requires investors to comply with the Catholic bishops' guidelines on investments and forbids investment in 350 companies whose practices are considered in violation of Catholic social teaching, he said.

Despite the guidelines, Notre Dame ranks in the top two or three schools in the nation in raw endowment growth during the past 20 years, Malpass said.

The growth can be attributed, at least in part, to "revolutionized and modernized" approaches to investing since the late 1980s, he said.

The investment office has diversified its investments so that Notre Dame's endowment pool now ranks among the most global funds in the nation, with about 40 percent of assets in non-United States currencies, he said.

The University's investors have also made a large commitment to private investments — including private equity, real estate and private energy funds, he said.

"We get access to the best investment firms in the world," Malpass said. "They love Notre Dame as a partner."

... They know we're going to be there with them."

Malpass called this summer's economic turbulence caused by a sub-prime mortgage crisis "a challenging period" but said the University "came through the summer very well."

Though University investments have had high returns, endowment growth is also tied to a high rate of donations by alumni, Malpass said.

More than 54 percent of Notre Dame alumni now make some financial contribution to their alma mater — a statistic that places Notre Dame sec-

ond among American universities for alumni participation, he said.

The University's \$6.54 billion endowment pool should be the 14th or 15th largest endowment of American colleges this year, though figures have not yet been released nationally, he said.

Harvard's endowment is the largest in the world at \$34.9 billion, the Boston Globe reported in August.

During the next few years, Malpass said, he hopes to increase the percentage of the University operating budget that comes from the endowment.

When he began at his position in 1988, three or four percent of the operating budget came from the endowment. Today, about 20 percent of the operating budget is funded from the endowment.

The income from the fund allows the University to slow down the growth of tuition and other student charges.

He also hopes Notre Dame will break into the top 10 endowments in the nation.

"There's other people out there who have pretty good investment offices and fundraisers," he said. "But I think within the next 10 years, it's very possible."

A long history

The growth of the University endowment has been substantial since University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, whom Malpass described as "the godfather of the endowment," took office in 1952.

At the beginning of the 1950s, there were five colleges and universities in Indiana with larger endow-

ments than Notre Dame's, Malpass said.

"When I became president, I realized if you took the 20 top endowments in the country, you got the 20 best schools in the country," Hesburgh said.

These highly endowed schools were able to hire top faculty, sponsor leading research and build excellent libraries, he said.

When he became president, the University had a \$7 million endowment with an annual operating budget of \$6 million.

"It wasn't like we were 30th or 20th and woke up," Hesburgh said. "We were not on the chart when we began. An endowment of \$7 million was

zilch, and a budget of \$6 million was laughable."

Hesburgh described how his executive vice president and close friend Father Ned Joyce, a certified public accountant, helped Hesburgh make financial decisions for the University during his presidency.

"I told him, Ned, on the big decisions, the fiscal and monetary stuff, you're the guardian of the gate," he said. "You tell me what to do."

Hesburgh later served on the board of Chase Manhattan Bank, then the third largest bank in the United States. He advised the board on any moral issues involved with potential investments, he said.

Today, the endowment pool continues to aid the growth and development of the University campus, student body and faculty.

About 30 percent of the endowment pool goes to scholarship funds, and about 25 percent goes to endowed faculty chairs, Malpass said.

Hesburgh said those funds are crucial for the University's development.

"We're at a point today, which very few schools are, where we can pick the very best class of 1,800 people out of over 14,000 applicants without even looking at their financial needs," he said.

The University also needs funds available to compete for top faculty from around the world, he said. Since he created the first endowed professorship early in his presidency, that number has grown to more than 200 endowed faculty members, Hesburgh said.

"I'm a little biased, of course — this is my business — but I think of endowments as the eighth wonder of the world," Malpass said. "What other concept is there where you have a permanent fund that grows over time, provides perpetual operating support, critical, essential operating support to an institution."

Endowments were first created in the United Kingdom, likely during the 12th century, when land was bestowed upon religious orders, he said.

"They're really an American phenomenon today," he said. "It's a reason our higher education system is so strong."

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story is written from five different points of view.

Professor Stuart Greene, associate dean of undergraduate studies in Arts and Letters, introduced Cummins to those in attendance in the Hospitality Room of South Dining Hall.

"Ann is a gentle and nurturing soul. She is a successful teacher at Northern Arizona University," he said. "She is a striking writer and has a wonderful

ability of drawing out her characters through her writing."

Cummins teaches undergraduate and graduate creative writing at Northern Arizona and said her writing affects her teaching in a positive way.

"Being an active writer helps to feed my teaching."

Ann Cummins
author

"Being an active writer helps to feed my teaching," she said. "This helps my students with their writing and comprehension."

The novel is based on the making of yellowcake, the liquid produced by making ore in uranium mills, and much of the content was derived from Cummins' personal experiences.

Cummins came from a

Catholic family and grew up on a Navajo Indian reservation. Her father worked in a uranium mill.

"For [main character] Ryland Mahoney, I drew from many characteristics of my father. ... He was a very right-to-work kind of man; he believed you are responsible for your own actions and their consequences. He was also a very staunch Catholic," she said.

"A lot of the material in the novel is from conflict in my own family," she continued. "I lived on the Navajo reservation in the 1960s, but there I did not under-

stand true Navajo culture. It wasn't until I moved off the reservation where I learned about the Navahos."

She now lives with her husband, Steve, in Oakland, Calif., where he is a coffee bean roaster.

In a question-and-answer session after the reading, Cummins said writing a short story was a very different experience than writing a novel.

"I never thought I could write a novel. I am a perfectionist and it's like a disease," she said. "The process is very long

because it is a slow process to develop characters for me. Writing the novel was very rewarding and I would definitely write another."

Cummins said she creates characters that "help to answer the questions most people are afraid to answer themselves."

"I have a wonderful editor who asks questions and doesn't make changes," she said. "She is a careful reader and respectful of fiction literature. My publishing company is interested in literary works and not big blockbusters."

Notre Dame freshmen Stacy Brandt and Katie Halloran, who attended the reading, enjoyed Cummins' performance and said it added to their appreciation of the novel.

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Iraqis to control nation later than U.S. planned

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In another sign of U.S. struggles in Iraq, the target date for putting Iraqi authorities in charge of security in all 18 provinces has slipped yet again, to at least July.

The delay, noted in a Pentagon report to Congress on progress and problems in Iraq, highlights the difficulties in developing Iraqi police forces and the slow pace of economic and political progress in some areas.

It is the second time this year the target date for completing what is known as "Provincial Iraqi Control" has been pushed back. The Pentagon report submitted to Congress on Monday hinted at the possibility of further delays.

The intent is to give the provincial governments control over security in their area as a step toward lessening — and eventually ending — the U.S. security role.

Thus far seven of the 18 provinces have reverted to Iraqi control.

The process has gained relatively little attention in the broader debate in Washington about when and how to get the Iraqis ready to provide their own security so that U.S. forces can begin to leave. That may be in part because some details of the provincial transition process are classified secret.

An independent commission that examined the issue of provincial Iraqi control this summer concluded in a report to Congress on Sept. 4 that the process is too convoluted and an impediment to the overall U.S. goals of speeding the transition to Iraqi control and supporting sovereignty.

"Our current policy of determining when a province may or may not be controlled by its own government reinforces the popular perception of the (U.S.-led) coalition as an occupation force," according to the commission, headed by retired Marine Gen. James Jones. "This may contribute to increased violence and instability."

The commission recommended that all 18 provinces return to Iraqi control immediately. U.S. forces would continue to operate in the areas they are now, in coordination with Iraqi

authorities; Iraqi control would mean U.S. troops could transition to less combat-intense roles.

In an interview Wednesday, Jones said he and the other commissioners got the strong impression from Iraqi officials they met in Baghdad this summer that they want full provincial control without further delay.

"The whole process seems to be acting as more of a brake on progress than a help," Jones said. "If the Iraqi government is willing, I think we should be putting as much on them as possible. To have a sovereign government that doesn't control all of its provinces doesn't make a lot of sense to me."

In an Associated Press interview last week, Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, defended the transition process. It involves a series of detailed reviews and assessments by U.S. and Iraqi officials, culminating with input by Petraeus and the most senior Iraqi government leaders.

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Eight plays is enough

The latest edition of the popular Madden NFL video game series debuted recently to hot sales, despite mixed reviews and grumbling about the lack of substantial changes to the game. Reasonably enough, people who pay \$50 for each yearly edition hope for more changes than just the customary updates to team rosters. Recent versions of the game have included such innovations as Superstar Mode, where you develop your own player and try to turn him into an MVP, Owner Mode, in which you deal with such mundane details as how much to charge for parking and hot dogs, and the unpopular Vision Cone, which was supposed to make quarterback play more realistic, but which aggravated enough Madden loyalists that it was quickly scrapped.

The problem is that too often these flourishes are added at the expense of functionality. During Madden gameplay, the television screen is occupied with full offensive and defensive playbooks, helpful hints from the coach himself, statistical charts and other distractions.

This problem is endemic to society; take the new Notre Dame homepage as an example. Whoever was paid a lot of money to redesign the page has clearly bought into the idea that new necessarily equals better. The site is now a Web 2.0 hodgepodge of unnecessary videos and the background color, which is much harder to read against, has only the value of being new. The old site was highly navigable because of its sparse design and white background for easier reading. Its only flaw was that it was not flashy enough, and so resources and time were wasted simply to junk up the site to appeal to people with shorter attention spans.

"Ooh, videos, and cool graphics and

new colors. Ooh!"

Facebook too, is indicative of this mindset. I know it sounds absurd to rhapsodize about the "old days" of a Web site that is only four or five years old, but it used to be that a person would simply signify that they were a fan of "Arrested Development" by listing it as one of their favorite TV shows. Information was shared in a concise, readable fashion. And we all liked it that way. Now that same person can add up to four separate applications proclaiming their preference for the show, as well as eight separate Harry Potter applications, about a dozen new types of walls, and an LOLcats picture thrown in for good measure.

Surely the people who add all these applications can not possibly realize the damage they are causing to the retinas of those unfortunate souls who navigate to their page just to leave a simple message. Buffeted ruthlessly by horoscopes and personality test results, the would-be messenger is dismayed, and gives up in shame.

No matter what, our collective consciousness tells us that last year's product must be inferior to this year's, and in our search for complacency through consumption, simplicity and functionality are abandoned. Advertisers spend millions to sell us on the fact that we need this year's bells and whistles, but their work is not hard, because for the most part our brains are wired to be receptive to such messages.

There is only one hope, and that is a return to simplicity. With that in mind, I have eschewed Facebook applications, a decision I heartily recommend, and I have also reverted to a happier era in videogame history. I have forsaken Madden, and embraced Tecmo.

That's right, Tecmo Super Bowl, the first and best football videogame to use the rosters of all 28 (not 32) NFL teams, except for those greedy few who denied Tecmo immortality by

holding out for a few dollars more. I'm looking at you, Bernie Kosar, Randall Cunningham and Jim Kelly.

The beauty of TSB lies in that what seems at first to be a simple game opens up into a world of inherent complexity. Though there are only eight plays to choose from on offense, the true champion player knows he has a variety of options to attack from. Each team's strengths and weaknesses can be utilized to near perfection. For example, Patriots quarterback Steve Grogan's tendency to drastically over-throw ordinary receivers leads to throwing perfect jump-balls for Irving Fryar. Timm (that's right, two Ms) Rosenbach, quarterback of the Phoenix (yes, Phoenix) Cardinals may not be the greatest threat on the deep pass, but using short passes and rollouts, the advanced player can create quite a lot of confusion in his opponent.

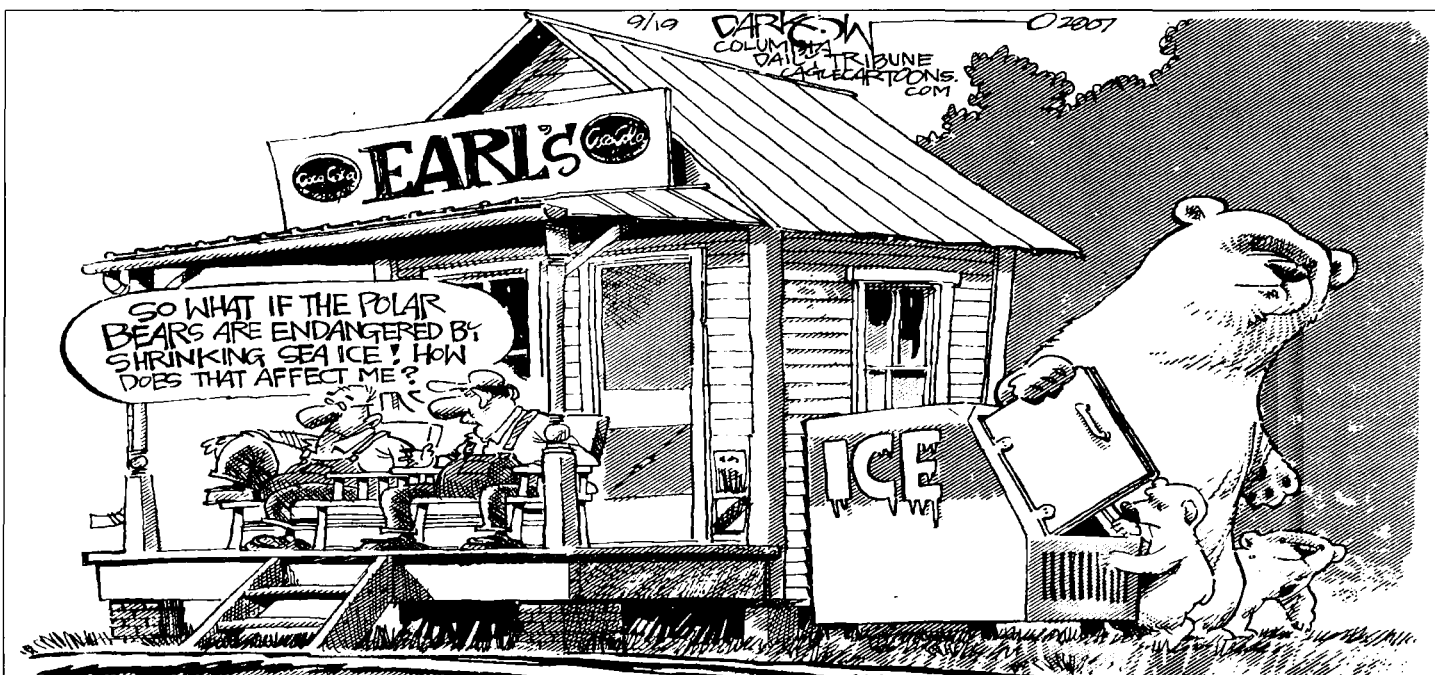
So too can, ditch the fancy modes, much too complex playbooks, and slightly more realistic graphics and join those few of us who know that sometimes you just can't stop Christian Okoye when you're playing with the Colts, that your kick returner's speed is tied to that of your left tackle, and that there's nothing more exciting than the rare double-jump cut-scene. You too can come live in a world where Joe Montana, Boomer Esiason and Vinny Testaverde are still playing quarterback.

Well, scratch that last one. I guess some things will never change.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity."

Harlan Ellison
author

Musings on the back porch of heaven

Last Saturday, some of us — mercifully spared the trip to the Big House in Ann Arbor, or was that the Coliseum in Rome? — instead packed into the 6,500-seat Centre Antares, in Le Mans, France, for the Beatification Mass of the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Father Basile Moreau. It was the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. (Note to the Athletic Department: We should not tempt the spirits by playing big road games on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows — it is just asking for trouble.) A Mass of Thanksgiving followed on Sunday, in Moreau's home, Cathedrale de Saint-Julien in Le Mans.

Father Lou
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They were, appropriately, enormous celebrations. Beatification is the last major step before becoming a saint. All that remains is canonization, when Moreau will officially become St. Basile.

Which raises the question — what exactly does it mean to be beatified? Or, as my nephew put it, "Is he in heaven, or ain't he?" Beatified, but not yet canonized. Is he, like, on the back porch of heaven? Eating hors-d'oeuvres but no entrée? In the "Others Receiving Votes" but not yet the Top 25 on St. Peter's AP Poll?

I looked up at the two-story high banner of Moreau's portrait, hanging behind the altar. What was he thinking? 6,500

people chanting your name is enough to make anyone smile, though when you're already in heaven, isn't everything else a letdown? I followed his gaze down to the floor of the arena. And it was there that it hit me.

The crowd was awesome in its diversity. African priests in bold multi-colored robes from the Holy Cross province in Uganda peppered the otherwise white-clad celebrants. Bangladeshi sisters from the Holy Cross community, living among the poor in Bangladesh, danced up the center aisle to the rhythmic shakes of tambourines, bearing flowers to decorate the altar. The priest celebrating next to me — a Haitian — spoke only Creole, our lone point of mutual comprehension an energetic, familial embrace at the sign of peace. Chilean students from Holy Cross' biggest school — St. George's in Santiago is a kindergarten through high school with more students than Notre Dame — rowdily waved a Chilean flag and sang happy birthday in Spanish to one of their party. Mass hardly being a place to keep silent in Santiago. Domers studying abroad in Europe tried valiantly, mostly unsuccessfully, to explain where Indiana is, and raised their fingers in swirls, the crescendo of "Gooooooooooooo Moreau" announcing the kick-off to the Mass.

LeMans, France is three hours southwest of Paris, stuck rather uninspiringly halfway between le grand capitale and the Atlantic coast. It is hardly a place

that makes you strut down Main Street thinking, "If my parents could only see me now...."

Yet, there we all were — from extremely different places on the planet, priests, brothers, sisters, and lay people, under the patronage of Holy Cross schools, universities, social services, parishes, somehow all linked to a young priest with an idea in LeMans, France, as his world was falling apart around him in the rubble of the first days following the French Revolution. A man, only recently ordained into a persecuted Church, who founded an order dedicated to evangelization and Catholic education. The more I think about it, the more incredible it seems. We are all here because of him.

This afternoon, in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities join to celebrate the beatification of Father Moreau. We will continue to celebrate throughout the year. And while the celebration is obviously very much about Moreau — he is in heaven, after all, if only on the back porch — the Mass is, in a certain way, much more about us, one of Moreau's most amazing legacies.

We give thanks to God today for a man who believed in the Gospel. Who spent his life for Jesus Christ and his Church, in some of the Church's darkest days. Who began to found kindergartens and grade schools and parishes in the middle

of rural France. As more people joined him, he kept building, then started sending — first to Africa, then to the US (where Father Sorin, a bit of a rogue, stopped short of his destination — he was supposed to go to California, but don't let yourself daydream too much — and overspent on a wild idea he had to start a school in Indiana), then to Canada, and Bangladesh. Others would follow to India and South America.

This is the work of no human. This is the work of Providence. And yet, the mystery of the Incarnation, which is at the very heart of our Faith, makes the bold claim that God dwells among us most fully in a human being — most fully in Jesus Christ, but through Christ, in each of us. This is how God continues God's work in the world — through the inspired work of the human beings that constitute the Church. Some among us are heroes, whose work God blesses to inspire the rest of us, seize our hearts and mobilize our energies. And create places — like Notre Dame — that continue the legacy long after the hero kicks his feet up on the back porch of heaven.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholic character more complex

Greg Yatarola ("ND's Catholic — Don't be surprised", Sept. 18) appears to believe that the glossy brochures and booklets designed to sell Notre Dame to awestruck high school seniors tell the full and complete story of life at Our Lady's University. While, at first glance, this may be true (the literature should at least be an approximation of the truth), it becomes painfully obvious with only a modicum of inquiry that this view is, indeed, false. No admissions publication could ever hope to be so exhaustive. While I applaud the author on his ability to ruffle feathers (something that I, too, enjoy), I am nonetheless puzzled by his piece. Though he purports to "have no right to say whether you should be at Notre Dame," his opinion is thinly veiled. I am curious, then, to know exactly what Mr. Yatarola believes are the core components that make Notre Dame so obviously Catholic. One would be remiss not to highlight the opening Mass of the academic year, our flourishing chapter of Right to Life, and single-sex dorms as evidence of Notre Dame's Catholic character. But I suspect that Mr. Yatarola would not want to discuss the University's resistance to the goals of the Campus Labor Action Project, or to the efforts of those students who seek to bring fair-trade produce to the dining halls, as further proof. Maybe Mr. Yatarola would rather appeal to campus staples like Zahm's semiannual Bun Run, the ROTC program, University President Father John

Jenkins's relationship with the Board of Trustees, or the fact that women comprise only 19.5 percent of tenured and tenure track faculty. These, too, are facts about Notre Dame, a premier Catholic institution. Does that mean that they also make Notre Dame Catholic? Surely the author remembers the debacle created when Jenkins suggested that the Notre Dame community critically engage the intersection of its dual role as both a Catholic university and a Catholic university — must we revisit this tired debate? While I cannot claim to speak for the rest of the "sad PSA misfits," I will say that many of my friends at Notre Dame do not consider themselves the "typical Domer." Many, indeed probably most of them are Catholic, yet they struggle with the same issues that I find troubling. But that is the crux of what makes them such good Catholics — they recognize the problems with the system and are using their faith to inform their actions as they "speak truth to power." I invite Mr. Yatarola to attend a meeting of the Progressive Student Alliance when he is available; we meet on Tuesday nights at 9:30 in the Great Hall, where we try to make Notre Dame a better place, Catholic or not.

Stacey Williams
senior
McGlinn Hall
Sept. 19

Fundraising valued at ND

The comments by Kyle Cassily about benefactor Phil Purcell in last Wednesday's issue ("Benefactor deserves thanks for quiet gift," Sept. 13) of The Observer are a poor representation of fundraising at the University of Notre Dame.

A member of the University's Board of Trustees, Mr. Purcell has contributed \$12.5 million to the soon-to-begin renovation of Notre Dame's Joyce Center arena. Facilities are among the most important components of our athletics program (as they are for the campus as a whole), and they are critical to the recruiting process. Pinpointing benefactors such as Mr. Purcell is essential because that is how the University funds its facilities. None of us would be here if it were not for these individuals, whose names you will find on buildings all over campus. From a fundraising perspective, identifying the primary benefactor, especially when the person is in a visible leadership role, helps motivate and inspire others to support the University.

Maybe the most unfortunate aspect of the negative comments by Cassily is the fact that students benefit the most from the generosity of people like Mr. Purcell.

Athletics is in the process of raising more than \$68.5 million to upgrade our facilities. We're in the business of believing that \$12.5 million contributions generally are good things. We think that most of you would agree.

John Heisler
senior associate athletics director
Notre Dame
Sept. 19

Keep the career fair unrestricted

God, Country, Notre Dame. The saying becomes embedded into our minds as the ideal priority of living. It is chiseled in stone at the entrance to the Sacred Heart Basilica.

At Notre Dame we have a history of supporting our troops — our active ROTC programs, the Stonehenge memorial commemorating those who lost their lives in World War II. We are first and foremost a Catholic School, however immediately following our faith comes our duty to the United States of America.

The article in the Viewpoint yesterday raises concerns about admitting the CIA and Raytheon into our career fair. Mr.

Angulo, Ms. Hass, and Ms. Quiros bring forth various facts about the war in Iraq and concerns about the CIA's operations. While no one can refute their evidence, to suggest that we refuse companies who support our government and the armed forces to recruit at our career fair is asinine and ignorant. If anything we should be supporting these types of companies to recruit from our university. Corporations like the CIA and Raytheon, even other government contractors like the FBI and Boeing, need the best and brightest minds to keep our country safe. Refusing them the option to recruit at such a renowned institution

as ours would infringe upon our duty to pay service to our country.

Furthermore, I would like to think that upon graduating from this illustrious university, the recognized men and women would have the competence and intelligence to choose their own career paths without someone restricting their options. The proposed exclusion of certain companies due certain small aspects of their work ignores the other countless other industries that the CIA and Raytheon specifically are involved in. Raytheon's sole product is not the 5,000 pound bomb being used in Afghanistan. The entirety of CIA opera-

tives is not solely involved in the War on Terror.

The Career Fair at the University of Notre Dame is one of the best opportunities across the U.S. to be exposed to an extremely wide variety of companies and to use that opportunity to explore a wide variety of career options. To thwart this opportunity would be a blatant misuse of the wonderful prospects this great University gives us as students.

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Band produces unoriginal, weak album

OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

By **TIM GALLO**
Staff Writer

Last spring, Cartel moved into a "bubble" in New York, where the group members had 20 days to record their next album, "Cartel." During this process, the band had fans watching it through a glass window. The end result of this strenuous experiment was this self-titled album.

What is clear after listening to "Cartel" is that, bubble or no bubble, Cartel was never going to produce a solid album. It is full of generic pop-punk tunes that junior high students would enjoy listening to in the car as their moms drive them to

the movie theater. The guitars are simple and fast, and lead singer Will Pugh moans and screams about girls and, well, girls.

The unimpressive lyrics sound like they have been sung by 50 other bands before them. He sings about "looking into her eyes," "hiding myself away" and "needing you there." These words work for over-emotional, sensitive teenagers who just found out their crush has another date to homecoming. But to the rest of the planet, Cartel sounds like another generic, boring, annoying emo band.

"Cartel" does have a few strengths. It kicks off with "The Best," an almost seductive intro that ends too quickly. The next two songs, "Tonight" and "Lose It," are melodic jams that, while unoriginal, make the listener tap his toes and have fun with the song. As the album progresses, however, these three-minute ditties become boring and irritating. The melodies, lyrics, and guitar riffs all blend together into one brutal scream fest.

Where this album really goes bad is when

Cartel tries to get musically "creative." Songs like "I Will Hide Myself Away/I Will Follow" prove that Cartel will never be the next Rolling Stones, much less the next Blink 182.

This experimentation reaches an all-time low at "Wasted," which half-heartedly discusses cancer and bad parents with the chorus "We're wasted."

But wait, it gets worse.

The pathetic plea is backed by marching band-style drums and horns. That's right, the same drums and horns you hear at football games. Whoever thought that a song about being "wasted" should talk about terminal illness and have a beat out of Nick Cannon's "Drum Line" should never be near anything that records any sound.

And, to make things worse, "Wasted" comes back at the end of the album as a remix with Wyclef Jean. A bad song is given a hip-hop beat, including a lazy rap by Wyclef about how much George Bush stinks (which is a first for conscientious rappers). Both the song and the remix sound like bad ideas.

No one should be shocked that Cartel made such a weak record because no one really expects the band to make a solid one. Cartel's job is to produce catchy pop-punk tunes that are radio-friendly. They succeed in doing this on a few songs, but



Photo courtesy of highwiredeaze.com

Cartel's self-titled album is a disappointing attempt at emo-pop sounds.

beyond this, the record is a disgrace. Cartel should instead try to make eight to 10 good emo-pop songs. Any attempts beside this will just bring the music world more pain.

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Cartel
Cartel
Released by: Epic South Africa
Recommended Tracks: Lost It, The Best, Tonight

Animal Collective

NYC band transcends genre, creates new sound



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

By **MARK WITTE**
Staff Writer

Take a step off the beaten track of mainstream music and enter the world of Animal Collective.

With classifications spanning from indie rock to psych and freak folk, it is impossible to pinpoint the exact genre of Animal Collective's music. The band's erratic, often nonsensical lyrics and its barrage of abstract sounds places Animal Collective in a genre of its own.

This might scare off the faint of heart, especially in the band's latest album "Strawberry Jam." But those lingering awhile will find that there is more to

Animal Collective than first meets the ear.

Though the band's founder and frontman Avey Tare (David Portner) and drummer Panda Bear (Noah Lennox), both Baltimore natives, first released music together in 2000, they did not create an album under the name Animal Collective until 2003, when they picked up guitarist Deakin (Josh Dibb) and the Geologist (Brian Weitz). Their album was called "Here Comes the Indian."

"Strawberry Jam," which hit stores Sept. 11, marks the eighth time Avey Tare has released an album and the third time all four of the members have collaborated on an effort. With a splash

of insightful songwriting and radical tunes, "Strawberry Jam" renews Animal Collective's distinctive sound.

The opening track, "Peacebone" blends chaotic influences with simple harmony. The song pulses forward with a space-age, techno-like rhythm, complimented in an off-beat manner by an assortment of jarring sound

effects that include screams and cracking whips. The sound effects create a frenzied harmony during the song's chorus as Tare sings of forgetting the past.

In the track "Unsolved Mysteries," set against a merry-go-round melody, the band asks questions about childhood experiences and their place in the overall experience of life. Before the lyrics descend into nonsense about Jack the Ripper, the band makes an interesting discovery, asking, "What's Pain? What's sadness anyway?" and then answering, "It's not crying like a child."

The album's most exciting song, "Winter Wonder Land," dabbles with visions of a paradise that clash with ignorance and gloom. The song's chorus is so rousing in its attempt to understand the human condition that one could spend hours pondering its questions.

Some of the tracks seem intent on giving the listener a serious headache. But maybe that is how Animal Collective intended it.

"Cuckoo Cuckoo" starts off pensively before descending into madness as a barrage of instruments and sounds clash, completely overwhelming the lis-

tener. Collective's ability to make "Cuckoo" a reality is an achievement, but more than one listen is asking for a migraine.

The album's final track "Derek" sounds like something you might hear at an Austrian puppet show as it joyfully bops along with Tare singing a sort of tribute to his dog, Derek. It feels a bit

odd, however, as the upbeat instrumentation contrasts with lyrics intent on resounding guilt about the animal's treatment.

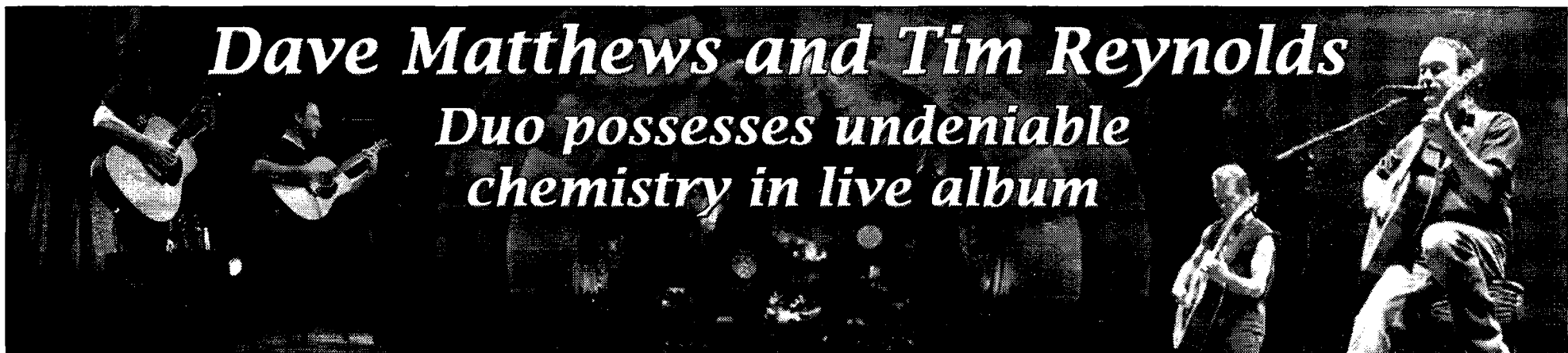
To add to the confusion, the song completely turns on itself halfway

through, becoming like an Irish march. The singer asks "What do you see when you see inside of me?" But such confusion may be Animal Collective's ultimate goal as they strive to be a band unlike any other.

Animal Collective's songs may appeal to too small an audience to ever become more than just a popular cult group. Still, the insightful explosiveness of their lyrics and unique sound makes them well worth a listen. So give "Strawberry Jam" a chance and enter the commune. It just might be your niche.

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Strawberry Jam
Animal Collective
Released by: Domino
Recommended Tracks: Peacebone, Unsolved Mysteries, Winter Wonder Land



Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds Duo possesses undeniable chemistry in live album

OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

By MARK MANLEY
Staff Writer

Intricate, eclectic and smooth, the latest Dave Matthews album, "Live at Radio City Music Hall," could be one of the best albums you buy this year.

Matthews pairs up again with Tim Reynolds in his latest solo release for a very distinctive listen. Reynolds accounts for much of this undeniably different touch through his virtuoso guitar accompaniment and rambling forays into ambient sounds.

He sometimes strays from the bounds of the typical tonal music that most people are accustomed to and enters into a strange

experimental zone — leaving the listener a little perplexed and uncomfortable. Thankfully these moments don't last long, but they leave a lasting impression.

The great chemistry between Matthews and Reynolds is impressive. Matthews gives a great vocal performance, nailing both falsettos and screams in well-known songs like "Crash Into Me" and "Don't Drink the Water." Meanwhile, Reynolds keeps up a subtle, ornate background — an accompaniment that pleases but does not distract.

This album has an interesting mix of songs, contrasting starkly with "Live at Luther College," another collaboration with Reynolds. While "Live at Luther" had many of the songs that are Dave Matthews Band staples, "Live at Radio City" shies away from tunes like "Ants Marching" and "Warehouse." The album instead favors less commercial tracks. "Radio City" is filled with the likes of "Still Water," "So Damn Lucky," "Stay or Leave," and "Lie in Our Graves," which should please the more hardcore Daveheads.

There are plenty of familiar songs on the album, too. The album's



Photo courtesy of yattamusic.com

Dave Matthews, left, and Tim Reynolds team up for "Live at Radio City Music Hall." In between sets, Matthews talks to the crowd with mixed results.

26 songs leave plenty of room for Matthews to include "Gravedigger," "Don't Drink the Water," "Crash Into Me," "#41," and "Two Step." These songs are spread throughout in an even mix, with a slight concentration toward the end.

In between some songs, Matthews connects with the crowd. Sometimes he is funny and sometimes he is serious. When he tries to make the crowd laugh, he is successful only about half the time.

Matthews talks seriously about the war in Iraq. He does not reveal his personal convictions about the war, instead he focuses

on the need to unite and find a common direction, in a non-confrontational tone. Overall, Matthews does an average job with talking to the crowd.

One of the main problems with this album is that it tends to cater to the more selective audience of Daveheads. Many of the songs on the album indeed will not draw a more casual fan to buy this album, but even so "Live at Radio City" is very enjoyable and worth the money.

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Live at Radio City Music Hall
Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds
Released by: RCA
Recommended Tracks: Stay or Leave,
Dancing Nancies, When the World Ends

Scene and Heard



OBSERVER GRAPHIC | Matt Hudson

Classic movie musicals an alternative to new juke-box genre

Movie musical of yore, we hardly knew ye. This Friday, "Across the Universe" enters theaters, the latest in a recent surge of movie musicals. "Across the Universe" takes its cues from one of history's most storied bands, the Beatles, by using their catalog of songs as the basis for its score.

These crazy times, they are a-changin'.

With "Jersey Boys" resurrecting the Four Seasons and "Movin' Out" glorifying Billy Joel, "Across the Universe" is the latest in growing trend of musicals using a performer's library as the source for their music.

Which is fine if you like the original band or you're dying to see "Hanson: The Musical" (God forbid).

For the rest of us, who miss the movie musicals of old, we can either choose to satisfy our addictions with newer, more traditional shows like "Wicked" and "Hairspray," or we can stroll down memory lane with our VHS tapes. As a huge fan of nostalgic sing-a-longs, I'd pick the latter.

So, to prepare you for your soon-to-occur marathon of classic musicals, here's my top 10 list of recommendations. May you, too,



Analise Lipari
Assistant
Scene Editor

find that bursting into song at passionate moments in life is normal, rather than a sign that you should see a therapist.

10. "Calamity Jane" (1953): What's great about this film is seeing Doris Day and Howard Keel at the height of their movie musical careers. "Calamity Jane" is chock-full of the good stuff — a spunky heroine, a love-hate romance and classic songs like "Secret Love."

9. "Meet Me in St. Louis" (1944): Released during World War II, "Meet Me in Saint Louis" is a surprisingly topical musical romp that touches on American anxiety in times of uncertainty and change. The film takes place during the 1904 World's Fair and showcases the versatility and real talent of a post-Yellow Brick Road Judy Garland.

8. "An American in Paris" (1951): Winning an Oscar for Best Picture is no small feat, but "An American in Paris" makes it look easy, with the effortless fun of Gershwin and the talents of musical vet Gene Kelly. S'wonderful, indeed.

7. "My Fair Lady" (1964): Star Audrey Hepburn caught a lot of flack for playing this film's lead, Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle, rather than original Broadway star Julie Andrews. She holds her own in this classic, though, opposite Rex Harrison.

6. "Fiddler on the Roof" (1971): There's something deeply affecting about the bitter-sweet blend of "Tradition" and the

encroaching future in this musical tale of a Russian Jewish family at the dawn of the 20th century. Plus, the songs, such as "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," are so gosh-darn catchy that you can't resist.

5. "Singin' in the Rain" (1952): There's a reason why this film was named American Film Institute's top musical, and it's the powerhouse trio of Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor to "Make 'Em Laugh" in this sweet tale of "talkies" in the 1920s.

4. "The Sound of Music" (1965): Julie Andrews is ridiculously awesome. 'Nuff said.

3. "South Pacific" (1958): Controversial for its time, this underrated classic deals with complex issues like racism, war and death. Unexpected, especially coming from a musical with lines like "I'm as corny as Kansas in August."

2. "Oklahoma!" (1955): The first Rodgers and Hammerstein collaboration, "Oklahoma!" is gloriously and unabashedly optimistic. Leads Shirley Jones (yes, of "The Partridge Family") and Gordan MacRae carry this mood-lifting musical, which features lovely songs like "People Will Say We're In Love."

1. "West Side Story" (1961): This Best Picture winner is nothing short of a modern classic. Plus, it's my favorite, which is reason enough to give it a try.

So kids, here's to hoping that these ten



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Eliza Doolittle transforms in "My Fair Lady," one of the best musicals of all time.

films are reason enough to keep you kickin' it old school. Or at least out of the arms of Hanson.

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians sweep Tigers behind Sabathia, secure division lead

Santana rings up 10 K's in Angels win over Devil Rays; Mariners rout Athletics as King Felix wins third straight

Associated Press

Once top cats in the AL Central, the Detroit Tigers were tamed, declawed and chased away with a broom.

The Cleveland Indians simply wouldn't let them hang around. Not this year.

"They're going to be Central Division champions, obviously," Tigers manager Jim Leyland conceded Wednesday after the Indians completed a three-game sweep with a 4-2 win. "They did what a championship team does."

C.C. Sabathia (18-7) upgraded his Cy Young Award resume and the Indians, a fourth-place finisher in 2006, dropped their magic number to three for clinching their first title since 2001.

When Cleveland was in the midst of its worst stretch of the season last month, Sabathia boldly predicted the Indians would win the division. It appears the big lefty was right.

"I just felt it," Sabathia said. "I knew this was coming. I had no regrets saying that at all. Here we are."

Casey Blake homered off Nate Robertson (8-12) as the Indians improved to 20-5 since Aug. 25 and moved into a tie

for the majors' best record with Boston, which played in Toronto on Wednesday night.

By winning three straight over the Tigers, Cleveland opened a season-high 7 1/2-game lead over the defending AL champs, who led in every game of the series but couldn't put the Indians away.

This was not the sweep Detroit had in mind. The Tigers fell five games back in the wild-card race behind the New York Yankees, who played Wednesday night.

Unless something strange happens in the next 10 days, the Tigers will spend October and the months ahead wondering what went wrong. A few of them, however, are holding out hope.

"Until we're mathematically eliminated, we're not finished," third baseman Brandon Inge said. "This game is so quirky. I'm not quitting."

Rafael Betancourt, an emerging star in Cleveland's bullpen, worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth, and closer Joe Borowski pitched the ninth for his league-leading 42nd save — and biggest one to date.

After a rare 1-2-3 ninth, Borowski, who knows all about heartbreak after pitching for

the Chicago Cubs in 2003 (see Steve Bartman), was asked to assess how the Tigers might feel after such a sweep.

"It's crushing," he said. "You go out there and it's a do-or-die series. Psychologically it takes a toll."

Sabathia, who went 17-5 as a rookie in '01, set a career-high for wins by allowing two runs and five hits in seven innings. The 27-year-old gave up both runs in the third, but settled down and retired 12 of the last 13.

Sabathia's case to become Cleveland's first Cy Young Award winner since Gaylord Perry in 1972, is a strong one. He leads the majors in innings and is ranked at the top — or near it — in virtually every category among AL pitchers.

But his 99th career win put the Indians at the brink of playing meaningful games in October, something the 6-foot-7 Sabathia has often said is much more important to him than winning individual awards.

"I don't care about the Cy Young or anything other than winning, I swear," he said. "I just want to win, man. I'd much rather win a World Series."

Angels 2, Devil Rays 1

Ervin Santana has gotten his control and confidence back. Just in time for the playoffs, too.

Santana struck out 10, Juan Rivera homered and the Los Angeles Angels beat Tampa Bay Wednesday for their 90th victory of the season and eighth straight at home over the Devil Rays.

"It's good to win when you're not scoring a lot of runs," said Angels manager Mike Scioscia, who earned his 699th victory.

The Angels reduced their magic number for clinching their third AL West title in four years to three. They remained 8 1/2 games ahead of second-place Seattle, which beat Oakland 9-5.

Los Angeles has won 90 games for the fourth time in six seasons.

Santana (7-13) allowed one run and six hits in 6 1-3 innings as the replacement starter for Bartolo Colon, who developed back stiffness after



Mariners hitter Ichiro Suzuki hits an RBI single in Seattle's 9-5 win over the Athletics Wednesday.

pitching 4 2-3 innings Friday against the Chicago White Sox.

"His mechanics are better," Scioscia said of Santana. "He's been preached to all year, he's just had trouble putting it all together. He made some key pitches in key situations."

With Los Angeles leading 2-1 in the sixth, Santana escaped a bases-loaded jam when Jorge Velandia flied out with two outs. Santana tipped his cap as he left to loud cheers for his first victory since beating Oakland 9-5 on Sept. 3.

"He was keeping the ball down," Angels catcher Jeff Mathis said. "When he keeps that slider down, he's pretty tough. He's going right at people."

Santana had missed his last start because the Angels activated Colon. The right-hander was moved to the bullpen when Colon returned to the rotation.

Santana had allowed two earned runs in his last 15 innings coming into Wednesday, which spanned two starts and one relief appearance. At various times, his control had been an issue, with him leaving too many pitches up in the zone and walking too many batters.

"I'm working hard at it and forgetting everything negative that has happened in the past," he said in Spanish through a translator. "Once I turn my hips better, my balance starts

out better and I can keep the ball down. When I'm right, that's what I'm doing without thinking about it."

Santana recently studied video of himself from last season and noticed his mechanics had changed.

Mariners 9, Athletics 5

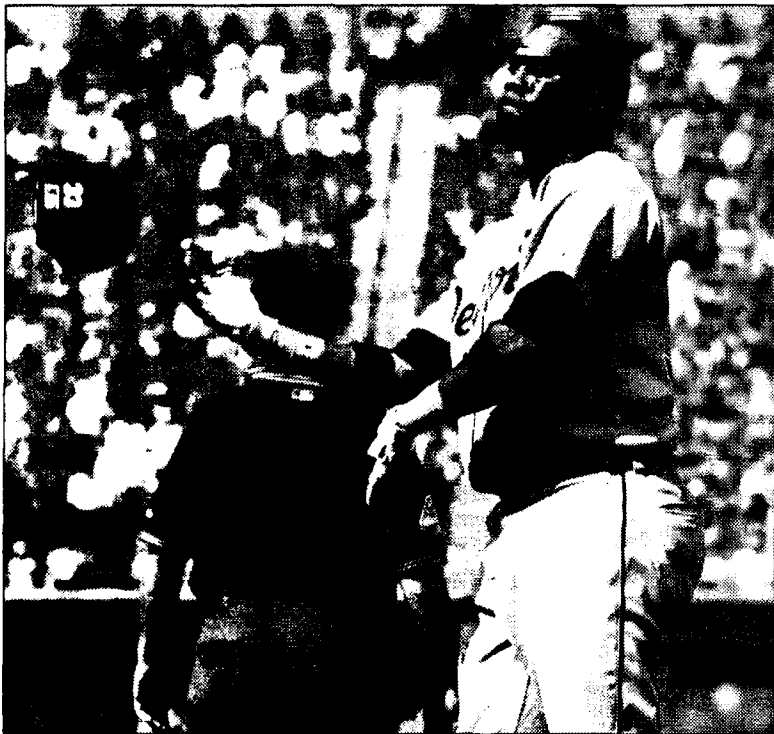
Felix Hernandez won his third straight decision, Raul Ibanez stroked an RBI triple a day after hitting a grand slam and the Seattle Mariners completed a three-game sweep of the Oakland Athletics with a victory Wednesday.

Ichiro Suzuki went 2-for-3 to extend his hitting streak to 12 games, and Yuniesky Betancourt drove in three runs on a blustery Bay Area day when the first-pitch temperature was 63 degrees.

Seattle won its sixth straight in Oakland to finish 8-1 this season, and completed a sweep here for the first time since 2001. They won the season series 14-5 after a 2-17 showing against the A's in 2006.

Hernandez (13-7) won his sixth decision in his last seven and improved to 8-3 away from Safeco Field this season. It was the 21-year-old right-hander's fourth 2007 start against the A's, and he is 4-0 with a 1.29 ERA — up from the 0.39 ERA he had to start the day.

He allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings, with three strikeouts.



Tigers outfielder Marcus Thames flips his helmet after making the last out in the ninth inning of Detroit's 4-2 loss to the Indians Wednesday.

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American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	90-62	.592	4-6	-
New York	87-64	.576	8-2	2.5
Toronto	76-75	.503	4-6	13.5
Baltimore	64-86	.427	4-6	25.0
Tampa Bay	63-90	.412	3-7	27.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cleveland	90-62	.592	8-2	-
Detroit	83-70	.542	6-4	7.5
Minnesota	74-77	.490	5-5	15.5
Kansas City	65-85	.433	3-7	24.0
Chicago	65-86	.430	5-5	24.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	90-62	.592	6-4	-
Seattle	80-70	.533	6-4	9.0
Oakland	74-79	.484	5-5	16.5
Texas	70-81	.464	3-7	19.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	83-67	.553	4-6	-
Philadelphia	82-69	.543	8-2	1.5
Atlanta	78-73	.517	6-4	5.5
Washington	68-83	.450	5-5	15.5
Florida	65-86	.430	4-6	18.5

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Milwaukee	78-72	.520	7-3	-
Chicago	79-73	.520	7-3	-
St. Louis	70-80	.467	1-9	8.0
Cincinnati	69-82	.457	5-5	9.5
Pittsburgh	66-85	.437	4-6	12.5
Houston	65-86	.430	3-7	13.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Arizona	85-67	.559	6-4	-
San Diego	83-67	.553	7-3	1.0
Los Angeles	79-72	.523	6-4	5.5
Colorado	79-72	.523	5-5	5.5
San Francisco	67-84	.444	3-7	17.5

Major League Soccer

Eastern Conference Standings

team	record	points
DC United	15-6-4	49
New England	13-6-6	45
New York	11-10-4	37
Kansas City	10-9-6	36
Chicago	8-10-6	30
Columbus	6-9-10	28
Toronto FC	5-13-6	21

Western Conference Standings

team	record	points
Houston	13-7-6	45
Chivas USA	13-6-5	44
FC Dallas	12-9-3	39
Colorado	7-10-8	29
Real Salt Lake	4-13-7	19
Los Angeles	4-13-5	11

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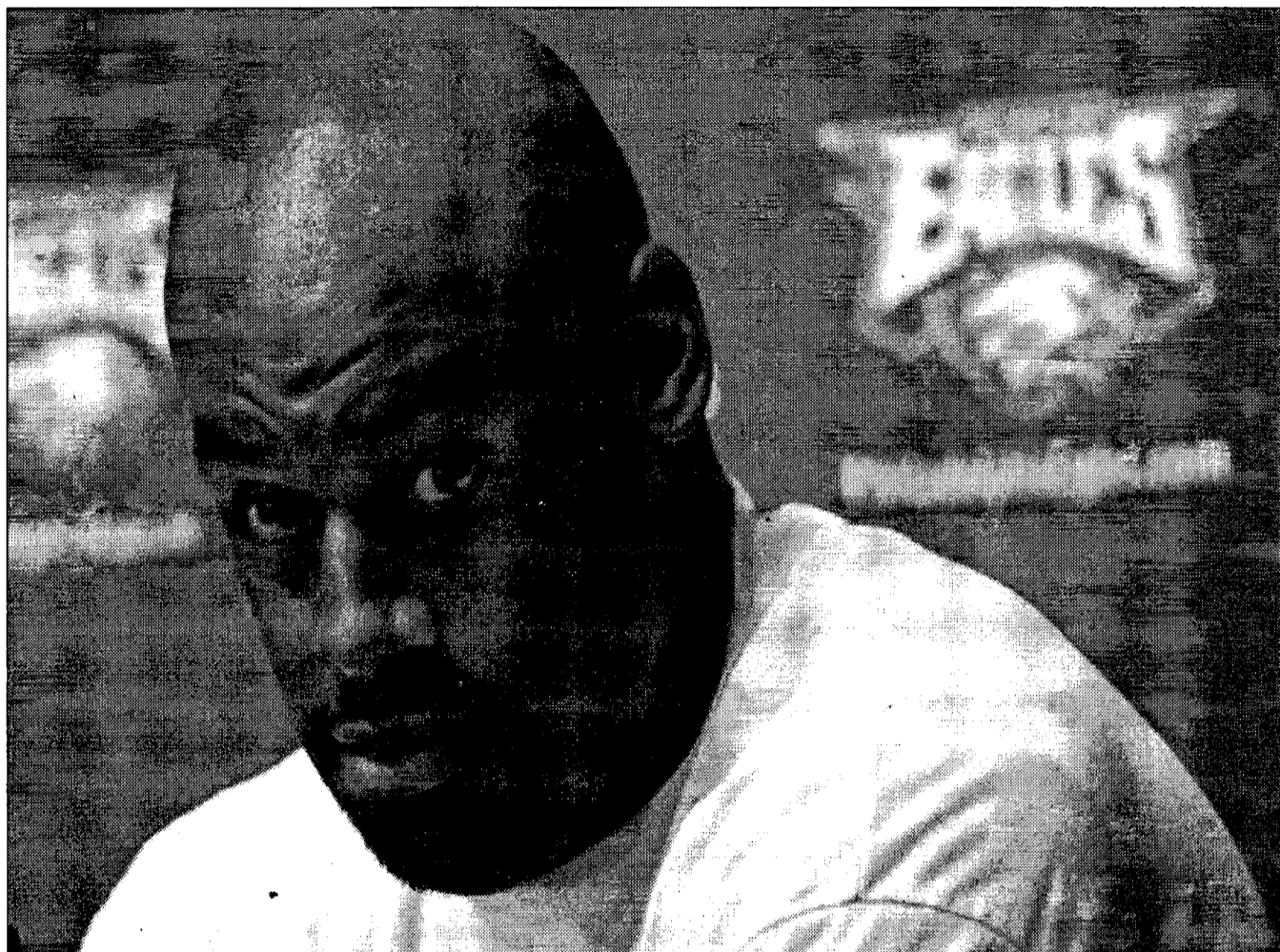
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NFL



In a press conference Wednesday, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb said he will not back down from his comment that black quarterbacks face greater scrutiny than their white counterparts.

McNabb pulls scab off old wound

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Four years ago, Donovan McNabb got off to a lousy start and Rush Limbaugh said the media propped him up because it was "very desirable" to see black quarterbacks succeed.

In an interview recorded almost three weeks ago but aired Tuesday, McNabb said people wanted to see black quarterbacks fail.

Who's right?

Both, if the benchmark is a disgruntled few; neither, if the sample is larger than that.

Whatever opinions the rest of us harbored about

the topic were pretty much exhausted a decade or so ago, around the time black quarterbacks became commonplace in the NFL.

It's a measure of progress that most of us understand a coach would play Satan at quarterback — with the tacit approval of everybody from the team owner to the team chaplain — if he thought it improved his chances to win.

We also understand the opposite is true, that Eagles coach Andy Reid would yank McNabb the moment he found somebody he believed could run the offense better.

So maybe the better

question is why McNabb decided to wake up those ugly echoes.

He started life in the NFL as a guy with a chip on his shoulder pads, which made sense when you remember McNabb was booed on draft day in 1999 by a busload of Philly fans who rode up to New York for just such an occasion. And in those first few seasons, no matter what the Eagles lacked a consistent ground game, game-breaking receiver or tenacious "D" — McNabb seemed determined to prove he could overcome it all by doing more himself.

Then came success: the

Pro Bowl selections, the string of NFC Championship games, a strong supporting cast and a very different McNabb. He cut down on reckless runs, quit forcing throws into tight spots and became the model of consistency. His high school coach watched McNabb play a game back in Chicago early in 2004, the season the Eagles finally reached the Super Bowl, and pronounced the transformation complete.

"It's like everything else in life," said Frank Lenti, who has sent a half-dozen players to the NFL from Mt. Carmel High, "it takes a while to get comfortable in your own skin."

IN BRIEF

Everett looking to move to next phase of rehabilitation

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Kevin Everett could be transferred to a Houston hospital by this weekend to begin the next phase of the Buffalo Bills tight end's rehabilitation, a person close to the family told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"That's the plan that probably by the end of the week, if progress remains the same, he'll be transferred back to Houston," said the person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of Everett's status.

The person said doctors still are making arrangements to determine which hospital would best suit Everett, who sustained the life-threatening spinal-cord injury Sept. 9 while making a tackle. The player grew up in Port Arthur, Texas, and now lives in Houston, 90 miles away.

Puerto Rican horse loses 125th consecutive race

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A Puerto Rican horse that can't win a race now has a claim to fame.

Dona Chepa, a 9-year-old brown mare, finished last in a six-horse field at Camarero Racetrack in eastern Puerto Rico on Wednesday, a 125th consecutive loss that is believed to be the longest in horse racing history.

Track spokesman Joe Bruno said Wednesday's loss surpasses an equine losing record of 0-124 set by Australian horse Ouroene, who raced from 1976-83.

There is no world governing body that tracks lack of success for horses, but Dona Chepa's penchant for losing at least beats other notable marks for futility, including Ouroene, Gloria Springs (106, Japan), Thrust (105, North America) and Quixall Crossett (103, Britain).

Patriot's cheating makes coaches skeptical

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia is getting ready to face Alabama in a crucial Southeastern Conference game. The Crimson Tide is coached by Nick Saban. Saban used to work for Bill Belichick.

Can you figure out where this is going?

Yep, for the first time in his seven years as the Bulldogs coach, Mark Richt has totally closed practice for the week leading up to a game.

While doing his best to persuade skeptical reporters that it has nothing to do with Saban's tactics, Richt seemed downright paranoid Tuesday when going over his reasons for the lockdown.

"Things have changed in the last few years. It's not like it used to be. It's so easy for information to travel so fast," Richt said.

MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wright, Alou help Mets snap losing streak against Nats

Rockies get second come-from-behind win in two nights over Dodgers with Hawpe home run in eighth

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The New York Mets gathered in the infield for fist bumps and high-fives Wednesday night, and while they had celebrated 83 previous victories this season, No. 84 somehow seemed so important.

Beating the Washington Nationals 8-4 behind Mike Pelfrey's good-enough start, David Wright's three RBIs and a hobbled Moises Alou's three hits not only ended New York's five-game losing streak, it allowed the NL East leaders to breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Remember: It had been a full week since the Mets added to their "W" column, and they entered the day only 1 1/2 games ahead of the Philadelphia Phillies — New York's smallest division margin since mid-July.

"It's a big win for us. It's a win when we needed one," said Wright, who topped 100 RBIs for the third consecutive season. "It seemed like everything clicked for us."

About an hour later, the Mets got more good news: The Phillies lost to the St. Louis Cardinals 2-1 in 10 innings, bumping New York's lead back to 2 1/2 games.

The Mets have not been pitching well, allowing the Nationals — the lowest-scoring offense in the majors — to score 21 games in the series' first two games.

But Pelfrey (3-7) allowed three runs in five-plus innings to win his third consecutive decision, and the bullpen finally came through, with Jorge Sosa

and Aaron Heilman combining for three shutout innings before Billy Wagner gave up an unearned run in the ninth.

"It's critical when everyone comes in and shuts them down," Mets manager Willie Randolph said.

It began with Sosa entering with runners on first and third and no outs in the sixth inning.

"A real important part of the game," Sosa said through a translator. "I didn't want to make a mistake."

Rockies 6, Dodgers 5

Brad Hawpe hit a two-run homer in the eighth as the Colorado Rockies rallied for the second straight night in a win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday.

Hawpe's homer to right came off Jonathan Broxton, who also gave up a two-run shot to Ryan Spilborghs the night before. Takashi Saito gave up a game-winning two-run homer to Todd Helton in the ninth on Tuesday night.

Colorado, winners of four straight, moved a game ahead of Los Angeles in the NL wild-card race. Both teams entered the contest 4 1/2 games behind wild-card leading San Diego, who played Pittsburgh later in the evening.

Garrett Atkins had a leadoff single in the eighth of Broxton (4-4). It was Hawpe's 26th homer this season and first since Aug. 29 against San Francisco.

Matt Holliday hit two solo home runs off Brad Penny, giving him a career-high 35 homers this season. It's the

ninth time in his career that Holliday has hit multiple homers in a game, and third time this year.

Brian Fuentes (2-5) pitched a scoreless eighth and Manny Corpas worked the ninth for his 16th save in 18 chances. Corpas has saved 16 straight dating back to July 7.

Penny was in line for his 17th win of the season before the eighth inning. Penny went six innings, giving up four runs — three earned — and nine hits. He also allowed a season-high three homers after giving up only six all season before Wednesday night.

James Loney drove in three runs with RBI singles in the first and third, and a groundout in the fifth.

Juan Pierre scored two runs, had two hits, including a triple, and stole his 60th base of the season.

Penny also had two hits, including an RBI single in the sixth. He's now hitting .254 this season.

Josh Fogg lasted five innings, giving up eight hits and three runs. He was replaced by Ryan Speier, who gave up four straight singles to open the sixth, including one up the middle to Penny to tie the game.

Speier failed to get an out and was replaced by Jeremy Affeldt with the bases loaded. Affeldt allowed an RBI groundout to Matt Kemp, before getting Jeff Kent to fly out to deep center to end the inning.

Yorvit Torrealba made the most of a second chance by hitting his seventh homer of the season in the second.



Mets veteran Moises Alou hits an RBI single Wednesday in New York's 8-4 win over the Nationals.

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NASCAR

Dale Jr. announces Pepsi deal for next season

Associated Press

DALLAS — With a swig from his 16-ounce Amp Energy drink, the rebranding of Dale Earnhardt Jr. began.

Earnhardt officially ditched longtime sponsor Budweiser on Wednesday, announcing deals with PepsiCo. and The National Guard to fund his No. 88 Chevrolet next season at Hendrick Motorsports.

Pepsi will market its Mountain Dew Amp Energy drink with Earnhardt, and NASCAR's most popular driver was pounding the product after an early appearance before 1,500 bottlers at Pepsi's annual convention.

"They got me up at 5 o'clock this morning, so I've been able to test the effectiveness of the product," he joked. "I'm pleased to be sitting here and not yawning."

The new alliances mark a clear shift from the party-boy image Budweiser cultivated that made Junior a phenomenon. Now that

he's 32 and growing up, Earnhardt is turning into a corporate pitchman.

A genuine affinity for the products he's associated with has made Earnhardt a sponsor's dream. So when he announced he was leaving Dale Earnhardt Inc. at the end of this season to drive for mighty Hendrick Motorsports, the phone started ringing.

"I got phone calls from so many companies, some of them in the sport that I never talked to and some of them I had no idea even had any interest in the sport," team owner Rick Hendrick said. "It was just phenomenal the amount of interest that was there."

But Hendrick didn't look outside his existing partners. He quickly announced that Budweiser, who first teamed with Earnhardt in 1999, would not sponsor him in 2008 and began working out new deals. Hendrick has worked with Pepsi's products

for almost a decade, and the National Guard is the primary sponsor on Casey Mears' car this season.

The new sponsors will be joined by a new car number. Earnhardt has driven the No. 8 Chevrolet full-time for DEI since 2000, and he tried to take the No. 8 with him to Hendrick. But stepmother Teresa Earnhardt refused to give up her rights to it, and Mark Martin and Aric Almirola will co-drive it next year with sponsorship from the U.S. Army.

The No. 88 was used by Robert Yates Racing, which asked NASCAR to transfer the number to Hendrick for Earnhardt.

"Ralph Earnhardt drove the No. 88 Olds in 1957 and because of this number's history with the Earnhardt family, I felt car No. 88 should continue with Dale Earnhardt, Jr.," Robert Yates said in a statement.

In addition to new sponsorships, Earnhardt signed personal services contracts this summer



NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. poses in Dallas with his new Pepsi sponsored cars Wednesday.

with Sony and Adidas, and unveiled a personally designed candy bar on Tuesday in Chicago.

"I think there is a little bit of a maturation of Dale Jr. as a brand," said Mark Dyer, CEO of Motorsports Authentics, the largest marketer of NASCAR

merchandise.

"I think they were ready to go in a different direction with his image. With the change to Hendrick, they were ready to switch their alignments and partners and I think that's a healthy evolution."



NFL

Leftwich joins Atlanta, practices for first time

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Byron Leftwich knew he would have to pick a new number when he got to his new team.

Not that anyone in Atlanta is wearing No. 7. But, for the time being, it still belongs to Michael Vick, who awaits sentencing for running a brutal dogfighting ring while the Falcons try to recoup some of his bonus money.

"We all know 7 is Mike's number," Leftwich said Wednesday, standing at his locker after going through his first practice with the Falcons. "I figured I would just pick a number. Well, 17 didn't look good on me. I'm trying to look as slim as possible. So I just figured I would pick 4."

No. 4, it is — though the real question in Atlanta is: How long before Leftwich is No. 1?

The Falcons (0-2) have scored just 10 points and taken 13 sacks with Joey Harrington at quarterback. Coach Bobby Petrino already took a shot at his starter, saying he's been holding the ball too long and needs to take more chances.

Leftwich, the starter in Jacksonville the last four years but plagued by injuries, was cut just before the start of the season. He returned to his mom's home in Washington, D.C., where he watched the Jaguars beat the Falcons 13-7 last Sunday.

"I was in my mother's basement trying not to eat all that food," Leftwich quipped. "I wanted to make sure I didn't get too big, so I would be ready when the opportunity came."

It came the very next day. He flew to Atlanta to meet with the Falcons, who were apparently mindful of getting burned by Vick as they questioned Leftwich.

"I guess they wanted to meet me and see what type of guy I was," he said. "They wanted to make sure I wasn't a knucklehead."

No word on if they asked Leftwich whether he owned any pit bulls.

The Falcons' former starter pleaded guilty to federal dogfighting charges and figures to spend at least a year in prison. He also was suspended indefinitely by the NFL and is unlikely to ever play again for the Falcons, who haven't cut him yet merely for financial reasons (the team hopes to recover some of the bonus money from his record \$130 million contract).

Harrington, who signed with the Falcons to serve as Vick's backup and try to get his career back on track, was thrust into the starting role by default. While he's completed more than 67 percent of his passes, he's accounted for more touchdowns by the opposition (Minnesota returned two interceptions to the end zone in Week 1) than his own team has scored (the Falcons managed one TD in the first two games).

Despite his criticism, Petrino stressed Wednesday that Harrington is still the starter and Chris Redman remains the backup. Leftwich will likely need a couple of weeks just to get a handle on the offense.

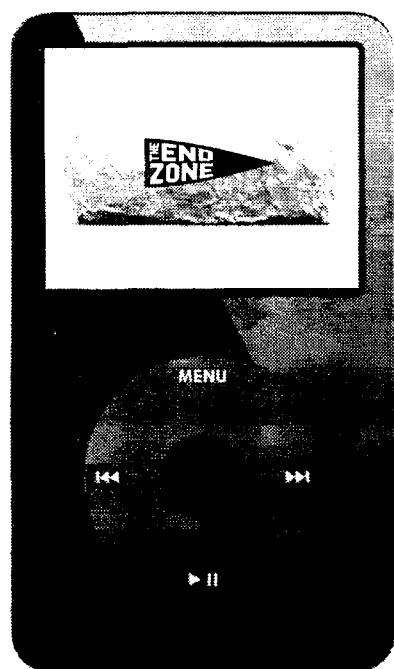
"This will have no effect," Petrino said. "Byron comes in as the No. 3. I talked to him about it, and I talked to the other two quarterbacks about it. They both knew we were looking for a veteran guy. We wanted to be patient, take our time and make sure we had the right guy."

Leftwich, who agreed to a two-year, \$7 million contract, just wanted to get back on the field — even if it was only a practice field in the far northern suburbs of sprawling Atlanta. He took part in the nearly two-hour workout, then hung around afterward to throw some extra passes.

"I'm a football player," he said. "I'll tell you, missing those last two weeks really bothered me, man, having to watch everyone else play and knowing I was healthy but couldn't go out there and be part of a football team. I'm just happy to be back out there."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

No. 20 Aggies ready to face Hurricanes in Miami

Associated Press

MIAMI —Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione started hearing his players talk about facing Miami several months ago during spring practice. The Aggies meant no disrespect to any other opponent, but this was the nonconference game that stood out from the rest.

Now with Montana State, Fresno State and Louisiana-Monroe out of the unbeaten Aggies' way, that prime-time matchup with the Hurricanes is finally here.

"Coach said it best," Aggies defensive back Devin Gregg said. "It can be exposure, or we can be exposed."

The 20th-ranked Aggies haven't started 4-0 in consecutive seasons since the early 1940s. They'll get a chance to change that Thursday night, when they visit unranked Miami (2-1).

It's the first meeting between the teams since 1944, and the Aggies' first trip to Florida since 1968.

"This is a big game for us, but you've got to play every game like it's a big game," Miami defensive end Calais Campbell said. "It'll be on national TV and all the people who do the little rankings and stuff will be watching, so we've got to go out and make a statement."

While Miami has won its last 10 games on Thursday nights, the Hurricanes are 1-7 in their last eight matchups against ranked opponents and 9-8 in their last 17 games overall.

Coach Randy Shannon said

neither the bright lights of Thursday night nor Texas A&M's ranking should provide his team with extra motivation.

"There's no such thing as a statement game. Every game is," Shannon said. "Every game's got to be a statement game. You've got to be prepared and ready to play at all times. If you don't, somebody's going to sneak up on you and beat you."

The way the Aggies run the ball, they don't sneak up on anyone.

Bruising 268-pound tailback Jorvorskie Lane already has seven rushing touchdowns, one shy of Rutgers' Ray Rice and West Virginia's Steve Slaton for the major college lead. His backfield mate, Mike Goodson, has rushed for 247 yards through three games, and quarterback Stephen McGee is the multifaceted type that often gives Miami fits. He's run for a team-best 263 yards, plus thrown for 428 more.

"Their schemes are what they're going to be," Shannon said.

"It's nothing sophisticated. They're going to come in and try to run the football and get you on a play-action pass — same thing we do, try to get a cheap one on you in some way, form or fashion. It should be a good game."

In many years, this would be a strength-against-strength matchup, since Miami has perennially been difficult to run against.

But the Hurricanes yielded 159 yards rushing against Florida International in a 23-



Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione gives instructions to players during the Aggies 47-45 win over Fresno State Sept. 8. The Aggies face Miami Saturday in a nonconference battle.

9 win last week, so they clearly had some things to correct in a short week to prepare for the Aggies' three-pronged attack.

"Up to this point, they're definitely going to be the most athletic defense we've seen," McGee said. "You set their record aside and their one game against Oklahoma (a 51-13 loss two weeks ago) aside, and talent-wise they're going to be as good as probably most teams we're going to play this year."

He meant on the defensive side of the ball. Offensively, the Hurricanes are still a

work in progress, as Shannon likes to say.

Quarterback Kyle Wright will make his second start of the season for Miami, which is averaging nearly 23 points per game so far — not entirely bad, but not even half of what Texas A&M is scoring this year.

If recent history is any guide, teams have to be able to put up some big numbers to have a good chance of beating the Aggies. Over its last 20 games, Texas A&M has allowed 28 or more points nine times. The Aggies are 2-7 in those games, 10-1

in all others.

But the stat Franchione talked about this week was A&M's 5-0 record in regular-season road games last season — and how he hopes some of that success carries over into the Aggies' first road trip of 2007.

"When you go play a tradition-rich program like Miami in the Orange Bowl, if you are able to play well and get a victory, it does reinforce an attitude that you can go anywhere and beat people and play well on the road," Franchione said. "I think this team carries that feeling."

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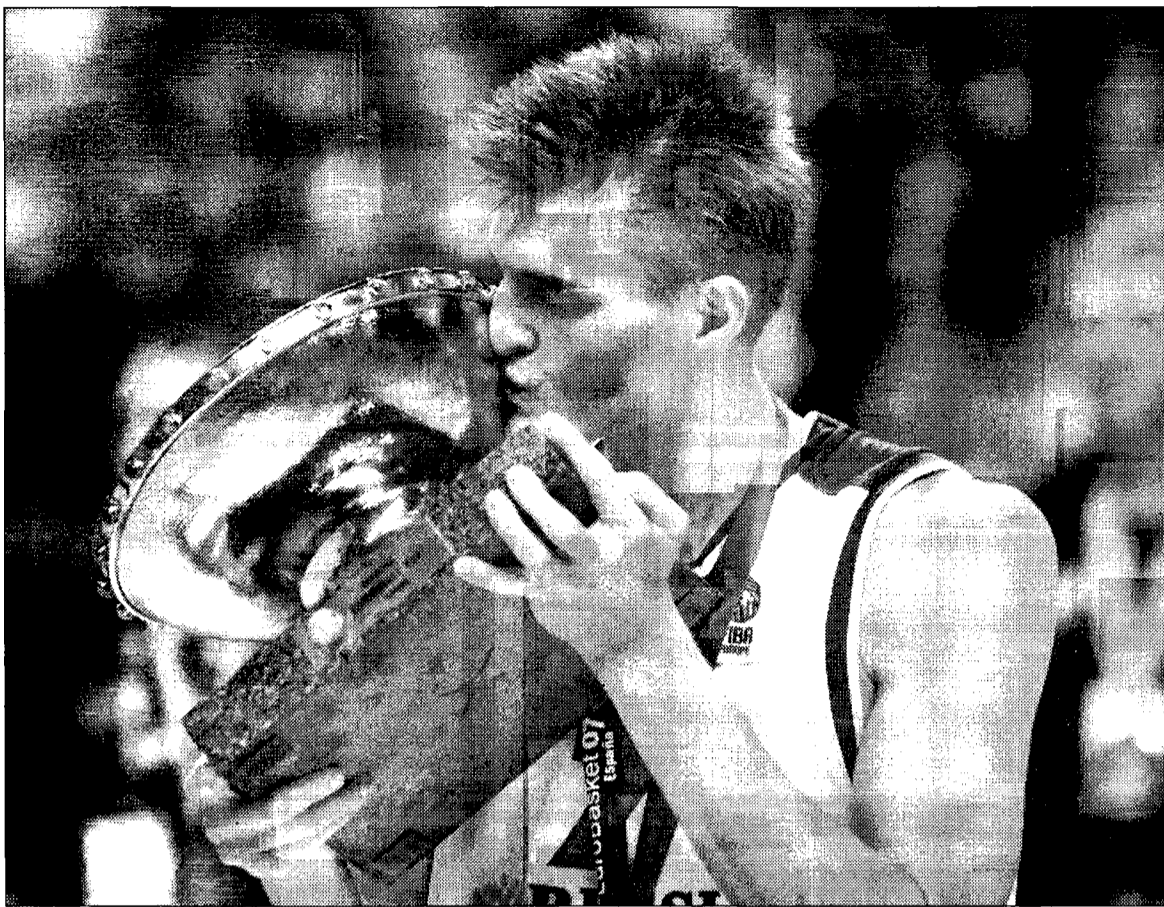
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Jazz forward Kirilenko criticizes Sloan, demands trade



Jazz forward Andrei Kirilenko kisses the EuroBasket trophy Sunday after leading Russia to victory over Spain. Kirilenko said Wednesday he wants a trade from Utah.

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Ut. — Roughly three months removed from their longest playoff run in a decade, the Utah Jazz could have a starting lineup with less firepower next season.

In a blog post made Tuesday on the Russian Web site Sport Today, Andrei Kirilenko said he seeks a trade from the Jazz

and voices his concern with playing next season for coach Jerry Sloan.

The Salt Lake Tribune confirmed that the post was made by the Jazz forward.

Kirilenko, an NBA All-Star in 2004, had his worst season last year despite the Jazz winning 51 games and advancing to the Western Conference Finals for the first time since 1997-98. He played in 70 games, averaging 8.3 points, 4.7 rebounds

and 2.1 blocks per game last season after playing in 69 games in 2005-06 and averaging 15.3 ppg, 8.0 rpg and 3.1 bpg.

Despite a difficult NBA campaign, Kirilenko stood out at the European Basketball Tournament, leading his native Russia to the championship to clinch an Olympic berth. He was named tournament MVP and said on the blog that playing for Russian coach David

Blatt helped him decipher his future.

The Tribune translated part of Kirilenko's as: "In a week, I need to join the Utah Jazz again but quite frankly I'm not really happy about that. The past season was bad for me and I was really disappointed. I've thought about it a lot and I came to a decision. I want to leave Utah Jazz. The European championships that just ended became sort of a test for me and now I think I know what I want to do."

"Coach Sloan is one of the reasons. It's not the only reason. ... [Sloan's] main method to motivate players is to create a feeling of guilt. Our wages, our errors in games and whatever we do beyond playing for the Jazz is also an excuse to criticize us. I want to play basketball. I want to be happy playing basketball, but I don't want to be a robot in Sloan's system."

Kirilenko's agent, Marc Fleisher, did not return phone calls Wednesday from The Associated Press.

The Jazz open training camp on Oct. 6 and Kevin O'Connor, the team's senior vice president of basketball operations, expects Kirilenko in camp.

"We explained to him when everybody was supposed to be back and we expect him to be here," O'Connor told the newspaper.

Kirilenko said in his blog post that he told O'Connor of his request a few weeks ago but hasn't heard back from him.

"I don't want to be there and mechanically fulfill a contract. Unfortunately, it's been more than a week, but I haven't heard from the Jazz leadership," Kirilenko wrote. "There's no response negative or positive and this silence is just one more evidence of the way they treat me. Nevertheless, I'm really hopeful that Utah Jazz leadership will realize that our relationship is over and it's time for us to part ways."

Kirilenko was frustrated with his role for most of the past

season. Following Game 1 of the Jazz's opening-round playoff series against Houston, Kirilenko was visibly upset. He played limited minutes in the first two games of the series and was pulled by Sloan from Game 2 after missing a nine-foot jumper.

He averaged 9.6 points and 5.2 rebounds in the playoffs as the Jazz relied almost entirely on Deron Williams and Carlos Boozer, which led to some bitter comments in the locker room after San Antonio eliminated Utah, 4-1.

Without giving names, Williams accused some teammates of starting vacation early. Kirilenko was asked about it as he was cleaning out his locker and declined to comment.

Kirilenko, one of the last remaining players from the John Stockton/Karl Malone era, signed a six-year, \$86 million deal three years ago that made him Utah's highest-paid player.

After the season, he complained to a Russian newspaper about his role in the offense and that he felt he was being treated like a rookie instead of a franchise player. Sloan said in June that the team would keep Kirilenko but that Utah would also try to do what's best for the team.

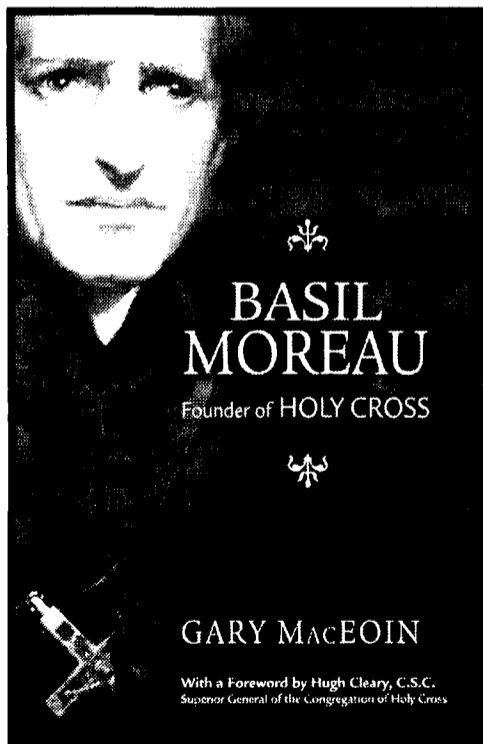
"We're not looking. I don't like to trade people," Sloan said. "But we've got to do what's best for the franchise, always."

"He's got to come and play," Sloan said. "I mean, when he doesn't come and play hard, he can blame it on whatever he wants, but all I can say is what I see on the floor. We loved the way when he plays great. And he can be good all the time if he works at it."

Kirilenko's contract could be a big hurdle if he wants out of Utah because other teams might be unwilling to assume the contract, which runs through 2011.

O'Connor told the newspaper on Tuesday he spoke with Kirilenko.

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Pettitte wins 200th as Yankees close in on Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte got a milestone ball from Mariano Rivera and the lineup card from manager Joe Torre.

The New York Yankees got another step closer to the top of the AL East.

Pettitte earned his 200th win, Rivera escaped a bases-loaded jam in the ninth inning and the Yankees edged the Baltimore Orioles 2-1 Wednesday night to complete a three-game sweep that pulled them within 1 1/2 games of first-place Boston.

"We're right there and I mean we want to win it," Pettitte said. "We would like to win this division but just thankful we're playing good."

Hideki Matsui homered and Doug Mientkiewicz scored on a wild pitch for New York, which has won four straight and 12 of 14.

"We spent an early portion of this year trying to find our way," Torre said, "and now that when we come to the ballpark we expect to win, it's a nice feeling."

The Yankees (88-64), a season-high 24 games over .500, also opened a 5 1/2-game lead over Detroit (83-70) for the wild card. Now it's the division race that is capturing more of their attention as the season winds down.

Torre said he heard the crowd roar in the ninth when the scoreboard showed the Red Sox were losing at Toronto, and Pettitte acknowledged checking on the Boston game.

It's the closest New York has been to first place since the Yankees trailed by one game before play on April 20. They began play on May 30 down by 14 1/2 games to Boston.

"Four months ago, nobody gave us credit. And now we're close to winning the division," Rivera said.

Melvin Mora hit an RBI single in the sixth for Baltimore, cutting New York's lead to 2-1. Mora advanced on a groundout, but Pettitte retired Nick Markakis on an inning-ending flyout.

Pettitte (14-8) got the first two outs of the eighth before giving way to rookie Joba Chamberlain,

who had never entered in the middle of an inning. Pettitte trotted off the field to a thunderous ovation from the Yankee Stadium crowd and doffed his cap as he reached the dugout. Chamberlain struck out Mora, pumping his fist as he walked off the mound.

Rivera worked the ninth, allowing a bloop, one-out double to Markakis. He retired Kevin Millar on a flyout, loaded the bases with walks to Aubrey Huff and Ramon Hernandez, then threw a called third strike past pinch-hitter Scott Moore.

Rivera got his 30th save in 33 chances, reaching 30 saves for the fifth straight season and the 10th time in 11 years. He has saved 49 of Pettitte's wins, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"I've got 200 wins now because he's as great of a closer as he is," Pettitte said. "I've been very fortunate to be on a great team for a long time and I wouldn't want anyone else closing out my games."

The slumping Orioles have lost 22 of their last 28 games. They scored just six runs in the three games against the Yankees.

"We fully expected to win tonight," manager Dave Trembley said. "It didn't happen, but not because we didn't put forth the effort."

Pettitte allowed at least one runner in each of the first seven innings but his defense responded with three double plays, including one that ended the fifth and led to Jay Payton's second ejection of the series.

Millar led off the inning with a single. He was erased when Huff grounded into a fielder's choice but Hernandez singled to give Baltimore runners on first and second.

Payton then worked the count full before he looked at a called third strike. He wheeled around and started arguing with plate umpire Mike Reilly as catcher Jorge Posada threw out Hernandez at second to end the inning. Reilly then ejected Payton, who threw his bat and helmet down as he stomped off toward the dugout.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Chalupny leads U.S. attack

Associated Press

Lori Chalupny has experienced three decisive moments in China.

The first threatened her soccer career. The last were much better: two eye-catching goals for the U.S. national team's quiet midfielder.

The latest goal came Tuesday after just 57 seconds, the second-fastest in tournament history. It sent the No. 1-ranked Americans past Nigeria 1-0 and into the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup.

"That goal, being my first World Cup goal, was an amazing feeling," said Chalupny, a former defender prone to menacing late runs. On the Nigeria goal, she stabbed in a close shot off a header from Abby Wambach.

Her other China goal came eight months ago in the Four Nations tournament, where Chalupny's soaring 20-yard strike helped beat China 2-0.

"That goal was a big confidence builder for me, showing that I can make a difference in these games," said Chalupny, who will guide the midfield in Saturday's quarterfinal against England in the northern industrial city of Tianjin.

Another quarterfinal Saturday has North Korea facing defending champion Germany in the central city of Wuhan.

Chalupny (pronounced ka-LUP-nee) also had a scary moment almost two years ago in China. Playing in a tournament, she sustained the last in a series of concussions and

was sidelined three months.

"I got hit in the nose, and I had concussions before in college, but this was icing on the cake," she said. "I feel I am 100 percent over it and I'm not thinking back toward it. When you are out on the field you can't afford to be timid or afraid."

As the American forwards struggle to score in the World Cup, Chalupny, Shannon Boxx and Carli Lloyd provide the biggest threats out of midfield.

On paper, the U.S. appears in good shape to win its third World Cup title. But the Americans, who are undefeated in 50 straight games, were stretched in their first three games in Group B — by far the best in the tournament — against No. 3 Sweden, No. 5 North Korea and five-time African champions Nigeria.

The group was so good that Sweden — runner-up four years ago — failed to advance. Several other strong teams will also fail to make it when the last group games are completed Thursday. Then there are rising powers in Brazil, North Korea and host China.

"Overall there is great parity," American coach Greg Ryan said. "The top teams are no longer the top teams by miles."

The U.S. has scored five goals in three games — three by Wambach. But it has missed dozens of other chances, a slightly worrying trend with the Sept. 30 final in Shanghai in sight.

"You never put a lot of pressure on goal scorers or they will miss more," Ryan said. "The main thing for us is to

continue creating our chances knowing at some point they just start falling. We just hope it's soon."

The Americans have been relying on set plays and a stellar defense. They probably were slowed by a few wet fields — training in California has not prepared the team for rain.

"We don't typically play in downpours and on wet slippery fields," Ryan said, referring to Tuesday's rain-soaked game, which was played as Typhoon Whipa was nearing. "We just haven't had that experience. I guess we should have hosed down our fields to get ready for this."

Fallout from the typhoon forced two games scheduled for Wednesday to be pushed back to Thursday.

In final games in Group C on Thursday, it's Norway vs. Ghana and Australia vs. Canada. In Group D: Brazil vs. Denmark and China vs. New Zealand. Ghana has been eliminated but the other seven still have a chance at the quarterfinals.

Brazil, China, Norway and Australia are the favorites. Their group of quarterfinals will be played Sunday in Wuhan and Tianjin.

The postponements came 10 minutes after the Australia-Canada game was to have begun, leaving fans outside the stadium to listen to explanations over loudspeakers.

"It's disappointing to find out so late about the rescheduling, but that aside it allows all teams to compete on an equal footing," Australia coach Tom Sermanni said.

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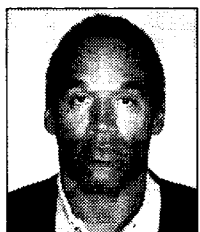
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Simpson posts \$125,000 bail

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — In a scene of legal déjà vu, a grayer, heavier O.J. Simpson stood handcuffed in court Wednesday to face charges that could put him behind bars for life. The prosecutor who failed to get him a dozen years ago was there to watch, and news cameras tracked his every move as if they were covering a slow-speed chase.



Simpson

But as Simpson made his \$125,000 bail on charges including kidnapping and armed robbery, legal experts were questioning: Could a former football star who beat a double-murder rap really do hard time for a crime that sounds like a bad movie?

Police have laid out a case that makes Simpson the leader in a tense, armed holdup of sports memorabilia collectors. Some of the facts — including a curious recording of the confrontation — don't seem so clear-cut.

Legal experts say that issues such as who had rightful ownership of the goods and the reputation of witnesses in the sometimes less-than-reputable world of memorabilia trading could cloud the prosecution's case.

Simpson has insisted he was merely retrieving items that were stolen from him earlier.

Alfred Beardsley, one of the collectors who says he was robbed at gunpoint by Simpson and several other men, told NBC's "Today" show before Simpson's hearing that he didn't think an audiotape made at the scene was accurate. Beardsley was arrested for a parole violation on Wednesday.

The man who arranged the meeting between Simpson and the two collectors, Tom Riccio, has a criminal record. The other victim, Bruce Fromong, was recovering from a heart attack in a Los Angeles hospital.

"The credibility of the cohorts in the enterprise would be a key issue at trial," said University of Southern California law professor Jody Armour.

Agreed, said Dennis Turner, a professor at the University of Dayton School of Law. "This is a pretty shady world and pretty shady characters dealing with each other in a pretty shady way."

A key difference with the 1995 murder trial is that there are plenty of witnesses this time who place Simpson at the scene, including hotel video surveillance. Simpson has made no secret he went to the hotel room intending to take the memorabilia and told The Associated Press that a man who came with him brought a truck to cart away the goods.

"It's not like the murder case involving his ex-wife and Ron Goldman, where Simpson had a completely different story in which he said, 'I wasn't there,'" said Doug

Godfrey, a professor at the Chicago-Kent College of Law. "A prosecutor only has to show intent. And the intent is, 'Were you acting in concert with someone with a gun to take property from someone?' If you were, you're guilty of armed robbery."

Simpson attorney Yale Galanter said: "You can't rob something that is yours."

Simpson, standing in court in a blue jail uniform and handcuffs, furrowed his brow as the judge read the list of charges against him. Gone was the slight smirk he flashed when he was arrested.

He answered quietly in a hoarse voice and nodded as the judge laid out restrictions for his release, including surrendering his passport to his attorney and having no contact with co-defendants or potential witnesses.

Simpson did not enter a plea.

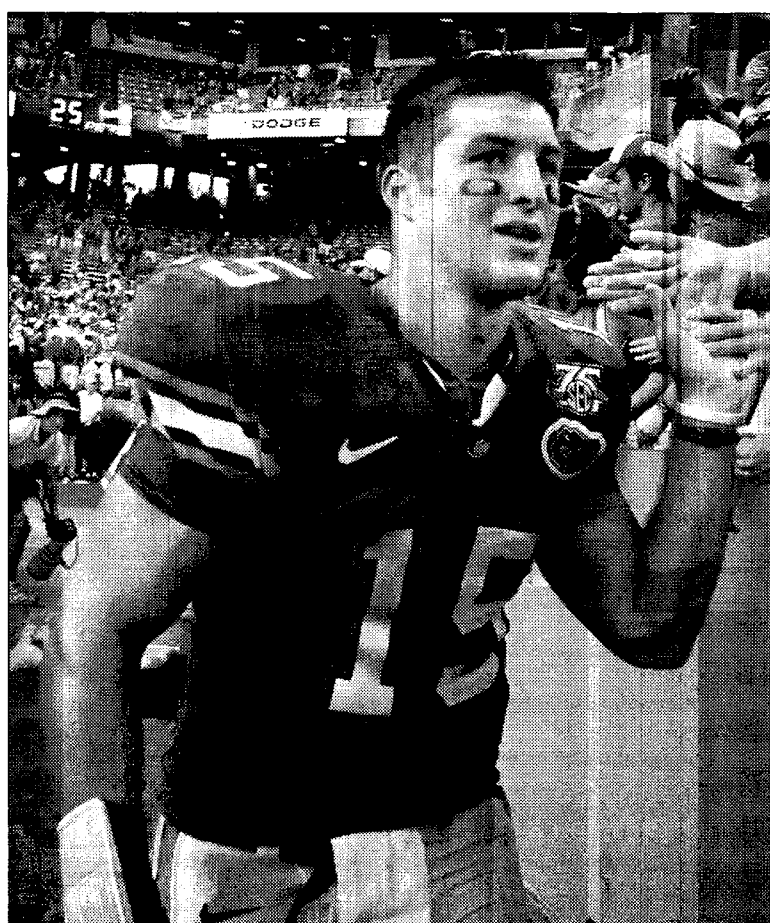
"Mr. Simpson do you understand the charges against you?" the judge asked.

"Yes, sir," Simpson responded.

Galanter said after the hearing that the \$125,000 bond was reasonable.

The oddity of the case has attracted a swarm of media, including Marcia Clark, who unsuccessfully prosecuted Simpson for the 1994 murders and was reporting for "Entertainment Tonight." A helicopter television crew followed Simpson's vehicle leaving the court, strangely reminiscent of the slow-speed chase in which he once fled police in a white Ford Bronco.

NCAA FOOTBALL — SEC



Gators quarterback Tim Tebow high fives fans after Florida's 59-20 win over Tennessee Saturday.

Gators look to end Magnolia State streak

Alabama wide out adjusts to new fame after touchdown catch

a newspaper at them and have fun with those guys."

It worked so well the first time — Florida beat Iowa 31-24 — that the Gators have used the same routine for every road game since.

"Even when we play at night we do that," Meyer said. "The players, some of them look forward to it. Some of them probably can't stand it. That's part of the deal."

After the coaches get everyone out of bed, they walk a few laps around the hotel and then sit down for breakfast. That's when offensive line coach Steve Addazio takes over.

"It's exciting," center Drew Miller said. "He gets up and brings a lot of energy and juice for us, trying to get us motivated. It's just gets us excited and ready to play. He's always got spit flying."

The Gators hope the pep talk, along with better play, will help them end a three-game losing streak in Mississippi.

Nice catch

Alabama receiver Matt Caddell had been quietly pulling duty as a blocker and a decoy, going without a catch in the first two games.

That all changed in the final two drives of the Crimson Tide's 41-38 win over Arkansas, culminating in his leaping touchdown grab with 8 seconds left.

"That's the kind of guy he is," tailback Terry Grant said. "He's kind of quiet, then all of a sudden he sneaks up and bites you."

Caddell suddenly became the Tide's go-to guy with star DJ Hall hobbled late by a sore quadricap.

Caddell had six catches for 54 yards on the final two drives, resulting in a field goal and his 4-yard touchdown.

Caddell's nine-catch game was only seven fewer than he had all of last season.

But the soft-spoken senior didn't use it as a chance to gripe about his lack of chances in the first two games, or lobby for more.

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The Florida Gators call it "Vitamin Addazio," a rousing pep talk before breakfast that wakes everybody up and gets them energized to play.

It might be needed more than ever at Mississippi on Saturday.

The third-ranked Gators face several challenges in their first road game of the season: traveling with such a young team — Florida is playing 48 freshmen and sophomores — and having lost the last three trips to the Magnolia State. Even more concerning, though, is the rare, 11:30 a.m. local time kickoff.

"The red flags are up," coach Urban Meyer said. "That is a major concern. We don't have the answer. We're just going to keep researching it. I even asked some of the players I trust: 'How do we make sure we're energized?'"

"[Tim] Tebow's fine. He goes to sleep charged and he wakes up charged. I'm not worried about that one. It's the dead fish I'm worried about. Believe it or not, we still have some dead fish that we have to awaken."

Florida faced a similar situation during Meyer's first season, when the Gators played Iowa in the Outback Bowl and had the same late-morning start time.


Meyer called former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce and former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz for advice. They told him he needed to find a way to get the players going early.

Meyer's solution? Well, some would call it a rude awakening.

"When we wake them up, it's a circus," Meyer said. "There's no alarm clock going off. There's assistant coaches kicking doors in. Everybody does the same thing. They rip the curtains open, open the windows, give them an orange juice and throw

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Dorsey dominates opposing offensive lines

LSU nose tackle terrorizes quarterbacks for stout Bayou Bengals defensive wall, thrives on Phil Collins music

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Glenn Dorsey's fellow defensive linemen see the same pattern every week.

Offensive guards, all pumped up to take on LSU's fearsome 6-foot-2, 303-pound defensive tackle shout and point, make forceful assignment calls at the line of scrimmage, then move vigorously into their blocking stance once the ball is snapped.

By the second half, those same offensive linemen are breathing heavily, too heavily to say very much or move very fast.

"The first few plays of the game, you always notice those offensive guards he's going against are real motivated," LSU defensive end Tyson Jackson said. "Come the third and fourth quarter ... they're all real fatigued, worn out and you can look at them and realize that Glenn is really bringing it to them at that point, because they're not making any noise any more."

LSU's defense would have been formidable even if Dorsey had left school after his junior season, when he was widely projected as a first-round NFL draft pick.

His return to the second-ranked Tigers has bolstered what might be the best LSU defense ever — even better than the 1959 unit that allowed only 29 points all season.

If Dorsey's statistics aren't great, it's only because offenses are so worried about him they often assign more than one blocker to him.

So far, he has two sacks in three games. He's tied for the team lead in solo tackles with 11. He's second on the team in total tackles with 14. He has a team-leading 3.5 tackles for losses.

The rest of the defense benefits from Dorsey's work. His bull rushes open lanes defensive coordinator Bo Pelini's many blitzes.

Overall, LSU has 13 sacks for minus-117 yards. They've allowed only seven points in three games. Not one starting quarterback has lasted an entire game against them.

Dorsey, who grew up in Gonzales, about a 20-minute drive from Tiger Stadium, surprised many when he returned to LSU for his senior season, to the delight of his teammates, Tigers fans and his numerous friends and family who converge on Baton Rouge to watch him play.

"I was real happy knowing that Glenn would be back," Jackson said. "You know there are a lot of offensive coordi-

nators that have to pay attention to him and that gives other defensive linemen on our team opportunities to make plays, because you can't sit there throughout the whole night and think you can block him one-on-one. It's practically impossible."

Dorsey wasn't always the imposing presence he is now. In his earliest youth, he was bowlegged and needed leg braces. Some relatives shied away from holding him, he said, because the braces scrapped them up.

Like many who grow up in the rural South, he's loved football for as long as he can remember. But the braces prevented him from playing in the yard with friends and relatives. Or if they let him play, they picked him last.

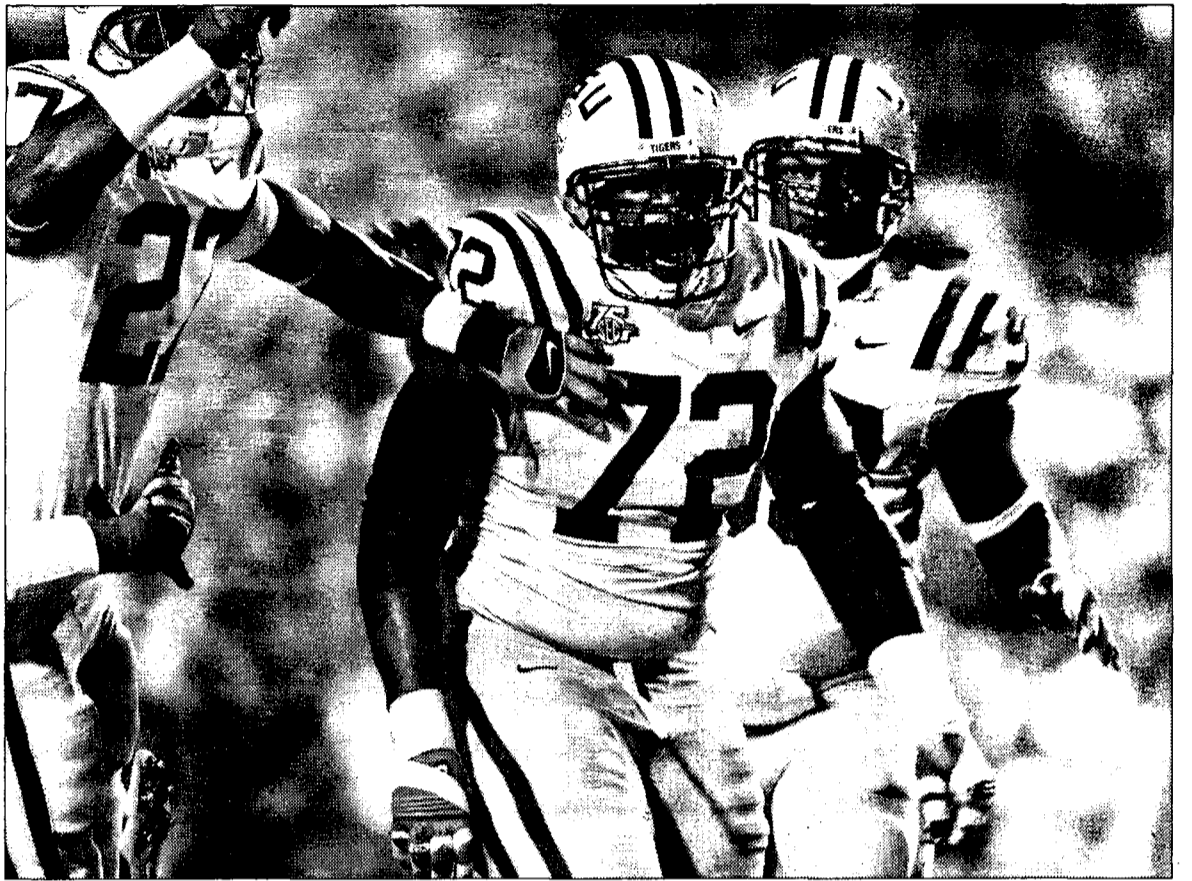
Dorsey believes the experience instilled a seemingly inexhaustible drive in him to excel.

"I just knew whenever I got a chance to show them what I got, I was going to show them," Dorsey recalled. "That's been my attitude the whole time. I just want to come out and show everybody what I got. I always feel like I'm the underdog. That's the way I take everything. I always feel like I have something to prove and that just brings the best out in me."

He had very little to prove after his junior season, when he was in on 64 tackles with three sacks and essentially caused the same kind of disruption in opponents' backfields that he's causing now. But Dorsey believed this year's defense could be even better than the excellent units he'd been part of since arriving at LSU. He believed there was a chance to win a national title at LSU. And it would give him one last year to play near home.

"I just really enjoy the environment and it was a no-brainer," Dorsey said. "I'm just 20 minutes from my house, everybody from my hometown can come up for the game, so I'm just really enjoying the moment, you know?"

Some of his favorite moments come before games. When he arrives at the stadium



LSU defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey, center, celebrates with teammates during the Tigers' 48-7 win over Virginia Tech Sept. 8 in Baton Rouge, La.

um he often notices himself hurrying to get in uniform so he can put on his headphones and listen to Phil Collins' 1980s hit "In the Air Tonight."

"It kind of gets my mind right, gets me focused, and that's just the way I feel. I feel it coming in the air," Dorsey said. "It just gets better and better every time I hear it. I kind of look forward to it."

Pelini said he felt fortunate to get Dorsey back, not just because of how good he is, but because of the example he sets and the leadership he shows throughout practices and games.

"He's a special guy and he's a high-character guy," Pelini said. "He's not afraid to call his teammates out and hold them accountable, but at the

same time he can do that because of the way he prepares on a daily basis and on a drill-to-drill basis. Every time he goes in there, you see the same guy, the same kind of work ethic. It's infectious. And if everybody follows Glenn Dorsey and tries to use him as an example, we're going to be pretty good around here."

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This year's schedule for the Big East's pre-season favorite has been far different.

The 2007 campaign started with losses against No. 12 Minnesota and No. 6 Florida. On the way to 4-6, the Irish also stumbled against No. 19 Ohio and No. 11 California. Another loss came to a Missouri team that was ranked in the top 20 at the time.

Not only did the Irish face top competition during the non-conference schedule, the season's turning point has already been reached. It happened last weekend in the Bronco Invitational in Santa Clara, Calif.

Junior outside hitter Mallorie Croal returned to the lineup against the Golden Bears, back from injuries that had sidelined her for the first eight games of the season.

In a match that saw Notre Dame up 2-0, the Irish could not hold on for the upset. Cal won last three games and took the victory 3-2. Because of the devastating

loss against a top-tier opponent, Notre Dame could have just packed in its season in a style reminiscent of some recent Michigan State football teams.

But it didn't. Down 2-1 in their next game, on the road, to then-No. 22 Santa Clara, the Irish picked themselves off of the ground and made a comeback of their own. The Irish took the match against a team that beat them 3-0 a season ago.

Now, Notre Dame is ready for the Big East portion of its schedule. Of the 16 remaining games for the Irish, 14 are against the usually weaker conference foes.

Only one team in the conference is currently ranked — No. 21 St. John's. Notre Dame plays the Red Storm and one ranked non-conference foe, No. 22 LSU.

The Irish are an exciting team poised for a winning streak.

So don't give up on the Irish in their eight remaining home matches.

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the Belles and added 21 digs.

Junior middle blocker Kaela Hellman aided in the effort with her own double-double of 12 kills and 25 digs. Freshman middle blocker Andrea Sasgen had a team-high four service aces and the third double-double on the night (10 kills and 19 digs).

The final double-double came from senior setter Amanda David, who contributed 46 assists and 17 digs.

Albion's offensive stats were not as notable, even though the Britons came out victorious. What was impressive was Albion's defensive effort.

Six of the 10 Albion players posted double-digit digs.

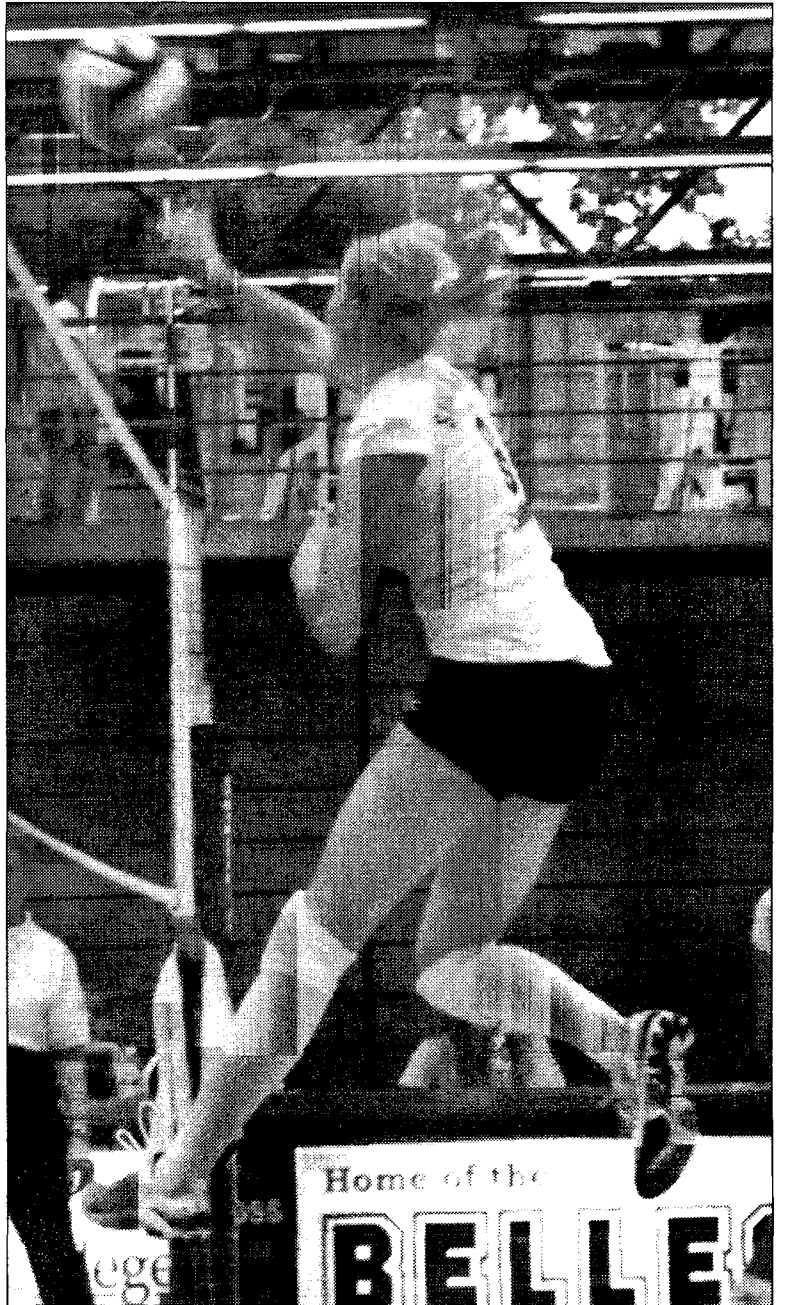
Walter and senior defensive specialist Meghan Miller tied for the team lead with 24.

Sophomore outside hitter Maggie Dubsbiber contributed 23 digs to the winning effort.

The win lifts the Britons record to 2-7 overall and 1-4 in the MIAA while Saint Mary's falls to 5-7 and 2-3, respectively.

The Belles take on Kalamazoo at home Friday at 7 p.m.

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Belles junior middle hitter Cathy Kurczak leaps for the ball in Saint Mary's 3-0 win over Olivet Sept. 11.

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Notre Dame defensive backs Darrin Walls, left, and Jashaad Gaines go through tackling drills during practice Wednesday.

Recruits

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Chicago linebacker Steve Filer. The Irish also hold the No. 1 rated class in the country, according to both Rivals.com and Scout.com.

So far, recruits such as Chicago linebacker/defensive end Darius Fleming, still have faith the Irish can turn this season around.

"I wouldn't say I'm worried about it, but it's shocking," Fleming said. "I didn't expect anything like this."

Fleming said he has talked to defensive coordinator Corwin Brown and wide receivers coach Rob Ianello frequently since the beginning of the season. He plans to attend this weekend's game against Michigan State, and he's confident the team will improve. He is not having second thoughts about attending Notre Dame, he said.

"They're struggling right now and they're trying to fix some things. I'm not sure what needs to be fixed," Fleming said. "But I'm pretty sure they'll get it together."

Frank said Fleming's attitude reflects that of most of the recruits.

"We've spoken with almost all of them in the last week or so and they're all very much behind the coaching staff and they seem really firm in their commitment," Frank said.

Frank said recruits like the fact that Weis is not afraid to play some of his younger talent even though the team is

struggling. Recruits are also attracted to the non-football facets of the University, Frank said. But without improvement in the next couple of weeks, those commitments may be hard to maintain.

"He will play the best player and that has been a big selling point," Frank said. "In the end, the recruits are very excited about the opportunity to come play at Notre Dame. I'm sure they'll be looking for improvement throughout the season. But I think as long as Weis and the staff can show they're improving and getting things done, they should be pretty good."

Former quarterback Demetrius Jones' transfer to Northern Illinois could also represent a stumbling block for Irish recruiting.

Jones, a highly touted prospect from the Chicago Public League, was unhappy with how Weis handled the team's quarterback situation. There is some speculation that his transfer could make a reluctant recruit come to Notre Dame, but Frank said it should not be much of a problem.

"I think that first of all, there are some good football players in the Chicago Public League, but a lot of the better players are actually in the Catholic League," Frank said. "I don't think it's going to affect Notre Dame in any way — maybe a player or two — but I just highly doubt it. I think Corwin Brown is a great recruiter and he's in

charge of recruiting that area and he will overcome any questions anybody would have regarding why Jones left."

Notes:

This weekend, three notable recruits will attend the Michigan State game on their official visit:

♦ Ryan Williams, running back from Virginia, who Frank said is one of two running backs Notre Dame is pursuing this season.

♦ Another is defensive end Chancey Aghayere from Garland, Texas.

"He's a big time defensive end, outside linebacker type and a big time player. He's got offers from just about anybody," Frank said.

♦ The third recruit is Chris Harper, a wide receiver/quarterback from the Kansas City area.

"He's kind of a combo guy and the Irish have a shot," Frank said. "The problem they're going to run into is he also wants to play quarterback and Notre Dame is recruiting him as a wide receiver. So, that could be a little bit of a problem. ... They have to convince him that wide receiver is his future."

♦ Associate Athletic Director John Heisler announced in a statement Wednesday that 75,000 fans will receive white towels to wave at Saturday's game against Michigan State.

The towels will read "Tradition Never Graduates — Notre Dame Football."

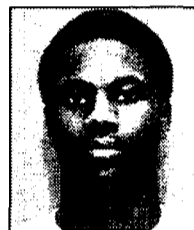
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sive on defense," Hackney said.

Badin faces a strong but inexperienced Pangborn offense, led by sophomore captain Meghan Bescher and freshman quarterback Gabby Tate. Despite playing together for the first time, Bescher found Tate open several times last week against Welsh Family.

But while the Phoxes managed to put up two touchdowns against the Whirlwinds, they lost 27-12. The young Phoxes hope to improve after another week of practice.

Badin will be more unpredictable, Hackney said. Despite an early touchdown pass, the offense fell victim to a strong Lyons defense last week in a 20-6 loss.

"[The Lions] were able to adjust to what we were running pretty quickly," Hackney said. "We are looking to mix up our offense a little bit more this week."

Hackney also said the Bullfrogs go-to-receivers will change from play to play.

"It's going to be tough to say," she said. "We have a lot of different offenses, so it will depend on the target."

Hackney called Pangborn a "good team" and expects the game to be competitive;

Pangborn takes on Badin tonight at 8 on Riehle Field.

the positive momentum from its first game, a 27-12 victory over Pangborn, into tonight's game with Breen-Phillips.

"Aside from beating BP, we want to improve upon everything we did in our last game, and make it known that Welsh Fam is going to be a tough team to play against this year," Whirlwinds senior captain Kelly Bushelle said.

Part of that tough team is Jenni Gargula, the Whirlwinds junior quarterback, who threw four touchdown passes to three different receivers during Welsh Family's victory over Pangborn. Welsh Family is looking to continue the offensive production and capitalize on its quarterback's experience.

"[Gargula] will have an impact because she runs the offense well," Bushelle said.

Breen-Phillips, on the other hand, is trying to right the ship after a disappointing loss to Pasquerilla West in its previous game. The Babes faced a 19-0 halftime deficit and couldn't recover en route to a 33-18 loss.

Breen-Phillips hopes to improve its defense. Although the offensive production came too late for the Babes, their defense will have to contain a Welsh Family offense that put up 27 points against a tough Pangborn team earlier in the week.

The Whirlwinds and Babes meet tonight at 9 at Riehle Field.

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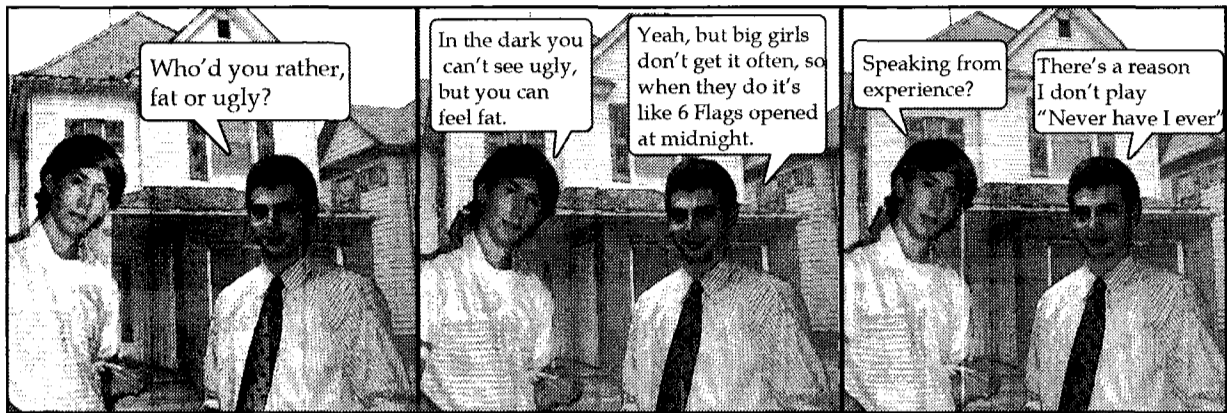
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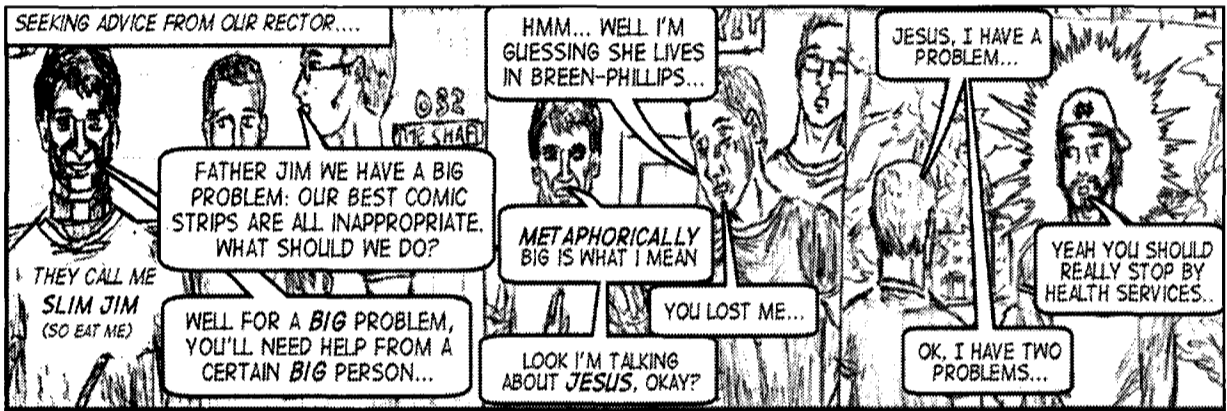
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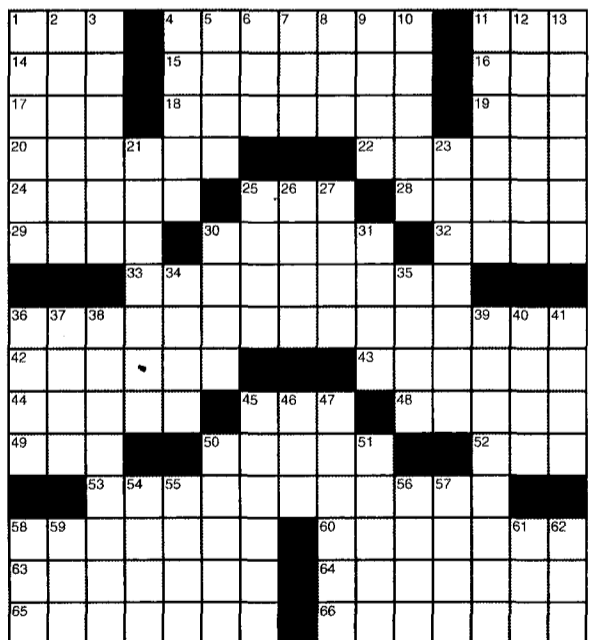
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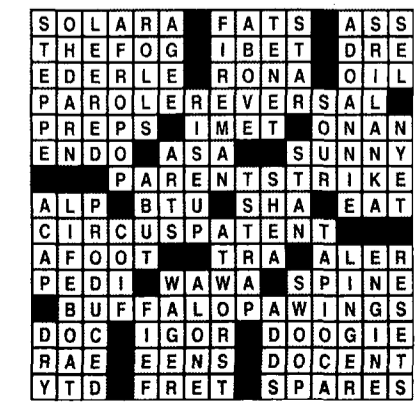
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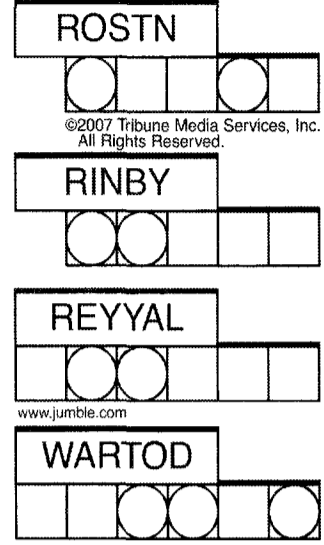
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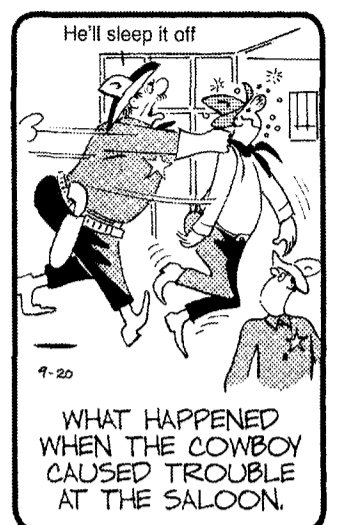
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be afraid to go after what you want. Make cold calls, talk to your professor about your grades or your boss about a raise but do so with confidence. Love should be high on your list whether you are single or not. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Just be yourself. A dear friend or relative will be there for you and will encourage you to do things that you might not otherwise go after. This is a great day for self-improvement, short trips and getting superb advice. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't criticize or poke fun. You are likely to make an enemy or get into an argument if you aren't sensitive to the way others feel. Love may be on the rise but the opportunity to get together with someone from your past may lead you in the wrong direction. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There may be changes at work or to your everyday surroundings but that shouldn't cause you upset. Take time to adjust. An older relative will shed some light on a situation you face. Love, travel and intrigue will all go hand-in-hand. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get a grip on what's really going on and you will be able to control the situation. Fun and games should be your goal. You will capture some interest from someone who could turn into more than just a colleague or friend. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful not to upset someone who is already walking a fine line. If you feel you need to make changes to your personal life, do so, but quietly. A secret matter will turn out to be your saving grace. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You should be booking your next vacation or taking a short trip that will enable you to try something new and meet interesting, new people. You can make some excellent observations, resulting in good choices and gains. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may have to do a bit of finagling but, once you have everything in place, you can sail through any obstacles and find your way to success. Money is in the picture so don't hesitate to present, promote and collect. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let others confuse you. You may find it hard to sit still or keep secrets but it's in your best interest. If you jump too quickly, everyone will know that you are a pushover. Anger must be avoided. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may say something to mislead you. Follow your own path. Focus on financial moves, settlements, contracts or any other means of making money. Sudden changes in your direction will pay a huge dividend. 3 stars

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FOOTBALL

Firm commitments

Top recruiting class still in place despite poor showing on field

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

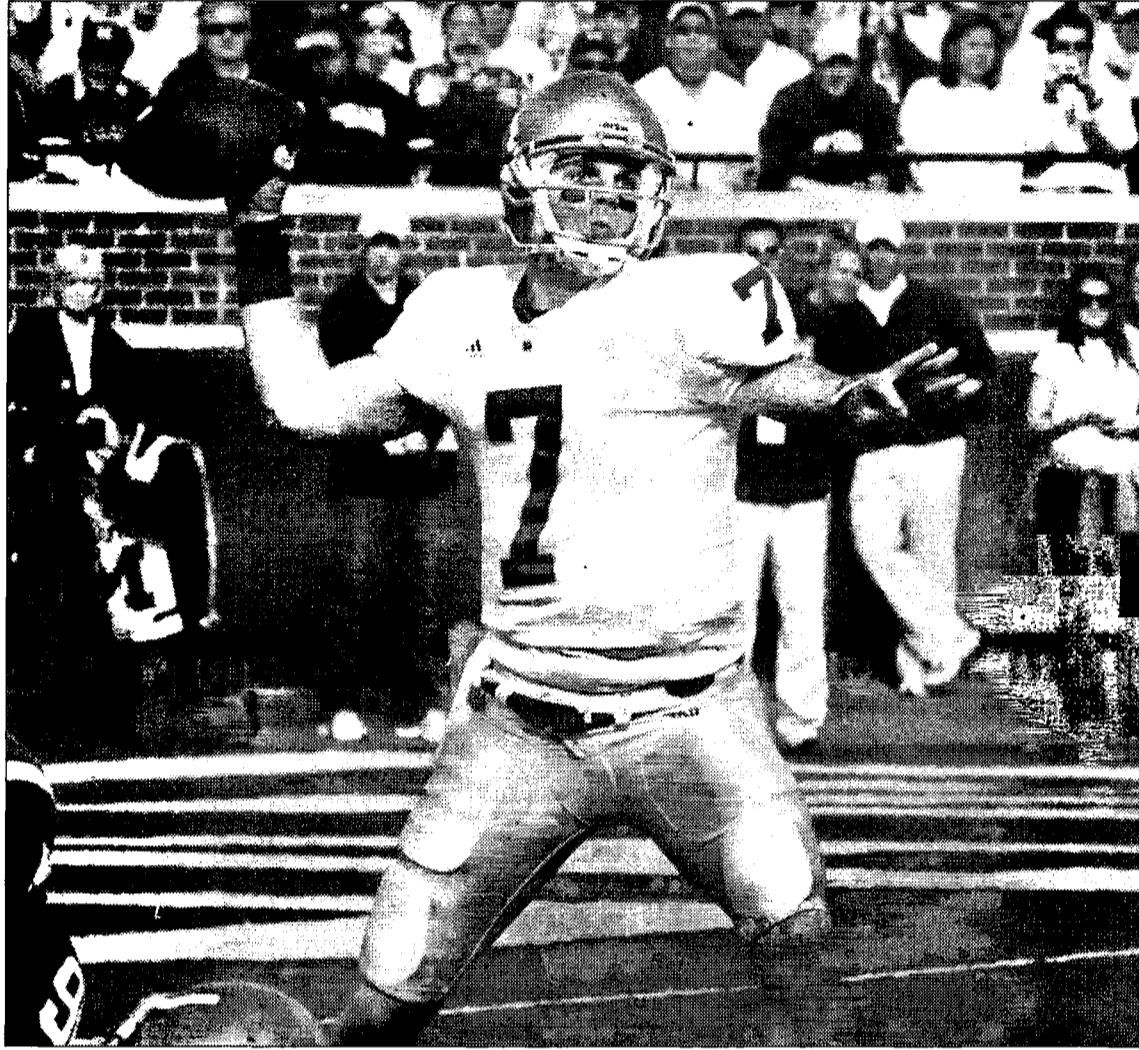
After an 0-3 start to the season, Notre Dame is searching for positives.

One good sign for the future of the Irish is the strong recruiting class coach Charlie Weis has lined up for February's National Signing Day. And even after a sluggish start to the season, those verbal commitments seem as solid as ever.

"I've spoken with a number of [recruits], and all of them were very much behind Notre Dame and the coaching staff," said Mike Frank, who covers Notre Dame recruiting for IrishEyes.com, which is a branch of Scout.com. "I think they realize this is a young team that's going through some growing pains and they also realize there's a very good chance that they'll be able to come in and play early and be part of the solution."

The Irish have 19 verbal commitments, including Sherman Oaks, Calif., quarterback Dayne Crist and Chicago

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Irish freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen throws in Notre Dame's 38-0 loss to Michigan Saturday in Ann Arbor. Despite Notre Dame's troubles, its strong recruiting seems steady.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

ND VOLLEYBALL
COMMENTARY

Tough luck will not last all season

Hard schedule main reason for team's struggles thus far

Don't worry, fans. Notre Dame's 4-6 record means nothing.

Absolutely nothing.

Last season at this time,

Notre Dame was 6-5 and primed for Big East play. With one look at the records, an uninformed person might



Pat O'Brien

say that Notre Dame was a lot better last year going into conference play. That person would be wrong — the team's wins last year were against the likes of Bowling Green, Valparaiso and Butler.

Sports Writer

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL — GOLD LEAGUE

Squads take to field for 2nd set of games

By ANDREW ZICCARELLI,
ANDY RENNER and
JOHN WHITTY
Sports Writers

Pasquerilla West looks to continue its dominance against an up-and-coming Lewis squad tonight.

The Purple Weasels are fresh off a 33-16 win over Breen-Phillips Sunday. Freshman quarterback Grace Orians rushed for four touchdowns and passed for one more in her first contest, replacing junior Cara Davies, who is abroad.

"She knows she has big shoes to fill," Pasquerilla West senior captain Tina Martinek said. "She's very willing to learn, and she listens to her teammates very well. She will just get better."

Lewis must also face a stout Weasel defense. It shut out Breen-Phillips in the first half Sunday and didn't allow a point until it was leading 33-0.

"Our defense is pretty solid," Martinek said. "There's not really one person you can pull out on defense. I can pick out all of the girls on the team and say what they did well."

The Chicks, on the other hand, are looking to rebound

after a poor showing last year. Senior captain Alexandra Persley was optimistic about the upcoming season.

"Things didn't go to well for us last year, but we have some key players back from abroad and an impressive freshman class," she said. "We've brought in some great new coaches, and we've been practicing hard for three weeks now."

Regardless of past performances, this matchup should be a crowd pleaser. Persley expects a dogfight.

"We're a tough, physical team. Just from practices, I already have a black eye," she said. "I think we're ready for whatever they throw at us."

The two squads will face off tonight at 7 on Riehle Field.

Pangborn vs. Badin

Winless Badin and Pangborn will try to avoid an 0-2 start to their seasons against each other tonight.

After giving up 20 points to Lyons last week, the Bullfrogs need to improve on the defensive side of the ball, junior captain Katy Rose Hackney said.

"We are definitely going to work on being more aggres-

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Lowly Albion beats Belles

Last-place Britons stun Saint Mary's

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Last-place Albion shocked Saint Mary's Wednesday, winning 3-1 in an MIAA conference tilt.

The Britons, who were looking for their first conference win of the year and had dropped six of their last seven matches, came out as a team on a mission.

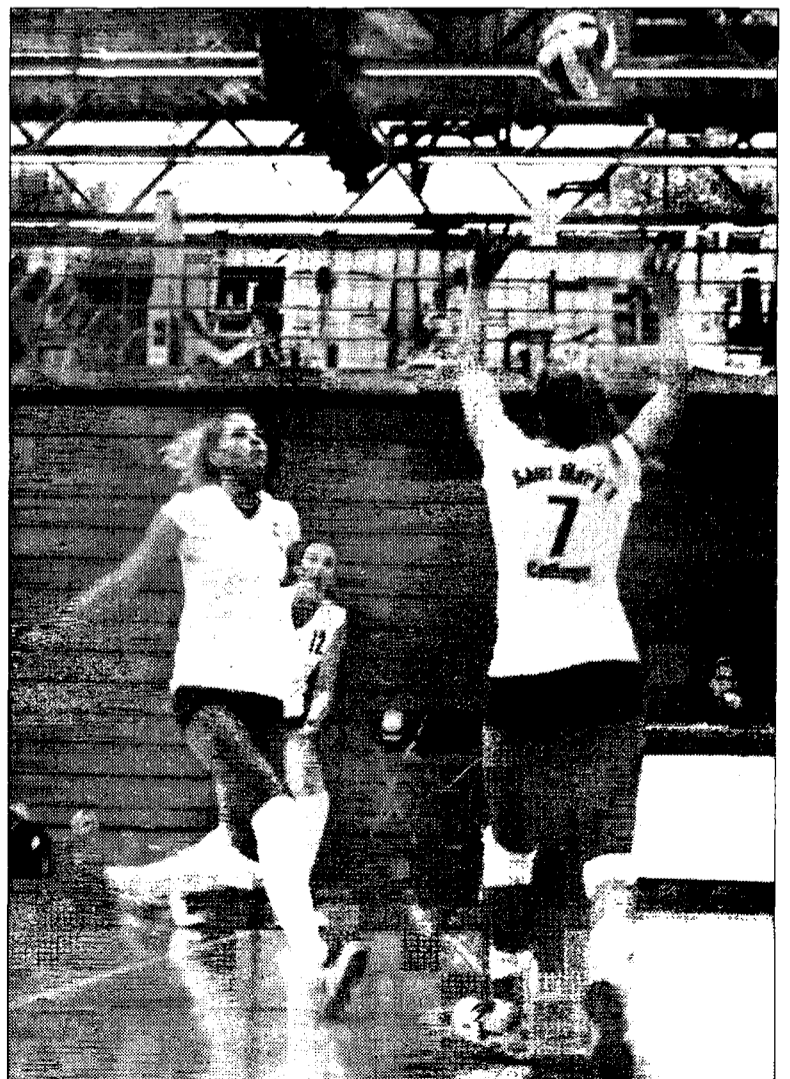
Sophomore outside hitter Morgomore Walter, last week's MIAA conference player of the week, led the Albion attack with 21 kills and 24 defensive digs.

All four games were hard fought on both sides, and none was decided by more than six points (30-28, 24-30, 30-26, 37-35).

With each game so close, the stats ran high. Saint Mary's final stat sheet showed four double-doubles.

Sophomore outside hitter Lorna Slupczynski had a team-high 16 kills for

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Belles setter Amanda David, right, sets up middle blocker Cathy Kurczak in Saint Mary's 3-0 win over Olivet on Sept. 11.