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## Basilica undergoes restoration work



An elaborate scaffolding system surrounds the Basilica of the Sacred Heart as workers renovate the bell tower.

JESSICA LEE/The Observer

### External renovation fixes 2007 storm damage

By KAITLYNN RIELY  
Assistant News Editor

One of the most iconic buildings on Notre Dame's campus has taken on a different look in the last few months, as an intricate scaffolding system has been erected around the front of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart to facilitate scheduled renovations.

The \$1.8 million renovation began shortly after commencement last May and is on schedule, said Associate Vice President and University Architect Doug Marsh. The scaffolding, which will take about a month to deconstruct, will begin coming down in the next couple of weeks, he said.

The restoration process is repairing the damage done to the Basilica by a storm during Senior Week in May 2007, but Marsh said repair work to the exterior of the Basilica — including fixing aged and weathered wood or metal, applying new paint, repairing mortar joints and any broken brick and re-gilding the cross

at the top of the Basilica — was already scheduled to take place before the storm.

Strong winds associated with severe thunderstorms swept through campus on the Tuesday of Senior Week 2007, knocking off one of the four minor spires from the bell tower of the Basilica. The front-left spire shattered southeast of the Basilica's main entrance during the storm, which also damaged dozens of trees on campus.

Shortly after the storm, Marsh said, the roof of the Basilica was inspected and the metal pieces of the three remaining small spires — the "metal hats" — were removed for "preventative" reasons.

Part of the current renovation process entails rebuilding the spires and installing reinforcing steel, Marsh said.

University Sacristan John Zack, as well as other staff at the Basilica, has worked closely with the University Architect's office to direct the

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## 4 rectors adjust to new roles

### Hall leaders discuss first week on the job

By TESS CIVANTOS  
News Writer

Notre Dame welcomed four new rectors this academic year in Pangborn, Pasquerilla West, Keenan and in the new men's residence, Duncan Hall.

Father Tom Eckert, a former rector of St. Edward's Hall, was selected as the first rector of the West Quad's brand-new Duncan Hall.

"When we were handing out maps to the freshmen and their parents at check-in we realized Duncan Hall wasn't on the map," Eckert said, so hall staff drew Duncan themselves.

"We're going to put our place on the map," he said. "There's more excitement because there's a lot of things we get to start."

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## University makes changes to 'too awkward' Frosh-O

Freshman class's first weekend stayed away from multi-dorm events; focuses on bonding within the residence hall, free time

By MADELINE BUCKLEY  
News Writer

It's a tradition, even if it is always a little awkward, and it's part of the Notre Dame experience. But for this year's freshman class, Freshman Orientation Weekend, or "Frosh-O," was different than the program experienced by previous incoming classes.

Last year, the Campus Life Council, a governing body of the Notre Dame Student Government,

decided there needed to be some revisions in the activities planned for Frosh-O, student body vice president emeritus Maris Braun said.

"We felt that Freshman Orientation was not conducive to establishing good gender relations from the start," Braun said. The Campus Life Council decided there should be a focus on in-dorm activities, she said.

The activities planned for Frosh-O should help students "build a solid foundation within their dorm, and be comfortable in their home

first," Braun said. To achieve this objective, the Student Activities Office (SAO) took over the Frosh-O planning and increased the mandatory requirements for in-dorm activities, she said.

The SAO has a branch called Student Campus Orientation Committee (SCOC), which leads the planning for freshman orientation, freshman orientation co-commissioner Carolyn Rumer said.

"The school has received complaints in the past," she said.

Students and parents felt that some of the activities had gotten

out of control, she said, specifically referencing activities in which residence of female dorms are paired with residents of male dorms in physical events.

"These activities were just too awkward and traumatic for freshmen just getting to school," she said.

So in an effort to make the orientation process more comfortable for new students, the Frosh-O leaders decided to hold more activities that involved only the residents of the dorm, freshman orientation co-commissioner Ellen

Mrowka said.

"This year we emphasized getting to know your roommate, then section mates, then everyone in the dorm and then finally students in other dorms," Mrowka said.

Breen-Phillips Hall rector Rachel Kellogg said she has also heard complaints about the multi-dorm activities.

"In the past students have complained to me that the only person they got to know during Frosh-O was their roommate," Kellogg

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### BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

## Saint Mary's kicks off government meetings

By LIZ HARTER  
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The Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) welcomed Patrick Daniel, the College's new director of student involvement, during its first meeting of the semester Wednesday night.

Student body president Mickey Gruscinski introduced Daniel to the group before members of

BOG introduced themselves to each other to start the year off.

"I started Friday," Daniel told the group. "It's been busy, but I look forward to working with all of you and getting to know your names."

Gruscinski then thanked committee members for their help with First Year Orientation, activities like selling the second annu-

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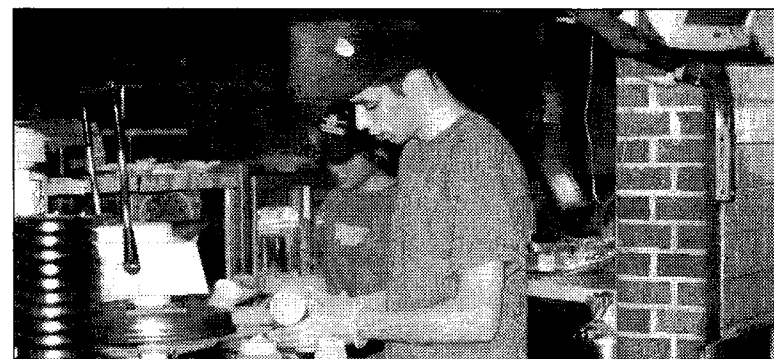
## Reckers launches fresh new menu

Mediterranean-inspired food items now an option at 24-hour eatery

By JENN METZ  
News Editor

Around dinner time Wednesday, as the line to order began forming at Reckers, a student pointing up at the new brightly colored menu asked, "What's a piadina?"

A piadina is a Mediterranean-inspired sandwich featured on



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Sophomore Mike Litvinovich prepares a sandwich Wednesday at Reckers. The restaurant introduced a new line of sandwiches this year.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Drug bust

A few days ago, I embarrassed myself on the phone with a drug dealer.

Though I do not spend much time on the street per se, I consider myself to be fairly wise in the ways of the world. I'm at ease taking cabs. I frequently avail myself of public transportation. I have purchased cigarettos from a convenience store.

But there is a drug dealer, somewhere in Maryland, who thinks I am a lost cause.

Less than a day after I left my home state, I got a call from a number I didn't recognize, with a zip code that indicated the person was calling from somewhere near Washington, D.C.

I answered the phone. "Do you want some green?" said a gruff male voice.

I asked him to repeat his question, because I couldn't quite hear him. He repeated it.

I still was not sure what he was asking. So I told him he had the wrong number.

He assured me he had the right number.

"Do you want some green?" His voice was still less than clear. I tried sounding it out.

"Greeeeeeeeen," I said. "Yeah, do you want some green?" he asked again.

I finally admitted it. I didn't know what green was.

At this point, I think he gradually started to realize that maybe he did have the wrong number.

"Isn't this D.J.'s friend who works at Macy's? She said you wanted some green."

I have no friends named D.J. I don't nor have I ever worked at Macy's. And again, I don't know what green is.

So he hung up on me.

Even after the call, I was still not sure what the man had been trying to sell me. I thought "green" could be a nickname for U.S. dollars, but selling money for money seems like a fruitless telemarketing scheme.

Maybe, I thought, green is slang for marijuana. It seemed a little foolish to me for D.J.'s friend, who works at Macy's, to arrange her drug buys over the phone with a man she doesn't know. But I Googled it. According to Marijuana Dictionary, the online source with — how appropriate — 420 slang terms for marijuana, green refers to inferior quality marijuana. Macy's must not be paying D.J.'s friend very well.

So now I know. If he calls me again, I'll be ready.

"Do I want some 'green'?" I'll say when I get the call.

"Are you talking about 'cereal' or 'kali'? Some 'Panama Gold'? You want to know if I want some 'Aunt Mary'? The 'white-haired lady,' 'the O.J.'?"

"Yeah," he'll say. "That's what I'm selling."

I think you're looking for D.J.'s friend.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE RATHER DONE WITH THE MONEY SPENT ON YOUR BOOKS?



Bill Naughton  
junior  
Duncan

"Soda for the weekend."



Lauren Corona  
junior  
Walsh

"I didn't buy any books."



Caroline Maroney  
freshman  
Lyons

"I would have bribed my way through the football ticket line."



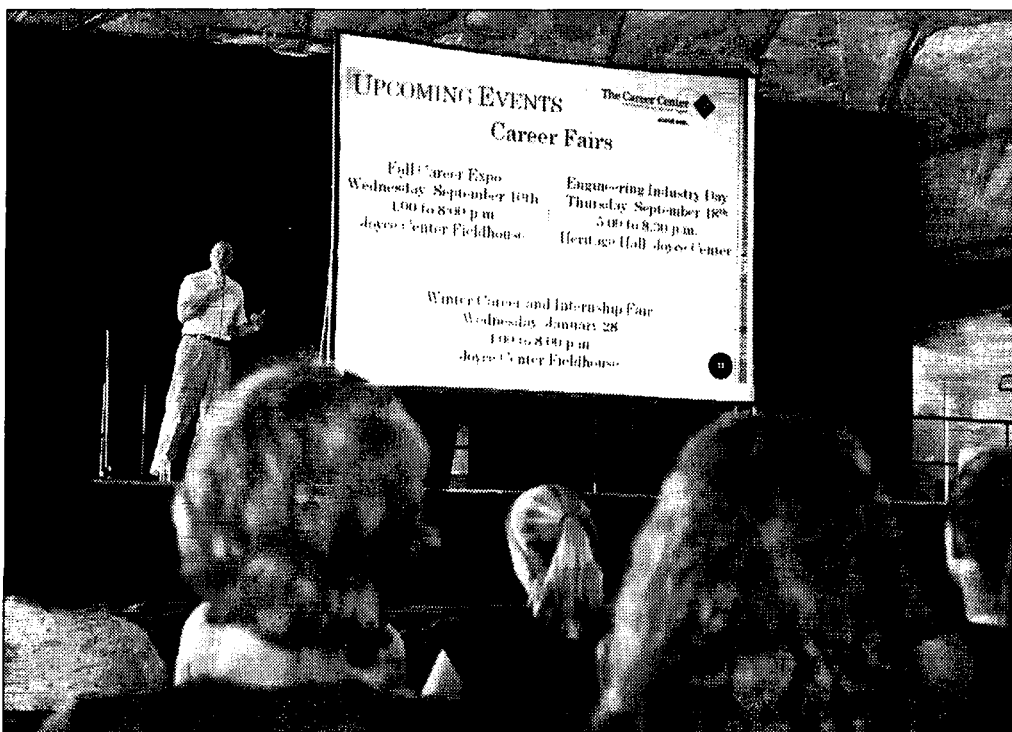
John Ghazi  
freshman  
Zahm

"I would have given it to charity."



Liam Rhatigan  
sophomore  
Morrisey

"Buy some chill stuff for the room."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Director of the Notre Dame Career Center, Lee Suete, spoke to seniors Wednesday at the Stepan Center about planning for life after graduation.

IN BRIEF

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

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

Jordana Mendhelson, associate professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at New York University, will give a lecture Friday on documentary and visual culture in Spain during and after the Spanish Civil War at 1:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center of International Studies.

The Show featuring multi-platinum rock band Good Charlotte and Chicago hip-hop duo The Cool Kids at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse on Friday.

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

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

OFFBEAT

Ga. town attempts to win scarecrow record

HOSCHTON, Ga. — This small northeastern Georgia town's population boom is frightening. In a bid to break a world record for scarecrows and scare up some fun for the fall season, thousands of straw-stuffed newcomers are creeping across town.

There's a scuba diver, the Georgia Bulldogs football team and — of course — the cast of the Wizard of Oz. Even likenesses of Jesus and Elvis popped up.

The 1,700 real residents of Hoschton hope to nearly triple their population

with 4,000 scarecrows and break the Guinness World Record for "Most Scarecrows in One Location."

The title belongs to the Cincinnati Horticultural Society's Cincinnati Flower and Farm Fest, which set the record in 2003 with 3,311 scarecrows.

Spanish town holds annual tomato fight

BUNOL, Spain — Spanish revelers have pelted each with 113 tons of ripe tomatoes in an annual food fight. Town hall says an estimated

40,000 people took part in the hour of messy fun in the village of Bunol near Valencia. The ritual dates back to the 1940s.

Some warriors in Wednesday's battle wore swimming goggles to protect themselves from the acid sting of projectiles in the form of pear-shaped tomatoes. Others swatted them away with tennis rackets.

Afterward, many washed off in a nearby river while crews hosed down a town painted red.

Information from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH	85	75	85	77	82	85
LOW	76	67	60	58	62	63

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# Architecture school co-sponsors event

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame School of Architecture, in conjunction with the Office of the University Architect, Disability Services and LCM Architects, will host a daylong program Friday to raise awareness of the challenges faced by people with physical disabilities.

The program is designed to increase architecture students' awareness of the many facets of accessible design in the context of daily student life on the Notre Dame campus.

Senior architecture students will be divided into three groups: one with crutches, one with wheelchairs and one with blindfolds and canes. They will navigate the campus and participate in various day-to-day activities such as riding a shuttle bus, attending class and using public restrooms. Students will follow their regular schedules in the morning, navigate Notre Dame Stadium in the afternoon and conclude the day with a lecture on

designing for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The lecture, presented by Jack Catlin and Gigi McCabe-Miele of LCM Architects, a Chicago-based firm that consults nationally on ADA compliance, will begin at 3:30 p.m. in Room 104 of Bond Hall. It is

free and open to the public.

Doug Marsh, associate vice president and University architect, said the intention of the program is to make architecture students aware of the barriers that people with disabilities can face, while dis-

tinguishing between Universal Accessible Design and minimum building and accessibility code requirements. Marsh said this effort is a component of the University's commitment to accessibility.

"The best way to provide an environment that is accessible to all is at the design stage," said Scott Howland, coordinator of disability services at Notre Dame's Sara Bea Learning Center for Students with Disabilities.

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**Scott Howland**  
disability services  
coordinator

# Book discusses values in business

*"Getting It Right" focuses on leadership, judgment for problem-solving*

Special to The Observer

One of the case studies presented in the book "Getting It Right: Notre Dame on Leadership and Judgment in Business" involves turning around a bankrupt blood bank. To get back to financial health, the organization's leader could choose to discontinue unprofitable products and stop serving area hospitals that weren't paying off.

But what if the blood bank's mission is to serve all hospitals and all patients in need?

"Well, those values would constrain the possible solutions," says book co-author Ed Conlon, associate dean and Edward Frederick Sorin Society professor in the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame. "Discontinuing products or service would not be possible. We would have to look for another way to turn around the organization."

Finding "another way" illustrates the central premise of "Getting It Right" by Conlon and Viva Bartkus, associate professor of management at Notre Dame. Leadership means not only solving tough business problems, but solving them within a framework of well-examined values in order to bring about the best result for the organization and everyone it serves.

"Without a system of values, a

leader cannot even determine whether there is a problem, let alone begin down the path of preparing a solution," Bartkus said. "A leader's values prescribe the space where he or she can look for solutions, establish priorities and lay the foundation for necessary change."

"Getting It Right," published this month by Jossey-Bass, departs from much of the recent literature on leadership, which often focuses on a leader's personality. The book instead presents real-life case studies that demonstrate how problem solving is an essential yet often overlooked leadership quality. Further, Bartkus and Conlon provide a framework for solving complicated business problems utilizing management principles taught at Notre Dame. The problem-solving framework shows how to find solutions by examining the problem's symptoms, move from analysis to action, and drive the solution through the organization.

The authors spent four years working on "Getting It Right." It is based on Bartkus' work as a

consultant for 10 years with McKinsey & Co., as well as Conlon's 30 years as a scholar and professor at the University.

"From the scores of presentations made by executives in my classes, I have learned that a key litmus test for leaders is how they handle the truly tough problems produced by uncertain and highly competitive business environments," Conlon said. "Our book captures and illustrates many of the tactics that produced happy endings to these stories."

Each chapter introduces and explores a theme of the problem-solving frame-

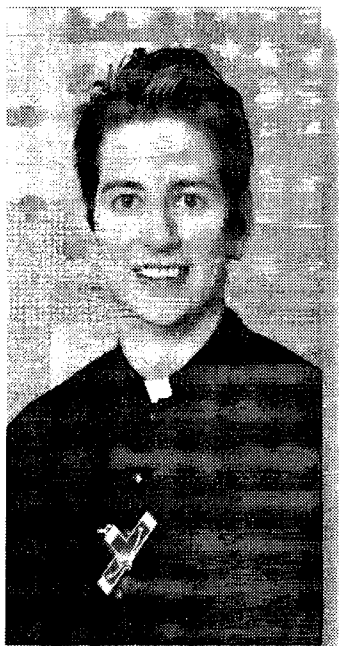
work from the real cases. When these themes are practiced diligently, Conlon and Bartkus say the framework helps the reader develop habits of mind and the confidence to discover solutions that are both good and good enough, to where more analysis is not likely to yield a greater impact. The chapters conclude with essays by notable people in business and academia — including Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of Notre Dame — who reflect on the thorny problems they weren't able to solve.

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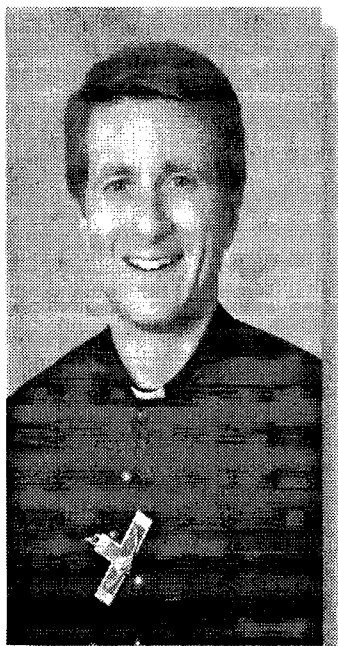
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management professor



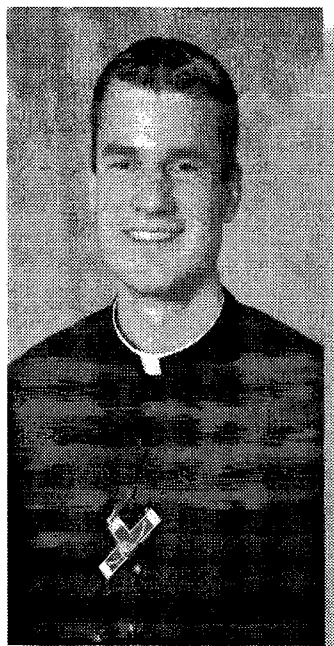
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## Basilica

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project, Zack and Marsh both said. No services at the Basilica have been interrupted as a result of the construction, Zack said.

The Basilica underwent a major interior restoration about 20 years ago, Marsh said, and at that time, some repair work was done on the outside of the building, but not to the extent that renovations are taking place now.

Marsh said he has not heard much feedback about the temporarily altered appearance of the Basilica.

"People obviously know that we need to reinvest in all of our facilities, especially our most cherished ones, and our most aged ones," he said.

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**Doug Marsh**  
associate vice president  
and University architect

The cornerstone of the Basilica was laid in 1871, Marsh said, and the first Eucharist was celebrated there in 1875.

Zack said some people have commented to him about the appearance of the Basilica.

"I think they are intrigued by it, because there is so much of it there," he said. "It surrounds the whole steeple."

Sophomore John Ahearn said it was "unfortunate" that parents of freshmen and returning students had to see the Basilica surrounded in scaffolding on their arrival or return to campus. But he said, "if it makes it safer, all the

better."

According to the Basilica's Web site, the distance to the top of the cross on the bell tower is 230 feet, which makes the top tip of the cross the highest point on campus. The Web site reports that the Basilica receives 50,000 visitors each year.

Scaffolding surrounded the Golden Dome of the Main Building in 2005, during a re-



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

**Scaffolding surrounds the entrance of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, which has been undergoing renovations since May. The project should be completed in the next few weeks.**

gilding process that installed a new layer of 28.9 karat gold leaf. Marsh said the Dome renovation was a larger project.

"Both are challenging because

you are working very high up in the air," he said. "And workers are taking tools up by hand. It's all very labor intensive work. But both have gone well and

according to plan and on schedule."

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## Rectors

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Eckert has a long history at Notre Dame. He graduated in 1995 from the University with a bachelor's degree in both economics and Spanish. For three years, Eckert was rector of St. Edward's Hall as well as the director of Latino Student Ministry in Campus Ministry and the associate director of the Office of Vocations for the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Eckert left those positions to concentrate on his graduate studies, and last spring earned a master's degree in Iberian and Latin American Literatures at the University.

Eckert has traveled to Peru and Chile for mission work, and served as a deacon at St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, Arizona.

"I am the youngest of 14 children," Eckert said, "which was good preparation for living in a dorm."

Eckert also brings to the job memories of undergraduate life at Notre Dame.

"I remember all the hours hanging out with my section mates, playing cards, watching TV, just building our community bond," he said.

Sister Mary Donnelly began her tenure this year as rector of Pangborn Hall.

"I am so excited to be here," she said.

Donnelly, like Eckert, is also from a big family. She is the second oldest of seven children. Donnelly attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich., but Notre Dame is in her family — she has an older brother who graduated from Notre

Dame in 1975.

"I'm looking forward to interacting with and influencing the women of Pangborn," Donnelly said. "And they will influence me as well. It's a mutual learning experience."

Sophie Henrichs, rector of Pasquerilla West, earned a masters in theological studies from Notre Dame. For her undergraduate education, Henrichs attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

"I loved the make-your-own pizza nights and pajama masses that the Marianist priests and

brothers held," Henrichs said. "The same things that people enjoy at Notre Dame are what I carried with me from my college experience."

Henrichs said she's liked her time as a Notre Dame rector so far.

"I'm really pleased with how things have gone," she said.

Assuming the position of rector has gone smoothly for the new rector of Keenan Hall, Father Daniel Nolan.

"I love it here," Nolan said. "I feel like I died and went to Heaven."

Nolan is a native of Las Vegas and has an older sister

and younger brother.

"I'm one of the few who grew up in Las Vegas and became a priest," Nolan joked.

Before coming to Notre Dame, Nolan was a teacher.

"I taught at the St. Viator's Clerics' school in Las Vegas," Nolan said. "I used to get tickets to Notre Dame games against USC and Stanford, so that was my contact with Notre Dame for a long time."

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## Frosh-O

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said. They cut the number of multi-dorm activities in order to have the freshmen get to know the other students in their dorm, she said.

"I think the whole process ran really smoothly," Kellogg said.

In addition to increasing dorm activities, SCOC made several other changes as well, Rumer said.

"This year there was time built into the schedule for the students to have free time to be with their family and run to Target," she said. The committee decided the students needed more down time, so they didn't plan activities extremely early or extremely late like they have in the past, she said.

Kellogg said she has heard

complaints about students being too tired after Frosh-O.

"This year they toned it down a little so that freshman would have time to unpack and see their families," she said.

SCOC also tried to plan activities that involved less athletic skill than in the past, Mrowka said.

"This was for the students who aren't particularly athletic," she said.

Breen-Phillips Hall freshman Ashley Ulrich said Frosh-O went really well for her.

"I met a lot of people and we had a lot of phone number transfers going on," she said. Ulrich also said she enjoyed the amount of free time given to the freshman.

"I heard that last year everyone went from thing to thing to thing," she said. "This year we had breaks to set up the room and unpack."

Freshman Caroline Walsh of

Howard Hall also said she enjoyed Frosh-O, but she would have liked to socialize more with other dorms.

"It seemed like we did a lot of stuff with our dorms which was fun, but I wish we could have branched out a little and met with other dorms," she said.

Breen-Phillips Hall freshman Victoria Hadlock also wished she could have socialized with other dorms.

"At times it was a little boring because we didn't do anything with the guy's dorms until after our parents left," she said.

SCOC saw this orientation as a test year, co-commissioners Rumer and Mrowka said.

"[The changes] worked well, but it's a matter of personal preference which style you prefer," Rumer said.

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## Reckers

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Reckers' new menu, which launched Aug. 12.

Mike Miller, the operations manager for the 24-hour campus restaurant Reckers, said the major goal of Notre Dame Food Services (NDFS) in adopting the new menu is to provide fresh food for students.

Through surveys conducted on campus and through employee responses, the menu at the popular late-night restaurant now contains a variety of the piadina sandwiches, which are made with locally-sourced dough that is folded over and filled with fresh ingredients.

Miller described the new sandwiches as being similar to a panini sandwich, though a piadina is not pressed.

Freshman Lisa Vavricka seemed pleased with her Reckers experience. She waited on line to order a Genovese piadina, a sandwich she has tried before and which she described as "a healthier option."

"And it's really tasty," she said.

Students who fear that favorites like the Buffalo chick-

en sandwich and pizza — two of the restaurant's biggest sellers — won't be featured on the new menu have nothing to worry about, Miller said. Many familiar items still remain, and the smoothie menu is the same.

"People who have had experience with the menu wanted something new," Miller said.

He said the chef, Don Miller, who is of no relation, wanted to create a menu with "a taste profile with a lot of unique variations."

"You have the sweet and salty of prosciutto instead of regular ham. The pancetta is cured and goes beyond the little nuances of regular bacon," Miller said.

These changes, he said, make Reckers menu, with its dominant Italian and Mediterranean influence, unique on campus. Fresh ingredients include basil, shaved parmesan and fresh mozzarella cheese.

"We're the only people on campus with those kinds of ingredients," Miller said.

The new menu contains a list of ingredients that are available a la carte that can be added to a sandwich or as toppings on pizza, which allows students to create their own combinations.

"It's the beginning of the school year, but I think it's been well-received so far," Miller

said. "Though, some people miss the meatball sub."

The focus on organic and locally-grown and produced ingredients is part of NDFS' goal in continuing to focus on sustainability. Though he couldn't say if the menu contains overall healthier choices than the old menu, Miller emphasized the freshness of the ingredients.

"There's so much fresh produce and not so much focus on the spreads and sauces," he said.

On Tuesday, the first day of classes, Reckers resumed being open 24 hours a day for the academic year. Not all menu items are always offered, however, which is something Miller hopes will change.

Breakfast, for example, is currently only available from 6 – 10 a.m. These hours will be expanded, and breakfast foods will be available to order starting at 2 a.m., so that late-night visitors to Reckers have more options "than just pizza and shakes," Miller said.

He was unsure of exactly when those changes would go into effect, but cited the first football weekend as a possible date.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Business booming in Iraqi city

NAJAF — The city's first airport is weeks away from opening, but already a bigger one is talked about. Land prices are soaring. Merchants say they don't remember business ever being so good.

Four years ago, Najaf was an urban battlefield with American troops fighting Shiite militiamen loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Today, the Shiite holy city is a hot spot of a different kind thanks to improved security, a free-for-all market economy — and a direct pipeline to the Shiite-led government.

The boomtown buzz in Najaf is more remarkable for its limited company. It's matched only in the northern cities of Sulaimaniyah and Irbil in the self-ruled Kurdish region in northern Iraq, which has been mostly a bystander in the war.

### Combat flares along tribal belt

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani troops drove off a Taliban attack on a fort and pounded another band of militants holed up in a health center, officials said Wednesday as fighting spread to a third area of the tribal belt along the Afghan border.

As many as 49 insurgents were reported killed. The violence came a week after the threat of impeachment forced longtime U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf to resign as president, triggering a scramble for power that resulted in the collapse of Pakistan's governing coalition.

The party led by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto until her assassination last December is now in a position to dominate the government and it is toughening its stance against Islamic extremists at a time when they are becoming increasingly bold.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Storm Gustav may cause evacuation

NEW ORLEANS — On the eve of Hurricane Katrina's third anniversary, a nervous New Orleans watched Wednesday as another storm threatened to test everything the city has rebuilt, and officials made preliminary plans to evacuate people, pets and hospitals in an attempt to avoid a Katrina-style chaos.

Forecasters warned that Gustav could grow into a dangerous Category 3 hurricane in the next several days and hit somewhere along a swath of the Gulf Coast from the Florida Panhandle to Texas — with New Orleans smack in the middle.

### Patrol struggles to keep new officers

IMPERIAL BEACH, Calif. — Law enforcement officers wanted: must work graveyard shifts alone in remote towns along the Mexican border, put in long hours and perform well in triple-digit temperatures.

That message is never touted in U.S. Border Patrol recruitment brochures, but the sobering reality of working on the border has created an environment in which about 30 percent of agents leave their jobs in less than 18 months.

"This has complications up and down the line," said Richard Stana, director of homeland security issues at the Government Accountability Office. "You're constantly in a recruiting mode ... If this population keeps churning, you're constantly training."

## LOCAL NEWS

### Gunshot kills man in police shooting

OSCEOLA, Ind. — An autopsy found that a gunshot wound to the chest killed an Osceola man who authorities say died while trying to flee an off-duty police officer.

Eugene Nusbaum, 43, was found dead in his pickup truck late Monday after it struck a tree about a quarter mile from where a Mishawaka police detective confronted him in a used car lot, said Catherine Wilson, a St. Joseph County prosecutor's office spokeswoman.

# Biden accepts VP nomination

*Senator says nation needs 'more than a good soldier;' Obama joins running mate on stage*

Associated Press

DENVER — Joe Biden accepted the Democratic vice presidential nomination Wednesday night and declared that the challenges America faces require "more than a good soldier" in the White House, hailing Barack Obama as a wise leader who can deliver the change the nation needs.

In a single sentence, Obama's new running mate complimented John McCain's years of military service and slapped his claim on the White House.

As Biden concluded his speech accepting the nomination, Obama stepped on stage and embraced his man to a convention roar.

"I want everybody to now understand why I am so proud to have Joe Biden ... and the whole Biden family," Obama told the boisterous crowd. "I think he's presented himself pretty well so far, what do you think?" More cheers.

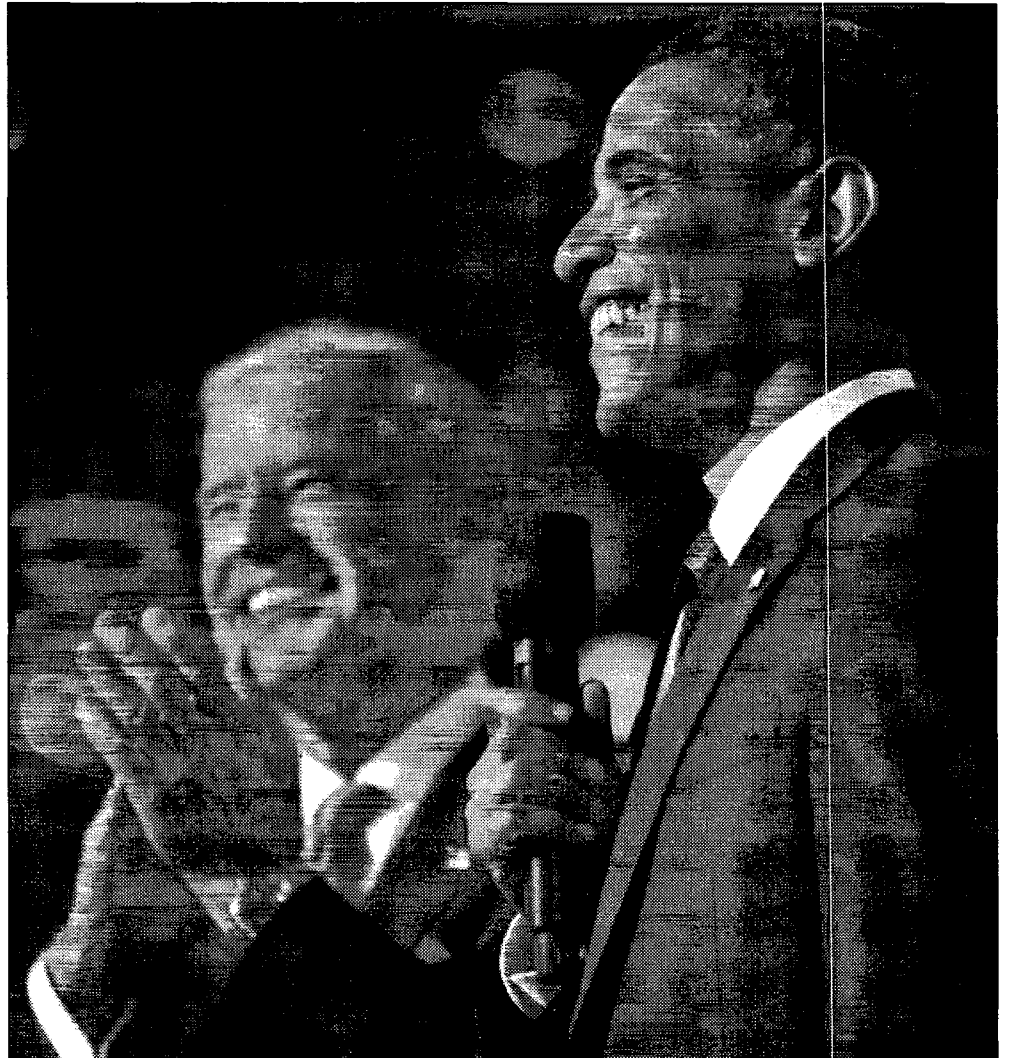
In his speech, Biden also sniped at Vice President Dick Cheney, saying that after he takes over the job, for Americans trying to do the right thing and honor the Constitution, "no longer will the eight most dreaded words in the English language be 'The vice president's office is on the phone.'"

Biden said the bedrock American promise of a better tomorrow is in jeopardy "but John McCain doesn't get it."

"I know it, you know it ... Barack Obama gets it," he said.

"This is the time as Americans, together, we get back up," he said. "... These are extraordinary times. This is an extraordinary election. The American people are ready. Barack Obama is ready. This is his time. This is our time. This is America's time."

Hours after the Democratic National Convention nominated Obama by acclamation,



Delaware Senator Joe Biden accepts democratic vice presidential nomination at the Democratic National Convention in Denver on Wednesday.

Biden was unanimously chosen to be his running mate.

He called Republican McCain a Senate friend of three decades, but the wrong man for the White House. "I profoundly disagree with the direction that John wants to take the country," he said.

At one point, misspeaking, he started a sentence by referring to George — as in President Bush — and then corrected himself to say John — as in McCain. A Freudian slip, he quipped. It is a connection Democrats are bent on making at every opportunity.

Biden went hard against McCain and the Republicans on foreign policy. "I've been on the ground

in Georgia, Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan, and I can tell you in no uncertain terms: This administration's policy has been an abject failure."

Biden said McCain wants to keep it going on the same course.

"America cannot afford four more years of this," Biden said. "... Again and again, on the most important national security issues of our time, John McCain was wrong and Barack Obama was proven right."

The 65-year-old Delaware senator told the convention he'd learned a lot about Obama by campaigning against him for the party's presidential nomination. Biden was an early dropout in that campaign, quitting

after he managed only 1 percent of the vote in Iowa's opening caucuses.

Biden said that in debating Obama, watching him react under pressure, he learned about the strength of the Democratic presidential candidate's mind and his ability to touch and inspire people.

"And I realized he has tapped into the oldest American belief of all: We don't have to accept a situation we cannot bear. We have the power to change it," Biden said in excerpts of his prepared remarks.

Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that "our country is less secure and more isolated than at any time in recent history."

## GEORGIA

# Leaders call Russia to 'change course'

Associated Press

TBILISI — Western leaders warned Russia on Wednesday to "change course," hoping to keep a conflict that already threatens a key nuclear pact and could even raise U.S. chicken prices from blossoming into a new Cold War.

Moscow said it was NATO expansion and Western support for Georgia that was causing the new East-West divisions, and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin lashed out at the United States for using military ships to deliver humanitarian aid to Georgia.

Meanwhile, Georgia slashed its embassy staff in Moscow to protest Russia's recognition of the two sepa-

ratist enclaves that were the flashpoint for the five-day war between the two nations earlier this month.

The tensions have spread to the Black Sea, which Russia shares unhappily with three nations that belong to NATO and two others that desperately want to, Ukraine and Georgia. Some Ukrainians fear Moscow might set its sights on their nation next.

In moves evocative of Cold War cat-and-mouse games, a U.S. military ship carrying humanitarian aid docked at a southern Georgian port, and Russia sent a missile cruiser and two other ships to a port farther north in a show of force.

The maneuvering came a day after Russian President Dmitry Medvedev had

said his nation was "not afraid of anything, including the prospect of a Cold War." For the two superpowers of the first Cold War, the United States and Russia, repercussions from this new conflict could be widespread.

Russia's agriculture minister said Moscow could cut poultry and pork import quotas by hundreds of thousands of tons, hitting American producers hard and thereby raising prices for American shoppers.

Russians sometimes refer to American poultry imports as "Bush's legs," a reference to the frozen chicken shipped to Russia amid economic troubles following the 1991 Soviet collapse, during George H.W. Bush's presidency.

# W. Iraq needs fewer troops

*United States to yield responsibility for Sunni stronghold within days*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Conditions in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, where a brutal insurgency once ruled, have improved so dramatically that the United States is handing over responsibility for security in the Sunni stronghold to Iraq within days. Troops freed up in Iraq could shift to Afghanistan.

"There aren't a whole heck of a lot of bad guys there left to fight," Gen. James T. Conway, the top Marine Corps general, said Wednesday.

A ceremony marking the Anbar turnover is expected to be held Monday, several U.S. and Iraqi officials said. Each spoke on condition of anonymity because the Iraqi government has not yet announced it. Anbar would be the 10th of Iraq's 18 provinces to be returned to Iraqi government control, a step toward phasing out the American combat role as Iraqi security forces grow more competent.

The developments in Anbar have additional resonance because the province once was synonymous with the worst violence and lawless-

ness unleashed in Iraq following the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

The turnaround in Anbar is all the more dramatic for what it might mean for Afghanistan, the fight that has in some ways supplanted Iraq as a front-line battleground. The diverging trends make it likely that a U.S. buildup in Afghanistan will follow a drawdown in Iraq.

Conway said he learned on a visit to Anbar this summer that violence remains low and the 25,000 Marines there are doing more rebuilding than fighting.

"Quite frankly, young Marines join our Corps to go fight for their country," Conway said. "They are doing a very good job of this nation-building business (in Iraq). But it's our view that if there is a stiffer fight going someplace else ... then that's where we need to be."

That place might be Afghanistan, he said.

Speaking at a Pentagon news conference, Conway said the top American commander in Anbar, Marine Maj. Gen. John Kelly, believes fewer U.S. forces are needed to keep the peace. He said Kelly has pro-

posed cutbacks to his superiors, but Conway declined to give specifics, saying only that the current number of Marines there is excessive.

The remarks by Conway, who is responsible for Marines' recruiting, training and equipping but not their use in combat, are an additional sign of the likelihood that Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, will recommend soon that troop withdrawals resume this fall. Petraeus has been assessing the overall security situation in light of the withdrawal of five Army combat brigades earlier this year.

There now are about 146,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and 33,000 in Afghanistan, according to Pentagon figures.

The Petraeus recommendation, which is expected to be accepted by President Bush, is important not only for its implications in Iraq and for its potential impact on the presidential contenders' debate over Iraq but also for its connection to what U.S. commanders call an urgent need for more troops in Afghanistan — perhaps as many as 10,000 more.

## BOG

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al SMC-tee after it was unveiled last week.

Public Relations commissioner Katie Danko designed the SMC-tee, which is being sold in the Student Government Office for \$5. BOG hopes students will wear it on Sept. 5 when Saint Mary's co-hosts the

first pep-rally of the year with Knott Hall, Siegfried Hall, and both Pasquerilla East and Pasquerilla West Halls.

"We're going to spread the news of the pep rally by word of mouth," Gruscinski said. "We're undefeated at this rally. Notre Dame is undefeated so it's really going to be special."

BOG members will be walking around the dorms next week to

knock on people's doors to tell them about the Pep Rally.

**In other BOG News:**

♦ Saint Mary's activities night is tonight from 6-8 p.m.

♦ The student government office is still open from 8-10 p.m. during the week to broadcast the Democratic National Convention and next week to show the Republican National Convention.

"So far we've only had one non-BOG person show up, but who knows if that will change," Gruscinski said.

♦ The Twilight Tailgate is Thursday, Sept. 4 on Library Green. Dinner will be served from 4:30-7 p.m. and the movie "Made of Honor" will be shown at 9 p.m. Caramel apples, cotton candy and popcorn will be served during the movie, said Student Activities Board coordinator Michelle Peterson.

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## ELECTION 2008

# Romney ramps up his attacks against Obama

Associated Press

DENVER — Mitt Romney, playing Republican pit bull on the periphery of the Democratic National Convention, charged Tuesday that a Barack Obama presidency would "make America a weaker nation."

The United States under an Obama administration would see "less prosperity, and less security," said Romney, in what could have been an 11th-hour audition to join Sen. John McCain's ticket.

The former Massachusetts governor led a Republican delegation to the convention city to rain on Obama's parade. Obama, though, wasn't even there; he'd decided earlier to methodically wend his way here, making campaign appearances along the way.

Holding a news conference on the fringe of the convention arena, Romney cited Obama votes on taxes and proposals for government spending. And he took note of the Illinois senator's comment earlier this year in debate that he would negotiate with leaders of rogue nations.

Summing up his pitch, Romney questioned the Democrat's judgment, saying: "Barack Obama is a charming and fine person with a lovely family but he's not ready to be president."

McCain's campaign dispatched Romney, who is believed to be a top contender for the vice presidential spot on the ticket, specifically to assail Obama. Another Republican said to be in serious contention for the No. 2 slot, Minnesota

Gov. Tim Pawlenty, was scheduled to play attack dog in Denver on Thursday.

The Arizona senator is expected to name his vice presidential pick in the coming days, maybe even while Obama is holding court in Denver. Rallies in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan, perhaps involving the complete GOP ticket, are planned for the run-up to the GOP convention that starts Monday in St. Paul, Minn.

For now at least, McCain's campaign is mum on the deliberations. Uncharacteristically, so, too, is the candidate himself.

And, McCain's prospective candidates are dodging questions about the process to avoid violating McCain's demand for secrecy around his search. But the appearances by Romney and Pawlenty in Denver are certain to stoke speculation and invite questions.

"I don't have anything to tell you about Senator McCain's vice presidential selection process," Romney said repeatedly when asked about his prospects on Tuesday.

Likely by design so top McCain aides could gauge their effectiveness, both Romney and Pawlenty have emerged as top surrogates for McCain over the past few months as he has weighed his choice.

Romney, a former McCain rival, would bring economic credentials and a battle-honed pitch from the rough-and-tumble GOP primary to the team, while Pawlenty, a longtime McCain ally, would bring a solid conservative resume and blue-collar roots.

But both men also present drawbacks for the GOP ticket.

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NIKKEI (Tokyo)	12,752.63	-0.33
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FANNIE MAE (FNM)	+15.30	+0.86	6.48
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+0.65	+0.30	46.73

### Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	-0.32	-0.012	3.772
13-WEEK BILL	-2.09	-0.035	1.640
30-YEAR BOND	-0.27	-0.012	4.383
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.72	-0.022	3.026

### Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.88	118.15
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+5.90	834.00
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CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.0460
BRITISH POUND	0.5452

## IN BRIEF

### U.S. thrifts suffer record losses

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators say U.S. thrifts lost \$5.4 billion in the second quarter and set aside a record amount to cover losses from bad mortgages and other loans.

Data from the U.S. Office of Thrift Supervision show federally-insured savings and loan institutions posted their second-largest quarterly loss ever in the April-June period, after the \$8.8 billion loss in the fourth quarter of last year. Heavily focused on mortgage lending, thrifts have been stung by mounting home-loan defaults.

The \$5.4 billion quarterly loss compared with net profits of \$3.8 billion in the year-ago period, and a loss of \$627 million in the first quarter.

### Russia may cut poultry, pork imports

MOSCOW — Russia could cut poultry and pork import quotas by hundreds of thousands of tons, the country's agriculture minister said Wednesday. The move could hit American producers hard and comes amid heightened tensions between Moscow and Washington over the war in ex-Soviet Georgia.

"It is time to change the quota regime and reduce imports, which have unfortunately built up in recent years," Alexei Gordeyev told reporters, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

He said domestic producers could make up the shortfall if imports were reduced.

Any substantial cuts would likely have a significant impact on U.S. poultry producers, for whom Russia is the biggest market. Russians sometimes refer to U.S. poultry imports as "Bush's legs," a reference to the frozen chicken shipped to Russia amid economic troubles following the 1991 Soviet collapse, when the current U.S. president's father was in office.

## Mich. incomes fall, poverty rises

Data points to auto industry's downward plunge in state's declining economy

Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY — Government data painted a bleak economic picture for Michigan, where the auto industry's downward plunge has rippled across the state.

Michigan was the only state where poverty rose last year, as well as the only one where incomes fell, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics released Tuesday that illustrate the uniqueness of the state's economic swoon.

"It's really a depressing picture," said Amy Rynell, director of the Heartland Alliance Mid-America Institute on Poverty, an advocacy group based in Chicago.

Michigan's poverty rate was 14 percent, up from 13.5 percent in 2006 and more than a full percentage point above the national rate, which was virtually unchanged during the same period. The state's rate has grown steadily since 2000, when it was just above 10 percent. The number of people in poverty increased by 45,000 during 2006-07.

The 2007 median income in Michigan was \$47,950, down 1.2 percent or \$596 from the 2006 median of \$48,546. The state's nationwide ranking slid from 24th to 27th.

Nationwide, the median household income rose to \$50,233, a modest increase of \$665 from the previous year, although it was the third consecutive annual rise. While the overall poverty rate held steady at 12.5 percent, Latinos, children and the foreign-born — demographic categories that overlap considerably — experienced significant increases.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm has emphasized diversifying the state's economy, promoting growth of industries such as defense contracting, alternative energy and film production. The Democratic governor and lawmakers



An auction sign is displayed on a home in Rochester Hills, Mich. Michigan was the only state where incomes fell and poverty rose last year.

this year boosted tax incentives for businesses adding jobs.

Last week, Granholm announced 20 new business expansions or relocations expected to bring \$658 million in new investment to the state.

Whether such improvements will be enough to offset continued gloomy news from the automotive sector remains to be seen. But the 2007 statistics, reported in the Census Bureau's annual American Community Survey, offer little reason for optimism.

They also showed Michigan's rate of "extreme poverty" — a yearly income of less than half the poverty threshold, or \$10,325 for a family of four — jumped

from 6 percent in 2006 to 6.5 percent last year. Eight years ago, the rate was 4.8 percent.

"We know that people with incomes that low are living in unsafe conditions," Rynell said. "Children probably are not getting enough healthy food to eat. People may be living in shelters. Seniors are likely skipping dosages of medication to make ends meet."

The child poverty rate increased from 17.8 percent to 19 percent between 2006-07, while the national rate stood at 17.6 percent.

Detroit's poverty rate of 33.8 percent was highest among cities of 250,000 or more, while Kalamazoo and Flint tied for fifth among cities of 65,000 to 249,999

people. Both had rates of 35.5 percent.

"We know that many people are struggling harder and harder just to get by, and more vulnerable people are turning to public services for help," said Sharon Parks, president and CEO of the Michigan League for Human Services. "This reinforces the need to strengthen our strained safety net, and policymakers must pay attention to these startling figures."

In another report released Tuesday, the Census Bureau said 11 percent of Michigan residents had no health insurance coverage in 2007 — up from 10.4 percent in 2006 and 9.1 percent at the beginning of the decade.

## Gains reported on durable goods

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. factories saw a surprisingly hefty increase in their orders for big-ticket products in July, reflecting continued strength in export sales and a boost to business investment from the government's tax stimulus package.

Economists, however, remain worried that spreading economic weakness overseas and a rebound in the value of the dollar could spell an end to the export boom later this year.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that orders for durable goods rose 1.3 percent last month, far above the slight 0.1 percent increase Wall Street had been expecting.

The July increase matched a 1.3 percent rise in June, which was revised up from an earlier reading of 0.8 percent. The matching gains were the strongest since orders for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, jumped by 4.1 percent in December.

Wall Street investors were encouraged by the better-than-expected gain in durable goods orders. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 89.64 points to close at 11,502.51.

A huge rebound in orders for commercial aircraft, which had fallen sharply in June, led last month's strength. But even outside the volatile aircraft category, there was widespread growth, indicating that American companies are continuing

to benefit from a boom in exports due mainly to the decline in the value of the dollar earlier this year.

"These upbeat capital goods numbers amid a downtrodden U.S. consumer sector indicates how helpful a weak dollar is in the current cycle," said Daniel J. Meckstroth, chief economist for the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, an industry trade group.

But some economists expressed concerns over how much longer the export boom can last, given spreading economic weakness in Europe, Japan and other major overseas markets. They noted that the dollar, which had been on a long slide, has come off its recent lows, which could translate into less of a price advantage for U.S. exporters.

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## The state of the (viewpoint) union

All right everybody. As this is the beginning of another fantastic, and hopefully fantastically controversial, new year in Viewpoint, I thought it might be beneficial to talk about the state of the Viewpoint section. I do this only to throw fodder into the fire and get an early start on the year.

Of course, most of these topics have been trampled on pretty seriously in the past, but here at Notre Dame they always seem open to new and passionate discussion. This also serves to warn the freshmen and prep them for the serious debates splayed across these pages.

Let's start with the obvious elephant in the room: the Vagina Monologues. Since this Eve Ensler production was first put on by Notre Dame students a few years ago, it has managed to play on campus, then get kicked off campus, then get back on campus. And we have heard about it all in hundreds of letters. It has drawn criticism from Archbishops, alumni and students on both sides of the issue; last year the convention of bishops was moved from Notre Dame because of it. There has been no lack of controversy. However, from those emphasizing the play's importance in sexual abuse awareness to those writing it off as sexually promiscuous trash, the letters have never ceased to amuse the other 95 percent of the student body who remained fairly uninterested in the whole thing. Not to make light of the subject, it just seemed that no common ground was ever found between writers, and, to be honest, I predict yet another rehash early next spring.

Let's move on to a similar set of gen-

der issues, the ones involving Notre Dame's friendly neighbors to the West, St. Mary's. Generally, this debate is pretty formulaic. It begins when one of The Observer comic strips takes some exaggerated and stereotypical jab at the St. Mary's student body. These claims are usually one of two tasty flavors. The first, of course, is that they are some seriously promiscuous girls. The second, that they can't add two and two together (or that a St. Mary's lit final is based on a combination of Dr. Seuss and Beverly Cleary novels). I expect these to be slightly less heated this year, with only one comic strip, rather than three, to spark these letters. These debates are generally sort of boring anyways. The first letter lambastes the comic strip for the dig; the responses are usually just to "lighten up". Snore. Besides, we all know what the difference between your sister and the St. Mary's shuttle is.

Continuing, we come across (surprise, surprise) another gender issue at Notre Dame. This one involves our beloved Victory March and the fact that it only mentions loyal sons, leaving out our loyal daughters. This one is usually thrown out there by female alums or parents who feel offended that the boys are getting all of the love. Not to sound sexist, but I want to put an end to this one right now. First, the song was written before girls were even admitted to this school, so its not as if they were deliberately shafted out of the song. Secondly, have you ever tried to add "loyal sons and daughters" into the fight song. The timing is completely off and the entire song suffers for it. If we change it now, "Hail to the Victors" has already won.

These issues have been the meat of the Viewpoint section over the last couple of years; however, they have never been the most interesting. If you want your letter to make it to the paper, you only have to make it controversial

enough to draw fire. At this school, that isn't too difficult.

Last year, there was the kid who suggested parietals were already too late and should be moved down to 10 p.m. You can imagine the backlash. Business majors who never had thought of putting down their Natty to pen a Letter to the Editor were polishing off their long forgotten skills to unleash a deluge of criticism on this guy. His complete insensitivity to the rest of the male population's hopes and dreams of making a successful play on a girl was appalling. The suggestion did, however, result in a few days of pretty funny discussion.

However, while these letters are amusing and some of the debates (still) controversial, I want urge the student body to take the great opportunity this year provides (there is an election, if you haven't heard) and write a couple of thoughtful, evidenced and well constructed letters on the major issues out there: health care, the federal deficit, off shore drilling, the merits of experience vs. youth, etc.

While this trek down memory lane was fun for some, and probably brought up old arguments for others, it should stay at that. These discussions have been had and the arguments have been made. As to the damage done, I'm not sure anybody new is going to be convinced at this point, so it would be better for us, as a student body, to move on to newer, fresher and perhaps more challenging and nuanced issues. I hope to do the same in my future columns. And of course, I will always accept e-mails from readers who disagree.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't try to solve serious matters in the middle of the night."

Phillp K. Dick  
U.S. author



## Dis-orientation daze

As an 8th-grader at St. Pius X Elementary, I possessed all the absurd bravado of a member of the oldest class in the school. Bragging — about parents' occupation, purported wealth, girlfriends — was the currency of the 8th-grade corner of the recess yard. Though, of course, being 8th graders, we weren't relegated to a corner, we chose to be there. We could go wherever we darn well liked — unless Sr. Clare said otherwise, though we also (quietly) bragged that our elder status made even Sr. Clare tentative to call us out. Like I said, it was an absurd bravado.

Fr. Lou Delfra

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Starting around October, the recess-yard smack talk was predictably interjected with one-upsmanship about where we would attend high school. It was cool to be going to Cardinal O'Hara, but totally out to go to Monsignor Bonner. But nowhere was cooler than Malvern Prep — you even had to take a test to get in there. (Why this made it cool is no longer apparent to me). Mid-October, my best friend Terry Redican and I made it widely known at recess that we would not be at school tomorrow, as we would be visiting Malvern.

That morning, I strutted out of my bedroom. I strutted out the front door. I strutted down the driveway to the bus stop. I had the grades, I had the extracurriculars, I had the faith — I was on the high school bus to visit Malvern. I was too darn cool.

Then the bus dropped us off at Malvern. The football team, ranked No.1 in the city, had a before-school practice and the offensive line almost ran me over as they herded by the bus stop. Their cleats on the driveway sounded like the Orcs marching on Gondor, and I almost puked. My stellar performance in the spelling bee, 8th-grade tennis title and everything else I had accomplished went out the window, as these behemoths trampled by. Suddenly, the only autobiographical information I could remember was that I was 5'4" and 85 pounds, which I suddenly recalled put me squarely in the 17th percentile ... This didn't feel right.

My freshman escort ushered me to a seat in the freshman biology class. Moments after Mr. Riviello had started a lesson on taxonomy — the first word in a couple years I didn't comprehend (I had won the spelling bee, did I mention that?) — I realized that I really needed to go the bathroom. But no way the 8th-grade visitor was raising his hand to stop a science class that was taking on taxes — this was heady, high-level stuff. I held it. For as long as I could. Finally, nearing emergency status, I ran for the door and made it to the hallway. Looking frantically for the men's room, I could only find a door marked "Restroom." Was it guys or girls? I very uncomfortably paced the halls until class let out. I ran to my freshman escort and breathlessly blurted, "Is that a guys' room or girls' room?" He looked at me like I was ... well, a 5'4", 85-pound grade-schooler, as he reminded me, "This is an all-

guys' school."

I made a resolution right then that I would never attend Malvern Prep. This decision had nothing to do with the match between Malvern and my gifts, or whether God was "calling" me there, as Sr. Clare liked to frame it. It had everything to do with the fact that Malvern, that first day, made me feel the opposite of what I felt at my 8th-grade recess yard. And the fact that I couldn't find the bathrooms.

Many of our poignant (i.e. — humiliating) childhood experiences can be quite instructive. I often recall this memory anytime I am preparing to begin something new, and feel the inevitable butterflies in my stomach. It makes me remember that, when God invites us into something new (in the end, Sr. Clare's framework of vocation and discernment was utterly accurate), our initial response is often not one of total acceptance and embrace. Rather, it is some confusion at the unfamiliarity, and a resultant hesitancy. Days that many like to call "Orientation" are often, internally for those going through them, days of radical "Dis-orientation." Less days of "Vocation" than days of "Equi-Vocation." And one natural reaction to such feelings is: get me back to the 8th-grade recess yard, where I know the terrain, know the people, and know which gender the bathrooms are for.

I like to pray to St. Peter on days of starting something new. He plunged into new opportunities with all the unbridled enthusiasm of a cocky adolescent. "Lord, if that is you, tell me to

get out of the boat and walk on the water!" Followed immediately by a sudden realization that he is now doing something in a way and a place unfamiliar to him. And in this moment of Dis-orientation, he fills with fear, panic, and inevitably, begins to sink. "Lord, save me!" Followed by one of the most consoling lines in all of the Gospels: "Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and took hold of him." Peter would grow, and regain his confidence, but it took some time. And Jesus patiently led him through his fears into a life of freedom and joy, so effectively that Peter — prone to fear and equivocation — is ultimately freed to become a great leader in the faith, and even to give his life away.

Where is Jesus leading us during these days of dis-orientation? If we allow him, as Peter eventually did, surely He is leading us to greater freedom and joy, a life of robust magnification of our gifts, including ones now unknown to us, and a life of more generous service to others. Do we have Peter's patience and resolve to let Him?

Oh, I graduated from Malvern in '88, and was off to Notre Dame. I remember I felt so cool ...

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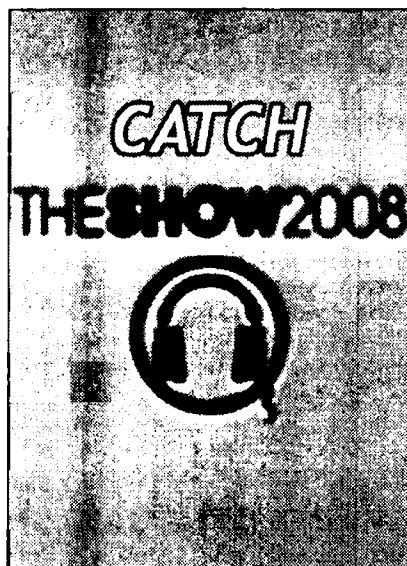
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By ANALISE LIPARI  
Scene Editor

Tickets are on sale for The Show, the opening on-campus concert of the 2008-2009 academic year. The Show 2008 Committee has invited hitmakers Good Charlotte and upcoming act The Cool Kids to play this Friday, August 29th at 8:00 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

**The Show**  
**Joyce Center**  
**Auditorium**  
**Friday at 8**  
**Admission: \$10**  
**Doors open at 7**

The Cool Kids, composed of Antoine "Mikey Rocks" Reed and Evan "Chuck English" Ingersoll, is a hip-hop duo based out of Chicago and Detroit. Like a lot of bands in the post-Napster era, The Cool Kids' popularity grew thanks to their page on Myspace.com. The duo has played at festivals such as Lollapalooza and Austin's South by Southwest, as well as opening for acts like M.I.A. Their latest album, "The Bake Sale EP," was released in May and is available on iTunes, and their debut, "When Fish Ride Bicycles," is due to be re-released later this year.

Headlining The Show 2008 is pop-punk outfit Good Charlotte. Originally founded in 1996 and led by twin brothers Joel and Benji Madden, Good Charlotte's hits include "Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous," "I Don't Wanna Be In Love (Dance Floor Anthem)" and "Girls and Boys." Their 2002 album "The Young and the Hopeless" eventually went triple platinum, selling over 3 million copies. The band's fourth and most recent album, "Good Morning Revival," debuted in the top ten on U.S. charts.

The Madden brothers might be best known in the tabloids for their high-profile romances — Joel and actress Nicole Richie are currently raising a daughter, Harlow, and Benji and Paris Hilton are still going strong — but the group's appearance at The Show will highlight the best of their musical library.

The Show is often one of the school year's highest-profile concerts. In previous years, the Show has played host to Common, Cake, Third Eye Blind and Jason Mraz among others. The Show is exclusive to students at Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross, and promises to be a solid night of entertainment.

Notre Dame students can purchase tickets online, and Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students can purchase them at their respective Student Activities offices. Tickets are \$10.

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This summer was an epic one for the average indie rocker. Besides the monolith releases by Death Cab for Cutie and Coldplay, new artists bounded onto the scene with full force, including new chic rocker Katy Perry and uber-indie duo She and Him. Canadian singer-songwriter Alanis Morissette made a respectable comeback, and The Duke Spirit revived the spirit of Stevie Nicks.

"Narrow Stairs" didn't fail to impress, as Death Cab fulfilled all expectations and even managed to follow the same general layout of their last album, 2005's "Plans." The radio mainstay "I Will Possess Your Heart" is the clear centerpiece of the album, coming in at track two but setting the tone for the rest of the songs. The benefit of buying the album is the fact that listeners get all eight glorious minutes of "Possess," not just the three-minute radio version, which allows the song to build its "creeper aura" even more.

The lyrics of the album come straight from Death Cab's own heart, and songs like "Long Division," "Your New Twin Sized Bed" and "Grapevine Fire" are all very effective.

Coldplay's "Viva La Vida" took the British musicians in a new direction, but didn't seem

to leave any fans in the dust. The album is a bit of a trip, with songs blending into other songs and others ending nowhere near where they started. "Viva La Vida," with its revolutionary aesthetic embodied in the hijacked cover art, is clearly a collection, with the first and last track acting as bookends. Radio singles "Violet Hill" and "Viva La Vida" are quite good, alone or within the context of the album. Overall, Coldplay manages to stay atop their game, avoiding repetition or the near-inevitable sell out at this point in their career.

Alanis Morissette rocked it out again with "Flavors of Entanglement." She airs all her dirty laundry with the same lyrical vivacity of "Jagged Little Pill," but still manages to sound more mature and grounded in her sound, which gets the expected over-production pick-up of someone who topped charts in the 90's. She's no longer just interested in the men who spurn her but the ignorant world as a whole, as explained in songs like "Citizens of the Planet."

Alanis does manage to bring it down a bit for a few songs that end up feeling jarringly touching, like "Not As We" and "Torch."

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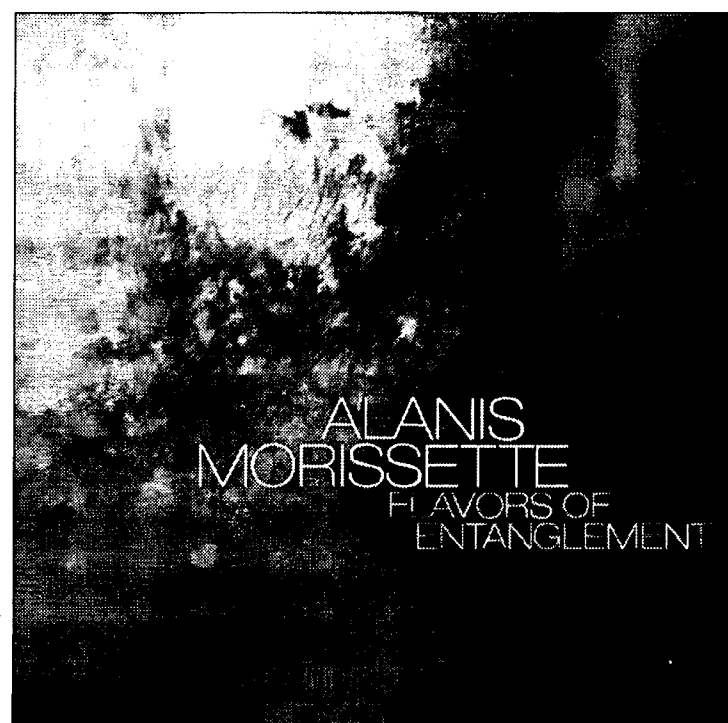


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In June Alanis Morissette released "Flavors of Entanglement," her latest since 2004's "So-Called Chaos."

and liked it. Love it or hate it, this song is definition summer of '08. Her album "One of The Boys" is about more than just kissing girls, though, as the song "Waking Up in Vegas" manages to have all the sing-along chorus potential of Kelly Clarkson's "Since U Been Gone."

Other introductions of note included She and Him, a duo including Zooey Deschanel, an actress best known as the girl from "Elf" and the older sister from "Almost Famous." Their Starbucks-ready CD included the song "Why Do You Let Me Stay Here?" and is a clean throwback to sixties dream pop

with a bit of a "Juno" kick. London rockers The Duke Spirit channels the likes of Fleetwood Mac with their song "The Step and The Walk," but stayed true to their London roots with a punk-wave tribute in "Send a Little Love Token."

This summer was a perfectly balanced hodgepodge of new releases, catering to the musical tastes of any indie with an iPod. Love it or hate it, there was a slew of songs that will have direct association with whatever it was you were doing for the last three months.

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British rockers Coldplay released "Viva La Vida" in June. Their fourth studio album, "Viva" follows 2005's "X & Y."



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Death Cab for Cutie's newest release, "Narrow Stairs," reached number one on the Billboard charts.



# Lollapalooza 2008

## A FACE IN THE CROWD

Ever wondered what it's like to attend a three-day summer music festival? Well, it's hot, sweaty, physically exhausting and depending on what you listen to, quite possibly dangerous. But I only went for a day.

For the last four years Chicago has hosted the three-day American music festival Lollapalooza inside the magnificent Grant Park. In 2007 the likes of Pearl Jam, Modest Mouse, Snow Patrol, Muse and Ben Harper graced the festival's stage. This year the headliners were Radiohead on Friday, Rage Against the Machine and Wilco on Saturday and Kanye West and Nine Inch Nails rounding off Sunday's lineup.

Thanks to my unpaid internship at the Michiana News Channel, I had neither the time nor the money to attend all three days of shows and resigned to purchasing a day pass to either Saturday or Sunday.

But this became a problem as well. First off, none of the four weekend headliners grabbed my attention. I didn't fit the political mold for Rage's revolution. I had never jumped on the Wilco bandwagon, I liked only a few of Kanye's songs and had avoided Nine Inch Nails' music because the band's name alone kind of scared the crap out of me.

My top choice was seeing Explosions in the Sky, a talented post-rock instrumental band from Austin, Texas, scheduled to play Saturday afternoon. Unfortunately a few of my Kanye-worshipping college dorm mates got in on the decision making and decided they wanted to go as well. In the name of everyone's best interest I ended up conceding to purchasing tickets for Sunday.

And although a hometown friend also attending Lollapalooza later

chided me for missing Explosions and Rage, Sunday didn't start out all that bad. I arrived early at the Park and caught a performance by another Austin-based musical group known as "The Octopus Project."

The instrumental band put on a remarkable show in the short 45 minutes they were allotted, wooing the fans by switching instruments and demonstrating graceful mastery of the Theremin, an electronic instrument played without being touched.

Next I heard yet another Austin based band called "What Made Milwaukee Famous," whose Keane-like music wasn't discordant by any means, but felt a little too soporific for my tastes. Leaving that gig I headed over to rendezvous with all my friends and we walked over to the north end of the park for the John Butler Trio.

I had never heard the Australian band's music before, but their soul-filled blend of folk, rock, reggae and ridiculous guitar picking quickly won me over. We followed that show up by attending what I had been looking forward to all day, Flogging Molly. The seven-piece Irish punk rock band ignited its usual fury of moshing, screaming and chanting in the audience and by the end of the show I had worked my way up to the front of the sweating crowd, losing my shirt in the process.

Before Flogging Molly had taken the stage, I had been set on attending Kanye in the evening. Even now, I'm not entirely sure what changed my mind.

It may have been that my general dislike for rap music overcame my ambivalent feelings about Nine

Inch Nails' bass heavy industrial rock or I could have been swayed simply by my hometown friend's constant prodding.

Or it might even have been that my other friends failed to make it through Flogging Molly's entire concert, citing fear of injury as an excuse.

Either way, when night fell I found myself embedded near the front of a crowd who looked halfway between disturbed gothic childhoods and the apocalypse. About thirty seconds before Nine Inch Nails took the stage my hometown friend turned to me and said, "This is going to be intense."

And it was. Before the first thirty minutes were up I was convinced one of three things was going to happen:

the bass was going to blow out my ear drums, someone was going to knock me out or a cigarette was going to be extinguished on my back. Fortunately none of the three happened.

On the whole I didn't pick up much of an appreciation

for Nine Inch Nails' music. I guess I never got over the constantly pounding bass, but I was impressed by the dark, yet dazzling light show and the humility of the band's lead singer, Trent Reznor.

When the music ended and more than 50,000 people flooded toward the exits, I limped after them, my legs drained of any strength, wondering how anyone could do this for three days when I had barely survived one.

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## Pre-Season NSCCAA/ADIDAS Men's Soccer Rankings

	team	Record	prev
1	Wake Forest	22-2-2	1
2	Connecticut	20-3-1	5
3	NOTRE DAME	14-5-5	6
4	Boston College	15-5-1	12
5	Santa Clara	16-2-4	7
6	Creighton	12-3-5	9
7	Indiana	13-4-5	14
8	Maryland	10-6-5	15
9	Ohio State	17-4-5	2
10	Virginia Tech	14-4-5	3
11	Brown	25-2-1	16
12	Akron	15-4-2	23
13	Massachusetts	17-8-1	4
14	UCLA	9-9-3	RV
15	West Virginia	14-5-2	13
16	Illinois-Chicago	13-6-5	10
17	SMU	14-5-2	18
18	South Florida	14-6-2	17
19	Saint Louis	12-2-5	22
20	Northwestern	12-5-3	21
21	Bradley	16-6-5	10
22	UC Santa Barbara	13-4-4	8
23	Tulsa	15-3-2	20
24	North Carolina	7-8-5	NR
25	Furman	19-4-0	RV

## NSCAA/ADIDAS Women's Soccer Rankings

	team	Record	last week
1	USC	1-0-0	1
2	North Carolina	1-0-0	3
3	UCLA	0-0-0	2
4	NOTRE DAME	1-0-0	5
5	Florida State	0-0-0	4
6	Portland	1-0-0	6
7	Virginia	1-0-0	6
8	Texas	1-0-0	8
9	Penn State	1-0-0	9
10	Stanford	1-0-0	10
11	West Virginia	1-0-0	12
12	Connecticut	0-1-0	11
13	Texas A&M	2-0-0	15
14	Tennessee	1-0-0	13
15	Boston College	1-0-0	14
16	Duke	1-0-0	16
17	California	1-0-0	17
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19	Georgia	1-0-0	18
20	Wake Forest	1-0-0	21

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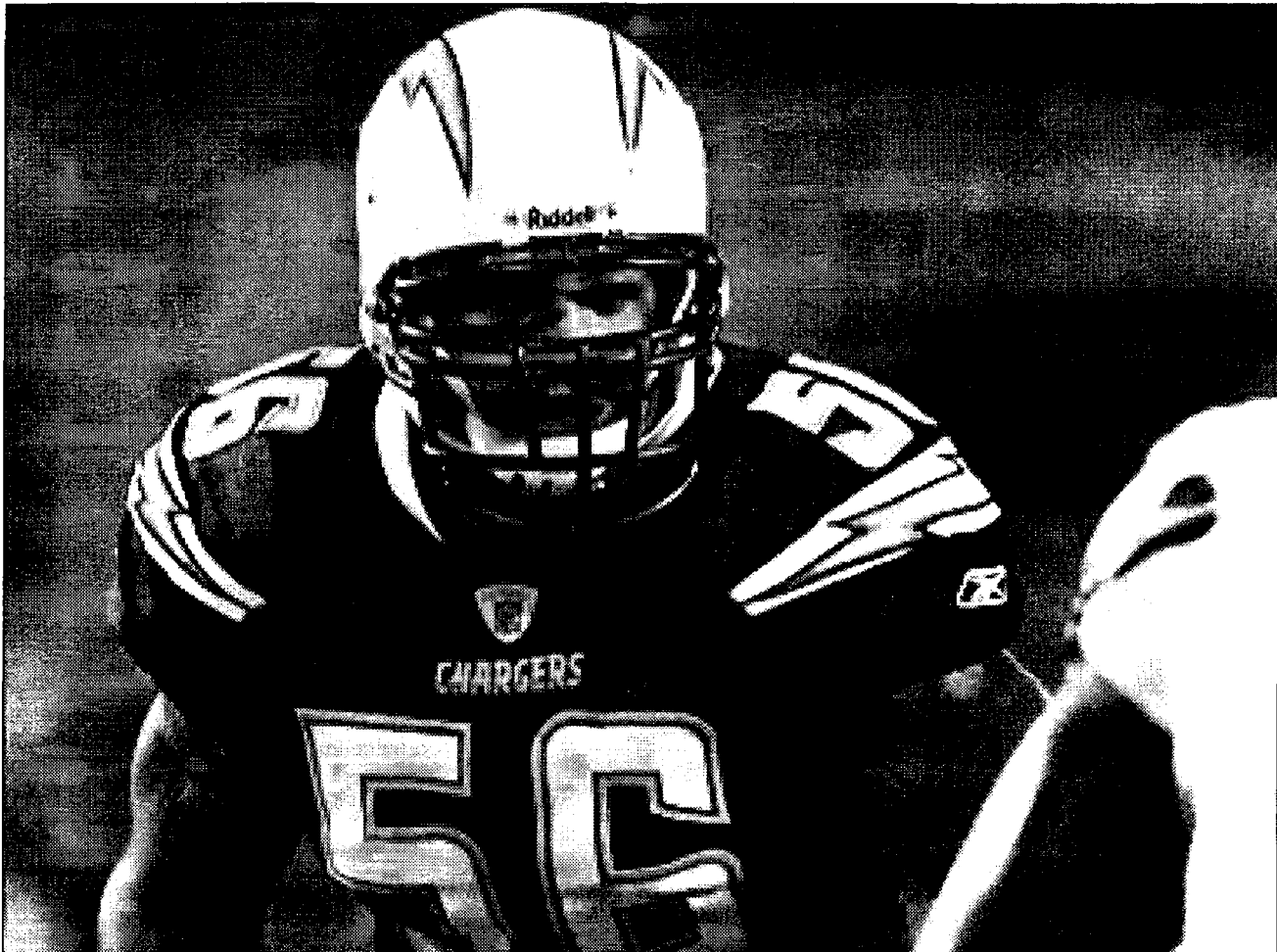
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8	West Virginia	West Virginia
9	Clemson	Clemson
10	Auburn	Texas
11	Texas	Auburn
12	Texas Tech	Wisconsin
13	Wisconsin	Kansas
14	Kansas	Texas Tech
15	Arizona State	Virginia Tech

## around the dial

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### NFL



San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman awaits the snap during a 2007 NFL pre-season football game against the San Francisco 49ers in San Diego.

## Merriman to play with knee injury

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The surgeon's knife can wait. Shawne Merriman is going to play football, two torn knee ligaments and all.

A day after visiting a fourth doctor, the San Diego Chargers' star outside linebacker decided Wednesday to play this season rather than have his damaged left knee repaired now.

"To be as simple as possible, I just want to play football," Merriman said. "That's what it comes down to. I know what's on the table, I know what's on the line. I put a lot of

work in this and I want to play."

Merriman said late last week that he has tears in both the posterior cruciate and lateral collateral ligaments in his left knee, which he hurt in a game at Tennessee in December. He spent several days seeking outside opinions. He returned Tuesday after seeing a doctor in Miami.

Merriman said all four doctors he saw said he needed surgery, but there "just wasn't a time frame on that. My knee still looks pretty good. The decision was left up to me to play. If you give a football player a decision to

play, you know, I'm going to play."

When he does have surgery, he'll be looking at a rehab of six to seven months.

"I'll have the surgery at any point," he said. "Nobody knows. I kind of left it on the table when to have it. Not even doctors can tell me that."

While denying reports the situation could be career-threatening, he pledged to be "the same old Shawne Merriman. That's what I'm hoping."

With his nonstop energy and spasmodic sack dance, the player known as "Lights Out" has been the face of the Chargers' defense the past three seasons. He has 39 1/2 sacks in that span, more than any other NFL player. He's played in three straight Pro Bowls.

Right or wrong, Merriman's decision was big for a team that has Super Bowl expectations.

Star running back LaDainian Tomlinson, knocked out of last season's AFC championship game after aggravating a knee injury, was happy to hear Merriman will play.

"How do you tell a warrior to sit down? That's what he is, a warrior. He's trained for this. It's hard to tell a guy to sit down," Tomlinson said.

### IN BRIEF

#### Harvey signs contract after long holdout with Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Defensive end Derrick Harvey ended a 33-day holdout Wednesday by signing a five-year, \$23.8 million contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Harvey was the last first-round draft pick to sign, a lengthy holdout that frustrated coach Jack Del Rio and left the former Florida standout behind in preparation for the regular season.

The eighth overall selection in April, Harvey was expected to bolster a pass rush that struggled to pressure quarterbacks last season. But he missed all of training camp and the first three preseason games.

It was unclear whether Harvey would play in the preseason finale Thursday night at Washington. He did travel with the team to Washington, D.C.

#### Alvarez refuses to sign contract with Pirates

PITTSBURG — No. 2 draft pick Pedro Alvarez refused to sign his contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the players' association filed a grievance Wednesday claiming the Aug. 15 deadline was unilaterally extended by Major League Baseball without the union's permission.

The Pirates announced early on Aug. 16 that Alvarez, a power-hitting third baseman from Vanderbilt, agreed to a minor league contract with a \$6 million signing bonus. The Pirates said his agent, Scott Boras, told the team Alvarez would not report unless the deal was renegotiated. Boras claimed the agreement was reached after the midnight deadline for draft picks to sign on Aug. 15.

Alvarez was placed on baseball's restricted list.

#### Kotsay leaves Atlanta for Boston

NEW YORK — The Boston Red Sox acquired Mark Kotsay from Atlanta for a minor leaguer Wednesday, adding depth to their outfield one day after J.D. Drew went on the disabled list.

Kotsay hit .289 with six home runs and 37 RBIs in 88 games with the Braves. He arrived at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday before Boston's game against New York and was available off the bench.

"I figured once I cleared waivers and there wasn't really any action that I'd finish out the season in Atlanta," Kotsay told a pool reporter. "But this obviously is exciting to come to a club that's in the playoff race, and especially one like Boston that has the history of a great tradition."

Kotsay's only postseason experience came in 2006 with Oakland. The Red Sox lead the AL wild-card race and began the day 3 1/2 games behind first-place Tampa Bay in the AL East.

## MLB

## Cubs sweep Pirates, continue to hold best record in Majors

Tampa Bay squeezes by Toronto for twelfth shutout; Cleveland wins tenth straight with 9-7 mark over Detroit

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Two bunts, one double and nine well-pitched innings. The Chicago Cubs proved on a Wrigley Field-like day they can win when their bats are not booming, and their by-the-textbook victory came before they begin what may be their toughest stretch all season.

Jason Marquis shut down Pittsburgh's batters on a cool, windy day that must have made the Cubs feel at home, and Chicago turned two well-placed bunts into two runs in the seventh inning to sweep yet another three-game series from the Pirates with a 2-0 victory Wednesday.

"That's the sign of a good team, one that can win in different ways," Reed Johnson said. "We've been able to win the last couple of weeks by sitting back and swinging the bat. Today we weren't swinging the bats very well, so we were able to play a little bit different game and it ended up working out for us."

After scoring 26 runs—12 on Monday, 14 on Tuesday—in the first two games, the Cubs turned to pitching and defense for their third three-game sweep this season of the NL Central rival Pirates. The Cubs won the season series 14-4, the most victories they've have against Pittsburgh since going 15-7 in 1954—and their most against any opponent since beating St. Louis 15 times in 1978.

Chicago, a major league-best 83-50, won its fifth in a row and 13th in 16 games. The Cubs are 33 games over .500 for the first time since they were 98-56 at the end of the 1945 season.

The Cubs went 7-2 in a nine-game stretch against NL weaklings Cincinnati, Washington and Pittsburgh. It gets tougher starting Thursday night against the Phillies as they play 27 of their final 29 against teams that are .500 or above.

"You've got to make sure to take same approach every pitch, every at-bat, every game and not let the mental errors and mental mistakes get to you," Marquis said. "That says a lot for this team, how good we feel we're going and how good we can be—and how we're not going to let up until the season is over."

As if their schedule would let them do that.

The Pirates lost their season-high seventh in a row and 11th in 13 games despite one of Zach Duke's few effective starts since

the All-Star break. Pittsburgh is 7-18 since trading leading run producer Jason Bay to Boston on July 31.

Asked if the Pirates are glad they won't see the Cubs until next season, manager John Russell needed only a one-word answer: "Yeah."

**Rays 1, Blue Jays 0**

Matt Garza and two relievers combined on a six-hitter and Carlos Pena homered to lead AL East-leading Tampa Bay past Toronto 1-0 Wednesday night.

Garza (11-7) allowed six hits and three walks with five strikeouts over 7 2-3 innings for the Rays. Grant Balfour got the final out in the eighth before Dan Wheeler pitched the ninth for his ninth save in 11 chances.

Pena provided the scoring with a solo homer in the fourth, his 27th of the season and sixth over his past 13 games.

Blue Jays rookie David Purcey gave up five hits and struck out a career-high 11 in eight innings for his first career complete game. The left-hander was coming off a start Aug. 20 against the New York Yankees in which he allowed five earned runs and seven hits in four innings.

Purcey struck out 10 and allowed just three hits—two by Pena, including the homer—in the first five innings. He previous high for strikeouts was eight.

The Blue Jays got one hit, including a third-inning double by Joe Inglett, in each of the first four innings, but failed to score.

Garza retired nine in a row after Lyle Overbay's single with two outs in the fourth. Matt Stairs ended the stretch with a two-out single in the seventh. After a single by Rod Barajas put runners on first and second, John McDonald popped out.

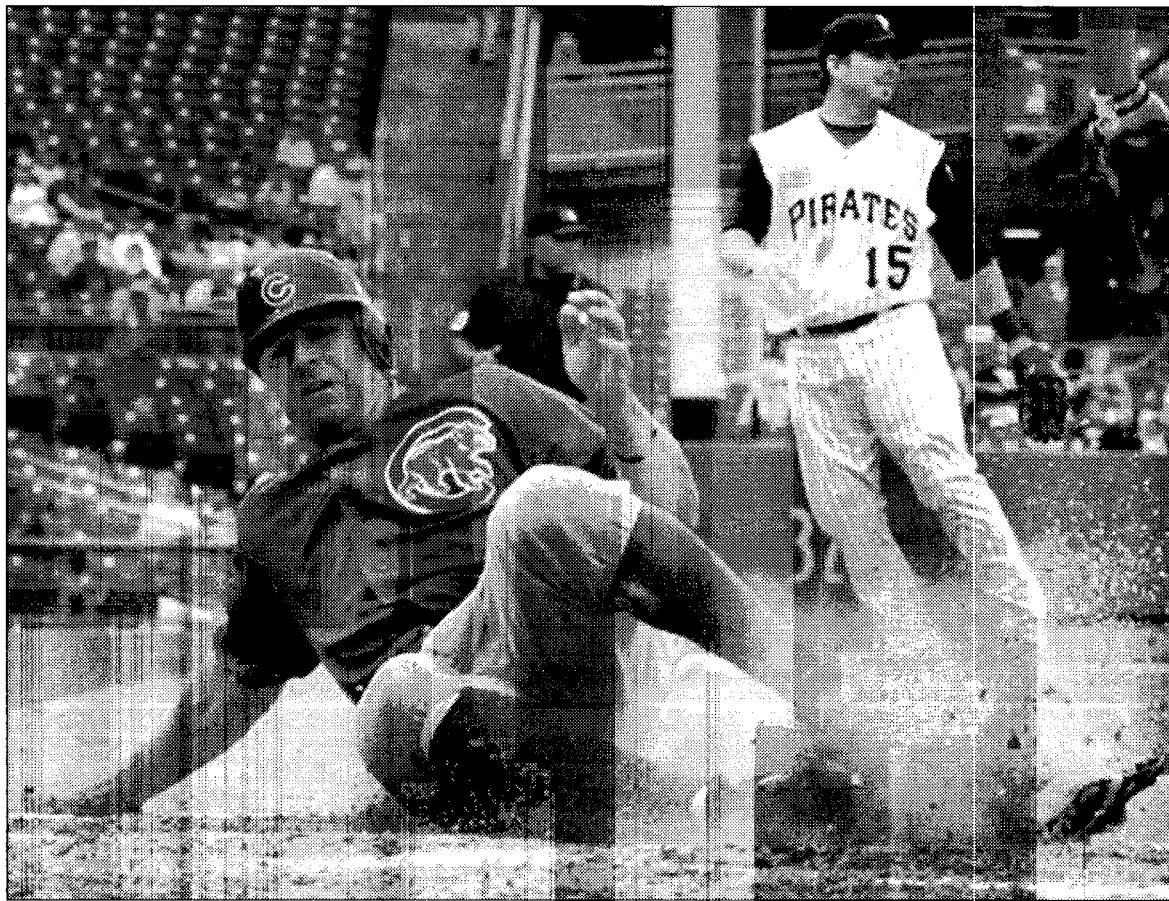
Alex Rios and Vernon Wells drew two-out walks in the eighth to end Garza's night. Balfour entered and struck out Adam Lind on three pitches.

The announced attendance was just 12,678, the fifth straight Rays' home game with a crowd under 20,000.

**Orioles 11, White Sox 3**

Brian Roberts turned a scheduled day off into a three-RBI performance, and the Baltimore Orioles ended a five-game losing streak by defeating the Chicago White Sox 11-3 on Wednesday night.

Baltimore's original lineup had Alex Cintron leading off, but Roberts was inserted after Cintron developed food poison-



Chicago's Reed Johnson, left, scores in the seventh inning of the Cubs' 2-0 victory over Pittsburgh Wednesday. The Cubs now have the best record the team has had since 1945.

ing. Roberts gave Baltimore the lead for good with a two-run single in the second, then drove in a run with his AL-leading 46th double in the fourth.

Aubrey Huff hit his 29th homer and drove in three runs, and Melvin Mora and Kevin Millar also homered for the Orioles, who put a positive finish on a 2-7 homestand that began with three games apiece against Boston and the New York Yankees.

Paul Konerko and Jermaine Dye homered for the White Sox, whose lead over Minnesota in the AL Central was sliced to one game. Chicago had won its previous four road games by a combined 27-8 score.

White Sox starter John Danks (10-7) allowed four runs and seven hits in four innings. He was unbeaten in nine road starts since May 3.

Radhames Liz (5-3) gave up two runs, three hits and five walks in 5 1-3 innings for the Orioles, who hadn't held an opponent under four runs in their previous 10 games.

Roberts doubled in a run to make it 4-2 in the fourth, but Baltimore missed a chance to pull away when Huff was retired on a fly ball with two outs and the bases loaded. That ended Danks' night after 93 pitches.

Juan Castro hit a two-run sin-

gle off Chicago's Lance Broadway in the fifth, Mora connected in the sixth and Luke Scott doubled and scored in the seventh to make it 8-2.

Dye hit his 32nd homer leading off the eighth, Chicago's major league-leading 198th of the season.

Huff hit a two-run drive in the bottom half and Millar added a solo shot to seal the blowout.

After Baltimore used two singles and a sacrifice fly by Huff to take the lead in the first inning, Liz served up a belt-high fastball on a 3-1 count to Konerko, who hit it an estimated 415 feet into the seats in left.

The Orioles regained the lead in their half of the second. Lou Montanez drew a two-out walk and Castro doubled before Roberts hit a two-run single.

Chicago's Jim Thome had an RBI single in the third, but was thrown out at second by right fielder Nick Markakis.

**Indians 9, Tigers 7**

Kelly Shoppach homered and drove in three runs and Shin-Soo Choo also went deep to lift the Cleveland Indians to their 10th straight win, 9-7 over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

Cleveland's team record is 13 consecutive wins, accomplished twice, the last time in 1951.

Magglio Ordonez homered

and drove in three runs and Curtis Granderson also homered for Detroit, which lost its fourth straight.

Fausto Carmona (7-5) allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings to beat Justin Verlander (10-14), who gave up five runs and seven hits in six innings, walking three and striking out eight.

The Indians had surrendered a two-run lead and trailed 4-3 in the fourth when Shoppach put them ahead for good with his 17th homer, a two-run shot to left off Verlander. It also scored Ryan Garko, who was hit by a pitch to start the inning.

Shoo made it 7-4 in the seventh with a two-run homer, his seventh of the year.

Cleveland took a 1-0 lead on Jhonny Peralta's two-out RBI single in the first. It scored Dave Dellucci, who hit a one-out double and moved to third on a groundout.

Granderson tied it by leading off the game for Detroit with his 16th homer. Granderson lined Carmona's 2-2 pitch to the opposite field in left.

Grady Sizemore's two-out, two-run single gave the Indians a 3-1 lead in the second. It scored Garko, who led off with a walk, and Shoppach, who singled. They moved up on a sacrifice.

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BOXING

# Preparations begin for De La Hoya's final fight

Negotiations for Dec. 6 match against Manny Pacquiao nearly finished, deal to be announced later today

Associated Press

Oscar De La Hoya has nearly wrapped up a deal to finish his boxing career Dec. 6 against Filipino star Manny Pacquiao, two people with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because any deal will not be announced until

today, said De La Hoya's long-stalled talks with Pacquiao recently revived when the sides found an acceptable way to split the possible \$100 million in revenue from what's certain to be boxing's most lucrative fight since De La Hoya's split-decision loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr. last year.

Barring any last-minute changes of heart in a sometimes contentious negotiation, the fight

will bring together boxing's most bankable star and arguably its most talented fighter at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. The deal was first reported by ESPN.com.

It has not been an easy match to make. Both boxers must make physical sacrifices for the 147-pound bout, with De La Hoya dropping down to welterweight for the first time in nearly eight years while Pacquiao bulks up to

the heaviest weight of his career by far.

The fighters' camps also argued over the split of the purse, with De La Hoya angling for 70 percent while Pacquiao pursued a 40 percent cut. The resolution to this impasse was not immediately clear, but should be announced Thursday.

De La Hoya (39-5-0, 30 KOs), the six-division champion and

Olympic gold medalist, repeatedly has said he will not fight again after this year. After a proposed rematch with Mayweather in September was scuttled by Mayweather's retirement, De La Hoya has struggled to find a suitable opponent for his final bout before turning his full attention to his burgeoning promotions company and other business interests.

NFL

# Manning excels in first practice after surgery

Associated Press

Now Peyton Manning can start fine-tuning the mechanics, timing and rhythm.

Just do not expect him to try it in Thursday night's preseason game against Cincinnati.

Coach Tony Dungy increased the two-time league MVP's workload Wednesday, one day after he finally returned to practice and showed no lingering effects from the knee surgery that kept him out for the past six weeks.

"We didn't have him in team work (Tuesday), but he did fine and hasn't experienced any problems," Dungy said. "So far, so good. He'll get a little more work today."

Manning, who has never missed a start in his 10-season NFL career, had surgery July 14 to remove an infected bursa sac from his left knee.

Team officials initially said their franchise quarterback would miss four to six weeks, and all along Dungy, team president Bill Polian and others contended Manning was on schedule amid speculation he might miss more time. That did not end the questions about Manning being hurt worse than first feared, nor

did it end the speculation about whether he would keep his streak of 160 consecutive starts intact Sept. 7 against Chicago.

Things changed Tuesday when Manning returned to practice one day after the six-week anniversary of surgery. Indy did not practice Monday.

Manning threw passes with velocity and moved around on his legs Tuesday, but as with most injured players, the real test came Wednesday morning when Manning returned to the team complex.

The result: No soreness, which prompted Dungy to increase Manning's workload gradually.

"We've been telling you guys that he's been doing a lot of things, and we have a pretty extensive workout before we let guys get back on the field," Dungy said. "They go through a routine on the side and do some individual work, and it's like a decathlon. So when we clear guys to come back, I usually don't worry about how they're going to be."

Manning, like most of the team's starters, will not play Thursday even though the Colts' quarterback situation is precariously thin.

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but I would always pick team success over individual success. I would love to trade it in for an NCAA title."

Phillips and Stremick were both second-team all-Big East players last year with impressive performances for the Irish. Brown attributes their success last year to their ability to control the net both on offense and defense.

"Both hit a high percentage as well as have high kills, and they are also very good blockers," Brown said. "Justine [Stremick] is one of the best blockers that we have ever had in the program. Serinity [Phillips] is usually on the outside and she is one of the best we have ever had out there as well."

But Brown has even higher expectations for them this year.

"Those are the strengths and numbers that allowed them to be able to be recognized as all-conference players, and I believe they are capable of doing much more this year and I'm excited about that," Brown said.

Phillips and Stremick are both taking a team approach to the year, focusing on what the whole team can take away from last year and improve upon.

"Last year definitely wasn't our best season," Stremick said. "In general, our season could have been better. We lost some games we should have won."

The team believes the turnaround has already begun in the preseason with hard work during practice from everyone.

"We had a great preseason and we are looking to improve," sophomore middle blocker Kelli Sciacca said. "Everything is falling into place. We have a go-get-'em philosophy and we have made great strides in the preseason."

The team was unhappy with

last year's results and plans to bounce back.

"I think I can speak for the entire team when I say we weren't pleased with how last season turned out, but we're ready to come back," junior middle blocker Tara Enzweiler said.

"We look fantastic," Phillips said. "We are gelling great and our entire starting lineup is playing every position very well."

Adding to the mix are contributions from all areas of the team, including a promising freshmen foursome.

"We expect a lot out of the freshmen," Brown said. "They bring us a lot more depth."

Freshman middle blocker Megan Barnicle has been slowed down by an infection in her foot, but the other freshmen are ready to contribute right away, including outside hitter Kristen Dealy, libero/defensive specialist Frenchy Silva, and setter Beth Wildermuth.

Dealy is making surprising contributions for a first-year player and Brown believes she is playing above her years.

"Kristen is a great all-around player. She's a good scorer, passer, and defensive player," Brown said. "She understands the game very well."

Adding versatility away from the net is Silva, who plays both the libero and defensive specialist positions.

"[Silva] is a defensive specialist," Brown said. "She is incredibly quick and has great overall skills."

Rounding out the freshmen is Wildermuth, who gives the team the flexibility to alter their formations and improve their match-ups.

"Beth is great setter for us," Brown said.

The combination of experience, depth, and youth is what the Irish intend to utilize to reestablish themselves as a Big East power this year.

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# ITA

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Matt Hansen of Northern Illinois.

The strong play continued in the fourth round with Davis earning a victory over Chris Peek of Indiana University and Havens beating Jon Tragardh of LSU. Stahl also earned a spot in the quarterfinals by

defeating Malcolm Jonson of Johnson Community College.

Davis and Havens met in the quarterfinals with Havens coming out on top of a tight three-set match and advancing to the semifinals. Stahl lost to Sanam Sing of Virginia, who went on to beat Havens in the semifinal match.

Davis and Stahl also competed together in the doubles draw and Havens and Johnson entered as a team as well.

Havens and Johnson overcame a tough Iowa team in three sets in the second round but fell in the third round.

Davis and Stahl fell to a Memphis team in the second round.

The Irish are looking to continue their dominance this fall when the team returns without former No. 1 Sheeva Parbhu.

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# MLB

## Red Sox demolish Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Bay drove in four runs, Dustin Pedroia hit a grand slam and the Boston Red Sox routed the listless Yankees 11-3 on Wednesday night, putting an emphatic dent in New York's dwindling playoff chances.

Paul Byrd beat the Yankees in a crucial game for the second consecutive year, and David Ortiz reached base four times for the second straight night.

Pedroia's first career slam capped a seven-run eighth inning and sent hordes of booing Yankees fans shuffling toward the exits. With co-chairman Hank Steinbrenner in attendance, New York dropped seven games behind Boston, which leads the AL wild-card race by 2 1/2 games over Minnesota.

The Red Sox remained 3 1/2 games behind first-place Tampa Bay in the AL East.

In a game they needed badly, the injury-depleted Yankees gave the ball to Sidney Ponson (7-5). He lasted 4 2-3 innings and dropped to 3-13 with a 6.95 ERA in 22 starts against the Red Sox.

Boston will try for a three-game sweep Thursday with lefty Jon Lester on the mound against 16-game winner Mike Mussina.

Byrd (9-11) stymied New York's struggling hitters with floaters and soft stuff, just as he did last October when the right-hander won at Yankee Stadium to clinch a first-round playoff series for Cleveland.

Still using his old-fashioned windup, Byrd allowed two runs and five hits in six innings. He struck out five and improved to 2-1 in three starts since Boston acquired him from the Indians this month.

Byrd has won six of his last seven starts following a five-game losing streak.

Also a Red Sox newcomer, Bay hit a two-run double in the first and an RBI triple in the eighth when Boston battered relievers Jose Veras and David Robertson.

Bay has six RBIs in his first two games playing in the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry.

Pedroia, last season's AL Rookie of the Year, hit a shot off Robertson that landed on the netting above New York's retired numbers in left-center. In the Boston bullpen, star closer Jonathan Papelbon spread his arms with delight.

The Red Sox jumped ahead in the first. Pedroia singled and went to third on Ortiz's double. Ponson whiffed Kevin Youkilis for the second out, but Bay hit a sinking liner toward the gap that dropped just in front of diving left fielder Xavier Nady for a two-run double.

Bay tried to score on Jason Varitek's single and was cut down on a strong throw by right fielder Bobby Abreu.

Alex Rodriguez's two-out double in the bottom half scored Abreu from first, and New York tied it in the fourth. A-Rod led off with another double and scored on Robinson Cano's two-out RBI single off the glove of a diving Pedroia at second base.

With runners at the corners, Byrd retired No. 9 batter Ivan Rodriguez on a fly ball.

Ponson settled in until Pedroia's perfect hit-and-run single put runners at the corners in the fifth. Consecutive walks to Ortiz and Youkilis forced in the go-ahead run before Bay's sacrifice fly made it 4-2 and chased Ponson, who is 0-3 in his past four starts.

### Mets 6, Phillies 3

PHILADELPHIA — This resilient group sure isn't last year's New York Mets.

Daniel Murphy hit a tiebreaking double after Carlos Delgado's double solo homer had tied the game in the eighth and the Mets beat Philadelphia on Wednesday night to reclaim first place in the NL East.

Ryan Howard hit a two-run homer and Jayson Werth homered for the Phillies, who fell a half-game behind the Mets in the division.

New York rebounded from Tuesday night's tough loss in which the Phillies overcame a 7-0 deficit and won 8-7 in 13 innings.

"This was a huge, huge win for us simply because of the way we lost last night," Mets manager Jerry Manuel said. "We could've afforded to (lose), but the way we lost last night, you never know where that's going to lead you."

The Mets blew a seven-game lead with 17 remaining last season, losing the division to the Phillies on the final day. They're determined to avoid another collapse, though they don't have quite the same cushion.

One night after New York's bullpen blew a ninth-inning lead for the 10th time this season, the Phillies couldn't protect a one-run lead in the eighth.

Rudy Seanez (5-4), getting a rare opportunity as a setup man because four other relievers were unavailable, retired the first two batters before Delgado hit an opposite-field shot to left to tie it at 3.

Seanez left after Carlos Beltran reached on an infield single.

Brad Lidge, who is 31-for-31 in save chances, came in and intentionally walked Ryan Church after Beltran stole second.

Murphy, a rookie who spent most of the season at Double-A

Binghamton, then ripped a double to right to score Beltran for a 4-3 lead, snapping an 0-for-16 slump. Brian Schneider followed with a bloop single down the left-field line that drove in two runs.

Murphy was in Hawaii preparing to play winter ball last September when the Mets crumbled, but he paid close attention to the race.

"It was kind of helpless," he said. "You always want to see the big league team do well."

Brian Stokes (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for his first win with the Mets. Pedro Feliciano and Joe Smith worked the eighth and Luis Ayala finished for his second save in three tries. Ayala couldn't hold a one-run lead with two outs in the ninth Tuesday.

New York's Johan Santana had nothing to show for another quality start. He gave up three runs and five hits in six innings, striking out six. It was the 13th time Santana gave up three earned runs or fewer and didn't get a win. The two-time AL Cy Young award winner has a 2.70 ERA, second-best in the NL.

"These guys battled," Santana said. "It was a team effort. It's not about one guy or one pitcher. We did a great job."

No matter how much the Mets stress this is a different season, people won't let them forget about the historic collapse last year.

A sellout crowd of 45,138 at Citizens Bank Park jumped on the Mets right from the start. One fan held up a sign that read: "Remember September!" Another sitting behind the visitor's dugout yelled at players and continuously flashed a choke sign to anyone who looked his way.

Once New York rallied in the eighth, it was the Mets fans making all the noise.

"We're fighting some demons, the demons of the past, the rascals that have hung around us for a year," Manuel said. "Every time we lose a game like last night is a reminder of that."

The teams meet for a three-game series at Shea Stadium next weekend that will conclude a 10-game road trip for the Phillies. The Mets lead the series 10-5 this season.

Phillies starter Kyle Kendrick allowed two runs and eight hits in five-plus innings.

The 24-year-old right-hander has rebounded nicely from consecutive poor starts in which he allowed 13 runs in seven innings. He's given up three runs in 10 2-3 innings in his last two starts.

"I'm disappointed I didn't go deeper in this game," Kendrick said. "It's frustrating. We had a win right there."

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## MEN'S GOLF

# Irish golfer falls in first round of U.S. Amateur

By MICHAEL BLASCO  
Sports Writer

After one of the finest summer campaigns in Notre Dame golf history, Carlos Santos-Ocampo returned to South Bend on a bittersweet note. The junior from Naples, Fla., became the first Irish golfer in three decades to reach match play at the U.S. Amateur, but fell in the opening round to Jeff Edelman of Southlake, Texas on August 20.

No. 56 seed Santos-Ocampo lost 5-3 to No. 9 seed Edelman at the par-70, 7,232-yard Pinehurst Resort No. 2 Course in Pinehurst, N.C. After Santos-Ocampo birdied the par-4 first hole to take an early lead, Edelman drew even on the par-4 third with a birdie of his own, and took the lead after Santos-Ocampo bogeyed the fourth. Edelman's double-bogey on the fifth tied the match up, but he responded by winning the next three holes to bring the score to 5-2. Santos-Ocampo added a winning par on the 15th, but was unable to close the gap further.

Santos-Ocampo qualified for the U.S. Amateur, considered the most prestigious amateur tournament in the country, with a victory at the Notre Dame Sectional Aug. 1 at the Warren Golf Course in South Bend. Santos-Ocampo shot a four-under par 136 to share medalist honors and gain the chance to compete in the U.S. Amateur. He is the seventh Notre Dame golfer in five years to earn that distinction.

After earning the No. 56 seed, Santos-Ocampo fired a 4-over 144 in 36 holes at Pinehurst on Aug. 19, good for a tie for 47th place and making the cut for the 64-man match play field. Santos-Ocampo birdied the 36th hole to boost him one stroke above the cut line (+5); this proved to be extremely fortunate as the 26 players who finished +5 over 36 holes were forced to engage in a playoff for the final two match play spots.

"Making it to match play was a thrill," Santos-Ocampo said. "The last six holes of stroke play was the highlight, when my putter, all of a sudden, just got hot as I one-putted the last six holes."

Besides becoming the first Irish golfer since 1973 to reach

match play at the U.S. Amateur (the year the current format was adopted), Santos-Ocampo made the cut at three other top amateur tournaments during the summer — the Florida State Amateur, the Eastern Amateur, and the Southern Amateur. He also won the Tournament Players Association at Windstar in Naples, Fla., his hometown. Santos-Ocampo cites a focus on fundamentals for his recent success.

"I'm happy to see that my game is headed the right direction," Santos-Ocampo said. "The areas that have improved the most in my game are my driving and my putting. On the driver, I have added twenty yards over the past six months, and I have been able to keep it more consistently in the short grass. This has allowed me to score better in the big tournaments where courses are considerably longer and the rough is higher. Improving the fundamentals in my putting stroke has made it a lot easier to make putts on a consistent basis, especially when the pressure was on."

Although he was born in Rhode Island, Santos-Ocampo grew up in the Philippines, where he picked up golf at age six. He was drawn to Notre Dame after an unofficial visit during which coach Jim Kubinski emphasized the unique spirit of Notre Dame.

Santos-Ocampo is confident that his summer successes will translate to victory this fall.

"Being able to see the fruits of your labor pay off," Santos-Ocampo said. "Good scores in a tournament atmosphere obviously will boost your confidence. I'm going to take that with me heading into our fall season knowing that my hard work all year truly is translating to improved scores. I'm also very optimistic about our team this year. A lot of our underclassmen, including myself, gained valuable experience from last year."

Santos-Ocampo returns to the links next weekend at the USF Olympic Club Intercollegiate with his fellow Irish golfers on Sept. 8 at the Olympic Club in Daly City, Calif., just outside San Francisco.

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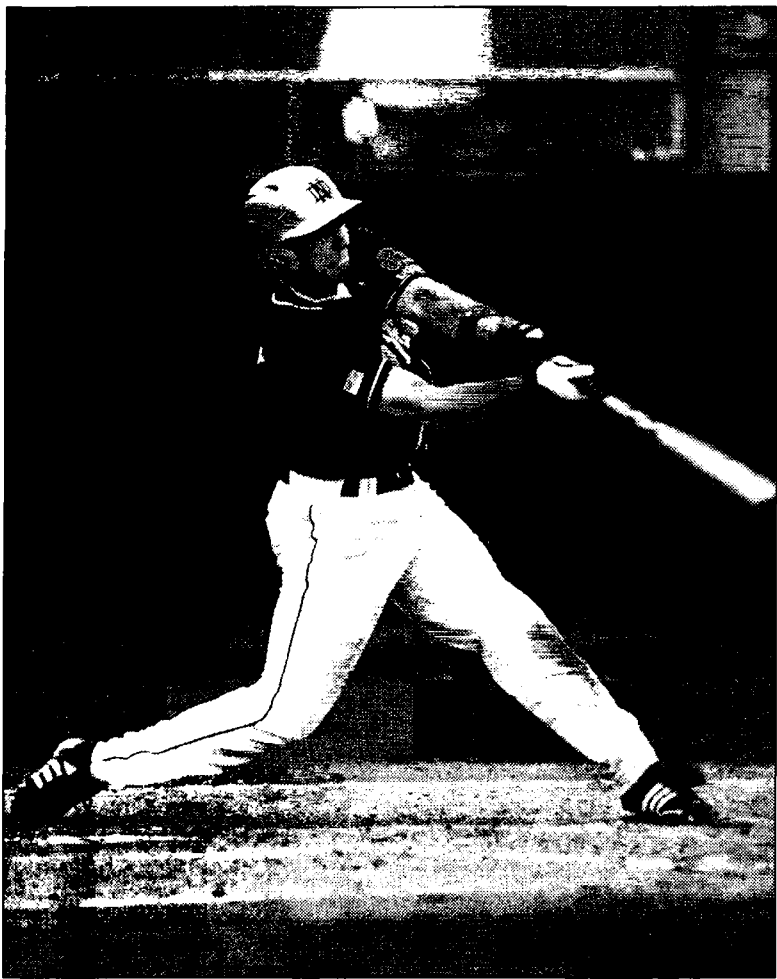
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**Irish centerfielder A.J. Pollock follows through on a swing during Notre Dame's 10-3 loss to St. John's on Apr. 25.**

## Falmouth

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tion with all those [scouts and fans] at those games," Pollock said. "The summer definitely helped me with that."

Pollock, who led the Irish with a .352 batting average last season, said he expects to carry momentum into this spring.

"I have a lot of confidence right now," he said. "I've had a good couple of years [at Notre Dame] but after competing with the best players in the country like that, my confidence is obviously pretty high."

Despite consistently tear-

ing up opposing pitching during the summer, Pollock did find time for leisure in Falmouth, which borders the Atlantic Ocean.

"It was incredible. You've got the beach right there and the really nice town," Pollock said.

He said his time in Cape Cod was one of the best experiences he has had.

"Everything about the summer was incredible. Everyone's telling me I'm going to look back and say that it was one of the best summers of my life," he said. "I'm already feeling that way and I've only been back one or two weeks."

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## Crist

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backs have a tight relationship off the field, he said, something that causes the rest of the team to poke fun at them.

"They kind of joke that the quarterbacks are always on their own thing; we really are," Crist said.

Crist and freshman quarterback Nate Montana, Joe Montana's son who hails from Concord, Calif., have trained together. They have the same quarterback coach, and Crist said the extra coaching can help nail down fundamentals in a way practices with Weis cannot.

"Obviously when you're here everything is in tune with coach Weis' system, very offensive-oriented," he said. "You're given a chance with the quarterback coach to kind of work on some mechanics. Footwork — you can never be too accurate."

Not that Crist shuns Weis' coaching; in fact, he feeds off of it. Weis' attitude, he said,

forces him to perform well.

"He tells it like it is," Crist said. "He has a very challenging mood about him, and he's going to try to bring the best out of you. That's what you need as a quarterback, and that's what was most appealing to me."

Crist was excited about the other students getting back to school and said the team was

on the rise heading into the season. How well it does is anyone's guess, but his confidence in the squad's abilities is unshaken.

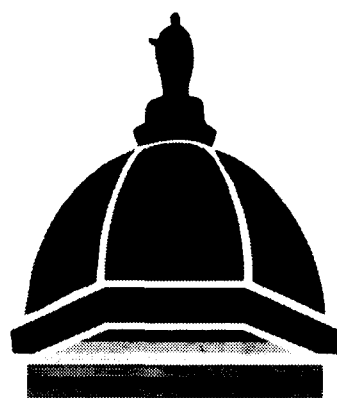
"I see no reason why we shouldn't be

competing with the best teams in the nation this year," he said. "Everyone's on the same page."

Regarding his own contributions, he said his drive to succeed will be present no matter what.

"You're going to get a competitive nature from me every day I step on the field. That's not going to cease regardless of what I do this year," he said.

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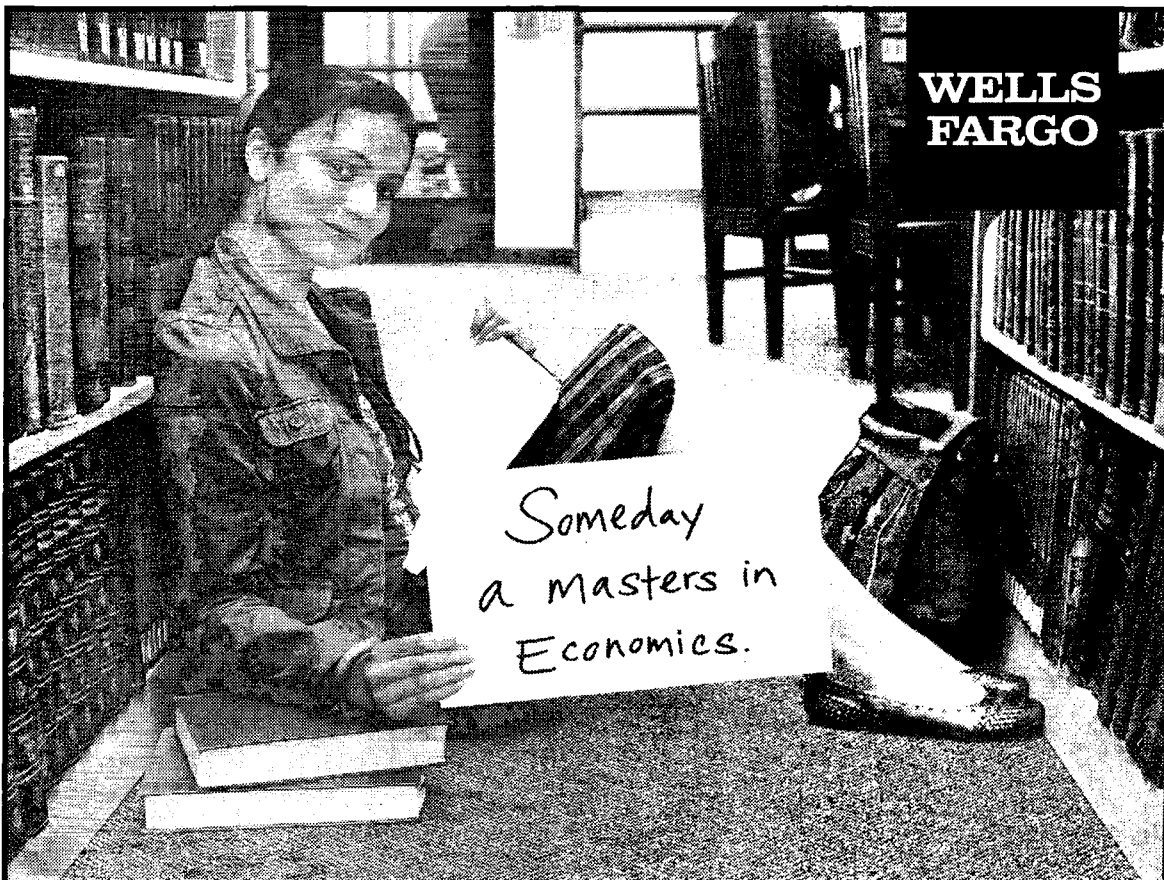
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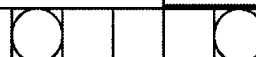
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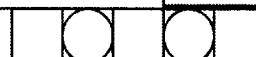
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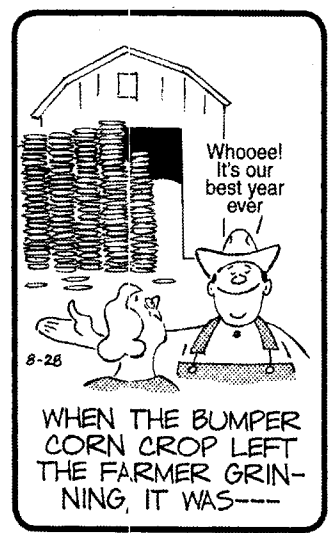
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Ans: TO (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUISE FISHY AWEIGH BEHIND  
Answer: What the excavator enjoyed when his house was finished — HIS NEW "DIGS"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

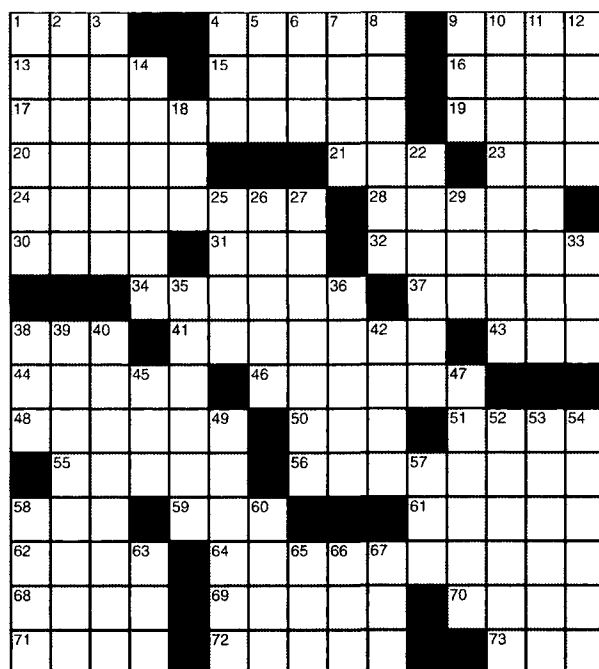


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Rocker Ocasek
  - 4 "American Pie" beauty
  - 9 Window area
  - 13 Sufficient, old-style
  - 15 Walt Whitman's "\_\_\_ the Body Electric"
  - 16 Far from harbor
  - 17 1942 film with the line "What makes saloonkeepers so snobbish?"
  - 19 Look inside?
  - 20 Prefix with mural
  - 21 Long-distance letters
  - 23 Commercials
  - 24 Bench sharer
  - 28 One with fingers crossed
  - 30 Lead-in to while
  - 31 "Illmatic" rapper
  - 32 Like a clock that has hands
  - 34 Ensembles of eight
  - 37 You might crack one while playing
  - 38 Word before pool or park
  - 41 Japanese grill
  - 43 "Get it?"
  - 44 "Me, Myself & \_\_\_," 2000 Jim Carrey film
  - 46 Peter of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips"
  - 48 When Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr duelled
  - 50 Goof
  - 51 Letters
  - 55 Actor Milo
  - 56 Underwater creature whose males give birth
  - 58 "Finger-lickin' good" restaurant
  - 59 Fort \_\_\_, N.J.
  - 61 Had dinner at home
  - 62 Not at home
  - 64 How the answer to each of the nine italicized clues repeats
  - 68 Barely cooked
  - 69 Bor-r-ing voice
  - 70 Alternative to truth in a party game
  - 71 Uno + uno + uno
  - 72 The "S" in WASP
  - 73 "Help!"
- Down**
- 1 Say, as a pledge
  - 2 More ludicrous
  - 3 Sportscaster Bob
  - 4 Nothing
  - 5 Blind \_\_\_ bat
  - 6 Clamor
  - 7 Old llama herder
  - 8 Christie who created Hercule Poirot
  - 9 Instrument that walls
  - 10 They live on acres of Acre's
  - 11 Rick Blaine in 17-Across, e.g.
  - 12 Sets (down)
  - 14 Start liking
  - 18 "Kapow!"
  - 22 Throat part
  - 25 "Nay" say
  - 26 Popular aerobic program
  - 27 Many-acred homes
  - 29 Bobby's wife on "Dallas"
  - 33 "Well, that beats



- Puzzle by Natan Last
- 35 Bawled (out)
  - 36 It might need to be settled
  - 38 Secretive org.
  - 39 Classic Chinese military treatise, with "The"
  - 40 Fearful 1917-20 period
  - 42 Bar mitzvah dance
  - 45 Slangy denial
  - 47 Hammed it up
  - 49 River nymphs, in Greek myth
  - 52 Basketball venues
  - 53 San \_\_\_, Argentina
  - 54 Camera eyes
  - 57 Derisive laugh
  - 58 Mario \_\_\_, Nintendo racing game
  - 60 More, in commercialese
  - 63 Verbal nod
  - 65 Be a pugilist
  - 66 Plastic \_\_\_ Ban
  - 67 Evening hour

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Today you must hide your time, enjoy every moment and savor the simple pleasures in life. If you get all wrapped up in what's going on around you, you will miss out on connecting with someone who can change your world. 2 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Something good will come out of hooking up with someone you used to know. Your openness to share your current situation and challenges will result in some hands-on help and a boost to your ego and your cash flow. 4 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't let love or an emotional matter stand in the way of your plans. It's getting caught up in the melodrama that others want to inflict on you that will be your downfall. Nothing is more important than reaching your goals. 4 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Be honest about the way you feel, even if it does make you vulnerable. It's that very quality that will help you win favors. Someone will recognize your sensitivity and honesty and want to be a part of your world. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A change in your status or a gift or unexpected contribution will make your day. Your strength will come from your ability to entertain everyone who has anything to offer you. It's a good day to seal deals, collect debts and challenge the competition. 3 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Your willingness to help the underdog will put you ahead of anyone who challenges you today. Love is in the stars and the chance of making alterations to your personal life that will change your future for good are looking positive. 4 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't let your emotions get involved in what you have to do or you will fall short of what's expected of you. Take a different approach. Dive into a self-awareness program that will enable you to make personal improvements to your life. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Your unique way of explaining the way things can work will capture an audience and lead to achieving your goals. A change in your personal life and status is apparent. Open up to suggestions but don't cheat. 5 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Instant payback may appear to be heading your way but someone is likely to intervene if you have been too vocal. Keep things to yourself until after the fact when you know everything is signed, sealed and delivered. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Give whatever it takes to get your personal life working for you. You will find a way by searching through what you have that will make a difference to someone you want to please. Travel for business and you will prosper. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't let anyone push his or her responsibilities in your lap. You have to do your share but, once you have taken care of business, allow yourself a little time to pursue your interests. An emotional connection will be made. 3 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A partnership that you tried to form in the past can now be put together. Revive an old idea that has far more leverage and possibilities now than in the past. Socialize for business purposes. 5 stars  
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## BASEBALL

# Centerfielder Pollock named MVP of Cape Cod League

By FRAN TOLAN  
Associate Sports Editor

What do Thurman Munson, Paul O'Neill, Evan Longoria and A.J. Pollock have in common? After the Notre Dame junior centerfielder's stellar summer season, the correct answer is that all of them have been named Most Valuable Player of the Cape Cod League.

"It's pretty incredible — I'm not going to lie," Pollock

said. "To be mentioned with those guys is just incredible."

Every summer, the Cape Cod League draws most of the best college players in the country to New England. But the top-tier competition was no match for Pollock, who starred for the Falmouth Commodores. The Hebron, Conn., native finished second in the batting race with a .377 average while leading the league in hits (61), doubles (15) and

slugging percentage (.556).

Pollock, who played third base as a Notre Dame freshman before switching to centerfield last season, committed just one error in 45 games.

"Before the summer, everyone from my town told me how great the Cape Cod League was," Pollock said. "I just tried to take the same approach I always do and fortunately it worked out for me."

Despite the tremendous

honor, Pollock said he will work hard to keep improving so that he does not end up being defined by just this award.

"At one point, it's pretty incredible and it's a thrill," Pollock said. "But at the same time, I'm sure there are a lot of guys on that list [of past MVPs] that you've never heard of."

Pollock said he also understands that accolades like the one he earned this summer come with added pres-

sure to lead the Irish.

"Now that I'm a junior, some people might expect me to be a little more vocal," he said. "And I'm sure some of the guys will expect me to take on a more designated leadership role."

But after his season in Cape Cod, Pollock should have no problem with many sets of eyes on him.

"Another thing is I'm going to be used to [added] atten-

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## FOOTBALL

# The future

*Crist says he puts the team's needs first*

By BILL BRINK  
Sports Editor

Dayne Crist looked comfortable even though he had to collapse his 6-foot-4 frame into a folding seat. The freshman quarterback relaxed, with a charming smile and a buzz cut — a freshmen unity initiative, courtesy of the running backs — while answering questions about everything from learning a pro-style offense to his mother to whether, as a California boy, he had bought a winter coat yet.

He was unfazed and careful. The phrase, "Whatever coach Weis wants me to do..." came out of his mouth more than once, and he talked repeatedly about the healthy competition between the quarterbacks. His relationship with sophomore quarterback Jimmy Clausen, who he went to middle school with and who helped lure Crist

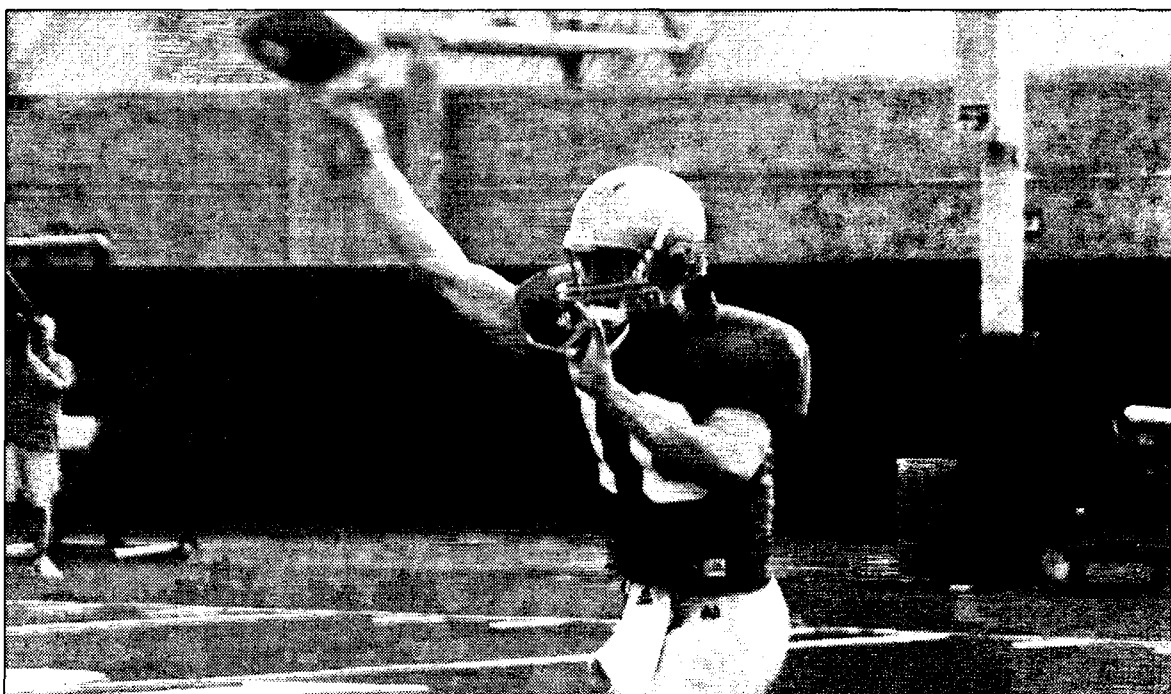
to Notre Dame, drew a good deal of attention. He addressed it, as he did everything else, calmly, at once seeming innocent and mature.

"We're both very competitive people. We both learn from each other," Crist said of Clausen during freshmen media day on Aug. 22. "Even the time we've spent here, it seems like it's only been a matter of months, but we've learned from each other greatly."

Crist was a top recruit from Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Calif. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 25 prospect in the nation after he completed 58 percent of his passes for 2,178 yards and 16 touchdowns in his senior season. Early speculation is that he will redshirt, which would give him two years to start after Clausen graduates.

He said the toughest aspect of fall practice so far has been learning Notre Dame's offensive system. It frustrated him at first, but he said he has a better grasp of it now.

"What a lot of people don't



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Irish freshman quarterback Dayne Crist throws a pass during practice Wednesday. Afterwards, Crist spoke about learning Notre Dame's offensive system.

remember is that it's not a normal college system, it's an NFL system," he said. "You're making an even larger jump. The terminology, the verbiage,

and everything just jumps up."

His next hurdle after understanding the playbook, he said, was being comfortable enough to make quick reads.

He said plays now seem to be slowing down for him.

Crist and the other quarter-

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Irish primed to bounce back from subpar year

By JARED JEDICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is looking to come on strong and forget about a disappointing season last year with the help of two of the Big East's strongest players, senior middle blocker Justine Stremick and junior outside hitter Serinity Phillips.

"Both of them had great competitive seasons in the Big East last year," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "Their strengths are in the front row where they are tremendous hitters and blockers."

As a result of their accomplishments last year, both were voted to the Big East's preseason team.

"I was surprised and very excited," Phillips said. "It was a great compliment and I am going to just keep working along with the team to do our best."

Stremick also appreciated the honor, but said she would have preferred some hardware for the entire team.

"It was a surprise, but it's nice to be honored for the hard work in the last couple years," Stremick said. "It is always nice to be honored,

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## MEN'S TENNIS

# Sophs play in Bloomington

*Four players close out summer on a high note at ITA Championships*

By KATE GRABAREK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sent four players to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Summer Championships in Bloomington.

Sophomore Tyler Davis, Stephen Havens, Matthew Johnson, and Dan Stahl all competed in both singles and doubles.

"The results in the ITA National Summer Championships are encouraging," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Dan Stahl, Stephen Havens, Tyler Davis, and Matt Johnson all represented Notre

Dame well down there. The bond in this year's sophomore class is something that can carry us through the tough times."

Play opened on Aug. 11 and included two rounds of singles play.

Davis and Havens each earned a spot in the second round with a bye, while Stahl and Johnson both escaped their first round matches easily.

In the second round of play both Davis and Havens came away with 6-2, 6-2 victories.

Davis defeated Memphis's Jordan Smith for his win, and Havens defeated Indiana's Stephen Volg.

Derek Stephens knocked Johnson out of the tournament after Johnson lost the first set 6-2 and was forced to retire in the second set.

"Each of our guys had good wins," Bayliss said. "Stephen [Havens] did well to reach the semifinals, not to mention good doubles results."

In the third round Davis, Havens and Stahl all advanced.

Davis earned a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Brett Powers of St. Edwards. Havens earned a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Mark Oljaka of South Florida. Stahl nabbed a 6-2, 6-2 win over

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