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Students, officials will celebrate Moreau

Founder of the Congregation of the Holy Cross to be beatified in Le Mans, France

By JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writer

One hundred seventy years after Father Basil Moreau founded the Congregation of Holy Cross in Le Mans, France, Notre Dame students, faculty and administrators will travel to the site to celebrate his beatification for three days of ceremonies to celebrate Moreau's life, beginning Friday.

Father Richard Warner, director of campus ministry at Notre Dame, described the importance of the beatification for the Notre

Dame community.

"For all of us, it is a very special moment," he said. "He was a great educator, and during our time as priests and brothers we have been educators."

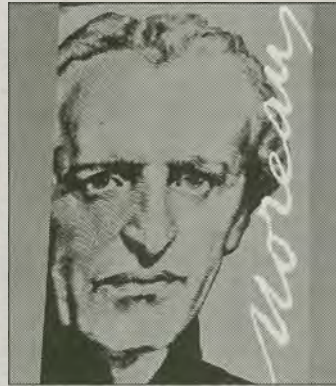
Warner is a member of the official party that will be closely involved in the weekend's festivities. The official party consists of 800 people — 15 from each Holy Cross province across the globe, as well as administrators from each of the Holy Cross schools and all the Holy Cross bishops.

In addition to Warner, Notre Dame's delegation will include

University President Father John Jenkins; Richard C. Notebaert, chair of the University's Board of Trustees; Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves; Associate Vice President Father James E. McDonald; Provost Thomas G. Burish; John Cavadini, the director of the Institute for Church Life; and Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

In addition to the official group, 65 Notre Dame students studying in Europe — mainly in Angers,

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A banner of Father Moreau waves over South Quad.

Cell phone reception inconsistent

College wants student response to fix problem

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

After cutting off service to all dorm phones this summer, Saint Mary's is responding to student complaints that cell phone service is unavailable in their rooms.

Students were required to disclose their cell numbers during room picks last spring, though they could opt out from having their number listed on the directory.

Information Technology has requested student participation in a PRISM survey designed to locate problem areas, said Sandy Handley, telecommunications coordinator.

"At this point, the objective is to define the areas that there are problems in," she said. "We need to know where the difficulties lie for every carrier. ... We are looking at all the options."

No solution will be attempted until student input arrives, so students are encouraged to participate, she said.

"We understand the difficulties that students are having with [cell phone] service, and we would like to resolve those problems as quickly as possible," she said.

Students seemed generally receptive to the new policy,

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ROTC program bucks national trend

Applicants for University's divisions remain high despite ongoing violence in Iraq



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Members of the Army ROTC salute their superior officer in a drill in August 2006.

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Across the United States, as the war in Iraq continues and the country mourns on the sixth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, college ROTC programs are scrambling to attract incoming students.

At Notre Dame, however, ROTC programs have received steady rates of applications — generally surpassing national averages since before the war began.

Students who consider joining a ROTC program must weigh tuition benefits and an accelerated career start with likely deployment after graduation. For some Notre Dame students, a sense of duty sounds stronger than any fear of serving overseas. For others, the chance to make affordable a Notre Dame

education through military scholarships is the ultimate dealmaker.

Army on pace

Capt. Sean Straus, in charge of the Army ROTC's recruiting operations at Notre Dame, said he expects to have as many as 30 freshmen enrolled in the program by the end of the 2007-08 academic year.

Currently, he said, there are only 24 new recruits at Notre Dame, but more should arrive next semester — putting the class of 2011 on the higher end of the program's averages.

Straus said since 2001, the Army ROTC program has welcomed between 20 and 25 new recruits out of more than 200 applicants each year.

"The admissions standards at

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Writers say art transcends all

Nobel Prize winner, New York native discuss homeland, heartland

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Two famous writers — one an author raised in the Dominican Republic, the other an artist who was born in China — came together Monday to discuss the ways in which creative expressions can transcend cultural boundaries and other borders.

The "Between Homeland and Heartland" literary and arts event featured author Julia Alvarez and artist Gao Xingjian Monday in McKenna Hall. The presentation kicked off a four-day celebration of the arts that will explore the concept of home and identity.



CHRISTIAN SAGUARDIAN/The Observer

Author Julia Alvarez speaks at the "Between Homeland and Heartland" literary and arts event in McKenna Hall Monday.

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NBC, FTT team up for ND commercial contest

By PUJA PARIKH
News Writer

For the first time, NBC will air a Notre Dame commercial created and directed entirely by a University student.

Students can enter the contest through the Film, Television and Theatre department, which is working collaboratively with NBC. The proposed spots, which are 30 seconds long, are due Friday.

Three scripts will be chosen, greenlighted for production and posted on nbc.com — where fans will be able to vote on them and decide the final winner.

Karen Heisler, supervisor of the FIT internship program, is one of the faculty members who will review the films.

"This is a popular concept these days," Heisler said. "Go back to the Superbowl Doritos commercial and you see a lot of organizations doing these things. Video is accessible to everyone these days, and everyone has a camera or an editing program on his or her computer."

"Everyone is into making movies and videos."

This is the first time NBC and FTT have worked together in order to sponsor a student-made commercial.

"NBC's idea is to target the 18-to-24 year old demographic," Heisler said. "They are trying to drive people to their Web site ... and make it more interactive to get students and other people to their web site."

Heisler and NBC Sports decided

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INSIDE COLUMN

Pardon me if I sweat

It's 10 o'clock on a Thursday which can only mean one thing: I am getting dressed and ready to go to Fever. What's my biggest worry at the moment? Will Jesus Cab be available? No. Do I have enough money to take a twenty out of the ATM? No. Will everyone be able to see the buckets of sweat I am inevitably going to leave on this shirt? Yes. As a rule, I will most likely choose something white or black; these garments mask the wet spots the best.

Kelly Higgins

Associate
Photo Editor

Since I began going to dances in middle school, I have been strategically choosing my clothing based on how badly I anticipate my sweat to be. I gauge my choice on a few factors: temperature outside, number of people, amount of dancing I plan on doing, and degree of darkness. From my experience with my friends, these are not considerations that all girls must make on a regular basis.

Because this fall has been unusually warm, I have not had a reprieve from my bouts with sweatiness. Although I must say it is comforting to look around the Backer at 1:30 and realize everyone is as sweaty as I am, that does not always make up for my discomfort at the fact that I have been this sweaty since I got there at 11. Don't get me wrong, I am not one of those people who is sweating next to you sitting in class. I am a motion sweater. The instant I start in on that elliptical or I start shaking it on the dance floor it starts. First it is my back, then my chest, face, and neck. I know I am officially out of control when my thighs join the party. Now I know what you are thinking and no, I am not an overweight man. I am just a little lady with a big problem.

Just last week, I must have apologized at least six times for being so sweaty. I was even offered a friends shirt to wipe the beads from my brow. These interactions are most likely to happen when I have stopped dancing. Somehow my sweat seems more prominent while I am standing in line for the bathroom, at the bar, or outside cooling off (maybe it is just that on the dance floor I am too lost in the moment to notice). No matter what, if you happen to brush up against me at one of these locations I reiterate what I have stated above: pardon me if I sweat on you.

I have come to terms with the increased activity of my sweat glands and I will obviously be the first to joke about it. By now, my friends have come to accept it — although I am sure they are all looking forward to the weather cooling off so they don't have to be seen with the sweaty girl much longer. What I would like is for everyone to accept those of us who are sweaty; it is probably not even our fault. Blame our parents and the genes they passed down. We are normal people who just happen to get a little hotter than you. When you see me on the dance floor remember: I am not gross, I am glistening, and please, clear a spot of us by the fan.

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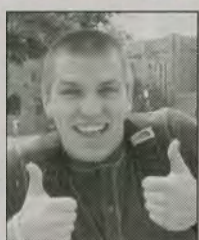
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD BE YOUR IDEAL NOTRE DAME TELEVISION COMMERCIAL?



Adam Carlson
sophomore
Dillon

"Nudity."



Chris Vanderhurst
junior
Knott

"Father Jenkins doing a keg stand."



Emily Lyons
sophomore
Pangborn

"It would show the closeness and uniqueness of the different dorms, like at the pep rallies."



John Mrugala
senior
O'Neill

"Touchdown Jesus and First Down Moses doing pushups in the stadium with the student section."



Kate Zinsmeister
sophomore
McGlenn

"Thurty seconds of Brady Quinn."



Mary Frances Popit
junior
Welsh Family

"Everyone in the student body wearing Jimmy Clausen jerseys."



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Near to Hayes-Healy Hall, a grounds maintenance worker reaches from a cherry picker to prune the trees. The cherry picker is also known as a boom lift or, rarely, as a hydraladder. It was invented for use in orchards — though not just cherry orchards.

OFFBEAT

Accused mugger licks woman's toes

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Police said a man who robbed a woman of her keys and cell phone then took off her shoes and licked her toes.

Commander Kevin Casper said the attack was "weird sexual behavior."

The 24-year-old woman was leaving work around 1 a.m. Saturday when the 27-year-old man approached her and demanded her keys and phone. After that he removed her shoes.

Police say the woman was not hurt.

Police arrested the man a few minutes later about

four blocks away. The woman identified the suspect and police were able to recover her keys and phone.

The man is in custody and has not yet been formally charged.

Teen's yearbook photo banned for flower

MERRIMACK, N.H. — A New Hampshire teenager's yearbook photo has been rejected, because she's holding a flower. Merrimack High School student Melissa Morin's senior photograph featured her and a small red flower. School officials, however, said the picture is

not going to make it in the yearbook because props aren't allowed.

In the photo, Morin, 17, who loves acting, is sitting on a costume trunk backstage at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. She wore a black and white sundress and clutched the flower.

The policy stemmed from a 2005 controversy in Londonderry, where a student posed with his gun. A judge ruled in favor of the school, but Merrimack officials said they didn't want to face similar scuffles.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame Peace Fellowship will host a candlelight prayer service of solidarity on Tuesday at 8 p.m. in front of Stonehenge at the Fieldhouse Mall. Prayers will be offered for the victims of the 9/11 attacks and their families, as well as for anyone affected by events in the Middle East.

There will be a student mixer Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for entrepreneurial-minded students at Legends. The mixer will combine short speeches, information tables from the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, MBA Club and the Four Horsemen Club.

There will be a staged premiere performance of "Ballade Nocturne" by playwright Gao Xingjian Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. in McKenna Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The English Department and Career Placement will present English Career Night for all Arts & Letters majors Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Notre Dame alumni and representatives from several careers will be available to answer questions.

Actors from the London Stage will present "Macbeth" at 7:30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased by calling (574) 631-2800.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
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BOG

Group looks at funding

Co-sponsorships discussed at weekly Board of Governance meeting

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Discussion among Board of Governance (BOG) members Monday night on Saint Mary's campus focused on co-sponsorship — the requests for funding from clubs or societies on campus.

Chrissy Romo, co-president of La Fuerza, spoke about the group's hope to bring the salsa band Orquesta Caribe to Saint Mary's on Sept. 27.

The event would be held in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The group aims to bring awareness of Latina culture to campus.

"I believe it will try to diversify but also educate the student body," Romo said.

Students from Notre Dame and Holy Cross would also be invited to attend.

The second proposal for funding was for a trip to El Salvador for the organization Christians for Peace in El Salvador.

The proposal was presented by Kimmy Case and Colette Zavala, representatives of a group of nine Saint Mary's students and two faculty members who hope to make the trip during fall break.

"We would focus on the politics of El Salvador, and meet with politicians, church leaders and social activists while there," Case said.

The trip is part of the social work program at Saint Mary's. Upon their return, the students would present their findings at the spring social work luncheon.

In other BOG news:

◆ The BOG will hold forums every other week in the dining hall under the theme

"Food for Thought." Student body president Kim Hodges spoke about the purpose of the group.

"[The forum] creates a venue for the student body to address questions or concerns they may have in order for our students to discuss the hot topics around campus," she said.

This week's forum will be held Thursday, from 5 to 7 p.m., and will focus on "Booze, Bands and Boys."

◆ Campaigning for the first-year board will begin Tuesday, elections commissioner Maggie Siefert said. Six groups are campaigning, and the vote will be held Sept. 17.

◆ A five-kilometer walk for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer will be held on Oct. 6, health and wellness commissioner Penelope Trethewey said. Saint Mary's is sponsoring a team called the Belle Brigade.

◆ A heritage display in the Student Center will feature a display in honor of Father Basil Moreau, Campus Ministry commissioner Mary Frantz said. Exact dates for the grand opening have not been set, but fliers will be posted around campus.

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Moreau

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Dublin, London, Toledo and Rome — will attend the beatification ceremony.

A dinner will be held for Notre Dame students and the delegation Thursday night. On Friday, students will visit historic sites in Le Mans, including Notre Dame du Sainte Croix (the mother church of the Congregation of the Holy Cross), the birthplace of Moreau and the Holy Cross cemetery. Also on Friday, the official Notre Dame delegation will attend a restricted service in Notre Dame du Sainte Croix before meeting with the students to attend a separate service held at the Cathédrale St-Julien.

Jenkins will then host a reception for the official party and the students. Afterwards, the townspeople of Le Mans will put on a sound and light show.

"The entire town will be filled with music and the great medieval walls will be completely lit up," Warner said. "It will really be quite a sight, and it really shows how much respect the people of Father Moreau's town have for him."

On Saturday, Bishop Jaques Maurice Faivre will preside over the Mass of the beatification in the Centre Antares arena, during which Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins will read a letter from

Pope Benedict XVI establishing Moreau as blessed. A five-foot painting of him will then be unfurled in front of the entire crowd, which organizers expect to number around 8,000. Subsequently, a wine and cheese reception will be held for all those in attendance, after which the students and the official party will go out to dinner in downtown Le Mans.

The schedule of events will conclude Sunday with a Mass of Thanksgiving at the cathedral in Le Mans by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Students will then return to their study abroad locations, and the Notre Dame delegation will return to the United States.

Celebrations will continue, however, during the remainder of the year as different groups host campus events to honor Moreau and his legacy.

"I don't think Father Moreau ever could have expected what he started 170 years ago," McDonald said. "It really shows that you never know what your life's work will amount to. It is a great honor for Notre Dame and all those affiliated with the Order of the Holy Cross, and it provides us with great motivation for the future."

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Richard Warner
director of campus ministry



What are you doing next summer?
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Culture

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Though Alvarez and Gao come from different cultural backgrounds and use different media, they agreed during the lecture on a common theme of art. Neither language nor culture nor socio-economic status, they said, qualify or disqualify people from the ability to understand, appreciate and critique art.

Gao, the 2000 Nobel Prize in Literature winner, was born in China. He often takes a philosophical approach to his art, as he demonstrated in his collection on display and the Shite Museum.

He explained the "re-education" that he received in China, which eventually drove him out of the country. With the new culture that was beginning there, almost all of his writings were destroyed because they were philosophical and different from the norm.

Alvarez, though born in New York, lived in then war-torn Dominican Republic from the time he was an infant until age 10.

Alvarez is most famous for her novel, *In the Time of the Butterflies*, which uses fictional characters to describe what her and her family actually went through as a child.

"The Mirabal sisters may be fictional people but the hanging of Trujillo and enduring dictatorship were all things my family and I went through," she said.

Each artist expressed identification with a home that was filled with turmoil and despair.

Alvarez and Gao both overcame the forms of government they endured and still found love in their homeland and expressed it through their art.

"We many speak the same language but we can still experience each others' homes," Gao said.

Remaining Schedule:

Sept. 11

2 p.m. — Mabel Lee, a literary translator of Gao's work, will provide context to his film "Silhouette/Shadow."

4 p.m. — Alvarez will deliver a lecture titled "Stories I Steer by as a Writer."

5:15 to 6:15 p.m. — Alvarez will sign copies of her books.

Sept. 12

1:45 p.m. — Scholars Howard Goldblatt from Notre Dame, Gilbert Fong a translator of Gao's plays from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and Claire Conceison from Tufts University will serve as panelists for a presentation on Gao's plays.

3:45 p.m. — The staged reading and premiere of Gao's "Ballade Nocturne," directed by Conceison.

3:45 p.m. — Performance of scenes from selected plays of Gao, directed by Anton Juan of Notre Dame, at the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. This is a free but ticketed event.

Sept. 13

7 p.m. — Screening of Gao's film "La Silhouette Sinon l'Ombre" in the Annenberg Auditorium.

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on three finalists because they wanted to allow many students the opportunity to enter, while making the videos easily accessible online for voting.

Two submissions had been received by Monday night, but Heisler said she expects more by the due date.

"We don't know if we will get five submissions or 50," Heisler said. "It will be interesting to see."

Students who wish to make their own video but do not have the necessary equipment so

long as they produce the actual film themselves.

"The student is responsible for producing the entire thing ... from graphics, sound, music, and editing," Heisler said. "We're excited to see the products."

NBC has not yet decided if the final commercial will be aired on television or on the Internet.

"NBC will look at the quality of the video and the company will make a decision on where and when it will air," Heisler said.

Heisler said she welcomed contact from students with questions. She can be reached at heisler4@nd.edu or (574) 631-7486.

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**Karen Heisler
FTT internship
coordinator**

Phones

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though not all reported trouble with their service.

"I get really good service here, actually," said Megan Griffen, a freshman who uses Verizon.

Still, Griffen said she plans to fill out the survey.

"I get a lot of dropped calls," said freshman Katie Brown, whose carrier is Sprint Nextel.

Brown said she had not filled out the survey but planned to soon.

Information Technology is also planning to oversee the removal of remaining dorm phones in the near future, she said. While no phones are operational, phone sets remain in rooms in LeMans and McCandless Halls, Handley said. They will be removed around Christmas.

The only phones that will remain in dorms are those located in the hallways for emergency use, she said. At least some students use the hall phones, she said, though she did not know the extent of their use. Staff will also continue to have phones in their offices.

Pauline Kistka, a resident assistant in LeMans hall, said that she has not had any problems with the phone being in the hallway. She has not received any complaints about nighttime calls and several girls in her hall have been using the phone.

She does miss having the landline, though.

"I actually appreciated the room phone," she said. "It was nice because I didn't have to use my cell phone."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Musharraf defies national court

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf defied Pakistan's Supreme Court on Monday, sending commandos to the airport and tossing out a bitter rival hours after he returned from exile in hopes of making a political comeback and opposing the military leader. The expulsion of Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted as an elected prime minister by Musharraf in a 1999 bloodless coup, could deepen the general's unpopularity and undermine the legitimacy of upcoming elections.

Guatemalan elections down to 2

GUATEMALA CITY — A tough-on-crime former general and a businessman who wants to solve Guatemala's problems by fighting poverty will meet in a Nov. 4 presidential runoff, according to results Monday from a first round of elections.

Alvaro Colom, a businessman making his third run for the presidency, had a 28 percent to 24 percent lead over Otto Perez of the conservative Patriot Party, with 96 percent of the votes counted.

Sunday's vote sheared away 10 other less-popular candidates, among them Nobel Laureate and Mayan activist Rigoberta Menchu, who got 3 percent.

Perez has stressed the need to crack-down on crime as a way to create growth, while Colom says the fight against crime should start with job creation in a country where 51 percent of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.

Guatemala is Central America's most violent country and a corridor for Colombian cocaine heading to the United States.

NATIONAL NEWS

Mob ring prosecuted in Chicago

CHICAGO — A federal jury found five aging men guilty Monday in a racketeering conspiracy that involved decades of extortion, loan sharking and murder aimed at rubbing out anyone who dared stand in the way of the ruthless Chicago mob.

The verdicts capped an extraordinary 10-week trial that laid bare some of the inner workings of The Outfit.

The prosecution's star witness was an admitted hit man who took the stand against his own brother to spell out the allegations, crime by crime. Over 10 weeks, the jury heard about 18 killings, including the beating death and cornfield burial of Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, the inspiration for Joe Pesci's character in the 1995 movie "Casino." The jury deliberated for only 20 hours.

Hillary to return campaign funds

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential campaign said Monday it will return \$850,000 in donations raised by Democratic fundraiser Norman Hsu, who is under federal investigation for allegedly violating election laws. Clinton, D-N.Y., previously had planned only to give to charity \$23,000 she received from Hsu for her presidential and senatorial campaigns and to her political action committee, HillPac.

LOCAL NEWS

Man receives 260 year sentence

SOUTH BEND — A man convicted of killing four other homeless men and then dumping their bodies in manholes maintained his innocence and asked for the death penalty before a judge sentenced him to 260 years in prison.

Randy Lee Reeder, 51, did not testify during his trial last month, but told a judge Friday that his trial was unfair. Daniel J. Sharp, who pleaded guilty in May to the deaths, testified during Reeder's trial that he and Reeder killed the four men in December.

Petraeus recommends troop cuts

Top general says 2,000 Marines will come home, but more cuts would be dangerous

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The top U.S. general in Iraq outlined plans Monday for the withdrawal of as many as 30,000 troops by next summer, drawing praise from the White House but a chilly reception from anti-war Democrats.

Gen. David Petraeus said a 2,000-member Marine unit would return home this month without replacement in the first sizable cut since a 2003 U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein and unleashed sectarian violence.

Further "force reductions will continue," he told a nationally televised congressional hearing that was frequently interrupted by anti-war protesters.

Petraeus said it would be "premature to make recommendations on the pace," and he recommended that President Bush wait until March 2008 to make any decisions.

The cuts he outlined would return the U.S. force approximately to levels in place when Bush ordered a buildup last winter to allow the Iraqi government time to forge a reconciliation among feuding factions.

Petraeus slid into the witness chair at a politically pivotal moment in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 3,700 U.S. troops in more than four years. The Pentagon reported nine deaths on Monday.

The president invited congressional leaders to a meeting Tuesday at the White House, and is expected to make a nationwide speech on the war in the next few days. White House press secretary Tony Snow said Bush will place a lot of weight on his general's recommendations.

Snow said Bush "liked what he heard last week" when he was briefed on Petraeus' plans. "But he is commander in chief and it will be up to him to make final determinations about what he will recommend," the spokesman noted.



A small girl walks under American flags inscribed with the names of the victims of the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 flying in Battery Park, Manhattan.

Inside the crowded congressional hearing room, Rep. Tom Lantos, the chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told Petraeus his proposal amounted to only a "token withdrawal" after years of war.

"What I recommended was a very substantial withdrawal," the general replied evenly from the witness chair, his uniform adorned by four gleaming general's stars and nine rows of medals. "Five Army brigade combat teams, a Marine Expeditionary Unit and two Marine battalions represent a very significant force."

Petraeus referred only obliquely to political difficulties in Iraq, saying, "Lack of

adequate governmental capacity, lingering sectarian mistrust and various forms of corruption add to Iraq's challenges."

As for the much-maligned Iraqi military, he said it is slowly gaining competence and gradually "taking on more responsibility for their security."

Petraeus didn't say so, but Ambassador Ryan Crocker, the day's only other witness, strongly suggested that the administration's troop buildup had prevented a debacle.

Crocker said 2006 was a "bad year for Iraq. The country came close to unraveling politically, economically and in security terms. 2007 has brought improvement."

Petraeus is both the architect and the commander of last winter's change in strategy, and private Republican polls show him with greater public credibility than the president.

Majority Democrats returned from a summer vacation determined to call for a troop withdrawal deadline, and the administration has been laboring to prevent wholesale Republican defections.

In long-awaited testimony, the commanding general of the war said last winter's buildup in U.S. troops had met its military objectives "in large measure."

As a result, "I believe that we will be able to reduce our forces to the pre-surge level."

Officials warn of possible attacks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Weapons of mass destruction, small boats packed with explosives and Islamic radicalization are the greatest terrorist threats facing the country, top U.S. security officials said Monday on the eve of the sixth anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The officials told Congress the country is much better prepared to face terror threats than it was then, but that terrorists' desire to attack the United States remains strong — an assertion that has yet to be fully accepted by the American public, according to a new poll.

"The enemy is not standing still. They

are constantly revising their tactics and adapting their strategy and their capabilities," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "And if we stand still — or worse yet, if we retreat — we are going to be handing them an advantage that we dare not see them hold."

He said the threat of a USS Cole-type attack on U.S. ports — where a small boat packed with explosives detonates in a harbor — is one of his top concerns.

And while the department's goal is to keep nuclear weapons from entering the country, he said it also is focusing on how it would respond should a nuclear device get through and explode — par-

ticularly how to identify and track the nuclear materials. Chertoff also said the department is putting in place new screening regulations that would require providing information on flight crews and passengers before a private aircraft departs from overseas bound for the United States.

The radicalization of potential new terrorists, in the U.S. and abroad, is another growing concern, the intelligence officials said at the hearing on the nation's terrorism preparedness.

FBI Director Robert S. Mueller said there is already a problem with radicalization in the United States, and the Internet makes recruiting people to the radical cause much easier.

ROTC

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Notre Dame weed out a lot people," he said. "It's easier to get the [Army] scholarship than it is to get into Notre Dame."

But students still try, despite the possibility of serving amid the sectarian violence in Iraq after their college years.

Senior Hayden Piscal said she decided to join Army ROTC when she was a high school junior because the program would make a Notre Dame education affordable for her family.

"At first I decided to do it because it would pay for school, and it would be a job right out of college that I would not have to worry about," she said.

Piscal said she is happy with her decision to join ROTC because she has found the leadership skills and sense of patriotism developed in the program have been rewarding. Her feelings toward the program, she said, have moved beyond the financial perks it offers.

The possibility of being sent to the Middle East never influenced her decision.

"We have more or less been told to expect to deploy within a year or two of commissioning," Piscal said. "But that has never made me think twice about joining the military."

For senior Guy Hippleheuser, the war in Iraq was a motivation to join Army ROTC at the end of his freshman year.

"Around the time that I began thinking about ROTC, there were rumors spreading throughout the media about how our forces were spread thin enough to warrant a draft or a pull-out from

Iraq completely," he said. "I didn't feel that we as a country could allow this to happen. So I joined ROTC, hoping to fill one of the empty ranks in the military."

Statistics show this sentiment is not the consensus among students in the United States.

In April, Time magazine reported that the non-partisan Government Accountability Office (GAO) had announced there were only 25,100 ROTC cadets in universities nationwide in 2006 — 6,000 shy of the target. Representatives of the GAO also said the Army would disburse about \$1 billion in 2007 to attract new soldiers and retain its old ones. A portion of those funds will go directly to ROTC scholarships across the country.

"The Army in general is growing," Straus said. "It's adding 60,000 soldiers and of those, a decent amount of those are going to have to be officers. So as a result, they're going to turn to the ROTC more to try to meet those needs."

A war in the Middle East requires manpower, he said, and the Army ROTC programs will offer full-tuition rides to students in exchange of an eight-year commitment to the military after graduation.

Senior Russell Fu said he switched to Army ROTC at the end of his freshman year because the program offered him more money than the Air Force ROTC did.

"I had been part of Air Force ROTC my freshman year but voluntarily left due to them having no more scholarships available," Fu said. "Army ROTC called me at the beginning of my sophomore year, offering me a slot with a full scholarship, so I quickly jumped on."

And, like Piscal, he said his positive experiences in the program have expanded his views about the Army beyond being a way to make college affordable.

"I feel proud to give something in return to my country that has blessed me with so much freedom," Fu said. "I feel honored to say that I defend this freedom for myself and my fellow countrymen."

Navy funding limited

The Naval ROTC program has had limited growth because of tightening budgets.

Todd Willebrand, deputy public affairs officer at the Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) in Great Lakes, Ill., said approximately 1,000 new scholarships were issued to new Naval ROTC students across the nation, a 20 percent drop from the 2003 figure.

But, he said, the war in Iraq was not responsible for that plunge, as the number of applications the office received each year had actually increased. The NSTC's ability to cover the expenses of all the students, however, had not.

But Naval ROTC senior midshipman Dan Justice said he still believed fear of being deployed is a factor that plays into a high school student's decision to apply.

"I can certainly see how [Iraq] would, especially for the Marines and Army, affect kids' decision to join the military," Justice said. "I understand that concern and it's something you have to consider when you look at all the pros and cons of joining the service."

"If it's such an important factor for you and it outweighs all the pros then the service probably isn't for you."

But for him and the other students at Notre Dame that choose that path of service, ROTC was a calling.

Budget cuts hit Air Force

Lt. Col. Shawn Braue of Notre Dame Air Force ROTC said he could not quantify the effect of the war in Iraq on Air Force ROTC recruiting because "there is not a mechanism in place to poll students on their reasons for not enrolling in ROTC."

The war in Iraq, he said, may be one of a number of reasons why students choose not to enroll, though there's no way of verifying that.

What he did confirm, however, is that budget cuts to Air Force ROTC programs everywhere have been bringing down the recruiting numbers annually.

"Air Force scholarship money is less [than that of] other services, and that might have a bigger impact on the numbers," Braue said.

He said the 2007 national average of total students enrolled in any given school's Air Force ROTC program is 92, a sharp decline from the 2003 average. Since the war in Iraq began, the Air Force has seen its average ROTC program shrink from 115 members in 2004 to 95 in 2006.

The budget cuts have affected the Notre Dame detachment, which was larger than the national average in 2003, but is now below the mean with only 83 students, Braue said.

The budget cuts, paired with the rising costs of a Notre Dame education, he said, have made it impossible for the Air Force to offer more scholarships at the University.

"We can take \$15,000 and

offer a student full tuition at a state school, or we can take that money and not even pay half of what it costs to go to Notre Dame," he said.

More than fear of going to Iraq, he said, the current financial limitations of the program were responsible for the decreases in recruiting numbers.

Senior Tony Crosser, a member of Air Force ROTC, said the Air Force is currently cutting scholarships for ROTC "because of a need to cut the numbers in the Air Force and increase the numbers in the Army and Marines."

"The cutting of scholarships is hurting enrollment in the Air Force ROTC program, but is making those who want the scholarship go to the services that need more people," he said.

Crosser pointed out the abundance of full tuition scholarships for Army cadets and Marines — who are in high demand in Iraq and are more likely to deploy after graduation — an incentive the Air Force can't afford presently.

But as is the case with the Army, there are still students who join the program for more than the money, like junior Nathan Loyd.

"I'll admit, the scholarship potential was very enticing," he said. "However, when I entered ROTC, I did not have a scholarship. ... I wasn't given one until I had been in ROTC for a while, and so I developed a strong sense of purpose. I see that purpose in almost all of the cadets and midshipmen."

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Wall Street suffers volatile Monday

NEW YORK — Wall Street finished a volatile session mixed Monday as investors grappled with the possibility that the Federal Reserve might not lower interest rates as much as they hope.

The stock market ratcheted up and down throughout the day, with Wall Street still nervous after Friday's dismal employment report. The data, which showed the first monthly decline in jobs in four years, rekindled fears about housing and credit market weakness bleeding into the overall economy and squeezing consumer spending.

Speeches from Fed officials Monday seemed to give investors a bit more reason to be optimistic, but the officials avoided hinting at how the central bank might alter rates.

Disney to start testing its own toys

LOS ANGELES — Following the recall of millions of toys by Mattel Inc., The Walt Disney Co. said Monday it will independently test toys featuring its characters.

The media and entertainment conglomerate will hire companies to randomly buy Disney-branded toys from store shelves and test for lead paint and other safety issues such as small parts that could come lose, Disney consumer products spokesman Gary Foster said.

He said the ultimate responsibility for safety still lies with companies that license Disney characters for toys.

"But Disney wants to give an added level of scrutiny and assurance to parents that a product with a Disney character has gone through this process," Foster said.

Disney's move comes as retailer Toys 'R' Us Inc. has stepped up its toy inspection efforts.

Disney will also start requiring licensees such as Mattel to submit their own test results before allowing products to hit shelves.

Foster said the company would be hiring more people in its product integrity office to oversee the program.

The tests will begin in the next two weeks and will include all categories of products.

Companies scrutinize health

New added insurance charges given to obese, heart unhealthy employees

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — First they tried nudging. Now companies are penalizing workers who have high health risks such as obesity and high blood pressure or cholesterol as insurance costs climb.

Lee Morrison, 51, doesn't mind the push, which came in the form of added insurance charges from his employer, Western & Southern Financial Group.

"I knew if I wanted to be healthier and pay less, it was up to me to do something about it," said Morrison, who has lost 54 pounds and lowered his body mass index enough to earn refunds the past two years.

A small number of companies have linked health factors to what employees pay for benefits, but the practice is expected to grow now that some federal rules have been finalized, spelling out what's allowed by law. Employee advocates worry that other anti-discrimination laws such as the Americans with Disabilities Act won't cover the person who is 20 or 30 pounds overweight.

The businesses are deducting from employees' paychecks, adding insurance surcharges or offering insurance discounts or rebates only to low-risk workers.

"Employers know they have to do something," said Garry Mathiason, a senior partner at the national employment and labor law firm Littler Mendelson, based in Boston. "I believe that in just the next two years more employers will turn to penalties to change employee behavior."

Mathiason said more than 300 companies have sought advice on creating more aggressive wellness programs since the firm released a study in April on legal issues and trends associated with requiring healthy practices.

Health care spending in



Workers at the Tortilleria Chinantla factory in Brooklyn, New York. Because of hard economic times, employers will begin penalizing workers like these for health risks.

the United States is estimated to reach \$2.2 trillion this year, with at least 54 percent of spending in the private sector, and is expected to nearly double by 2016, according to the National Coalition on Health Care.

A 2003-2004 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey showed about two-thirds of adults in the United States were overweight and almost one-third were obese. A U.S. surgeon general's report said health care costs of obesity totaled more than \$117 billion in 2000.

More employers have charged higher insurance premiums the past few years for tobacco-using

employees. Otherwise, wellness programs had been primarily voluntary, offering in-house fitness centers and free health screenings, for instance.

But many employees of Indianapolis-based Clarian Health didn't use the programs, hospital spokesman James Wide said.

In 2009 the company will start reducing pay for employees in its health plan by \$10 per paycheck if their BMI — a measurement of body fat through a height and weight ratio — is in the obese range of more than 29.9. The deduction will be \$5 per check if they don't meet required cholesterol, blood pressure or blood glucose measurements. Workers

will be required to complete an annual health risk assessment and can appeal to have their fees dropped if they show improvement.

"We want more people to participate so that they can take control of their health," Wide said.

Some workers and employee advocates say companies are intruding in workers' private lives.

The National Workrights Institute says employers adopting the charges are trying to control private behavior and amassing huge amounts of personal health information.

"It's a backdoor approach to weeding out expensive employees," legal director Jeremy Gruber said for them.

Apple sells its millionth iPhone

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Inc. sold its millionth iPhone over the weekend, days after it slashed the price by a third to spur sales.

The milestone was reached weeks earlier than expected and sent shares of Apple up \$4.94, or 3.8 percent, to \$136.71. The stock regained some of the ground it lost after the price cut spooked investors as a sign of weak demand and slimmer margins.

It took just 74 days for the combination cell phone-iPod to hit the 1 million mark, which Apple had said it would achieve by the end of September. By comparison, it took two years for the company to sell 1 million iPods, Apple CEO Steve Jobs

noted in a statement.

Last week, Apple knocked \$200 off the price of the 8-gigabyte iPhone, bringing its price to \$399, and discontinued the 4-gigabyte version. Apple spokeswoman Natalie Kerris declined to comment on whether the price cut helped spur sales.

The price cut may have helped a bit, but Apple clearly was on track already to exceed its own expectations, analysts say.

"I'd argue that sales have been fairly strong, and this alleviates concerns that sales were weak," said Shaw Wu, analyst at American Technology Research.

The swift price cut — not surprising in the cell phone industry but rare behavior for Apple — angered hun-

dreds of early buyers who bought the touch-screen gadget for top dollar. In response to all the negative reaction, Jobs issued an apology the next day and offered customers \$100 credits.

Apple had said it was lowering the iPhone price to attract more customers, in time for the holiday season.

The move, which many analysts had predicted — but not quite so quickly — adds pressure to Apple's rivals, but it also was possibly part of a broader strategy for its entire product lineup.

On the same day Apple slashed the iPhone price to \$399, it unveiled a new iPod, also for \$399. The iPod Touch is basically the same as the iPhone but without the cell phone capability.

Drug lord arrested in bust

Montoya's leadership of Columbian cartel put him on most-wanted list

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Soldiers swarmed onto a farm Monday and captured one of the world's most wanted drug lords hiding in bushes in his underwear. Colombian officials called it their biggest drug war victory since the 1993 slaying of Medellin cartel leader Pablo Escobar.

Diego Montoya, who sits with Osama bin Laden on the FBI's 10 most-wanted list and has a \$5 million bounty on his head, allegedly leads the Norte del Valle cartel. It is deemed Colombia's most dangerous drug gang and is accused of shipping hundreds of tons of cocaine to the U.S. since the 1990s.

Defense Minister Juan Manuel Santos told a news conference at Bogota's airport that Montoya was responsible for 1,500 killings in his career.

"Drug traffickers take note: This is the future that awaits you," Santos said before the heavy-set, 49-year-old Montoya limped out of an air force plane wearing plastic handcuffs and escorted by five commandos.

Montoya put up no resist-

ance when the army finally cornered him in the cartel's stronghold of Valle del Cauca state in western Colombia, officials said. He is to be questioned before being extradited to the U.S., a process that Santos said would take at most two months.

After months of planning, elite commandos raided the small farm before dawn Monday and nabbed Montoya along with his mother, an uncle and three other cartel members, said the army chief, Gen. Mario Montoya, who is not related.

The government has been closing in on the cartel since last year, when soldiers killed eight members of a private militia believed to be protecting Montoya. But a wide network of cartel informants had frustrated the search for the alleged drug boss himself. Local media have recently carried stories on the cartel's alleged infiltration of Colombia's army and navy.

Santos said the operation was kept top secret to avoid leaks and was run entirely by an elite army commando unit that works with prosecutors

to bring down the cartel.

Washington welcomed the news. "Colombia's capture of cocaine kingpin Diego Montoya shows what can be accomplished by a government that is relentless, focused and skilled in the effort to dismantle threats to its democracy," said White House "drug czar" John P. Walters.

Better known as "Don Diego," Montoya is said to be in a bitter turf war with his cartel's other leader, Wilber Varela, who goes by the nickname "Jabon," or "Soap," and is reported to be living in Venezuela. Hundreds have died in fighting between their rival armed bands along Colombia's Pacific coast.

A U.S. indictment unsealed in 2004 against Montoya and Varela said that over the previous 14 years, their cartel had exported more than 1.2 million pounds — 600 tons — of cocaine worth more than \$10 billion from Colombia to Mexico and ultimately to the United States for resale.

Colombia's government has made major gains against the cartel this year.

Montoya's brother, Eugenio Montoya, was captured in January. Former cartel leader Luis Hernando Gomez Bustamante, known as "Rasguno" or "Scratchy," was extradited to the U.S. in July after pledging to cooperate with U.S. authorities.

Viking burial mound exhumed for research

Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Archaeologists opened a Viking burial mound on Monday, seeking to learn more about two women — possibly a queen and a princess — laid to rest there 1,173 years ago.

In 1904, the mound in southeastern Norway's Vestfold County surrendered one of the country's greatest archaeological treasures, the Oseberg Viking longboat, which is now on display at the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo.

The 65-foot vessel was buried in 834 in the enormous mound as the grave ship for a rich and powerful Viking woman, according to the museum.

The remains of the two women, one believed to have been in her 60s and the other in her 30s, were first exhumed during the ship excavation. They were reburied in the mound in 1948 — in a modern aluminum casket placed inside a five-ton stone sarcophagus — in hopes that future scientific methods might reveal their secrets.

When experts opened the sarcophagus Monday, it was filled with water, although the casket itself may not have been flooded.

"We were surprised when we removed the lid of the sarcophagus that it was filled with water," project leader Vivian Wangen of the Museum of

Cultural History told the Norwegian news agency NTB. "We hope the casket and the remains are intact. We won't find out until tomorrow."

The casket was transported back to the Viking Ship Museum and will be opened under controlled conditions on Tuesday. The remains will be kept at the museum for study.

As many as 300 people, including schoolchildren, attended the grave opening.

Wangen said scientists hope the remains are intact enough to give more information about who the women were and how they lived.

An earlier study of a few fragments of the remains that were not reburied, led by Per Holck at the University of Oslo, suggested the older woman was the powerful Viking Queen Aasa, while the younger one could have been her daughter. Another theory is that the second woman was a slave, killed to accompany her master into the afterlife.

Later in the week, the archaeologists plan to reopen a second burial site, called the Gokstad Mound, on the opposite side of the Oslo fjord. Viking-era bone fragments were reburied there in 1928, nearly 50 years after the grave was opened to excavate another Viking Ship in 1880. That 79-foot ship, believed buried about 900, is also on display at the Viking Ship Museum in Oslo.



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Private search begins for acclaimed aviator

Associated Press

MINDEN, Nevada — Authorities worried Monday that a call for private volunteers to help the government search the rugged Nevada wilderness for missing aviator Steve Fossett may attract people who don't have proper training and could ultimately need saving themselves.

A private search effort is being driven in part by hotel magnate Barron Hilton, who has opened the mile-long airstrip at his Flying M Ranch — the same runway Fossett took off from a week ago — to search planes and helicopters. On Sunday, a notice was posted on Fossett's Web site calling for pilots, helicopters and volunteers to supplement the search.

While the private effort has worked side by side with the government during the eight-day hunt, officials said they are becoming worried that the latest call for volunteers could bring in people who have no experience with combing the vast — and often dangerous — landscape.

"It has not been condoned, nor is it necessarily helpful to the law enforcement community," Lyon County Undersheriff Joe Sanford said Sunday. "We don't want searchers to have to go out to look for searchers."

On Monday, Sanford explained he was most concerned with the possibility that untrained searchers would begin conducting independent ground searches

in the rugged, sparsely populated areas where Fossett is believed to be lost. Government-backed searchers also have followed false leads submitted by people looking at satellite images of the area available on the Internet, he said.

Sanford said Monday that a lack of oversight sometimes leads to the official search effort covering ground already searched by the private effort. He said the private effort was still welcome, but noted that it is "impossible to track."

Officials also expressed concern that participants in the National Championship Air Races and Air Show in nearby Reno starting Wednesday could hamper the search effort. They pleaded with race participants and other pilots attending the event to stay away from the search area.

The 63-year-old Fossett, a former commodities trader who was the first to circle the globe in a balloon, was last heard from Sept. 3, when he took off from Hilton's ranch. Authorities believe he was carrying only one bottle of water, but he is considered an expert pilot and survivalist.

"I am confident in his ability to survive this," said Civilian Air Patrol Maj. Cynthia Ryan. The search would continue indefinitely, she said, adding that the effort will stop when searchers have "exhausted every square inch, and we aren't even close to that."

"I am confident in his ability to survive."

**Maj. Cynthia Ryan
Civilian Air Patrol**

Bin Laden to release video

Second in a week will glorify terrorist, remember attacks of Sept. 11

Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Osama bin Laden will appear for the second time in a week in a new video to mark the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, presenting the last will and testament of one of the suicide hijackers, al-Qaida announced Monday.

Each year, al-Qaida has released videos of last statements by hijackers on the anniversary of the 2001 attacks, using the occasion to rally its sympathizers.

But this year's releases underline how bin Laden is re-emerging to tout his leadership — whether symbolic or effective — of the jihad movement. While past anniversary videos featured old footage of bin Laden, the latest appears likely to include a newly made speech.

Bin Laden had not appeared for nearly three years until a new video was released over the weekend. In that video, he addressed the American people, telling them the war in Iraq is a failure and taking on a new anti-globalization rhetoric. He urged Americans to abandon capitalism and democracy and embrace Islam.

Al-Qaida's media arm, Al-Sahab, announced the impending second video Monday with an advertising banner posted on an Islamic militant Web forum where the group often posts its messages.

The video was likely to be released within 24 hours to coincide with Sept. 11, said Ben Venzke, head of IntelCenter, a U.S. group that monitors and analyzes militant messages.

"Coming soon, God willing, from the testaments of the mar-

tyrs of the New York and Washington attacks: The testament of the martyr Abu Musab Waleed al-Shehri, presented by Sheik Osama bin Laden, God preserve him," the banner read.

Al-Shehri was one of the hijackers on American Airlines Flight 11 that crashed into the World Trade Center's north tower.

The Web banner included a still image of bin Laden from the upcoming video. Shown raising his finger, he wears the same dyed-black beard and the same clothes — white robe and round cap and beige cloak — that he had on in the video posted on the Web on Saturday.

Saturday's video was probably filmed in early August and it is likely "that the (upcoming video) shows bin Laden in the same setting," Venzke said.

Al-Qaida's media operations have become increasingly sophisticated, as have the anniversary videos.

Last year, al-Qaida released a 55-minute documentary talking about the planning of the attacks that hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The video included old but previously unreleased footage showing bin Laden strolling through an Afghan training camp where the attacks were apparently planned and chatting with top al-

Qaida lieutenants. Among them were Mohammed Atef, who was later killed in a November 2001 U.S. airstrike in Afghanistan, and Ramzi Binalshibh, who was captured in 2002.

The documentary also included the last testimonies of two Sept. 11 hijackers, Hamza al-Ghamdi and Wail al-Shehri, brother of Waleed al-Shehri. The video was accompanied by another with an address by bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri.

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Al-Qaida advertising banner

On Sunday, President Bush's homeland security adviser, Frances Fragos Townsend, sought to play down bin Laden's new appearance in a video and questioned his importance, calling the al-Qaida leader "virtually impotent."

But terrorism experts say al-Qaida's core leadership is regrouping in the Pakistan-Afghanistan border region. The latest National Intelligence Estimate says the network is growing in strength, intensifying its effort to put operatives in the U.S. and plot new attacks.

Bin Laden's video Saturday was his first message in over a year — since a July 1, 2006, audiotape. The images came under close scrutiny from U.S. intelligence agencies, looking for clues to the 50-year-old's health and whereabouts.

Parents may be charged in case

Father, mother now suspected in disappearance of daughter

Associated Press

ROTHLEY, England — Documents on the investigation into the disappearance of 4-year-old Madeleine McCann won't be given to Portuguese prosecutors by police until Tuesday, and her parents waited at their British home to see if they would be charged.

Portuguese police had been expected to hand-deliver to prosecutors on Monday the results of their investigation into the girl's disappearance May 3 from a hotel in southern Portugal. Police named Kate and Gerry McCann as suspects Friday.

But police spokesman Olegario Sousa said the prosecutor would not receive the case until Tuesday, and he declined to provide further details, citing Portugal's secrecy law covering ongoing investigations.

Portimao District Attorney Jose Cunha de Magalhaes e Meneses will then review the case files, which contain details of forensic evidence and police interviews with the parents.

The McCanns, who returned to Britain on Sunday with their 2-year-old twins, kept a low profile Monday, avoiding reporters camped outside their home.

Philomena McCann, Gerry's

sister, accused the police of "clutching at straws" to clear the case up.

"Kate and Gerry have been a thorn in their sides for a long time. What better than to cast them as the villains?" she told GMTV.

The McCanns, who are both medical doctors, have hired a high profile legal team that includes Michael Caplan, who represented Gen. Augusto Pinochet, the former Chilean dictator, when Spain tried to extradite him from Britain in 1999.

The administrators of a \$2 million fund set up to help find Madeleine were investigating whether some of the money could be used to help pay the McCanns' legal bills, Britain's Press Association quoted an unidentified family friend as saying.

Sousa said he expected the public prosecutor to "quickly decide" on what action to take. The prosecutor's office determines whether charges should be brought against anyone, whether more investigation is needed, or if the case should be dropped.

Madeleine's disappearance, and her parents' campaign to find her, has attracted worldwide attention. The story took a startling twist Friday when Portuguese police formally named them as suspects.

Until Friday, suspicion had centered on Robert Murat, a British man who lived near the hotel from which Madeleine disappeared and who was the only formal suspect. He has not been charged, and he has said he is innocent.

Gerry McCann said Sunday it was "heartbreaking" to come home without Madeleine, despite an extensive effort to find her. His voice shaking, he said "it does not mean we are giving up the search for her."

"We have played no part in the disappearance of our lovely daughter, Madeleine," he said.

In an interview with the Sunday Mirror, Kate McCann said Portuguese police pressed her to confess that she had killed Madeleine accidentally, then hid her body and pretended the girl had been abducted in a massive cover-up. She accused police of telling her that if she pleaded guilty she would only face a two or three year suspended sentence.

"They want me to lie. I'm being framed," she was quoted as telling the newspaper after her first police interrogation.

Although Portuguese police named the McCanns as suspects, they did not confiscate their passports or restrict their movements.

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Free the Jena six

In Jena, Louisiana, a black high school student faces up to 15 years imprisonment for fighting a student that slurred him. Earlier in the year, white students taunted black students with nooses. This is 2007, not 1850. If you haven't heard of the Jena Six or if you believe the fantasy that racism is dead, read on.

The key events: In August 2006, a black student asked permission to sit under an oak tree on campus at lunchtime, hitherto the unofficial domain of white students only. When black students sat there, three nooses hung from the tree the following morning. The principal recommended expulsion, but the school board and superintendent overruled him, opting instead for three days in-school suspension. The superintendent called the incident a "prank" and "not a threat against anybody." This outright idiocy and despicable license for hate led to months of racial tension.

Hoping to quell unrest, a school assembly brought in District Attorney Reed Walters, one of the murky players in this story. He told students "I can end your lives with the stroke of a pen," words that would prove prophetic. On Sept. 10, black students attempted to address the school board but were denied. The board believed it had, in its infallible wisdom, resolved the situation by ignoring it and encouraging racist attitudes.

On Dec. 1, several white men instigated a fight with black students at a local party. One reportedly broke a beer bottle over the head of Robert Bailey, a black student. The attacker was later charged with simple battery and put on probation. The next day, Bailey was involved in an argument at a convenience store with a white student who grabbed a pistol-grip shotgun (honest) from his pickup. He and Bailey hustled; Bailey took the gun and ran away. Bailey was later charged on three counts, including theft of a firearm; the white student was charged with nothing. See a double standard yet?

On Dec. 4, white student Justin Barker reportedly bragged about Bailey's beating at the earlier party. Walking into the school courtyard later, he was attacked by Bailey and

five other black students, among them Mychal Bell. Barker took a beating, but he was released from the hospital that same day with minor injuries and attended a school ceremony in the evening. The six black students were arrested.

Bell enjoyed all the benefits of our justice system: prosecuted by Reed Walters, who raised the charges from battery to attempted second-degree murder (he later reduced the charges to "merely" second-degree battery and conspiracy to commit the same); a lazy court-provided defense lawyer who called no witnesses; trial by an all-white jury; and no mention, in over 40 court documents, of September's noose incident. Unsurprisingly, they found Bell guilty of battery and conspiracy, carrying up to a 22-year prison sentence.

Not indignant yet? In order to classify as battery, Walters had to demonstrate the use of a "dangerous weapon" by Bell, so he argued that Bell's tennis shoes used to kick Barker were just that. The all-white jury ate this up. Remember the party where a white male attacked Bailey's head with a beer bottle? Not as dangerous as tennis shoes, in Jena — at least when you're black.

If you don't believe this story exposes Jena's racist environment, consider the town's large socioeconomic gap, where the 12% black population lives mostly in a concentrated lower-quality housing area. Consider that one barbershop in town, according to Newsweek, does not give haircuts to black people because white citizens might object. Consider the great start Jena's high school has made to the new school year, banning "Free the Jena 6" t-shirts from campus. A great move by the same educational institution that considered nooses "just a prank." Over the summer, the school chopped down the infamous "white tree" for firewood, but that has not stemmed the racial injustice currently flowering in Jena.

If this whole story is news to you, blame our celebrity-obsessed, gossip-driven media. Foreign newspapers covered the story long before national press did. Only in the last few months have several news organizations (chiefly NPR) called attention to Jena. Now we await Mychal Bell's sentencing on Sept. 20. Reduced to aggravated

battery, he still faces up to 15 years in prison. For a school fight.

Let me be fair: the students should be charged for their violent actions, and they ought to pay a price. But for juvenile crimes, not severe felonies; by a fair jury, not a racist all-white panel; without a DA who accused the students of attempted murder, for God's sake, and grossly abused his power for the sycophantic sake of appealing to his racist white friends. And the student who produced a sawed-off shotgun from his truck? How about some repercussions for threatening others with a firearm?

So what should happen? Bell and the others should be re-tried for simple battery, perhaps do some correctional time, and enter a probation program. The superintendent should step down and leave education forever so he can dedicate his life to the research of hate crimes. The school board should issue a formal apology for its inadequate response to the nooses and become extras in movies featuring scenes with gallows. DA Reed Walters should resign and move to Myanmar to practice law more befitting his personality. All Jena students (and adults) should attend a mandatory race-relations seminar from now until kingdom come. Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco, conspicuously and willingly oblivious to this egregious scandal, must stop shirking responsibility and step in to end this disgraceful blot in her state. She should do what politicians consider anathema: make a decisive statement and accompany it with strong action.

As for us: spread the word. Learn more online, sign petitions and demand that these tragedies don't fly under the radar in the future. Stop buying into the fantasy that racism is eradicated and help cut the tree of prejudice and inequality at its very root. Help free the Jena Six.

James Dechant is a senior English and Theology major who would like to use this space to inform you that you can help by sending money and letters of support to: The Jena Six Defense Fund, P.O. Box 2978, Jena, LA 71342. He can be contacted at jdechant@nd.edu

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"A goal without a plan is just a wish."

Antoine de Saint-Exupery
French writer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In defense of North

Diversity matters

Equality, liberty and fraternity. These are the tenets upon which North Dining Hall was founded.

Equality with, although distinct from, South Dining Hall. Surely, South Dining Hall boasts excellent pasta, diverse salad choices and consistently delicious grilled cheese sandwiches, but North offers students Fajita Fridays, make-your-own-pizza, crepes and easier cooked to order burgers. Although the food in South is all maintained in a central corral-like area, North's sprawl makes for less clustering between lines.

Liberty, to make your own decisions on such weighty matters as ice-cream flavors. North always keeps five to six different choices in its freezers, while South is only equipped for four. In addition, North allows for the dissemination of free speech through its several convenient television sets.

Fraternity, in allowing assembly where and when you wish. North Dining Hall not only plays music at a reasonable level for conversation, but accommodates three distinct areas, so that student groups can be seated on the main level, the balconies or in the

recessed television lounges. Perhaps it is only idle speculation on the author's part, but the natural sunlight present in North Dining Hall seems to induce a warm, welcoming atmosphere of fellowship.

Notre Dame is founded on the belief that diversity and competition are the gateways to a better society. It would be a shame if tyrannical elements were allowed to undermine that sacred foundation. Diversity in students, diversity in faculty and diversity in dining hall choices are what make this University great. Tearing down North would lead to a more totalitarian state of uniformity on campus.

You're not a totalitarian, are you?

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 Sept. 10

Tear down South

Salutations to all students, faculty and staff of this fine University!

I offer an alternative to Mr. Timothy Gotcher's article "Tear down North" (Sept. 10). Despite claiming South as a "true collegiate dining hall ... systematically arranged for the benefit and satisfaction of all," it is, in fact, the lesser of the two dining halls for three (quite obvious) reasons.

Despite the dining area's allure to the Harry Potter fans here (myself included), eating dinner at South without a wand or broom is a traffic nightmare. With a dozen food stations crowded into the central room, it creates a veritable funnel of humanity, resulting in spills, chills and general discontent. North, with its separate rooms and pleasantly open, well-lit rooms, is a far better choice to experience the true pleasures of college dining.

Secondly, the food at South is far less satisfying than the offerings available at North. All a discerning food critic (or a picky eater!) needs to do is browse the rooms at North

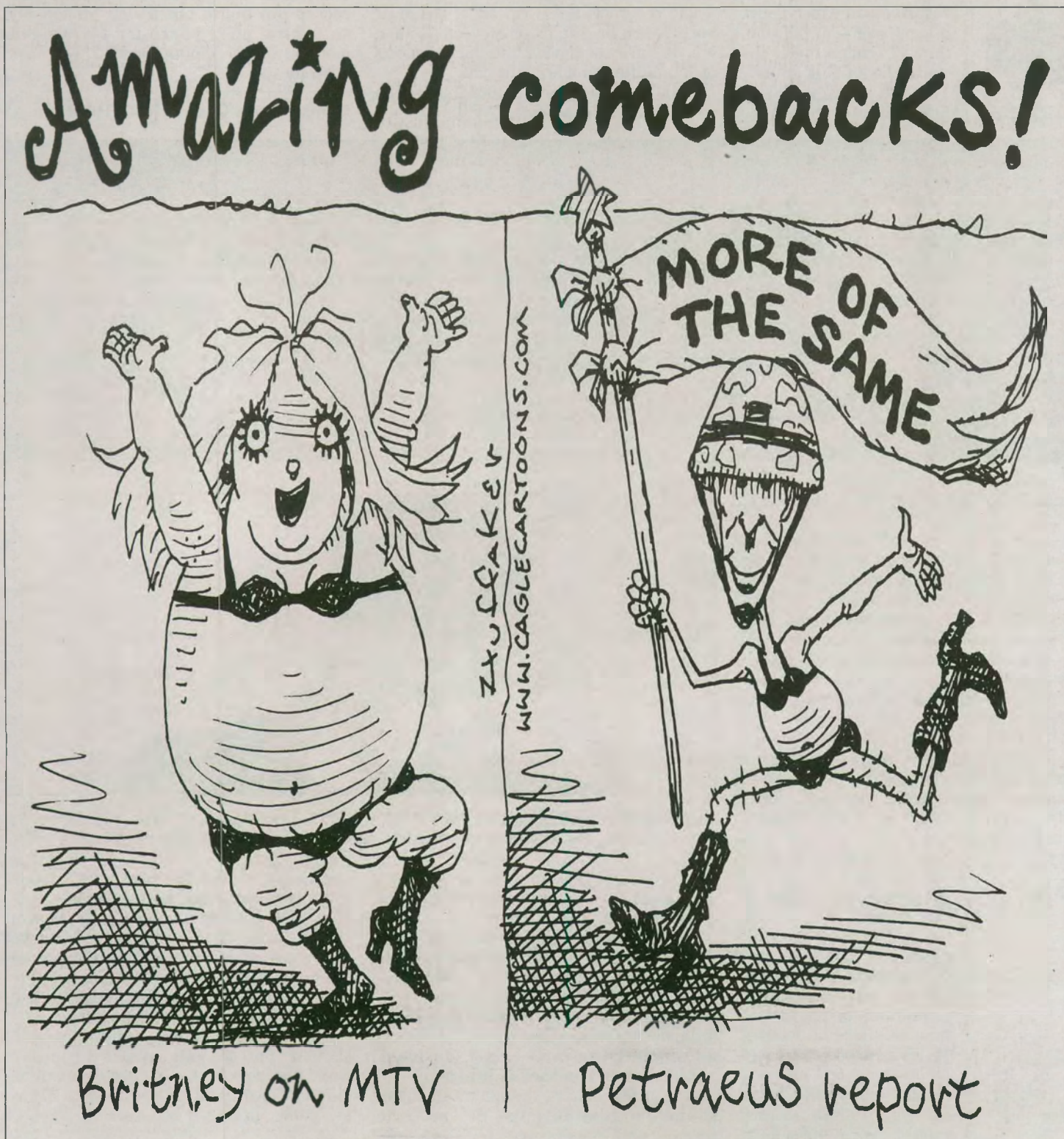
to discover such culinary treasures as pasta stir-fry, make-your-own pizzas, crepe weekends and, of course, Fajita Fridays!

Lastly, "Stone Age" South only has newspapers for information. North has long moved into the Technological Age by presenting both newspapers AND televisions, letting diners follow the latest news or football scores.

I therefore propose that South be torn down and replaced with a dining hall built to correct its flaws. This new dining hall would appropriately be named "North Dining Hall South" to acknowledge its lesser status. It would contain all the amenities its frequenters have grown to love, yet still be spacious enough to please all residents of the other half of campus. After all, it hasn't been a real dinner until someone from Zahn knocks a cup down the stairs.

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 senior
 Keenan Hall
 Sept. 10

EDITORIAL CARTOON



**Ordinance
 illegality**

Reading the articles and letters regarding the new "party" ordinance that is being pushed through the South Bend Common Council, I have two points to raise, one statistical and one constitutional.

First, the data shown at the recent presentation by Council member Buddy Kirsits should be questioned sharply. He shows a rise in drinking related hospital admissions during the football season. Nowhere did I see any mention of the fact that the population of South Bend increases by more than 50 percent during this time. The problem likely isn't just at boarding houses, but hotels, bars and tailgates. Perhaps the PA announcement during the game should not be not to drink too much and drive, but simply not to drink too much. Perception is reality. So if the people of South Bend think that students are a problem, then, for them, they are.

The ordinance, however, does not deal with noise or drinking. It only directly limits the ability to gather freely. With the data correlating student behavior to the disruptions sketchy to begin with, it should take a first year law student about 10 minutes to get an injunction if the ordinance is passed, for the City is clearly infringing on the residents of boarding houses right to assemble freely, without meeting even the basest of justifications. There is no way this would stand up to judicial review.

My suggestion to the student government is to meet with Notre Dame's General Council to discuss potential legal action, and if they decline (it may be out of their hands as they represent the University, not the students) hire a lawyer on you own. This is a civil rights attorney's dream.

Adam Istvan
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 Class of 2005
 Sept. 10

JOSH RITTER

COMPLEX TRACKS COMPLETE RITTER'S LATEST



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By JAMES COSTA
Assistant Scene Editor

It isn't often when a record comes out that takes many listens before even the most obvious of its complexities begin to emerge.

But in "The Historical Conquests of Josh Ritter," the singer-songwriter constructs an environment intent on creating a deep and profound image through intricate lyrics and instrumental sways. It's not a pop record, which makes it a little bit tougher to grasp. With many songs not relying on a catchy hook or chorus, the listener must actively engage in each ele-

ment of the record to fully appreciate its power.

In Ritter's mastery of creating a visual environment to his songs, he often uses metaphor. One of the gems of the record, "The Temptation of Adam," tells the story of a young couple falling in and out of love in the shadow of the cold war and the curious romantic possibility of their growth in the presence of World War III.

The song's reliance on gripping imagery draws the listener to the vague reality in which Ritter views the world and finds his songs. It also allows the listener to imagine the world that Ritter sings of so vividly that it seems to exist in a place not far from here.

Ritter's songwriting abilities.

The roughness of some of the recordings only enhances the album's appeal when taken into context. It is clear that Ritter was not intent on creating a polished and studio-finished quality to the music when creating the record. Rather, the best moments of the album come when it feels like you just found an old record in your grandmother's attic and are the first person to be listening to its delicate songs in decades. It's an antiquated feel that becomes stirringly present as the album progresses on its long journey.

Pulling from a multitude of inspirations as well as his own head, the listener can only guess at what Ritter had in mind for each song. There are moments throughout the record inspired by such ranging acts as Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Ryan Adams and Sufjan Stevens - just to name a few. Perhaps what is so extraordinary about the record is that when you seem to figure out where Ritter is coming from, another note sounds and your perception is forced to change to meet the new level of the song.

The record is not a rip off of Dylan or Springsteen or Adams or Stevens. Rather, it is an intricate delving into the conquests of John Ritter on a brilliant scale.

If you're looking for a record that'll keep you pressing repeat long after the first lis-

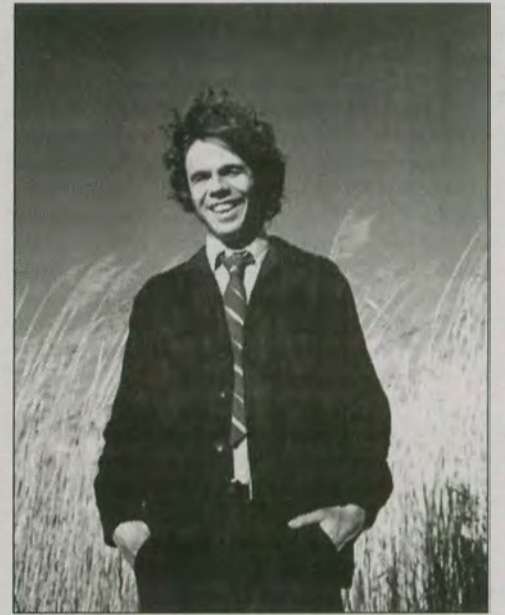


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Josh Ritter's most recent album is a complex and complete musical effort.

ten, this is the one. It's not the simplest record out there, but it's an immensely satisfying one. There isn't a wasted moment on the album, which these days is pretty special.

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The Historical Conquests of Josh Ritter

Josh Ritter

Released by: Sony

Recommended Tracks: Still Beating, To The Gods or Whoever, Empty Hearts



Part of the enduring appeal of the album is Ritter's insistence on incorporating different genres into his musicianship. Over the course of 14 songs, the listener is treated to music ranging in style from country to alternative to pop. Yet regardless of which genre a song seems to fall into, they all remain under the umbrella of folk music. This feat is extraordinary and quite a testament to



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By MARK MANLEY
Scene Writer

Common's newest album brings more mack than Steve Jobs.

"Finding Forever" is a solid piece that you can put on and run through even if you're not a diehard hip-hop fan. It pumps out creative and grabbing beats and mixes in smooth areas with jazz voicings, creating a song that is reminiscent of The Roots.

The producer behind this work is none other than Kanye West, so expect nothing less than a great listen. Though the strongest part of the album is definitely its ability to be played without skipping

songs, there are a few songs that stand out.

"The People" is probably one of the best tracks on the album. This song focuses on the daily struggle of the working class and describes how Common relates to them. Musically, it flits in between major and minor, between the more syncopated feel of hip-hop and the smoothness of R&B - thus illustrating the ups and downs of life nonverbally. Meanwhile, the lyrics paint a similar picture.

"I Want You" starts off with a heavy beat but quickly puts smooth vocals on top. This is one of the clearest examples of Common's penchant for contrast. A song about lingering desire after a breakup, it deceptively sounds upbeat and the only lyrical hook is "I want you."

Another of the singles is "The Game." If you have listened to even the tiniest bit of rap, you can guess what this one is about. In this song, Common's lyrics fail to impress. Here he focuses on his desire to overcome all obstacles and his need to be recognized as strong. As far as the music is concerned, Common does a mediocre



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Popular rapper Common's latest effort, "Finding Forever," was produced by Kanye West. The album is equal parts rap, R&B and social commentary.

job. Although this song fits in well with the album, it does not seem to catch the ear that much.

Lyricaly, the album doesn't break much new ground, despite Common's solid delivery and tendency to stay away from the typical themes of misogyny and violence. Thus, he keeps his lyrics from being ordinary. Prevalent themes include struggling amidst poverty, black-on-black racism, lost love and self-affirmation.

After a few listens, the album's content sounds similar to Lupe Fiasco, who recently performed as part of "The Show" last Friday at the Joyce Center. However,

Common takes another tone in this album.

While both artists tackle similar subjects, Fiasco tends to take a more violent stance, calling police "pigs," criticizing the government in an unprofessional, and likely ineffective, way. Common, on the other hand, talks with self-respect and keeps away from being too negative.

Overall, Common does a great job with "Finding Forever." He creates a cohesive work that strikes the listener on many of different levels and proves, despite a few low points, to largely be a success.

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Finding Forever

Common

Released by: Geffen Records

Recommended Tracks: The People, I Want You, The Game





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By CHRIS MCGRADY
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With the explosion of grunge in the American Northwest, a multitude of bands emerged, either from within the grunge movement or as a by-product of the new sound sensation that was beginning to sweep the country. One of these bands, was Collective Soul, who has just released their latest, and 13th, effort entitled "Afterworld."

Collective Soul formed in Stockbridge, Georgia in the early '90s, a by-product of the grunge/punk movement that had started in Seattle and was cruising across

the U.S. like a tidal wave. The band was formed by Ed Roland (lead singer/songwriter and keyboardist), Dean Roland (guitar), Joel Kosche (guitar), Will Turpin (bass/percussion) and Shane Evans (drums/percussion). They exploded onto the scene with their first album, "Hints Allegations and Things Left Unsaid" an album that blew up to a multi-platinum opening. By the end of 1994, the group had played with Aerosmith and was featured as part of Woodstock.

After a series of albums that varied in success, Collective Soul is back to its original form on "Afterworld." The CD opens with the track "New Vibration." Ironically, the song has strong influences from early work by the group, particularly from the group's self-titled 1995 release. The song features the driven rock-riffs that helped the band establish itself.

The fifth track, "All That I Know," is another strong effort. The song opens with a quirky drumbeat, before Roland echoes in with some well placed doo-wops. While the song is a bit cookie cutter in its overall



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Collective Soul has been around since the mid-90s and returns to form with the album "Afterworld." The CD is available only online and in Target stores.

sound, it does not stop it from being any more addictive or fun to listen to. Roland's falsetto breaks the song into manageable, and enjoyable, chunks.

The ninth song, "Persuasion of You," opens with a gain-heavy guitar and Roland's forceful singing. This might be the most nostalgic of the songs on the album and will invoke memories of Collective Soul's previous efforts "She Gathers Rain," "Where the River Flows" and "Gel."

The album closes with "Adored," a fitting end to a fine CD. Mellow and harmo-

nius, the song closes the album on a superb note. It is always depressing when a CD ends on a bad note, leaving a sour taste in the listener's mouth. "Adored" does just the opposite - it makes the listener wish the album weren't over.

All in all, "Afterworld" is a fine effort and the best to come out of Collective Soul in years. For anyone wishing for a dose of nostalgia circa 1997, this is the album to buy.

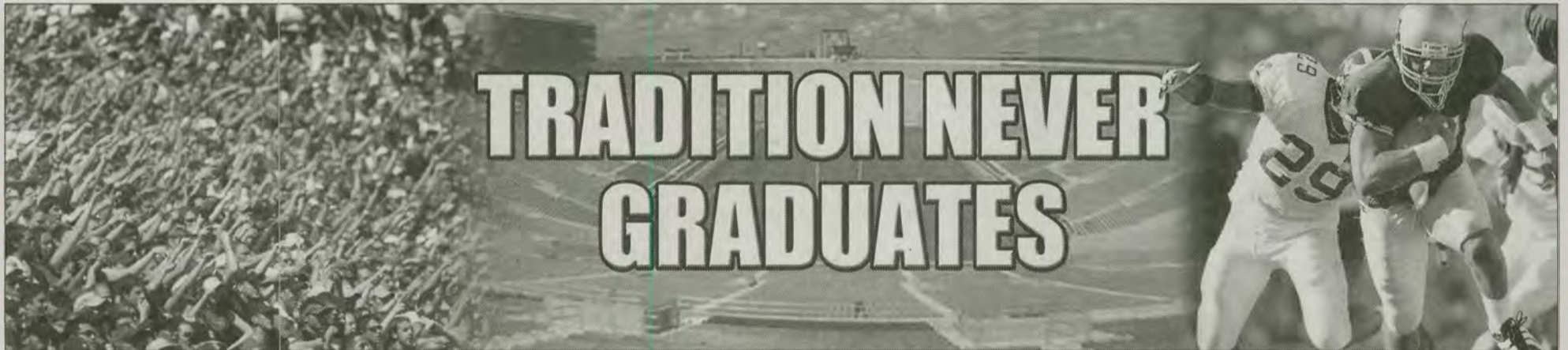
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Afterworld

Collective Soul

Released by: Handleman Entertainment

Recommended Tracks: All That I Know, New Vibration, Persuasion of You, Adored



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By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Maybe it's Touchdown Jesus. Maybe it's the leprechaun. Or maybe it's just something alluring about those gorgeous gold helmets. Whatever it is, there can be no denying that there is something special that separates Notre Dame from a myriad other programs dotting the college football landscape.

"Tradition Never Graduates" is a behind-the-scenes documentary following the 2006 Fighting Irish football season. Beyond the gridiron action itself, the film attempts to answer a question about what exactly makes Notre Dame

so unique. Created by Notre Dame graduate Charlie Ebersol, the film delves inside the hype and hysteria of the 2006 team and tails some Domers who bleed blue and gold.

The camera follows the shenanigans of Kevin Brau, last year's mascot, as he bounces around on and off the field and attempts to whip the Irish faithful into a frenzy. It also tracks the progress of the Notre Dame marching band its percussive drumline, and of course, the master of ceremonies himself, Charlie Weis.

There's something a tad nostalgic about watching the film and seeing the late and great Brady Quinn raining six-pointers on opposing secondaries, or watching

Jeff Samardzija vault into the end zone past a UCLA defender as Notre Dame Stadium erupts into mass hysteria. Of course, like last season itself, the film is a rollercoaster, soaring to ecstatic highs during improbably come-from-behind wins and sinking to very low lows after suffering drubbings at the hands of far superior opponents. But,

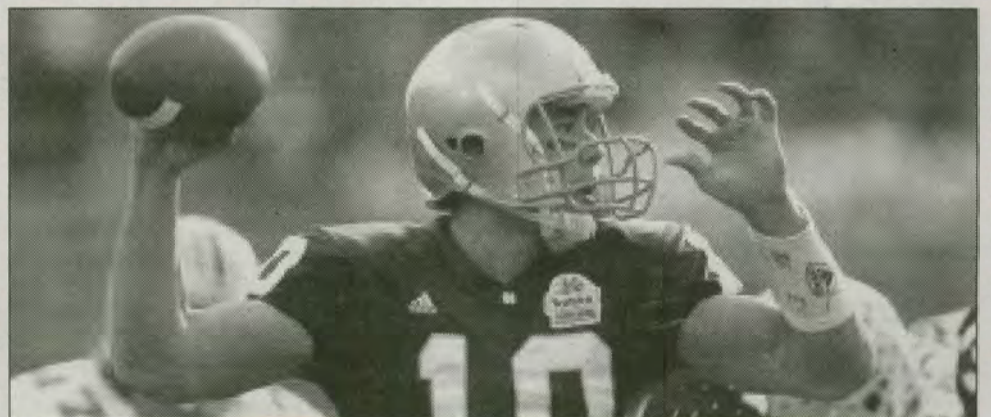


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"Tradition Never Graduates," directed by Notre Dame alum Charlie Ebersol, follows the 2006 Notre Dame Football team through the entire season.

throughout it all, the loyalty to this football team, this nation and this university remains the same, whether it's the student section inside Notre Dame Stadium or the roving Ramblers who made the trips out to Southern California or down to Louisiana for matchups with USC and LSU.

Regardless of the numbers posted in the win and loss columns, there remain certainties about every Notre Dame football game. There will be legions of Irish faithful showing their colors in the student section, wearing their hearts on their sleeves and fist-pumping and

yelling in unison. There will be the finest band in all the land on the field, featuring a drum line loud enough to pop your eardrums. And at the end of every home game, win or lose, every Notre Dame student will wrap his or her arms around the people standing next to them and sing the alma mater while swaying to and fro.

In other words, everyone here drinks the Kool Aid, and it's green. So love thee some Notre Dame and check out "Tradition Never Graduates."

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Tradition Never Graduates

An Insider's Look Into
Notre Dame Football 2006

Directed by: Charlie Ebersol



MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Ramirez blasts two dingers in rout of Cards

Howard caps Philadelphia's 3-run comeback against Colorado; Armas shuts down Brewers in easy Pirates' victory

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Cubs will gladly pardon the interruption of their 10-game trip.

Chicago got 17 hits during a one-game stopover at Wrigley Field, helping Ted Lilly win his 15th game and beating the St. Louis Cardinals 12-3.

"It is weird," said Aramis Ramirez, who homered twice and had four hits. "We were supposed to be in Houston having a day off today, and we're here playing a game in Chicago."

Ramirez wasn't complaining, just happy to see his teammates join him in a rare offensive outburst.

"We struggled the last couple of weeks to put runs on the board and we lost a couple of tough games," Ramirez said. "It's fun when everybody is getting their hits, for personal reasons and for the team."

It was just the third win in eight games for Chicago, which fell out of first place Sunday for the first time since Aug. 16 and began the Monday one game behind Milwaukee in the NL Central.

Derrek Lee and Ramirez homered in a five-run fourth, and Ramirez added another solo shot in a four-run eighth.

"Where's that been? That

was a thing of beauty. We hit the ball for power. We hit the ball in the gaps. We hit the ball with men in scoring position," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "A game like this can really get you going."

St. Louis, which started the day three back of the Brewers, lost its fourth straight and dropped to 69-72.

Both teams made a quick detour to play the makeup, caused by an Aug. 19 rainout.

The Cardinals came to Chicago from Arizona and didn't land until around 11:30 p.m. Sunday night. Next, the World Series champions have three games at the Reds.

"There's no doubt in my mind we'll be ready to play in Cincinnati," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "I know we're going to play hard enough, but then you have to play good enough. We were close in Arizona. This was a game that got out of control. It was ugly."

Phillies 6, Rockies 5 (10)

Pat Burrell's second-half surge has Philadelphia on the brink of the wild-card lead. More games like this one and the Phillies just might get there.

Ryan Howard doubled home the winning run in the 10th



Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard, center, is surrounded by teammates after hitting a game-winning double in the 10th inning of Philadelphia's 6-5 win Monday over Colorado.

inning after Burrell tied the game with a dramatic homer in the seventh, leading the Phillies to a victory over the Colorado Rockies on Monday night.

"We've got to keep winning and playing hard," Burrell said.

While Burrell knew his home run was gone from the moment it left his bat, Yorvit Torrealba's shot left too much doubt about clearing the fence in the fourth. The Rockies' catcher ended up with a controversial ground-rule double, allowing Burrell's swing to set up another thrilling win for the Phillies.

Chase Utley led off the 10th with a single off Taylor Buchholz (6-5), the seventh pitcher for Colorado. After Burrell struck out, Howard lined a double to left, and the speedy Utley hustled all the way around for the winning run as the Phillies continue to gain ground in their playoff push.

The Rockies and Phillies are jostling in the NL wild-card standings, and Philadelphia took the first game of the four-game series to close

within 1 1/2 games of the idle wild card-leading Padres. The Rockies are 3 1/2 games back.

"I think we've kind of shifted our attention away from the [NL East-leading] Mets," Burrell said. "I think six games at this point is too much. So we had to regroup. Sometimes that's hard."

Pirates 9, Brewers 0

The Pittsburgh Pirates are in the middle of the NL Central race despite being two losses from a 15th consecutive losing season. They're not close to first place, but they keep beating the teams fighting for it.

Tony Armas pitched six sharp innings a day after Milwaukee hit six home runs, and Nate McLouth's two-run homer carried Pittsburgh to another home-field victory over the Brewers, on Monday night.

Milwaukee's loss, its fourth in five games in Pittsburgh this season, dropped the Brewers back into a first-place tie in the NL Central with the Chicago Cubs, who beat St. Louis earlier Monday. The Cubs had fallen a game

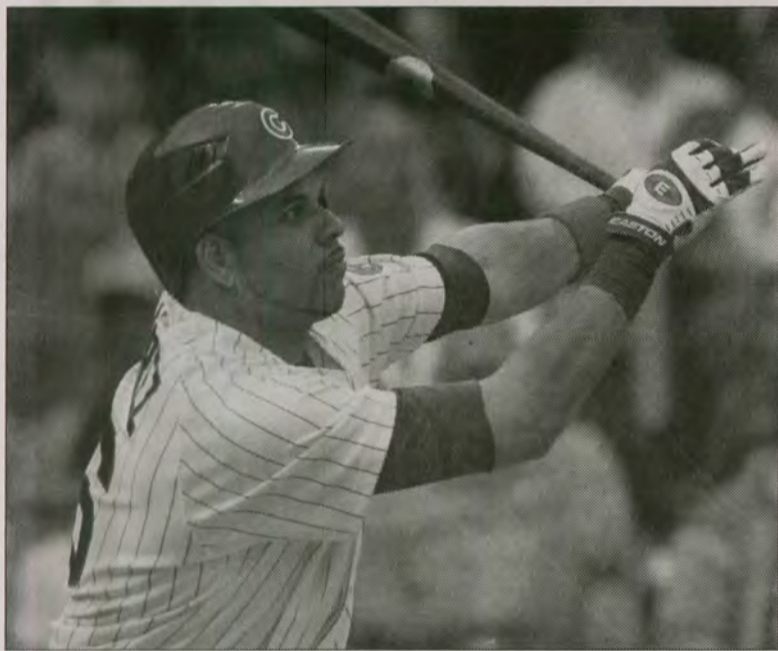
back by losing two of three in Pittsburgh over the weekend.

Armas and relievers Franquelis Osoria and Romulo Sanchez combined on the four-hitter, blanking a team that broke loose at Cincinnati on Sunday with eight extra-base hits in a 10-5 victory.

"That's how it goes like that," Brewers manager Ned Yost said when asked how his team couldn't advance a runner past second after scoring 10 runs the day before. "He located his pitches very well, changed speeds, kept the ball down and was on the attack early in the count."

Armas (4-5), winless until Aug. 1, allowed three singles in shutting down the Brewers for his fourth victory in five career decisions against them. He has won four of his last six overall after going 0-3 during the first half of the season.

"You're seeing a very confident pitcher right now and a pitcher who's very comfortable with his pitches," Pirates manager Jim Tracy said. "He kept them off stride. They didn't get too many good swings against him."



Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez hits one of his two home runs during Chicago's 12-3 win over St. Louis Monday.

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Tony Romo is on pace for 80 touchdown this season

Jim Nantz during the Jets-Patriots game Sunday - "That was the their deepest penetration of the game."

That's what she said Jim. That's what she said.

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AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
New England	1-0	1.000	38	14
Buffalo	0-1	.000	14	15
N.Y. Jets	0-1	.000	14	38
Miami	0-1	.000	13	16

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	1-0	1.000	34	7
Cincinnati	1-0	1.000	27	20
Baltimore	0-1	.000	20	27
Cleveland	0-1	.000	7	34

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Tennessee	1-0	1.000	13	10
Indianapolis	1-0	1.000	41	10
Houston	1-0	1.000	20	3
Jacksonville	0-1	.000	10	13

AFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Denver	1-0	1.000	15	14
San Diego	1-0	1.000	14	3
Kansas City	0-1	.000	3	20
Oakland	0-1	.000	21	36

NFC East

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Dallas	1-0	1.000	45	35
Washington	1-0	1.000	16	13
N.Y. Giants	0-1	.000	35	45
Philadelphia	0-1	.000	13	16

NFC North

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Detroit	1-0	1.000	36	21
Green Bay	1-0	1.000	16	13
Minnesota	1-0	1.000	24	3
Chicago	0-1	.000	3	14

NFC South

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Carolina	1-0	1.000	27	13
Atlanta	0-1	.000	3	24
New Orleans	0-1	.000	10	41
Tampa Bay	0-1	.000	6	20

NFC West

team	record	perc.	PF	PA
Seattle	1-0	1.000	20	6
Arizona	0-0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0-0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0-1	.000	13	27

MIAA Women's Soccer

rank	team	record
1	Albion	4-0-0
1	Kalamazoo	4-0-0
3	SAINT MARY'S	3-0-0
4	Olivet	3-1-0
5	Alma	3-1-1
6	Hope	2-2-0
6	Adrian	2-2-0
8	Calvin	2-3-0
9	Tri-State	0-4-0

NFL



Orthopedic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino describes the injury Bills tight end Kevin Everett suffered in Buffalo's loss to Denver Sunday. Everett received a life-threatening spinal cord injury while trying to make a tackle.

Everett likely to be paralyzed

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Kevin Everett sustained a "catastrophic" and life-threatening spinal-cord injury while trying to make a tackle during the Buffalo Bills' season opener and is unlikely to walk again, the surgeon who operated on him Monday said.

"A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely," orthopedic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino said. "I believe there will be some permanent neurologic deficit."

Everett was hurt Sunday after he ducked his head while tackling the Denver Broncos' Domenik Hixon during the second-half kick-

off. Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

Cappuccino noted the 25-year-old reserve tight end did have touch sensation throughout his body and also showed signs of movement. But he cautioned that Everett's injury was life-threatening because he was still susceptible to blood clots, infection and breathing failure.

Everett is in the intensive care unit of Buffalo's Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital, where he is under sedation and breathing through a respirator as doctors wait for the swelling to

lessen. Cappuccino said it will take up to three days to determine the severity of the injury and the recovery process.

Cappuccino repaired a break between the third and fourth vertebrae and also alleviated the pressure on the spinal cord. In reconstructing his spine, doctors made a bone graft and inserted a plate, held in by four screws, and also inserted two small rods, held in place by another four screws.

Doctors, however, weren't able to repair all the damage.

Bills punter Brian Moorman immediately feared the worst when

Everett showed no signs of movement as he was placed on a backboard and, with his head and body immobilized, carefully loaded into an ambulance.

"It brought tears to my eyes," Moorman said after practice. He said the sight of Everett's motionless body brought back memories of Mike Utley, the former Detroit Lions guard, who was paralyzed below the chest after injuring his neck in a collision during a 1991 game.

Utley, Moorman recalled, at least was able to give what's become a famous "thumbs up" sign as he was taken off the field. Everett didn't.

IN BRIEF

MLB requests meeting with Gibbons regarding steroids

NEW YORK — Baltimore Orioles outfielder Jay Gibbons joined the list of players asked to meet with baseball officials after being linked to a Florida pharmacy that distributed prescription performance-enhancing drugs.

A day after SI.com reported Gibbons received steroids and human growth hormone from Signature Pharmacy after both substances were banned, baseball requested a meeting with the Orioles outfielder.

No timetable was set for the meeting, a person familiar with the situation said Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because no announcement was made.

On Friday, baseball asked to meet with St. Louis' Rick Ankiel and Toronto's Troy Glaus after reports that they received performance-enhancing drugs from Signature Pharmacy several years ago.

Hart remains certain that Michigan will win

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Mike Hart didn't meet with the media Monday, but Michigan's star running back has said enough to last the rest of the week.

Hart guaranteed the Wolverines would beat Notre Dame in a packed, postgame news conference Saturday after they fell to 0-2.

He didn't back off his comments when a handful of reporters surrounded him for follow-up questions.

"I honestly think we're not going to lose," Hart said after the Ducks dominated Michigan 39-7. "There's really no doubt in my mind. After you go 0-2, there is nowhere to go but up."

"Get beat again? It's not going to happen."

Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis said he might have made the same guarantee if he watched his team get routed in its first two games, but he certainly plans to use the bulletin-board material.

Rules relaxed on Rugby World Cup videos

PARIS — International news agencies reached an agreement Monday with organizers of the Rugby World Cup on relaxing restrictions for posting video on Web sites.

Under the deal, The Associated Press, Reuters, Agence France-Presse and other agencies that cover tournament news conferences, training sessions and other non-match activities now can distribute as much of their video as they think their subscribers need.

Previously, rugby officials had sought to limit the agencies to three minutes of video per day of the 20-nation championship in France.

"We're very glad this issue has been resolved and that the right of news organizations to manage the video they shoot has been affirmed," said the AP's executive editor, Kathleen Carroll.

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NFL

Despite win, schedule keeps Titans focused



Titans quarterback Vince Young scrambles by Jaguars safety Brian Williams during Tennessee's 13-10 win over Jacksonville Sunday.

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have no time to enjoy their season-opening victory over AFC South rival Jacksonville. Not with the defending Super Bowl champs up next.

The Titans watched their 13-10 victory over the Jaguars, a game in which they ran for 282 yards and held the ball for nearly 37 minutes, to identify the few mistakes that must be corrected.

But the home opener against the Colts kept the Titans from enjoying their first season-opening win since 2004 for too long.

"Indy's a big week around here," defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch said Monday. "Everybody gets excited for it.

It's the defending Super Bowl champs. If we really want to make a name for ourselves, we have to play well this week."

The NFL didn't help the Titans much in the scheduling department.

The Titans' first two games are against AFC South opponents, a start that could trip a team up quickly. Coach Jeff Fisher noted the Colts (1-0) have had a few extra days to prepare for their first road trip after the season last Thursday night.

"I'm sure they got a good start, and we have to catch up," Fisher said.

The Titans couldn't have gotten off to a much better start themselves a year after starting 0-5 before winning six of its final seven. That left them a game short of their first playoff berth since 2003.

So they opened up 2007 with the second-best rushing game in team history.

The offense hadn't held the ball this long since Oct. 11, 2004, when the Titans had it 38 minutes against Green Bay. A big improvement for an offense that averaged 27 minutes of time of possession in 2006, last in the NFL.

The Titans ranked fifth in the league rushing the ball last season. They cut Travis Henry in March even though he ran for 1,211 yards, but each starter on the offensive line returned. They opened huge

holes against Jacksonville.

Chris Brown, back on a one-year contract after finding little interest as a free agent, ran the ball better than anyone else Sunday in the NFL. His career-high 175 yards rushing on 19 carries — a staggering 9.2-yard average — was more than his 156 yards in 2006.

Starter LenDale White ran 18 times for 66 yards and couldn't gain a yard at the Jags 1 on fourth-down. Fisher said he wants to split carries 60-40 and left open the chance that Brown might have earned his first start in nearly a year.

"It is a week-to-week thing," Fisher said.

As happy as Fisher was with the running production, he wants better production near the goal line. They got inside the Jaguars 13

four of their first seven drives and scored only two field goals and one touchdown.

"You can't do that. Granted, their defense is a good defense, but we left points (off) the board yesterday," Fisher said.

Fisher said Vince Young did a good job managing the game, even though completing 11-of-18 for 78 yards didn't seem like much. Fisher said Young was very accurate on some tough throws that kept drives alive.

The defense that gave up more yards per game than any other in the NFL in 2006 held Jacksonville to 272 and only 72 of those on the ground in what Vanden Bosch said they hope sets the tone for this season.

"We said the type of team we want to be, we want to stop the run. We want to run the ball on offense. That's exactly what we did. Hopefully, that's form for us every game this season," he said.

The Titans split with Indianapolis last season, losing 14-13 on the road and pulling out a 20-17 win here in December on a 60-yard field goal.

The game plan will be changing against Indianapolis, but not by much.

"As we've shown, one way of effectively playing the Colts is keeping their offense off the field," Fisher said. "To do that, you have to hand the ball off."

FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Germany sends message

U.S. team takes notice of Germans' record-setting win in opener

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — Germany sent an emphatic message with its 11-0 romp over Argentina in the Women's World Cup opener: The defending champions will not give up their title easily.

And contenders like the No. 1-ranked Americans, who play North Korea in Group B in Chengdu on Tuesday, will certainly take notice.

Germany set a Women's World Cup for goals by one team and the largest margin of victory. The previous record for the most lopsided result was 8-0 twice: Sweden over Japan in 1991, and Norway over Nigeria in 1995.

Birgit Prinz and Sandra Smisek each scored three goals. The last in Prinz was her 12th overall in the World Cup finals, equaling American Michelle Akers' record for World Cup goals.

It was no contest from the 12th minute in the Group A game when Argentina goalkeeper Vanina Correa tipped a corner kick into her own net. She gave up another own-goal in the final seconds of the game.

"It was a nightmare start for our team," Argentine coach Jose Carlos Borrello said.

Japan and England, the other teams in Group A, open play Tuesday in Shanghai. Play in Group C and D begins Wednesday, getting the 16-tournament up to full speed with

play set for five cities around China. The final is Sept. 30 in Shanghai.

Kerstin Garefrekes, and midfielders Melanie Behringer and Renate Lingor scored the other goals.

The Germans dominated midfield and knocked balls over the smaller Argentine defenders.

"It was easier than expected," Prinz said. "We had a lot of open space and we used that space. We took our chances well."

Added Germany coach Silvia Neid: "Our offense never stopped going forward, and we played well down the wings."

One of the world's top strikers, Prinz scored with a thumping header, knocked in a loose ball at the far post and then slipped a glancing header past Argentine goalkeeper Vanina Correa.

For the Americans, in particular, security is evident at the World Cup. The U.S. team is followed by a Chinese security force dressed all in black, sporting bulletproof vests and carrying sidearms and large automatic weapons.

The heavy security could be a test for next year's Beijing Olympics or in anticipation of the team's opening on Sept. 11 in a highly charged game against North Korea.

"It's like we have a SWAT team behind us when we go to practice," defender Christie Rampone said, noting the extra

attention to top striker Kristine Lilly.

"They treated her like David Beckham," Rampone said. "Everywhere you go, even the stairs, there's a security guard there."

American coach Greg Ryan said the security was much like that at the Athens Olympics.

"It's fantastic," he said. "We can travel very quickly with the police escorts and our players feel very secure."

"It was easier than expected."

Birgit Prinz
German forward

Defender Kate Markgraf said the Americans have grown accustomed to the special attention.

"We feel very safe here in China," Markgraf said. "When you are in another country playing in such a big tournament there are already so many pressures on you that the last thing you want to think about is that you are unsafe."

"Everywhere we go we wind up getting a lot of security," she added. "We all pretty used to it. It's become more normal. It doesn't faze us but we are grateful it's there."

The 21 American women seem relaxed as they prepared to start playing. Twenty-four hours before the opening game, the main activity was painting fingernails red, white and blue.

"I know, we're very rough and tough aren't we," Markgraf joked. "It's kind of really girly, and that's what we like to do."

Ryan, who is undefeated in 46 games since taking over as coach, has had to tell his team to ease up in practice.



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TENNIS

Federer receives high praise from Sampras

Record holder for all-time major championships says it's a matter of when, not if, Federer will break record

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Some advice, sports fans: Be sure to appreciate Roger Federer, to relish his brilliance with a racket, to understand exactly what a rare treat a champion of his caliber and character is.

Don't just take my word for it.

Listen, instead, to someone who knows a lot more about tennis, someone who figures it is a matter of when — not whether

— Federer will break Pete Sampras' records of 14 Grand Slam titles.

Listen to Pistol Pete himself.

"I did all I could do in the '90s, and I really thought the 14 would be tough to beat. Little did I know Roger would come along and dominate the way he has — and that could last a while longer," Sampras said Monday in a telephone interview from Los Angeles.

"If there's a player and a person that I'd like to see break this, it would be Roger. He's a great guy. Lets his racket do the talking. One of those humble champions I like."

Still only 26, Federer collected his 12th Grand Slam title Sunday at the U.S. Open by beating Novak Djokovic 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2), 6-4. Among the 40 or so congratulatory text mes-

sages Federer received afterward was one from his pal Tiger Woods, whose career is in many ways defined by his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record for golf majors.

How quickly could Federer pass Sampras?

Consider this: In 2004, 2006 and 2007, Federer won three of each season's four majors.

"It's exciting. Very exciting. I mean, I used to not like it so much. All that, 'He's the one who can break it.' Or, 'He will break it. He's so talented,' and

stuff. And you're like, 'Ooof, my God, I'm so far away.' It's just hard, and it wears on you," Federer told a group of reporters Monday at a Times Square restaurant.

"So to have caught up so quickly to Pete is a big bonus for me, already early on in my career. ... And the focus is becoming more and more the Grand Slams."

In the next breath, Federer made sure to point out that he takes all tournaments, big and small, seriously. With 51 total titles, who could argue? But he clearly is signaling that he is finally ready to embrace the chase.

So, to his credit, is the man whose mark is being pursued.

And Sampras, who was 31 when he won the 2002 U.S. Open for his last major title, doesn't expect Federer to stop



Roger Federer falls to the ground in celebration of his victory over Novak Djokovic in Sunday's final of the U.S. Open. It was Federer's fourth consecutive U.S. Open title and 12th Grand Slam.

at 14. Or 15.

"I won't be disappointed — it's more respect than anything. Would I like my record to last forever? Of course. But

records are made to be broken," Sampras said. "He'll win a ton more. Motivation will be his biggest hurdle, but he could win 17, 18 majors the way he's going, if he's healthy."

If there's a knock on Federer, it's pretty much the same as the only one people could come up with when Sampras ruled tennis.

He's kinda boring, they say. Doesn't berate linesmen on the court the way Connors and McEnroe did, doesn't raise a ruckus off it the way Becker and Borg did. Hasn't married an actress (Brooke) or a tennis star (Steffi) the way Agassi did. (Well, actually, Sampras did marry an actress.)

Not surprisingly, Federer and Sampras think that sort of criticism is unwarranted.

"That's really searching for something to say. Will he make headlines with his antics like some past champions? No, but that's not what he's about. That's why I like watching him," Sampras said. "I know what that's like. I wasn't exciting enough. I didn't do enough on the court or off the court."

During the U.S. Open, the mild-mannered Federer was seen in contrast to the gregarious Djokovic, he of the perfect impersonations of Maria Sharapova and Rafael Nadal right there in Arthur Ashe Stadium after a quarterfinal match.

After Sunday's victory, Federer said, "It's good to have a character like him out there," but he also noted that, "some guys weren't happy" about the late-night lounge act. You almost got the feeling Federer's thinking might be: "How about winning a Slam or two before you start goofing around?"

Federer, meanwhile, does

seem to be generating more buzz Stateside than in the past.

He drew notice for his Man in Black outfits at the Open. He chatted Monday with Matt and Meredith on "Today," then spent time with "Regis and Kelly." He was greeted with applause when he walked into the Oscar de la Renta show at New York Fashion Week and sat next to Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour, a friend.

Federer's bid to catch Sampras resumes in January at the Australian Open, a tournament the Swiss star has won three of the past four years. Win again, and Federer will have 13 Slams come March 10, when he and Sampras meet in an exhibition at Madison Square Garden.

They played for real only once, at Wimbledon in 2001, when Federer beat Sampras in five sets. At the time, Federer had yet to win a major; Sampras would go on to win one more.

"I knew he was extremely talented then — a lot of power, didn't have holes in his game," Sampras said. "He figured it out kind of how I figured it out in my early 20s. Then, the way he started winning majors pretty much with ease, I just accepted that he was going to break my record."

Now 36, Sampras knows he can't keep adding to his Slam count.

Sure would feel nice to put the kid in his place for one day in the Big Apple, though.

"I still serve well. Roger's Roger. It's going to hopefully be competitive tennis," Sampras said. "We both wanted to do it because our names have been linked and will be linked for the next couple of years."




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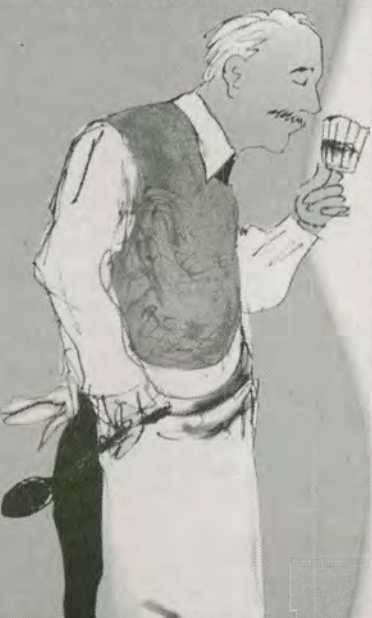
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PGA

New baby can't break Tiger's winning ways

Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — The massive gallery chasing Tiger Woods around Cog Hill included his wife, Elin, who was on the golf course for the first time since giving birth to their daughter. It was a sign they are settling back into a routine, even if Woods never got out of one.

He's still winning.

For those wondering how fatherhood might affect him, Woods is 56 under par in the six tournaments he has played since Sam Alexis was born a day after the U.S. Open. That includes three victories, one of them a major, and another milestone.

Woods doesn't keep track of the numbers, so he was mildly surprised to learn that his two-shot victory over Aaron Baddeley in the BMW Championship on Sunday was No. 60 in a PGA Tour career that began 11 years and 13 days earlier.

Only four other players have won that many times — Sam Snead, Jack Nicklaus, Ben Hogan and Arnold Palmer — and no one has reached that number so quickly. Woods is 31. Nicklaus was 35 and in his 14th season on tour when he reached his 60th tour victory.

"I never, ever would have dreamt that this could have happened this soon," Woods said after making eight birdies, missing only one fairway and posting a 63 that neither Baddeley nor Steve Stricker could match.

"I've been out here what, 11 years? And to have this many wins, I never could have foreseen that," he said. "I've exceeded my expectations, and it's been a lot of fun to enjoy that road, that whole process to get to 60. It's been a lot of work. There have been some changes along the way. But I think that's all been great."

The Tour Championship will be his final official start of 2007, so Woods will have to wait until next year to surpass Palmer, who is fourth on the career list with 62 victories. If he continues at this pace, he also will pass Hogan (64 victories) next year.

Odds are he will break Snead's record of 82 victories before he gets to Nicklaus' record of 18 professional majors.

As long and as often as Woods has been winning, the rate is no less alarming.

Remember, it was only 13 months ago at the Buick Open that Woods reached his 50th career victory. Since then, he has won 10 times in 19 starts.

"Not bad, eh?" was the best response Woods could find.

But he smiled and half-jokingly said another slump was eminent if he went a couple of tournaments without winning.

Woods has been dealing with such expectations for the last eight years, and there are times he gets too sensitive over any critique of his game. A little subcutaneous fat is better than thin skin.

But it's amazing how quickly public opinion can change. After failing to win while playing in the final group at the Masters and the U.S. Open, then never seri-

ously contending at the British Open, there was talk that swing coach Hank Haney was holding him back. Never mind that Woods had won four of the previous eight majors, and none of his contemporaries have more than three for their career.

Woods quieted that talk with his victory at the PGA Championship.

And for those who question his ability off the tee, he missed only two fairways the entire weekend at Cog Hill. Asked the last time he had struck the ball that well, Woods mentioned Southern Hills, noting that the PGA fairways were more narrow.

Memories can be short.

Justin Rose has played with the world's No. 1 player on big stages like Muirfield and Carnoustie. But this was the first time in a final round, and he noticed a difference.

"He's so intense, but he's also incredibly relaxed," Rose said. "You can see he lets his round build. He starts off very relaxed, very calm, doesn't let anything bother him. And then as the round gets on and he gets more into it, he gets more and more focused."

That's what coach Butch Harmon was trying to share with Phil Mickelson about his former client.

When Mickelson won the Deutsche Bank Championship last week outside Boston while playing three rounds with Woods, he made it sound as though Harmon had shared some secrets.

In fact, Harmon said the tips were the same thing Rose discovered.

"One of the things he [Mickelson] can learn from Tiger is he doesn't let anything bother him," Harmon said in a telephone interview last week. "Tiger's greatest strength is what you can't see — his mind, his heart, his desire. I explained things I learned in my 10 years being around Tiger, and it was geared toward making Phil more comfortable in that environment."

Along with reaching his 60th tour victory, the timing could not have been any better for the PGA Tour.

The FedEx Cup now has the No. 1 player atop the standings going into the Tour Championship, with Stricker and Mickelson right behind and both capable of winning the \$10 million prize. Woods winning the cup would lend some measure of credibility for the skeptics. Stricker or Mickelson as the FedEx Cup champion would mean they won two of the four playoff events. There's nothing wrong with that, either.

Having those three among the top contenders will help take some attention away from the greens at East Lake, which are in bad enough shape that practice rounds effectively have been banned.

Woods helped promote the FedEx Cup by doing TV spots for the tour, the first time he had done a commercial for free. He is among players who wonder about the shelf life of these PGA Tour Playoffs. But if there's a trophy on the line, he wants it.

NCAA FOOTBALL

UW's Bielema seeing red

Badgers' head coach wants home crowd to dress as one Saturday

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Wisconsin coach Bret Bielema doesn't want his players dwelling on the Badgers' 11-game winning streak.

He doesn't want them worrying about dropping two spots to No. 7 in the AP poll this week, despite a 2-0 record.

Mainly, he doesn't want them thinking Saturday's opponent, The Citadel, will be an easy win just because the team comes from the Football Championship Subdivision.

Instead, Bielema wants his team to see red.

"I'd love to walk into Camp Randall [Stadium] and see a sea of red," Bielema said Monday. "One of the things I began to see and experience in college football is people walk into an environment like that, with everybody all in one color, it's kind of an overwhelming thing for everybody to be a part of."

Bielema broke with tradition for the Badgers' home opener two weeks ago against Washington State, dressing the players in all red instead of red and white. While the new uniform drew a mixed reaction from fans, the players loved it, and Bielema said it will be back against The Citadel.

"I love to see just red swarming the football," Bielema said. "As this thing hopefully gains momentum, it will have a huge effect at Camp Randall."



Wisconsin quarterback Tyler Donovan throws a pass during the Badgers' 42-21 win over Washington State on Sep. 1, 2007.

While time will tell if Bielema's color scheme catches on, the Badgers are riding an 11-game winning streak that is tops in the nation. Bielema, calling the streak a "big thing," said he talked to his team about it on the plane after the Badgers returned from a come-from-behind 20-13 victory against UNLV on Saturday night.

"I knew they were going to hear it, so I wanted them to hear it out of my mouth first. ... I wanted them to have it in the context of the way we think around here," Bielema said.

Not taking anything for granted is the message this week as Wisconsin plays The Citadel for the first time. Like Appalachian State, which shocked Michigan with a victory in Ann Arbor on

Sept. 1, The Citadel is a member of the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly Division I-AA.

The Citadel knows all about thrashing of Webber International on Saturday was its highest scoring game since 1909. The win puts The Citadel at 2-0, the best start for the Southern Conference team since 1997.

Despite dropping two spots in rankings, Bielema said he's not thinking about trying to make a statement against The Citadel.

"I don't even worry about stating the case. I worry about one game at a time," Bielema said. "If we ever begin to think about a statement or thinking beyond where we're at right now, we'll never get there."



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NFL

Turnovers help Bengals defeat rival Ravens

McNair leaves with injured groin, replacement Boller throws last-minute interception to end comeback effort

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — With wounded players shuffling off in waves, what was left of the Cincinnati Bengals rallied for a win that hurt so good.

Steve McNair's interception — his fourth gaffe of the game — set up Carson Palmer's fourth-quarter touchdown pass, and Cincinnati's suspect defense pulled off a goal-line stand Monday night that preserved a 27-20 victory over the Baltimore Ravens.

In a bruising season opener matching the last two AFC North champs, the Bengals were the last one standing — barely.

"We know it's going to be a hard-fought game when we play these guys — tough, physical," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "It's important to in the physical football games because you put so much into it."

Kyle Boller took over after McNair strained his groin in the fourth quarter — the last in a nonstop run of injuries for both teams — and led the Ravens to the 1-yard line in the closing seconds.

A pass interference penalty on Todd Heap negated his catch in the end zone, and Boller's final pass deflected off Heap's shoulder and was intercepted in the end zone by diving lineman Michael Myers.

The Bengals had to work with a makeshift offensive line that was missing three starters by the second quar-



Bengals defensive tackle Michael Myers, right, intercepts a tipped pass in front of Ravens tackle Adam Terry. The pick stopped Baltimore's last-minute drive in the fourth quarter of Cincinnati's 27-20 win over Baltimore Monday night.

ter. They also briefly lost kicker Shayne Graham, costing them on an extra-point try.

Even receiver Chad Johnson limped off at one point, evidently suffering from a cramp. The Pro Bowl receiver and incessant self-promoter

came up big for the Bengals, catching five passes for 95 yards, including a 39-yard touchdown.

"I told you I would give you a show," Johnson said.

Both teams overcame significant injuries to send the

game to a frantic finish.

Safety Ed Reed returned a punt untouched 63 yards for a touchdown that put the Ravens ahead 20-19 early in the fourth quarter and silenced the crowd of 66,093, the second-largest in Paul Brown Stadium's history. Reed had to return kicks because B.J. Sams sprained a knee.

The emotional lift didn't last long. McNair had the most to do with that.

In his second season running the Ravens' offense, he had one of his worst games. McNair fumbled on a sack, muffed a handoff to running back Willis McGahee, and let the ball slip out of his hand on a pass attempt. Linebacker Landon Johnson caught that fumble in mid-air and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown.

Despite all that, the defending division champs had a chance to hold the lead and pull out one of those make-or-break games on the road. Instead, McNair let it slip away with his last error.

His high pass deflected off the hands of Derrick Mason, and Robert Geathers made a diving interception that was upheld on review. Two plays later, Palmer threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh for the final lead.

Cincinnati made the 2-point conversion on Rudi Johnson's run.

McNair strained his groin on the next series and finished the game 20-of-34 for 203 yards.

Baltimore won the division by five games last season with a defense that gave up the

fewest points and yards in the NFL. It was poised to assert itself against the Bengals, who won it in 2005.

Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis got himself in the mood for the matchup by hopping and waving his arms in the orange-striped end zone like a heavyweight getting ready for the opening bell.

He was the first one knocked out of the game.

On Cincinnati's first pass, Lewis lowered his shoulder and leveled Houshmandzadeh. The 32-year-old linebacker got up holding his right arm.

The emotional leader of the NFL's top defense last year, Lewis jogged to the locker room to have his upper right arm examined and wrapped.

He wasn't around to see the celebration that was meant partly for him.

Chad Johnson, a close friend who talks to Lewis a few times each week, had promised him a special celebration "if" he got into the end zone. Once there, he jogged to the sideline and pulled out a mock blazer for the "Monday Night Football" crowd.

The back of the foam garb was inscribed: Future H.O.F. 20?? — a reference to the Hall of Fame.

Other than that one play, the points and yards came at a price.

The Bengals' offensive line was missing three starters at one point: tackles Willie Anderson and Levi Jones, as well as center Eric Ghiacuc. Ravens 10-time Pro Bowl left tackle Jonathan Ogden left in the second quarter; he missed most of preseason with a sore big toe on his left foot.

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"We know it's going to be a hard-fought game when we play these guys — tough, physical."

**Marvin Lewis
Bengals coach**

NFL

49ers rename field after former coach

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The names on the Bay Area's sports arenas sometimes change faster than the names on the back of players' jerseys.

The area's five major-league venues have had a total of 17 official names since 1995, with at least three appellations for every building. When Northern California's thriving high-tech economy gets together with money-hungry landlords, they create monikers ranging from the euphonic (Pacific Bell Park, Oracle Arena) to the grating (NetworkAssociates Coliseum) to the hopelessly obtuse (Compaq Center at San Jose, anyone?).

The most beloved and historic venue is aging Candlestick Park, which will spend one more official year as Monster Park — even though the San Francisco 49ers and their contractually obligated broadcasters are the only people who don't still call it by its birth name.

But leave it to Bill Walsh to be the source of the first new name that Bay Area sports fans can really support — even if it's only the name of the grass inside the Monster.

Though the swirling wind is still an unpredictable menace and the turf always seems to be erratically slick, Bill Walsh Field is the San Francisco 49ers' new home inside the venerable stadium with the temporary name, starting with Monday night's game against the Arizona Cardinals.

"We've just tried to recognize

and memorialize what Bill has done," 49ers owner John York said of the club's weeks of memorials to its former coach and general manager. "I think this is very appropriate for Bill, and I'm glad we were able to do it."

The 49ers made extensive preparations in recent weeks for their regular-season tribute to Walsh, the Hall of Fame coach and the architect of the 49ers' Super Bowl dynasty. Walsh died of leukemia on July 30, and the city of San Francisco announced its plan to change the name of the field during a memorial service at Candlestick several days later.

The club printed up commemorative programs and posters for the regular-season debut of the newly named field, and they put together a video tribute. Thanks to a whole lot of behind-the-scenes jockeying by York, the NFL also allowed the 49ers to wear their cherry-red throw-back jerseys — the same colors worn by the club that Walsh led to three titles in just 10 seasons.

The 49ers also will wear black "BW" patches on the back of their helmets throughout the season. Walsh was selected last week as an honorary team captain against the Cardinals, to be represented by former team executive John McVay.

"I'm glad the NFL got behind us and let us wear the uniforms as a tribute," quarterback Alex Smith said. "I think it's a good idea to remember what he meant to this league and this franchise."

NASCAR

Earnhardt Jr.'s faulty engines raise fans' ire

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — If not for five blown engines, Dale Earnhardt Jr. would be racing for a Nextel Cup championship in this final season driving for his late father's company.

Instead, three failures in the last seven races — including one with six laps to go Saturday night at Richmond — knocked NASCAR's most popular driver out of the Chase for the championship.

"We broke another motor, and they seem to fall apart when they plug 'em into my car," Junior said. "It's just really frustrating."

It's also more than a little suspicious to his legion of fans, who have wondered for weeks if this was sabotage on the part of his stepmother.

After all, his relationship with Teresa Earnhardt "ain't a bed of roses," and Junior's impending split isn't exactly amicable. They've publicly feuded since December — he claims she's been unreasonable during negotiations and he's bolting for rival Hendrick Motorsports at the end of the season.

The squabbling has been so intense on so many issues — most recently Teresa's refusal to let Earnhardt take his beloved No. 8 with him to Hendrick — that the

idea that she would intentionally derail his season wouldn't surprise anyone. And because the DEI motors never even seem to sputter under the hoods of his teammates, it's actually believable.

But DEI officials call the entire idea is preposterous.

"I can assure you that's not the case," general manager John Story said Monday. "We understand that there might be a natural assumption that because he is leaving, the team would say 'Who cares? We are not going to try for him.'"

"But if anything, it's the other way around. We tried hard to get him in the Chase. We wanted him to win a championship. We always said that would have been the most appropriate way for him to leave DEI."

Of course, DEI is going to say that. And conspiracy theorists will forever be convinced Earnhardt was the victim of an intricate and evil plot to punish him for his betrayal.

It sounds awfully good. But it's probably not true.

Sure, seeing Junior fail might bring a slight smile to Teresa Earnhardt's face, but it would be one of the most foolish business decisions she could possibly make.

CLUB SPORTS

Ultimate wins eight games

Sailing takes second place at Fast Fury Regatta in Wisconsin

Special to The Observer

Ultimate Frisbee

This weekend Notre Dame traveled to Naperville, Ill., for the Chicago Heavyweight Championships, a prestigious club tournament that brings teams together from across the country.

The team was seeded low in the 48-team field, but proved over the course of the weekend they deserved a little more respect.

Play started Saturday with a game against a masters' club team from Milwaukee. The game was close early on, but once Notre Dame settled down with the help of steady play from sophomore Andrew Schroeder, they pulled away with a 13-7 victory.

The win was followed by a second match against a masters' club team from Chicago. Play was very similar to the first game, and it wasn't until junior Danny Collom made some key plays that the team was able to take a 13-8 win.

The final pool play game was against sectional rival Northwestern. Notre Dame had more experience, and it showed in the result, 13-6 in favor of Notre Dame.

This strong start put the team in good shape heading into the second series of pool play. The next game was against Wisconsin. With solid play from junior Thomas Rivas at the start, the team jumped out to an

early lead and never looked back on its way to a 12-6 win.

Notre Dame had one more game Saturday, against Wheaton.

Familiar with Wheaton from multiple games between the two teams last spring, the Irish were able to capitalize on their understanding of the opponent. Led by graduate student Steve Kurtz, who played in 18 of the 22 points of the game, Notre Dame held on for a 13-9 victory.

The 5-0 record Saturday put the team in great position for play on Sunday. The first game matched Notre Dame with a club team from Oklahoma. Again, a fast start gave the team the necessary edge to come out on top. Solid production from graduate student John Goodwin contributed to the 12-7 final score.

The team now had to win in order to stay in contention.

In a tough game against a club team from Cleveland, leadership from senior co-captain Nick Chambers proved to be the difference as the Irish held on for an 11-8 win. This put Notre Dame in its final game against a club team from Minnesota. The team struggled at the start and had to overcome fatigue from the brutal weekend tournament schedule.

After getting into an early 3-1 hole, Notre Dame pro-

ceeded to score 12 of the next 14 points on its way to a 15-7 rout. Junior Daniel Reimer continued to provide the same spark that he had all weekend, and the other team couldn't find an answer.

By posting an 8-0 record, the Irish hope to use this success as a springboard toward greater achievements during the College Series in the spring.

The club will travel to Whitewater, Wis., for its next tournament Sept. 29-30.

Sailing

Notre Dame finished second in a 12-team field at the Fast Fury Regatta in Wisconsin this weekend.

The Irish trailed only Minnesota at the end, with Wisconsin Red, Wisconsin Cardinal and Northwestern rounding out the top five.

Michigan State, Miami of Ohio, Michigan, St. Thomas, Iowa, Marquette and Michigan Tech rounded out the field in that order of finish. The Irish B division boat finished first in two of the five races and third in the remaining three races.

The A division boat finished top five in each of its races, including one second-place finish. Captain John Dailey led the Irish contingent to their strong showing.

The sailing club also provided rescue launch support for the Notre Dame Biathlon this weekend on St. Joseph Lake.

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Belles junior middle blocker Kaela Hellman reaches for the ball in Saint Mary's 3-0 win over Olivet on Sept. 7, 2006.

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Watson from the outside to the right side," Schroeder-Biek said.

Schroeder-Biek has put much responsibility on her freshmen this year, especially Watson.

"Watson is such a strong blocker and the right-side gets good blocking action

on the opponents strong attacker," Schroeder-Biek said.

Hellmann has been a strong defensive threat, posting her first double-double of the season against Geneva College, in last weekend's Hiram Tournament.

"Kaela's floor defense is so solid moving her to the left-side will allow her to really play more floor defense as opposed to the

middle blocking position, where her defense is always on the net," Schroeder-Biek said.

She said she hopes her team will gel quickly with the two players in different places on the floor.

"We need to adjust to our new positions, but more than anything play to win as a team," she said.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Strong round puts squad in second

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is three strokes off the lead after the second round of the Cougar Classic at the Yeamans Hall Golf Club in Hanahan, S.C.

A team effort of four-over par on the day has the Irish sitting in second place at 579 (287-292) heading into the final day.

Tennessee currently controls the leader board with a score of 576 (288-288). Behind Notre Dame in third is Texas with a total of 581 (288-293), and Alabama, in fourth, which shot 584 (286-298). LSU (286-299) and North Carolina State (294-291) are tied for fifth at 585.

A pair of young golfers — junior Lisa Maunu and freshman So-Hyun Park — is leading Notre Dame's effort. A day after the junior co-captain had the best round of in program history — a six-under 66 — Maunu shot a two-over par 74 leaving her in a second-place tie.

Park is currently atop the entire field with a combined total of five-under-par 139 in her first collegiate tournament.

Sophomore Annie Brophy had a one-stroke improvement of her first round total and sits in a tie for 38th with an overall score of 149 (75-74).

Fellow sophomore Kristin Wetzel also shaved a stroke off of her first round performance, with a three-over par 75. She is in a tie for 47th overall.

Freshman Katie Conway is tied for 58th place after shooting a three-over par 75 Monday — three strokes better than her first-round score.

The Irish will tee off the third and final round today at 9 a.m. After the Cougar Classic, Notre Dame will only have six days to prepare for their second invitational of the season — the Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup in Louisville, Ky., which begins on Sept. 17.

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SMC GOLF

Close to lead, Belles prepare for round 2

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

After a second-place finish in Kalamazoo, Mich., over the weekend, Saint Mary's hopes to continue its strong play today in Angola, Ind.

Tri-State University hosts the second leg of the MIAA Jamboree, which began at Kalamazoo on Saturday.

Today's round, at the Zollner golf course in Angola, begins at 1 p.m. The Belles are currently second only to Olivet out of nine MIAA squads in the Jamboree.

With a score of 345, they scored only 10 points higher than the first-place Comets. In third place, Tri-State trails only two strokes behind Saint Mary's.

After that, only 18 strokes separate the Belles and sixth-place Albion, with Hope and Alma in fourth and fifth, respectively.

The competition will be close today again, and Saint Mary's coach Mark Hamilton is deter-

mined to win. He has high expectations for his team, for both this tournament and the season as a whole.

"Although we are a young team, there is no reason to think that we can't be among the top teams in the league," Hamilton said. "There is a lot of talent on this team to not only be successful in the MIAA but also the nation."

In the first round, senior captain Katie O'Brien took first place overall by five strokes.

Hamilton is confident that she will continue this performance.

"Katie has the experience and skill necessary to help us get back to the top," he said. "She knows what it takes to win at this level, and she will prove to be a valuable asset for this team in a variety of ways."

The third and final round of the MIAA Jamboree will be held Sept. 25 in Alma, Mich.

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"With scheduling, I always sit down with [Big East Commissioner] Mike Tranchese, who is former head of the committee, and [Associate Commissioner] Dave Gavitt and say, 'Here's what I'm thinking. What do you think?' I always sign off on guys that are experts

with strength of schedule and strategy," he said. "You can't sit there and say, 'Boy, we want to schedule so our seed is higher in the NCAA Tournament,' you better schedule to get in the tournament," Brey said. "You have to be strategic about a bid and smart about it and not overschedule, especially this first year because it's new territory." The Irish begin with two exhibitions and a game against

Long Island before heading to the U.S. Virgin Islands to play in the Paradise Jam tournament. Notre Dame will also take on Kansas State at Madison Square Garden in New York City, but the rest of the Irish schedule is filled with easy wins. The coach also said that Notre Dame might play a series of games with traditional foe UCLA in coming years in an effort to play a more challenging early-season schedule. Brey said the soft non-conference schedule this season will be balanced by the 18-game Big East slate, which includes games against all 15 other schools in the league — and two games against DePaul, Marquette, and Connecticut.



Irish junior forward Zach Hillesland looks to pass in Notre Dame's 85-57 win over Bellarmine on Nov. 6, 2006.

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"I like that we play everybody. I like the repeat games. I think DePaul and Marquette are naturals for us as repeat games," Brey said. "So there's enough on the schedule to play your way in and do your thing. I think when we play everybody, it'll be a truer picture of one through twelve when we go to New York, and maybe the old schedule won't convolute who's first second and third, which can cost people NCAA Tournament bids and has in the past." Brey said he hopes the expanded schedule is good over the conference and should avoid situations similar to last season when Syracuse won 10 league games but failed to qualify for the NCAA



Irish junior point guard Kyle McAlarney drives to the basket in Notre Dame's 90-45 win over Winston-Salem State on Nov. 29, 2007.

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Tournament. "First year (of the 16-team Big East), we got eight bids, could've argued for nine. We thought Cincinnati should have got in. Last year, only six bids, could have argued for seven," Brey said. "Is 18 league games going help us get back to eight bids? If it is, all sixteen coaches will be singing the praises of 18 league games. If we get six bids

again? This is a tough league to coach in if you're only getting six bids to the [Big East] tournament, and it's not smart for long-term longevity." Notre Dame begins Big East play on Jan. 3 at home against West Virginia.

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Keepers

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consistently shown what Waldrum said he is looking for — someone who can step up and make plays in the penalty box.

"Right now they're afraid to come up to the line and make mistakes," he said. "We've got to have someone that she's going to step up and take charge."

The level of play in goal fell significantly in relation to last season. Karas started 25 games last season as a junior, a year in which the Irish went 25-1-1 and lost to No. 1 North Carolina in the NCAA championship game.

During the season, she allowed an average of 0.41 goals per game, made 41 saves and had a .804 save percentage. Lysander saw back-up duty in eight games, allowing one goal and making four saves.

This season, Karas has allowed two goals per game and has just a .500 save percentage. Lysander has allowed four goals per game, and Weiss has let in 1.11 per game.

As a team last season, Notre Dame allowed seven percent of shots to result in a goal. This season, 19 percent of shots have reached the back of the net. Last season, the team goals-against average was 0.4. This season, it has allowed 2.09 goals per game.

Waldrum was happy with the keeper's play early in the season but said their performance has fallen off since then.

"Lauren was great for us against Florida. We got that, and we were excited about it," Waldrum said. "She came out Friday, and she really struggled in the first half. Kelsey had a great preseason, and she really struggled."

Waldrum said that the keepers might not be entirely

at fault. The young defense needs some time to get itself together, he said.

"It's a whole unit thing, it's not just the goalkeepers," Waldrum said. "We've got some things we've got to sort out defensively for sure. We've got a young defense back there. We've got players we've been moving around."

The defense has so far allowed the keepers to see many more shots than last year. Last season opponents got off 5.9 shots per game; this year they've managed 11.8.

Waldrum said junior defender Carrie Dew still hasn't fully recovered from her ACL injury, and that has hampered the defense as well.

While the offense returned fairly intact, the Irish lost two senior defenders — Christie Shaner and Kim Lorenzen. The team also lost senior Jill Krivacek, a defensive midfielder. Losing players of their caliber created a defensive vacuum that so far the team has not been able to fill. Sophomore defenders Haley Ford and Amanda Clark and junior defender Elise Weber, along with Dew, make up the current defensive unit.

Be it the caliber of their opponents (Notre Dame faced

"It's a whole unit thing. It's not just the goalkeepers."

Randy Waldrum
Irish coach



Karas



Lysander



Weiss



Irish senior goalkeep Lauren Karas punts the ball in Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Rutgers on Oct. 8, 2006.

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three top-10 teams in the first six games, including the preseason), the relatively green defense or a drop-off in goalkeeping talent from last season, the Irish face a challenge that Waldrum said requires someone to assert

herself. "We've got to get some consistency," he said. "We've got to get someone who can dominate the penalty box for us."

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MICHAEL MIKUSKA



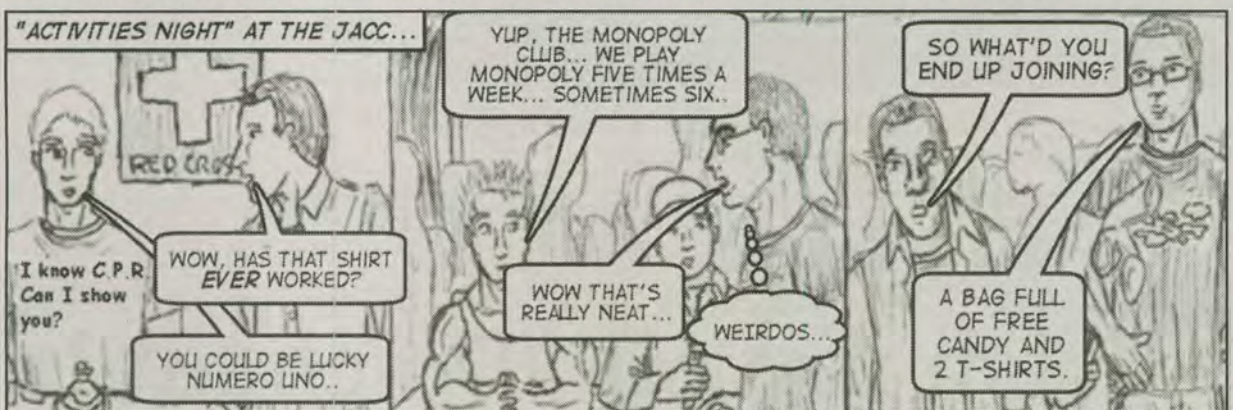
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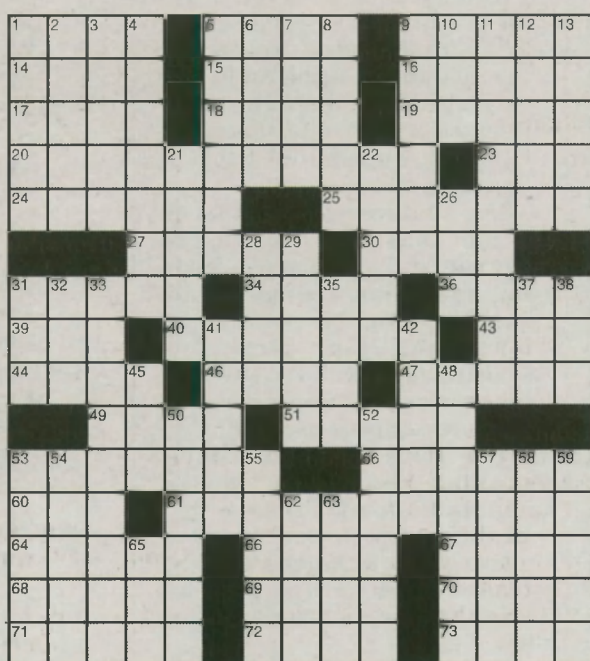
RICH PROTIVA AND ANDY SPANGLER



CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Chews the fat
 - 5 Cleveland cagers, briefly
 - 9 1986 Indy winner Bobby
 - 14 ___ breve
 - 15 Writer Waugh
 - 16 Maine college town
 - 17 Paper quantity
 - 18 Zig or zag
 - 19 Pooh's creator
 - 20 *Line formatting option
 - 23 Go off course
 - 24 Blockbuster aisle
 - 25 Prerequisite for sainthood
 - 27 Nixon's 1968 running mate
 - 30 Big top noise
 - 31 Coke competitor
 - 34 Not of the cloth
 - 36 Pawn
 - 39 In the style of
 - 40 *Hipster
 - 43 Cyndi Lauper's "___ Bop"
 - 44 Accompanying
 - 46 Explorer Zebulon
 - 47 Book before Joel
 - 49 Lacking slack
 - 51 Get going
 - 53 Kind of pool or medal
 - 56 Common TV dinner
 - 60 Part of Ascap: Abbr.
 - 61 *Education overseers
 - 64 Ring-tailed mammal
 - 66 Jason's craft
 - 67 Wharton degs.
 - 68 Sought answers
- Down**
- 69 Old female country teacher
 - 70 Der ___ (Konrad Adenauer)
 - 71 Model/volleyballer Gabrielle
 - 72 Commoner
 - 73 Coward of the stage
 - 1 Singer Brooks
 - 2 Last Oldsmobile to be made
 - 3 Britain's P.M. until 2007
 - 4 Tennis star Pete
 - 5 Grotto
 - 6 Pub servings
 - 7 27-Across, e.g., informally
 - 8 "Get out!"
 - 9 Cesar who played the Joker
 - 10 "Exodus" hero
 - 11 *College in Worcester, Mass.
 - 12 One-year record
 - 13 Lerner's musical partner
 - 21 Sound reasoning
 - 22 About, in dates
 - 26 Satisfied sigh
 - 28 "The Time Machine" race
 - 29 Word following the last parts of the answers to the five starred clues



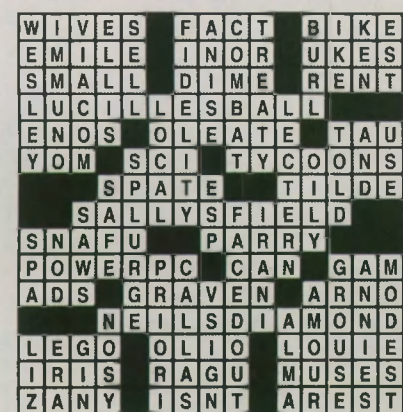
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- 31 Pussy foot?
- 32 QB Manning
- 33 *Kids' game
- 35 "Ricochet" co-star
- 37 Rebel Guevara
- 38 Mauna ___
- 41 Fiber-___ cable
- 42 Pulsate
- 45 Prosciutto
- 48 Living room piece
- 50 Positive aspect
- 52 Self-assurance
- 53 Musician/wit Levant
- 54 Not tied down
- 55 Titleholder
- 57 Artist Picasso
- 58 Really steamed
- 59 Collectible Ford product
- 62 Voiced
- 63 Fairy-tale fiend
- 65 Private eye, slangily

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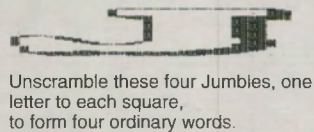
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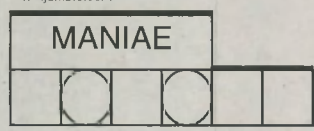
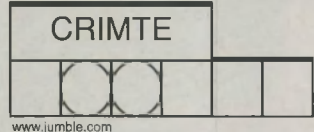
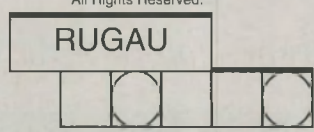
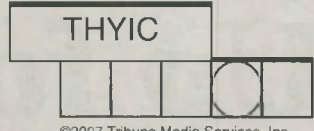
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here: "O O O O" ON "O O O O O O O O"
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LILAC CAMEO GIMLET CYMBAL
Answer: What the postman delivered to the bachelor — MALE MAIL



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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ryan Phillippe, 33; Amy Irving, 54; Joe Perry, 57; Jose Feliciano, 62

Happy Birthday: Make this the best year ever. Your practical side will rule, enabling you to fix any wrongs and turn things around. Hard work will pay off. You can make a difference to your own emotional well-being by doing whatever it takes to improve your personal life and your relationships. Your numbers are 4,16,19,37,39,41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Not everything will be out in the open or visible. Gauge your decisions based on your own research not hearsay. If you don't let others influence you, the choices you make will be right for you. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Have fun enjoying the company of friends, children, relatives or anyone with common interests. Getting involved with an organization or group that interests you will influence the way you do things in the future. An unexpected change may cost you financially. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful how you treat others. You may find yourself in an awkward position if someone thinks you have done something questionable. A personal situation is changing and how you handle this matter will be what counts. 2 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look to the familiar and you will find your answer. Someone you have always been able to count on will be on hand to help you out. An older friend or relative will have good advice. You may not like change but it will be good for you. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love, children, entertainment and getting involved in new projects should all be at the top of your list. You may be feeling the need to be responsible but, once in a while, you need to take a day to enjoy the people and the activities you love. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't get all stressed out because someone doesn't like the choices you are making. You can expect to face opposition but that doesn't mean you have to bend to what others want. Keep things simple, cost efficient and helpful to your end goal. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be fooled by someone who is asking you for money, possessions or donations. You have to be smart about how much you can actually offer. Be original and you will come up with a solution that works. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've got everything in place so stop thinking you are not ready to move forward. If you don't make your move, someone else will walk away with what should be yours. You have more to offer than you think. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel will be costly and will probably not bring you the satisfaction and pleasure you were hoping for. You are better off to keep a low profile and refrain from making waves. Arguments are likely to escalate out of control. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make your move with confidence. Money is heading your way and deals can be made and settlements and investments put to rest. Opposition from colleagues or superiors is possible but can be resolved with a couple of adjustments. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Talks will help you sort through any uncertainties or misunderstandings. Your passionate approach to what you do or say will help to win the approval of the people who count in your life. Make changes with confidence. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be torn between what you should do and what you want to do. Someone may make it difficult for you to say no but don't give in to emotional blackmail or bribes. Overspending or overindulging will cause setbacks. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive and caring but also practical. You are quick to respond, open, receptive and in control. You're always searching for unique people, places and things.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Up for grabs

Waldrum opens up keeper job to three contenders as defense struggles in early games

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Four games into the season, Notre Dame still doesn't have a bona fide starting goalkeeper.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum has rotated three candidates, senior Lauren Karas, sophomore Kelsey Lysander and freshman Nikki Weiss, but has not found an answer. Waldrum said the void at keeper has cast a shadow of doubt over the entire defense.

"We're at a point right now where defensively, everybody's worried," Waldrum said Sunday.

Waldrum gave Weiss the tentative starting nod for Friday's Inn at Saint Mary's Classic, but said the battle is "still wide open."

None of the keepers have

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Irish senior goalkeeper Lauren Karas punts the ball during Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Rutgers on Oct. 8, 2006 at Alumni Field. Karas is in a three-way race for the starting job.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey reacts to released schedule

Irish will play 18 Big East games for first time in 2007

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

This season, the Big East expands its schedule to an 18-game regular season — a move that has changed Irish coach Mike Brey's scheduling philosophy.

The expanded Big East schedule meant Notre Dame could not schedule as many out-of-conference games. Brey said he chose not to burden Notre Dame with a heavy workload before January, but feels the schedule is challenging enough with the two extra Big East games.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles return home to face conference rival



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Saint Mary's senior defensive specialist Marisa Gross bumps the ball in the Belles' 3-1 win over Tri-State on Sept. 26, 2006.

Olivet visits for first contest of the fall at the Angela Center

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

After nine games, Saint Mary's is finally coming home.

The Belles host Olivet tonight at 7 in the Angela Athletic Center for their first home game of the season.

Coming off a busy weekend that included two wins and

two losses, the Belles are looking to improve their record in the conference.

Saint Mary's is currently in last place in the MIAA, with an 0-2 record in the league and a 3-6 overall mark.

Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said there is a great deal the Belles will need to work on against the Comets. The coach will shuffle her lineup to better take advantage of Olivet's weaknesses.

"I moved [junior] Kaela Hellmann to the outside attacking position from the middle and [freshman] Jacee

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish unveil '07 schedule

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame will face 11 teams that made the 2007 NCAA Tournament — including five that reached the Sweet 16 — in its 2007-08 schedule, released Sunday after approval from the University's Faculty Board on Athletics.

The highlights of the Irish home schedule are games against Connecticut and defending champion Tennessee on Jan. 5 and Jan. 27, respectively. Notre Dame is one of only two schools, along with DePaul, that plays both Tennessee and Connecticut this season.

The Irish non-conference schedule also features games against Boston College on Nov. 24, Michigan on Dec. 2 and a road game against Bowling Green on Dec. 5. The Falcons were a Sweet 16 team a season ago.

Notre Dame will begin its season in the preseason National Invitational Tournament on Nov. 9 against Miami (Ohio). The preseason NIT changed formats this season, and the Irish are guaranteed at least three games.

Notre Dame begins Big East play on Jan. 8 at Louisville. The Irish will play DePaul in a conference home-and-home series for the third consecutive season. DePaul and Notre Dame split the regular season series last year, but the Blue Demons beat the Irish 76-71 in the first round of the Big East tournament in Hartford last season.

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Notre Dame Women's Basketball 2007-08 Schedule

11/1	Southern Indiana - Exhibition
11/5	Hillsdale - Exhibition
	Preseason WNIT
11/9	Miami-Ohio
11/11-11/13	Second Round/Consolation
11/14-11/15	Semifinal/Consolation
11/17-11/18	Final
11/20	@Central Michigan
11/24	Boston College
11/27	Canisius
12/2	Michigan
12/5	@Bowling Green
12/8	@Purdue
12/12	Valparaiso
12/21	@IUPUI
12/29	St. Francis (PA)
1/2	@Richmond
1/5	Tennessee
1/8	@Louisville
1/13	@West Virginia
1/16	Villanova
1/19	@Georgetown
1/22	DePaul
1/27	Connecticut
1/30	Providence
2/2	@Cincinnati
2/10	Pittsburgh
2/13	Marquette
2/16	@Syracuse
2/19	@Rutgers
2/24	@DePaul
2/27	South Florida
3/1	Seton Hall
3/3	@St. John's
3/8	Big East Championship
3/22-3/25	NCAA First and Second Round
3/29-4/1	NCAA Regionals
4/6	NCAA Semifinals
4/8	NCAA Championship Final