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City unlikely to require permits yet

Common Council delays ordinance vote a week to address administrative, wording concerns

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

After nearly four hours of discussion Monday night, the South Bend Common Council seemed poised to vote into effect a dramatically revised party permit ordinance which would not — for now — require any permits to be filed.

But after discussions in the Community Relations Committee, an illustrated PowerPoint presentation by sponsoring member Al "Buddy" Kirsits and com-

ments by numerous residents, two points were raised that prompted Kirsits and co-sponsor Timothy Rouse to suggest the Council postpone a vote until it meets on Sept. 24.

Council members assured each other and the public that the repeatedly tabled ordinance — originally proposed in July — would finally see a vote at that meeting, as they want its provisions on lawn parking permits in place before the Oct. 13 home game against Boston College.

The twice-amended bill

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Student body president Liz Brown praises the amended ordinance Monday night at the Common Council meeting.

Law student wins on 'Millionaire'

Jaclyn Sexton competes on show, gets \$25,000

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

With the right final answers for host Meredith Vieira and an effective use of her three lifelines, first-year law student Jaclyn Sexton won \$25,000 on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Monday.

A native of North Attleboro, Mass., Sexton participated on the national TV show, testing her knowledge for a shot at the million-dollar top prize. She quit after stalling at the \$50,000 question, which asked her how long it would take to type up the Gettysburg Address at a 40-words-per-minute pace.

And while that was tricky, Sexton said getting on the show was more difficult.

Aspiring "Millionaire" contestants first have to sign up online and take a 30-question multiple-choice quiz, Sexton said. If they receive a passing score, the network might then arrange a personal interview.

"They ask questions about what you would do with the winnings and they just want to get an general overview of your personality," she said. "An application can be on hold for up to two years. Fortunately for me, it was a quick turnaround. The whole



Sexton

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Gambling problems discussed

Task force will fight online bets, cheating

By JENN METZ
Assistant News Editor

Members of the Campus Life Council presented three task force reports about campus environment, student development and community relations in a short meeting Monday.

Chief executive assistant Sheena Plamoottil reported on the first task force report, which focused on campus environment. In group sessions, the task force discussed the waste of food in the dining halls and environmental commissioners.

The second report on student development concentrated primarily on gambling, cheating and the Freshman Orientation program, student body vice president Maris Braun said.

Braun said an awareness campaign to highlight the dangers of compulsive online gaming, with the possibility of a speaker series emphasizing education, is in the works.

These efforts will not be focused on occasional poker games played in dormitories but rather on "serious gaming — money with a lot of zeroes behind it," Braun said.

On the topic of academic cheating, she said council members are proposing to examine what constitutes cheating and the way Notre Dame's peer institutions handle it.

Braun mentioned not only the issues of cheating and violating

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Career Center preps for job fair

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
News Writer

Employers and students seeking to become their employees will meet Wednesday in the Joyce Center for the Fall Career Expo — an event that will bring hundreds of recruiters to campus and anxiety to juniors and seniors who will vie for summer internships and full-time positions.

But the Career Center, which is organizing the fair, has been helping students prepare to make the right first impression on their potential employers.

"We have been working with students, helping them prep their résumés, setting up interview workshops," said Lee Svete, director of the Career Center.

"Basically, if the students have done the work we laid out, they will be more than adequately prepared."

The Career Center has focused on helping students find the companies that best match their interests and research the available opportunities there.

More than 700 representatives from 196 global, national and local companies will be at the event recruiting upperclassmen and graduate students. Of these 700, a few are first-time attendees, including Google, AT&T, Chevron, CDS International, Egon Zehnder Consulting, HSBC, Maersk and Citadel — a testament to the Career Center's continued growth over the last years.

"We have come a long way from when we had just fifty companies, ten years

ago," Svete said.

However, some students in past years have voiced concerns over the diversity of the companies that come to recruit. Many Arts and Letters students, especially history, English and journalism majors, have struggled finding companies that recruit students who specialize in those fields.

Most of the companies that come to the career fair, they say, look for business students. But the lack of employment opportunities for Arts and Letters students may actually be inherent to the craft rather than a result of the Career Center's handling of the event, Svete said.

"This is simply a problem with these type of fields. Newspapers and museums

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University addresses energy concerns

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Several new initiatives addressing energy and sustainability are underway at Notre Dame, though some student environmentalists say this newfound activism follows years of indifference.

In January, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves created the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee.

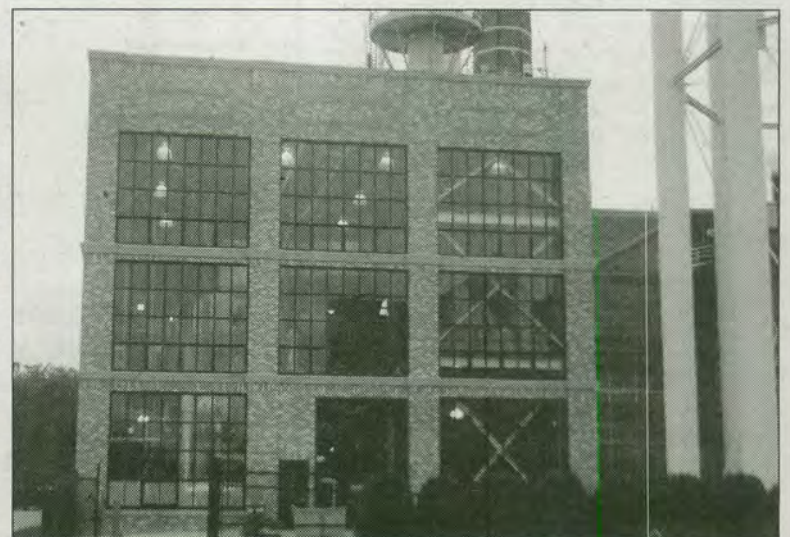
The new committee is designed to boost conservation efforts on campus by working with students and staff on a variety of new environmental initiatives, including an awareness cam-

paign and green building proposals.

Jim Lyphout, vice president of Business Operations and chair of the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, said the University is committed to the environment and seeks to improve upon its energy use.

In the College Sustainability Report Card, an environmental study led by a Cambridge, Mass. institute that reviewed campus and endowment policies last semester at leading institutions, Notre Dame scored a D- overall for environmental practice. In the areas of climate change and energy and

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

The power plant at Notre Dame is a combined heat and power plant. It generates about 60 percent of all electricity used at the University.

INSIDE COLUMN

I'd like to apologize...

Dear readers, this is the truth: I have to write this column and it's almost 1:47 a.m. I am grasping at straws.

I've thought about writing about VH1's "Rock of Love," or I could share my Ann Arbor anecdotes with you.

Marcela Berrios

But I have written about television before and I'm sure you've heard better Michigan tales than mine.

Associate News Editor

Britney Spears would be too easy. Immigration reform would be too boring.

So I'll just try something I've been thinking about for a long time now but would never really get around to doing unless I were working on a deadline (like now) and I just wanted to go to bed more than anything else (like now).

I will publicly apologize to all the people I think I've hurt in recent years.

So here it goes.

1) Mami: I'm always too busy to really talk to you when you call. I either have a group meeting I must run off to, or an Observer article due, or "Rock of Love" to watch.

Either way, this woman deserves a better daughter. She's a widow raising three kids on her own and she prays more than the Pope.

Sure, she's filled my head with all this nonsense about how I'm a princess and I deserve a guy who treats me like one. So now, I expect an impossibly perfect man and someday I'll probably have to settle for something more practical and less idealistic, and I'll be miserable until I die.

Thanks, Mom.

But I love you and I should tell you every day.

2) Grandparents: Oh God, I've neglected you so much since I came to college. A phone call a month wouldn't kill me, but again, "Rock of Love" is on.

3) M: I am sorry I was mean to you during Orientation. I didn't know you then, so let it go already.

Also, I'm sorry but I broke one of your Honduran dishes. I was going to lie and say it broke when we did storage. I know your sister bought it for you and I feel really bad. Can I buy you something with my Flex points to make it better?

4) Ex-boyfriends: I'm sorry you couldn't see I am in fact a princess.

5) Cracker Jack: I'm sorry too.

6) Miguel: Mom says you're the good son, and I agree. I'm sorry I make fun of your ugly backpack, your belly, your choice of Facebook stalkers, your obsession with wearing socks and sandals at the same time, your slow eating, your ridiculously hairy legs, and your fascination with Access Hollywood.

7) Earth: I never recycle and I never turn off the lights when I leave the room. Sorry.

8) Observer readers: We do make silly mistakes sometimes. Yes, the front page may say the story continues on page 4 but it's actually on page 6. But I'd like to see you try to put out a daily newspaper. So that's not actually an apology.

9) Justin Timberlake: I didn't vote for you for Male Hottie at this year's Teen Choice Awards. I picked Zac Efron instead.

Well, now that I've gotten that off my shoulders I feel much better and can finally go to sleep. Don't judge me — not for typos or for that Zac Efron crush. I bet you've done stupid things too.

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

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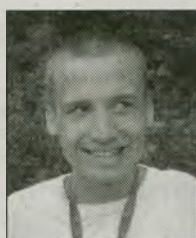
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE MIDNIGHT SNACK?



Dave Stedman
sophomore Keough

"Quarter dogs — I'm going for the record."



Michael "Biscuit" Lehmann
sophomore Keough

"Biscuits."



Tom Hainert
sophomore Carroll

"Busch Heavy."



Katrina Epperson
sophomore off campus

"Oreos and peanut butter."



Caroline Honsa
senior Walsh

"Strawberry cheesecake Ben & Jerry's ice cream."



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Alumni Hall residents face off in a section football game on South Quad. Resident Assistant Brian Bak throws a pass, which was then broken up by Resident Assistant Joe Varchetto.

OFFBEAT

Nebraska state senator sues God

LINCOLN, Neb. — The defendant in a state senator's lawsuit is accused of causing untold death and horror and threatening to cause more still. He can be sued in Douglas County, the legislator claims, because He's everywhere.

State Sen. Ernie Chambers sued God last week. Angered by another lawsuit he considers frivolous, Chambers says he's trying to make the point that anybody can file a lawsuit against anybody.

Chambers says in his lawsuit that God has made

terroristic threats against the senator and his constituents, inspired fear and caused "widespread death, destruction and terrorization of millions upon millions of the Earth's inhabitants."

The Omaha senator, who skips morning prayers during the legislative session and often criticizes Christians, also says God has caused "fearsome floods ... horrendous hurricanes, terrifying tornadoes."

Lightning strikes church steeple — twice

GRANTS PASS, Ore. —

Two lightning strikes on the same day didn't topple the steeple of the 117-year-old Newman United Methodist Church but they exposed something that might have. They blew out the siding and exposed dry rot that might have brought the steeple down.

Scott Stegall of Stewart Restoration Services said most of the steeple will have to be replaced because of the dry rot.

Repairs began last week and should be done in October.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame and University of Guadalajara students who interned in Mexico this summer will present their reports today at 3:30 p.m. in C-102 Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The presentation is part of a program that the Kellogg Institute and the Mendoza College of Business have in Mexico.

A panel discussion titled "Pursuing a Career in Industry after Graduate School" will take place today at 3:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 138. Panelists will include Dr. Robert Dunn, director of the Integrated Engineering and Business Practice Curriculum at Notre Dame; James Mason, Zimmer Corporation; and Suhaz Vaza, project manager in the Government Programs Office at Edison Welding Institute.

A webcast on "Exit or No Exit? Morality & Withdrawal from Iraq" will take place today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This lecture will be broadcast live from Fordham University. It will be shown in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, C-103. It is sponsored by the Kroc Institute.

An exhibit "The Camera and Rainbow: Color in Photography" will show in the Snite Museum of Art on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

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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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Representatives discuss SMC requirement changes

By **ASHLEY CHARNLEY**
News Writer

College administrators have discussed the possibility of changing the general education requirements for a Saint Mary's degree, student body vice president Kelly Payne told the Board of Governance Monday.

Payne said College administrators want students to be a part of the process.

"They really want students involved since we are going through it right now," Payne said.

She said the College was preparing different sets of general course requirements that students would be able to review and vote on, guaranteeing student involvement in the administration's final decision.

The chief information officer of the Information Technology Resource Center (ITRC), Janice Thomasson, discussed the Center's importance to Saint Mary's handling of data and information, and its daily impact on students' lives.

"[Technology] affects you in every way," Thomasson told the board.

She also advertised a program that would allow students with a demonstrated interest in IT to shadow staffers in Thomasson's office.

"We've got a shop very willing to work with you if you want to go into a very well-paying job in Information Technology," she said.

Junior Whitney Young made a co-sponsorship request to the Board to help finance an upcoming lecture that will bring published author Courtney Martin to campus on Oct. 29.

Young has been working with Feminist United to get Martin, the author of "Perfect Girls, Starving Daughters," to speak at Saint Mary's about topics she said were relevant to young women and their self-image issues.

"The book talks about how women spend a large amount of time obsessing over becoming perfect," Young said. "It discusses how women have better things to do with their minds and bodies than to scrutinize over all this."

The lecture, she said, will be open to the public as well as Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students.

Kelly Maus, Student Activities Board coordinator, said the board will form a Food Services committee for Saint Mary's. The purpose of the committee, she said, is to create a venue for students where they can voice their opinions about the dining hall.

There will also be online surveys asking students about their levels of satisfaction with the services and Web sites where they would be able to leave suggestions for Food Services.

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do not know who they want to hire next summer right now, while the business world is much more planned out and therefore they can start recruiting in the fall," Svete said.

Nonetheless, Svete pointed out that many liberal arts-based institutions, including the Smithsonian Museum, Weber Shandwick (a large public relations firm), and the Field Museum, will be in attendance.

Moreover, he said, this is by no means the final recruitment opportunity for students. Svete said in addition to the winter fair and Time Warner and NBC-hosted

special events for students possibly interested in covering the Beijing Olympics, the Career Center will also host five off-campus fairs in New York, Chicago, Boston, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. over breaks in the school calendar.

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Michelle Brintnall
senior

And the student body seems to be responding well to the Career Center's efforts. Overall, 3,800 students have officially registered for this event since Aug. 23, Svete said.

Senior Michelle Brintnall, president of the Marketing Club, said she's been pleased with the Center's outreach programs and its events

leading to Wednesday's main event.

"I think the Career Center is doing an excellent job of preparation," she said. "They have reached out to the student clubs, like the Marketing Club, to really reach the students in an effective manner. Not a day goes by that I don't get an e-mail promoting the fair, or resumé reviews, or giving advice. I also utilize walk-in hours and appointments with the Career Center counselors."

Brintnall said she's looking heavily into marketing firms based near her hometown of Minneapolis, namely Target and General Mills. But some of the companies on the Fall Expo's roster might make her think globally.

"There are new overseas opportunities opening up," Svete said. "With foreign companies like CDS International and Maersk coming, I don't see why an overseas internship wouldn't be possible."

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Council

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would create a Community/Campus Advisory Coalition (CCAC) of 21 leaders from the city and colleges, including Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Indiana University South Bend. The CCAC would be charged with identifying neighborhood concerns related to college students and proposing relevant solutions.

Student body president Liz Brown called the CCAC a "major achievement for community relations."

"While this coalition was created in response to the problem of disorderly students, my hope is that this body will serve as an arena to discuss the range of issues affecting area neighborhoods," she told Council members.

The bill would also put on the books — but not implement — rules that would require residents of boarding houses to file for a permit before hosting a gathering at which 25 or more people would have access to alcohol. Unlike the previous proposal, however, this ordinance would require the permit be filed five rather than 10 days in advance.

The ordinance defines a boarding house as a residen-

tially zoned building in which more than two unrelated people live together.

The regulations would primarily address large student parties.

"Let's cut to the chase," Kirsits said. "This is about those keggers."

The party permit regulations would not go into effect without another vote by the Common Council. This could happen if there are more problems with off-campus student partying, Kirsits said after the meeting.

If the party permit segment is voted into effect, event sponsors will apply for permits that carry newly prescribed conditions. By accepting the event permit, the sponsor would agree to take "all reasonable steps" to prevent underage drinking, including controlling the access to and quantity of alcohol, checking guest IDs to verify their ages and supervising any minors at the party.

The ordinance retains the original \$500 fee for a first failure to file an application, with \$1,000 fines for any subsequent failures to file.

Kirsits was pleased with the amended ordinance, which he said represents compromise from both sides.

"I've seen the University step forward more than they have before," Kirsits said. "[In

past years], they would say if it's off campus, it's not our problem."

The vote was delayed to allow two changes in the ordinance: to transfer permit administration responsibilities from the city clerk's office to the city licensing office and to refine language in the lawn parking section of the ordinance, which Mayor Stephen Luecke said could allow an individual to purchase 365 separate one-day lawn parking permits for his property.

Kirsits introduced the amended bill at the Common Council meeting with a PowerPoint presentation featuring photographs of Solo cup-strewn lawns, which he said were scenes from the mornings after student parties.

Though the event permit regulations would apply to off-campus parties, Kirsits spoke of the general dangers of excessive drinking. His presentation included the numbers of ambulance calls to the Notre Dame campus during each fall weekend in 2005 and 2006 — calls for "basically intoxicated" students, he said.

He quoted extensively from a Sept. 13 Scholastic editorial charging students to improve their behavior, since, the editorial reads, "You can't be unjustly persecuted for things

you are actually doing."

Marguerite Taylor, a resident of East Corby Boulevard, was unimpressed by claims of some council members and residents that students contribute to the city by bringing their spending money.

"They don't bring me a dime," she said.

The other day, she said, students threw a beer bottle through the window of her home, where she has lived for years.

"I pay taxes," she said. "I vote. I have a

right to live in peace."

Former Notre Dame professor Don Snieowski, a resident of St. Peter's Street, told council members he had doubts about the effectiveness of saving any implementation of the event permit regulations until further dialogue occurs.

"All these types of dialogue should happen," he said, "but the dialoguing groups are almost incommensurate."

As "transient residents," students are not interested in investing themselves in their temporary neighborhoods — and that makes sense, he said.

"It is naive to think this dialogue is all we need," he said.

After the meeting, Kirsits and Brown both said the ordinance will be passed Sept. 24.

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Don Snieowski
South Bend resident

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Al "Buddy" Kirsits
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistani term limits lengthened

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's Election Commission changed the rules Monday to open the way for President Gen. Pervez Musharraf to seek a new five-year presidential term without giving up the powerful position of army chief.

Opposition parties decried the move as a brazen violation of the constitution and accused the U.S.-allied leader of trying to bulldoze legal obstacles to his staying in power amid increasing demands for an end to military rule. They predicted a surge in democracy protests.

The ruling was likely to end up before the Supreme Court, which has proved an impediment to Musharraf this year and which many people hope can find a way to guide Pakistan out of a political crisis that some fear could lead to violent demonstrations and martial law.

Sierra Leone elects new president

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Opposition leader Ernest Bai Koroma was sworn in as Sierra Leone's president Monday and vowed to adopt zero tolerance on corruption, after officials declared him the winner of a tense run-off election.

In choosing Koroma, the battle-weary citizens of this West African country voted against the party that ushered them out of a devastating war in 2002 and for the promise of a better peace with less corruption and more jobs. Koroma was sworn in after election officials declared him the winner with 55 percent of 1.7 million ballots cast, compared with 45 percent for the ruling party candidate, Vice President Solomon Berewa.

NATIONAL NEWS

Democrats stall vote on war funding

WASHINGTON — Democrats are not expected to take up President Bush's war spending request until November, giving them time to calculate their next move and see if Republican support for his policies deteriorates.

The delay in passing the bill, which Bush says is needed by Oct. 1, is likely to intensify the standoff between the Democratic-controlled Congress and Bush, who says at least 130,000 troops are needed in Iraq through next summer.

Ex-commander: 'Iran not suicidal'

WASHINGTON — Every effort should be made to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, but failing that, the world could live with a nuclear-armed regime in Tehran, a recently retired commander of U.S. forces in the Middle East said Monday.

John Abizaid, the retired Army general who headed Central Command for nearly four years, said he was confident that if Iran gained nuclear arms, the United States could deter it from using them.

"Iran is not a suicide nation," he said. "I mean, they may have some people in charge that don't appear to be rational, but I doubt that the Iranians intend to attack us with a nuclear weapon."

The Iranians are aware, he said, that the United States has a far superior military capability.

LOCAL NEWS

Peterson ahead in Indianapolis polls

INDIANAPOLIS — A new poll released Monday night shows incumbent Democrat Bart Peterson leading the Indianapolis mayor's race despite apparent dissatisfaction with his crime-fighting record.

Some 52 percent of Indianapolis residents surveyed in a WISH-TV Indiana Poll said they would vote for Peterson if the election were held that day. Thirty-eight percent said they support Republican Greg Ballard and 2 percent said they would vote for Libertarian Fred Peterson.

Clinton outlines health care plan

Senator calls for more universal coverage without government involvement

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton called for universal health care on Monday, plunging back into the bruising political battle she famously waged and lost as first lady on an issue that looms large in the 2008 presidential race.

"This is not government-run," the party's front-runner said of her plan to extend coverage to an estimated 47 million Americans who now go without.

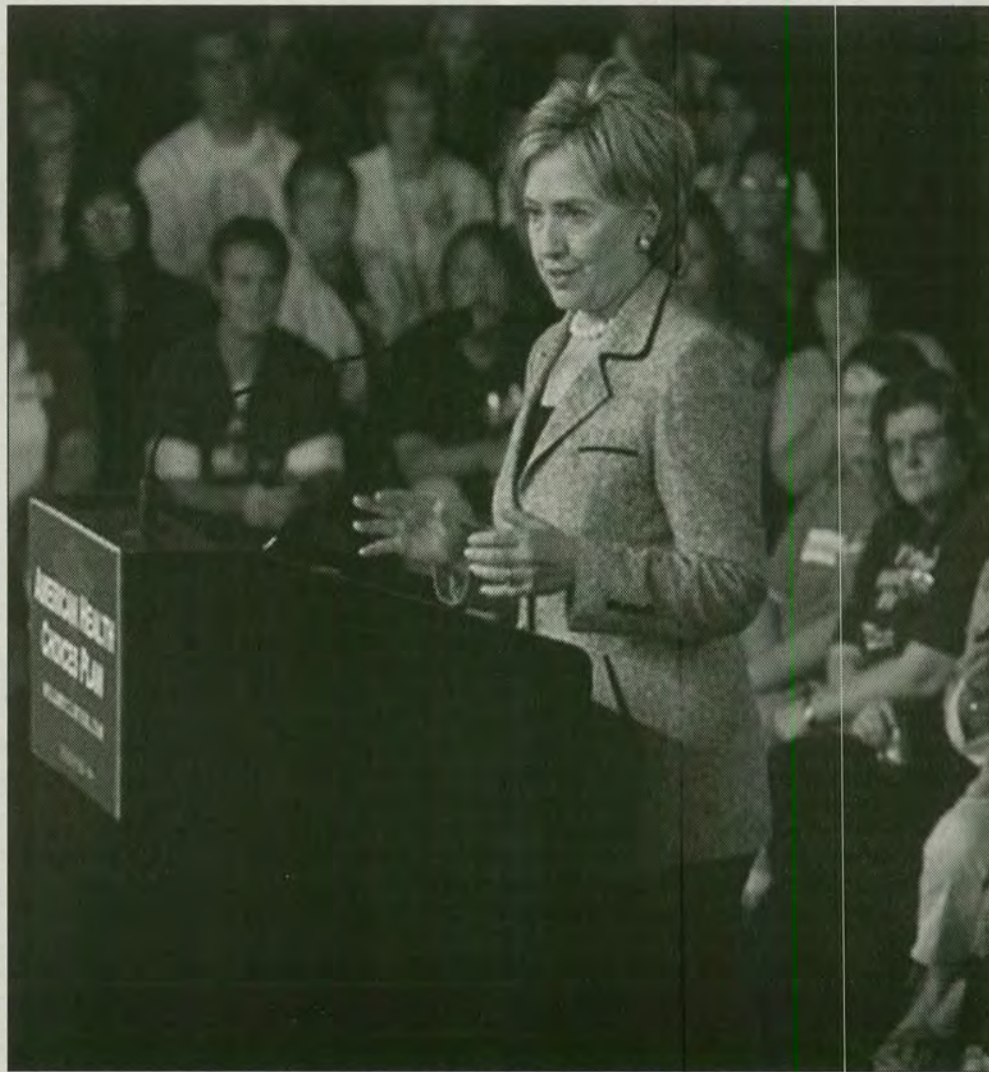
Her declaration was a clear message to Republicans, the insurance industry, businesses and millions of voters who nervously recall what sank her effort at health care reform 13 years ago in her husband's first term — fear of a big-government takeover.

In unveiling her plan, she called for a requirement for businesses to obtain insurance for employees, and said the wealthy should pay higher taxes to help defray the cost for those less able to pay for it. She put the government's cost at \$110 billion a year.

Mindful of the lessons of her failed attempt, Clinton said that under her new plan anyone who is content with their health coverage can keep what they have. She insisted no new government bureaucracy would be created even as it seeks to cover tens of millions uninsured.

"I know my Republican opponents will try to equate health care for all Americans with government-run health care," Clinton said. "Don't let them fool us again. This is not government-run."

The New York senator said her plan would require every American to purchase insurance, either through their jobs or through a program modeled on Medicare or the federal employee health plan. Businesses would be



Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) gives a speech Monday at the Broadlawn Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, where she outlined her universal health care plan.

required to offer insurance or contribute to a pool that would expand coverage. Individuals and small businesses would be offered tax credits to make insurance more affordable.

"I believe everyone — every man, woman and child — should have quality, affordable health care in America," Clinton told an audience at a medical center in Iowa, the early voting state that launches the nomination process.

As the front-runner, Clinton drew swift criticism from Democratic and Republican rivals, including party foes Bill Richardson and John Edwards who argued she was merely following their

lead in offering a similar plan.

Clinton framed her quest as a moral imperative in which individuals, businesses, the insurance industry and the federal government each had a role to play. She said her plan would be bipartisan and would only be successful through negotiation — a sharp departure from her earlier effort.

Then, the Clinton health care task force met in secret and tried to drive legislation through Congress. Now, Clinton, a senator for seven years, spoke of compromise although she vowed to accomplish her goal in her first term if elected.

"She's running against essentially not just the other candidates but her own plan. She's trying to convince you that this is a new Clinton plan," said Robert Blendon, a professor of public health at Harvard Medical School.

To pay for her plan, Clinton said the tax cuts for Americans making \$250,000 that were enacted under President Bush would be allowed to expire. She also projected she would identify \$56 billion in savings through computerized record keeping, reducing the price of prescription drugs and cutting Medicare overpayments to hospitals and CEOs.

Blackwater firm kicked out of Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The State Department moved quickly Monday to tamp down anger and possible repercussions after the alleged killing of eight Iraqi civilians in an incident involving a private security firm hired to protect U.S. diplomats in Iraq.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice telephoned Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to express regret at the loss of life and promise that the results of an internal investigation into Sunday's incident would be shared with the government in Baghdad.

"She told the Prime Minister that we were investigating this incident and

wanted to gain a full understanding of what happened," said deputy State Department spokesman Tom Casey. "She reiterated that the United States does everything it can to avoid such loss of life, in contrast to the enemies of the Iraqi people who deliberately target civilians."

Rice and al-Maliki "agreed on the importance of working closely together in the time ahead on a transparent investigation," Casey added.

The 15-minute call came after Iraq's Interior Ministry said it had revoked the license of the firm, Blackwater USA, to work in the country, a move that could severely curtail the ability of U.S. diplomats to operate outside

the heavily fortified "Green Zone."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Washington had not been informed of the cancellation of the license after the latest in a series of incidents in which private contractors working for the United States have been accused of misdeeds.

There were conflicting accounts of the incident, in which, according to the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, a diplomatic convoy was attacked in Baghdad, causing security guards to open fire.

While Iraqis blamed Blackwater for the civilian deaths, the company said it acted appropriately "in response to a hostile attack" by armed insurgents.

Energy

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green building, Notre Dame received F letter grades.

According to University administrators, however, the Sustainability Report Card inaccurately assessed environmental practice at Notre Dame.

The D- grade resulted from a lack of public information about University environmental practices, Lyphout said. No one from the Endowments Institute ever spoke with any University representative, he said, and so the evaluation was done by appraising what information Notre Dame made publicly available on its Web site.

According to Lyphout, not all University environmental practice is publicly documented, leading to an uninformed evaluation.

Information on certain environmentally friendly activities at the Notre Dame power plant, for instance, was not available to the survey's authors, said Paul Kempf, director of utilities for the University.

"It's a major misconception that the University hasn't done anything for the environment," he said.

The Notre Dame power plant is a combined heat and power

plant that uses steam to produce both heating and cooling products, as well as electricity. This type of power plant is twice as efficient as traditional power plants, making it both economically advantageous and environmentally conscious.

"We are getting twice the energy, thus creating half the emissions," Kempf said.

Thomas Furlong, co-president of Students for Environmental Action, acknowledged the efficiency of the power plant.

But, he pointed out, "ours is still a coal-burning power plant."

Furlong criticized the University for failing to utilize renewable energy sources.

"A lot of universities that have good grades on the Sustainability Survey buy energy from renewable sources," he said. "We do not."

About 60 percent of all electricity used on campus is generated by the University's power plant. The remaining 40 percent is purchased from American Electric Power — which Furlong said has no

renewable energy initiatives and is a leading emissions producer.

Kempf said the University is reviewing options for incorporating renewable energy.

Felipe Witchger, a campus environmental activist, is a member of the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee. He created his energy studies major by combining engineering classes with economic and political science classes.

Witchger said the Sustainability Survey may have overlooked certain environmental practices. He considered it, however, to be "a very accurate assessment of the University."

"When it comes to conscious environmental decisions and awareness, there just haven't been big efforts toward conservation," Witchger said. "In that sense, the letter grade is justifiable."

Last year, he pitched an energy proposal to the University last year but was turned down.

"From a student perspective, the University hasn't in the past been eager to move on environmental proposals and has not been very easy to work with," he said.

That seems to be changing, he said.

The Energy and

Environmental Issues Committee is open to working with faculty and students on various initiatives, Witchger said. "Energy Week" will be a large-scale awareness campaign launched in early October by the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, Students for Environmental Action, and the Energy Center.

New construction on campus is planned to be environmentally aware, Lyphout said. The new engineering building will carry an environmental certification, he said. The building will feature solar panels, a source of renewable energy.

Construction on the new Center for Social Concerns building is planned for winter break, and the University will also apply for certification for that structure.

"Until this past year or two Notre Dame wasn't considering green building," Witchger said. "These new structures show that the University is making a better commitment to the environment."

The University has also encouraged energy efficiency by partnering with Transpo, which allows University students, faculty and staff members to ride the Transpo bus system through the South Bend area free of charge with

a valid University ID. In 2006, Notre Dame faculty, staff, and students took 96,000 one-way Transpo trips, Lyphout said.

Environmental issues may gain a greater prominence on campus in coming years.

There is much more that Notre Dame can still do, Witchger said, to reduce energy use. Occupancy sensors that control lighting and heating based on human presence should be installed in many University buildings.

"The University is planning on doing it, which is good," he said, "but it's a technology that cuts down on energy use that has been available for years and we have yet to see it here."

A new energy proposal, supported by Witchger, will be a topic of the next Student Senate meeting, he said.

Witchger said students can help reduce energy use by modifying their own lifestyles and using energy efficiently and by pushing for environmental initiatives.

"In the past, students haven't really pushed for initiatives," he said. "But there are many leaders on campus now ... and the University will probably change because of it."

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Commodities prices rise as stocks dip

NEW YORK — Commodities climbed broadly Monday, led by gains in agriculture, energy and precious metals as investors bet that an anticipated interest rate cut will stimulate economic growth and raise demand for raw materials.

Investors largely expect the Federal Reserve to lower its benchmark federal funds rate Tuesday, a move that would feasibly improve prospects for economic expansion and the demand for energy, metals and agriculture products that sustain growth. While trading on Wall Street remained cautious as stocks slipped, investors sent gold, oil and wheat prices higher.

Gold prices advanced as stocks stumbled and the U.S. dollar fluctuated against other world currencies. Stock investors, skittish ahead of the Fed meeting, sent equities lower. Still, no move is assured and nervous investors turned to precious metals.

Finish Line buys out Genesco for 1.5B

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Genesco Inc. shareholders on Monday approved a \$1.5 billion buyout by specialty retailer Finish Line Inc. after concerns about the financial health of Genesco were raised by an investment bank financing the deal. UBS Loan Finance LLC and UBS Securities LLC, which had committed to financing the deal for The Finish Line, said in letters released Friday that they were "extremely concerned about the apparent deteriorating financial position" at Genesco.

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

Genesco said its results included 13 cents per share in expenses related to its proposed acquisition by The Finish Line, retail store asset-impairment charges and costs related to closing some stores.

Still, Genesco denied in a release that it had experienced any "material adverse effect" from the acquisition agreement. Seventy-three percent of shareholders voting approved the buyout, the company said.

Investors fret over recession

High inflationary pressures cause former Fed chairman to worry about future

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street fell moderately Monday as investors anxiously awaited the Federal Reserve's impending decision on interest rates.

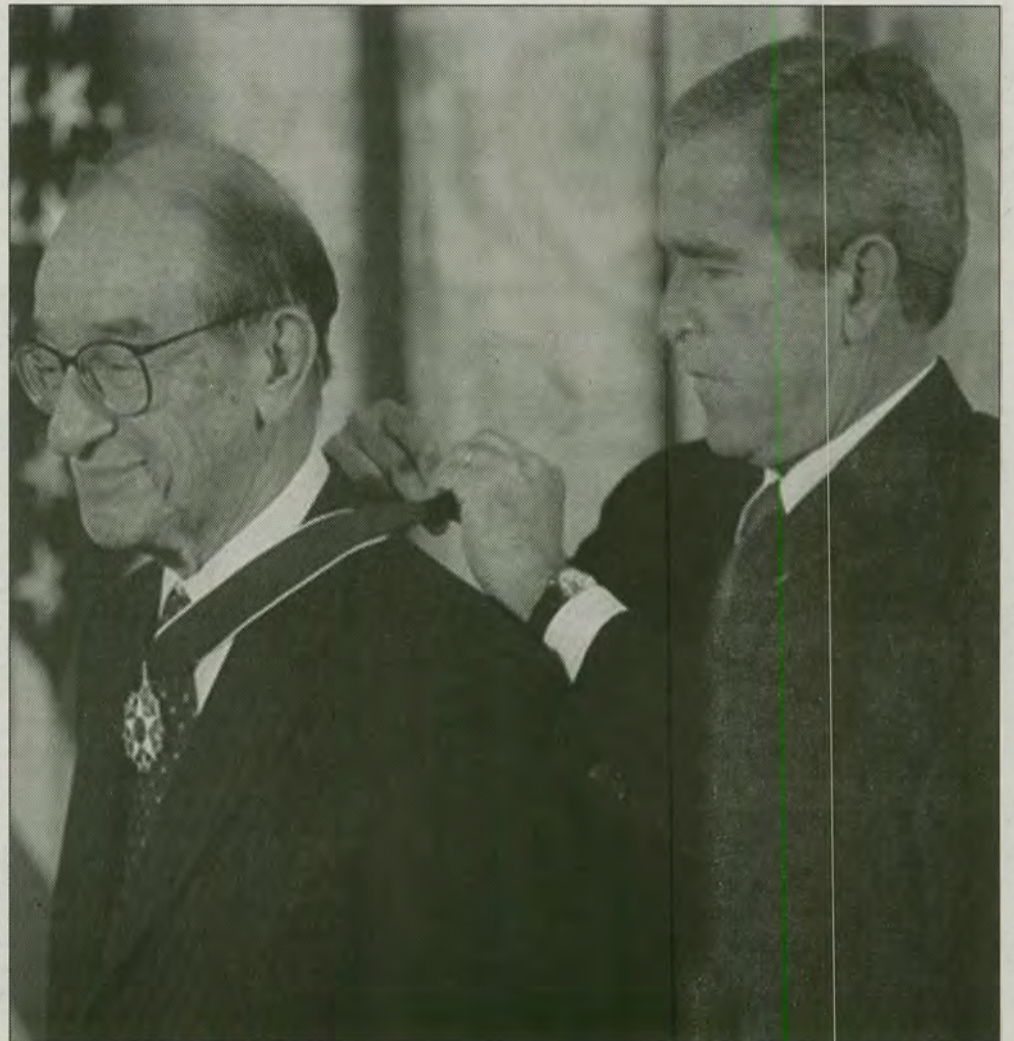
The market is betting on a rate cut from the Fed when the central bank meets Tuesday, but investors are not completely sure what it will do and what it will say in its accompanying economic statement. Furthermore, with the major brokerages' third-quarter results yet to be released, investors are uncertain about how badly the summer's stock downturn, souring home loans, and credit squeeze hit the banking industry.

Adding to the uneasiness, Northern Rock PLC, Britain's fifth-largest mortgage lender, saw its stock plunge and customers withdraw billions of dollars after it issued a profit warning Friday and requested emergency funds from the Bank of England. That gave U.S. investors an added impetus to pare their stock holdings, particularly in the financial sector.

Talk from former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan of the possibility of a recession amid high inflationary pressures also elevated Wall Street's jitters, as did job cuts at Merrill Lynch & Co.'s First Franklin Financial Corp.

It's possible the Fed won't go through with a rate cut at all if it believes the economy is still growing moderately and that inflation remains a threat, but most investors expect the Fed to cut the benchmark federal funds rate, now at 5.25 percent, by at least a quarter-point. And because negative economic data have trickled in over the last couple weeks — such as a decrease of 4,000 jobs in August and weaker-than-expected retail sales — some anticipate a half-point rate cut.

"A quarter-point is going



Alan Greenspan, shown here receiving the Medal of Freedom from President Bush, told the AP Monday he fears the American economy is headed for a recession.

to be disappointing. It's already priced in," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. But the Fed probably won't want to lower rates by more than that, he said, and the central bank may not indicate in its statement that more reductions are in the offing.

"The big issue is gold and oil have been spiking higher, which people could argue is inflationary, but economic data has been weak. The Fed's in a tough place." Higher interest rates prevent costs from rising; lower rates fuel growth but also tend to accelerate inflation.

Alan Greenspan said the odds of a recession have

grown since earlier this year, even though "the economy is not doing badly at this stage."

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, the former Federal Reserve chairman put the odds of a recession at greater than one in three. "But best I can judge it is less than 50 percent," he said.

Greenspan's one-in-three prediction earlier this year rocked Wall Street, which has been suffering through a period of turbulence. A deepening housing slump and a spreading credit crunch have raised fears on Wall Street, on Capitol Hill and on Main Street about the country's economic health.

Many analysts are counting on the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates on Tuesday to provide some relief.

On other issues, Greenspan said the United States must look at ways to reduce gasoline use both as a matter of national security and to protect the environment.

Greenspan said he favors a tax on gasoline to help curb demand. But recognizing that this could be an "undue burden" on poor people, he suggested a rebate of some sort.

The interview with Greenspan dovetails with the release and promotion of his new book: "The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World."

Mars will not switch to cheaper oils

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The maker of M&M's and Milky Way bars says it would be a mistake to mess with its chocolate.

Mars Inc. said Monday it will continue to use 100 percent cocoa butter in its U.S. chocolate products, bucking an industry campaign to allow cheaper vegetable oils to be substituted.

The announcement comes amid a push by a dozen food industry groups to change long-established federal standards to allow for replacing cocoa butter with another vegetable fat, up to a level of 5 percent. The groups say the change, which would save money for manufacturers, would allow more flexibility and innovation.

Manufacturers already can use vegetable fats instead of cocoa butter, but they are not allowed by the Food and Drug Administration to call it chocolate.

Mars, one of the largest chocolate manufacturers, disclosed the company's opposition to cocoa butter substitutes at the All Candy Expo in Chicago, North America's biggest candy trade show.

"Changing the definition of what chocolate is would be a mistake," said Todd Lachman, president of Hackettstown, N.J.-based Mars Snackfoods US. "The bottom line is that we're not going to change our chocolate. Today, Mars US chocolate products are pure, authentic choco-

late and they're going to stay that way."

The company could have saved millions of dollars by going along with the move, but allowing vegetable oil would have diluted the quality of its chocolate, he said.

Mars' products include M&Ms, Dove Chocolate, Snickers, Milky Way, 3 Musketeers and Twix.

The Grocery Manufacturers Association, which is helping to lead the industry push for revised standards, declined comment on the Mars announcement, spokesman Scott Openshaw said. Nestle USA Inc., another large U.S. chocolate manufacturer, did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

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the University's honor code but also the idea that "cheating can become a lifestyle."

The task force also discussed ways to improve Freshman Orientation, including pairing the Gender Relations Center with past Frosh-O student leaders and commissioners to focus more on in-dorm programs and step away from male/female dorm activities.

Keenan senator Gus Gari presented ideas for the improvement of community relations. He said the task force focused on the safety of students living off campus and security issues at off

campus parties.

He emphasized the students' individual role in these situations, and he discussed the concept of students as model citizens when it comes to handling drugs and alcohol.

Gari said he met with Scott Kachmarik, associate director of the Office of Residential Life and Housing, to discuss current alcohol and drug policies and how they affect student behavior.

Both Gari and student body president Liz Brown mentioned the importance and the contributions of the Community Relations Coalition to off-campus living situations and the party permit ordinance proposed by the South Bend Common Council. Brown said Monday night's vote on the ordinance should be "a major

development and a good thing for [the coalition's] efforts."

In other CLC news:

◆ Brother Jerome Meyer, rector of Knott Hall, expressed concern over the abundance of

posters in dorms advertising events and clubs.

"Everybody is trying to outdo everybody else on a poster," he said.

Braun said she hopes to recycle the masses of posters when

groups finish with them.

"That's a lot of paper to recycle," she said. "It can help reduce our carbon footprint."

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Millionaire

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process only took two months."

In that two-month span, Sexton said she prepared for her appearance by brushing up on trivia.

"I played Trivial Pursuit a lot, but other than that, there is no real way to study," Sexton said.

The only other way to prepare herself for Vieira's questions was her careful selection of her phone-a-friend lifeline.

"Millionaire" allows its contestants one phone call to a friend from a preset list of contacts if the player on the hot seat is stuck on a question.

Sexton said she chose five friends "who knew a lot about things I didn't."

"My cousin Steve, the one I used [on the show], knew a lot about geography," she said.

Since the show was taped in July, Sexton had to sign a confidentiality agreement saying she would not reveal what happened or how much money she won

until the episode aired.

Now free from that promise, Sexton said Monday she particularly enjoyed meeting Vieira, who also co-anchors NBC's "The Today Show," backstage. She called Vieira "one of the nicest people I've ever met" and said the "Millionaire" host sent her a note after Sexton finished taping her segment, thanking her for participating on the show and wishing her good luck at Notre Dame.

Sexton said she would use her winnings to pay for law school.

"Unfortunately, as a law student, I have a lot of debt to pay off," she said. "I paid off some credit card bills, car payments, things like that."

And despite not receiving the title of "millionaire" from the show, Sexton had only positive things to say about her experience.

"I had a fantastic time," she said. "The staff [of the show] was amazing. I'd do it again tomorrow if they would let me."

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Goldman family tries for Simpson souvenirs

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If the Goldman family has its way, it may soon own the sports memorabilia that O.J. Simpson is accused of committing armed robbery to recover for himself.

Since winning a multimillion-dollar settlement against Simpson in Ron Goldman's death, the family has waged a decade-long campaign to track down and claim Simpson's assets.

That effort hasn't stopped with the NFL star's arrest following a confrontation with memorabilia collectors in a Las Vegas hotel room. On Tuesday, the family plans to file request in Superior Court to obtain ownership of the sports memorabilia seized.

David Cook, an attorney for Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, said he believed Nevada authorities would turn over the items with a court order after Simpson's criminal case finishes. The items include Simpson's Hall of Fame certificate, a gold Rolex watch and the suit Simpson wore on the day he was acquitted, Cook said.

"Assuming that this case is resolved one way or another, at the end of the case, the stuff will never go back to Mr. Simpson," Cook vowed. "He's going to walk out of Clark County empty-handed."

Simpson was being held with-

out bail Tuesday in Clark County Detention Center on six felonies, including two counts of robbery with use of a deadly weapon. If convicted, he could receive up to 30 years in state prison on each robbery count alone.

Another man suspected in the alleged heist surrendered Monday. Clarence Stewart, 53, of Las Vegas, lived at one of the residences that police searched early Sunday to recover some of the memorabilia.

Stewart turned over some of the missing goods, including footballs bearing autographs, police said. He was being held on six felony charges, including robbery with a deadly weapon and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Another man, Walter Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., was released without bail. He faces charges almost identical to Simpson's.

A fourth man, Tom Scotto, was questioned and cleared of suspicion after police concluded he was not in the room, reducing the number of outstanding suspects to two, police said. Both were apparently seeking attorneys and preparing to surrender, police said.

Simpson's arraignment was set for Wednesday. Yale Galanter, Simpson's lawyer, said he was preparing a bond motion and will ask for Simpson's release on his own recognition.

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ND's Catholic — don't be surprised

Before transferring to Notre Dame, I spent two years at West Point. It's not just a well-known military academy — it's well known as a military academy. You couldn't possibly explain the place to someone without discussing its military character.

Even so, in my platoon I had a classmate who swore he didn't know it was a military institution prior to arriving for basic training. Eric was from California and was by far the most laid-back, easy-going guy I'd ever met. According to him, his father had picked the school for him and taken care of the application process (talk about neat tricks to play on your kids!). The first day of basic training is traumatic and disorienting for all new cadets, but listening to Eric describe his experience was especially entertaining. "What's everyone yelling at me for?" "Does 'barracks' mean 'dorms'?" "But I like my hair long!"

I understand if this story strains your credulity. I myself found it very hard to believe at first. But USMA cadets don't tell lies casually — lying violates the honor code, and often means separation from the academy. Besides, if you knew Eric, you'd see how the story just might possibly be true.

I'm not telling this story because I think it's funny, but because I was reminded of Eric so often at Notre Dame. Granted, Catholicism isn't as central to Notre Dame's identity as the military is to Army's, and there's far more diversity of opinion about what Catholicism is or entails than about the nature of the profession of arms. But still, I kept coming across kids all the time who apparently had no idea that Notre Dame was a Catholic school. I can't remember how many times I heard somebody say something to the effect of "Notre Dame would be a great place if it weren't for all the

Catholic bull#@\$\$" — like all the Catholic bull#@\$\$ were some sort of big surprise to them!

Back in spring 2002, ResLife banned liquor in dorms. Mass outrage ensued — angry letters, demonstrations, vandalism. Then a smaller wave of protest, against the protests. The basic lament? Notre Dame students are quite apathetic and un-mobilizable about important things, but take away their coolness-in-a-bottle, and they all turn into Martin Luther King. One alumna wrote to The Observer, recalling disappointedly what a hard time she'd had getting students to actively support abortion rights.

The cynic in me was surprised at her lack of success. Hadn't she tried scholarship athletes? Theology majors? Once the cynicism subsided, I could only marvel. Here's a woman, smart enough to be admitted, appalled that a good share, maybe even most, of the student body at the nation's premier Catholic university wasn't especially enthusiastic about abortion on demand.

I picked out the poor woman, bless her heart, not to pick on her, but because she's one of the more robust examples of what I'm describing. She's far from unique, though, based on my experience. And I'm not just referring to sad PSA misfits.

My point isn't that unless you're gung-ho Catholic, you don't belong at Notre Dame. Actually, those types worry me most. Like Father Hesburgh once said — and largely thanks to him! — Notre Dame is a great place to lose your faith. Serious Catholics have the most faith to lose. For the rest of you, though, please don't go hysterical when a Catholic institution runs itself according to Catholic principles.

One of my best friends at Notre Dame was Jewish. Obviously, he wasn't behind all the administration's policies, or students' views. Good Catholic, no — he wasn't even a good Jew. But he came to Notre Dame

freely, knowing what he was getting into. He didn't pout on those six Fridays a year when he couldn't get pork in the dining hall, and he didn't whine that the C.S.C. was shoving Catholicism down his throat because it made fornicating marginally more difficult for students than it is at most schools. And he didn't consider fellow students closed-minded morons because they — go figure — assented to many or most of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

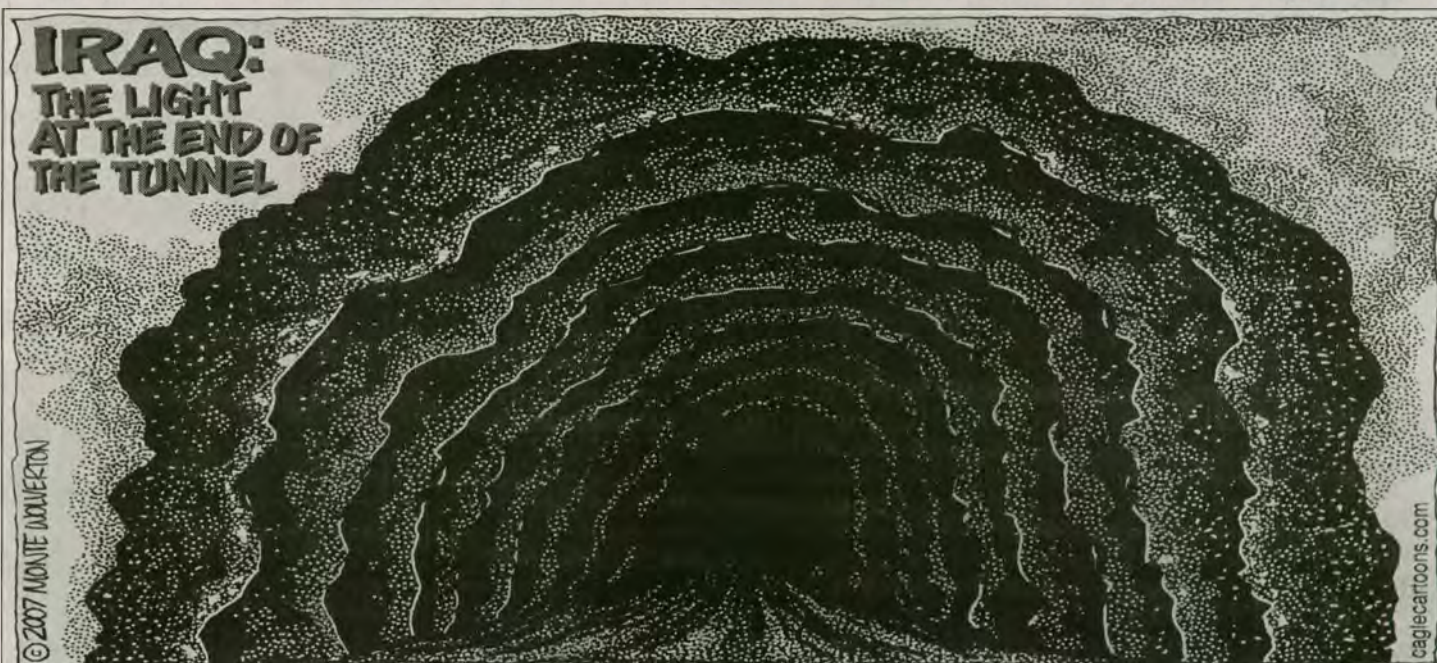
If you find Notre Dame's Catholicism oppressive, remember a few things. One, chances are, nobody roped you into coming here. Two, there's at least six other kids out there who'd gladly follow du Lac to the 't' just to be in your shoes. No, I really don't care if something on campus is named for one of your relatives, or if you scored a goal in a lacrosse game nobody watched. You're not doing Notre Dame a favor by your presence.

A somewhat popular stunt back in my days at Notre Dame, and one which sticks in my memory as particularly vile, was for couples to copulate on the hill outside the seminary. When I heard about things like that, my first thought was usually, "I hope they go blind and crippled." But my second thought was always, "What (besides copulating) are they doing here?" If you're one of those people, or would like to be, or think it would be cool if there were condom dispensers in the basilica, I have no right to say whether you should be at Notre Dame. But please try to understand how I might wonder what brought you here, and what makes you stay. And take it from me: transferring's not that bad.

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Et tu, Zuckerberg?

Look out, Cornellians: Big Brother is watching. And his name is Mark Zuckerberg.

At the beginning of the month, Facebook announced that it will begin publicly listing user's profiles on main-stream search engines such as Google, Yahoo and MSN.

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If that's not an absolute invasion of privacy — and a betrayal of corporate trust — we're not sure what is.

Facebook Corporate Communications claims the change is part of an effort to allow non-registered users to access profiles so they can find their friends and relatives.

But employers are increasingly using Facebook to help judge a job candidate's "character," to see if they are exercising "good judgment." The National Association of Colleges and Employers reported that in 2006, 27 percent of employers registered with the organization admitted to Googling job candidates.

So you figure, you clean up your profile page, untag your questionable photos, or — if you're really serious — edit your name by a couple of letters. But even this isn't enough to halt some employers from using backhanded techniques to dig up digital dirt about your personal life. Facebook isn't secure anymore, and there are ways to get around the privacy settings that we put up to save ourselves from parents,

employers and overly-solicitous lab partners alike.

At an age when most of us are just trying to enjoy college, it's unfortunate that we have to be so conscientious about our every move — and that Zuck feels the need to play the role of Main Cop. It's the latest in a string of indications that Facebook isn't the plucky upstart of a cultural phenomenon it was three years ago.

The Myspaceization of Facebook is clearly a ploy to increase the company's profits and resale value. The most recent move makes it abundantly clear that Zuckerberg and his minions have free rein to make any change of any sort at any time in the way Facebook works. Facebook is an institution we love, and we

want it to be successful — but not at the expense of the characteristics that define its genius. While Zuck seems cognizant and wary of the implications of this power, what he doesn't seem to understand is that a false sense of online security is one of Facebook's strongest points; Facebook can only play a brinkmanship game with users' privacy for so long — before this dorm-room project becomes yesterday's news.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stick with your team

After attending the first three football games, I am as disappointed as anyone. To dwell on reasons, to place blame, to criticize may feel good but ultimately is futile. As a student, I heard the chants to fire Dan Devine in 1975 after just three games and even Ara after a 55-24 loss in 1974, despite winning two national championships. There is a great temptation to write off the 2007 Irish football team. DON'T. Show your true colors as fans, students and alumni. This team needs support desperately, not criticism — leave that to pundits like Mark "I hate Notre Dame" May. Anyone can follow a winner. Tough times show the real mettle of true fans. Almost no one will give the Irish a chance against Michigan State. Are you ready to have the Spartans drive another stake into the stadium turf like 2005, or are you going to stay behind this team? The choice is yours.

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Comic misunderstood

I am writing this as a response to the Sept. 17 Letter to the Editor written by Meghan Lueck ('Deuces Manor' in poor taste). Being one of the creative minds behind 'Deuces Manor,' I was baffled by some of the points that she brought up in her examination of last Wednesday's comic. I feel that there may have been a misunderstanding more than anything because Meghan seemed to think that we were singling out overweight college girls who may like to eat ice cream during lunch. This however was not the intention of our comic at all.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with our comic, we have run what we call a line-up once a week since the start of the semester. We lay out a question, show five people, and the readers are supposed to guess who they believe answers the question. The first week, we did "Which dining hall card swiper enjoys her job?" Four unhappy ladies were shown, and the fifth was smiling. Our intention was that people would guess the smiling lady. However, our answer read "None of them." Two weeks ago, our line-up question was "Can you find the Notre Dame athlete?" Following this, four elderly men were pictured, as well as Lupe Fiasco (one of the performers at 'The Show'). We assumed readers would pick out the young, handsome Fiasco, but one of the elderly men was actually Paul Hornung.

So, for the first two weeks, we set up a scenario that let people quickly jump to their own conclusions, but our "answer" was probably not what they expected. What we did last week followed the exact same formula: we pictured five girls, one of whom was overweight. We did not say anything at all about the overweight girl; we simply let people form their own opinion. However, the answer was "All of them." To me this shows that young ladies of any shape or form can eat ice cream

whenever they want. There was not meant to be any implication whatsoever about body image at Notre Dame. We did not mean to poke fun at any eating disorders or any reasons for eating disorders, and I personally do not believe we did.

None of us, my co-writers included, sit in the dining hall watching who goes to eat ice cream, mostly because we do not care. We have never judged anyone based on their eating habits; all the comic strip was meant to do was follow the same formula as the previous weeks. Yes, we did create scenarios wherein stereotypical conclusions were meant to be formed inside our reader's head, but the fact that our answers are different from these stereotypes shows that we do not actually want to reinforce any of them. The first two people who talked to me about last Wednesday's comic had seen it but had missed the answer in the bottom corner. They had initially told me they thought it was cruel because they thought we were singling out the overweight girl; however, they both changed their opinion once I had informed them of the comic in its entirety.

When we first started writing this comic strip, we expected to receive Viewpoint articles — all the comic strips here seem to. However, I never expected to see one focused on the topic of body image at Notre Dame that we never had any implication of making.

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Georgia Tech fan behavior absurd

THE ISSUE: Georgia Tech fans behave violently at game. WHAT WE THINK: Need for better behavior at all schools.

Fans watching this Saturday's football game from home might have missed a rather violent display of school spirit. The behavior exhibited by the fans at Georgia Tech made the crowd at Alumni Stadium look downright saintly.

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The crowd hurled water bottles at Boston College cheerleaders, and the officials were forced to stop play not once, not twice, but five times over the course of the game.

The worst came when fans chastised radio personality Jayme Parker, referring to her as a "slut," telling her to go home, and using other graphic, demeaning, and crass language. Behavior bordered on verbal assault.

Of course, badly behaved fans are not an anomaly at Georgia Tech or elsewhere. In fact, such conduct is a growing trend in university athletics.

In recent years, similar incidents have occurred not only at schools

across the country but within the ACC itself. In 2004, the University of Maryland landed itself in a nationally covered scandal when obscene and crude cheers from Terrapin fans were picked up by ESPN microphones and aired live.

The media storm forced the school to respond with the creation of a sportsmanship taskforce, among other initiatives. Inappropriate language caused a similar problem at BU hockey games last year, when the administration resorted to banning inappropriate language altogether. Also in 2006, the Ohio State marching band was terrorized by Penn State students who were throwing objects at them, making rude gestures, and swearing.

Two things must be taken from the behavior of unruly fans at Georgia Tech and at other universities across the country. First, what might seem like harmless taunts (most likely shouted under the influence of alcohol) can greatly offend those toward whom they are directed. While some might brush off childish taunts as trifling or insignificant, some members of the BC travel party were genuinely concerned

for their safety.

At BC, administrators are upset when chants of "Tom O'Brien sucks" ring out from the student section. We could say, "BC fans are not that bad, this kind of behavior is not that big of a deal." Or, we could take the higher road and become a school exemplified by its sportsmanship, on the field and in the stands. Nobody would want to be treated the way that BC's travel party was at Georgia Tech, a fact we should learn from.

Second, Georgia Tech and many other schools need to take action to end this ridiculous behavior. During Saturday's matchup, the referees stopped play and announced several times that legal action would be taken against those fans disrupting the game.

Yet, the inappropriate actions coming from the Georgia Tech stands did not occur spontaneously; rather, such behavior is largely ingrained in the fan culture of the school. The administration should take action to foster an environment of sportsmanship, rather than enmity, among fans.

Perhaps fans should take a leaf out

of Illinois' book. The Illinois student section, commonly referred to as the Orange Krush, is well-regarded for its use of clever, premeditated chants and creative team support.

The behavior of Georgia Tech's fans was classless at best and criminal at worst. The athletic department should issue an apology to BC and the university should take swift action to address fan behavior.

When BC returns to Georgia Tech in two years, we hope that the travel party won't fear for its safety on the field, cheerleaders won't need to duck from water bottles thrown from upper-tier seats, and the focus of fans will be on cheering for their team and not degrading the other. In the meantime, BC fans can offer an example of how respectable fans should act for the rest of the season, especially when we welcome Georgia Tech next year.

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TV's Emmy Awards prove to be anything but predictable

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For a couple of assistant scene editors trying to make predictions, Sunday night's Emmy Awards broadcast definitely left some things to be desired.

Ever-smarmy "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest

emceed the show on the Awards' new home network, FOX, and "Boston Legal" nabbed a completely unexpected golden statue for its lead actor, James Spader, over James Gandolfini of the now-defunct HBO classic "The Sopranos." Someone's gonna be sleeping with the fishes, and it ain't gonna be pretty.

However, some of our predictions from Friday's Observer thankfully came through, including watching Cassie Belek's pick for Outstanding Lead Actor in a comedy series, major underdog Ricky Gervais, come out on top amidst a strong group of nominees like Alec Baldwin and Steve Carrell. It appears that Badin Hall will live to see another day, since Tony Shalhoub lost and, thus, no television sets were lit on fire by an irate Belek).

I was psyched to see America Ferrera come out on top as Outstanding Lead Actress in a comedy series, securing fan



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favorite "Ugly Betty" some Emmy gold. Betty's fashion-savvy little bro Justin would be proud.

On the whole, our prediction lists had hits and misses. Cassie's pick for Outstanding Comedy Series, NBC's hilarious "30 Rock," won its category for the first time — granted, it triumphed over my pick of "Ugly Betty," but I'm more than happy seeing Ferrera get her due. My dark horse pick for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a comedy series, Jeremy Piven, defeated former Doogie Howser, Neil Patrick Harris, and Dwight Schrute (a.k.a. Rainn Wilson), giving the wildly popular cast of "Entourage" credit and vindicating slimy agents like Ari Gold everywhere.

I'm officially sending a Mrs. Weasley-style Howler to ABC executives and Emmy voters for Sally Field's win for "Brothers and Sisters" over Carmela Soprano herself, Edie Falco. Granted, it'd be Hollywood blasphemy to say that Sally "You like me, you really like me!" Field is undeserving of the trophies she's piled up over the years. But to keep Tony and Carmela off stage, after one of the strongest seasons of "The Sopranos?" Fuhgeddaboutit!

Both Cassie and I feel Stephen Colbert's pain after his loss to Tony Bennett — with fans of the "Report" still lamenting last year's Barry Manilow debacle, this is just cruel. Seeing "The Daily Show" win over the "Report" didn't sting quite as badly, but hopefully Colbert fans will someday avenge this mishap.

Setting the artistic merits of most



Tina Fey plays Liz Lemon, the star of "30 Rock." The show, while not widely watched, came away Sunday with the Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series.

brands of reality television aside, no one likes to see a show win out of pure voter laziness, which veteran series "The Amazing Race" arguably did this year. Bravo's reality TV offerings are fresh, hip and stylishly done, and should have brought home the gold with either "Project Runway" or "Top Chef."

Then again, considering the broadcast aired on the venerable network that brought the world "Temptation Island"

and "Hell's Kitchen," we should probably lower our expectations. Or ask "Runway" judge Michael Kors to run around like a chicken with his head cut off with a dirty chef's hat and Cockney-style British accent. Then again, maybe not.

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Snub of some shows spells doom before awards begin

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I didn't have to tune in to the 59th Primetime Emmy Awards Sunday to be disappointed by them.

Inexplicably, the show that claims to reward the best of television, failed to recognize four of television's best dramas — "Lost," "Battlestar Galactica," "The Wire" and "Friday Night Lights" — in the best drama category. Critics hail them as four of the best shows on television, and rate them higher than "Grey's Anatomy," "Boston Legal" and "House," three shows that were nominated in place of the four snubees.

The snub of "Lights" is especially shocking. It is on the verge of cancellation due to low ratings, but has so much critical appeal that NBC decided to give it a second season in the hope it can find an audience.

Usually, the Emmys try to give shows like "Lights" a boost by giving them some hardware. "All in the Family" struggled with low ratings when it pre-



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miered but won Best Comedy in 1971 and went to on become the No. 1 rated show on TV for five years in a row. The same goes for "Hill Street Blues," and "Cheers" in the 1980s and "Arrested Development" four years ago.

All received the top prize at the Emmys despite low-rated first seasons. In each case, except for "Arrested Development," the shows found an audience and stayed on the air for years. Even this year on the comedy side, the Emmys gave the top award to "30 Rock" — a critically acclaimed, but low-rated show that was on the verge of cancellation after its first season.

But sometimes, as in the case of "Freaks and Geeks," critically acclaimed shows do not get that extra support from the Emmys. This happened to "Friday Night Lights" because people who vote for the Emmy nominations use a faulty system.

Nominees this year were determined by a combination of popular vote and scores based on panels that screened one sample episode of each show. People who work in television are the people who vote for the Emmys and often are too busy to watch every episode of each show contending for an Emmy.

So when they go into the panels and watch one episode of a series such as "Lights," "Lost," or "The Wire" — shows that require the viewer to know what

happened in previous episodes to understand what he is watching — voters cannot put the show in its proper context, and the episode does not have its intended impact.

Since voting is based on one episode, other shows, like "Boston Legal," whose episodes are mostly self-contained, can steal a nomination. Critics — or people whose job it is to actually watch every episode of the top TV shows — have no voice in the process.

It is hard to grasp the depth of Connie Britton's and Kyle Chandler's performances in "Lights," without having the proper context of their stories. For example, Britton's sample episode contained a scene in which she yells at her daughter for wanting to have sex at the age of 15. (For reference, go to youtube.com and search for "Friday Night Lights — The Talk.")

On its surface, you see Britton as a mother trying to protect her child. But in the context of the show, you see much more on Britton's face and hear much more in her words. Throughout the series, the writers hinted that Britton's character, Tami Taylor, was not happy when she was a teenager because of her promiscuity.

For fans of the show, this scene between mother and daughter shows Tami's worst nightmare — that her daughter was becoming her. Britton

portrayed this fear subtly and let the tone of her voice and the expressions on her face convey this fear instead of coming out and saying it.

Of course, Emmy voters did not have this frame of reference when watching this scene and Britton was not nominated.

But TV critics took notice of her strong performance. They nominated her — along with her "Lights" co-star, Chandler — as one of only five actors or actresses in television drama to receive the top prize for acting at the Television Critics Association Awards. I thought the Emmys would help me out this year and give "Lights" a top award or two so people would watch this wonderful show in season two. I was wrong.

At one point in your life, you, too, will have your favorite show suffer from low ratings. Just don't count on the Emmys to help keep it on the air.

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Emmys struggle to adapt to new format, different host

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7:59 - Hey Scene enthusiasts! Here's my minute-by-minute reaction to the triumphs and disappointments of the 59th annual Emmy Awards. Can the Emmys make it without a comedian hosting? Are Rainn Wilson and Kanye West the unlikely pairing in Emmy history? Let's find out.

8:03 - After an opening number starring Stewie and Brian from "Family Guy," Ryan Seacrest finally walks out on stage to the sounds of "Party Like a Rock Star." That's not exactly a song I would associate with him.

8:07 - So the stage is circular and the audience has to sit around it. I find a few things wrong with this setup. 1) I'm getting dizzy, 2) It looks like the set of a game show and 3) Half of the room has to face the backs of the presenters and winners. All the pretty people deserve a good view, not just a select few.

8:08 - We're spared a song and dance number from Ryan Seacrest, but now we have to endure a humorless bit from Ray Romano.

8:10 - Ray Romano is still talking. My friend and I are losing interest fast. This doesn't bode well for the rest of the night.

8:13 - Jeremy Piven ("Entourage") wins for Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series? I love Ari Gold, but this award totally belongs to either Rainn Wilson or Neil Patrick Harris.

8:14 - America Ferrera and Vanessa Williams look beautiful, but couldn't the writers have given the actresses some "Ugly Betty"-like banter? I think I'm going through Wilhelmina Slater withdrawal.

8:15 - Terry O'Quinn ("Lost") wins for



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Supporting Actor in a Drama Series, but I think he should win an Emmy for his hot pink satin shirt and bedazzled black tie. He's a man who's not afraid to sparkle.

8:23 - The winner for Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series is about to be announced. If Vanessa Williams doesn't win there will be consequences.

8:24 - Jaime Pressly? She's good on "My Name is Earl" but she's no Vanessa Williams. The world better prepare itself for my wrath.

8:51 - Tony Bennett and Christina Aguilera are performing. Bennett's good, but I'm focused on Christina's beautiful raspberry gown and blatant baby bump. Confirm it already Christina!

8:53 - Alec Baldwin is presenting an award immediately after Tony Bennett's performance. Does anyone else want him to bust out his "Saturday Night Live" Bennett impression?

8:58 - A Vanessa Hudgens joke, Seacrest? Really? I'm a little disappointed between that one and the Hayden Panettiere joke from earlier. Junior high humor doesn't suit the Emmys.

9:03 - Poor Queen Latifah. She's leading a tribute to the 30th anniversary of "Roots" but the teleprompter is awkwardly too high for her line of vision.

9:09 - Ugh. Another sleazy joke about Hayden Panettiere. I expected more from you, Neil Patrick Harris.

9:28 - Marcia Cross looks terrible. That is all.

9:39 - It's a tribute to "The Sopranos"! The cast of "Jersey Boys" sings Frankie Valli songs while clips from "The Sopranos" play in the background. It's slightly strange, but I never turn down a performance from the cast of a Broadway musical.

9:44 - "The Sopranos" family members have come up through a stage trap door. It's almost as if they rose from the dead... Is this a secret clue, David Chase? Did the Sopranos clan perish after the blackout? Am I overanalyzing this entrance?

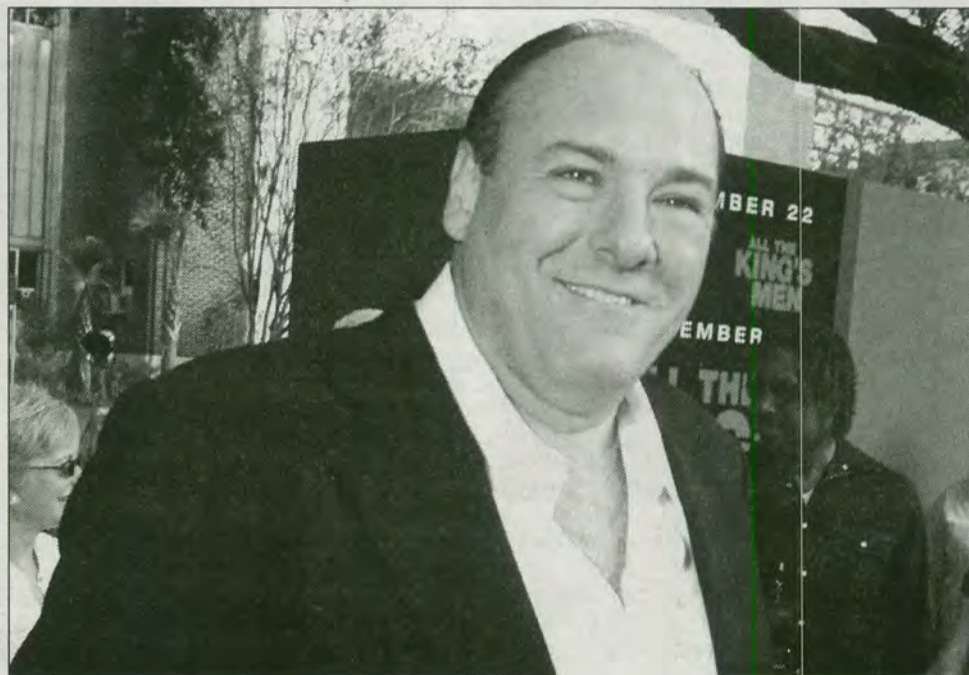


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James Gandolfini was snubbed for the award for Lead Actor in a Drama Series, but "The Sopranos" went on to win for Outstanding Drama Series Sunday.

9:50 - And Helen Mirren ("Prime Suspect: The Final Act") wins for Lead Actress in a Miniseries or Movie. Shocking.

9:51 - Mirren gives fabulous acceptance speeches doesn't she? She says, "I'm going to keep talking till that very dramatic music comes in." I love that.

9:52 - My friend: "Whoa! The microphone just got swallowed by the stage!"

9:53 - My friend's very thankful that out of all the things she has said tonight, I'm quoting her on that one.

9:54 - What is Lewis Black talking about? What is he ever talking about?

9:55 - My friend: "They're not funny, these comedian people." Touché. So far the comedians have disappointed.

10:08 - Brad Garrett's boob jokes are the most tasteless words spoken tonight. This is Disappointment No. 132.

10:09 - And Colbert loses to another legendary performer in the Individual Performance in a Variety or Music Program.

10:10 - Tony Bennett thanks Target. I would also like to thank Target, just because.

10:12 - I now aspire to be as sassy and wonderful as Elaine Stritch ("30 Rock"). After stumbling with words she says, "I'm not faking this. I really don't know what the hell I'm doing." Can she host the Emmys next year, please?

10:24 - Kanye West, Rainn Wilson and Wayne Brady unite!

10:29 - Their bit is cute, but I still won't watch "Don't Forget the Lyrics."

10:39 - Upset of the evening! Ricky Gervais ("Extras") wins for Lead Actor in a Comedy Series. I secretly wanted him to win, but didn't think it was possible with the popularity of Steve Carell and Alec Baldwin. But wait! Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert allow

Carell to accept the award for Gervais. What an emotional "Daily Show" reunion this is!

10:41 - Sally Field ("Brothers & Sisters") wins for Lead Actress in a Drama Series, but she gets censored when she starts speaking out against war. I'm not a big fan of political statements at award shows, but I'm also not a big fan of censorship at award shows.

10:52 - America Ferrera ("Ugly Betty") wins for Lead Actress in a Comedy Series. That's a beautiful blue she's wearing. It's too bad her cast mates can't see her face during her speech since they're stuck behind her.

10:55 - What? What just happened? I spoke too soon. The biggest upset of the evening is James Spader ("Boston Legal") winning for Lead Actor in

a Drama Series instead of James Gandolfini ("The Sopranos"). I'm actually speechless, but he's not and he's funny! He says, "You know I've been to thousands and thousands of concerts in my life, and I can tell you these are the worst seats I've ever had." Thank you!

11:02 - Eek! "30 Rock" just won for Comedy Series. It's what I hoped and dreamed. Tina Fey thanks their dozens and dozens of viewers. Watch this show, people. Don't let it suffer the same fate as "Arrested Development."

11:08 - "The Sopranos" wins for Drama Series. At least something was predictable tonight. I don't remember the last time I wished for predictability at the Emmys, but too many of tonight's surprises were unwelcome (to me at least).

11:11 - Seacrest didn't say "Seacrest, out!" What a semi-disappointing ending to a semi-disappointing Emmys.

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The already highly decorated Helen Mirren, center, won the award for Lead Actress in a Miniseries or Movie for her work in "Prime Suspect: The Final Act."

MLB — AL WRAPS

New York cuts Boston's lead to 3 1/2 games

Blake's walk-off homer lifts Cleveland over Detroit; Thomas hits three dingers in Toronto's win over the Red Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A victory over Baltimore, a loss by Boston and a defeat for Detroit. It's almost as though the New York Yankees won three times Monday night.

Hideki Matsui broke out of a long slump with a go-ahead homer, Phil Hughes earned his first win at Yankee Stadium and New York beat the Orioles 8-5 to move closer to a playoff spot.

Hughes got help from a bullpen that escaped two bases-loaded jams. Alex Rodriguez matched his high for RBIs in a season and the Yankees got within 3 1/2 games of AL East-leading Boston with 12 remaining. That's their smallest deficit since before play on April 22.

New York also increased its wild-card lead to 3 1/2 games over the Tigers.

"We've come too far and worked too hard to start counting your chips," manager Joe Torre said.

The Yankees took two of three at Fenway Park last weekend to cap a 7-2 trip, then quickly got focused on Baltimore. No. 9 batter Doug Mientkiewicz hit a two-run single, Jorge Posada had three hits and Bobby Abreu drove in two runs as New York waited out an inconsistent Daniel Cabrera (9-17).

The Yankees (86-64) have won 10 of 12, improving to a season-best 22 games over

.500. Derek Jeter singled and doubled, passing Bernie Williams for fourth place on the club's career list with 2,337 hits.

"Bernie's probably not too happy," Torre said.

"Bernie probably doesn't even know how many hits he has," Jeter countered.

Baltimore, which surprisingly leads the season series 8-5, has dropped 20 of 26 overall. The 6-foot-9 Cabrera fell to 0-5 in his past six starts and tied St. Louis' Kip Wells for the most losses in the majors.

"There's a lot of losing on my record right now and it's not a good feeling. Seventeen losses is tough for anybody," Cabrera said.

Cabrera took a no-hit bid into the ninth inning at Yankee Stadium last September before his buddy, Robinson Cano, broke it up with a one-out single.

"There's one inning or maybe two in the game where he just seems to lose it," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "There's a lot of work for Daniel to do to become a successful major league pitcher. The numbers tell you what you are."

Indians 6, Tigers 5 (11)

Since April, they've overcome bad weather, late-inning deficits and lingering doubts.

It's been a season of come-



Indians second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera dives into third base as Tigers third baseman Brandon Ingle applies the tag during Cleveland's 6-5 win Monday over Detroit.

backs for the Cleveland Indians, who pulled off their most important one yet.

"This symbolizes the way our year has gone," pitcher Paul Byrd said. "Just when you think we're going to fold, something miraculous happens."

Casey Blake homered with one out in the 11th inning as the Indians rallied for a come-from-behind win Monday night over the Detroit Tigers, who slid 5 1/2 games back in an AL Central race that could soon be over.

Blake turned on a 1-2 pitch from Zach Miner (3-4) and drove it into the left-field bleachers for his second game-ending homer in four days, a shot that lowered the Indians' magic number to seven and inched them closer to their first postseason appearance since 2001.

The Indians, who collapsed in the final week of the 2005 season and missed the playoffs, trailed 5-2 in the eighth before rallying to take the opener of a three-game series that could decide the division.

As Blake's homer cleared the wall and he began rounding the bases, the Indians, who spent most of the game on the top

step of the dugout, poured onto the field as Cleveland fans danced in the aisles.

Blake, who pumped his fists in delight during a home-run sprint, was greeted at the plate by his teammates, who pounded him in celebration and then hopped in unison as fireworks exploded above Jacobs Field.

"It's probably the biggest game we've played all year," said Blake, who felt winning the opener was imperative. "First, second, third. We need them all. But to lose the first one would have been tough. That's why I was so fired up."

Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 1

A milestone night for Frank Thomas meant more trouble for the suddenly stumbling Boston Red Sox.

Thomas hit three home runs to lift the Toronto Blue Jays over the Red Sox on Monday night, raising his total to 512 and tying Ernie Banks and Eddie Mathews for 18th on the career list.

"It was one of those days everything clicked," Thomas said. "I'm just happy. Really happy."

Boston lost for the third time in four games and its AL East

lead was cut to 3 1/2 games over the New York Yankees. That's the smallest division margin for the Red Sox since before play on May 2.

"We've got to grind it out," Tim Wakefield said.

Thomas homered twice off the knuckleballer, then hit his third against reliever Kyle Snyder. Thomas had three homers one other time — hitting all of them off Wakefield at Fenway Park on Sept. 15, 1996.

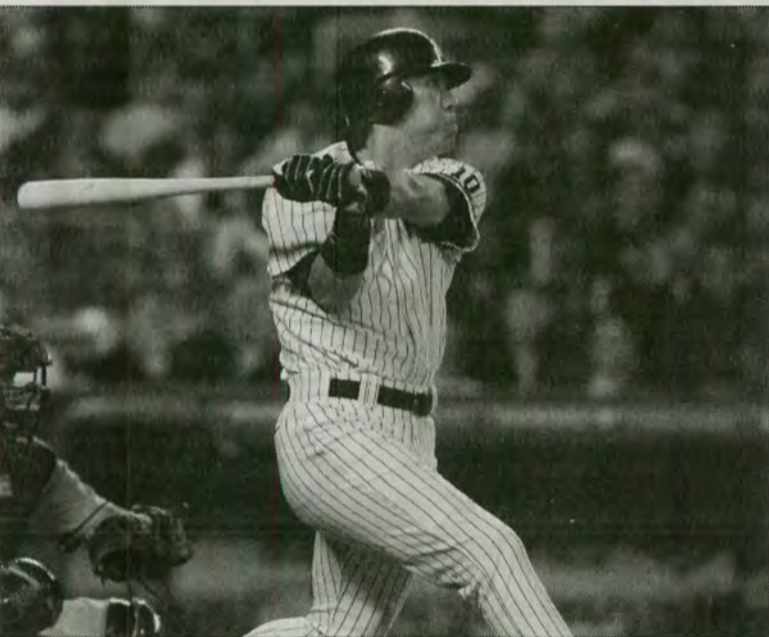
"I remember it like it was yesterday," said Wakefield (16-11). "There's a reason he's got 512 homers. If you make mistakes to him, they leave the yard pretty quick."

Thomas said he had extra motivation on that day 11 years ago.

"It was funny because Mo Vaughn is a very good friend of mine and he hit two that day," Thomas said. "We were really going at each other."

Thomas is a career .250 (12-for-50) hitter against Wakefield.

"I've had my good days against him but over the whole haul, he's had the best of me," Thomas said. "Today a couple flattened out. That happens with knuckleball pitchers sometimes."



Yankees left fielder Hideki Matsui follows through after hitting a home run Monday during New York's 8-5 win over Baltimore.

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team	record	previous
1 USC	2-0	1
2 LSU	3-0	2
3 Florida	3-0	5
4 Oklahoma	3-0	3
5 West Virginia	3-0	4
6 California	3-0	8
7 Texas	3-0	6
8 Ohio State	3-0	10
9 Wisconsin	3-0	7
10 Penn State	3-0	12
11 Rutgers	3-0	13
12 South Carolina	3-0	17
13 Oregon	3-0	19
14 Boston College	3-0	21
15 Clemson	3-0	20
16 Alabama	3-0	NR
17 Virginia Tech	2-1	18
18 Louisville	2-1	9
19 Hawaii	3-0	24
20 Texas A&M	3-0	25
21 Kentucky	3-0	NR
22 Georgia	2-1	23
23 South Florida	2-0	NR
24 Nebraska	2-1	14
25 Missouri	3-0	NR

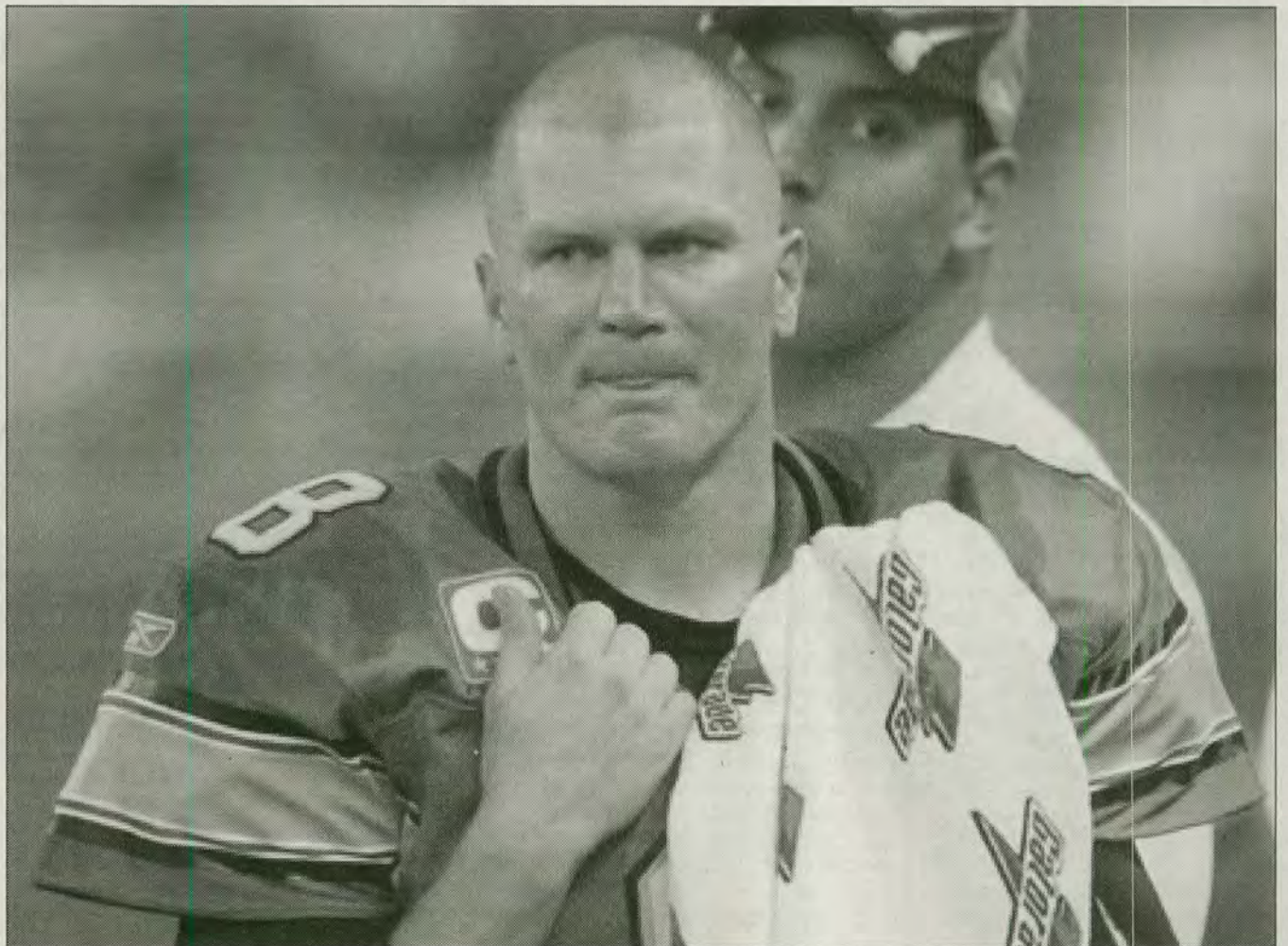
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3 Florida	3-0	3
4 Oklahoma	3-0	5
5 West Virginia	3-0	4
6 Texas	3-0	6
7 Wisconsin	3-0	7
8 California	3-0	8
9 Ohio State	3-0	10
10 Penn State	3-0	12
11 Rutgers	3-0	13
12 Boston College	3-0	19
13 Oregon	3-0	21
14 Clemson	3-0	20
15 South Carolina	3-0	23
16 Texas A&M	3-0	18
17 Virginia Tech	2-1	17
18 Hawaii	3-0	22
19 Louisville	2-1	9
20 Alabama	3-0	NR
21 Georgia	2-1	25
22 Nebraska	2-1	14
23 Kentucky	3-0	NR
24 South Florida	2-0	NR
25 Missouri	3-0	NR2

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team	record	previous
1 Stanford	4-0-0	5
2 North Carolina	2-1-0	6
3 Santa Clara	2-0-1	8
4 Portland	3-1-0	1
5 Texas A&M	3-1-0	3
6 UCLA	2-1-0	7
7 Texas	3-1-0	4
8 BC	3-0-0	10
9 Florida	3-1-0	14
10 Virginia	2-1-1	11
11 NOTRE DAME	1-2-1	2
12 Rutgers	4-0-0	12

NFL



Lions quarterback Jon Kitna paces the field after suffering a concussion in the second quarter of Sunday's game against the Vikings. He helped lead his team to a 20-17 victory after returning in the fourth quarter.

Kitna leads comeback with concussion

Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Detroit quarterback Jon Kitna expected people to snicker and laugh when they heard his explanation for his comeback against Minnesota after getting knocked out of the game with a concussion.

"It was a miracle," Kitna said Monday.

Kitna left the game in the second quarter, returned in the fourth and led the Lions to a 20-17 win over the Vikings in overtime on Sunday.

He said it was the third concussion of his NFL career, and the first since 2001. Kitna said he also had a concussion playing

for Seattle against San Francisco in a 1997 preseason game.

"I've never felt anything like that, and for it to clear up and go right back to as normal as I can be, is nothing short of a miracle," Kitna said. "I just definitely feel the hand of God. That's all it was. You can't explain it."

"I have no headaches, no symptoms, no lingering effects. But that was the worst my head has ever felt, and the worse my memory was in the second quarter. Yet, after halftime there was nothing."

The NFL recently announced new guidelines on dealing with concussions, including creating a

telephone hotline to make it easier to report when a player with a head injury is being forced to practice or play against medical advice.

Concussions have become an increasingly high priority for Roger Goodell and team officials in the past year.

"It's about players' safety, and it's good," Lions coach Rod Marinelli said.

Kitna said the team's medical staff followed proper procedures, evaluating him with several questions and by shining a light toward his eyes. The team cleared him to play in the third quarter and he came back in the fourth.

"They did exactly what they're supposed to do, and

that's why I didn't push it very hard because I knew how touchy of a subject it is in the league right now," Kitna said. "Finally in the fourth quarter, basically I said, 'I don't have anything. I'm as clear as I was when the game started.'"

He was knocked out of the game in the second quarter and appeared to be out for the rest of the day, standing on the sideline without a helmet.

"I was out of it. I didn't know anything. I lost coherence," Kitna said. "It's one of those things, you shouldn't even be able to go back in the game, but it went back to normal and cleared up like it never happened."

IN BRIEF

Ecko collects votes to determine destiny of homerun ball

SAN FRANCISCO — The fate of Barry Bonds' record-breaking home-run ball is now in the public's hands after its buyer announced Monday he was taking votes on whether to give the ball to the Hall of Fame, brand it with an asterisk or blast it into space.

Fashion designer Marc Ecko revealed himself as Saturday's winning bidder in the online auction for the ball that Bonds hit last month to break Hank Aaron's all-time home-run record of 755. The final selling price for No. 756 was \$752,467, well above most predictions.

Ecko had not even taken possession of the ball before posting a Web site that lets visitors vote on which of the three outcomes they think the ball most deserves. He said he plans to announce the final tally after voting ends Sept. 25.

Everett shows greater strength in hands, legs

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Kevin Everett is showing some movement in both hands and greater strength in his leg muscles, further positive signs for the Buffalo Bills tight end following a life-threatening spinal-cord injury.

"Kevin Everett remains medically stable in the intensive care unit, and continues to make daily improvement in his neurological status," Bills doctor John Marzo said Monday in a statement released by the team.

Marzo provided his evaluation after the player was examined Sunday evening by Bills orthopedic surgeon Andrew Cappuccino.

"Kevin demonstrated increased strength in the muscles of his legs," Marzo said. "In addition, he was able to show some movement in both hands."

Marzo added that doctors are now beginning to focus on his neurological and muscular system rehabilitation.

Former Knicks VP testifies against Thomas

NEW YORK — The former Knicks vice president at the center of an explosive sexual harassment trial testified Monday that coach Isiah Thomas repeatedly called her a vulgar name during business meetings.

"He started some sentences with the word bitch, and some sentences he ended with [expletive] bitch, and other times he was spewing curses," said Anucha Browne Sanders, who is seeking \$10 million in damages on her claim that she was fired for accusing Thomas of harassment.

Browne Sanders, testifying in a soft tone of voice, made her remarks during an aggressive cross examination by Thomas defense attorney, Kathleen Bogas.

Asked for an example of profane sentences used by Thomas, Browne Sanders stated: "Bitch, I don't want these players out in the community" for public appearances, and "Bitch, I don't want anything to do with these [expletive] sponsors."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Despite perfect record, Spartans are unsatisfied

Narrow wins over UAB, Bowling Green and Pittsburgh leave Dantonio, MSU with room for improvement

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Mark Dantonio was 2-0 as a Michigan State assistant in Notre Dame Stadium. But he knows those numbers will mean even less than the current Spartans' 3-0 record on their upcoming trip to South Bend.

The first-year head coach at MSU isn't concerned that each of his four predecessors won their first road games against the Fighting Irish, that the Spartans can become the first program to win six straight games in Notre Dame Stadium or that this year's Irish are 0-3 with no offensive touchdowns.

Dantonio has another objective for Saturday, and it isn't to worry about the following week's Big Ten opener against 3-0 Wisconsin in Madison.

"We need to become over-achievers," Dantonio said Monday afternoon. "And we'll continue to take steps toward doing that, regardless of where we are record-wise."

MSU has achieved as much as most people expected with wins over UAB, Bowling Green and Pittsburgh, all in Spartan Stadium. But with each victory coming by a narrower margin, no Spartans are satisfied.

"We haven't accomplished anything yet," said defensive end Jonal Saint-Dic, named Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week after recording two sacks and two forced fumbles against Pitt. "The last few seasons we were 3-0. One year (2005) we were 4-0. When that 12th game is over, that's when we'll start talking."

The Spartans have been smarting for 12 months after squandering a 16-point lead in the final 8:19 and losing 40-37 to Notre Dame, a game that spelled the beginning of the end for John L. Smith, the coach Dantonio replaced. It was a soggy, rain- and tear-soaked payback for MSU's 44-41 overtime win in 2005.

"It was a pretty big contrast," quarterback Brian Hoyer said. "Two years ago was one of the top wins I've had at Michigan State. Then, last year was one of the lowest losses."

With the Spartans favored to win on the road, Notre Dame coming off a 38-0 beating at Michigan and both teams unranked for just the third time in their past 20 meetings, Dantonio vows not to let his team become distracted.

"From my perspective the Irish have excellent talent and always will," he said. "They have excellent coaching. They have tradition. They're backed into a corner a little bit."

"They played us here last year. You guys know the score on that one. But it's a traditional rival. And any time you have a rivalry game, you need

to be prepared. So we'll go down there with that mind-set."

The mind-set is one of respect but not fear. From Hoyer, who grew up thinking Notre Dame was in California, to Saint-Dic, who is only concerned about the fight in the Spartans, the Fighting Irish are still a team to take seriously.

"It's the perfect opportunity for them to really come at us hard," Saint-Dic said. "I'm not downing Notre Dame at all. Things happen. They expected to be good this year. Things haven't gone their way. But that doesn't mean they're not Notre Dame."

"We haven't accomplished anything yet."

Jonal Saint-Dic
Spartans defensive end



Michigan State players celebrate their 17-14 win Saturday over Pittsburgh. The 3-0 Spartans will try to become the first team ever to win six consecutive games in Notre Dame Stadium.

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NFL

Mangini says Pennington will start if healthy

Despite a 260-yard performance Sunday against Baltimore, Clemens will remain the backup if Pennington is ready



Jets quarterback Kellen Clemens drops back to pass during New York's 20-13 loss Sunday to Baltimore.

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — There's no quarterback controversy with the New York Jets.

Despite an impressive fourth-quarter performance by backup Kellen Clemens at Baltimore, Chad Pennington will remain the starter — as long as he's healthy.

"Chad's the starter and I'm the backup. That's been clearly communicated," Clemens said Monday. "Whoever's healthy and ready to go will go on Sunday and we trust the coaches to put us in the best position to hopefully get that first victory."

Whether that means Pennington, who didn't play in the 20-13 loss to the Ravens because of an ankle injury, will be healthy enough to start against the Miami Dolphins remains to be seen.

"If he can, he will," coach Eric Mangini said. "We'll just assess it throughout the week, but if he's able to, he will."

Pennington injured his right ankle when he was sacked in the third quarter of the Jets' season-opening 38-14 loss to the New England Patriots. He missed one play, but came back on New York's next series and led the Jets to a touchdown before pulling himself out of the game late in the fourth quarter.

He walked with a severe limp after the game and spent last week rehabbing the injury. He improved to the point that he was listed as the No. 2 quarterback, even telling reporters after the game that he was ready to play.

"He did a really great job with his rehab," Mangini said. "He worked incredibly hard at it. It was one of those things where, just like we're talking about this

week, you assess it throughout the course of the week. The progress he made was outstanding. I was really pleased with that and that's why he was at the 2-spot."

Pennington was not in the locker room Monday, and usually only speaks to the media on Wednesdays and after games.

"Chad is one of our leaders, one of our main leaders, especially on offense," receiver Jerricho Cotchery said. "To have our guys healthy and ready to go for next week would be a big plus."

Clemens said he wasn't ever told he was going to start against the Ravens — even when the game started.

"As soon as our defense forced that first punt, I just kind of jogged out on the field and nobody told me not to," said Clemens, wearing an Oregon-themed T-shirt with the words "Getting The Job Done" printed on it.

The second-year quarterback certainly made a case for himself to see more action with an impressive second half against the Ravens. He was bottled up in the first half, going 4-of-9 for 43 yards and an interception, but looked like a season veteran in the final 15 minutes.

Clemens cut a 20-3 deficit to seven points in the fourth quarter and took the Jets to the Baltimore 7 before Ray Lewis intercepted a deflected pass in the end zone with 1:04 left to preserve the win.

"He gave us a chance to win, and that is all you can ask for," linebacker Jonathan Vilma said.

Clemens had three passes on the final drive that could've been caught for tying touchdowns, but were dropped. Receivers Justin McCareins and Laveranues Coles took the blame after the game, as did Clemens, for not coming through at the end.

"There were some big throws that we had some opportunities to do something with and I missed," said Clemens, who finished 19-of-37 for 260 yards a touchdown and two interceptions. "We'll work on that."

When asked if he's confident he can be an NFL starter even if he might have taken his last snaps in a game this season, Clemens grimaced.

"That's highly possible," Clemens said. "Gosh, on that one I can only speak on what I proved to myself, and that was in the fourth quarter, it was a nice boost of confidence against a very good defense. In a pretty hostile environment, we were able to move the ball in a game that wasn't going too smoothly. We battled back and made a pretty dang good game out of it. That helps confidence for me, considering the limited action that I've had."

Clemens took some hard hits from the Ravens, especially in the first half. He was sacked four times and was forced to hurry a number of throws.

"There's some soreness, there is, but it's a good soreness," Clemens said. "It's a lot better to be sore because you were playing than because you were standing around on the sideline the whole time. A little bit of soreness, but that just comes with playing, and it feels good to be a part of it."

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NFL

Kiffin disgusted with passing game

Raiders coach says McCown still starter despite sub-par play

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Lane Kiffin is sticking with Josh McCown as his starting quarterback this week against Cleveland even after the Oakland coach called the Raiders' passing game "embarrassing" in their latest loss.

McCown went 8-for-16 for 73 yards and one touchdown and three interceptions, failing to generate any consistent offense through the air against the Broncos.

But Kiffin said Monday that McCown gives the team a better chance to win than Daunte Culpepper and would remain the starter at least for this week.

"Our passing game was basically embarrassing," Kiffin said Monday. "That falls on all of us, from up front to the receivers to the backs to the quarterback to the coaches, all of us. It's obviously something we need to improve on."

Given the job in part because

of his ability to manage the game, McCown threw three interceptions against the Broncos and has five through two games. If that doesn't change soon, Culpepper could get the nod.

"Josh has got to get better, that's no secret, or he won't be our starting quarterback for long, especially at this pace," Kiffin said.

After getting booed in his debut with the Raiders despite throwing for 313 yards and two touchdowns, McCown figures to get more of the same treatment this week.

With a former Pro Bowl player in Culpepper and the No. 1 overall pick in JaMarcus Russell waiting in the wings, McCown is clearly not the fan favorite in

Oakland.

"I don't get caught up in it because it does me no good," McCown said. "It's just going to bring me down. I have to play to a standard that I want to and as bad as the fans may think that you play or whatever, this is just something they go and watch, and they go and get enjoyment from. This is my life, this is my job. If they want me to do better than just imagine how much I want to do better and how well I want to play."

"Our passing game was basically embarrassing."

Lane Kiffin
Raiders coach

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Amanda David helps Belles get back on track

By SAMANTHA LEONARD
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has had a roller-coaster season so far, winning its season opener and then dropping its next five matches. After going 2-2 in the Hiram Ohio Tournament last weekend, the Belles seem to have finally settled into a groove.

Saint Mary's has won four of its last five, largely due to better teamwork and the leadership of its more experienced players.

One of the key catalysts in the team's transformation has been senior setter Amanda David, who transferred to Saint Mary's her sophomore year.

David was not a setter before she arrived at Saint Mary's, but has seamlessly grown into the role, averaging 9.72 setting assists a game. She also leads the team in service aces with 15 in the first 11 matches. She has contributed on defense, with an average of .79 kills and 1.87 digs a game.

"She has done an outstanding job adapting to the setting role," Schroeder-Biek said. "She transferred in as a libero. I love setters that are defensive minded. She has the brain of a setter — she knows the game, she knows her hitters and also, knows when she

needs to be an offensive threat herself."

But David said she was unsure not only about growing into a new position but also about continuing to play the sport at all. Her first days as a Belle showed her she would fit in on the team, she said.

"Once I visited campus and met Julie [Schroeder-Biek] for the first time I knew immediately that Saint Mary's is where I belonged," David said. "I could not picture myself anywhere else."

Schroeder-Biek is also glad David chose to become a Belle.

"Amanda is an amazing leader," the coach said. "She is a strong competitor, and the players really feed off of her drive."

David said she has confidence in her team's blend of experience and youth.

"Some of the younger players from last year are really stepping up, and the first years bring a unique competitive edge to the court," David said.

In its last match, a win over Alma, Schroeder-Biek said her team started to click.

"I really liked our fight," Schroeder-Biek said. "I felt that the team really bonded together with their drive to win."

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NHL

NHL to play outdoors in Buffalo

New Year's Day clash will be first outdoor game played in U.S.

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Sidney Crosby will show off his passing skills at the same place Jim Kelly did for years — in front of shivering fans at Buffalo's Ralph Wilson Stadium.

It'll be pucks instead of footballs and the home team will be the Sabres and not the Bills.

Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins will face Buffalo on New Year's Day in the first outdoor NHL game in the United States. It will be the second time the league staged such an event in the regular season, coming more than four years after the Montreal Canadiens faced the Oilers outside on a frigid November day in Edmonton.

The official announcement was made Monday at the 74,000-seat stadium, where the league attendance record is expected to be broken.

"I'm excited," said Crosby, the 20-year-old reigning MVP. "I think it's going to be a great experience for everyone. We all watched the Edmonton-Montreal game. We've all prepared for this at some point in our careers, playing outside, so I think it's going to be a lot of fun for us and for the fans."

Preparations for the historic game are expected to begin on Christmas Eve, the day after the Bills play the New York Giants in Buffalo's final regular-season home game. A

refrigeration system will be installed to make the ice and the process will be supervised by Dan Craig, the NHL's ice expert.

"There is something very special about taking hockey out into the elements, back to its roots, back to the place where so many boys and girls first learned to love the game," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said on the stadium's bright green turf, which will be transformed into an ice rink.

Buffalo was chosen for its dependably cold winters and proximity to Pittsburgh, from where fans are expected to make the 225-mile trip in droves. The NHL already is making plans to organize bus excursions and hold hotel rooms.

"The average temperature in the beginning of January, end of December is 25 degrees," Bettman said. "That's exactly what we're hoping for. A little overcast ... We prefer that there be no lake-effect snow or any other precipitation."

A normal Jan. 1 snowfall in Buffalo is less than an inch, according to National Weather Service records. Temperatures have varied from 0 degrees in 1970 to 63 in 1985.

Tickets, ranging from \$29 to \$225, were scheduled to go on sale Tuesday morning. The game will be televised by NBC against college football bowls.

"I never thought it was going to happen again, to be

honest," Crosby said of playing outside. "But to be part of it, we really feel fortunate."

Sabres goalie Ryan Miller was in net for Michigan State for its 2001 outdoor "Cold War" with Michigan, when shadows and wind were unique challenges.

"I got off the ice after that game and I was red in the face, windburned, and my toes were frozen," Miller said. "I'm hoping I learned a little bit and can make some adjustments and figure out how to stay warm."

The Sabres have reached the Eastern Conference finals each of the past two seasons. The Penguins, built around young stars Crosby and rookie of the year Evgeni Malkin, are hoping to get to that level soon.

"We have a young team so it's not that long ago that our young players were actually playing on ponds," Penguins president David Morehouse said. "Whether it be Sidney Crosby in Canada, Evgeni Malkin in Russia or Ryan Whitney in the United States ... they're very excited and enthusiastic."

Bettman said the NHL will pay for the event, expected to cost "well into the seven figures." A contingency plan is in the works in case the weather doesn't cooperate.

The league's only previous outdoor non-exhibition game drew 57,167 fans to Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium in November 2003.

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NHL commissioner



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PGA

Scary thought: Woods playing better than ever

After four victories in last five starts, Woods reveals he has not needed extra practice since the British Open

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Four victories in his last five starts is proof enough that Tiger Woods is more dominant than ever, especially considering he won those four tournaments by a combined 20 shots and shattered tournament scoring records in consecutive weeks.

More evidence came from his caddie as he waited for Woods to arrive for the final round of the Tour Championship.

"He hasn't hit a practice ball since the British Open," Steve Williams said. "I've been with him nearly 10 years now, and this is the best I've ever seen him hit the ball."

No practice? Not quite.

What he meant was that Woods has such command over his game that he stopped going to the practice range after his rounds since returning home from Carnoustie.

Woods confirmed as much when he left East Lake with his two trophies — one for the Tour Championship, one for the FedEx Cup.

"Hey, there was no need to go," he said with a shrug and a smile.

Whether this is the best he has ever played is up for debate, but don't expect Woods to participate. He is always looking forward, always trying to figure out a way to get better. That's what makes it so daunting for the guys trying to reach his level. They know they have to get better, and that's assuming Woods doesn't continue to improve himself.

So far, that hasn't happened.

Since his latest round of swing changes took root at the end of 2004, Woods has won 21 times on the PGA Tour. That's more than Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh and Jim Furyk combined over the last three years.

And the truly scary part is that Woods, at age 31, might still be years away from his prime.

"I don't know when it's going to be," Woods said. "The whole idea is to try and keep improving. When all is said and done, when you rack the cue and go home and retire, you can honestly say, 'These were my best years, when I was at my peak.' But when you're in it, you're always trying to improve that a little bit to get to the next level."

As the trophies keep piling up, the numbers are simply staggering.

Woods now has won 61 times in just more than 11 full years on the PGA Tour. Jack Nicklaus was 36 when he captured his 61st tour victory. He has won 28 percent of the time since turning pro, and that if that number is hard to fathom alone, consider that Mickelson has won 9 percent of his tournaments, Singh is at 8 percent and Ernie Els at 6 percent.

Woods' final putt for par at East Lake put him at 23-under 257 for the lowest 72-hole score of his career, and six shots better than the previous record at the Tour Championship. A week ear-

lier at Cog Hill, he broke the tournament record by five shots at 22-under 262, winning by two over Aaron Baddeley.

With his 2007 season in the books — all he has left is the Presidents Cup and his Target World Challenge in December — Woods finished with a 67.79 adjusted scoring average, equaling his record from the 2000 season.

And while the \$10,867,052 was short by \$38,114 of the record Singh set in 2004, the big Fijian played 29 times that year. Woods played in only 16 tournaments. That's an average of \$172,493 per round.

Woods said the latest adjustment since the British Open, where he tied for 12th, was simply shifting the weight more toward the balls of his feet for better balance. That made it appear he was standing closer to the ball.

Swing coach Hank Haney hasn't seen much change the last two years, with one exception. What he watched with regularity on the range at Woods' home course in Isleworth, he now sees more often inside the ropes on the PGA Tour.

"I've seen him play like this and hit the ball like this the last couple of years — for sure the last year — but most of times I've seen that, it's been at Isleworth," Haney said Sunday from his home in Dallas. "It's only been bits and pieces in tournaments."

It's still not perfect. Woods lunged at one tee shot on the 16th hole at East Lake in the opening round, scolding himself when it sailed to the right.

"Tiger Woods!" he said through clenched teeth. "Trust your swing."

Haney believes that trust was evident at Oakmont in the third round of the U.S. Open, when Woods hammered a driver down the middle of the fairway on his way to perhaps his best ball-striking round of the year. He hit 17 greens in regulation that day.

"I know what that hole feels like to him. It's really tight," Haney said. "On the practice tee, he said, 'I'm driving the ball in the fairway.' And he piped it right down the middle, then did the same thing on Sunday. I felt that was big turning point in his confidence."

Woods didn't see it that way. In his eyes, the turning point came at the Western Open last July. He had just missed the cut in a major for the first time, opened with a 72 at Cog Hill, then spent hours that Thursday afternoon on the practice range. It was hard work, but enjoyable.

For the first time since his father died, it was fun.

"I've been with him nearly 10 years now, and this is the best I've ever seen him hit the ball."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Walsh prepares to battle Cavanaugh

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Both Cavanaugh and Walsh have high hopes going into tonight's 8 p.m. game at Riehle Field.

The Chaos hope they can rebound from a disappointing 2006 campaign. Senior captain Tarah Brown is confident about her team's chances this year.

"[Our goal is] to go to the stadium and win the whole thing," Brown said. "We were disappointed with last season and want to avenge ourselves. We're looking a lot better so far."

Cavanaugh has a number of experienced players returning from last year's squad, including junior starting quarterback Katie Dunn. Almost every starting defender, along with the receiving corps, is an upper-classman.

The Chaos know what they have to do to defeat their arch-rival.

"[Walsh] is usually pretty intense. We just have to get out there and play hard at the very beginning," Brown said. "We just have to play hard and fast and do what we've been practicing."

The Wild Women, meanwhile, will look to build on Sunday's 13-7 win over Pasquerilla East.

"Our offense was really connecting well with one another, and our defense was really doing everything to stop them," senior captain Marie Brenner said. "We still have a lot of stuff to implement, but we really want to build on what we did [on Sunday]."

The key to the Walsh offense is senior quarterback Mary Sullivan, who had one rushing and one passing touchdown against Pasquerilla East. Sierra Smith, Sullivan's favorite target on Sunday, will likely have another big game at receiver for the Wild Women.

The defense, which contributed two interceptions in the first game, also looks to continue its dominance and maintain the momentum gained from the first win.

"We just need to keep up the enthusiasm," Brenner said. "The offense and defense need to keep doing what they've been doing."

But while she is confident, Brenner is not underestimating Cavanaugh.

"They have great athletes and work together really well," she said. "They're a very similar team to us."

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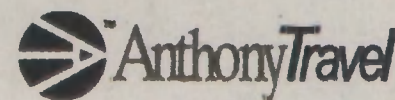
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think that's a big part of it," Welsh senior captain Kelly Bushelle said. "We're all working together really well right now."

The chemistry among the Whirlwinds upperclassmen was evident between receiver Bushelle and her co-captain, junior quarterback Jenni Gargula. The pair hooked up for a key touchdown late in the second half that helped seal the game for Welsh Family.

Gargula also threw three more touchdown passes, two to sophomore receiver Mary Clare Rodriguez and one to junior Kricky Szczepaniak.

While Welsh Family had the luxury of relying on experience, Pangborn returned only two starters from last year's second-place squad. The lack of experience, combined with the fact that the team has had one practice all season, made the Phoxes' first game an adventure.

Pangborn coach Kevin Goodwin said the inexperience only compounded his team's difficulties.

"It wasn't that they don't know how to play — it's just that it leads to confusion when the other team has so many set plays, and we're trying to sub people in and everyone's still unsure of their roles on the team," he said.

Goodwin said the graduation of so many key players led to a depleted

roster and put Pangborn at a distinct disadvantage.

"When we're matching up number-wise, you'd see Welsh with only offensive players and only defensive players and so during practice they're able to practice the whole time," Goodwin said. "We don't have enough players to do that, so we're having to switch the whole time, so on top of inexperience it's tough to learn when you don't have many people on the field."

Pangborn's offense was led by sophomore captain Meghan Bescher, a receiver, and freshman quarterback Gabby Tate. The two hooked up seven times, twice for touchdowns and were consistently the center of the Phoxes' offense. Despite some evident weaknesses for the Phoxes, Bescher said she felt good about the game.

"We saw some good things, and we'll just build on that," she said. "Not a bad first showing, could have been better, but I just think we'll focus on defense and we can be pretty effective. Now that [the freshmen] have a game under our belt we should be fine."

Each team plays its next game Thursday, with Welsh Family going up against Breen-Phillips and Pangborn taking on Badin.

Howard 13, McGlenn 7

In a defensive battle, Howard picked up the come-from-behind win over McGlenn Sunday.

The Ducks rode their freshman quarterback and defensive back Kayla Bishop to victory. Bishop had

two passing touchdowns and two interceptions, earning praise from many teammates.

"She has an amazing arm," said sophomore receiver Mary Jenkins, who caught the second touchdown pass.

Despite her strong showing, Bishop remained humble and focused, citing areas in which she wanted the team to improve.

"We would like to try and get some more girls out to practice and sharpen our game," she said. "We really need to work on our run game in particular."

McGlenn, meanwhile, watched a 7-0 halftime lead slip away and was disappointed afterward. Shamrocks senior Katie Zedler cited her team's lack of cohesiveness and experience as part of the reason for the loss.

"We have a really young team," Zedler said. "We made some mistakes, but at the same time, we need to get the kinks worked out. We will come out strong on Tuesday."

The game had some bright spots for the Shamrocks, who have the pieces in place to rebound and make a solid run for the rest of the season.

Shamrocks junior quarterback Sarah de Groot rushed for their only touchdown and displayed flashes of what could be a solid passing game. She connected deep to junior Lulu Meraz several times, but McGlenn could not find the end zone again.

In the second half, the Ducks seized the momentum and tied the game on a touchdown pass from Bishop to sophomore Priscilla Longoria. One possession later, they

took the lead on Jenkins' touchdown reception. The Ducks defense held the Shamrocks offense at bay to seal the win.

One Duck in particular showed outstanding toughness. Senior Catherine Krug took a blow to the face in the first half and left the game with a broken nose. She remained on the sidelines for the majority of the game to cheer on her teammates before finally being escorted out by paramedics.

Pasquerilla West 33, Breen-Phillips 18

The Babes had no answer for Grace Orians, Breen-Phillips freshman quarterback, who ran for four touchdowns and threw for another as the Purple Weasels triumphed Sunday.

The defense also played exceptionally well for Pasquerilla West, allowing only two first downs and forcing two interceptions.

The Purple Weasels' running game asserted itself during its first possession. Orians was able to take advantage of superb blocking by her offensive line for a 50-yard touchdown run on the first drive of the game.

After a missed extra-point attempt, the Babes moved the ball about 25 yards down the field until a Pasquerilla West interception snuffed out the attack.

After a sustained drive on the ensuing possession, Orians was able to punch it in for the 13-0 Pasquerilla West lead. The Purple Weasels scored one more touch-

down to take a 19-0 lead into half-time. The team then added two quick scores in the second half to extend its lead to 33-0.

Breen-Phillips scored its two touchdowns after any doubt had been removed about the result of the game.

Pasquerilla West captain Tina Martinek was pleased with how the Purple Weasels played and knows that the team now has a target on its back.

"People will be gunning for us now. We have to make sure that we stay focused and continue to work for our goal," Martinek said. "We cannot get cocky; we just have to continue to buckle down each game."

Walsh 13, Pasquerilla East 7

Walsh got its season off to a successful start by defeating Pasquerilla East 13-7 Sunday.

Walsh's offense asserted itself early, driving the length of the field on its first possession before the Pyros stopped the Wild Women short of the goal line.

After holding P.E. to a quick three-and-out, Walsh sophomore Sierra Smith returned the Pyros punt to midfield. A long pass from senior quarterback Mary Sullivan to sophomore Meghan Hadley put Walsh on the 5-yard line, and Sullivan ran the ball in for a score on the next play. Another pass from Sullivan to Hadley gave Walsh the extra point and a 7-0 lead.

The Pyros put together a strong drive of their own at the end of the first half that included four strong runs by freshman running back Jess Leiferman. But the drive ended when Wild Women defender Kristen Keve intercepted Pasquerilla East freshman quarterback Caitlin Lynch's pass in the end zone.

Walsh scored again on its first drive of the second half, this time on a 35-yard pass from Sullivan to Smith. Smith made the catch in traffic and outran Pyros defenders to the end zone. After a failed extra point attempt, the Wild Women led 13-0.

Smith, who had three receptions on the day, was named MVP of the game for Walsh.

"Sierra really stepped up and made some big plays for us," Walsh offensive coach Chris Cugliari said.

Pasquerilla East started to find an offensive rhythm late in the game, scoring on a long pass from Lynch to senior captain Caroline Nally with 1:19 left. Leiferman's run to convert the extra point cut the lead to 13-7.

Walsh was able to run out the clock on its next possession and secure the win.

Coaches Dan Braun and Jeremiah Herman attributed the Wild Women's success to their ability to shut down Pasquerilla East's passing game.

"We matched up well defensively," Herman said. "We didn't have to do too much blitzing or changing coverages."

Pyros coaches named Lynch their game MVP. Despite being named the starter only late this week, she completed nine of 16 passes while throwing for a touchdown. But like the rest of the Pyros offense, it took some time for Lynch to find her rhythm.

"We started off a little shaky," Pasquerilla East assistant coach Brian Rycyna said. "But we definitely improved as the game went on."

Pyros head coach Spencer Longhofer attributed the sluggish start to a lack of practice time and was confident the team will find a groove.

"We expect to improve a lot by Tuesday," Longhofer said. "A one-loss season is our goal right now."

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first goal in each of their two contests.

But neither first-half deficit kept the Irish from dominating or opened up the floodgates like the one in the Santa Clara game did. Notre Dame still had ample opportunities to win, and the team took advantage of enough chances against Princeton to do just that. After falling behind 1-0 in the 22nd minute, the Irish stormed back to win 4-2.

But against No. 16 Oklahoma State, Notre Dame's luck ran out. The squad mustered nine shots in the first half but headed into the break trailing 1-0. When Irish junior forward Kerri Hanks finally sent one into the back of the net with about 22 minutes left in regulation, the team looked relieved, knowing it should have tied the score long before that.

"We clearly dominated," Waldrum said. "We should have scored five in the second half."

And, even though they couldn't strike again before the clock ran out, the Irish appeared to carry their second-half momentum into overtime. That is, until one of the weekend's numerous defensive miscues did them in.

Just 79 seconds into the extra period, Oklahoma State senior midfielder Sasa Jackson ended the contest after the Irish defense failed to clear the ball from inside the penalty box.

"In that situation, you just have to get the ball out," Waldrum said.

The attackers could have bailed their defense out earlier by converting one or two more golden opportunities. And the back line could have given the offense a few more chances by playing smart soccer.

But the bottom line is that neither group played well where it counts the most — around the net.

The views in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Irish midfielder Amanda Cinalli fights for a ball during Notre Dame's 2-1 overtime loss to Oklahoma State Sunday. VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

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Riley, another of Clark's former players, joined the Notre Dame staff. Riley graduated from Notre Dame in 2004 in second place on the all-time assists list. He was named to the Big East all-conference team three times in his career. Riley spent

two years coaching elsewhere before returning to South Bend.

"I'm very lucky because both my assistants played for me," Bobby Clark said. "They know the game and they know our philosophy."

The three-headed coaching monster was successful right away. Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals in its first year as a group, and so far

in 2007, the No. 8 Irish are 3-1-1.

Bobby Clark said neither of his assistants hesitate to vocalize their ideas, and he believes their youth helps them relate to the players.

"They've been through it all," he said. "I really encourage them to have their own input."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Teams prepare for showdowns

By RACHEL PLASSMEYER and LAURA MEYERS

Sports Writers

McGlinn vs. Farley

McGlinn hopes to bounce back from its 13-7 loss to Howard and start anew against Farley tonight.

"We hope to come out strong," Shamrocks senior captain Taryn Lewis said. "It was a tough loss on Sunday, but we're still hoping to come out with a win against Farley."

Lewis saw a few bright spots in the loss, including the performances of freshman Kathleen Stanley and junior quarterback Sarah deGroot.

Farley presents a tough test for the Shamrocks offense. Finest junior captain Jenny Rolfs pointed to the defense as one of the strongest parts of her team.

"We have a lot of returning players," Rolfs said. "We're pretty confident in our team this year."

Farley, which has yet to play this season, plans to beat the Shamrocks

by running simple plays and protecting its defense. The Finest hope to begin a run to the playoffs and repeat last year's trip to the semifinals, the team's best-ever finish.

As the Finest begin a season they hope will end in Notre Dame Stadium, the Shamrocks look for redemption.

"We're just looking to be competitive in a really tough league," Lewis said. "We'll see."

The two teams will meet at 9 p.m. at Riehle Field.

Pasquerilla East vs. Howard

Pasquerilla East has a chance to redeem itself against a talented Howard team tonight at 7 p.m.

While the Pyros are coming off a 13-7 loss to Walsh, Ducks freshman captain Mary Jenkins said her team will try to build on the momentum it gained in a 13-7 victory over McGlinn Sunday.

"I was surprised at our last game," Jenkins said. "We played really well, considering our only practice was 45 minutes before

kickoff."

She also made note of Howard's success in spreading the field.

Against Farley, Howard junior Christina Sensabaugh helped run an effective offense, and junior Kate Sylvia played well on both sides of the ball. Sophomore Priscilla Longoria, a quick running back, energized the running game. Freshman quarterback Kayla Bishop scored two touchdowns, one rushing and one passing.

"Kayla is a driving force in the huddle. She's very composed for a freshman," Jenkins said. "Charlie Weis can ask Kayla if he's looking for the next quarterback — with her, our offense isn't too shabby, and if I remember right, Howard has scored more touchdowns than Notre Dame."

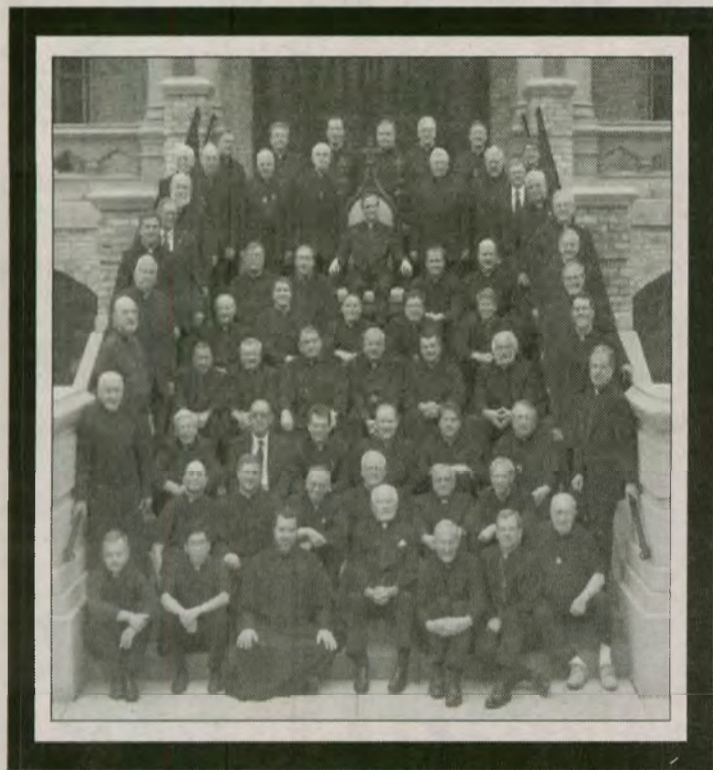
Pasquerilla East's captain, junior Megan Becker, could not be reached for comment.

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Lyons crushes Badin; Whirlwinds beat Phoxes

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Sports Writers

Lyons 20, Badin 6

Sophomore Andrew Lorenz's humorous yet powerful pre-game speech to Lyons set the tone early as the Lions rolled to a 20-6 victory over Badin Sunday in the season opener.

"Remember, girls. Sweat is the perfume of accomplishment," Lorenz said to his squad.

A young but potent backfield comprised of sophomore quarterback Claire Connell and freshman running back Neva Lundy proved to be

the difference for Lyons. The pair accounted for all 20 points.

Along with a defense that allowed just one first down in the second half, the Lions offensive unit dominated the game.

"We've got a great mix of young talent, senior leadership and great coaching," Connell said. "Having a lot of people who didn't have experience, we knew we wanted to run the ball a lot. [Lundy] got speed, and I've played quarterback before ... we had chemistry off the bat."

And that chemistry certainly translated into results on the field.

Either Connell or Lundy touched the ball on 24 of the Lions' 29 plays from scrimmage. Connell's 20-yard touchdown run on the Lions' fourth offensive play gave them a 7-0 lead,

and she later connected with Lundy on a swing pass for a 3-yard score.

Connell finished with five completions on seven attempts. She also rushed nine times and converted two extra points, one on the ground and one through the air.

Lundy had four receptions and six carries, including an ankle-breaking 40-yard run. The stellar output came in her organized football debut.

"I knew I'd be getting the ball a lot, so I'd really have to focus," Lundy said. "Once the game gets going, it's hectic and fast-paced. My mind was just going a hundred miles a minute."

Lyons junior coach Matt Gelchion had his team well prepared for the season opener. Realizing his team

needed some added motivation, he decided that before every game, a different person will give a last-minute pep talk to his players.

Lorenz, one of Gelchion's close friends, got the call on opening day, but next week's speaker remains a mystery.

"It was definitely a surprise," Lundy said of Lorenz's presence. "I think it may have been the X-factor. We'll just have to see who it is next week."

Badin junior quarterback Katie Rose Hackney was the victim of a heavy pass rush and suffocating secondary. Hackney managed to connect on seven of her 15 pass attempts, including a 12-yard first-half touchdown strike that cut the lead to 7-6.

However, she also threw two interceptions, one to Lyons junior Shannon Brady and another to Lyons senior Joanna Collins. Hackney was also sacked five times and rarely broke loose on any of her 10 carries.

Welsh Family 27, Pangborn 12

Experience played a large role in Welsh Family's win over Pangborn Sunday.

The team has looked to veterans of last year's team, which went 4-0 in the regular season and lost in the quarterfinals of the playoffs, for leadership this season.

"We've got a really good team chemistry going on right now, and I

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MEN'S SOCCER

Like father, like son

Jamie Clark follows dad's footsteps to Notre Dame sidelines

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

They say the apple doesn't fall from the tree, and with Notre Dame assistant coach Jamie Clark, he couldn't get much closer.

Clark, age 30, is entering his second year as a part of the Irish coaching staff that is headed by his father, Bobby Clark. The son, though, is no stranger to coaching the game. The younger Clark got his first taste of the whistle at his father's clinics when he was just 12 years old.

"He's always been around it,"

Bobby Clark said. "He was always the organizer no matter what game he was playing."

Clark was a three-sport athlete in high school and went to North Carolina to play soccer for the Tar Heels. In his sophomore season, he transferred to Stanford to play under their new head coach — his father.

Under his father's tutelage, Jamie was a two-time All-American and led Stanford to its first-ever Final Four appearance.

He was drafted by the Colorado Rapids of MLS when he graduated in 1999.

After a nagging groin injury ended his career, Jamie Clark moved to New Mexico where he got an assistant coaching job at the University of New Mexico. Bobby Clark said he never pressured his son into coaching, but it seems that was just

natural for him.

"As a player I always felt he had great field awareness and great game awareness," Bobby Clark said. "I felt like he was a coach on the field at that time."

His success followed him as the Lobos went 61-16-8 during his tenure and lost in the 2005 National Championship in his final game on the New Mexico sidelines.

That year, the Irish lost two long-time assistant coaches, and Bobby Clark found himself with a void to fill.

"Just out of the blue I thought, 'Well, Jamie would be an ideal replacement,'" he said. "I just didn't know if he would want to come back to coach with his dad."

Jamie Clark jumped at the chance and, along with Chad

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Irish freshman forward Steven Perry fights for the ball during Notre Dame's 1-1 tie with Northern Illinois Sept. 9.

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Team struggles in front of both nets

After giving up a combined nine goals to Stanford and Santa Clara last week, Notre Dame coach Randy Waldrum said he would be shocked if his defense did not perform better at the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic this past weekend.

Fran Tolan

Sports Writer

And if you looked at box scores from the tournament, it would seem that the back line showed marked improvement. The Irish surrendered just six shots each to Princeton and Oklahoma State, while going 1-1 on the weekend.

But, of those 12 shots, four found the back of the net. In comparison, the Irish tallied 35

shots in the two contests and managed to score just five times. Notre Dame had its way with both the Tigers and the Cowgirls from one penalty box to the other but did not execute well near either net.

The Irish lost 7-1 to Santa Clara last Friday and gave up most of the goals while trying to dig themselves out of an early hole.

"What fans need to understand about Santa Clara is we could have easily kept it close," Waldrum said. "But we fell behind quickly and had to keep gambling to try to tie it up."

This weekend, the Irish continued their habit of faltering early in games. They surrendered the

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish lead after two rounds of play

Park paces squad with three-under par 141 on first day

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is trying to keep its early season momentum going at the Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup in Simpsonville, Ky., and those efforts are paying off as the team sits in first place after two rounds on the first day.

The Irish played the first 36 holes Monday and ended with a comfortable eight-stroke lead.

Their six-over par 582 (292-290) performance topped host Louisville, which is in second place with a 590 (295-295) mark on the day.

Augusta State is currently in third place after carding a total score of 592 (289-303), two strokes better than Georgia State. Middle Tennessee State rounded out the top five with a 602 (302-300).

Notre Dame's entire lineup played consistently Monday, with freshman So-Hyun Park leading the charge.

After placing second at the Cougar Classic, Park shot a three-under par 141 at the Cardinal Club to take the lead into Tuesday's final round.

Middle Tennessee State senior Taryn Durham trails Park by just one stroke.

A week after junior co-captain Lisa Maunu set a team record at the Cougar Classic, she fired rounds of 70 and 76, putting her in a four-way tie for fifth place. Maunu's score was identical to that of

sophomore teammate Kristin Wetzel.

Wetzel shot the top round of her collegiate career in the final 18 holes of the day on the way to her two-over par 146 (75-71) performance.

Fellow sophomore Annie Brophy ended the day as the third Irish golfer in the top 20, finishing in a tie for 17th with her six-over par 150 (77-73) play.

Rounding out the Notre Dame lineup was freshman Katie Conway, who sits in a 32nd-place tie thanks to a nine-over 153 (78-75).

The third and final round of the Cardinal Cup will be played today at 8:30 a.m. Live hole-by-hole scoring of the tournament is available at www.golfstatresults.com.

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