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Dillon Hall cancels annual pep rally

Rector says he didn't prepare residents for the event, which won't be rescheduled in 2008

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Dillon Hall Rector Fr. Paul Doyle shocked residents Sunday when he announced the residence hall's pep rally, held every year before the first home football game of the season, was cancelled.

The pep rally, a series of skits mocking aspects of Notre Dame life, has been a Dillon Hall tradition since the late 1970s, lead pep rally scriptwriter Ryan O'Connor said.

Fr. Doyle cited two reasons for his decision.

"I failed to provide the necessary direction and support," he said.

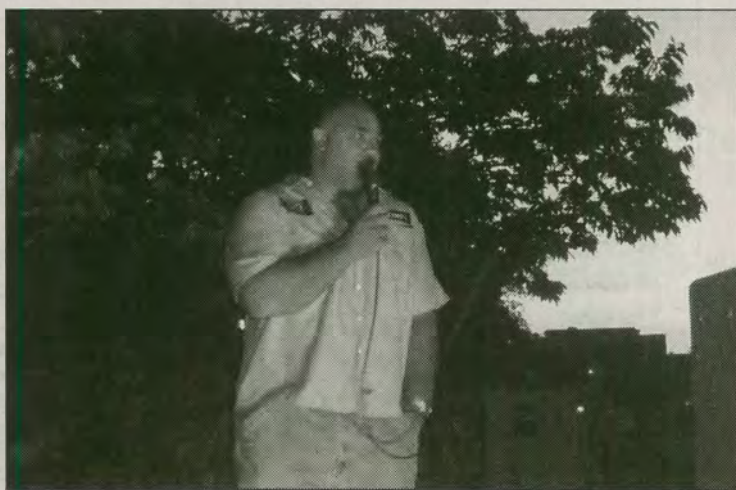
The rector also told his residents the pep rally "was not coming together in a timely fashion."

Though this year's event is not intended be rescheduled, Fr. Doyle expressed his intent to hold a pep rally in the future.

"I hope we can have a pep rally next year that is the sort of pep rally the Dillon men and campus community have come to expect," he said.

Before Fr. Doyle broke the news of the pep rally's cancellation to the dormitory as a whole Sunday night, he had a private meeting with current Dillon Hall President, Brendan

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JAY FITZPATRICK/The Observer

Chris Zorich, a member of the 1988 Notre Dame football National Championship team, speaks at last year's Dillion Pep Rally on August 30, 2007.

Industrial design gets top-5 rank

Small program gains respect internationally

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

Tucked into a basement studio of the Riley Hall of Art and Design, Notre Dame industrial design majors labor for long hours, drawing sketches and building models. Although only staffed by two faculty members, the industrial design program has become a powerhouse, and was recently ranked as one of the top five international programs by BusinessWeek magazine.

"[Industrial Design] is a way that you can use the thinking or the methodology of the artist and apply it to real world problems," Industrial Design professor Paul Down said. "In the last 11 or 12 years we've had students that started to win awards because we started to enter more competitions."

The program gained campus-wide recognition last year when former senior Mallory McMorrow placed first in the Mazda Design Competition, an online contest, where contestants entered their vision of the 2018 MAZDA3.

Industrial Design has won numerous other awards in the past several years,

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Construction continues across campus

Projects are ongoing, with work to continue this winter; buildings expected to open on time



JESSICA LEE/The Observer
The \$57.7 million Eck Family Hall of Law, currently under construction, is expected to be completed by December 2008.

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Three major construction projects started last year — a new women's dormitory, an addition to the Law School building called the Eck Family Hall of Law and a new engineering building named Stinson-Remick Hall — are still underway on Notre Dame's West Quad, DeBartolo Quad and near the original site of the former University Club.

According to Associate Vice President and

University Architect Doug Marsh, these projects made considerable progress during the summer, and their construction will continue throughout the academic year.

"The weather was nearly ideal for construction this summer," Marsh said.

Marsh also said the University employed over 650 tradesmen everyday during the summer to ensure progress on the campus construction projects.

However, construction on

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Saint Mary's rank falls in new report

College drops from 91st to 104th, but overall score improves

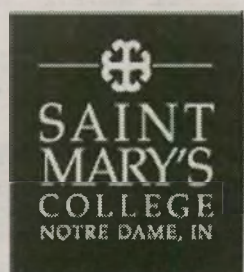
By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's tied for 104th among the U.S. News and World Report's top liberal arts colleges for 2009.

This is only the second year the College, which had previously been counted among the top liberal arts schools in the region, has been on the national rankings list. It held the number 91st spot last year. The College's Director of Media Relations Gwen O'Brien said the school securing a national ranking for a second consec-

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TOP LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES 2009



- 104 Albion College
Albion, MI
- 104 Bennington College
Bennington, VT
- 104 Hampshire College
Amherst, MA
- 104 Presbyterian College
Clinton, SC
- 104 Saint Mary's College
Notre Dame, IN
- 104 St. Michael's College
Colchester, VT
- 104 Washington and Jefferson College
Washington, PA

SOURCE: U.S. News and World Report
MARY JESSE/The Observer

Daniels assumes position as director

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Patrick Daniels began his time at Saint Mary's as the College's new director of student involvement the same time as the freshmen arrived; moving into his office in the Student Center as first-year students moved into their residence halls.

Daniels, who came to Saint Mary's from Towson University in Towson, Md., where he was the director of student activities. He spent eight years at Western Michigan University where he served many different roles, including director of student activities and leadership

programs.

He will oversee 25 student workers and more than 60 student organizations as they plan events for the College.

"I am the one who advises, rather than supervises," he said in an Aug. 29 statement. "I give students suggestions and recommendations and point them in the right direction, but they make the decisions."

Daniels decided to take the position with the College to be closer to members of his family, who live in Michigan. He also wanted to the opportunity to work more directly with students.

"At my previous institutions

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INSIDE COLUMN

Eyes on Denver

I love Denver. I've lived in the Denver area all my life. Denver has a mountain mystique, an allure that comes from being a world-class city so close to unchangeable, natural grandeur.

We're in the middle of the country, not near any ocean or lake, and yet we've managed to blossom into a thriving culture hub with a top performing arts complex and brand new opera house, not to mention our overwhelmingly successful sports teams (Broncos, Avalanche) who have each won national championships in the last decade, and the Rockies, who won the National League last year.

Stephanie DePrez
Assistant Scene Editor

We're a rockin' city surrounded by fourteens (read — really tall mountains). We've got cowboys, ski bums, and the occasional trust-fund hippie.

But last week we had something a little unheard of on our western plains: national politicians looking for a good show.

It was quite a trip to watch my home city roll out the red carpet for everyone from Obama and Hillary to Susan Sarandon and Christian Bale.

Though most people in Colorado have an opinion, politics hardly ever comes to blows, and all of the sudden the Democratic Party was staking out their territory.

I felt a polar surge through Denver the likes of which I'd never seen before. Talking to friends back home on both sides, some were having the time of their life, volunteering for the convention and getting caught up in the political wave. Others were getting sick of the one-sided Denver Post stories and the inability to start a conversation that didn't center on why Obama is the greatest man ever in a million years to ever breathe, ever.

I watched with a certain smugness as the whole nation and even the world turned toward Denver. Shots of the Pepsi Center, where the Avs play and where I saw The Police reunion tour last summer, were taking up TV screens everywhere. It was covered in "Celebrate Denver 08" banners and used as the establishing shot behind countless station identification bits from CNN to FOX News.

National newspapers were doing articles on Rocky Mountain oysters (buffalo testicles) and their mountain-esque appeal. Mention of INEVSCO Field no longer meant orange- and blue-blooded maniacs bringing out the big guns for game day.

Reporters and those of the liberal persuasion flooded the streets, and one friend told me the 16th Street Mall (where I spent many a night this summer) was as crowded as the busiest street in London.

Regardless of the politics, I think Denver did a great job of hosting the party.

The nation was given a chance to see how friendly Denverites really are, and how welcoming our city is.

Volunteer orientation for the convention centered on making sure to be hospitable, and that didn't go unnoticed. Our city bent over backwards to ensure a good time for every visitor who flew into DIA.

People across America were given the chance to see our grand city blown up on the big screen, proving to them that we are a full, thriving economic and cultural center here in the West.

But more than that, we showed them that Denver is full of some of the finest people around.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Stephanie DePrez at sdeprez@nd.edu

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 1 edition of The Observer, the article titled "ND student starts waterski club" featured a picture from and of fifth-year senior Steven Feutz. Due to editorial error, in the cutline and photo credit, Feutz's last name was spelled incorrectly. The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT CLASSES ARE YOU DREADING MOST SO FAR THIS YEAR?



Cameron McConnell
sophomore
Keough

"Philosophy of Morals because I am a completely immoral person."



David Riehm
sophomore
Stanford

"I love all my classes."



Hannah Ha
sophomore
Welsh Fam.

"Organic Chemistry. There's far too much carbon involved."



Graysen Petersen-Fitts
sophomore
Dillon

"Beginning Spanish II. Mi español is really bad."



Mercedes Llanas
junior
Welsh Fam.

"Physiological Psychology because I know nothing about neurons."



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Clockwise from left, juniors Javier Soegaard, Lee Marsh and Santiago Rosado and sophomore Brittani Russel enjoyed Monday's warm weather and ate their dinner on God Quad.

OFFBEAT

This ain't no jive, particle physics rap is a hit

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Who says science doesn't turn people on? Kate McAlpine is a rising star on YouTube for her rap performance — about high-energy particle physics.

Her performance has drawn a half-million views so far on YouTube.

The 23-year-old Michigan State University graduate and science writer raps about the Large Hadron Collider, the groundbreaking particle accelerator that has been built in a 17-mile circular tunnel at the CERN laboratory near Geneva,

Switzerland.

McAlpine raps that when the collider goes into operation on Sept. 10, "the things that it discovers will rock you in the head."

Michigan couple tie the knot at funeral home

ST. JOSEPH TOWNSHIP, Mich. — It generally has flowers, and a clergyman is often present, but this was a first for a local funeral home.

Jason and Rachael Storm held their wedding at Starks and Menchinger Family Funeral Home, where he is a funeral director.

Their reception, including

dinner and dancing, also was held at the funeral home.

"This room is usually filled with sadness and contemplation, but today it is filled with joy and celebration," the Rev. Greg Prather said at the start of Saturday's ceremony.

Jason Storm, 24, doesn't see much difference between getting married in a church or the funeral home.

"I look at it as, if you go to a church and get married, how many caskets do you think have been rolled down that aisle?" he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Activities Night will be held tonight at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The event, which showcases Notre Dame's undergraduate clubs, is sponsored by the Student Activities Office.

The Handbell Choir will hold auditions from 8:30 to 10 p.m. tonight in the Coleman-Morse Center. Registration is required; contact Karen Kirner at 574-631-9326.

The colloquium: "Making Scientific Datasets Universally Acceptable" will take place tomorrow from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Nieuwland Hall of Science.

The Student Activities Office will host "Rock the Quad" tomorrow at 9 p.m. on South Quad, featuring Wii Sports and Rock Band. Free food will be provided.

A screening of Tom McCarthy's 2008 film "The Visitor" will take place at 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available in the box office.

The first pep rally of the season is Sept. 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will have a "Kickoff Concert" at 8 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for general admission. The event is sponsored by the Department of Music.

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

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	GAME DAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 90 LOW 67	HIGH 72 LOW 62	HIGH 90 LOW 70	HIGH 90 LOW 70	HIGH 83 LOW 62	HIGH 78 LOW 56

Atlanta 85 / 64 Boston 78 / 58 Chicago 90 / 69 Denver 84 / 57 Houston 96 / 76 Los Angeles 78 / 60 Minneapolis 91 / 70 New York 82 / 65 Philadelphia 86 / 65 Phoenix 96 / 78 Seattle 68 / 48 St. Louis 91 / 70 Tampa 88 / 70 Washington 86 / 62

History professors win fellowships

Special to The Observer

If recent history repeats itself, Notre Dame historians will enjoy looking to the future.

Over the last three years, Notre Dame's Department of History has won more research fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) than any other university in the country and, in fact, has accumulated 20 external fellowships over that time period, more than a dozen of which are from agencies used by the National Research Council (NRC) to assess the strength of humanities departments.

A federation of 70 national scholarly organizations, the ACLS is the preeminent representative of American scholarship in the humanities and related social sciences.

Ahead of all other Top 25 research universities, Notre Dame's history department has earned six ACLS fellowships since 2005, compared with four for Brown University; three each for Harvard, Yale and Vanderbilt Universities; two each for Stanford, Princeton and Northwestern Universities; and one for Columbia University.

"I think my colleagues have been so successful because they bring an unusual combination of erudition, originality

and ambition to their work," said Thomas Noble, professor and chair of history and a past recipient of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and Fulbright fellowships.

This year's ACLS honorees are planning academic leaves to immerse themselves in their research.

John Van Engen, Notre Dame's Andrew V. Tackes Professor of History, is working on a major reinterpretation of the intellectual and cultural life of 12th century Europe. He also is the recipient of a 2008 NEH research fellowship.

An associate professor of history, Alexander Martin is concluding a decade of research with a book titled "Enlightened Absolutism and Urban Modernity in Moscow, 1763-1881."

"It deals with the efforts by the ruling elites of tsarist Russia to make Moscow a showcase for the type of authoritarian, Western-oriented modernization that they hoped to replicate throughout Russia," Martin explained.

Gail Bederman, an associate professor of history who specializes in gender and sexuality in the U.S., is writing a two-volume history of the earliest public advocacy of contraception in Britain and the U.S.

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'tive year indicates Saint Mary's is on a course to meet a key goal in the College's Strategic Plan, which is to provide "Educational Excellence Equal to that of the Best Colleges in the Country."

"The College hasn't done anything differently in the past year," she said. "We continue to follow the leadership of our president who has been at the helm for four years now. She set a goal early in her presidency to move into the national liberal arts rankings and that's

where we are."

College President Carol Ann Mooney said in an Aug. 22 statement, "The real proof of our success can be found in our graduates."

"We know we compete on a national level. Saint Mary's excellent faculty and our commitment to educate the whole person set us apart," she said. While Saint Mary's U.S. News ranking dropped slightly this year - to 104 from 91 last year - O'Brien said this fact is not necessarily worrisome to College officials.

"While our ranking number did slip this year, our overall score actually improved, increasing by a point," she said. "We are very proud of that fact."

The Princeton Review also

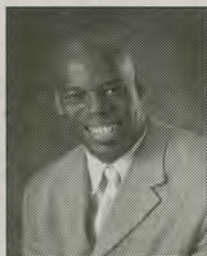
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**Gwen O'Brien
Director of Media**

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job duties and responsibilities did not allow much opportunity to work directly with students," he said in an e-mail Monday. "Saint Mary's provides me that and it is something I



Daniels

look forward to."

Daniels has many goals laid out to improve the student involvement office that will change the way the office functions in relation to students.

"[I want] to enhance the offerings of programs and services, develop new programs and services where appropriate [and] to evaluate 'why we do what we do' as it relates to our programs and services for our students," he said. "[I want] to empower and challenge students as it relates to their leadership, personal development and life skills."

He said he will build on the

recognized Saint Mary's as a "Best Midwestern College for 2009," a category the College has ranked in since the Princeton Review began the "Best Regional College" categorization six years ago. U.S. News and World Report, which relies heavily on evaluations from peer institutions, differs from the Princeton Review, which considers student input. Its rankings are based on standards for excellence and student opinion data, collected through a survey on its Web site.

The information was compiled in the publication's "Best Colleges: Region by Region" section of the Web site dedicated to colleges that "stand out as academically excellent institutions of higher learning."

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these projects have not always been smooth-sailing, as Vice President of Business Operations Jim Lyphout explained.

"Last winter's weather was challenging for outdoor construction activities, and the Law School was impacted by these conditions. It will be completed on time but additional resources have been required to meet the schedule," Lyphout said.

According to Lyphout, construction on the Law School building, located on DeBartolo Quad, will cost \$57.7 million and will continue through December 2008.

The new women's hall will cost the University \$18.3 million and is set to be open in August 2009, Lyphout said.

Stinson-Remick Hall is the mostly expensive of the three projects, costing \$69.3 million. Construction of the new engineering building broke ground last November and it is set to open in Jan. 2010.

Since all three buildings will serve different functions upon their comple-

tion, Marsh said that these projects each have their specific challenges when it comes to their construction.

"The women's residence hall involves load bearing masonry walls which is very time consuming and labor intensive," Marsh said. "The Law School project has challenges with respect to its connection to an existing building while it is occupied."

Additionally, Stinson-Remick Hall is a cast-in-place reinforced concrete structure which is also labor intensive, Marsh said.

Lyphout also said that the construction sites will remain as they are until the projects are completed - meaning that the fenced-in areas on the campus' West Quad will continue to hamper mobility around campus.

According to Marsh, the new women's hall, located near the Hammes Bookstore, will serve as a residence for 248 women

next fall.

The unnamed women's hall will be 74,600 square feet, according to a University press release.

Although the women's hall has been constructed using similar materials to those used on Duncan Hall, Marsh said that its design will not be identical to Duncan's.

"Its design is unique, but its details and materials are similar to those used on Duncan Hall," he said.

The Law School addition, which will be called the Eck Family Hall of Law, will open in January 2009, while the existing Law School building, Biolchini Hall will continue to be renovated for about another year, Marsh said. The addition will feature a covered archway connecting the two buildings.

Stinson-Remick Hall, which is being erected near the site of the University Club will include a nano-technology research center, a new energy center, an undergraduate interdisciplinary learning center and a semiconductor processing and device fabrication clean room.

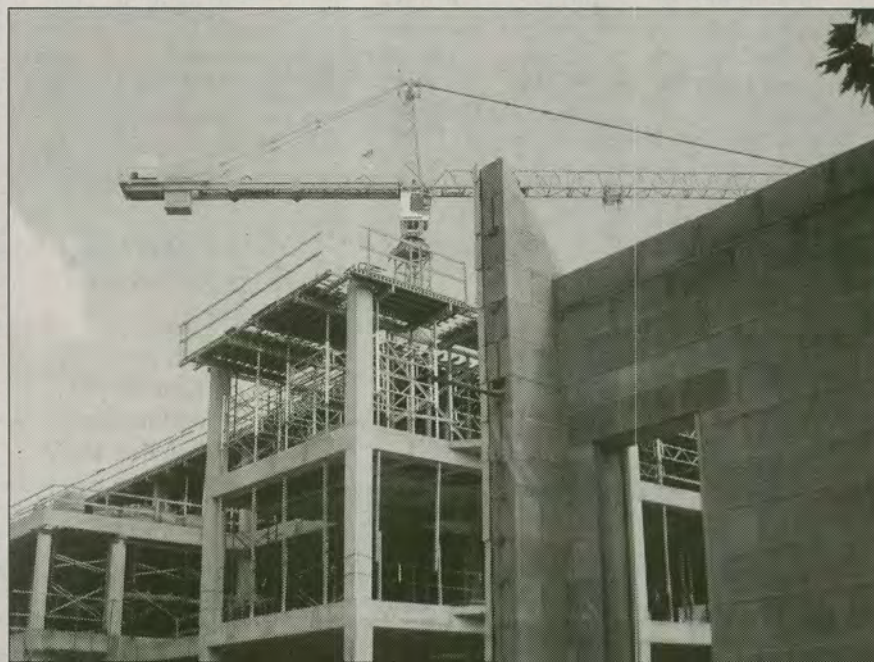
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**Doug Marsh
Associate Vice
President and
University Architect**

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**Jim Lyphout
Vice President
Business Operations**



ALLISON AMBROSE and QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

Top, a "Danger" sign hangs on the fence guarding the Eck Family Law School. Bottom, a crane works on Stinson-Remick Hall, the new engineering building, scheduled to open in January 2010.

Design

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including four very esteemed International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA).

"The IDEA awards are the most prestigious, and the fact that we've won so many competing against international schools is very exciting," professor Ann-Marie Conrado said. "It is very difficult to get an industrial design award because generally it is a professional competition. Our students have been winning IDEA awards for some time now."

Industrial Design attracts a wide variety of students. Senior Kaitlyn Benoit, a former engineer, said the field combines a variety of disciplines in order to create a solution to a problem.

"Industrial Design is the meeting point between Marketing, Engineering and Art. It pulls everything together to create a simple solution," she said.

Although many may consider the program's small size a handicap, Down said having to manage only 40 students is actually an advantage, espe-

cially when preparing for competitions.

"We don't run a gravel pit here, we polish jewels. We must keep our numbers down in order to do well," he said.

Down himself recently led a team that developed the AdapTap, an apparatus that allows blind swimmers to swim faster and straighter. The team was awarded the prestigious Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award.

Conrado, whose most famous creation is the Xbox Live headset, also brings extensive design experience to the classroom. Determined to have students tackle problems in the field, she leads an eight-week service trip each summer to Nepal.

"One of the things our department champions is the concept of social design, which is using design and design-thinking to solve some of the problems of society. One of the projects we do annually is our Nepal Fair Trade Initiative," she said. "The goal of that is to use design to create attractive, desirable, contemporary handicrafts — things that people want; not because it's fair trade, but because it is an attractive product."



Photo courtesy of Professor Ann-Marie Conrado

Industrial Design professor Ann-Marie Conrado and students Miquela Suaza, Kelly Gronli, Audrey Marier, Monique Caron, Hugh Monahan, Laurie Hunt, and Sawyer Negro gather during their trip to Nepal.

Several projects have grown out of the trip, including one graduate student who designed a \$3 washing machine based on the twisting action of a Chinese finger trap after watching Nepalese women labor for hours wash-

ing clothes.

The program continues to gain recognition, and projects from Notre Dame students will most likely be found at all the major design fairs this upcoming year.

"I think that we're building

momentum and that we're getting notice on campus and in the larger Industrial Design community," Conrado said.

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McQueeney.

"Fr. Doyle felt that he had not given us enough guidance," McQueeney said. "He said that he normally has a meeting with the Hall President at the end of the [previous] school year to get the ball rolling, which didn't happen."

There was a lot of miscommunication on both sides, McQueeney said.

After speaking to McQueeney, Fr. Doyle held a meeting in order to tell hall staff about the cancellation, O'Connor, a resident assistant, said.

The sudden decision surprised hall staff and scriptwriters, O'Connor said.

The students in charge of putting the pep rally together had been working since the spring and throughout the summer, O'Connor said. They were almost finished with the preparations when they heard the news.

"The script was already written," he said. "Tryouts were supposed to be that night. Everything was all set."

The scriptwriters had also already established several guests to speak and appear in skits, O'Connor said.

"We had lined up Charlie Weis, Evan Sharpley and Jack Swarbrick, the new athletic director," he said.

Fr. Doyle personally called each of the guests to tell them about the cancellation, O'Connor said.

The news was frustrating to the students who had been working hard on the script, O'Connor said.

"Usually [the pep rally consists of] dumb, juvenile humor," he said. "But this year our object was to make it clever

and intelligent without getting laughs at other people's expense."

Fr. Doyle had not read the script when he made the decision to cancel, O'Connor said.

O'Connor said he believes that the wheels were partly set in motion by problems with the pep rally t-shirt.

"Our t-shirt design was rejected by the Student Activities Office," he said.

The setback with the t-shirts seemed to show the rector that the event was not going to be ready in time, O'Connor said.

The explanations given by Fr. Doyle did not satisfy many students involved in

the planning. He gave no further details regarding the decision to The Observer.

"He didn't have a very strong argument," contributing scriptwriter Evin Harpur said. "He said we weren't prepared, but any problems could have been remedied if we were made aware of them."

"We would have definitely been ready by Thursday, but Fr. Doyle is a good guy and would not have cancelled the show if there weren't a reason."

The sudden cancellation has led to much speculation among residents.

"I think there is a deeper issue," Harpur said. "I don't know if his hands are tied."

O'Connor said it seems the decision was made unilaterally, but "some are wondering if the orders

came down to him" from somewhere else, O'Connor said.

After Fr. Doyle cancelled the pep rally, the writers and other residents tried to come up with alternative ways to put on event this season, McQueeney said.

Some suggested postponing

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Fr. Paul Doyle
Rector
Dillon Hall

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Evin Harper
scriptwriter
Dillon Pep Rally



JAY FITZPATRICK/The Observer

Irish coach Charlie Weis speaks to the crowd at the Dillon Pep Rally before the Penn State game in September 2006.

the pep rally to the Thursday before the second home game versus Michigan, in order to have more preparation time and the writers offered to go back over the script and "clean up" the show, McQueeney said.

By the time suggestions had been offered, however, the decision was final, he said.

O'Connor described the residents' reactions to The Observer.

"Some were angry and some were just disappointed," he said.

The pep rally is "the best reason to be in Dillon," O'Connor said "We do this for [the students] and now we can't."

O'Connor said he regrets that the freshmen do not get to experience the pep rally that was especially designed for

them. He said he wanted to "apologize to the Dillon freshmen" in particular.

Dillon Hall resident sophomore Sean McCullough said, that, like everyone else in Dillon, he is very shocked about the pep rally's cancellation.

"I can't believe that Dillon hall is letting such a beloved tradition not occur this year," he said.

O'Connor also lamented the discontinuance of both a Notre Dame and a Dillon Hall tradition.

"We love traditions," he said. "It's part of what makes Notre Dame Notre Dame and to have this disappear is really disap-

pointing."

University students all across campus echoed that disappointment at the news of the pep rally's cancellation.

O'Connor received a call from Student Body president Bob Reish.

"[Reish] had heard about it and seemed genuinely concerned," he said.

Freshman Gabrielle Stoik is a resident of Lyons, Dillon's sister dor-

mitory. During freshmen orientation, leaders "made a big deal about the pep rally."

"I was really looking forward to it. I heard it is really exciting," she said.

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Ryan O'Connor
lead scriptwriter
Dillon Pep Rally

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

E.U. threatens to delay talks with Russia

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union leaders warned Russia on Monday that talks on a wide-ranging political and economic agreement would be postponed unless Russian troops pull back from positions in Georgia.

The threat to delay talks set for this month on the "partnership and cooperation agreement" with Russia came after Britain and eastern European nations held out for a tougher line. But Europe's dependence on Russian oil and natural gas deterred stronger sanctions.

"I think we found an excellent compromise (by) not going back to business as usual, but still making clear that we want to maintain contact with Russia," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Iraqis assume leadership in Anbar

BAGHDAD — American forces on Monday handed over security responsibility to the Iraqis in a province that the U.S. once feared was lost — a sign of the stunning reversal of fortunes since local Sunnis turned against al-Qaida in Iraq.

But a Sunni Arab leader criticized the Shiited government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for failing to embrace its newfound allies, underlining the threat that sectarian tensions still pose to a lasting peace.

Nevertheless, the transfer of Anbar province, the cradle of the Sunni insurgency and the birthplace of al-Qaida in Iraq, marked a dramatic milestone in America's plan to eventually hand over all 18 provinces to Iraqi control so U.S. troops can go home.

The 25,000 American troops remaining in Anbar will focus on training Iraq's military and police forces and standing by to help if the Iraqis are unable to cope with any surge in violence.

NATIONAL NEWS

Palin's 17-year old daughter pregnant

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain's running mate, Sarah Palin, said Monday her 17-year-old unmarried daughter is five months pregnant, an announcement stealing even more thunder from McCain and a Republican presidential convention already overshadowed by Hurricane Gustav.

Adding to the day's drama, McCain aides said the announcement was aimed at rebutting Internet rumors that Palin's youngest son, born in April, was actually her daughter's.

The national convention, which a political party counts on to send its candidate surging into the fall campaign, already had been relegated to a distant second to the hurricane on TV, in newspapers and on Internet Web sites.

Union official resigns amid scandal

LOS ANGELES — An executive vice president of the Service Employees International Union has stepped aside in the midst of financial probes, and her ex-boyfriend was told to repay tens of thousands of dollars in union funds, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

The SEIU acknowledged Saturday that its top California officer, Annette Grajeda, has taken a leave of absence while it investigates allegations that she was improperly involved in making payments to her former boyfriend.

LOCAL NEWS

Chicago recruiting Indiana hotels

VALPARAISO, Ind. — The organizers of Chicago's bid for the 2016 summer Olympics are turning to northern Indiana's hotels for help in the Windy City's campaign to land the games.

Under International Olympic Committee rules, there must be 60,000 hotel rooms secured for the thousands of members of the "Olympic Family" — workers, sponsors and media — who would turn out for the games eight years from now.

Category 2 Gustav hits Louisiana

Unlike Katrina, most New Orleans' levees hold, but some were overtopped

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Gustav slammed into the heart of Louisiana's fishing and oil industry with 110 mph winds Monday, delivering only a glancing blow to New Orleans that raised hopes the city would escape the kind of catastrophic flooding brought by Katrina three years ago.

That did not mean the state survived the storm without damage. A levee in the southeast part of the state was on the verge of collapse, and officials scrambled to fortify it. Roofs were torn from homes, trees toppled and roads flooded. More than 1 million homes were without power.

The nearly 2 million people who left coastal Louisiana on a mandatory evacuation order watched TV coverage from shelters and hotel rooms hundreds of miles away, many of them wondering what kind of damage they would find when they were allowed to come back home.

Keith Cologne of Chauvin, La., looked dejected after talking by telephone to a friend who didn't evacuate. "They said it's bad, real bad. There are roofs lying all over. It's all gone," said Cologne, staying at a hotel in Orange Beach, Ala.

But the biggest fear — that the levees surrounding the saucer-shaped city of New Orleans would break and flood all over again — hadn't been realized. Wind-driven water sloshed over the top of the Industrial Canal's flood-wall, but city officials and the Army Corps of Engineers said they expected the levees, still only partially rebuilt after Katrina, would hold.

Flood protections along the canal broke with disastrous effect during Katrina, submerging St. Bernard Parish and the Lower Ninth Ward.

"We are seeing some overtopping waves," said Col. Jeff Bedey, commander of



A traffic light sits on East Gause Boulevard in Slidell, La., after being knocked down by the Category 2 Hurricane Gustav Monday.

the Corps' hurricane protection office. "We are cautiously optimistic and confident that we won't see catastrophic failure."

In the Upper Ninth Ward, about half the streets closest to the canal were flooded with ankle- to knee-deep water as the road dipped and rose. Of more immediate concern to authorities were two small vessels that broke loose from their moorings in the canal and were resting against the Florida Street wharf.

By mid afternoon Monday, the rain had stopped in the French Quarter, the highest point in the city. The wind was breezy but not fierce, and some of the approxi-

mately 10,000 people who chose to defy warnings and stay behind began to emerge. But knowing that the levees surrounding the city could still be pressured by rising waters, no one was celebrating just yet.

"I don't think we're out of the woods. We still have to worry about the water," said Gerald Boulmay, 61, a St. Louis Hotel worker and lifelong New Orleans resident.

One community in southeast Louisiana was fearful their levee wouldn't hold. As many as 300 homes in Plaquemines Parish were threatened, and the parish president called a television station to issue an urgent plea to any residents who

were left to flee to the Mississippi River, where officials would evacuate them.

"It's overtopping. There's a possibility it's going to be compromised," said Phil Truxillo, a Plaquemines emergency official.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Gustav hit around 9:30 a.m. near Cocodrie (pronounced kokko-DREE), a low-lying community in Louisiana's Cajun country 72 miles southwest of New Orleans, as a Category 2 storm on a scale of 1 to 5. The storm weakened to a Category 1 later in the afternoon. Forecasters feared the storm would arrive as a devastating Category 4.

ELECTION 2008

Gustav alters GOP convention plans

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Republicans, determined to propel John McCain to the White House, opened their storm-shortened national convention on Monday amid distractions involving running mate Sarah Palin.

Delegates had scarcely settled into their seats when it was disclosed a lawyer had been hired to represent the Alaska governor in an investigation of her firing of the state's public safety commissioner. The other disclosure was personal, not political — the pregnancy of her 17-year-old unmarried daughter.

The convention's opening session was abbreviated as Hurricane Gustav

hit the Gulf Coast, sparing New Orleans the type of damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina almost exactly three years ago.

President Bush skipped his planned speech to go to disaster and relief centers, determined to avoid a repeat of the disaster mismanagement of Katrina.

McCain was in Waterville, Ohio, where he helped pack supplies to be sent to the Gulf.

Both men's wives sparked cheers when they appeared before the delegates, shunning politics to urge contributions to help storm victims.

Virtually the only political business of the convention's 2-hour session was approval of a platform that side-

stepped the Iraq War, one of the key issues in the campaign between McCain and Democrat Barack Obama.

"The waging of war — and the achieving of peace — should never be micromanaged in a party platform. ... In dealing with present conflicts or future crises, our next president must preserve all options," it said.

Outside the Xcel center was a reminder of the passions the war stirs.

An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 anti-war protesters marched toward the convention, some of them smashing windows, puncturing tires and throwing bottles along the way. Police used pepper spray on the demonstrators and made at least five arrests.

Zoo spectators watch video of newborn panda

Lun Lun's cub, hairless and the size of a stick of butter, is the first born in the United States this year

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The only panda born at a U.S. zoo so far this year was placed in an incubator on Monday for closer monitoring by zookeepers after visitors flocked to watch mother and child on a live video feed at Zoo Atlanta.

Zoo officials said in a release they wanted to more closely watch the tiny, hairless cub — which is the size of a stick of butter — based on the behavior of the cub and its mother, Lun Lun, in the zoo's birthing den.

Zoo spokeswoman Simone Griffin wasn't able to provide further information about the situation but said the video feed has been suspended.

The Panda cub, the gender of which hasn't yet been determined, was born

Saturday, just a week before the second birthday of Mei Lan, the zoo's first panda cub.

"You can go to every zoo and see elephants, but you can't go to every zoo and see pandas," said Christy Moonan, whose two children, Mia, 3, and Collin, 5, brought small stuffed panda toys with them to watch the cub on television screens in the zoo's panda habitat.

Three other U.S. zoos house pandas, which are endangered: San Diego, Memphis and Washington, D.C.

Mei Lan and dad, Yang Yang, napped in separate rooms of the indoor part of the panda habitat on Monday. Zoo officials will keep Yang Yang apart from his new cub as they have with Mei Lan, because male pandas in the wild typically don't stay with their off-

spring.

Zoo officials inseminated Lun Lun with Yang Yang's sperm in April. An ultrasound on Thursday confirmed zookeeper's suspicions that the procedure was a success.

"A lot of people wonder whether this is less exciting for us because it's our second birth," Wilson said. "Every giant panda birth is important. We are just as excited about this birth as Mei Lan's."

Mei Lan's birth was a landmark event for the zoo, drawing in thousands of visitors and generating a huge number of hits on the online panda cam. Weekend attendance figures weren't yet available Monday, but zoo officials said they're expecting them to be higher than normal because of the new arrival.



Spectators photograph Lun Lun, an endangered panda, and her newborn cub during a video exhibition Aug. 31 at Zoo Atlanta.

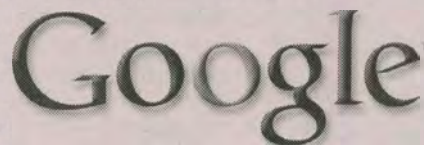


The Switch is ON!

ND's Google E-mail for All Students Starts Wednesday, September 3

The Switch Is On

Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on September 3, all Notre Dame upperclassmen will begin using Notre Dame Gmail instead of Notre Dame's regular e-mail service. Note that First Year students are already signed up for and have been using ND Gmail as part of the admissions process.



Here's what you need to do to make the switch to Gmail:

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Change your password as soon as possible before September 3 on the Notre Dame Change Password page at password.nd.edu. This will synchronize your ND password with Google's authentication framework.

Step 2

On or after September 3, decide whether you want to bring your old mail over to Notre Dame Gmail, and then do so by following the instructions at oit.nd.edu/google. You will have until January 3, 2009 to move your legacy mailbox or abandon it for eventual removal.

Step 3 (optional)

If you previously configured your Notre Dame e-mail to forward messages to a third-party e-mail address—name@yahoo.com, for example—and you wish to continue to do so after September 3rd, you will need to reestablish mail forwarding within ND Gmail. If you previously forwarded and now wish to use ND Gmail, no action is needed. Instructions on how to perform this task can be found at oit.nd.edu/google.

You'll find a variety of information, including Notre Dame Gmail how-tos, frequently asked questions, and other information at oit.nd.edu/google.

Beginning September 3, go to gmail.nd.edu and log in using your NetID and password, and you've successfully made the switch.



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NASDAQ	2,367.52	-44.12
NYSE	8,382.08	-84.04
S&P 500	1,282.83	-17.85
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	12,935.14	-137.73
FTSE 100 (London)	5,636.60	+35.40

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S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	-1.08	-1.40	128.79
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POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-2.10	-0.99	46.12
FREDDIE MAC (FRE)	-14.58	-0.77	4.51

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IN BRIEF

Rising prices affect school lunch choices

MILWAUKEE — Kids may be worried about homework, teachers and that pesky bully this school year. But parents? They're leery about lunches.

With food prices rising and packages shrinking, parents are wondering how they'll stretch their food budgets. Children are going to get an unwitting lesson in economics, analysts say, as parents change their food-buying habits to keep costs down.

Some kids will eat more hot lunches this year. Some will carry baggies full of snacks like home-packed chips and crackers rather than prepackaged ones. Maybe there will be more peanut butter, if it hasn't been banned in school because of allergies, instead of lunch meats, or cheaper items like Spam.

This year's lunchroom will be less about convenience and more about the bottom line, said Marcia Mogelonsky, senior research analyst with Mintel International in Chicago. Parents will be shopping for deals but still wanting all the basics — fruits, veggies, proteins and fun things like chips and cookies. It won't be easy, she said.

Lewis MDA telethon sets new record

LAS VEGAS — Jerry Lewis raised a record \$65 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in his annual Labor Day telethon, a benefit that also made a pitch for those inconvenienced by Hurricane Gustav.

This year's 22-hour telethon added a special plea for MDA-registered families forced to leave their homes because of the hurricane, which made landfall Monday in Louisiana. The storm affected nearly 5,000 MDA families needing services in their new location, the organization said.

Lewis also urged viewers to contribute to the Salvation Army's emergency disaster services.

The 2008 haul for the 43rd annual fundraising blitz was \$1.2 million more than last year's total.

Lewis said he was prepared not to exceed the 2007 number because of the sluggish economy.

Oil prices fall as refineries remain intact

They drop more than \$4 after Gustav hits coast weaker than originally projected

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The punch of Hurricane Gustav appeared to fall softly Monday on the vast energy complex along the U.S. Gulf Coast, allowing oil market traders to focus not on storm damage, but on their growing anxiety over the state of the global economy.

Even as 110 mph winds raked refineries that line the coast and rushed over the deep-water rigs off the shores of Texas and Louisiana, the price for a barrel of oil plummeted by more than \$4 a barrel to just above \$111 because Gustav was weaker than expected.

Still, the storm's impact on production platforms, drilling rigs and other equipment likely won't be fully known for another day or so.

Assuming no damage, it typically takes two to four days to restart a refinery, depending on its size. It can take a day or two to get offshore oil and natural-gas production going again. In 2005, hurricanes Katrina and Rita knocked out the region's offshore energy infrastructure for several weeks.

Transocean Inc., the world's largest offshore drilling contractor, said Monday afternoon it appeared its three moored, semisubmersible rigs in the Gulf remained anchored in position during the storm.

"We still need to send at least one spotter plane out to double-check," the company said.

Transocean said eight other rigs that used thrusters to move out of the storm's path also were safe and would be moving back to their drilling locations as soon as Monday evening.

In recent days, oil companies shut down virtually all oil and natural gas production in the Gulf, and the storm's threat halted about



Mississippi Department of Transportation crews clear sand deposited by Hurricane Gustav in Gulfport Monday. Gustav hit the Gulf Coast weaker than expected, causing a drop in oil prices.

15 percent of the nation's refining capacity based in the region.

Any serious damage to oil platforms and rigs or prolonged refining disruptions could cause a spike in energy prices. Egecat Inc., a risk modeling firm, projected Monday that Gustav could knock out capacity for about 5 percent of both oil and natural gas production for the next year.

However, one factor likely to mitigate any impact from the storm on prices is that many analysts believe the country's appetite for fuel has been reduced by high

prices and slower economic growth.

"U.S. demand has fallen dramatically," said Linda Rafield, an analyst at Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos. "People look like they're making what I'd call a long-term adjustment in consumption patterns."

All that appeared to be supporting oil prices over the past week was Gustav. With many betting the U.S. energy complex in the Gulf survived largely intact, attention returned almost immediately to the state of the global economy.

Markets in Asia tumbled sharply. The sell-off in Europe was less pronounced.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery fell \$4.34 to \$111.12 in late afternoon electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the contract fell 13 cents to settle at \$115.46 a barrel.

The U.S. Gulf Coast is home to nearly half the nation's refining capacity, while offshore, the Gulf accounts for about 25 percent of domestic oil production and 15 percent of natural gas output.

Government recovers \$9.3 billion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Whistle-blowers helped authorities recover at least \$9.3 billion from health care providers accused of defrauding states and the federal government, according to an analysis of Justice Department records.

The department ramped up efforts in the 1990s to combat health care fraud by using private citizens with inside knowledge of wrongdoing. They now initiate more than 90 percent of the department's lawsuits focusing on health care fraud.

Whistle-blowers start cases by filing a sealed complaint in federal court. The department investigates the allegation and can intervene, assuming the lead role in the lawsuit. Whistle-blowers then get between 15 percent and 25 percent of the amount recovered.

Of the \$9.3 billion recovered

between 1996 and 2005, whistle-blowers got more than \$1 billion, say analysts, writing for the Annals of Internal Medicine.

The analysts' findings are conservative.

Information was only available for about three-quarters of the 379 cases reviewed. Second, some of the largest recoveries have taken place after the period reviewed.

For example, the study doesn't include the single largest settlement, worth \$920 million, which came against Tenet Healthcare Corp., one of the nation's largest hospital chains, in 2006.

Still, the study highlights some important trends in health care fraud.

While the number of claims pursued has dropped in recent years, recovery amounts have soared because of a late addition to the cast of defendants — pharmaceutical

manufacturers. Recoveries jumped from about \$10 million a case in 2002 to \$50 million by 2005.

Drug makers are required to sell products to state Medicaid programs at the "best price" offered in the private marketplace. But the companies may artificially inflate the price, according to the report.

Another common scheme is to market drugs for uses not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The report's authors, Aaron S. Kesselheim of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, and David M. Studdert of the University of Melbourne in Australia, said data on hundreds of whistle-blower lawsuits should be researched to identify what type of allegations turn out to be legitimate and lead to recoveries so that the department can fast-track such cases. Reports indicate the department rejects about three-quarters of the cases it gets.

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An anniversary worth remembering

Notre Dame should, but probably won't, commemorate this anniversary. Forty years ago, July 25, 1968, Pope Paul VI, in *Humanae Vitae* (HV), reaffirmed the traditional Christian position on contraception. Until 1930, no Christian denomination had ever said that contraception could ever be objectively right. Luther, Calvin, and Wesley rejected it.

The 1930 Anglican Lambeth Conference gave cautious approval to contraception. Pope Pius XI replied that "any use ... of matrimony ... in such a way that the act is deliberately frustrated in its natural power to generate life is an offense against the law of God and of nature ... and a grave sin."

When the Pill came on the market in the 1960s, the Catholic Church came under pressure to abandon its solitary stand against it. HV's disapproval of the Pill brought a storm of dissent and ridicule on Paul VI, e.g., "he no play-a the game, he no make-a the rules." Four decades later, nobody in his right mind is laughing.

Experience has validated the prediction of the Washington Post on March 22, 1931, that the approval of contraception "would sound the death knell of marriage as a holy institution by establishing degrading practices which would encourage indiscriminate immorality."

Contraception deliberately separates sex from procreation by acting to make procreation impossible; it makes man, of both sexes, the arbiter of whether and when life will begin; and it prevents the total mutual self-donation that ought to characterize the conjugal act. It also accepts the idea that there is such a thing as a life not worth living, i.e., the life that might have resulted had not contraception prevented it. If, through contraception, man makes himself (or

herself) the arbiter of whether and when life shall begin, he will predictably make himself the arbiter of when it shall end, as in abortion and euthanasia. John Paul II described abortion and contraception as "fruits of the same tree."

In HV, Paul VI foretold three evils that would result from the acceptance of "artificial methods of birth control":

1. "[C]onjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality."

One reason why sex should be reserved for marriage is that sex has something to do with babies. But if it is entirely up to man (of both sexes) whether sex will have any relation to procreation, why should it be reserved for marriage, why should marriage be permanent and why should marriage be heterosexual?

As Methodist Pastor Donald Sensing wrote in 2004, the legalization of "homosexual marriage" became inevitable when the Pill severed "[t]he causal relationships between sex, pregnancy and marriage." A contraceptive culture will legitimize not only homosexual activity, but also promiscuity, pornography, divorce, in vitro fertilization, cloning, etc. President R. Albert Mohler, Jr., of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary said in 2005, "The ... separation of sex from procreation may be one of the most important defining marks of our age-and one of the most ominous ... [T]he pill gave incredible license to everything from adultery and affairs to premarital sex." From 1960 to 2000, the percentage of children born out of wedlock in the United States rose from 5 percent to 33 percent. Over half of all first marriages are now preceded by cohabitation. The 2008 Gallup Values and Beliefs poll showed that 61 percent of Americans approve of sex between an unmarried man and woman. And so on.

2. Woman as an object, so that the man considers the woman "as a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment, and no longer as his respected and beloved companion."

The objectification of women is evident in the prevalence of pornography,

especially on the Internet. Women are the big losers in the contraceptive culture. Francis Fukuyama, in "The Great Disruption," said the pill and abortion liberated men from responsibility and put the burden on women, allowing "many ... ordinary men ... to live fantasy lives of hedonism and serial polygamy formerly reserved only for a tiny group of men at the very top of society."

3. "[A] dangerous weapon would thus be placed in the hands of ... public authorities."

Since 1970 the federal government has promoted population control through contraception, with a focus on minorities and third world countries. Planned Parenthood and other publicly funded entities promote all forms of birth control among minorities to the extent that 37 percent of all abortions are on black women although blacks, at 36 million, are only 13 percent of the U.S. population. Since 1973, 10 to 13 million black babies have been aborted.

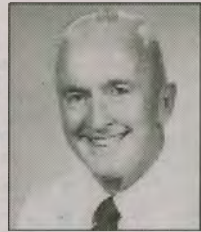
"Contraception," said John Paul II, is "so profoundly unlawful as never to be, for any reason, justified." That conclusion is not disturbed by the legitimacy of natural birth regulation. As HV put it, "If ... there are serious motives to space out births ... it is ... licit to take into account the natural rhythms ... for the use of marriage in the infecund periods only, and in this way to regulate birth without offending the moral principles."

HV was a defining event because Paul VI refused to follow an insane world over the cliff into an abyss of nihilism. He stood for the Truth of love and life. Conjugal love, he said, "is total ... a very special form of personal friendship, in which husband and wife generously share everything, without undue reservations or selfish calculations."

Members of the Notre Dame community could best commemorate HV by a prayerful consideration of its Truth.

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Classes are really getting in the way of my senior year."

Katie Kohler
Observer assistant managing editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Construction necessary evil

In response Rusty Marsh's "Campus construction ugly and inconvenient" (Sept. 1), I can agree that construction is indeed an inconvenient item to deal with on a daily basis. That is about as far as I can go.

I urge Mr. Marsh, and those who are like-minded to consider several things. Construction takes time and equipment. Buildings do not spring up out of the ground by themselves in a matter of days. If you were unaware of this, welcome to the real world. Every single building that is utilized on campus (yes, even the magnificent Dome and the Basilica) has had to undergo this process to become what they are today. A beautiful campus is not instantaneous, even at a Catholic University.

After time, when buildings are complete, Mr. Marsh's "beautiful university" will return, rest assured. I might add also that the work being done on the Basilica now is to ensure that its beauty and grace remains.

I can completely understand if I fail to persuade you to give the complaining-about-construction-on-a-daily-basis up, but it is very un-Christian and exceedingly crass, especially on Labor Day, to make the remark of "questionable contractors." Having worked many of my summers as a contractor myself, I apologize that the appearance and sometimes moral standards of your typical contractor cannot match up with your own values and character. If you would like to see work of this nature performed by people that aren't questionable, by all means go ahead and give it a try yourself. It is my personal guarantee that you will enjoy it immensely, and would love to make a career out of it. If not, try to remember that all work has dignity and all workers deserve our respect.

As to "unnecessary trees," having grown up in the desert I cannot recall ever having seen one. Perhaps you would prefer a landscaping based on sand? Jokes aside, greenery is something that should always be appreciated, and most especially given the direction this University is trying to take with regards to the environment.

So for everyone that is frustrated with the construction process here on campus, please take the time to understand that it is something necessary for this University to do in order to forge on and provide a wonderful and beneficial experience to future students, something that has been afforded to us by past generations.

Kurt Nowak
 sophomore
 Duncan Hall
 Sept. 1

Save the Dillon Pep Rally

I have wanted to contribute to The Observer but something always came up to keep me from writing. Nonetheless, I cannot ignore the recent travesty that has occurred.

Many of you are probably unaware that the Dillon Hall Pep Rally has been cancelled. Some of you will be affected by this; some of you probably could not be more apathetic. Yet, as a proud Dillonite, I believe our signature event is one of the greatest traditions of Notre Dame and should not go down without a fight.

In my first year as a timid freshman, the pep rally was my introduction to the cool character that is Dillon Hall. After the extremely awkward times of Domerfest and the myriad of other Frosh-O activities, I was as apprehensive about my hall and even my college choice as an 18-year-old can be. That all changed after being a part of the Dillon Hall Pep Rally. Whether it was unexpectedly catching our distinguished hall rector as he performed a flying leap from the stage or laughing along with my fellow hall mates, it was the pep rally that galvanized my newfound friendships and reinforced my identity as a proud member of the Dillon Hall family.

Equally important was the event itself which revealed the true characteristics of a Dillonite. With performances marked by a decided swagger, a sharp tongue, and the perfect dose of self deprecation, I knew that I had found my new home. Likewise, returning my sophomore year, I was anxious to see what the gifted comics of my hall had in store for us, and in spite of their short time to prepare, the group delivered and welcomed a new group of freshmen to the Dillon Hall family.

The Dillon Hall Pep Rally is not about jokes or punch lines; it is about fostering camaraderie and celebrating one of the best traditions of Notre Dame. Though my 11th hour defense may come at a time too late to save the event, I implore the Notre Dame community to rally behind the continuance of our pep rally. If you have ever laughed at our event, found it to be even mildly entertaining or just believe in the sanctity of one of the great traditions of Notre Dame, please do something to fix this error and show that the Dillon Hall Pep Rally means far more than a couple of off-color jokes.

I know what the event means to me; Notre Dame community, please show it means something to you.

John Martell
 junior
 Dillon Hall
 Aug. 31

Understand your legal rights

On the evening of Friday, Aug. 29, an officer from the South Bend Police Department shut down my party. Any bystander could have predicted that it was only a matter of time before the party was broken up, as there were dozens of students on the front and back lawns enjoying beverages and each other's company.

The fact that the police came and broke up the party was not surprising, but the nature of the officer's visit was. Unfortunately, he felt the need to lie to me and my roommates, deny us our constitutional rights and threaten to "lock (us) up" if we questioned anything he said.

First, he told us that the ordinance that was 'passed' last year mandated that we buy a permit from the city before we can have a group of our friends over. Anyone who went to Notre Dame last year knows that this isn't true, and that the ordinance did not become law; the City Council dropped the measure before holding a vote.

Second, the officer told us that the students drinking on our front lawn and porch were guilty of public intoxication because he could see us from the public sidewalk. Based on this premise, one could conclude that a student drinking inside his house is guilty of public intoxication if an officer can see him through a window from the sidewalk. When I questioned the legal qualifications of the officer's statement, he threatened to lock me up and make sure my roommates and I were evicted. This made me feel powerless.

I was also baffled that in the 21st century, in the United States of America, an officer of the law feels that he can target students, make up laws and flagrantly oppress our constitutional rights.

The moral of the story is this: as long as students don't know what the laws concerning drinking and partying are, the police will take advantage of our ignorance and overstep their boundaries. Take some time to figure out what your rights are so that you can use the law to help you. Hopefully, a student body better versed in local laws will lead to a more respectful police force.

In addition, the less time the police spend giving us tickets, the more time they have to combat the alarming number of robberies that off-campus students have been victim to this year.

Charles Cummings
 senior
 off campus
 Aug. 31

Stop wasting water

Although it may evoke carefree summer days for some, the feeling of squishing around in soggy shoes is apparently a Notre Dame tradition for any season the sprinklers are turned on.

Notre Dame has a beautiful campus, partly made so by its expanses of green grass. But my feet don't get wet because I like to frolic through the fields while the sprinklers are going. No, I get to squish along to class because for some reason, the sprinklers on campus are set to water the sidewalks — every sidewalk I have observed on campus.

I am not the only one to notice. Far from it. There are over 400 members in the Facebook group, "Why are we watering concrete?" The group page links to an Observer article from 1999 describing this very phenomenon. The tradition, then, is quite possibly almost a decade old, and is not one of the many Notre Dame traditions of which I am proud.

It ashames me and particularly appalls me

in light of the University's stated 2008 commitment to sustainability on all fronts, including sustainable energy (this year's Forum topic). The dire lack of access to clean water is not a problem we can wave away as another of developing countries' many woes.

Metropolitan Atlanta has been facing a dire water shortage, and as a California native, I can't remember a year when we haven't been urged to conserve water in whatever ways possible. I urge Notre Dame now to embody its commitment to sustainability and responsible use of natural resources by addressing immediately our concrete-happy sprinklers.

If you agree, please take a minute to e-mail the University's Facilities Operations at ndfacop@nd.edu

Thanks very much,

Jessica Kim
 graduate student
 Fischer Graduate Residences
 Sept. 1

Just think of all the potential illustrations these letters offered.

E-mail Kara at kking5@nd.edu for more information.

Arts & Music

this week in South Bend

MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

EXPERIENCE LOCAL ART, MUSIC AND FOOD AT ART BEAT 2008

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Caught in the whirlwind that is Notre Dame, students don't often venture out into the South Bend / Mishawaka area that surrounds them. But there is a lot to see, and at the beginning of each school year the city of South Bend offers a glimpse of what is there with their annual downtown festival, Art Beat.

First held in 2003, this signature South Bend event showcases much of

the talent the city has to offer in the visual, performing and culinary arts. Over 250 local artists and performers — the City of South Bend Web site mentions that there was a record number of registrants this year — will set up along downtown sidewalks and show off their skills.

The event will focus around five "scenes" set up in the area that will have continuous performances of dance, theater, music, and poetry. For more information, check out the map below.

More permanent features of the area

will get in on the action as well. Anyone passing by the South Bend Regional Museum of Art is welcomed into their Perform/Install 2 exhibit, which turns their Warner Gallery into a visual and performing arts venue and features the work of John Benevenuto, Deb Whistler, and Brian Holderman. The College Football Hall of Fame is hosting a film screening of work from the Indiana University South Bend Independent Video and Filmmakers Festival and the Mid America Filmmakers.

Other venues, such as the Morris

Performing Arts Center and local galleries, will have special presentations as well. Also, all of the local restaurants will be open for visitors to come in and grab dinner.

The event is free and will be held from 4-8:30 p.m. on Thursday. Art Beat 2008 will spread out around Michigan Street and Colfax Avenue in downtown South Bend. There is free parking in Howard Park and paid parking throughout the area.

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UMPHREY'S MCGEE TO PERFORM FRIDAY

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

The Notre Dame community will play host to a band of its native sons on Friday night when Umphrey's McGee returns to South Bend for a concert at Saint Patrick's Country Park. This is the third year in a row that the band, whose members have longtime connections to the University, will play a concert the night before the first home football game.

Umphrey's McGee, while based in Wrigleyville, Chicago, since 2000, found its roots in the members' college days. With four Notre Dame alumni and a fifth band member from Indiana University in South Bend (IUSB) among its founding members, Umphrey's McGee has successfully kept up its Notre Dame connection while tending to its growing success across the United States.

Their current lineup includes Jake Cinninger and Brendon Bayliss on guitar and vocals, Joel Cummins on keyboard and vocals, Andy Farag on per-

cussion, Kris Myers on drums and vocals, and Ryan Stasik on bass guitar. Bayliss, Stasik and Cummins are all alums of Notre Dame, and Cinninger's wife currently works for the University.

Somewhat comparable to Phish and other jam bands, the group's quirky sense of musicality has helped them build a solid fan base. Their self-made first album, "Greatest Hits, Vol. III,"

featured fake Billboard ratings for every track recorded.

To date, Umphrey's McGee has released eight albums, including 2004's "Anchor Drops" and 2006's "Live at the Murat," which was rated 4 out of 5 stars by Rolling Stone.

The band has also released two live DVDs, 2002's "Live from the Lake Coast" and 2005's "Wrapped Around Chicago: New Year's at the Riv."

The group's repeated presence at the popular Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival held each summer in Manchester, Tennessee, as well as other festivals and tours, only increased the growing popularity of this pseudo-jam band ensemble.



Photo courtesy of umpodcast.net

The men of Umphrey's McGee are having their third annual opening football weekend concert this Friday at Saint Patrick's Park in South Bend.

Fans looking to capitalize on the Umphrey's experience can check out their Web site, www.umphreys.com. In addition to the usual "merch," the site features original podcasts by the band and differing set lists from recent concerts, including their August 31st show at Red Rocks in Colorado.

Tickets are being sold at the Morris Performing Arts Center box office in South Bend, as well as via Ticketmaster.com, for \$25, and day-of tickets will be sold for \$30. The show

begins at 7 p.m., and the gates will open at 6 p.m.

Saint Patrick's Park is an outdoor amphitheater within 5 miles of Notre Dame, located on the banks of the St. Joseph River. For more information, call the Morris Performing Arts Center at (574) 235-9190.

On Thursday, Scene will feature an interview with several of the members of Umphrey's McGee.

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MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

The anticipation surrounding the release of the Hold Steady's newest album, "Stay Positive," is immense.

The critical acclaim heaped on them has only increased with each successive album. Their third, 2006's "Boys and Girls in America," was hailed as a masterwork, and rightly so. It recalled the classic rock that influenced the band, while maintaining a lyrical mindset firmly rooted in modern society. And the lyrics, while on the subject, were brilliant, with references to Jack Kerouac — check the album title — and poet John Berryman in the first song alone. So, of course, expectations would be high for the follow-up.

But does "Stay Positive" satisfy? In a word, yes. It is everything one could hope for. Actually, if you were hoping it would solve the housing crisis, you'd be let down, so it's almost everything one could hope for. Regardless, any apprehension upon listening to the album or any worrying that it might disappoint immediately disappear.

Things kick off with "Constructive Summer," a summer anthem about living for the moment and seizing the day, and about taking tired clichés like those and stripping them bare to reveal the beating heart underneath. It shouts out Joe Strummer of the Clash and Iggy Pop's "Lust for Life," and it's joyous and fun, the sort of song that sounds best while driving during a sunny day with friends. If you listen hard enough, you can pick out some of the album's lyrical themes, like those of Catholic imagery and growing up. The latter is something one would imagine lead singer/guitarist/lyricist Craig Finn struggles with increasingly at 37 years old.

The first single, "Sequestered in Memphis," is as catchy a song as the band has ever written. Handclaps, horns and

backing vocals make a chorus of "Subpoenaed in Texas / Sequestered in Memphis" far more infectious than the verbose lyrics would seem to allow. The song details, in a storytelling style, a questionable hook-up by the narrator, who could be Craig Finn but likely isn't. Are the lyrics based on real events? Probably not, but who cares? It's a great story. Finn's approach is similar to that of Bruce Springsteen's — telling stories of working class kids who are desperate and jaded. Aside from the E-Street-esque piano appearing on nearly every song, this is where the band gets their oft-quoted Springsteen influence.

Things slow down for "Lord, I'm Discouraged," one of the album's many standout tracks. Telling the tale of a friend who has fallen into drug abuse, the song has Finn questioning God, wondering why his friend hasn't been saved. When he sings "So I mostly just pray she don't die," the pain is palpable. Not only one of the best songs on the album, it certainly stands among the finest and most powerful the band has ever written, with a guitar solo that matches the song's tragedy with its epic scope.

While the upbeat songs range from the merely good, like "Yeah Sapphire" and "Navy Sheets," to the great, like the title track, the songs that cut the deepest are the slower ones. Aside from the aforementioned "Lord, I'm Discouraged," tracks like "Both Crosses" and "Slapped Actresses" are stunners, all slow burn and introspection. There are references to murder and Christianity, to the late director John Cassavettes and to his wife Gena Rowlands. As "Slapped Actresses" closes out the album on a chorus of "whoa-ohs," it's obvious that the Hold Steady weren't shaken by having all eyes on them. No, instead of succumbing to the pressure, they pulled up their bootstraps and produced another masterpiece.

"Stay Positive" is one more fine entry in the catalogue of an excellent band. Not only that, it is without question one of the best records of the year, growing better with each listen. Having your expectations lived up to is uncommon, but having them exceeded is extraordinary. It's tough to even imagine how they're going to follow this up, but the way they're going, no one will be let down.

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The Hold Steady
Stay Positive

Released by: Vagrant Records
Recommended Tracks: "Constructive Summer" and "Lord, I'm Discouraged"



Photo courtesy of stereogum.com

With "Stay Positive," the Hold Steady has exceeded fan and critical expectations. The first single off the album is "Sequestered in Memphis."



MARY JESSE | Observer Graphic

By JAMES DuBRAY
Scene Writer

Jim James croons "It ain't evil baby if it ain't hurtin' anybody" on the opening title track of My Morning Jacket's latest release, "Evil Urges." It's unclear as to whether or not those at Our Lady's University would say the same about the lyrics of James' most recent album.

"Evil Urges" focuses in part on the divisiveness of religion, while also intimately delving into James' sexual yearnings, which include a Carpenters-loving, made-for-Skinamax librarian. "Evil Urges" is My Morning Jacket's fifth studio album, and their third with ATO Records, which also includes artists like Radiohead, Mike Doughty and Ben Kweller.

James commented before the release of "Evil Urges." That the band's goal was to abandon traditional rock and roll sounds. This goal is certainly realized as My Morning Jacket moves from funk-inspired soul rock to an even more surprising direction, early 90s metal, in the span of two songs. On "Evil Urges," My Morning Jacket combats a commonly offered criticism that indie rock is all too white. The influences are broad, but the most important tend to be black artists: shades of Sly Stone, Curtis Mayfield, and Prince are heard throughout.

The defining factor of the album is its musical diversity. Whether one believes that the album is still coherent determines how most critics have responded to this ambitious record. "Evil Urges" is a significant leap forward for MMJ, and for the first time brings the energy of their lauded live sets to a studio album.

The standout tracks on "Evil Urges" are "Smokin' from Shootin'," along with "Touch Me I'm Going to Scream Pt. 1" and "Touch Me I'm Going to Scream Pt. 2," which comprise over 12 minutes in total. These three tracks define a new sound,

which loosely has the feeling of rhythm-based progressive rock. Imagine Roger Waters being supplanted by Marvin Gaye — sounds odd, but the end product is brilliant as James' falsetto moans, "I can tell by the sounds you make that you are pleased" over danceable, epic rock.

But My Morning Jacket does not completely leave its rock and roll roots behind. The fourth tune continues the bevy of surprises with the "Sweet Emotion"-esque, radio-friendly "I'm Amazed." The album also includes a pair of 3-in-the-morning, sweaty barroom, blackout guitar brawls with "Aluminum Park" and "Remnants," which are sure to please the portion of MMJ's fan base that was hoping to hear the "AC/DC meets the Allman Brothers" side of their favorite band.

The middle portion of "Evil Urges" takes another compelling turn, as Jim James proves that he can be just as sentimental and insightful as many of his indie rock group fronting peers (see Ben Gibbard, Conor Oberst, or Colin Meloy) with songs that speak of love and desire. On the two numbers that James probably wrote alone at night, with nothing but his bleeding heart and acoustic guitar, "Look at You" and "Thank You Too," James swoons the object of his affection as a "glowing example of peace of glory," who "really saw my naked heart/really brought out the naked part." These tunes are separated by a 70s AM pop-infused ditty, "Sec Walkin'" in which James temporarily falls into a state of schizophrenia, revealing his belief that "demon eyes are watching everywhere."

The most controversial song on the record, which has been a litmus test for feelings about "Evil Urges" as a whole, is the George Clinton-meets-Metallica tune, "Highly Suspicious." The refrain is pure pop-metal, and follows James talking about a "peanut butter pudding surprise."

Yet, as he sings the chorus, James is laughing with those who love his ambition and against those who will remain "highly suspicious" until they see how fun and energetic this song is live.

Before "Evil Urges," My Morning Jacket was clearly in the conversation for the best live act in rock today. With this record, they have entered another elite group, one that has recently only included Wilco and Radiohead, for the most relevant rock group in the world.

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My Morning Jacket
Evil Urges

Released by: ATO Records
Recommended Tracks: "Smokin' from Shootin'" and "Highly Suspicious"

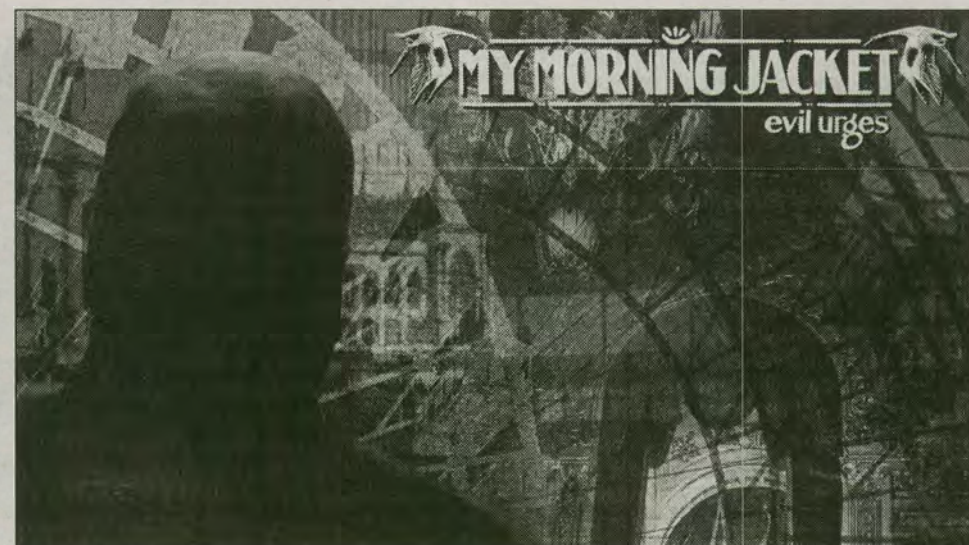


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My Morning Jacket breaks new musical ground with "Evil Urges." The band's influences include Curtis Mayfield, Sly Stone, George Clinton and Prince.

MLB

Yankees outslug Tigers in battle of underachievers

Alex Rodriguez has 4 RBIs as major league baseball's highest paid teams compete without playoff implications

Associated Press

DETROIT — What could have been a September showdown between the teams with the two biggest payrolls in baseball instead had very little impact on the pennant races.

Thanks to a guy known as "Pudge," it was not devoid of emotion.

Alex Rodriguez sparked a scoring barrage with a two-run single in the first inning and added an RBI in each of the next two frames to help the New York Yankees build a huge cushion they needed in a 13-9 win over the Detroit Tigers on Monday.

Perhaps the only intriguing moment in the listless game that lasted nearly 4 hours happened in the second inning when Ivan Rodriguez came to the plate.

He was greeted with a standing ovation in his first game against the Tigers since they traded him. Rodriguez acknowledged the fans by taking off his helmet and waving to the sold-out crowd.

"That was special," he said. "I appreciated that very, very, very much. It was great. It means that in the four years I was here, I did a good job and the fans appreciated that."

The Yankees and Tigers played a makeup game after a matchup in May was rained out. The teams with the highest payrolls in baseball combined for a performance that seemed as significant and stirring as a Grapefruit League exhibition. New York's opening-day payroll, counting players on the disabled list, was \$209.1 million and Detroit's was \$138.7 million.

Both underachieving teams began the final month with double-digit deficits in their divisions. The Yankees began the day seven games behind the Red Sox in the AL wild card race.

"You can't take anything for granted," Ivan Rodriguez said. Rodriguez signed with the Tigers after they lost an AL-record 119 games in 2004, then helped them reach the World Series in 2006.

He will be a 37-year-old free agent this offseason.

"Physically, I know he can still play every day," Girardi said. "How many more years he can do it? I don't know."

Alex Rodriguez's four RBIs helped the Yankees take an 11-2 lead, but they were ahead by just two runs following five innings after giving up homers to Gary Sheffield,

Miguel Cabrera and Brandon Inge.

Derek Jeter drove in one of two runs in the sixth, padding the lead to 13-9.

"The bottom line is that we won the game," New York manager Joe Girardi said.

Justin Verlander (10-15) lasted a career-low 1 2-3 innings and gave up eight runs—five earned—and seven hits with two walks.

"I'll make this easy for you," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said in a 9-second address to reporters. "We basically threw a lot of balls when we should've thrown strikes and we threw some strikes when we should've thrown balls."

"And, that's the end of the conversation. I'll see you later."

Verlander agreed with Leyland's assessment.

"The bad pitches I threw got hit and the good ones got hit as well," said Verlander, who was booed as he walked to the dugout when Leyland replaced him. "It's one of those days you've got to get behind you."

Verlander has had a lot of starts he would like to forget this season after being the only pitcher to throw a no-hitter, start a World Series game, and be Rookie of the Year and an All-Star in his first two full seasons.

He won 35 games the previous two years and trailed only Dwight Gooden's 41 victories among pitchers in their first two full seasons since 1970.

Brian Bruney (2-0) was credited with the win for pitching 1 2-3 scoreless innings in the middle of the game. Sidney Ponson started and gave up seven runs — six earned—and nine hits over three innings.

"I didn't do what I was supposed to do," Ponson said.

In his major league debut, Phil Coke struck out two, including Cabrera with one on to get out of the seventh inning to maintain New York's four-run lead.

Mets 4, Brewers 2

MILWAUKEE — The shadows in late afternoon at Miller Park can be brutal to hitters, but Carlos Delgado made good contact anyway.

Delgado's two-run homer off Eric Gagne in the eighth inning propelled the New York Mets to a victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday.

"Probably the worst shadows that I've been involved with since I've been in professional



New York's Johnny Damon is congratulated after scoring on an Alex Rodriguez single in the fourth inning of the Yankees' 13-9 win Monday over Detroit.

baseball, but it goes the same way for both teams," Delgado said. "It was pretty tough, but whatever. We got it done."

The Mets had little success against Ben Sheets, but the Brewers' right-hander left the game after five scoreless innings as a precautionary measure with tightness in his left groin. New York then battered six Milwaukee relievers for four runs on seven hits and four walks in the final four innings.

"He's one of our top pitchers," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said of Sheets. "Do you wanna take a chance of losing him? I don't. I take no chances with starting pitchers this time of year. Very, very slight, started to get some tightness and I'm not taking a chance of him pulling it."

It was the fourth win in five games for the Mets, and all four victories have been comebacks.

"Good teams do this," Delgado said. "It's important. It shows that you can do it. Ideally, you want to be ahead but if you're not you've got to put together some good at bats, get some base runners and come up with a big hit. It says a lot about the character

and the will we have with this ballclub."

It was Delgado's 462nd career homer, tying him with Jose Canseco for 31st place on the all-time list.

"Obviously, it's flattering," Delgado said. "I'm going to play a couple more years, so I'm not so concerned with the guys on that list."

The Mets first baseman has 20 homers and 60 RBI since June 27, the most of any NL player in that time.

"Carlos has been amazing," New York manager Jerry Manuel said. "If he's swinging it well, he seems to come up at the right time and put a good swing on it. He's been outstanding."

Diamondbacks 8, Cardinals 6

PHOENIX — Stephen Drew became the first player to hit for the cycle in Chase Field, and newly acquired David Eckstein singled home the winning run to help the Arizona Diamondbacks rally past the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday.

Adam Dunn, Chris Young and Mark Reynolds also homered for the slumping Diamondbacks, who overcame a poor start by Randy

Johnson.

Batting leadoff, Drew singled in the first, tripled in the third and homered in the fifth against St. Louis Cardinals starter Joel Pineiro. He hit a ground-rule double in the seventh against reliever Kyle McClellan (2-7) as the Chase Field crowd rose for a standing ovation.

Drew added another double in the eighth for his fifth hit, matching a career high and becoming the 12th Diamondbacks player to have five hits in a game.

Drew also became the third Diamondback to hit for the cycle in the franchise's 11-year history. Luis Gonzalez did it on July 5, 2000, at Houston and Greg Colbrunn did it on Sept. 18, 2002, at San Diego.

Chad Qualls (3-8) pitched the seventh to earn the win. Brandon Lyon pitched the ninth for his 26th save in 31 chances.

Down 5-1 in the third, the Diamondbacks chipped away at Pineiro, who allowed four runs and six hits in five innings.

Arizona tied it at 6-6 in the sixth, when Reynolds hit a two-run shot on the first pitch from McClellan.

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CC Sabathia looks weird in purple.

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NCAA Football Coaches' Top 25

team	points	previous
1 Georgia (22)	1,438	1
2 USC (14)	1,430	2
3 Ohio State (14)	1,392	3
4 Oklahoma (3)	1,329	4
5 Florida (5)	1,293	5
6 LSU (3)	1,163	6
7 Missouri	1,143	7
8 West Virginia	1,008	8
9 Clemson	999	9
10 Texas	979	10
11 Auburn	888	11
12 Wisconsin	747	12
13 Kansas	714	13
14 Texas Tech	644	14
15 Virginia Tech	568	15
16 Arizona State	560	16
17 Brigham Young	547	17
18 Tennessee	506	18
19 Illinois	422	19
20 Oregon	399	20
21 South Florida	350	21
22 Penn State	313	22
23 Wake Forest	203	23
24 Michigan	112	24
25 Fresno State	91	25

Men's NSCAA Soccer Rankings

team	points	previous
1 Wake Forest	200	1
2 Connecticut	186	2
3 NOTRE DAME	166	3
4 Boston College	155	4
5 Santa Clara	151	5
6 Creighton	133	6
7 Indiana	129	7
8 Maryland	128	8
9 Ohio State	118	9
10 Virginia Tech	112	10
11 Brown	109	11
12 Akron	95	12
13 Massachusetts	83	13
14 UCLA	75	14
15 West Virginia	73	15
16 Illinois-Chicago	71	16
17 Southern Methodist	70	17
18 South Florida	65	18
19 Saint Louis	53	19
20 Northwestern	46	20
21 Bradley	41	21
22 UC Santa Barbara	41	22
23 Tulsa	36	23
24 North Carolina	28	24
25 Furman	20.5	25

MIAA Women's Soccer Standings

Team	Record	W-L
1 Albion		3-1
1 Calvin		3-1
1 Hope		3-1
1 SAINT MARY'S		3-1
1 Trine		3-1
6 Alma		2-2
6 Kalamazoo		2-2
8 Adrian		1-3
8 Olivet		1-3

NCAA FOOTBALL



UCLA running back Ryan Moya, 15, celebrates after his touchdown gave his team the lead late in the game. The Bruins held on to beat No. 14 Tennessee 27-24 in overtime Monday night.

Bruins win debut in dramatic fashion

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. - Quarterback Kevin Craft sparked UCLA's offense in the second half Monday night, and Kai Forbath kicked a 42-yard field goal in overtime to lift the Bruins to a 27-24 victory over No. 18 Tennessee, making coach Rick Neuheisel's debut a winning one.

The season opener for both teams had a wild finish.

The underdog Bruins, who took the lead with 27 seconds left in regulation, were forced into overtime when the Volunteers' Daniel Lincoln kicked a 47-yard field goal as time

expired.

But in the overtime, when neither the Bruins nor the Vols were able pick up a first down, Forbath made his kick and then Lincoln missed from 34 yards.

Craft, who threw four interceptions and totaled 66 yards in the opening half of his first game for UCLA, went 18-of-25 for 193 yards and one touchdown in the second half without an interception.

The touchdown was a 3-yarder to Ryan Moya that capped a 70-yard drive and gave the Bruins a 24-21 lead with 27 seconds left. The Vols had gone up 21-17 on Montario Hardesty's 20-yard run with 1:54 to play.

After the Bruins went back in front, the Vols answered with a quick 27-yard march that ended with Lincoln's tying field goal.

Raymond Carter had put UCLA up 17-14 earlier in the fourth with a 3-yard scoring run.

Neuheisel, a former UCLA quarterback who was the 1984 Rose Bowl MVP, returned as head coach last December after Karl Dorrell was fired. The Bruins, plagued by quarterback injuries, went 6-7 last year.

"It was a thrill for me to be on the sidelines," he said. "At one point an official said, 'Are you having fun?' I said, 'For an opening

act, this is a lot of fun.'

"It's been a hard five years being away from college football. This is what I want to do."

Asked if he considered giving Craft the hook, Neuheisel said, "I told Craft that I threw four interceptions in my first start, but (coach) Terry Donahue waited until the third game before he pulled me."

Craft, a junior college transfer who was a third-stringer for the Bruins before injuries to the first two quarterbacks pressed him into the starting role, finished 25-of-43 for 259 yards, with the one touchdown and four interceptions.

IN BRIEF

Clemens and Co. arrested in Virginia parking lot

SALEM, Va. — The son of Roger Clemens and two other minor league teammates were arrested early Sunday morning and briefly jailed after a disturbance at a restaurant in Salem.

In a news release, police said Koby Clemens, Mark Ori and Jimmy Goethals were arrested after police were called to the parking lot of a restaurant.

Clemens and Ori were charged with disorderly conduct. Goethals was charged with assault and battery.

The three play for the Salem Avalanche, which played its final game of the season Monday in Lynchburg.

In a statement, the Houston Astros said they were attempting to sort out the circumstances leading to arrest of the three players in their farm system.

Singh wins again to all but clinch the FedEx Cup

NORTON, Mass. — Vijay Singh kept pouring in birdie putts, 35 feet on one hole and 60 feet on the next, as cheers turned from disbelief to sheer amazement.

That might be the last bit of excitement for this edition of the FedEx Cup.

Despite a volatile new points system designed to give more players a chance, Singh took the suspense out of the PGA Tour Playoffs with an 8-under 63 on Monday to win the Deutsche Bank Championship in record fashion. It was his second straight victory, giving him such a large lead that he could wrap up the \$10 million prize before the Tour Championship.

"Right now, my focus is going to be next week, and see if I can wrap it up," Singh said.

Singh has been even more impressive.

Man. City agrees to terms with new owner

LONDON — Manchester City agreed Monday to a takeover by a United Arab Emirates business group, ending former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's brief ownership of the Premier League club.

The Abu Dhabi United Group for Development and Investment will look at the club's accounts and contracts before completion of a deal believed to be worth \$360 million.

The group reached agreement late Sunday afternoon with Thaksin, board member Sulaiman al-Fahim said in a press conference Monday morning.

The club said in a statement that a "memorandum of understanding" has been signed and the deal is subject to a due diligence, allowing investors to request information from Man City and the Premier League.

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MLB

Astros at Cubs
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TENNIS

Querrey challenges No. 1 Nadal at Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Rafael Nadal double-faulted on a break point Monday at the U.S. Open, it allowed Sam Querrey to pull even at a set apiece and 4-4 in the third.

Exactly two hours into their fourth-round match at the U.S. Open, the 55th-ranked Querrey was tied with the No. 1-ranked Nadal — tied with a man who owns five Grand Slam titles.

"You know," Querrey would say later, "I felt like I was right in that one."

Indeed he was, to the surprise of pretty much everyone but Querrey. The 20-year-old Californian managed to match the relentless Nadal stroke-for-stroke for long stretches, before losing 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

"Not the worst thing in the world—going out to the No. 1 guy," Querrey said.

After a poor start, one he attributed mainly to nervousness, Querrey began to make a stand when Nadal served for a two-set lead at 5-4 in the second. Querrey broke at love there, and he broke Nadal again two games later to take the set, and then skipped to the sideline shaking a fist as most of the partisan crowd rose for a standing ovation.

"I thought I was maybe going to lose, like, (6-2, 6-2, 6-0) or something. ... After I broke him in 5-4 at love in the second set, then I started having a little more fun," Querrey said. "From that point on, it was awesome."

He actually led briefly, when it was 5-4 and 6-5 in the third set, but he couldn't keep up in the ensuing tiebreaker.

Then, with Nadal serving at 4-2 in the fourth, Querrey made the reigning French Open, Wimbledon and Beijing Olympics champion work rather hard.

Querrey compiled seven

break points in that game—seven chances to get back on serve, to get right back into the match. But Nadal saved each one, the last with a 117 mph service winner he punctuated with a yell of "Si!"

At deuce, Querrey swatted a runaround forehand wide, then on the next point, he ended a 10-stroke exchange by pushing a forehand into the net. Querrey dropped his head and tugged at the brim of his sweat-soaked baseball cap as he trudged to the sideline.

Still, it was impressive the way the 6-foot-6 Querrey stayed in extended exchanges from the baseline, precisely the sort of point that's been the foundation of Nadal's career, wearing down more experienced and more successful players than Querrey. Roger Federer comes to mind, for example.

"Very tough, no? Sam is a big player, a big server," Nadal said. "He has a great future."

Nadal wound up with more unforced errors (41) than winners (37), a rare ratio for him. Nadal's serve was broken a total of three times in his first three matches; Querrey broke him four times.

"The match was crazy like that, no?" Nadal said.

The Spaniard assigned some blame for his problems to the swirling wind, something that Querrey also said was bothersome.

Querrey, of course, had other things to worry about: He was playing in Arthur Ashe Stadium—the sport's largest arena—for the first time, and playing in a major championship's fourth round for the first time.

Oh, yes, and playing against Nadal, who has won 42 of his past 43 matches.

"I mean, it's nice to know he actually had to go out there and fight for it," Querrey said, "rather than me kind of handing it to him."

NFL

Pacman, Tank to start fresh

Jones and Johnson, both back from suspensions, to play Sunday

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Adam "Pacman" Jones and Tank Johnson settled in for a new season in their corner of the Dallas Cowboys' locker room Monday.

Freshly displayed above the locker where Jones reclined into a pile of clothes were several pictures of his 2-year-old daughter. Johnson, meanwhile, talked about plans for an entertainment center in the empty cubicle now between them after final roster cuts.

At the start of last season, neither was playing for the Cowboys — or any other team. Both were serving NFL suspensions.

Jones did not even find out for sure until last week that he would be cleared by commissioner Roger Goodell to play this season. He is already finding it hard to control his emotions as he gets ready for Sunday's season opener at Cleveland, his first NFL game since Dec. 31, 2006, when he was still with Tennessee.

"I don't want to get too over-hyped, but Sunday I'll be ready," Jones said. "I'm just trying to not get too riled up. Reading a couple of books every now and then helps me out a little bit."

The Titans traded Jones, their 2005 first-round pick, in April while the cornerback-kick returner was still suspended because of an accumulation of arrests and legal problems while with Tennessee.

When Jason Ferguson of the Cowboys was lost to injury after last year's opener, the 305-pound Johnson was signed off waivers from Chicago even though he still had to serve his suspension. Johnson did get to play the second half of the season for the Cowboys, and his gregarious spirit has become much more evident now that he is settled with the team.



Adam "Pacman" Jones pictured at Cowboys training camp on July 26.

Johnson is also sporting a new jersey number, switching to No. 95 this week after wearing No. 66 last season and throughout training camp.

"Nine-to-five is just like all day. Nine-to-five is how I work. I love the number," Johnson said. "I was comfortable in 66, but once a 90-number got free, I wanted to just go ahead and jump on it because I don't want to be the ugly one on the line."

In the preseason, "Pacman" played the first three games, the last starting at left cornerback in place of Terence Newman, the injured Pro Bowl selection who is back at practice and expected to play against the Browns.

Jones doesn't know if he will start—"They ain't telling me nothing," he said—but he will be prominent on passing downs and special teams. Jones' only punt returns in the preseason were for 18 and 24 yards.

So what does Jones look forward to most?

"Probably the punt return more. I would like to take the first return back," Jones said, making sure to clarify that wasn't any kind of guarantee. "I said I would like to take the first one back. We'll see how it goes, man. I'm eager to get back out there."

Coach Wade Phillips said Monday that Jones will likely be used on kickoff returns as well. He wouldn't say if there was a chance of Jones being used offensively to help bolster the injury-plagued receiving unit.

Still, Phillips said Jones has made significant progress in the two months since he was cleared by Goodell to practice and play in preseason games with the Cowboys. The commissioner waited until last week to rule on the regular season.

"I think Adam Jones will probably get better and better as he goes. He just hasn't played in a long time. He does have some real natural ability," Phillips said. "He's not too far away."



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NFL

Brady says ankle is better; hopes to start in opener

Patriots head coach Bill Belichick refuses to answer questions about who will start Sunday against Kansas City

Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady ran through agility drills and said he is ready to play in the New England Patriots' opener. Bill Belichick is not ready to say that will happen.

Neither is much of a surprise.

It would be a big surprise if the record-setting quarterback, who had a right foot injury and missed all four exhibition games, does not start Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs.

"If it's up to me, there's no question," Brady said Monday. "I've been getting progressively better over the past couple of weeks. I'm excited. I'm excited to start the year."

The secretive Belichick deflected a question about whether last season's NFL MVP would start Sunday.

"We will give you the injury report on Friday," he told reporters Monday. "We will give you the practice report after we practice."

Brady did not want to anger a coach who tells his players not to reveal too much injury information. So he would not estimate how close to 100 percent he was health-wise.

"I don't know," Brady said with a smile. "Coach hates

percentages, so I usually don't give them. I have been yelled at more times with comments I make so I am laying off that one. Write that, so he reads that, too."

No matter the percentage, all signs point to Brady extending his playing streak to 128 games, third most in history among NFL quarterbacks. Only Brett Favre (275) and Peyton Manning (173) have longer streaks, and both are still going on.

And now the exhibition games are over.

"I felt like I could play all of them and I practiced the entire preseason, pretty much," Brady said. "The decision was made that, OK, Tom, you're not going to play, and I was fine with it."

A week ago, Brady said he would be ready for the Chiefs. Since then, he said, his foot has improved "quite a bit."

He also did everything the other quarterbacks, running backs and receivers did during the first 15 minutes of practice Monday that media members were allowed to observe. They stretched then jogged to the end zone for the agility drills.

The Patriots, with no proven backup, cannot afford to be without Brady, who set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes last season.

Matt Cassel, starting his fourth season as the No. 2 quarterback, could not lead the Patriots to a touchdown in 17 exhibition series. Kevin O'Connell, the Patriots third-round draft pick, is highly regarded but is just a rookie.

Tackle Matt Light missed the first three exhibition games and guard Stephen Neal missed all four. So Belichick played it safe by not risking Brady's health with two starters missing from the offensive line.

After eight seasons in the NFL, Brady expects to make a smooth transition to playing in a game even without the exhibition contests, all of them losses.

"Throwing so many footballs over the course of my life, it's not like I need to learn how to throw a football or take a drop or make a read," Brady said. "All the plays that are in the playbook are ones that were put in when I was here, so I was a part of all those conversations."

"It's just a matter of going out and doing it at a faster speed," he said. "I've played in a lot of those games to know what that speed is and, hopefully, I'm prepared for it."

Besides, Randy Moss sat out all four exhibition games last year and still caught an



New England quarterback Tom Brady, 12, does an agility drill Monday during practice.

NFL record 23 touchdown passes. And that was his first year with the Patriots.

"The whole team is ready for Tom to come back," Moss said Sunday. "He is the leader of this team. He does some great things out there on the field with the ball."

On Monday, Light sounded optimistic about Brady's return.

"The way he directs things out there is what puts us in the right position to make

these plays," Light said. "So it's good to have him back."

That should happen on Sunday now that his injured foot has improved.

"I think we have moved past that," Brady said. "I was out there practicing yesterday and I am going out there to practice today. Hopefully, I will be practicing enough the rest of the week to give everybody enough confidence to know that I will be OK if I go out there."



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In a world of six billion people, it only takes one to change your life.

Sixty-two-year-old Walter Vale is a disillusioned Connecticut economics professor whose life is transformed by a chance encounter. When his college sends him to Manhattan to attend a conference, Walter is surprised to find a young couple has taken up residence in his apartment. Victims of a real estate scam, Tarek, a Syrian man, and Zainab, his Senegalese girlfriend, have nowhere else to go. In the first of a series of tests of the heart, Walter reluctantly allows the couple to stay with him.

Touched by his kindness, Tarek, a talented musician, insists on teaching the aging academic to play the African drum. The instrument's exuberant rhythms revitalize Walter's faltering spirit and the friendship between the two men deepens, allowing differences in culture, age and temperament to fall away.

After Tarek is arrested as an undocumented citizen and held for deportation, Walter finds himself compelled to help his new friend. When Tarek's mother arrives unexpectedly in search of her son, the professor's personal commitment develops into an unlikely romance. And it's through these new found connections with these virtual strangers that Walter is awakened to a new world and a new life.

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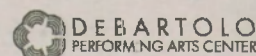
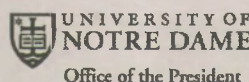
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MLB

Lee shuts out White Sox for 20th win

Indians' unlikely ace becomes first pitcher in majors to reach milestone

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Cliff Lee became Cleveland's first 20-game winner in 34 years, pitching a five-hitter for his second career shutout to lead the Indians to a 5-0 win over the Chicago White Sox on Monday night.

Lee (20-2) is the first Indians pitcher to reach 20 wins since Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry went 21-13 in 1974. The left-hander's milestone win — his ninth straight victory — came exactly one year to the day that he was recalled from the minor leagues.

With a chance to join Perry as well as Hall of Famers Bob Feller and Bob Lemon in

Cleveland's record book as 20-game winners, Lee shut down the hard-hitting, Central-leading White Sox with ease. He gave up two singles to open the first and then retired 21 in a row.

After he got Carlos Quentin to ground into a game-ending double play, Lee punched his fist into his glove and hugged catcher Kelly Shoppach as fireworks boomed above Progressive Field. And as he has done 19 other times this season, Lee got in line to exchange handshakes with his teammates.

First baseman Ryan Garko flipped the ball to Lee, and he headed to the dugout as a video tribute from Perry and

Feller was shown on the stadium's giant scoreboard.

Lee's 20 wins put a resounding stamp on his turnaround season.

Ineffective for the first four months of 2007, Lee had been sent back to the minors last July, a startling downfall for a pitcher who had won 46 games over the previous three years. In his final start before the demotion, Lee was booed off the field and sarcastically tipped his cap at Indians fans who were sick of seeing him.

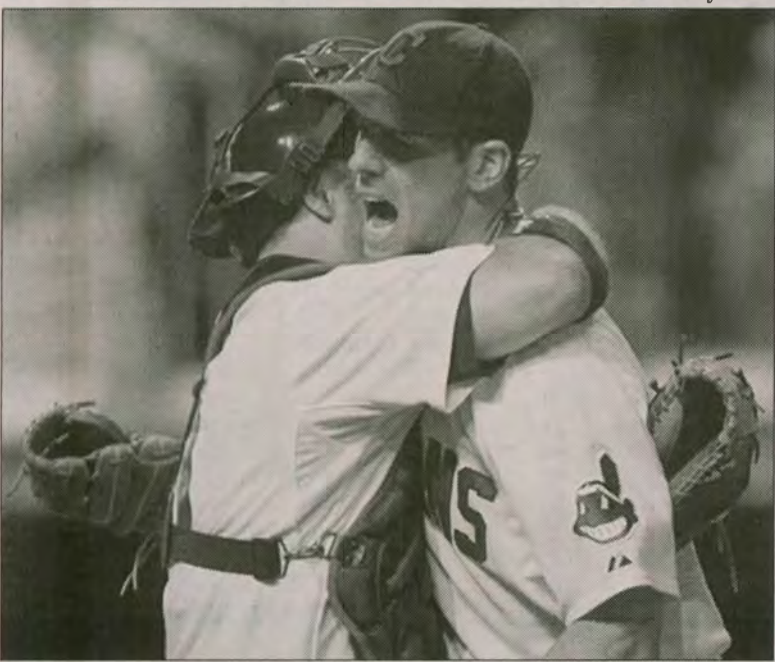
Now, they cannot get enough of Lee.

Since the first day of spring training in '08, he has been in a groove.

The Benton, Ark., native went 5-0 in April and won his first six starts before suffering his first loss on May 18 at Cincinnati. Lee lost for a second time on July 6 at Minnesota, but was 12-2 when he took the mound as the AL's starter at the All-Star Game in Yankee Stadium. He went 5-0 with a 1.86 ERA in August.

He came in leading the league in wins and ERA, and no pitcher has meant more to his team than the laid-back 30-year-old Lee, who has accounted for 30 percent of Cleveland's 66 victories.

Right now, he's a leading candidate to give Cleveland back-to-back Cy Young winners. CC Sabathia won 19 games last season for the Indians, one of four Cleveland pitchers to come within one win of matching the spit-balling Perry.



Cleveland catcher Kelly Shoppach, left, hugs pitcher Cliff Lee Monday after Lee completed his Major-league leading 20th win. AP

SOCCER

U.S. team to play qualifier in Cuba

Americans have not played in Cuba in 61 years; must win to continue World Cup hopes

Associated Press

MIAMI SHORES, Fla. — Landon Donovan took off his shirt and soaked in the South Florida sun as he walked off the field Monday, chuckling at the dozen or so college girls photographing his every move.

Do not expect Donovan and the United States men's soccer team to get such a friendly reception at their next stop: The national team's first match in Cuba in 61 years.

And don't expect the U.S. to focus on anything but soccer, either.

"We're not going there to be political," Donovan said Monday. "I'm not going there to make any political statements. I'm going there to play and try to win. That (political) part of it is real, but the reason we're there is to play soccer. And that's what we have to remember."

The U.S. team held the first of four practices in this north Miami suburb as it prepared to play Cuba in a World Cup qualifier in Havana on Saturday. The Americans are coming off a 1-0 win over Guatemala and are heavily favored against a Cuban squad that lost to Trinidad and Tobago 3-1 in its opening semifinal qualifier on Aug. 20.

The U.S. national team has traveled to Cuba only once, losing 5-2 in 1947, although the under-20 team played in Havana in 1991 during the Pan American Games.

Most U.S. fans will not be able to attend the game because of the government's restrictions on travel to the communist nation, leaving the U.S. team unsure of what kind of reception it will receive.

"I'm hoping it will be good," midfielder Eddie Lewis said. "But certainly with the political situation between our two countries, we might hear a lit-

tle more jeers. Not that most guys on our team understand Spanish."

Though baseball-crazy Cuba would need to score a major upset to bolster its chances of qualifying for the nation's first World Cup since 1938, goalkeeper Dany Luis Quintero said "our motivation is always greater against a rival like the United States."

"Cubans don't like to lose to the United States," he said. "The fans are more motivated and we are hoping for a full stadium."

The U.S. knows it needs a win to stay on track to qualify for the World Cup. The Americans play Trinidad and Tobago on Sept. 10 in Bridgeview, Ill., and wins against both countries would all but assure a berth in the final round of qualifying in North and Central America and the Caribbean.

U.S. coach Bob Bradley said it's important his team doesn't lose focus with the distractions that could surround the game in Havana.

"It's been a real long time so I think for our team, our players, it's a tremendous opportunity," Bradley said of the trip. "It's certainly a unique experience and one everybody is looking forward to. We just need to make sure we keep our concentration on the importance of the game with qualifying for the World Cup."

Luis Hernandez, president of the Cuban Soccer Association, downplayed the political significance of the game, which is being televised on cable in the United States.

"The political aspect has nothing to do with it," Hernandez said Monday outside Havana's Pedro Marero Stadium, the small and crumbling concrete venue of Saturday's game. "The U.S. players are just athletes, soccer players, and we are too."

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Award of the Inn at Saint Mary's Classic this weekend. For her powerhouse performance, Hanks was also named the Top Drawer Soccer National Player of the Week Monday.

And Hanks is not likely to stop accumulating milestones anytime soon. She stands within striking distance of 70 career goals and 70 assists, a plateau reached by only two players in NCAA history. The elite club includes only two members — Notre Dame

alumna Jen Streifer and women's soccer icon Mia Hamm of North Carolina.

"[Hanks] is gonna continue to set more and more records. She owns a big majority of them now for scoring for this program over its 20 year history," Irish coach Randy

Waldrum said. "And its kind of fitting, you know, that we are celebrating, this year, 20 years of the women's soccer program and for her to have a chance of breaking the 70 goal-70 assist mark ... it'd be in very good company if she could do that."

Waldrum praised Hanks not only for her talent but also for the intangible qualities she brings to the field.

"She's a leader, she understands the game, she sees it at a higher level than a lot of our players," Waldrum said. "She is just a really smart student of the game. The thing that she's got going for her is she's not the most physically gifted and not the biggest, strongest play-

er, but you won't find a harder competitor."

Hanks said that while it is an honor to be seen as a team leader, she knows if she did not play for a top-flight program like Notre Dame, she would not have had the opportunity to rack up so many points.

"Having younger players look up to me, it means a lot to me, it's an honor," Hanks said. "But I couldn't have done it without my teammates setting up those plays and letting me be the one stepping up taking [penalty kicks]."

Two of Hanks' goals on Friday came on penalty kicks after teammates were fouled inside the 18-yard box.

Waldrum said that despite Hanks' 68 goals and 59 assists, she is far from a one-dimensional player.

"She does a lot of work for us defensively and a lot of people don't realize," the coach said. "They think all she does is score goals but when you watch her she's chasing back all the way deep into our half. She's a complete player."

Hanks will not have a chance to join the 70-70 club until at least midway through this season, but for now Waldrum said he is just proud that she tied the school record for three-goal games.

"It couldn't happen to a better player," he said. "She's been so much to our program over the [past] four years."

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demically, 21st in the Director's Cup and had the 30th best graduation rate among all schools in Divisions I, II and III.

Notre Dame finished 12th among all of the nation's schools. Div. III school Williams University took the overall crown with the top ranking in academics and athletics.

The Irish are in good

company on the Div. I list with Stanford, Duke, Princeton and Harvard taking the top four spots in front of Notre Dame. The school's 23.66 rating was only two points away from Harvard and 2.33 away from Princeton. John Hopkins, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Northwestern, Cornell and Yale rounded out at the top

ten.

"That's probably the No. 1 priority, to make that overall experience as good as it can be. You want everyone of those people to walk away and feel like they had a great four years," Heisler said.

In 2007, Notre Dame beat out the Cardinal and its Ivy League competitors to grab the second spot behind Duke. Heisler said the annual success stems from a commitment to academics that starts in the recruiting process.

"Academics are a top concern for all of our student-athletes, it's not up for debate," he said.

Heisler also said that the polls helped when recruiting players and coaches because it showed that it is possible to remain competitive despite high standards in the classroom.

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U.S. OPEN

Williams sisters meet in quarterfinal match

Associated Press

NEW YORK - By now, Venus and Serena Williams know all too well how it feels to set aside sisterhood for a couple of hours and try to beat each other on a tennis court.

They know what it feels like to meet at a Grand Slam tournament, what it feels like to win such a match, what it feels like to lose.

And they much prefer it when there's a major championship at stake. The all-Williams showdown, set up by their easy victories Monday at the U.S. Open,

comes earlier this time. This time, Williams vs. Williams is only a quarterfinal.

"It's so soon," Serena said. "You know, it's just disappointing to be so soon."

Both advanced through the fourth round without a challenge. The No. 7-seeded Venus dismissed No. 9 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-1, 6-3, before No. 4 Serena dispatched wild-card entrant Severine Bremond of France 6-2, 6-2 at night.

"Even the semis would have been better than the quarterfi-

nals, but at least one of us will make it to the semis," Serena told the crowd during an on-court interview. "I've got probably the toughest match of the tournament coming up next, so I've got to be ready."

Some sisters make plans to go shopping together, say, or to catch a movie. These siblings keep running into each other at their sport's highest levels.

Venus beat Serena for the title at Wimbledon in July - their seventh major title match - and Wednesday will mark the first time they've squared off at consecutive Grand Slam tournaments since 2003.

Both have dealt with injuries and inactivity that stalled their dominance, but clearly they are back at the height of their powers.

"The best part is that we're still here," Venus said, "going stronger than ever, in my opinion."

They've played 16 times as professionals, with each winning eight. That includes 10 meetings at major tournaments, with each winning five.

"I would love to have a win-

ning record," Venus said. "I have a chance."

Because of the luck of the pre-tournament draw, they were placed in the same portion of the bracket in New York-much to the disappointment of them, U.S. Open organizers and TV types. Even other players.

"For sure, it would have been better for the crowd if it was a final," Bremond said. "It would have been a very good final."

That certainly rings true: Serena has lost a total of 14 games through four matches at Flushing Meadows; Venus has dropped 15.

Of the eight women left in the tournament, only two have won a Grand Slam title-Serena leads all active players with eight, and Venus is right behind with seven.

They won every U.S. Open women's singles championship from 1999 to 2002, meeting in the finals the last two years of that span-it was their ascension that prompted the U.S. Open to move the women's final from Saturday afternoon to Saturday night. Since 2002, though, Serena hasn't made it past the quarterfinals here, and Venus has only reached one semifinal.

"I just feel like, you know, we're both playing better and feeling better," Serena said. "We just had a turn in our



AP
Serena Williams returns a serve during her win over France's Severine Bremond at the U.S. Open in New York on Monday.

careers. We're just playing the way we should play."

Also advancing Monday were No. 6 Dinara Safina, who defeated Anna-Lena Groenefeld 7-5, 6-0, and No. 16 Flavia Pennetta, who beat No. 32 Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-0.

In men's action, No. 1 Rafael

Nadal held off 55th-ranked Sam Querrey, a 20-year-old Californian who never before had been to the fourth round at a major tournament. Querrey hung in during extended baseline rallies, and even briefly led in the third set, before losing 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

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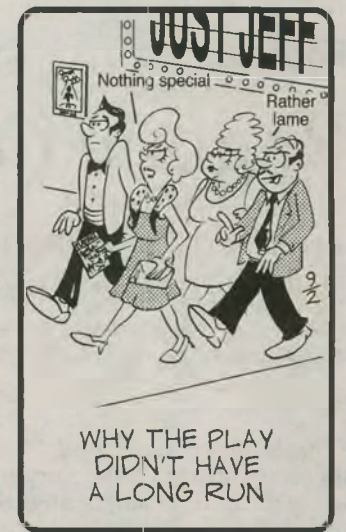
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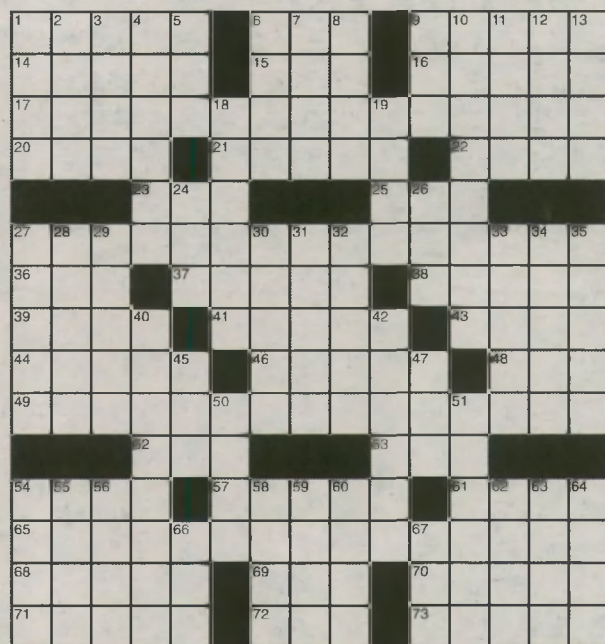
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- Across**
- 1 "Casablanca" star, informally
 - 6 Rio automaker
 - 9 Legendary cowboy ____ Bill
 - 14 Brings in
 - 15 Dijon denial
 - 16 Bejeweled topper
 - 17 Mediocre F. Scott Fitzgerald novel?
 - 20 Whopping
 - 21 Gibbons of TV talk
 - 22 Gas company that sells toy trucks
 - 23 "Evil Woman" band, for short
 - 25 Daisy ____, who went to Marryin' Sam
 - 27 Mediocre place to scuba?
 - 36 It merged with the WB to form the CW
 - 37 Yarn buy
 - 38 Atoll makeup
 - 39 Bow-wielding god
 - 41 Quick-witted
 - 43 "Lovely" Beatles girl
 - 44 Sony competitor
 - 46 Cold war-era blast, in headlines
 - 48 Mean mutt
 - 49 Mediocre Steve McQueen film?
 - 52 Unlock, to a bard
 - 53 Kiev's land: Abbr.
 - 54 Like a trim lawn
 - 57 Unyielding
 - 61 Asia's ____ Sea
 - 65 Mediocre Jerry Lee Lewis hit?
 - 68 In the ____ of life
- Down**
- 1 "Little Women" woman
 - 2 Honolulu's home
 - 3 Kinnear of "Little Miss Sunshine"
 - 4 "For sure!"
 - 5 Suffix with journal
 - 6 See 29-Down
 - 7 Actress Skye
 - 8 1998 animated film with a queen
 - 9 Group that usu. meets at a school
 - 10 "Take your pick"
 - 11 Scope out, pre-heist
 - 12 Planets or stars
 - 13 Comes out with
 - 18 Items of apparel for Dracula
 - 19 Willing to go along
 - 24 Barbell abbr.
 - 26 ____ welder
 - 27 Spare room user
 - 28 First name in book clubs
 - 29 With 6-Down, ready to propose
 - 30 Place to get clean
 - 31 Cowpoke's rope
 - 32 How mistakes are often marked
 - 69 Barbie's beau
 - 70 Novelist Calvino
 - 71 Zesty dip
 - 72 Match part
 - 73 Hose material



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- 33 "All My Children" vixen
- 34 Thoroughly enjoy
- 35 S O S signal
- 40 Roget's listings
- 42 False start?
- 45 Alley ____
- 47 Terse reproof
- 50 Trillion: Prefix
- 51 Cunningly evil
- 54 Unruly dos
- 55 Gumbo vegetable
- 56 Banshee's sound
- 58 Types
- 59 High spirits
- 60 George Harrison's " ____ It a Pity"
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- 63 Folkie Guthrie
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gloria Estefan, 51; Dr. Phil McGraw, 58; Barry Gibb, 62; Lily Tomlin, 69

Happy Birthday: Don't lament over spilled milk when there is so much to experience and look forward to. For every lost connection, you will find someone new and exciting to fill the void. This is a year of growth and realization. Believe in who you are and what you stand for. Progress is calling you, so follow through. Your numbers are 2, 8, 24, 27, 35, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will draw a lot of attention if you are too adamant about what you think and want to do. Tone things down and take a wait-and-see approach. You are likely to promise too much -- rethink your strategy. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't exaggerate about what you can do. Someone will catch on to the fact that you may not have the background to handle everything you promised. Get trusted advice from someone with experience. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't hold yourself back because someone you respect or who depends on you is making demands. Love is in the stars and you must connect with people who motivate you. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid family feuds or meddling in relatives' or friends' affairs. Consider the support you are getting, the options being offered and the changes that will help improve your mental outlook. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't make snap decisions regarding lifestyle, travel or educational pursuits. A new position or proposal will get you thinking about what else you can do and how you can lower your stress. Change is required. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Socialize with people who have similar interests. You will develop a strong networking facility. Overspending will backfire. You can make your dollar stretch if you are industrious with your own resources. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Love is on the line and, if you aren't forthright about your intentions, you could be backed into a corner. Your gestures will leave a good impression and cover up any emotional upset you may be experiencing. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is a lesson to be learned by helping others. It may appear that you are always giving and not receiving but, with each gracious offering, you are building a strong base for future support. Good advice will be given to you. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't mess with authority or anyone who can play havoc with your future. Be creative, original and hardworking and you will shine. Remember not to give too much away or spend too much in the process. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't give in to threats or to anyone trying to persuade you to see or do things his or her way. If you take a serious approach to your finances, debts, legal matters and health problems, you can put a huge dent in what needs to be done in order to prosper. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Finalize both personal and financial deals. Love can be discussed and your future plans put into motion. Now is a great time to make a commitment or promise to someone special. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let someone stifle your plans. Get what you want in writing to avoid having to fight for your rights later on. Try not to show instability, even if you aren't sure what to do next. 3 stars

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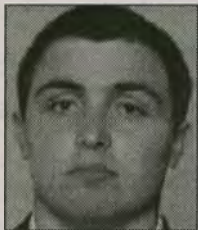
Ragone out for year, freshman to take over No. 1 spot

Tight end's season ends with surgery

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Sophomore tight end Mike Ragone chose to have surgery on Aug. 22 to repair a slightly torn left anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and will miss the 2008 season, Notre Dame said in a statement.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said that Ragone tore the ligament running routes over the summer. He wanted to play through it and have it repaired at the end of the season, Weis said, but Ragone



Mike Ragone

told Weis the knee was getting worse. "Mike came to me and decided that having the surgery done now prior to the start of school would be best," Weis said. "The surgery was successful and Mike will spend the 2008 season rehabbing to be ready for the 2009 season." Ragone tore the same ligament wrestling in high school and missed his senior season at Camden High in N.J.,

Scout.com reported. Ragone played in 11 games last year and caught one pass for seven yards. Kyle Rudolph, a 6-foot-6, 252-pound freshman, is atop the latest depth chart. Rudolph graduated from Elder High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he had 11 touchdown catches in his senior year. He is the fastest of the Irish tight ends and has added about 20 pounds of muscle to his large

frame in the past year. Rudolph is one of eight freshmen on Weis's two-deep depth chart, but the only one who is currently slated to start. Junior Will Yeatman follows him. Ragone topped the depth chart after Yeatman was suspended from the team in the spring. Yeatman caught six passes for 37 yards last season. Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu

ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

A league of her own

Hanks logs sixth hat trick of Irish career

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

She won the Hermann Trophy as the best player in the NCAA as a sophomore and scored 13 goals as a junior despite being frequently double-teamed. Some people might think Irish senior forward Kerri Hanks could not get much better. "They would be wrong. In Friday's 4-0 Irish win over Loyola Marymount, Hanks notched the sixth hat trick of her prolific career, tying Jenny Heft's Notre Dame record. "It means a lot, being a part of this school means so much and just for me being able to break records is awesome," Hanks said. Hanks was awarded the Offensive Most Valuable Player



JESS LEE/The Observer

Senior forward Kerri Hanks fights for position in a 2-0 win over Santa Clara Sunday. The win clinched the Inn at Saint Mary's title for the Irish. Hanks had a hat trick earlier in the day.

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ND ATHLETICS

Poll ranks Irish fifth in the U.S.

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame was recently ranked fifth among Div. I schools for student-athletes by the National Collegiate Scouting Association. The Irish were 12th overall in the sixth annual NSCA poll. "It's a point of pride," Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said. "It's one thing for the institution itself to talk about what we do, but it's another to have someone else recognize us and point out where we stand." The poll combines athlete graduation rates, academic rankings, and the U.S. Director's Cup standings. Notre Dame was ranked 20th aca-

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2008 FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

BILL BRINK
SPORTS EDITOR

I doubt the Irish pull a Tampa Bay and follow a terrible season with a great one, but they will make tangible progress. Robert Hughes and Armando Allen, behind a bigger offensive line, will lead an effective run game. Neither will star, but Hughes will get the majority of the carries and produce both yardage and touchdowns. Jimmy Clausen is healthy and has good options to throw to, but the passing game will take a few games to mature. Look for the air attack to mimic the last three games of last season once the offense settles. The secondary may struggle, but the linebackers and defensive line will anchor a solid defense. The middle of the defense - Ian Williams, Maurice Crum Jr. and Brian Smith - will shut down opposing offenses.

PREDICTION:
6-6, BOWL LOSS

JAY FITZPATRICK
MANAGING EDITOR

This season's Notre Dame team will be part two of the important lesson that experience counts in college football. While last year the Irish started a freshman at quarterback (Jimmy Clausen), running back (Armando Allen) and wide receiver (Duval Kamara), not to mention an overall inexperienced offensive line, this year's squad features players who all have a year of big-time football under their belts. With six very winnable games, including one against a rebuilding Michigan team, the Irish have a great chance to turn things around this year. Pitt and Michigan State showed their weaknesses on Saturday, meaning the Irish have a chance to win a good number of the "coin-toss" games. With Southern Cal as the only clear loss, the Irish won't be the 11-1 Lou Holtz said, but will still be a solid team.

PREDICTION:
9-3, GATOR BOWL WIN

CHRIS HINE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Everyone's favorite analyst, Lou Holtz, predicted Notre Dame to win 11 games this season. However, I noticed that when he said that, he couldn't keep a straight face. Still, the notion that Notre Dame will win a majority of its games this season is anything but foolish. Why? A schedule as soft as a marshmallow combined with some key experience for some talented underclassmen, including quarterback Jimmy Clausen. Last season, after coach Charlie Weis benched him for the USC and Navy games, Clausen came back and had three solid starts to close out the year. There's no reason he can't be an efficient passer who runs the offense capably. As for the defense, the biggest challenge for the front seven is stopping the run, something that proved difficult a year ago. That being said, there's too much talent on both sides of the ball, and too easy of a schedule for the Irish not to increase their win total dramatically.

PREDICTION: 8-5, BOWL LOSS

DAN MURPHY
SPORTS EDITOR

Michigan's weak showing in the first week gives Notre Dame a legitimate chance to win five of six out of the gates. The second half of the schedule gets tougher but a bit of confidence in a young team will keep the team from falling on their faces completely. The offensive line is beefed up but after last year's numbers don't expect too much - Clausen will be picking plenty of grass out of that dirty, new hair-do flowing from his helmet. Pollsters may finally realize Notre Dame doesn't belong in a BCS bowl and the next generation of Irish stars will help in breaking the team's postseason drought that dates back to when most of them were still in Pull-ups.

PREDICTION:
8-5, BOWL WIN